

BEST BID - MESBUR & FITZGIBBON, IRELAND
HAND

LEDERER 1993

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HAND: 11

SESSION: 3

VUL: LOVE ALL

DEALER: S

	♠ 853	
	♥ J94	
	♦ K4	
	♣ K10873	
♠ J76		♠ 10942
♥ K873		♥ Q1065
♦ 1092		♦ J76
♣ J92		♣ 64
	N	
	W+E	
	S	
	♠ AKQ	
	♥ A2	
	♦ AQ853	
	♣ AQ5	

TEAMS:

① WALES v ACOL

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IRELAND v LONDON

BIDDING:

S	W	N	E	S	W	N	E
PATRICK JOURDAIN		TONY RATCLIFF		ADAM MESBUR		NICK FITZGIBBON	
2♦*	P	2♥*	P	1♣*	P	1♥*	P
2NT	P	4♣	P	2♦	P	3♣	P
5NT*	P	6♣*	P	4♣	P	4♦	P
6♦*	P	6NT	P	4♥	P	6♣	P
7♣	P	P	P	7♣	P	P	P

PLAY:

The excellent 7♣ was bid by two pairs only - many pairs missed slam completely. Jourdain & Ratcliff had the only natural system auction, helped by the game forcing 2NT rebid, North was better placed for a try. But their grand slam tries had less certainty than in the Blue Club auction of Mesbur & Fitzgibbon. They were able to find the fit and safely show the key cards in North's hand in four bids, as a result of the limiting nature of the 1♥ response (6+ HCP but less than 3 controls) and the lower level of the auction.