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PROGRAM FOR TODAY

- 10.00 Invitation Cup, part II
- 10.00 Junior Teams, part II
- 18.00 Open Pairs Tournament – registration deadline
- 19.00 Open Pairs Tournament – sessions I-III

Bridge Base Online transmission

- 10.00 Invitation Cup – table one (barometer)
- 19.00 Open Pairs Tournament

RESULTS

Invitation Cup – actual standings (after round IX)

1.W.Jaworski – G.Narkiewicz	POL	51,89
2.P.Lakatos – G.Winkler	HUN	49,20
3.L.Luks – O.Oja	EST	43,07
4.H.Brodawski – J.Kniga-Leosz	POL	41,05
5.V.Levenko – S.Sester	EST	35,83
6.S.Orlov – D.Prokhorov	RUS	34,07
7.A.Orlovich – V.Zhuravel	BLR	33,98
8.V.Kucinskas - G.Urbonas	LTU	32,63
9.A.Bielskis - E.Tallat-Kelpsa	LTU	27,60
10.R.Szczepański – J.Szutowicz	POL	202,0
11.J.Poletyło – W.Starkowski	POL	16,82
12.R.Jagniewski – M.Kwiecień	POL	16,44

Junior Teams – actual standings (after round VII)

1.Belarus I	104.6 VP
2.Poland	83.69 VP
3.Estonia	75.25 VP
4.Finland	74.56 VP
5.Lithuania	67.89 VP
6.Belarus 2	57.97 VP
7.Domino	40.04 VP

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

LOCAL TIME

Everybody should remember, that the local time in Lithuania is one hour earlier than in Warsaw, it 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 ☺

CITY SIGHTSEEING TOUR

According to *vox populi*, the sightseeing tour of Vilnius has been organized. The tour will start on Saturday, at 12.30, at the Le Meridien Villon. There will be two groups – one with English speaking guide, and another one with Polish speaking guide.

Everyone who would like to take the part in the trip should contact Erikas Vainikonis, not later than on Saturday, 10.00.

The part of trip is the lunch at the restaurant with the panoramic view of the city.

The cost of the trip is 35 LTL, or 10 euros.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

Because of the trip, the schedule of the play has been changed to make the Saturday noon pause on Saturday longer. One round of the team tournament has been transferred to Sunday. Also starting time on Saturday and Sunday is one hour earlier!

Actual schedule for Saturday and Sunday:

Saturday	
8.30	Open Teams, registration deadline
9.00	Open Teams, rounds I-III
12.30	Trip to Vilnius
17.00	Open Pairs, sessions IV-VI
21.30	Party at Casino Olympic
Sunday	
9.00	Open Teams, rounds IV-IX
16.30	Prize giving ceremony

NO SMOKING REGULATIONS

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

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

On Saturday night, after Open Pairs, the players are invited to Casino Olympic. The poker tournament – Texas Hold'em – will be carried on, and the other casino games – roulette, black jack, etc., will be available.

The shuffle to the casino will go from Meridien Villon after the last boards of Open Pairs tournament, at about 21.30

BEST HANDS COMPETITION



There will be the prizes for the:

- best bid hand of the competition
- best played hand of the competition
- best defended hand of the competition

The prize will be one year subscription of the oldest Polish bridge magazine (published since 1957) – “Brydż”

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 single the entry, assessed by the anonymous jury.

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

IMAGINATION

At the round V of the Invitation Cup at the table 1 we could see the battle of Jaworski – Narkiewicz from Poland and Oja – Luks from Estonia.

At the second hand of the match interesting problem occurred:

Jaworski (N) with:

♠Q96 ♥KQJ952 ♦J8 ♣K7

had to find the winning bid after following start:

(love all, dealer E)

W	N	E	S
<i>Oja</i>	<i>Jaworski</i>	<i>Luks</i>	<i>Narkiewicz</i>
		2♥ ¹⁾	2♠

pass

?

¹⁾weak, 5+♥ and 4+ in a minor

His choice was not obvious: 3NT.

3NT is not a textbook bid, but if you consider only the choice of games, without the option to stay low, this imaginative bid seems to be the best.

3NT was the contract which could be beaten, but it is important not only to play

the best game, but also the game, which is difficult to defend.

Look at the complete hand:

Board 14. Love all. Dealer Est.

	N	
	♠ Q96	
	♥ KQJ952	
	♦ J8	
	♣ K7	
W		E
♠ 752		♠ 4
♥ 3		♥ A8764
♦ AQ1072		♦ 954
♣ A1093		♣ Q854
	S	
	♠ AKW1083	
	♥ 10	
	♦ K63	
	♣ J62	

After sensible, not difficult to find, defense, 4♠ had no chance.

What about 3NT? At the table East led his longest suit... Declarer overtook the ♥10 with the jack, and played the king of

hearts. East took the trick with the ace (spade from dummy) – West discarded ♦7. East played now diamond – low from dummy, and W cashed queen and the ace of the suit. Now declarer could be tested with the law club, but West cleared the diamond suit and declarer could claim 9 tricks.

How to improve EW chances? Many pairs allowed to make 4♠ after the lead of the heart singleton. East took the trick with the ace and very often continued the hearts – the contract was made 14 times, while 11 times WE scored one down.

Let's see how bold bidding could improve the chances of defenders:

W	N	E	S
<i>Poletyło</i>	<i>Karbanowich</i>	<i>Starkowski</i>	<i>Zhukow</i>
		pas	1♠
2♦!	dbl.	2♥	2♣
pass	4♠	pass...	

Poletyło led a heart, but Starkowski continued in partner's suit – diamonds. Poletyło cashed two diamond tricks and the ace of clubs – one down, fast and without problems.

The overcall of 2♦ is not obvious, of course. But not vulnerable, with passed partner, lead directing overcall, with some safety margin, of course, even on 2 level can be considered.

TRICK MANAGEMENT

What is trick management? It is knowledge, how to take the tricks. But not only how to take the tricks, but also when... It is important to take the trick, but sometimes it is also absolutely necessary to know when not to take the trick...

One of Polish pairs showed us perfect example of this art at the board No.8 of the Invitation Cup:

Board 8.
Love all. Dealer West.

N		E	
♠ 986		♠ AQ	
♥ 10872		♥ KQ96	
♦ QJ1063		♦ 2	
♣ J		♣ A97632	
S		W	
♠ K103		♠ J7542	
♥ A		♥ J543	
♦ K9875		♦ A4	
♣ D1084		♣ K5	

At the table 8 two Polish pairs have met:

W	N	E	S
<i>Kniga-Leosz</i>	<i>Kwiecień Brodowski</i>	<i>Jagniewski</i>	
pass	pass	1♣	1♦
1♠	4♦	pass	pass
4♥	pass...		

North led ♦Q. Declarer took the trick with the ace and played a trump to the king. South, when in hand with the ace of hearts, played another diamond. It was ruffed in dummy.

Kniga Leosz, former European senior pairs champion, cashed the trump queen, and after bad news, played ace and queen of spades. Jagniewski refused to take that trick! Please, notice, that if he takes the king, contract cannot be beaten.

Now declarer came to the hand with the club king and ruffed a spade. The ace of clubs was played now, and again NS refused to take the trick – this time it was North – Kwiecień. Please, notice again, that if he ruffs the ace of clubs, contract will be made. It was the only way to beat the contract after declarer line of play.

CARD READING

We received first entry - candidate for the prize for the best played hand. At the first round of Invitation Cup, at table one everybody could feel very familiar atmosphere... The opponents were: V.Vainikonis - Olański and E.Vainikonis - Jassem.

The bidding was very fast:
(NS vulnerable, dealer East)

W	N	E	S
Jassem	V.Vaini-	E.Vaini-	Olański
	konis	konis	
		1♣	1♥
pass	2♣ ¹⁾	pass	4♥
4♠	5♥	pass...	

¹⁾Drury-fit

Jassem led ♦Q, and Wojtek had to solve the difficult problem:

	N
♠	1086
♥	QJ3
♦	K3
♣	AK1053
	S
♠	AK
♥	A107542
♦	102
♣	J97

The queen of diamonds was ducked at the dummy, and Krzysztof continued the suit with the seven. Erikas took the trick with the ace and played ♠Q. What is your line of play?

Olański came to the conclusion that East must have all missing honours. Otherwise he could not find the opening bid. So, the greatest theoretical chance - finesse against the queen of clubs cannot work. What to do? East has stoppers in two suits - it is first condition for the squeeze. Second is communication. That was the problem here.

Let's look how Wojtek solved it. He took the spade trick with the king, entered the dummy with the club king and finessed trumps - East covered second trump honour. Now three more trumps were cashed, leaving the following position, typical for the criss-cross squeeze:

	N
♠	108
♥	-
♦	-
♣	A10
	S
♠	A
♥	4
♦	-
♣	J9

When the last heart was played, and club was discarded from dummy, East was helpless. Look at the complete board:

Board 2.

NS vulnerable, dealer East.

	N		E
	♠ 1086		♠ QJ3
	♥ QJ3		♥ K86
	♦ K3		♦ A864
	♣ AK1053		♣ Q82
W		S	
♠ 87542		♠ AK	
♥ 9		♥ A107542	
♦ QJ975		♦ 102	
♣ 64		♣ J97	

In the fourcard ending East had two spades and two clubs. But he was forced to discard one of his cards... Whatever was his choice, declarer could cash appropriate ace, and enter the black mastercard with second black ace. It was the way to get the eleventh trick.

G R E A T D I S A S T E R S

Board 23 of the Invitation Cup looked like the flat one:

Both vulnerable, dealer South.

	N		
	♠ 43		
	♥ 75		
	♦ 1065		
	♣ Q106542		
W		E	
♠ AJ8		♠ Q105	
♥ Q1082		♥ K4	
♦ KQ2		♦ J974	
♣ AJ7		♣ K983	
	S		
	♠ K9762		
	♥ AJ963		
	♦ A83		
	♣ -		

Usually the bidding started:

W	N	E	S
			1♠
1NT	pass	2/3NT	?

and it seemed improbable that S can start some action...

If I would consider this position, paradoxically, showing hearts seems to be more sensible after 3NT than after 2NT. 3NT can be some kind of gambling with long minor and chances to catch some heart fit are better than after 2NT, usually bid with the flat hand.

But at the scoretable we could find such unusal scores as: 1400 (3♥ doubled -5), 1800

(3NT redoubled +2), 1100 (4♥ doubled -4), 1700 (4♥ doubled -6).

How could it happen? Our investigator found some evidence. 1400 was observed during BBO transmission at the clash of the actual leaders – Narkiewicz – Jaworski (EW) and Orlov – Prokhorov (NS):

W	N	E	S
			1♠
1BA	pass	2BA	3♥?
dbl.	pass...		

West led ♦K, and continued with the queen (declarer ducked first trick). Noe declarer played a diamond, and East continued with small club, ruffed by declarer. Now small spade from hand – east took the trick with ♠10 and played king of trumps. Ace, and a small spade... one more trick for the declarer meant five down.

But 1800? Author! Author!

NS line was occupied by Kowalski – Tuszyński, while on EW seated Polish youngsters – Kalita – Kotorowicz:

W	N	E	S
			1♠
1BA	pass	3BA	dbl.?
rdbl.	pass...		

11 tricks were easy.

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