

Genuine quality

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Sunday
Telegraph

Dealer South

♠ K 9 8 7
♥ Q J 6
♦ A 7 6 4 2
♣ J

♠ 10 5
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ 10
♣ Q 10 9 7
4 3



♠ A J 6 4
♥ 5 3
♦ K 5 3
♣ A 6 5 2

Game All

♠ Q 3 2
♥ A K 4 2
♦ Q J 9 8
♣ K 8

Eight teams competed in a round robin competition and these were the leading positions:-

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| 1. Iceland | 260 vp |
| 2. TGR Club (sponsors) | 225 |
| 3. England | 221 |

Glyn Liggins, playing for England, won the award for the best played hand on the deal, left.

South opened a weak 1NT. North introduced Stayman and East's double indicated a strong balanced hand. After South had shown four spades, North had no hesitation in jumping to game.

West led the singleton ♦10 and Liggins, the declarer, won in hand with ♦K, played to ♠K and successfully finessed ♠J. Knowing that West had no more trumps declarer led a diamond and, when West discarded a club, declarer ducked in dummy. East won with ♦9 and returned ♠K.

Declarer won ♣A and played off ♠A, extracting East's last trump. He then cashed ♦A, ruffed a diamond with ♠6 and ruffed a club with dummy's ♠9. After winning the established fifth diamond declarer exited with ♥Q, knowing, from his double that East must hold both the top hearts.

East played off ♥K and ♥A but was forced to concede the final trick to dummy's ♥J. Not surprisingly no other declarer made this contract.

Bidding

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	2♣	Double	2♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	Pass

THE 1992 Lederer Memorial Trophy, which was played earlier this month at the Young Chelsea Club in London, attracted an enthusiastic audience who were able to watch the play at the table or on Vu-Graph. In the English calendar the Lederer remains as one of the few team events of genuine quality.

Two foreign teams were invited this year, Ireland, who won the 1991 event, and Iceland. Iceland are the current holders of the Bermuda Bowl and they showed their world championship form with a comfortable victory in the Lederer.