

## 13<sup>th</sup> International Bridge Festival Madeira Funchal, November 1-7, 2010

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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 Vist
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 Beppo
	126	35 Starluck
29	124	6 2K1
	124	7 Hole in One
	124	10 Hekla
	124	40 Amalia
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	VPs	
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	Beppo	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	VPs	
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 Beppo	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	VPs	
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 Beppo	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	VPs		
37	Lara	5 J C Henriques	16-8	17	13
23	Iceland Express	19 Alizee	11-12	15	15
24	Nordby	11 Baleal	10-16	13	17
9	Dream Team	33 Marianne	26-6	21	9
25	Aarmot	1 Gromoeller	11-34	7	22
13	Bemigaranja	17 Marupe	3-33	5	25
31	Vicky	29 Van Helsing	17-4	19	11
2	MGM	34 S. Erik	0-15	10	20
35	Starluck	7 Hole in One	21-15	17	13
40	Amalia	27 Goldberg	0-44	2	25
38	Prazeres	3 Tulipa	2-20	9	21
4	Belnor	30 Vist	10-25	10	20
32	Fanha	39 X-Trouble	26-12	19	11
21	Paula Lima	41 Trick Lovers	19-17	16	14
10	Hekla	36 Criss Cross	24-23	15	15
6	2K1	28 Maria Erla	9-25	10	20
22	Alkmaar	15 Panahpour	23-7	20	10
20	Queen Silvia	12 BCN	0-51	0	25
16	Sprenkel	14 Las Nenas	36-13	22	8
42	Bye	18 Ibericas	0-10	0	18
8	Bartelomiy	26 Beppo	0-24	7	23

## Results round 8

	Teams	IMPs	VPs		
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	Beppo	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


	Teams	IMPs	VPs		
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 Beppo	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

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


♠ Q 9 8 4  
♥ K 9 8 6 2  
♦ 8 7 4  
♣ J

West	North	East	South
	1♦	pass	1♥
pass	2♣	pass	2♦
pass	2♥	pass	4♥
pass	pass	pass	

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

Session 2, Board 16

EW vulnerable, dealer West


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

West	North	East	South
pass	1♣	pass	1♥
pass	2♣	pass	2♠
pass	3♠	pass	5♣
pass	pass	pass	

Unless the clubs split unfavourably, this contract only needs the ♠Q to be onside. It was, so declarer easily took eleven tricks. In this lay-out even 4♠ is a make. 3NT, however, fails on a diamond lead.

Session 3, Board 2

NS vulnerable, dealer East

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

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♣, but after West had passed and East did not act over 1♠, 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

All Vul.  
Dealer E

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

♠ A K Q J 9 4  
♥ J 4  
♦ 10 9 6 5  
♣ 10



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

♠ 8 7 6 3 2  
♥ 9 4 3 2  
♦ 3  
♣ Q 8 4

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♥ (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 honors 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 ♦10. Well I think the contract would still have been made. Declarer wins with the King, ruffs a club and leads the ♦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 ♥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**

