



**BEST BID HAND**

Jon Cooke & Martin Garvey, Tollemache Cup winners

HAND: 1                      MATCH NO: 3                      VUL: Love All                      DEALER: N

	♠ 10 7 5 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ A 4 ♣ A K J 6 3	
♠ Q ♥ Q 7 ♦ K Q J 8 6 2 ♣ Q 9 4 2	N W    E S	♠ 2 ♥ K J 10 9 6 4 3 2 ♦ 7 5 ♣ 10 5
	♠ A K J 9 8 6 4 3 ♥ None ♦ 10 9 3 ♣ 8 7	

<b>BIDDING:</b>		Cooke		Garvey	(Tollemache v YC)
	West	North	East	South	
		INT	3♥	4♥	
	Double	Redouble	Pass	5♥	
	Pass	6♣	Pass	6♠	
	Pass	7♠	All Pass		

Jon Cooke and Martin Garvey were the only pair to bid to this grand slam. INT was 15-17, and over the pre-emptive 3♥, Garvey's 4♥ simply showed a good hand (3♠ would not have been forcing, and 4♠ would have been feeble). Cooke's redouble showed ♥A, and Garvey – unwilling to sign off in game – made a further effort with 5♥. Deciding that it was about time someone bid a suit other than the opponents', Cooke offered 6♣ as a contract. But when Garvey revealed that he intended to play in spades all along, Cooke appreciated that his three aces and three trumps were worth a grand slam in the face of his partner's strong sequence.

**PLAY:**

The play presented no problem, even on a diamond lead, dummy's spades providing the entries needed to establish the clubs for a discard of the second losing diamond.