

**BRIDGE**

**Icelanders show  
championship  
form at Lederer  
Trophy event**

I am grateful to Christine Duckworth, the tournament organiser, for the results of the 1992 Lederer Memorial Trophy, played over the weekend of October 31-November 1.

The Icelanders had a comfortable win; they led the tournament all the way after the second round and the consistency of their play showed why they are the world champions.

The battle for second was very close. England had a very slow start and did well to climb to second place going into the last round, but they were overtaken by TGR in the last match. In fact all the teams were in contention for most of the way. It was a heavy loss (58-2) to Iceland which pushed the Juniors right down the field.

**Best played:**

Awarded to Glynn Liggins (England) who was the only declarer to make 4♠ on a board from the third match . . .

Both vulnerable.

	N		
	♠ 10 5		
	♥ 10 9 8 7		
	♦ 10		
	♣ Q 10 9 7 4 3		
W		E	
♠ A J 6 4		♠ K 9 8 7	
♥ 5 3		♥ Q J 6	
♦ K 5 3		♦ A 7 6 4 2	
♣ A 6 5 2		♣ J	
	S		
	♠ Q 3 2		
	♥ A K 4 2		
	♦ Q J 9 8		
	♣ K 8		

W	N	E	S
INT	pass	2♠	double
2♠	pass	4♠	all pass

South's double shows strong without length.

Helped by the auction, Glynn played the hand immaculately.

On the lead of the ♦10 he won the king and played a spade to the king and finessed the jack on the way back.

Knowing that North had no more spades, he played a diamond and when North discarded, ducked to South who returned ♣K.

Winning with the ace, Glynn drew the last trump and played ♦A and ruff.

He now used the last trump in dummy to ruff a club (and South's exit card) cashed the diamond and played ♥Q, thus end-playing South.

**Best bid:**

Only two pairs bid a good slam on board 13 from the second match. The Icelanders Jon Baldursson and Saevar Thorbjornsson used their complicated strong club relay system to reach 6♥, whilst David Price and Brian Senior, of the England team, bid it naturally.

The audience at the prize-giving was polled to determine the better auction and voted for the Icelanders, who were duly presented with the prize (two bottles of malt whisky each).

In a sporting gesture, Baldursson then announced that theirs was the better system but the others were the better bidders, and handed across one of the bottles to Price and Senior.

**Best lead:**

Unfortunately this fine slam went off on a diamond lead and an unlucky lie of the cards. The lead was marked on the Icelanders' auction, but by popular acclaim Michele Handley was awarded a subsidiary prize for best lead, for finding a diamond against England.

**Best defence:**

This was not awarded during the event, no hand being deemed worthy. Post-analysis of the hands revealed a terrific defence by Phil Souter and Danny Davis of the Juniors on the very last board, however, so a belated award was decided upon.

Souter and Davies defeated a game that was made at every other table on similar lines of play.