

Bridge by Maurice Dennison

THE Lederer Memorial was played over the weekend of November 9/10 at Young Chelsea Bridge Club, and decisively won by the "Professionals"—a team so called as they play a lot rubber bridge; D. Edwin/R. Sampson—N. Selway/R. Smolski.

The runners-up were "Ireland" represented by B. Senior/P. Walshe—A. Mesbur/N. Fitzgibbon.

In the match between the "Professionals" and "England", Forrester and Lodge played their TRS system which includes a forcing pass (11-16 points) and opening bids on weak hands, a system which they had a hand in formulating.

In this case they were facing Selway and Smolski who played a similar system. This produced some surrealistic bidding sequences. Selway, for instance, found himself playing in 2C X with;

S: Q106432		S: 95
H: 65432	opposite	H: KQ109
D: A		D: J4
C: A		C: KQ1085.

On the next board Forrester held the North Cards:

S: AK42	Dealer
H: AK10954	E. Both Vul.
D: A	
C: A8	

S J7	S: 1086
H: J72	H: —
D: QJ62	D: 87543
C: Q542	C: KJ976

S: Q953
H: Q863
D: K109
C: 103

Selway	Lodge	Smolski	Forrester
East	South	West	North
1D (0-11)	P	P	X (T/O)
P	1H (Neg)	P	3H (Forcing)
P	?		

Lodge took a fair time to consider if this was forcing, and finally bid 4H, which did not inspire Forrester to continue. The Biter Bit??

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FALSE ILLUSION

Playing a TRS (Totally Random System) in the Lederer, Selway and Smolski bid the following to 6NT!

	SMOLSKI		Dealer E; Both Vul;
	S: 1073		
	H: AKQ85		
FLINT	D: AKQ	SHEEHAN	
S: KJ42	C: K7	S: 96	
H: 109		H: J3	
D: 973		D: 108654	
C: J632	SELWAY	C: Q984	
	S: AQ85		
	H: 7642		
	D: J2		
	C: A105		
EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
P	P(11-16)	P	1C (Game force)
P	1NT (11-14)	P	6NT!

In the other room, 6H failed on the lead of a spade but it is interesting that had Smolski showed his hearts he would have bid 2D! and the contract would be played by south and be impregnable. After a D lead, Selway played CK at trick two. Now on the run of the hearts, this sleigh of hand bamboozled Flint who held on to CJ63 and Selway produced his twelfth trick from spades!

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REWARDING PLAY

The hand I discussed last time also featured for the award for the best played hand in the Lederer Memorial Trophy.

	S: AQJ73	Dealer N: E/W Vul
	H: 65	
	D: J109	
S: K942	C: J108	S: 865
H: AKQB		H: 1094
D: K5		D: AQ76
C: AKQ	S: 10	C: 732
	H: J732	
	D: 8432	
	C: 9654	

Richard Sampson played 4H from the west hand after Rixie Markus had intervened with a S2 bid. He received a D lead. He played HA & K unblocking 10 & 9, cashed three clubs and two more diamond tricks, and then drew trumps finessing the H8. Now had north reduced to SAQ7, he was prepared to off-lead SK to smother S10 with south. As Rixie kept AQJ, a small spade guaranteed his overtrick. As the scoring included 'point a board' this was vital to win the hand.