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BEST DEFENCE

Howard Melbourne & Gary Hyett, Gold Cup Winners

HAND: 10 MATCH NO: 1 VUL: GA DEALER: E

	A 5 3 2		
	A Q 10 9 6 3		
	8		
	A Q		
Q 4	N	K J 9	
J 7	W + E	K 8 5 4	
A K Q 7 5 3 2	S	9 6 4	
7 2		9 5 3	
	10 8 7 6		
	2		
	J 10		
	K J 10 8 6 4		

BIDDING:	Cliffe	Melbourne	Payn	Hyett	(Gold Cup v London)
	W	N	E	S	
			P	P	
	1♠	1♥	1NT	2♣	
	3NT	Dbl	All Pass		

PLAY:

At several other tables North South bid to a major suit game which they had little trouble making (though 4♥ can go off on accurate defence). But Howard Melbourne of the Gold Cup Winners team doubled 3NT and the defence were under pressure to defeat the contract.

The opening lead was the ♥2 to the ace and Melbourne could see that the wrong switch could be very costly. If partner held, for example, ♠KJxx ♥x ♦xx ♣J10xxxx, then playing clubs would be very wrong. But he bravely played ♣A followed by ♣Q and Hyett remembered to overtake! Six clubs and two aces produced an 1100 penalty and the London team-mates who made 4♥+1 were doubtless disappointed to lose 10 IMPs.