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

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

> The Austrians



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 2 3 4 5	105 3 50 4 61	1263 1258 1235	63,92 63,66 62,50	Fleischmann - Fleischmann Babsch - Hansen J P Rocha Pinto - Paula Lima Connie Goldberg - Tor Helness Brian Senior - David Kendrick
6 7 8	66 41 15 51	1192 1162 1148 1148	58,81 58,10	Arild Armot - Runny Jurstan Maria Joao Lara - Manuel Capucho Grosmann - Begas Agneta Berglund - Martin Arle
10	34	1146		Kopstad - Lomsdalen
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16 17 19 20	71 11 21 87 115	1112 1112	56,28 56,17	Egil Hansen - Haraldf Nordby Bessasow - Sigurjonsd Juliano Barbosa - Rui Pinto Erhart - Smederevac Mads Eyde - Lisbeth Grove
21 22 23 25	7 1 49 111 110	1088	54,61	Schifko - Wernle Robert Frouzel - Geord Kriftnev Buchlev - Duhrig Oskam - Schutte Sveinn Runar Eiriksson - Julius Sigurjonsson
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31 32 33 34 35	55 47 83 107 23			Mike Beyer - Miguel Ascencao Sallsten - Sallsten Piret Raudsepp - Lembit Dalberg Rui Silva Santos - Manuel Oliveira Jorg Eichholzer - Christian Felderer
36 38 39 40	24 32 82 30 25	1017 1017 1015 1014 1006		Gareth Bartley - Beatrix Kuzselka Maarja Oras - Andres Kuusk Harald Haugerud - Bodil Haugerud Lauri Naber - Leo Luks Josef Simon - Ilse Artmer
41 42 43 44 45	28 92 113 104 6	1005 1003 989 988 977 977	50,86 50,76 50,05 50,00 49,44 49,44	Wim Stol - Remco Stol Stellinguerff - Vermeulen Antonio palma - Jorge Cruzeiro Antonio b Ferreira - Artur Santos Silva Pedro Gil - Pedro Nunes Eduardo fernandes - Jose Manuel Freitas



47 49	43 112 54 106	973 973 970 970	49,24 49,09	Jan Tesselaar - Jan de Winter Alexandre Rodrigues - Jose Macedo Pedro Morgado - Fernando Ribeiro 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 62 63 64 65	45 5 108 93 101	917 913 911 908 906	46,20 46,10 45,95	Antonio Arruda - Henrique Ribeiro Mona Bergstrom - Magnus Hammar Gerard Limmen - Jach Wagemakers Anni Kovacheva - Trayan Hristov 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	43,88	A. Valente - G Esmeraldo
77	86	867		Will Schilder - Minouche Alice
78	63	847		Helder Fernandes - Manuel Arruda
79	69	842		Rein Smit - Hetty Smit-Hertog
80	22	831		Miguel Silva - Pedro Pratas
81 82 84 85	46 85 94 2 114	811 803 803 791 781	40,64	Jose Antonio Pereira - Marco teixeira Virgilio mota - J Ant Fernandes Anne Marie Gisnaas - Geir Gisnaas Cees Nobel - Ploni Nobel Jaime Sousa - Frederico Teixeira
86	75	780		Silvio Costa - Nuno Martins
87	12	779		Erlendur Jonsson - Gudlaugur Sveinsson
88	62	759		Lydia Allen - David Allen
89	31	728		Elisabeth Solum - Per Tjelmeland
90	74	670		Bruno Neves - Luis Miguel Silva

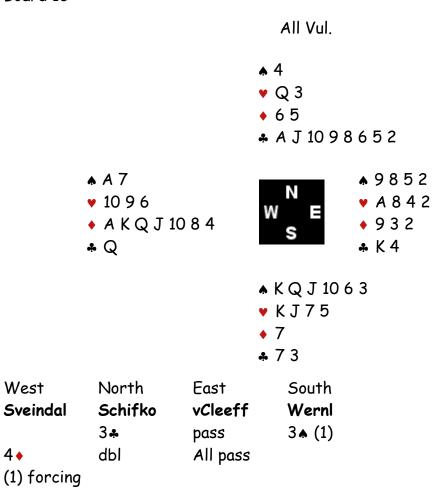


One-one

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

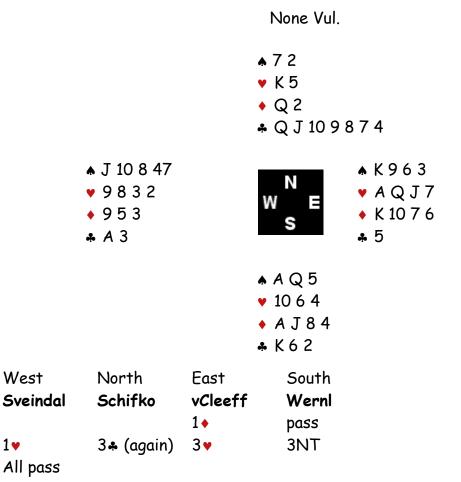


North gave me no chance to raise partners bid to game. In fact the aggressive double by North was a typical example how pairs should be played. It warned South of a possible misfit and showed some defensive values. There was one flaw though, South was dead minimum for his bid, so Jon duly collected ten tricks. When the hand was over, I jokingly remarked that apparently 3.4 did not a show a good preempt in diamonds. Nobody laughed (except me).

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Board 14



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.

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[&]quot;One-one", Sacha said. Everybody laughed (except me).

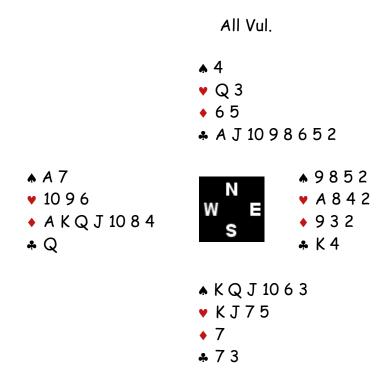


Two-nil

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



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.

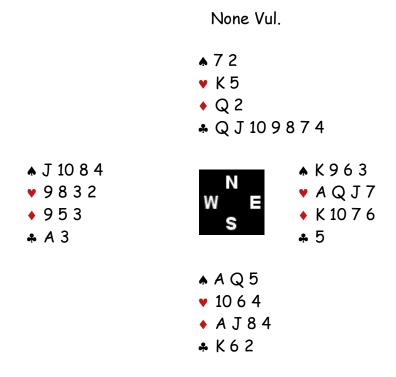
Miguel started with a double and that went pass- 3 v - pass. And now? He now decided that clubs could be ruffed on dummy and gambled 4 v. This could have worked nicely if only East's hearts were slightly better, but as it was I had some work to do to go only 3 down after the ♠K lead.

This was the full auction:

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



Board 14



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

^(*) Contact Top Atlantico for extra tours



Supplied the internet connection for this tournament

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