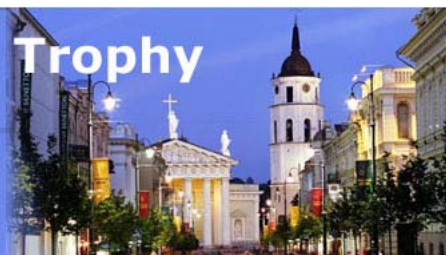


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### STANDINGS AFTER ROUND 5

95 VP	Lithuania II
85 VP	Monaco
79 VP	Estonia
77 VP	Lithuania
76 VP	Ukraine
73 VP	Luxembourg
72 VP	Slovakia
71 VP	Slovenia
70 VP	San Marino
69 VP	Belarus
69 VP	Cyprus
62 VP	Latvia

### PROGRAM FOR TODAY

10.00 – 11.40	Round 6
11.40 – 13.20	Round 7
13.20 – 15.00	Round 8
16.30 – 18.10	Round 9
18.10 – 19.50	Round 10
19.50 – 21.30	Round 11
21.30	Meeting of the captains of the play off participants

### BBO TRANSMISSIONS

Round 6	Lithuania II - Latvia
Round 7	Estonia - Slovenia
Round 8-11	To Be Decided

**RESULTS**

## ROUND 1

Lithuania I – Lithuania II	6-24 (2:35)	Slovakia – Ukraine	13-17 (20:29)
Monaco – Slovenia	9-21 (16:40)	Cyprus – San Marino	17-13 (23:16)
Estonia – Belarus	17-13 (30:22)	Luxembourg – Latvia	15-15 (33:32)

## ROUND 2

Ukraine – Latvia	10-20 (9:29)	Luxembourg – Slovenia	20-10 (32:13)
Slovakia – San Marino	10-20 (1:20)	Monaco – Belarus	22-8 (26:0)
Cyprus – Lithuania I	7-23 (4:35)	Estonia - Lithuania II	19-11 (24:10)

## ROUND 3

Belarus – San Marino	13-17 (38:45)	Cyprus – Slovakia	17-13 (37:28)
Estonia – Luxembourg	15-16 (23:29)	Lithuania II – Ukraine	10-20 (16:36)
Lithuania I – Slovenia	13-17 (25:34)	Latvia – Monaco	9-21 (1:24)

## ROUND 4

Slovenia – Ukraine	18-12 (34:23)	Lithuania II – Cyprus	25-4 (57:13)
Lithuania I – Monaco	11-19 (17:30)	Belarus – Slovakia	10-20 (7:24)
San Marino – Luxembourg	14-16 (19:22)	Estonia – Latvia	16-14 (30:24)

## ROUND 5

Slovakia – Monaco	San Marino – Lithuania I
Slovenia – Lithuania II	Ukraine – Estonia
Luxembourg – Cyprus	Latvia - Belarus

**SCHEDULE**

## ROUND 6

Lithuania II - Latvia	Lithuania I – Estonia
Belarus – Cyprus	San Marino – Monaco
Slovenia – Slovakia	Ukraine - Luxembourg

## ROUND 7

Estonia – Slovenia	Monaco – Luxembourg
Cyprus – Ukraine	Lithuania I – Belarus
Lithuania II – San Marino	Latvia - Slovakia

## ROUND 8

Monaco – Cyprus	Slovenia – Belarus
Ukraine – Lithuania	Luxembourg – Lithuania II
Slovakia – Estonia	San Marino - Latvia

## ROUND 9

Cyprus – Estonia	Ukraine – San Marino
Luxembourg – Belarus	Slovakia – Lithuania
Monaco – Lithuania 2	Latvia - Slovenia

**ROUND 10**

Latvia – Lithuania

San Marino – Estonia

Ukraine – Monaco

Belarus – Lithuania II

Slovenia – Cyprus

Luxembourg - Slovakia

**ROUND 11**

San Marino – Slovenia

Lithuania II – Slovakia

Belarus – Ukraine

Estonia – Monaco

Lithuania I – Luxembourg

Latvia – Cyprus

**SEMIFINAL PAIRING RULES**

- 1.If two teams of the same country will qualify to the semifinals, they play against each other.
- 2.The winner of the Round Robin chooses the semifinal opponent of the teams from the 3rd and 4th place.
- 3.In case of the tie in the semifinal, the winner of the Round Robin match (imp score) qualifies to the final; if there was a tie, the team with the higher ratio of won/lostimps from Round Robin qualifies to the final; if the ratio will be the same, the winner will be determined by the draw.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION****LOCAL TIME**

Everybody should remember, that the local time in Lithuania 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 ☺

**EBL SMALL FEDERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

EBL Small Federations Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, October the 1<sup>st</sup> at 10.00 with the presence of Gianarrigo Rona, President of EBL, President-elect of WBF and Yves Aubry, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of EBL.

**36<sup>th</sup> VILNIUS CUP INVITATION TOURNAMENT**

All the players from the Small Fed's Trophy are invited to play in the invitational tournament of 36<sup>th</sup> Vilnius Cup which will be played at the same venue on Thursday, Oct. the 1<sup>st</sup>, at 15.00. All pairs willing to participate should confirm it to Mr Erikas Vainikonis.

**NO SMOKING REGULATIONS**

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

**INVITATION TO CASINO OLYMPIC**

Every evening in Olympic casino, which is located on the ground floor of Hotel Reval, there will be special reception for the bridge players of small fed's trophy.

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

There will be the prizes for the best hands of the competition (small fed's trophy and festival tournaments):

- best bid hand
- best played hand
- best defended hand

The prizes are founded by Krzysztof Martens – Polish player and bridge writer – it will be the books of Martens Bridge University series.

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.

### WHEN NOT TO DOUBLE

The first hand of the tournament had some educational aspect. At the match between the Lithuanian teams on one table the bidding went (love all, dealer North):

W	N	E	S
Olański	Urbonas	V.Vaini- konis	Kucinskas
	3♦ <sup>1)</sup>	3♠	pass
4♠	pass	pass	DBL.(?)
5♦	pass...		

<sup>1)</sup>transfer preempt in hearts

N		S	
♠ 3		♠ KQ1052	
♥ AQJ10742		♥ K53	
♦ 82		♦ 1095	
♣ 654		♣ 108	
W		E	
♠ 76		♠ AJ984	
♥ 96		♥ 8	
♦ AKQJ73		♦ 64	
♣ AJ2		♣ KQ973	

South double of 4♠ was very greedy... It was the only game contract he could hope to beat. But killer instinct was stronger. He doubled. The reasons of double could not be mystery for Olański, who had strong hand, but very poor spade, let me say, support. He converted the contract to 5♦, made six.

It is the textbook example “when one should not double” – he could take only trump tricks, practically nothing more.

The price was high. At the replay West was allowed to announce his diamonds below 4♠:

W	N	E	S
Tallat-Kel	Tyla	Bielskis	Saulis
	2♥	2♠	3♥
4♦	4♥	pass	pass
4♠	pass	pass	dbl.

pass...

and did not see any reason to retreat after double. Saulis explained his double: “First hand of the match? It is not possible for them to rescue. I know those guys very well. More chance for redouble than for escape...”

No we know where we are... Lithuania is not a chicken country.

## SQUEEZE OR FINESSE?

At the match of the third round between Cyprus and Slovakia we could see a good example of fine card reading:

Board 23. Both vulnerable, dealer South.

<b>N</b>		<b>E</b>	
♠ AKQ973		♠ 10652	
♥ 87		♥ 104	
♦ 1053		♦ 72	
♣ 108		♣ AQ654	
<b>W</b>		<b>S</b>	
♠ 4		♠ J8	
♥ Q962		♥ AKJ53	
♦ KQ964		♦ AJ8	
♣ KJ3		♣ 972	

Pair of the Cyprus team has found the contract of 4♠:

W	N	E	S
Henc	Christo-	Lohay	Georgia-
	fides		des
			1♥
2♦(?)	3♠	pass	4♠
pass...			

East has led a diamond to the partner's queen. West tried a club king and played another club to East's queen. Now second diamond was played.

Declarer had to rise with the ace and was on the crossroads... He could either play for the finesse in hearts, assuming that East has the queen, or for the squeeze in

hearts and diamonds, assuming that ♥Q is in West hand.

The key was the 2♦ overcall. As East has shown ♣AQ, it was improbable that West would overcall vulnerable with only KQ fifth in diamonds and KJ in clubs. Declarer decided to play for the squeeze. Simply cashed all his spades... Leaving the following ending:

<b>N</b>		<b>E</b>	
♠ 3		♠ -	
♥ 87		♥ 104	
♦ 10		♦ -	
♣ -		♣ A6	
<b>W</b>		<b>S</b>	
♠ -		♠ -	
♥ Q96		♥ AKJ5	
♦ Q		♦ -	
♣ -		♣ -	

When the last spade was cashed and heart discarded from the dummy, West was squeezed. He discarded a heart, but declarer cashed ace and king of hearts, making the contract.

It is one more textbook example... How weak overcall can help the opponents. Not necessary giving the opportunity to penalize, but also giving some information which can be used during the play.

## MISSED CHANCE?

Board 13 of the round 5 offered opportunity to East-West pairs to show some art of defense. Also the declarer had something to do... Put yourself in the East's shoes:

Your cards ♠K2 ♥W102 ♦D104 ♣97642  
And the bidding goes (both vulnerable, dealer North):

W      N      E      S  
           1NT<sup>1)</sup> pass 2♥<sup>2)</sup>  
 pass 2♠      pass 3NT  
 pass...  
<sup>1)</sup>15-17  
<sup>2)</sup>transfer

You decided to lead the heart jack. The dummy: ♠Q10984 ♥Q6 ♦J76 ♣AK5. The jack was covered with the queen, partner played the king, declarer seven. Now partner plays ♥4 – eight, ten. You play the next round of hearts – diamond from dummy, partner plays the three, revealing the position (he had five hearts). Declarer wins with the ace, and plays the spade ace. After such the introduction it is simple... You must unblock the king! This is complete board:

	<b>N</b>	
	♠ A73	
	♥ A87	
	♦ A853	
	♣ QJ3	
<b>W</b>		<b>E</b>
♠ J65		♠ K2
♥ K9543		♥ J102
♦ K92		♦ Q104
♣ 108		♣ 97542
	<b>S</b>	
	♠ Q10984	
	♥ Q6	
	♦ J76	
	♣ AK5	

Of course, N could play small spade to the queen... But in this case you would not get your chance for the moment of glory.

The moment of glory was also earlier. When you took the trick for the heart ten, lead of a small diamond definitively set two tricks for the defense, and declarer had to give you a spade trick, so the diamond switch was killing at that moment.

### TOP OF THE BUTLER RANKING

S.Zlobich	Belarus	4.2	imp/bd	10	bds	P.Lukinskas	Lithuania	0.73/30
A.Jankauskas	Lithuania II	2.6	imp/bd	10	bds	A.Michailovas	Lithuania	0.73/30
E.Vainikonis	Lithuania II	2.1	imp/bd	10	bds	B.Shukhmeister	Ukraine	0.55/20
A.Saulis	Lithuania II	1.3	imp/bd	50	bds	V.Danyluk	Ukraine	0.55/20
A.Tyla	Lithuania II	0.98	imp/bd	40	bds	S.Chrystofides	Cyprus	0.50/30
M.Karpov	Estonia	0.96	imp/bd	50	bds	J.Bethers	Latvia	0.43/30
T.Laanemae	Estonia	0.96	imp/bd	50	bds	M.Lorencs	Latvia	0.43/30
E.Tallat-Kelpsa	Lithuania	0.80	imp/bd	40	bds	T.Butina	Slovenia	0.42/50
A.Bielskis	Lithuania	0.80	imp/bd	40	bds	A.Mikic	Slovenia	0.42/50
W.Olanski	Lithuania II	0.80	imp/bd	40	bds	V.Vainikonis	Lithuania II	0.40/40

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