



23rd Madeira International Bridge Open

2nd-8th November 2020

Sunday 8th November

Bulletin 6

The Swiss Teams Poised

Saturday saw four more rounds of the Open Teams Swiss. At the end of the day Team Nuno Matos maintained their lead with 89.9 VPs. Whilst the second and third teams at yesterday's close had swapped positions, so second are Don Julio with 82.84 and in third place are GBRD with 74.02. Coming out of the pack from 19th place to seventh are Kiko. They will play Team Nuno Matos on vugraph tomorrow. Why am I mentioning this? Well father Teixeira will be playing son Teixeira!!!



Prizes for Pairs Events - Please collect from Administration Office (Selvagens 5)

Open Pairs		
Category	Prize	Names
1st Overall	1,500.00	Guido Hopfenheit - Sebastian Reim
2nd Overall	1,100.00	Mark Thiele - Renée Verdegaaal
3rd Overall	750.00	Carlos Luiz - Nuno Paz
4th Overall	600.00	Fredrik Nystrom - Sanna Clementsson
5th Overall	500.00	Paulo Courteilles Sarmiento - João Vide Barbosa
1st Women	225.00	Marie Eggeling - Ceri Pierce
1st Mixed	225.00	Shahzaad Natt - India Leeming
1st Senior	225.00	Sally Brock - Barry Myers
1st Portuguese	225.00	Bruno Macedo - Luís M Silva
1st Overseas	225.00	Frederik Wrang - David Wrang
1st Madeiran	2021 Entry	Frederico Teixeira - Ricardo Fernandes
Warm-Up Pairs		
1st Overall	200.00	Leszek Kawski - Adam Blachnio
2nd Overall	125.00	Harry Burmania - John Linse

In light of the new regulations (see page 3) it is of paramount importance that you wear your masks when required. In particular, around the Congress Centre this means that masks must be worn at ALL times except when seated at the table. So please when outside the centre keep your mask on at all times. If not you will jeopardise the event.



The schedule for the Open Teams has been changed. It will now consist of eight rounds of twelve boards.

Sunday 3.00 p.m. 2 rounds

Prize-Giving in Congress Centre after final round.





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MAIN PROGRAMME 4th – 8th November 2020

Location - Congress Room

SUNDAY 8 th November	15:00	Open Teams Tournament (4th Session)
	19:00	Final Results

NOTE: Please arrive 30 minutes before the start to guarantee your place

The **Welcome Desk** in the lobby of VidaMar Tower 2 will be open Sunday 8th November 4:30 – 16:00. If you need help or information outside these times, please ask at the hotel's Reception Desk or speak to one of the Directors.

	<p>The TAPAS Y COPAS restaurant (on the opposite side of the road to the hotel) is giving a 10% discount to all participants in the Madeira bridge Festival, To claim this just show your badge before you order.</p> <p>And as a second generous guessture they are offering the winners of the Open Pairs a €50 voucher.</p>	
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- José Curado explains how to verify the deals using Hans van Staveren's procedure.
- In short, if someone wants to check that there is no hanky-panky going on with the procedure they should:
1. Download the “present key” before 19:30 on Friday evening 30th October 2020
 2. Check the winning Euromillions numbers for Friday 30th October 2020 (the “future key”).
 3. Download the “past key” which will be published after the event (in Bulletin 7 and here)
 4. Run the program (download from <http://www.xs4all.nl/~sater/SquareDeal.zip>) using the 3-part key according to the instructions: the “present” and “past” files and the 5 numbers and 2 stars from the lottery results, comma separated (the program will prompt you).
 5. Compare the hands generated this way with the hands actually played.

This is fully explained on the website at:

<https://www.bridge-madeira.com/hand-generator-security-keys/>



New Safety Regulations

Miguel Albuquerque (Regional President) has introduced new COVID directives starting from midnight Friday 6th November.

- Restaurants will be closed at 23h00. Each table to have a maximum of 5 people unless they are all from the same household. Bars to be closed at midnight and PSP, GNR and ARAE* will reinforce these directives. In restaurants, bars etc., customers will not be allowed to remain inside after closing
- Nightclubs in Madeira will be closed for 1 month
- Gatherings of more than 5 people on public street are forbidden except if the people are all from the same household
- Ban of consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places†
- Gymnasiums will be required to reduce their capacity to 50% and measure the temperature of all users. All competitions for non-professional sports are suspended for 30 days‡
- Churches in Madeira are now limited to one third of maximum capacity
- Children older than 6 years are obliged to wear masks
- Public Transport: Capacity is reduced to 2/3 of maximum capacity
- Hairdressers and Tattoo Studios: Capacity is reduced to 50% of maximum. Prior appointment is mandatory
- Casino: Capacity is reduced to 50% of maximum
- Marine tourism: Boat capacity is reduced to 50% of maximum. Prior appointment is mandatory.

* Polícia de Segurança Pública, Guarda Nacional Republicana, Autoridade Regional das Atividades Económicas

† This means in the street and in parks and on beaches, rather than in bars

‡ We do not expect this to affect the tournament, except as separately indicated

A link to the full regulations is: www.bridge-madeira.com/covid-19-update/

Can You Help?

The archive of the Madeira Bridge Association was destroyed in 2007 in a fire at the historic Club Sports da Madeira. As a result, we no longer have results and bulletins from the Madeira International from 1998 to 2004 (and access to the 2005 bulletins only courtesy of bridgedailybulletins.nl).

If any collector happens to have any of this material, and is willing either to copy it or to lend it to us, we should be eternally grateful. Or if anyone has saved .pdf versions on a computer, please email them to us at open@bridge-madeira.com.





The VidaMar View.....

Ceri Pierce

Joao Correia has been the General Manager of the VidaMar Resort, the wonderful venue for the Madeiran Bridge Festival for some 20 years. He works closely with the organiser Miguel Teixeira and his team, to prepare for and ensure the smooth running of the bridge festival. Each year they meet several times in the run up to the event to make sure that all is in order for the arrival of bridge players from around the world at the end of October / early November. The planning is extensive – the playing rooms and facilities, the accommodation packages and most importantly the food and beverage support all need to be nailed.

There have of course been many more challenges this year and Joao hugely appreciates the courage of Miguel for persevering with going ahead with the tournament. It has taken a huge investment in Covid-secure equipment – perspex screens and the like, not to mention the logistical problems of flight changes, accommodation changes and so on, but it has meant that the show has gone on.

The bridge festival is considered one of the most important groups arriving in Madeira – not only for the hotel, but also for tourism on the Island. Everyone who comes to the bridge

festival will stay for around eight to ten days, and the local bars, restaurants, taxis, car rentals, supermarkets etc. all benefit hugely.

The hotel normally accommodates 400 to 450 bridge guests, but this year there are around 100. Comprehensive steps have been taken to ensure the safety of guests. He hopes that next year will be even bigger and better than usual as we hopefully return to normal. His very important message is ‘We are Still Here. We have taken great care to keep everyone safe and people feel comfortable and confident staying here. Every member of staff knows how important this is’. A sentiment that is apparent across the board.

Finally, Joao would like to thank Miguel and the other bridge organisers once more for keeping the festival alive. He and his team will be waiting to greet you and your friends next year.



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Titanic

Mark Horton

Round 3 saw a clash between two of the favourites - watch out there are World Champions about!

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A10753 ♥ K52 ♦ 104 ♣ A62		♠ 642 ♥ Q73 ♦ 97 ♣ K10743	♠ K9 ♥ AJ1064 ♦ J653 ♣ J9
		♠ QJ8 ♥ 98 ♦ AKQ82 ♣ Q85	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Myers</i>	<i>Brenner</i>
-	-	Pass	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♥	All Pass

South cashed two diamonds and switched to the ♥9, declarer finishing with ten tricks, +170.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paz</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Luiz</i>	<i>Welland</i>
-	-	1♥	Double
4♥	All Pass		

South led the ♦A and continued with the king followed by the two. Declarer discarded a club from dummy and North ruffed and switched to the ♣K but declarer could win in dummy, take two rounds of hearts and then take advantage of the 3-3 spade break, +420 and 6 IMPs.

If South switches to a club at trick three one winning line is for declarer to win with dummy's ace, play three rounds of spades then cash the top hearts ending in dummy and play an established spade.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ J109653 ♥ 6 ♦ A832 ♣ 94		♠ 74 ♥ A107 ♦ Q764 ♣ AQJ10	♠ A8 ♥ KQJ8532 ♦ - ♣ 8762
			♠ KQ2 ♥ 94 ♦ KJ1095 ♣ K53

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Myers</i>	<i>Brenner</i>
-	-	-	1♦
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

East led a devilish ♣Q and when declarer withheld dummy's king he continued with the jack. When that also held East produced the ace and the ♥A was the setting trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paz</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Luiz</i>	<i>Welland</i>
-	-	-	1♣*
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♥*
1♠	4♥	All Pass	

1♣ May be any balanced hand including any other five-card suit and also 5422

1♦ 4+♥

1♥ 10-13 without 4♥

West led the ♠J and declarer won with dummy's ace and set about the hearts, East taking the second round and returning a spade. Declarer won with the king, ruffed the ♦K, drew the last trump and eventually scored a trick with the ♣K for +420 and 10 IMPs.



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Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ AKJ975		♠ 8				
♥ 4		♥ AKQ1092				
♦ K952		♦ 63				
♣ Q7		♣ K963				
♠ Q1063	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr></table>	N	E	W	S	♠ 42
N	E					
W	S					
♥ J765		♥ 83				
♦ Q874		♦ AJ10				
♣ 2		♣ AJ10854				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Myers</i>	<i>Brenner</i>
Pass	1♠	2♥	3♣
4♥	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	4♠	5♥	Double
All Pass			

South led the ♥3 and when he eventually got in with a diamond he played a second trump. There was no way declarer could take more than eight tricks, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paz</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Luiz</i>	<i>Welland</i>
Pass	1♠*	2♥	Double*
3♥	3♠	4♥	4♠
All Pass			
1♠ 5+♠ very often unbalanced			

South's double may have been a transfer.

East led the ♥A and switched to the ♣6 which saw declarer win with dummy's ace and cash the ♠AK, East pitching a heart. Declarer tried the ♣Q and all East had to do was win that to ensure one down. However, he played low and West ruffed with the ♠10, cashed the ♠Q and exited with a heart. Declarer ruffed and got the diamond right for +420, holding the loss to 2 IMPs.

On Board 10 E/W held ♠A93 ♥J43 ♦J85 ♣9752 facing ♠KQJ76 ♥AK9 ♦7 ♣AKQ3.

You would like to play 6♣, cold as long as the clubs behave. Neither pair advanced beyond 4♠ - just as well, as clubs were 4-1.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ Q765		♠ K984				
♥ 8		♥ K64				
♦ J653		♦ Q8				
♣ QJ98		♣ K1042				
♠ 102	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr></table>	N	E	W	S	♠ AJ3
N	E					
W	S					
♥ A10752		♥ QJ93				
♦ A7		♦ K10942				
♣ A753		♣ 6				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Myers</i>	<i>Brenner</i>
1♥	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥	All Pass		
3♣	3 card limit raise		

Regular readers know what I think about the idea of leading away from a king. Suits headed by the QJ are another pet hate - you always seem to run into dummy having honour ten and declarer the other high honour.

North led the ♣Q and declarer won in hand, played two rounds of hearts ending in hand and a club for the eight and ten. If South discards at this point declarer is in trouble, but he ruffed, cashed the ♥Q and was endplayed. He tried a diamond but that ran to the queen and declarer came to hand with the ♦A and ran the ♠10. South won and exited with a diamond but declarer ruffed and played a spade to the nine, claiming when it forced the ace.

If declarer puts in the ♥10 on the second round of the suit and it loses I don't see a way the defenders can prevail on this layout.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Paz</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Luiz</i>	<i>Welland</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♥	All Pass

North led the ♦5 and declarer was already doomed. The queen was covered by the king and ace and declarer played back a diamond, South winning and switching to a club for the queen and king. The king of hearts and a heart saw South play the jack and declarer won and tried a spade to the king. South won and played back the jack, North overtaking to give South a club ruff for -100 and 6 IMPs.

It was the first time the colours of Team Nuno Matos had been lowered, 13-22.



Bidding Battles

Mark Horton

In Round 4 getting the bidding right was the order of the day.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>♠ AK873 ♥ QJ874 ♦ A103 ♣ —</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> <table style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> </div>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ Q1062 ♥ K1052 ♦ 4 ♣ KJ62</p>	<p>♠ 95 ♥ — ♦ QJ962 ♣ A98543</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											
		<p>♠ J4 ♥ A963 ♦ K875 ♣ Q107</p>										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Eiriksson</i>	<i>Welland</i>
—	—	Pass	1♣*
2♦*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♠	All Pass
1♣	May be any balanced hand including any other five-card suit and also 5422		
2♦	Majors		

I'm guessing 3♦ was a game try.

South led the ♦7 (only a trump is a winner) and declarer won with the nine, pitched a heart on the ♣A and cross ruffed clubs and hearts before playing a diamond to the ten. North ruffed and played the ♥K followed by the five, South winning and retuning a diamond. North ruffed and exited with a club, and South ruffed with the ♠J, promoting a trump trick for one down, -50.

Declarer should forget about cashing the ♣A and cross ruff. Then he cashes the top spades and exits with a heart. He is sure to score one more trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Koistin</i>	<i>Myers</i>	<i>Sigurjonsson</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Double
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass

3♦ Pass 5♦ All Pass

North led the ♦4 and declarer won with dummy's queen, cashed the ♣A and cross ruffed clubs and hearts before taking the top spades, finishing two down to lose 2 IMPs. If declarer ruffs a third heart in dummy she can come to hand with a spade, ruff a heart, get back to hand with another spade and ruff a fourth heart to flatten the deal.

On Board 17 E/W held ♠AK96 ♥4 ♦532 ♣QJ1096 opposite ♠Q9432 ♥AK73 ♦9 ♣A87. East opened 1♠ and when South overcalled 2♥ West bid 4♥. In my featured match East rebid 4♠ and played there. Against Team Nuno Matos, Kasimir now bid 5♣ and went on to 6♠ over his partner's 5♠. Trumps were 2-2 and the ♣K onside so it was worth 11 IMPs.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 1073 ♥ A93 ♦ J753 ♣ KQ6</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> <table style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table> </div>		N		W		E		S		<p>♠ AQJ94 ♥ KJ654 ♦ 9 ♣ 92</p>	<p>♠ K52 ♥ Q87 ♦ AKQ82 ♣ 104</p>
	N											
W		E										
	S											
		<p>♠ 86 ♥ 102 ♦ 1064 ♣ AJ8753</p>										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Eiriksson</i>	<i>Welland</i>
—	—	—	3♣
Double	4♣	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♠6 so declarer collected 12 tricks, +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Koistin</i>	<i>Myers</i>	<i>Sigurjonsson</i>
—	—	—	3♣
Double	5♣	6♣	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♥	All Pass



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Here too West saw fit to double, although the hand is modest and the shape is dire. When North put the pressure on East succumbed to temptation. Two down meant the loss of 13 IMPs.

Jokisch preferred to overcall 3♦ - that's marginally better than a double and when partner bid 3♠ it was easy to go on to 4♠. In the other room Hoppfenheit did not open 3♣ so reaching 4♠ was easy.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J963 ♥ K92 ♦ 974 ♣ 1065	♠ A1075 ♥ 7543 ♦ KJ653 ♣ —		♠ Q8 ♥ QJ86 ♦ 8 ♣ KJ9732
	♠ K42 ♥ A10 ♦ AQ102 ♣ AQ84		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Eiriksson</i>	<i>Welland</i>
Pass	Pass	3♣	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♣5 and declarer finished with 11 tricks, +660.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Koistin</i>	<i>Myers</i>	<i>Sigurjonsson</i>
Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

South started with two rounds of hearts, setting up a ruff which arrived in due course, so that was three down, -800 and a 4 IMP pick up.

Reim and Hoppfenheit reached 6♦ with the N/S cards. West was on lead and as his partner had doubled clubs at one point he naturally, but fatally, led a club, not that it would have been easy to find a heart, which is the only lead to beat the contract.

It had been a low-scoring affair, Don Julio edging it 15-13. Meanwhile Team Nuno Matos edged their match 33-30.

For the duration of the Madeira festival you will be able to play through some of the more interesting hands on the 'bridgebee' app. The link on your PC is:

<https://bridgebee.app/sets/289/madeira-bridge-festival>

This will be available free until the end of the festival.

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Reflections on Open Teams Round 2

Ron Tacchi

My first visit to the Madeira Festival was in 2014 and at that time I was the photographer at the European and World Championships. Part of the first piece in which I was implicated contained the following lines:

‘I am constantly asked... well, frequently... well quite often... well, actually once or twice “How does one become a Bridge Photographer and what does it entail?”. The answer to the first part of the question is not overly easy to answer but the most important qualification is not to be a good enough bridge player to actually be a player in the tournament you are photographing. There are many that will tell you I more than adequately fulfil this criterion though I am highly respected as a second-string kibitzer in the famed Vaupillon Club (inventor of the one table Howell)’.

Little has changed since then – I still fulfil the necessary qualifications, particularly the first one. However, I may have improved at spotting things that I might have done differently to the line taken by the combatants. In the background I was watching the second-round match between Team Nuno Matos and DARFF on BBO. As per usual I was kibitzing Carlos Luiz and I noticed Board 19.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 864		♠ AQJ102
♥ KJ6		♥ AQ108
♦ AQ53		♦ —
♣ J54		♣ Q763
♠ 973		♠ K5
♥ 953		♥ 742
♦ 1097		♦ KJ8642
♣ AK98		♣ 102

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Paz	D Wrang	Luiz
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♦
3♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
3♦	Spade support		

Carlos found the excellent lead of the ♣10 and quickly took his club ruff and then exited with a diamond. Declarer then took the losing spade finesse and so lost 12 IMPs. Had I been playing in the East seat and been pitted against anyone but Carlos I would have risen with the ace as I would expect South to have something more than just diamonds for the interference, especially as he could have pre-empted first-in-hand with 3♦. Three boards later.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 98654		♠ AJ32
♥ 9875		♥ Q64
♦ K62		♦ J83
♣ 3		♣ 1087
♠ K107		♠ Q
♥ AK3		♥ J102
♦ A975		♦ Q104
♣ K42		♣ AQJ965

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nystrom	Paz	D Wrang	Luiz
–	–	Pass	1♣
1NT	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	Pass	2NT	All Pass

As a homage to David Bird, to whom I am eternally grateful as he was the bulletin person who used to come to Madeira before I came, I present what I had hoped was going to be a Biltcliffe coup. To those uninitiated a Biltcliffe coup is when you had the chance to leave the opposition in a part-score but you take a further bid and they then proceed to game, you double, and they make it.

With the extremely helpful layout of the spade suit claiming nine tricks is trivial. After the two passes following the 1NT overcall I was certain Carlos would not let them go peacefully and I was right. The question now was it possible that East/West could now reach the game but I was disappointed. I am sure that there will be other opportunities for Biltcliffe coups over the rest of the tournament.



Five Easy Pieces

Mark Horton

In Round 2 Team Nuno Matos faced a powerhouse from Sweden, team DARFF.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q986 ♥ AQ1063 ♦ Q ♣ J32	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A54 ♥ J5 ♦ K10965 ♣ 1085	♠ K1072 ♥ 9742 ♦ A3 ♣ A96
		♠ J3 ♥ K8 ♦ J8742 ♣ KQ74	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>F Wrang</i>
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦*	Double	1♥	2♦
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
1♦	4+♥		

South led the ♦7 for the queen, king and ace and declarer played a heart to the queen, cashed the ace and played a club for the nine and queen. The diamond return was ruffed in dummy and when declarer played a spade to the king the game was home, South saving time by dropping the jack.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>D Wrang</i>	<i>Luiz</i>
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦*	Double	2♥	3♦
Double	Pass	3♥	All Pass
1♦	Hearts		

I suspect that West's double was a game try, but it did not lead to game. Here declarer tackled hearts by playing low to the ten. What happened after that is unclear, but the record says declarer took nine tricks so +140 but a 10 IMP loss.

Board 15. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K109 ♥ Q73 ♦ Q1032 ♣ Q74	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 432 ♥ 8642 ♦ 9876 ♣ A8	♠ QJ ♥ AK109 ♦ A5 ♣ K9632
		♠ A8765 ♥ J5 ♦ KJ4 ♣ J105	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>F Wrang</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2♣	Non-promissory Stayman		

South led the ♠7 and declarer won with dummy's king dropping the jack from his hand, played a heart to the king and a club for the queen and ace. The spade return was taken by the queen and when declarer continued with a heart the fall of the jack meant he could cash three more tricks in the suit. Under pressure, South parted with the ♦4 and then the ♣10. When declarer cashed the ♣K the appearance of the jack allowed him to claim eleven tricks, +460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>D Wrang</i>	<i>Luiz</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♠5 and declarer won in hand and played a club to the queen and ace, won the spade return in dummy and played two rounds of clubs which allowed South win and cash his spades for one down and another 11 IMPs went away.



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Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 973		♠ AQJ102
♥ 953		♥ AQ108
♦ 1097		♦ —
♣ AK98		♣ Q763
♠ 864		
♥ KJ6		
♦ AQ53		
♣ J54		
	♠ N	
	♥ W	♥ E
	♦ S	
	♣	
♠ K5		
♥ 742		
♦ KJ8642		
♣ 102		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>F Wrang</i>
–	–	–	3♦
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♦7 for the king and ace and declarer took a spade finesse, won the diamond return and claimed 10 tricks, +630.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>D Wrang</i>	<i>Luiz</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♦
3♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
3♦	Spade support		

South led the ♣10 and North played three rounds of the suit, South ruffing and exiting with the ♦J. Declarer won with dummy's ace and played a spade to the queen so -50 and this time it was 12 IMPs that changed hands.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 98654		♠ AJ32
♥ 9875		♥ Q64
♦ K62		♦ J83
♣ 3		♣ 1087
♠ K107		
♥ AK3		
♦ A975		
♣ K42		
	♠ N	
	♥ W	♥ E
	♦ S	
	♣	
♠ Q		
♥ J102		
♦ Q104		
♣ AQJ965		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>F Wrang</i>
–	–	Pass	1♣
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♠8 and declarer won with the king, cashed the ♠10 and played a diamond for the six, eight and ten. South tried the ♣Q but declarer won with the king and claimed, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>D Wrang</i>	<i>Luiz</i>
–	–	Pass	1♣
1NT	Pass	Pass	2♣
Pass	Pass	2NT	All Pass

Declarer took nine tricks, but lost 10 IMPs.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A96		♠ J3
♥ KJ5		♥ 1096
♦ 9654		♦ QJ10732
♣ Q107		♣ A2
♠ Q2		
♥ 873		
♦ AK8		
♣ KJ854		
	♠ N	
	♥ W	♥ E
	♦ S	
	♣	
♠ K108754		
♥ AQ42		
♦ —		
♣ 963		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Palma</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>F Wrang</i>
–	–	–	1♠
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

West led the ♦A and declarer ruffed and played the ♣6, West winning with the king and playing another diamond. Declarer ruffed and drew trumps, claiming 11 tricks.

He had ignored Meckstroth's Law - would it prove to be expensive?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nystrom</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>D Wrang</i>	<i>Luiz</i>
–	–	–	1♠
Double	2♥*	3♦	4♠
All Pass			
2♥	Spade support		



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Declarer ruffed the diamond lead, drew trumps and was soon claiming +650 and another 10 IMPs.

Five deals on which they had played solid bridge delivered Matos 53 IMPs giving them a convincing win, 58-14.

Team Standings After Six Rounds

	VPs	TeamName
1	89.9	Team Nuno Matos
2	82.84	Don Julio
3	74.02	GBRD
4	73.08	Plan B Bridge
5	69.67	DARFF
6	69.14	Autobahn
7	67.81	Kiko
8	67.13	5 Selvagens
9	66.77	Sushi
10	64.58	GinTonic
11	62.77	Double Jungle

12	62.5	Bonnie
13	61.93	Caveiras
14	61.14	Baleal
15	53.56	Lucia
16	53.04	NO TRUMP!
17	51.31	4 No-Trump
18	48.75	Zarco
19	47.92	Wie Koe
20	44.58	Silpersnanev
21	43.74	Machilenka
22	36.74	NEDPOR
23	33.08	CN S Vicente

Round 3 Results		IMPs	VPs	
Team Nuno Matos	GBRD	13-22	7,10	12,90
Don Julio	Plan B Bridge	19-2	14,93	5,07
Autobahn	Zarco	27-8	15,37	4,63
GinTonic	Lucia	17-45	2,92	17,08
Baleal	Sushi	42-27	14,46	5,54
Caveiras	DARFF	25-21	11,38	8,62
Double Jungle	NO TRUMP!	53-16	18,41	1,59
5 Selvagens	NEDPOR	44-17	16,91	3,09
Silpersnanev	Bonnie	22-42	4,42	15,58
CN S Vicente	Kiko	12-52	1,22	18,78
Wie Koe	Machilenka	26-34	7,39	12,61
--	4 No-Trump			12,00



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Round 4 Results		IMPs	VPs	
GBRD	Don Julio	13-15	9,29	10,71
Autobahn	Team Nuno Matos	30-33	8,95	11,05
Lucia	Plan B Bridge	3-42	1,34	18,66
Double Jungle	Baleal	35-28	12,31	7,69
Kiko	5 Selvagens	12-21	7,10	12,90
Bonnie	Caveiras	10-6	11,38	8,62
Zarco	DARFF	14-25	6,55	13,45
Sushi	GinTonic	26-24	10,71	9,29
Machilenka	4 No-Trump	6-40	2,00	18,00
Silpersnanev	Wie Koe	24-10	14,22	5,78
NO TRUMP!	NEDPOR	39-20	15,37	4,63
--	CN S Vicente			12,00

Round 5 Results		IMPs	VPs	
Don Julio	Team Nuno Matos	20-37	5,07	14,93
Plan B Bridge	GBRD	28-18	13,18	6,82
Double Jungle	Autobahn	22-24	9,29	10,71
Baleal	5 Selvagens	30-33	8,95	11,05
DARFF	Lucia	25-26	9,64	10,36
Bonnie	Kiko	13-19	7,99	12,01
Caveiras	GinTonic	12-33	4,21	15,79
Sushi	4 No-Trump	64-14	19,83	0,17
Zarco	NO TRUMP!	3-47	0,76	19,24
Silpersnanev	Machilenka	21-13	12,61	7,39
CN S Vicente	Wie Koe	5-39	2,00	18,00
--	NEDPOR			12,00

Round 6 Results		IMPs	VPs	
Team Nuno Matos	Plan B Bridge	44- 9	18,14	1,86
Autobahn	Don Julio	22-49	3,09	16,91
GBRD	Sushi	27-28	9,64	10,36
5 Selvagens	Double Jungle	31-21	13,18	6,82
GinTonic	Baleal	18-15	11,05	8,95
NO TRUMP!	DARFF	10-43	2,14	17,86
Lucia	Kiko	8-39	2,44	17,56
Wie Koe	Bonnie	14-29	5,54	14,46
Silpersnanev	Caveiras	16-59	0,87	19,13
CN S Vicente	Zarco	17-26	7,10	12,90
NEDPOR	4 No-Trump	12-32	4,42	15,58
--	Machilenka			12,00



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