



## Iceland captures Lederer title

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Each year there are two major invitational events in London. The first is a January pair event sponsored by *The Sunday Times*.

The autumn event is the Lederer Memorial Teams. Competitors are the best teams from Britain challenging leading European teams.



Jonsson

The event is sponsored by the Young Chelsea Bridge Club and the TGR (The Great Rose) Club, a new operation in Mayfair for those who like high-stakes rubber bridge — anything from \$1 per hundred to \$2 per point.

The eight invited teams played a round-robin of 12-board matches against each other. The scoring system is one of the most difficult on which to judge tactics. Sixty Victory Points are at stake in each match. Twenty-four of the VPs are allocated to a board-a-match format — a tie on a board earns 1 VP — and the rest to IMPs. If you win a game swing, you get 10 IMPs or so and you also win 2 VPs for the board. Drop an overtrick and you lose 1 IMP and the 2 board-a-match VPs.

Thus, the judgment needed is halfway between teams and pairs. On high contracts, as in teams, you must play to make, but on the part-scores you are tempted to go all out for that extra trick. Quite fascinating.

The British teams included the junior squad which came in fourth in the Junior European Championship in France last year. They started well, defeating two

teams — London and The Professionals, a squad which included the legendary John Collins.

The youngsters lost to Iceland in disastrous style in the first match of the second day. They took average on their last two matches, but finished on the bottom. Still, they showed a lot of good bridge.

Iceland (Jon Baldursson, Saevar Thorbjornsson, Thorlakur Jonsson and Gudmundur Arnarson) was defeated by Ireland and thrashed by The Professionals, but they gained enough from the other teams to win by half a match over the TGR Club team (Robert Sheehan, Munir Atta-Ullah, Boris Schapiro, Irving Gordon, Colin Simpson and Bob Brinig). England (David Price, Brian Senior, Glyn Liggins and Andy Robson) was third.



Baldursson

The Professionals got a spectacularly good result on this board, gaining 15 IMPs.

Dir: North	♠ AKQ72	
Vul: Both	♥ K8	
	♦ 54	
	♣ KJ43	
♠ 106		♠ 8
♥ QJ9743	W N E	♥ A62
♦ K62	W E	♦ AQJ973
♣ 72	S	♣ A98
		♠ J9543
		♥ 105
		♦ 108
		♣ Q1065