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Portuguese pair takes the lead.

82 pairs entered the Madeira Open Pairs. After the 1st session we have a clear leader, Paulo Pereira - Jorge Cruzeiro with 69.2% well ahead of the chasing pack. In second position we find David Levy - Connie Goldberg from the USA and third Nuno Paz - F. Ferreira from Portugal both with 63.0%. But there are two more sessions to go. So let's see if the leaders can hold on their positions.

Excursion.

Tonight the buses are leaving at 8 PM from the Ocean Tivoli for the typical diner and folklore. Be sure to come along. It will be a great evening.

PROGRAM FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS

Wednesday 13 th	4 PM	Open pairs - 2 nd session
	8 PM	Busses leave for the dinner
	9 PM	Typical dinner and folklore
Thursday 14 th	8.30 AM	Busses leave for the Golf
	4 PM	Open pairs - 3 rd session
	8.30	Open pairs final results
Friday 15 th	10 AM	Sightseeing tour
	1 PM	Lunch
	8.30 PM	Open teams - 1 st session

American Tops (or Flops ?).

After the first session I ran into Connie Goldberg and David Levy from the States. They did quite well, second with 63%, and I asked where they got all those point. Just like yesterday's 'joke' about undercalls, sometimes you have to play ugly bad bridge to win points at pairs.

The normal thing to do is East to open 2NT and to declare 3NT after a Stayman sequence. This will get a club lead and then declarer has a lucky 11 tricks on this spade break. Not against David Levy who decided to get busy in 3rd seat at favorable vulnerability and opened 1♠ as North. Ughhh. The idea of light openers in third seat used to be to show a decent suit for the lead or a safe. But who cares, it is only pairs after all. Connie led the ♠Q all right, expecting something 'slightly different'. Poor declarer now had to guess the spades and duly got it wrong so Connie made her ♠10. -630 was not a great score but much better than -660.

19 ♠ 8432
S,EW ♥ Q742
♦ 10
♣ KJ64
♠ J765 ♠ AK9
♥ 3 ♥ AJ65
♦ KJ863 ♦ Q752
♣ 852 ♣ AQ
♠ Q10
♥ K1098
♦ A94
♣ 10973

The second American exhibit. It is unclear what is the best contract. 3NT needs the ♦K onside and the opponents not taking five hearts. 5♦ is not much better than two finesses onside. So a diamond partial seems quite acceptable. Connie was declarer in 3♦. Not because of a smart decision but after a silly misunderstanding about the meaning of 2NT (difficult in these days of good-bad and what else). After a spade lead Connie drew trumps and played a heart. East took ♥A and played back a club (it doesn't really matter anymore) for ♣10 and West exited with another spade. Now Connie took all the diamonds and then the spades squeezing

16 ♠ Q42
W,EW ♥ Q64
♦ AJ93
♣ 953
♠ 83 ♠ J10976
♥ K1072 ♥ A9853
♦ K7 ♦ 2
♣ K10842 ♣ J7
♠ AK5
♥ J
♦ Q108654
♣ AQ6

West in hearts and clubs. +150 doesn't beat 3NT of course but, once again, +150 is much better than +130. To stop the overtrick West has to take the first heart after which the club position is too weak to take advantage of an elimination.

Transfer Ghestem ?

Ghestem is the Dutch name for a version of Michaels cuebid. Named after a famous French player who used to play zillions of conventions (even Eric Kokish is a simple guy in comparison) but unfortunately not the approach that the Dutch call Ghestem. Sometimes you wonder where those names come from.

Whatever the name, Bep Vriend decided to overcall 3♣ as North after the 1♠ opening in West, showing red suits. The main effect of this effort was that South, Anton Maas, became declarer in 3♥ rather than North and this makes quite a difference. Heart contracts in North play terrible after the ♠Q lead, at my table declarer managed only 6 tricks after poor play, but here ♠K was protected. West lead a club for the ♣Q. Anton cashed ♥AK (intending a third ♥ to the ♥Q and then a ♦ finesse). Oops. Anton thought for a while and played ♦K from dummy. West was marked with ♦A and West couldn't play spades. So now Anton had 9 tricks (losing ♦AQ, ♠A and a heart) for a very good score.

26	♠ 5	
E,All	♥ AK1065	
	♦ K10985	
	♣ AQ	
♠ A9862		♠ QJ103
♥ 3		♥ J874
♦ A7		♦ Q42
♣ K9742		♣ 105
	♠ K74	
	♥ Q92	
	♦ J63	
	♣ J863	

Discussing the hands in the Madeira Beerhouse (a nice restaurant in Funchal harbor) Anton was 'a little bit' proud about this hand. Rightly so but unfortunately subsequent analysis showed that ♦K was not necessary, at this stage you can afford to give a diamond to East. This will lead to a complicated trump ending but there are still 9 tricks. Pierre Ghestem already had won the board for the Dutch pair.

For those interested in endings, this will be left after North playing diamonds twice (not the ♦K the first time) and the defense playing spades twice. North will now play top diamonds. Whenever East ruffs south overruffs and plays a club. North is now 'long' in trumps and will just lose a trick to ♥J.

26	♠ -	
E,All	♥ 10	
	♦ K109	
	♣ A	
♠ 6		♠ 3
♥ -		♥ J8
♦ -		♦ 2
♣ K974		♣ 10
	♠ -	
	♥ Q	
	♦ J	
	♣ J86	

Repeating throw-in.

Board number 15 was an interesting miniature. After a 1♦ in South I (Jaap van der Neut) became declarer in 1NT as East. Seven tricks are easy after the normal diamond lead, you give up the ♣K (losing ♥A, ♣K and four ♦), but what about eight?

South led a diamond to the ♦J and ♦K. I cashed ♠AK and South showed out (the following story also holds true if South started with two spades, not three because a third round of spades destroys the communication). So I left the spades for now to maintain the communication and exited with a diamond to South. On the diamonds I threw clubs from hand and hearts from dummy. So now it was up to South (see 2nd diagram).

It is never fun to be endplayed but here you have to be careful not to be endplayed twice. South got it wrong by playing clubs. Winning with ♣Q I unblocked ♣A and cashed the two remaining spades catching South in a rather automatic 'strip-squeeze'. In this kind of squeeze you have to guess the original distribution of South because you have to 'guess' whether the ♥A or the ♣K is now singleton but that was not too difficult here.

South could have saved herself by playing ♥Q (or ♥A and then ♥Q). Partner needs ♥J to help you out but it is a free shot. If declarer has the ♥J you are doomed anyway and one thing is sure, partner cannot have the ♣J because it is visible in dummy.

15 ♠ 85432
 S,NS ♥ J87
 ♦ J3
 ♣ 1095

♠ QJ109 ♠ AK6
 ♥ 962 ♥ K103
 ♦ 1085 ♦ K94
 ♣ QJ8 ♣ A743

♠ 7
 ♥ AQ54
 ♦ AQ762
 ♣ K62

15 ♠ -
 S,NS ♥ J87
 ♦ -
 ♣ 1095

♠ QJ ♠ 6
 ♥ 9 ♥ K103
 ♦ - ♦ -
 ♣ QJ8 ♣ A7

♠ -
 ♥ AQ5
 ♦ -
 ♣ K62

Your Story is not in the bulletin ?

Then make sure the bulletin knows about it !

Open Pairs - 1st session - Results.

RANK	PAIR	SCORE	
1	113. Paulo G.Pereira-Jorge Cruzeiro	1296	69.23
2	305. David Levy-Connie Goldberg	1089.4	63.04
3	212. Nuno Paz-F.Ferreira	1180	63.03
4	256. Ignaas ter Luiden-Ingrid Jurg	1053.4	60.96
5	151. Jean Marings-Jaap vd Neut	1097.1	58.61
6	303. Steenberg-Jan Kuiper	1012.7	58.61
7	164. Hoogland-Beyer	1094.7	58.48
8	311. de Miguel-Knap	1004.2	58.11
9	263. Lasocki-Capucho	988.8	57.22
10	252. Lager-Nordman	987.8	57.16
11	307. Leskela-Virtanen	1060.3	56.64
12	154. Frieling-Leeuwen	1057.9	56.51
13	313. M.J.Lara-Nuno Mascarenhas	973.2	56.32
14	106. J.Machado-Jose Macedo	1050.1	56.10
15	255. Gobbi-Ronzuno	965.2	55.86
16	301. Stanley-Rue	962.6	55.71
17	160. Fabio Carugati-C.Corsico	1034	55.24
18	355. Andersson-Johanneson	1029.7	55.01
19	163. Gerard Limmen-Jan Tulp	1029.4	54.99
20	306. Wicherley-J.A.Fernandes	950.1	54.98
21	253. Arne Olsen-Per Olsen	942.1	54.52
22	107. Rodrigo Soares-M.Teixeira	1019.8	54.48
23	302. Schutz-Verhoef	939.7	54.38
24	260. Trouborst-van der Pas	937.5	54.25
25	155. Rhoda Hadert-Joey Silver	1012.4	54.08
26	112. Bep Vriend-Anton Maas	1005.5	53.71
27	209. A.Martin-B.Martin	1005.2	53.70
28	152. Donk-vd Hoeven	1002.5	53.55
29	314. Paulo Sarmiento-Pedro Ribeiro	925.1	53.54
30	101. Leskela-Makinen	1000.3	53.43
31	259. Salokoski-Hertzman	923	53.41
32	264. Snapper-R.Fernandes	915.8	53.00
33	362. Carlos Luiz-Nuno Matos	989.5	52.86
34	310. Jose Moraes-J.Paes Carvalho	913.2	52.85
35	361. Leon-Wasik	989.1	52.84
36	162. Carole Sear-David Franklin	988.2	52.79
37	251. Hjelm-Berglund	904.6	52.35
38	208. van der Meulen-Linssen	978.6	52.28
39	158. Bill Townsend-Bill Hirst	978.1	52.25
40	110. Grosmann-de Boer	975.5	52.11

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RANK	PAIR	SCORE	
41	258. Bonne-van Eynde	898.4	51.99
42	312. Corte-Real-Miguel Ramos	894.6	51.77
43	356. Seppo Castren-Matti Sihvola	965.7	51.59
44	213. Pesonen-Tuula Keso	962.8	51.43
45	257. Margareta Thurnberg-M.Altmae	952.2	50.87
46	304. Fatima Alegre-Cipriano Alegre	870.4	50.37
47	103. Ravenswaaj-Robbe	940.2	50.22
48	105. Grobben-Wentholt	936.7	50.04
49	254. Birgitta Tornblad-Sten Tornbla	847.4	49.04
50	203. Sprenkeling-Stoop	916	48.93
51	358. Malestein-Schen	915.8	48.92
52	261. Ines Serra Lopes-P.Pimenta	840.8	48.66
53	308. Suppula-Tamminen	836.7	48.42
54	157. Hink-de Haan	904.8	48.33
55	360. Filipe Goncalves-Ricardo Luiz	899.8	48.07
56	205. Koistinen-Koistinen	897.8	47.96
57	201. Jansen-Agterof	896.7	47.90
58	206. A.M.Soares-J.Gouveia	893.6	47.74
59	161. John Freitas-H.Ribeiro	866.2	46.27
60	108. Irene Sousa-Jose P.Sousa	862.9	46.10
61	309. Havinga-Verowden	796.2	46.08
62	156. Ilzina Antra-Ilzins Ivar	861	45.99
63	352. Groenhof-Waque	860.9	45.99
64	104. E.Ducheyne-R.Ducheyne	854.7	45.66
65	351. Carlos Pimenta-Manuel Oliveira	852.9	45.56
66	153. Versteegh-Houwelingen	851.5	45.49
67	357. Buurman-Kort	842.9	45.03
68	363. Wessels-Schipper	838.8	44.81
69	111. Carla Soares-F.Costa	832.9	44.49
70	262. Coggrave-Coggrave	759.2	43.94
71	202. van Dalen-Serkhoven	820.5	43.83
72	210. Eva Liss Gothe-Hans Gothe	794.3	42.43
73	114. Magda Raes-Hennie v Beek	765.4	40.89
74	211. Koistinen-Ascencao	712.5	38.06
75	109. Acacio Matias-Angela Matias	697.4	37.25
76	204. Bartelomy-Hoes	696	37.18
77	353. Kukkonen-Tervonen	695.9	37.17
78	207. Pedro Nunes-Nuno Mata	680.2	36.34
79	354. Tulonen-Popponen	649.2	34.68
80	102. Jose Fernandes-Alda Fernandes	616.7	32.94
81	159. Berglund-Birgitta Hjelm	576.1	30.77
82	359. Helden-Naumann	565.2	30.19