



# Full house as Irish win thrilling Lederer contest

MORE spectators than ever before turned out for this year's Lederer Trophy contest at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club and they were not disappointed. 'Just about 100 per cent full,' reported Simon Cochemé, tournament manager of this 58th staging of the event.

The onlookers saw some brilliant players in action (17 of them due to go on to play for various countries in the World Olympiad in Istanbul) and they were privileged to witness a thrilling finish in which play of the final hand of the match between the President's team and the England team gave victory to Ireland and meant the Holders had to be content with the runners-up spot.

Eight invited teams were engaged in battle, playing 12-board matches against each other over the two days of this hugely popular gathering of the stars.

Holdes (Phil King, Andrew McIntosh, David Bakhshi and Andrew Robson) were defending their title against five mainly English teams and two overseas teams – the Canadian seniors on their way to Istanbul for the Olympiad and four of the Irish Olympiad team.

Bernard Teltscher, president of the London Metropolitan Bridge Association and main sponsor of the Lederer, led the President's Team that included Zia Mahmood. The 2003 Gold Cup winners were in the line-up, as were the winners of the 2004 Schapiro Spring Foursomes, including Jason and Justin Hackett. England was represented by four of the team that did so well at Malmö: Tom Townsend, David Gold, David Price and Colin Simpson.

For the first time the Lederer Trophy was shown live on Bridge Base.

Ireland led overnight (after four matches) with 160vps, ahead of the President's Team (128) and the Holders (127). Ireland narrowly won matches five and six, but the Holders and England both had big wins to close the gap to eight and 22 respectively.

In their last match Ireland lost 27-33 to the President's team, while the Holders faced England on VuGraph. In a nail-biting finish, England were in 3♠ doubled on the last board. If they went one down, Ireland would win. If they went two down, the Holders would get just enough points to overtake Ireland. One down was the final result, so Ireland were the winners in the closest ever Lederer finish.



Tommy Garvey, captain of the Irish team, receives the Lederer Trophy from Michael Hill, LMBA chairman

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The Holders, Andrew Robson, Phil King, Andrew McIntosh and David Bakhshi, who were pipped this time by the Irish

Result: 1 Ireland (Tommy Garvey, John Carroll, Hugh McGann and Tom Hanlon) 257vps; 2 Holders (Phil King, Andrew McIntosh, Andrew Robson and David Bakhshi) 255; 3 England (Tom Townsend, David Gold, Colin Simpson and David Price) 235; 4 Gold Cup winners (Peter Lee, Bob Rowlands, Jeffrey Allerton Frances Hinden, Sean O'Neill and John Frosztega) 213; 5 President's Team (Bernard Teltscher, Tony Friday, Zia Mahmood, Willie Coyle, David Edwin and Geoffrey Breskal) 210; 6 Canada (John Carruthers, Joe Silver, Jon Robinson and André Laliberté) 190; 7 Schapiro Spring Foursomes winners (Janet de Botton, Gunnar Hallberg, Nick Sandqvist, Artur Malinowski, Jason Hackett and Justin Hackett) 167; 8 Young Chelsea Champions (Adam Dunn, Dafydd Jones, Gary Jones, Brian Callaghan, David Burn, Ian Payn and Rob Cliffe) 153.

The first winners of the Teltscher Cups in the new 'Play with the Stars' event, competed

with Andrew Robson and David Bakhshi) Jim Bochsler and Byron Crittenden (Wimbledon Bridge Club); East-West (scoring with Zia Mahmood and Willie Coyle) Ivor Miller and John Sadler (Acol Bridge Club).

## Phil and Steve leave 143 pairs behind

ALTHOUGH pushed by a horde of raiders from other parts Phil Godfrey and Steve Raine saw to it that the Great Northern Swiss Pairs title stayed in the north. The Yorkshire duo won with 160vps, ahead of Worcestershire's Mike Theelke and Paul Hooker, who totalled 154. Two pairs shared third place on 153 – Sue and Nick Woodcock from Lancashire and Jane Jensen and Catherine Jagger (Bedfordshire and Cambs and Hunts respectively). Played



Two of the Teltscher Cup winners, Ivor Miller and John Sadler from Acol Bridge Club. They