

BRIDGE
R. A. Friday

Masters only

NEXT WEEKEND the Lederer Memorial Trophy is taking place at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, 32 Barkston Gardens, London SW5. It is a popular competition for both players and kibitzers as it is the only annual team event in Britain which is restricted to master players.

Six teams have been invited, and among the competitors are 14 of the 24 players who took part in the recent British Bridge League open trials. There is no restrictions on systems, and the teams will play a double round robin with point-a-board scoring for a first prize of £500.

Sessions start at 2pm and 8pm on Saturday, October 25 and at 1.30pm on Sunday, October 26. Tickets costing £2 per session or £5 for all three sessions (half price for OAP's and students) can be obtained from the Young Chelsea Club before or on the day of the competition.

The above deal proved too difficult for two declarers in the 1956 Lederer competition.

Although he did not know it, West was employed at the first trick. Eventually he led ♠K and declarer ruffed in hand, drew trumps in two rounds and then led ♦2 from dummy. East started to peter with ♦10 so declarer finessed ♦Q, losing to ♦K.

All would have been well if West had returned a spade or diamond at this point, but West could count his partner for a singleton or doubleton diamond and could see the danger of a spade continuation. He therefore switched to a small club. Declarer won ♣Q, entered dummy with a heart and dis-

Dealer South Game All

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♠ None ♥ A K J 7 6 3 2 ♦ A Q 8 3 ♣ A Q									

Bidding

West	North	East	South
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2♠	3♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

carded a diamond on ♠A, but he could not avoid losing a further trick to West's ♦J.

At another table declarer took the first trick with dummy's ♠A and discarded ♣Q from hand. He then eliminated spades and clubs and eventually finessed a diamond. This time, however, West was able to count declarer's hand precisely so he returned a club, giving declarer a ruff and discard but insuring for himself a further trick in diamonds.

The winning play is to win ♠A, discarding a diamond and return ♠J, discarding another diamond. West will take ♠Q and continue spades but declarer can discard ♦Q on dummy's ♠10, cash ♦A, enter dummy with ♥10, ruff a diamond, enter dummy with ♥Q and ruff another diamond. Finally declarer can enter dummy with a third round of trumps and discard ♣Q on dummy's established ♦9.