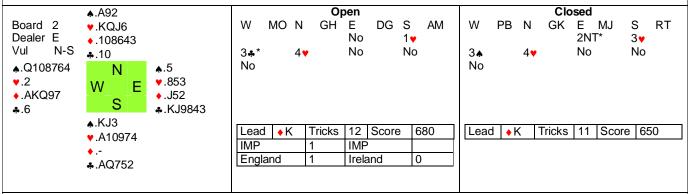
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E would not be expecting that E-W would end up playing in 2♥ when he made the T/O-X of 1♥.

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.



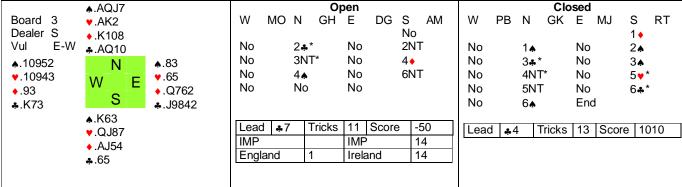
Open

3♣ showed a ♦ + ♠ 2-suiter and 4♥ by N closed the auction.

Closed

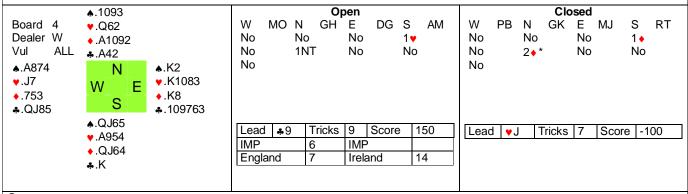
2NT showed a ♣ pre-empt.

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.



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 +3. E got safely off lead with the +8. Convinced that E had +4KJ S later finessed W for the +4Q - 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 +4 and +4. With the former the odds are to play E for the +4Q. If S goes back to trick 1 and inserts the +4Q then the hand is over for an easy 12 tricks. Even if the +4Q loses to the +4K he still has the chance of a +40 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 44 found the K. A ruff later became the 13 trick.

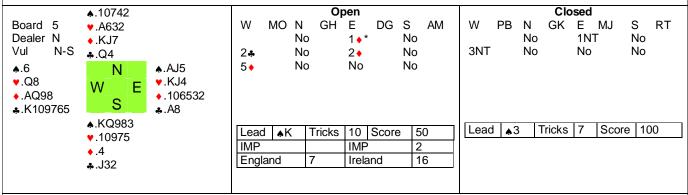


Open

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.

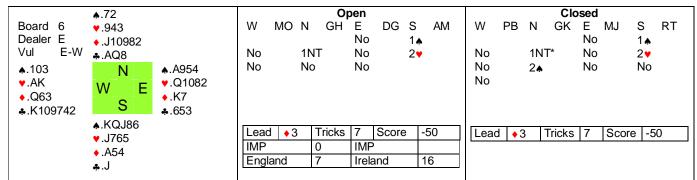


Open

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

Closed

Even on the ♠3 lead to ♠10 and ♠J, 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.

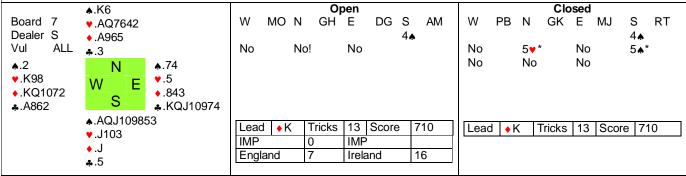


2♥ did not play too well – losing 4 ♥ trick the ♦ K and the ♠A.

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.

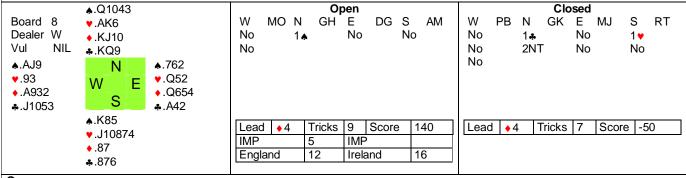


Open

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

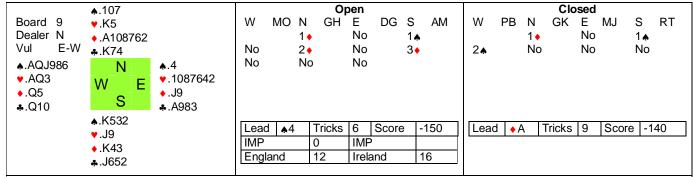
N made some investigation over 4♠ but S backed off. If you play Watson Slam tries here a bid of 5♣ by N would ask for a ◆ control. If S has a ◆ singleton then you might hope he has 2 ♥ in an 8-2-1-2 shape to bring home what is still a thin slam.



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

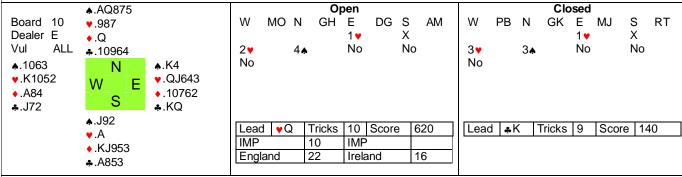
S dragged up a response to the 1♣ opener then N had to struggle in 2NT – 1 down.



S responded 1♠ to 1♠ and then barraged 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.



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

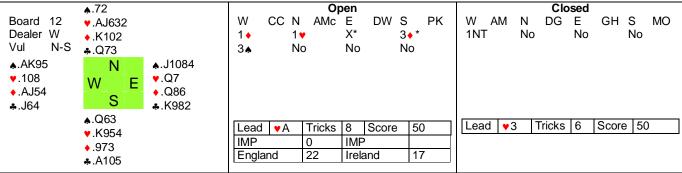
On the ♣K lead to ♣A, N then cashed ▼A and led ◆3 to ◆Q – W ducked. A ▼ ruff, ◆ ruff and ▼ ruff then followed. ♠J was then run to ♠K who forced N with ▼Q. N later lost 2 ♣ tricks and the ◆A for 9 tricks.

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A routine auction to 4♥ and E managed to ruff 2 ♦ losers in dummy to make 11 tricks.

Closed

The same auction but this time after N had taken ♠A and ♦K he returned the ♠3. E decided to throw a potential ♣ loser away on this so just made 10 tricks. N-S have a cheap save in 5 ♦ - only 2 down.

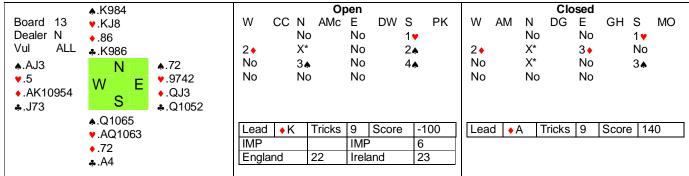


Open

After 1 → -1 ♥ E makes a Sputnik-X and S bids 3 → to show a mixed raise to 3 ♥. At the vulnerability W is brave enough to compete to 3 ♠ and buys the contract. There were 5 unavoidable losers.

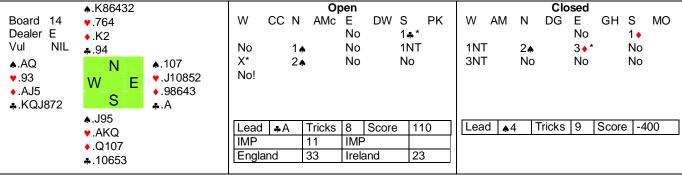
Closed

1NT by W was passed out and the defence started with taking 4 \checkmark tricks ending with S. The \checkmark 7 then went to N – \checkmark K who cashed the last \checkmark trick. W had to make a few discards on the \checkmark and had come down to stiff \clubsuit J. N did not find the \clubsuit Q return so W scrambled 6 tricks after taking the \clubsuit Q finesse (\checkmark Q was the entry to dummy).



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 2nd Sputnik-X so had an easy 9 tricks in 3♣.

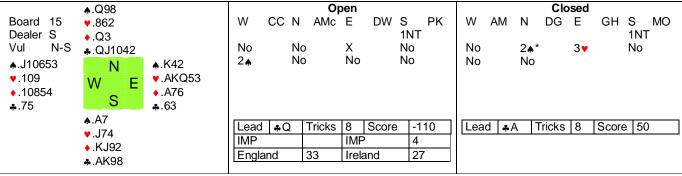


Open

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.

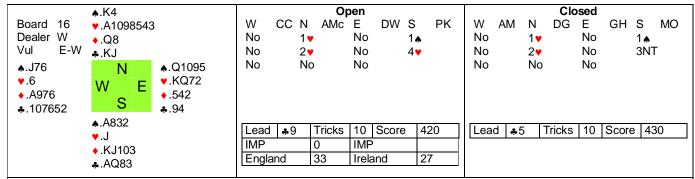


Open

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.

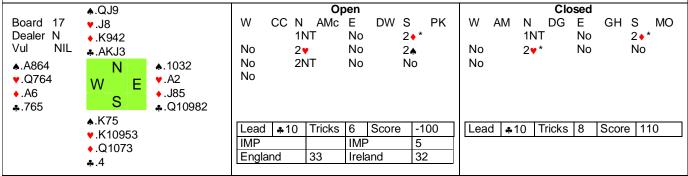
Closed

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.



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

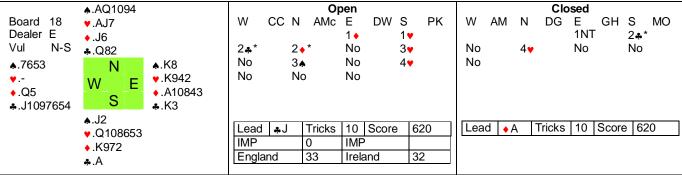
S opted for the more normal 3NT bid and with plenty of bits outside N was disciplined to pass. An easy 10 tricks.



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.

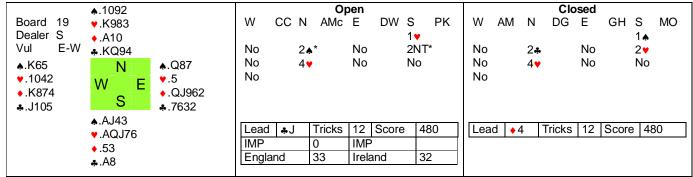


Open

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.

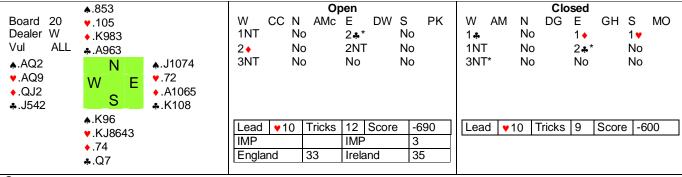
Closed

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



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%).

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



Open

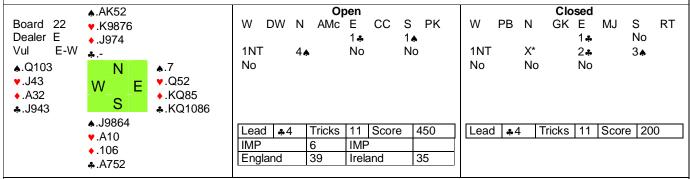
Strong-NT then 2♣-Stayman – 2♦ - no major – 2NT – natural and raised to 3NT. With most of the cards well placed this rolled in for 12. Closed

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.

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Board 21 Dealer N Vul N-S • .9 • .964 • .843 • .Q98654	W E	A.A742✓.J85A109A.1032	W No No	DW	N 1♠ 2♥ 3N No	AMc · * T	Den E No No No No	СС	S 2 • 2N · 4 •	PK T*	W No No	РВ	N 1 A 3NT No	GK	esed E No No No	MJ	S 2◆ 4♠	RT
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2 v after 1 à-2 v showed just 5 à. 2NT was a game-forcing relay and 3NT denied any other suit. S corrected to 4 à. Closed

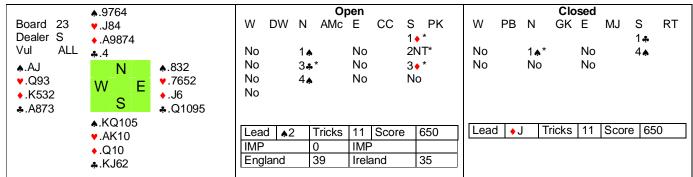
3NT after 1 ♠-2 ♦ showed a balanced minimum with 5 ♠. S also corrected to 4 ♠. Just the 2 aces to lose.



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.

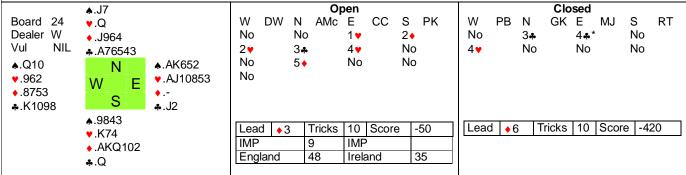


1 ♦ was prepared or conventional and the 2NT re-bid game-forcing. 3 ♣ was an enquiry and 3 ♦ must have shown 4 ♠ so 4 ♠ by N. The ♠2 lead to ♠Q and ♠A also made life hard for W.

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.

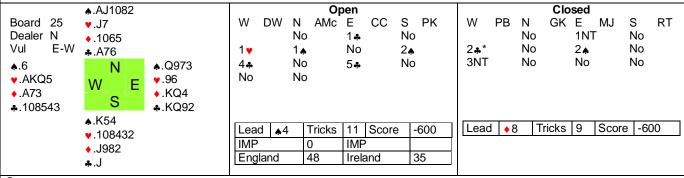


Open

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.

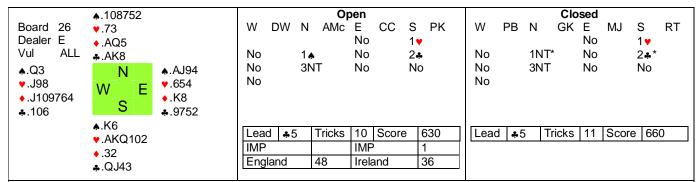


Open

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 + 10 Stayman it was impossible for S to find the killing 4 + 10 lead. The 4 + 10 provided the required stopper when N won the 4 + 10 and led the 4 + 10 covered with the 4 + 10

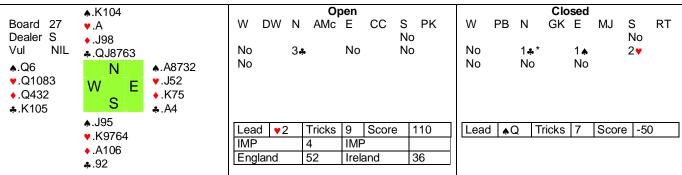


N-S had a natural auction to 3NT.

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.



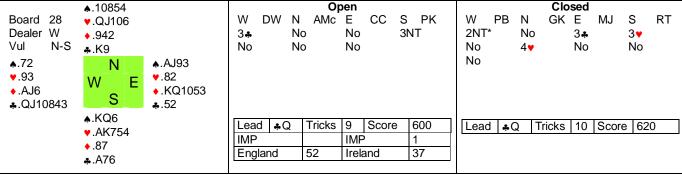
Open

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.

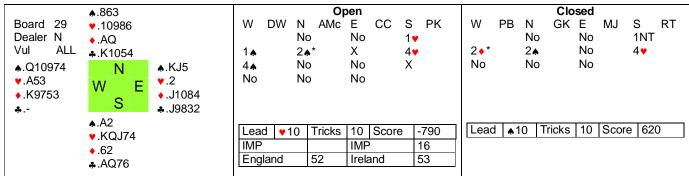


Open

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 1st ♠ 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.



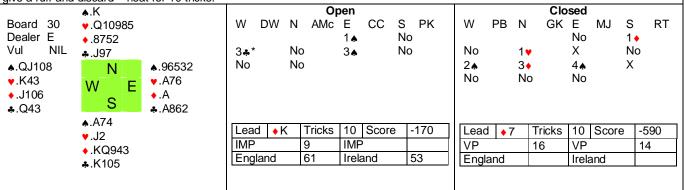
Here was a hand for the Irish to cheer about.

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 ♣ 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.



Open

1 h then a 3 h - Bergen Raise for E to sign off in 3 h - 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 13th ♣ - 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

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Match 1	17.5	Match 1	9	made more games and part scores but also
Match 2	25	Match 2	5	significantly beat more contracts - especially
Match 3	16	Match 3	14	part scores.
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