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**Italy loses the lead.  
Italy takes the lead.**

Actually there are two Italian dream teams. The long time leader LAVAZZA stumbled only to see their compatriots ALLEGRA take the lead instead. But sandwiched between the two we find the Dutch team MAAS. An Italian victory is not sure yet.

One wonders why there are a couple of teams with a name similar to Lavazza. LAVAZZA had to play LA VAI VAZA already. Is this a sick joke or what. Joke yes, sick no. 'La vai vaza' is Portuguese for 'there goes another trick out of the window' or so. I guess I prefer Lavazza. Too bad they didn't bring those coffee machines along.

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## Madeirese bidding sequence

Here we need some explanations. East was Miguel Teixeira and West Rodrigo Soares. The chairman and a member of the organizing committee. I would have bid 2♥ on 2♣ but Member explained that in his methods he needed the ♥10 instead of the ♥9. Big deal. Then Chairman realized that the key to this hand would be his partners heart holding so he decided to bid the suit himself. Sure you will find out about hearts but whether you can control the bidding afterwards is something else altogether. He found quite some heart fit and after that the bidding proceeded more or less normally. Needless to say that the bulletin doesn't really approve of this sequence. But never argue with success. And never argue with successful tournament organizers. We need them.

♠ -	♠ AKQJ1053
♥ KQ984	♥ AJ64
♦ J10764	♦ -
♣ A74	♣ 65

West	East
	2♣
2♦	2♥
3♥	3♠
4♣	4♦
4♠	5NT
7♥	pass

## Dutch bidding sequence.

The bidding sequence on the right is the bulletin approved one. Of course at the table the sequences were completely different. At one table Mike Beyer decided to rebid 2♦ rather than 2♥. That qualifies as an extreme underbid (but on freaks anything can work out fine) and the bidding rested there for an unimaginative +150.

♠ J1054	♠ 4
♥ 98	♥ AKQJ3
♦ J92	♦ KQ107643
♣ AQ104	♣ -

West	East
	1♦
1♠	2♥ ??
3♦	3♥ ??
4♣	4♦
5♦	pass

At the other table East bid the normal 2♥ and than had to do something over 3♦. Of course it is not that strange to consider 5♣. Exclusion Blackwood can be extremely effective. But you need pretty good agreements on that. Among other things you have to realize that 1430 (5♣ = 1 Ace, 5♦ = 0) is an improvement for normal Blackwood but you shouldn't do that to exclusion. Whatever went wrong was unclear but there was a mix-up and EW reached 6♦. The opponents managed a spade lead so there was no happy end to that story. And our friend Mike. He won 6 imp on the board. I have seen that swing before. Down in a minor slam against a making partial.

## Attacking their suit.

Bep Vriend found herself in an ambitious 3NT. She got lucky that there was no natural spade lead, West led  $\diamond Q$ . So how to make the best of your luck. There are eight top tricks (assuming the clubs to break, it is not that good a contract) so where is number nine. Playing hearts with or without cashing some clubs is not likely to work although there is always a tiny chance the spades will block. Bep tried a classical ruse. If they don't attack your weak suit why not attack it yourself. So Bep took  $\diamond A$  and played a spade to  $\spadesuit J$  to give the impression she was looking for the 9<sup>th</sup> trick in spades. It helped that in her methods her bidding was consistent with 44 major. West fell for that one and returned a heart and then East returned a diamond and Bep had the rest.

Of course West should do better (even assuming he cannot read  $\diamond Kx$  with partner). The only hand where declarer has  $\spadesuit AJ10$  and the play makes remotely sense declarer doesn't have  $\diamond K$  (9 tricks already) and the  $\heartsuit Q$  (declarer will play  $\heartsuit$ ). But then declarer has opened the bidding on a balanced ten count. Not at all probable.

S,-       $\spadesuit$  97  
           $\heartsuit$  K  
           $\diamond$  A876  
           $\clubsuit$  KQ8762  
 $\spadesuit$  KQ83       $\spadesuit$  A852  
 $\heartsuit$  983       $\heartsuit$  A654  
 $\diamond$  QJ94       $\diamond$  52  
 $\clubsuit$  J4       $\clubsuit$  1053  
  
 $\spadesuit$  J104  
 $\heartsuit$  QJ1032  
 $\diamond$  K103  
 $\clubsuit$  A9

West	North	East	South
			1 $\heartsuit$
pass	2 $\clubsuit$	pass	2NT
pass	3NT	all pass	



Elly Ducheyne (left) did a lot to promote the festival in The Netherlands.

## Open Teams - Results.

## Results Round 4

3. LAVAZZA	-	7. EVA LISS GOTHE	15-16	15-15
15. MAAS	-	29. MARJUKKA	28- 8	21- 9
23. ALLEGRA	-	8. LOS PAISTIS	16- 4	19-11
18. SEPPO CASTREN	-	9. DREAM TEAM III	19-26	13-17
13. ANDERSSON	-	27. INDIGENAS	7-24	10-20
25. FOUR JAYS	-	31. LA VAI VAZA	9-23	11-19
32. SARMA	-	14. PAULETTE	4-32	6-24
1. LARA	-	22. RATATA	29-12	20-10
11. WAQUE	-	28. SEAR	19- 1	21- 9
6. DE BOER	-	4. BALTIC SEA	0-45	2-25
5. MILANO OLONA	-	33. SILVER	21-10	18-12
34. CA VAZA	-	26. SCHIPPER	40-26	19-11
2. GAIVOTAS	-	19. MIKE BEYER	17-40	8-22
17. STANLEY	-	16. ALEGRE	43-13	25- 5
20. MUTS	-	21. LEON	12-17	14-16
30. KNEUSJES	-	24. TULIPAN	0-22	8-22
10. VON YZENDOORN	-	12. TRES MOSQUETEIR	12-22	12-18

## Results Round 5

3. LAVAZZA	-	15. MAAS	6-16	12-18
7. EVA LISS GOTHE	-	23. ALLEGRA	25-27	14-16
27. INDIGENAS	-	14. PAULETTE	12-14	14-16
9. DREAM TEAM III	-	31. LA VAI VAZA	6-35	6-24
18. SEPPO CASTREN	-	1. LARA	16-28	11-19
8. LOS PAISTIS	-	4. BALTIC SEA	1-43	2-25
11. WAQUE	-	29. MARJUKKA	10-23	11-19
25. FOUR JAYS	-	13. ANDERSSON	39- 7	25- 5
5. MILANO OLONA	-	17. STANLEY	6-30	7-23
34. CA VAZA	-	19. MIKE BEYER	13-46	5-25
22. RATATA	-	28. SEAR	30-30	15-15
24. TULIPAN	-	33. SILVER	6-19	11-19
32. SARMA	-	21. LEON	4-23	9-21
20. MUTS	-	26. SCHIPPER	33-17	20-10
6. DE BOER	-	30. KNEUSJES	34-15	21- 9
2. GAIVOTAS	-	12. TRES MOSQUETEIR	22-16	17-13
16. ALEGRE	-	10. VON YZENDOORN	22-13	18-12

## Results Round 6

3. LAVAZZA	-	31. LA VAI VAZA	28- 0	24- 6
15. MAAS	-	7. EVA LISS GOTHE	20-23	14-16
4. BALTIC SEA	-	23. ALLEGRA	0-65	0-25
25. FOUR JAYS	-	1. LARA	21-24	14-16
14. PAULETTE	-	17. STANLEY	5-40	4-25
27. INDIGENAS	-	29. MARJUKKA	14-26	11-19
19. MIKE BEYER	-	18. SEPPO CASTREN	2- 6	14-16
11. WAQUE	-	9. DREAM TEAM III	12-49	4-25
33. SILVER	-	22. RATATA	9-14	14-16
21. LEON	-	8. LOS PAISTIS	20-0	21- 9
28. SEAR	-	5. MILANO OLONA	15-16	15-15
13. ANDERSSON	-	6. DE BOER	23-15	17-13
24. TULIPAN	-	34. CA VAZA	31-18	19-11
20. MUTS	-	32. SARMA	21-24	14-16
2. GAIVOTAS	-	26. SCHIPPER	21-32	12-18
16. ALEGRE	-	12. TRES MOSQUETEIR	47- 0	25- 1
30. KNEUSJES	-	10. VON YZENDOORN	22-17	16-14

## Results Round 7

3. LAVAZZA	-	23. ALLEGRA	16-10	17-13
15. MAAS	-	17. STANLEY	13-12	15-15
7. EVA LISS GOTHE	-	29. MARJUKKA	11-20	12-18
1. LARA	-	31. LA VAI VAZA	12-12	15-15
25. FOUR JAYS	-	9. DREAM TEAM III	25-19	17-13
27. INDIGENAS	-	19. MIKE BEYER	3-41	3-25
18. SEPPO CASTREN	-	4. BALTIC SEA	19- 6	19-11
21. LEON	-	14. PAULETTE	9-28	9-21
22. RATATA	-	13. ANDERSSON	13- 8	16-14
33. SILVER	-	28. SEAR	53-12	25- 3
24. TULIPAN	-	20. MUTS	28-10	21- 9
16. ALEGRE	-	11. WAQUE	10-23	11-19
5. MILANO OLONA	-	8. LOS PAISTIS	36-11	23- 7
6. DE BOER	-	32. SARMA	28-16	19-11
34. CA VAZA	-	30. KNEUSJES	23-34	12-18
26. SCHIPPER	-	12. TRES MOSQUETEIR	15- 6	18-12
2. GAIVOTAS	-	10. VON YZENDOORN	4-18	11-19

## Results Round 8

3. LAVAZZA	-	17. STANLEY	30-28	16-14
23. ALLEGRA	-	29. MARJUKKA	33-12	22- 8
15. MAAS	-	19. MIKE BEYER	33-15	21- 9
7. EVA LISS GOTHE	-	25. FOUR JAYS	14-19	14-16
1. LARA	-	14. PAULETTE	24- 5	21- 9
18. SEPPO CASTREN	-	31. LA VAI VAZA	30- 9	22- 8
9. DREAM TEAM III	-	33. SILVER	23- 3	21- 9
5. MILANO OLONA	-	24. TULIPAN	23-11	19-11
4. BALTIC SEA	-	22. RATATA	3-18	10-20
11. WAQUE	-	27. INDIGENAS	12-16	14-16
21. LEON	-	6. DE BOER	18-11	17-13
13. ANDERSSON	-	16. ALEGRE	13- 5	17-13
20. MUTS	-	28. SEAR	8-27	9-21
26. SCHIPPER	-	32. SARMA	10-18	13-17
34. CA VAZA	-	10. VON YZENDOORN	21-11	18-12
8. LOS PAISTIS	-	2. GAIVOTAS	48-12	25- 4
30. KNEUSJES	-	12. TRES MOSQUETEIR	55-12	25- 2

## Results Round 9

3. LAVAZZA	-	1. LARA	17-29	11-19
23. ALLEGRA	-	17. STANLEY	45-13	25- 5
15. MAAS	-	18. SEPPO CASTREN	48- 0	25- 1
7. EVA LISS GOTHE	-	9. DREAM TEAM III	29-19	18-12
25. FOUR JAYS	-	29. MARJUKKA	3-15	11-19
19. MIKE BEYER	-	5. MILANO OLONA	9-16	13-17
22. RATATA	-	31. LA VAI VAZA	6-18	11-19
14. PAULETTE	-	33. SILVER	4-35	5-25
21. LEON	-	27. INDIGENAS	33-22	18-12
13. ANDERSSON	-	24. TULIPAN	25-32	13-17
11. WAQUE	-	4. BALTIC SEA	18-25	13-17
6. DE BOER	-	8. LOS PAISTIS	9-13	14-16
30. KNEUSJES	-	28. SEAR	15-45	5-25
16. ALEGRE	-	26. SCHIPPER	19- 9	18-12
32. SARMA	-	10. VON YZENDOORN	4-24	9-21
34. CA VAZA	-	12. TRES MOSQUETEIR	27-18	18-12
20. MUTS	-	2. GAIVOTAS	42- 0	25- 2

## Ranking after 9 rounds.

1	23.	ALLEGRA	+162	177
2	15.	MAAS	+134	172
3	3.	LAVAZZA	+120	166
4	1.	LARA	+71	158
5	7.	EVA LISS GOTHE	+75	154
6	29.	MARJUKKA	+47	149
7	9.	DREAM TEAM III	+42	146
8	25.	FOUR JAYS	+36	146
9	33.	SILVER	+35	145
10	19.	MIKE BEYER	+36	143
11	17.	STANLEY	+22	142
12	5.	MILANO OLONA	+24	141
13	31.	LA VAI VAZA	+20	141
14	18.	SEPPO CASTREN	+20	137
15	21.	LEON	+6	135
16	22.	RATATA	-4	134
17	28.	SEAR	-9	133
18	24.	TULIPAN	-8	132
19	4.	BALTIC SEA	-12	130
20	27.	INDIGENAS	-19	128
21	13.	ANDERSSON	-21	128
22	11.	WAQUE	-31	128
23	8.	LOS PAISTIS	-5	126
24	20.	MUTS	-21	126
25	14.	PAULETTE	-32	126
26	6.	DE BOER	-37	125
27	16.	ALEGRE	-22	124
28	34.	CA VAZA	-40	123
29	26.	SCHIPPER	-63	118
30	32.	SARMA	-62	115
31	30.	KNEUSJES	-58	113
32	10.	VON YZENDOORN	-73	112
33	2.	GAIVOTAS	-146	91
34	12.	TRES MOSQUETEIROS	-187	76