

# 10<sup>th</sup> International Bridge Festival Madeira

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8<sup>th</sup> November 2007

## New Deal

Most of the first 10 pairs from Tuesday didn't agree well with the second session and got very shy results. Only the Portuguese Alexandra Rosado and Paulo Feio, who were 7<sup>th</sup> on the first session, were 5<sup>th</sup> yesterday (61.84%) and now lead the tournament with 60.77% average.



Nuno Paz and Carlos Gonçalves were 18<sup>th</sup> yesterday. They got 55.75% and are now 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, just 0.32% behind.

The Austrians dominated most of yesterday's session. Hubert Obermair and Sascha Wernle made 62.68% and were 3<sup>rd</sup>. They got from 26<sup>th</sup> place to 3<sup>rd</sup> overall with 58.94%.

Andreas Babsch and Renate Hansen, also Austrian, were 2<sup>nd</sup> on the session. They got 63.49%, and are now 4<sup>th</sup>.

The winners yesterday were the Latvians Vladimir Gonca and Mairis Purgailis. They made 67.57% and are now 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

We have no less than 15 pairs within 5% of the first place. Who will win?

Your guess is as good as mine...

Pedro Nunes



## RESULTS AFTER 2 SESSION

Rank	Score	%	Name	Session	%	Rank	
1	3223,2	60,77	Alexandra Rosado - Paulo A Feio	1640,0	61,84	5	MP
2	3206,4	60,45	Carlos Goncalves - Nuno Paz	1478,4	55,75	18	P
3	3126,0	58,94	Obermair - Wernle	1662,2	62,68	3	U
4	3112,8	58,69	Maris Purgailis - Vladimirs Gonca	1792,1	67,57	1	VS
5	3096,7	58,38	Clas Nyberg - Kauko Koistinen	1388,0	52,34	42	F
6	3042,7	57,37	Brantsma - Ritmeijer	1462,1	55,13	21	H
7	3039,3	57,30	Andreas Babsch - Renate Hansen	1683,8	63,49	2	UM
8	3003,4	56,62	Aron N Portinnsson - Bjorgun Kristinsson	1489,0	56,14	15	I
9	2983,0	56,24	Leo Luks - Naber	1413,2	53,29	38	T
10	2977,5	56,14	Lars Goldberg - Ulla Britt Goldberg	1615,5	60,92	7	MW
11	2963,5	55,87	Madeleine Swanstom - Tommy Gulberg	1486,0	56,03	16	WMS
12	2960,9	55,82	Gabriel Gislason - Sveinn Ragnarsson	1346,4	50,77	53	I
13	2953,7	55,69	Jonsson Runolfer - Sevarsson Gunnlaugur	1645,1	62,03	4	I
14	2934,4	55,32	Josef Simon - Robert Franzel	1430,1	53,92	34	U
15	2932,4	55,29	Jorge Cruzeiro - Manuel Oliveira	1561,4	58,88	9	P
16	2919,4	55,04	M Koetser - R Bouscher	1455,2	54,87	26	HS
17	2918,6	55,03	Bjorn Valen - Egil Hansen	1432,9	54,03	33	NS
18	2911,4	54,89	Gudrun Johannesd - Soffia Danielsdottir	1463,0	55,16	20	LI
19	2910,3	54,87	Roennaug Asla - Svein Markussen	1426,5	53,79	35	NMS
20	2895,1	54,58	Juliano Barbosa - Rui Pinto	1403,5	52,92	40	P
21	2889,7	54,48	Oja Olavi - Sven Sester	1293,1	48,76	63	T
22	2888,5	54,46	Nuno Matos - Paulo Sarmiento	1507,2	56,83	14	P
23	2888,3	54,45	Berendregt - van Zwol	1272,3	47,97	67	MH
24	2883,8	54,37	A de Rouwe - G C Krigsman	1444,6	54,47	30	SHM
25	2868,8	54,09	Arild Aarmot - Ronny Jorstad	1554,3	58,61	10	N
26	2856,5	53,86	Dieneke Balder - Hans van Ommeren	1632,2	61,55	6	HM
27	2855,6	53,84	Hrannar Erlingsson - Svein Runar Eiriksson	1252,2	47,22	72	I
28	2852,2	53,77	Elly Schippers - René Stienen	1298,7	48,97	61	MH
29	2850,1	53,74	B Abreu - M Bouscher Snapper	1456,1	54,91	24	
30	2842,4	53,59	Gerrit de Bewis - Peter van Montfoort	1269,7	47,88	68	H
31	2837,9	53,51	Gisli Steingrimsson - Sveinn R P	1435,9	54,14	32	I
32	2834,3	53,44	Halldor Svanbergsson - Kristinn Kristinsson	1481,1	55,85	17	I
33	2815,1	53,07	Karlis Rubins - Nataliza Veksha	1476,4	55,67	19	VM
34	2813,7	53,05	Alfred Fleischmann - Ursula Fleischmann	1383,4	52,16	43	SUM
35	2808,8	52,96	Momek Wegman - Willem v d Ginden	1518,6	57,26	13	HM
36	2802,7	52,84	Pierre Daigneault - Terri Verret	1460,9	55,09	22	MSN
37	2796,6	52,73	Gaby Parra - Leo Zeepvat	1566,7	59,08	8	MH
38	2795,0	52,70	P G Pereira - Rui S Santos	1352,0	50,98	49	P
39	2783,2	52,47	Anne Marie vd Berg - Jaap vd Berg	1541,7	58,13	12	HM
40	2778,9	52,39	Sigfuis Arnasom - ThorHalsson	1371,1	51,70	45	I
41	2778,0	52,38	Han Begas - Rascha Thomas	1436,1	54,15	31	MH
42	2770,4	52,23	Maksim Karpov - Tut Laanemae	1324,2	49,93	56	T
43	2764,9	52,13	Jaime Sousa - Miguel Ascencao	1552,8	58,55	11	AP
44	2762,1	52,08	Alda Gudnadottir - Hrafnhildur Skuladottir	1346,6	50,78	52	LI
45	2741,6	51,69	Aivar Tijiane - Lembit Dahlberg	1279,3	48,24	66	T
46	2740,6	51,67	J G Tesselaar - Mike Beyer	1399,0	52,75	41	H
47	2733,1	51,53	Dominique Custers - John de Freitas	1455,5	54,88	25	F
48	2724,1	51,36	Gudm Olafsson - H Rognvaldsson	1203,3	45,37	80	I
49	2719,2	51,27	Baldur Bjartmarsson - Halldor Thorvaldsson	1450,2	54,68	27	I
50	2716,7	51,22	Oskas Sigurdsson - Sigurdur Steingrimsson	1235,7	46,59	75	I
51	2715,5	51,20	Gisli Porarinsson - Pordur Sigurdsson	1457,2	54,95	23	I
52	2707,6	51,05	J Meltzer - Peter A de Roos	1168,1	44,05	89	H
53	2702,0	50,94	Bernd Saurer - Doris Fischer	1446,3	54,54	29	UM
54	2680,5	50,54	Eduarda Reis - Joao Fanha	1352,8	51,01	48	MP
55	2678,5	50,50	Gerard Limmen - Jan Tulp	1192,7	44,97	84	HS
56	2655,7	50,07	Gudlaugur Sveinsson - Isak Sigurdsson	1379,0	52,00	44	I
57	2645,4	49,88	Jorge Castanheira - Jose Dias	1350,9	50,94	50	P
58	2644,7	49,86	Gardar Gardarsson - Gunnar Tondarsson	1346,2	50,76	54	SI



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59	2641,1	49,80	Carole Coveney - Michel Coveney	1318,8	49,73	58	NM
60	2635,8	49,69	Agusta Jonsdottir - Thordis Thormodsdottir	1291,5	48,70	65	IL
61	2616,7	49,33	Ine Snepvangers - Mart Mommers	1130,7	42,64	94	HM
62	2612,4	49,25	Hans Metselaar - Ko Heilig	1258,9	47,47	69	H
63	2608,6	49,18	Bruno Neves - Luis Silva	1247,2	47,03	73	AP
64	2605,0	49,11	Frits Goetjes - Tineke Poland	1310,9	49,43	59	MSH
65	2590,2	48,84	Eike Metsdalv - Ines Piibeleht	1176,5	44,36	87	TL
66	2588,6	48,80	Gitte Hecht-Johnsen - Nevena Senior	1257,9	47,43	70	LF
67	2560,7	48,28	J Macedo - J Machado	1086,2	40,96	99	SAP
68	2560,2	48,27	Hans Sprenkeling - Wil Stomp	1252,8	47,24	71	HS
69	2558,4	48,24	Eva-Lis Gothe - Hans Gothe	1292,5	48,74	64	WSM
70	2553,3	48,14	Fernando Ribeiro - Pedro morgado	1417,9	53,47	36	AP
71	2545,7	48,00	Liz Blande - Mike Rafferty	1021,9	38,53	105	MG
72	2542,9	47,94	John Linse - Joost Hermeyer	1110,7	41,88	95	SH
73	2534,0	47,78	Harjet Quys - Helmi v d Helm	1175,7	44,33	88	HL
74	2533,5	47,77	Erkki Juuri-Oja - Pirjo Juuri-Oja	1365,8	51,50	46	DMS
75	2532,9	47,75	Hr Roseheek - Mw Bredewerk	1411,8	53,24	39	MH
76	2503,1	47,19	Jose Maria Gouveia - Nuno Mata	1180,6	44,52	86	AP
77	2498,6	47,11	Isabel Correia - Maria Corte Real	1362,6	51,38	47	LP
78	2489,1	46,93	Hulda Hjalmar - Sigridur Eyioifs	1235,6	46,59	76	I
79	2483,8	46,83	Linssen - Linssen	1196,1	45,10	83	MH
80	2478,2	46,72	Felix Bielars - Loekie Bielars Roermund	1320,2	49,78	57	HM
81	2473,3	46,63	Gudny Gudjonsd - Halldora Magnusdottir	1348,4	50,84	51	I
82	2470,2	46,57	Guido Kobolt - Peeter Lond	1307,8	49,31	60	TS
83	2469,5	46,56	Agaath v Bommel - Jack Wagemakers	1297,0	48,91	62	SHM
84	2467,4	46,52	Inger Sallsten - Ric Sallsten	1030,4	38,85	103	MSW
85	2464,9	46,47	Durkonenansdottir - Harpa Fold Inleolesdottir	1449,7	54,66	28	IL
86	2458,0	46,34	Aarne Rummel - Kalle Pedak	1246,8	47,01	74	T
87	2448,9	46,17	Jon Gudmundsson - Jon Sigvaldason	1416,1	53,40	37	I
88	2429,9	45,81	Alexandre Rodrigues - Bruno Macedo	1327,0	50,04	55	AP
89	2408,7	45,41	Antonio Valente - Bruno Bacanhim	1201,2	45,29	81	AP
90	2406,1	45,36	Bardi Thorkeleson - Krisin Jonsdottir	1233,2	46,50	77	IM
91	2394,4	45,14	Miguel Teixeira - Rodrigo Soares	1200,4	45,26	82	AP
92	2393,0	45,12	Adriano Medeiros - Horacio Franco	1205,9	45,47	79	P
93	2379,9	44,87	Leonardo Veloza - Silvio Costa	1183,8	44,64	85	AP
94	2376,3	44,80	Ingrid Hoes - Ria Bartelomiy	1109,6	41,84	96	LSH
95	2345,0	44,21	Sigurjonsd - Thordarson	1093,0	41,22	98	SIM
96	2331,0	43,95	Johanna Sigurjonsd - Lina Arnadottir	922,2	34,78	108	LI
97	2321,5	43,77	Jose A Fernandes - Virgilio Mota	1143,5	43,12	91	APS
98	2267,2	42,75	Doranna Palsdottir - Hanna Fridriksdottir	1099,5	41,46	97	IL
99	2265,4	42,71	Irene Egger - Norbert Egger	1140,4	43,00	93	MSU
100	2252,2	42,46	Ricardo Luiz - Robert Snapper	1023,9	38,61	104	AP
101	2248,9	42,40	Joaquim Trindade - Pedro Nunes	1142,4	43,08	92	AP
102	2197,4	41,43	Frederico Teixeira - Ricardo Fernandes	1064,4	40,14	100	AP
103	2106,1	39,71	Eija Multimaki - Sanna Kittti	1040,6	39,24	102	LD
104	2081,4	39,24	Marie Duval - Michel Hupe	1228,6	46,33	78	NM
105	2043,5	38,53	Luis Correia - Nuno David	1146,8	43,24	90	A
106	1996,3	37,64	Alda Fernandes - Jose Fernandes	1048,9	39,55	101	APMS
107	1987,2	37,47	Dora Solari - Momtse Mestres	975,0	36,77	107	LSE
108	1966,6	37,08	A Muliar - P Steiner	1001,3	37,76	106	MU

A Madeira,, P Portuguese, L Ladies, S Seniors, M Mixed, I Iceland, H Holland, U Austria, E Spain, T Estonia, N Canada, W Sweden, V Latvia, N Norway, D Finland, G England, F Foreign (different nationalities)



## In the Slam Zone

By Kauko Koistinen

The second session witnessed many slam boards, both real ones and also not so real ones. Let's start with a false one and an opening lead problem. You listen to the bidding 1♥ - 2NT (GF raise) - 4♣ (Splinter) - 4NT (RKCB) - 5♠ (two keycards + HQ) - 6♥ - all pass. What is your choice for lead from this collection: ♠ Q1097 ♥ 6 ♦ 87 ♣ KJ10865? I decided to be passive and led a club which proved out to be a disaster the whole hand being:


Board 7. Dealer S. All Vul.

♠ 6 5 2 ♥ K Q J 10 9 8 2 ♦ A J 4 ♣ -	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">N</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">W</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">S</div> <div style="margin-bottom: 5px;">E</div> </div>	♠ J 4 ♥ A 4 3 ♦ K Q 9 5 3 ♣ A Q 3
	♠ Q 10 9 7 ♥ 6 ♦ 8 7 ♣ K J 10 8 6 5	
	♠ A K 8 3 ♥ 7 5 ♦ 10 6 2 ♣ 9 7 4 2	

If you reached a slam in this board, you won't get "the best bid hand of the year" -award, but you were awarded 88% of the matchpoints if you managed to make it. In five tables the heart slam was defeated with a great score for EW while 15 North players are still regretting their choice for the opening lead.

Then a real one. And a grand, if you manage to locate the missing queen in the key suit.

## Board 10. Dealer E. All Vul.

<p>♠ A 8 2 ♥ A 8 4 ♦ K J 9 7 6 3 ♣ 3</p>		<p>♠ Q J 6 3 ♥ J 6 3 ♦ 4 2 ♣ Q 10 9 8</p> <p>♠ 4 ♥ K Q 10 ♦ A 10 8 ♣ A K J 7 5 2</p> <p>♠ K 10 9 7 5 ♥ 9 7 5 2 ♦ Q 5 ♣ 6 4</p>
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In theory, what is the best contract here? Clearly a grand is all too optimistic when you are missing queen fourth in the key suit. Six diamonds is a safe contract but how about six no trumps? You make it if you get the diamonds right and also if you don't when North holds queen third in clubs. But anyway, if you would be unlucky with both the minor ladies, you would go at least five down in your contract for a complete zero. And then, what is the best way to reach the slam? After 1♣ - 1♦ - 3♣, West can reverse in either major. If he chooses 3♠, East's 3NT might end the bidding sequence, because from West's point of view the hand looks more and more a misfit. If West reverses with 3♥, East's hand becomes a powerhouse and he will proceed with 4♦. Then after Keycard Blackwood West realises that the trump queen is missing and he has to choose between a safe diamond or an aggressive no trump slam. A diamond grand was reached 10 times, six no trumps just once and six diamonds 15 times. At 23 tables EW were modest enough to stay in a game.

The board number 13 was surely the most discussed one. It's not too common to hold a 13 card fit between two hands, anyway.

Board 13. Dealer N. All Vul.

♠ 2 ♥ K Q 9 5 ♦ J 7 ♣ K Q 9 6 5 3	♠ A 8 7 4 ♥ 10 7 6 4 3 2 ♦ K 4 3 ♣ -	<div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <span style="margin-bottom: 5px;">N</span> <span style="margin-bottom: 5px;">W</span> <span style="margin-bottom: 5px;">E</span> <span style="margin-bottom: 5px;">S</span> </div>	♠ K Q 5 ♥ - ♦ Q 6 2 ♣ A J 10 8 7 4 2
	♠ J 10 9 6 3 ♥ A J 8 ♦ A 10 9 8 5 ♣ -		

The club slam with three inevitable losers was reached in 14 tables. If South were kind enough to lead the ace of hearts, East could discard his two diamond losers to escape with only one down. In some tables the lead was spade jack to the ace and a diamond back to the ace. If East falsecarded with the queen, South were tempted to cash the ace of hearts, and again for down one only. In four table six clubs were made! And how is that possible? South started with the ace of hearts and North asked a spade continuation with the ten. Suddenly dummy's hearts were good enough for three diamond discards.

Estonian pair Olavi Oja and Sven Sester never mentioned the club suit in their bidding sequence.


West	North	East	South
	P	1♦	1♠
DBL	3♠	3NT	P
P	P		

They are playing Estonian style strong club, with one club strong and two clubs for weak and both majors, so therefore Sven had to open with one diamond. After a negative double and a pre-emptive raise (to my mind a severe

underbid) Sven's no trump game ended the bidding. After the lead of the jack of spades the defence was accurate to pick up all the four tricks belonging to them, but the Estonian pair scored a 69% result from the board. To reach a game with a 13 card side-suit but never bidding that suit, I wonder has that happened ever before in a major bridge tournament!

The very next board was a slam again. But only with South as declarer.

Board 14. Dealer E. None Vul.

	♠ 4 ♥ 9 8 ♦ 8 7 6 3 ♣ A K Q 9 7 5	
♠ 10 8 3 2 ♥ 7 6 4 ♦ A 5 4 ♣ J 8 4		♠ Q 9 5 ♥ K 10 5 3 2 ♦ Q J 10 9 ♣ 10
	♠ A K J 7 6 ♥ A Q J ♦ K 2 ♣ 6 3 2	


If South is declarer in six clubs, any other than trump lead gives him an easy way to twelve tricks. If declarer starts with three rounds of spades, East's queen falls and declarer has three discards on the spades. Anyway, he's lacking a fast entry to the South's hand and he has to decide which red key card is favourably placed for him. In six no trumps again a passive club lead is best for the defence. Declarer has only nine top tricks and the best way to tackle the hand is to start with a heart finesse. This time it works and declarer has to find one more trick. And again, he has to choose which one of the missing key cards, the ace of diamonds or the queen of spades, is onside. There were no pair courageous enough to bid the no trump slam. Six clubs was reached seven times, four declarers going down and three making.

## Even Stevens

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

We met our good friends from holand Gerard Limmen and Jan Tulp from the Netherlands on the fourth round yesterday's session. We sat NS wile they were EW. We played boards 7 and 8.

Board 7. Dealer S. All Vul.

<p>♠ 6 5 2 ♥ K Q J 10 9 8 2 ♦ A J 4 ♣ -</p>		<p>♠ Q 10 9 7 ♥ 6 ♦ 8 7 ♣ K J 10 8 6 5</p>	<p>♠ J 4 ♥ A 4 3 ♦ K Q 9 5 3 ♣ A Q 3</p>
	<p>♠ A K 8 3 ♥ 7 5 ♦ 10 6 2 ♣ 9 7 4 2</p>		

West	North	East	South
			P
4♣(*)	P	4♦(**)	P
5♣(**)	P	5♥	P
P	P		


(\*) Namyats - a strong 4♥ opening bid  
(\*\*) cue-bid

The auction cried for a spade lead, but I usually don't take much notice of it. Partner asked for a club lead, but again I don't take much notice of that. But God gave me Ace and King of spades, and I do trust God. After 2 spade tricks Jan claimed 11 tricks. That's a whopping 75 out of 102 matchpoints for us, since I was one of the few players that led spades. Even from the South hand lots of players didn't find the spade lead.



Next Gerard ended up in 4♥.

Board 8. Dealer W. None Vul.

♠ 7 6 ♥ Q 10 9 7 2 ♦ A J 2 ♣ A 7 6		♠ K 2 ♥ J 3 ♦ K 10 6 3 ♣ 10 9 5 4 3	♠ A 10 4 ♥ A K 5 4 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ J 8 2
		♠ Q J 9 8 5 3 ♥ 8 6 ♦ 9 7 5 ♣ K Q	

West	North	East	South
P	P	1♣	2♠(*)
3♥	P	4♥	P
P	P		

(\*) weak jump shift

Partner led the ♠K. Gerard went up with the Ace and drew trumps in two rounds ending in dummy. A diamond was led to the Jack and King. Miguel shifted to spades, and with nothing else seeming attractive, I continued spades. Gerard ruffed and cashed his diamonds ending in dummy. This was the final position:

He then led a small club, ducking when the ♣Q appeared. I was down to spades and the now singleton ♣K and had to concede the rest of the tricks. Nice endplay for a well deserved 75 out of 102 matchpoints. A very even round between friends.

But I was wondering - was ducking the ♣Q the best play, or is it better to play the Ace followed by another towards the Jack? If the queen is singleton both lines will work, either by scoring the ♣J or by taking advantage of the

forced ruff and discard. Again if I have both the King and Queen of clubs unguarded both lines will work - either I have to play the ♣K like I did or I would be forced to play spades. So the more unusual position would have to break the tie. If I held ♣Qx and played the Queen, playing the Ace is the winning option. If I held ♣KQx and played the Queen, ducking is the winning option. But that would both mean I held initially only 5 spades to the QJ and a 5332 for my 2♠ bid - which is quite possible with me - and also would have played the ♣Q looking at Jxx in dummy - which is a bit strange. Of course playing the Queen from Qx isn't that easy either but I'll try to remember it the next time I play against Gerard. The problem is that next time partner will have A10x and will not be very amused.

So let's say that both lines of play are about even.

Don't forget you have to bring your voucher to the tour tomorrow - you won't get in the bus/boat without it!

Buses for both tours will leave the Hotel at 10.00 a.m. so you need to be there *before* that.



R. I. P.

On a sad note, Paul Solloway, one of bridge greatest and all-time leading master point holder, passed away last Monday.

# Program 2007

<b>Thursday</b> (08/11/2007)	09.00	Free morning
	16.00	Open Pairs Tournament - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Session
	20.00	Final Results
<b>Friday</b> (09/11/2007)	09.30	Half-day Tour(*)
	20.45	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	21.00	Open Teams Tournament - 1 <sup>st</sup> Session
<b>Saturday</b> (10/11/2007)	09.00	Free morning
	15.30	Open Teams Tournament - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session
	21.30	Open Teams Tournament - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Session
<b>Sunday</b> (11/11/2007)	15.00	Open Teams Tournament - 4 <sup>th</sup> Session
	20.00	Final Results
	21.00	Closing Dinner and Prize Giving

(\*) Tour included in the Hotel package

