

ENGLAND	CAMROSE 6-7 DEC 2003 – MANCHESTER Captain – John Williams	IRELAND	SESSION 1. 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 5 Dealer N Vul N-S ♠.J103 ♥.A9543 ♦.A5 ♣.Q108 ♠.A942 ♥.Q1072 ♦.10972 ♣.A ♠.K875 ♥.86 ♦.Q3 ♣.K7543	♠.Q6 ♥.KJ ♦.KJ863 ♣.J962 ♠.K875 ♥.86 ♦.Q3 ♣.K7543 ♠.A942 ♥.Q1072 ♦.10972 ♣.A	Open				Closed										
	W	CC	N	AMc	E	DW	S	PK	W	PB	N	DG	E	MJ	S	MO
	1♥		No		1♠		No		No	No	1♦*		No		1♠*	
1NT		No		No		No		No	2♥		No		No	No		
Lead	♦6	Tricks	5	Score	100	Lead	♦6	Tricks	8	Score	-110					
IMP		5	IMP													
England		6	Ireland		1											

This was the first small swing in the match.

Open.

W did not have much of a chance in 1NT even after ♦Q won at trick 1.

Closed.

The aggressive 1♦ opener would have led to 3♦ by N-S but as N-S were playing a Strong-♣ system it could have been a prepared bid so S could not support. He also has some defence to the 2♥ call by W.

N also led ♦6 to the ♦Q and W played ♥A and another to N who then switched to ♠Q to help W to make 2♥.

Board 9 Dealer N Vul E-W ♠.Q32 ♥.10 ♦.1073 ♣.KQ9876 ♠.J ♥.Q54 ♦.QJ652 ♣.J1054	♠.AK874 ♥.K987 ♦.AK ♣.A3 ♠.10965 ♥.AJ632 ♦.984 ♣.2 ♠.J ♥.Q54 ♦.QJ652 ♣.J1054	Open				Closed										
	W	CC	N	AMc	E	DW	S	PK	W	PB	N	DG	E	MJ	S	MO
	No		1♠		No		1NT*		No	No	2NT		No		3♣	
No		3♥		No		3NT		No	No	3♠*		No		3NT		
No		No		No		No		No	No	4♥		No		No		
Lead	♣7	Tricks	11	Score	460	Lead	♣2	Tricks	9	Score	-50					
IMP		11	IMP													
England		18	Ireland		1											

There was not much action in the other boards until this hand came up. At this point it was 7-1 to England.

Open.

A normal 1♠ opener led to the more natural 3NT game.

Closed

The choice of a 2NT opener caused this swing as N felt S must have 4♥ to go through Puppet Stayman.

E led ♣2 to ♣10 ♣Q and ♣A. ♥7 to ♥Q and ♥10 drops. ♠J to ♠K then ♦AK (mistake) and ♠4 ruffed with ♥5. ♦J cashed – discarding ♣3. Then a further mistake of ♥4 from dummy so E can draw trumps and come to ♠10 and a long ♥ for 1 down. N needed to use ♦AK as entries for 2♠ ruffs then the last ♠ goes on ♦J. E can then only make 3 trump tricks.

Board 11 Dealer S Vul NIL	♠.853 ♥.AJ1032 ♦.K1094 ♣.6 ♠.J10 ♥.864 ♦.J873 ♣.A853 ♠.A76 ♥.K95 ♦.AQ6 ♣.QJ94	Open								Closed							
		W	DW	N	AMc	E	DW	S	CC	W	AM	N	GK	E	GH	S	RT

Open.
The ♥4 lead picked up the ♥Q for an easy ride to 10 tricks.

Closed
W led ♠J ducked then ♠10 to ♠Q and ♠A. S showed good technique by ♥K then ♥5 to ♥A to drop the ♥Q. This line gains as if the ♦ can be cashed for 4 tricks he can get a ♠ loser away. ♣6 to ♣Q and ♣A came next. (N should have inserted ♣9 as the ♣QJ can then be used to first park the ♠8 and later the ♠ loser). ♥8 exit to ♥10. Another ♥ was cashed then the ♠8 went to E who returned ♠9 ruffed with ♥3. Next came ♦10 to ♦AQ and ♦6 back – W at this point left the table to fill up a glass of water – on return S took the right view to insert the ♦9 – 10 tricks for a flat board.

Board 12 Dealer W Vul N-S	♠.1072 ♥.Q8 ♦.J8653 ♣.AQ2 ♠.A ♥.KJ52 ♦.AKQ7 ♣.J1084 ♠.K95 ♥.A10974 ♦.94 ♣.976	Open								Closed							
		W	DW	N	AMc	E	DW	S	CC	W	AM	N	GK	E	GH	S	RT

Open
I don't understand why E cannot bid 2♠ over the 2♥ reverse – 3♦ had no chance.

Closed
N led ♦3 to ♦10. ♥3 to ♥J lost to ♥Q and ♦5 came back to ♦K. ♣10 now and N rose with ♣A. He then made mistake of ♣Q to ♣K. W had no choice now other than ♥6 from dummy – S rose with ♥A and returned ♦10. As W cashed ♦ winners S saved time by discarding the ♣9 so W knew the ♣8 was the 9th trick.

Subsequently this board was adjusted back to 3NT-1 with a 0.5 V.P. fine because of a comment by declarer in reply to the possible shapes of the 2NT re-bid. On appeal this was adjusted back to a 50% split between 3NT making and 3NT going 1 down.

Board 13 Dealer N Vul ALL	♠.84 ♥.K963 ♦.Q1042 ♣.982 ♠.A75 ♥.Q8742 ♦.753 ♣.K4 ♠.J10962 ♥.J10 ♦.K86 ♣.AQ7	Open								Closed							
		W	DW	N	AMc	E	DW	S	CC	W	AM	N	GK	E	GH	S	RT

Open.

Closed
♠J led to ♠Q. Playing on ♣ will bring home 3NT if E plays a ♦ towards the ♦AJ9 at some point and inserts the ♦9. Not unreasonably E played ♥A and ♥5 to ♥Q and ♥K. N helped by ♦2 to ♦9 and ♦K. S continued ♠9 to ♠K. ♣3 now went to ♣A and ♣2 to ♣A. The ♥8 drove the ♥9 and ♣2 came back to ♣K. The ♥74 were cashed and then ♦5 to ♦J and ♦A for 9 tricks.

Board 19 Dealer S Vul E-W ♠.103 ♥.8632 ♦.Q92 ♣.KQ32 ♠.K94 ♥.9 ♦.1073 ♣.J108754 ♠.A8765 ♥.QJ4 ♦.A864 ♣.A ♠.QJ2 ♥.AK1075 ♦.KJ5 ♣.96	Open W DW N AMc E DW S CC No No X No 2♣ No 2♠ No No No								Closed W AM N GK E GH S RT No 2♠* X 1NT No No X 3♣* No No X No							
	Lead ♥A Tricks 7 Score 100 IMP 9 England 41 Ireland 2	Lead ♠10 Tricks 7 Score -300														

Open
The normal 1♥ opener led to 2♠ down -1. One of those hands where a balancing 1NT by E works better.

Closed
S opened 1NT when 1♥ was a sound alternative. N bid 2♠ (Transfer to 3♣) and E doubled. The subsequent X of 3♣ showed a better hand and W did well to pass. No mistakes were made in the defence for a 300 penalty.

Board 24 Dealer W Vul NIL ♠.2 ♥.AK2 ♦.AQ1064 ♣.AK65 ♠.Q6 ♥.98753 ♦.82 ♣.QJ103 ♠.AK1097 ♥.QJ4 ♦.K953 ♣.2 ♠.J8543 ♥.106 ♦.J7 ♣.9874	Open W MO N MJ E DG S PB 1♣* 1NT 2♠ No 2NT No 3♦ No 4NT* No 5♥* No 5NT* No 6♦ No 7♦ No No No								Closed W AM N GK E GH S RT 1♦ No 1♠ No 3♣ No 4♦ No 4♥* No 4♠* No 5♣* No 5♥* No 5♠* No 7♦ End							
	Lead ♣8 Tricks 13 Score -1440 IMP 0 England 58 Ireland 2	Lead ♦7 Tricks 13 Score -1440														

Open
A strong-♣ auction sailed to the cold grand slam in 7♦ even though N tried to muddy the waters a little.

Closed.
A natural auction led to 7♦. The first key bid is the jump to 4♦ over the 3♣ Game-Force. This showed 4♦. A series of cue-bids followed and then 5♥ was GSF with 5♠ showing 0/2. E assumed 2 to bid 7♦.

Board 26 Dealer E Vul ALL ♠.AJ9 ♥.Q943 ♦.AK7 ♣.A104 ♠.Q10832 ♥.KJ7 ♦.965 ♣.J6 ♠.54 ♥.652 ♦.Q108432 ♣.Q5 ♠.K76 ♥.A108 ♦.J ♣.K98732	Open W MO N MJ E DG S PB X* 1♠ No 1♣ X* No 2♦ 2♠ 3NT No 3♦ No No No No								Closed W AM N GK E GH S RT 1♥ No No No No No 2♦ No No No							
	Lead ♠2 Tricks 9 Score -600 IMP England 58 Ireland 12	Lead ♠6 Tricks 9 Score -110														

Open.
I have no details of how 3NT was made but E-W have done incredibly well to get to game and also make it. There are a lot of squeeze chances when the ♦ suit is run as both N-S have to keep 2♣. Either can then be end-played to open up the ♣ suit and W then takes the right guess.

Closed.
W is looking at the vulnerability when S bids 2♣. If E does not have a 5 suit then any action on the 4-3-3-3 hand could be disastrous. However when E competes all by himself should W now bid 2NT to show some interest?

