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Postcard


Dear all,
Well, here we are in Poznan, Poland's fifth largest city, for the European Open Bridge Championships. On Thursday we had a chance to look around and discovered there are many historic buildings and sights, mostly concentrated around the Old Town and other parts of the city centre. Many of these lie on the Royal-Imperial Route, a tourist walk leading through the most important parts of the city, showing its history, culture and identity. Those attending the Championships can also enjoy the annual Malta Theatre Festival, which hosts modern experimental off-theatre performances, often taking place in the squares and other public spaces. Yesterday everyone was busy registering for the opening event and exploring the city. As has become traditional at the European Open, we are enjoying fantastic weather. It promises to be another jewel in the EBL's crown.
Wish you were here.


The heart of Poznan


## POLACYW MISTRZOSTWACH EUROPY MIXT

Turnieje par i teamów mikstowych o mistrzostw Europy mają tradycję dużo dłuższą, niż otwarte mistrzostwa Europy, które po raz pierwszy zostały rozegrane w 2003 roku.Wcześniej mistrzostwa w konkurencjach mikstowych były rozgrywane jako imprezy samodzielne. Pierwsze odbyły się w 1990 roku w Bordeaux, gdzie tytuły zdobyli Francuzi - Saul-Quantin w parach oraz w teamach - drużyna, której kapitanem była Ginette Chevalley.
Nasi zawodnicy wyraźnie zaznaczyli swoją obecność w tych mistrzostwach - w turniejach par dotychczas Polacy dwukrotnie stawali na podium - w 1992 roku, w Ostendzie, złoto zdobyli Ewa Harasimowicz - Marcin Leśniewski, a w 1996, w Monte Carlo, srebro Wiesława Tomaszewska - Mariusz Puczyński. Najlepsze dotychczas miejsce w mistrzostwach teamów to czwarta lokata z 1996 roku teamu w składzie Ewa Harasimowicz, Danuta Hocheker, Maria Macieszczak, Krzysztof Gwis, Apolinary Kowalski, Marcin Leśniewski.
Co trzeba zrobić, aby zdobyć medal?
W 1992 roku, w Ostendzie Harasimowicz - Leśniewski grali bardzo równo, uzyskując we wszystkich sesjach wyniki około $57 \%$, co dało łączny wynik $57,6 \%$ i złoty medal. Oto jedno z rozdań, w którym precyzyjna licytacja dała dzielonego maksa:

- K 98
- K 3
｣ 1074
- K 942

- AQJIO 532
$\bigcirc$ AJIO
$\diamond$ -
- A Q 10

| West | North Lesniewski | East | South Harasimowicz |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | pas | pas | 201 |
| pas | 2BA ${ }^{2}$ | pas | 30 |
| pas | $4{ }^{3}$ | pas | $4 \diamond^{4}$ |
| pas | $4 \bigcirc^{4}$ | pas | $5 B^{5}$ |
| pas | $6 \diamond^{6}$ | pas | $7{ }^{\text {P }}$ |
| pas.. |  |  |  |

1) Acol
2) 3+ kontrole przy względnie zrównoważone ręce
3) cue bid uzgadniający piki (3BA byłoby forsujące)
4) cue bidy
5) atutowa
6) jeden honor w pikach
7) 7BA nie wchodziło w rachubę, gdyż partner pokazał
króle w pikach, kierach i treflach, a był po pasie, więc nie mógł mieć asa karo, natomiast szanse 7sx wyglądają nieźle - będzie to kontrakt prawie górny przy drugim królu kier, czwartym królu trefl, przy drugim królu trefl i Kxx w kierach, a w najgorszym razie na impasie kierowym.
(Komentarze Marcina Leśniewskiego).
W Monte Carlo w 1996 roku dystans turnieju był krótki - zaledwie trzy sesje, w tym 28-rozdaniowa finałowa... O tym, że złoto nie trafiło do Polski zadecydował protest Tomaszewska w jednym z rozdań finału zaalertowała sztuczną odzywkę Mariusza stuknięciem w blat stołu, a nie wyciągnięciem kartki „alert" z bidding boxu, w wyniku czego zmieniono korzystny dla naszej pary wynik rozdania. Ale popatrzmy, jak wyglądała walka przy stole. Oto doskonała rozgrywka Tomaszewskiej - połączenie manewru Mortona Forka z końcową wpustką:
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4 AKJIO2
&K654
< IO 5
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$\pm 94$

- Q 7
$\diamond 9743$
2 Q 9764


Q Q 63
ค 108
$\checkmark$ AJ 62
2 10832

- 875

A AJ 92
$\diamond$ Q 8

* K J


Ewa Harasimowicz, Poland

Tomaszewska (S) rozgrywała 6hx. W zaatakował sx9. Rozgrywajaca zabiła asem, ściagnęła dwa razy atu, zagrał asa trefl i przebiła trefla. Teraz celnie zagrała w karo ze stołu E musiał puścić (gdyby wkroczył asem, na króla karo można by było wyrzucić pika z ręki). Gdy dama wzięła lewę, na króla trefl zostało wyrzucone karo i po odejściu w karo, E wziął na asa i musiał wyjść spod damy pik bądź pod podwójny renons, umożliwiając realizację kontraktu.
I jeszcze udana, maksowa, akcja Puczyńskiego:

|  | Rozdawał E/ NS po partii |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | - A 1096 |
|  | $\bigcirc$ AKQ 2 |
|  | $\triangle 63$ |
|  | - KQ 7 |
| - Q 8 | N KJ74 |
| QJ10875 | W E $\quad$-963 |
| $\checkmark$ AK 42 | W E $\quad \checkmark$ Q987 |
| - 54 | S * J9 |
|  | - 532 |
|  | $\bigcirc 4$ |
|  | $\checkmark$ J 105 |
|  | - A 108632 |


| West <br> Puczynski | North | East | South |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | pas | pas |
| $1 \diamond!$ | ktr. | ls | pas |
| $2 \diamond!!$ | ktr. | pas | $3 \dot{3}$ |
| pas | $3 \diamond$ | pas | $4 \%$ |
| pas... |  |  |  |

Mariusz, będąc na trzeciej ręce, w korzystnych założeniach, zdecydował się otworzyć Idx, a nie sztampowo Ihx... W ten sposób nie tylko wskazał wist, ale i zepchnał licytacje z utartych torów... Po otwarciu Ihx, NS zwykle grali w bez atu, najczęściej końcówkę. A po otwarciu Idx, NS stwierdzili, że zatrzymania w tym kolorze nie maja, a na 5 cx prawdopodobnie siły nie wystarczy... Zapis za częściówkę treflową był bliski zeru dla pary NS.

Miejmy nadzieję, że w Poznaniu nasze pary mikstowe zaprezentuja równie skuteczna grę. Zwłaszcza liczę na zawodniczki i zawodników najmłodszej generacji, którzy w miarę licznie zgłosili się do turnieju par. Proszę o „,donosy"- ładnych zagrań, wartych opisania w biuletynie na pewno będzie wiele...

## Duplimate Discounts

The Duplimate dealing machines used at these championships will be sold at the end of the event with a $20 \%$ discount. Visit the Jannersten Bookshop on the first floor.

## Opening Ceremony



The Opening Ceremony of the 5th European Open Bridge Championships will take place tonight at Lake Malta (Picnic Field Malta Ski, Baraniaka Street) at 21.00 . Buses will be waiting to take you to the venue after play has finished.
You will find your invitation in your Championship bag.

## The BBO Files - Volume I

In this new series the man who must be a heavy favourite to have watched the most bridge deals in a lifetime, Roland Wald, presents some of the highlights from Bridge Base Online, the world's top viewing site.
The current record for spectators at a single table is 6,252 (Bermuda Bowl Final last segment Monte Carlo 2003). At the time there was a limit at 9,999 users online. That was reached and no one knows how many were unable to log in. Today the limit is 30,000 , so that problem no longer exists, at least not for a while. Peak time is Sunday around 20:00 GMT where there are often have 20,000+ logins at the same time. The record stands at 20,78I.
At the end of May 20 I I another record fell, when there were I 8 simultaneous broadcasts tables from seven nations. Until 2005 the limit was 12 tables, but now up to 32 can be accommodated.
Roland has been in charge of VuGraph coordination for BBO since the beginning in the autumn of 2001, where broadcasts were few and far between. This has increased dramatically year after year, and in 2010 there were 302 days with presentations. That should be history when 201 I is over. By the middle of June there had been just 5 days without VuGraph.

## Dutch Deal

Israel won the annual White House Junior International in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, after defeating France comprehensively in the final. The Israelis were outstanding throughout with a round-robin average of 21 VPs over 23 matches, and a big win against Sweden in the semi-finals.


Lotan Fisher

Here is a deal from the semifinal. In the open room, the Swedes stopped in 3NT and made 12 tricks, but at the other table Ron Schwartz-Lotan Fisher were more ambitious and managed to bid and make this excellent club slam.

| Dealer East Love AllA 73K 108A 952K 84 |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | 65 |
|  |  |  | 863 |
| \& J |  | -962 |  |
|  | ¢ K 5 |  |  |
|  | - A 743 |  |  |
|  | $\diamond 4$ |  |  |
|  | \& A Q 10753 |  |  |
| West | North | East | South |
| Rimstedt | Schwartz | Grönkvist | Fisher |
|  |  | Pass | 19 |
| 34 | 3NT | Pass | 4\% |
| Pass | $4 \diamond *$ | Pass | 4®* |
| Pass | 4** | Pass | 4NT* |
| Pass | $5 \diamond *$ | Pass | $6 \%$ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

After a series of cue bids South asked for key cards, North showing 0 or 3 . West led the queen of spades.

The contract has several chances and a few winning lines, one of which is a red suit squeeze against East, but Lotan Fisher chose a simpler line. He won the lead in his hand, cashed the ace of clubs and noted the fall of the jack. He then abandoned trumps and conceded a heart trick to East's jack over dummy's I0, thereby leaving the non-danger hand on lead.

Mikael Grönkvist (playing with Cecilia Rimstedt) exited with a diamond to dummy's ace, and declarer continued with the eight of clubs to the queen in hand. Next came a heart to the king, another heart to the ace and a heart ruffed with the king of clubs. Fisher carefully ruffed a diamond (trying to cash the ace of spades would of course be a disaster) drew East's last trump with the ten and claimed 12 tricks. 10 IMPs to Israel.

The Israeli team members were Alon Birman-Dror Padon and Ron Schwartz-Lotan Fisher. Israel and France also met
in the U26 World Championships Final in Philadelphia last October, also with Israel on top.

## Chinese Champions

Italy outplayed Japan in the second half of their encounter in the knockout phase of the Yeh Bros Cup in Wuxi, China. The Italians played very well (no surprise), but the Japanese put up a good fight with many excellent results. Here is one example:

Dealer South North/South Game

- 9852

K 965
$\diamond$ A 9

- AJ 8

| - AJ 10743 | N | - 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\bigcirc 103$ |  | Q Q 72 |
| $\checkmark 1085$ | W E | $\checkmark$ J642 |
| \& K 2 | S | - Q 1063 |
|  | - K Q |  |
|  | 8 A 84 |  |
|  | $\diamond$ K Q 73 |  |
|  | ¢ 9754 |  |


| West <br> Madala | North <br> Furuta | East <br> Bocchi | South <br> Teramoto |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | I $\diamond$ |
| Is | Double | Pass | INT |
| Pass | 2NT | Pass | 3NT |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

Tadashi Teramoto showed a magnificent ability to read the cards in this delicate 3NT with only seven apparent tricks. He took the opening lead of the jack of spades with the king and played a low club. Agustin Madala did well to insert the king, a well known expert play, and declarer won with dummy's ace. He entered his hand with a diamond to the king and continued with a club to the jack and queen.

Norberto Bocchi cashed the ten of clubs and exited with a diamond to dummy's ace. Next came a spade to the queen, and Madala had no good answer. Eventually, he won with the ace (best) and ruined any chance declarer might have had of squeezing East by exiting with the ten of hearts.

Teramoto won the trick with the ace in hand, went on to cash the two winners in diamonds and clubs and came down to the 98 and singleton heart king in dummy. He then played a heart followed by a spade, forcing Madala to give him his ninth trick in spades. Very well played after it was clear to him that spades must be 6 -I when Bocchi did not return one, after which he still had a chance.

However, all the Japanese could get was a flat board when Antonio Sementa in the other room more or less copied

Teramoto's declarer play. Hard work for a push!
At the time some commentators and spectators on BBO claimed that the contract could have been set if Madala had led his 4th best spade rather than the jack. That is not quite true, but it does take a double dummy play to make it. You win in hand and do the same in clubs. Now cash the ace of diamonds before playing the club jack. As E/W have no communication in spades, there is an endplay in diamonds on East when he has nothing but hearts left.
Dummy has all four hearts and declarer his three hearts and the queen of spades after getting off lead with the diamond seven to the jack. The defence can't prevent South from coming to three heart tricks no matter what East does. The N/S combined pips are just good enough for that.

## Scandinavian Sortie

The Nordic Junior Teams Championships were held in Denmark over Easter.After a close finish, Sweden U25 won the gold medal, Denmark U25 (with two World Champions) came second, and the bronze medal went to Norway U25.The Swedish Nordic Champions are Cecilia RimstedtMikael Grönkvist, Sandra Rimstedt-Erik Fryklund and Daniel Gullberg-Johan Karlsson.
As always, the youngsters entertained the thousands of spectators on BBO. Never a dull moment.


This is a deal from the match between Denmark and Finland in the last round. Mere mortals would get to 3NT and make it in comfort, but juniors often have other ideas. After an auction that is best forgotten, Matias Rohrberg from Denmark arrived in the rather awkward contract of Five Clubs. The Finnish West chose an unlucky small heart as his opening lead and Rohrberg won in hand with the jack. Next came a club to the queen, ducked by East, and another club to declarer's king. He proceeded with the king of spades, a spade to the ace and the queen of spades, East discarding the ten of hearts and declarer the six of diamonds.

Only one line leads to success from here, the last trump from dummy, and Rohrberg duly played it. East won with the ace and exited with a small diamond to South's ace. This was the position with five cards left:


Rohrberg drew the last trump and on this trick West was squeezed in three suits. After some thought he let go the king of diamonds, but declarer had paid attention to the pips and went on to set up the seven of diamonds as his I Ith trick by knocking out East's queen with the ten.

In the end, the diamond seven, also known as the Beer Card (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beer_card) took the last trick, Rohrberg landed his game and his partner had to buy him a beer afterwards. I IMP to Finland when 3NT made with an overtrick at the other table.

This hand came up in the match between Sweden U25 and Denmark U25.

|  | Dealer East East/West Game |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ¢ AK 87 |  |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ AK 65 |  |  |
|  | $\diamond$ J |  |  |
|  | Q Q J 64 |  |  |
|  |  | 4 Q 95 |  |
|  |  | $\bigcirc$ J 8742 |  |
|  |  | $\checkmark$ A 105 |  |
|  | S | \& K 3 |  |
| West | North | East | South |
|  |  | Pass | $1 \diamond$ |
| Pass | 18 | Pass | 2\% |
| Pass | 24 | Pass | 3 - |
| Pass | 4\% | Pass | 5\% |
| Pass | 6\% | All Pass |  |

An unconvincing auction has propelled N/S to Six Clubs after South has opened the bidding and shown five diamonds and four clubs. You are East and partner leads the jack of spades. You just hate it when you see dummy. Declarer asks for dummy's ace and advances the queen of clubs. It may be immaterial, but do you cover or not? Did you think about it while declarer was planning the play? It is no surprise that the queen of clubs will be the next card from dummy, is it?
Well, it all depends how courageous you are. If partner has ${ }^{2} 109 x$ it is a disaster not to cover. On the other hand, if she has \$10xx you give declarer a guess if you follow small. Will he play you for E Kx or e Kx ? I think it's common to cover
from ${ }^{2} K x$, but in the long run I am not sure it is correct. If you had ek IO doubleton you have no choice. You must cover and hope declarer will finesse on the way back. But if you follow small from eKx you may convince declarer that your holding is Kxx , and if you succeed he will play the jack next, intending to pinWest's ten.
Here is the full deal:

|  | - AK 87 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | QAK 65 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ J |  |
|  | *QJ64 |  |
| - J1063 | N | Q Q 95 |
| $\bigcirc$ Q 93 |  | QJ8742 |
| $\diamond 874$ | W E | $\diamond$ A 105 |
| -1052 | S | - K 3 |
|  | - 42 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc 10$ |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ KQ9632 |  |
|  | - A987 |  |

Not much of an opening by South you may claim, and you are absolutely correct. However, juniors don't need much to open, and fortunately for N/S they did not check on keycards. If they had they would have discovered that they were missing two for clubs and stopped in game.
At the table East covered the queen of clubs, declarer won the ace and passed the nine. Curtains, +920 to Denmark and II IMPs versus Five Diamonds just made at the other table.

## Delusions of Grandeur

Bridge Base Online has thousands of world class players and other experts, at least according to the skill level they show in their profiles. Sadly, it is not really the case in real life; it mostly exists in their own imagination. The following deal played by a 'world class' player in a team match illustrates the point.

Dealer South North/South Game

- K 74
- J 42
$\checkmark$ Q 1032
- 742


A reasonable auction, and Five Diamonds is not such a bad contract if you get a heart lead. A club loser will disappear on the 4th spade if the suit breaks 3-3 or East has four to the Q . If you are a good card-reader you may also make it when West has the singleton queen or jack or $⿴ 囗+\mathrm{Q}$ doubleton. However, declarer got the devastating lead of the queen of clubs!

That was indeed a fine lead by West, setting up two club tricks for the defence before declarer could get spades going. Declarer gave up when he won with the ace, drew trumps and played three rounds of spades, hoping that the queen of clubs was a singleton and that West would be forced to win the third spade. Our 'world class' player claimed that he had been unlucky to get that lead, and his partner, also a 'world class' player, agreed. On they moved to the next board.

It was of course unlucky to get a club lead, but let's look at it for a minute. Was he really unlucky or should he have landed his game despite the very annoying lead? The answer is yes, he could and should have done better. If the queen really is a singleton there is no need to win the ace, because then West can't continue the suit and you have time to set up spades. So he should have let the queen hold.

As it is, West is able to continue clubs, but everything is not lost yet. You win the second trick, draw trumps, cash the king of spades and play a spade from dummy, intending to keep East, the danger hand, off lead. You don't mind if West wins the trick because he does not have another club to play.

Eventually, you get lucky when spades break and write +600 in the ' We ' column.

## World Class

Fulvio Fantoni of Italy has been the number I ranked player in the world for some time, and deservedly so. Here is yet another example of his master class declarer play, watched by more than 2000 spectators on BBO.The diagrammed deal is from the match between Angelini and Miroglio at the Italian Teams Championships in Salsomaggiore.

|  | Dealer North | All |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\triangle \mathrm{AQ}$ |  |
|  | $\bigcirc \mathrm{K} 94$ |  |
|  | $\checkmark 10972$ |  |
|  | \& KJ98 |  |
| -1097653 | N | - J 8 |
| Q Q 102 |  | $\bigcirc 83$ |
| $\checkmark 64$ |  | $\checkmark$ KJ85 |
| - 62 | S | \& Q 10753 |
|  | - K 42 |  |
|  | $\bigcirc$ AJ765 |  |
|  | $\checkmark$ A Q 3 |  |
|  | - A 4 |  |


| West <br> Kowalski | North <br> Nunes | East <br> Romanski | South Fantoni |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | INT | Pass | 29* |
| Pass | $2 \diamond *$ | Pass | 38 |
| Pass | 34* | Pass | 4\%* |
| Pass | $4 \bigcirc$ | Pass | 44* |
| Pass | 4NT* | Pass | 5\%* |
| Pass | 6\%* | Pass | 6 ${ }^{*}$ |
| All Pass |  |  |  |

At the other table, N/S stopped in 3NT and made 12 tricks, but Claudio Nunes and Fulvio Fantoni aimed higher. INT was 12-I4, and after discovering that they had a heart fit, all keycards, extra controls in the black suits but not the queen of hearts, Fantoni settled for the small slam. Apolinary Kowalski led the four of diamonds (low from a doubleton is standard in Poland).
On the surface, it looks like declarer must lose a heart and a diamond trick, but Fantoni showed that this is not the case. As it is, declarer makes if he gets a club lead by setting up a ruffing finesse in that suit, and on any other lead East will be squeezed in the minors. As usual, Fantoni took his time, but when he does he usually comes out of the tank with the right answer.
The diamond went to the ace over the nine and king. Next came a heart to the king and a losing heart finesse to Kowalski's queen. He defended well by exiting with his last heart and to this trick Jacek Romanski made the excellent discard of the jack of spades in order not to give declarer any clues as to the position in the minors. A club would tell the world that he had five of them.

Fantoni won with the ace in hand and continued with another heart, throwing a small diamond from dummy. Again Romanski defended accurately by also shedding a diamond. However, declarer had a pretty good picture of the layout now and went on to play two rounds of spades. When East showed out on the second, pitching a club, Fulvio knew that he was on track. A diamond to the eight and queen was followed by the king of spades pitching a club from dummy.

This was the position with four cards left:

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|  | $\checkmark 10$ |  |
|  | \% KJ 9 |  |
| ¢ 106 | N | 1- |
| 8 - | W E | $\bigcirc-$ |
| $\diamond$ - | W E | $\diamond \mathrm{J}$ |
| 962 | S | 2 Q 102 |
|  | Q - |  |
|  | $\bigcirc 6$ |  |
|  | $\diamond 3$ |  |
|  | 9 A 4 |  |

Fantoni now played his last trump and discarded dummy's diamond ten. East was squeezed and surrendered. +980 and IO IMPs to Angelini.

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Nacerotena Woba Muneremerna



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