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SWEDEN LEADS

At four o'clock the bridge room was the place to be: All those friends we hadn't seen for such a long time and a croud of people to meet.

A special welcome to our English, Welsh, Lithuanian, Italian and Belgian friends who came.

After the 26 boards, the Swedish pair Tommy Gullberg and Madelaine Svanstrom won the first session. They got 64.16%.

The dutch Jan Tesselaar and Jan de Winter were second with 61.60%.

59.15% is what Marinella Canesi and Franco Cedolin made. They were third.

The best Portuguese were Billie Antunes and Isabel Correia. They got 4th place with 58.82%.

There are 15 pairs within 10% of the winner, so, nothing is clear, for now.

Check the complete results on page 2.



RESULTS AFTER 1 SESSION

Rank	Names	TotalScoreMP	TotalPercentage
1	Gullberg – Svanstrom	834.0	64.16
2	Jan Tesselaar - Jan de Winter	799.8	61.52
3	Marinella Canesi - Franco Cedolin	769.0	59.15
4	Billie Antunes - Isabel Correia	765.7	58.90
5	Rui Silva Santos - Nuno Matos	757.0	58.23
6	Sallsten - Sallsten	752.5	57.89
7	Ricardo Luiz - Nuno Mata	746.1	57.39
8	Paulo G Pereira - António Palma	744.1	57.24
9	Magnus Magnusson - Johann Sigurdarso	739.0	56.85
10	Rui Pinto - Juliano Barbosa	738.7	56.82
11	Oskam – Beyer	729.7	56.13
12	Tordarsson - Sigurdsson	723.2	55.63
13	Carlos Pimenta - Mário Reis	720.5	55.42
14	Bertram - Wens	714.4	54.96
15	Hans Metselaar - Ronald Brantsma	711.8	54.75
16	Arild Aarmut - Ronny Jorstad	704.0	54.15
17	Mulias - Smederevac	701.7	53.98
18	Isabel Manso - José Lima	701.5	53.96
19	Bjorn Sture Valen - Egil Hansen	697.8	53.67
20	Zenkevich - Teterin	697.3	53.64
21	José A Fernandes - Virgílio Mota	693.0	53.30
22	Kroezen - Drenkelford	692.0	53.23
23	Egorov - Poroshin	692.0	53.23
23	Gonca - Alfeieva	692.0	53.23
25	Gerard Limmen - Jan Tulp	688.9	52.99
26	Sveinn - Gisli	686.2	52.79
27	Renate Hansen - Andreas Babsch	685.0	52.69
27	Gothe - Gothe	685.0	52.69
29	Stoop - Balder	679.0	52.23
30	Jaap vd Berg - Anne-marie vd Berg	678.0	52.15
31	Saevarsson - Karlsson	675.0	51.93
32	Maria João Lara - Manuel Capucho	674.0	51.85
33	Steingrunsson - Gislason	672.0	51.70
34	Obermair - Schiffko	670.9	51.61
35	Olanski - Vainikonis	668.0	51.38
36	Ine Snepvangers - Mart Mommers	663.6	51.04
37	Sigurjonsson - Sveinsson	660.0	50.77
37	Erlingsson - Eiriksson	660.0	50.77
39	Pedro Nunes - Pedro Morgado	646.8	49.75
40	Sigurdsson - Jensen	644.0	49.54
41	Gilly Clench - Laura Woodruff	639.8	49.21
42	Bruno Macedo - Henrique Ribeiro	634.0	48.77
43	Falster - Lutken	632.4	48.65
44	Dominique Custers - Rolf Schrender	624.0	48.00
45	Robert Snapper - António Valente	623.5	47.96
46	Joaquim Trindade - Luís Correia	618.0	47.54
47	Agaath Wagemakers - Jack Wagemakers	615.5	47.35
48	Gudmundsson - Snorrason	612.0	47.08
49	Fridnkod - Gudjonsdottir	611.3	47.02
50	Jorge Cruzeiro - Manuel Oliveira	608.0	46.77

51	E Kristins - I H Bjornsdottir	601.0	46.23
52	Dieneke Balder - Hans Sprenkeling	587.5	45.19
53	Mangset - Rydning	575.2	44.25
54	Paesold Claudius - Wornle Sascha	568.0	43.69
55	Alda Gudnadottir - Hrafnhildur Skuladottir	567.0	43.62
56	Ingrid Hoes - Ria Bartelomy	535.0	41.15
56	Rodrigo Martins Soares - Miguel Teixeira	535.0	41.15
58	Eyjolfs - Hulda Hjalmars	527.5	40.58
59	João Machado – José Macedo	524.3	40.33
60	Alda Fernandes – José Fernandes	511.0	39.31
61	Ricardo Fernandes – Miguel Ascensão	506.0	38.92
62	C S Coggrave - P A Coggrave	505.6	38.89
63	Jaime Sousa – Leonardo Velosa	501.3	38.56
64	Crouse – Beyer	499.2	38.40
65	Gonçalo Esmeraldo – Bruno Abreu	451.0	34.69
66	Sigurjonsdottir – Thordason	444.5	34.19

Disclaimer

In spite of what you may think the bulletin writers and editors have absolutely no previous knowledge of the hands that will be played during the week. The discussion on bulletin 0 about a 9 card major suit was by no way a preview of yesterday's board 14. These hands, we are told, are randomly dealt by computer, but I'm sure the TD's had a nice laugh when a 9 card solid major suit came out.

Board 14. Dealer E. none Vul.

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And well?...

Did you read bulletin 0? And did you discuss with your partner how to treat these hands?

From the board results I can see most of you have. Only 11 out of 26 pairs managed to "buy" the contract at 4 or 5♠. 12 pairs successfully played in hearts (ranging from 4♥ undoubled to 6♥ doubled). Only 2 pairs finished in 6♣, both of them doubled, sharing 49 out of 50 matchpoints each, but there are 3 pairs playing 6♥ doubled in EW, so, I'm guessing at least 2 more NS got to this excellent slam, but EW managed to get 26 matchpoints by bidding on.

So, what happened at my table? Did I pass with 9 solid hearts in first seat? Well, no I didn't. This time the suit is hearts and not spades so I opted to try and get the spades out of the auction by quickly pre-empting. This is how it went:

E	S	W	N
4♣(*)	P	4♥	4♠
5♥(**)	5♠	D	All pass

(*) Namyats

(**) By not giving partner a chance to double 4♠ I was trying to get the message out that I had no defensive values whatsoever. So, since I opened 4♣ and not 4♥ I should have solid hearts, and probably 9 of them (I'm at the 5 level by my own)

The only problem was that my partner somehow thought that a Namyats opening bid always promised, besides a semi-solid suit, an outside Ace. And no, I did not lead my singleton club.

Not even my partner reads my articles!

I bet nobody did! The people that got it right only did because they knew what they were doing, not because they got help from some article.


Being a bridge writer is such a lonely hobby...



CRISS-CROSSING

António Palma is a young Portuguese player but already has some international experience, both at Junior and open level. He is now rendered by some (including himself) as one of Portugal's top players. He showed good technique on board 15 yesterday.

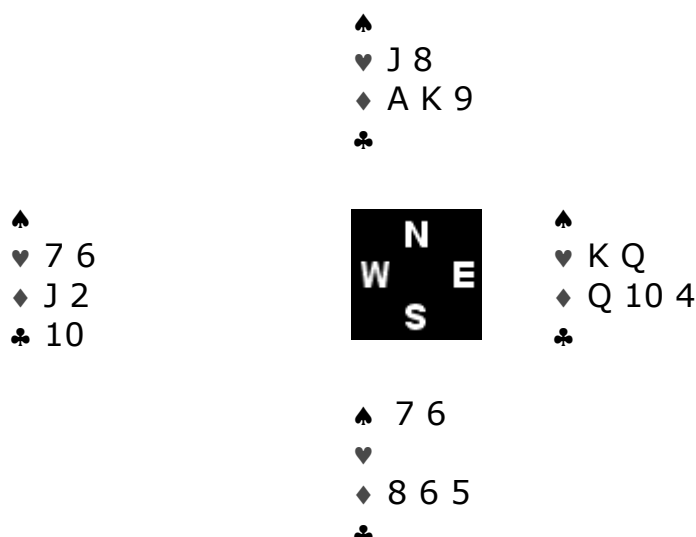
Board 15. Dealer S. N/S Vul.

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

E	S	W	N
	1♠	P	1 NT(*)
2♥	2♠	All pass	

(*) one round forcing

Already on a good spot (playing 2♠) he still aimed for the maximum. West started with ♣A and K and gave his partner a club ruff. East now tried to cash the ♥A. Can you still make 10 tricks? He did. He just proceeded to cash his spades and the ♣Q arriving at this end position:



Now when he cashes his penultimate spade, discarding a diamond from dummy what does East do? If he holds on to his 3 diamonds declarer just goes to the table with a diamond, ruffs the ♥J good and enjoys it coming in with the second diamond. If East lets go of a diamond declarer simply cashes the ♦A and K, roughs a Heart back to hand and is left with the now good ♦8. A nice Criss-cross trump squeeze! You may notice that East might have beaten it by returning a Diamond after roughing the Club, but would you?



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Programme for Pairs Tournament

Wednesday	09:00	<i>Free morning for golf or other activities (*)</i>
(08/11/2006)	16:00	Open Pairs Tournament - 2nd Session
	21:00	Typical Dinner & Folklore(**)
Thursday	09:00	<i>Free morning for golf or other activities (*)</i>
(09/11/2006)	16:00	Open Pairs Tournament - 3rd Session
	20:00	Final Results
(*) <i>Golf may be arranged at the front desk of your hotel</i> (**) Typical dinner and Tour included in the Hotel package		

PLEASE NOTE:

The typical dinner and the tour are included in the hotel Crowne Plaza package. If you're not in that package, be sure to talk to Mafalda Mendonça today or tomorrow. She'll be in the lobby, near the bridge room, from 3 to 4 p.m.

The prize-giving dinner is included for those in the package and for all players.

The prices are:

Typical dinner: € 30.00

Tour: € 20.00

Prize-giving Dinner: € 40.00

If you have a well-played hand or a fun story at the table, don't
be shy!

Share it with us...

Contact any of the boletin staff or TD