






Here was a hand for the Irish to cheer about.

## Open

After $1 \vee-1 \uparrow$ the $2 \wedge$ bid showed a full raise to $3 \vee$. E doubled to show some $\uparrow$ values. $S$ bid $4 \vee$ and $W$ bid $4 \wedge$ because he knew $E$ was short in $\downarrow$. S was suckered into a penalty-X. If $N$ had led the $\uparrow 3$ then $4 \wedge-X$ was 1 down but on the $\vee 10$ lead $W$ was able to win $\vee A$, ruff a $\vee$, ruff $a \star$, ruff a $\uparrow$ with $\uparrow K$ then run $\diamond J$. $N$ appears to have cashed the $\star A$ instead of forcing $W$ again in $\boldsymbol{*}$ to let $4 \wedge$ in.

## Closed

1NT-Strong and off centre, $2 \star$ showing $\uparrow+$ another. $N 2 \star$ was Staymanic so with a maximum $S$ bid $4 \vee$. $S$ ducked $\uparrow 10$ lead then won
 give a ruff and discard - neat for 10 tricks.


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1at then a $3 \boldsymbol{*}$ - Bergen Raise for $E$ to sign off in $3 \boldsymbol{\mu}$ - making 10 tricks.
Closed
E did not fancy a $1 \uparrow$ opener but later made a $\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{X}$ of $1 \vee$ and when W jumped to $2 \boldsymbol{\wedge}$ felt he had to catch up with a $4 \wedge$ raise. $S$ gave
 exit with $\uparrow 7$ to $\uparrow 8$. E was now able to ruff $2 *$ and park the $\vee$ loser on the $13^{\text {th }} \boldsymbol{*}-10$ 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 |  |  |  |  |
| Match 1 | 17.5 | Match 1 | 9 | significantly beat more contracts - especially |
| Match 2 | 25 | Match 2 | 5 | sign |
| Match 3 | 16 | Match 3 | 14 | part scores. |
| Total | 58.5 | Total | 28 |  |

