

The Lederer Memorial

Dealer West

♠ 9 5
♥ 7 2
♦ K J 10
♣ A 9 6 5 4
2

♠ 8 4 2
♥ A K 6
♦ A Q 4 2
♣ K 7 3



♠ A Q 3
♥ Q J 10 8 4
♦ 9 8 7 6 3
♣ None

Love All

♠ K J 10 7 6
♥ 9 5 3
♦ 5
♣ Q J 10 8

Bidding

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass

The 1992 Lederer Memorial competition takes place next weekend at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club in London. As usual eight teams have been invited and the field includes the current world champions from Iceland, the holders from Ireland and most of the leading players in the UK. There will also be teams representing English women and English juniors.

Some stimulating kibitzing can be anticipated and the three sessions of play start at 2pm and 8pm on Saturday, 31st October and at 1pm on Sunday 1st November.

Entry is £3 per session or £6 for all three sessions with half price for students and senior citizens.

Claude Rodrigue was for many years a keen competitor in the Lederer Trophy, which was first presented in 1946. He showed his skill as declarer on the deal, left.

Playing the weak no-trump, North's 1NT rebid indicated a balanced hand of 15-16 points. South forced to game with 3♦ and North showed useful cards with a jump to 4♥. South offered a mild slam suggestion by cue bidding 4♣ and North made an unjustified leap to 6♥.

West led ♥7 and it was clear that exceptional luck was needed. Both spade and diamond finesses would have to succeed and it seemed as though the adverse diamonds would have to break 2-2. Rodrigue found a way to improve the position.

He drew three rounds of trumps and then finessed ♦Q and cashed ♦A. When the diamonds failed to break, Rodrigue realised that he still had a chance if West held ♣A and only two spades. He therefore finessed ♣Q, cashed ♣A and exited with a diamond.

West won ♦K and, only holding clubs at this point, tried to cash ♣A. Declarer ruffed ♣A, entered dummy by overtaking ♦3 with ♦4 and discarded ♣3 on ♣K. He won the last two tricks with ♥Q and ♦9.

ANSWERS

4 ♠ 9 6 + ♠ 8 5 3
NT: ♠ K Q 7 4, ♥ 6 + and ♣ 5 + ♠ 7
CHESS: 1. Rxb7+! Kxb7 2. Nge5+ Bxe5 (or Kb6 3.

ELIMINATION: ♠ 4 3 5 6 2 0 3 4 c 1 0 3 3
P 36 25 6 5 11 f 12 26 8 14 23 5 28 21 1 24 37 32 3
K 22 31 1 19 13 m 1 8 n 17 4 o 15 18 p 7 27 4 2 3 0
r 16 29.

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Dealer South

♠ K 9 8 7
♥ Q J 6
♦ A 7 6 4 2
♣ J

♠ 10 5
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ 10
♣ Q 10 9 7
4 3



♠ A J 6 4
♥ 5 3
♦ K 5 3
♣ A 6 5 2

Game All

♠ Q 3 2
♥ A K 4 2
♦ Q J 9 8
♣ K 8

Eight teams competed in a round robin competition and these were the leading positions:-

1. Iceland 260 vp
2. TGR Club (sponsors) 225
3. England 221

Glyn Liggins, playing for England, won the award for the best played hand on the deal, left.

South opened a weak 1NT, North introduced Stayman and East's double indicated a strong balanced hand. After South had shown four spades, North had no hesitation in jumping to game.

West led the singleton ♠10 and Liggins, the declarer, won in hand with ♠K, played to ♠K and successfully finessed ♠J. Knowing that West had no more trumps declarer led a diamond and, when West discarded a club, declarer ducked in dummy. East won with ♠9 and returned ♠K.

Declarer won ♣A and played off ♠A, extracting East's last trump. He then cashed ♠A, ruffed a diamond with ♣6 and ruffed a club with dummy's ♠9. After winning the established fifth diamond declarer exited with ♥Q, knowing, from his double that East must hold both the top hearts.

East played off ♥K and ♥A but was forced to concede the final trick to dummy's ♥J. Not surprisingly no other declarer made this contract.

Bidding

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	2♣	Double	2♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	Pass

THE 1992 Lederer Memorial Trophy, which was played earlier this month at the Young Chelsea Club in London, attracted an enthusiastic audience who were able to watch the play at the table or on Vu-Graph. In the English calendar the Lederer remains as one of the few team events of genuine quality.

Two foreign teams were invited this year, Ireland, who won the 1991 event, and Iceland. Iceland are the current holders of the Bermuda Bowl and they showed their world championship form with a comfortable victory in the Lederer.