

## Fresh blood from Poland

Bridge is very popular amongst young people in Poland. There are dozens of bridge events organized for young players - under 25, under 20 and even under 15. As a result, for a couple of years Polish young players have dominated Europe - winning consecutive European championships in both categories - under 20 and under 25. However in the World Junior Championships 2005 Polish players had to concede in the final against young Americans - after extra boards.

One of the players in the squad was Krzysztof Buras, who is here in Dallas with his few years older partner, Grzegorz Narkiewicz. Playing in the four-man squad with Baze and Whitman they are in the last 8 of Vanderbilt.

Here is their favorite board of the event, played against the Chang team.

Narkiewicz was to lead from the following hand:

S xxx Hxxxx D Axx C xxx

The auction was uncontested:

2D - 2NT

3H - 4C

4H - 4S

2D was Multi showing a weak hand with a long major. 2NT asked for a suit and 3H showed spades. 4C was a slam try - understood as Gerber by one of the guys - and as a cue bid by the other.

Whatever the meaning, Narkiewicz was sure of one thing - the contract could not be set down in a standard way. He underlead his ace of diamonds!

Let us see how it worked:

	S QJ10xxx	
	H xx	
	D Kx	
	C KJx	
S xxx		S Ax
H xxxx		H x
D Axx		D Qxxxx
C xxx		C xxxxx
	S Kx	
	H AKQJxx	
	D Jxx	
	C ADx	

Declarer played low and Buras grabbed the trick with the queen. Next came a heart. When Buras came to the lead with the ace of spades he communicated partner with the ace of diamonds. The heart ruff set this "unbeatable" contract down.

Beware of the young Poles. There is still another young pair, Krzysztof Kotorowicz (22) and Jacek Kalita (21), the other world junior finalists. Believe me, they are no less dangerous creatures than Buras - Narkiewicz.