

# 11<sup>th</sup> International Bridge Festival Madeira Funchal, November 3-9, 2008

5<sup>th</sup> November 2008

## AND THAT WAS ROUND 1

96 pairs sat down yesterday for the first session of the Pairs' Tournament.

The Icelandic pair Runolfur Jonsson and Gunnlaugur Saevarsson won the session with 72.22%. The Brazilian pair Nina Anidjar and



Diego Brenner were second, just 2.59% behind. The Austrians Sascha and Beppo, 3.37% behind the Brazilians, were third.

The best Portuguese pair was Paulo Sarmento and Antonio Palma. They got 62.58% and are 7<sup>th</sup>.

There are twenty seven pairs over 55%. There is still a lot to play. Will the second session produce a clear leader or will it be the same all over again?

Read all about it tomorrow...

Pedro Nunes

Today is the last day for payments at TopAtlântico. If you have booked with them and haven't paid yet please go to the respective desk from 3.00 to 4.00 p. m..

## Session 1

Rank	PairId	Names	Total %
1	110	Runolfur Jonsson - Gunnlaugur Saevarsson	72.22
2	75	Nina Anidjar - Diego Brenner	69.63
3	49	Sascha - Beppo	66.26
4	105	Lindermann - Obermair	64.88
5	109	Hans Metselaar - Jan De Winter	63.93
6	30	Vladimir Gonca - Maris Purgailis	63.07
7	81	Paulo Sarmiento - Antonio Palma	62.58
8	15	Eltje Schippers - Rene Stienen	62.36
9	65	Wartena - Brantsma	61.60
10	41	Carel Berendregt - Wietske van Zwol	61.53
11	5	Miguel Teixeira - Rodrigo M Soares	59.83
12	101	Puerstl - Saurer	59.22
13	89	Juliano Barbosa - Rui Pinto	59.17
14	14	Bruno Macedo - Nuno Martins	58.93
15	9	Nuno Paz - Carlos Luiz	58.91
16	54	Luis Sampaio - Luis Silva	58.55
17	29	Costa Constantin - Fulga Cristian	58.39
18	102	Gisli Tryggvason - Leifur Kristjansson	58.34
19	88	Ingimarsson - Larusson	58.27
20	74	Carlos Pimenta - Manuel Oliveira	58.02
21	113	Montserrat Mestres - Jon Sveindal	57.00
22	25	Hege Falster - Asle Lutken	56.99
23	2	Schilder - Sprenkeling	56.55
24	33	Pancha Novo - Paz Tapias	56.48
25	108	Kristinsson - Svanbergsson	56.21
26	46	Bjornsson - Tryggvason	56.18
27	53	Mommers - Snepvangers	55.93
28	23	Dominique - Karen	54.79
29	1	Hansen - Babsch	54.53
30	56	Fleischmann - Fleischmann	53.34
31	32	Joao Machado - Jose Macedo	53.17
32	10	Halldor Thorvaldsson - Gudlaugur Svensson	53.04
33	111	Adriano Medeiros - Horacio Franco	52.85
34	11	Erla Sugurjonsd. - Sigfus Thordarson	52.66
35	84	Snock - Nankman	52.54
36	45	Veksha Nataliza - Rubins Karlins	52.31
37	51	Stellingwerff. - Ommeren	52.17
38	36	Nuno Matos - Rui S Santos	52.08
39	44	Hrannar Erlingsson - Svein Runar Eiriksson	51.99
40	91	Becker Erkki - Salmela Esa	51.97
41	85	Henne Bvoek - Rob de Grog	51.89
42	42	Omar Olgeirsson - Julius Sigurjonsson	51.60
43	31	Beppie Bredenoort - Geert Jan Rosebeek	51.17
44	50	Gabriel Gislason - Gisli Steingrimsson	50.89
45	115	Henrique Ribeiro - Pedro Nunes	50.64
46	3	Mangset - Anne Rydning	50.18
47	96	Gerard Limmen - Jan Tulp	49.95

Rank	PairId	Names	Total %
48	72	Bjorn Valen - Dieneke Balder	49.93
49	48	Marina Moniz - Helena Alvarez-Rows	49.66
50	112	Smit - Smit-Hertog	49.43
51	92	Jaime Sousa - Antonio Valente	49.29
52	12	Elisa - Linse John	48.73
53	62	Dan Zara - Alez Elian	48.48
54	35	Jaap vd Berg - Anne-Marie vd Berg	48.35
55	24	Alexandre Rodrigues - Ricardo Brandao	48.29
56	83	Manuel Pombo - Ricardo Varela	48.05
57	61	Palmason - Jonmundsson	47.51
58	7	Maria Victoria Simon - Clara Artigas	47.15
59	63	P.Linssen - M.W.Linssen	46.75
60	66	Ana Garcia - Concha Rodriguez	46.64
61	73	Paulo G Pereira - Jorge Cruzeiro	46.41
62	64	Maurice Bonne - Lukde Puydt	46.13
63	22	Hoes - Bartelomij	46.11
64	8	Hjalmarsdottir - Gudjonsdottir	45.86
65	47	A.Nobel - C.Nobel	45.84
66	93	Sigurjonsdottir - MagnUSDottir	45.63
67	27	Andrea Mular - Peter Steiner	45.51
68	52	G.Esmeraldo - R.Snapper	45.51
69	103	Alda Gudnadottir - Hrafnhildur Skuladottir	45.42
70	116	Palsdottir - FridrchsDottir	44.90
71	76	Bjorn Odden - Candido Cunha	44.64
72	107	John Freitas - Joaquim Trindade	44.60
73	86	Nuno Mata - Pedro Morgado	44.54
74	95	Eva Newermann - Line Newermann	44.28
75	21	Blakey - Blakey	43.74
76	67	Miguel Ascencao - Ricardo Fernandes	43.73
77	26	Marit Johnson - Jon Svenningsen	43.47
78	104	Bodil Halgerud - Harald Halgerud	43.44
79	69	Alexander - Alexander	42.96
80	13	Gitte Hecht-Johanssen - Traian Hristoff	42.73
81	114	Jose Garcia San Roman - Julia Roa Alonso Bartol	42.69
82	4	Sulev Ulp - Erkkyy Valmra	42.32
83	82	Dolores Castineira - Flora Sanchez	41.85
84	87	Gudnadottir - Durborgar	41.64
85	34	Virgilio Mota - Jose A Fernandes	40.88
86	106	Larusdottir - Eyjolfsson	40.73
87	16	Inger Sausten - Ric Sausten	40.30
88	55	Maria Luisa M.-Casal - M.Luisa Rodriguez-Pereira	40.29
89	70	Cirilo Araujo - Joao Vasco Costa	39.90
90	43	Ana Ferro - Juan Marquez	39.73
91	6	Mercedes Martin - Clara Hernandez	39.52
92	68	Frederico Teixeira - Bruno Neves	39.45
93	71	Maria - Eduardo	36.51
94	94	Ana Maria Ferreiro - Emma Carreira	31.06
95	28	Purificacion - Olimpia Freire	24.71
96	90	Pilar Martinez - Guadalupe Perez	23.09

### Madeira Bridge Quiz - Number 2

*By David Bird*

♠ J 10 7 6  
♥ 10 8 2  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ 10 6 4

♦K led

♠ A K Q  
♥ A K Q J 9 6  
♦ A  
♣ A J 5

How will you play 6♥ when West leads the ♦K?

Four spade tricks will give you the slam. Suppose you begin by drawing two rounds of trumps with the ace and king, a defender showing out on the second round. Your best continuation would then be to play the three top spades, intending to use dummy's ten of trumps as an entry to the spade jack. You would succeed not only when spades broke 3-3 but also when the defender with the last trump held four spades. Not a bad line, but you would go down when the defender could ruff the third spade. Can you see anything better?

The third spade honour in the South hand is a hindrance. After winning the diamond lead, you should play the nine of trumps to dummy's ten. You then lead a diamond and — not averse to making your plays look as spectacular as possible — throw away the ace of spades! Let's say the defenders switch to a club. You win with the ace and draw a second round of trumps. Because you have discarded the spade ace, you need to play only two rounds of spades to unblock the suit. You then cross to dummy's eight of trumps and discard your two club losers on the jack and ten of spades.

### Madeira Bridge Quiz - Number 3

*By David Bird*

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

♦K led

♠ A Q 8 6 5 4  
♥ —  
♦ 8 7 3 2  
♣ A K 7

How will you play 6♠ when West leads the ♦K?

*(Answer on Daily Bulletin 3)*



## The Very First Board

By David Bird

The first board of the Open Pairs presented a bundle of tricky bidding problems. I was watching at a table where two top Portuguese players sat North-South and this was the action:

Nil vulnerable, dealer North

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

West	North	East	South
	1♠	Pass	1NT
Dble	2♠	3♦	4♠
Pass	Pass	4NT	Dble
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

The first bidding problem was North's opening bid. Do you think he should bid 1♠, 3♠ or 4♠? Twenty years ago many players would open 4♠, which might have bought the contract on the present lay-out. Nowadays, most players prefer 1♠. I heard that several Norths had chosen 3♠, but I think the hand is much too strong for a three-bid, non-vulnerable.

South responded with a forcing 1NT and West correctly entered the bidding with a take-out double of spades. Now comes the second bidding problem. What should

North rebid? At the time, I was happy with North's decision to rebid 2♠, showing a minimum opening bid with extra spade length. After discussing the hand over dinner, yesterday, I was persuaded that North does better to rebid 3♠ or even 4♠ in an effort to shut out East. This need not promise a strong hand, since you can begin with a redouble if you hold something like 18 points.

East was perhaps a bit good for his 3♦ bid and South raised to 4♠. The next two players had nothing to say and East (who now knew that his partner was very short in spades) competed with an Unusual 4NT. This implied 6-4 in the minor suits, since the alternative bid of 5♣ was available.

South now faced the third bidding problem. What would you say on his cards? With 10 points opposite an opening bid, you may think that his double of 4NT was obvious. But West's initial take-out double suggests spade shortage, so you can give East a few spades. East has also indicated length in diamonds and clubs, so he will be very short indeed in hearts where South holds so much strength. I think that South should have passed 4NT, allowing his partner more say in the final decision.

West was very happy to bid 5♣ and South naturally doubled this as well. So, we have reached the final bidding problem. Should North retreat to 5♠? That is not an easy decision and I can understand his decision to respect partner's double. South had doubled both 4NT and 5♣, implying a strong preference to defend.

As you see, 13 tricks were easily made and North-South scored -750. No doubt they were pleasantly surprised to receive as much as 24% for their efforts. The North-South scores varied from +1400 to -1090 (twice) and -1190 (three times). An interesting bidding board to start the championship!

## Now what? II

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

I'm very happy today. I found out that at least three people have read my article on yesterday's Bulletin. Do you remember the board I selected yesterday? One of the auction possibilities asked what you would do after Pass-Pass-1♠-Pass-Pass holding:

♠ 9  
♥ A Q 10 5 4  
♦ J 10 9 8 5  
♣ 9 7

I argued that it wouldn't be my style to pass a 7 count with a red 5-5 in balancing seat, especially with a passed hand. Yesterday, on at least three tables, the following auction occurred:



West	North	East	South
		pass	1♠
pass	pass	?	

And you held:

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

Rings a bell? Yes, I know these 7 points are much worse than the above ones, but...

The way I know that at least three players have read the Bulletin is that they all passed 1♠! They surely thought on the following terms:

"Well, that bulletin guy said he wouldn't pass with a 5-5 and a 7 count on balancing seat, but I've seen his results... I'll pass."

Or

"It's a trap! It's the same board I saw on yesterday's bulletin only slightly changed! If I bid anything partner will go overboard with his 17 count. If only he had read the bulletin... I could then bid 2♦ and he would pass! But I've seen him use the bulletin as a coaster for his beer, so... I'll pass".

I can see no flaw in either reasoning.

However they only managed to get between 12 and 21 out of 76 Matchpoints. Bridge is a tough game. Even with the most logical reasoning you can still go for a very bad result.

This was the full board:

Board 22

EW Vul.  
Dealer E

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

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



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

♠ A Q 7 5 4  
♥ Q 9 2  
♦ K 4  
♣ A K 10



At my table I was sitting South playing against Jaap and Marie Van de Berg and the bidding went:

West	North	East	South
		pass	1♠
2♦	pass	pass	Double
pass	2♠	3♦	3♠
All Pass			

Do you like my partner's pass over 2♦? Well, I do. Although he has a singleton in ♦ and 3 card support he trick taking ability is very reduced, and is virtually none if the clubs don't work. A trump lead could well mean curtains for this dummy. He would like to introduce his clubs, but there's really no way to do it. East took the (very) low road on the bidding and I ended up in 3♠.

West led the ♣5.

I don't think there's really a right way to play this hand - just a couple of wrong ways. The point is that opponents are likely to play well either in diamonds or hearts, so you just have to avoid disaster. If you start with Ace and another spade, trying to avoid a club ruff, West will be able to draw dummy's trumps and take 2 trumps, 2 hearts, 2 diamonds and a club ruff.

So, at the second trick I played a trump to the 10. To my surprise this held the trick, with East dropping the 9. I then ducked another spade to West. Now he cannot play a trump back, or I'll just draw trumps and take the clubs, so he tried Ace and another diamond. I discarded a heart from dummy on the ♦K and tested West with the ♣K. He did well not to ruff, so I played a heart and again West cannot afford to draw dummy's trump. I ended up ruffing a heart for my eighth trick and ended up 1 down for 55 of 76 Matchpoints. Most of these Matchpoints were evidently earned on the bidding, even though West could have picked up one more trick by jumping in with the ♠J and getting a club ruff - not that easy at that early stage. Results ranged from +510 to -800 on this board, as players ended up as high as 4♠ or 6♣ doubled on NS cards. At one table West ended up declaring 1♠! I'm sure that was an interesting *post-mortem*.

### Warning!

A mistake has been detected on the previous Bulletins' "Program 2008".

The Teams' event fourth session on Sunday starts at 15.30, not at 15.00 as published.

The right times are the ones published from today's bulletin on.

Complaints about this and any other daily bulletin mistakes should be addressed to:

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## Program 2008

<b>Wednesday</b> (05/11/2008)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.30	<b>Open Pairs Tournament - 2nd Session</b>
<b>Thursday</b> (06/11/2008)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.30	<b>Open Pairs Tournament - 3rd Session</b>
	20.30	Final Results
	21.00	<b>Dinner (**)</b> - Bus leaves at 20.45
<b>Friday</b> (07/11/2008)	09.30	<b>Half-day Tour(**)</b>
	20.45	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	21.00	<b>Open Teams Tournament - 1st Session</b>
<b>Saturday</b> (08/11/2008)	09.00	Free morning
	15.30	<b>Open Teams Tournament - 2nd Session</b>
	21.30	<b>Open Teams Tournament - 3rd Session</b>
<b>Sunday</b> (09/11/2008)	15.30	<b>Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session</b>
	20.00	Final Results
	21.00	<b>Closing Dinner and Prize Giving</b>

(\*) See Daily Bulletin 0 for extra trips

(\*\*) Dinner and Tour included in the Hotel package



Supplied the internet connection for  
this tournament