

BEST DEFENDED HAND - JOHN REARDON & RICHARD BUTLAND,
SOUTH OF ENGLAND

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HAND: 12

SESSION: 2

VUL: NS

DEALER: W

		♠ AK1043		
		♥ 854		
		♦ AK9		
		♣ Q6		
♠ Q875			N	♠ J9
♥ QJ6			W+E	♥ K3
♦ 8			S	♦ QJ106543
♣ K10542				♣ 93
		♠ 62		
		♥ A10972		
		♦ 72		
		♣ AJ87		

TEAMS:

WALES v SOUTH OF ENGLAND

SOUTH OF ENGLAND v WALES

BIDDING:

S	W	N	E	S	W	N	E
JIM LUCK	NICOLA SMITH	MIKE HIRST	PAT DAVIES	RICHARD BUTLAND	PETER GOODMAN	JOHN REARDON	FILIP KURBALIJA
	P	1♠	3♦*		P	1♠	4♦
X*	P	3N	P	X*	P	P	P
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PLAY: When S. England were EW on this board they tried a normal enough weak 3♦ overall of the 1♠ opening. This left their opponents room to bid 3NT which made in some comfort. The swing on the board depends on the action at the other table where Kurbalija, for Wales, overcalled a pushing 4♦. Now NS defended this contract doubled and had to beat it by four tricks to gain +800 and win the board. Butland led a spade to Reardon's K and the ♥5 was returned to the K and A. Now Butland appreciated the power of his ♦7 and went for a trump promotion. He cashed his ♣A and led his remaining spade to the A, getting a ♠ return which declarer had to ruff high. Declarer crossed to the ♣K and tried the ♦8 off dummy but Reardon won with the A to play another spade. Declarer could ruff high once more but now had to lose two tricks to the K and 9 of diamonds. That was four down and a winning board on a beautifully defended hand.