

LEDERER '98

C  
C  
B  
A

LONDON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE

presents the

LEDERER MEMORIAL TROPHY

sponsored by

Young Chelsea BC

### BEST PLAY: Andrew Robson

Love all, Dealer West

**Robson**

J 8 5 3  
Q J  
A 7 6  
10 8 5 4

**Erichsen**

K 10 7  
K 9 6 5 2  
K Q 9 8 4

**N**  
**W + E**  
**S**

**Charlsen**

A Q 9 6 4  
A 10 8  
5  
A J 6 3

**Zia**

2  
7 4 3  
J 10 3 2  
K Q 9 7 2

The bidding was as follows:

W	N	E	S
1♥	P	1♠	P
2♦	P	3♣	X
3♠	P	4NT	P
5♦	P	6♠	All pass

Unusually this year, the best play was awarded to a defender rather than declarer.

The ♣K was led, won by the ace, and Charlsen played a diamond to the king and ace. At this point at every other table where the slam was bid, North continued clubs with the aim of setting up a trump trick, but Andrew Robson took time to count declarer's tricks. He realised that twelve tricks were available on a complete cross ruff and so made the master play of switching to a trump away from his jack to four.

Although on the actual lie of the cards, the contract could still be made, declarer followed the natural line of trying to set up the diamonds. When spades broke 4-1 he lost control and had to go two down.