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PLAY OFF - RESULTS OF THE SEMIFINALS

TURKEY - USA LUSKY 63-76 LITHUANIA - POLAND MARKOWICZ 46-42

3RD PLACE SWISS – STANDINGS

1. POLAND AMBER BALTIC	104.66	16. USA HOPKINS	77.98
2. AUSTRIA	100.02	17. CANADA HANNA	77.55
3. GERMANY 1	92.67	18. ENGLAND HACKETT	77.39
4. BELGIUM	92.59	19. ENGLAND PRYOR	76.86
5. CANADA CZYŻOWICZ	91.14	20. ROMANIA BUCHAREST	74.87
6. NETHERLANDS 2	90.63	21. IRELAND	73.00
7. POLAND BOCHEŃSKI	90.58	22. PORTUGAL	72.87
8. USA REYNOLDS	89.64	23. SWITZERLAND	72.15
9. SCOTLAND WHITE	88.79	24. ESTONIA	58.86
10. SWEDEN	85.46	25. NETHERLANDS	40.05
11. GERMANY 2	84.02	26. SCOTLAND BLUE	45.58
12. USA GREENSPAN	83.33	27. BULGARIA	58.70
13. LATVIA	81.14	28. SLOVAKIA	40.82
14. POLAND TS WISŁA	79.08	29. SPAIN	32.06
15. ISRAEL	78.85	Losers of SF start with 96.34 VP	

SWISS FOR 3RD PLACE DRAW FOR ROUND 7

POLAND AMBER BALTIC - AUSTRIA
 POLAND MARKOWICZ - GERMANY 1
 TURKEY - BELGIUM
 CANADA CZYŻOWICZ - NETHERLANDS 2
 POLAND BOCHEŃSKI - USA REYNOLDS
 SCOTLAND WHITE - SWEDEN
 GERMANY 2 - USA GREENSPAN
 LATVIA - POLAND TS WISŁA
 ISRAEL - USA HOPKINS
 CANADA HANNA - ENGLAND HACKETT
 ENGLAND PRYOR - IRELAND
 ROMANIA BUCHAREST - PORTUGAL
 SWITZERLAND - ESTONIA
 NETHERLANDS - SLOVAKIA
 SCOTLAND BLUE - SPAIN
 BULGARIA - bye

FINAL

USA LUSKY - LITHUANIA

Wednesday, Thu. 910th

Final

2 segments, 12 boards each 7 pm CET & 9.30 pm CET
 (1 pm and 3.30 pm EST)

Swiss for the 3rd place

2 rounds 10 boards each
 7.30 pm CET & 9.15 pm CET (1.30 pm and 3.15 pm EST)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CHANGE OF THE START TIME OF SECOND MATCH AT SWISS

At 3rd Place Swiss second match of each day will start at 9.15 pm CET (3.15 EST) instead of 9pm CET as it was primarily scheduled.

RESULTS OF ROUND 5

POLAND AMBER B. - POLAND BOCH.	9.61-10.39
NETHERLANDS 2 - GERMANY 1	12.51-7.49
USA REYNOLDS - SCOTLAND W.	15.29-4.71
GERMANY 2 - CANADA HANNA	13.43-6.57
AUSTRIA - USA HOPKINS	12.83-7.17
ENGLAND HACK. - SWITZERLAND	11.14-8.86
BELGIUM - PORTUGAL	10.77-9.23
CANADA CZYŻOWICZ - ESTONIA	14.28-5.72
ISRAEL - BULGARIA	15.97-4.03
ENGLAND PRYOR - SWEDEN	6.57-13.43
ROMANIA BUCH. - POLAND WISŁA	10.00-10.00
USA GREENSPAN - IRELAND	14.54-5.46
LATVIA - SLOVAKIA	13.72-6.28
SCOTLAND BLUE - NETHERLANDS	5.20-14.80
SPAIN - bye	

RESULTS OF ROUND 6

POLAND AMBER B. - USA REYNOLDS	14.54-5.46
GERMANY 2 - AUSTRIA	1.70-18.30
NETHERLANDS 2 - POLAND BOCH.	9.23-10.77
GERMANY 1 - ISRAEL	16.18-3.82
ENGLAND HACK. - CANADA CZYŻ.	2.49-17.51
SCOTLAND W. - USA HOPKINS	15.29-4.71
BELGIUM - SWITZERLAND	19.86-0.14
CANADA HANNA - SWEDEN	5.20-14.80
PORTUGAL - USA GREENSPAN	3.41-16.59
ROMANIA BUCH. - ENGLAND PRYOR	8.15-11.85
POLAND TS WISŁA - ESTONIA	13.43-6.57
BULGARIA - LATVIA	0.90-19.10
IRELAND - SPAIN	16.78-3.32
SCOTLAND BLUE - SLOVAKIA	15.75-4.25
NETHERLANDS 2 - bye	

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Your contribution will make The Daily Bulletin more interesting.

If you are organizing some tournament, or any bridge related event and you would like to let people know about it, send us the leaflet or some information in other form you would like us to be published in the Bulletin. E-mail the same as above.

TOP OF THE BUTLER

3.40/10	B-E.Efrainsson	SWEDEN
3.40/10	A,Morath	SWEDEN
3.20/10	J-P.Lafourcade	BELGIUM
3.20/10	A.Moulart	BELGIUM
2.60/20	K.Goulding	USA HOPKINS
2.60/20	B.Pettis	USA HOPKINS
2.10/10	W.Klapper	POLAND TS WISŁA
2.07/30	S.Henclik	POLAND AMBER B.
2.07/30	K.Omernik	POLAND AMBER B.
1.95/20	A.Fronczak	POLAND AMBER B.
1.95/20	K.Sikorski	POLAND AMBER B.
1.55/20	M.O'Briain	IRELAND
1.55/20	P.O'Briain	IRELAND
1.55/20	H.Berger	AUSTRIA
1.55/20	H-R.Grumm	AUSTRIA
1.50/10	J.Jones	USA REYNOLDS
1.50/10	R.Roeder	USA REYNOLDS
1.40/20	R.Nikitine	SWITZERLAND
1.40/10	G.Brod	USA GREENSPAN
1.28/60	S.Birins	LATVIA
1.28/60	B.Rubenis	LATVIA
1.20/20	L.Hofland	NETHERLANDS 2
1.20/20	B.V.d.Hoek	NETHERLANDS 2
1.15/20	G.Bart	USA GREENSPAN
1.15/20	L.Bart	USA GREENSPAN
1.13/40	K.Fergani	CANADA CZYŻ.
1.13/40	Z.,Marcinski	CANADA CZYŻ.
1.10/20	E.Orenstein	ISRAEL
1.10/20	D.Yadlin	ISRAEL
1.05/20	D.Diamond	SCOTLAND WHITE
1.05/20	M.Diamond	SCOTLAND WHITE
1.02/40	J.Bitschene	GERMANY 1
1.02/40	C.Daehr	GERMANY 1
1.02/40	J.Bitschene	GERMANY 1
1.02/40	N.Buchlev	GERMANY 1

LINKS

Website of the tournament:
<https://r.pzbs.pl/2022/tsc/web/>

Convention cards:
<https://r.pzbs.pl/2022/tsc/web/cc.php>

Line up
<http://rr.pzbs.pl/event/9>

CLASSICAL MOVES

Mark Horton

Our grandchildren like to have a movie night where they can enjoy pizza and popcorn while watching a film. Their current favourites are *Nanny McPhee* and *The Lion King*. I am always happy viewing a classic along with a decent bottle of Bordeaux and the other night I watched *Darkest Hour*. During the film one of the actors quotes from Macaulay's *Horatius at the Bridge*:

*To every man upon this earth, death cometh soon or late;
And how can man die better than facing fearful odds,
For the ashes of his fathers, and the temples of his Gods.*

Bridge players often find themselves in a tight spot and students of the classics will doubtless be familiar with these lines from the start of the poem:

*Lars Porsena of Clusium, by the Nine Gods he swore
That the great house of Tarquin should suffer wrong no more.
By the Nine Gods he swore it, and named a trysting day,
And bade his messengers ride forth,
East and West and South and North,
To summon his array.*

Without more ado join me for the quarter-final between Austria and USA Lusky:

Board 5	♠ AKJ109	
North/NS	♥ A4	
	♦ 76	
	♣ A952	
♠ Q52	N	♠ 8763
♥ K87652	W	♥ –
♦ J32	E	♦ AK1054
♣ 6	S	♣ 8743
	♠ 4	
	♥ QJ1093	
	♦ Q98	
	♣ KQJ10	

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Aker	Feichtinger	Simson	F.Terraneo
	1♠*	pass	2♥*
pass	2♠	pass	2NT
pass	3♣	all pass	

1♠ - Possible Canapé

According to the convention card 2♥ promised 5-10 and assuming 2NT indicated the top of the range it was surprising only a part-score was reached.

East cashed the ♦ A and switched to the ♣ 3, declarer winning with dummy's king and running the ♥ Q. East ruffed and exited with a club, declarer winning in hand and playing three rounds of spades pitching two diamonds. West won and returned the ♦ 2 so declarer scored an overtrick, +130.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Berger	Doub	Franzel	Merblum
	1♠	pass	2♥
pass	3♣	pass	4♣
pass	4♥	all pass	

NS were employing Kaplan-Sheinwold, an almost forgotten system. 2♥ was game-forcing unless South rebid the suit.

West led the ♦ 2 and East won with the king and switched to the ♣ 4. Declarer won with the queen and played a heart to the ace, getting the worst possible news as East pitched the ♦ 5. Declarer cashed dummy's top spades and then played a club, West ruffing and exiting with the ♠ Q. There was nothing declarer could do and he finished three down, -300 and Austria pocketed 10 IMPs.

My au pair suggested a possible route to the nine-trick game: 1♠-1NT-2♣-3♣-3♥*-3NT. However, South might well go on to 4♥.

Board 6	♠ 97	
East/EW	♥ A7	
	♦ A6	
	♣ AKJ10653	
♠ J5	N	♠ Q642
♥ 10943	W	♥ K8
♦ J9875	E	♦ Q1042
♣ Q2	S	♣ 987
	♠ AK1083	
	♥ QJ652	
	♦ K3	
	♣ 4	



Open Room

W Aker	N Feichtinger	E Simson	S F.Terraneo
		pass	1♥*
pass	3♣*	pass	3♠
pass	4♣	pass	4♦
pass	6♣	all pass	

1♥ - '11-16, 4+♥, longer suit possible'

3♣ - Strong, 6+♣

3♠ - Natural, 5♠

4♦ - Cue, 1st or 2nd round

East led the ♥K and declarer won, cashed the top clubs and claimed, +1390.

Closed Room

W Berger	N Doub	E Franzel	S Merblum
		pass	1♠
pass	3♣*	pass	3♥
pass	3NT	all pass	

3♣ - Strong

East led the ♦2 and declarer won in dummy and played a club to the jack. When it held he cashed the ♣A, crossed to dummy with a spade and ran the ♥Q, +490, which cost another 10 IMPs. I fear that playing against a team where most of the players live in Vienna I would have been unable to resist the temptation to cash the red aces and then run the clubs, which would be too much for East.

At this point Austria led 27.1-1.

Board 7 North/NS	♠ 9742	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>N</td> <td>E</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>S</td> </tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ QJ3
	N		E				
W	S						
♥ K86	♥ 4	♥ A1082					
♥ K9	♦ K7	♦ Q10954					
♦ J832	♣ KQ9764	♣ J					
♣ 10832							
	♠ A105						
	♥ QJ7653						
	♦ A6						
	♣ A5						

Open Room

W Aker	N Feichtinger	E Simson	S F.Terraneo
		pass	1♥*
pass	1♠	pass	2NT*
pass	3♣*	pass	3♠*
all pass			

1♥ - '11-16, 4+♠, longer suit possible'

2NT - 15-16, 5+♥ or 4414/4441

3♣ - Asking

3♠ - 3♠, 6♥

East led the ♦10 and declarer won with dummy's ace and ducked a spade, East winning with the jack and continuing with the ♦5. Declarer won, crossed to the ♠A and then played clubs. East ruffed the second round and switched to the ♥2. West won, cashed the ♠K and played a diamond removing declarer's last trump. He could cash the ♣Q but the defenders took the rest for three down, -300.

Had declarer put in the ♣9 on the second round of the suit he would have emerged with nine tricks, but one has to allow for the possibility that East has started with ♣J10x.

If the contact is 4♠ declarer does best to win the diamond lead in hand and play a spade to the ten. If West wins and returns a diamond declarer wins in dummy and plays two rounds of spades, needing only to get the clubs right. If you win the diamond lead in dummy East can switch to a club at trick three and upset your entries.

Closed Room

W Berger	N Doub	E Franzel	S Merblum
			1♥
pass	1♠	pass	2♠
all pass			

East led the ♦10 and declarer won in dummy and played two rounds of spades, East winning and switching to the ♣J. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played a club to the king, East ruffing and switching to the ♥2. West won, cashed the ♠K and played a diamond but declarer could win and play two rounds of clubs for +110 and 9 IMPs.

Not so easy to find a route to 3NT on this deal either!



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Board 10 East/All	♠ Q87532 ♥ Q865 ♦ K4 ♣ 5	
♠ J6 ♥ K2 ♦ A9652 ♣ J864	N W E S	♠ K94 ♥ 943 ♦ QJ107 ♣ AKQ
	♠ A10 ♥ AJ107 ♦ 83 ♣ 109732	

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Aker	Feichtinger	Simson	F.Terraneo
		1NT	pass
3NT	all pass		

1NT - 14-16

South led the ♣10 and declarer won with the king and ran the ♦10, North winning and returning the ♠3. When declarer played the four South won with the ace and returned the ten, declarer claiming ten tricks, +630.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Berger	Doub	Franzel	Merblum
		1NT*	pass
2♣*	pass	2♦*	pass
2NT	all pass		

1NT - 15-17

2♣ - 'Nothing promising'

2♦ - No major

The play followed a more or less identical course, but +180 meant the loss of 10 IMPs.

The Americans managed four small swings over the next four deals and at half-time the score was 32.1-32 - Austria ahead by virtue of the carry-over!

Board 3 South/EW	♠ KQ9763 ♥ J7 ♦ AK84 ♣ 5	
♠ 104 ♥ K8654 ♦ 102 ♣ K1086	N W E S	♠ AJ ♥ AQ1092 ♦ Q976 ♣ A4
	♠ 852 ♥ 3 ♦ J53 ♣ QJ9732	

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Doub	Feichtinger	Merblum	F.Terraneo
			pass
pass 4♥	1♦* 4♠	1♥ dbl.	2♣ all pass

1♦ - 11-16, 2+♦, possible Canapé

East led the ♥A and switched to the ♣A followed by the ♥10. Declarer ruffed in dummy, played a spade to the king and ace, won the spade return and elected to cash the top diamonds which meant he was two down, -300.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Berger	Simson	Franzel	Aker
			3♣
pass 4♥	pass all pass	3♥	pass

South led the ♣J and declarer won with the ace, cashed the ♥AQ, played a club to the ten and pitched a spade on the ♣K, claiming 11 tricks, +650 and 8 IMPs.

Board 7 South/All	♠ Q9862 ♥ J106432 ♦ Q7 ♣ -	
♠ KJ1054 ♥ K ♦ K842 ♣ A75	N W E S	♠ 3 ♥ 9875 ♦ 63 ♣ QJ10843
	♠ A7 ♥ AQ ♦ AJ1095 ♣ K962	



Open Room

W Doub	N Feichtinger	E Merblum	S F.Terraneo
			1♣*
1♠ pass	pass 2♥	pass all pass	2♦

1♣ - Strong

East led the ♠3 and declarer went up with dummy's ace and continued with the ♠5, West taking the king and exiting with the ♥K. Declarer won in dummy, ruffed a club and ran the ♦Q. West won and returned the ♦2, East, having discarded a diamond on the second round of spades, ruffing and exiting with a heart. That restricted declarer to eight tricks, +110.

Having taken the ♥K with the ace declarer can cash the queen, ruff a club and draw trumps when he should emerge with 11 tricks.

Had South rebid 1NT, North might have at least adopted some sort of invitational sequence in hearts.

Closed Room

W Berger	N Simson	E Franzel	S Aker
			1♣*
2♠*	all pass		

1♣ - Strong

2♠ - 5+♠, 4+♣/♦

North's Pass promised 0-5/6 or a penalty orientated hand. If South doubles and North decides to pass (by no means a certainty) East might try running to 3♣, hoping that it is not a case of 'out of the frying pan...'

North led the ♥6 and South took the ace and continued with the queen, declarer ruffing and exiting with a diamond. South won with the seven and exited with the ♠2. South won and returned the seven and declarer could manage only three tricks, -500.

Board 8 West/None	♠ AQ105 ♥ K ♦ 108543 ♣ AJ7										
♠ J986 ♥ A1082 ♦ A97 ♣ K4	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 7 ♥ QJ9754 ♦ K62 ♣ Q92
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ K432 ♥ 63 ♦ QJ ♣ 108653										

Open Room

W Doub	N Feichtinger	E Merblum	S F.Terraneo
1NT*	pass	2♦*	pass
2♥	dbl.	3♥	3♠
4♥	pass	pass	dbl.
all pass			

1NT - 12-14

2♦ - Transfer

Dble - Takeout

North led the ♦3 and declarer won in dummy and ran the ♥Q. North won and continued with the ♦8. That set up a fourth trick for the defence, -100.

Closed Room

W Berger	N Simson	E Franzel	S Aker
1♥	dbl.	4♥	all pass

North led the ♦3 and Declarer won with the ace and played the ♣4 to dummy's queen. When that held a spade went to North's ten and the diamond return was taken by dummy's king. The ♥Q came next and when South followed with the six declarer went up with the ace which was worth 11 IMPs.

With 8 deals to go Austria had increased the lead to 5.1 IMPs. Over the next four deals they added three more.

On Board 12 EW held

♠ AJ9832 ♥ 4 ♦ A8 ♣ K764 opposite

♠ KQ74 ♥ AJ52 ♦ KQ96 ♣ 9

and both teams bid the excellent (and cold) 6♠.

Board 13 North/All	♠ A973	
	♥ A82	
	♦ J73	
	♣ 932	
♠ Q2	N W S E	♠ K864
♥ KQJ95		♥ 1076
♦ KQ102		♦ 8
♣ AQ		♣ J10876
	♠ J105	
	♥ 43	
	♦ A9654	
	♣ K54	

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Doub	Feichtinger	Merblum	F.Terraneo
	pass	pass	pass
1♥	pass	2♥	pass
4♥	all pass		

North led the ♥2 and declarer won with dummy's 6 and played a diamond, South taking the ace and returning the ♥4. North took two rounds but declarer won in dummy, played a club to the queen, cashed the ♥KQ and then played the ♠Q. North won and exited with a spade, but declarer had the rest, +620.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Berger	Simson	Franzel	Aker
	pass	pass	pass
1♣*	pass	1♦*	pass
1♥*	pass	1♠*	pass
2♦*	pass	2♥	all pass

- 1♣ - Strong
- 1♦ - 0/7 less than 2 controls
- 1♥ - 'Could have many meanings, natural, NT, game-forcing
- 1♠ - Relay, no six-card suit
- 2♦ - Hearts and diamonds

North led the ♥8 and declarer won with dummy's ten (unblocking the nine) and played a diamond. When South followed with the six declarer put in the ten and North won and played two rounds of hearts, declarer (having dropped the jack under the ace) winning in dummy and, when South

discarded a club, playing a club to the queen. When that held declarer was sure to take eight tricks – if he cashes the top hearts North is in trouble and careful play will deliver a ninth trick.

No matter, +110 meant the loss of 11 IMPs – and a new leader.

The next two deals saw 11 more go in the same direction so Austria needed a minor miracle as the last deal settled on the table:

Board 16 West/EW	♠ Q10752	
	♥ KQ9	
	♦ K6	
	♣ KJ2	
♠ A9	N W S E	♠ K8643
♥ 864		♥ A
♦ 9743		♦ J1082
♣ 10973		♣ AQ5
	♠ J	
	♥ J107532	
	♦ AQ5	
	♣ 864	

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Doub	Feichtinger	Merblum	F.Terraneo
pass	1NT	2♠*	4♣*
pass	4NT	pass	5♣
all pass			

2♠ - 5♠ + 4♣/♦

4♦ - Transfer to hearts

This unhappy contract went six down – a dramatic result – but in the wrong direction, -300.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Berger	Simson	Franzel	Aker
pass	1NT*	pass	4♣*
pass	4♥	all pass	

1NT - 14-16

4♣ - Hearts

East led the ♥A and switched to the ♦J. Declarer won in dummy and played the ♠J, West taking the ace and switching to the ♣10 for one down. It gave USA Lusky another 6 IMPs and a semi-final berth.



LAST BOARD(S), EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON IT...

Marek Wójcicki

Semifinal match of LITHUANIA vs POLAND MARKOWICZ could be added as one more chapter to Mark Horton latest book – *Last Board, Everything Depends on It*. There is of recollection of spectacular matches from the whole history of bridge, from 1957 till 2016, which were decided at the very last board. We had at our tournament one more case of that kind.

This match was particularly interesting for Polish kibitzers, as they could watch many players from Poland in action and particularly one very well known in our country. Looking for line ups, we could expect some good bridge.

And it was. First part of the match was very low scoring. After 15 boards it was 13-7 for LITHUANIA with 5 boards scoring and 10 tied.

Last board of the first half gave substantial swing:

Board 16 West/EW	♠ J842	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ K10963
	N		E				
W	S						
♥ J53		♥ 1092					
♦ KQ		♦ 97					
♣ J543		♣ AK10					
♠ AQ							
♥ K							
♦ AJ108642							
♣ 876							
	♠ 75						
	♥ AQ8764						
	♦ 53						
	♣ Q92						

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Starkowski	Romański	Kwiecien	Kowalski
1♦	pass	1♠	2♥
3♦	pass	3♥	pass
3♠	pass	4♦	pass
4♥	pass	5♦	all pass

North led the ♥5 (2nd/4th) and South won with the ace and continued with ♣2 to the jack and king. Declarer played a diamond to the ace and when the queen fell, he cashed the spade ace and spade queen and played diamond to the nine. When both opponents followed, declarer claimed the rest, +600.

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Olański	Bizoń	Vainikonis	Blat
1♦	pass	1♠	2♥
3♦	3♥	dbl.*	pass
3♠	pass	4♠	all pass

Dbl. - Points

Blat led ♣9 (2nd/4th) to the jack and ace and declarer played a heart. South won with the ace and played a spade won in dummy with the ace. Declarer played now low diamond and North won with the queen and played one more trump. Queen in dummy won and declarer played a low club to the 10, won by South with the queen. Queen of hearts was cashed and South played one more heart, won by North with the jack. It was two down and defenders had one more trick for the trump jack. Down three, 14 imps for POLAND MARKOWICZ who led at half mark by 8 imps – 21-13.

Second half of the match started from exchange of heavy punches.

You are sitting West (love all) with:

♠ K43 ♥ AQ94 ♦ AJ1085 ♦ K

LHO opens 3♠ and two passes follow. What is your decision?

Jerzy Russyan (Lithuania) decided to double. Look at the complete board:

Board 1/II North/None	♠ AQ109652	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠ J8
	N		E				
W	S						
♥ 85		♥ K6					
♦ Q32		♦ K96					
♣ 9		♣ QJ8752					
♠ K43							
♥ AQ94							
♦ AJ1085							
♣ K							
	♠ 7						
	♥ J10732						
	♦ 74						
	♣ A10643						

After double East responded with 4♣ and East/West finished in a diamond game:

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Russyan	Starkowski	Gierulski	Kwiecień
	3♠	pass	pass
dbl.	pass	4♣	pass
4♦	pass	5♦	all pass

Starkowski led his singleton club. Kwiecień won with the ace and return a spade. Low from hand, North won with the queen and cashed the ace. When the third spade was played, declarer ruffed with the king and finessed diamond queen against South - two down.

Bizoń (POLAND MARKOWICZ) after the same opening of 3♠ bid 3NT and all players accepted it...

North led a heart. Declarer won in hand and played ♣K, ducked. At next trick he played a diamond to the nine with success and continued with ♣Q. South won and played a heart. 10 tricks, +430 and 11 imps for POLAND MARKOWICZ.

Board 2 was the tie, slightly surprising at this level of play.

You are sitting South with:

♠ Q82 ♥ AJ6 ♦ A9 ♣ QJ972

After the simple bidding (the same at both tables):

W	N	E	S
		1NT*	pass
2♦*	pass	2♥	pass
3NT	all pass		

1NT - 14+-17

2♦ - hearts

you led ♣Q:

♠ K64	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>S</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	N	E	W	S
N		E			
W		S			
♥ KQ984					
♦ 42					
♣ K65					
	♠ Q82				
	♥ AJ6				
	♦ A9				
	♣ QJ972				

low from dummy, ♣4 from partner, ♣3 from hand. You continue with ♣J. Six, ten (showing even number of clubs), ace. Now declarer plays ♥3...

Both South players ducked.

This is a complete board:

Board 3/II East/NS	♠ J953	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>N</th> <th>E</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>W</td> <td>S</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	N	E	W	S
	N		E			
	W		S			
	♥ 1052					
♦ 7653						
♣ 104						
♠ K64		♠ A107				
♥ KQ984		♥ 73				
♦ 42		♦ KQJ108				
♣ K65		♣ A83				
	♠ Q82					
	♥ AJ6					
	♦ A9					
	♣ QJ972					

Declarer won with the honor and played a diamond, setting 9 top tricks.

Could the winning defense be found?

From the simple calculation you see that partner can have at most one jack and if it is ♠J declarer has no chance unless you are not alerted enough.

Even if declarer has the spade jack, it is not sure that he will be able to find the queen, particularly if partner has the ♠10. After this analysis, ♥A should be played immediately at trick 3 and establish the clubs. And in this particular hand declarer would be limited to 8 tricks - 4 hearts, 2 spades. and 2 clubs - without playing diamonds.

Even if he has only 4 diamonds and the ♠AJxx it is improbable to assume that he will play for the squeeze rather than simple spade finesse.

At board 3 you are on the lead with:

♠ J87 ♥ Q63 ♦ A95 ♣ J983

after the bidding:

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Bizoń	Romański	Blat	Kowalski
			pass
pass	1♠	pass	2♥
pass	3♣	pass	3NT
all pass			

Bizoń (POLAND MARKOWICZ) bet for a diamond (♦9, 2nd/4th).



Look at the complete board:

Board 3/II South/EW	♠ AK652 ♥ 9 ♦ 1064 ♣ AK107										
♠ J87 ♥ Q63 ♦ A95 ♣ J983	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q103 ♥ J754 ♦ QJ87 ♣ Q2
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ 94 ♥ AK1082 ♦ K32 ♣ 654										

East played a jack, declarer won with the king and played 3 rounds of spades. When the suit split 3-3 (and diamonds 4-3), there were 9 tricks, 400 for Lithuania.

At the other table South decided to open:

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Russyan	Starkowski	Gierulski	Kwiecień
			1♥
pass	1♠	pass	1NT
pass	2♦*	pass	2NT*
pass	3NT	pass	

2♦ - artificial game forcing

2NT - denies 3 spades.

Russyan decided for the ♣9 and the contract could not be made. In fact, it ended down 3 for -150 and 11 imps for Lithuania.

In 10 next boards there were 7 small swings. They were swings even if we call 1 imp „the swing” – giving partial score 10-7 for POLAND MARKOWICZ and 2 boards before the end they led by 11 imps, 42-31.

In penultimate board (red vs white) you got:

♠ – ♥ QJ7 ♦ AQJ97543 ♦ 43

Partner opens 1♠. What is your bid? You play Polish system with 2/1 response forcing to the game, so your options are limited – 2♦ (natural GF) or 3♦ – natural, 6+♦, invitational.

Włodek Starkowski, probably looking at void in partner's suit decided for rather conservative 3♦.

Let's look at the board:

Board 15/II South/NS	♠ – ♥ QJ7 ♦ AQJ97543 ♣ 43										
♠ 76 ♥ 106432 ♦ K102 ♣ 1087	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ AKQJ105 ♥ K98 ♦ – ♣ K952
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ 98432 ♥ A5 ♦ 86 ♣ AQJ6										

Even such an optimist like Michał Kwiecień did not find any reason with South hand to accept the invitation. East led ♠A and declarer finessed successfully three kings and completed all the tricks, for the score which is called „little coin” in Poland +190.

Jacek Romański forced to the game with the 2♦ response:

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Bizoń	Romański	Blat	Kowalski
			1♠
pass	2♦	pass	2♠
pass	3♦	pass	3NT
all pass			

Poor East... What kind of convention could be used here to guide partner to lead a spade? Luckily time for the players who were capable enough to do it is over.

Bizoń led ♣10 and declarer did not risk any finesse except the diamond one and ended with 11 tricks. +660 and 10 imps for LITHUANIA who was trailing by 1 imp before the last board (in case of tie, Lithuania advanced to the final as the team placed higher in qualifications).

Last board, as it often happens, not only in the books, did not look like a flat one:

Board 16/II West/EW	♠ – ♥ AKJ87 ♦ KJ7 ♣ KQ962										
♠ KQJ95 ♥ 942 ♦ Q9854 ♣ –	<table border="1"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A1064 ♥ 5 ♦ 103 ♣ AJ8743
	N										
W		E									
	S										
	♠ 8732 ♥ Q1063 ♦ A62 ♣ 105										

Russyan with West hand opened 2♠ (weak two-suiter, spade and a minor):

Closed Room

W	N	E	S
Russyan	Starkowski	Gierulski	Kwiecień
2♠	4♣*	4♠	5♥
all pass			

4♣ - Leaping Michaels, game forcing, at least 5-5 in hearts and clubs

West led a suit preference ♠5. Declarer ruffed, and played with countermeasures – cashed trump ace, entered dummy with the trump ten and played a club towards hand. When West did not ruff, he played qu-

een from hand. East won with the ace and played a spade. Declarer ruffed and played low club to the ten, making 11 tricks. 450 for POLAND MARKOWICZ.

At replay West did not open , as Blat - Bizoń play *weak twos*:

Open Room

W	N	E	S
Bizoń	Romański	Blat	Kowalski
pass	1♥	2♣	3♥*
3♠	4♥	4♠	pass
pass	5♥	dbl.	all pass

3♥ – ,not constructive'

Should East double 5♥? Once there was a rule: „when we are in a game red vs white and they bid higher, our passes are forcing”. Is it in common use today?

I do not know agreements of East-West... But modern theory of forcing pass is only slightly less sophisticated than theory of relativity and usually the approach is rather individual and depends on partnership style.

East led club ace and gave partner club ruff, but those wre the only tricks of East/West. 11 tricks and 650 for LITHUANIA. It was 5 imps and the change of the leader – LITHUANIA got the pass to the final.

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In 2021 BBO files of the matches were easily accessible directly from the website of the tournament. Now BBO works only through browsers, not in the client/server mode and it is slightly more difficult.

We received some questions from tournament participants how they could find BBO files (*.lin) of the matches. It is possible, I dare say even quite simple. Here is step by step instruction:

1. Website of the tournament
<https://r.pzbs.pl/2022/tsc/web/> should be entered.
2. „RESULTS” tab should be clicked
<https://r.pzbs.pl/2022/tsc/0/>
3. „ROUNDS RESULTS” should be chosen:
<https://r.pzbs.pl/2022/tsc/0/#0000000001001002000000000>
4. Round number should be clicked.
5. Appropriate match should be chosen and scores of the second part should be clicked:

7. Then you will be able to see match scorecard with link to each board at each table

#	Our table	Score (MPs)	Their table
1	6SE-1 50 11	4SE-1 -450	
2	3NE-1 50 —	3NW-1 50	
3	3NN+3 490 1	3NN+2 460	
4	2SE+2 -170 —	2SE+2 -170	
5	4DN= 130 —	5DN= 600	
6	6HN= 980 —	6NS= 990	
7	2SW+1 -140 10	3NW= -600	
8	2SS+1 140 7	1NW+2 -150	
9	3HN+1 170 6	4HN= 420	
10	6GE+1 -1390 —	6GE= -1370	
11	4SN-1 -50 —	4SN-1 -50	
12	2SS-1 -100 —	2SN= 110	
13	2HN-1 -100 —	2HN-1 -100	
14	4SN+1 450 1	4SN= 420	
15	3NW+2 -460 —	3NW= -400	
16	3DE= -110 1	3DE+1 -130	
17	4SS+2 480 2	3NN= 400	
18	4HN+2 680 —	4HN+2 680	
19	4HN-1 -50 —	1NN+2 150	
20	PASS 0 —	PASS 0	
	Total 33 29		

8. You can download the lin file by clicking on the download link, open on your computer with BBO Viewer NetBridgeVue or Bridge Composer:

Table	seg. 1	seg. 2	Sum	Result	I	Place
1	29	12	33	11.08	31.08	4
2	17	12	29	8.82	28.49	7
3	12	0	12	10	29.33	5
4	3	9	12	10	29.25	6
5	12	2	14	3.2	22.02	15
6	27	21	48	16.8	35.43	1

6. Link below scoresheet should be clicked:

Con	Dec	Tricks	Score		Board	C
			NS	EW		
4♣	N	-1		50	11	4
2♣	S	-1		100	12	2
2♥	N	-1		100	13	2
4♣	N	+1	450		14	4
3NT	W	+2		460	15	3
3♦	E	=		110	16	3
4♣	S	+2	480		17	3
4♥	N	+2	680		18	4
4♥	N	-1		50	19	1
PASS					20	PA

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	Team1 42		Team2 20		
	Open room		Closed room		
1	50	6A+1	4A+1	450	11
2	50	3NT-1	3NT-1	460	1
3	490	3NT+3	3NT+2	50	--
4	130	2A+2	2A+2	170	5
5	980	6V=	5N=	600	10
6	980	6V=	5N=	990	--
7	140	2A+1	3NT=	600	7
8	140	2A+1	1NT+2	150	7
9	170	3V+1	4V=	420	6
10	1370	5A=	6A+1	1390	1
11	50	4A-1	50	4A-1	--
12	110	2A=	100	2A-1	5
13	420	2V-1	100	2V-1	--
14	420	4A=	4A+1	450	1

and replay each hand bid by bid, trick by trick:

