

Bridge: U.J.A. Charity Tournament Won by Leventritt and Leib

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THE biggest charity tournament of the year was played Wednesday night at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Almost every leading expert in the metropolitan area took part, each playing with a less experienced partner, and there were five players who competed in the world championship in Miami Beach last week: Benito Garozzo, the Italian world champion; Somboon Nandhabiwat of Thailand, and Edgar Kaplan, William Root and Alvin Roth of the North American team.

More than \$16,000 was raised for the United Jewish Appeal Scholarship Fund, a record result that indicates the organization prowess of Mrs. Samuel Stayman and Mrs. Howard Schenken, the co-chairmen.

The winners were Peter Leventritt and Bruce Leib of New York and the runners-up were Jonas Cornberg and Frieda Bogorod.

Most Exciting Deal of Event

The diagramed deal was the most exciting in the event and led to problems in both bidding and play. Six diamonds is obviously a sound contract for North-South and all 13 tricks can be made by judging the club situation accurately and finessing twice against West's queen.

But it was difficult to reach the slam if East-West preempted vigorously in hearts, so relatively few pairs bid to six diamonds.

Morrie Elis of Oceanside, L. I., scored a top by bidding to six spades by the sequence shown. East opened with a weak two-bid in hearts and West showed no inspiration when he passed: at favorable vulnerability a jump to four hearts or even five hearts would have been appropriate, for it should have been clear that North-South would be able to make a vulnerable game if not more.

Al Rand, sitting North, was able to show a hand of great power by a cue-bid of three hearts and Elis made an imaginative jump to four spades. It was likely that North held at least four spades and the jump showed that South held some high-card strength.

North rightly raised to six spades and South found himself struggling with a seven-

NORTH

♠ K Q 6 4
♥ —
♦ A K Q 8 3
♣ A 10 9 5

WEST

♠ 9 5 2
♥ K J 6 5 3
♦ J
♣ Q 8 7 4

EAST (D)

♠ J 7 3
♥ A Q 10 9 8 2
♦ 7 5 4
♣ J

SOUTH

♠ A 10 8
♥ 7 4
♦ 10 9 6 2
♣ K 6 3 2

North and South were vulnerable. The bidding:

East	South	West	North
2 ♥	Pass	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the heart five.

card trump holding, which was immediately weakened when West led a heart.

By a combination of good fortune and the magical dummy-play that has won him many national titles Elis made all 13 tricks. He could not, of course, afford to draw trumps, although that play would have succeeded thanks to the three-three trump division and the highly fortunate club situation. The even trump break was essential in any event, and he found a line of play that required East to hold the spade jack.

After ruffing the first trick in dummy, he cashed the spade king and finessed the ten in his own hand. When this held he ruffed his remaining heart with the trump queen, completing what might be called an inverted dummy reversal.

The closed hand was entered with the club king and the spade ace drew the two missing trumps. The contract was now a certainty, and Elis began to think about an over-trick.

He cashed four rounds of diamonds, ending in his own hand, and stopped to count. East had produced three spades and three diamonds and clearly held a six-card heart suit to justify his weak two-bid. The club jack was therefore marked as a singleton and the club ten was finessed successfully, giving South all the tricks and a top score.