

Contract Bridge Journal

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Bidding—Room 1

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
No	1 ♣	No	1 ♣
No	2 ♣	No	2 ♠
No	2 NT	No	3 ♣

♦ A led. South made 12 tricks.
170 points to North-South (50 points bonus for part score).

Bidding—Room 2

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
No	1 ♣	No	1 ♠
No	2 ♦	No	3 ♣

♥ K led. North made 10 tricks.
170 points to North-South.

COMMENT

In the London semi-final of the Richard Lederer Memorial Cup, J. Pearlstone, supported by A. Preston, Dr. S. Lee and the ubiquitous Mrs. Williams, defeated a strong team captained by Dr. Fraser Allan, which included three International players.

Both North-South pairs got their wires badly crossed on this deal. Seven Clubs is defeated only by the opening lead of the Ace of Diamonds, and Six Spades by the lead of a Heart, yet in both rooms the bidding fizzled out for a part score. All the later bids are open to question, particularly North's "Baron" bid of Two Hearts in Room 1, which successfully clouded the issue for his side, and South's experimental reverse of Two Diamonds in Room 2, which subsequently induced him to pass to Three Spades.

We fancy that both pairs might well have reached Six Clubs had they stuck to their normal bidding methods.

NORTH			
♠	K 9 8 6 5 4		
♥	9 7 6 3		
♦	—		
♣	A K Q		
WEST	EAST		
♠	Q 7 3	♠	J 2
♥	J 8 5	♥	K Q 10 4 2
♦	A 10 9 5 3	♦	Q 8 6 2
♣	8 5	♣	J 3
SOUTH			
♠	A 10		
♥	A		
♦	K J 7 4		
♣	10 9 7 6 4 2		

Dealer, East. Love all.