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P.G.Pereira - J.Cruzeiro did it!

The winners of the first session and the leaders after two sessions managed to hold on to their lead. Congratulations! Their last session was 'only' 55.4 but nobody could take advantage. Americans David Levy - Connie Goldberg (actually David is French) came close but just not close enough. Bep Vriend - Anton Maas from The Netherlands took the bronze.



P.G.P.

and

Jorge Cruzeiro.

PROGRAM

Friday 15 th	9 PM	Open teams - 1 st session
Saturday 16 th	4 PM	Open teams - 2 nd session
	9.30 PM	Open teams - 3 rd session
Sunday 17 th	3 PM	Open teams - 4 th session
	8 PM	Closing Dinner
	10 PM	Prize giving

Fourth Best.

Joey Silver was on lead against a contract you don't want really like to be on lead against given the sequence and your own hand. Without an attractive alternative he lead 4th best from his longest and strongest. Like grandma. It worked like a charm and declarer made only 7 tricks for almost a top for EW.

Of course anything can work or fail in bridge in general and opening leads in particular. But I think small heart is the correct lead. Declarer has four hearts so there is no point in leading a honor. And you have a couple of entries so there is no point in not leading your good five card suit. But very few players got this one right. On a small heart lead normal play (diamond finesse at trick 2) will result in 7 or 8 tricks. But all declarers but one in 3NT made their contract and playing in a partial you needed +180 for an average score. What did I lead myself? I didn't lead, I stole the contract in 2♥ undoubled for -100. Almost as good as Joey's -90.

5	♠	KJ96	
N,NS	♥	A	
	♦	J862	
	♣	AJ75	
♠	AQ72	♠	853
♥	QJ1032	♥	864
♦	K	♦	Q743
♣	1086	♣	Q92
		♠	104
		♥	K975
		♦	A1095
		♣	K43

A top for Nuno Matos.

At most tables tables the contract was 4♠ by East. Nuno was North. His partner (the infamous Carlos) lead a heart for the ♥K and ♥A. Nuno exited with a spade. Declarer drew trumps and had to tackle diamonds himself. He started by small to the ♦Q, not the best line on these breaks. Nuno made the best of his opportunities by taking the ♦Q with ♦K and returning a small one which declarer misguessed for one down. This seemed a good but not spectacular result. 4♠ is a difficult contract which easily goes down on passive defense. But 4♠ was made 27 times and went down only twice. So Nuno got almost a clean top for doing essentially nothing. Sometimes you have to defend passively. Sometimes you have to defend actively. But that is what the next article is about.

19	♠	532	
S,EW	♥	A63	
	♦	AK2	
	♣	Q1053	
♠	Q107	♠	AKJ84
♥	KQ9	♥	8
♦	Q84	♦	J976
♣	A942	♣	K87
		♠	96
		♥	J107542
		♦	1053
		♣	J6

Cashing your tricks.

Yesterday's theme was cashing your tricks. On two boards you could earn a near-top by just taking your tricks. That can be quite difficult.

Board 11. At almost all tables the contract was 4♥ by North. 27 times out of 36 twelve tricks were made. Why? Maybe because North showed a strong hand and South didn't show spades in which case I can imagine East trying a 'safe' major lead. Maybe because you have a problem on the ♦A lead. Normally this is from AK so East encourages holding the ♦Q and then it is very difficult to switch clubs. Or maybe because after a club lead you tried to cash a second club. The only real solution in clubs is 'Polish leads' or 2nd-4th. Then you can see the difference between K-3rd and K-4th which you cannot see playing 3rd-5th or classical 4th best (although you probably should switch to diamonds anyway). Club lead and diamond switch is the optimal defense for 3 tricks. The only real solution in diamonds is Rusinow (meaning leading K from AK and Q from KQ). If the Ace denies the King then this one is easy. 2 tricks is not as good as 3 but still a 85% score.

11	♠ A108	
S,-	♥ AKQ10652	
	♦ K7	
	♣ 9	
	♠ J92	♠ 53
	♥ 9	♥ J3
	♦ Q1062	♦ AJ543
	♣ AJ852	♣ K1074
		♠ KQ764
		♥ 874
		♦ 98
		♣ Q63

Board 17. The normal contract is 4♠ bij South. The normal lead is the ♣K. Only one out of five defenders managed to get the ♦A. Why? In this kind of situation a lot depends on the bidding, or in other words what do you know. But with this kind of dummy you should always assume that declarer can run the hearts. If not there is no problem. An approach is for East to give count on ♣K. Declarer won't duck the ♣A with ♣J in dummy so there is no real point in encouraging - discouraging. But most play attitude anyway in this situation and then you should discourage to let partner switch to diamonds (you might even overtake). Without anything in diamonds he will return ♦7 so declarer is marked with ♦K and you can try a second club. With ♦K partner will play a small one. In that case it might still be very difficult to 'guess' the 3rd trick but here the first two tricks were already enough for a near top.

17	♠ AQ7	
N,-	♥ A10753	
	♦ 109	
	♣ J73	
	♠ 64	♠ 5
	♥ J2	♥ 986
	♦ 76543	♦ AQJ2
	♣ KQ94	♣ A10852
		♠ KJ109832
		♥ KQ4
		♦ K8
		♣ 6

Dutch training.

Like 'normal' bridge players we were discussing the boards at dinner. Focusing mainly on the two boards where you had to cash your tricks. What went wrong and what to do about it. Then the discussion drifted to a Dutch training session. It is about cashing your tricks. You hold: ♠KQJ9 ♥653 ♦732 ♣854. Opponents bid 1NT-3NT and you lead the ♠K. So far so good. Dummy comes down with 13 points or so and two small spades. ♠K holds the trick. The only hope to defeat this contract is to find partner with ♠A-5th. What do you play next.

The answer is ♠J (and ♠9 the third trick). If you lazily play ♠Q partner cannot see the difference between ♠KQ-3rd (declaring holding three cards) and ♠KQ-4th (declaring holding two cards) and he will go wrong because from KQ-3rd you have to play the ♠Q. Of course declarer had the ♠10. The idea is NOT to play the known card so partner can be sure you have still have one left to play.

Lesson one. Be very careful in cash-out situations.

Lesson two. As declarer try to scramble their signals.

Lesson three. As declarer always keep hope. Actually it was a kind of joke. At one table the declarer claimed one down as soon as she saw dummy because she thought the objective of the hand was to reach 5♦ which was cold. So we end with an extension of lesson three. Never claim as long as you are not down yet.



Anton Maas - Bep Vriend : third place.

Open Pairs - Final Result after 3 sessions.

RANK	PAIR	3 rd	2 nd	1 st	TOTAL
1	113 Paulo G.Pereira-Jorge Cruzeiro	55.43	59.83	69.23	61.50
2	355 David Levy-Connie Goldberg	59.51	61.14	63.04	61.23
3	112 Bep Vriend-Anton Maas	57.29	67.20	53.71	59.40
4	156 Ignaas ter Luiden-Ingrid Jurg	56.97	56.71	60.96	58.21
5	211 Leon-Wasik	59.71	59.93	52.84	57.49
6	151 Hjelm-Berglund	57.59	60.04	52.35	56.66
7	201 Carlos Pimenta-Manuel Oliveira	69.31	54.75	45.56	56.54
8	363 M.J.Lara-Nuno Mascarenhas	56.99	56.24	56.32	56.52
9	163 Lasocki-Capucho	57.95	54.21	57.22	56.46
10	260 Fabio Carugati-C.Corsico	56.69	56.77	55.24	56.23
11	351 Stanley-Rue	58.35	53.15	55.71	55.73
12	255 Rhoda Hadert-Joey Silver	61.05	51.86	54.08	55.66
13	312 Nuno Paz-F.Ferreira	61.88	41.74	63.03	55.55
14	251 Jean Harings-Jaap vd Neut	47.15	59.49	58.61	55.08
15	309 A.Martin-B.Martin	53.63	56.50	53.70	54.61
16	313 Pesonen-Tuula Keso	54.58	57.45	51.43	54.49
17	301 Jansen-Agterof	52.45	62.69	47.90	54.34
18	205 Andersson-Johanneson	46.30	61.35	55.01	54.22
19	157 Margareta Thurnberg-M.Altmae	50.62	61.16	50.87	54.22
20	212 Nuno Matos-Carlos Luiz	50.95	58.79	52.86	54.20
21	252 Donk-vd Hoeven	56.45	51.56	53.55	53.86
22	160 Trouborst-van der Pas	51.48	55.67	54.25	53.80
23	101 Leskela-Makinen	52.64	55.26	53.43	53.78
24	361 de Miguel-Knap	50.27	52.64	58.11	53.68
25	164 Snapper-R.Fernandes	50.78	56.90	53.00	53.56
26	202 Groenhof-Waque	60.91	53.69	45.99	53.53
27	158 Bonne-van Eynde	54.66	52.28	51.99	52.98
28	357 Leskela-Virtanen	48.84	53.23	56.64	52.90
29	264 Hoogland-Beyer	53.37	46.01	58.48	52.62
30	206 Seppo Castren-Matti Sihvola	48.23	57.98	51.59	52.60
31	110 Grosmann-de Boer	50.22	55.35	52.11	52.56
32	364 Paulo Sarmiento-Pedro Ribeiro	52.72	51.27	53.54	52.51
33	358 Suppula-Tamminen	59.02	49.33	48.42	52.26
34	159 Salokoski-Hertzman	54.54	48.71	53.41	52.22
35	155 Gobbi-Ronzuno	54.36	45.29	55.86	51.84
36	106 J.Machado-Jose Macedo	53.27	45.90	56.10	51.76
37	263 Gerard Limmen-Jan Tulp	46.79	51.67	54.99	51.15
38	254 Frieling-Leeuwen	55.32	40.84	56.51	50.89
39	258 Bill Townsend-Bill Hirst	48.80	51.55	52.25	50.87
40	105 Grobben-Wentholt	55.36	46.98	50.04	50.79

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41	310 Eva Liss Gothe-Hans Gothe	56.66	52.94	42.43	50.68
	104 E.Ducheyne-R.Ducheyne	55.02	51.35	45.66	50.68
43	152 Lager-Nordman	45.15	48.61	57.16	50.31
44	203 Arne Olsen-Per Olsen	54.38	41.94	54.52	50.28
45	308 van der Meulen-Linssen	50.50	47.91	52.28	50.23
46	352 Schutz-Verhoef	45.93	50.36	54.38	50.22
47	305 Koistinen-Koistinen	45.10	57.27	47.96	50.11
48	257 Hink-de Haan	47.97	53.64	48.33	49.98
49	262 Carole Sear-David Franklin	43.88	52.74	52.79	49.80
50	107 Rodrigo Soares-M.Teixeira	47.14	47.23	54.48	49.62
51	306 A.M.Soares-J.Gouveia	48.00	51.34	47.74	49.03
52	302 van Dalen-Serkhoven	49.74	53.40	43.83	48.99
53	210 Filipe Goncalves-Ricardo Luiz	47.07	48.86	48.07	48.00
54	161 Ines Serra Lopes-P.Pimenta	48.36	45.92	48.66	47.65
55	162 Coggrave-Coggrave	49.29	48.78	43.94	47.34
	356 Wicherley-J.A.Fernandes	41.47	45.56	54.98	47.34
57	303 Sprenkeling-Stoop	50.99	42.00	48.93	47.31
58	103 Ravenswaaj-Robbe	48.33	42.96	50.22	47.17
59	360 Jose Moraes-J.Paes Carvalho	41.40	45.35	52.85	46.54
60	311 Koistinen-Ascencao	53.53	47.87	38.06	46.49
61	207 Buurman-Kort	49.90	44.51	45.03	46.48
62	353 Steenberg-Jan Kuiper	39.30	40.73	58.61	46.21
63	213 Wessels-Schipper	42.04	51.25	44.81	46.03
64	359 Havinga-Verowden	45.50	45.40	46.08	45.66
65	362 Corte-Real-Miguel Ramos	40.85	43.60	51.77	45.40
66	354 Fatima Alegre-Cipriano Alegre	39.37	46.11	50.37	45.28
67	261 John Freitas-H.Ribeiro	42.27	45.98	46.27	44.84
68	204 Tulonen-Popponen	51.44	47.34	34.68	44.49
69	208 Malestein-Schen	43.76	39.15	48.92	43.94
70	256 Ilzina Antra-Ilzins Ivar	42.91	42.56	45.99	43.82
71	259 Berglund-Birgitta Hjelm	43.77	56.85	30.77	43.80
72	154 Birgitta Tornblad-Sten Tornbla	51.92	29.69	49.04	43.55
73	253 Versteegh-Houwelingen	38.70	45.51	45.49	43.23
74	111 Carla Soares-F.Costa	37.28	46.73	44.49	42.83
75	114 Magda Raes-Hennie v Beek	42.87	44.51	40.89	42.76
76	108 Irene Sousa-Jose P.Sousa	38.89	42.41	46.10	42.47
77	304 Bartelomy-Hoes	51.08	34.87	37.18	41.04
78	209 Helden-Naumann	39.88	52.47	30.19	40.85
79	102 Jose Fernandes-Alda Fernandes	43.36	43.99	32.94	40.10
80	307 Pedro Nunes-Nuno Mata	40.86	37.25	36.34	38.15
81	109 Acacio Matias-Angela Matias	27.64	37.61	37.25	34.17
82	214 Kukkonen-Tervonen	0.00	33.40	37.17	23.52