

ההתאגדות הישראלית לברידיג' Israel Bridge Federation

The lady loves a grand

Migry Zur Campanile is making this year her first appearance at the NEC tournament together with an all-Israeli team which includes the current European Open Teams champions Israel and Doron Yadlin ably supported by another mainstay of our Open team, Michael Barel.

Despite her many bridge achievements, Migry does however have a weak spot: she cannot resist the tantalizing lure of a Grand Slam.

Such irresistible hunger for the magic “seven” became common knowledge after her opening match performance against Venezuela at the 2001 Venice Cup in Paris.

Board 6 – DLR S – N/S VUL (board rotated for convenience)

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| | ♠K ♥87542 ♦Q5 ♣AK532 | |
| ♠J109652 ♥J9 ♦J974 ♣9 | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 0 auto;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 2px;"> N W E S </div> </div> | ♠Q87 ♥63 ♦K8632 ♣1087 |
| | ♠A43 ♥AKQ10 ♦A10 ♣QJ64 | |

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| | Poplilov | | Campanile |
| | | | 2NT |
| P | 3♦ | P | 3♥ |
| P | 4♣ | P | 4♦ |
| P | 4NT | P | 5♦ |
| P | 5♠ | P | 6♥ |
| P | 7♣ | P | P |
| P | | | |

After Poplilov showed with 3♦ (txfer to 3♥) and 4♥ her two-suiter with slam invitational values, Migry agreed clubs with her 4♦ cue-bid. 4NT was a six-keycards ask (which included also the ♥K), a useful systemic tool adopted when a two-suiter has been shown opposite a balanced hand. 5♦ showed four out of six keycards and 5♠ asked for the Queens in both Hearts and Clubs, once Poplilov heard that both were present it was straightforward to bid 7♣ with 13 tricks there for the taking.

Amazingly enough, later on in the same match this board came up:

Board 12 – DLR N – E/W VUL (board rotated for convenience)

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| | ♠J95 ♥A103 ♦A6 ♣AKJ93 | |
| ♠7 ♥98754 ♦Q1092 ♣764 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div> | ♠843 ♥KQ2 ♦8754 ♣Q102 |
| | ♠AKQ1062 ♥J6 ♦KJ3 ♣85 | |

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| | Poplilov | | Campanile |
| | 1♣ | P | 1♠ |
| P | 2NT | P | 3♠ |
| P | 4♣ | P | 4♦ |
| P | 4♥ | X | P |
| P | XX | P | 4NT |
| P | 5♣ | P | 5NT |
| P | 7♠ | P | P |
| P | | | |

Migry's 3♠ bid was forcing since she had a 3♣ relay followed by 3♠ to show a spade one suiter with non forcing values. After Poplilov's cue-bids in clubs and hearts, showing first round control in the latter with her redouble, 4NT was RKCB and 5NT asked for extras towards 7♠, which was promptly reached. Neither of the grand slams was bid at the other table and, infact, only one other pair in the field managed to bid both of them.

Only thing left is to wish her more of the same in the land of the rising sun!