



23rd Madeira International Bridge Open

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Sunday 8th November

Bulletin 7

It's All Over - Till Next Year

Team Nuno Matos (pictured right) cemented their win with a near whitewash of their opponents. Don Julio held onto their second place. Going into the last round the difference between third and eighth place was a mere 2.7 VPs. Autobahn took third place by 0.07 VPs - who says overtricks are not important. In fourth place was DARFF who had been in contention throughout the event. The fifth team in the prize money was Baleal.



SO LONG, FAREWELL, AUF WIEDERSEHEN, ADIEU ... E BOA VIAGEM



As the tournament draws to a close, I especially want to say another thank you to everyone who came to the 23rd Madeira International Bridge Open. We are more than grateful for your support.

We sincerely wish you a safe and uneventful journey home.

I personally would like to express my hope that you will join us again for the 24th Madeira International Bridge Open, which will take place from 2nd – 7th November 2021. We trust that there will be an end to these terrible times.

Best wishes from me and all of the Madeira International team.

Miguel Teixeira

The Open Teams prizes for the first five places and best placed foreign team, best Portuguese and the best Madeiran team must be collected at the TD desk in the Congress Centre immediately after the end of play.

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.



For those of you who still need a bridge fix there are The Cool Down Pairs on Monday evening at 20.30.

After that you must wait for next year's festival on the 2nd -7th November 2021.





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/



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.

And as a second generous gesture they are offering the winners of the Open Pairs a €50 voucher.





Au Revoir Madeira

Ron Tacchi

For the seventh time I have to say 'au revoir' to Madeira. It is always with fond memories and the sure and certain knowledge of another trip next year that I set off back to France. This year has not been the funfest to which we have become accustomed. These are challenging times and between us we have had to overcome all the slings and arrows that have been directed towards us. Perhaps the most important thing is that we all have demonstrated that face to face bridge is not only possible but safe.

The measures that have been put in place were well thought out, practical and caused little interference with play and its enjoyment. Even the tightening of the government regulations at the end of the week did not have much of an impact on the bridge though our late-night sojourns to the Hole In One were somewhat curtailed.

Who do we have to thank for this success? The answer is a huge list and I will give it in no particular order, as game show hosts are wont to say, and start with the people of Madeira – if they had not adhered to the stringent rules applied to the island then there would have been no visits permitted. We continue with the local authorities who ensured that procedures were in place to minimize the risk from Covid. Next is the hotel with its dedicated staff, management and sensible application of the regulations and then we have the organisers and all the backroom staff who have moved mountains to get this festival up and running. One of the final parts, and in some respects the most important, is the players who have come from far and wide to take part, why important, well, without players, no matter how brilliant the organisation there is no festival.

I, too, have to be immensely thankful for those around me who have joined together to get this humble production out every morning for you to enjoy with your breakfast. We have had a mystic, magically reporting from home, we have someone whose name is also part of her family name and another who if playing bridge might trump the next card.

For me the resounding good news is that I hope that next year I shall have to visit Madeira twice – for the festival, obviously, from 28th October to 8th November and secondly the European Championships in June. Fingers and many other appendages crossed that this will be the situation.

A few final 'Dear Diary' entries. In the first bulletin I asked why the trip up the stairs from Level 2 to Level 4 reminded me of a Hitchcock movie – well, there are 39 steps (and not many people know that). This morning a gentleman approached me at breakfast and enquired if I was Mark Horton. I politely informed him that I was not that fortunate but I asked as to why he posed the question, he responded that Mark Horton had taught his daughter archaeology at Bristol University. A sudden shudder went down my spine as I realised there are at least two Mark Hortons. Last night I was chatting to Gareth Bartley, well known for his cocktail coloured trousers, that he and his wife, Jutta, had been playing online not infrequently with Sally Brock and Barry Myers but that this was the first time he had actually managed to meet Barry.

Au revoir and thanks for all the fish,
Ron



Teams Roster

DARFF: António Palma, Frederic Wrang, Fredrik Nystrom, David Wrang

Silpersnanev: Robert Snapper, Bruno Neves, Luís Miguel Silva, Nuno Pereira

Team Nuno Matos: Miguel Teixeira, Diego Brenner, Carlos Luiz, Nuno Paz

CN São Vicente: João Machado, José Macedo, Pedro Morgado, Eduardo Fernandes

GBRD: Sally Brock, Barry Myers, Sabine Auken, Roy Welland, Ceri Pierce, Laura Woodruff

Lucia: Lucia Grosmann, Han Begas, René Stienen, Elly Schippers

Baleal: Jorge Cruzeiro, João Paes de Carvalho, João Barbosa, Paulo Sarmento, Reinaldo Timóteo

NO TRUMP!: David Kok, Leo Huvers, Harry Burmania, John Linse

Autobahn: Peter Jokisch, Udo Kasimir, Sebastian Reim, Guido Hopfenheit

GinTonic: Eva Poppe, Robbie de Koster, Mark Thiele, Renée Verdegaal

4 No-Trump: Berend van den Bos, Paul van den Bos, Tim van den Bos, Johann Bouman

Caveiras: João Campos Ferreira, Ricardo Teixeira, Paulo Pinto, Miguel Sousa Guedes, José A P Sousa, Miguel Lima

5 Selvagens: João Fanha, Maria Calamaro, Inês Cunha, Miguel Ramos, Miguel Moreno

Bonnie: Bengt Emanuelsson, Haakan Tjarnemo, Arjen Salari, Gerwin Middelkoop

Sushi: Nick Sanqvist, Nathalie Shashou, Shahzaad Natt, India Leeming

Double Jungle: Jutta Bartley, Gareth Bartley, Frederic Boldt, Paul Grünke

Zarco: Bruno Macedo, Pedro Macedo, Nuno Martins, Filipe Gonçalves

Wie Koe: Heimo Adelsberger, Renate Adelsberger, Rosemarie Roderburg, Sybil Müller-Maubach

Don Julio: Julius Sigurjonsson, Kauko Koistinen, Sveinn Runar Eiriksson, Magnus Eidur Magnusson

Machilenka: Rita Arraiano, José Nuno Moraes, Francisco P Coutinho, Andrei Kavalenka

Plan B Bridge: Christian Lahrmann, Niels Steenstrup Zeeberg, Nikolas Bausback, Michael Pauly, Marie Eggeling

NEDPOR: Koen Poppe, Cisca Vorselman, António Peixoto, Margarida Machado

Kiko: Christine Winckel, Hans Metselaar, Frederico Teixeira, Ricardo Fernandes



The Usual Suspects

Mark Horton

One of the most famous lines in the history of movies, 'Round up the usual suspects' has been used over and over again in books and films. When it comes to the Teams Championship in Madeira we always see one particular set of faces around the top of the leader board - and so far this year it is business as usual for Team Nuno Matos. Let's see how they fared in Round 6:

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ J842 ♥ 987 ♦ J1082 ♣ 107	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	♠ Q9765 ♥ J106 ♦ AQ95 ♣ 107	♠ A103 ♥ A3 ♦ K73 ♣ Q9432
N									
W	E								
	S								

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zeeberg</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>Lahrmann</i>	<i>Luiz</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥*	Pass	4♥	All Pass
2♥	5♥+4♣		

North led the ♦J and declarer won with dummy's ace and set about the trump suit, South taking the second round and switching to the ♠3. Winning with the king, declarer played a club to the ace, ruffed a spade, cashed the ♣K, ruffed a club, North pitching the ♠J and ruffed spade to reach this ending:

♠ — ♥ 9 ♦ 1082 ♣ —	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	♠ Q9 ♥ — ♦ Q9 ♣ —	♠ — ♥ — ♦ K7 ♣ Q9
N									
W	E								
	S								

If he now draws the outstanding trump South is squeezed. Declarer can exit in whichever minor South discards from, ensuring a trick in the other.

However, declarer played a diamond to the nine and South won with the king and played two rounds of clubs enabling North to score the ♥9, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Eggeling</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Pauly</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
2♦	Fourth-suit forcing		

Once again North led the ♦J and declarer won with the ace. He continued with a spade and when the king won he played a club to the ace and embarked on a cross-ruff, eventually pitching a diamond on the ♠Q as North, who had pitched a spade, ruffed and exited with a trump, declarer claiming the two tricks he needed with the ♥KQ for +620 and 12 IMPs.

If declarer ruffs the ♠Q with an honour he can then ruff his last club and score an overtrick.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ KJ5 ♥ Q74 ♦ AQJ109 ♣ Q9	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W</td><td style="text-align: center;">E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N		W	E		S	♠ Q973 ♥ A2 ♦ 83 ♣ J10832	♠ 10642 ♥ K98653 ♦ K6 ♣ A
N									
W	E								
	S								

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zeeberg</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>Lahrmann</i>	<i>Luiz</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



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If East had followed the time honoured tradition of leading partner's suit, 3NT would have been defeated, but he went with the ♣J and West won with the ace and switched to the ♠4. Declarer tried the jack and when East produced the queen declarer ducked, won the next spade with dummy's ace and played a diamond for the king and ace. Declarer cashed his diamonds before exiting with a heart. If East wins this and exits with a spade, West will take the last two tricks with the ♥K and the ♠10 for one down, but East played low and West won but had no good move. He returned a heart and East won but had to give the last two tricks to either declarer or dummy.

If declarer retains dummy's ♠J the defenders have little chance. Having won with dummy's ♠A declarer can take five rounds of diamonds, unblock the ♣Q and then exit with a heart.

Even simpler is to win the spade switch with the king, unblock the ♣Q, cross to dummy with a spade and play a diamond.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Eggeling</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Pauly</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♥	2♦	Double*	3♦
All Pass			

East cashed the ♥A and had only to continue the suit to be in with a chance of defeating the contract. West wins, cashes the ♣A and then plays a third heart. East can ruff that with the ♦8 and give East a club ruff.

When East switched to a spade declarer could win with the jack, cross to dummy with the ♠A, play a diamond to the queen, pitch a heart on the ♠K, ruff a heart and play a diamond for eleven tricks, still a loss of 10 IMPs.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 87		♠ A1093
♥ AJ7		♥ 52
♦ A1084		♦ QJ3
♣ J1053		♣ AQ72
♠ KQ654	N	♠ A1093
♥ 4	W	♥ 52
♦ K765	E	♦ QJ3
♣ 964	S	♣ AQ72
		♠ J2
		♥ KQ109863
		♦ 92
		♣ K8

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zeeberg</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>Lahrman</i>	<i>Luiz</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♥
1♠	2♠*	3♠	All Pass
2♠	Heart support		

North led the ♠8 and declarer took two rounds of the suit and then played a club to the seven and eight. South switched to the ♥K and then played the ♦9, North taking the ace and switching to the ♣5. When declarer put up dummy's ace there were ten tricks, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Eggeling</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Pauly</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣	3♥
3♠	4♥	4♠	All Pass

North led the ♥A and switched to the ♣J. Declarer won with dummy's ace, drew trumps, played a diamond to the jack, ruffed a heart and played a diamond, North taking the ace exiting with a diamond. Declarer overtook dummy's queen with the king and played the ♣6, claiming ten tricks. As the cards lay he could even afford to play dummy's ♣Q as South would then have to offer up a ruff and discard. Another 10 IMPs changed hands and the usual suspects went into the last round on top of the table thanks to their 44-9 win.



Back To The Future

Mark Horton

As the Festival moves towards a climax, I hope, like me, that you have already put next year's dates in your diary. If things go according to plan, we can hope for a return to normality and everything that makes this event so special. Meanwhile, here is the action from the penultimate round, where I could not resist following a match including someone you all know well, the legendary Hans Metselaar:

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ KQ8 ♥ 9864 ♦ AKJ10 ♣ 52		♠ 952 ♥ KQ73 ♦ — ♣ AJ10983	♠ J73 ♥ J10 ♦ Q9872 ♣ Q76
♠ A1064 ♥ A52 ♦ 6543 ♣ K4			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Winckel</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Metselaar</i>
1♦	2♣	2♦	Double
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

Declarer did not find the ♣Q, but took ten tricks, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>Fernandes</i>	<i>Luiz</i>
1♦	2♣	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT

All Pass

West led the ♦A and continued with the ten, East winning with the queen and returning the nine. West took two more tricks in the suit and declarer threw a two spades and two clubs, which was not best. West switched to the ♠K and even if declarer had divined the club position he would have had

only eight tricks. He got the suit wrong and finished four down, -400 and 11 IMPs went away.

If declarer had pitched a heart from dummy rather than a second club he could have made 3NT. West would have shown the ♠KQ and the ♦AKJ - with the ♣Q he had enough for a 1NT opening.

However, that does not excuse the bidding, which was way off-beam. 5♣ is the place to play - all declarer has to do is get the clubs right.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 65 ♥ 752 ♦ 6 ♣ KJ109642		♠ K ♥ Q10863 ♦ AK10954 ♣ Q	♠ AQJ109872 ♥ K ♦ J3 ♣ A5
♠ 43 ♥ AJ94 ♦ Q872 ♣ 873			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Winckel</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Metselaar</i>
–	1♦	1♠	Double
Pass	2♥	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♦7 and North won with the king and switched to the ♥3, South winning and returning the ♥J. Declarer ruffed, ruffed a diamond and played a spade, +450.

Perhaps North, adhering to the old adage, '6-5 come alive' should have gone on to 5♥, although at this vulnerability East would probably have taken the push to 5♠.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>Fernandes</i>	<i>Luiz</i>
–	1♥	4♠	5♥
Pass	Pass	5♠	Double
All Pass			



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With no idea they had a double fit N/S were never going to find their paying vulnerable save (perhaps unlikely in any event) and doubling 5♠ cost 5 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A3 ♥ 92 ♦ A642 ♣ 87542	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J95 ♥ A1053 ♦ K9 ♣ J963	♠ Q1042 ♥ 764 ♦ Q853 ♣ AQ
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Winckel</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Metselaar</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass
1♦	Hearts		

2♥ looks a lot with West's hand, but he plays the thing! North led the ♠A and switched to the ♣7, South winning with the ace and returning the ♠2. Declarer won with the nine, drew two rounds of trumps and unblocked the ♣K. When the queen fell he could draw the last trump and claim.

Having led the ♠A, North should continue the suit, when declarer must lose four tricks. If South had calmly returned the ♣Q after winning the ace declarer would still have needed to get the diamonds right, but that would have been easy enough - South, marked with the ♠Q could not also have the ♦A as well as the ♣AQ.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>Fernandes</i>	<i>Luiz</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Double
2♥	3♦	All Pass	

East led the ♥A and switched to a club West winning with the king and playing two more hearts, declarer ruffing, playing a club to the ace, a diamond to the ace and then ace of spades and a

spade to the ten and king, West exiting with a spade. Declarer ruffed that and apparently took eight tricks, although he appears to be cold for two under tricks. Even so, it represented an 11 IMP swing.

On Board 8 East held ♠762 ♥832 ♦Q8654 ♣98 and when his partner opened 1♣ Brenner responded 1♠! It was enough to keep N/S out of an excellent game that was reached in the other room for a 7 IMP swing.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ Q98 ♥ K10 ♦ Q832 ♣ KQ54	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A2 ♥ J8732 ♦ AJ1097 ♣ 10	♠ J654 ♥ Q654 ♦ 4 ♣ J963
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Winckel</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Metselaar</i>
–	–	1♥	Double
3♥	Double	4♥	4♠
All Pass			

West led the ♦4 and East took the ace and switched to the ♣10. Declarer won in dummy and lead a spade but East rose with the ace and the defenders cross-ruffed for two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>Fernandes</i>	<i>Luiz</i>
–	–	2♥	Double
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

On a heart lead 3NT is doomed, but East had a second string to his bow and started with the ♦9. Declarer won with the queen, played a spade to the king and a spade to the eight and ace. He won the diamond exit with dummy's king and cashed his winners, at one point slipping the ♣7 past West to finish with 10 tricks and 13 IMPs.

Once again their aggressive approach had paid huge dividends, Team Nuno Matos winning 42-22.



Swiss Teams - Round 5 VuGraph

Ceri Pierce

Moving into round 5 of the Swiss Teams I opted to watch the leading teams on VuGraph. In this festival the two leading teams are broadcast live and it can make for some entertaining viewing – sometimes instructional, sometimes awe-inspiring, sometimes unbelievable (not in a good way), reassuring us that even the experts make mistakes. There was the best part of 1,000 kibitzers from around the world watching. Bridge is not generally considered a spectator sport, but I am sure lockdown has helped to increase the numbers.

Team Nuno Matos v Don Julio

#	Open Room				Closed Room				IMPs	
	N: KOISTINE S: SIGURJONSSON		E: BRENNER W: TEIXEIRA		E: EIRIKSSON W: MAGNUSSON		N: PAZ S: LUIZ			
1	4♠S-2			100		50	3♠S-1			2
2			4♠E=	420	5♠xE-1			100		11
3			6♥W=	1430	4♥W=	620				13
4			2♣E+1	110	2♣E+2	130			1	
5			3NTE=	400	1NTE=	90				7
6	3♣S=	110					2♣S+2	130		1
7		100	6♦E-1		3NTW+2	660			13	
8			4♥W+1	450	4♥W+1	450			--	--
9	1NTS+3	180				50	3NTS-1		6	
10						200	3NTS-2			
11	3♦N+1	130					3♦N+1	130	--	--
12		50	2♠W-1		3♥W-3			150		3

Plan B Bridge v GBRD

#	Open Room				Closed Room				IMPs	
	N: LAHRMANN S: ZEEBERG		E: MYERS W: BROCK		E: EGGELING W: BAUSBACK		N: AUKEN S: WELLAND			
1	4♠xS-2			300		100	4♠S-2			5
2		100	5♠xE-1		4♠E=	420			11	
3			4♥W+1	650	4♥E+1	650			--	--
4			2♣E+1	110	2♣E+1	110			--	--
5			1NTE+2	150	1NTE=	90				2
6	3NTS-3			150			3♣S+1	130		7
7		100	6♦E-1		4♥W=	620			12	
8			4♥E=	420	4♥E+1	450			1	
9	1NTS+2	150					1NTS+1	120	1	
10	3NTN-2			200		200	3NTN-2		--	--
11	4♠N-1			50			3♦N=	110		4
12		150	3NTW-3		3NTW-1			50	3	




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Board 2 was exciting (the best sort) and in both matches 11 IMPs were exchanged.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ KJ7643 ♥ 95 ♦ 10985 ♣ 6</p>		<p>♠ 5 ♥ K10876 ♦ K2 ♣ AK984</p>	<p>♠ AQ1098 ♥ Q ♦ AJ6 ♣ J532</p>
<p>♠ 2 ♥ AJ432 ♦ Q743 ♣ Q107</p>			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Teixeira</i>	<i>Koistine</i>	<i>Brenner</i>	<i>Sigurjonsson</i>
-	-	1♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Magnusson</i>	<i>Paz</i>	<i>Eiriksson</i>	<i>Luiz</i>
-	-	1♠	Pass
4♠	Double	Pass	4NT
Double	5♣	5♠	All Pass

In the open room, East/West were allowed to play in a routine 4♠, probably bid as an advance sacrifice with the lovely 5-5 spade fit and good shape, which as it happens is cold for ten tricks. In the closed room another story unfolded- Paz was not going to let matters lie and red against green but with a shapely two-suited hand, girded his loins and made a take-out double of 4♠. This prompted a flurry of bidding the upshot of which was East/West took the push to 5♠ for one off.

Once the double by North had been made, North/South were onto a winner:

- a) 4♠ was making for East/West
- b) 5♣ or 5♥ make for North South

Paradoxically, once the double by North had been made, East/West were also sort of onto a winner by bidding 5♠ as a sacrifice over the North/South game. A win-win-win situation that unfortunately for Don Julio meant an 11 IMP swing to Team, Nuno Matos.

In the other match, a similar story, the North/South bidding being a bit less nerve wracking for North when in the open room South made an immediate Double of the 1♠ opening bid.....

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Brock</i>	<i>Lahrmann</i>	<i>Myers</i>	<i>Zeeberg</i>
-	-	1♠	Double
4♠	4NT	Pass	5♦
5♠	All Pass		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bausback</i>	<i>Auken</i>	<i>Eggeling</i>	<i>Welland</i>
-	-	1♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

And another 11 IMPs changed hands.

Whenever I make a light take out double, my partner and I almost inevitably end up in no-trumps and go hurtling off so I am more inclined to pass these hands and come in later – on this occasion that would have been too late.

But then again – my finesses never work either.



Final Team Standings

	VPs	TeamName
1	124,40	Team Nuno Matos
2	104,38	Don Julio
3	99,14	Autobahn
4	99,08	DARFF
5	89,29	Baleal
6	87,07	Plan B Bridge
7	86,89	Caveiras
8	86,77	Sushi
9	83,89	NO TRUMP!
10	83,41	GBRD
11	83,37	4 No-Trump

12	82,85	GinTonic
13	78,44	Machilenka
14	78,36	5 Selvagens
15	77,74	Kiko
16	72,42	Lucia
17	71,13	Bonnie
18	68,46	Double Jungle
19	67,90	Silpersnanev
20	67,61	Wie Koe
21	65,60	Zarco
22	48,12	NEDPOR
23	43,68	CN S Vicente

Round 7 Results		IMPs	VPs	
Kiko	Team Nuno Matos	23-42	4,63	15,37
Don Julio	DARFF	26-31	8,30	11,70
GBRD	Autobahn	36-45	7,10	12,90
Plan B Bridge	Selvagens	35-34	10,36	9,64
Sushi	Bonnie	36-23	13,97	6,03
GinTonic	Double Jungle	45-26	15,37	4,63
Caveiras	Baleal	31-42	6,55	13,45
Lucia	NO TRUMP!	30-41	6,55	13,45
4 No-Trump	Zarco	35-17	15,15	4,85
NEDPOR	Silpersnanev	45-41	11,38	8,62
Machilenka	CN S Vicente	51-35	14,70	5,30
	Wie Koe			12,00

Round 8 Results		IMPs	VPs	
Team Nuno Matos	GinTonic	58-15	19,13	0,87
Don Julio	Sushi	24-11	13,97	6,03
Plan B Bridge	Autobahn	21-45	3,63	16,37
DARFF	GBRD	43-11	17,71	2,29
Selvagens	Caveiras	24-61	1,59	18,41
Baleal	Kiko	43-27	14,70	5,30
Bonnie	NO TRUMP!	7-37	2,60	17,40
4 No-Trump	Double Jungle	41-14	16,91	3,09
Wie Koe	Lucia	20-27	7,69	12,31
Machilenka	NEDPOR	66-13	20,00	0,00
CN S Vicente	Silpersnanev	25-41	5,30	14,70
	Zarco			12,00



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