

CAUTIOUS BIDDER [16]

The Teltscher Trophy, formerly sponsored by Bernard Tetscher, is the Seniors Home International, played between the same six teams as contest the Camrose and the Lady Milne. This year Wales hosted the event, which meant that we were able to field two teams – 'Wales' and a second team, dubbed 'WBU'. Cardiff's Chris Rochelle and Simon Gottschalk were selected for the Wales team, whilst Dave Birt/Gilly Clench and Philip Felman/Tony Disley were selected for the WBU.

Scotland won the event very impressively, winning all ten of their matches and thereby beating a strong England team into 2nd place. Wales came 4th, just behind the Republic of Ireland, and the WBU finished 6th.

Chris Rochelle showed me this hand. Chris was watching Nigel Guthrie and James Forsyth of Scotland play Felman and Disley of the WBU.

Dealer East; North/South vul

	♠76	
	♥J10432	
	♦KJ10	
	♣864	
♠K		♠AJ1043
♥AQ965		♥void
♦7		♦AQ98542
♣AK10932		♣J
	♠Q9852	
	♥K87	
	♦63	
	♣Q75	

With the Scots sitting East./West, they bid as follows.

W	N	E	S
		1D	P
2C	P	2S	P
3H	P	3S	P
3N	P	4D	P
6D	P	P	P

West's final jump to Six Diamonds showed impressive faith in partner. Philip Felman, sitting South, led the six of diamonds to his partner's King and declarer's Ace. The play then continued as follows.

Queen of diamonds, followed by a further diamond to North's Jack. North exited with the seven of spades to dummy's singleton King. Declarer next played the Ace of hearts, throwing a spade, and ruffed a heart. He then cashed the Ace of spades before running all his trumps.

This was the five card ending, with declarer yet to play his final trump.

	♠		
	♥J10		
	♦		
	♣864		
♠		♠J104	
♥Q		♥void	
♦		♦5	
♣AK109		♣J	
	♠Q		
	♥K		
	♦		
	♣Q75		

Declarer's last trump was too much for South, who found himself squeezed in three suits. He knew he was guarding both major suits and so had to relinquish his club guard in the vain hope that North would have the Jack and so be able to prevent declarer running that suit. It was not to be. Declarer jettisoned his heart loser on the last trump (the Queen of hearts having done its job as a threat) and then overtook his singleton club and ran the club suit, which was now good. Nicely done.

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