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THE RIGHT PLACE!

The Portuguese Maria João Lara, Manuel Capucho, António Palma and Pedro Pratas are the team Lara. After the first round yesterday, they wouldn't leave the vugraph. They won almost all of yesterday's matches, only lost the last one to the German/Austrian



team Gromoeller (Michael Gromoeller, Ludger Silva, Maria Erhart, Martin Schifko, Nedju Buchlev and Sebastian Reim), who are now second after winning all of yesterday's matches. They are only 6 VPs behind.

In third place, 6 VPs behind Gromoeller, is the Portuguese/Dutch Dream Team (Nuno Matos, Carlos Luiz, Nuno Paz, Sjoerd Wartena, Miguel Teixeira and Rodrigo Soares). After a bad start yesterday afternoon they won all of the following matches.

The first four teams are within 14 VPs of the leader. That's very close for 3 rounds.

When the sun goes down we'll have a winner... See you all at 9!

Pedro Nunes





CLASSIFICATION AFTER 9 MATCHES

Rank	VPs		Team
1	173	37	Lara
2	167	1	Gromoeller
3	161	9	Dream Team
4	159	24	Nordby
5	154	11	Baleal
	154	29	Van Helsing
7	152	19	Alizee
8	150	23	Iceland Express
9	148	2	MGM
	148	17	Marupe
11	147	5	J C Henriques
12	146	27	Goldberg
13	144	32	Fanha
14	142	41	Trick Lovers
15	141	22	Alkmaar
	141	31	Vicky
17	137	3	Tulipa
	137	30	
19	136	34	S. Erik
20	134	13	Bemigaranja
21	133	33	Marianne
22	132	39	X-Trouble
23	130	4	Belnor
24	127	21	Paula Lima
	127	25	Aarmot
26	126	12	BCN
	126	26	• •
	126	35	
29	124	6	2K1
	124 124	7 10	Hole in One Hekla
	124	40	
33	122	16	Sprenkel
	122	36	Criss Cross
35	120	28	Maria Erla
36	118	18	Ibericas
37	114	20	Queen Silvia
	114	38	Prazeres
39	113	15	Panahpour
40	105	14	Las Nenas
41	75	8	Bartelomiy

Results round 4

		Teams		IMPs	V	Ps
17	Marupe	11	Baleal	5-10	14	16
19	Alizee	37	Lara	7-17	12	18
25	Aarmot	2	MGM	13-25	11	19
5	J C Henriques	29	Van Helsing	13-8	16	14
32	Fanha	7	Hole in One	28-38	12	18
21	Paula Lima	23	Iceland Express	10-3	17	13
31	Vicky	4	Belnor	19-19	15	15
24	Nordby	9	Dream Team	23-13	18	12
41	Trick Lovers	13	Bemigaranja	5-18	11	19
22	Alkmaar	1	Gromoeller	13-19	13	17
39	X-Trouble	20	Queen Silvia	14- 9	16	14
33	Marianne	27	Goldberg	27-15	19	11
34	S. Erik	15	Panahpour	43- 9	25	4
38	Prazeres	16	Sprenkel	11-11	15	15
26	Верро	35	Starluck	17-29	11	19
36	Criss Cross	6	2K1	14-15	15	15
10	Hekla	28	Maria Erla	16- 4	19	11
3	Tulipa	30	Vist	20-25	14	16
40	Amalia	12	BCN	42-15	24	6
14	Las Nenas	18	Ibericas	5-37	5	25
8	Bartelomiy	42	Bye	10-0	18	0

Results round 5

		Teams		IMPs	٧	Ps
17	Marupe	37	Lara	1-35	4	25
11	Baleal	2	MGM	13-31	9	21
7	Hole in One	19	Alizee	20-20	15	15
5	J C Henriques	21	Paula Lima	31-11	21	9
29	Van Helsing	24	Nordby	13-23	12	18
4	Belnor	23	Iceland Express	13-31	9	21
25	Aarmot	32	Fanha	28-15	19	11
34	S. Erik	13	Bemigaranja	7-42	4	25
31	Vicky	33	Marianne	2-26	7	23
1	Gromoeller	39	X-Trouble	20-18	16	14
9	Dream Team	22	Alkmaar	17- 4	19	11
41	Trick Lovers	20	Queen Silvia	25-18	17	13
35	Starluck	10	Hekla	31-17	19	11
27	Goldberg	38	Prazeres	14-26	11	19
40	Amalia	16	Sprenkel	17-12	16	14
36	Criss Cross	18	Ibericas	22-15	17	13
6	2K1	26	Верро	12-3	18	12
30	Vist	28	Maria Erla	12-13	15	15
3	Tulipa	15	Panahpour	32-26	17	13
8	Bartelomiy	14	Las Nenas	14-39	7	23
12	BCN	42	Bye	10-0	18	0

Results round 6

		Teams		IMPs	٧	'Ps
37	Lara	2	MGM	50- 3	25	1
5	J C Henriques	13	Bemigaranja	46-24	22	8
23	Iceland Express	7	Hole in One	49-18	25	5
17	Marupe	19	Alizee	10-20	12	18
33	Marianne	11	Baleal	22-27	14	16
24	Nordby	32	Fanha	19- 4	20	10
25	Aarmot	29	Van Helsing	19-21	14	16
9	Dream Team	21	Paula Lima	25- 1	23	7
1	Gromoeller	41	Trick Lovers	34-19	20	10
35	Starluck	39	X-Trouble	16-5	18	12
4	Belnor	38	Prazeres	21-25	14	16
31	Vicky	20	Queen Silvia	59- 6	25	0
22	Alkmaar	34	S. Erik	7-31	7	23
6	2K1	10	Hekla	18-24	13	17
36	Criss Cross	40	Amalia	23-43	9	21
16	Sprenkel	27	Goldberg	5-46	3	25
3	Tulipa	18	Ibericas	44- 0	25	2
30	Vist	26	Верро	44-12	25	5
28	Maria Erla	42	Bye	10-0	18	0
14	Las Nenas	12	BCN	16-27	12	18
8	Bartelomiy	15	Panahpour	12-16	14	16

Results round 7

	Teams		IMPs	ν	'Ps
Lara	5	J C Henriques	16-8	17	13
Iceland Express	19	Alizee	11-12	15	15
Nordby	11	Baleal	10-16	13	17
Dream Team	33	Marianne	26-6	21	9
Aarmot	1	Gromoeller	11-34	7	22
Bemigaranja	17	Marupe	3-33	5	25
Vicky	29	Van Helsing	17- 4	19	11
MGM	34	S. Erik	0-15	10	20
Starluck	7	Hole in One	21-15	17	13
Amalia	27	Goldberg	0-44	2	25
Prazeres	3	Tulipa	2-20	9	21
Belnor	30	Vist	10-25	10	20
Fanha	39	X-Trouble	26-12	19	11
Paula Lima	41	Trick Lovers	19-17	16	14
Hekla	36	Criss Cross	24-23	15	15
2K1	28	Maria Erla	9-25	10	20
Alkmaar	15	Panahpour	23-7	20	10
Queen Silvia	12	BCN	0-51	0	25
Sprenkel	14	Las Nenas	36-13	22	8
Bye	18	Ibericas	0-10	0	18
Bartelomiy	26	Верро	0-24	7	23
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Results round 8

		Teams		IMPs	V	Ps
37	Lara	23	Iceland Express	23- 4	21	9
5	J C Henriques	9	Dream Team	7-22	10	20
17	Marupe	1	Gromoeller	1-37	4	25
19	Alizee	24	Nordby	8-9	15	15
11	Baleal	31	Vicky	17-12	16	14
27	Goldberg	34	S. Erik	17- 4	19	11
35	Starluck	33	Marianne	6-24	9	21
3	Tulipa	29	Van Helsing	0-18	9	21
30	Vist	25	Aarmot	36- 2	25	4
32	Fanha	2	MGM	4-15	12	18
7	Hole in One	13	Bemigaranja	3-14	12	18
21	Paula Lima	28	Maria Erla	23-7	20	10
41	Trick Lovers	10	Hekla	13-4	18	12
39	X-Trouble	4	Belnor	15-10	16	14
22	Alkmaar	38	Prazeres	32-0	25	5
12	BCN	36	Criss Cross	13-16	16	14
6	2K1	16	Sprenkel	28-24	16	14
40	Amalia	15	Panahpour	17- 5	19	11
26	Верро	42	Bye	10-0	18	0
14	Las Nenas	20	Queen Silvia	5-13	13	17
8	Bartelomiy	18	Ibericas	13-38	7	23

Results round 9

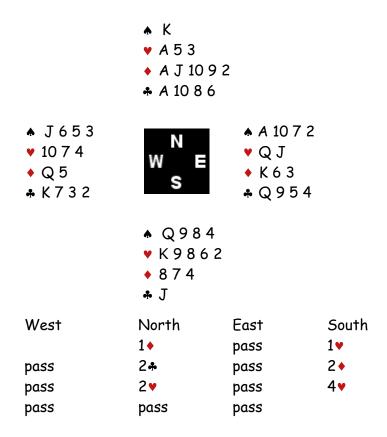
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37	Lara	1	Gromoeller	3-23	9	21
9	Dream Team	23	Iceland Express	21-13	17	13
5	J C Henriques	11	Baleal	1-17	10	20
19	Alizee	27	Goldberg	14- 5	18	12
24	Nordby	30	Vist	45- 9	25	4
31	Vicky	17	Marupe	5-21	10	20
33	Marianne	29	Van Helsing	0-43	2	25
34	S. Erik	3	Tulipa	10-24	11	19
21	Paula Lima	32	Fanha	0-34	4	25
22	Alkmaar	13	Bemigaranja	17- 7	18	12
2	MGM	35	Starluck	28- 1	24	6
41	Trick Lovers	7	Hole in One	30-6	23	7
39	X-Trouble	10	Hekla	35-27	17	13
4	Belnor	40	Amalia	29-20	18	12
25	Aarmot	36	Criss Cross	9- 7	16	14
6	2K1	12	BCN	24-24	15	15
28	Maria Erla	26	Верро	16-30	11	19
16	Sprenkel	18	Ibericas	13-10	16	14
38	Prazeres	14	Las Nenas	16-28	11	19
20	Queen Silvia	8	Bartelomiy	36-3	25	5
15	Panahpour	42	Bye	10-0	18	0

Game on

By Toine van Hoof

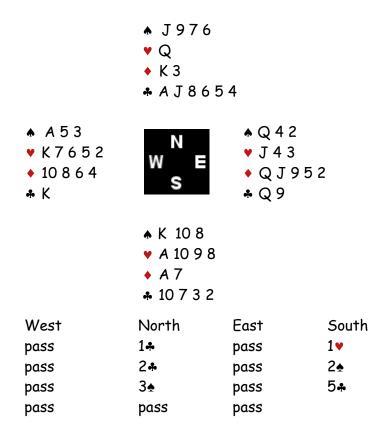
Playing a teams' tournament is much less complicated than competing in the pairs. Whenever you smell game, you simply just bid it and see if it can be made.

EW vulnerable, dealer North



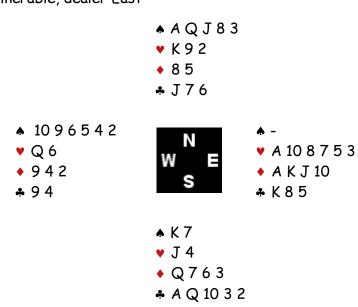
The contract depends on the trumps being divided three-two and one (or both) diamond honours onside. As the cards lie, there is no defence.

Session 2, Board 16 EW vulnerable, dealer West



Unless the clubs split unfavourably, this contract only needs the ${}_{\bullet}Q$ to be onside. It was, so declarer easily took eleven tricks. In this lay-out even ${}_{\bullet}$ is a make. 3NT, however, fails on a diamond lead.

Session 3, Board 2 NS vulnerable, dealer East



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West	North	East	South
		1♥	pass
pass	1♠	pass	2♥
pass	2NT	pass	3NT
pass	pass	pass	

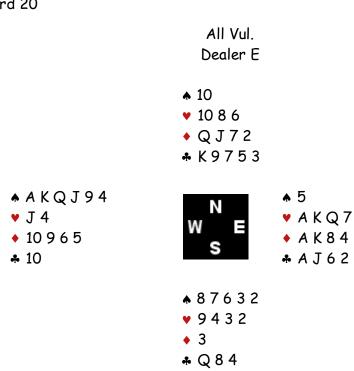
South didn't judge his hand to be good enough for a vulnerable overcall of 2 - 4, but after West had passed and East did not act over 1 - 4, he swiftly steered into game. With all high cards favourably placed with the opening bidder, declarer scored a juicy +630.

The Lucky One

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

It's always better to be lucky than to be good. If you read Victor Mollo's "Menagerie" books you know what I'm talking about - the Rueful Rabbit had very little idea about how to play the game but he always made the most unbelievable complex coups. This came to mind yesterday when I was playing a vulnerable Grand Slam. My partner Miguel had to leave the table for a while to give a TV interview (we owe it to our sponsors to publicise as much we can - if you have a chance please help us too). So I sat for about 10 or 15 minutes in the middle of the round chatting a bit with our nice opponents from the Alkmaar team. When he came running back he was still breathing heavily when we produced the following bidding.

Board 20



West	North	East	South
Miguel		Rodrigo	
		1♦	pass
1.	pass	2♥	pass
3 ♦ (1)	pass	3 ♥ (2)	pass
3 ♠ (2)	pass	4* (2)	pass
4NT(3)	pass	5 • (4)	pass
5 v (5)	pass	6 ♦ (6)	pass
7 (7)	All pass		

- (1) Game forcing after the reverse
- (2) Cue-bid
- (3) RKCB for diamonds
- (4) 1 or 4 Key-cards
- (5) Asking for the trump Queen
- (6) No trump Queen
- (7) Bah!... I'll bid it anyway (thinking we had at least 9 trumps between us)

If you have been coming to this tournament and reading these bulletins for long you know that Miguel loves to bid Grand Slams. You have heard about some very good ones we played but I don't usually bother you with the ones where we miss a couple of cashing Aces or KQJ of trumps (yes, I said Grand Slams). This time we were (only) missing five trumps including the Queen and the Jack!

South led the \$2 and I stared at dummy for a while waiting for some more cards to materialize. They didn't. Now there were three ways to make this contract - either playing for QJ doubleton on any hand, playing for a singleton Queen or Jack with South or playing for Queen and Jack with North. Using a card combination calculator I ended up with the following percentages:

Playing for a singleton Queen or Jack with South - 5.65%

Playing for a doubleton Queen and Jack - 6.78%

Playing for Queen and Jack on the North hand (at most fourth) - 15.26%

I didn't know the exact percentages at the table but it seemed that playing North for both honnors looked right. At trick two I led the \$10 and let it ride when it wasn't covered. South moved his head forward and looked at me. I looked back thinking "Yes, I'm going to let you make your doubleton Jack on a Grand Slam..." But he then moved back and played a small diamond. I was nearly home now. I now led dummy's \$9 which was covered by Jack and King, South discarding a spade. Ace of clubs and a club ruff allowed me to pick up the diamonds and the \$J\$ provided the vital final entrance to dummy to cash the top spades. 13 tricks made.

You're probably thinking what would have happened if North had covered the \bullet 10. Well I think the contract would still have been made. Declarer wins with the King, ruffs a club and leads the \bullet 9. If North ducks we're at the same place, if he covers declarer ruffs another club with dummy's last trump and plays on spades. If North ruffs East will overruff, take the last trump and still has the \blacktriangledown J in dummy.

Well it wasn't that bad! At the table I thought it was way under 15%!

Program 2010

Sunday (07/11/2010)

15.30 Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session

20.00 Final Results

21.00 Closing Dinner and Prize Giving



