

WELCOME TO MADEIRA 2013

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Madeira

Funchal, November 4-10, 2013

It's a near tie!

Team Sigdonnemann leads the tournament. Yesterday they won all but one matches: 18.97, 18.83, 4.50, 18.04, 19.37 and 13.45. They only lost on round 6 to Stone Cutters, who are now a very close second, just 0.13



Sigdonnemann playing against Stone Cutters

VPs behind. The German- Icelandic team ran out of fuel on the last two sets of the evening. Their scores were 16.38, 15.50, 15.50, 12.05, 6.88 and 5.32.

The Austrian-German team Buchlev had a good Saturday, winning nearly all matches - 13.12, 13.45, 18.83, 4.50, 19.24 - which got them third place, just 6.55 VPs from second.

There are still 7 teams within 15 VPs of first place, who can easily take the lead. Everybody will be on their toes until the end of the very last round.

And later we will all meet at the prize-giving dinner - See you there!

Pedro Nunes





Rank	Score	Team
1	127.51	18 Sigdonneman
2	127.38	43 Stone Cutters
3	120.83	63 Buchlev
4	119.95	57 Palma
5	118.74	21 Terraneo
6	114.40	13 Van Hoof
7	113.63	47 Fast and Furious
8	111.38	39 Jeioo
9	109.39	3 DreamTeam 16
10	109.09	17 Hubsí
11	106.94	45 Gromanovska
12	105.12	7 Stanford
13	104.57	48 Lucide
14	103.96	33 Van Helsing
15	103.83	9 Don Julio
16	103.71	29 Jan de Winter
17	100.92	53 Frann
18	100.01	20 Holiday
19	99.47	11 Baleal
20	97.91	31 Pusten
21	97.90	49 Rui Pinto
22	97.86	55 Sixpack
23	96.99	40 Markussen
24	96.39	6 Snowden's Revenge
25	95.20	41 Honstein
26	94.38	23 What Does The Fox Say
27	93.55	5 Cidade Invicta
28	93.20	1 K1
29	92.47	25 Norway
30	92.08	15 Gosschalk
31	91.19	59 Der Untergang
32	91.08	60 Inocencio
33	90.33	62 Vicky
34	88.92	35 Barbados Austria
35	87.81	38 Gabriel
36	86.37	51 One Shirt 4-4
37	84.67	44 Eastwest Madeira
38	84.12	36 Double Up Foxy Ladies
39	83.56	46 Icefine
40	82.52	12 Dimma
41	82.37	4 C Naval São Vicente
42	82.03	8 Kopwalstwo
43	81.68	52 MCC
44	80.23	30 Estonian Seniors
45	79.64	28 Ruth
46	79.06	19 Bricklayer
47	78.42	34 Bloody Mary
48	78.02	10 Dada
49	77.72	26 Anniki
50	75.78	50 NDC den Hommel
51	75.33	22 Gisli
52	74.73	37 Fantastic Four
53	72.43	27 Descartes 737
54	71.92	54 Dutch Squeeze
55	70.07	2 Patham
56	70.04	32 Once Upon a Time
57	67.67	16 Masy Drager
58	66.99	24 Eda 2
59	65.60	14 Mamapiri
60	63.92	42 Dinamite
61	62.15	61 Madholim
62	56.75	56 Mackenzie
63	56.12	58 Mary



Round 4

Tbl	Teams		IMPs	VPs			
1	43	Stone Cutters	7	Stanford	34-13	16,68	3,32
2	28	Ruth	5	Cidade Invicta	12-28	4,50	15,50
3	15	Gosschalk	3	DreamTeam 16	24-28	8,33	11,67
4	11	Baleal	21	Terraneo	5-27	3,10	16,90
5	40	Markussen	1	K1	1-22	3,32	16,68
6	20	Holiday	57	Palma	6-34	1,96	18,04
7	47	Fast and Furious	9	Don Julio	8-33	2,50	17,50
8	17	Hubsj	35	Barbados Austria	27-12	15,23	4,77
9	53	Frann	59	Der Untergang	17-22	7,95	12,05
10	13	Van Hoof	63	Buchlev	7-15	6,88	13,12
11	54	Dutch Squeeze	31	Pusten	16-34	4,00	16,00
12	22	Gisli	18	Sigdonneman	9-43	1,03	18,97
13	39	Jeioo	33	Van Helsing	11-20	6,55	13,45
14	29	Jan de Winter	55	Sixpack	13-16	8,73	11,27
15	52	MCC	23	What Does The Fox Say	20-25	7,95	12,05
16	62	Vicky	45	Gromanovska	12-43	1,47	18,53
17	6	Snowden's Revenge	32	Once Upon a Time	28- 1	17,87	2,13
18	8	Kopwalstwo	42	Dinamite	20-22	9,14	10,86
19	48	Lucide	49	Rui Pinto	28-21	12,77	7,23
20	25	Norway	50	NDC den Hommel	37- 0	19,37	0,63
21	34	Bloody Mary	16	Masy Drager	32-10	16,90	3,10
22	46	Icefine	38	Gabriel	30-23	12,77	7,23
23	36	Double Up Foxy Ladies	12	Dimma	18-35	4,25	15,75
24	44	Eastwest Madeira	37	Fantastic Four	28-15	14,68	5,32
25	60	Inocencio	30	Estonian Seniors	44-18	17,69	2,31
26	2	Patham	27	Descartes 737	6-40	1,03	18,97
27	41	Honstein	51	One Shirt 4-4	17-22	7,95	12,05
28	58	Mary	26	Anniki	14-30	4,50	15,50
29	4	C Naval São Vicente	61	Madholim	55- 6	20,00	0,00
30	10	Dada	56	MacKenzie	11-23	5,61	14,39
31	14	Mamapiri	19	Bricklayer	13-37	2,69	17,31
32	24	Eda 2	64	Bye	0- 0 2--10	12,00	0,00

Round 5

Tbl	Teams		IMPs	VPs			
1	5	Cidade Invicta	43	Stone Cutters	6-22	4,50	15,50
2	57	Palma	21	Terraneo	19- 7	14,39	5,61
3	1	K1	3	DreamTeam 16	22-25	8,73	11,27
4	9	Don Julio	17	Hubsj	42- 4	19,50	0,50
5	18	Sigdonneman	28	Ruth	35- 2	18,83	1,17
6	15	Gosschalk	7	Stanford	24-15	13,45	6,55
7	31	Pusten	63	Buchlev	8-17	6,55	13,45
8	45	Gromanovska	59	Der Untergang	6-22	4,50	15,50
9	6	Snowden's Revenge	33	Van Helsing	12- 1	14,09	5,91
10	25	Norway	53	Frann	7-30	2,89	17,11
11	11	Baleal	55	Sixpack	24- 8	15,50	4,50
12	13	Van Hoof	40	Markussen	21- 7	14,96	5,04
13	23	What Does The Fox Say	34	Bloody Mary	35- 6	18,21	1,79
14	35	Barbados Austria	47	Fast and Furious	12-25	5,32	14,68
15	48	Lucide	20	Holiday	36- 5	18,53	1,47
16	29	Jan de Winter	42	Dinamite	28- 1	17,87	2,13
17	54	Dutch Squeeze	27	Descartes 737	29-15	14,96	5,04
18	60	Inocencio	39	Jeioo	12-19	7,23	12,77
19	12	Dimma	52	MCC	10-14	8,33	11,67
20	8	Kopwalstwo	4	C Naval São Vicente	1-13	5,61	14,39
21	46	Icefine	44	Eastwest Madeira	24-18	12,42	7,58
22	49	Rui Pinto	22	Gisli	11-23	5,61	14,39
23	32	Once Upon a Time	26	Anniki	10-19	6,55	13,45
24	62	Vicky	38	Gabriel	24- 2	16,90	3,10
25	19	Bricklayer	51	One Shirt 4-4	16-16	10,00	10,00
26	56	MacKenzie	37	Fantastic Four	6-18	5,61	14,39
27	16	Masy Drager	41	Honstein	3-39	0,76	19,24
28	36	Double Up Foxy Ladies	50	NDC den Hommel	33- 1	18,68	1,32
29	30	Estonian Seniors	24	Eda 2	30- 5	17,50	2,50
30	58	Mary	2	Patham	8-21	5,32	14,68
31	61	Madholim	10	Dada	13-14	9,56	10,44
32	14	Mamapiri	64	Bye	0- 0 2--10	12,00	0,00



Round 6

Tbl	Teams		IMPs	VPs	
1	43	Stone Cutters	18 Sigdonneman	17- 1	15,50 4,50
2	9	Don Julio	57 Palma	3- 8	7,95 12,05
3	3	DreamTeam 16	5 Cidade Invicta	6-20	5,04 14,96
4	1	K1	15 Gosschalk	16-11	12,05 7,95
5	59	Der Untergang	63 Buchlev	10-43	1,17 18,83
6	21	Terraneo	6 Snowden's Revenge	22- 3	16,23 3,77
7	53	Frann	11 Baleal	17-14	11,27 8,73
8	23	What Does The Fox Say	48 Lucide	28- 1	17,87 2,13
9	7	Stanford	54 Dutch Squeeze	3-10	7,23 12,77
10	13	Van Hoof	29 Jan de Winter	12-12	10,00 10,00
11	31	Pusten	47 Fast and Furious	9-12	8,73 11,27
12	28	Ruth	17 Hubsi	3-18	4,77 15,23
13	33	Van Helsing	45 Gromanovska	25-23	10,86 9,14
14	4	C Naval São Vicente	39 Jeioo	17-25	6,88 13,12
15	52	MCC	22 Gisli	44-11	18,83 1,17
16	46	Icefine	25 Norway	23-24	9,56 10,44
17	55	Sixpack	62 Vicky	18- 7	14,09 5,91
18	40	Markussen	35 Barbados Austria	2- 0	10,86 9,14
19	26	Anniki	41 Honstein	3-40	0,63 19,37
20	12	Dimma	60 Inocencio	2-51	0,00 20,00
21	44	Eastwest Madeira	36 Double Up Foxy Ladies	26- 9	15,75 4,25
22	34	Bloody Mary	8 Kopwalstwo	18-15	11,27 8,73
23	42	Dinamite	30 Estonian Seniors	0-27	2,13 17,87
24	37	Fantastic Four	27 Descartes 737	46- 8	19,50 0,50
25	20	Holiday	51 One Shirt 4-4	13-13	10,00 10,00
26	49	Rui Pinto	19 Bricklayer	15-21	7,58 12,42
27	32	Once Upon a Time	2 Patham	11-25	5,04 14,96
28	38	Gabriel	56 MacKenzie	27- 1	17,69 2,31
29	10	Dada	16 Masy Drager	26-15	14,09 5,91
30	64	Bye	50 NDC den Hommel	0- 0 -10-2	0,00 12,00
31	14	Mamapiri	61 Madholim	48-18	18,37 1,63
32	24	Eda 2	58 Mary	40- 6	18,97 1,03

Round 7

Tbl	Teams		IMPs	VPs	
1	57	Palma	43 Stone Cutters	12-17	7,95 12,05
2	63	Buchlev	9 Don Julio	7-23	4,50 15,50
3	5	Cidade Invicta	21 Terraneo	6-49	0,00 20,00
4	1	K1	23 What Does The Fox Say	18-26	6,88 13,12
5	18	Sigdonneman	15 Gosschalk	30- 2	18,04 1,96
6	3	DreamTeam 16	53 Frann	35-17	16,00 4,00
7	11	Baleal	17 Hubsi	20-28	6,88 13,12
8	52	MCC	13 Van Hoof	17-43	2,31 17,69
9	29	Jan de Winter	54 Dutch Squeeze	57-11	20,00 0,00
10	47	Fast and Furious	41 Honstein	23- 0	17,11 2,89
11	60	Inocencio	7 Stanford	27- 7	16,46 3,54
12	6	Snowden's Revenge	31 Pusten	48- 3	20,00 0,00
13	39	Jeioo	59 Der Untergang	32-13	16,23 3,77
14	33	Van Helsing	55 Sixpack	16-33	4,25 15,75
15	45	Gromanovska	37 Fantastic Four	31-18	14,68 5,32
16	48	Lucide	44 Eastwest Madeira	37-33	11,67 8,33
17	30	Estonian Seniors	25 Norway	1-32	1,47 18,53
18	28	Ruth	46 Icefine	27-19	13,12 6,88
19	4	C Naval São Vicente	35 Barbados Austria	16-47	1,47 18,53
20	40	Markussen	34 Bloody Mary	46- 4	19,95 0,05
21	62	Vicky	8 Kopwalstwo	42- 5	19,37 0,63
22	38	Gabriel	19 Bricklayer	56- 3	20,00 0,00
23	20	Holiday	22 Gisli	33-24	13,45 6,55
24	51	One Shirt 4-4	36 Double Up Foxy Ladies	18-15	11,27 8,73
25	2	Patham	49 Rui Pinto	20-49	1,79 18,21
26	26	Anniki	12 Dimma	21-18	11,27 8,73
27	14	Mamapiri	10 Dada	13-36	2,89 17,11
28	27	Descartes 737	24 Eda 2	43-12	18,53 1,47
29	42	Dinamite	32 Once Upon a Time	17-21	8,33 11,67
30	50	NDC den Hommel	56 MacKenzie	30-16	14,96 5,04
31	61	Madholim	58 Mary	41-24	15,75 4,25
32	16	Masy Drager	64 Bye	0- 0 2--10	12,00 0,00



Round 8

Tbl	Teams		IMPs	VPs			
1	21	Terraneo	43	Stone Cutters	33-25	13,12	6,88
2	9	Don Julio	18	Sigdonneman	13-50	0,63	19,37
3	57	Palma	23	What Does The Fox Say	57- 0	20,00	0,00
4	3	DreamTeam 16	29	Jan de Winter	11- 3	13,12	6,88
5	63	Buchlev	6	Snowden's Revenge	37- 1	19,24	0,76
6	13	Van Hoof	1	K1	26-12	14,96	5,04
7	47	Fast and Furious	60	Inocencio	30- 5	17,50	2,50
8	17	Hubsj	5	Cidade Invicta	38-22	15,50	4,50
9	39	Jeioo	25	Norway	16- 3	14,68	5,32
10	55	Sixpack	40	Markussen	15-11	11,67	8,33
11	53	Frann	45	Gromanovska	23-29	7,58	12,42
12	15	Gosschalk	11	Baleal	36-33	11,27	8,73
13	35	Barbados Austria	62	Vicky	24-25	9,56	10,44
14	48	Lucide	38	Gabriel	53-14	19,62	0,38
15	7	Stanford	28	Ruth	44- 5	19,62	0,38
16	41	Honstein	52	MCC	30-17	14,68	5,32
17	59	Der Untergang	44	Eastwest Madeira	20-27	7,23	12,77
18	54	Dutch Squeeze	33	Van Helsing	0-56	0,00	20,00
19	37	Fantastic Four	49	Rui Pinto	5-43	0,50	19,50
20	46	Icefine	31	Pusten	11-40	1,79	18,21
21	27	Descartes 737	20	Holiday	24-50	2,31	17,69
22	10	Dada	51	One Shirt 4-4	10-16	7,58	12,42
23	30	Estonian Seniors	4	C Naval São Vicente	8-19	5,91	14,09
24	36	Double Up Foxy Ladies	26	Annik	28-23	12,05	7,95
25	22	Gisli	34	Bloody Mary	0-27	2,13	17,87
26	12	Dimma	50	NDC den Hommel	30-32	9,14	10,86
27	32	Once Upon a Time	8	Kopwalstwo	26-49	2,89	17,11
28	19	Bricklayer	42	Dinamite	33-23	13,78	6,22
29	2	Patham	14	Mamapiri	27-40	5,32	14,68
30	16	Masy Drager	24	Eda 2	11- 7	11,67	8,33
31	61	Madholm	56	MacKenzie	14-11	11,27	8,73
32	64	Bye	58	Mary	0- 0 -10-2	0,00	12,00

Round 9

Tbl	Teams		IMPs	VPs			
1	43	Stone Cutters	63	Buchlev	6-19	5,32	14,68
2	18	Sigdonneman	21	Terraneo	23-14	13,45	6,55
3	57	Palma	47	Fast and Furious	13-18	7,95	12,05
4	3	DreamTeam 16	13	Van Hoof	15-24	6,55	13,45
5	39	Jeioo	9	Don Julio	32-15	15,75	4,25
6	17	Hubsj	29	Jan de Winter	4- 1	11,27	8,73
7	55	Sixpack	48	Lucide	11-15	8,33	11,67
8	23	What Does The Fox Say	45	Gromanovska	12-37	2,50	17,50
9	1	K1	7	Stanford	7-25	4,00	16,00
10	33	Van Helsing	15	Gosschalk	17- 1	15,50	4,50
11	40	Markussen	6	Snowden's Revenge	13-13	10,00	10,00
12	5	Cidade Invicta	49	Rui Pinto	10-15	7,95	12,05
13	11	Baleal	60	Inocencio	25-14	14,09	5,91
14	35	Barbados Austria	53	Frann	4-23	3,77	16,23
15	31	Pusten	62	Vicky	25-15	13,78	6,22
16	41	Honstein	25	Norway	20-17	11,27	8,73
17	44	Eastwest Madeira	20	Holiday	5-27	3,10	16,90
18	52	MCC	59	Der Untergang	0-14	5,04	14,96
19	4	C Naval São Vicente	51	One Shirt 4-4	11-16	7,95	12,05
20	34	Bloody Mary	38	Gabriel	1-16	4,77	15,23
21	28	Ruth	36	Double Up Foxy Ladies	11-18	7,23	12,77
22	8	Kopwalstwo	10	Dada	24-20	11,67	8,33
23	54	Dutch Squeeze	46	Icefine	6-23	4,25	15,75
24	37	Fantastic Four	30	Estonian Seniors	2- 9	7,23	12,77
25	50	NDC den Hommel	26	Annik	4- 5	9,56	10,44
26	19	Bricklayer	27	Descartes 737	15- 7	13,12	6,88
27	12	Dimma	14	Mamapiri	29- 2	17,87	2,13
28	22	Gisli	42	Dinamite	32-18	14,96	5,04
29	58	Mary	16	Masy Drager	12-11	10,44	9,56
30	56	MacKenzie	2	Patham	3-12	6,55	13,45
31	24	Eda 2	61	Madholm	18-12	12,42	7,58
32	64	Bye	32	Once Upon a Time	0- 0 -10-2	0,00	12,00



Into the Sunshine

by David Bird

It was Slam Saturday, with a large number of bridge's big beasts emerging onto the savannah. Let's peer through our binoculars at a couple of diamond slams. The first match was Stone Cutters against Stanford from England.

Board 4	♠ J 9
West deals	♥ 2
Both Vul	♦ A K Q 5 2
	♣ Q 8 6 4 2
♠ Q 10 8 7 5 2	♠ K 4 3
♥ K 9 4	♥ J 10 8 7 3
♦ 10 7 3	♦ -
♣ 7	♣ K J 10 9 3
	♠ A 6
	♥ A Q 6 5
	♦ J 9 8 6 4
	♣ A 5

West	North	East	South
<i>G.Ray</i>	<i>Eiriksson</i>	<i>S.Ray</i>	<i>Ingimarsson</i>
Pass	1 ♦	1 ♥	2 ♥
Dble	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5NT
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West's double showed that she would have bid 2♥ without the intervention. It did not promise a top honour in hearts. Steve Ray led the ♥3 and declarer needed to find a discard for the loser in spades. He decided against an immediate heart finesse because the club suit offered an alternative solution for his discard problem (if West held the ♣K).

Declarer won the first trick with the ♥A, continuing with ace and another club. West decided to ruff but this slip allowed the slam to be made. Georgia Ray switched to a spade, drawing the king and ace. Declarer drew the remaining trumps with the ace and jack. He then ruffed a heart in his hand, returned to dummy with a club ruff and ruffed another heart. This brought down West's ♥K. There were still two trumps in dummy, so declarer could ruff his last two clubs and discard the spade loser on the established ♥Q.



At the other table West opened with a weak-two. The ensuing spade lead against North's 6♦ forced declarer to take the heart finesse. When it failed, he was two down for a swing of 17 IMPs.

In the evening session the Stone Cutters faced Terraneo. The Austrians generally had the better of the bidding exchanges, winning the match, but on this deal it was the opponents who did well:

Board 15	♠ 7 5 4 2	
South Deals	♥ Q 8 6 2	
N-S Vul	♦ K 8	
	♣ Q 8 7	
♠ A 8 6	♠ K J 3	
♥ J 9 7 3	♥ A	
♦ A Q 5 4 3	♦ J 7 6 2	
♣ 5	♣ A K 10 4 2	
	♠ Q 10 9	
	♥ K 10 5 4	
	♦ 10 9	
	♣ J 9 6 3	

West	North	East	South
			<i>Schuessler</i>
			<i>F. Terraneo</i>
			<i>Garre</i>
			<i>S. Terraneo</i>
			Pass
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Jasch Garre's 3♦ was forcing, via 2♠. Over 3NT he tried once more with a control-bid of 4♣. When he heard about the ♠A, he used RKCB to discover that West held the ace or king of trumps alongside the trump queen. An excellent sequence!

Matthias Schuessler won the heart lead with dummy's ace and finessed the ♦Q. North won with the ♦K and returned another trump. Declarer had two trumps left for heart ruffs. He played successfully for a 4-3 club break, giving him discards for his remaining two major-suit losers. If clubs had not broken favourably, he would have fallen back on the spade finesse. The other table played in 3NT.

Well, I will end with a deal that proves the top players are not super-human, even when they stand at the summit of the mountain - Table 1. Forgive me if I do not name the contestants on this deal from the afternoon session:



Board 9 ♠ J 10 9 7 5 2
 North Deals ♥ 9 7
 E-W Vul ♦ 10
 ♣ J 10 9 2

♠ Q	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A K 4 3
♥ A K 4 3 2		♥ 10 8 5
♦ Q J 8 7 5 4		♦ 6 2
♣ 4		♣ 7 6 5 3

♠ 8 6
 ♥ Q J 6
 ♦ A K 9 3
 ♣ A K Q 8

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	Pass	2♥	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

North's 3♠ was known to be weak because he could not bid 1♠ on the first round. East led the ♥8 to the queen, king and declarer's nine. West needs to cash his other heart now but he switched to the ♦Q. Declarer won in the dummy and ditched his remaining heart. A trump to West's queen was followed by a diamond ruffed with the ♠5, East discarding a club. After a spade to the king, East switched to the ♥10, covered by the jack and ace. Are you keeping track of the hearts? West has the ♥4-3, East has the ♥5 and dummy the ♥6!

Since East has no more diamonds, declarer could play his ♠J now to force out the ♠A. Instead he played three rounds of clubs, East following all the way. This position had been reached:

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

♠ J 10
 ♥ -
 ♦ -
 ♣ 10

♠ -
 ♥ 6
 ♦ 9
 ♣ Q



Declarer led the ♠J to the ♠A and... discarded dummy's ♥6! East then forced declarer's last trump with the ♥5 and the contract went one down, as Nature always intended. It was a moment of light relief for those watching on *Bridge Base Online*.

B beats A

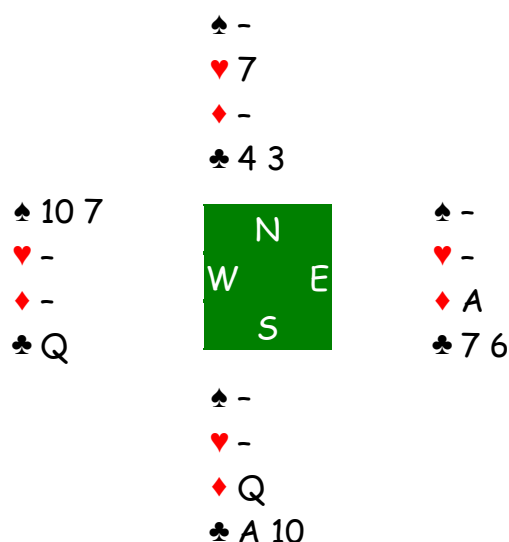
By Toine van Hoof

In this hand from Match 4 the contract was 4♥ at almost all tables:

Board 8											
West Deals	♠ A 8 4										
None Vul	♥ A K Q 7 3 2										
	♦ 4										
	♣ K 4 3										
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The lead invariably was ♠Q, overtaken by the king and won by the ace. On BBO declarer returned a spade to the 10. West switched to ♥J. North won and ruffed a spade. Now on double-dummy lines he can still win the contract by playing ♦Q or ♦10 from dummy. If West wins this with the king, East will be squeezed in diamonds and clubs. And if East wins the first diamond he is forced to return a diamond with the same result. After the spade ruff Eiriksson came to hand with ♣K, cashed one high heart and played a diamond for West who returned ♠J. East overruffed the ♥2 and exited with a club to finish all declarer's aspirations. At the other BBO-table EW went one off in 4♠ doubled.

At my table North played a diamond in trick 2 for the 10 and the king. West cashed one spade and returned ♥J. Declarer won, ruffed a spade, came to hand with a diamond ruff, cashed one high heart and gave East a heart. East cunningly returned ♣J but declarer could not go wrong. He won in hand and played two more rounds of hearts:



East was known to hold ♦A so declarer played a club to the ace for ten tricks.

An even better line would have been to give up the spade ruff. So after ♠A, a diamond to the 10, ♠J and ♥J declarer should play a heart to the 10 and run the ♣8. East wins and returns a heart or a club. Now on the run of the hearts a double squeeze will materialize with ♣8 as a menace against West, ♦Q as a menace against East and clubs as the double threat suit. Played this way 4♥ would have been made also if West had had ♣Qxx.

At tables A1 through A10 the contract of 4♥ was only made once. Five declarers went down in 4♥ and two declarers were in 5♥. East was allowed to play 3♠ twice. The NS-pairs at tables B1 through B10 did much better. Eight of them made 4♥, one with an overtrick and one with even two overtricks. Only one declarer went down in 4♥.

So a tip for all kibitzers: if you want to see the best players in action today, be sure to get a seat at one of the B-tables.



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

19.30 Final Results

20.30 **Closing Dinner and Prize Giving**

