ENGLAND	CAMROSE 6-7 DEC 2003 – MANCHESTER Captain – John Williams	IRELAND	SESSION 2. Captain – Tom Hanlon
GH	Gary Hyett	GK	Gay Keaveney
AM	Alan Mould	CC	Ciaran Coyne
PB	Paul Bowyer	DG	Donal Garvey
MJ	Martin Jones	MO	Micheal O'Briain
PK	Phil King	DW	David Walsh
AMc	Andrew Mcintosh	RT	Rory Timlin

Board 1
Dealer N
Vul NIL

♠.104
♥.J82
♦.KJ5
♣.AQ854

♠.A7653
♥.Q1054
♦.8
♣.632

♠.KJ982
♥.K93
♦.Q
♣.KJ107

♠.Q
♥.A76
♦.A10976432
♣.9

Open

W	CC	N	AMc	E	DW	S	PK
		1♣*		1♠		2♦	
4♠		No		No		5♦	
X!		No		No		No	

Lead	♠A	Tricks	11	Score	550
IMP	4	IMP			
England	4	Ireland	0		

Closed

W	PB	N	GK	E	MJ	S	RT
		1♣		1♠		X*	
4♠		No		No		5♦	
No		No		No			

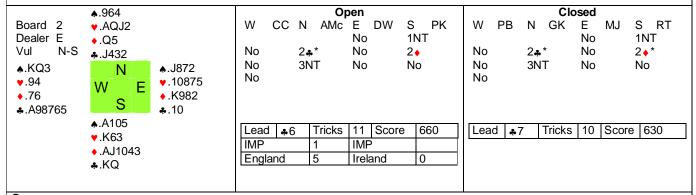| Lead	♠A	Tricks	11	Score	400

Open
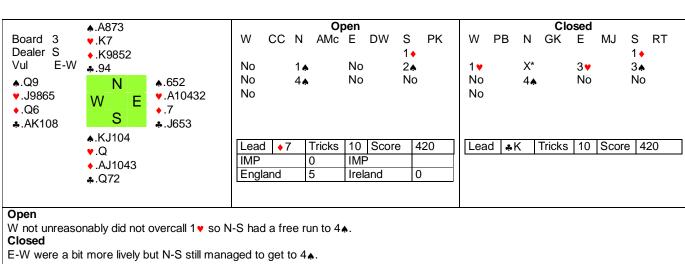Don't quite see how W was expecting to defeat 5♦.

Closed
Both rooms managed to use the entries to dummy to ruff out the ♣K – setting up the ♣Q to provide a discard for a ♥ loser.
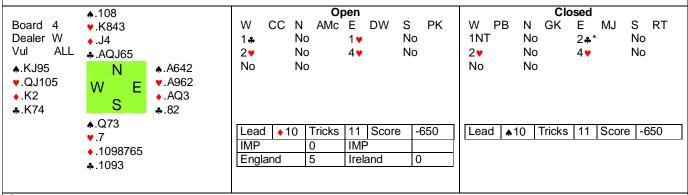
Board 2
Dealer E
Vul N-S

♠.964
♥.AQJ2
♦.Q5
♣.J432

♠.KQ3
♥.94
♦.76
♣.A98765

♠.J872
♥.10875
♦.K982
♣.10

♠.A105
♥.K63
♦.AJ1043
♣.KQ

Open

W	CC	N	AMc	E	DW	S	PK
				No		1NT	
No		2♣*		No		2♦	
No		3NT		No		No	
No							

Lead	♣6	Tricks	11	Score	660
IMP	1	IMP			
England	5	Ireland	0		

Closed

W	PB	N	GK	E	MJ	S	RT
				No		1NT	
No		2♣*		No		2♦*	
No		3NT		No		No	
No							

Lead	♣7	Tricks	10	Score	630

Open

Closed
Fairly routine board – S won ♣Q, crossed to ♥J to lead ♦Q. Later E switched to a ♠ when he won the ♦8 so S could only take 10 tricks.

Board 3
Dealer S — Vul E-W

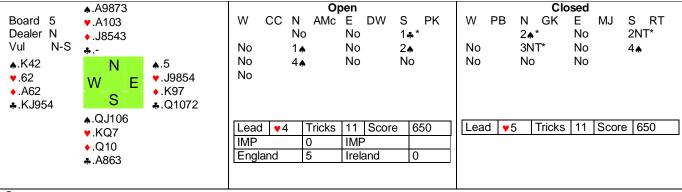|	North		
	♠ A873		
	♥ K7		
	♦ K9852		
	♣ 94		
West			East
♠ Q9			♠ 652
♥ J9865	N		♥ A10432
♦ Q6	W — E		♦ 7
♣ AK108	S		♣ J653
	South		
	♠ KJ104		
	♥ Q		
	♦ AJ1043		
	♣ Q72		

Open

W CC	N AMc	E DW	S PK
			1♦
No	1♠	No	2♠
No	4♠	No	No
No			

Closed

W PB	N GK	E MJ	S RT
			1♦
1♥	X*	3♥	3♠
No	4♠	No	No
No			

Lead	♦7	Tricks	10	Score	420
IMP	0	IMP			
England	5	Ireland	0		

Lead	♣K	Tricks	10	Score	420

Open

W not unreasonably did not overcall 1♥ so N-S had a free run to 4♠.

Closed

E-W were a bit more lively but N-S still managed to get to 4♠.

Both rooms managed to find the ♠Q.

Board 4
Dealer W — Vul ALL

	North		
	♠ 108		
	♥ K843		
	♦ J4		
	♣ AQJ65		
West			East
♠ KJ95			♠ A642
♥ QJ105	N		♥ A962
♦ K2	W — E		♦ AQ3
♣ K74	S		♣ 82
	South		
	♠ Q73		
	♥ 7		
	♦ 1098765		
	♣ 1093		

Open

W CC	N AMc	E DW	S PK
1♣	No	1♥	No
2♥	No	4♥	No
No	No		

Closed

W PB	N GK	E MJ	S RT
1NT	No	2♣*	No
2♥	No	4♥	No
No	No		

Lead	♦10	Tricks	11	Score	-650
IMP	0	IMP			
England	5	Ireland	0		

Lead	♠10	Tricks	11	Score	-650

Open

As E-W were playing a Strong-1NT it meant that 4♥ was played by E. The ♣10 lead would have had E sweating a little.

Closed

The Weak-1NT opener led to W playing 4♥ so the ♣K was protected. The ♠10 lead also helped to find the ♠Q.
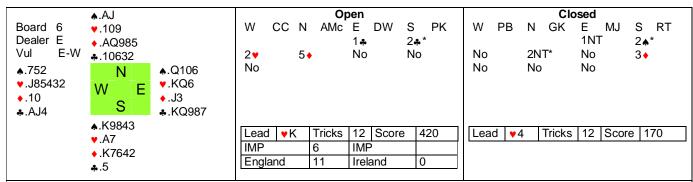

Board 5
Dealer N — Vul N-S

	North		
	♠ A9873		
	♥ A103		
	♦ J8543		
	♣ -		
West			East
♠ K42			♠ 5
♥ 62	N		♥ J9854
♦ A62	W — E		♦ K97
♣ KJ954	S		♣ Q1072
	South		
	♠ QJ106		
	♥ KQ7		
	♦ Q10		
	♣ A863		

Open

W CC	N AMc	E DW	S PK
	No	No	1♣*
No	1♠	No	2♠
No	4♠	No	No
No			

Closed

W PB	N GK	E MJ	S RT
	2♠*	No	2NT*
No	3NT*	No	4♠
No	No	No	

Lead	♥4	Tricks	11	Score	650
IMP	0	IMP			
England	5	Ireland	0		

Lead	♥5	Tricks	11	Score	650

Open

2♠ (Tartan) led to a routine 4♠.

Closed

A Strong-♣ auction led to the same contract.

No problems in the play just losing 2 ♦ tricks.

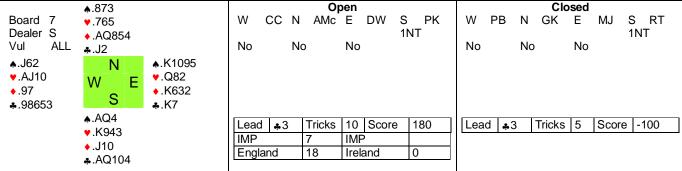## Board 6
Dealer E
Vul E-W

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              ♠.AJ
              ♥.109
              ♦.AQ985
              ♣.10632
♠.752                      ♠.Q106
♥.J85432         N         ♥.KQ6
♦.10          W     E      ♦.J3
♣.AJ4            S          ♣.KQ987
              ♠.K9843
              ♥.A7
              ♦.K7642
              ♣.5
```

Open

W	CC	N	AMc	E	DW	S	PK
				1♣		2♣*	
2♥		5♦		No		No	
No							

Lead	♥K	Tricks	12	Score	420
IMP	6	IMP			
England	11	Ireland	0		

Closed

W	PB	N	GK	E	MJ	S	RT
				1NT		2♠*	
No		2NT*		No		3♦	
No		No		No			

Lead	♥4	Tricks	12	Score	170

Open

The 2♣ cue-bid showed 5-5 ♠ + ♦ so N had a clear game-call.

Closed

The 2♠ bid showed ♠ + another suit. 2NT enquired and 3♦ showed ♦. N took a dim view to pass.

Both rooms managed to ruff out the ♠ to establish a discard of the ♥10 loser.

Is this a slam that should have been bid we all ask?

Board 7
Dealer S
Vul ALL

```
              ♠.873
              ♥.765
              ♦.AQ854
              ♣.J2
♠.J62                      ♠.K1095
♥.AJ10           N         ♥.Q82
♦.97          W     E      ♦.K632
♣.98653          S         ♣.K7
              ♠.AQ4
              ♥.K943
              ♦.J10
              ♣.AQ104
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Open

W	CC	N	AMc	E	DW	S	PK
						1NT	
No		No		No			

Lead	♣3	Tricks	10	Score	180
IMP	7	IMP			
England	18	Ireland	0		

Closed

W	PB	N	GK	E	MJ	S	RT
						1NT	
No		No		No			

Lead	♣3	Tricks	5	Score	-100

Open

It looks like either E put up the ♣K to make the ♣J an entry or took the ♦J allowing S to then make 4 ♦ tricks and later take the ♠K finesse for 10.

Closed

This time E did manage to keep S away from his long ♦ tricks and so held S to 5 tricks.
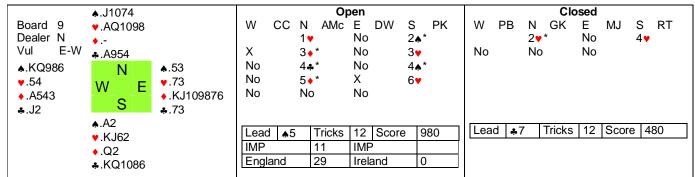

Board 8
Dealer W
Vul NIL

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              ♠.2
              ♥.AQJ953
              ♦.9642
              ♣.64
♠.A873                     ♠.K9654
♥.1074           N         ♥.K
♦.AJ73        W     E      ♦.108
♣.K3             S         ♣.AJ872
              ♠.QJ10
              ♥.862
              ♦.KQ5
              ♣.Q1095
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Open

W	CC	N	AMc	E	DW	S	PK
1♦		2♥		X*		No	
2♠		No		4♠		No	
No		No					

Lead	♣6	Tricks	10	Score	-420
IMP	0	IMP			
England	18	Ireland	0		

Closed

W	PB	N	GK	E	MJ	S	RT
1NT		2♦*		3♠		No	
4♠		No		No		No	

Lead	♥2	Tricks	10	Score	-420

Open

After the 2♥-WJO E makes a T/O-X for E-W to reach 4♠.

Closed

Over 1NT, 2♦ was either transfer to 2♥ or a single-suited overcall. The jump to 3♠ was natural and forcing. With a minimum hand W simply bid 4♠ to end the auction.
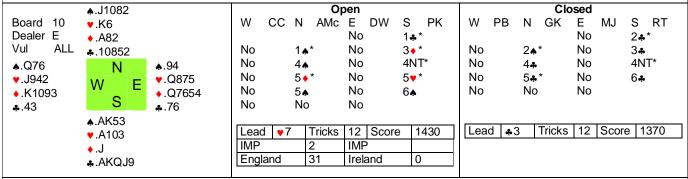
No problem in the play – simply ruff out the ♣ after drawing 1 round of ♠.

Board 9

	♠.J1074	
	♥.AQ1098	
	♦.-	
	♣.A954	
♠.KQ986	**N**	♠.53
♥.54	**W E**	♥.73
♦.A543	**S**	♦.KJ109876
♣.J2		♣.73
	♠.A2	
	♥.KJ62	
	♦.Q2	
	♣.KQ1086	

Board 9
Dealer N
Vul E-W

Open

W CC	N AMc	E DW	S PK
	1♥	No	2♠*
X	3♦*	No	3♥
No	4♣*	No	4♠*
No	5♦*	X	6♥
No	No	No	

Lead	♠5	Tricks	12	Score	980
IMP	11	IMP			
England	29	Ireland	0		

Closed

W PB	N GK	E MJ	S RT
	2♥*	No	4♥
No	No	No	

Lead	♣7	Tricks	12	Score	480

Open

The 2♠ response was Jacoby. 3♦ showed shortage then 3♥ showed a balanced hand with mild slam interest. 4♣ and 4♠ were cue-bids then 5♦ confirmed a void so S had lots of good cards now to bid 6♥.

Closed

2♥ was Reverse-Flannery. You can't blame S for just bidding 4♥ as he does not expect his partner to have a ♦ void.
No problem in the play as there are 12 easy tricks – just a ♠ loser.
Interesting point is that 7♣ is solid for N-S.

Board 10

	♠.J1082	
	♥.K6	
	♦.A82	
	♣.10852	
♠.Q76	**N**	♠.94
♥.J942	**W E**	♥.Q875
♦.K1093	**S**	♦.Q7654
♣.43		♣.76
	♠.AK53	
	♥.A103	
	♦.J	
	♣.AKQJ9	

Board 10
Dealer E
Vul ALL

Open

W CC	N AMc	E DW	S PK
		No	1♣*
No	1♠*	No	3♦*
No	4♠	No	4NT*
No	5♦*	No	5♥*
No	5♠	No	6♠
No	No	No	

Lead	♥7	Tricks	12	Score	1430
IMP	2	IMP			
England	31	Ireland	0		

Closed

W PB	N GK	E MJ	S RT
		No	2♣*
No	2♠*	No	3♣
No	4♣	No	4NT*
No	5♣*	No	6♣
No	No	No	

Lead	♣3	Tricks	12	Score	1370

Open

After the Strong-♣, 1♠ showed a balanced response and 3♦ a 3 suiter with short ♦. N tried to close proceedings with 4♠ but S has plenty to bid 4NT – RKCB. 5♦ showed 1 control and 5♥ asked about the ♠Q. 5♠ denied the ♠Q so S settled for 6♠.

Closed

After the Strong-2♣, 2♠ showed a balanced positive then a natural raise of 3♣ led to 6♣.
Both rooms had just the ♠Q to lose.

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Board 11
Dealer S
Vul NIL

```
            ♠.54
            ♥.K2
            ♦.762
            ♣.KQJ984
♠.A92                    ♠.KJ10
♥.AJ1065      N          ♥.Q
♦.AQJ       W   E        ♦.10843
♣.53          S          ♣.A10762
            ♠.Q8763
            ♥.98743
            ♦.K95
            ♣.-
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Open

W GK	N AMc	E RT	S PK
			No
1NT	No	2♣*	No
3♥	No	3NT	No
No	No		

Lead	♣K	Tricks	9	Score	-400
IMP	9	IMP			
England	40	Ireland	0		

Closed

W AM	N DG	E GH	S MO
			No
1♥	2♣	No	No
X	No	No	2♠
No	No	X	No
No	No		

Lead	♥A	Tricks	4	Score	-800

Open

1NT was Strong. N did well to keep out of the auction. 2♣ was an enquiry and 3♥ showed a maximum with 5 ♥ - leading to 3NT.
Win ♣A and take ♦K finesse then ♥5 towards ♥Q leads to an easy 9 or 10 tricks.

Closed

After 1♥ you can't blame N for 2♣ but it leads to disaster. E passes in the modern style and then passes the re-opening T/O-X. S rescues to 2♠ and then E-W do well to also axe that. The ♥A was led then ♥5 for E to ruff with ♠10. ♦3 to ♦9 and ♦J. ♥6, ♦6 from N ruffed with ♠J. At this point E might have led ♠K but played another ♦ to ♦K and ♦A. W might have also now under-led ♠A but played ♠A to crash E - ♠K. W then had to lead ♠9 to protect his winners so only down 4 for 800.
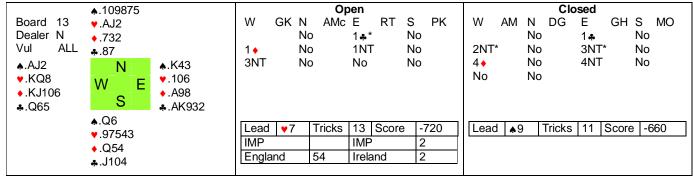
Board 12
Dealer W
Vul N-S

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            ♠.10873
            ♥.QJ10
            ♦.A97
            ♣.1096
♠.QJ652                  ♠.4
♥.952         N          ♥.AK863
♦.-         W   E        ♦.Q86532
♣.KJ843       S          ♣.2
            ♠.AK9
            ♥.74
            ♦.KJ104
            ♣.AQ75
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Open

W GK	N AMc	E RT	S PK
2♠*	No	3♦	3NT
No	No	No	

Lead	♣3	Tricks	10	Score	630
IMP	14	IMP			
England	54	Ireland	0		

Closed

W AM	N DG	E GH	S MO
No	No	1♥	X
1♠	X*	2♦	3♣!
No	No	No	

Lead	♥5	Tricks	6	Score	-300

Open

After 2♠ (Tartan) and 3♦ - To Play S has to risk 3NT as X would more normally be T/O. On the bidding it is very difficult for W to find the killing ♥ lead so 3NT becomes easy.
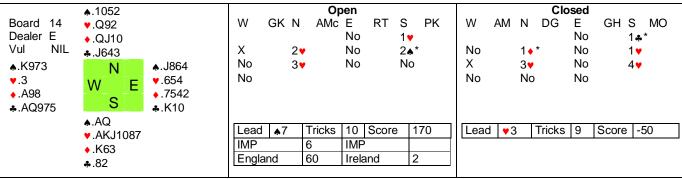
Closed

This time S makes a T/O-X of 1♥ so 3NT will never make as E has got the required lead mentioned. I think N should bid 1NT over 1♠ - rather than X (shows 4♠). S choice of 3♣ looks bizarre when he had either Pass or X – presumably penalty available after 2♦ by E. W led ♥5 to ♥K then ♠4 switch to ♠A and ♥4 back to ♥A. E gave W a ♦ ruff, W gave E a ♠ ruff and E gave W another ♦ ruff. W still had to come to 2 more ♣ tricks for 3 down.

Board 13 — Dealer N — Vul ALL

North: ♠109875 ♥AJ2 ♦732 ♣87
West: ♠AJ2 ♥KQ8 ♦KJ106 ♣Q65
East: ♠K43 ♥106 ♦A98 ♣AK932
South: ♠Q6 ♥97543 ♦Q54 ♣J104

Open

W GK	N AMc	E RT	S PK
	No	1♣*	No
1♦	No	1NT	No
3NT	No	No	No

Lead	♥7	Tricks	13	Score	-720
IMP		IMP	2		
England	54	Ireland	2		

Closed

W AM	N DG	E GH	S MO
	No	1♣	No
2NT*	No	3NT*	No
4♦	No	4NT	No
No	No		

Lead	♠9	Tricks	11	Score	-660

Open

S found the best lead but it led to many overtricks when N ducked the ♥Q. E now finessed S for the ♦Q to protect the ♥K and when the minor winners were cashed N was squeezed in the majors for 13.

Closed

2NT was Baron over 1♣ (16+ balanced) but with no fit and a combined minimum E-W stopped in 4NT. W did not pick up the ♦Q so only made 11.

Board 14 — Dealer E — Vul NIL

North: ♠1052 ♥Q92 ♦QJ10 ♣J643
West: ♠K973 ♥3 ♦A98 ♣AQ975
East: ♠J864 ♥654 ♦7542 ♣K10
South: ♠AQ ♥AKJ1087 ♦K63 ♣82

Open

W GK	N AMc	E RT	S PK
		No	1♥
X	2♥	No	2♠*
No	3♥	No	No
No			

Lead	♠7	Tricks	10	Score	170
IMP	6	IMP			
England	60	Ireland	2		

Closed

W AM	N DG	E GH	S MO
		No	1♣*
No	1♦*	No	1♥
X	3♥	No	4♥
No	No	No	

Lead	♥3	Tricks	9	Score	-50

Open

1♥ showed 5 so N raised to 2♥. 2♠ was probably a Romex trial bid – i.e. asking for help elsewhere so N declined with 3♥.

Closed

After the Strong-♣ N-S got to 4♥ and the spotlight was on W who managed to find the safe ♥ lead. As the ♥ and ♦ were played by S, E showed some interest in the ♣ suit so eventually E-W came to 4 tricks.
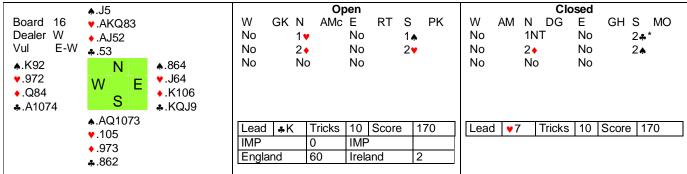
Board 15 — Dealer S — Vul N-S

North: ♠AKQJ865 ♥J2 ♦2 ♣J96
West: ♠74 ♥AK64 ♦J10984 ♣A4
East: ♠3 ♥Q1097 ♦Q76 ♣Q8752
South: ♠1092 ♥853 ♦AK53 ♣K103

Open

W GK	N AMc	E RT	S PK
			No
1♦	1♠	X*	2♦*
2♥	4♠	No	No
No			

Lead	♥10	Tricks	10	Score	620
IMP	0	IMP			
England	60	Ireland	2		

Closed

W AM	N DG	E GH	S MO
			No
1NT	2♠	No	3♠
No	4♠	No	No
No			

Lead	♣5	Tricks	10	Score	620

Open

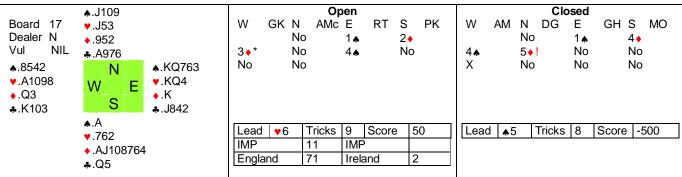A simple 1♠ overcall followed by a Sputnik-X by E and a 2♦ 2-Way-Cue-bid by S led to 4♠ by N.

Closed

1NT led to a conservative 2♠ overcall by N. S managed to raise so 4♠ was also reached.
Routine 10 tricks.

Board 16

Board 16
Dealer W
Vul E-W

North: ♠.J5 ♥.AKQ83 ♦.AJ52 ♣.53
West: ♠.K92 ♥.972 ♦.Q84 ♣.A1074
East: ♠.864 ♥.J64 ♦.K106 ♣.KQJ9
South: ♠.AQ1073 ♥.105 ♦.973 ♣.862

Open

W GK	N AMc	E RT	S PK
No	1♥	No	1♠
No	2♦	No	2♥
No	No	No	

Lead	♣K	Tricks	10	Score	170
IMP	0	IMP			
England	60	Ireland	2		

Closed

W AM	N DG	E GH	S MO
No	1NT	No	2♣*
No	2♦	No	2♠
No	No	No	

Lead	♥7	Tricks	10	Score	170

Open
2♥ by N should only make 9 tricks as long as W holds up the ♠K.

Closed
2♠ by S has more chance of making 10 tricks. Once again, W did not hold up the ♠K so S could draw trumps and cash 6 winners in dummy.

Board 17

Board 17
Dealer N
Vul NIL

North: ♠.J109 ♥.J53 ♦.952 ♣.A976
West: ♠.8542 ♥.A1098 ♦.Q3 ♣.K103
East: ♠.KQ763 ♥.KQ4 ♦.K ♣.J842
South: ♠.A ♥.762 ♦.AJ108764 ♣.Q5

Open

W GK	N AMc	E RT	S PK
	No	1♠	2♦
3♦*	No	4♠	No
No	No		

Lead	♥6	Tricks	9	Score	50
IMP	11	IMP			
England	71	Ireland	2		

Closed

W AM	N DG	E GH	S MO
	No	1♠	4♦
4♠	5♦!	No	No
X	No	No	No

Lead	♠5	Tricks	8	Score	-500

Open
The 3♦ cue-bid showed a full raise to 3♠ so E raised to 4♠. E was not clairvoyant so lost 2♠ and 2 minor aces.

Closed
S made a rather meaty 4♦ pre-empt over 1♠. All would have been well if N had passed 4♠. W did well to find the axe.
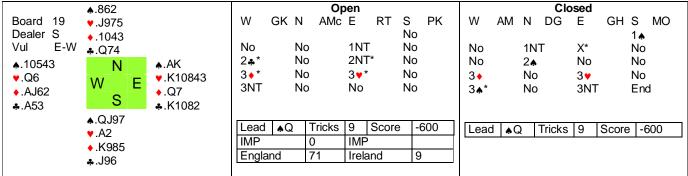E-W took their 3 ♥ tricks, 1 ♦ trick and a ♣ trick for 3 down.

Board 18

Board 18
Dealer E
Vul N-S

North: ♠.KQ86 ♥.832 ♦.J1032 ♣.74
West: ♠.- ♥.K754 ♦.KQ986 ♣.KJ85
East: ♠.74 ♥.J6 ♦.A754 ♣.AQ1093
South: ♠.AJ109532 ♥.AQ109 ♦.- ♣.62

Open

W GK	N AMc	E RT	S PK
		1♣*	1♠
X*	3♠	No	4♥
5♣	No	No	5♠
X	No	No	No

Lead	♦K	Tricks	10	Score	-200
IMP		IMP	7		
England	71	Ireland	9		

Closed

W AM	N DG	E GH	S MO
		1♣	4♠
5♣	5♠	No	No
6♣	No	No	X
No	No	No	

Lead	♥A	Tricks	11	Score	100

Open
On this lively board W make a T/O-X of 1♠ and N barraged to 3♠. S showed some slam interest with 4♥ so W bid 5♣ and later made a high card penalty-X of the 5♠ save. E-W came to the obvious 3 tricks.
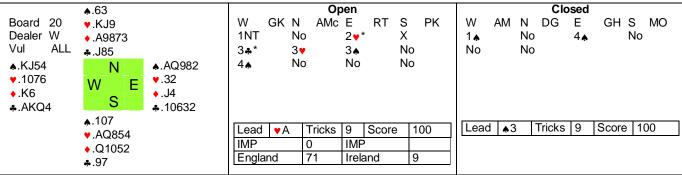
Closed
S was more aggressive over 1♣ and it looks like W has taken the right action to bid 6♣. E had a look of doom on his face when he discovered the 4-0 ♦ split – 1 down.

Board 19

Board 19 / Dealer S / Vul E-W

North: ♠862 ♥J975 ♦1043 ♣Q74
West: ♠10543 ♥Q6 ♦AJ62 ♣A53
East: ♠AK ♥K10843 ♦Q7 ♣K1082
South: ♠QJ97 ♥A2 ♦K985 ♣J96

Open

W GK	N AMc	E RT	S PK
			No
No	No	1NT	No
2♣*	No	2NT*	No
3♦*	No	3♥*	No
3NT	No	No	No

Lead	♠Q	Tricks	9	Score	-600
IMP	0	IMP			
England	71	Ireland	9		

Closed

W AM	N DG	E GH	S MO
			1♠
No	1NT	X*	No
No	2♠	No	No
3♦	No	3♥	No
3♠*	No	3NT	End

Lead	♠Q	Tricks	9	Score	-600

Open

1NT was strong and 2NT over 2♣ showed a medium strength with a 5 major. 3♦ asked for more information leading to 3NT.

Closed

The light 1♠ and even lighter 1NT response nearly worked as E-W had to get their act together to reach 3NT. E won ♠Q with ♠A and set about ♥ nearly worked continued with ♠9 on winning ♥A. E now cleared the ♥ to N – ♥J and won ♣A return to simply duck ♦ to ♦Q. S gave up just cashing the ♠J for 9 tricks.

Board 20

Board 20 / Dealer W / Vul ALL

North: ♠63 ♥KJ9 ♦A9873 ♣J85
West: ♠KJ54 ♥1076 ♦K6 ♣AKQ4
East: ♠AQ982 ♥32 ♦J4 ♣10632
South: ♠107 ♥AQ854 ♦Q1052 ♣97

Open

W GK	N AMc	E RT	S PK
1NT	No	2♥*	X
3♣*	3♥	3♠	No
4♠	No	No	No

Lead	♥A	Tricks	9	Score	100
IMP	0	IMP			
England	71	Ireland	9		

Closed

W AM	N DG	E GH	S MO
1♠	No	4♠	No
No	No		

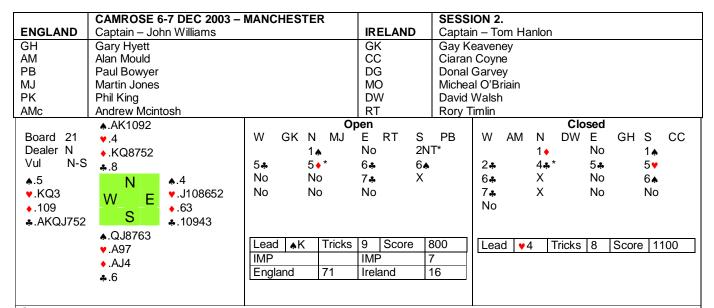| Lead	♠3	Tricks	9	Score	100

Open

A routine transfer sequence – broken to 4♠. The 3♥ bid from N helped S to lead the ♥A. After 3 rounds of ♥ they could then sit back and wait for 2 ♦ tricks – 1 down.
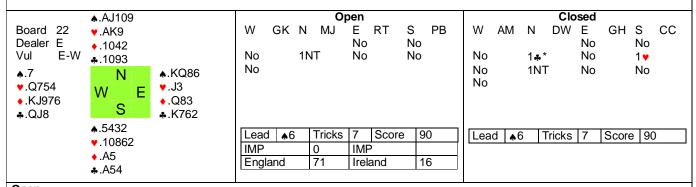
Closed

1♠ by W was raised to 4♠ by E. N found a safe ♠ lead. After trumps were drawn and 3 ♣ tricks cashed W exited with a ♥. N-S should have played 3 rounds for W to then open up ♦. In practice S won the 2nd round of ♥ and led the ♦2. This is a Grovesnor Coup as it gives W a losing option as he would have to lead towards the ♦K if left to his own devices. Not unreasonably, W put up the ♦K for 1 down.

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GH	Gary Hyett	GK	Gay Keaveney
AM	Alan Mould	CC	Ciaran Coyne
PB	Paul Bowyer	DG	Donal Garvey
MJ	Martin Jones	MO	Micheal O'Briain
PK	Phil King	DW	David Walsh
AMc	Andrew Mcintosh	RT	Rory Timlin

Board 21
Dealer N
Vul N-S

North: ♠.AK1092 ♥.4 ♦.KQ8752 ♣.8
West: ♠.5 ♥.KQ3 ♦.109 ♣.AKQJ752
East: ♠.4 ♥.J108652 ♦.63 ♣.10943
South: ♠.QJ8763 ♥.A97 ♦.AJ4 ♣.6

Open

W	GK	N	MJ	E	RT	S	PB
		1♠		No		2NT*	
5♣		5♦*		6♣		6♠	
No		No		7♣		X	
No		No		No			

Lead	♠K	Tricks	9	Score	800
IMP		IMP	7		
England	71	Ireland	16		

Closed

W	AM	N	DW	E	GH	S	CC
		1♦		No		1♠	
2♣		4♣*		5♣		5♥	
6♣		X		No		6♠	
7♣		X		No		No	
No							

Lead	♥4	Tricks	8	Score	1100

Open
2NT was Jacoby showing a good raise to 4♠ or more. After 5♣, 5♦ showed a non-minimum 2-suiter. E saved in 6♣, S bid 6♠ and E saved in 7♣. S double showed a ♣ loser. A trick was lost in the defence as N did not get a ♥ ruff.
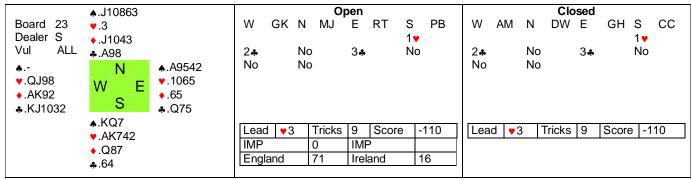**Closed**
1♦ by N led to a slower auction but both sides knew that it was right to save in 7♣ and also to double 7♣.
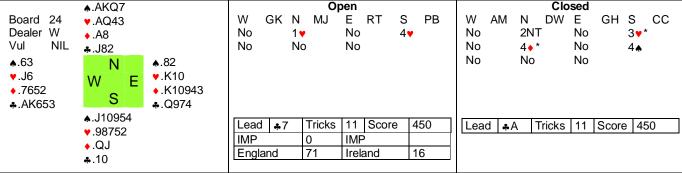The difference was that N-S took their top tricks and also got the ♥ ruff.

Board 22
Dealer E
Vul E-W

North: ♠.AJ109 ♥.AK9 ♦.1042 ♣.1093
West: ♠.7 ♥.Q754 ♦.KJ976 ♣.QJ8
East: ♠.KQ86 ♥.J3 ♦.Q83 ♣.K762
South: ♠.5432 ♥.10862 ♦.A5 ♣.A54

Open

W	GK	N	MJ	E	RT	S	PB
				No		No	
No		1NT		No		No	
No							

Lead	♠6	Tricks	7	Score	90
IMP	0	IMP			
England	71	Ireland	16		

Closed

W	AM	N	DW	E	GH	S	CC
				No		No	
No		1♣*		No		1♥	
No		1NT		No		No	
No							

Lead	♠6	Tricks	7	Score	90

Open
1NT was passed out and E made the unfortunate ♠6 lead. N could now develop a 3 trick in ♥ by playing ♥AK then ♥9 – 7 tricks.
Closed
The prepared 1♣ opener led to a 1NT re-bid (Weak). The same ♠ lead and ♥ play led to a flat board.

| | | | | | Board 23 Dealer S Vul ALL |

Board 23

Board 23
Dealer S
Vul ALL

North: ♠.J10863 ♥.3 ♦.J1043 ♣.A98
West: ♠.- ♥.QJ98 ♦.AK92 ♣.KJ1032
East: ♠.A9542 ♥.1065 ♦.65 ♣.Q75
South: ♠.KQ7 ♥.AK742 ♦.Q87 ♣.64

Open

W	GK	N	MJ	E	RT	S	PB
						1♥	
2♣		No		3♣		No	
No		No					

Lead	♥3	Tricks	9	Score	-110
IMP	0	IMP			
England	71	Ireland	16		

Closed

W	AM	N	DW	E	GH	S	CC
						1♥	
2♣		No		3♣		No	
No		No					

Lead	♥3	Tricks	9	Score	-110

Open

Closed

Nothing special on this hand. Both rooms overcalled 2♣. N decided not to make a thin Sputnik-X and E raised to 3♣ - 9 tricks.

Board 24

Board 24
Dealer W
Vul NIL

North: ♠.AKQ7 ♥.AQ43 ♦.A8 ♣.J82
West: ♠.63 ♥.J6 ♦.7652 ♣.AK653
East: ♠.82 ♥.K10 ♦.K10943 ♣.Q974
South: ♠.J10954 ♥.98752 ♦.QJ ♣.10

Open

W	GK	N	MJ	E	RT	S	PB
No		1♥		No		4♥	
No		No		No			

Lead	♣7	Tricks	11	Score	450
IMP	0	IMP			
England	71	Ireland	16		

Closed

W	AM	N	DW	E	GH	S	CC
No		2NT		No		3♥ *	
No		4♦ *		No		4♠	
No		No		No			

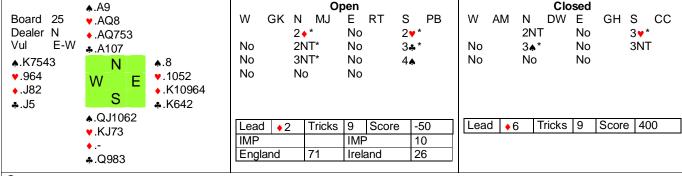| Lead	♣A	Tricks	11	Score	450

Open

N could not open 2NT – or chose not to and knew what to expect from a 4♥ raise so passed.
W did not find the ♦ switch on winning the ♣K so 11 tricks were made.

Closed

N did open 2NT and broke the transfer to 3♠ to 4♦. S now had to play 4♠.
After cashing the ♣A it is not clear if the ♣ are 4-1 or 3-2 so W tried to cash the ♣K – 11 tricks for a flat board.
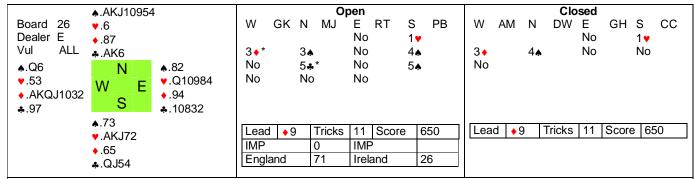
Board 25

Board 25
Dealer N
Vul E-W

North: ♠.A9 ♥.AQ8 ♦.AQ753 ♣.A107
West: ♠.K7543 ♥.964 ♦.J82 ♣.J5
East: ♠.8 ♥.1052 ♦.K10964 ♣.K642
South: ♠.QJ1062 ♥.KJ73 ♦.- ♣.Q983

Open

W	GK	N	MJ	E	RT	S	PB
		2♦ *		No		2♥ *	
No		2NT*		No		3♣ *	
No		3NT*		No		4♠	
No		No		No			

Lead	♦2	Tricks	9	Score	-50
IMP		IMP	10		
England	71	Ireland	26		

Closed

W	AM	N	DW	E	GH	S	CC
		2NT		No		3♥ *	
No		3♠ *		No		3NT	
No		No		No			

Lead	♦6	Tricks	9	Score	400

Open

The Multi-2♦ was used to show a 2Nt opener. The 3NT response to 3♣ (5 card Puppet Stayman) was supposed to show 3♠ so S bid 4♠. I don't quite know how S went down. W has found the best lead but it does not look like W can make more than the ♠K and a long ♠ while E comes to the ♣K.
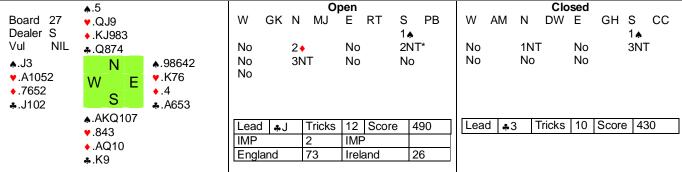
Closed

With plenty of points S just investigated a possible ♠ fit before bidding 3NT – this has an easy 9 tricks.

Board 26

Board 26	♠.AKJ10954
Dealer E	♥.6
Vul ALL	♦.87
	♣.AK6

West: ♠.Q6 ♥.53 ♦.AKQJ1032 ♣.97
East: ♠.82 ♥.Q10984 ♦.94 ♣.10832
South: ♠.73 ♥.AKJ72 ♦.65 ♣.QJ54

Open

W	GK	N	MJ	E	RT	S	PB
				No		1♥	
3♦*		3♠		No		4♠	
No		5♣*		No		5♠	
No		No		No			

Closed

W	AM	N	DW	E	GH	S	CC
				No		1♥	
3♦		4♠		No		No	
No							

Lead	♦9	Tricks	11	Score	650
IMP	0	IMP			
England	71	Ireland	26		

Lead	♦9	Tricks	11	Score	650

Open

W made a sound pre-emptive 3♦ overcall and N bid 3♠ - raised to 4♠. N made one more try but passed 5♠ when S could not show a ♦ control. He was lucky the ♠Q was right otherwise ♦AK and another ♦ would have promoted ♠Qx offside for 1 down.

Closed

N chose a quicker route to 4♠ so could not go down at the 5 level.

Board 27

Board 27	♠.5
Dealer S	♥.QJ9
Vul NIL	♦.KJ983
	♣.Q874

West: ♠.J3 ♥.A1052 ♦.7652 ♣.J102
East: ♠.98642 ♥.K76 ♦.4 ♣.A653
South: ♠.AKQ107 ♥.843 ♦.AQ10 ♣.K9

Open

W	GK	N	MJ	E	RT	S	PB
						1♠	
No		2♦		No		2NT*	
No		3NT		No		No	
No							

Closed

W	AM	N	DW	E	GH	S	CC
						1♠	
No		1NT		No		3NT	
No		No		No			

Lead	♣J	Tricks	12	Score	490
IMP	2	IMP			
England	73	Ireland	26		

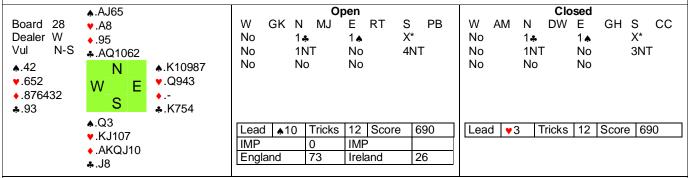| Lead	♣3	Tricks	10	Score	430

Open

The 2NT re-bid was game-forcing after the 2♦ response. On this occasion the ♣J was the wrong lead as S could now develop 3 ♣ tricks + 5 ♦ and 4 ♠ for 12.

Closed

On the ♣3 lead S could only cash his top tricks so came to 10 tricks when the ♠J dropped.

Board 28

Board 28	♠.AJ65
Dealer W	♥.A8
Vul N-S	♦.95
	♣.AQ1062

West: ♠.42 ♥.652 ♦.876432 ♣.93
East: ♠.K10987 ♥.Q943 ♦.- ♣.K754
South: ♠.Q3 ♥.KJ107 ♦.AKQJ10 ♣.J8

Open

W	GK	N	MJ	E	RT	S	PB
No		1♣		1♠		X*	
No		1NT		No		4NT	
No		No		No			

Closed

W	AM	N	DW	E	GH	S	CC
No		1♣		1♠		X*	
No		1NT		No		3NT	
No		No		No			

Lead	♠10	Tricks	12	Score	690
IMP	0	IMP			
England	73	Ireland	26		

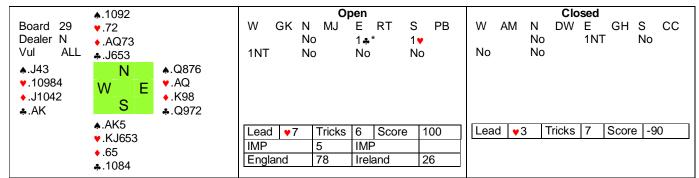| Lead	♥3	Tricks	12	Score	690

Open

For whatever reason S decided to make a Sputnik-X of the 1♠ overcall to investigate a ♥ fit rather than bidding a natural 2♦. He did at least make a quantitative raise to 4NT. Either N should have accepted because of his 5th ♣ or S should have bid 6NT.

Closed

N-S never got near the slam.
It is vital that N plays 6NT. E has to find a safe lead and that is the ♣4. He can also get off lead with the ♣7 when he wins the ♣K. N can now cash the ♣ and ♦ winners to squeeze E in the majors for 12 tricks.

Board 29
Dealer N
Vul ALL

	♠.1092	
	♥.72	
	♦.AQ73	
	♣.J653	
♠.J43	N	♠.Q876
♥.10984	W E	♥.AQ
♦.J1042	S	♦.K98
♣.AK		♣.Q972
	♠.AK5	
	♥.KJ653	
	♦.65	
	♣.1084	

Open

W	GK	N	MJ	E	RT	S	PB
		No		1♣*		1♥	
1NT		No		No		No	

Lead	♥7	Tricks	6	Score	100
IMP		5		IMP	
England		78		Ireland	26

Closed

W	AM	N	DW	E	GH	S	CC
		No		1NT		No	
No		No					

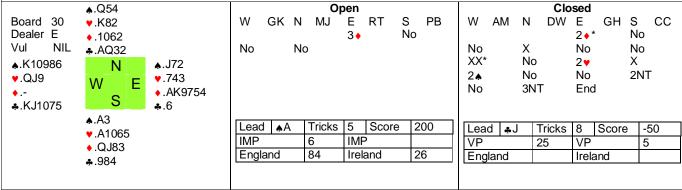| Lead	♥3	Tricks	7	Score	-90

Open

It would have been better to lie a little a make a Sputnik-X of 1♥ so that E can bid 1♠ or 1NT if he did not have 4 ♠.

The ♥7 lead gave a tempo to N-S although it looks like E-W can come to 7 tricks with the right views.

Closed

The ♥3 into the ♥AQ made it easier for E in 1NT. He crossed to the ♣K to play towards the ♦K98 to make an easy 7.

Board 30
Dealer E
Vul NIL

	♠.Q54	
	♥.K82	
	♦.1062	
	♣.AQ32	
♠.K10986	N	♠.J72
♥.QJ9	W E	♥.743
♦.-	S	♦.AK9754
♣.KJ1075		♣.6
	♠.A3	
	♥.A1065	
	♦.QJ83	
	♣.984	

Open

W	GK	N	MJ	E	RT	S	PB
				3♦		No	
No		No					

Lead	♠A	Tricks	5	Score	200
IMP		6		IMP	
England		84		Ireland	26

Closed

W	AM	N	DW	E	GH	S	CC
				2♦*		No	
No		X		No		No	
XX*		No		2♥		X	
2♠		No		No		2NT	
No		3NT		End			

Lead	♣J	Tricks	8	Score	-50
VP		25		VP	5
England				Ireland	

Open

The aggressive 3♦ pre-empt came at the wrong moment. Neither S or N could enter the bidding so just took 2 down.

Closed

The more normal Weak-2♦ led to a lively auction. A double of the 2♠ rescue would have collected 1-2 down on the best defence of ♠4 to ♠A and the ♠3 return. The choice of 2NT by S was sound but N should have passed. If S had any more he would have bid 3♠ or 3♦ or even 3NT so N has no reason to raise 2NT to 3NT.

S could only develop 8 tricks as W cleared the ♣ stop when he got in with the ♠K and later has the vital ♥ entry so S cannot duck a ♥.

	England	Ireland
Slams bid and made	2	1
Games bid and made	16	15
Large Penalty taken	3	1
Part Scores bid and made	6	4
Slams Defeated	0	1
Games Defeated	5	2
Part Scores Defeated	4	0