

WALES v IRELAND

Board 10

East Deals

Both Vul

Teltscher 2022 Wales v Ireland

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	♥ Q 4										
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	♥ A K 9 2										
	♦ 10 7										
	♣ A Q 10 7 5										
West	North	East	South								
	<i>Gary Jones</i>		<i>Paul Lamford</i>								
		Pass	1 ♣								
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥								
Pass	3 ♦	All pass									
	3 ♦ by North										

Wales went into the last day of the Teltscher having only won one match but by not losing the other two matches too heavily were in realistic contention for a third place finish.

Our morning match was against IRELAND. Our pairs were doing well on part score hands and board 10 shows Gary Jones and Paul Lamford (sitting North South) bidding accurately whilst Alan and Peter in the "other" room exacting a plus score when their opponents were unduly influenced by the possibility of a vulnerable game!

Gary and Paul bid and played in 3♦. Gary (North) showed an invitational hand with diamonds. Paul (South) showed a minimum hand with clubs and hearts. If Gary's ♥Q had been the ♦Q then I am sure he would have tried 3NT. If Paul had held a diamond honour he might have made a further try. 3♦ making was worth +110.

In the other room IRELAND also showed an invitational hand with diamonds but South had bid 1NT and pushed on to become declarer in 3NT. Alan led the ♠10 Wales taking the first 5 tricks, declarer eventually going down 2 (-200). This was worth a 7 IMP swing to WALES.

We lost this 32 board match narrowly (by 6 IMPS) but were still in with a chance of a 3rd place finish.

NORTHERN IRELAND V WALES

On Sunday afternoon we played our last match against Northern Ireland. The following hand shows Alan and Peter combining well.

Board 5
North Deals
N-S Vul

Telscher 2022 Northern Ireland v Wales

	♠ J 6 2										
	♥ 10 7 3										
	♦ A K Q J 8 3										
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	♣ A Q 10 8 6										
West	North	East	South								
	<i>Alan Stephenson</i>		<i>Peter Kaufmann</i>								
	3♦	Pass	3NT								
All pass											
3 NT by South											

Alan's 3♦ opening may not have been to everyone's liking with only a 6-card suit. But at least it was a good 6-card suit! Peter liked his chances of making 9 tricks in NT with his 3-card Diamond support and 10 tricks rolled in after the ♣3 lead.

In the "other" room, North opening the bidding with 1♦ and the bidding proceeded to 5♦ (when South eventually gave up on the possibility of 6♦). 5♦ can be made by ruffing out the clubs but declarer tried a different line finishing-up 2 down. 13 IMPS to Wales.

Here are Gary and Paul in action again and avoiding a poor slam by bidding accurately.

Board 18
 East Deals
 N-S Vul

Teltscher 2022 - Northern Ireland v Wales

	♠ A K 4										
	♥ K 3 2										
	♦ A Q J 9										
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	♣ Q J 8										
West	North	East	South								
	<i>Gary Jones</i>		<i>Paul Lamford</i>								
		Pass	1 ♥								
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥								
Pass	4 NT ¹	Pass	5 ♣ ²								
Pass	5 ♦ ³	Pass	5 ♥ ⁴								

- All pass
1. RKCB
 2. 1 (or 4) key card(s)
 3. Trump Queen Ask
 4. No Trump Queen, No extra trump length
 - 5 ♥ by South

Gary and Paul tried for the Heart slam, but gave-up when they were missing one key card and the Heart Queen. 5♥ made +1 when Paul played off the top two hearts.

In the "other" room Northern Ireland bid to 6♥ which failed after Alan led the ♣A (the slam makes without this lead!) and then declarer took a losing Heart finesse. Another 13IMPS to Wales.

We finally lost to Northern Ireland by 1 IMP (a losing draw).

We finished a slightly disappointing 5th out of the 6 teams. Congratulations to Scotland (who also won the Lady Milne this year) who lead this year's Teltscher from start to the finish.

The Northern Irish were great hosts, the venue was excellent and the bridge matches were certainly exciting where the results of the last 10 boards (out of 160 boards) determined all the final places!

Wales are the hosts for the next years TELTSCHER event where we can field two teams.