

ENGLAND	CAMROSE 6-7 DEC 2003 – MANCHESTER Captain – John Williams	IRELAND	SESSION 2. Captain – Tom Hanlon
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Board 1 Dealer N Vul NIL ♠.A7653 ♥.Q1054 ♦.8 ♣.632 ♠.Q ♥.A76 ♦.A10976432 ♣.9 ♠.KJ982 ♥.K93 ♦.Q ♣.KJ107	♠.104 ♥.J82 ♦.KJ5 ♣.AQ854 <table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	Open				Closed																																	
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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 6 Dealer E Vul E-W ♠.752 ♥.J85432 ♦.10 ♣.AJ4 ♠.Q106 ♥.KQ6 ♦.J3 ♣.KQ987 ♠.K9843 ♥.A7 ♦.K7642 ♣.5	♠.AJ ♥.109 ♦.AQ985 ♣.10632 <table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	Open				Closed																																	
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This came up after a series of flat boards.

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 ♠.J62 ♥.AJ10 ♦.97 ♣.98653 ♠.K1095 ♥.Q82 ♦.K632 ♣.K7 ♠.AQ4 ♥.K943 ♦.J10 ♣.AQ104	♠.873 ♥.765 ♦.AQ854 ♣.J2 <table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	Open				Closed																																	
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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 12 Dealer W Vul N-S ♠.QJ652 ♥.952 ♦.- ♣.KJ843 ♠.10873 ♥.QJ10 ♦.A97 ♣.1096 ♠.4 ♥.AK863 ♦.Q86532 ♣.2 ♠.AK9 ♥.74 ♦.KJ104 ♣.AQ75	Open W GK N AMc E RT S PK 2♠* No 3♦ 3NT No No No							Closed W AM N DG E GH S MO No No 1♥ X 1♠ X* 2♦ 3♣! No No No						
	Lead ♣3 Tricks 10 Score 630 IMP 14 IMP England 54 Ireland 0	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 14 Dealer E Vul NIL ♠.K973 ♥.3 ♦.A98 ♣.AQ975 ♠.1052 ♥.Q92 ♦.QJ10 ♣.J643 ♠.J864 ♥.654 ♦.7542 ♣.K10 ♠.AQ ♥.AKJ1087 ♦.K63 ♣.82	Open W GK N AMc E RT S PK X 2♥ No 1♥ 2♠* No 3♥ No No No							Closed W AM N DG E GH S MO No 1♦* No 1♣* X 3♥ No 4♥ No No No						
	Lead ♠7 Tricks 10 Score 170 IMP 6 IMP England 60 Ireland 2	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 17 Dealer N Vul NIL ♠.8542 ♥.A1098 ♦.Q3 ♣.K103 ♠.J109 ♥.J53 ♦.952 ♣.A976 ♠.KQ763 ♥.KQ4 ♦.K ♣.J842 ♠.A ♥.762 ♦.AJ108764 ♣.Q5	Open W GK N AMc E RT S PK 3♦* No 1♠ 2♦ No No No 4♠ No							Closed W AM N DG E GH S MO 4♠ No 1♠ 4♦ X No No No 5♦!						
	Lead ♥6 Tricks 9 Score 50 IMP 11 IMP England 71 Ireland 2	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 Dealer E Vul N-S ♠.KQ86 ♥.832 ♦.J1032 ♣.74 ♠.- ♥.K754 ♦.KQ986 ♣.KJ85 W N E S ♠.74 ♥.J6 ♦.A754 ♣.AQ1093 ♠.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								Closed W AM N DG E GH S MO 1♣ 4♠ 5♣ 5♠ No No 6♣ No No X No No No							
	Lead ♠K Tricks 10 Score -200 IMP IMP 7 England 71 Ireland 9	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 21 Dealer N Vul N-S ♠.5 ♥.KQ3 ♦.109 ♣.AKQJ752 ♠.AK1092 ♥.4 ♦.KQ8752 ♣.8 W N E S ♠.4 ♥.J108652 ♦.63 ♣.10943 ♠.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								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 ♠K Tricks 9 Score 800 IMP IMP 7 England 71 Ireland 16	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 25 Dealer N Vul E-W ♠.K7543 ♥.964 ♦.J82 ♣.J5 ♠.A9 ♥.AQ8 ♦.AQ753 ♣.A107 W N E S ♠.8 ♥.1052 ♦.K10964 ♣.K642 ♠.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								Closed W AM N DW E GH S CC 2NT No 3♥* No 3♠* No 3NT No No No							
	Lead ♦2 Tricks 9 Score -50 IMP IMP 10 England 71 Ireland 26	Lead ♦6 Tricks 9 Score 400														

At last Ireland had a game swing their way.

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 28 Dealer W Vul N-S ♠.42 ♥.652 ♦.876432 ♣.93 ♠.AJ65 ♥.A8 ♦.95 ♣.AQ1062 ♠.K10987 ♥.Q943 ♦.- ♣.K754 ♠.Q3 ♥.KJ107 ♦.AKQJ10 ♣.J8	Open				Closed										
	W	GK	N	MJ	E	RT	S	PB	W	AM	N	DW	E	GH	S
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	No		1NT		No		4NT	No		1NT		No		3NT	
	No		No		No			No		No		No			
	Lead	♠10	Tricks	12	Score	690		Lead	♥3	Tricks	12	Score	690		
	IMP		0	IMP				VP		25	VP		5		
	England		73	Ireland		26		England			Ireland				

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 30 Dealer E Vul NIL ♠.K10986 ♥.QJ9 ♦.- ♣.KJ1075 ♠.Q54 ♥.K82 ♦.1062 ♣.AQ32 ♠.J72 ♥.743 ♦.AK9754 ♣.6 ♠.A3 ♥.A1065 ♦.QJ83 ♣.984	Open				Closed										
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	Lead	♠A	Tricks	5	Score	200		Lead	♣J	Tricks	8	Score	-50		
	IMP		6	IMP				VP		25	VP		5		
	England		84	Ireland		26		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