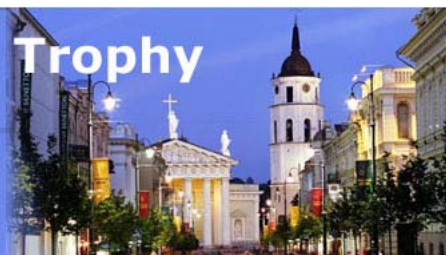


# 2nd EBL Small Federations Trophy

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## DAILY BULLETIN

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### FINAL STANDINGS OF ROUND ROBIN

202 VP Monaco  
198 VP Lithuania II  
191 VP Estonia  
174 VP Belarus

162 VP Latvia  
157 VP Slovenia  
156 VP Luxembourg  
156 VP San Marino  
154 VP Lithuania  
142 VP Ukraine  
141 VP Cyprus  
139 VP Slovakia

### PROGRAM FOR TODAY

11.00 – 14.00 Semifinals  
16.00 – 19.00 Final and play off for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
20.00 Coctail party and prize giving ceremony at the Casino Olympic

### SEMIFINALS PAIRINGS

**Monaco - Belarus**  
**Lithuania II - Estonia**

### BBO TRANSMISSIONS

Both semifinals and final match will be shown on BBO Online

### VUE GRAPH

Live vue graph show will be open to the public during semifinal and final matches at the OMIKRON room at the Congress Center of the Reval Hotel.

**RESULTS****ROUND 6**

Lithuania II – Latvia	10-20 (19:38)	Lithuania I – Estonia	12-18 (15:27)
Belarus – Cyprus	25-0 (72:1)	San Marino – Monaco	4-25 (3:44)
Slovenia – Slovakia	19-11 (45:31)	Ukraine – Luxembourg	19-11 (41:28)

**ROUND 7**

Estonia – Slovenia	19-11 (22:6)	Monaco – Luxembourg	24-6 (47:11)
Cyprus – Ukraine	21-9 (37:15)	Lithuania I – Belarus	12-18 (10:21)
Lithuania II – San Marino	20-10 (30:10)	Latvia – Slovakia	17-13 (32-24)

**ROUND 8**

Monaco – Cyprus	18-12 (24:13)	Slovenia – Belarus	13-17 (14-23)
Ukraine – Lithuania	6-24 (5:39)	Luxembourg – Lithuania II	11-19 (14:28)
Slovakia – Estonia	7-23 (16:46)	San Marino – Latvia	18-12 (28:18)

**ROUND 9**

Cyprus – Estonia	15-15 (17:17)	Ukraine – San Marino	13-17 (18:27)
Luxembourg – Belarus	9-21 (1:23)	Slovakia – Lithuania	17-13 (28:19)
Monaco – Lithuania 2	16-14 (22:17)	Latvia – Slovenia	8-22 (14:39)

**ROUND 10**

Latvia – Lithuania	21-9 (41:18)	Belarus – Lithuania II	8-22 (6:31)
San Marino – Estonia	14-16 (10:13)	Slovenia – Cyprus	14-16 (14:17)
Ukraine – Monaco	5-25 (8:48)	Luxembourg – Slovakia	23-7 (31:1)

**ROUND 11**

San Marino – Slovenia	23-7 (42:12)	Estonia – Monaco	21-9 (32:11)
Lithuania II – Slovakia	18-12 (31:20)	Lithuania I – Luxembourg	7-23 (33:65)
Belarus – Ukraine	16-14 (27:22)	Latvia – Cyprus	22-8 (39:12)

**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 – 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 the single entry, assessed by the anonymous jury.

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

## TOO CLEVER

Playing at the vuegraph, you are usually tempted to show that you are a capable player... Let's look for the following board from the 7th round of the tournament, played at BBO vuegraph:

Board 19. WE vulnerable, dealer South.

	N		E
	♠ AQ109		♠ -
	♥ AJ6		♥ KQ9742
	♦ J85		♦ K764
	♣ DJ7		♣ 652
W		S	
♠ 873		♠ KJ6542	
♥ 1053		♥ 8	
♦ A109		♦ Q32	
♣ K943		♣ A108	

W	N	E	S
Butina	Karpov	Mikic	Laanemae
			1♠
pass	4♠	pass...	

West led a spade.

Declarer cashed the heart ace, ruffed a heart.

Crossed the table with another spade and ruffed the last heart.

Now a spade to the dummy and

a queen of clubs – small, small... West



also ducked. Declarer played a jack of clubs, but this time put the ace. He was right...

The percentage for the finesse is 50%... It works each second time – when first was successful, second can fail.

Laanemae played third round of clubs. West took his king, but was forced to play a diamond, so declarer lost only 2 diamonds and a club, making the contract.

If West wins first club trick and returns the suit, declarer must lose 3 diamond tricks.

**ITALIAN DISCARDS**

Team of Belarus had relatively weak start, but two great wins in rounds 5 and 6 advanced them to the fourth place.

To win the match 72-1 some gifts are necessary, but it is vital to execute it. Let's look at very good example:

Board 2. WE vulnerable, dealer East

	<b>N</b>		
	♠ 106		
	♥ 109754		
	♦ AQ72		
	♣ A3		
<b>W</b>		<b>E</b>	
♠ KQJ854		♠ 973	
♥ K86		♥ -	
♦ 4		♦ J109653	
♣ KJ4		♣ Q1095	
	<b>S</b>		
	♠ A2		
	♥ AQJ32		
	♦ K8		
	♣ 8762		

The bidding went high quickly:

W	N	E	S
Shokhan	Geor- giades	Krav- chenko	Lordos
			1♥
2♠	4♥	4♠	5♥
pass...			

Elena Shokhan did not expect that spades are 2-2 at opponent's hands. Quite sensible she tried to obtain the ruff if partner has one entry, for example a spade ace, so she led a diamond. Declarer took the trick in the hand with the king. If he would start from the ace of trumps and a trump – the contract would be secure. But declarer did not want to lose the imps – crossed to dummy with ace of clubs (East put 5, showing even number of cards), and played a heart. East discarded ♣9.



East – West pair uses Italian discards. What it is? When you do not follow the suit, card of the even number shows a weak suit, or lack of interest in that suit, while the odd card shows a value at the suit.

West has read the message correctly – when she took the trump king, the club jack (!) was played – East overtook it with the queen, and played a diamond – one down. In replay, Cyprus pair bid 5♠ over 5♥, and paid 500.

**DAVID BURN'S LAW OF TOTAL TRUMPS**

There are some laws concerning practical side of our game. Probably the most known is the Law of Total Number of Tricks. But in reality much more costly are

the infractions of another law, formulated for the first time by David Burn, English payer and bridge writer: *When you are declarer, the total number of trumps held*

**by your side should be greater than the total number of trumps held by your opponents.**

We could see some, more or less serious infraction of this law during BBO shows. There were no great “telephone number” scores due to them, but I would like to show scientific ways to those contracts. Particularly interesting, that the contracts of the same suit were played by the same team on both lines, so only one pair has broken the Burn’s law.

Round X.

Board 15.NS vulnerable, dealer S

	N		E
	♠ 9632		
	♥ AQ532		
	♦ 10		
	♣ J75		
W		S	
♠ A		♠ Q10854	
♥ K108764		♥ 9	
♦ KQ72		♦ 9854	
♣ A6		♣ K98	

In the BBO match, Belarus – Lithuania II in the closed room the bidding was:

W	N	E	S
Shokhan	Tyla	Kravche nko	Saulis
			1♦
dbl. <sup>1)</sup>	1♥	1♠ <sup>2)</sup>	2♣
pass <sup>3)</sup>	pas	2♠ <sup>4)</sup>	pass...

<sup>1)</sup>dbl.: “Partner, I have a good hand, better than for the overcall, I will show you later where my strength is”

<sup>2)</sup>1♠: “Partner, I do not have much, but I have spades; they have hearts, we have spades – spades rulez!”

<sup>3)</sup>pass – “Partner, I thought I have a strong hand... but now I cannot show it... Could you understand my 2♥ as a natural bid? Besides... after N has bid hearts, my hand is not so strong as I supposed”

<sup>4)</sup>2♠ - “They have missed hearts... It is their problem! I really have spades. Spades rulez!”

This contract was set by 2 tricks, 100 for Lithuania II.

The bidding in open room was not less interesting:

W	N	E	S
Olanski	Vashkevich	Vainikonis	Zlobich
			1♣ <sup>1)</sup>
1♥ <sup>2)</sup>	pas	pas	ktr. <sup>3)</sup>
pas	1♠ <sup>4)</sup>	pas	pas
2♦ <sup>5)</sup>	2♠ <sup>6)</sup>	pas...	

<sup>1)</sup>Polish Club

<sup>2)</sup>I have a good hand, but double can make partner too much excited if he has some spades

<sup>3)</sup>Maybe my opening was borderline, but surely I have enough to double now!

<sup>4)</sup>I would consider “pass” if I had your jack of hearts, partner

<sup>5)</sup>Partner, now you should that I have a good hand, only 4♦ - with 5 I would bid them immediately

<sup>6)</sup>spades rulez!

This contract ended in one down, also for 100.



Those damned Butler scores must lie!

## TOP OF THE BUTLER RANKING

place		Team	imp/brd	boards
1	Sergey Zlobich	BELARUS	1.26	70
2	Arunas Jankauskas	LITHUANIA 2	1.23	40
3	Vytautas Vainikonis	LITHUANIA 2	0.91	90
4	Wojtek Olanski	LITHUANIA 2	0.82	110
5	Henri Fissore	MONACO	0.8	110
	Jean Charles Allavena	MONACO	0.8	110
7	Elena Shokhan	BELARUS	0.78	110
	Igor Kravchenko	BELARUS	0.78	110
9	Alvydas Saulis	LITHUANIA 2	0.72	100
10	Maja Romanovska	LATVIA	0.6	80
	Karlis Rubins	LATVIA	0.6	80
12	Tiit Laanemae	ESTONIA	0.47	110
	Maksim Karpov	ESTONIA	0.47	110
14	Christophe Desmoulins	MONACO	0.43	110
	Rene Tognetti	MONACO	0.43	110
16	Erikas Vainikonis	LITHUANIA 2	0.4	20
17	Povilas Lukinskas	LITHUANIA	0.38	80
	Andrius Michailovas	LITHUANIA	0.38	80
19	Vassili Levenko	ESTONIA	0.34	110
	Sven Sester	ESTONIA	0.34	110
21	Aleksandar Mikic	SLOVENIA	0.27	110
	Tomaz Butina	SLOVENIA	0.27	110
23	Albertas Tyla	LITHUANIA 2	0.21	80
24	Sotos Christofides	CYPRUS	0.2	40
25	Yuliy Chumak	UKRAINE	0.01	80
	Oleh Rovyshin	UKRAINE	0.01	80
	Grigory Khautin	BELARUS	0.01	80

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