

## DAILY BULLETIN

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### PROGRAM FOR TODAY

- 10.00 Teams registration
- 11.00 Opening
- 11.30 Teams tournament, rounds 1-3 (3x6 boards)
- 16.30 Teams tournament, rounds 4-9 (5x6 boards)

### RESULTS

#### INVITATIONAL PAIRS (94 pairs)

<b>1.B.Chmurski – M.Puczyński</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>61,63 imp</b>
<b>2.O.Wademark – A.Palmgren</b>	<b>SWE</b>	<b>60,23 imp</b>
<b>3.A.Smilgajs – A.Shudnev</b>	<b>LAT</b>	<b>56,86 imp</b>
<b>4.T.Magnusson – P-G.Eliasson</b>	<b>SWE</b>	<b>53,64 imp</b>
<b>5.K.Buras – G.Narkiewicz</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>52,29 imp</b>
<b>6.P.Gawryś – J.Kalita</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>51,10 imp</b>
<b>7.J.Poletyło – M.Wójcicki</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>50,29 imp</b>
<b>8.S.Henclik – K.Sikorski</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>49,24 imp</b>
<b>9.M.Karpow – T.Laanemae</b>	<b>EST</b>	<b>46,67 imp</b>
<b>10.M.Axdorph – J.Ostberg</b>	<b>SWE</b>	<b>44,17 imp</b>

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### LOCAL TIME

Everybody should remember, that the local time in Lithuania is Eastern European Summer Time here – what is equal to UTC/GMT +3 hours

So please be careful enough to check your watch time!

At least, try to be on place one hour earlier than you think you should be ☺

### NO SMOKING REGULATIONS

Smoking is strictly forbidden besides the smoking area. Smoking areas will be prepared and well signed at the playing venue.

### BEST HANDS COMPETITION FOR THE MARTENS BRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRIZE

There will be the prizes for the best hands of the competition (small fed's trophy and festival tournaments):

- best bid hand
- best played hand
- best defended hand

The prizes are founded by Krzysztof Martens – Polish player and bridge writer – the books of Martens Bridge University series.

The entries should be delivered to the editor of the bulletin or to the tournament directors.

The choice of the winners will be made according to the artistic value of the single entry, assessed by the anonymous jury.

No prize can be awarded in any category if there will be no entry of appropriate level.

### LIGHTNER DOUBLE

The final of the small fed's trophy started from highly exciting hands. Look at the board No. 3:

The hand was really unusual:

Board 3. WE vulnerable, dealer South.

	N		E
	♠ AK10		♠ Q863
	♥ AKQJ7654		♥ 83
	♦ A		♦ 95
	♣ 7		♣ AK1063
W		S	
♠ -		♠ J97542	
♥ 1092		♥ -	
♦ KQ10842		♦ J763	
♣ 8542		♣ QJ9	

North's hand is a dream of each high stakes player... But look what has happened to the poor Fissore:

W	N	E	S
Olanski	Fissore	Vainikonis	Allavena
			pass
pass	2♣ <sup>1)</sup>	dbl. <sup>2)</sup>	pass
3♦ <sup>3)</sup>	3♥	pass	3♠
pass	6♥	pass	pass
dbl.	pass(?)	pass...	



WOJTEK OLANCKI (LITHUANIA)

Vainikonis has read partner's double correctly – he led a spade, but his choice was a sneaky ♠8. Wojtek ruffed and obediently (high spade = suit preference for diamonds) returned a diamond. Only one down, 100 for EW but sounds of applause of the Lithuania team supporters in the vue graph room.

After double, evidently showing a spade ruff, North should try to escape... Pass was like waiting for the death. If 6♠ fails also, the position is hopeless. But if partner has six spades to Q9 or QJ, 6♠ makes. At last, the score could be similar to that of 6♥.

At the replay there was less excitement. North opened 1♣ (Polish), South responded negative 1♦, and North said: "Partner, I have eleven winners playing hearts... Try to guess where I need a trick to slam". It was a bid of 5♥. It has ended the auction and East did not (who would?) find a spade lead. 11 imps for Lithuania.

**CARD READING – cont.**

In the last bulletin I have shown two boards where it was possible to find a play, which a priori would be absolutely against the odds. It was possible due to information from the bidding, clues from the play, and from the table presence.

I found one more board of this kind, playing in the invitational pairs. Try to solve the following single dummy problem:

**N**

♠ K753  
♥ Q1094  
♦ KQ9  
♣ KJ

**S**

♠ AQJ104  
♥ AK  
♦ A103  
♣ 1054

Sitting North, you heard partner opening 1♦ - 16+PC, any distribution; after a series of relays you have recognized that partner has balanced hand with 5 cards in spades. You started cue-bidding by 4♣ and East doubled – partner has passed, showing now support to your stopper, and you have checked aces (3) and kings (1) – so you decided to bid 6NT. East led (Polish leads ♦7, and when you have played a small from dummy, West followed with the jack.

How should you continue?

The simple chance is the club finesse. Will it work when east has doubled your cue bid? In my opinion the chance is much

lower than 50%, maximum 25%. Let's look for something better. If you assume both club honors at east hand, the only hope is in hearts – you must find 4 tricks in this suit. It will be possible if the jack will be not longer that third. But is it the only chance? If the jack is in the four card suit, and is accompanied by ♣AQ, you can also make the contract on the thrown-in squeeze. Rule of restricted choice strongly suggests that ♥J is in east hand (if he has only the spots in hearts, he could lead this suit as well as diamond).

If you assume, that East has ♣AQ and fourth, or longer, jack of hearts, play is simple – you cash all your spades (you will note that East had a singleton spade, which make the chance for the heart length in his hand much more realistic), discarding the club from the hand, you cash ♥AK (rather unluckily, the jack did not appeared), play diamond ace and the diamond to the ace. You must only watch if the ♣Q has shown. If not – cash ♥Q, jack should fall. If the queen appeared, play the ♣K, and wait for the lead of N.

Look at the opponents hands:

<b>W</b>	<b>E</b>
♠ 862	♠ 9
♥ 832	♥ J765
♦ J642	♦ 875
♣ 983	♣ AQ762

The suggested line of play led to the success, and substantial (+12 imps) gain instead of loss (- 6 imps).

**THE TOOLS OR LOGIC?**

Bidding tools – some players like them some players do not remember, some hate. But sometimes the tool must not be the matter of the detailed agreements, can be the simple logical explanation of the bid. It is necessary to assume that partner's action

is sensible, what sometimes, not too often, happens, and to take the inferences.

The board No. 20 from the invitational pairs has is the good, rather simply example of such the situation. Both vulnerable, you are a dealer. Playing "Strefa" – Polish natural system with the

short club you open 1♣ with ♠94♥A106♦AK♣KQ10654. LHO pass, partner bids nebulous 1♦ (negative, or 7-9 unbalanced without 4 in major, or 13+PC, balanced. RHO overcalls 1♠, you bid 2♣ (promising nothing extra...), West again pass, and partner bids 3♥. What is this? There would be no reason for jump bid with the negative hands – even 2♥ promises some strength (4-6 PC), not only the heart length (you should not rescue undoubled partner after his free bid). With 13+ PC partner should bid no trump or

opponents suit. So the only sensible explanation of 3♥ is 7-9 PC, unbalanced hand with minors, and it is Splinter-like bid – showing something about 5-4 in majors and short hearts. Now you can very well estimate your chances – slam is not possible, partner cannot have ♠A ♦Q ♣A – it is 10 PC, he can have maximum 9, so slam is not the option (if partner has ♠K, after overcall it is not good time for a slam...). Practically Axxx gives you good play in 5♣, so you bid it. The reward is 7.50 imps.

### DOUBLE – NO TROUBLE

Predatory double often helps the opponents. Please, follow the bidding. Sitting vulnerable, against not, you have: ♠8 ♥A7 ♦QJ108 ♣QJ8764. LHO opens 1NT (15-17), partner pass, RHO 2♦ (transfer), you decide to wait for the development. LHO accepts the transfer – 2♥, passed to you. Now you bid 3♣, LHO pass, partner 3NT, RHO and you do not contest it, but LHO doubles, and after two passes it is you who must decide what to do.

What can be the reason to double? South must have the running suit and a club stopper. If your partner did not lose his mind (you probably have assumed it, sitting together to the tournament), the only suit can be spades, where you have a singleton. It is a good news! Partner probably has nothing in spades, so you can expect that he has more or less ♥K ♦A ♣K

(minors can be also inverted) and 5♣ should be a good shot! Look at the whole board:

	<b>N</b>		
	♠ J1054		
	♥ Q10852		
	♦ 654		
	♣ 9		
<b>W</b>		<b>E</b>	
♠ 9762		♠ 8	
♥ KJ93		♥ A7	
♦ A7		♦ QJ108	
♣ A52		♣ QJ8764	
	<b>S</b>		
	♠ AKQ3		
	♥ 64		
	♦ K932		
	♣ K103		

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