

7th International Bridge Festival Madeira

Funchal, November 8 - 14, 2004

14th November 2004

ESTONIA HOLDS THE LEAD

After yesterday's sessions, the Estonian Team Rakvere - Jaan Linnamagi, Mart Maastik, Olavi Oja, Ants Olev - keep the lead. They only lost the match against the Levski Team - Dessy Popova, Christo Drummev, Ivan Tanev and Rosen Gunev.

The Portuguese Team Missão Impossível - Jorge Cruzeiro, Manuel Oliveira, Nuno Paz, Paulo G. Pereira - had a very hard day trying to recover from their ninth place. They are now in second place, only 5 PV's behind Rakvere.

The Levski team, the only ones to defeat Rakvere yesterday, also had a good day, ending up in third place, 18 PV's behind Missão Impossível.

So, here we are ready to start the last session. 1st and 2nd already have some advantage over the rest. Will they keep it? Who will win? We'll see...



RAKVERE - still in table one!!!



CLASSIFICATION AFTER 9 MATCHES

RANK	TEAM		SCORE	
	nr.	name	IMPs	VPs
1	11.	Rakvere	+146	180
2	3.	Missão Impossível	+129	175
3	9.	Levski	+68	157
4	21.	Rui Pinto	+71	156
5	25.	Malka	+77	155
6	19.	Rapp	+62	155
7	15.	Eurobridge	+42	148
8	13.	TNTs	+51	147
9	27.	SS Iceland	+42	147
10	23.	Hasse	+38	147
11	5.	Tullip	+57	144
12	1.	TGRiS	+25	144
13	10.	Tulipa	+37	142
14	30.	Wrow Sweden	+18	140
15	31.	Porto	+23	139
16	29.	Eslowly 2	+4	138
17	26.	Dirty Dozen	+5	137
18	12.	Madeira I	+5	135
19	2.	Timmerman	+5	130
20	18.	Iceland 2	-10	130
21	17.	SASS	-28	128
22	32.	Kaya	-39	123
23	6.	Berglund	-43	121
24	14.	Os 5 Magnificos	-47	119
25	24.	Haddeluk	-55	118
26	33.	Gaiatos	-56	118
27	20.	Cocktail	-59	117
28	7.	Brighton	-70	116
29	22.	Bjartmarsson	-68	114
30	16.	Joess	-70	112
31	4.	Hellis Team	-89	107
32	8.	Castelo Branco	-98	107
33	28.	E-E-G	-83	106
34	34.	BYE	-90	0

Program for Today**Sunday**

15.00	SWISS OPEN TEAMS TOURNAMENT	4th Session (Centro Congressos Madeira)
20.00	Final Results	Centro Congressos da Madeira
20.30	Closing Dinner and Prize giving	Restaurant "Bahía" at the Casino
		- dining room

WEDNESDAY'S NIGHTMARE

Manuel Vasques de Oliveira

Now that a couple of days have passed and I recovered from my Wednesday nightmare, I can describe it to you without crying.

Remember deal n° 2 when I had, seated in W position, NV against V, the following:

♠ 5 4
♥ 9 8 7 5 4 3 2
♦ J 4
♣ A 8

The bidding went:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ♣	3 ♥ (!)	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠
X !!	6 NT	X !!!	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Lead: 9 ♥

When my partner saw my lead, he could not restrain from opening his eyes real wide when dummy's King made the trick and he still had the Queen.

Now came the ♣Q, small, small, small and then - Oh God! - A and K of spades, A and K of diamonds and the second club to my A forcing me to play heart towards S, who had:

♠
♥ A J 10 6
♦ 8 7
♣ K J 10 9 6 5 3

and made the remaining tricks.

My partner had doubled 6 ♠ with:

♠ J 10 9 8 6
♥ Q
♦ Q 10 8 6 3
♣ 7 4



Then, by any unknown reason there was a noise that woke me up and I realised that things were a little bit different since, at the table, S, instead of bidding 6NT, bid 7 ♠, which I doubled sure of my A of trump.

(MIS)TIMING

M. Teixeira

♠ A 7
♥ 7 4
♦ A J 8 2
♣ A K 8 7 6

M. Wielemans

♠ 10 5 4 3
♥ -
♦ K 10 7 6 4
♣ Q J 3 2

R. M. Soares

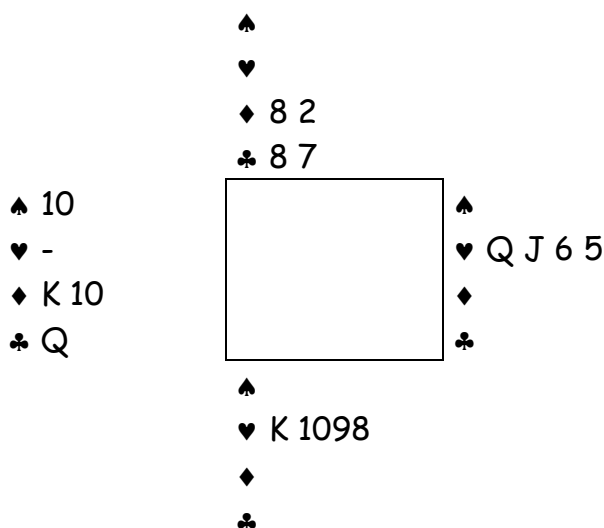
♠ J 9 6
♥ A K 10 9 8 3
♦ Q 5
♣ 5 4

J. Russyan

♠ K Q 8 2
♥ Q J 6 5 2
♦ 9 3
♣ 10 9

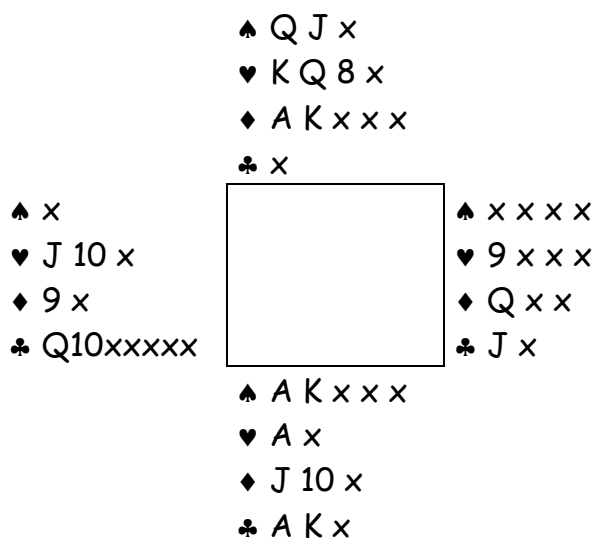
We have already approached the timing matter more than once on these bulletins, but here it is again. At my table I ended up playing 5♥ after a weak two opening. The lead was the ♠4. I played Ace and another spade taken by East's Queen. He returned the 2 of trumps. If I could have taken a peek at all four hands I would have certainly played a small one to that trick. However I played the Ace has could be expected. Next I played a spade ruffed, A and K of clubs, club ruff (East discarding a diamond). Now the ♦Q was covered by King and Ace and I tried to cash

the ♦J but was ruffed by East. Nothing to do now and I finished one down after end playing East in hearts. For this line to work East had to have one less spade and one more diamond, which was unlikely if you read the lead as a third card. The timing wasn't correct! I must assume that the King of diamonds is onside to make the contract and take the finesse immediately. After cashing the diamonds I would have cashed the A and K of clubs and ruffed a club. Now was the time to ruff the spade and I would be in dummy in the following end position:

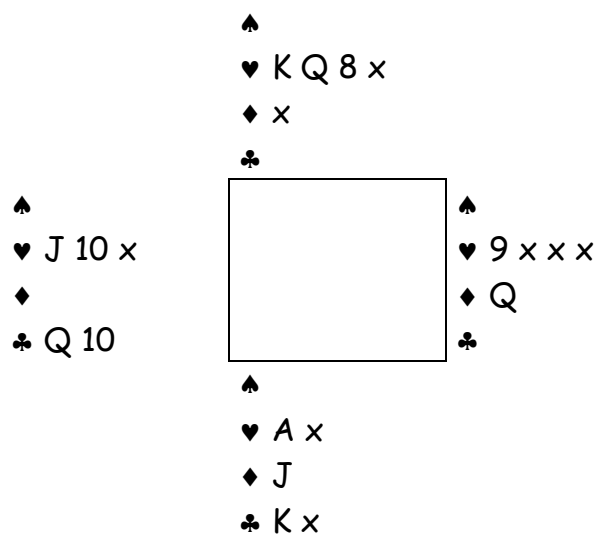


As you can see anything that is led from dummy will have to be ruffed by E. I would over ruff and lead the ♥9 waiting with ♥K 10 for my last two tricks.

THE HARD WAY



Sometimes bridge is complicated game. Not that it's supposed to be, but we make it so. Our friend Alfredo Conterno for instance decided that he wasn't going to fly half way around the world (he is from Peru) to play the simple contract of 7♠ on the hand above. That, as you can see, would be simply made by ruffing a club in dummy and taking a diamond discard on the ♥Q. He chose to be in 7 NT! Now the ♦9 was led and he had to plan his play. The lead indicated that ♦Q should be offside, for most people don't underlead a Queen against 7 NT. He rose with the Ace and started on spades. On the forth and fifth spades he discarded diamonds from dummy, and East had to let go of a club. Now the stage was set for a squeeze ending, but a capital technical play had to be performed - a Vienna Coup! That was what Alfredo did by cashing the ♦K. He followed with a club to the ace and this was the end position:



On the ♣K East was squeezed out of either the ♦Q or the forth heart, presenting declarer with the thirteenth trick. Well-done Alfredo. You managed to get a no swing board the hard way...

LIVE IN THE INTERNET

The boards of table 1, in the closed room, will be broadcasted live in the Internet.

It will be possible to watch them through Bridge Base Online. Viewers can download the program from www.bridgebase.com

This table will begin at the same time as the others and will play the first two boards. Then, they start playing the other boards that have been played in the open room.

Viewers will know the results before they see the boards being played.

This was possible with the help of our friend **Alfredo Conterno**.

Prizes 2003

Open Pairs

1st	3.500,00 €
2nd	2.500,00 €
3rd	2.000,00 €
4th	1.250,00 €
5th	900,00 €
6th	750,00 €
7th	600,00 €
8th	500,00 €

Open Teams

1st	4.500,00 €
2nd	2.500,00 €
3rd	2.000,00 €
4th	1.250,00 €
5th	750,00 €

Special prizes Pairs

1st Ladies	250 €
1st Mixed	250 €
1st Senior	250 €
1st Junior	250 €
1st Foreign *	250 €
1st Madeira	250 €
1st FPB 2a cat	250 €
1st FPB 3a cat	250 €

Special prizes Teams

1st Foreign	500,00 €
1st Portuguese	500,00 €