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# Contract Bridge

THE Young Chelsea Bridge Club sponsored this year's Lederer Memorial Trophy — Britain's most prestigious invitational teams championship.

The event was played in the club's excellent premises and eight teams of international standard competed. The Swedish team won, with a strong English team in second position.

The E/W sequence on this deal won the best bidding prize:

Dealer South  
 Game all

S K83			
H 873			
D 6543			
C 752			

  

S Q1094			
H 1092	N	S	
D A8	W	E	H AQJ4
C K1084	S		D QJ107
			C AQJ93

  

S AJ7652			
H K65			
D K92			
C 6			

Bidding: S — 1S; W and N pass; E — Double; W — 2C (a positive with clubs); E — 3S (agreeing clubs; spade void/singleton); W — 4D (cuebid); E — 4H (cuebid); W — 5C; E — 6C. This was an excellent contract, depending on one of the red kings being favourably placed.

On the next deal, South was adjudged to have made the best played hand.

Dealer West

S K5			
H J8			
D 753			
C AJ8732			

  

S QJ109			S 76542
H 1063	N		H KQ9742
D A2	W	E	D 8
C KQ95	S		C 6

  

S A8			
H A5			
D KQJ10964			
C 104			

West opened 1S. North passed, East jumped to 4S, and South's 5D was passed out.

South won the opening trick with the SA and followed with

the DQ, which West did well to win with the ace and switch to a heart. The declarer won with the ace, drew the outstanding trump, cashed the CA and the SK, and exited with the HJ. East won and was end-played. Whatever he led, South would be able to ruff in dummy and discard his losing club.

E/W won the prize for the best defended hand with this joint effort.

Dealer West  
 E/W Game

S K642			
H J32			
D KJ54			
C A4			

  

S AJ1093			
H A109	N	S	S 875
D 97	W	E	H 876
C 1073	S		D Q103
			C K986

  

S Q			
H KQ54			
D A862			
C QJ52			

Against South's 3NT, West led the SJ; South unwisely asked various questions about E/W's style of leads, and this alerted East to the probable distribution. So East started an encouraging peter with the S8, and South won with the SQ. Hearts were tackled and West won the third round and led the S10, ducked in dummy and East completed his peter with the S5. West then continued with the S9 and dummy ducked again.

We can all appreciate South's embarrassment when West then cashed the SA.

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