

# BRIDGE

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Two of London's clubs, the Young Chelsea and TGR, sponsored the 1992 Lederer Memorial Trophy event. Eight teams were invited and the convincing winners were four of the reigning world champions from Iceland. A team of six representing TGR were runners-up.

Board 13 from the second round match was both lucky and unlucky for Iceland. Here it is:

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Dealer, North; game all

West	North	East	South
Gordon	Thorb- Jornsson	Schapiro	Baldursson
—	1♠	pass	2♣*
pass	2♥ (1)	pass	2♠*
pass	3♣ (2)	pass	3♦*
double	3♥ (3)	pass	3♠*
pass	4♣ (4)	pass	6♥ (end)

- \*Relay bids (1) 5 spades and 3 hearts  
 (2) 3 diamonds and 2 clubs  
 (3) 5 controls (ace=2, king=1)  
 (4) Spade control, nothing in diamonds

This was judged the best bidding sequence of the weekend so Iceland was lucky. After inquiring the meaning of the various bids and assisted by my partner's double, I led the ace of diamonds. The excellent slam then foundered on the rocks of distribution.

There was another award, achieved by Michelle Handley playing for the British Ladies. She found the best lead of the five of diamonds on the above hand in the match against England. This was the auction:

West	North	East	South
Handley	Price	Landy	Senior
—	1♠	pass	2♥
pass	2NT	pass	3♠
pass	4♥	pass	4NT
pass	5♠	pass	6♥ (end)

Two No Trumps was forcing (15+) and Five Spades was Key-card Roman Blackwood indicating two aces and the queen of trumps.