

BRIDGE/Terence Reese

North
 ♠ K J 10 9
 ♥ A 9 7 5 3 2
 ♦ 8 5 4 2
 ♣ 5

West
 ♠ A 9 7 4 3
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ Q 10 9
 ♣ K 7 2

East
 ♠ Q 10 8 6
 ♥ J 10
 ♦ 8
 ♣ A Q 9 8 3

South
 ♠ 5 2
 ♥ K 8
 ♦ A K J 7 3
 ♣ J 10 6 4

Dealer West: Love all.
 There are some situations where you can trap only a good player. In the Lederer Memorial Trophy the bidding went:
 South West North East
 No No 1♣ 1♠
 1♦ 1♥ 3♦ 3♥
 4♥ 4♠ 5♦ 5♥ No
 (No 3♠ double) all pass.
 North's Five Diamonds was perhaps an error. She (it was

Rixi Markus) had already implied diamond support and might have left the final decision to her partner, Martin Hoffman.
 East won the club lead and returned a trump. South cashed two top trumps, then played three rounds of hearts. West overruffing on the third round.
 The ace of spades at this point puts the contract one down but John Reardon made what looks like the dangerous play of a low spade. Put yourself now in Hoffman's position: He may not have been impressed by East's early discard of the ♠ 8 but he could hardly imagine that West had given him a chance to make the contract. He put in the ♠ jack from dummy and finished two down. At the other table Four Diamonds was one down undoubted. The event was excellently staged by the Young Chelsea Club.

EVENING STANDARD

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North
 ♠ Q 9 5 3
 ♥ Q 8 6 3
 ♦ K 10 9
 ♣ 10 3

West
 ♠ 10 8 6
 ♥ —
 ♦ 8 7 5 4 3
 ♣ K J 9 7 6

East
 ♠ J 7
 ♥ J 7 2
 ♦ Q J 6 2
 ♣ Q 5 4 2

South
 ♠ A K 4 2
 ♥ A K 10 9 5 4
 ♦ A
 ♣ A 8

Dealer West. Game all.
 This deal is from last year's Lederer Cup, an event in which six of the best teams in Britain contend against one another.
 Irving Rose and Barnet Shenkin won the prize for the best bid hand after a lengthy sequence that carried them to Seven Hearts. South began with Two Clubs and apparently North's Two Diamond response was semi-positive

(Two Hearts being the weakness response).
 Most pairs began Two Clubs—Two Diamonds (weak)—Two Hearts—Three Hearts, and languished in Six. I have a feeling that my grandmother and I would have done better (and faster) with:
 South North
 2C 2D
 2H 4H
 7H No
 At a table where two of the 'moderns' were in opposition, West opened the bidding with One Diamond and North-South, after a misunderstanding at some point, subsided in Four Hearts.
 This year's Lederer Cup will be played at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, 32 Barkston Gardens (near Earls Court Underground) next Saturday afternoon and evening, Sunday afternoon. Entrance £2 a session, half price for students and OAP. It is the best 'kibitzing' of the year.

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