

10th International Bridge Festival Madeira

Funchal, November 5-11, 2007

7th November 2007

Round 1 is over



The portuguese pair Nuno Paz and Carlos Gonçalves won the first session with 65.16%, and take the lead by an uncomfortable 0.73%.

The finnish Clas Nyberg and Kauko Koistinen follow them - they made 64.43% - and the dutch pair Berendrecht and van Zwol are third with 60.94%.

27 pairs made over 55%, so, the competition is tight.

Today, Round 2. Will anyone take a clear lead? Will 10 or 20 pairs keep rubbing their shoulders, fighting for the first places? They'll try, anyway

Pedro Nunes

Don't forget to pick up tonight's dinner and Friday's tour vouchers from the Hospitality desk before you head to the playing room. Rosalyn will be there from 3.00 till 4.00 p.m.

The closing dinner vouchers will be handed to you later. All players will receive one, whether or not they are staying at this Hotel.

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..

RESULTS AFTER 1 SESSION

Rank	Score	%	Name
1	1727,9	65,16	Carlos Goncalves - Nuno Paz
2	1708,7	64,43	Clas Nyberg - Kauko Koistinen
3	1616,0	60,94	Berendregt - van Zwol
4	1614,5	60,88	Gabriel Gislason - Svein Rugnarsson
5	1603,5	60,46	Hrannar Erlingsson - Svein Runar Eiriksson
6	1596,7	60,21	Oja Olavi - Sven Sester
7	1583,2	59,70	Alexandra Rosado - Paulo A Feio
8	1580,6	59,60	Brantsma - Ritmeijer
9	1572,7	59,30	Gerrit de Bewis - Peter van Montfoort
10	1569,7	59,19	Leo Luks - Naber
11	1553,5	58,58	Elly Schippers - René Stienen
12	1539,5	58,05	Meltzer - Peter de Rooy
13	1523,7	57,46	Liz Blande - Mike Rafferty
14	1520,8	57,34	Olafsson - Rognvaldsson
15	1514,4	57,11	Arn Portinnsson - Kristinsson
16	1504,3	56,72	Josef Simon - Robert Franzel
17	1491,6	56,24	Juliano Barbosa - Rui Pinto
18	1486,0	56,03	Ine Snepvangers - Mart Mommers
19	1485,8	56,02	Gerard Limmen - Jan Tulp
20	1485,8	56,02	Bjorn Valen - Egil Hansen
21	1483,8	55,95	Asla Roennaug - Svein Markussen
22	1481,0	55,84	Oskas Sigurdsson - Steingrimsson
23	1477,6	55,72	Madeleine Swanstom - Tommy Gulberg
24	1474,5	55,60	J Macedo - J Machado
25	1464,2	55,21	M Koetser - R Bouscher
26	1463,8	55,20	Obermair - Wernle
27	1462,3	55,14	Aivar Tijiane - Lembit Dahlberg
28	1448,5	54,62	Gudrun Johannesd - Soffia Danielsdottir
29	1446,2	54,53	Maksim Karpov - Tut Laanemae
30	1443,0	54,41	P G Pereira - Rui S Santos
31	1439,2	54,27	A de Rouwe - G C Krigsman
32	1437,0	54,19	Inger Sallsten - Ric Sallsten
33	1432,2	54,00	John Linse - Joost Hermeyer
34	1430,3	53,93	Alfred Fleischmann - Ursula Fleischmann
35	1415,5	53,38	Alda Gudnadottir - Skuladottir
36	1413,8	53,31	Eike Metsdalv - Ines Piibeleht
37	1408,7	53,12	Johanna Siguronsd - Linan Arnardottir
38	1407,9	53,09	Sigfuis Arnasom - ThorHalsson
39	1402,0	52,87	Gisli Steingrimsson - Sveinn R P
40	1394,0	52,56	B Abreu - M Bouscher Snapper
41	1381,4	52,09	Nuno Matos - Paulo Sarmento
42	1371,0	51,70	Jorge Cruzeiro - Manuel Oliveira
43	1362,0	51,36	Lars Goldberg - Ulla Britt Goldberg
44	1361,4	51,33	Bruno Neves - Luis Silva
45	1358,3	51,22	Helmod v d Helm - Quijs
46	1355,5	51,11	Babsch - Hansen
47	1353,5	51,04	Hans Metselaar - Ko Heilig

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48	1353,2	51,03	Halldor Svanbergsson - Kristinn Kristinsson
49	1344,3	50,69	A Jonsdottir - Thordis Thormodsdottir
50	1341,9	50,60	Han Begas - Rascha Thanas
51	1341,8	50,60	Pierre Maigneault - Terri Verret
52	1341,6	50,59	Beyer - Tesselaar
53	1338,6	50,48	Karlis Rubins - Nataliza Veksha
54	1330,6	50,17	Gitte Hecht-Johnsen - Nevena Senior
55	1327,7	50,07	Eduarda Reis - Joao Fanha
56	1322,5	49,87	Jose Maria Gouveia - Nuno Mata
57	1322,3	49,86	Carole Coveney - Michel Coveney
58	1320,7	49,80	Gonca - Purgailis
59	1314,5	49,57	Arild Aarmot - Ronny Jorstad
60	1308,7	49,35	Jonsson Runolfer - Sevarsson Gunnlaugur
61	1307,4	49,30	Hans Sprenkeling - Wil Stomp
62	1298,5	48,96	Gardarsson - Tordarsson
63	1294,6	48,81	Jorge Castanheira - Jose Dias
64	1294,1	48,80	Frits Goetjes - Tineke Poland
65	1290,2	48,65	Momek Wegman - Willem v d Ginden
66	1287,8	48,56	Linssen - Linssen
67	1277,6	48,18	Dominique - John
68	1276,7	48,14	Gudlaugur Sveinsson - Isak Sigurdsson
69	1269,0	47,85	Baldur Bjartmarsson - Halldor Thorvaldsson
70	1266,8	47,77	Ingrid Hoes - Ria Bartelomiy
71	1266,0	47,74	Eva-Lis Gothe - Hans Gothe
72	1258,3	47,45	Porarinsson - Sigurdsson
73	1255,6	47,35	Berns Savrer - Doris Fischer
74	1253,5	47,27	Hulda Hidwarsdottir - Sigridur Eyioifs
75	1252,0	47,21	Sigurjonsd - Thordarson
76	1241,5	46,81	Anne Marie vd Berg - Jaap vd Berg
77	1229,9	46,37	G M J Parrot - L G Zeepvag
78	1228,2	46,31	Ricardo Luiz - Robert Snapper
79	1224,3	46,16	Dieneke Balder - Hans van Ommeren
80	1212,1	45,71	Jaime Sousa - Miguel Ascencao
81	1211,3	45,67	Aarne Rummel - Kalle Pedak
82	1207,5	45,53	Antonio Valente - Bruno Bacanhim
83	1196,1	45,10	Leonardo Veloza - Silvio Costa
84	1194,0	45,02	Miguel Teixeira - Rodrigo Soares
85	1187,0	44,76	Adriano Medeiros - Horacio Franco
86	1178,0	44,42	Jose A Fernandes - Virgilio Mota
87	1173,0	44,23	Jonsdottir - Thorkelsson
88	1172,5	44,21	Agaath v Bommel - Jack Wagemakers
89	1167,8	44,03	Erkki Juuri-Oja - Pirjo Juuri-Oja
90	1167,7	44,03	Doranna Palsdottir - Hanna Fridriksdottir
91	1162,4	43,83	Guido Kobolt - Peeter Lond
92	1158,0	43,67	Felix Bielars - Loekie Bielars Roermund
93	1136,0	42,84	Isabel Correia - Maria Corte Real
94	1135,4	42,81	Fernando Ribeiro - Pedro morgado
95	1132,9	42,72	Frederico Teixeira - Ricardo Fernandes
96	1125,0	42,42	Irene Egger - Norbert Egger
97	1124,9	42,42	Gudny Gudjonsd - Halldora Magnusdottir
98	1121,1	42,27	Hr Roseheek - Mw Bredewerk
99	1106,5	41,72	Joaquim Trindade - Pedro Nunes
100	1102,9	41,59	Alexandre Rodrigues - Bruno Macedo

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101	1065,5	40,18	Eija Multimaki - Sanna Kittti
102	1032,8	38,94	Jon Gudmundsson - Jon Sigualdason
103	1015,2	38,28	Durkoneenansdottir - Harpa Fold Inleolesdottir
104	1012,2	38,17	Dora Solari - Momtse Mestres
105	965,3	36,40	Mulhar - P Steiner
106	947,4	35,72	Alda Fernandes - Jose Fernandes
107	896,7	33,81	Carlos Luiz - Nuno Paz
108	852,8	32,16	Marie Duval - Michel Hupe



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If you are interested in playing poker (No-limit Texas Hold'em) please contact Roos (She is that very cute TD ;-)

Buy-in is 10 euro, rebuy or add-on possible until we start the 3rd round.

As soon as we have 5 or more players we can start the game.

Please remember that 40% of the money is for a good cause.

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First Blood

By Kauko Koistinen

It was Junior European Championships in Salsomaggiore in 1982 when I met Andreas Babsch from Austria for the first time. It was the very first match of my first international competition, and of course I was very nervous and of course we lost the match heavily, 20/-2. Now twenty five years later I meet Andreas again, I'm not that nervous anymore but still he's giving me a lesson again...

Board 1. Dealer N. None Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
	1♣	pass	1♠
pass	1NT	pass	3NT
pass	pass	pass	

My partner Clas Nyberg led a heart to dummy's ten and next declarer finessed clubs successfully. After three rounds of hearts (partner and dummy pitching a spade and me a club) Andreas continued spade to the ace and then three rounds of clubs ending:

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

He played now diamond to the ace and then a small diamond from both hands. Two ladies made the last two tricks, Clas played small spade to my queen but then I had to give the last trick to declarer's diamond queen. That meant two overtricks and a good score for our Austrian opponents. Well played but not the best defence. In the end position West should keep three diamonds and therefore he should discard a spade on the fourth club. But not any spade! If West's four last cards are the king of spades and three diamonds to the king, declarer plays a diamond to the ace and a spade back, making again the eleventh trick with the queen of diamonds. West should therefore discard the king of spades on the fourth club and declarer is limited to ten tricks and a below average score.

If West decides to lead a spade instead, East will win the queen and play back a diamond. If declarer ducks, East continues the suit and declarer has no genuine chance for the second overtrick. East's diamonds are just enough to break down the communication for spade-diamond squeeze against his partner. Suppose East has 1087 in diamonds and dummy A9x. Now, if East continues with the seven, West has to play the jack and declarer ducks. West can't continue the diamonds and in the three card end position he will be helplessly squeezed. The ten from 1087 doesn't help either. This trick is covered with queen, king

and ace, and afterwards declarer simply plays a diamond towards the nine for his eleventh trick.

On the tenth round of the first session we met our teammates for the upcoming team tournament, Karlins Rubins and Natalija Veksha from Latvia.

Board 17. Dealer N. None Vul.

<p>♠ A 7 ♥ K 7 6 ♦ 4 3 2 ♣ 10 9 8 7 4</p>	<p>♠ 8 ♥ A 10 9 8 3 2 ♦ 10 9 7 5 ♣ 3 2</p>	<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 60px; height: 60px; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ K J 9 5 ♥ J 5 ♦ K J 8 6 ♣ A K Q</p>
	<p>♠ Q 10 6 4 3 2 ♥ Q 4 ♦ A Q ♣ J 6 5</p>		

West	North	East	South
	2♥	DBL	pass
3♣	pass	3♥	pass
3NT	pass	pass	pass

I had a borderline case between Lebensohl-style two no-trump and the actual club bid, which is showing some values.

Natalija led a heart to partners queen and I had to duck, of course. The heart continuation was won by Natalija's ace and next she cleared up the suit, dummy discarding a diamond and Rubins a spade. Three club rounds brought me good news, eight tricks were in sight with very good prospects for the ninth. Back to hand with the ace of spades and two more rounds of clubs forced Karlis to go down to spade Qx and diamond AQ. Now I had the luxury to decide, with which of these two suits I'll throw my opponent in. Nine tricks gave us a

surprisingly high score of 89%.

The defence had a chance to defeat the contract. Do you see where?

At the table the killing defence is very hard to see, but did you find it seeing all the four hands?

If north switches the eight of spades to the third trick, declarer has to rise with the king in order to preserve the only entry card to the closed hand. The clubs are unblocked and next declarer can cross back to his hand with the ace of spades and take two club tricks. There's no throw-in, however, and the defence takes one spade trick, two hearts and two diamonds for one down.

In the "4 luck bar" after the game Karlis handed over to me a hand where his partner had a chance to give him a lesson.

Board 6. Dealer E. E/W Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
		3♣	pass
pass	DBL	pass	pass
pass			

Some interesting bidding situations. South has a good hand, but a double

with just a doubleton in hearts is not too tempting. How about North? The distribution is correct for a take-out double, but what if West is waiting there with a strong three-suiter and a taste of blood in his mouth... Luckily for North it was her partner who had the best cards in this hand, but how South should proceed after the double? Rubins was contemplating about just closing his eyes and rushing straight to four spades. With the nine fourth in spades he decided however to pass, luckily for his side. South started with his hearts, North asking a spade continuation. Spade to the ace was followed by the queen of hearts and the fourth heart. Declarer discarded his losing diamond and South ruffed - that was fifth trick for the defence, one down, +200 and a score of 95% for the Latvian pair. After the board Natalija was quick to point out the correct move in the third trick - South must cash the ace of diamonds before putting partner on the lead with the ace of spades. After the queen of hearts the fourth round will promote South's jack of trumps as the second setting trick. Not a big difference in the scoresheet, anyway.

To score 64% in one session means that you must have friendly opponents. We did. Also in this board. Clas played three clubs (undoubled) and South won the two first tricks with his heart honours. The trump continuation was won in dummy and East won the next trick with the king of spades. After two rounds of trumps East played a spade to North's ace. North didn't want to establish dummy's jack of hearts by cashing his queen, but instead returned a diamond to South's ace. That was the end of the defence, anyway, with a 87% score for East-West.

Shining Sun from Iceland

By João Fanha

It was with great pleasure I played against the youngest player of the tournament - Gabriel Gislason who's just 15 years old (*And who was on his way to a 60.88% session and 4th place overall - Editor*).

Board 9. Dealer N. E/W Vul.

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

After an aggressive auction, from both sides, I led the diamond ace. Followed with the King and a 3rd diamond. Gabriel ruffed with the ♥J, played a heart to the Ace, ruffed a small spade and played dummy's last heart claiming 10 tricks when South followed with the ♥10, claiming also a well deserved top. (*Or nearly, it payed 100 out of 102 matchpoints - Editor*)

Thank you Gabriel.

For the beauty of it

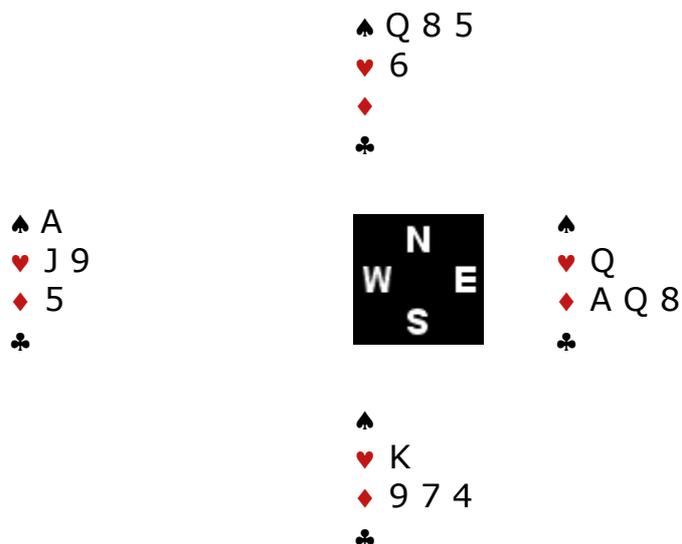
Board 26. Dealer E. All Vul.

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

S	W	N	E
	-	-	1♦
P	2♣	P	3♣
P	3NT	P	4♣
P	5♣	P	5♠
P	5 NT	end	

After trying for a club slam Peter van Monfort, sitting East, realised they would end up in a poor matchpoint contract and so bid 5♠ asking partner to bid 5NT (a direct 5NT would surely be a grand slam try).

The lead was the ♠K, which was ducked by declarer. A spade to the Jack followed, again ducked. Now South shifted to the ♦10, won by declarer's King. The pivotal point of the hand was reached. Gerrit de Bewis now played a heart to the... Ace! A Vienna Coup preparing for a squeeze against South. He proceeded to cash his black suit winners ending up in this position:



On the ♠A dummy discards the heart Queen and South can't spare any card. Well done Gerrit - 78 out of 102 matchpoints for you.

When I asked Gerrit why he had opted for the squeeze instead of the simple finesse he simply replied "for the beauty of it, it's much prettier to make a hand on a squeeze than on a simple finesse". That's my kind of answer! I always go for bragging rights too! But that's not the whole story. After the first three tricks it's almost certain that spades are 6-2. If that's so, there are 7 vacant spaces on North's hand and 11 vacant spaces on South's hand, so it's 11 to 7 odds that South holds the ♥K and that's why you should play for the squeeze. (In addition, the ♥K may be singleton or North could hold both the diamonds and the ♥K.) Even though many top players don't make these calculations at the table, they do know it instinctively, and that's what I'm sure happened here.

P. S. Only after writing this article I realized that on the receiving end of this squeeze was one of the more charismatic husband and wife pairs from Madeira - Alda and José Fernandes. Bad Gerrit! You don't do things like that to someone who will be 85 next Tuesday!

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