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The play-off of the Lederer Memorial Trophy was something of a departure from the norm. There were eight invited teams and these included the English squad for Venice,

the Polish team for Venice and the British Ladies, also en route with Ireland for Venice, were there too. So there was a really international flavour.

The English team, Jeremy Flint, Rob Sheehan, Sally Horton and Steve Lodge, won handsomely with 286 V.P., 61 V.P. ahead of Scotland with Poland third.

Let's look at some of the more amusing hands. Some defenders never get a chance to torture declarer, but Poland's Szymenaski, sitting North and playing against British Ladies Michele Brunner and Sandra Landy, got his money's worth of fun out of this hand. The girls overbid to 7♦ (7NT is better if you must play a Grand Slam) and Szymenaski had the pleasure of ducking the first trump when declarer took the diamond finesse. The agony when declarer crossed to dummy to repeat the finesse was so much increased by the increased expectation that it did not matter that he had put his own partner through the wringer!

I have some more good hands from the event which I hope to show you later on. I went, as usual, to present the Cup and it gave me great pleasure that our boys won it.