

(2) THE A.D.P. LEDERER MEMORIAL TROPHY

THIS tournament commemorates Richard and Tony Lederer, father and son, who worked for many years for the London County Contract Bridge Association. It is a very enjoyable event and arguably the strongest team competition of the year. This season the L.C.C.B.A. committee managed to arrange sponsorship from the international computer company, A.D.P., which gave an excellent added dimension to the proceedings. The venue, like last year, was the picturesque Lauderdale House in Highgate, North London.

The format was a double round robin of nine board matches with two victory points at stake on each hand plus a further 22 v.p. distributed dependent upon the final i.m.p. difference.

Results:

1. Northern Spring Foursomes winners:

B. Shenkin, P. Jourdain, V. Silverstone, I. Gordon, C. Dixon, 233 v.p.

2. Old Masters and Writers:

L. Tarlo, B. Schapiro, T. Reese, J. Amsbury, P. D. Alder, 209 v.p.

3. L.C.C.B.A.:

R. A. Priday, C. Rodrigue, M. J.

Flint, R. Sheehan, Z. Mahmoud, 207 v.p.

4. Young England:

A. Forrester, R. Smolski, G. Kirby, J. Armstrong, A. Sowter, S. Lodge, 190 v.p.

5. Southern Spring Foursomes winners:

G. Breskal, G. Haase, D. Smerdon, J. Nunes, B. Mervis, G. Calderwood, 188 v.p.

6. Crockfords Cup winners:

A. Thompson, J. L. Reardon, C. Bishop, P. Collins, R. Butland, M. Dilks, 173 v.p.

This was an interesting hand from the first match:

East-West game; dealer South.

♠ Q 8 5 4	N W E S	♠ A K J 3
♥ 7 6		♥ A 10 9 4
♦ J 8 5 4		♦ A 6
♣ Q 6 2		♣ A 10 5

South	West	North	East
2 ♦(1)	No	2 ♥	2 NT
No	3 ♣(2)	No	3 ♥
No	3 ♠	No	4 ♠

(1) Multi.

(2) Stayman.

North leads the queen of hearts—how would you play the contract?

At my table Amsbury (my partner) just bid three no-trumps over my two no-trumps and South led the five of hearts, North playing the queen. How do you plan to come to nine tricks?

The sponsors had provided cash prizes for the first two teams and also for the best bid, best defended and best played hands, these awards being adjudicated by Jack Marx. This auction won the bidding prize:

East-West game; dealer West.

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W	E							
	S							

(This is the hand which appears on the front cover.)

West	East
<i>Butland</i>	<i>Dilks</i>
1 ♣(1)	2 ♣(2)
2 NT(3)	3 ♠
3 NT	4 ♣
4 ♦	4 ♠
5 ♥	6 ♣
6 ♦	No

(1) 16+ points.

(2) Positive with at least five diamonds.

(3) At least five clubs.

Note that West spent the early part of the auction back pedalling as he was minimum for his one club opening bid. At our table, though, Amsbury had the bad hand for the

system and so felt constrained to make one more try over three no-trumps, both to show his extra strength, being maximum for a non-one-club opener (we use 17+), and to describe his distribution accurately.

West	East
<i>Amsbury</i>	<i>Alder</i>
1 ♥	2 ♦
3 ♦	3 NT
4 ♣	4 ♠
4 NT	6 ♦

The defensive Oscar was won by Brian Mervis, though he was ably supported by Gus Calderwood.

East-West game; dealer South.

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West arrived in four hearts and Mervis led the knave of diamonds. The declarer won with the ace and started well by cashing the ace of spades and playing a spade to the knave. He followed with the king of spades but Mervis ruffed with the

queen of hearts. Dummy over-ruffed, declarer ruffed a diamond and led another spade, North carefully discarding a diamond to stop the declarer ruffing another diamond and playing ace and another heart, end-playing North to open up the clubs. The dummy ruffed the spade and a club went to the knave and queen. Now Mervis found the play of the five of hearts! Not unnaturally the declarer played dummy's eight and won the nine with the ace. A heart at this point would end-play North but feeling sure that South held the knave of hearts, he led a spade and discarded a club from the dummy. Calderwood completed the declarer's misery by ruffing and playing a club. Dummy could ruff but North had to make the knave of hearts and the ace of clubs to defeat the contract.

Finally back to my original hand, where this was the full deal:

♠ 7 6		
♥ Q		
♦ K Q 10 9 3 2		
♣ 9 8 7 4		
♠ Q 8 5 4	N W E S	♠ A K J 3
♥ 7 6		♥ A 10 9 4
♦ J 8 5 4		♦ A 6
♣ Q 6 2		♣ A 10 5
♠ 10 9 2		
♥ K J 8 5 3 2		
♦ 7		
♣ K J 3		

Most declarers failed to make four spades, not finding the double dummy play of winning the ace of hearts and following with another heart. This permits two hearts to be ruffed by the eight and queen of spades and an overtrick would result.

Claude Rodrigue was successful but he needed a little help from North. He won the heart lead, cashed the ace of spades and played ace and another diamond, North won and if he had continued diamonds a trump promotion would have resulted, but he played a club, South won, cashed the king of hearts and played another heart. However, Rodrigue ruffed with the eight of spades and so made his contract.

Three no-trumps was rather easier as I held the ten and nine of hearts. I ducked the opening heart lead and the king of diamonds switch. North tried clubs at Trick 3, South winning with the king. I won his spade switch—the four suits led to the first four tricks!—and cashed all my side winners, coming down to the ace-ten-nine of hearts. The play of the nine end-played South.

I must express my thanks to Warwick Pitch and Richard Fleet for the material that they have provided for me.