

BEST PLAYED

This was won by Glyn Liggins for London, for the second time in three years! This was the hand:

Dealer West, North/South vulnerable

Q 9 7 3 2		S	W	N	E
Q 8 5					
Q 6 5			1H	Pass	2D*
K J		Pass	2H	Pass	2S*
		Pass	2NT*	Pass	3H*
		Pass	4H	All pass	
K 6 5	A J 10				
A J 10 9 6 4	K 7 2				
J 2	K 9 7 3				
Q 6	A 9 8				
8 4					
3					
A 10 8 4					
10 7 5 4 3 2					

Liggins was West and opened a natural 1H. 2S from East, Andrew Dyson, forced to game and Glyn repeated his suit. 2S was a relay, 2NT showing a 6 card suit and 3H showed interest. Possibly Liggins

could have bid 3NT at this point, which is excellent played from West - perhaps it would have not been natural but accepting a slam try? Anyway, the play's the thing.

Declarer received a helpful spade lead, but still had a lot of work to do. He cashed two top hearts and got the bad news. He continued by cashing the spades before exiting in hearts. North, Marchessinin, was able to exit with a fourth spade which was ruffed by West. Now Glyn cashed another trump to leave this position:

9	
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Q x	
K J	
-	-
x	-
J x	K 9 x
Q x	A 9
-	
-	
A 10	
10 x x	

The last heart was now played and North could not afford a C or D, so threw his last S. A D was discarded from East and now S has a problem. He chose to throw a C rather than bare his DA, which would have allowed Liggins simply to establish a D winner. Now two rounds of clubs gave N the lead. He had no choice but to try a small diamond, but Glyn hadn't come this far to get this wrong!

MOST HUMOROUS COMMENT

It is traditional at the Lederer to award a special prize to the reporter of the funniest remark or incident. This went to our Tournament Director, John Probst, who related how he entered one of the playing rooms to let the players know how the time for the round was passing. The following ensued:

Probst: "Gentlemen, you have 30 minutes remaining in this round"

Martin Hoffman: (in plaintive tones) "But I still have one board to play"