

SESSION 1 BOARD 12
 N/S Vul, Dealer W.

ENGLAND V. MASTERS

		KQJ42		
		AJ		
		Q653		
		Q8		
A85		N		1097
1053				K98642
J108	W		E	K72
10753				6
		S		
		63		
		Q7		
		A94		
		AKJ942		

S	W	N	E
SCHAPIRO	FORRESTER	TARLO	LODGE
	1D (1)	1S	3H (2)
4S	PASS	PASS	PASS

(1) 0-6 or 7-10 balanced (2) pre-emptive

The E/W pre-emptive tactics made it awkward for N/S to get to the best spot, 3NT by North. East, Lodge, led his singleton club, and declarer won the queen. The king of spades was played to Forrester's ace and a club returned for East to ruff. Lodge now made the excellent return of the diamond king, an attempted Merrimac coup, in an effort to remove the entry to the big clubs. Tarlo erred by winning the ace, and ended two down. Ironically, the hand is cold as long as declarer ducks the diamond, because the next diamond can be won by the queen and trumps drawn while the ace of diamonds remains in dummy as an entry to the long clubs - but that does not detract from an excellent defence by lodge.

SESSION 2, BOARD 7.
 Game All, Dealer 5.

ENGLAND V IRELAND

		Q54		
		K8764		
		J105		
		106		
KJ 10 72		N		A8
9				A103
96	W		E	KQ87
AK742				QJ98
		S		
		963		
		QJ52		
		A432		
		53		

S	W	N	E
LODGE	WALSHE	FORRESTER	MCKENZIE
1D	1S	PASS	2D
PASS	3C	PASS	4C
PASS	5C	PASS	6C
END			

Steve lodge and Tony Forrester were playing a system called TRS wherein a pass shows 11-16 points. The opening 1D showed 0-6 HCP with any distribution or 0-7 HCP balanced. Walshe overcalled a natural spade and 2D was a normal response, bid on the assumption that South had passed. 4C was forcing, and 6C brave; Mckenzie was fortunate that his partner was 1:2 in the red suits, although against that was the possibility of discarding the losing hearts on partners spades. Be that as it may, 6C scored up 1370, and when England stopped in 5C at the other table (1S-2N-3C-3D-4C-4H-5C-NO) Ireland gained 13 imp.

Meanwhile, in another part of the forest, Schapiro and Tarlo conducted the following elegant auction:

WEST	EAST
Tarlo	Schapiro
1C	2D
2S	3C
3S	4NT
5D	6C

SESSION 2, BOARD 10
GAME All, Dealer E

MASTERS V LONDON

		AK		
		KJ764		
		8		
		J9654		
		N		J65432
Q8				Q53
1082				653
QJ1072	W		E	Q
K72				
		S		
		1097		
		A9		
		AK94		
		A1083		

E	S	W	N
DIXON	SCHAPIRO	SILVERSTONE	TARLO
PASS	INT	PASS	2D (1)
PASS	2H	PASS	2S (2)
PASS	2NT	PASS	3C
PASS	3NT	PASS	PASS
PASS			

- (1) Transfer to 2H
- (2) Alerted. South then tried to explain what the bid showed, but he was told that nobody, least of all North, wanted him to.

At the end of the auction, Silverstone asked what the various bids meant. Schapiro said, "He's forgotten the system", whereupon Tarlo said, "He's forgotten the system". At least both North and South seemed in agreement about one aspect of the auction.

Meanwhile, Irving Rose and Rob Sheehan were picking up the best bid hand prize with this sequence:

SOUTH	NORTH
SHEEHAN	ROSE
1C	1H
INT	2C (1)
2NT	4C
4D	4S
6C	

- (1) Crowhurst

SESSION 2, BOARD 11,
Love All Dealer S.

MASTERS V. LONDON

		J1096		
		K1074		
		92		
		Q109		
854		N		AQ7
Q832				A96
K4	W		E	A10765
A742				KJ
		S		
		K32		
		JS		
		QJ83		
		8653		

S	W	N	E
SCHAPIRO	SILVERSTONE	TARLO	DIXON
PASS	PASS	PASS	1D
PASS	1H	PASS	2NT
PASS	3NT	(END)	

This deal featured a smart unlock by Boris Schapiro in the South seat. He led the deuce of spades, Tarlo playing the nine and the declarer, Dixon, won the queen. With many options open declarer first broached hearts, playing small to the queen, and the king won. Tarlo returned the jack of spades, won by the ace, and Schapiro dropped the king. A diamond was led to the king and another diamond played, to the ten and queen. Schapiro led the three of spades and Tarlo was able to win two spade tricks with the ten and six before exiting passively. Eight tricks were all that could be made.