



BEST PLAYED HAND

Colin Simpson (All Stars)

Game All. Dealer North

♠ KJ104 ♥ 8 ♦ KQJ ♣ K9542	♠ 72 ♥ K1064 ♦ 1065432 ♣ 8	♠ A5 ♥ AQJ973 ♦ A98 ♣ AJ
♠ Q9863 ♥ 52 ♦ 7 ♣ Q10763		

West	North	East	South
<i>Robert Sheehan</i>	<i>Andrew Woodcock</i>	<i>Colin Simpson</i>	<i>Ed Levy</i>
	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

In the match between the All Stars (who were going for their fifth Lederer win in a row) and the Juniors Colin Simpson and Robert Sheehan had a swift auction to 6NT after Simpson had opened an off-centre 2NT.

South found the unfortunate lead of the six of clubs round to Simpson's jack. Simpson crossed to dummy with a diamond and took a heart finesse. On this trick North played the six of hearts and South the five. Away from the bridge table Colin Simpson had a successful career in the police force and he decided that the Juniors were honest and were both showing an even numbers of cards. He cashed the ace of hearts, the ace of clubs (on which North showed out) and the ace of spades, and took a spade finesse. He now played his two winning diamonds (South showing out) and ended in dummy with these four cards remaining:

♠ KJ ♥ - ♦ - ♣ K9	♠ - ♥ K10 ♦ 106 ♣ -	♠ - ♥ J973 ♦ - ♣ -
♠ Q9 ♥ - ♦ - ♣ Q10		

It was now a simple matter to throw South in with a club and endplay him in spades. Five of the eight pairs bid a slam, but only Simpson was successful.