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BALEAL?! WHAT BALEAL?

Manuel Oliveira, Carlos Pimenta, Jorge Cruzeiro and Paulo Gonçalves Pereira are Baleal. They are all from Lisboa and they come every year to our tournament. They beat everyone they met yesterday. It was 23-7, 18-12, 20-10, 18-



Carlos Pimenta

12, 25-4 and 18-12. They wouldn't leave the viewgraph!

The Red Devils (Omar Olgeirsson, Julius Sigurjonsson, Throstur Ingimarsson and Hermann Larusson) also had a good day. The Icelanders won all matches except the one against Baleal. They are now second, 23VPs behind the Portuguese.

Brantsma just lost two rounds yesterday. Ronald Brantsma, Sjoerd Wartena, Hans Metselaar and Jan de Winter won all the other matches. They are 3rd, just 3 VPs behind The Red Devils.

Baleal has a very comfortable lead but the next 15 teams have very close scores. We'll have to wait for the last minute to know who gets which prize.

See you all at dinner!

Pedro Nunes



CLASSIFICATION AFTER 9 MATCHES

RANK	TEAM		SCORE	
	nr.	name	IMPs	VPs
1	5.	Baleal	+170	183
2	11.	The Red Devils	+79	160
3	23.	Brantsma	+84	157
4	15.	Man Utd	+75	154
5	9.	Arno	+66	154
6	12.	Odden	+59	154
7	22.	Broek	+57	152
8	13.	Rui Pinto	+78	150
9	21.	Riga	+50	149
10	1.	Van Helsing	+36	148
11	38.	X-Trouble	+34	147
12	3.	Dream Team	+41	145
13	24.	Haskol	+35	145
14	27.	BerenVangers	+31	144
15	16.	Atlantik	+22	143
16	28.	Juan Marquez	+11	141
17	2.	Gabriel	+17	138
18	8.	Blakey	+2	136
19	35.	Limmen	-1	135
20	36.	Groa	-12	133
21	18.	Kriurnar	+21	132
22	7.	Light Cast	-12	132
23	30.	Fefinanes	-16	130
24	37.	M M and M	-16	129
25	25.	Vis	-21	128
26	31.	Jaime Sousa	-24	127
27	17.	Four Friends	-26	126
28	26.	BN	-45	120
29	4.	Colorao	-46	120
30	33.	Missao Impossivel	-51	118
31	14.	Allegaartje	-59	117
32	10.	NOOR	-54	115
33	6.	Smit Linse	-74	111
34	34.	Blanda	-80	111
35	29.	Madeira	-93	108
36	19.	Swest	-90	105
37	20.	FiNo	-118	98
38	32.	Sticky Fingers	-130	94

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Results round 4

Tables	nr. name	nr. name	IMPs 1-2	VPs 1-2
A1 B1	15. Man Utd	5. Baleal	1-25	7 23
A2 B2	33. Missao Impossiv	7. Light Cast	13-16	14 16
A3 B3	23. Brantsma	1. Van Helsing	31-14	20 10
A4 B4	22. Broek	11. The Red Devils	7-14	13 17
A5 B5	9. Arno	38. X-Trouble	0-26	7 23
C1 D1	25. Vis	13. Rui Pinto	25-26	15 15
C2 D2	17. Four Friends	36. Groa	30-10	21 9
C3 D3	18. Kriurnar	21. Riga	15-24	12 18
C4 D4	28. Juan Marquez	3. Dream Team	17-43	7 23
C5 D5	12. Odden	30. Fefinanes	26-8	21 9
C6 D6	31. Jaime Sousa	24. Haskol	10-17	13 17
C7 D7	2. Gabriel	16. Atlantik	7-15	13 17
C8 D8	37. M M and M	34. Blanda	28-9	21 9
C9 D9	19. Swest	35. Limmen	3-28	7 23
C10 D10	10. NOOR	27. BerenVangers	2-36	4 25
C11 D11	20. FiNo	8. Blakey	1-25	7 23
C12 D12	4. Colorao	14. Allegaartje	21-7	19 11
C13 D13	29. Madeira	6. Smit Linse	7-20	11 19
C14 D14	26. BN	32. Sticky Fingers	50-11	25 3

Results round 5

Tables	nr. name	nr. name	IMPs	VPs
A1 B1	5. Baleal	23. Brantsma	13-3	18 12
A2 B2	38. X-Trouble	7. Light Cast	6-9	14 16
A3 B3	33. Missao Impossiv	11. The Red Devils	15-20	14 16
A4 B4	15. Man Utd	17. Four Friends	24-21	16 14
A5 B5	3. Dream Team	22. Broek	8-22	11 19
C1 D1	13. Rui Pinto	1. Van Helsing	9-28	9 21
C2 D2	25. Vis	12. Odden	15-34	9 21
C3 D3	21. Riga	9. Arno	41-15	23 7
C4 D4	27. BerenVangers	35. Limmen	25-17	17 13
C5 D5	18. Kriurnar	24. Haskol	18-21	14 16
C6 D6	37. M M and M	16. Atlantik	11-24	11 19
C7 D7	31. Jaime Sousa	36. Groa	11-20	12 18
C8 D8	2. Gabriel	8. Blakey	11-18	13 17
C9 D9	30. Fefinanes	28. Juan Marquez	18-30	11 19
C10 D10	4. Colorao	26. BN	5-8	14 16
C11 D11	34. Blanda	19. Swest	2-18	10 20
C12 D12	6. Smit Linse	20. FiNo	25-0	23 7
C13 D13	29. Madeira	10. NOOR	12-10	16 14
C14 D14	14. Allegaartje	32. Sticky Fingers	14-37	8 22

Results round 6

Tables	nr. name	nr. name	IMPs	VPs
A1 B1	5. Baleal	7. Light Cast	25-9	20 10
A2 B2	38. X-Trouble	23. Brantsma	7-21	11 19
A3 B3	33. Missao Impossiv	21. Riga	3-35	5 25
A4 B4	15. Man Utd	22. Broek	21-20	15 15
A5 B5	1. Van Helsing	12. Odden	28-22	17 13
C1 D1	11. The Red Devils	17. Four Friends	13-11	16 14
C2 D2	3. Dream Team	27. BerenVangers	45-11	25 4
C3 D3	16. Atlantik	13. Rui Pinto	4-18	11 19
C4 D4	25. Vis	24. Haskol	8-18	12 18
C5 D5	36. Groa	18. Kriurnar	12-23	12 18
C6 D6	35. Limmen	8. Blakey	13-28	10 20
C7 D7	28. Juan Marquez	37. M M and M	22-4	21 9
C8 D8	2. Gabriel	9. Arno	0-35	4 25
C9 D9	31. Jaime Sousa	6. Smit Linse	10-13	14 16
C10 D10	30. Fefinanes	4. Colorao	9-19	12 18
C11 D11	19. Swest	26. BN	10-41	5 25
C12 D12	29. Madeira	34. Blanda	15-14	15 15
C13 D13	10. NOOR	14. Allegaartje	19-35	10 20
C14 D14	20. FiNo	32. Sticky Fingers	21-24	14 16

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Results round 7

Tables	nr. name	nr. name	IMPs 1-2	VPs 1-2
A1 B1	5. Baleal	21. Riga	16-6	18 12
A2 B2	23. Brantsma	3. Dream Team	6-33	6 24
A3 B3	1. Van Helsing	15. Man Utd	10-18	13 17
A4 B4	11. The Red Devils	38. X-Trouble	28-9	21 9
A5 B5	22. Broek	7. Light Cast	50-12	25 3
C1 D1	12. Odden	17. Four Friends	26-1	23 7
C2 D2	13. Rui Pinto	33. Missao Impossiv	56-0	25 0
C3 D3	9. Arno	24. Haskol	38-12	23 7
C4 D4	8. Blakey	28. Juan Marquez	19-14	16 14
C5 D5	18. Kriurnar	25. Vis	18-34	10 20
C6 D6	16. Atlantik	26. BN	34-12	22 8
C7 D7	36. Groa	4. Colorao	16-37	8 22
C8 D8	31. Jaime Sousa	35. Limmen	8-13	14 16
C9 D9	6. Smit Linse	27. BerenVangers	0-30	5 25
C10 D10	37. M M and M	30. Fefinanes	5-23	9 21
C11 D11	2. Gabriel	29. Madeira	15-5	18 12
C12 D12	34. Blanda	14. Allegaartje	15-43	6 24
C13 D13	19. Swest	32. Sticky Fingers	14-29	10 20
C14 D14	10. NOOR	20. FiNo	12-19	13 17

Results round 8

Tables	nr. name	nr. name	IMPs	VPs
A1 B1	5. Baleal	3. Dream Team	38-1	25 4
A2 B2	22. Broek	12. Odden	22-29	13 17
A3 B3	21. Riga	11. The Red Devils	1-28	6 24
A4 B4	13. Rui Pinto	15. Man Utd	22-24	14 16
A5 B5	1. Van Helsing	9. Arno	21-38	10 20
C1 D1	23. Brantsma	16. Atlantik	35-10	23 7
C2 D2	38. X-Trouble	8. Blakey	34-16	21 9
C3 D3	25. Vis	28. Juan Marquez	3-21	9 21
C4 D4	27. BerenVangers	17. Four Friends	18-21	14 16
C5 D5	4. Colorao	7. Light Cast	10-26	10 20
C6 D6	18. Kriurnar	35. Limmen	6-36	5 25
C7 D7	24. Haskol	30. Fefinanes	19-7	19 11
C8 D8	31. Jaime Sousa	26. BN	16-13	16 14
C9 D9	36. Groa	33. Missao Impossiv	35-8	24 6
C10 D10	2. Gabriel	14. Allegaartje	40-2	25 3
C11 D11	37. M M and M	6. Smit Linse	37-13	23 7
C12 D12	29. Madeira	20. FiNo	27-14	19 11
C13 D13	19. Swest	10. NOOR	19-26	13 17
C14 D14	34. Blanda	32. Sticky Fingers	25-0	23 7

Results round 9

Tables	nr. name	nr. name	IMPs	VPs
A1 B1	5. Baleal	11. The Red Devils	19-8	18 12
A2 B2	22. Broek	23. Brantsma	11-25	11 19
A3 B3	12. Odden	9. Arno	9-15	13 17
A4 B4	15. Man Utd	3. Dream Team	28-18	18 12
A5 B5	13. Rui Pinto	38. X-Trouble	15-15	15 15
C1 D1	21. Riga	28. Juan Marquez	25-15	18 12
C2 D2	1. Van Helsing	35. Limmen	27-12	20 10
C3 D3	7. Light Cast	27. BerenVangers	7-31	7 23
C4 D4	17. Four Friends	24. Haskol	9-41	5 25
C5 D5	36. Groa	8. Blakey	8-14	13 17
C6 D6	2. Gabriel	25. Vis	29-12	20 10
C7 D7	16. Atlantik	4. Colorao	43-12	25 5
C8 D8	31. Jaime Sousa	37. M M and M	12-19	13 17
C9 D9	26. BN	30. Fefinanes	0-17	10 20
C10 D10	18. Kriurnar	29. Madeira	45-5	25 3
C11 D11	34. Blanda	10. NOOR	24-43	9 21
C12 D12	33. Missao Impossiv	19. Swest	29-20	18 12
C13 D13	6. Smit Linse	32. Sticky Fingers	9-7	16 14
C14 D14	14. Allegaartje	20. FiNo	37-11	23 7

Madeira Bridge Quiz - Number 6

By David Bird

♠ A K Q J 8 2
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ 7 4
 ♣ J 4 2

♠ 10 led

♠ 5 4 3
 ♥ K 6 5
 ♦ A K J 5
 ♣ A K Q

Sitting South, you open 2NT and arrive in 6♣ via a transfer sequence. How will you play the slam when West leads the ten of clubs? (East has four trumps.)

You win the club lead and draw East's trumps in four rounds. What next? A successful finesse in one of the red suits will give you the contract, but if only one red honour is onside you will have to guess which finesse to take. What is more, any particular red-suit finesse is not a full 50% chance, once East has shown up with four trumps. It is nearer a 45% prospect, even when you allow something for the likelihood that West's clubs are longer.

On such deals you should aim to combine two chances. Here you should cash the ace-king of diamonds and ruff a diamond in the dummy. This gives you the substantial extra chance that the queen of diamonds will fall in three rounds. If it does not, you can ruff your last diamond to reach dummy and lead towards the king of hearts. Playing in this way, combining two different chances, increases your prospects of making the slam to around 65%.

Madeira Bridge Quiz - Number 7

By David Bird

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

♠ 2 led

♠ K Q 7 6
 ♥ A Q 6 3
 ♦ A K
 ♣ A K 3

How will you play 3NT when West leads the two of spades to East's ace? (East will return the ten of hearts).

(Answer on Daily Bulletin 7)

The "Leader"

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

Every team needs a leader. A team captain (either player or NPC) is needed to "round up the troops" on crucial times. But that's not what this article is about. It's about opening leads.

Board 20

NS Vul.			
Dealer N			
♠ A 9 5 4 3 2			
♥ 9 8 2			
♦ 10 6 5			
♣ 3			
♠ K 10	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 8	
♥ K 10 3		♥ Q J 7 6	
♦ 3		♦ A K Q 9 7 4 2	
♣ A K Q 7 6 4 2		♣ J	
		♠ Q J 7 6	
		♥ A 5 4	
		♦ J 8	
		♣ 10 9 8 5	

Hans Metselaar and Jan de Winter bid EW cards a bit too high:

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	pass	1♦	pass
3NT	pass	6♦	pass
6NT	All pass		

When North led the ♠A and switched to a heart they weren't too happy with their result. Another 12 imps away, they thought.

Amazingly enough, this slam missing two Aces was quite popular on the tables playing the duplicated boards. And so, when this board reached the open room, the bidding was just about the same. But Ronald Brantsma was on lead and he led the killing ♥9! You can see what happens. When Sjoerd Wartena won the ♥A and played the obvious ♠Q, declarer was a whopping 6 down! That's a good way to pick up 11 imps on their team mates bad board. As you may see, they would have picked up imps even if EW had stopped in 3NT.

Look at another one:

West	North	East	South
2 ♣ (*)	pass	2 ♦ (**)	pass
3 ♣ (***)	pass	3 ♥	pass
4 ♥	pass	7NT	All pass

(*) Precision style - 11-15 with 5+ clubs

(**) Relay

(***) 6+ clubs, no four card major

Ronald was on lead again

♠ K x x x x
♥ x x x
♦ x x
♣ Q x x

He chose a small club!
This was the full deal:

	♠ Q x x		
	♥ J x x		
	♦ J 10 x x x		
	♣ 10		
♠ x x		♠ A J 10	
♥ x x x		♥ A K Q x	
♦ K x		♦ A Q x	
♣ A K 9 8 x x		♣ J x x	
	♠ K x x x x		
	♥ x x x		
	♦ x x		
	♣ Q x x		

As you may see, after cashing the ♣A and noticing the fall of the 10, declarer has a winning option, by coming to hand and running the ♣J. But is that really an option after a club lead?

That's why the team holds Ronald's name - he's a good "leader".

Keep on dreaming.

By Carel Berendregt

After a very slow start the Berenvangers team eventually had a few good wins and they had to play a match against the Dream Team. We were playing against the enterprising pair Miguel Teixeira and Rodrigo Soares. Miguel is the driving force behind this lovely tournament and Rodrigo, as you will have noticed, has written some nice

stories in this bulletin. On the following board Miguel turned our dream into a nightmare.

Sitting East, what would you do on:

♠ J 7 5 2
♥ 4 3
♦ Q J 9 8 7 6
♣ 6

With all vulnerable the bidding went:

N	E	S	W
Wietske van Zwol	Miguel Teixera	Carel Berendregt	Rodrigo Soares
-	-	-	1♦
1♥	3♦*	Dbl*	pass
4♣	pass	4♥	pass
Pass	??		

3♦ was a preemptive raise and South's double was not for penalties but showed general strength, looking for the best game. North corrected 4♣ to 4♥ which was passed round to Miguel. He had no doubt that we would make 4♥ but unlike many players who would have saved with 5♦, he decided to bid 4♣. His reasoning was that if this was doubled quickly, he could always retire to 5♦. But nobody doubled and 4♣ became the final contract.

Time to watch the complete deal now:

Board 20.

All Vulnerable.
Dealer W

♠ Q 10
♥ A J 10 8 2
♦ 5
♣ K J 9 8 7

♠ A K 9 6
♥ 7 6 5
♦ A K 10 4
♣ 5 4



♠ J 8 7 2
♥ 4 3
♦ Q J 9 8 7 6
♣ 6

♠ 5 4 3
♥ K Q 9
♦ 3 2
♣ A Q 10 3 2

South led the King of hearts followed by another one to the Ace. South won the club switch and declarer ruffed the Ace of clubs. Next he played a spade to the Ace, North contributing the ten. Miguel looked for some time at this card, since it was now possible to make the contract, even when South had started with

♠ Q 5 4 3. This lasted only ten seconds, though. South would certainly have doubled with that holding, so he called for the King of spades, which dropped the Queen and the contract was duly made. Worse was yet to come. On the other table 4♥ was allowed to be played for another 620, so our total loss on the board came to 1240 points which translates to 15 IMP's.

There is one thing that I still want to share with you, because I can hear you think: "Why didn't the fool in the South seat save in 5♣, which goes only down one?". Well, I'll explain. Back in Holland we have a saying: "Only Jesus saves".

That Happened at Table 1?!

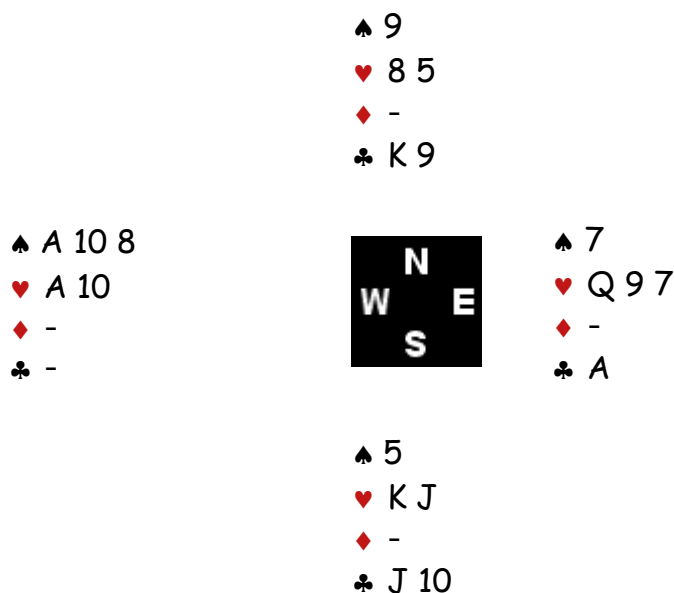
By David Bird

Even at Table 1, with two of the strongest teams facing each other, the bridge is sometimes er... not perfect. Take a look at the defence on Board 21 of Session 2:

NS Vul.			
Dealer N			
♠ 9 3			
♥ 8 5			
♦ A Q J 9 5 4 3			
♣ K 9			
♠ A 10 8 6	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;"> N E </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;"> W S </div> </div>	♠ Q J 7 4 2	
♥ A 10 4 3		♥ Q 9 7	
♦ 8 7		♦ 10 2	
♣ Q 5 3		♣ A 8 4	
♠ K 5			
♥ K J 6 2			
♦ K 6			
♣ J 10 7 6 2			
West	North	East	South
All Pass	3♦	pass	3NT

I like the 3♦ opening. The hand is a bit strong, even for a vulnerable pre-empt, but it is worth bidding high when you have two low doubletons in the major suits. I am not so happy with South's 3NT. Surely you need at least one ace for such a bid? You can then hope to score seven diamonds, one ace and perhaps a king that is set up by the opening lead.

There was no further bidding and West led the ♠6 to East's jack and declarer's king. Now (you guessed it) declarer ran seven rounds of diamonds. After five discards from each defender, this was the position:



Before we see what happened next, I have a question for you. What is the worst mistake made by the defenders so far?

The answer is: West's discard of his last club. West should say to himself, "If declarer holds the ♣A, he has ten top tricks and the contract cannot be beaten. I will therefore assume that my partner holds the ♣A and keep a club instead of the ♥10."

Back to the diagram above. As you see, declarer can now make the contract in more than one way. If he leads the ♠9, West has to win the trick. After cashing two more spades, he must surrender Trick 13 to declarer's ♥K. Alternatively, declarer can play a heart to the jack and ace. Again he will score the ♥K on the last trick.

Let us see what actually happened! Declarer led a heart to the king. West won with the ♥A and cashed three spade winners. East now had to decide whether to keep the ♥Q or the ♣A as his last card. Perhaps he had forgotten his partner's earlier discard of the ♣Q. He decided to throw the ♥Q and declarer scored the ♥J on the last trick to make the contract.

You would like to see an even worse 3NT succeed at Table 1? Your wish is my command but, again, it seems that I have somehow forgotten the names of the players involved. This was Board 14 of the same session:

NS Vul.
Dealer N

♠ Q 10 9 7 5
♥ J 8 6 5 3
♦ –
♣ 10 9 8

♠ J 4 3
♥ Q 9
♦ J 9 8 7 5
♣ K J 4



♠ A 6 2
♥ –
♦ A K Q 10 6 3 2
♣ 7 5 3

♠ K 8
♥ A K 10 7 4 2
♦ 4
♣ A Q 6 2

	West	North	East	South
			1♦	dbld
	1NT	2♠	3NT	dbld
	All Pass			

North led a third-or-fifth-best ♥3 and South won with the king, the ♥9 appearing from West. What should South do next? It seemed most unlikely to him that his partner (who had bid 2♠) would hold five hearts. He decided to switch to a low club, in the hope that North held the ♣K and the defenders could then score two hearts and at least three clubs. Curtains! Declarer rose with the ♣K and made his contract of 3NT doubled.

It was of course possible that North held the ♣K but before switching to a club South should cash the ♥A. The ♥Q would then fall from declarer. "But that could be a false card from Q-J-9," said the South player, when this was suggested to him later. "I would still not know what to do."

There are two answers to that. Firstly, if West held Q-J-9, North would not have led the 3 from 8-6-5-3, playing third-and-fifth. If instead West had played the 9 and queen from Q-J-9-x, North would hold only three low hearts and would surely have preferred a spade lead. Secondly, an expert North would drop the ♥J on West's ♥Q, to let partner know that West's queen was not a false card!

Program 2008

Sunday
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15.30 **Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session**

20.00 Final Results

21.00 **Closing Dinner and Prize Giving**

