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AUSTRIA LEADS

After a sunny morning and, we hope, a pleasant lunch, it was time to get our brains in gear for the first session. A few last remarks to remind partner of those tricky situations that are noted on the system but nobody reads them (they never happen anyway...) and, by 4:30, we're off.

Wait! Where is the bar?... This year it's outside, on the terrace, near section C.

90 pairs played yesterday the first session of the Pairs' Tournament.

The Austrians are leading. Ursula and Alfred Fleischmann were first with 64.02% and Andreas Babsch and Renate Hansen are in second place just 0.1% behind.

The Portuguese pair Paula Lima and J P Rocha Pinto is third. They got 63.66%.

There are 25 pairs within 10% of the first and no major gaps in the results' table, so, anybody can go up a few places just by getting one top today.

Pedro Nunes



Last chance to get your vouchers!

If you don't have your vouchers yet, go to the Welcome Desk today from
3 pm to 4:30 pm

Session 1

1	105	1265	64,02	Fleischmann - Fleischmann
2	3	1263	63,92	Babsch - Hansen
3	50	1258	63,66	J P Rocha Pinto - Paula Lima
4	4	1235	62,50	Connie Goldberg - Tor Helness
5	61	1205	60,98	Brian Senior - David Kendrick
6	66	1192	60,32	Arild Armot - Runny Jurstan
7	41	1162	58,81	Maria Joao Lara - Manuel Capucho
8	15	1148	58,10	Grosmann - Begas
	51	1148	58,10	Agneta Berglund - Martin Arle
10	34	1146	58,00	Kopstad - Lomsdalen
11	64	1144	57,89	de Donder Steven - Both Peter
12	103	1140	57,69	Tineke Poland - Frits Gootjes
13	67	1136	57,49	B G Olofsson - Ted Olows
14	81	1129	57,14	Sven Sester - Olavi Oja
15	73	1122	56,78	Arno Lindermann - Puerstl Christoph
16	71	1117	56,53	Egil Hansen - Haraldf Nordby
17	11	1112	56,28	Bessasow - Sigurjonsd
	21	1112	56,28	Juliano Barbosa - Rui Pinto
19	87	1110	56,17	Erhart - Smederevac
20	115	1108	56,07	Mads Eyde - Lisbeth Grove
21	7	1089	55,11	Schifko - Wernle
22	1	1088	55,06	Robert Frouzel - Geord Kriftnev
23	49	1079	54,61	Buchlev - Duhrig
	111	1079	54,61	Oskam - Schutte
25	110	1077	54,50	Sveinn Runar Eiriksson - Julius Sigurjonsson
26	102	1067	54,00	Hans v Ommeron - Deborah Keihhof
27	42	1064	53,85	Horacio Franco - Adriano Medeiros
28	88	1054	53,34	Ellen Vigmostad - Bjorn Odden
29	90	1047	52,99	carlos Teixeira - J A Debonnaire
30	29	1045	52,88	Andrea Muliar - Peter Steiner
31	55	1043	52,78	Mike Beyer - Miguel Ascencao
32	47	1037	52,48	Sallsten - Sallsten
33	83	1034	52,33	Piret Raudsepp - Lembit Dalberg
34	107	1032	52,23	Rui Silva Santos - Manuel Oliveira
35	23	1029	52,07	Jorg Eichholzer - Christian Felderer
36	24	1017	51,47	Gareth Bartley - Beatrix Kuzselka
	32	1017	51,47	Maarja Oras - Andres Kuusk
38	82	1015	51,37	Harald Haugerud - Bodil Haugerud
39	30	1014	51,32	Lauri Naber - Leo Luks
40	25	1006	50,91	Josef Simon - Ilse Artmer
41	28	1005	50,86	Wim Stol - Remco Stol
42	92	1003	50,76	Stellinguerff - Vermeulen
43	113	989	50,05	Antonio palma - Jorge Cruzeiro
44	104	988	50,00	Antonio b Ferreira - Artur Santos Silva
45	6	977	49,44	Pedro Gil - Pedro Nunes
	68	977	49,44	Eduardo fernandes - Jose Manuel Freitas

47	43	973	49,24	Jan Tesselaar - Jan de Winter
	112	973	49,24	Alexandre Rodrigues - Jose Macedo
49	54	970	49,09	Pedro Morgado - Fernando Ribeiro
	106	970	49,09	John freitas - Joaquim trindade
51	65	968	48,99	Eduarda Reis - Joao Fanha
52	72	962	48,68	Luis Rodrigues - Carlos Cabrinha
53	8	961	48,63	Mizi Corte Real - Luisa Reis
54	10	960	48,58	Nuno Paz - Carlos Luiz
55	27	950	48,08	Sveindal - van Cleeff
56	33	948	47,98	Vladimirs Gonca - Maris Purgailis
57	84	938	47,47	Gitte Hecht Johanssen - Susan Just Olussen
58	91	936	47,37	Virginia Chediak - Gustavo Chediak
59	35	932	47,17	vd Berg-tenHave - vd Berg-tenHave
60	13	931	47,12	Veger - Wartema
61	45	917	46,41	Antonio Arruda - Henrique Ribeiro
62	5	913	46,20	Mona Bergstrom - Magnus Hammar
63	108	911	46,10	Gerard Limmen - Jach Wagemakers
64	93	908	45,95	Anni Kovacheva - Trayan Hristov
65	101	906	45,85	Kai Jorstool - Bjorn Valen
66	109	904	45,75	Rose Marie Crossner - Eduard J Alver
67	89	903	45,70	Robert Snapper - John Machado
68	95	900	45,55	Bruno Macedo - Pedro Macedo
69	48	897	45,39	Erkki Valmra - Sulev Ulp
70	70	896	45,34	Miguel teixeira - Rodrigo Soares
71	52	895	45,29	Kerstin Marcusson - Lars Marcusson
72	53	891	45,09	Hans Metselaar - Allie Hoenstok
73	44	878	44,43	Paulo Sarmento - Nuno Matos
74	26	873	44,18	Jose M Gouveia - Ricardo Fernandes
75	9	872	44,13	Dieneke Balder - Hans Sprenkeling
76	14	868	43,93	A. Valente - G Esmeraldo
77	86	867	43,88	Will Schilder - Minouche Alice
78	63	847	42,86	Helder Fernandes - Manuel Arruda
79	69	842	42,61	Rein Smit - Hetty Smit-Hertog
80	22	831	42,05	Miguel Silva - Pedro Pratas
81	46	811	41,04	Jose Antonio Pereira - Marco teixeira
82	85	803	40,64	Virgilio mota - J Ant Fernandes
	94	803	40,64	Anne Marie Gisnaas - Geir Gisnaas
84	2	791	40,03	Cees Nobel - Ploni Nobel
85	114	781	39,52	Jaime Sousa - Frederico Teixeira
86	75	780	39,47	Silvio Costa - Nuno Martins
87	12	779	39,42	Erlendur Jonsson - Gudlaugur Sveinsson
88	62	759	38,41	Lydia Allen - David Allen
89	31	728	36,84	Elisabeth Solum - Per Tjelmeland
90	74	670	33,91	Bruno Neves - Luis Miguel Silva


One-one

by Jan van Cleeff

We played our first two boards of the open pairs against two pre-tournament favorites, Sacha Wernl and Martin Schifko from Austria. By the way, we is Jon Sveindal from Norway and me, your reporter from Holland. The fireworks started on 13:

Board 13

All Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sveindal	Schifko	vCleeff	Wernl
	3♣	pass	3♠ (1)
4♦	dbl	All pass	
(1) forcing			

North gave me no chance to raise partners bid to game. In fact the aggressive double by North was a typical example how pairs should be played. It warned South of a possible misfit and showed some defensive values. There was one flaw though, South was dead minimum for his bid, so Jon duly collected ten tricks. When the hand was over, I jokingly remarked that apparently 3♣ did not a show a good preempt in diamonds. Nobody laughed (except me).

None Vul.

♠ 7 2
♥ K 5
♦ Q 2
♣ Q J 10 9 8 7 4

♠ J 10 8 4 7
♥ 9 8 3 2
♦ 9 5 3
♣ A 3



♠ K 9 6 3
♥ A Q J 7
♦ K 10 7 6
♣ 5

♠ A Q 5
♥ 10 6 4
♦ A J 8 4
♣ K 6 2

West	North	East	South
Sveindal	Schifko	vCleeff	Wernl
		1♦	pass
1♥	3♣ (again)	3♥	3NT
All pass			

My partner led a diamond for ten and jack. Jon took the second club and I pitched a diamond (perhaps a high spade was better). Now partner switched to a spade and when the smoke was cleared, declarer ended up with even twelve tricks.

"One-one", Sacha said. Everybody laughed (except me).

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..

Two-nil


by Rodrigo Martins Soares

We (that's Miguel Teixeira and yours truly - better known for organizing a nice Tournament on a nice Island) played boards 13 and 14 against one of Portugal's top pairs - Maria João Lara and Manuel Capucho.

On the first board Miguel had a tough decision. Look only at West's hand.

Board 13

All Vul.

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

The bidding went 3♣ - pass - pass. Now what?

Some people gambled 3NT, considering that partner had to have some HCP or South would not have passed. They might have felt a bit unlucky had North then proceeded to cash 7 tricks before anything else.

Miguel started with a double and that went pass- 3♥ - pass. And now?

He now decided that clubs could be ruffed on dummy and gambled 4♥. This could have worked nicely if only East's hearts were slightly better, but as it was I had some work to do to go only 3 down after the ♠K lead.

This was the full auction:

West	North	East	South
Miguel	M. J. Lara	Rodrigo	M. Capucho
	3♣	pass	pass
dbl	pass	3♥	pass
4♥	All pass		

Board 14

None Vul.

♠ 7 2
♥ K 5
♦ Q 2
♣ Q J 10 9 8 7 4

♠ J 10 8 4
♥ 9 8 3 2
♦ 9 5 3
♣ A 3



♠ K 9 6 3
♥ A Q J 7
♦ K 10 7 6
♣ 5

♠ A Q 5
♥ 10 6 4
♦ A J 8 4
♣ K 6 2

West	North	East	South
Miguel	M. J. Lara	Rodrigo	M. Capucho
		1♦	pass
1♥	3♣ (again)	3♥	5♣
pass	pass	dbl	All pass

The auction was normal enough and I doubled on general principle.

It was my lead sitting East. I didn't feel like leading a Heart with AQJ or the singleton trump that might trap an eventual Queen third on partner's hand. So it was either spades or diamonds. The ten made me feel safer and so a diamond it was and -550. Dammed 10!

Nobody said "Two-nil", and no one laughed. It was a good time to play against good friends and courteous opponents.

Program 2009

Wednesday (04/11/2009)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 2nd Session
Thursday (05/11/2009)	09.00	Free morning(*)
	16.30	Open Pairs Tournament - 3rd Session
	20.30	Final Results
	21.00	Dinner (**) - Bus leaves at 20.45
Friday (06/11/2009)	09.30	Half-day Tour(**)
	20.45	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	21.30	Open Teams Tournament - 1st Session
Saturday (07/11/2009)	09.00	Free morning
	15.30	Open Teams Tournament - 2nd Session
	21.30	Open Teams Tournament - 3rd Session
Sunday (08/11/2009)	15.30	Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session
	20.00	Final Results
	21.00	Closing Dinner and Prize Giving

(*) Contact Top Atlantico for extra tours

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



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this tournament