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PROGRAM FOR TODAY

10.30 - 11.40 Round 13.
11.50 - 13.00 Round 14.
13.00 Prizegiving, lunch

STANDINGS AFTER ROUND 12

1.DE BOTTON	163.56
2.MAZURKIEWICZ	140.10
3.ERA	132.25
4.VYTAS	122.93
5.MONACO	116.68
6.REAL	108.66
7.BRENO	93.16
8.VENTIN	82.66

TOP OF BUTLER

1.35 imp/brd	Lotan Fischer	VYTAS
	Ron Schwartz	VYTAS
1.17	Janet de Botton	DE BOTTON
	Artur Malinowski	DE BOTTON
1.10	Krzysztof Buras	DE BOTTON
	Grzegorz Narkiewicz	DE BOTTON
0.88	Jacek Kalita	MAZURKIEWICZ
	Michał Nowosadzki	MAZURKIEWICZ
0.77	Andrei Arlovich	ERA
	Erikas Vainikonis	ERA
0.57	Dennis Bilde	DE BOTTON
	Thor Erik Hoftaniska	DE BOTTON
0.20	Pierre Zimmerman	MONACO
0.13	Bogusław Gierulski	VYTAS
	Jerzy Skrzypczak	VYTAS
0.11	Stanisław Gołębiowski	MAZURKIEWICZ
	Cezary Balicki	MAZURKIEWICZ



POWER OF COUNT

Artur Malinowski was the only declarer who made 3NT in round 5:

Board 13. All vulnerable, dealer North.

	♠ AQ87										
	♥ 1082										
	♦ J1073										
	♣ 76										
♠ K64	<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		♠ J95
	N										
W		E									
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♥ D9		♥ 6543									
♦ KQ954		♦ A8									
♣ AKQ		♣ J542									
	♠ 1032										
	♥ AKJ7										
	♦ 62										
	♣ 10983										

The bidding was simple:

W	N	E	S
Malinowski	Ventin	de Botton	Wrang
	pass	pass	pass
2NT	pass	3♣	pass
3♦	pass	3NT	pass...

North has led ♦3 and 8 at the dummy was the winner. I do not know what South had played at trick one, and probably North also did not noticed...

Artur continued with the three top clubs - North discarded heart at the third round. Now declarer crossed to the dummy, playing - important! - the ♦9 from the hand - pretending that he has only four card in the suit. South followed with his diamond, but probably North still did not received the count in the suit. Now the ♣J was cashed. Spade from the hand, North discarded a spade, too. Now a heart from the dummy. South took the trick with the king and played a spade - North cashed two spade tricks, and did not want to give the trick for the spade jack in the dummy, and probably not thinking about the count signal in diamonds, but trusting the clever ♦9 played by Artur assumed that declarer had 3343 distribution.

So, he played a diamond to force declarer to play hearts at the ending from the hand... This plan succeeded, but only partially - declarer could not underlead his heart queen, because it was bare now... Unfortunately, he has 5 diamonds, not four...

9 tricks were worth 14 imps to De Botton team.

THE ONLY CHANCE

Match play sometimes gives the clues. "The only chance" is very often one of them. You are sitting East (love all, dealer West) with:

♠ A10543 ♥ 754 ♦ KQ ♣ D108

The bidding goes:

W	N	E	S
di Franco	Nowosadzki	Zaleski	Kalita
pass	pass	1♠	2♥
2♠	pass	pass	dbl.
pass	3♥	pass...	

Your partner leads the ♣K, and North presents the dummy:

♠ J92 ♥ J106 ♦ 109 ♣ 97642

Declarer takes the trick with the ace and plays low trump. Partner takes the trick with the ace - you show preference for spades playing the seven. Partner plays ♠7, small from dummy, ace, six from hand. What now?

It looks like textbook hand - partner obviously has led a short suit, so declarer has 3-4 clubs. 5 hearts, 2 spades and 2-3 diamonds. What about honors? Partner has something (queen or king) in spades, and until now has shown trump ace and club king, so declarer has the ♦A for sure. How to beat the contract? If we cash the club queen and give partner a ruff, diamond loser (or losers, no difference), will be discarded on long clubs in the dummy - trump J10 will be the necessary entry. The only chance to beat the contract is to give partner a ruff retaining the club control - so you play the club 10. Partner ruffs and plays a diamond. Declarer wins with the ace, draws the trumps and has to accept one down outcome.

This is complete board:

	♠ J92										
	♥ J106										
	♦ 109										
	♣ 97642										
♠ Q87	<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 style="text-align: center;">E</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">S</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		N		W	E			S		♠ A10543
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♥ A9		♥ 754									
♦ 8765432		♦ KQ									
♣ K		♣ Q108									
	♠ K6										
	♥ KQ832										
	♦ AJ										
	♣ AJ53										

If East would automatically, without any reflection, cash the club queen and give the ruff next, the contract would be made - jack of diamonds would be discarded on the master club.

SWING, SWING, SWING...

This is similar to a phrase of the well known song... Everybody wants to swing? It is mainly the matter of temperament. Some people like swings more, some less. You can test yourself where do you belong.

Vulnerable against not, you are sitting West with

♠10 ♥KQJ102 ♦AK73 ♣Q82 and the bidding goes:

W	N	E	S
		1♦	pass
1♥	4♠	pass	pass
?			

What is your choice? Obviously, you are not far from the slam... It is enough to find partner with something like ♠xxx ♥Ax ♦QJxxx ♣Ax... But you play "better minor", so partner can have something like ♠Kxx ♥Axx ♦Jxxx ♣KJx when it is better to penalize the opponents. What is your choice?

If you are modest player you double - you are happy with the even not too high score on your side... If you are more adventurous, you bid 5♦. If you are even more ambitious, you can try a chance to make a slam invitation, bidding 4NT (is it Blackwood in your system?), and converting eventual 5♣ to 5♦. In fact, in the match of the round X - ERA vs VYTAS, two young players were faced with that problem. We could see two extreme choices - Lotan Fischer doubled, while Bar Tarnovski bid 4NT. Who was right? This time the modest one:

Board 6. East/West vulnerable, dealer East.

		♠ AJ987643	
		♥ 53	
		♦ Q96	
		♣ -	
♠ 10			♠ K5
♥ KQJ102			♥ A6
♦ AK73			♦ J10542
♣ Q82			♣ KJ74
		♠ Q2	
		♥ 9874	
		♦ 8	
		♣ A109653	

The last makable game was 4♥. Everything above 4♠ was too high. Team VYTAS earned here 11 imps, as Tarnovski was not satisfied with slam invitation, but even bid 6♦ directly after partner's 5♣:

W	N	E	S
Tarnovski	Gierulski	Pachtman	Skrzypczak
		1♦	pass
1♥	4♠	pass	pass
4NT	pass	5♣	pass
6♦	pass...		

Both 4♠ (doubled) and 6♦ ended two down.

CAREFUL PLAY - correction

In yesterday bulletin I have admired Michał Nowosadzki play in 4♠ contract:

Board 14. Love all, dealer East.

	♠ K653										
	♥ Q										
	♦ 109432										
	♣ Q85										
♠ 7	<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		♠ A1084
	N										
W		E									
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♥ 1098654		♥ K72									
♦ 865		♦ KQJ7									
♣ K73		♣ 104									
	♠ QJ92										
	♥ AJ3										
	♦ A										
	♣ AJ962										

East led ♦K. Michał took the trick with the ace and started the trumps with the queen. When it hold, he played spades again - the jack. This way he preserved trump control, taking into account that 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 full reward here.

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 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.

I have to correct - East could still beat the contract, ducking the trump jack. Now declarer is in hopeless position - if he loses club now, West can force dummy playing diamond, and East, when ruffs club, can clear the last trump from dummy, cashing the ace and take the setting trick for the diamond honour.

The only way to make 4♠ is to stop playing trumps after one round, when the queen holds.

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.

How to handle when the opponent bids with nothing?

Yesterday we could see a fine example.

Put yourself at the shoes of North player, sitting (vulnerable against not) with:

♠AJ95 ♥AKJ103 ♦2 ♣754

LHO opens 1♣, partner passes, RHO bids 1♥. You pass, LHO bids 2♣ and after passes from partner and RHO the bidding comes back to you. What are you doing?

Obviously you should not pass. In the match VYTAS - VENTIN, at both tables North players re-opened - at one table with 2♥, while at the other with double.

What was better choice in view of bidding theory? 2♥ obviously shows the heart hand, but can be slightly weaker in HCP than the actual holding, something like ♥KQJ98x and ace outside. It

should be regarded as just a competitive bid in a part score. Double shows hand with the heart suit too, and promises some spade support also, usually 4 cards, and some strength - partner can be tempted to make a penalty pass.

So the actual hand surely qualifies to double rather than to 2♥ bid. Look at the complete board:
Board 2. NS vulnerable, dealer East.

♠ AJ95			
♥ AKJ103			
♦ 2			
♣ 754			
♠ 432	N	♠ 1076	
♥ 87642	W	♥ Q	
♦ 9873	E	♦ AQ64	
♣ 2	S	♣ KQJ98	
		♠ KQ8	
		♥ 95	
		♦ KJ105	
		♣ A1063	

After double, South has bid 3NT immediately, while after 2♥ South only invited the game by 2NT bid, and North refused. In 3NT 9 tricks were taken, while in 2NT declarer made 2 overtricks - 9 imps for VENTIN.

DISCIPLINE? NOT ALWAYS...

Usually it does not pay to pass partner's rescue redouble. But sometimes...

Board 15.	♠ 1042	
NS vul.	♥ A10	
Dealer	♦ 4	
	♣ KQ109764	
♠ AKQ6	N	♠ J8
♥ J654	W	♥ 987
♦ AW95	E	♦ 7632
♣ 8	S	♣ AJ52
		♠ 9753
		♥ KQ32
		♦ KQ108
		♣ 3

In the match of round X ERA - MAZURKIEWICZ the bidding went:

W	N	E	S
Kalita	Filipowicz	Nowosadzki	Martens
1♦	2♣	pass	pass
dbl.	pass	2♦	pass
rdbl. ²⁾	pass...		dbl. ¹⁾

¹⁾penalty

²⁾SOS

East has some reasons to pass - first - the only disciplined choice was slightly facetious 3♦, and from his hand prospects of 2♦ were not looking badly. The contract ended with the overtrick and 14 imps for MAZURKIEWICZ (in replay 5♦ was reached and doubled, two down). All the match was played in a similar mood as 69 imps were exchanged in 8 boards!