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# Daily Bulletin

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## PROGRAM FOR TODAY

11.00 - 12.10 Round 7.  
12.20 - 13.30 Round 8.  
13.30 - 14.50 Round 9.  
15.00 Lunch break  
16.30 - 17.40 Round 10.  
17.50 - 19.00 Round 11.  
19.10 - 20.20 Round 12.  
20.30 Dinner

## STANDINGS AFTER ROUND 6

<b>1.DE BOTTON</b>	<b>94.49</b>
<b>2.MAZURKIEWICZ</b>	<b>69.33</b>
<b>3.ERA</b>	<b>67.86</b>
<b>4.REAL</b>	<b>59.90</b>
<b>5.MONACO</b>	<b>58.76</b>
<b>6.VYTAS</b>	<b>50.21</b>
<b>7.VENTIN</b>	<b>42.75</b>
<b>8.BRENO</b>	<b>36.70</b>

## TOP OF BUTLER

2.42 imp/brd	Janet de Botton	DE BOTTON
	Artur Malinowski	DE BOTTON
1.84	Lotan Fischer	VYTAS
	Ron Schwartz	VYTAS
1.19	Thor Erik Hoftaniska	DE BOTTON
	Dennis Bilde	DE BOTTON
1.02	Krzysztof Buras	DE BOTTON
	Grzegorz Narkiewicz	DE BOTTON
0.91	Andrei Arlovich	ERA
	Erikas Vainikonis	ERA
0.72	Krzysztof Martens	ERA
	Dominik Filipowicz	ERA

**POLAND - RUSSIA**

On Thursday and Friday we could see series of tough competitions between Polish and Russian teams and sportsman on many fields. Everything started from World Volleyball Championships, where Poland and Russia faced at the decisive match for advance to semifinals. Poland won 3-2 and eliminated Russia from championships.

The same night, here, at Esperanza resort, two real strongman tried their forces in the arm- and thighwrestling. That time Evgeniy Gladysh beat Krzysztof Jassem, not without trouble, and Friday morning they met again at the bridge table, at the REAL - MAZURKIEWICZ match. Once more we had rather thrilling event. Two boards were particularly swingy.

Board 11. Love all, dealer South.

	♠ AKQ863										
	♥ J1096										
	♦ 87										
	♣ 8										
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♣ AQ105		♣ J96									
	♠ J942										
	♥ -										
	♦ AJ63										
	♣ K7432										

First blood was taken by REAL:

W	N	E	S
Kalita	Gromov	Nowosadzki	Dubinin
			pass
1NT	dbl. <sup>1)</sup>	4♦ <sup>2)</sup>	4♥
pass	4♠	pass	pass
dbl.	pass...		

<sup>1)</sup>any one-suited hand

<sup>2)</sup>transfer to hearts

Here, Dubinin was not afraid that partner suit is hearts. He showed shortness “en passant” to make life easier for partner in case if the bidding would not end at 4 level, but opponents were rather polite.

Lead was ♥5. Declarer ruffed in dummy, and played a small club - queen took the trick, and Kalita exited with the trump, taken in dummy. Club ruff, heart ruff, club ruff, heart ruff... With clubs 4-3, declarer had 11 tricks - “one over” - 690 for Real.

In replay Russians were also in attack:

W	N	E	S
Gladysh	Jassem	Krasnosel-skiy	Mazurkie-wicz
1NT	3♠	4♥	pass
5♥	dbl.	pass...	4♠

It could not end without the double in those circumstances, but anyway, North-South had some arguments against 5 level heart contract.

Lead was ♠4, and declarer had to find the diamond jack. But when North showed - in the bidding - 6-7 spades, and after first trump trick - 4 hearts, this task was easy for East and the contract was made - 650 and 16 imps for Real.

But, as usual at the heavyweight fight, the stroke was immediately answered:

Board 12. NS vul., dealer West

		♠ 43	
		♥ 95	
		♦ AK2	
		♣ A109732	
♠ K	N W     E S	♠ J987652	
♥ J8763		♥ AK102	
♦ J854		♦ 9	
♣ QJ8		♣ 4	
		♠ AQ10	
		♥ Q4	
		♦ Q10763	
		♣ K65	

W	N	E	S
Kalita	Gromov	Nowosadzki	Dubinina
pass	2♣ <sup>1)</sup>	2♠	3NT
pass	pass	4♣	pass
4♥	pass	pass	5♣
dbl.	pass...		

<sup>1)</sup>Precision - 10-15 PC, 5+♣ and 4 in major or 6+♣

Nowosadzki has led ♠9, expecting ruff. Declarer finessed with the queen, two hearts were cashed, and the contract ended down two, 500 for Mazurkiewicz.

W	N	E	S
Gladysz	Jassem	Krasnosel-skiy	Mazurkiewicz
2♥ pass	pass dbl.	4♥ pass...	pass

Here it took much longer. Jassem has led the ♦A, cashed ♣A and continued clubs. Declarer ruffed and played a spade. Ace from Mazurkiewicz, who shorten dummy once again with the diamond. If declarer believed in his luck, he would make the contract - ruff a spade low, enter the dummy with the trump, ruff the spade with the jack when the queen shows up, cash the remaining trumps with the hope for 2-2 split... And when they split, claim. But declarer played not to make the contract, but to reduce the loss... It usually leads to the loss, not necessarily reduced. Another 500 and 14imps for Mazurkiewicz.

We await for the revenge during second round robin...

### CARDS FROM TWO PACKS?

This is a story told by Krzysztof Martens...

During one of the boards of second Friday match I was very suspicious. Twice during my long bridge career I played the boards, where one of the players took his cards out of the another case. I could suppose that this is the third time. My hand (South):

♠ J942      ♥ -      ♦ AJ63      ♣ K7432

The bidding started from me, and not unnaturally, I have chosen "pass". LHO opened 1NT, my partner overcalled 2♦ - one major suit. RHO passed, and I bid 2♥ - "pass or correct". Pass from the left, and my partner, no surprise for me, has also passed:

W	N	E	S
			pass
1NT	2♦	pass	2♥
pass	pass		

Until now, nothing looked strange and I could only regret to be the declarer, not Dominik, my partner - usually it is not funny to declare the contract with the void in trump suit. Suddenly East has awoken, and not in a straightforward way - he bid 4♥. I passed (after my pass, my partner can overcall rather light, so I did not see any reason to do something, even to double - if 4♥ was opponent's suit, the double can only help them). West obviously has read it as the "transfer to spades" - 4♠. My partner passed, and East bid hearts again - 5♥. I passed, and West tried 5NT. Suddenly my partner found the cards for double! How many high card points have we here?

But at last my time came - East bid 6♦ and I decided to double. All people at the table accepted it - this ended the auction.

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

In fact, all four of us have the cards from the same pack:

		♠ AKQ863	
		♥ J1096	
		♦ 87	
		♣ 8	
♠ 1075	N W      E S	♠ -	
♥ AQ4		♥ K87532	
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		♠ J942	
		♥ -	
		♦ AJ63	
		♣ K7432	

All credits to Dominik for his adventurous pass after 2♥!

But what can you learn from this hand? It is useful to bid immediately if you think you will do it later! Has East bid his hearts immediately, there would be no such a costly misunderstanding!

### HAND OF THE DAY

Probably the biggest swings occurred or were potentially lost at the last board of the third round:

Board 24. Love all, dealer West.

		♠ 54	
		♥ 3	
		♦ KQ873	
		♣ QJ754	
♠ AKD987	N W      E S	♠ 106	
♥ 1086		♥ AKQ75	
♦ 4		♦ AJ2	
♣ A106		♣ K82	
		♠ J32	
		♥ J942	
		♦ 10965	
		♣ 93	

Here 7NT could be made by the minor suit squeeze against North, but the best contract is probably 7♠ - sometimes it can be made even with the jack fourth at South hand due to the grand coup. It was bid by only one pair, two unlucky were in 7♥ (what seems easier to be found in the bidding), while four tables stopped at the game.

I do not expect those who stopped in 3NT or the major suit game to tell me how it has happened, but let's look at the way to spade grand, bid by Martens - Filipowicz.

They were undisturbed by opponents:

W	N	E	S
<b>Martens</b>		<b>Filipowicz</b>	
1♠	pass	2♥	pass
3♦ <sup>1)</sup>	pass	3♥	pass
4♦ <sup>2)</sup>	pass	5♣	pass
6♠	pass	7♠	pass...

<sup>1)</sup>encouraging with heart fit

<sup>2)</sup>shortness

Martens - Filipowicz use 2♥ response to 1♠ as natural, game forcing. After artificial 3♦, 3♥ was waiting bid (but 3♠ in this sequence would show some slam ambitions with spade shortness). 5♣ was cue bid, and assured Martens that partner has at least two spades. He decided to accept slam try and proposed the best, from his point of view, strain - spades. Filipowicz, knowing about solid spades, could also expect the club ace - without it partner could hardly have hand good enough to bid slam - so decided to bid grand. Wit spades 3-2 it was success.

Most North/South pairs entered the bidding - North tried to preempt with his minor suits. It made life hard for the opponents, and also reduced a priori chances of the grand slam due to bad breaks in majors. They could handle it better or worse. Kalita - Nowosadzki stopped at 6♠:

W	N	E	S
<b>Kalita</b>	<b>Fantoni</b>	<b>Nowosadzki</b>	<b>Nunes</b>
1♠	2NT	dbl.	4♦
4♠	pass	4NT	pass
5♣ <sup>1)</sup>	pass	5♦ <sup>2)</sup>	pass
5♠ <sup>3)</sup>	pass	5NT <sup>4)</sup>	pass
6♠	pass...		

<sup>1)</sup>0-3 key cards

<sup>2)</sup>asking for the trump queen

<sup>3)</sup>spade queen, no side kings

<sup>4)</sup>anything more, partner?

But, for the contrast, some pairs stopped in the "safe contract" of 3NT, probably after:

W	N	E	S
1♠	2NT	dbl.	3♦
3♠	pass	3NT	pass...

What can we say? Life is brutal and full of traps...

## CAREFUL PLAY

In one of the boards of round 5. Michał Nowosadzki showed us how to foresee the danger of bad trump break and how to handle it:

Board 14. Love all, dealer East.

	♠ K653				
	♥ Q				
	♦ 109432				
	♣ Q85				
♠ 7	<table style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">N</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">W      E</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">S</td> </tr> </table>	N	W      E	S	♠ A1084
N					
W      E					
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♥ 1098654		♥ K72			
♦ 865		♦ KQJ7			
♣ K73		♣ 104			
	♠ QJ92				
	♥ AJ3				
	♦ A				
	♣ AJ962				

Polish pair on North/South reached the spade game quickly:

W	N	E	S
<b>di Franco</b>	<b>Nowosadzki</b>	<b>Zaleski</b>	<b>Kalita</b>
pass	1♠ <sup>2)</sup>	1♣ <sup>1)</sup>	dbl.
pass...		pass	4♣

<sup>1)</sup>short club

<sup>2)</sup>7+PC, 4+♠

East led ♦K. Michał took the trick with the ace and started the trumps with queen. When it hold, he played spades again - the jack. This way he preserved trump control, taking into account the he will be forced with the diamond ruffs in dummy. He solved the problem "how to play the contract?", not "how to play the single suit - spades", without more complex approach to the hand. It has paid here full reward.

East won with the ace and tried the best he could do - low diamond. But declarer was not deceived - he discarded club. He took the trick with the ten and continued with the club to the jack. West won with the king and tried diamond again - ruffed in dummy. Now Michał crossed to the hand with the queen of clubs, ruffed out the last diamond, and claimed 10 tricks.

At the replay, East opened 1♦, and the contract was the same - 4♣. Also ♦K was led and declarer started to play trumps with the queen, but when it was allowed to hold, continued with the spade to the king, as his problems would exist only in trump suit. Defence was merciless from this point - Gołębiowski took with the ace and forced dummy with ♦Q, and from this point they had to get a club and two more trump tricks. Down one, 10 imps for MAZURKIEWICZ.

It is surprising that at such strong tournament only two declarers of seven were careful enough to bring this contract home.

## BIDDING STYLE

Bridge is a bidders' game. Everybody here knows it. Everybody here likes to bid. Everybody tries to be as active as it seems sensible, and sometimes, safe. But there is one more advice, or even the rule - if you are decided to enter the bidding, do it as quickly as possible. Usually at earlier stage of bidding, with less information exchanged, it is more difficult for the opponents to penalize too active player...

We could observe a very good example of this approach at the last round of today:

Board 21.

NS vulnerable, dealer North.

	♠ A10876										
	♥ AJ104										
	♦ J5										
	♣ J9										
♠ K53	<table style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">N</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">W</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">E</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">S</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ QJ4
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♣ KQ82		♣ A765									
	♠ 92										
	♥ 93										
	♦ AQ9762										
	♣ 1043										

Is North hand worth opening? From the traditionalist's point of view - not. Only 11 PC, two unguarded jacks, only 5-4 distribution. Really...

But let's listen to the modernist: 11 PC, two aces (2 defensive tricks required for the opening), 5-4 in majors - everything is "for" the opening.

On most tables North opened 1♠ and EW usually did not enter the bidding. Usually it went:

W	N	E	S
	1♠	pass	1NT
pass	2♥	pass	2♠
pass...			

NS were allowed to play the hand in 2♠, ending one or two down.

On BBO we could see what has happened at the table, where North passed and decided to enter the bidding in the second round:

W	N	E	S
Gladysh	Ventin	Krassnoselskiy	Wrang
	pass	1♣ <sup>1)</sup>	pass
1NT	dbl.	pass	2♦
dbl.	2♠	pass	pass
dbl.	pass...		

<sup>1)</sup>Polish Club - usually "short club"

Here EW pair had the balance of power and even with spades 3-3 could penalize the brave bidder. Defence was accurate and Ventin had to pay 500 and 7 imps.

Could he pass after double of 2♦? Would you do