

# THE LEDERER MEMORIAL TROPHY

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This year's Invitation team event in London had a stroke of luck, catching the Swedish European team on their way out to Jamaica and the Canadian team on their way back from the Multihouse (see last issue). And the Young Chelsea B.C. who hosted the event had conveniently extended its playing space during the year allowing the extra spectators to be accommodated. Barry Rigal was the energetic organiser. The Press Service is excellent. Eric Bowtell describes the Best Bid hand in the Oxford Times.

S	W	N	E
1S	pass	pass	Dble
pass	2C(1)	pass	3S(2)
pass	4D(3)	pass	4H(4)
pass	5C	pass	6C

1. Natural, with values; 2. Splinter; 3. Suitable hand, with 1st and 2nd round diamond control; 4. Cue bid.

"The difficulty of bidding this excellent slam after an opposition opening bid is highlighted by the fact that only the Swedish pair, Gothe and Gullberg, got even close to it. Their systemic methods are to play a negative response of INT in this position and East could just splinter in support of clubs, and then (on receipt of what he knew to be a diamond cue bid) bid the slam in the expectation of it being no worse than one of two finesses: +1370 to Sweden.

"At the other table, Ireland's South played in 2S doubled for E-W to emerge +500."

"Sweden won this prestigious tournament by 287 to England's 239."

## Lederer's best bid

The reasons for the tremendous success of the recent Lederer Memorial Trophy are not difficult to pin-point: Barry Rigal's indefatigable enthusiasm in assembling an attractive field headed by Sweden, the European Champions, with teams representing England, Scotland, Ireland, Holland, North America, London and Woolwich, and the generous support of the event by the Young Chelsea Club, which included giving free use of the playing area, together with the encouragement that sponsorship will continue, which will ensure the future of one of the most attractive events in the country to play in.

The Young Chelsea, by arranging for major refurbishment of the premises, will have a venue with strong claims to be one of the most pleasant in the country and ideal for staging heats of the Gold Cup, etc. There was a satisfying increase in the number of spectators, many of whom admired this — the "Best-Bid Hand" of the tournament by Hans Gothe and Tommy Gullberg, of Sweden — sitting West-East at Game All, dealer South — in their match against Ireland.

Barry reported:

	♠ K 8 3	
	♥ 8 7 3	
	♦ 6 5 4 3	
	♣ 7 5 2	
W		E
♠ Q 10 9 4	♠ —	
♥ 10 9 2	♥ A Q J 4	
♦ A 8	♦ Q J 10 7	
♣ K 10 8 4	♣ A Q J 9 3	
	S	
	♠ A J 7 6 5 2	
	♥ K 6 5	
	♦ K 9 2	
	♣ 6	

BEST DEFENCE SCOTLAND V SWEDEN

North	East	South	West
Shenkin	Fallenius	Silverstone	Lindqvist
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3NT		

NS Vulnerable  
Dealer North

\* Shape relays

♠ A J 10 9 3			
♥ A 10 9			
♦ 9 7			
♣ 10 7 3			
♠ Q	N	♠ K 6 4 2	
♥ K Q 5 4	W E	♥ J 3 2	
♦ A 8 6 2	S	♦ K J 5 4	
♣ Q J 5 2		♣ A 4	
	♠ 8 7 5		
	♥ 8 7 6		
	♦ Q 10 3		
	♣ K 9 8 6		

Barnet Shenkin was on lead against 3NT, having heard his left-hand opponent open 1♠. He selected ♠J (denying a higher honour), and when Victor Silverstone was asked by declarer about the lead style he realised the possibility of the false card, so petered in spades to encourage the suit!

Shenkin ducked the first heart, won the second, and continued with the nine and ten of spades, declarer ducking in an attempt to block the suit. So Barnet cashed his other two spade winners for one down and a 10 imp gain.

R E S U L T S	1st	Sweden	287
	2nd	England	239
	3rd	Scotland	234
	4th	North America	222
	5th	Holland	203
	6th	London	171
	7th	Ireland	171
	8th	Woolwich	151

Sweden	P O Sundelin M Lindqvist	H Göthe B Fallenius	T Gullberg
England	Mrs S Landy Mrs S Horton	J F Pottage	S Lodge
Scotland	V Goldberg B Shenkin	D Diamond	V Silverstone

PRIZES

- Best played hand: David Carlisle  
 Best defended hand: Barnet Shenkin & Victor Silverstone  
 Best bid hand: Hans Gothe & Tommy Gullberg

Most humorous incident: Sandra Landy  
 (When inquiring what her opponent's discards meant, and being told they were odd-even, she asked for elucidation: but she cut short the tedious details by saying, "It doesn't matter - I can't remember what he played anyway!").