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The Austrians Keep On

It was a busy day, yesterday. 6 matches were played and, in the end, not many changes in the first 3 places.

The Austrian team Van Helsing has now a good 10 VP lead. They won all of the afternoon matches (17-13, 16-14 and 21-9). After dinner they lost the first match by 13-17, but won the other two by 23-7 and 17-13. They have now 175 VPs.

The Druva team is now second, with 165 VPs. The Estonians started the day by losing the first two matches by 12-18 and 11-19. However, they managed to recover from those losses winning every match from then on. It was 25-2, 19-11, 20-10 and 24-6.



Leo Luks from Druva Team

The Dutch Van Zwol team is now in third place, 5 VPs behind the Estonians. The afternoon wasn't too good for them. They lost all three matches by 13-17, 14-16 and 12-18. In the evening they were in better shape. They won the first match by 25-5, lost the second by 10-20 and won the third by 23-7.

The best Portuguese team is now Baleal (Rui S. Santos, Manuel Oliveira, Jorge Cruzeiro and Paulo G. Pereira). They started by winning the first two matches (17-13 and 21-9) but the lost the next two by 13-17 and 5-25. Then they won the last two matches by 23-7 and 25-4. They are now 7th overall, with 154 VPs.

A 10 VP lead is not too comfortable. Will the Austrians keep their advantage? Will any of the others get a good swing and jump to first place?

Forget about the closing dinner - keep your mind on your bridge... for now...

Pedro Nunes



CLASSIFICATION AFTER 9 MATCHES

RANK	TEAM nr. name	SCORE	
		IMPs	VPs
1	43. Van Helsing	+141	175
2	9. Druva	+104	165
3	46. Van Zwol	+77	160
4	45. Film	+77	159
5	38. Valen	+76	159
6	14. Foss	+69	158
7	21. Baleal	+62	154
8	2. Erla	+79	153
9	23. Dream Team X	+57	153
10	28. Gardar Groub	+54	150
11	35. Theme	+35	147
12	7. A4	+37	146
13	3. Luri	+44	145
14	37. X Trouble	+28	144
15	19. Man Utd	+22	144
16	34. Limmen	+35	142
17	1. Oei	+17	141
18	42. Alizee	+25	140
19	11. Zonder Loetje	+14	139
20	15. Austria Mix	+8	138
21	26. Mutsi	+18	137
22	41. Finlat	+9	137
23	22. KBS	+1	136
24	16. Harpa	+2	135
25	17. Tallin	+1	133
26	33. Duval	-14	133
27	27. Kamikaze	-9	131
28	40. Cocktail	-15	130
29	13. Meltzer	-19	130
30	4. Zwolis	-14	129
31	44. B e M	-17	128
32	29. Porto Santo	-19	128
33	31. Linberg	-31	126
34	24. Madeira Ole	-35	126
35	25. Sveinn Eiricsson	-20	125
36	30. Patricio	-30	122
37	10. Hanna	-46	120
38	12. Aron	-56	117
39	47. Qualquer Coisa	-62	114
40	39. Madeira Inertes	-68	114
41	6. Holland	-66	113
42	5. Alda	-67	113
43	36. Norway Reinforced	-54	112
44	32. MCC	-76	111
45	20. Lilli	-80	110
46	8. The Dutch Diamonds	-97	105
47	18. Linssvat	-107	102
48	48. BYE	-810	12



Results round 4

Tables		TEAM 1 nr. name	TEAM 2 nr. name	IMPs 1-2	VPs 1-2
A1	C1	43. Van Helsing	46. Van Zwol	13-6	17 13
A2	C2	9. Druva	42. Alizee	8-19	12 18
A3	C3	17. Tallin	28. Gardar Groub	14-4	18 12
A4	C4	29. Porto Santo	23. Dream Team X	6-21	10 20
A5	C5	35. Theme	2. Erla	19-0	21 9
A6	C6	27. Kamikaze	7. A4	19-21	14 16
A7	C7	3. Luri	19. Man Utd	1-16	10 20
A8	C8	38. Valen	13. Meltzer	32-14	21 9
A9	C9	21. Baleal	36. Norway Reinforc	18-10	17 13
A10	C10	41. Finlat	12. Aron	19-30	12 18
A11	C11	6. Holland	47. Qualquer Coisa	24-5	21 9
A12	C12	40. Cocktail	16. Harpa	9-13	14 16
A13	C13	37. X Trouble	14. Foss	19-35	10 20
B1	D1	15. Austria Mix	25. Sveinn Eiricsso	31-3	24 6
B2	D2	45. Film	31. Linberg	42-27	20 10
B3	D3	1. Oei	4. Zwolis	19-24	14 16
B4	D4	10. Hanna	8. The Dutch Diamo	15-6	18 12
B5	D5	22. KBS	24. Madeira Ole	37-11	23 7
B6	D6	39. Madeira Inertes	34. Limmen	22-25	14 16
B7	D7	44. B e M	20. Lilli	37-24	19 11
B8	D8	11. Zonder Loetje	18. Linssvat	30-14	20 10
B9	D9	26. Mutsi	32. MCC	28-20	17 13
B10	D10	5. Alda	30. Patricio	0-44	2 25
B11	D11	33. Duval	48. BYE	10-0 *	18 0

Results round 5

Tables		TEAM 1 nr. name	TEAM 2 nr. name	IMPs 1-2	VPs 1-2
A1	C1	43. Van Helsing	35. Theme	6-3	16 14
A2	C2	42. Alizee	23. Dream Team X	6-2	16 14
A3	C3	46. Van Zwol	17. Tallin	5-8	14 16
A4	C4	9. Druva	38. Valen	4-17	11 19
A5	C5	19. Man Utd	28. Gardar Groub	19-1	21 9
A6	C6	6. Holland	15. Austria Mix	25-31	13 17
A7	C7	7. A4	21. Baleal	14-33	9 21
A8	C8	27. Kamikaze	29. Porto Santo	15-20	14 16
A9	C9	12. Aron	14. Foss	11-36	7 23
A10	C10	2. Erla	16. Harpa	2-10	13 17
A11	C11	36. Norway Reinforc	3. Luri	1-44	2 25
A12	C12	45. Film	40. Cocktail	34-15	21 9
A13	C13	41. Finlat	13. Meltzer	16-16	15 15
B1	D1	22. KBS	47. Qualquer Coisa	27-6	22 8
B2	D2	37. X Trouble	10. Hanna	34-28	17 13
B3	D3	30. Patricio	4. Zwolis	10-32	8 22
B4	D4	1. Oei	44. B e M	11-15	14 16
B5	D5	11. Zonder Loetje	31. Linberg	24-24	15 15
B6	D6	34. Limmen	25. Sveinn Eiricsso	10-20	12 18
B7	D7	39. Madeira Inertes	8. The Dutch Diamo	12-10	16 14
B8	D8	26. Mutsi	20. Lilli	43-1	25 2
B9	D9	32. MCC	24. Madeira Ole	22-24	14 16
B10	D10	33. Duval	5. Alda	26-11	20 10
B11	D11	18. Linssvat	48. BYE	10-0 *	18 0

Results round 6

Tables		TEAM 1 nr. name		TEAM 2 nr. name		IMPs 1-2		VPs 1-2
A1	C1	43. Van Helsing		42. Alizee		20-0		21 9
A2	C2	19. Man Utd		17. Tallin		45-33		19 11
A3	C3	35. Theme		38. Valen		6-38		5 25
A4	C4	46. Van Zwol		23. Dream Team X		13-23		12 18
A5	C5	14. Foss		21. Baleal		17-11		17 13
A6	C6	3. Luri		15. Austria Mix		14-23		12 18
A7	C7	9. Druva		29. Porto Santo		49-5		25 2
A8	C8	45. Film		6. Holland		30-7		22 8
A9	C9	22. KBS		27. Kamikaze		9-13		14 16
A10	C10	16. Harpa		28. Gardar Groub		18-15		16 14
A11	C11	2. Erla		4. Zwolis		8-13		14 16
A12	C12	7. A4		41. Finlat		19-14		16 14
A13	C13	13. Meltzer		26. Mutsi		27-0		24 6
B1	D1	12. Aron		1. Oei		16-30		11 19
B2	D2	37. X Trouble		40. Cocktail		35-13		22 8
B3	D3	44. B e M		10. Hanna		37-17		21 9
B4	D4	11. Zonder Loetje		25. Sveinn Eiricsso		30-3		24 6
B5	D5	31. Linberg		39. Madeira Inertes		19-6		19 11
B6	D6	36. Norway Reinforc		47. Qualquer Coisa		28-8		21 9
B7	D7	8. The Dutch Diamo		30. Patricio		8-33		7 23
B8	D8	34. Limmen		18. Linssvat		26-4		22 8
B9	D9	33. Duval		32. MCC		27-10		20 10
B10	D10	24. Madeira Ole		5. Alda		20-28		13 17
B11	D11	20. Lilli		48. BYE		10-0 *		18 0

Results round 7

Tables		TEAM 1 nr. name		TEAM 2 nr. name		IMPs 1-2		VPs 1-2
A1	C1	43. Van Helsing		38. Valen		15-21		13 17
A2	C2	19. Man Utd		9. Druva		26-14		19 11
A3	C3	23. Dream Team X		14. Foss		12-9		16 14
A4	C4	45. Film		15. Austria Mix		25-0		23 7
A5	C5	17. Tallin		42. Alizee		6-13		13 17
A6	C6	46. Van Zwol		21. Baleal		32-1		25 5
A7	C7	3. Luri		13. Meltzer		24-16		17 13
A8	C8	27. Kamikaze		16. Harpa		9-19		12 18
A9	C9	35. Theme		37. X Trouble		11-22		12 18
A10	C10	22. KBS		4. Zwolis		28-1		24 6
A11	C11	28. Gardar Groub		7. A4		4-16		11 19
A12	C12	2. Erla		25. Sveinn Eiricsso		30-22		17 13
A13	C13	44. B e M		6. Holland		10-16		13 17
B1	D1	41. Finlat		1. Oei		3-25		8 22
B2	D2	36. Norway Reinforc		30. Patricio		7-26		9 21
B3	D3	31. Linberg		34. Limmen		11-52		3 25
B4	D4	29. Porto Santo		12. Aron		5-20		10 20
B5	D5	33. Duval		26. Mutsi		10-7		16 14
B6	D6	40. Cocktail		10. Hanna		2-8		13 17
B7	D7	39. Madeira Inertes		47. Qualquer Coisa		11-19		13 17
B8	D8	11. Zonder Loetje		24. Madeira Ole		10-22		11 19
B9	D9	8. The Dutch Diamo		18. Linssvat		12-18		13 17
B10	D10	32. MCC		48. BYE		10-0 *		18 0
B11	D11	20. Lilli		5. Alda		8-14		13 17

Results round 8

Tables	TEAM 1 nr. name	TEAM 2 nr. name	IMPs 1-2	VPs 1-2
A1 C1	43. Van Helsing	19. Man Utd	42-16	23 7
A2 C2	38. Valen	45. Film	6-20	11 19
A3 C3	46. Van Zwol	9. Druva	13-30	10 20
A4 C4	23. Dream Team X	22. KBS	38-13	23 7
A5 C5	14. Foss	42. Alizee	43-12	25 5
A6 C6	3. Luri	17. Tallin	19-14	16 14
A7 C7	16. Harpa	37. X Trouble	7-25	9 21
A8 C8	7. A4	13. Meltzer	23-22	15 15
A9 C9	15. Austria Mix	34. Limmen	5-5	15 15
A10 C10	1. Oei	27. Kamikaze	25-22	16 14
A11 C11	2. Erla	6. Holland	55-0	25 0
A12 C12	35. Theme	30. Patricio	27-5	22 8
A13 C13	21. Baleal	12. Aron	37-13	23 7
B1 D1	44. B e M	28. Gardar Groub	18-40	8 22
B2 D2	11. Zonder Loetje	4. Zwolis	27-4	22 8
B3 D3	33. Duval	41. Finlat	28-42	11 19
B4 D4	36. Norway Reinforc	29. Porto Santo	30-47	10 20
B5 D5	10. Hanna	26. Mutsi	17-39	8 22
B6 D6	40. Cocktail	47. Qualquer Coisa	35-9	23 7
B7 D7	24. Madeira Ole	39. Madeira Inertes	30-6	23 7
B8 D8	31. Linberg	25. Sveinn Eiricsso	16-14	16 14
B9 D9	32. MCC	20. Lilli	11-23	11 19
B10 D10	18. Linssvat	5. Alda	0-41	3 25
B11 D11	8. The Dutch Diamo	48. BYE	10-0 *	18 0

Results round 9

Tables	TEAM 1 nr. name	TEAM 2 nr. name	IMPs 1-2	VPs 1-2
A1 C1	43. Van Helsing	45. Film	16-8	17 13
A2 C2	23. Dream Team X	9. Druva	10-37	6 24
A3 C3	14. Foss	38. Valen	16-21	14 16
A4 C4	46. Van Zwol	19. Man Utd	26-0	23 7
A5 C5	37. X Trouble	2. Erla	15-31	10 20
A6 C6	3. Luri	35. Theme	13-21	13 17
A7 C7	17. Tallin	21. Baleal	5-40	4 25
A8 C8	7. A4	22. KBS	34-19	20 10
A9 C9	13. Meltzer	28. Gardar Groub	3-38	4 25
A10 C10	11. Zonder Loetje	1. Oei	1-3	14 16
A11 C11	15. Austria Mix	42. Alizee	22-28	13 17
A12 C12	34. Limmen	16. Harpa	24-13	18 12
A13 C13	27. Kamikaze	41. Finlat	6-26	9 21
B1 D1	26. Mutsi	30. Patricio	25-2	22 8
B2 D2	29. Porto Santo	40. Cocktail	14-17	14 16
B3 D3	24. Madeira Ole	44. B e M	11-18	13 17
B4 D4	12. Aron	33. Duval	4-33	6 24
B5 D5	6. Holland	4. Zwolis	14-40	7 23
B6 D6	36. Norway Reinforc	31. Linberg	11-33	8 22
B7 D7	10. Hanna	5. Alda	14-3	18 12
B8 D8	8. The Dutch Diamo	25. Sveinn Eiricsso	0-36	4 25
B9 D9	47. Qualquer Coisa	20. Lilli	20-13	17 13
B10 D10	32. MCC	18. Linssvat	16-17	15 15
B11 D11	39. Madeira Inertes	48. BYE	10-0	18 12




Austrians on the Run

By Kauko Koistinen

The Austrian team van Helsing managed to win five of yesterday's six matches, giving them a comfortable lead of 10 VPs before second place Estonians. The Norwegian team Valen was the only one to defeat the Austrians in the seventh round match, with 17-13. With some better luck in the following board the Norwegians would have scored full 25 from the match.

Board 6. Dealer E. E/W Vul.

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

West	South	East	South
Jorstad	Babsch	Aarmot	Hansen
		1♠	P
2♥	P	3♦	P
3♥	P	6♥	P
P	P		

Straightforward bidding leads to an excellent contract. North started with the king of clubs to the ace, declarer crossed to the hand with the king of spades and cashed the queen of hearts receiving some bad news when North couldn't follow. Heart to the ace was followed by the ace of spades and declarer received more bad news when South ruffed this trick. The contract was now far from excellent, ending two down and giving the Austrians badly needed 12 IMPs while in the closed room Norwegians went also down in their contract, three spades doubled by North for three down.

In the next round van Helsing met the Icelandic Man Utd in the BBO vugraph. The Austrians had a terrific start and they led by 29-0 after the five first boards. In the sixth board both teams ended up playing six diamonds trump suit being J10832 vs A965. How would you tackle this suit combination? The Austrian declarer finessed twice, going one down South holding KQ-doubleton behind the ace. The Icelandic team came back to the match when declarer in the open room started with the ace of diamonds reducing the Austrian lead by 16 IMPs.

In the last board the Icelandic declarer was too greedy, anyway, handing over a game swing to the Austrians.

Board 8. Dealer W. None Vul.

	♠ 7 4 ♥ K 5 4 3 ♦ K Q 8 4 2 ♣ 10 9		
♠ J ♥ A Q J 8 6 ♦ J 7 ♣ A Q J 8 7	<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A 10 6 2 ♥ 10 9 7 ♦ 10 9 5 3 ♣ 5 4	
	♠ K Q 9 8 5 3 ♥ 2 ♦ A 6 ♣ K 6 3 2		

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

North led a spade to dummy's ace and declarer played next a club to the queen. With no entries to dummy the finesse couldn't be repeated so declarer continued with the ace of club and a club ruff to dummy, North discarding a diamond. Declarer ruffed a spade to his hand and established the club suit with a ruff. The position was now:


<p>♠ - ♥ A Q J 8 ♦ J 7 ♣ J</p>	<p>♠ - ♥ K 5 4 3 ♦ K Q 8 ♣</p>	<p>♠ 10 6 ♥ 10 ♦ 10 9 5 3 ♣ -</p>
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;"> N W E S </div> </div>		
<p>♠ K Q 9 8 ♥ 2 ♦ A 6 ♣ -</p>		

Declarer can make an overtrick if South has the king of hearts singleton or doubleton and West greedily continued a heart from dummy letting it run to North's king. The king of diamonds was followed by a diamond to the ace and the king of spades, which West was forced to ruff. North happily discarded his last diamond and the five of hearts scored eventually the setting trick. All declarer has to do in the above end position is to ruff a spade with the ace and next ruff the established club with dummy's last trump. The defence will score nothing but one heart and two diamonds.

North shouldn't have given declarer the chance to make the contract, however. When West takes the first club ruff to dummy, his discard should be a spade and not a diamond. Then he can overruff the spade continuation and play back a trump leaving declarer no hope of making ten tricks.

The Estonian team Druva won heavily the last match of the evening giving them the second place just 10 VPs behind the leading Austrians. Despite of their young age Leo Luks and Lauri Naber have been regular members of the Estonian national team for a couple of years. Their aggressive bidding brought 12 IMPs to the Estonians in the match against the strong home team Dream Team X.

Board 5. Dealer N. N/S Vul.

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


West	North	East	South
	P	3♦	3NT
P	P	P	

Not a textbook pre-emptive opening but after three diamonds Carlos Gonçalves was facing a difficult bidding situation. Three hearts is a slight underbid and a takeout double just postpones the problem partner bidding probably a black suit. Carlos chose the practical bid, three no trumps, but was severely punished when the Estonians took the first five tricks for one down.

In the closed room East took more conservative line and passed in the second position so Sven Sester and Olavi Oja reached the normal contract four hearts just making.

A couple of boards later there was again a big swing for the Estonians.

Board 7. Dealer S. All Vul.

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

In the open room North opened one heart in the third position and was raised to two by South. Nuno Paz made an overtrick and all at the table expected the boards to be flat one. They all were totally wrong.

In the closed room there was much more excitement.

West	North	East	South
			P
P	1♥	P	2♥
P	P	DBL	RDBL
P	P	P	

When East ventured a take-out double, South had a chance to express his maximum raise with a redouble. Obviously EW had no agreement what West's pass was showing after the redouble. East took the pass as hearts-showing so he passed and now much was at stake on the choice of the opening lead. On the lead of the ace of clubs EW takes the first five tricks and later one diamond trick for a score of 400 and 11 IMPs for the Portuguese, meaning a match result of 15-15. After the diamond lead, however, Sven Sester had an easy task to make an overtrick for an exotic score of 1540, which ensured a comfortable win 24-6 against the host team.

Live by the sword...

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

Paulo Sarmento, while still young is already one Portugal's best players. He succeeded to get a play on the bulletin each time he ever came to this event. In yesterday's afternoon last round he held


♠ 7 2
 ♥ A J 10 8 6 5 2
 ♦ 8 5 4 2
 ♣ -

Partner opened with a 15-17 No-trump and the opponents ended up in 4♠. Figuring he would need a club ruff to beat the contract he led the ♥2!



This was the whole hand:

Board 4. Dealer W. All Vul.

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

Nuno Matos, his partner won with the ♥K and duly returned the ♣3. Paulo ruffed, played a diamond and ruffed another club. One down. Well done.

You are saying that a diamond lead would also beat it. Yes, but it's much easier to lead a club back after the ♥2 lead. If North decides that with a singleton heart in dummy a trump is the best choice, declarer will simply finesse and draw trumps, take the ruffing finesse in diamonds and claim two overtricks. How many imps did this earn him?

Well, he lost only 11 when his dumb partners on the other room couldn't even make it to 4♠, allowing South to play a quiet 4♥.

I was very happy to see that someone has been reading the bulletins - at least my team mates were. If you remember in bulletin 4 I described a similar situation where Van Zwol underled her ♥A for a club ruff. She was on the receiving end this time! Paulo did this against the Van Zwol team!

"Have you noticed that the play I described on the bulletin was made by Van Zwol" I asked Paulo.

"Bulletin? What bulletin? What play are you talking about?" he said.

"... (Sigh) ..."



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Final Program

Sunday (11/11/2007)	15.00 20.00 21.00	Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session Final Results Closing Dinner and Prize Giving
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