

BRIDGE

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SUN TEL 25/4/88

All roads leading to Chelsea

Dealer West East West game

♠ K4
 ♥ KJ63
 ♦ K63
 ♣ KQ84

♠ 106
 ♥ Q84
 ♦ QJ9
 ♣ J10972



♠ QJ953
 ♥ A10952
 ♦ 102
 ♣ 5^f

♠ A872
 ♥ 7
 ♦ A8754
 ♣ A63

Bidding

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

There is a strong international entry for the 1988 Lederer Memorial Trophy, which is being played in London next weekend at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club. Eight teams are competing, and among them will be the Irish and Polish men and the British women who are representing their countries at the forthcoming Olympiad.

The field will also include the winners of the Gold Cup and Crockfords Cup and teams representing Scotland and England. Playing for England will be two members of Britain's open Olympiad team, Jeremy Flint and Robert Sheehan, who will be demonstrating their version of the strong pass system.

Above is a hand from the 1952 Lederer competition.

West made what he hoped was a safe lead of ♣J and declarer won the trick in hand with ♣A. Realising that he would need considerable luck as well as precise timing, declarer cashed ♦K and ♦A and carefully led ♣6. Thinking that his partner's ♣5 might have been the start of a peter showing a doubleton, West made the fatal mistake of inserting ♣9.

Declarer, who was probably going to finesse ♣8 in any case, needed no further assistance. He won ♣Q, returned to hand with ♠A and led his last club, finessing ♣8 when West followed low. Declarer now discarded ♥7 on ♣K, ruffed a heart and led a spade to dummy's ♠K.

As West held a natural trump trick, it seemed unlikely that he also held ♥A for he might have led this at trick one. Declarer therefore led ♥K from dummy, ruffed out East's ♥A and played a small spade. West, who was down to ♥Q, ♦Q and ♣10 could not prevent declarer from making two more tricks and scoring his slam.