

The Diamond Jubilee Lederer

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The 60th contest for the Lederer Memorial Trophy, held in honour of Richard and Tony Lederer, was played at the refurbished Young Chelsea Bridge Club last October. Ireland (Garvey-Carroll, Hanlon-McGann), the winners for the last two years and fresh from their European silver medal triumph, were defending their title against mainly English teams, the notable exception being the All Stars, led by Zia Mahmood, with Thomas Bessis from France and Auken-von Arnim from Germany. The main opposition to these two was expected to come from England (Townsend-Gold, Price-Simpson) and the 2004/5 Gold Cup & Crockfords winners (Allfrey-Robson, Forrester-Bakhshi, playing as the A Team). The eight invited teams would play twelve-board matches against each other, with 60 Victory Points at stake per match, a combination of IMPs and point-a-board.

All eight pairs bid to the grand slam on this deal from Round 1.

♠ 8 2	♠ Q 9 5 3	♠ 6
♥ Q 9 3	♥ A K 4	♥ J 10 7 6 5
♦ K Q 8 7 6 2	♦ A 9 5 4	♦ J 10
♣ 6 4	♣ Q 8	♣ J 10 7 5 3
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♠ A K J 10 7 4	♠ A K J 10 7 4	♠ A K J 10 7 4
♥ 8 2	♥ 8 2	♥ 8 2
♦ 3	♦ 3	♦ 3
♣ A K 9 2	♣ A K 9 2	♣ A K 9 2

A few pairs bid to Seven Spades on general values. For the pairs that bid seven with (near) certainty, either North found out about the singleton diamond and the ace-king of clubs, or South found out about the red-suit controls and the queen of clubs.

This is the Allfrey-Robson sequence from the match between the A Team and Ireland.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>McGann</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>
—	—	—	1♠
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♦*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♣*
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

2NT was Jacoby, showing a good fit in spades. Four Diamonds was shortage. When Alexander Allfrey showed the king of clubs, Andrew Robson knew that his



Sabine Auken

partner held at least AKxxx xxx x AKxx. Even if that was all he had, then Robson could see that Allfrey could make the grand slam on a dummy reversal.

This is the full Monty sequence:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>von Armin</i>
—	—	—	1♣ ¹
Pass	1♠ ²	Pass	2NT ³
Pass	3♣ ⁴	Pass	3♥ ⁵
Pass	3NT ⁶	Pass	4♣ ⁷
Pass	4♦ ⁷	Pass	4♥ ⁸
Pass	4NT ⁹	Pass	5♦ ¹⁰
Pass	5NT ¹¹	Pass	6♣ ¹²
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. strong 2. 8+ points, 4+ spades 3. 16-18, spade fit, singleton 4. relay 5. singleton diamond 6. serious slam try 7. cue bid 8. last train 9. RKCB 10. 0 or 3 11. asking for specific kings 12. king of clubs | |
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Daniela von Arnim's last train Four Heart bid was described as better than a cue bid, so Sabine Auken was expecting at least five spades and could count thirteen tricks.

The experts may have made it look easy but at the London clubs where they were playing the first 24 Lederer boards simultaneously, only a quarter of the field reached the grand slam, and quite a few languished in game.

This slam hand from Round 2 divided the field into two - four bid a slam and four didn't.

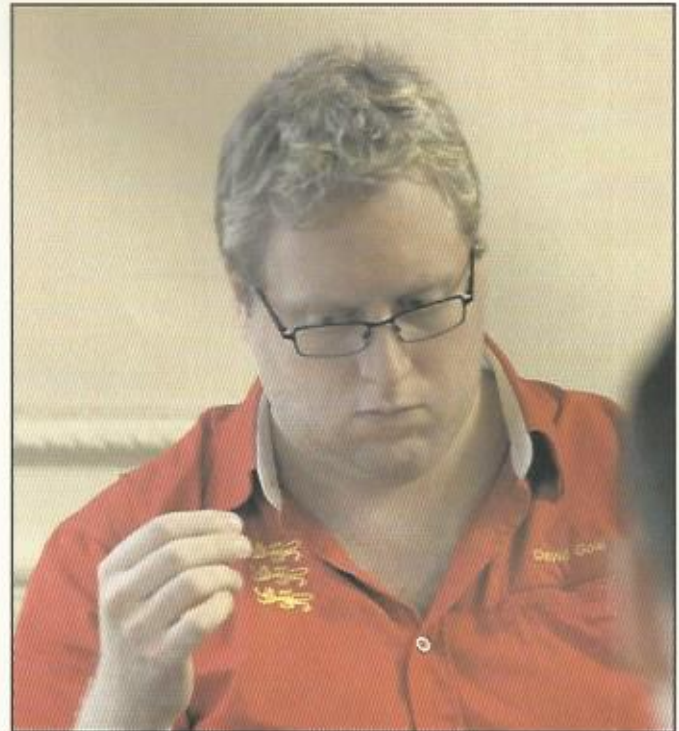
♠ A K 8 ♥ Q 10 9 7 6 3 ♦ A 4 ♣ A 9	♠ Q 10 7 6 ♥ J 5 2 ♦ 8 6 5 3 ♣ K 5	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Game NS Dealer S </div>	♠ J 5 ♥ A 4 ♦ K Q J 7 ♣ Q 10 7 4 2
♠ 9 4 3 2 ♥ K 8 ♦ 10 9 2 ♣ J 8 6 3			

In one match the board was flat in Four Hearts plus two, in another it was flat in 3NT plus three. The Schapiro Spring Foursomes team gained 14 IMPs when they bid and made Six Hearts and the All Stars male partnership were two down in Six Clubs. All three players in hearts chose to play the ace of hearts from dummy and then a small heart towards their hand. In the match between England and the Gold Cup, David Price was declarer in Six Hearts and won the six of spades lead with dummy's jack. He crossed to hand with another spade and ran the queen of hearts. I am told by an expert in such matters that this is a 53.1% line, whereas ace of hearts and another is 58.8%. The odds were vindicated and England were one down. At the other table the Hackett twins had their eyes on the point-a-board as well as the IMPs.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Justin</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Jason</i>	<i>Townsend</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

6NT will make the same number of tricks as Six Hearts, unless you get a club lead and get them wrong. David Gold led the five of clubs! Well defended! Justin went up with the queen! Well played!

I am told by a (different) expert in such matters (what do I know, I'm just a typist) that top-class players are more likely to underlead a king than a jack in such situations. Indeed there was a similar position the next day and David Bird told the VuGraph audience at the Young Chelsea that they would be able to tell what declarer thought of her left-hand opponent by the card she played from dummy at trick one. She chose the respectful queen from Q-10-4; it held the trick and everyone was happy.



David Gold

Only one declarer was successful on this board:

♠ 10 5 ♥ Q 7 6 ♦ Q 3 ♣ AKQ1064	♠ K 9 7 6 2 ♥ J 4 ♦ A 10 5 ♣ J 9 7	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Game NS Dealer S </div>	♠ A 3 ♥ K 9 5 ♦ K 9 8 4 ♣ 8 5 3 2
♠ Q J 8 4 ♥ A 10 8 3 2 ♦ J 7 6 2 ♣ —			

The Wests who opened 1NT were raised to 3NT and were two down on a spade lead. David Burn (Gold Cup) and Andrew Robson (A Team) were in Four Spades doubled on the North-South cards on the same auction:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Price</i>	<i>Burn</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>de Botton</i>
<i>Dixon</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Silverstone</i>	<i>Alfrey</i>
1♣	1♠	2♣	4♠
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

Burn and Robson both received the lead of the eight of clubs. They ruffed in dummy and led a small heart to the jack and king. Colin Simpson (England) returned a diamond to the queen and ace and was able to win the first trump and give David Price a diamond ruff - one down. Andy Bowles (Young Chelsea) also found the diamond switch against Ireland's contract of Four Spades doubled.



Daniela von Armin

At Robson's table Victor Silverstone played a second club at trick three and now declarer has a chance if he plays for trumps to be 2-2. However, Robson tried to find a line that would not go two off if the trumps were 3-1 and ended up one down. Sabine Auken was the only declarer to make her contract, bringing home Four Spades on the lead of the ace of spades and another.

Sometimes you think you know what the final contract is going to be, so you just bid the game. Then partner puts down the perfect dummy and you make a slam. Maybe you should have done a bit more in the bidding ... just in case. Here is an excellent example from the second round match between the A Team and the President's Team.

♠ 10 ♥ A J 9 5 4 2 ♦ K 10 7 6 5 ♣ 4	♠ Q J 9 6 2 ♥ 7 3 ♦ 8 ♣ K 9 8 6 3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Game All Dealer W </div>	♠ A K 5 4 ♥ K Q 6 ♦ A Q J ♣ J 5 2
	♠ 8 7 3 ♥ 10 8 ♦ 9 4 3 2 ♣ A Q 10 7		

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Matheson</i>	<i>Bakhshi</i>	<i>Coyle</i>
2♥*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♥*	All Pass		

Two Hearts was an upper range weak two in hearts. 2NT was a relay and Three Diamonds showed diamonds. Three Hearts was forcing and Three Spades showed a shortage in spades. Now David Bakhshi could almost have been forgiven if he had signed off in Four Hearts; after all if Tony Forrester had six hearts, four diamonds and a singleton spade, then there would be two losing clubs. But what if West had five diamonds? So, just in case, Bakhshi bid Four Diamonds, showing a diamond control and denying a club control. He was rewarded for his careful bidding when Forrester took over and drove to the slam. The President's team played in Four Hearts in the other room.

The only other pair to open Two Hearts and reach the slam were Zia and Bessis. Those who passed as West, and allowed East to open with a strong balanced hand, did slightly better - two out of three bidding the slam. But passing the West hand didn't necessarily give East-West a clear run, as the Spring Foursomes found:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Rosen</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>von Armin</i>
Pass	2♠*	Double	2NT*
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The German ladies love to get into the bidding on weak distributional hands. Two Spades showed spades and a minor, 4-9 points, and 2NT asked for the minor. This obstructive bidding took up valuable bidding space and Martin Jones and Neil Rosen were unable to exchange enough information about West's shape and East's points.

♠ 7 ♥ K 9 5 4 ♦ Q J 6 3 ♣ K 10 5 4	♠ Q J 9 5 2 ♥ 2 ♦ K 5 4 2 ♣ J 7 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Game NS Dealer N </div>	♠ K 10 8 6 4 ♥ J 7 6 ♦ A 10 9 ♣ A 3
	♠ A 3 ♥ A Q 10 8 3 ♦ 8 7 ♣ Q 9 8 6		

Half the field were happy to overcall Two Hearts on the South hand after East had opened One Spade or One (weak) No Trump. Well, happy may not be quite the right word, but I am sure that those who drifted two or three off were delighted not to have been doubled. Those who chose a more prudent pass on the first round of bidding couldn't contain themselves on the next round.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>McGann</i>
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	2♥
Double	All Pass		

Tom Townsend for England and Hugh McGann for Ireland both protected with Two Hearts when West's

INT ran back to them. Townsend escaped for three down undoubled (colour him delighted) but Artur Malinowski was having none of it and doubled.

He led a spade and dummy's queen held the trick, East following small to show a club entry. McGann finessed the ten of hearts, losing to the king. Malinowski played the four of clubs to the ace and then came the crucial play from Nick Sandqvist. Instead of returning a spade, he led back a club. Now he got a club ruff, gave his partner a spade ruff and got another club ruff. The king of spades was played next. Declarer pitched a diamond, but Sandqvist cashed the ace of diamonds before leading another spade to promote the nine of hearts. The contract was four off, +1100 and 15 IMPs to Gold Cup, who won the match by 39 VPs to 21. Malinowski and Sandqvist won the prize for the Best Defended hand.

Next we have another slam board with an interesting point in the play.

<p>♠ 10 5 4 ♥ K 9 4 2 ♦ 9 3 ♣ Q 9 7 3</p>	<p>♠ A K Q 6 ♥ 8 7 6 ♦ K Q 7 6 2 ♣ J</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Love All Dealer S</p> </div>	<p>♠ 8 3 2 ♥ Q 10 ♦ J 8 5 4 ♣ 10 8 6 5</p>
	<p>♠ J 9 7 ♥ A J 5 3 ♦ A 10 ♣ A K 4 2</p>	

When South opened a strong no trump some Norths looked for a spade fit and then showed a diamond suit. With only two card diamond support the Souths went back to no trumps and they played in game. Elsewhere the North-South pairs bid to a slam, some to 6NT and some to Six Diamonds.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>McGann</i>
—	—	—	1♣ ¹
Pass	1♠ ²	Pass	2♣ ³
Pass	2NT ⁴	Pass	3NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

1. 11/13 balanced or any 17+ hand
2. 8+, natural but can have a longer minor
3. artificial, 17+, GF
4. 5+ diamonds

Nick Sandqvist led the six of clubs and Artur Malinowski's queen won the first trick. A club was returned at trick two and now Tom Hanlon needed to bring in the diamond suit for no losers to make his slam. With the ten in the long hand, KQ10xx opposite Ax, it is right to play diamonds from the top (52%) rather than finesse for the jack (42%). But when the ten is with the doubleton honour, as in the hand above, the odds change. Now it is better to take a first-round finesse in diamonds (42%) rather than play for the drop (36%).

Hanlon, along with Daniela von Arnim (All Stars) and Alexander Allfrey (A Team) made the correct



Tommy Garvey

technical play - and they were all rewarded for it. Tom Townsend (England) also finessed the 10, but he was in 3NT. Only one declarer fell from grace; he'll know better next time!

And now a curiosity.

<p>♠ A Q J 10 7 ♥ J ♦ K J 9 8 4 ♣ 5 2</p>	<p>♠ K 4 2 ♥ K Q 6 4 ♦ A 10 3 2 ♣ 4 3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Game NS Dealer S</p> </div>	<p>♠ 8 ♥ 10 8 7 5 2 ♦ Q ♣ A K J 9 8 7</p>
	<p>♠ 9 6 5 3 ♥ A 9 3 ♦ 7 6 5 ♣ Q 10 6</p>	

If I told you that East-West were in a heart contract and ruffed a club in dummy, you would look at the hand and say yes, so what? Well, West was declarer and the club that was ruffed was the two! The East-Wests for All Stars and Ireland had the same auction to their weakest fit:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>von Arnim</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
<i>T. Garvey</i>	<i>Matheson</i>	<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Coyle</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

* 5 or more hearts, constructive.

David Price led the four of clubs. Von Arnim won in

dummy (following with the five from hand) and played the queen of diamonds. Price won and, after much thought, switched to the king of spades. Von Arnim now cashed the king and jack of diamonds and the queen and jack of spades, throwing all dummy's small clubs. When she led the ten of spades Price discarded and the king of clubs was thrown from dummy. Now the two of clubs was ruffed. The defence won the last four trump tricks, but that was +110 to the Germans and a flat board with Three Clubs making in the other room.

The play when Tommy Garvey was declarer was identical for the first seven tricks, including the switch to the king of spades at trick three. He too discarded the four small clubs, but then failed to find the flamboyant discard of the king of clubs on the ten of spades. He played a mundane club to the king and ended with the same total of eight tricks.

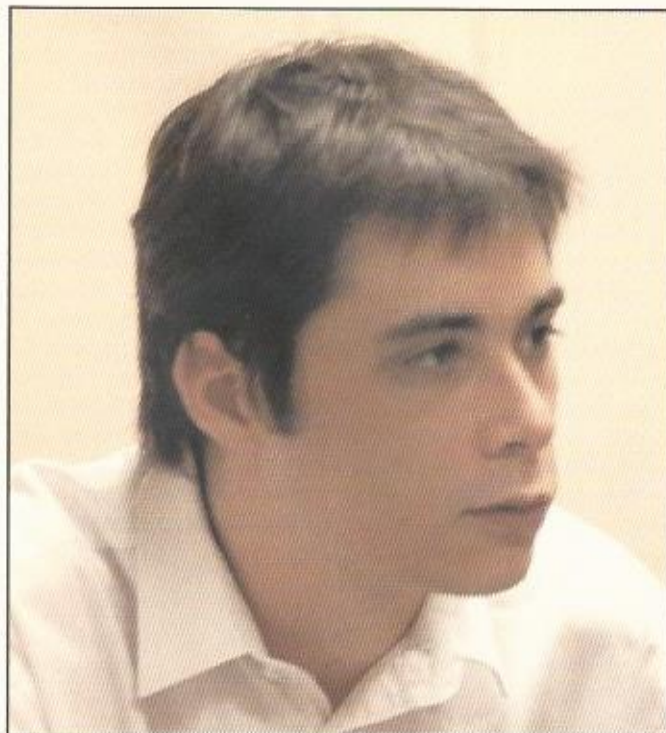
The Easts who chose to bid Two Clubs over West's One Spade opening found themselves in 3NT, a contract that had no chance as the cards lay.

The All Stars played England in a top-of-the-table clash in the last match on Saturday. Here, for a change, is a play that was with the odds but failed.

<p>♠ A 10 9 8 ♥ — ♦ A J 10 9 4 3 2 ♣ 10 5</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Game All Dealer S </div>	<p>♠ — ♥ J 9 8 4 ♦ Q 7 ♣ A K Q 9 7 4 2</p>	
<p>♠ Q 6 4 3 2 ♥ 10 7 5 2 ♦ 8 ♣ 8 6 3</p>		<p>♠ K J 7 5 ♥ A K Q 6 3 ♦ K 6 5 ♣ J</p>	
<p>WEST <i>Townsend</i> — Pass 4♣ Pass</p>	<p>NORTH <i>Bessis</i> — 2♦ 4♠ 6♦</p>	<p>EAST <i>Gold</i> — 3♣ Pass All Pass</p>	<p>SOUTH <i>Mahmood</i> 1♥ 3♦ 5♠</p>

David Gold led the seven of clubs against the diamond slam bid by Zia and Bessis. Tom Townsend had supported clubs and was therefore favourite to hold the jack of clubs. If Townsend had won the first trick, then the message would have been clear - partner wanted a spade ruff. The England pair must have been worried that they had conceded an unnecessary overtrick and might lose the point-a-board part of the scoring. They were right to be concerned, their team-mates, David Price and Colin Simpson, sailed into Six Diamonds. But help was at hand; Sabine Auken was in the East seat for the All Stars, and she too decided that a small club lead was a good idea. Flat board!

At four other tables the bidding started One Heart - One Spade. Spades were supported, game was reached, and diamonds were never mentioned. There should be a law about that. What about "If you have a ten-card fit in which you can make a small slam, then someone has to bid the suit at some stage during the auction."



Thomas Bessis

There were many slams bid and made over the weekend but the vast majority were bid at more than one table. An exception occurred later in the All Stars v. England match.

<p>♠ 10 3 ♥ K Q 9 6 ♦ 8 4 3 ♣ 7 6 5 3</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Game NS Dealer N </div>	<p>♠ A Q J 8 7 6 2 ♥ J ♦ 10 5 ♣ J 10 9</p>	<p>♠ 9 5 4 ♥ 10 8 7 5 ♦ K Q J 9 2 ♣ K</p>
		<p>♠ K ♥ A 4 3 2 ♦ A 7 6 ♣ A Q 8 4 2</p>	

At seven of the eight tables North opened Three Spades (the eighth opened Two Spades) and six of the Souths merely raised to game. When Colin Simpson was South for England the bidding took a different turn.

<p>WEST <i>von Armin</i> — Pass</p>	<p>NORTH <i>Price</i> 3♠ 6♠</p>	<p>EAST <i>Auken</i> Pass All Pass</p>	<p>SOUTH <i>Simpson</i> 5♠</p>
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Simpson expected David Price to have a good hand for his vulnerable pre-empt and bid Five Spades to ask exactly how good it was. Price felt that his singleton heart and the quality of his trump suit warranted a raise to six. On a non-diamond lead the contract was an excellent one. On the actual lead of the king of

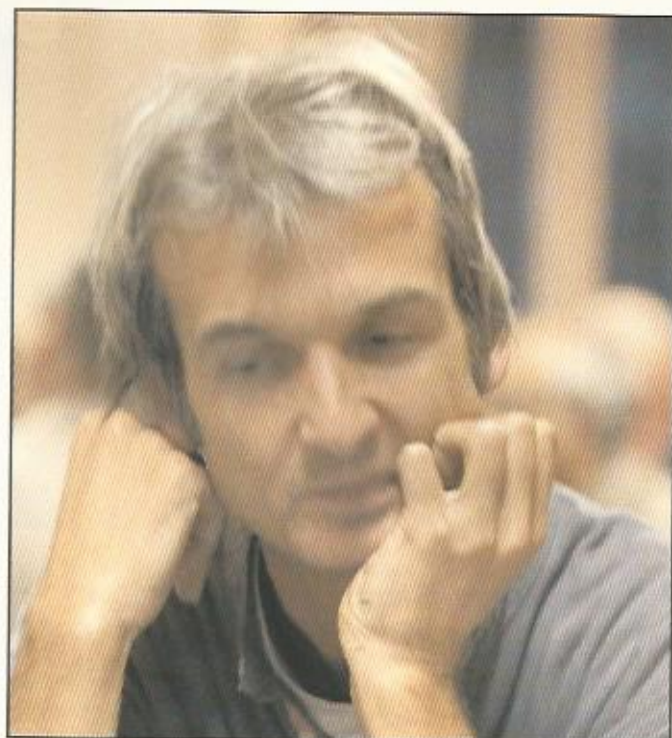
diamonds, Price needed the club finesse and duly made his slam. The simplicity of the auction and the uniqueness of the contract influenced the adjudication panel's selection of this as the Best Bid hand.

This slam swing helped England beat the All Stars 36-24 and draw them back to the field. At the end of Saturday, after four rounds, the leading positions were as follows:

All Stars	140
England	134
The A Team	131.5
Ireland	127

A score of 140 was the lowest leading overnight score for many years; there was everything to play for. On the other hand, the team who won the Lederer in the last four years had always been leading on Saturday night.

The President's Team met the Young Chelsea Champions in the first match on Sunday.



Andrew Robson

♠ A 10	♠ K Q J 8 3	♠ 6 4 2
♥ Q J 7 4	♥ A K 6 2	♥ 8 3
♦ K J 10 6	♦ 8 4	♦ A Q 5 3
♣ A J 7	♣ Q 4	♣ K 10 8 6

Love All
Dealer S

♠ 9 7 5	♠ 9 7 5
♥ 10 9 5	♥ 10 9 5
♦ 9 7 2	♦ 9 7 2
♣ 9 5 3 2	♣ 9 5 3 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Matheson</i>	<i>M. Garvey</i>	<i>Coyle</i>	<i>Howard</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1NT	2♥*	3NT	All Pass

* Nine cards in the majors

Martin Garvey (Young Chelsea) led the king of spades and John Matheson won the second round, John Howard showing an odd number as South. Declarer cashed two diamonds and North followed twice. Matheson now knew that Garvey had at most two clubs and that South was a strong favourite to hold the queen of clubs. However he lacked the diamond entries to be able to play South for Q9xx in clubs, so had to decide whether to play North for 9x or Qx. There are four variations of 9x and five of Qx, because Q9 must be included. That was enough to tip the odds in favour of playing the ace of clubs and then small to the king. Once again spotting a small difference in the odds was rewarded, doubly so for John Matheson who was given the prize for the Best Played hand.

The other two declarers in 3NT played for North to hold a doubleton nine of clubs, finessed South for the queen of clubs, and were three down. One of the unsuccessful declarers was Zia, playing for the All Stars against the A Team. The clues from the defensive play had been different in that North had led the ace of hearts and then switched to the king and jack of spades. Zia reasoned that North might just have doubled 1NT if he

had held the queen of clubs as well as all those points in the majors, and it was just possible that South (holding Q9xx in clubs) might not cover the ten of clubs when it was led from dummy.

The All Stars and England both won their first two matches on Sunday and had pulled away from the A Team and Ireland. The All Stars were on VuGraph against Ireland in the last match, 4 VPs ahead of England, who were playing the Young Chelsea Champions.

The VuGraph match was desperately close. After a few flat boards, including Four Spades doubled and made, the All Stars bid a slam missed by Ireland. Then Ireland bid a slam missed by the All Stars. The Irish tried again on the next hand:

♠ Q 9 7 3 2	♠ A 10 6 5	♠ 4
♥ 9 5	♥ A K J 6	♥ Q 10 7 2
♦ K	♦ Q 9 8 2	♦ 7 6 5 4
♣ K Q J 8 7	♣ 3	♣ 10 9 6 5

Game NS
Dealer W

♠ K J 8	♠ K J 8
♥ 8 4 3	♥ 8 4 3
♦ A J 10 3	♦ A J 10 3
♣ A 4 2	♣ A 4 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Mahmood</i>	<i>Hanlon</i>	<i>Bessis</i>	<i>McGann</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♦*
3♣	4♣*	5♣	6♦
All Pass			



The All Stars: Sabine Auken, Daniela von Armin, Thomas Bessis, and Zia Mahmood

With bad breaks and the red-suit finesses wrong, Hanlon also lost a trick to the queen of spades and ended up three down. Sometimes going that many off gives you a glimmer of hope - maybe the opposition will go down in game in the other room and the loss will be a small one. But to go down in game you have to be in game:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Carroll</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>T. Garvey</i>	<i>von Armin</i>
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Double	3♣	3♦
All Pass			

When the opponents open, respond and bid up to the three level with thirteen points between them, it is tough to get to game. Von Arnim didn't drop the singleton king of diamonds, but found the queen of spades and emerged with eleven tricks and 10 IMPs.

The All Stars ran out winners by 36 VPs to 24 and there was a tense wait for the result from the England match. The Young Chelsea Champions had comprehensively beaten England by 45 VPs to 15, and rose to a creditable third place (after lying seventh overnight). The final leader board was as follows:

1st	All Stars (Zia Mahmood, Thomas Bessis, Sabine Auken, Daniela von Arnim)	258
2nd	England (Tom Townsend, David Gold, Colin Simpson, David Price)	233
3rd	Young Chelsea Champions (Andy Bowles, Graham Osborne, Martin Garvey, John Howard)	221
4th	The A Team (Alexander Allfrey, Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester, David Bakhshi)	220.5

So Zia wins his seventh Lederer (his first was in 1978) and now has more wins than anyone else. At 22, Thomas Bessis is the youngest man ever to win the event (Nicola Gardener (now Nicola Smith) won when she was 21). Sabine Auken and Daniela von Arnim are the first



Best defended prize. Sanqvist far left, Malinowski far right.

female winners since Nicola Smith and Pat Davies in 1993. Dorothy Shanahan and Michael Wolach, who both won the Lederer in the 50s, came to watch the last match on Sunday and, as part of the Lederer's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, were presented to the audience.

Tribute for a very successful tournament should be paid to sponsor Bernard Teltscher, the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, the LMBA organisers and all the volunteer helpers.

A *Play with the Stars* satellite event was held at the Acol, Hurlingham and Roehampton Bridge Clubs. The pairs played the first 24 Lederer boards and IMP'ed up with one of the All Star pairs. The winners of the Teltscher Cups were:

North-South (scoring with Zia Mahmood and Thomas Bessis):

Aline Sandberg & Juliet Scott
(Hurlingham Bridge Club) + 50 IMPs

East-West (scoring with Sabine Auken and Daniela von Arnim):

Wendy Alper & Murray Steinberg
(Acol Bridge Club) +51 IMPs

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