

<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>CAMROSE 6-7 DEC 2003 – MANCHESTER</b> Captain – John Williams	<b>IRELAND</b>	<b>SESSION 3.</b> Captain – Tom Hanlon
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Board 1 Dealer N Vul NIL ♠.875 ♥.AKJ10643 ♦.Q9 ♣.9 ♠.1042 ♥.9 ♦.10865 ♣.K8752 ♠.QJ96 ♥.2 ♦.AJ72 ♣.J1043 ♠.AK3 ♥.Q875 ♦.K43 ♣.AQ6 <table border="1" style="margin: 10px auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	<b>Open</b>				<b>Closed</b>																																																																								
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**Open**  
E would not be expecting that E-W would end up playing in 2♥ when he made the T/O-X of 1♥.

**Closed**  
1NT was strong so W just bid 2♥ for a flat board. W ruffed ♣ continuation and played ♥AKJ to S – ♥Q who continued ♣ ruffed to draw the last trump. If W had risked playing a ♠ to the ♠9 earlier he could have made 9 tricks. He now had to play ♦Q to guarantee 8. S took the ♦K and cashed ♠AK.

Board 2 Dealer E Vul N-S ♠.Q108764 ♥.2 ♦.AKQ97 ♣.6 ♠.A92 ♥.KQJ6 ♦.108643 ♣.10 ♠.5 ♥.853 ♦.J52 ♣.KJ9843 ♠.KJ3 ♥.A10974 ♦.- ♣.AQ752 <table border="1" style="margin: 10px auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	<b>Open</b>				<b>Closed</b>																																																																																
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**Open**  
3♣ showed a ♦ + ♠ 2-suiter and 4♥ by N closed the auction.

**Closed**  
2NT showed a ♣ pre-empt.  
Although there is an easy 11 tricks on a cross-ruff, S might have ruffed the ♦K lead, crossed to the ♠A and taken the ♣K finesse. Then ruff ♣ and lead ♠2. E can ruff in to lead a ♥ but S can now cross-ruff for 12.

Board 3 Dealer S Vul E-W ♠.10952 ♥.10943 ♦.93 ♣.K73 ♠.AQJ7 ♥.AK2 ♦.K108 ♣.AQ10 N W E S ♠.83 ♥.65 ♦.Q762 ♣.J9842 ♠.K63 ♥.QJ87 ♦.AJ54 ♣.65	<b>Open</b>				<b>Closed</b>																																	
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**Open**

The 2NT response to 2♣ led to 6NT from the wrong hand. W made the deceptive ♣7 lead and S inserted the ♣10 to the ♣J. E got safely off lead with the ♠8. Convinced that E had ♣KJ S later finessed W for the ♦Q – 1 down. I don't know how the full play went but if S had cashed 8 major winners then he notes that E has more minors than W so has to decide if W is 2-3 or 3-2 in ♦ and ♣. With the former the odds are to play E for the ♦Q. If S goes back to trick 1 and inserts the ♣Q then the hand is over for an easy 12 tricks. Even if the ♣Q loses to the ♣K he still has the chance of a ♣/♦ squeeze on E when the majors are cashed.

**Closed**

Although 6NT is cold by N, N-S got to the alternative 4-3 fit 6♠. The ♣4 found the ♣K. A ♣ ruff later became the 13 trick.

Board 4 Dealer W Vul ALL ♠.A874 ♥.J7 ♦.753 ♣.QJ85 ♠.1093 ♥.Q62 ♦.A1092 ♣.A42 N W E S ♠.K2 ♥.K1083 ♦.K8 ♣.109763 ♠.QJ65 ♥.A954 ♦.QJ64 ♣.K	<b>Open</b>				<b>Closed</b>																																	
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**Open**

N bid a maximum 1NT response to 1♥ and managed to make 9 tricks even on the best lead of a ♣.

**Closed**

The 2♦ response to 1♦ was Inverted but S chose to pass. W found the best lead of ♥J taken by ♥A. S now tried ♦Q to E – ♦K who switched to ♠K then ♠2 to ♠A. A ♠ ruff then followed by E who cashed ♥K and gave W a ♥ ruff for 1 down.

Board 5 Dealer N Vul N-S ♠.6 ♥.Q8 ♦.AQ98 ♣.K109765 ♠.10742 ♥.A632 ♦.KJ7 ♣.Q4 N W E S ♠.AJ5 ♥.KJ4 ♦.106532 ♣.A8 ♠.KQ983 ♥.10975 ♦.4 ♣.J32	<b>Open</b>				<b>Closed</b>																																	
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**Open**

5♦ is very unlucky to go down as ♦ have to be ♦KJx offside.

**Closed**

Even on the ♠3 lead to ♠10 and ♠AJ, E can only develop 8 tricks in 3NT at most. In practice he played ♦ to ♦Q and ♦K so now only had 7 tricks when N-S cleared the ♠ stopper.

Board 6 Dealer E Vul E-W ♠.103 ♥.AK ♦.Q63 ♣.K109742 ♠.72 ♥.943 ♦.J10982 ♣.AQ8 N W E S ♠.A954 ♥.Q1082 ♦.K7 ♣.653 ♠.KQJ86 ♥.J765 ♦.A54 ♣.J	<b>Open</b> W MO N GH E DG S AM No 1NT No No No No No				<b>Closed</b> W PB N GK E MJ S RT No 1NT* No 1♠ No 2♠ No 2♥ No No			
	Lead ♦3 IMP 0 England 7	Tricks 7 IMP Ireland 16	Score -50	AM	Lead ♦3 IMP 0 England 7	Tricks 7 IMP Ireland 16	Score -50	RT

**Open**  
2♥ did not play too well – losing 4♥ trick the ♦K and the ♠A.

**Closed**  
2♠ also did not make but had more chance than 2♥.  
Am I missing something but is a 2♣ overcall by W so bad. W wants to encourage a ♣ lead if N ends up in NT.

Board 7 Dealer S Vul ALL ♠.2 ♥.K98 ♦.KQ1072 ♣.A862 ♠.K6 ♥.AQ7642 ♦.A965 ♣.3 N W E S ♠.74 ♥.5 ♦.843 ♣.KQJ10974 ♠.AQJ109853 ♥.J103 ♦.J ♣.5	<b>Open</b> W MO N GH E DG S AM No No! No 4♠				<b>Closed</b> W PB N GK E MJ S RT No 5♥* No 4♠ No No No 5♠*			
	Lead ♦K IMP 0 England 7	Tricks 13 IMP Ireland 16	Score 710	AM	Lead ♦K IMP 0 England 7	Tricks 13 IMP Ireland 16	Score 710	RT

**Open**  
N has obviously seen some bad 4♠ openers from S before so made no move at all. S could have had the ♥K to make 6♠ solid. On this deal it is on the ♥K finesse because S has the ♥J103.

**Closed**  
N made some investigation over 4♠ but S backed off. If you play Watson Slam tries here a bid of 5♣ by N would ask for a ♦ control. If S has a ♦ singleton then you might hope he has 2♥ in an 8-2-1-2 shape to bring home what is still a thin slam.

Board 8 Dealer W Vul NIL ♠.AJ9 ♥.93 ♦.A932 ♣.J1053 ♠.Q1043 ♥.AK6 ♦.KJ10 ♣.KQ9 N W E S ♠.762 ♥.Q52 ♦.Q654 ♣.A42 ♠.K85 ♥.J10874 ♦.87 ♣.876	<b>Open</b> W MO N GH E DG S AM No 1♠ No No				<b>Closed</b> W PB N GK E MJ S RT No 1♣ No 1♥ No 2NT No No No No			
	Lead ♦4 IMP 5 England 12	Tricks 9 IMP Ireland 16	Score 140	AM	Lead ♦4 IMP 5 England 12	Tricks 7 IMP Ireland 16	Score -50	RT

**Open**  
N opened his 4 card major and S made a disciplined pass. There was no problem on the ♦4 lead in making the contract.

**Closed**  
S dragged up a response to the 1♣ opener then N had to struggle in 2NT – 1 down.

Board 9 Dealer N Vul E-W ♠.AQJ986 ♥.AQ3 ♦.Q5 ♣.Q10 ♠.107 ♥.K5 ♦.A108762 ♣.K74 ♠.4 ♥.1087642 ♦.J9 ♣.A983 ♠.K532 ♥.J9 ♦.K43 ♣.J652	<b>Open</b> W MO N GH E DG S AM 1♦ No 1♠ 2♦ No 3♦ No No No								<b>Closed</b> W PB N GK E MJ S RT 1♦ No 1♠ 2♠ No No No							
	Lead ♠4 Tricks 6 Score -150 IMP 0 England 12 Ireland 16	Lead ♦A Tricks 9 Score -140														

**Open**  
S responded 1♠ to 1♦ and then bargained to 3♦ to keep E-W out – unfortunately this was 3 down.

**Closed**  
W was able to make a natural 2♠ overcall – even though S had responded 1♠ and came to an easy 9 tricks after ♦A then ♠10 switch.

Board 10 Dealer E Vul ALL ♠.1063 ♥.K1052 ♦.A84 ♣.J72 ♠.AQ875 ♥.987 ♦.Q ♣.10964 ♠.K4 ♥.QJ643 ♦.10762 ♣.KQ ♠.J92 ♥.A ♦.KJ953 ♣.A853	<b>Open</b> W MO N GH E DG S AM 2♥ 4♠ 1♥ X No No No								<b>Closed</b> W PB N GK E MJ S RT 3♥ 3♠ 1♥ X No No No							
	Lead ♥Q Tricks 10 Score 620 IMP 10 England 22 Ireland 16	Lead ♣K Tricks 9 Score 140														

**Open**  
N made 4♠ after E did not lead ♣K. On the ♥Q lead to ♥A the ♦3 came next to ♦A. A ♠ switch can be ducked and then you can take ♣A to cash ♦KJ – discarding 2♣ and cross-ruff. If E returns a ♠ N can win ♠Q – ruff ♥, ruff ♦ - draw the last trump and cross to ♣A for the ♦ winners.

**Closed**  
On the ♣K lead to ♣A, N then cashed ♥A and led ♦3 to ♦Q – W ducked. A ♥ ruff, ♦ ruff and ♥ ruff then followed. ♠J was then run to ♠K who forced N with ♥Q. N later lost 2♣ tricks and the ♦A for 9 tricks.



Board 13 Dealer N Vul ALL ♠.K984 ♥.KJ8 ♦.86 ♣.K986 ♠.AJ3 ♥.5 ♦.AK10954 ♣.J73 ♠.72 ♥.9742 ♦.QJ3 ♣.Q1052 ♠.Q1065 ♥.AQ1063 ♦.72 ♣.A4	<b>Open</b> W CC N AMc E DW S PK No No 1♥ 2♦ X* No 2♠ No 3♠ No 4♠ No No No							<b>Closed</b> W AM N DG E GH S MO No No 1♥ 2♦ X* 3♦ No No X* No 3♠ No No No						
	Lead ♦K Tricks 9 Score -100 IMP IMP 6 England 22 Ireland 23	Lead ♦A Tricks 9 Score 140												

**Open**

Another Sputnik-X after 1♥-2♦. E chose not to barrage with 3♦ so S had an easy 2♠ call. N invited with 3♠ and S correctly accepted with 4♠. I think this is an Unlucky Expert hand because S can infer the ♦ are 6-3 and that W has probably got the ♠A but is he more likely to have 2♠ than 3♠. If it is 2♠ the normal line is the ♠5 towards the ♠K and finesse E for the ♠J on the way back. If it is 3♠ then play the ♠Q and finesse W for the ♠J. Note how W can give declarer no chance by ♦K lead – E drops ♦Q to show ♦QJ. W now switches to the ♥5. He then pops up with the ♠A and under leads to the ♦J for E to give him a ♥ ruff. Did this happen at the table?

**Closed**

N-S avoided the game even though N had shown extra values by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sputnik-X so had an easy 9 tricks in 3♠.

Board 14 Dealer E Vul NIL ♠.AQ ♥.93 ♦.AJ5 ♣.KQJ872 ♠.107 ♥.J10852 ♦.98643 ♣.A ♠.J95 ♥.AKQ ♦.Q107 ♣.10653	<b>Open</b> W CC N AMc E DW S PK No No 1♣* No 1♠ No 1NT X* 2♠ No No No!							<b>Closed</b> W AM N DG E GH S MO No No 1♦ 1NT 2♠ 3♦* No 3NT No No No						
	Lead ♣A Tricks 8 Score 110 IMP 11 IMP England 33 Ireland 23	Lead ♠4 Tricks 9 Score -400												

**Open**

S opened a prepared-♣ and W kept quiet. He then axed the 1NT re-bid but then fell asleep again when it was removed to 2♠ - surely he has to risk 3♣ now.

**Closed**

To the prepared-1♦ opener W opted for 1NT and N competed to 2♠. 3♦ by E is Rubensohl – a transfer to 3♥ just showing competing values. With a good 1NT overcall W did well to bid 3NT. The reward was when N led a ♠ to give the contract.

Board 15 Dealer S Vul N-S ♠.Q98 ♥.862 ♦.Q3 ♣.QJ1042 ♠.J10653 ♥.109 ♦.10854 ♣.75 ♠.K42 ♥.AKQ53 ♦.A76 ♣.63 ♠.A7 ♥.J74 ♦.KJ92 ♣.AK98	<b>Open</b> W CC N AMc E DW S PK No No X 1NT 2♠ No No No							<b>Closed</b> W AM N DG E GH S MO No 2♠* 3♥ 1NT No No No						
	Lead ♣Q Tricks 8 Score -110 IMP IMP 4 England 33 Ireland 27	Lead ♣A Tricks 8 Score 50												

**Open**

S opened a Strong-1NT and E made an old fashioned penalty double removed to 2♠ by W. It looks like this should have gone 1 down as after ♣QJ N switches to ♦Q to ♦A. W can cash h♥AKQ to discard the ♦5 but when another ♥ is cashed and another ♦ discarded N ruffs with ♠8 puts S in with ♦J to lead another ♦ for N to ruff with ♠Q. The ♠A then comes to 1 down.

**Closed**

N bid 2♠ to show a raise to 2NT after the strong 1NT. E bid of 3♥ looks a bad choice – why not pass and then X or just defend the subsequent 2NT or 3NT contract. S led ♣A and N dropped ♣Q to show ♣QJ. S switched to ♥4 to ♥9 then ♥AQ. The ♠2 went to ♠J and ♠Q. N cashed ♣J but then failed to switch to ♦Q – leading ♣ ruffed then ♠K sets up the discards in dummy – 1 down.

Board 16 Dealer W Vul E-W ♠.J76 ♥.6 ♦.A976 ♣.107652 ♠.K4 ♥.A1098543 ♦.Q8 ♣.KJ ♠.Q1095 ♥.KQ72 ♦.542 ♣.94 ♠.A832 ♥.J ♦.KJ103 ♣.AQ83	<b>Open</b>				<b>Closed</b>										
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	Lead	♣9	Tricks	10	Score	420		Lead	♣5	Tricks	10	Score	430		
	IMP		0	IMP											
	England		33	Ireland		27									

**Open**

S choice of 3NT looks odd unless the 2♥ rebid promise 7♥ or a good 6 suit. There were just the 3 obvious losers.

**Closed**

S opted for the more normal 3NT bid and with plenty of bits outside N was disciplined to pass. An easy 10 tricks.

Board 17 Dealer N Vul NIL ♠.A864 ♥.Q764 ♦.A6 ♣.765 ♠.QJ9 ♥.J8 ♦.K942 ♣.AKJ3 ♠.1032 ♥.A2 ♦.J85 ♣.Q10982 ♠.K75 ♥.K10953 ♦.Q1073 ♣.4	<b>Open</b>				<b>Closed</b>										
	W	CC	N	AMc	E	DW	S	PK	W	AM	N	DG	E	GH	S
	No		1NT	No		2♦*		No		1NT		No		2♦*	
	No		2♥	No		2♠		No		2♥*		No		No	
	No		2NT	No		No		No							
	Lead	♣10	Tricks	6	Score	-100		Lead	♣10	Tricks	8	Score	110		
	IMP			IMP		5									
	England		33	Ireland		32									

**Open**

After the Strong-1NT then 2♦ transfer to 2♥ the 2♠ bid showed 5♥ with a raise to 2NT. This should have made on the ♣10 lead as N can play on ♦ for 3 tricks + 2♠ + 3♣. Even if he plays on ♥ (♥J) he can finesse E for the ♦J to get to dummy and come to 8.

**Closed**

2♥ played by N is an easy contract after the ♣10 lead. W organised a ♦ ruff so E-W made 5 tricks.

Board 18 Dealer E Vul N-S ♠.7653 ♥.- ♦.Q5 ♣.J1097654 ♠.AQ1094 ♥.AJ7 ♦.J6 ♣.Q82 ♠.K8 ♥.K942 ♦.A10843 ♣.K3 ♠.J2 ♥.Q108653 ♦.K972 ♣.A	<b>Open</b>				<b>Closed</b>										
	W	CC	N	AMc	E	DW	S	PK	W	AM	N	DG	E	GH	S
	2♣*		2♦*	No		1♥		No		4♥		1NT		2♣*	
	No		3♠	No		4♥		No							
	No		No	No		No									
	Lead	♣J	Tricks	10	Score	620		Lead	♦A	Tricks	10	Score	620		
	IMP		0	IMP											
	England		33	Ireland		32									

**Open**

After 1♦-1♥ W was able to bid a non-forcing 2♣. N made a 2♦ 2-Way-Cue-Bid and S jumped to 3♥ to show a better hand. 3♠ was natural and forcing and S signed off in 4♥. S knew to put the ♦K up so made 10 tricks.

**Closed**

2♣ was Aspro showing ♥ + another leading to a simple 4♥ bid by N. The ♦A lead made it easy for N.

Board 19 Dealer S Vul E-W ♠.K65 ♥.1042 ♦.K874 ♣.J105 ♠.1092 ♥.K983 ♦.A10 ♣.KQ94 ♠.Q87 ♥.5 ♦.QJ962 ♣.7632 ♠.AJ43 ♥.AQJ76 ♦.53 ♣.A8	<b>Open</b> W CC N AMc E DW S PK No 2♠* No 2NT* No 4♥ No No No							<b>Closed</b> W AM N DG E GH S MO No 2♣ No 2♥ No 4♥ No No No																	
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Lead	♣J	Tricks	12	Score	480																				
IMP		0	IMP																						
England		33	Ireland		32																				
Lead	♦4	Tricks	12	Score	480																				

**Open**

2♠ was Jacoby over the 1♥ opener showing a raise to 4♥ or more. 2NT showed a balanced non-minimum and 4♥ closed the auction. 6♥ is a good contract as you can pitch the ♦ loser on the ♣Q and then rely on a double-finesse in ♠ (78%).

**Closed**

The canapé style also led to a swift 4♥ for a flat board.

Board 20 Dealer W Vul ALL ♠.AQ2 ♥.AQ9 ♦.QJ2 ♣.J542 ♠.853 ♥.105 ♦.K983 ♣.A963 ♠.J1074 ♥.72 ♦.A1065 ♣.K108 ♠.K96 ♥.KJ8643 ♦.74 ♣.Q7	<b>Open</b> W CC N AMc E DW S PK 1NT No 2♠* No 2♦ No 2NT No 3NT No No No							<b>Closed</b> W AM N DG E GH S MO 1♣ No 1♦ 1♥ 1NT No 2♣* No 3NT* No No No																	
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IMP			IMP		3																				
England		33	Ireland		35																				
Lead	♥10	Tricks	9	Score	-600																				

**Open**

Strong-NT then 2♣-Stayman – 2♦ - no major – 2NT – natural and raised to 3NT. With most of the cards well placed this rolled in for 12.

**Closed**

After a natural 1♣ opener S was able to bid 1♥ for the lead against the subsequent 3NT by W. W ducked the ♥10 then won ♥Q. ♦Q to ♦K and ♦A. ♠J wins then ♠4 to ♠Q and ♠A for 3-3 break. ♣5 to ♣10 and ♣Q. ♥3 to ♥A. Declarer now claimed 9 but in practice as S cannot get in N would have had to concede a ♣ trick in the ending for 10.



<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>CAMROSE 6-7 DEC 2003 – MANCHESTER</b> Captain – John Williams	<b>IRELAND</b>	<b>SESSION 3.</b> Captain – Tom Hanlon
GH AM PB MJ PK AMc	Gary Hyett Alan Mould Paul Bowyer Martin Jones Phil King Andrew McIntosh	GK CC DG MO DW RT	Gay Keaveney Ciaran Coyne Donal Garvey Micheal O'Briain David Walsh Rory Timlin

Board 21 Dealer N Vul N-S ♠.9 ♥.964 ♦.843 ♣.Q98654 ♠.K10853 ♥.K32 ♦.K2 ♣.KJ7 ♠.A742 ♥.J85 ♦.A109 ♣.1032 ♠.QJ6 ♥.AQ107 ♦.QJ765 ♣.A <table border="1" style="margin: 10px auto;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<b>Open</b>				<b>Closed</b>			
	N										
W E											
S											
W DW N AMc E CC S PK	W PB N GK E MJ S RT	No 1♠	No 2♦	No 1♠	No 2♦	No 2♥*	No 2NT*	No 3NT*	No 4♠	No 3NT*	No 4♠
No 2♥*	No 3NT	No 4♠									
No 3NT	No 4♠										
No 4♠											
Lead ♥5	Tricks 11	Score 650			Lead ♠2	Tricks 11	Score 650				
IMP 0	IMP										
England 33	Ireland 35										

**Open**  
2♥ after 1♠-2♦ showed just 5♠. 2NT was a game-forcing relay and 3NT denied any other suit. S corrected to 4♠.

**Closed**  
3NT after 1♠-2♦ showed a balanced minimum with 5♠. S also corrected to 4♠.  
Just the 2 aces to lose.

Board 22 Dealer E Vul E-W ♠.Q103 ♥.J43 ♦.A32 ♣.J943 ♠.AK52 ♥.K9876 ♦.J974 ♣.- ♠.7 ♥.Q52 ♦.KQ85 ♣.KQ1086 ♠.J9864 ♥.A10 ♦.106 ♣.A752 <table border="1" style="margin: 10px auto;"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	<b>Open</b>				<b>Closed</b>			
	N										
W E											
S											
W DW N AMc E CC S PK	W PB N GK E MJ S RT	1NT	4♠	No 1♣	No 1♠	1NT	X*	2♣	3♠	No 1♣	No 3♠
No						No	No	No			
Lead ♣4	Tricks 11	Score 450			Lead ♣4	Tricks 11	Score 200				
IMP 6	IMP										
England 39	Ireland 35										

**Open**  
Just goes to show you how aggression can pay. The 1♠ overcall is not a thing of beauty but N now has an easy 4♠ raise – 11 tricks.

**Closed**  
S was more disciplined and passed over 1♣. He competed to 3♠ when N made a T/O-X. Should he have bid 4♠ or should N have raised to 4♠ because of the good shape? 11 tricks on a ♣ lead as the ♥ can be set up to discard a ♦ loser from the S hand.

Board 23 Dealer S Vul ALL ♠.AJ ♥.Q93 ♦.K532 ♣.A873 ♠.9764 ♥.J84 ♦.A9874 ♣.4 ♠.832 ♥.7652 ♦.J6 ♣.Q1095 ♠.KQ105 ♥.AK10 ♦.Q10 ♣.KJ62	<b>Open</b> W DW N AMc E CC S PK No 1♠ No 2NT* No 3♣* No 3♦* No 4♠ No No No							<b>Closed</b> W PB N GK E MJ S RT No 1♠* No 1♣ No No No 4♠						
	Lead ♠2 Tricks 11 Score 650 IMP 0 IMP England 39 Ireland 35	Lead ♦J Tricks 11 Score 650												

**Open**

1♦ was prepared or conventional and the 2NT re-bid game-forcing. 3♣ was an enquiry and 3♦ must have shown 4♠ so 4♠ by N. The ♠2 lead to ♠Q and ♠A also made life hard for W.

**Closed**

The natural auction led to 4♠ by N. I agree that 3♠ by S is top heavy and that the 3 10s push S to bid 4♠ - against this the ♦Q10 is a poor holding - except when partner has ♦A9874.

4♠ could easily go down most days of the week - especially if E starts with ♣10. As it happened W was killed on ♦J lead. ♦Q held then ♦10 also. ♠K to ♠A and ♥3 won by ♥J. ♦9 ruffed then ♠Q dropped ♠J for an easy 11.

Board 24 Dealer W Vul NIL ♠.Q10 ♥.962 ♦.8753 ♣.K1098 ♠.J7 ♥.Q ♦.J964 ♣.A76543 ♠.AK652 ♥.AJ10853 ♦.- ♣.J2 ♠.9843 ♥.K74 ♦.AKQ102 ♣.Q	<b>Open</b> W DW N AMc E CC S PK No No 1♥ 2♦ 2♥ 3♣ 4♥ No No 5♦ No No No							<b>Closed</b> W PB N GK E MJ S RT No 3♣ 4♣* No 4♥ No No No						
	Lead ♦3 Tricks 10 Score -50 IMP 9 IMP England 48 Ireland 35	Lead ♦6 Tricks 10 Score -420												

**Open**

After passing N bid 3♣ to show some value also with a ♦ fit. E bid 4♥ and S wanted to defend. N took the 5♦ save. Was a pass by E now forcing or did W just not fancy bidding again?

**Closed**

The 4♣ cue-bid after 3♣ showed a major 2-suiter and W showed preference to 4♥. This time the 3♣ pre-empt had lost N-S their ♦ fit so the 5♦ save was not found.

Board 25 Dealer N Vul E-W ♠.6 ♥.AKQ5 ♦.A73 ♣.108543 ♠.AJ1082 ♥.J7 ♦.1065 ♣.A76 ♠.Q973 ♥.96 ♦.KQ4 ♣.KQ92 ♠.K54 ♥.108432 ♦.J982 ♣.J	<b>Open</b> W DW N AMc E CC S PK No No 1♣ No 1♥ 1♠ No 2♠ 4♣ No 5♣ No No No							<b>Closed</b> W PB N GK E MJ S RT 2♣* No 1NT No 3NT No 2♠ No No No No No						
	Lead ♠4 Tricks 11 Score -600 IMP 0 IMP England 48 Ireland 35	Lead ♦8 Tricks 9 Score -600												

**Open**

The natural 1♣ led to the solid 5♣ contract once N had overcalled in ♠. Just the 2 aces to lose.

**Closed**

The Weak-1NT kept N out of the bidding. Once E had responded 2♠ to Stayman it was impossible for S to find the killing ♠ lead. The ♠9 provided the required stopper when N won the ♣A and led the ♠J - E covered with the ♠Q.

Board 26 Dealer E Vul ALL ♠.Q3 ♥.J98 ♦.J109764 ♣.106 ♠.108752 ♥.73 ♦.AQ5 ♣.AK8 N W E S ♠.AJ94 ♥.654 ♦.K8 ♣.9752 ♠.K6 ♥.AKQ102 ♦.32 ♣.QJ43	<b>Open</b>				<b>Closed</b>										
	W	DW	N	AMc	E	CC	S	PK	W	PB	N	GK	E	MJ	S
No		1♠		No		1♥		No		1NT*		No		1♥	
No		3NT		No		2♣		No		3NT		No		2♣*	
No						No		No						No	
Lead ♣5				Tricks 10		Score 630		Lead ♣5				Tricks 11		Score 660	
IMP				IMP		1		IMP				IMP		1	
England				48		Ireland 36		England				48		Ireland 36	

**Open**  
N-S had a natural auction to 3NT.

**Closed**  
1NT showed 5 ♠ after the 1♥ opener. 2♣ could have been a 3 cards suit and N bid the natural 3NT game.  
On the ♣5 lead N won the ♣A and cashed ♥AKQ and the rest of the ♥ then the ♣K and ♣QJ. The ♦2 went to the ♦A and then ♦Q to the ♦K. N covered the ♠J with the ♠K so made 11.

Board 27 Dealer S Vul NIL ♠.Q6 ♥.Q1083 ♦.Q432 ♣.K105 ♠.K104 ♥.A ♦.J98 ♣.QJ8763 N W E S ♠.A8732 ♥.J52 ♦.K75 ♣.A4 ♠.J95 ♥.K9764 ♦.A106 ♣.92	<b>Open</b>				<b>Closed</b>										
	W	DW	N	AMc	E	CC	S	PK	W	PB	N	GK	E	MJ	S
No		3♣		No		No		No		1♣*		1♠		No	
No						No		No		No		No		2♥	
Lead ♥2				Tricks 9		Score 110		Lead ♠Q				Tricks 7		Score -50	
IMP				IMP		4		IMP				IMP		-50	
England				52		Ireland 36		England				52		Ireland 36	

**Open**  
N opened a robust 3♣ and bought it. The cards were well placed so just the ♣AK, ♦Q and ♠A were lost.

**Closed**  
1♣ by N was prepared and when E overcalled 1♠ S had a problem. A Sputnik-X would have worked best as N can re-bid 2♣ for a flat board. 1NT was also another possibility. The choice of 2♥ did not work well as N did not fancy re-bidding 3♣ so passed.  
W led ♠Q to ♠K and ♠A. E returned ♠2 to ♠J. S tried ♣9 run to ♠A. ♠8 ruffed by W who then exited ♥8 to the ♥A. ♦8 ran to the ♦Q and then ♦2 returned. E-W still had to come to ♣K and ♥Q for 1 down.

Board 28 Dealer W Vul N-S ♠.72 ♥.93 ♦.AJ6 ♣.QJ10843 ♠.10854 ♥.QJ106 ♦.942 ♣.K9 N W E S ♠.AJ93 ♥.82 ♦.KQ1053 ♣.52 ♠.KQ6 ♥.AK754 ♦.87 ♣.A76	<b>Open</b>				<b>Closed</b>										
	W	DW	N	AMc	E	CC	S	PK	W	PB	N	GK	E	MJ	S
3♣		No		No		3NT		2NT*		No		3♣		3♥	
No		No		No		No		No		4♥		No		No	
No								No							
Lead ♣Q				Tricks 9		Score 600		Lead ♣Q				Tricks 10		Score 620	
IMP				IMP		1		IMP				IMP		1	
England				52		Ireland 37		England				52		Ireland 37	

**Open**  
The 3♣ pre-empt drove N-S to the wrong game contract when S chose to bid 3NT. E appears to have 2 chances to beat 3NT but has taken neither. If S won the ♣Q with ♣K and led the ♠4 E can afford to duck and the ♠K wins. S crosses back to the ♥Q and leads the ♠5. E now rises with the ♠A. W must have been able to signal in ♠ and ♥ that a ♣ return was futile so E should have found the ♦ switch. If E rose with the ♠A on the 1<sup>st</sup> ♠ from dummy then once again W can discourage a ♣ continuation by the ♠2.

**Closed**  
2NT was a pre-empt in ♣ and S chose to bid 3♥ over 3♣. N bravely raised to 4♥. This had just the 3 losers.

Board 29 Dealer N Vul ALL ♠.Q10974 ♥.A53 ♦.K9753 ♣.- ♠.863 ♥.10986 ♦.AQ ♣.K1054 ♠.KJ5 ♥.2 ♦.J1084 ♣.J9832 ♠.A2 ♥.KQJ74 ♦.62 ♣.AQ76	<b>Open</b> W DW N AMc E CC S PK No No 1♥ 1♠ 2♠* X 4♥ 4♠ No No X No No No							<b>Closed</b> W PB N GK E MJ S RT No No 1NT 2♦* 2♠ No 4♥ No No No						
	Lead ♥10 IMP England	Tricks 52	10 Ireland	Score -790 16 53	-790 16 53	Lead ♠10 IMP England	Tricks 10	10 Ireland	Score 620 16 53	620 16 53				

Here was a hand for the Irish to cheer about.

**Open**

After 1♥-1♠ the 2♠ bid showed a full raise to 3♥. E doubled to show some ♠ values. S bid 4♥ and W bid 4♠ because he knew E was short in ♥. S was suckered into a penalty-X. If N had led the ♠3 then 4♠-X was 1 down but on the ♥10 lead W was able to win ♥A, ruff a ♥, ruff a ♣, ruff a ♠ with ♠K then run ♦J. N appears to have cashed the ♦A instead of forcing W again in ♣ to let 4♠ in.

**Closed**

1NT-Strong and off centre, 2♦ showing ♠ + another. N 2♠ was Staymanic so with a maximum S bid 4♥. S ducked ♠10 lead then won ♠A. ♥Q was ducked then W took ♥K with ♥A. ♦7 was won with ♦A and ♠8 ruffed. ♥J draws last trump then ♣AQ and exit ♦6 for W to give a ruff and discard – neat for 10 tricks.

Board 30 Dealer E Vul NIL ♠.QJ108 ♥.K43 ♦.J106 ♣.Q43 ♠.K ♥.Q10985 ♦.8752 ♣.J97 ♠.96532 ♥.A76 ♦.A ♣.A862 ♠.A74 ♥.J2 ♦.KQ943 ♣.K105	<b>Open</b> W DW N AMc E CC S PK 3♣* No 1♠ No No No 3♠ No							<b>Closed</b> W PB N GK E MJ S RT No No 1♦ 1♥ X No 2♠ 3♦ 4♠ X No No No						
	Lead ♦K IMP England	Tricks 9 61	10 Ireland	Score -170 14 53	-170 14 53	Lead ♦7 VP England	Tricks 16	10 Ireland	Score -590 14 53	-590 14 53				

**Open**

1♠ then a 3♣-Bergen Raise for E to sign off in 3♠ - making 10 tricks.

**Closed**

E did not fancy a 1♠ opener but later made a T/O-X of 1♥ and when W jumped to 2♠ felt he had to catch up with a 4♠ raise. S gave this a tickle. N-S can't get to their ♥ winner to beat 4♠. On the ♦7 lead E won ♦A then ♠2 to ♠Q and ♠K. ♣7 lost to ♣K then ♠A and exit with ♠7 to ♠8. E was now able to ruff 2♦ and park the ♥ loser on the 13<sup>th</sup> ♣ - 10 tricks.

30 Boards Analysis	England	Ireland
Slams bid and made	0	1
Games bid and made	17	14
Large Penalty taken	0	0
Part Scores bid and made	6	7
Slams Defeated	0	1
Games Defeated	1	3
Part Scores Defeated	5	5

90 Boards Analysis	England	Ireland
Slams bid and made	3	4
Games bid and made	51	44
Large Penalty taken	3	1
Part Scores bid and made	19	16
Slams Defeated	0	2
Games Defeated	10	6
Part Scores Defeated	16	5

England	V.P	Ireland	V.P	The analysis shows that England bid and made more games and part scores but also significantly beat more contracts - especially part scores.
Match 1	17.5	Match 1	9	
Match 2	25	Match 2	5	
Match 3	16	Match 3	14	
Total	58.5	Total	28	