

trumps South judged that partner must have a pretty sound heart suit and if the clubs were less than solid her ability to create an extra trick by way of a club ruff might be vital. She jumped to six hearts to prevent partner deciding on a no-trump slam. Had North held less solid hearts and more solid clubs the decision might have been an unfortunate one but South found ample justification in the result and the fact that declarer's ability to establish the clubs with one ruff proved decisive.

At the half-way stage Mrs. Ryan led by 25 points and when she still led by 22 with eight boards to play a large audience crowded round to see the

'Impossible' occur. Mrs. Landy had to try for points in the closing boards. Mrs. Ryan's team kept their heads wonderfully well and the final score was 83-47 in their favour. It must have been singularly galling to Mrs. Landy's team to lose for the second year in succession in a final which most people expected them to win. It is to their very considerable credit that they played in an excellent sporting spirit, contributed largely to an extremely pleasant final, and seemed to put their own disappointment aside to join in the general delight for the worthy Sussex ladies. Their own turn will surely come many times in the future.

## CAMROSE FINAL TRIAL

The final Camrose Trial was held in Warwick on November 19th-21st with Butler teams scoring. The leading two pairs will be invited to play for England in this season's Camrose Trophy matches.

1. J. Amsbury and Dr. A. P. Sowter (Middx. and Notts.) 244 v.p.
2. R. Smolski and A. R. Forrester (Yorks.) 241 v.p.
3. R. S. Brook and W. J. Pencharz (London and Middx.) 240 v.p.
4. D. F. Huggett and M. R. Pomfrey (Southern Counties) 236 v.p.
5. R. J. Granville and G. T. Kirby (Worcs. and Cambs.) 234 v.p.
6. R. and S. Webb (London) 233½ v.p.

## LEDERER MEMORIAL RESULTS

1. London International 123 v.p. (L. Young, R. Smolski, J. Amsbury, P. D. Alder, Dr. A. P. Sowter, D. Fell.)
2. Scotland 122. (V. Silverstone, V. Goldberg, B. Shenkin, M. Rosenberg, G. Cuthbertson, J. Mathieson.)
3. London Duplicate 105
4. Reading 103
5. Young Chelsea 100
6. Stefan's 85
7. Acol 78
8. Eccentric 72
9. Bristol 57
10. Curzon 55

## THE RICHARD LEDERER MEMORIAL TROPHY

By PHILLIP ALDER

A GREAT shock greeted the players who arrived for the first session of the Richard Lederer Memorial Trophy. The previous evening Tony Lederer (Richard's son), had died. After standing for a few moments silence we were informed that, from next year, the event will be renamed The Lederer Memorial Trophy.

Ten teams were entered and it was good to see teams from outside the Home Counties again this year. A round robin of ten board matches was held with twenty victory points at stake in each match.

What would you bid on this hand? East-West game; dealer North.

♠ A Q 8 5  
♥ A J 2  
♦ 7 4  
♣ J 9 5 4



West North East South  
2 ♥ (a) Dble. (b) 3 ♥

- ?  
(a) Weak.  
(b) Take-out.

After the first four rounds on Saturday afternoon the Young Chelsea Bridge Club was in the lead with 61 v.p., followed by the London Duplicate with 53 v.p. The hand above helped in the fourth round

when Young Chelsea faced the London International Bridge Club. After the bidding given the London International player carelessly jumped to four spades, ending the auction. At my table Joe Amsbury opened three hearts, East doubled for take-out and I leapt to five hearts. Al Woo decided that his hand was worth a jump to six spades. In fact the best slam was six clubs as partner held

♠ K J 7 4      ♥ 5  
♦ A K 2      ♣ A Q 10 8 6

but the trumps were three-two and the club finesse lost. The thirteen i.m.p. gained on this hand won the match for Young Chelsea by nine i.m.p. or 14-6 in victory points.

The evening session consisted of only two matches. However, Young Chelsea could only score seven v.p. to the London Duplicate's 35. So they led with 88 from the London International with 74 v.p. Almost a whole match clear and so they looked quite safe. In the end, though, they had only one wheel left on their wagon. The other three fell off as they lost to Bristol, the Acol and Stefan's and scored only seventeen victory points. With one round left the London International led by three v.p. from Scotland. In this round the London

International was facing the Acol and Scotland was opposed by the Eccentric. Three hands were explosive.

Board 1. East-West game; dealer West.

♠ A Q 8 7  
♥ A J 9 6 5 3  
♦ K 6  
♣ 10

N		
W	E	
	S	

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	2 NT(a)	3 ♦(b)	5 ♣
?			

(a) Minors.

(b) Majors but emphasis on spades.

Board 7. Love all; dealer East.

♠ A K 10 8 2  
♥ K 10 9 7  
♦ 8  
♣ A J 8

N		
W	E	
	S	

West	North	East	South
		2 ♣(a)	No
2 NT(b)	No	3 ♣(c)	No
?			

(a) Roman, eleven to sixteen.

(b) Game forcing.

(c) Four-four-four-one or five-four-four-none spade shortage minimum points.

Board 9. Game all; dealer South.

♠ K J 8 6  
♥ Q J 10 8 7 6  
♦ 10 7  
♣ 5

N		
W	E	
	S	

♠ A 10 5 2  
♥ A 9 5 4 3  
♦ 3  
♣ 9 6 4

West	North	East	South
			1 ♣(a)
2 ♣(b)	2 ♥	No	3 ♦
No	3 ♥	No	4 ♦
No	4 ♥	Dble.	No
No	5 ♦	Dble.	Redble.
No	No	No	

(a) Precision.

(b) Natural.

Your partner leads the two of hearts and the declarer drops the king under your ace. How do you defend?

On the first hand the winning decision was to *save* in five hearts or five spades. The full deal was:

♠ 6  
♥ 10  
♦ A Q J 9 7 5  
♣ J 9 7 4 3

♠ A Q 8 7  
♥ A J 9 6 5 3  
♦ K 6  
♣ 10

N		
W	E	
	S	

♠ K 10 9 5 4  
♥ 2  
♦ K Q 7  
♣ 8 2

♠ J 3  
♥ 8 4 2  
♦ 8 4 2  
♣ A K Q 6 5

The London International, the Eccentric and Scotland all got this wrong by doubling five clubs. The Acol bid five spades and International made a further misjudgment when they bid on to six clubs and so the Acol gained twelve i.m.p.

Board 7 was a very difficult hand:

♠ J 9 7 6 5  
♥ None  
♦ Q 10 7 5 2  
♣ 9 5 2

♠ A K 10 8 2  
♥ K 10 9 7  
♦ 8  
♣ A J 8

N		
W	E	
	S	

♠ 3  
♥ Q 6 4 3  
♦ A K 6  
♣ K 10 7 6 4

♠ Q 4  
♥ A J 8 5 2  
♦ J 9 4 3  
♣ Q 3

Yes, Amsbury was sitting East. Luckily I decided to sign off at four hearts. North led a diamond, I won in the dummy and played a heart to the ten, learning why North had not made the book lead of a trump against a Roman Two Club auction. So I cashed the four black suit winners and the king of diamonds. Then I played the knave of clubs and I was eventually able to trump coup South for the overtrick.

The Acol had a bidding misunderstanding. East opened one club, West bid one spade and East rebid one no-trump. East thought this showed twelve to sixteen points but West felt it was fifteen-sixteen points. West jumped to three hearts, East raised and West bid six hearts, down one doubled. London International regained the twelve i.m.p.

Scotland gained a similar swing on this deal.

Board 9 was decisive for the London International team. At Trick 2 the Acol East returned a club. He was afraid that the declarer had solid trumps and that the hand would depend on the spade guess. However:

♠ K J 8 6  
♥ Q J 10 8 7 6  
♦ 10 7  
♣ 5

♠ Q 9 4 3  
♥ 2  
♦ K J  
♣ Q 10 8 7 3

N		
W	E	
	S	

♠ A 10 5 2  
♥ A 9 5 4 3  
♦ 3  
♣ 9 6 4

♠ 7  
♥ K  
♦ A Q 9 8 6 5 4 2  
♣ A K J

The London International East cashed the ace of spades and so they gained fifteen i.m.p. They won the match by sixteen i.m.p. (16-4) and so if Scotland could win 20-0 they would be victorious. A 19-1 win would lead to a tie but Scotland would lose as they had been defeated 17-3 by London International in round three. However, they could only win by 24 i.m.p. (18-2) instead of the 33 that they needed. So the team that was only allowed to play to make up an even number of teams (it was considered too weak!) had won one of the most enjoyable events in the bridge calendar.

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