

# Lederer Swedish Style

Nick Sandqvist presents a players view of this outstanding event.

This year's Lederer Memorial Trophy had less than the usual foreign influx, only a couple of players had made the trip overseas from Norway, but there was still plenty of quality on show.

With so many of our top players in action, I thought it could be fun to compare judgements on some of the more difficult hands.

The format in the Lederer is a hybrid of board-a-match and IMP's, and therefore you can find interest in almost any hand, but if we're going to look at bidding there's only really one level that will do – slams!

♠ K 9 4 3 2 ♥ 10 6 4 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ 9 8	♠ A Q 8 ♥ A Q 9 3 2 ♦ K J 2 ♣ Q 6	♠ 10 7 5 ♥ K 8 ♦ 10 9 ♣ J 10 7 4 3 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">                     EW Game                      Dealer S                 </div> ♠ J 6 ♥ J 7 5 ♦ A 7 6 5 3 ♣ A K 5
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We had to wait until match three before we saw anything like a slam, and even then it wasn't a very good one. 31



Alexander Allfrey

points and a couple of 5-3 fits.

With 3-2 breaks in the two main suits, ♦Q and ♠K right, it would appear that you will always make it, but there was a trap; the technical line on a non-spade lead is to leave the ♥J as an entry to the diamond suit. With one trump outstanding it then looks right to cash two high diamonds, to see if the queen drops, and otherwise play three rounds of clubs to get rid of the ♦J. With clubs 6-2, this doesn't work, and Fiona Brown and Zia both had to go one down on this line.

## Olympiad Gold v Young Chelsea

NORTH	SOUTH	NORTH	SOUTH
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hillman</i>
—	1NT	—	1NT
2♦*	2♥	2♦*	2♥
3NT	4♥	3NT	4♥
4♠	4NT		
5♠	6♥		

Similar starts, but Susan Stockdale thought her hand was worth a go after discovering the heart fit, while Richard Hillman didn't, presumably because partner could have cue-bid on the way to 4♥ if he had an excellent hand.

## Crockford's v All Stars

NORTH	SOUTH	NORTH	SOUTH
<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>de Botton</i>	<i>Zia</i>	<i>Gold</i>
—	1♦	—	1♦
1♥	1NT	1♥	2♥
2♣	2♥	2♠*	2NT*
4♦	4NT	3♦	4♣
5♥	6♥	4NT	5♥
		6♥	

Zia's 2♠ was a relay and David Gold showed 3 hearts with 2NT.

While Zia went one down as mentioned, Artur Malinowski received a spade lead and had an easy journey to +980.

In the match between Gold Cup and Presidents, slam was made at both tables.

NORTH	SOUTH	NORTH	SOUTH
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Coyle</i>	<i>Matheson</i>
—	1♦	—	1♦
1♥	2♥	1♥	1NT
3♣	4♥	2♦*	2♥
4NT	5♥	3♦	4♣
6♥		5NT	6♦

Andrew Robson got a spade lead into his AQ and played ace and another heart. East shifted to a club, so Robson could ruff a spade and claim 12 tricks.

John Matheson also got a spade lead, but from the other hand, and had to run it.

When that held, and the diamond finesse worked, his troubles were over.

While in the match between London and Spring Fours it was flat in game.

NORTH	SOUTH	NORTH	SOUTH
<i>Cliffe</i>	<i>Burn</i>	<i>Denning</i>	<i>Shields</i>
—	1♦	—	1♦
2♥	3♥	1♥	1NT
3NT	4♥	2♦*	2♥
		4♥	

Quite sensible, really.

Immediately after, there was a proper slam, and a grand at that, but only one pair in the whole field got the job done, (see Paul Lamford's report) and were duly awarded with the prize for the best bid hand of the competition.

♠ J 3 ♥ J 8 5 2 ♦ Q J 10 9 ♣ 7 6 2	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     NS Game                      Dealer S                 </div>	♠ K 9 7 6 5 4 ♥ A Q 9 ♦ A 7 2 ♣ K	♠ Q ♥ 10 6 4 3 ♦ 6 5 4 ♣ Q J 9 4 3
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No too tricky, you would have thought, but across the field it proved too difficult.

### Presidents v Gold Cup

NORTH	SOUTH	NORTH	SOUTH
<i>Coyle</i>	<i>Matheson</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>
—	1♣	—	1♣
1♠	2♠	1♥*	2♠*
3♦	4♠	2NT	3♣
4NT	5♥	4NT	5♥
6♠		6♠	

1♥ Transfer  
 2♠ Four Spades

### Spring Fours v London

NORTH	SOUTH	NORTH	SOUTH
<i>Denning</i>	<i>Shields</i>	<i>Cliffe</i>	<i>Burn</i>
—	1♦	—	1NT
1♠	2♥*	3♠	4♣
2NT	4♠	4NT	5♥
4NT	5♥	6♠	
6♠			

2♥ Four Spades

Not impressed? Well, the last match clearly showed that it's not an easy hand...

### Olympiad Gold v Young Chelsea

NORTH	SOUTH	NORTH	SOUTH
<i>Stockdale</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Hillman</i>
—	1NT	—	1NT
4♥*	4♠	2♥*	2♠
		2NT*	3♠
		4♠	
		2NT Forcing	

Notice how well placed the pairs who found out about 4-card support on a low level were. This gives enough room to cue-bid, after which well oiled machinery should get the job done. I'll try to remember that.

I think we'd better move swiftly on to the next match, where this occurred.

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

This time the roles were reversed: every table but one was in slam, as they should be because this is a good'un. The play differed somewhat though, as we shall see.

### Gold Cup v Spring Fours

NORTH	SOUTH	NORTH	SOUTH
<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Robson</i>	<i>Shields</i>	<i>Denning</i>
—	1♠	—	1♠
2♣*	2♠*	2♦	3NT
2NT*	3NT*	4♣	4♥
4NT		4NT	5♣
		6♠	

2♣ Game Force  
 2♠ Minimum  
 2NT Asking  
 3NT 5332

Paul Denning received a club lead and immediately played a spade to the jack and made +1.

### All Stars v Presidents

NORTH	SOUTH	NORTH	SOUTH
<i>S'minde</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Coyle</i>	<i>Matheson</i>
—	1♠	—	1♠
2♦	2NT	2♦	2NT
3♠	4♠	3♠	4♠
4NT	5♥ (Dbl)	4NT	5♥
6♠		6♠	

In contrast to the first match, here both North's drove to

# GENERAL INTEREST

(diagram repeated for convenience)

♠ Q5	♠ AJ7	♠ 962
♥ 762	♥ K94	♥ QJ85
♦ 654	♦ AK1093	♦ Q72
♣ Q9642	♣ A8	♣ 1053
	♠ K10843	
	♥ A103	
	♦ J8	
	♣ KJ7	

slam without any encouragement from partner whatsoever. Both tables got a club lead and made the contract, but while Simon Gillis played a trump to the ace and returned one to his ten and queen, thereby putting himself under a little bit of pressure, John Matheson

played the way that looks most natural to me, ace and king of trumps, and soon claimed all the tricks.

## Young Chelsea v London

NORTH	SOUTH	NORTH	SOUTH
Rosen	Jones	Cliffe	Burn
—	1♠	—	1♠
2♦	2NT	3♦	3NT
3♠	3NT	4♣	4♥
4♣	4♥	4NT	5♥
4NT	5♥	6♠	
6NT			

No, Neil Rosen and Martin Jones didn't fail to locate their 8-card fit. I believe Neil just thought it could be a better contract, as it indeed could if partner has an anaemic spade suit. It was still a huge contract, but poor Martin lost the diamond finesse and then miss-guessed the ending to go two down.

David Burn on the other hand, played a spade to the jack at trick two, and soon had an overtrick.

## In Olympiad Gold v Crockfords

NORTH	SOUTH	NORTH	SOUTH
Senior	Dhondy	Sandqvist	Charlsen
—	1♠	—	1♠
2♦	2NT	2♣*	2♦*
3♠	4♣	2NT	3NT
4♦	4♥	4NT	5♥
4NT	5♥	6♠	
6♠			

2♣ Drury  
2♦ 5332

Heather Dhondy received a club lead and immediately played three rounds of those, discarding a heart from dummy, followed by a heart ruff. She lost to the queen of spades, but had 1430. At the other table, Thomas Charlsen, who may mistakenly have thought that there was an award for the worst played hand to be won, received a heart lead from Nicola Smith. He played low from dummy and Sally Brock made the standard false card of playing the queen. Thomas now played a spade to the ace and returned one to his 10 and queen. When Nicola played another heart, he thought about it but eventually played low...

This defence earned Sally and Nicola the best defended hand award.

Charlsen earned a silent shake of the head from his partner.

♠ 1062	♠ AK95	♠ QJ7
♥ 10	♥ K98	♥ 542
♦ QJ87	♦ A9654	♦ K3
♣ K6432	♣ A	♣ QJ975
	Love All Dealer W	
	♠ 843	
	♥ AQJ763	
	♦ 102	
	♣ 108	

6♥ is excellent, but was it reached around the room? Not so.

First there were the ones who felt they had a good hand as South opposite partner's strong bidding...

## Crockfords v Gold Cup

NORTH	SOUTH	NORTH	SOUTH
Charlsen	Sandqvist	Allfrey	Robson
1♦	1♥	1♦	1♥
1♠	2♥	1♠	2♥
4♣	5♥	4♣	4♦*
6♥		4NT	5♣
		6♥	

Robson had a last train 4♦ available to show interest, and that did the job, as did Sandqvist's straight jump to 5♥

While Sandqvist made a brave attempt to go down on a trump lead by messing up his entries, it wasn't really possible with spades 3-3, and he eventually stumbled home.

Robson got a killer defence from the Hackett twins, a spade lead and spade continuation after winning the diamond trick, and now it was no longer possible to make the contract. (But see the line suggested by Paul Lamford. Editor) Was anyone else going to find this sharp defence?

Then there were the ones who signed off for a third time...

## Spring Fours v Olympiad Gold

NORTH	SOUTH	NORTH	SOUTH
Tedd	Salisbury	Smith	Brock
1♦	1♥	1♦	1♥
2♠	3♥	1♠	2♥
4♣	4♥	4♣	4♥
4♠	6♥		

Both North's had to work hard to get anything at all out of their partners.

I don't know about the Welsh pair, but Sally and Nicola don't have a weak jump-shift of 2♥ in their arsenal (in which case South's 2♥ on this auction would promise a decent hand) so I think Nicola took a risk when she went on over 4♥, but right she was. Paul

Denning found the spade lead, but when Patrick Shields got in with the  $\diamond K$  he shifted to a trump. +980.

London v Presidents

<b>NORTH</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>
<i>Cliffe</i>	<i>Burn</i>	<i>Priday</i>	<i>Teltscher</i>
1 $\diamond$	1 $\heartsuit$	1 $\diamond$	1 $\heartsuit$
1 $\spadesuit$	2 $\heartsuit$	1 $\spadesuit$	2 $\heartsuit$
4 $\clubsuit$	4NT	4 $\clubsuit$	4 $\heartsuit$
5 $\diamond$	6 $\heartsuit$	4NT	5 $\diamond$
		5 $\heartsuit$	

Again, there were different views on what that South hand is worth after partner's strong bidding. Bernard Teltscher signed off for a third time, but Tony Priday went on anyway.

What exactly he had expected to hear other than one key-card from partner I can't tell you, but apparently it wasn't enough to bid slam, or perhaps he figured that Bernard should now raise with the hand he had, a fair point if so.

Burn plumped himself firmly in the Sandqvist/Robson camp, by thinking that his hand looked great on the auction so far, and took a more straight forward approach and drove to slam himself, having no trouble making on a club lead.

Finally, it was reason itself at one table, but utter madness at the other in the match between All Stars and YC.

<b>NORTH</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>
<i>S'minde</i>	<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Zia</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>B'dery</i>
1 $\diamond$	1 $\heartsuit$	—	1 $\diamond$	Pass	1 $\heartsuit$
1 $\spadesuit$	2 $\heartsuit$	Pass	1 $\spadesuit$	Pass	2 $\diamond$
4 $\clubsuit$	5 $\heartsuit$	Pass	2 $\heartsuit$	Pass	4 $\heartsuit$
6 $\heartsuit$		Dble	All Pass		

Yes, that's actually how the bidding went. I don't know what's more bizarre; South's preference to 2 $\diamond$ , West's double, or the fact that neither North nor South could find a blue card. +790 but 5 IMP's out when Gillis made 980 in comfort on a trump lead.

	$\spadesuit$ A J 5 2	
	$\heartsuit$ 5 3	
	$\diamond$ A 5 4	
	$\clubsuit$ J 9 6 5	
$\spadesuit$		$\spadesuit$ Q 9 3
$\heartsuit$ Q 10 8 4		$\heartsuit$ J 9
$\diamond$ Q 9 7 6 3 2		$\diamond$ K J
$\clubsuit$ 7 3 2		$\clubsuit$ A K Q 10 8 4
	$\spadesuit$ K 10 8 7 6 4	
	$\heartsuit$ A K 7 6 2	
	$\diamond$ 10 8	
	$\clubsuit$ —	

Game All Dealer E

This was the slam that wasn't. With spades 3-0 and hearts 4-2 there was no way of making 12 tricks, but it's still a good shot, and I think the pairs who bid it can consider themselves a bit unlucky.

All Stars v Spring Fours

<b>NORTH</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>
<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Saelensminde</i>
— (1 $\clubsuit$ )	2 $\clubsuit^*$
4 $\spadesuit$	5 $\clubsuit^*$
5 $\diamond^*$	6 $\spadesuit$
2 $\clubsuit$	Majors

Well done boys, 11 IMPs out.

<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>
<i>Zia</i>	<i>Denning</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Shields</i>
—	—	1 $\clubsuit$	1 $\spadesuit$
Pass	2 $\heartsuit^*$	3 $\clubsuit$	4 $\clubsuit$
5 $\clubsuit$	5 $\spadesuit$	All Pass	
2 $\heartsuit$	Four spades		

In the match between Olympiad Gold and President's the boards was flat in game; Nevena Senior overcalled 2 $\clubsuit$ , got a 3 $\spadesuit$  response from Heather Dhondy and raised to 4 $\spadesuit$ .

That action was copied at the other table by Priday and Teltscher.

In the match between Gold Cup and Young Chelsea, Alexander Allfrey heard 4 $\spadesuit$  from Robson after he'd bid 2 $\clubsuit$ , but still passed, while at the other table:

<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>
<i>Crouch</i>	<i>Bowdery</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Jones</i>
—	—	1NT	2 $\clubsuit^*$
2 $\diamond$	Double	3 $\clubsuit$	3 $\diamond$
5 $\diamond$	Double	Pass	5 $\spadesuit$
All Pass			
2 $\clubsuit$	Majors		

When I started playing, I was always told that a 16 count with a solid 6-card suit was too good to open 1NT. Apparently, Tony Forrester doesn't think so.

Perhaps he should have a game with...

<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>
<i>de Botton</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Myers</i>
—	—	1NT	2 $\diamond^*$
3 $\diamond$	3 $\spadesuit$	4 $\clubsuit$	4 $\spadesuit$
5 $\clubsuit$	Double	All Pass	
2 $\diamond$	Majors		

Artur Malinowski went one down in 5 $\clubsuit$  and must have been hopeful, but...

<b>WEST</b>	<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>
<i>Burn</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Cliffe</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>
—	—	1 $\clubsuit$	1 $\spadesuit$
Double	2 $\clubsuit$	Double	4 $\clubsuit$
Pass	4 $\diamond$	Pass	4 $\heartsuit$
Pass	4 $\spadesuit$	Pass	5 $\clubsuit$
Pass	6 $\spadesuit$	All Pass	

It cost 7 IMP's.

We'll finish off with probably the trickiest one of them all, featuring 5 different contracts around the room.

# GENERAL INTEREST

♠ K J 10 9 5 4		♠ Q 8 3 2
♥ 8 5 4		♥ 2
♦ 10 8 7		♦ 9 4 2
♣ 3		♣ A K Q 4 2
♠ A 7 6	EW Game Dealer S	♠ Q 8 3 2
♥ A K J 10 9 7 6		♥ 2
♦ —		♦ 9 4 2
♣ J 9 5		♣ A K Q 4 2
♠		♠
♥ Q 3		♥
♦ A K Q J 6 5 3		♦
♣ 10 8 7 6		♣

Let's start with the only match where the contract was the same at both tables;

## Young Chelsea v Gold Cup

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Robson</i>	<i>Porter</i>	<i>Allfrey</i>	<i>Bennett</i>
—	—	—	1♦
4♥	Pass	Pass	5♦
Double	All Pass		

Robson made a slightly heavy 4♥ overcall, which this time lost his side the space to find the best spot.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Bowdery</i>	<i>Forrester</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Crouch</i>
—	—	—	1♦
1♥	1♠	2♣	2♦
2♠	Double	3♣	Pass
3♦	3♠	Pass	Pass
4♥	5♦	Double	All Pass

Richard Bowdery chose 1♥ and had the pleasure of hearing partner bid clubs twice, but the end result was the same.

The hand records don't say how, but Keith Bennett managed a tenth trick and picked up 5 IMP's against the other room's -300.

## Olympiad Gold v Presidents

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Teltscher</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Priday</i>	<i>Stockdale</i>
—	—	—	3NT*
Double	4♣*	Double	4♦
4♥	5♦	5♠	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

Susan Stockdale had a void and probably a suspicion that the auction had got slightly out of hand for the opponents, so she doubled, got her ruff, and scored -1660.

It mattered little though, for at the other table...

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Senior</i>	<i>Dixon</i>	<i>Dhondy</i>	<i>Silverstone</i>
—	—	—	1♦
4♥	Pass	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

Down the normal two.

At Zia's table there was some unusual action as always.

## All Stars v Spring Fours

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Denning</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Shields</i>	<i>Zia</i>
—	—	—	1♦
1♥	2♠*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2♠ Weak

West must have thought he had good defence to 3 NT.

He was right, it went nine down.

Seeing the full hand, I'm not sure that +450 was the score the Welsh wanted on the scorecard though.

We're always told to trust partner in the bidding, but how far should you take it?

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Gillis</i>	<i>Tedd</i>	<i>S'minde</i>	<i>Salisbury</i>
—	—	—	1♦
4♥	4♠	Double	All Pass

I know that if I passed this out in 4♠ with that South hand, I would have to find another partner, but then I didn't win the Spring Fours this year, John Salisbury did, so maybe I shouldn't be too hard on him.

There's 1400 there, but that's on double dummy defence and Mike Tedd finished down 800 only.

In contrast, in **Crockfords v London:**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>To</i>	<i>Malinowski</i>	<i>Myers</i>	<i>de Botton</i>
—	—	—	1♦
1♥	1♠	2♣	2♦
4♥	4♠	Double	5♦
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

Janet de Botton had heard her partner bid spades twice, but she still pulled to 5♦ quick as a bunny. She also found a tenth trick. Was -100 going to be good enough to win the board?

It was.

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Cliffe</i>	<i>Sandqvist</i>	<i>Burn</i>
—	—	—	3NT*
Double	4♣*	Double	4♦
4♥	5♦	Double	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♦	Pass	7♣	All Pass

An easy 13 tricks and +2140, which is not a bad way to finish.

I must extend a "Thank you" to Bernard Teltscher for supporting this great competition, and to Stephanie Rohan and all the helpers at the YC, for running a superb event. With any luck, we'll get another chance next year.