

## POLAND – INDONESIA

First of series of international matches, played on Bridge Base Online, as the competition between teams, using different bidding systems was played on 30.th January between teams of Poland and Indonesia.

Poland was represented by Krzysztof Martens – Krzysztof Jassem, playing Polish Club (Wspólny Język) when vulnerable, and strong club with 9-15 PC one level openings and 4-8 PC twosuiters on 2 level when not vulnerable.

Second Polish pair – Michał Kwiecień – Rafał Jagniewski play short club (“Strefa” variation of Polish Club) with transfer responses after 1♣ and optional relay distributional sequences after 1 level openings.

For Indonesia played Lusje Bojoh – Robert Tobing and Joice Tueje – Taufik Asbi. Both Indonesian pairs use natural, 2/1 system with weak no trump.

First points Poland gained at board 4 due to good judgment by Kwiecień – Jagniewski and aggressive, typical for this pair, bidding by Jassem – Martens:

Board 4.

Both vulnerable, dealer West.

	<b>N</b>		
	♠ J2		
	♥ AQ109		
	♦ 642		
	♣ A654		
<b>W</b>		<b>E</b>	
♠ K3		♠ AQ1075	
♥ K		♥ 8742	
♦ 10873		♦ KQ95	
♣ KQJ972		♣ -	
	<b>S</b>		
	♠ 9854		
	♥ W653		
	♦ AW		
	♣ 1083		

W	N	E	S
Kwieceń	Bojoh	Jagniewski	Tobing
1♣ <sup>1)</sup>	pass	1♥ <sup>2)</sup>	pass
2♣	pass	2♦ <sup>3)</sup>	pass
2♠	pass	4♠	pass...

<sup>1)</sup>natural, 11-22 PC, or balanced (possible 5♦ with 5332) 12-14 PC or balanced 18-21PC

<sup>2)</sup>transfer for spades

<sup>3)</sup>5+♠ and 4+♥

If we assume, that E-W pair is forced to bid the game, as it often happens at modern bridge, 4♠ is surely the best one.

North led ♦2 (third-fifth) – queen, ace, seven. South returned ♥5, and North continued the suit. Kwiecień ruffed and made ruffing finesse in clubs (West put low twice), discarding two hearts from dummy. Now spade king was cashed and declarer finessed in diamonds. South get the trick with the jack, but with ♠J falling, contract was made. 620 for Poland.

At the replay NS pair was not so polite:

W	N	E	S
Tueje	Jassem	Asbi	Martens
1♣	1♥(!)	dbl. <sup>1)</sup>	3♥
pass	pass	4♦	pass
5♦	pass...		

<sup>1)</sup>spades  
Here Indonesians found their 4-4 fit... Martens led ♥2(4-th best), and Jassem in second trick played ♠J. Queen from dummy and king of trumps. Martens took the trick with the ace and played a spade. King from dummy and trump finesse – one down, 12 imps for Poland.

In the next board Martens – Jassem reached the game, not bid at the other table. It is worth to mention that the opponents, using weak no trump, made their life harder then Polish pair at replay:

Board 5.

NS vulnerable, dealer N.

<b>N</b>			
♠ Q1053			
♥ 10964			
♦ AJ108			
♣ J			
<b>W</b>		<b>E</b>	
♠ 82		♠ 94	
♥ KJ873		♥ AQ5	
♦ K72		♦ Q43	
♣ Q63		♣ A10852	
		<b>S</b>	
		♠ AKJ76	
		♥ 2	
		♦ 965	
		♣ K974	

W	N	E	S
Tueje	Jassem	Asbi	Martens
	pass	1NT <sup>1)</sup>	pass
2♦	dbl.(!)	2♥	2♠
3♥	4♠(!)	pass...	

<sup>1)</sup>12-14 PC

10 easy tricks, 620 for Poland.

W	N	E	S
Kwiecień	Bojoh	Jagniewski	Tobing
	pass	1♣	1♠
dbl.	2NT	pass	3♠(?)
pass...			

The same 10 tricks, 170 for NS. 10 imps for Poland.

I think, that knowing about 4-card fit, S hand is worth a game try.

At the board No. 9 weak no trump has driven Michal Kwiecień to the false track: (see diagram on the top right)

W	N	E	S
Kwiecień	Bojoh	Jagniewski	Tobing
	pass	pass	1NT <sup>1)</sup>
2♠ <sup>2)</sup> (?)	pass...		

<sup>1)</sup>12-14 PC

<sup>2)</sup>5♠ and 4+ in a minor

11 tricks, 200 for WE

As far as I know their system, Michal has the other option – double, showing either moderate, balanced hand, or any very strong hand.

Board 9.

WE vulnerable, dealer North.

<b>N</b>			
♠ J1086			
♥ 754			
♦ 10952			
♣ 72			
<b>W</b>		<b>E</b>	
♠ AQ973		♠ 2	
♥ A92		♥ QJ1086	
♦ A		♦ K63	
♣ A1085		♣ Q964	
		<b>S</b>	
		♠ K54	
		♥ K3	
		♦ QJ874	
		♣ KJ3	

W	N	E	S
Tueje	Jassem	Asbi	Martens
	pass	pass	1NT <sup>1)</sup>
dbl.	pass	pass	2♦
dbl.	pass	4♥	pass...

<sup>1)</sup>12-14 PC (not vulnerable)

12 tricks, 680 and 10 imps for Argentina.

Indonesians were better prepared to fight with the weak no trump, used by Jassem – Martens in their “no vulnerable” system and reached the best game without problems.

The next board was swingy and many imps were at stake.

North players were faced to a difficult problem:

**Both vulnerable, LHO opens 3♥, partner overcalls 3♠, RHO passes, and you hold: ♠KQ ♥AJ52 ♦874 ♣AK95.**

What is your bid?

Krzysztof Jassem has chosen, usual for him, optimistic approach – he bid directly 6♠.

Lusje Bojoh has bid slightly conservative looking 3NT.

In my opinion, the best bid was 4NT which should be quantitative in such bidding positions.

Who was right?

Lets look at the complete hand:

Board 10  
Both vulnerable, dealer East.

<b>N</b>			
	♠ KQ		
	♥ AJ52		
	♦ 874		
	♣ AK95		
<b>W</b>		<b>E</b>	
♠ 963		♠ 842	
♥ 87		♥ KQ109643	
♦ KQ2		♦ J10	
♣ 76432		♣ 8	
	<b>S</b>		
	♠ AJ1075		
	♥ -		
	♦ A9653		
	♣ QJ10		

W	N	E	S
Kwiecień Bojoh		Jagniewski Tobing	
		3♥	3♠
pass	3NT	pass...	

W	N	E	S
Tueje	Jassem	Asbi	Martens
		3♥	3♠
pass	6♠(?)	pass...	

Both declarer took their 11 tricks, but it was 13 imps for Argentina.

At the next hand we could see another example of modern, aggressive bidding style of Martens – Jassem:

Board 11.  
Love all, dealer S.

<b>N</b>			
	♠ 1095		
	♥ J4		
	♦ K10952		
	♣ AQJ		
<b>W</b>		<b>E</b>	
♠ 7		♠ AK6	
♥ AK1076		♥ Q852	
♦ 8643		♦ AQJ	
♣ 542		♣ 1076	
	<b>S</b>		
	♠ QJ8432		
	♥ 93		
	♦ 7		
	♣ K983		

W	N	E	S
Tueje	Jassem	Asbi	Martens
			3♠(!)

pass 4♠ pass...  
8 tricks, 100 for Argentina

3♠ of Martens completely silenced the opponents, cold for a heart game...

W	N	E	S
Kwiecień Bojoh		Jagniewski Tobing	
		2♥ <sup>1)</sup>	

pass 2♠<sup>2)</sup> 2NT pass  
3♦<sup>3)</sup> pass 3♥ pass...

<sup>1)</sup>one of possibilities is weak two in spades

<sup>2)</sup>pass or correct

<sup>3)</sup>transfer

11 tricks, 200 and 3 imps for Poland

It was difficult position... Who should bid more? If anybody, surely not East.

At board 17 we could see one more unusual opening of Martens, showing "designed system aggressiveness":

Board 17  
Love all, dealer N.

<b>N</b>			
	♠ Q7642		
	♥ 743		
	♦ Q85		
	♣ A8		
<b>W</b>		<b>E</b>	
♠ K9		♠ A853	
♥ AK		♥ 1062	
♦ AK1073		♦ J2	
♣ K976		♣ QJ43	
	<b>S</b>		
	♠ J10		
	♥ QJ985		
	♦ 964		
	♣ 1052		

W	N	E	S
Tueje	Jassem	Asbi	Martens
		pass	2♥ <sup>1)</sup> (!)

dbl. pass 2♠ pass  
2NT pass 3NT pass...

<sup>1)</sup>4-8 PC, 5+♥ and 4+ in minor (not vulnerable)

N led ♥4. Declarer won and played a club. N put the ace, and continued hearts. East

came to the hand with a club and finessed a diamond, probably by misclick... one down, 50 for Poland

W	N	E	S
Kwiecień Bojoh	Jagniewski	Tobing	
	pass	pass	pass
1♦	1♠	1NT	pass
3NT	pass...		

S led ♠J. Declarer took the trick with the king, and played clubs. N took the second round and continued spade to the 10. South played now a heart, but it was too late.

10 tricks, 430 and 10 imps for Poland.

And the last big swing of the match...

Board 19.

WE vulnerable, dealer S.

	<b>N</b>		
	♠ K4		
	♥ J109		
	♦ KQ6		
	♣ Q10875		
<b>W</b>		<b>E</b>	
♠ 762		♠ A93	
♥ A7543		♥ KQ862	
♦ 1098		♦ -	
♣ K9		♣ J6432	
	<b>S</b>		
	♠ QJ1085		
	♥ -		
	♦ AJ75432		
	♣ A		

Martens – Jassem have shown their usual, practical style of bidding:

W	N	E	S
Tueje	Jassem	Asbi	Martens
			1♠ <sup>1)</sup>
pass	1NT <sup>2)</sup>	2♠ <sup>3)</sup>	5♦
pass	6♦	pass...	

<sup>1)</sup>9-15 PC, 5+♠, can be a longer minor

<sup>2)</sup>not forcing

<sup>3)</sup>Michaels cue bid

12 tricks, 920 for Poland.

Jassem had no problems with bidding a slam... His ♠K and ♦KQ were much more

then partner could expect, bidding a game. It was well measured contract.

Indonesians had a longer way:

W	N	E	S
Kwiecień Bojoh	Jagniewski	Tobing	
			1♦
pass	2♣	pass	2♠
pass	2NT	pass	3♠
pass	5♣	dbl.	pass
pass	5♦	pass...	

12 tricks, 420 for Argentina, 11 imps for Poland.

As it often happens, the longer and undisturbed run does not necessary means better finish... I do not know the NS system well, but if S has shown 6♦-5♠, and good opening values, N should bid a slam. May be 5♣ was some kind of asking bid and there was some misunderstanding? I cannot say...

The final score of the 20 board match was 58-36 for Poland.

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