

DAILY BULLETIN

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PROGRAM FOR TODAY

15.00 Pairs registration
16.00 – 21.00 Pairs tournament sessions 1-3 (3x10 boards)
21.30 Night at the Casino Olympic, prize giving ceremony

RESULTS

TEAMS TOURNAMENT (52 teams)

1.AUGURI Warszawa	PL	177 VP
C.Balicki, K.Buras, Z.Ingielewicz, G.Narkiewicz, C.Serek, A.Żmudziński		
2.UNIA SYGNITAS	PL	171 VP
R.Jagniewski, M.Kwiecień, J.Poetyło, W.Starkowski, M.Wójcicki		
3.VITAS	LT/PL	162 VP
K.Jassem, A.Kowalski, K.Martens, W.Ołański, P.Tuszyński, V.Vainikonis		
4.ESTONIA	EST	161 VP
M.Karpov, T.Laanemae, V.Levenko, S.Sester		
5.VOLKOV	PL/RU	161 VP
P.Gawryś, A.Gromov, J.Kalita, S.Volkov		
6.MYKIETYN	PL/NETH	160 VP
M.Małysa, K.Mykietyn, N. van der Gaast, S.Walerowicz		
7.YELLOW	SWE	158 VP
M.Axdorph, P-G.Eliasson, T.Magnusson, J.Ostberg		
8.CONSUS BORDO	PL	156 VP
D.Filipowicz, P.Niedzielski, J.Zaremba, P.Żak		

TOP OF THE BUTLER RANKING

1.M.Kwiecień	Unia-Sygnitas	2.52 imp/brd	48 boards
2.C.Balicki	Auguri Warszawa	2.19	54
A.Żmudziński	Auguri Warszawa	2.19	54
4.R.Jagniewski	Unia-Sygnitas	2.02	54
5.P-G.Eliasson	YELLOW	1.96	54
T.Magnusson	YELLOW	1.96	54
7.R.Grzelak	GRZELAK	1.83	54
J.Romański	GRZELAK	1.83	54
9.W.Ołański	VITAS	1.63	30
V.Vainikonis	VITAS	1.63	30

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.

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

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

DEFENSE OF THE TOURNAMENT

Krzysztof Buras and Grzegorz Narkiewicz are the rising stars of Polish bridge. Their last, and best achievement since ever, was the second place in World Transnational Teams Championships in Sao Paulo this year. They were nominated to the Polish national team to the nearest European Championships in Ostende. Here, In Vilnius they gave a proof of their class in (probably not only) one of the boards of the teams tournament.

Buras, (East) with ♠976♥8542♦108♣7652, was on the lead after following bidding:

W	N	E	S
Narkie- wicz	Arvidsson	Buras	Bech
	1♠	pass	2♦ ¹⁾
4♦	4♠	pass	5♦
pass	5♠	pass...	

¹⁾transfer to hearts

He surprisingly led a club. The result was really spectacular! Look at the board:

Board No 9. WE vulnerable, dealer N.

		N		
		♠ KQ10854		
		♥ 3		
		♦ 52		
		♣ AQJ10		
W				E
♠ J2				♠ 976
♥ J76				♥ 8542
♦ AKQJ9763				♦ 108
♣ -				♣ 7652
		S		
		♠ A3		
		♥ AKQ109		
		♦ 4		
		♣ K9843		

Narkiewicz ruffed, underled his diamond honor and Buras was again in

hand with the modest eight of diamonds. He played a club again, and the it was the end of the story – one down.

Buras, when asked about his choice of the lead, said” “It was simple – heart and spade leads had no sense, partner did not doubled 4♦... How many tricks can we take in diamonds if partner has bid 4♦ vulnerable?”

So the only hope could be in clubs.

On the second table NS bid to a slam:

W	N	E	S
	1♠	pass	2♥
4♦	pass	pass	4♠
pass	5♣	pass	6♣
pass	6♠	pass	pass
dbl.	pass...		

and East made a textbook lead – Lightner’s double asks to lead the first suit, bid by dummy... - a heart, and a contract was made, giving substantial gain for Auguri team.

BRIDGE TODAY

This article is not from Matthew Granovetter journal, but I would like to show a few examples how the game looks today.

Lets look from the following hand from the round V of the teams tournament:

Board 29. Both vulnerable, dealer North.

		N		
		♠ K954		
		♥ 85		
		♦ K9742		
		♣ Q3		
W			E	
♠ A102			♠ Q873	
♥ 973			♥ AKJ104	
♦ 6			♦ 105	
♣ AKJ872			♣ 104	
		S		
		♠ J6		
		♥ Q62		
		♦ AQJ83		
		♣ 965		

W	N	E	S
Starkow-ski	Jankunaite	Poletyło	Sarkanaski

		1♥	pass
2♣	pass	2♥	pass
4♥	pass...		

Sarkanaski has led a club. Declarer played the ace, continued with the trump to the ace, club to the king in dummy (the queen fell), finessed the heart – South took the queen and played two round of diamonds – declarer ruffed and claimed one overtrick.



Włodek Starkowski – Jacek Poletyło

In the open room East has chosen conservative looking pass:

W	N	E	S
Blazevicius	Jagniewski	Stankus	Kwiecień
	pass	pass	1♦
2♣	dbl.	2♥	pass
pass	3♦	dbl.	pass
pass(?)	pass		

In the bidding of East – West pair we can find some points to improve. First – 2♥ - this bid sounds like “the longer, the weaker” – some kind of rescue. Much better would be the redouble, showing strength – maximum of passed hand.

Even if the bidding started this way, West should bid 3♥ instead of passing the double, then East could be tempted to bid the game.

3♦ was set 1 trick, 200, but 10 imps for Unia-Sygnity.

HOW TO WIN INVITATIONAL PAIRS

To win the tournament scored at the cross imps, you must have substantial dose of luck and present well controlled aggression.

When the standings before last two boards were given to the table, Bartosz Chmurski and Mariusz Puczynski were on the 10th place.



Happy winners – B.Chmurski – M.Puczynski

At the board before the last Chmurski (vulnerable against not) looked at his cards: ♠A862♥9♦Q6♣KQ5432. Partner opened 1♥ (both opponents passing all the time), Chmurski 1♠, partner 2♥. What now? Looking at the vulnerabilities and position at the tournemanet, he decided to stretch to the invitational 2NT. Partner of course accepted...

Look at the complete board:

	N	
	♠ 975	
	♥ 65	
	♦ A10932	
	♣ 1076	
W		E
♠ A862		♠ K103
♥ 9		♥ KQJ1043
♦ Q6		♦ K75
♣ KQ5432		♣ 8
	S	
	♠ QJ4	
	♥ A872	
	♦ J84	
	♣ AJ9	

East hand – only 12 PC, but much playing strength – ready to run heart suit, to kings, not the jacks or the queens, so he accepted the invitation without doubt. North, not surprisingly, led the diamond – queen from the hand was the winner and there was 9 easy tricks. It gave the +600 and the about 7 imps gain. The last board was also successful and Chmurski – Puczynski jumped to the top of classification.

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