



BRIDGE

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THE Lederer Memorial Trophy, held annually on the first weekend in October, is for invited teams — eight this year. It was played at The Young Chelsea Club which sponsored the event again. The results were: England, Scotland, Poland (National team en route for Olympiad), Crockfords winners, Ireland (National team en route for Olympiad), London, Gold Cup winners, Ladies. The teams played 12 boards against each of the other teams. There were two sessions of 24 boards on the Saturday and one of 36 boards on the Sunday. It made very interesting viewing.

The following hand was rated the best defended hand. Dealer E, game all.

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S:2			
H:10976			
D:975			
C:109643			
S:Q10873			S:KJ4
H:A532	W	E	H:J
D:Q8			D:J1032
C:7			C:AKQJ8
S			
S:A965			
H:K84			
D:AK64			
C:52			

The match was Ladies v England. When Steve Lodge and Sally Horton were E/W v Liz MacGowan and Sandra Penfold, the bidding went:

W	N	E	S
—	—	1D	X
1S	P	3S	P
4S	P	P	P

E/W were playing a strong club opening, so E had to bid 1D. This had the salutary effect of inhibiting the defence from leading a diamond. MacGowan chose a heart, so Horton was able to cross-ruff in hearts and clubs for ten tricks.

At the other table, Nicola Smith and Pat Davies were E/W v Rob Sheehan and Jeremy Flint. The bidding went:

—	—	1C	X
1S	P	2S	P
3H	P	4S	end

Sheehan led 7D (MUD), but when his partner took with the KD and continued with AD, Sheehan petered. Normally in MUD you play the highest card on the second round so that partner can tell whether you hold a doubleton or trebleton. From Sheehan's side of the table, the deception was not likely to cost and might fool declarer into some wrong decisions. It was highly successful. Davies played for a 5-2 diamond break in diamonds and ruffed the third round high. She then played a trump to dummy. Flint took immediately so that the trump break remained hidden from declarer. Consequently on the fourth round of diamonds, Davies played for the 68 per cent 3-2 trump break, ruffed high again and was one off on the actual 4-1 trump break.

At another table, Silverstone for Scotland, also was in 4S after S had shown 4 or 5 diamonds. Again a diamond was led, possibly from a doubleton. He too ruffed the third diamond high then cashed two clubs, pitching a heart. On the third high club, S discarded a heart — if S ruffs low at this stage, W can cross-ruff for the contract. W discarded a second heart then played to AH and ruffed a heart. When the JC was led, S ruffed with AS and returned 6D. Now W has to guess the spade position. Silverstone did well to play S for

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