

## Barry Rigal & Glyn Liggins:

The teams assembled for the 1987 Lederer Trophy were a star studded cast, powerful enough to support the widely-held view that this was the strongest invitation teams event ever organised in this country. This was the line-up:

**Holland** - Anton Mass, Kees Tammens, Carol van Oppen & Max Rabattu

**North America** - Eric Kokish, Mark Moïson, Drew Cannell & Michael Polowan

**Sweden** - Per-Olof Sundelin, Tommy Gullberg, Hans Goethe, Magnus Lindqvist & Bjorn Fallenius

**England** - Steve Lodge, Sally Horton, Sandra Landy & John Pottage

**Ireland** - Brian Senior, Rory Boland, Glyn Liggins & Andrew Robson

**Scotland** - Victor Silverstone, Barnet Shenkin, Derek Diamond & Victor Goldberg

**London** - Roman Smolski, Henry Bethe, John Collings & Tony Sowter

**Spring Fours Winners** - Bob Rowlands, David Carlisle, Gus Calderwood, Norman Selway, Richard Sampson & David Edwin

The Swedish national team were the pre-match favourites; they were on their way to Jamaica for the Bermuda Bowl. They took an early lead and never relinquished it, finishing a clear match ahead of the holders *England*.

All the defenders missed their chance here; can you as West do better?

East-West game; dealer East.

<p>♠ 853 ♥ A Q 10 8 6 ♦ K 10 ♣ K Q 3</p> <p>♠ A 10 7 ♥ 3 ♦ A J 9 6 ♣ A 10 7 4 2</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>W</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N			W	E		S		<p>♠ 9 4 ♥ J 9 7 4 ♦ Q 5 4 2 ♣ J 8 6</p> <p>♠ K Q J 6 2 ♥ K 5 2 ♦ 8 7 3 ♣ 9 5</p>
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When North-South reached four hearts the bad trump split led to an early defeat. Four spades by South needed a heart lead to pose any problems. Sally Horton did not give the contract its best chance when she won in dummy to lead a trump to hand, which was ducked. West won the second trump and played ace and another diamond. There was no entry back to hand (after ruffing the third round of clubs) to ruff a diamond so she had to go one off. But if Horton had had the jack of clubs, West's defence would have allowed an otherwise unmakeable contract to succeed.

Richard Sampson won the first trick in hand in order to play a club to the king. The right defence of winning the ace of clubs and underleading the ace of diamonds is easy to find double-dummy; perhaps South's failure to

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open a weak two-bid in spades should have persuaded West that this was unlikely to be costly. In fact he rose with the ace of clubs and played ace and a second diamond: there was no defence.

David Carlisle won the best-played hand by following the old *dictum*: When you are in a hopeless contract play for a lie of the cards, no matter how unlikely, that will enable you to succeed:

Game all; dealer South.

<p>♠ K 5 ♥ J 8 ♦ 7 5 3 ♣ A J 8 7 3 2</p>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>W</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N			W	E		S		<p>♠ A 8 ♥ A 5 ♦ K Q J 10 9 6 4 ♣ 10 4</p> <p>♠ 7 6 5 4 2 ♥ K Q 9 7 4 2 ♦ 8 ♣ 6</p> <p>♠ Q J 10 9 ♥ 10 6 3 ♦ A 2 ♣ K Q 9 5</p>
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When David Carlisle sat East against the *London* pair John Collings (North) and Tony Sowter (South) the auction proceeded: one spade — no bid — four spades to him. Naturally enough he tried five diamonds.

The defence began with the queen of spades that Carlisle won in hand, then to try the jack of diamonds. Sowter pounced on this with the ace and switched to a heart. Declarer now had one slim chance: one player had to hold the king-queen of hearts and no more than a singleton club. Carlisle won with the ace of hearts, drew the trumps, cashed the ace of clubs and king of spades and exited with a heart. North, with only major suit cards left, was forced to give a ruff and discard.

This board won the accolade for the best defended hand, for Barnet Shenkin and Victor Silverstone:

North-South game; dealer North.

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<p>West Lindquist</p> <p>2♣ (1) 2♥ (1) 2NT (1)</p>	<p>North Shenkin</p> <p>No No No</p>	<p>East Fallenius</p> <p>1♣ 2♦ 3NT</p>	<p>South Silverstone</p> <p>No No No all pass</p>
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(1) Relays

Shenkin, as North, knew that the East hand was minimum and balanced with four spades. He elected to lead the jack of spades, which *via* his methods denied a higher honour. To aid in the subterfuge, Victor Silverstone pestered to encourage. Now, on winning the ace of hearts, Shenkin continued with the ten and nine of spades. Declarer ducked, aiming to block the suit but Shenkin cashed the ace and three of spades for one down and a gain of ten imps. Finally the best bid hand award was given to Tommy Gullberg and Hans Goethe of *Sweden*.



Hans Goethe



Tommy Gullberg

against the "Irish" pair of Glyn Liggins and Andy Robson:

<p>♠ None ♥ A Q J 6 ♦ Q J 10 5 ♣ A Q J 8 3</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 9 3 ♥ 9 5 2 ♦ A 6 ♣ K 10 7 4</p>
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<p>West Gullberg</p> <p>Dble 3♣ 4♥ 6♣</p>	<p>North Robson</p> <p>1♣ No No No</p>	<p>East Goethe</p> <p>No 2♣ 4♦ 5♣</p>	<p>South Liggins</p> <p>No No No No</p>
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Goethe's response to the take-out double showed values (one no-trump would have been negative). Three spades showed the good club support with a spade shortage; Goethe cue-bid the ace of diamonds and that was all the information Gullberg needed. The heart finesse was wrong but the diamond finesse succeeded so twelve tricks were there. A very impressive performance from probably the best pair on show in this exciting 1987 Lederer Trophy.

Results

<p>1: <i>Sweden</i> 2: <i>England</i> 3: <i>Scotland</i> 4: <i>North America</i> 5: <i>Holland</i> 6: <i>London</i> 7: <i>Ireland</i> 8: <i>Spring Fours</i></p>	<p>VPs 287 239 234 222 203 171 171 151</p>
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