

NORTH
 SAQ5
 HA64
 DA965
 CA92

EVENING
 STANDARD
 David Bird

WEST
 SK762
 HQJ82
 DJ874
 C7

EAST
 S1093
 HK9753
 DQ3
 CK64

SOUTH
 SJ84
 H10
 DK102
 CQJ10853

Love all, dealer South

West	North	East	South
Liggins	Probst	Fawcett	H-Pritchard
-	-	2D	Pass
4D	Dble	4H	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	5C
All Pass			

The deal is from the Lederer Memorial Trophy, played at the Young Chelsea Club. East's 2D showed a weak two in a major and West's 4D asked to play in four of the major. Ben Handley-Pritchard, representing the England Juniors, won the prize for the best-played hand. How would you play 5C on a heart lead? Ben won with the ace, ruffed a heart and ran the trump queen, losing to the king. He won the trump return and drew the last trump. He now needed to find the spade king onside and to set up a spade discard on the diamond suit. As the cards lie, playing the ace and king of diamonds would be good enough. The queen would fall and he could knock out the jack. The young declarer wanted to make the game also when West held Q-J-x-x of diamonds. He ran the ten of diamonds to East's queen, ruffed the heart return and cashed his remaining trumps. West was squeezed in spades and diamonds and had to surrender an eleventh trick.