

# BRIDGE Terence Reese

North

♠ 10 4

♥ 10 8 6

♦ A Q J 4

♣ J 9 6 2

West

♠ 8 7

♥ K Q J 4

♦ K 8 5 3 2

♣ A 4

East

♠ A K Q J

♥ A 9 7 5 2

♦ 10 9 6

♣ K

South

♠ 9 6 5 3 2

♥ 3

♦ 7

♣ Q 10 8 7 5 3

**Dealer West E-W vulnerable**

Perhaps the lesson of this deal from the Lederer Cup is that if you have made a wildly adventurous call at a late stage of the auction you must not panic when partner doubles the opponents at slam level. Unal Durmus committed this fault on the deal above, despite the fact that he was playing with Bob Rowlands, an

accomplished veteran if ever there was one.

Vi Mitchell, for a team of ladies, opened as West with One Diamond and bidding then proceeded:

| South | West | North    | East |
|-------|------|----------|------|
| -     | 1D   | No       | 1H   |
| No    | 2H   | No       | 4S   |
| 5C    | 5H   | 5NT      | 6H   |
| No    | No   | dbld     | No   |
| 7C    | dbld | all pass | -    |

Jane Preddy's leap to Four Spades seems a trifle excessive, in the sense that Three Spades would have had the same sort of meaning, or so one would imagine.

Seven Clubs doubled was five down. The most common score on the deal was 500 for Five Clubs doubled. This is the par result, in the sense that 10 tricks in hearts is the limit for East-West after a diamond lead.