

# 11<sup>th</sup> International Bridge Festival

## Madeira

### Funchal, November 3-9, 2008

**8<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

### **AND THEY KEEP ON!**

The Icelandic team Man Utd composed by Halldor Svanbergsson, Kristinn Kristinsson and the pair who won the Pairs' Tournament Runolfur Jonsson and Gunnlaugur Saevarsson leads the teams' Tournament. They won the



first two matches by 25-3 and 25-4, and got a tie on

The first two teams met on round 3

the third round against the team that is in second place - Missão Impossível.

The Madeirians Alexandre Rodrigues, Ricardo Luiz, Filipe Gonçalves, Fernando Ribeiro and Miguel Gonçalves are just 4 VPs behind. They also won the first two matches (25-2 and 19-11).

The Portuguese team Baleal are third. They have the same VPs of Missão Impossível but their IMP score is 1 behind. Carlos Pimenta, Jorge Cruzeiro, Paulo G. Pereira and Manuel Oliveira won all the matches last night (19-11, 17-13 and 25-3).

Today is the big day: 6 matches to be played. It's far too early to make any predictions. Just do your best and who knows where it can get you...

Pedro Nunes

**CLASSIFICATION AFTER 3 MATCHES**

RANK	TEAM		SCORE	
	nr.	name	IMPs	VPs
1	15.	Man Utd	+75	65
2	33.	Missao Impossivel	+63	61
3	5.	Baleal	+62	61
4	7.	Light Cast	+44	60
5	23.	Brantsma	+51	58
6	1.	Van Helsing	+38	57
7	22.	Broer	+34	56
8	9.	Arno	+34	55
9	11.	The Red Devils	+30	54
10	38.	X-Trouble	+26	54
11	25.	Vis	+28	53
12	13.	Rui Pinto	+28	53
13	17.	Four Friends	+13	49
14	36.	Groa	+10	49
15	18.	Kriurnar	+28	48
16	21.	Riga	+10	47
17	28.	Juan Marquez	+4	47
18	3.	Dream Team	+15	46
19	12.	Odden	+2	46
20	30.	Pepinanes	+1	46
21	31.	Jaime Sousa	+4	45
22	2.	Gabriel	+2	45
23	24.	Haskol	-3	43
24	16.	Atlantik	-13	42
25	37.	M M and M	-17	39
26	34.	Blanda	-22	39
27	19.	Swest	-19	38
28	35.	Limmen	-23	38
29	10.	Marit Johnsen	-21	36
30	27.	BerenVangers	-28	36
31	20.	Fin Nor	-34	35
32	8.	Blakey	-37	34
33	4.	Colorao	-41	32
34	29.	Luis Silva	-48	31
35	14.	Hoes	-54	28
36	6.	Smit Linse	-61	26
37	26.	BN	-76	22
38	32.	Sticky Fingers	-105	12

## Roster of Teams

- 1 - VAN HELSING: Renate Hansen, Andreas Babsch, Beppo Simon, Sascha Wernle
- 2 - GABRIEL: Gabriel Gislason, G. Steingrímsson, Erla Sigurjonsdóttir, Sigfus Thordarson
- 3 - DREAM TEAM: Nuno Paz, Nuno Matos, Rui Santos, Miguel Teixeira, Rodrigo Soares, Carlos Luiz
- 4 - COLORAO: Ana Garcia Marin, Concha Rodriguez, Ma Luisa Martinez, Ma Luisa Rodriguez, Maria Blanco Ciceron
- 5 - BALEAL: Carlos Pimenta, Jorge Cruzeiro, Paulo G. Pereira, Manuel Oliveira
- 6 - SMIT-LINSE: John Linse, Rein Smit, Henneke Klaassen, Hetty Smit-Hertog
- 7 - LIGHT CAST: A. Muliar, P. Steiner, U. Fleischmann, A Fleischmann
- 8 - BLAKEY:
- 9 - ARNO: Arno Lindermann, Christoph Puerstl, Huberto Obermair, Bernd Saurer
- 10 - NOOR: Harald Halgerud, Bodil Halgerud, Bjorn Sture Valen, Dieneke Balder, Marit Johnsen
- 11 - THE RED DEVILS: Omar Olgeirsson, Julius Sigurjonsson, Throstur Ingimarsson, Hermann Larusson
- 12 - ODDEN: Bjorn Odden, Candido Cunha, Pedro Nunes, Henrique Ribeiro
- 13 - RUI PINTO: Rui Pinto, Juliano Barbosa, Antonio B Ferreira, Jose Carlos Henriques
- 14 - ALLEGAARTJE: Ingrid Hoes, Ria Bartelomiy, Jan Dirk Balder, Wil Schilder
- 15 - MAN UTD: Halldor Svanbergsson, Kristinn Kristinsson, Runolfur Jonsson, Gunnlaugur Sevarsson
- 16 - ATLANTIC: Dam Zara, Alex Elian, Cristian Fulga, Dimu Costa-Forlu
- 17 - FOUR FRIENDS: Gisli Tryggvason, Heifur Kristjansson, Arni Bjornsson, Heimir Tryggvason
- 18 - KRIURNAR: Hulda Hjalmarsdóttir, Gudny Gudjonsdóttir, Alda Gudnadóttir, Hrafnildur Skulladóttir
- 19 - SWEST: Inger Sallsten, Ric Sallsten, Ula Sulev, Erkki Valmra
- 20 - FINO: Line Newermann, Eva Newermann, Erkki Becker, Esa Salmela
- 21 - RIGA: Nataliza Veksha, Karlis Rubins, Maris Purgailis, Vladimir Gonca
- 22 - E. Bosklopper, R. Stienen, H. Broek, R. Van der Groet
- 23 - BRANTSMA: Ronald Brantsma, Sjoerd Wartena, Hans Metselaar, Jan de Winter
- 24 - HASKOL: Asle Lutken, Hege Falster, Dag Mangset, Anne Rydning
- 25 - VIS: Gudlaugur Sveinsson, Halldor Torvaldsson, Svein Runnar Eiriksson, Hrannar Erlingsson
- 26 - BN: Ploni Nobel, Cees Nobel, Jaap van den Berg, Anne-Marie van den Berg
- 27 - BERENVANGERS: Carel Berendregt, Wietske van Zwol, Mart Mommers, Ine Snepvangers
- 28 - JUAN MARQUEZ: Ana Ferro, Horacio Franco, Adriano Medeiros, Juan Marquez
- 29 - MADEIRA: G. Esmeraldo, Luis Silva, Luis Sampaio, Luis Correia, N. Pereira, Bruno Abreu
- 30 - FEFINANES: Elena Alvarez, Pancha Novo, Marina Moniz, Victoria de Simon, Paz Tapias, Clara Artigas
- 31 - JAIME SOUSA: Jaime Sousa, Antonio Valente, Joao Machado, Jose Macedo, Robert Snapper, Nuno Martins
- 32 - STICKY FINGERS: Rosebeek, Bredenoort, P.Linssen, M. Linssen
- 33 - MISSAO IMPOSSIVEL: Alexandre Rodrigues, Ricardo Brandao, Filipe Goncalves, Fernando Ribeiro, Miguel Augusto
- 34 - BLANDA: Palmason, Jonmundsson, Sigurjonsdóttir, Magnusdóttir
- 35 - LIMMEN: Miguel Ascencao, Ricardo Fernandes, Gerard Limmen, Jan Tulp
- 36 - GROA: Groa Gudnadóttir, Brynja Durbornear, Birna Larmsdóttir, Enzolfsson
- 37 - M M and M: Pedro Morgado, Nuno Mata, Bruno Macedo, Pedro Macedo
- 38 - X-TROUBLE: Trayan Hristoff, Gitte Hecht, Montserrat Mestres, Jon Sveindal

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**Results round 1**

Tables	nr. name	nr. name	IMPs 1-2	VPs 1-2
A1 B1	1. Van Helsing	2. Gabriel	17-5	19 11
A2 B2	3. Dream Team	4. Colorao	46-2	25 2
A3 B3	5. Baleal	6. Smit Linse	29-16	19 11
A4 B4	7. Light Cast	8. Blakey	8-22	11 19
A5 B5	9. Arno	10. Marit Johnsen	27-3	23 7
C1 D1	11. The Red Devils	12. Odden	24-26	14 16
C2 D2	13. Rui Pinto	14. Hoes	27-24	16 14
C3 D3	15. Man Utd	16. Atlantik	40-2	25 3
C4 D4	17. Four Friends	18. Kriurnar	16-15	15 15
C5 D5	19. Swest	20. Fin Nor	24-14	18 12
C6 D6	21. Riga	22. Broer	0-29	6 24
C7 D7	23. Brantsma	24. Haskol	10-20	12 18
C8 D8	25. Vis	26. BN	21-25	14 16
C9 D9	27. BerenVangers	28. Juan Marquez	23-19	16 14
C10 D10	29. Luis Silva	30. Pepinanes	24-30	13 17
C11 D11	31. Jaime Sousa	32. Sticky Fingers	39-2	25 4
C12 D12	33. Missao Impossiv	34. Blanda	44-0	25 2
C13 D13	35. Limmen	36. Groa	27-29	14 16
C14 D14	37. M M and M	38. X-Trouble	21-27	13 17

**Results round 2**

Tables	nr. name	nr. name	IMPs	VPs
A1 B1	3. Dream Team	33. Missao Impossiv	9-23	11 19
A2 B2	15. Man Utd	31. Jaime Sousa	37-1	25 4
A3 B3	22. Broer	9. Arno	10-15	14 16
A4 B4	8. Blakey	5. Baleal	4-12	13 17
A5 B5	1. Van Helsing	24. Haskol	22-4	21 9
C1 D1	19. Swest	30. Pepinanes	26-25	15 15
C2 D2	38. X-Trouble	26. BN	31-3	24 6
C3 D3	27. BerenVangers	13. Rui Pinto	13-27	11 19
C4 D4	12. Odden	36. Groa	5-23	9 21
C5 D5	17. Four Friends	35. Limmen	2-22	9 21
C6 D6	18. Kriurnar	11. The Red Devils	5-28	8 22
C7 D7	14. Hoes	28. Juan Marquez	1-20	9 21
C8 D8	25. Vis	29. Luis Silva	52-15	25 4
C9 D9	37. M M and M	23. Brantsma	1-19	9 21
C10 D10	20. Fin Nor	2. Gabriel	19-36	10 20
C11 D11	6. Smit Linse	7. Light Cast	9-37	6 24
C12 D12	10. Marit Johnsen	21. Riga	0-35	4 25
C13 D13	32. Sticky Fingers	16. Atlantik	1-31	5 25
C14 D14	34. Blanda	4. Colorao	18-16	16 14

**Results round 3**

Tables	nr. name	nr. name	IMPs	VPs
A1 B1	15. Man Utd	33. Missao Impossiv	20-19	15 15
A2 B2	38. X-Trouble	1. Van Helsing	19-27	13 17
A3 B3	25. Vis	9. Arno	14-19	14 16
A4 B4	22. Broer	36. Groa	16-6	18 12
A5 B5	3. Dream Team	11. The Red Devils	14-23	12 18
C1 D1	5. Baleal	35. Limmen	48-7	25 3
C2 D2	13. Rui Pinto	28. Juan Marquez	15-4	18 12
C3 D3	7. Light Cast	19. Swest	31-1	25 5
C4 D4	23. Brantsma	8. Blakey	49-6	25 2
C5 D5	30. Pepinanes	21. Riga	9-13	14 16
C6 D6	2. Gabriel	31. Jaime Sousa	16-19	14 16
C7 D7	16. Atlantik	24. Haskol	4-9	14 16
C8 D8	27. BerenVangers	12. Odden	8-26	9 21
C9 D9	17. Four Friends	14. Hoes	32-0	25 5
C10 D10	18. Kriurnar	26. BN	54-2	25 0
C11 D11	37. M M and M	20. Fin Nor	13-6	17 13
C12 D12	34. Blanda	6. Smit Linse	24-4	21 9
C13 D13	29. Luis Silva	4. Colorao	22-27	14 16
C14 D14	10. Marit Johnsen	32. Sticky Fingers	47-9	25 3

Madeira Bridge Quiz - Number 5

*By David Bird*

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

♠ J led

♠ A Q 5  
 ♥ A K Q J 10 7 6  
 ♦ A  
 ♣ A 5

You arrive in 6♥ and West leads the jack of clubs to your ace. When you play the ace of trumps, West throws a club. How will you continue?

You need the king of spades to be with East and must endplay one of the defenders to give you an entry to dummy. You cash the ace of diamonds and exit with a low club. Suppose that East wins this trick. What can he do? If he exits with a trump, you will run this to dummy's eight. Similarly, a low spade switch will be run to the jack. A diamond exit will give dummy the lead and you will then be able to finesse in spades yourself. Nor will a third round of clubs, giving you a ruff-and-discard, help the defence's cause. You will ruff in the dummy, discarding a spade, and throw the queen of spades on the diamond king. The story is the same if West chooses to win the club exit. He cannot play a spade, a diamond or a club without giving you the contract.

Madeira Bridge Quiz - Number 6

*By David Bird*

♠ A K Q J 8 2  
 ♥ 8 4  
 ♦ 7 4  
 ♣ J 4 2

♣ 10 led

♠ 5 4 3  
 ♥ K 6 5  
 ♦ A K J 5  
 ♣ A K Q

Sitting South, you open 2NT and arrive in 6♠ via a transfer sequence. How will you play the slam when West leads the ten of clubs? (East has four trumps.)

*(Answer on Daily Bulletin 6)*

# In the Lap of the Bridge Gods

By David Bird

They say that your bridge luck will even out in the long run. The Bridge Gods give, and the Bridge Gods take away. Norwegian international, Jon Sveindal, saw evidence of this on the first day of the Teams championship. In the first round he had this adventure:

EW Vul.			
Dealer W			
	♠ Q J 10 7 5 2		
	♥ 3		
	♦ 9		
	♣ K J 10 4 2		
♠ 9 3	N	♠ K 6	
♥ 9 7 2	W      E	♥ Q J 8 6 5	
♦ A K Q J 8 5 4 2	S	♦ 10 7 6 3	
♣ -		♣ 8 3	
	♠ A 8 4		
	♥ A K 10 4		
	♦ -		
	♣ A Q 9 7 6 5		

West	North	East	South
	Mestres		Sveindal
3NT	4♠	pass	7♠
All Pass			

West's 3NT opening showed a solid minor suit and no high card outside. Sveindal raised partner's spade overcall to a grand slam, confident that any necessary finesses would be successful.

The spotlight swung to East now. What should he lead? They say you should look for a safe lead against a grand slam and East decided to lead his partner's suit. Did West hold solid diamonds or solid clubs? Since East held only two clubs and four diamonds, he decided that West's suit was more likely to be clubs. He led the ♣8 and West ruffed to defeat the contract!

In the third round Sveindal and his partner, Montserrat Mestres, may have thought that the Bridge Gods owed them one. This deal arose:

Nil Vul.  
Dealer N

♠ 9 3  
♥ J 10  
♦ A J 9 7 6 5  
♣ 7 6 4

♠ K Q J 6 2  
♥ Q 9 8 6 5  
♦ -  
♣ K 8 5



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

♠ 8 4  
♥ K 7 4 2  
♦ Q 10 8 4 3 2  
♣ A

West	North	East	South
Sveindal		Mestres	
	pass	1♣	1♦
1♠	2♦	4♠	pass
6♠	All Pass		

You think that 4♠ is an overbid? You could be right! North led the ♦A and Sveindal ruffed. After drawing trumps in two rounds, he led the ♣Q from dummy. (There was a small chance that South might make the mistake of ducking from ♣A-x, fearing a singleton ♣K with his partner.)

South won with the bare ♣A. Since a diamond return would give a fatal ruff-and-discard, South had to switch to a heart. Sveindal tried his luck with the ♥Q and (yes!) the card held the trick. Not before time, the Bridge Gods had delivered some justice.

As you see, 6♣ by East cannot be beaten. South cannot lead a heart effectively and the spade suit will provide one heart discard from the East hand.

Have you got your voucher for the prize giving dinner?  
If not contact the Welcome desk immediately!

## 2♦ (Alert!)

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

The Multi 2♦ opening bid has been around for some time. At some time it's use was so widespread that when the rules committee decided on barring weak opening bids with no known suit they made this convention the exception. In the old days it started by being a nuisance for opponents, but nowadays that everybody has a defence prepared, it's used more as a way to free up the 2♥ and 2♠ opening bids.

It can still be a nuisance to partner, though. Try this bidding problem - you are sitting North and hold:

♠ K  
♥ A Q J 8 x  
♦ A J x x  
♣ A x x

Partner opens the bidding with a Multi 2♦, RHO passes and it's your bid.

Remember that 2♥ would show no interest in playing anything else if partner holds the heart suit. 2♠ would show no interest in playing anything else but 2♠ if that partner's suit. And 3 or 4♥ would ask partner to pass or correct. So..., what's your bid?

At the table the bidding went:

West	North	East	South
			2♦ (*)
pass	2 NT (**)	pass	3♠ (***)
pass	4♠	All pass	

(\*) Multi

(\*\*) Relay

(\*\*\*) Minimum with Sp

I don't see much wrong with the bidding, but it led to something like 5 down. Partner held:

♠ A x x x x x  
♥ x x x  
♦ Q  
♣ J x x

Paulo Gonçalves Pereira, one of Portugal's Top players (who is used to play Multi) told me he might bid 2♥ and follow with 3♥, showing a forcing hand with 5+ hearts. "What if partner holds 6 hearts to the King and KQ of diamonds how will you explain playing a cold slam hand in 2♥?" I said. "Well, when we have 11 hearts between us someone will re-open the bidding." He might be right, but still...

Sitting South at the other table he did better by not opening 2♦ (also multi in



their system). With a hand quite suitable for a heart contract South decided to pass in first seat leaving partner more room and getting to the better contract of 4♥.

Now look at it from a declarer's point of view, playing 4♥.  
(rotated for convenience)

♠ A x x x x x  
♥ x x x  
♦ Q  
♣ J x x



♠ K  
♥ A Q J 8 x  
♦ A J x x  
♣ A x x

The lead was the ♠Q. What's the best line?

Declarer tried ruffing three diamonds in dummy and discarding a club on the ♠A. When the ♠A was ruffed and the fourth diamond over-ruffed declarer still had a losing club and the ♥K was the setting trick.

It seems a better line, once you avoided the club lead, to play a diamond to the Queen at trick two. Now you can discard dummy's clubs on ♦A and J and try to use the ♠A to discard the fourth diamond, limiting your losses to the trump suit. It would have worked on the actual lay-out.

This was the full deal:

♠ A x x x x x  
♥ x x x  
♦ Q  
♣ J x x

♠ Q  
♥ K 9 x x  
♦ K x x x x  
♣ Q x x



♠ J 10 x x x  
♥ 10  
♦ x x x  
♣ K 10 x x

♠ K  
♥ A Q J 8 x  
♦ A J x x  
♣ A x x

## Program 2008

<b>Saturday</b> (08/11/2008)	09.00	Free morning
	15.30	Open Teams Tournament - 2nd Session
	21.30	Open Teams Tournament - 3rd Session
<b>Sunday</b> (09/11/2008)	15.30	Open Teams Tournament - 4th Session
	20.00	Final Results
	21.00	Closing Dinner and Prize Giving

