

# WALES IN THE CAMROSE: EDINBURGH – January 2015

## MATCH THREE

In match 3, Wales had an easier challenge in NIBU, while Northern Ireland played Ireland and England played Scotland. Patrick and Tony took their first rest in the first stanza of this match, after playing the four sets of the previous two matches.

**WALES & NIBU.** Board 2 saw five different results.

	AQ853		The England North-South bid 4S before East-West had found their heart fit; this was doubled and made when declarer played for trumps 2-2 as well as the DA being onside and the diamonds breaking. After West opened a strong NT the Scottish North kept quiet so the England East-West played calmly in 2H, making ten tricks on friendly defence – 14 Imp to England.
	863		
	K5		
	A65		
J2		74	
AQ4		KJT75	
A94		QJ	For Ireland East opened a weak 2H which West raised to 4H; the Northern Ireland North bravely (?) bid 4S which was doubled; finding a helpful dummy, he then played East for a 1525 shape rather than 2524 and went 1 down – 6 Imps to Ireland. In Wales v NIBU, in each room the auction started P-P-1C-1S-X (values with 4+H)-3S-X (values); The Welsh East bid 4H, down 2 when they found 2 club ruffs, while the NIBU East bid a conservative 4C making – for 6 Imps to NIBU.
KQJ83		T942	
	KT96		
	92		
	T87632		
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Board 11 was lively, and saw South open 1C, 1D, 1H and even 1NT at various tables....

	9		East-West can make 4S but North-South have a good sacrifice in 5C or 5H which then led to East-West bidding 5S which should be 1 down. The dynamics of the auction tended to determine the outcome. In the Wales match the bidding started 1C X in each room; the NIBU North bid 4C and when West bid 4S he played there for 420; Paul bid 2H over the double showing hearts as well as club support and now they knew about the double fit so sacrificed leading to +50 and 10 Imps.
	QJ754		
	42		
	K8543		
AKQT73		J8542	
A		T62	
K975		JT8	
J6		72	For Northern Ireland, Greenwood jumped to the 4 level over 1D and North-South had no reason to sacrifice. In the other room South opened 1NT (!!)
	6		which West doubled; he must have been surprised when East bid 2S; North-South sacrificed leading to 10 Imps to Northern Ireland. In England v Scotland, both rooms reached 5S, once doubled, and in each case the defence failed to cash their club tricks when in with the diamond ace, so both contracts made – 5 Imps to England.
	K983		
	AQ63		
	AQT9		

Board 15 saw a bidding challenge in the only slam hand of the set

			There is an excellent 7D but the opposition interfered somewhat with heart bids. For England and Scotland both pairs managed 7D, one in 4 bids, the other in 10. Wales's unfamiliar partnership understandably only reached 6D which was flat when NIBU also stopped there.
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K865		--	
KQJ96		AT84	The Northern Ireland v Ireland match saw two poor contracts; Northern Ireland only reached 5D while Ireland failed to find the diamond fit at all – after a 1C opening which can be strong and a 2H overcall they chose to land in 6S which needed a 3-3 break which luckily materialised – 13 Imps to Ireland.
AKJ6		QT	

So at half time, Ireland led Northern Ireland 70-32, England led Scotland 57-37 and Wales led NIBU 47-23. In the second half, Tony and Patrick returned to play with John and Mike. On the second board NIBU went off in a poor slam when Patrick found the killer lead; it was made on a helpful lead by England who were the only other pair to bid it. Then this exciting board (board 19):

JT9864	753		Two Souths passed, one opened 1D and three opened 3D. In the England-Scotland match and the Ireland-Northern Ireland match East-West bid up to the 5 level in one room and to 6H in the other; the North-South pairs then sacrificed in 6D and 7D, doubled for 5 Imp swings to Scotland and Ireland. In our match Tony and Patrick bid up to 5H over 5D, North not having mentioned clubs, and the diamond lead allowed this to make for +650.
AK753	6	KQ	
--	98754	QJT942	
J3	AKQ7	AJ	
		T82	
	A2		John and Mike showed how to do it: after a 3D opening, West bid 4D (majors) and Mike bid 5C followed by 6D over 5H; when East bid 6H John doubled confidently expecting at least one C trick to go with his spade Ace, so that was +500 and 15 Imps to Wales.
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	KQT632		
	9654		

Tony and Patrick bid and made a thin game, leaving Wales 59 ahead, but then the tide turned with a number of swings to NIBU so the final result was a win for Wales by 31 (15-5 in VPs). Similar comebacks saw England beat Scotland by only 9 having led by 33 (12-8), and Ireland beat Northern Ireland by 23 having led by 51 (14-6).

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