

BRIDGE

The Lederer Memorial Trophy has enjoyed the title of the most prestigious invitation teams event in the British calendar for many years. This year was no exception and six very strong teams accepted invitations.

Clear winners were Tony Forrester, John Pottage, Sally Horton and Steve Lodge representing England. The Professionals, consisting of David Edwin, Richard Sampson, Norman Selway, Bob Rowlands and Henry Bethe, were second and the London team of Victor Silverstone, Chris Dixon, Irving Rose, Robert Sheehan and Zia Mahmood third.

England's win was by a large margin, 321 vp's against the runners-up with 268, but the Professionals gave them a hard time on this board.

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GAME ALL

	NORTH	
	♠876	
	♥Q105	
	♦J10	
	♣J9865	
WEST		EAST
♠KQ1095		♠43
♥K86		♥432
♦K83		♦AQ76
♣A2		♣10743
	SOUTH	
	♠AJ2	
	♥AJ97	
	♦9542	
	♣KQ	

With Professionals North-South, East passed and South opened one no-trump. Forrester passed as did North and East. The lead of the king of spades followed by a diamond switch saw declarer held to four tricks.

When Steve Lodge opened one no-trump Norman Selway saw fit to double. North ran to two clubs which East doubled. Rowlands led the four of spades, West won with the nine and continued with the King.

Declarer led a diamond, East won the queen and led a heart which West won with the king. Selway now played a top spade and made the fine play of cashing the king of diamonds, the defence's last side suit trick, and continued with a spade. Declarer ruffed with the nine and Rowlands threw his last heart. A trump was now led and ducked and a second trump taken with the ace, leaving:

NORTH

♠VOID
♥Q10
♦VOID
♣J8

WEST

♠5
♥86
♦8
♣VOID

EAST

♠VOID
♥VOID
♦A7
♣107

SOUTH

♠VOID
♥AJ
♦95
♣VOID

Selway now led his last spade and declarer was bound to lose two more tricks for a loss of 800. In fact the spade was ruffed and over-ruffed and Rowlands led the seven of diamonds, trying for 1100. Declarer, however, rose with the nine but the Professionals still registered an 11imp gain.

This hand won Selway and Rowlands the award for the Best Defended Hand of the competition. Spectator interest was very high this year and the sponsors of the event, the Young Chelsea Bridge Club are to be congratulated for their support and the playing and viewing conditions at the club.

Warwickshire CBA are organising a Schools Trophy competition for school teams to compete for a trophy donated by Mrs. Sheila Darby in memory of her husband Tony. The event is free of charge and takes place at the West Midlands BC on February 15, 1987. Entry is open to schools in Warwickshire and adjacent counties.

Entries, by December 15, to Mrs. Y. Andrews, 59 Glascoate Close, Solihull.

Bridge problem

You are West at teams-of-four and Game All.

You hold:

♠K86	♠AQ5
♥AQ4	♥75
♦1054	♦KJ98
♣J943	♣AQ108

Your contract of three no-trumps receives the lead of the three of hearts. South plays the king and you win the ace. How do you continue?

Answer on Page 7 of Monday's Post.

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