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4th-10th November 2024

Sunday 10th November

Bulletin 6

The Longest Day

After nine rounds of eight-board matches Team **Janet de Botton** has won eight of them and so has a good lead of 145.80 VPs over the second-placed **Miniter** on a total of 132.71. Taking the third position is **Baldursson** 123.54. There are three matches today and twenty-five teams within twenty points of the third place. We have seen many changes in the order on the last day over the previous years.



The crowds of players enjoying their lunchtime meal of lasagna, salad and desserts.

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Cash prizes for all events can be collected from 19:30 onwards as mentioned on Page 2

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4th-10th November 2024

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<u>Sunday</u>	10 th	14:30	Teams Session 4 <i>(3 matches)</i>
		19:00	Final Results

Please arrive 30 minutes before start of play.
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Post-tournament

Monday 11th *Selvagens V*
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Match One Report

David Burn

The first board of the first match of the 27th Madeira Festival was not the gentle start that players who hadn't yet digested their dinners would have wanted.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 953	♠ AQJ6	♠ 108742
♥ AK876	♥ 102	♥ QJ953
♦ AQ96	♦ K872	♦ 5
♣ 10	♣ K52	♣ 63
	♠ K	
	♥ 4	
	♦ J1043	
	♣ AQJ9874	

COLE v PORTUGALES

West	North	East	South
<i>Bianchedi</i>	<i>Goncalves</i>	<i>Cole</i>	<i>Ribeiro</i>
–	1♦	Pass	2♦
2♥	2♠	4♥	5♦
Double	All Pass		

Ribeiro for PORTUGALES chose not to mention his clubs, supporting partner's diamonds first with an inverted raise and then with a shot at game. Goncalves ruffed the second round of hearts in dummy, cashed ♠K, and led ♦J to West's queen and his own king. Now he needed to stay off the trump suit, playing black-suit winners instead, to get out for down two (the same result as the ten-card club fit would suffer with best defence). He led a club to the ace and a club to the king, West discarding a spade. Perhaps that encouraged him to believe that West had started with the doubleton ♦AQ, because he next played a trump and went down four.

COLE v PORTUGALES

West	North	East	South
<i>Martins</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Woodruff</i>	<i>Palma</i>
–	1♦	2♦	2♥
4♥	Pass	Pass	4NT
5♥	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

Woodruff for PORTUGALES ventured a Michaels cue-bid over Rimstedt's 1♦ opening, and Palma's cue-bid of 2♥ (probably) showed clubs. At his second turn he got his diamond support into the game with 4NT, and at his third turn he doubled 5♥. Plus 300 at his table and plus 800 at the other meant 15 IMPs to COLE.

A-TMPC v WRECKING BALL

West	North	East	South
<i>Lawy</i>	<i>Carsten</i>	<i>Anoyrkatis</i>	<i>Tyge</i>
–	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

Somewhat belying their team name, neither Anyorkatis nor Lawy for WRECKING BALL took any part in the auction, and Tyge for A-TMPC decided that he had clubs rather than diamonds. This meant that double-dummy defence to 5♣ was not going to happen, and after West tried and failed to cash two hearts South not only tried but succeeded in cashing eleven winners.

A-TMPC v WRECKING BALL

West	North	East	South
<i>Cholewa</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Skyum</i>	<i>Lindfors</i>
–	1♦	Pass	2♣
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	7♣	All Pass	
All Pass			

There isn't much to say about this except that the number of keycards held by South was doubtless a disappointment to North. West respectfully failed to double, but was not deterred from cashing his tricks, and 100 in his room went with 400 in the other for 11 IMPs to A-TMPC.

WRECKING BALL struck back immediately:



Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 76
♥ KJ2
♦ K106
♣ AQ652

♠ A3
♥ 10876
♦ Q95432
♣ 8

♠ K98542
♥ 53
♦ 87
♣ KJ7

♠ QJ10
♥ AQ94
♦ AJ
♣ 10943

W N E S

A-TMPC v WRECKING BALL

West	North	East	South
<i>Cholewa</i>	<i>Hult</i>	<i>Skyum</i>	<i>Lindfors</i>
–	–	2♦	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

2♦ was a Multi, 2NT was natural and sporting, and Simon Hult must have thought the play would take a few seconds when he put down that impressive dummy. Cholewa didn't know what suit his partner had – the odds favoured spades, but if it happened to be hearts they might take less effort to clear, so he led that suit. Lindfors won in hand and lost a club finesse to East, who decided that it couldn't be right to lead spades – would not his partner have done that with anything worthwhile in the suit? So he returned a heart, and Lindfors made his contract. At the other table:

A-TMPC v WRECKING BALL

West	North	East	South
<i>Lawy</i>	<i>Carsten</i>	<i>Anoyrkatis</i>	<i>Tyge</i>
–	–	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

2♦ was again a Multi, but South didn't have an immediate call to express those values so he passed. When 2♠ came round he doubled, but although North showed some values with 3♦ South didn't imagine North had quite as much as he did and game was not reached. 600 and minus 110 came to 10 IMPs for WRECKING BALL.

In the other match Margie Cole opened a weak 2♠ and when South doubled, Alejandro Bianchedi raised creatively to 3♠. Goncalves took a shot at 5♣ over that, but the contract was hopeless and declarer finished down two. At the other table Palma for COLE played in 3NT against which the defence was able to clear the spades before

declarer cleared the clubs. That meant down one (the double-dummy solver would have made it, but the double-dummy solver was delayed at Barcelona airport and fortunately for the rest of the field was unable to play). 3 IMPs went to COLE.

PORTUGALES picked up 5 IMPs on a partscore deal, flat in the other match, then double-digit swings resumed. Your hand at game all is

♠ AK943 ♥ A ♦ KQ4 ♣ 10642

and RHO opens a possibly-short $1\blacklozenge$. What action do you take?

Cole doubled and rebid 1♠ over partner's 1♥ response, raised to 4♠ by Bianchedi. Woodruff overcalled 1♠ and passed partner's raise to 2♠. Skyum overcalled 1♠ and, after a double by South, made a game try of 3♣ after partner's raise to 2♠. Anoyrkatis overcalled 1♠ and made a game try of 4♠ over partner's single raise. How did they do?

Partner had:

♠ O 10 7 ♥ 9 7 5 4 ♦ J 10 7 6 ♣ K J

Opener had ♣ A Q, but the rest of the layout was not hostile and game made easily enough, giving 10 IMPs to COLE and to WRECKING BALL. For what it's worth, I would have done none of the above – East should overcall and then make a game try which West should accept. But you don't care about that, and nor should you.

Lawry and Anoyrkatis were the only pair to bid an excellent (and cold) slam on board 5, sending 11 more to WRECKING BALL. Cole and Bianchedi missed it, playing in 5♦ on a ten-card fit and scoring 420 while Woodruff and Martins chose a 5-1 heart fit, but that handled nicely for 450 and an IMP to PORTUGALES. Board 6 was flattish at both tables, and on board 7 WRECKING BALL picked up another large swing when a strange defence let through a game. COLE tacked 5 IMPs onto their score on the final deal when both North-Souths went for penalties, but 300 against a game was worthwhile while 500 was not.

An eventful set of deals saw COLE the winners by 18.04 – 1.96, while WRECKING BALL prevailed 18.53 – 1.47.



Match Two Report

David Burn

WRECKING BALL were rewarded for their first-round win with a second stint on BBO, this time against SWOP. The former team took a narrow lead of 2 IMPs after the first couple of boards - an overtrick on each? Plus 100 against minus 50 and a dull push? Not exactly.

Board 9. Dealer North . E/W Vul.

♠ A7		
♥ AQ953		
♦ 1063		
♣ A105		
♠ K10854		♠ J9632
♥ 76		♥ K10
♦ AK4		♦ QJ8752
♣ J74		♣ —
		♠ Q
		♥ J842
		♦ 9
		♣ KQ98632

West	North	East	South
Post	Lawy	Ottevanger	Anoyrkatis
—	1NT	Double	2♣
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
Pass	Pass	5♠	All Pass

By the look of things, East's double may well have been Lionel showing spades and another suit – the invention of Lionel Wright, a New Zealand international and former manager of TGR's rubber bridge club in London. I don't know what South's 2♣ meant – some play that after a non-penalty double of 1NT you stick with your original system, so it might have been Stayman, or it might just have been natural intending further bidding as and when appropriate.

West's jump to 4♠ caused South to believe that further bidding was indeed appropriate, but East-West were not to be denied. Was East bidding to save? Or to make? Or just because it was his turn? If you ask me, North did very well indeed not to double, and SWOP scored 650.

West	North	East	South
Lindfors	Speelman	Hult	Els
—	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

I thought for a moment I had cracked it, and SWOP was just an acronym from the first letters of the players' surnames. But Els doesn't quite fit that pattern. Maybe SEOP means something rude in Dutch. At any rate the Swedes playing for WRECKING BALL took no part in an auction where 2♣ definitely was Stayman, and North was left to play a peaceful game contract. He lost a diamond, a club ruff and a trump, and he brought back 420 to go with his team-mates' 650 for 14 IMPs to SWOP.

Board 10. Dealer East . All Vul.

♠ Q6		
♥ AJ9543		
♦ Q4		
♣ J97		
♠ 43		♠ 52
♥ Q1082		♥ —
♦ K975		♦ A10832
♣ A103		♣ KQ8654
		♠ AKJ10987
		♥ K76
		♦ J6
		♣ 2

West	North	East	South
Post	Lawy	Ottevanger	Anoyrkatis
—	—	1♣	4♠
Double	All Pass		

West led ♣A, but partner's eight did not strike him as a reason to do anything but continue clubs. That was a pity, because he had 1690 reasons to continue clubs – the 500 penalty he missed plus the 1190 he had to write in the minus column.

West	North	East	South
Lindfors	Speelman	Hult	Els
—	—	1♣	1♠
Double	2♥	3♦	3♠
4♦	All Pass		



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East-West for WRECKING BALL might have been a little concerned at having missed a game. They didn't need to be – plus 150 at their table and plus 1190 at the other meant 16 IMPs to WRECKING BALL.

The swing was smaller on the third board, but the potential was there for something more substantial.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ AK74		
	♥ AJ1032		
	♦ 10		
	♣ KJ4		
♠ 9832		♠ Q106	
♥ KQ76		♥ 85	
♦ K64		♦ J982	
♣ A5		♣ Q963	
	♠ J5		
	♥ 94		
	♦ AQ753		
	♣ 10872		

West	North	East	South
<i>Post</i>	<i>Lawy</i>	<i>Ottevanger</i>	<i>Anoyrkatis</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	Double	3♦	Pass
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

If North had doubled at his second turn, best defence could collect an 800 penalty. West's diamond lead against 3NT went to the queen, and a heart was won by dummy's jack. Now declarer led dummy's ♣J, on which East didn't play the queen so that West won with the ace. Remarkably, the contract could now be beaten only by the counter-intuitive move of leading either of the suits declarer had been playing on, instead of the suit he hadn't or the suit West's side had bid and supported. Of course, Post was never going to do this – he continued with ♦K and Anoyrkatis was now in a position to make the contract. A heart to dummy, king and another club, and there would be nothing East could do in the endgame. But the play didn't go quite like that, and down two was the upshot. At the other table West opened 1♦ and North's 1♥ overcall was passed out, declaring taking ten tricks for 170 and 7 IMPs to SWOP that could have been 12 the other way.

WRECKING BALL regained that swing when a modest contract of 1♥ was doubled at one table but not the other. It went down two and the demolition crew got their 7 IMPs back; an overtrick halved SWOP's deficit and the final score was 23-22 to WRECKING BALL.

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Match Three Report

David Burn

DE BOTTON, who had won their first two matches comfortably, opposed in the third round HERZ, who had done the same. On the first deal a 1♣ opening was passed out at one table (a 3-3 fit) and responded to at the other leading to 2NT (a combined 21 count). The latter contract was down one (could have been two) and the former down three (could have been one) for three IMPs to DE BOTTON. The second deal had more interest.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 43			
♥ Q8			
♦ KQJ742			
♣ Q65			
♠ K96		♠ AQJ752	
♥ J754		♥ A96	
♦ 3		♦ A965	
♣ KJ1098		♣ —	
		♠ 108	
		♥ K1032	
		♦ 108	
		♣ A7432	

West	North	East	South
<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Eckhard</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Tripp</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♣	2♦	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Double
5♦	Pass	6♠	All Pass

1♠ showed spades and so did 2♣ – three of them and at least 8 points. 2♦ showed diamonds. The rest of the bids meant something, but I am afraid I have no idea what. The final contract could be made by the double-dummy solver on any defence – how would Norway's Christian Bakke do?

He won the opening lead of ♦10, faultless so far. He ruffed a diamond in the dummy, maintaining his 100% record for accuracy. He now led a club, but the wrong club – he needed to lead the king, but called for the eight instead. Had DDS been defending Bakke's punishment would have been swift – ♣Q from North would sink the slam – but Eckhard naturally played low. Declarer discarded a heart and South won ♣A. She continued clubs (nothing else is any good), but Bakke

threw another heart on ♣K and cross-ruffed his way home. 11 IMPs to DE BOTTON when the slam was (understandably) not bid at the other table.

An overtrick and a part score swing in 1NT went the same way, then HERZ struck a blow by bidding a cold vulnerable game, missed at the other table due to what looks like a bidding misunderstanding. 10 IMPs to HERZ for 600 and -150, but the next swing went the other way.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A753			
♥ Q832			
♦ AJ8			
♣ 73			
♠ —		♠ KQJ4	
♥ K954		♥ A7	
♦ KQ105		♦ 9643	
♣ Q862		♣ AJ9	
		♠ 10986	
		♥ J106	
		♦ 72	
		♣ K1054	

Both Easts declared 3NT, one West having shown four hearts and short spades, the other just four hearts. Declarer for HERZ won the opening club lead with the nine and played on diamonds. North, in with ♦A, shifted to spades, but when he was in again with ♦J he found the necessary play of a heart and declarer had to go down one. DE BOTTON's declarer received a spade lead, ducked to his hand, and a diamond to the king was also allowed to hold. A club to the jack was followed by an understandable but fatal spade continuation, and that was all the help required. 600 and 100 was worth 12 IMPs to DE BOTTON.

The final large swing was a mildly comical affair – East had doubled a 2♦ response to Stayman, but when North declared 3NT she ignored her own advice and led something else. There still weren't enough tricks, but when East got in again she still didn't lead diamonds and declarer by then had enough winners. Since his diamond stop had consisted of ♦QJ facing ♦64, he was no doubt pleased about that. At the other table no one interfered with Stayman and the final contract was 4♥, down one on a rather unlucky lie of the cards, for 10 IMPs to DE BOTTON and another comfortable win that carried them to the top of the table.



Talking of Tips

Mark Horton

Mark Horton, who is normally present at this festival, was watching from afar in Shrewsbury England and sent me this observation.

Reading through the Bulletins I noticed that the odd bridge tip has been mentioned.

If you want to get better at bridge, reading is one of the best routes to go down.

Many years ago, I wrote a book entitled *Better Signalling Now*. One of the things I advocated was that when holding AK of a suit you should lead the ace to ask for an attitude signal, and the king for a count signal. I also mentioned that leading the king against a notrump contract should ask partner to unblock any honor they might hold.

Logging on to BBO I spotted this deal from the completed match between de Botton and Miniter in Round 6:

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ AKJ 10 7 6

♥ 10

♦ J42

♣ Q 10 6

♠ 94

♥ J964

◆ AK 108

♣ AK2



♠ 52

♥ AK5

◆ Q975

♣ J743

♠ Q83

♥ Q8732

◆ 63

♣ 985

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hoftaniska</i>	<i>Rimstedt</i>	<i>Bakke</i>	<i>Madala</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1NT	2♦*	Double	3♥*
Pass	3♠	Double	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
2♦	Multi Landy		
3♥	Pass or correct		

Ignoring an possible inference from South's 3♥ West took a shot at game.

North cashed two spades and switched to the ♥10. South won with the ♥Q and exited with a heart, leaving declarer with no way to arrive at more than eight tricks, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Minitier</i>	<i>Charlsen</i>	<i>Grue</i>	<i>de Botton</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♠K, but when South followed with the ♠8 North switched to the ♥10. Declarer won with dummy's ♥A, cashed four diamonds and then played three rounds of clubs. North won and cashed the ♠A, but once again South held on to the ♠Q. She was forced to win the next spade and surrender the last two tricks to dummy's ♥K and ♣J.

Read, Mark, Learn, and Inwardly Digest.



A Well Played Hand?

Nic Van den Bergh gave me these details of their play on this hand.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ Q		
	♥ KJ 105		
	♦ 5		
	♣ AKQ 10654		
♠ K 1062		♠ J8	
♥ 763		♥ Q942	
♦ 9632		♦ KQJ874	
♣ J9		♣ 2	
	♠ A97543		
	♥ A8		
	♦ A10		
	♣ 873		

West	North	East	South
	Anke		Nic
–	–	–	1♠
Pass	2♣*	2♦	2♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♣	Pass	6NT
All Pass			
2♣ 2 over 1			
4NT Quantative			

Over Two Hearts I had a choice of bids. I could bid Four Clubs, to show club support, now that partner has shown at least 5 and probably 4 hearts. Or I could show my diamond stopper.

Since it's pairs and following the well known quote of Bob Hamman, I decided to bid 3NT.

Partner bid 4 NT quantative, (Four Clubs also was an option, but I guess she was also playing pairs), showing a good hand and asking if my hand was good enough to be in slam. I have a pretty clean hand, and 6 clubs, 4 hearts and 2 aces

were 12 tricks. And if not 12 tricks, then probably enough chances for some smart play.

I could have bid 6NT directly, but decided to bid Five Diamonds, giving East the chance to double (to try and locate the diamond honours), which is also 3-0 key cards, if 4NT was meant as ace asking.

My partner didn't dare bid Seven Clubs, although that must have chances, and I corrected Six Clubs to 6NT.

A diamond lead and I only counted 11 tricks. There are three lines of play. Rectify the count by only taking the second diamond, playing on a heart/spade squeeze, or taking the first trick and play on a strip squeeze/throw in against East or the boring heart finesse.

The squeeze version looks to have less chances (♥Q and ♠KJ10 in the same hand). So I took the diamond ace in the first trick. Keeping also my chances to make 13 tricks.

On the club parade, West at some point threw a heart, convincing me she didn't have the heart queen. So I decided to go for the strip and throw in. Running the rest of the clubs, cashing the ace of spades and hearts, and East was left with one diamond and two hearts. I threw him in with diamonds and he was so kind as to lead hearts into my KJ, as he had no other choice.

He could have been claiming the best played hand if he had kept a spade, and threw away an extra heart instead... ending with one diamond, the queen of hearts and a small spade.

I would have played the same and been rewarded with only 10 tricks, and an angry face from my partner but probably €50 for the worst played hand.

Nic Van den Bergh – Anke Van den Bergh



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Bidding, declarer play and defence all qualify. Please, nominate yourself, your partner or an opponent by submitting the hand to the Bulletin editor Ron Tacchi, located at the far end of Tower 1 (not too far from the hotel reception of Vidamar)

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Just One Poncha

Ron Tacchi

On the Friday of the festival there is a tradition whereby a crowd of mainly Portuguese and Madeirans (but including me) go off for a 'serious' lunch. I cannot tell you where it is for two reasons, firstly if I did tell you I would have to shoot you and secondly most people who drive there do not know how to get there and can spend a certain amount of time going round in circles. It is also tradition to have a Poncha at a tavern before going on to the restaurant. In theory there is only time for one glass. Jorge Cruzeiro has come up with a solution to this seemingly intractable problem by significantly increasing the size of the glass.

I returned to my station in the Bulletin Office sometime after six p.m. in a mellow condition and commenced production of the Daily Bulletin. Suddenly at the last moment Ceri and I were required to fill in and complete a team with a nice pair of Canadians, the Andersons. I am not sure they would have been so happy to have us as temporary teammates had they witnessed my lunchtime activities.

I felt it my due to report on our tales of deriding do, however my coworkers have suggested a write up on our first match against a team called Bye might not be a riveting read. So I give you an amusing defence from the second match.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ AK74		♠ J875
♥ AJ1032		♥ 85
♦ 10		♦ J982
♣ KJ4		♣ Q963
♠ Q62		
♥ KQ76		
♦ K64		
♣ A5		
♠ J5		
♥ 94		
♦ AQ753		
♣ 10872		



Taking just one Poncha with Jorge Cruzeiro prior to lunch.

West	North	East	South
–	Me	–	Ceri
1♣*	1♥	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	Pass	2♣
AllPass			
1♣	Maybe 2		

I commenced hostilities with the ♠K, noting partner's jack and continued with the ace, partner completing her peter. The ♠7 was ruffed by partner who returned a heart to the king and ace and my fourth spade saw declarer insert the ♣9 which partner overruffed with the ten. The ace of diamonds was cashed and Ceri returned a diamond and when declarer played the king I ruffed and we still had red tricks to come for five off.

On Board 21 I had to decide what to lead against an opening 1NT on my right and a direct raise to three on my left. I held:

♠ 876543
♥ 982
♦ 1064
♣ 7

Without hesitation I selected the ♥2 to find partner with ♥AKQxx. I called it a triumph for the 3rd and 5th leads. Of course somewhere in a parallel universe partner had ♠AK2 but that is a universe far far away.

But we won both our matches.



That Elusive Par

David Burn

Deals on which both sides can make game are not common, especially when one of those games is 3NT. But when such an occasion does arise, it can lead to an unusual par result on the board. The runaway winners of the Open Pairs, beat par by a fraction after an auction that might have had more to do with the victory champagne than the cards themselves.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 4		
♥ J10		
♦ AKQ108753		
♣ J6		
♠ J1098		♠ KQ652
♥ AQ62		♥ 873
♦ 2		♦ J94
♣ K1082		♣ A5
♠ A73		
♥ K954		
♦ 6		
♣ Q9743		

West	North	East	South
	<i>Rimstedt</i>		<i>Palma</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

2NT 20-22 balanced
 3♣ asking about majors
 3♦ I don't have a five-card major
 3♠ I have four hearts
 3NT I don't have a four-card major
 4♣ I have clubs
 4NT I don't

North was actually pretty well placed after his opening, since he could continue with three bids that denied length in everything except diamonds, which all in all was an accurate enough description. Neither opponent was prescient enough to double, which would have led to the absolute par result – a vulnerable-against-not sacrifice in 4NT (East-West can make 4♠ easily enough). Down one undoubled in 4NT was actually only a little above average for North-South – many pairs had been allowed to buy the hand in 3NT their way after having opened it – but by that time Ola Rimstedt and Antonio Campos Palma could afford the occasional 52% board.

The Question of Nationality

Laura Woodruff

On Wednesday afternoon my partner and I found ourselves at table I2 playing against a charming pair from the other side of the Atlantic. During the chit-chat at the end of the round, we worked out that there were at least eight - depending on definition - nationalities represented by the four players at the table.

Is this a record? I suspect not.

North was a young Colombian with a Spanish passport. South was an Italian-American. East (that's me) was a UK-Portuguese dual national born in Cardiff (which is where the question of definition comes in), and West was a Dutchwoman

of French Huguenot extraction.

When I was adding nationalities to the list of pairs on the website a couple of weeks ago the only 2-digit code I had to look up was Colombia (CO). We have quite a few South Americans here despite the very recent WBF tournament in Buenos Aires, and are delighted to see them all. They lend a certain glamour to proceedings, and some of them are bridge stars beyond their native continent.

If anyone can beat eight (or nine) nationalities at a single table, please let the Bulletin team know – you can leave a note at the Welcome Desk.



Provisional Teams Standings - Round 9

	VPs	Names
1	145.8	Janet de Botton
2	132.71	Miniter
3	123.54	Baldursson
4	122.68	Fimbulvinter
5	122.15	Hanabi
6	118.19	ASTRO
7	118.15	O Samba
8	117.83	Bricklayer
9	116.98	Hauge
10	115.34	INREMAWI
11	114.66	Cole
12	111.85	João Ferreira
13	108.42	Bridge Magazine IMP
14	108.4	RESI
15	107.9	Pigerne
16	107.85	Tolle
17	107.49	DRAGONS
18	107.23	Kuku Slieka
19	106.72	Evici
20	106.68	SPS CONSTRUCTION
21	105.85	Auctionmen
22	105.78	Kreijns
23	105.45	Storbonden
24	105.11	PORTO-IRELAND
25	104.75	Now We're Talking
26	104.56	Portugalês
27	104.24	Don Julio
28	103.85	PINGE
29	103.36	Lombard 3
30	102.7	Team Akureyri
31	102.33	Indian Palace
32	101.71	Tbd
33	100.82	Disco Polo
34	100.74	IceGuys
35	100.49	Woodberry Wobblers
36	100.17	Baglady
37	99.65	Garfield
38	99.58	LiMa
39	99.56	K-Team
40	99.26	PONKS
41	99.25	Wrecking Ball
42	99.02	Intobridge

43	98.98	Lupo Veloce
44	98.26	Theseus 4
45	97.12	INVENIO
46	95.35	Queen of hearts
47	94.91	Team Nuno Matos
48	94.46	Yaramato
49	94.4	Tebha
50	94.18	Svanhildur
51	94.07	Star 1
52	93.85	GABRIEL
53	93.12	De Bloemen
54	93.01	Medium Well
55	92.69	Allie
56	92.47	JapiCoke
57	92.27	Stantons
58	92.06	Orange
59	91.73	De Bijen
60	91.56	Malinowski
61	91.34	Team Acol
62	91	WAGTAIL
63	90.93	Haig Tchamitch
64	90.8	Kólus
65	90.11	R1F3
66	90.1	Fundacja Raglot
67	89.61	Sakjob
68	88.4	Hungestvia
69	88.02	CBP
69	88.02	Bullseye
71	87.93	NUTKA
72	87.33	Ice Queens
73	87.17	SWOP
74	86.38	Canis Lupus
75	86.13	5 Clubs Partyband
76	85.92	Baleal
77	85.49	Herz
78	85.29	Bridge B's
79	84.96	Galovic
80	84.65	PortWine
81	84.45	ABC Hamburg
82	84.23	Malmoe
83	83.87	Fryslân
84	83.55	Dínó



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85	82.5	Repeat Bet
86	81.87	Gorioux&Eskom Warsaw
87	81.7	Zeebai
88	81.54	CIDADE INVICTA
89	81.52	Domkwartet
90	81.39	Good guys
91	80.68	Iceteam 1
91	80.68	Gitte
93	80.67	Dutch Kites
94	80.49	Ole's GPS
95	80.08	IceCan
96	79.45	a-TMPC
97	79.17	Ruiten 7
98	78.4	Dark Side
99	78.21	Frapor
100	77.86	Where Is My Mind
101	77.55	Duque de Paus
102	76.91	Shuffle up and deal
103	76.15	ACROSS THE POND
104	75.82	Luz e Mar
105	75.75	Mixed Danes
106	75.72	Ice Boys
107	74.09	De La Maza
108	73.27	Porto
109	73.18	Normany
110	73.16	JJ's Friends
111	72.91	McIntosh
112	72.76	MALBEC
113	72.73	The Vikings
114	72.66	CN São Vicente
115	70.07	Charlottes and friends
116	69.64	10cc
117	67.2	Les uns et les autres
118	65.97	Clik
119	65.49	Joker
120	65.43	On Vacation
121	63.75	CONTRA LADIES
122	63.61	Team Zaanse
123	62.12	Brabo's
124	61.98	AMIGAS
125	59.31	Cornazo
126	58	KISS
127	56.29	Team 118
128	54.19	HALI
129	47.17	Verão de São Martinho



Team Rosters

No.	Naame	Nationality	Team Members
1	Cole	US/Arg/Swe/Portugal	Cole - Bianchedi - Rimstedt - Palma
2	Portugalês	Portugal (Madeira)	Macedo - Macedo - Woodruff - Martins - Gonçalves - Ribeiro
3	a-TMPC	Denmark	Cholewa - Skyum - Fogh - Bernth
4	Wrecking Ball	UK/Sweden	Anoyrkatis - Lawy - Hult - Lindfors
5	Team Nuno Matos	Portugal (Madeira)/Brazil	Teixeira - Brenner - Paz - Luiz
6	INVENIO	Poland	Dzieka?ska - Dzieka?ski - Grabek - Ilnicki
7	On Vacation	Iceland	Ómarsson - Ellertsson - Jonasdottir - Jonsdottir
8	Minitier	US/Argentina/Sweden	Minitier - Grue - Madala - Rimstedt
9	Baldursson	Iceland	Einarsson - Thorvaldsson - Jonsson - Erlingsson
10	CIDADE INVICTA	Portugal	Gonçalves - Pinto - Pessanha - Gonçalves
11	K-Team	Germany	Kroening - Karimi-Müller - Kraemer - Kraemer
12	10cc	UK	Thrower - Rose - Cope - Bowley
13	Bridge Magazine IMP	Netherlands	Winkel - van der Wouden - van den Bergh - van Hoof
14	KISS	Iceland	Kristinsdottir - Símonarson - Sigurdsson - Oskarsson
15	Iceteam1	Iceland	Ludviksson - Axelsdottir - Pálsson - Shaw
16	Haig Tchamitch	US/Canada	Tchamitch - Berton - Kolesnik - Grossack
17	Queen of hearts	Belgium	van den Bergh - van den Bergh - Verleyen - Mistiaen
18	Ice Boys	Iceland	Thorkelsson - Ingvarsson - Einarsson - Einarsson
19	Charlottes and friends	Denmark	Vainer - Schwarz-Rosman - Juhl - Kampmann
20	SPS CONSTRUCTION	Poland	Chmurski - Glasek - Ocylok - Pszczola
21	Ole's GPS	Germany/Netherlands	Farwig - Dragt - Oortwijn - Freeriks
22	De La Maza	Spain/Iceland	Maza - Garcia Nimo - Thordarson - Bjornsson
23	NUTKA	Poland	Jagielski - Stanczak - Krupnik - Nowicki
24	Kreijns	Netherlands	van der Kam - Kreijns - Snellers - de Boer
25	Hanabi	Netherlands	Barendregt - Schols - Coppens - van Oosten
26	Lombard 3	Netherlands	van der Meer - van Valen - Jagroop - van Luijk
27	IceCan	Iceland	Palmason - Stefansson - Gudmundsson - Óskarsdóttir - Sigurbjörndóttir
28	PortWine	Portugal	Santos - Rodrigues - Oliveira - Leite - Gerasimov
29	Fryslân	Netherlands	Westra - Linse - Burmania - Flisijn
30	Medium Well	Switzerland/Finland	Mucha - Pana - Carlsson - Sundwall
31	Mixed Danes	Denmark	Mogensen - Just - Henningsen - Auken
32	PORTO-IRELAND	Portugal/Ireland	Cerquinho - Pinto - Ferreira - Henriques - Goodman - Keaveney
33	Galovic	Netherlands	van den Bos - Bouman - van den Bos - van den Bos
34	Ice Queens	Iceland	Jonsdottir - Gudnadottir - Bender - Ingolfssdottir
35	ASTRO	Iceland	Karlsson - Olafsson - Palsdottir - Jörgensen - Asgrimsson - Bergsson
36	Kuku Slieka	Estonia	Vähk - Pedmanson - Pruul - Maasik
37	Hungestvia	Estonia/Hungary/Latvia	Kuldkepp - Zabradi - Uljanovs - Romanovskis
38	Shuffle up and deal	Netherlands	Stronks - van Gorp - Roelofs - Roelofs
39	Domkwartet	Netherlands	van Ommeren - Vermeulen - Jonker - de Bruine
40	Auctionmen	Denmark	Madsen - Ostergaard - Frydenlund - Bjarnarson
41	Janet de Botton	UK/Norway	de Botton - Hoftaniska - Charlsen - Bakke
42	Gitte	Denmark/Poland/UK	Hecht-Johansen - Smoczynski - Clery - Jacobs
43	Where Is My Mind	Norway	Guttormsen - Volla - Larssen - Larssen



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44	Team Acol	UK	Waterman - Blaine - Lawy - Spencer
45	Indian Palace	Iceland	Eiriksson - Magnusson - Ingthorsson - Halldorsson
46	De Bloemen	Netherlands	Walle - Pluim - Limmen - Schipper
47	Zeebai	Netherlands	Maat - de Meer - Arendse - Kloet
48	RESI	Austria/Germany	Babsch - Schreckenberger - Engel - Gromoeller
49	Goriox & Eskom Warsaw	Poland	Wrobel - Zawilska - Suszanowicz - Lucka
50	Bridge B's	US/Colombia	Bitetti - Cuervo - Wood - Bussink
51	Dutch Kites	Netherlands	van der Schuit - Ouda - Kreuning - de Vlieger
52	PINGE	Sweden	Tjárnemo - Emanuelsson - Pettersson - Helmertz
53	Disco Polo	Poland	Narkiewicz - Raczkiewicz - Grzejdzia - Grzejdzia
54	Ruiten 7	Netherlands	van Peer - Hendriks - de Vet - van den Berg
55	Now We're Talking	Sweden/Norway	Anderson - Johansen - Haugstad - Pallesen
56	Dínó	Iceland	Sigurjonsson - Gislasdottir - Vigfusson - Gisladottir
57	João Ferreira	Portugal	Lima - Ferreira - Sarmento - Barbosa - Sousa
58	CN São Vicente	Portugal (Madeira)	Fernandes - Morgado - Machado - Macedo - Fernandes - Teixeira
59	Frapor	Portugal/France	Santos - Baltazar - Ingelbert - Ingelbert
60	Repeat Bet	Netherlands	Middelkoop - Salari - van Urk - Spanjaart
61	PONKS	Sweden	Mellgren - Odelmark - Arffman - Bertheau
62	Cornazo	Spain	Madriñan - Portela - Castro - Figueira
63	Duque de Paus	Portugal	Steiger - Steiger - Morais Sarmento - Soveral - Sarmento - Sarmento
64	Baglady	UK	Croswell - Tanna - Gauld - McIntosh - Stynes
65	R1F3	Germany	Boeddeker - Zarkesch - Nautilus - Boldt
66	WAGTAIL	UK/Canada	Fox - Fox - Kassabian - Hambrick
67	Porto	Portugal	Rebelo - Rebelo - Fonseca - Teixeira
68	Team Akureyri	Iceland	Gudjonsson - Armansson - Stefansson - Helgason
69	Star 1	Netherlands	La Haye - Verhoeve - Janssens - Verburgh
70	Garfield	Sweden	Finnsson - Finnsson - Hallquist - Hallquist
71	Herz	Canada/S.Africa/ Germany	Arblaster - Barlow - McLeod - McLeod - Hertz - Böhlke
72	CBP	Portugal	Teixeira - Ribeiro - Lencastre - Pinto
73	DRAGONS	UK/Belgium	Rees - Deschepper - Cunningham - Cunningham
74	Fimbulvinter	Norway	Wilt - Bartnes - Brogeland - Glaerum
75	tbd	Germany	Jensen - Sieber - Cappeller - Retzlaff
76	Joker	Iceland	Sigurjonsdottir - Steinarsdottir - Skuladottir - Kristinsdottir
77	ACROSS THE POND	Ireland/US	McHale - Rigney - Gurch - Moller
78	Evici	UK/Ireland	Hannon - Cox - Root - Hoff
79	Bricklayer	Netherlands	van Santen - Barendregt - Worm - Metselaar
80	LiMa	Poland	Kroppa - Zwirello - Kardasinski - Suflida
81	Luz e Mar	Netherlands	Begas - Grosmann - van der List - Kroezen
82	Hauge	Norway/UK	Svendsen - Hauge - Remen - Leslie
83	McIntosh	UK	Mathews - White - McIntosh - Cooper
84	Orange	Germany	Klasberg - Brawanski - Koester - Sosnowski - Roettger
85	Malinowski	nn	Malinowska - Eltz - Malinowski - Rae - Blicharz
86	CONTRA LADIES	Germany	Schenk - Stollenwerk - Britz-Cocker - Bartley
87	AMIGAS	UK	Cohen - Cohen - Grant - Quigley
88	5 Clubs Partyband	Denmark	Kiaer - Juhl - la Cour - Vilsen
89	Theseus 4	Netherlands	Bouwman - Scherders - Huijben - van Wel
90	Team Zaanse	Netherlands	Kleuver - Kramer - van Wees - van Wees
91	Yaramato	Germany	Basegmez - Speckmann - Doering - Mono
92	Tolle	Norway	Tolle - Hellemann - Markussen - Asla
93	SWOP	Netherlands	Post - Ottevanger - Speelman - Witteveen
94	MALBEC	Argentina	Brenner - Rodriguez - Guerrien - Zitka - Cohen - Namino
95	Les uns et les autres	Portugal	Branco - Vala - Centeno - Espirito-Santo



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96	GABRIEL	Iceland	Svanbergsson - Steingrímsson - Steingrímsson - Gíslason
97	IceGuys	Iceland	Jonsson - Fríðriksson - Jonsson - Sævarsson
98	Verão de São Martinho	Portugal/US	Fanha - Barata - Furtado - Edesess
99	Brabo's	Netherlands	Hendriks - Hendriks - van den Biggelaar - Stams
100	Sakjob	Norway	Munkvold - Kjaernsrod - Holmbakken - Buer
101	Canis Lupus	Finland	Parvianinen - Jalonen - Tulonen - Utter
102	Tebha	US	Warner - Tebha - Passell - Zolotow
103	ABC Hamburg	Germany	Alisch - Heine - Blumenberg - Sikora - Struthoff
104	Kólus	Iceland	Björnsdóttir - Baldursdóttir - Kristinsson - Karlsson
105	Woodberry Wobblers	UK	Bingham - Bingham - Catchpole - Mattacks
106	Team 118	Ireland/UK/US/Germany	Mullin - Mullin - Bee - Leitgeb
107	JJ's Friends	Iceland/Portugal	Kristinsson - Ólafsson - Leite - Furtado
108	O Samba	Lithuania/Poland	Kavalenka - Milaszewski - Jeleniewski - Poletaev - Nidecki - Lino
109	Intobridge	Bulgaria/US/Netherlands	Skorchev - Mahajan - Vlaanderen - Vlaanderen
110	Normany	Germany/Norway	Roderburg - Müller-Maubach - Eide - Rydning
111	Pigerne	Denmark	Rønn - Enevoldsen - Sand - Bech
112	Good guys	Norway	Aarmot - Brentebråten - Ohren - Herland
113	The Vikings	Iceland	Baldursson - Ríkharðsson - Thorsteinsdóttir - Guðjónsdóttir
114	Clik	Denmark	Ledertoug - Smed - Flensted-Jensen - Flensted-Jensen
115	Storbonden	Norway	Fjeldstad - Danielsen - Hansen - Riisnes - Valen - Dahl
116	Lupo Veloce	Austria	Burg - Zelnik - Berger - Lauss
117	JapiCoke	Netherlands	ten Cate - ten Cate - Boone - Bakker
118	Dark Side	Netherlands/Sweden	Bunt - Silvius - Westman - Eriksson
119	Allie	Netherlands/Latvia	Hoenstok - Wartena - Imsa - Olla
120	Malmö	Sweden	Nilsson - Noberius - Clemensson - Clemenson - Clementsson - Clementsson
121	INREMAWI	Netherlands	van Eijck - van Eijck - Thiele - Verdegaal
122	Stamtons	Sweden	Hagg - Havasi - Nilsson - Jovic
123	Don Julio	Iceland/Norway	Sigurjonsson - Magnusson - Aaseng - Grotheim
124	Baleal	Portugal/Sweden	Carvalho - Cruzeiro - Björk Heed - Wiberg
125	HALI	Netherlands/Iceland	Vilhjalmsson - van Gool - Jonsdóttir - Jonsdóttir
126	Svanhildur	Iceland	Thordarson - Sigurdsson - Ingimarsson - Hall
127	De Bijen	Netherlands	van Gool - Hoebe - Zomer - Wauters
128	Fundacja Raglot	Poland	Kwiatkowski - Szewczyk - Kulpinski - Szczerba - Cieslak - Leszczak
129	Bulseye	UK/US	Tacchi - Pierce - Anderson - Anderson



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