

11th International Bridge Festival Madeira Funchal, November 3-9, 2008

6th November 2008

WAY TO GO!

The Icelandic pair Runolfur Jonsson and Gunnlaugur Saevarsson kept their lead by doing 58.20% yesterday. They now have a 65.21% average.

Nina Anidjar and Diego Brenner also kept their second place. They made 55.60% yesterday and their average is still 2.6% behind the Icelanders.

Carel Berendregt and Wietske van Zwol are now third. They made 63.49% yesterday and are now very close to the Brazilians - just 0.1% behind.

Paulo Sarmento and Antonio Palma managed to keep their lead amongst the Portuguese. They made 52.02% on yesterday and dropped to 12th place overall.

The second session was won by the dutch Henne Bvoeck and Rob de Groot. They made 66.66% and jumped from 45th to 5th place overall.

Maria Victoria Simon and Clara Artigas were second with 65.69%

The best Portuguese pair was Miguel Ascensão and Ricardo Fernandes. They got 3rd place with 64.65%.



Pedro Nunes

Last Chance:

If you haven't filled the **yellow form** and wish to go to the prize giving dinner, the typical dinner or the tour, be sure to get one from the hospitality desk and fill it in immediately

Session 1

Rank	PairId	Total %	Names	Session %	S.Rank
1	110	65.21	Runolfur Jonsson - Gunnlaugur Saevarsson	58.20	9
2	75	62.61	Nina Anidjar - Diego Brenner	55.60	16
3	41	62.51	Carel Berendregt - Wietske van Zwol	63.49	5
4	105	59.33	Lindermann - Obermair	53.77	28
5	85	59.27	Henne Bvoek - Rob de Groot	66.66	1
6	65	59.05	Wartena - Brantsma	56.50	12
7	109	59.02	Hans Metselaar - Jan De Winter	54.10	25
8	15	58.72	Eltje Schippers - Rene Stienen	55.09	21
9	49	58.53	Sascha - Beppo	50.79	46
10	88	58.25	Ingimarsson - Larusson	58.23	8
11	91	57.92	Becker Erkki - Salmela Esa	63.87	4
12	81	57.30	Paulo Sarmiento - Antonio Palma	52.02	39
13	9	57.16	Nuno Paz - Carlos Luiz	55.41	18
14	5	57.08	Miguel Teixeira - Rodrigo M Soares	54.33	23
15	7	56.42	Maria Victoria Simon - Clara Artigas	65.69	2
16	53	55.97	Mommers - Snepvangers	56.00	14
17	14	55.82	Bruno Macedo - Nuno Martins	52.71	36
18	113	55.46	Montserrat Mestres - Jon Sveindal	53.92	26
19	30	55.38	Vladimir Gonca - Maris Purgailis	47.68	65
20	89	55.13	Juliano Barbosa - Rui Pinto	51.08	43
21	101	54.97	Puerstl - Saurer	50.72	47
22	54	54.75	Luis Sampaio - Luis Silva	50.95	44
23	42	54.74	Omar Olgeirsson - Julius Sigurjonsson	57.87	10
24	36	54.49	Nuno Matos - Rui S Santos	56.90	11
25	29	54.38	Costa Constantin - Fulga Cristian	50.36	50
26	10	54.34	Halldor Thorvaldsson - Gudlaugur Svensson	55.65	15
27	67	54.19	Miguel Ascencao - Ricardo Fernandes	64.65	3
28	108	54.18	Kristinsson - Svanbergsson	52.14	38
29	74	53.55	Carlos Pimenta - Manuel Oliveira	49.08	53
30	45	53.51	Veksha Nataliza - Rubins Karlins	54.72	22
31	1	53.44	Hansen - Babsch	52.36	37
32	32	53.07	Joao Machado - Jose Macedo	52.96	32
33	73	53.02	Paulo G Pereira - Jorge Cruzeiro	59.63	7
34	46	53.02	Bjornsson - Tryggvason	49.85	52
35	102	52.73	Gisli Tryggvason - Leifur Kristjansson	47.11	70
36	31	52.70	Beppie Bredenoort - Geert Jan Rosebeek	54.23	24
37	51	52.70	Stellingwerff. - Ommeren	53.22	30
38	96	52.69	Gerard Limmen - Jan Tulp	55.42	17
39	52	52.60	G.Esmeraldo - R.Snapper	59.70	6
40	44	52.49	Hrannar Erlingsson - Svein Runar Eiriksson	52.99	31
41	111	51.97	Adriano Medeiros - Horacio Franco	51.10	42
42	25	51.62	Hege Falster - Asle Lutken	46.26	76
43	84	51.36	Snoke - Nankman	50.19	51
44	61	51.31	Palmason - Jonmundsson	55.10	20
45	23	50.95	Dominique - Karen	47.12	69
46	72	50.44	Bjorn Valen - Dieneke Balder	50.94	45
47	56	50.09	Fleischmann - Fleischmann	46.85	72
48	21	50.06	Blakey - Blakey	56.38	13
49	112	50.05	Smit - Smit-Hertog	50.67	48

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50	64	49.98	Maurice Bonne - Lukde Puydt	53.83	27
51	33	49.88	Pancha Novo - Paz Tapias	43.28	84
52	62	49.87	Dan Zara - Alez Elian	51.25	41
53	47	49.78	A.Nobel - C.Nobel	53.72	29
54	2	49.60	Schilder - Sprekeling	42.66	85
55	115	49.58	Henrique Ribeiro - Pedro Nunes	48.52	57
56	50	49.42	Gabriel Gislason - Gisli Steingrimsson	47.95	63
57	93	49.23	Sigurjonsdottir - Magnusdottir	52.83	34
58	48	49.04	Marina Moniz - Helena Alvarez-Rows	48.41	59
59	12	48.89	Elisa - Linse John	49.05	54
60	3	48.84	Mangset - Anne Rydning	47.49	66
61	11	48.80	Erla Sugurjonsd. - Sigfus Thordarson	44.95	80
62	92	48.73	Jaime Sousa - Antonio Valente	48.16	61
63	13	47.83	Gitte Hecht-Johanssen - Traian Hristoff	52.93	33
64	24	47.80	Alexandre Rodrigues - Ricardo Brandao	47.31	68
65	43	47.43	Ana Ferro - Juan Marquez	55.13	19
66	35	47.37	Jaap vd Berg - Anne-Marie vd Berg	46.40	74
67	8	47.17	Hjalmsdottir - Gudjonsdottir	48.48	58
68	69	47.16	Alexander - Alexander	51.36	40
69	63	47.08	P.Linssen - M.W.Linssen	47.41	67
70	27	46.62	Andrea Mular - Peter Steiner	47.73	64
71	116	46.61	Palsdottir - Fridrchsottir	48.32	60
72	55	46.51	Maria Luisa M.-Casal - M.Luisa Rodriguez-Pereira	52.73	35
73	103	45.96	Alda Gudnadottir - Hrafnhildur Skuladottir	46.50	73
74	66	45.78	Ana Garcia - Concha Rodriguez	44.92	81
75	76	45.51	Bjorn Odden - Candido Cunha	46.39	75
76	16	45.43	Inger Sausten - Ric Sausten	50.56	49
77	4	45.16	Sulev Ulp - Erkky Valmra	48.01	62
78	86	44.73	Nuno Mata - Pedro Morgado	44.92	82
79	83	44.62	Manuel Pombo - Ricardo Varela	41.19	87
80	6	44.28	Mercedes Martin - Clara Hernandez	49.04	55
81	68	44.04	Frederico Teixeira - Bruno Neves	48.63	56
82	87	43.68	Gudnadottir - Durborgar	45.73	78
83	70	43.49	Cirilo Araujo - Joao Vasco Costa	47.07	71
84	34	43.27	Virgilio Mota - Jose A Fernandes	45.66	79
85	107	42.82	John Freitas - Joaquim Trindade	41.04	88
86	26	42.49	Marit Johnson - Jon Svenningsen	41.51	86
87	106	42.07	Larusdottir - Eyjolfsson	43.42	83
88	22	41.86	Hoes - Bartelomij	37.61	91
89	71	41.30	Maria - Eduardo	46.09	77
90	95	40.79	Eva Newermann - Line Newermann	37.31	92
91	104	40.61	Bodil Halgerud - Harald Halgerud	37.78	90
92	114	40.50	Jose Garcia San Roman - Julia Roa Alonso Bartol	38.31	89
93	82	38.15	Dolores Castineira - Flora Sanchez	34.44	94
94	94	34.01	Ana Maria Ferreiro - Emma Carreira	36.97	93
95	90	27.81	Pilar Martinez - Guadalupe Perez	32.53	95
96	28	25.62	Purificacion - Olimpia Freire	26.53	96

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?

You win the diamond lead and see that you will need to establish dummy's clubs, finding a 3-2 break in the suit. Entries to the dummy are not plentiful. You lead the two of trumps to your ace on the first round and must then cash the ace and king of clubs. You return to dummy with the jack of trumps and play the ace of hearts, throwing your last club. Next you ruff a club with the queen, establishing two long clubs in the dummy. Finally, you return to dummy with the king of trumps, (drawing the last trump when trumps are 3-1), and play the ten and six of clubs, discarding two diamond losers from your hand. The defenders will score one diamond trick but that is all.

Madeira Bridge Quiz - Number 4

By David Bird

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

How will you play 3NT when West leads the ♠Q?

(Answer on Daily Bulletin 4)

Small Mistakes Add Up

By David Bird

You must keep a close watch on the spade spot-cards from this deal, Board 25 of the second session of the Open Pairs.

(The deal is rotated for convenience. On the actual lay out North is the dealer and holds the cards now showed in South - Ed.)

Board 25

EW Vul.
Dealer S

♠ 9 2
♥ A K Q 7 5
♦ 6 5 3 2
♣ J 5

♠ Q 6
♥ J 9
♦ Q 8 7 4
♣ A 10 6 4 2



♠ K 10 8 4
♥ 10 8 6
♦ 10 9
♣ K 9 8 7

♠ A J 7 5 3
♥ 4 3 2
♦ A K J
♣ Q 3

West	North	East	South
	Carlos Luiz		Nuno Paz
			1NT
pass	2♦	pass	2♥
pass	3NT	pass	4♥
All Pass			

The transfer sequence made South declarer and left West with an awkward opening lead. Who can blame him for choosing the ♦4? I will not call this a 'small mistake', because I would have led the same card myself! Nuno Paz won with the ♦J, crossed to the ♥A and led the ♠2. Now came a definite 'small mistake' by the defence; East played the ♠8 in second seat ("You will be interested to know, partner, that I have an even number of spades.") Declarer played the ♠J, losing to West's ♠Q, and another diamond was returned. Declarer won with the ♦A and drew the outstanding trumps with

the king and queen. He then called for the ♠9. He had no intention of running this card, but East made a second 'small mistake' when he covered with the ♠10.

Nuno Paz won East's ♠10 with the ♠A, noting the fall of the ♠6 from West. His ♠7-5 were now equals against East's ♠K-4. When he led the ♠7, West showed out. Carlos Luiz, the dummy, reached towards a trump. "No, no, partner! Throw a club."

East won with the ♠K and the defenders scored one club trick, but declarer was then able to claim the contract. One diamond entry remained to his hand and he could discard dummy's last diamond on the established ♠5.

All's fair in love & war (and in pairs games).

By Carel Berendregt

In a pairs game it is usually a good habit to quickly enter the bidding as high as possible. Even at adverse vulnerability you should take some risk now and again. This will result in an occasional -800, but since your great playing technique makes up for this by an extra overtrick in a partscore on the next board, no great harm will be done. All's fair to be a nuisance to the opponents and in the long run this strategy will win you many matchpoints. The deal below is a fine example.

Board 12.

NS Vul.
Dealer W

♠ 7 6
♥ 3
♦ A Q J 10 4
♣ Q 7 6 3 2

♠ A 5
♥ Q 6 4
♦ K 8 5 2
♣ A K 10 5

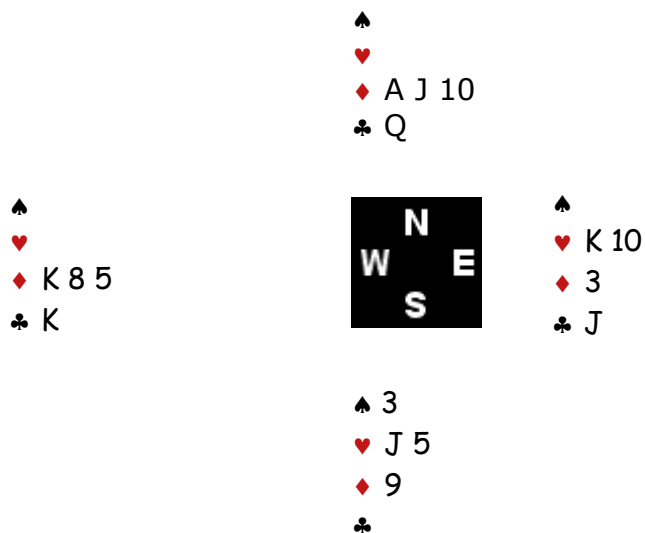


♠ K 2
♥ K 10 9 8 7 2
♦ 7 3
♣ J 9 4

♠ Q J 10 9 8 4 3
♥ A J 5
♦ 9 6
♣ 8

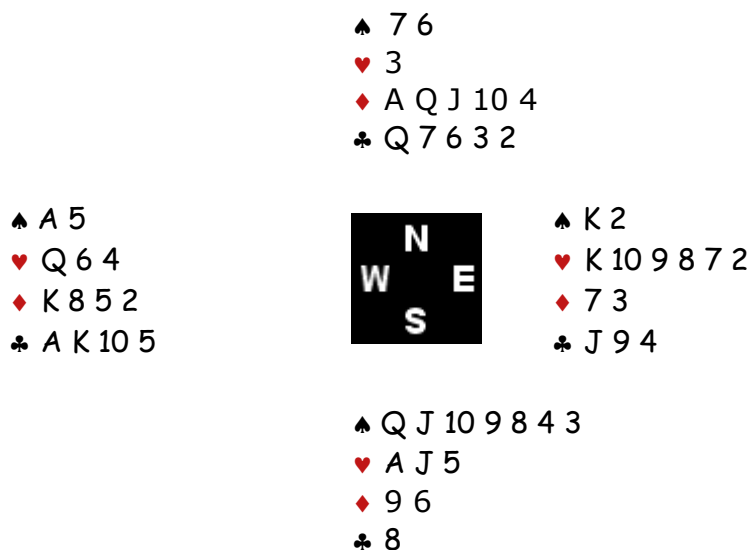
Since EW played a weak NT, West opened 1♣. North elected to pass and after 1♥ by East, South bid 2♣. West doubled to show a good hand and North boldly bid 4♣. A firm double by East closed the auction. The ace of clubs was led, and West, seeing the

stiff heart in the dummy, switched to the ace of spades and another spade for the king. East now played a heart. Since the diamond King had to be onside to have a chance to make the contract south now played a diamond to the queen. When this held he ruffed a club and reeled of the trumps to reach the following ending:

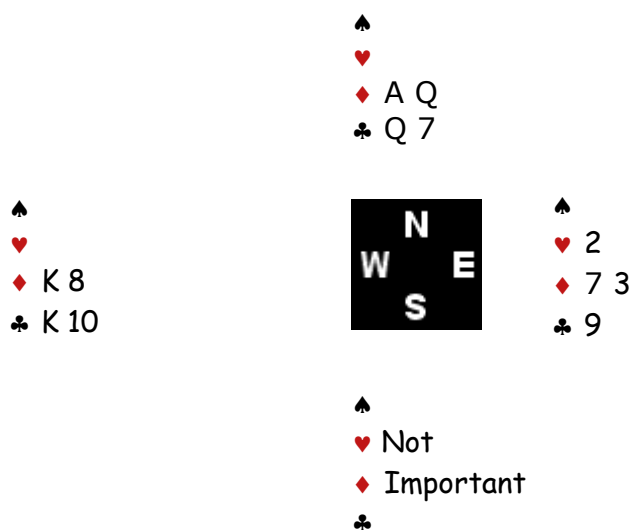


The ♠3 was led now, and west had no discard. NS +790 and almost all the matchpoints. Is there a way to defeat 4♠? Yes, you can lead the ♠A and another to the king, followed by a heart. But when the Lord gives you AK in a suit it's his intention that you lead one of them. Can the contract be beaten from that point on? Yes! After the ♠A you must lead a diamond. When East gets the lead with the ♠K he must lead another diamond. Now the communication for the squeeze is broken and 4♠ cannot longer be made. But -200 would still earn you some matchpoints. Look what happened on another table:

(repeated for your convenience)



At this table West opened 1NT and East bid 2♦. South looked at the vulnerability and contrary to the southplayer on the previous table he decided to be careful and passed. West bid 2♥ and North, being afraid that the auction might end there, bid an unusual 2NT. East invited with 3♥ and strangely enough (in my opinion) south kept passing. West was delighted to accept the invitation. Against 4♥ north led the ♠7, taken by the ace. A heart was played to the king and ace, and south returned his singleton club, taken by the ace. Declarer crossed to the dummy with a spade and led the ♥10 finessing the jack and also pulled the last trump. Next he played the ♣5. North looked a while at this card with suspicion, but he eventually played low, probably because he wanted his partner to have the lead to play a diamond. So the ♣J made the trick and now declarer reeled off the remaining trumps to reach this ending:



On the ♥2 West bared the ♦K and west had to discard the ♦Q to keep the ♣Q guarded. Now a diamond was played from the dummy for north's bare ace and he had to lead into declarers K 10 of clubs. 4♥+1 was worth all the matchpoints.

So keep on bidding. As an old friend of mine put it: Bidding is sometimes threatening but passing may be life threatening...

Promote them!

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

Again we find some action on the earlier boards. This time it's only a part-score deal, but Paulo Gonçalves Pereira and Jorge Cruzeiro found a nice defence.

The usual auction was (I expect) something like:

West	North	East	South
		pass	1♦
1♠	pass	2♠	3♣
3♠	pass	pass	pass

This was the full deal:
Board 2

NS Vul.
Dealer E

♠ 10 9 2
♥ 9 8 7 4 2
♦ 6 4
♣ 10 9 4

♠ K Q J 7 3
♥ A K
♦ J 10 7
♣ 8 7 6



♠ 8 6 4
♥ Q J 5 3
♦ 8 5 3
♣ K Q 2

♠ A 5
♥ 10 6
♦ A K Q 9 2
♣ A J 5 3

Paulo, sitting North, found the natural lead of the ♦6. Jorge, sitting South, now correctly played 3 rounds of diamonds. On the third diamond North discarded the ♣4 showing an odd number of clubs (and since he didn't support it's most likely 3). So now South played his fourth diamond. What can declarer do? At the table declarer discarded a club so North ruffed with the 9 and played a club to the Ace. South dully followed with his fifth diamond. Again declarer has a choice. At this table West now ruffed high allowing North to discard his second club. With no direct entry to dummy, declarer played a high trump from his hand, won by South. It was now only simple a matter for Jorge to give his partner his club ruff for the third downtrick. Notice that it doesn't help declarer to ruff high the fourth diamond, for North can discard the second club then and get two club ruffs when partner is in with the ♣A and the ♠A, if declarer plays clubs, or a trump promotion and a club ruff, if declarer plays trumps from hand.

Frederico Teixeira (North) and Bruno Neves (South) also found the same defence, although they had a little help from declarer when she cashed the hearts before playing trumps, leaving South no choice but to find the club ruff. Still, a very nice defence from the local pair. This won them 69 out of 76 Matchpoints, since these two were the only pairs to get declarer 3 down.

Program 2008

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

(*) See Daily Bulletin 0 for extra trips

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



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