

## DAILY BULLETIN

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### PROGRAM FOR TODAY

11.00 Pairs tournament, sessions 4-5 (2x10 boards)  
14.30 Closing ceremony

### RESULTS

#### OPEN PAIRS TOURNAMENT (137 pairs) - STANDING AFTER 3 SESSIONS

<b>1.P.Grzelak – J.Romański</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>64,43%</b>
<b>2.K.Martens – K.Jassem</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>63,90%</b>
<b>3.D.Filipowicz – P.Niedzielski</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>63,76%</b>
<b>4.R.Jagniewski – M.Kwiecień</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>62,62%</b>
<b>5.M.Budrys – E.Stankus</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>61,47%</b>
<b>6.P.Lukinskas – A.Michailovas</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>61,08%</b>
<b>7.J.Linnamagi – H.Linnamagi</b>	<b>FIN</b>	<b>60,93%</b>
<b>8.K.Mykietyn – P.Walerowicz</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>60,77%</b>
<b>9.B.Chmurski – M.Puczyński</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>59,42%</b>
<b>10.K.Kujawa – T.Kowalczewski</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>58,58%</b>

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

##### BEST DEFENDED HAND

**Krzysztof BURAS – Grzegorz NARKIEWICZ (POLAND)**

the defense against 5♠ contract from the teams tournament, Daily Bulletin No. 6, page 2

##### BEST PLAYED HAND

**Vassili LEVENKO (ESTONIA)**

5♥ contract from semifinal of small fed's trophy, Daily Bulletin No. 4, page 3

##### BEST BID HAND

**Marek PIETRASZEK – Tomasz UKRAIŃSKI (POLAND)**

7♣ contract from the teams tournament, Daily Bulletin No. 7, page 2

## LIGHTNER DOUBLE REVISITED

Please, try to solve two first lead decisions. Your cards are always the same: ♠976♥8542♦108♣7652, and you, sitting East, must lead after the following bidding (WE vulnerable, NS not):

### PROBLEM 1

W	N	E	S
	1♠	pass	2♥
4♦	4♣	pass	4NT <sup>1)</sup>
pass	5♠ <sup>2)</sup>	pass	6♠
dbl.	pass...		

### PROBLEM 2

W	N	E	S
	1♠	pass	2♥
4♦	4♣	pass	4NT <sup>1)</sup>
dbl.	5♠ <sup>2)</sup>	pass	6♠
dbl.	pass...		

<sup>1)</sup>RKCB

<sup>2)</sup>2 aces + ♠Q

In problem 1 standard lead is heart. The only question can be: can NS have 9 hearts after such a bidding? But standard Lightner double asks for the lead at the first suit bid by dummy – here hearts.

Problem 2. What did partner double 4NT for? If you assume, that he only tried to check if the opponents know how to show aces after double, it does not help you. But if you treat him as a person who supports you... then you are on the right track. If he would like you to lead a heart, he should politely pass after 4NT and double the final spade contract. So he wants you to do something unusual. Probably

he ruffs some suit, but which one? Not hearts, so you should lead a heart.

In the teams tournament in the match of FORTUNA and VITAS teams, Wojtek Olański hold the West cards and, trying to guide a partner, has arranged the bidding in the way, presented at the problem 2.

His partner – Vitas Vainikonis has interpreted the bids and intentions correctly – he led a club, and the slam was set by 1 trick (Wojtek did not risk underleading his diamond honors).

This is the complete board from the teams tournament:

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			

Besides, it seems that Olanski – Vainikonis can are the Lightner double experts – you can find another example at bulletin No 5.

## HOW TO REACH A GRAND?

Board No 4 of the first round of the teams tournament was typical for the bidding contest:

W	E
♠ KJ65	♠ AQ732
♥ Q3	♥ A92
♦ A65	♦ K
♣ KJ94	♣ AQ85

You have 12 top tricks in spades or NT, while 7♣ is surely the best contract. But minors suit contract are often difficult to reach. I think that at most tables the bidding started 1♣ - 1♠ - 2♠ and way to clubs was not easy. On 52 tables, the contracts were: 4(!)♠ - 2; 6♠ - 31; 7♠ - 15; 7NT - 2 (once made after the heart lead) and 7♣ only twice. One of the pairs who found the way to 7♣ were Marek

Pietraszek and Tomasz Ukraiński from Poland. Look at their bidding:

W	N	E	S
Pietraszek	Ukraiński		
1♣ <sup>1)</sup>	pass	1♠	2♥
2♠ <sup>2)</sup>	pass	2NT <sup>3)</sup>	pass
4♠ <sup>4)</sup>	pass	4NT <sup>5)</sup>	pass
5♥ <sup>6)</sup>	pass	6♣ <sup>7)</sup>	pass
7♣ <sup>8)</sup>	pass...		

<sup>1)</sup>Polish Club, balanced 12-14 PC, balanced 18-22 PC or natural 12-21 PC

<sup>2)</sup>4 spades, 12-14, usually balanced

<sup>3)</sup>at least invitational

<sup>4)</sup>enough to accept the game invitation, but not supermaximum (♥Q does not look like an asset)

<sup>5)</sup>RKCB

<sup>6)</sup>2 key cards without the trump queen

<sup>7)</sup>grand slam invitational, likely side suit

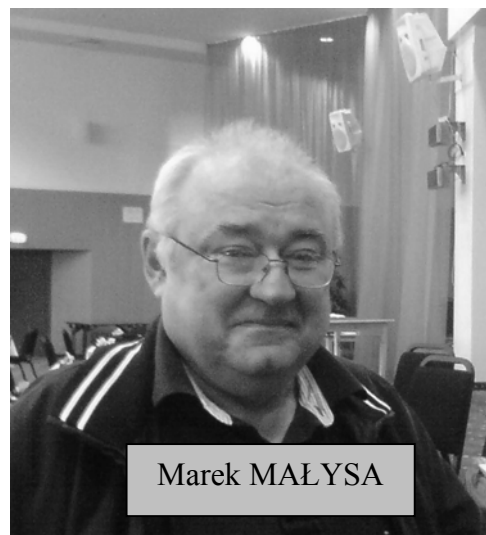
<sup>8)</sup>ok, probably in clubs we have a trick more than in spades...

It is a fine example, how it is possible to reach a very good contract without artificial tools, just showing intentions in a decisive phase of bidding.

### VILNIUS – WHERE THE DREAMS COME TRUE

Virtually everybody who arrived to the Vilnius Cup is impressed by the atmosphere and cordiality here. Bulletin staff also tries to keep the standards of the organizers, tournament directors, etc. and we try to be as helpful as possible.

When to the Bulletin office arrived **Marek Małysa** from Gdansk and told to me that 4 times in his life his plays were presented to the bulletin readers, but today he, rather unlucky, has no story to tell, I proposed him that we have something special. I asked him "Have you ever your photo in the Daily Bulletin?" He said "No". But here the dreams come true...



### DECEPTION MORE THAN SUCCESSFUL

In the last round of the teams tournament, on the table 6 the teams KUJAWA and ESTONIA have met. It was obvious that only big win can raise the winners high. So it was the time to use special weapons. What works in such the situation? Psychology... Vassili Levenko from Estonia, sitting West (NS vulnerable, WE not), hold ♠1032♥K2 ♦AKQ96♣Q104, and the LHO opened 1♠, partner overcalled 2♣, RHO bid 2♥ (not forcing). For Levenko it was obvious that partner made a borderline overcall – he can have about 8-9 PC, so his clubs must be very good, usually at least six of them. He tried 2NT – at last it has looked he has a strongest hand

	N		E
	♠ AQJ964		♠ 75
	♥ A743		♥ 85
	♦ 8		♦ J53
	♣ 82		♣ AKJ975
W		S	
♠ 1032		♠ K8	
♥ K2		♥ QJ1096	
♦ AKQ96		♦ 10742	
♣ Q104		♣ 63	

at this board, so it was time to show who is the boss. North bid 3♥ and after two passes, Levenko had to find the bid again. He tried 3NT and the bidding ended. Looking at the complete board, should we hardly blame North for the diamond lead? He expected that West has both major suit kings and tried desperately find the entry to the partner. Usually the unbid suit can provide it. Not this time... 11 tricks and 11 imps for Estonia, who won the match 39-6 imps, taking all 25 VP. They finished fourth.



MVP of Teams Tournament  
MICHAŁ KWIECIEŃ

This board was decisive also at the match on table one. Rafał Jagniewski had to solve the following problem: Vulnerable against not you opened 1♠ with ♠AQJ964♥A743♦8♠82. LHO bid 3♣, followed by two passes. What to do now? He finally passed, and opponents made their contract. Should he re-open? May be yes, may be not. But we must notice the action of Narkiewicz (North) who decided to bid 3♣, instead of passive 2 level overcall from many other tables. On the second table Starkowski bid 2♣:

W	N	E	S
Poletyło	Balicki	Starkowski	Żmudziński
	1♠	2♣	dbl.
rdbl.	2♥	3♣	3♥
3NT	4♣	pass	4♥
5♣	dbl.	pass...	

After 2♣ South had a chance to show his hearts. Redouble - points, 3♣ - minimum hand, 3♥ - TNT – with 9 trumps it usually pays to compete on 3 level, 3NT – “may be yes, may be no...”, 4♣ - I think 6♠4♥, 5♣ - very good decision, but it was easier with the little help from my opponents, because 4♥, and also 4♠, easily makes. 5♣ doubled was set two tricks.

### INVITATION TO KOSICE

Grand Prix of Kosice, Slovakia, will be played from 7<sup>th</sup> till 9<sup>th</sup> May 2010. There will be teams and pairs tournament there. For details contact Vojtech Belcak, chairman of Kosice Bridge Club, vojtechbelcak@iol.sk.

Slovakian players also hope that in 2013 they will host the small fed's trophy, as Kosice will be 2013 European Capital of Culture.

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