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Britain's most prestigious invitation team event was held at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club on 12/13<sup>th</sup> October. The format is eight invited teams playing 12 board matches with a total of 60 VPs at stake in each match, 24 on two points-a-board (win, draw, or lose); and the remaining 36 on net i.m.p.s. (51 = 36-0)

### BEST BID AWARD

Justin & Jason Hackett

Board 24 (rotated); Dealer South; Love all.

♠ Q 10	♠ J 8
♥ A 9 3	♥ K Q 5 2
♦ A 9 8 7 5	♦ Q J 10 4 2
♣ K Q 7	♣ A 4

Three tables reached *Six* Diamonds, one stopped in *Five* which failed when the diamond finesse lost, one in *3NT* losing the first six spades. This was the twins' auction:

Jason	Justin
1NT (14-16)	2♣ (Stayman, 5 card major?)
2♦ (No 5 card M)	2♠ (I have four hearts)
2NT	3♦ (Forcing & Natural)
3♥	4♥
Pass	

The defenders cashed two spades (leader held: ♠ A 9 7 5 4 3 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ K 6 ♣ J 8) and the diamond finesse failed, but the trumps broke 3-3 for the game to make.

The IBPA Editor began at the Commentary table where he acquired two stories about the same deal which went on to win the Best Play and Best Defence Awards:

Board 4	♠ K	
Dlr: West	♥ 10 6 5 2	
Game all	♦ Q 6 5	
	♣ Q J 9 7 6	
♠ Q 9 5 2		♠ A J 8 7
♥ K J 8		♥ A 7 4 3
♦ J 8 2		♦ 10 7
♣ A 10 3		♣ K 4 2
	♠ 10 6 4 3	
	♥ Q 9	
	♦ A K 9 4 3	
	♣ 8 5	

**BEST PLAY (Recovery!): Zia Mahmood**

London v. All Stars Round 1

Author: Patrick Jourdain

West	North	East	South
Zia	Callaghan	Rubin	Burn
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♠	2♦	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	All pass

Zia and Ronnie Rubin, a former world bridge and backgammon champion, stopped at the apparently safe level of Three Spades. But golfer Zia put his second shot in the bushes and had to find a brilliant recovery shot to make his par.

North, Brian Callaghan, led a diamond, which David Burn won to switch to a club. Zia won in hand and led the QUEEN of spades, covered by king and ace, and came back with a successful heart finesse of the jack, to lead another trump. When North showed out, Zia produced an expression which Burn described as: "The Pakistani equivalent of "Merde!""

Zia put in the seven, and South won the ten to play another club, taken by dummy's king. The heart suit can be picked up, but not unblocked, because South has four trumps, and only two hearts. Zia drew all the trumps ending in hand. On the last trump North had to keep all his hearts and a winning club, so was forced to part with the crucial six of diamonds. Zia cashed the heart king, dropping South's queen. Then, though there was no outside entry to dummy, he ran the eight of hearts, North, of course, withholding the ten. Zia now exited with a club to North.

When North tried to exit with the queen of diamonds, South had a problem with no solution. If he overtook he would have to concede the last trick to West's jack of diamonds; if he left North on play with the queen, North would have to concede the last trick to dummy's ace of hearts.

In my report I described this ending as a Stepping-Stone Winkle!

At the other table London were in an ambitious Three Notrumps which made when North led queen of clubs, and declarer picked up the spades, and three hearts.

**BEST DEFENCE:**

**Willie Coyle & Victor Silverstone**

Holdings v. Premier League Winners/Britain

Author: Patrick Jourdain

West	North	East	South
Justin H. Coyle		Jason H. Silverstone	
1♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	All pass		

In typical fashion the Hackett twins pressed to Four Spades, West making what for them is a normal opening, and East showing a balanced raise to game.

North, Willie Coyle, led the queen of clubs, and Justin won in dummy to start with a successful heart finesse (a slightly premature move he was to regret later). Next came a low spade and the appearance of the king. If the hearts were worth only three tricks, declarer needed a diamond ruff, so he followed with a low diamond from dummy. Silverstone went in with the king and played a second club. Justin won this and made the good play of crossing to dummy with the jack of trumps to lead the second diamond off the dummy.

If Silverstone had gone in with the ~~king~~ <sup>ace</sup> declarer makes eleven tricks! (South can play a heart, but West wins, ruffs a diamond, returns with a finesse of the spade nine, and draws the last trump squeezing North).

Silverstone saw that he needed North to hold the diamond queen, and played low when the second diamond was led. Justin tried the JACK (South might have held all the top diamonds), but North won. Now Coyle cashed his winning club, on which South ditched the queen of hearts. A heart ruff defeated the game.

At the other table East/West were in Three Spades up two.

This deal between the Journalists and the All-Stars led to the Most Humorous Remark Award for Gunnar Hallberg of the All-Stars:

Board 5	♠ None		
Dlr: North	♥ A Q 8 7 3		
N/S Game	♦ A K 5 4 3		
	♣ K Q J		
♠ Q 9 7		♠ A K J 2	
♥ 10		♥ J 9 6 4 2	
♦ 9 7 2		♦ Q J 10 6	
♣ A 10 8 7 4 2		♣ None	
	♠ 10 8 6 5 4 3		
	♥ K 5		
	♦ 8		
	♣ 9 6 5 3		
West	North	East	South
Zia	Armstrong	Rubin	Jourdain
	1♥	Pass	1♠
3♣	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Dble	All pass

John Armstrong and I used "Bulgarian" (i.e. the methods of Nevena Deleva- Senior). Two level suit openings are all weak, so one bids can be enormous. I felt compelled to respond. Three Hearts was a sign-off but Armstrong went on to game and ran into a double. On the top spade lead declarer might have settled for his two diamond tricks and cross-ruff seven trumps, but on a different line went two light. 500 to East-West did not look good for the Journalists. However....

West	North	East	South
Senior	Hallberg	Hoffman	Wright
	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♠	Dble	Pass	3♣
Dble	All pass		

All-Stars is a name for the best known high stake rubber bridge players at TGR's. Gunnar Hallberg of Sweden made a take-out double of Two Spades on the North cards. His partner, Lionel Wright of New Zealand held six trumps. If he passes and leads a trump, East should go two light, but Wright recalled past occasions where declarer had scrambled home, and removed to Three Clubs (note that the All-Stars attempted to play this contract at BOTH tables). Brian Senior doubled and collected 1100 for the Journalists.

"I didn't feel I could pass the double," said Wright apologetically. "Would you have felt more comfortable with an extra trump?," replied Hallberg sharply.