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**BRIDGE**

R. A. Friday

**Young winners**

THERE WAS a good attendance at the Lederer Memorial Trophy, which took place recently at the Young Chelsea Club. Bidding boxes were used, which made it easier for kibitzers to see, if not always comprehend, the auctions.

Among the 29 competitors there were 24 internationals, which indicates that this is probably the strongest team tournament in Britain. With an average score of 250 victory points, these were the leaders.

1 England	321 VP
2 Professionals (holders)	268
3 London	262
4 Ireland	252

The English players, Tony Forrester and John Pottage, Sally Horton and Steve Lodge, were the youngest team in the event and they won by an impressive margin. Although playing in unusual partnerships, they maintained the enterprise and concentration necessary to win a long point-a-board event.

Colin Simpson and I, playing for the journalists, both missed an opportunity to defeat an ambitious contract on the hand above.

West led ♥Q and declarer won the first trick in dummy with ♥K, while East discarded ♣3. At the second trick declarer led a diamond to ♦K, then played a spade to ♠Q and led a second diamond to ♦Q. After all these manoeuvres had succeeded he led a third diamond

Dealer West

Game All

♠ A 4 2	♠ 10 8 5 3
♥ Q J 10 9	♥ None
7 5	♦ A 9 4
♦ J 10 5	♣ A J 10 6
♣ 4	3 2

  

♠ K 9 6	
♥ A 8 3	
♦ K Q 7 6 3	
♣ K 8	

West (Simpson)	North (Fishpool)	East (Friday)	South (Greenwood)
2♥	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

and discarded ♥2 from dummy.

East won ♦A and switched to ♣J, but declarer was able to win with ♠K, knock out ♠A and make game with two spades, two hearts, four diamonds and a club.

Although it was difficult to spot at the table, I missed my chance at the first trick. If I had discarded ♦A on ♥Q, declarer would have been unable to make more than eight tricks, for West would have two entries in ♠A and ♦J to set up and enjoy his hearts.

My partner also missed an opportunity. At the third trick he could have risen with ♠A and continued with a high heart. Now it would not have been too difficult for me to jettison ♦A, again holding declarer to eight tricks.