

Bridge *29/10/88*

England wins the Lederer trophy

THE annual Lederer Memorial Trophy took place recently in London. Teams playing were England, Scotland, Poland (en route to Olympiad), Crockford winners, Ireland (also en route to Olympiad), London, Gold Cup winners and ladies. There were prizes for best played hand, best defended and best bid. See how you would bid the following:

N/s vul, east dealer passes. South looking at S:Q9, H:A963, D:AQ84, C:K109 opens one heart, north responding one spade. When south rebids one no-trump (15-16) the ball is now in north's court looking at S:KJ632, H:J, D:K1095, C:AJ8 — what should he rebid?

If north settles for 3 n.t.'s that is where they play, but Greenwood and Fishpool found a

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much better auction. North rebid three diamonds and over south's three spades converted to three no-trumps.

Now, with good cards in his partner's suit, plus good controls, south went on with four diamonds and bid the slam over the five club cue bid. East led a club which solves any problems in that suit for declarer, but with both spades and diamonds breaking evenly it would have been very difficult for declarer to go down.

The winners were the England team of Jeremy Flint, Rob Sheehan, Sally Horton and Steve Lodge with a score of 286, Scotland second with 225.