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GUADELOUPE LEADS THE WAY

Guadeloupe definitely is en route for Shanghai, leading in the National Open and Women Teams (page 9).



The students of the Maris Stella SBO School for Tourism do an excellent job at the playing venue, like caddying and duplicating the boards. Read more on page 5.

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Today's bridge

National and open teams:
10.00 am, 2.00 pm, 5.00 pm
Continuous pairs:
1.00 pm



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TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR THE NATIONAL TEAMS

TUESDAY, 22 MAY 2007

	Open	Women	Seniors
10 am	BERMUDA VS CURAÇAO N.A.	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO VS BERMUDA	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO VS COSTA RICA
	VENEZUELA VS GUADELOUPE	BARBADOS VS GUADELOUPE	VENEZUELA VS BARBADOS
	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO VS MARTINIQUE	CURACAO N.A. VS VENEZUELA	GUADELOUPE VS CURACAO N.A.
	BYE VS FR. GUIANA		
	BARBADOS VS JAMAICA		
2 pm	BERMUDA VS GUADELOUPE	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO VS GUADELOUPE	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO VS BARBADOS
	CURAÇAO NA VS MARTINIQUE	BERMUDA VS VENEZUELA	COSTA RICA VS CURACAO N.A.
	VENEZUELA VS FR. GUIANA	BARBADOS VS CURACAO N.A.	VENEZUELA VS GUADELOUPE
	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO VS JAMAICA		
	BYE VS BARBADOS		
5 pm	BERMUDA VS MARTINIQUE	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO VS VENEZUELA	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO VS CURACAO N.A.
	GUADELOUPE VS FR. GUIANA	GUADELOUPE VS CURACAO N.A.	BARBADOS VS GUADELOUPE
	CURAÇAO NA VS JAMAICA	BERMUDA VS BARBADOS	COSTA RICA VS VENEZUELA
	VENEZUELA VS BARBADOS		
	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO VS BYE		

NATIONAL TEAMS RESULTS AS PER MONDAY, 21 MAY 2007

OPEN

round 1

BERMUDA VS BYE	18-0
BARBADOS VS TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	24-77 3-25
JAMAICA VS VENEZUELA	53-17 23-7
FR. GUIANA VS CURAÇAO N.A.	46-41 16-14
MARTINIQUE VS GUADELOUPE	17-52 7-23

round 2

BERMUDA VS TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	47-44 16-14
BARBADOS VS CURAÇAO N.A.	19-56 6-24
BYE VS VENEZUELA	0-18
JAMAICA VS GUADELOUPE	20-59 6-24
FR. GUIANA VS MARTINIQUE	34-49 12-18

round 3

BERMUDA VS VENEZUELA	16-37 10-20
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO VS CURAÇAO N.A.	53-28 21-9
BYE VS GUADELOUPE	0-18
BARBADOS VS MARTINIQUE	26-38 12-18
JAMAICA VS FR. GUIANA	20-31 13-17

SENIORS

round 1

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO VS CURACAO N.A.	99-17 25-0
BARBADOS VS GUADELOUPE	42-54 12-18
COSTA RICA VS VENEZUELA	33-30 16-14

WOMEN

round 1

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO VS VENEZUELA	21-78 3-25
GUADELOUPE VS CURACAO N.A.	91-15 25-0
BERMUDA VS BARBADOS	42-23 19-11

round 2

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO VS CURACAO N.A.	39-25 18-12
VENEZUELA VS BARBADOS	30-10 20-10
GUADELOUPE VS BERMUDA	74-8 25-1

round 3

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO VS BARBADOS	19-21 15-15
CURACAO NA VS BERMUDA	21-49 8-22
VENEZUELA VS GUADELOUPE	13-47 7-23

round 2

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO VS GUADELOUPE	45-59 12-18
CURACAO N.A. VS VENEZUELA	42-51 13-17
BARBADOS VS COSTA RICA	69-13 25-3

round 3

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO VS VENEZUELA	19-52 7-23
GUADELOUPE VS COSTA RICA	48-24 21-9
CURACAO N.A. VS BARBADOS	6-60 3-25

SO MUCH FOR THEORY



Nina Tache

What would you lead against 4♠ with

♠ J 5 4 2 ♥ K Q 10 7 2 ♦ A Q J ♣ 5 ?

By the way, your side bid up to 4♥.

High level competition often requires delicate treatment. Take for instance this deal from round 1 from the teams:

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

Similar bidding at quite a few tables:

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♥
Dbl	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	dbl	All pass

NS minus hundred was the standard result, but was 4♠ on?

Before answering that question first take a peep at the table of Ivy Smith and Nina Tache. You may remember these girls from Venezuela from the Bridge Party story out of yesterday's bulletin. Their bidding was much more sophisticated:

West	North Tache	East	South Smith
	2♦ ¹⁾	Pass	4C ²⁾
dbl	4D ³⁾	4♠	?

- 1) Multi
- 2) requires partner to bid one under her suit
- 3) weak two in hearts

Ivy Smith took a view by bidding 5♥, which led to the above standard result. Suppose however that you would have passed on the critical moment, then most likely you had to find a lead against the spade game, i.e. the lead problem of the beginning of this article.

Theory tells us to lead your long suit when you have long trumps in defence. With this lay out, that would not be a success since a heart lead would break NS's communications immediately. So much for theory.

Leading from your club shortage however, is killing, since the ♥A is an entree for the ruff and later declarer still has to concede two diamond tricks. Of course declarer can pull all the trumps, but that leaves him to nine tricks.

Anyhow, Ivy Smith wisely avoided the pressure of lead guessing. As she put it: "Bidding 5♥ is the lesser risk."

BBO

The semi-finals and finals of the 24th CACBF Zonal Championships will be covered live on the internet through BridgeBase-on-Line.

We are still looking for operators to assist us broadcasting the matches.

Please contact Onno Eskes, who will be happy to introduce you in the exciting world of modern communications.

BERMUDA VS. TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

The fresh Open Zonal Pairs Champions from Trinidad, Clarke-Vieira, took on Bermuda's David and Sally Sykes in round 2 of the Zonal Teams. At the other table Roman Smolski and Vera Petty for Bermuda faced Roger Mapp and Trevor Hart.

Bermuda took the early lead when Clarke raised his partners 1♦ overcall to five with

♠ K 10 8 7 4 ♥ 8 ♦ A 10 7 5 4 ♣ Q 3.

That was -300 against nothing, when his partner turned out to have four good hearts. At the other table Smolski-Petty played 4♦ for -50.

W/All	♠ Q 9 4	
	♥ Q 9	
	♦ K 8 7 6	
	♣ 9 7 6 3	
♠ K 10 7 6 3		♠ A
♥ K J 10		♥ A 8 5 4 2
♦ J 10 9		♦ A 3 2
♣ K Q		♣ A 10 5 4
	♠ J 8 6 2	
	♥ 7 6 3	
	♦ Q 5 4	
	♣ J 8 2	

Sykes-Sykes reasonably stayed out of slam after 1♠-2♥ (GF)-3♥-4♥, although that last bid was a bit wet. Mapp-Hart did reach the sharp slam. Vera Petty led ♦4 and Smolski fell from grace by playing small as North. Even after this generous start, Roger Mapp still had some work to do. He cashed a top club, crossed to ♠A and led a heart to the ten and queen.

Roger Mapp

Smolski played a diamond and Mapp won ♦A, played a club to dummy, threw a diamond on ♠K and drew another round of trumps. After a spade ruff, club ruff, and another spade ruff he could draw the last trump and claim his contract for 13 imps to Trinidad & Tobago.

A missed chance for Bermuda on board 21:

N/NS	♠ 9 6 5 4 3 2	
	♥ 4	
	♦ A J 10 5	
	♣ K 8	
♠ A K J 8 7		♠ -
♥ 10 9 7 6 5 2		♥ A J 8
♦ 9		♦ K 6 2
♣ 4		♣ A Q 10 9 5 3 2
	♠ Q 10	
	♥ K Q 3	
	♦ Q 8 7 4 3	
	♣ J 7 6	

West	North	East	South
Hart	Smolski	Mapp	Petty
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	5♣	All pass

An ugly contract, but only down one after the ♥K lead, followed by ♣A and ♣Q to North's king, who played back a spade.

West	North	East	South
Sykes	Clarke	Sykes	Vieira
		1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All pass

David Sykes took the low road on the East hand, rebidding only 2♣ instead of 5♣. That was good judgement, and the best game was reached. After the ♦A lead and a diamond continuation, declarer decided to follow the good plan of pitching one of losing spades on the ♦K and ruffing the other two in dummy. South would only get his two heart tricks. Something went wrong down the road however, and she had to concede down one for a flat board.

Halfway Trinidad had extended their lead to 27-11 but it took Bermuda only one board to level the match:



E/All	♠ 10 3 2		
	♥ A K Q J 10 9 7 4		
	♦ 9		
	♣ Q		
♠ A J 9 8		♠ 7 6	
♥ 6 3		♥ 5	
♦ K J 3		♦ A Q 8 7 6 5 4	
♣ K J 8 5		♣ A 3 2	
	♠ K Q 5 4		
	♥ 8 2		
	♦ 10 2		
	♣ 10 9 7 6 4		

West	North	East	South
Sykes	Clarke	Sykes	Vieira
		Pass	Pass
1♣	4♥	5♦	All pass

An easy +600 for EW. You might even make six if you lay down ♣A early and take two more club finesses.

West	North	East	South
Hart	Smolski	Mapp	Petty
		1♦	Pass
1♠	4♥	Pass	Pass
dbl	All pass		

Mapp led a spade to the king and ace, and Hart returned a heart. After seven heart tricks Smolski was sure trumps were drawn. In the mean time West had discarded a spade. Smolski now ducked a spade and it was up to EW to cash both minor aces. They didn't get it right though, so Smolski made his doubled game for another +790 to Bermuda, which combined to 16 imps.

N/All	♠ K Q		
	♥ A 6		
	♦ K Q 6 5 3 2		
	♣ A 10 7		
♠ 5 2		♠ J 10 7	
♥ K Q J 10 9 5 3		♥ 8 7	
♦ A 7		♦ 10 9 8	
♣ J 9		♣ K Q 5 4 2	
	♠ A 9 8 6 4 3		
	♥ 4 2		
	♦ J 4		
	♣ 8 6 3		

West	North	East	South
Sykes	Clarke	Sykes	Vieira
	1♦	Pass	1♠
3♥	dbl	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All pass	

So you overcall vulnerable on the three level, with solid hearts and a side ace, only to see your partner lead a... club against 3NT. David Sykes (East) risked some marital damage there, but declarer David Clarke came to his rescue by ducking the ♣J! Sally Sykes placed ♥K on the table (with some emphasis) and the contract went four off.



Sally Sykes

Hastily David complimented his wife extensively on not making a Canadian double on 3NT (opponents would have run to 4♠ making).

Indeed at the other table Petty-Smolski scored up +620 for another huge pickup to Bermuda, who eventually won the match 47-44.

The students of the Maris Stella SBO School for Tourism

In a big event like an international bridge tournament, you can use a lot of extra hands to assist you. The organizers were able to attract a group of tourism students from Maris Stella SBO (senior secondary vocational education for apprenticeship in tourism) for that purpose. The students are very helpful in many aspects like setting up a tourist information desk on Curaçao, duplicating boards, caddying all other activities needed to let the event continue smoothly. The students, all female, can learn a lot from this event and also from being directly involved with people of different nationalities, age, language and background who have their specific needs, complaints, etcetera. Here theory turns into in real life. And, when they do well, they do not need to pass a specific exam!

NAGY ON DEFENSE

During the weekend Nagy Bakir excelled mostly as dummy. Today he scored his imps mainly in defense.

E/-	♠ 9 8 7 5 4		
	♥ 9 6 5		
	♦ 10 9 2		
	♣ 5 4		
♠ Q 6		♠ K 10	
♥ A 7 3 2		♥ K J 10	
♦ A K J 3		♦ 8 5	
♣ K 7 3		♣ A Q J 10 8 6	
	♠ A J 3 2		
	♥ Q 8 4		
	♦ Q 7 6 4		
	♣ 9 2		

Tony Watkins and Dave Blackman for Barbados bid to a great 6♣ slam. After a trump lead declarer tried to slip through ♠10 to the queen, but Nagy alertly rose with the ace and returned a spade. Had he played low, declarer would have ruffed out the diamond suit and exited with his last spade to endplay South in giving a ruff-and-discard or solving the heart suit.

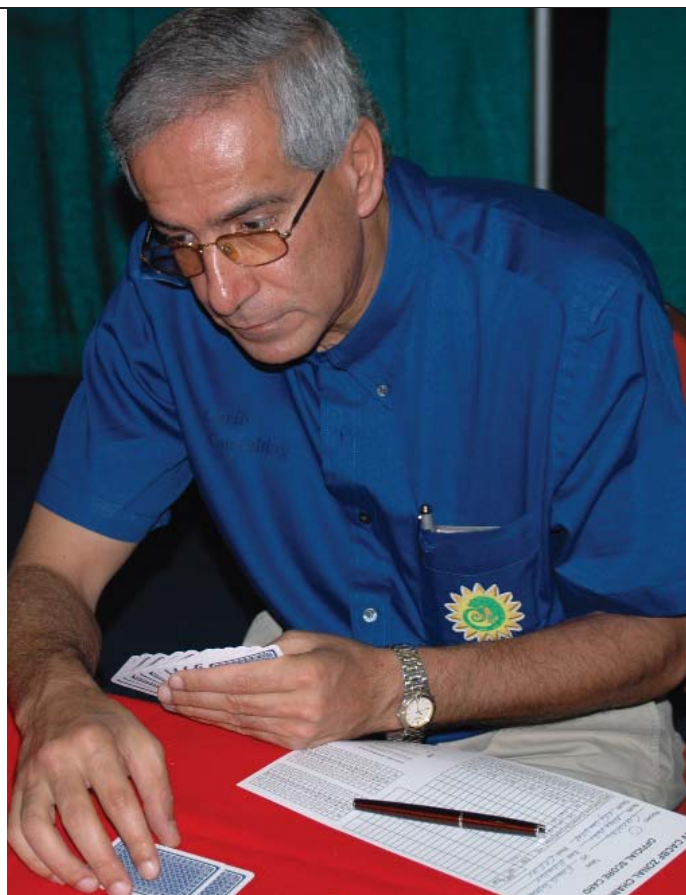
Blackman tried to ruff out ♦Q-third, but when that failed, the hand had come down to the heart guess. Bakir's fine defense was rewarded when declarer finessed ♥Q over North. At the other table Calnek-Kistemaker made all the tricks in 3NT, so that meant 11 imps in instead of 10 imps out.

Were Kistemaker-Calnek too low on the previous board, on this deal they ended up too high:

E/All	♠ 10 3 2		
	♥ A K Q J 10 9 7 4		
	♦ 9		
	♣ Q		
♠ A J 9 8		♠ 7 6	
♥ 6 3		♥ 5	
♦ K J 3		♦ A Q 8 7 6 5 4	
♣ K J 8 5		♣ A 3 2	
	♠ K Q 5 4		
	♥ 8 2		
	♦ 10 2		
	♣ 10 9 7 6 4		

West	North	East	South
Calnek		Kistemaker	
		3♦	Pass
3♠	4♥	6♠	Dbl
7♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All pass			

Calnek meant 3♠ obviously as a try for 3NT, whereas Kistemaker took him (much too) seriously. 7♦ went one off. During score comparison after the match Ivo and Gary apologized deeply when they announced their -200 on the board.



Nagy Bakir (did not miss a bulletin so far)

"Wins five" replied Nagy Bakir dryly.

West	North	East	South
Blackman	Bakir	Watkinson	Van Vliet
		3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass!	Pass	Pass

Not seeing any way to arrive in 4♥ as dummy, Nagy decided to try his luck on defense. He was smart enough not to double, or else we would have another "Bermuda on the run" story, since East-West will definitely run to five or even six diamonds, making six. Nagy happily cashed his eight heart tricks and wrote a thick +400 on his score card.

ON THE INTERNET

Lots of info on the 24th CACBF Zonal Championships can be found on the website

www.tropicalbridge.com

run by webmaster Harro Meijer. The Dutch Bridge Federation discovered these championships the other day. The NBB even nominated www.tropicalbridge.com as Website-of-the-Week.



Youth Bridge (1)

Where are the teenagers?

by Panos Gerontopoulos
Vice President of the World Bridge Federation &
Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee

Bridge is a game for all ages, and it has been written that it is practiced by people aged from 9 to 99 years old! This is certainly true. However, if we look around in almost every tournament anywhere in the world, we will notice that a certain age group is systematically missing: this is the group of the younger people. Indeed, what we see in most tournaments is a vast majority of older people, mostly in their retirement years. Where are the teenagers?

The sad reply is that there are very few young players around, compared with the older ones. Unfortunately, the younger age group is missing from bridge. And, as we shall see below, bridge, equally unfortunate, misses them!

This situation is quite alarming for the future of bridge. For this reason, the President of the World Bridge Federation, José Damiani, proclaimed in 2004, in Istanbul, Turkey, the development of bridge among young people the first priority of our sport.

Regrettably, the Central American and Caribbean Zone has a particularly poor record in youth bridge, being the only WBF Zone that has not been represented in World Youth Championships and events since 2001. I am sure that nobody is happy about this. Can something be done about it? Sure it can! In a series of articles to be published in the Daily Bulletin of these Championships, I will raise some issues related to youth bridge and give answers to some vital questions — all focused on youth bridge development. I am also at the disposal of National administrators who would like to meet and discuss such issues and youth bridge development plans.

Why should Youth Bridge be supported?

Almost everybody accepts that it is a good thing to develop bridge among young people. It is important, however, to be aware of the strong reasons and sound principles that fully justify this orientation.

Young people are not the only category of players to which our bridge organizations pays special attention. Women, Seniors, Novices, Champions, etc., are some more of these categories and sure enough there are good reasons for supporting each one of them. There are two very special reasons, however, that give Youth Bridge a prominent position in our priorities:

- a. whatever is associated with the youth is automatically associated with the future. Young people have a long way to go in life - and if they learn bridge early, the game would gain supporters who have come to stay for many decades. Thus, by supporting Youth Bridge we serve the target of *expansion* of our community. At the same time, however, we improve the *quality* of our game in general, since progress largely depends on fresh ideas that tend to come easier from the young than from anybody else. In other words, ***the development of Youth Bridge is an excellent investment into the future, since it promotes our game both in the quantitative and the qualitative sense.***
- b. bridge is not just a game but a real *social tool*. We all know that bridge brings people closer together, forcing them to find a common language of understanding and cooperation. When it comes to the youth, these benefits are enhanced by certain qualities that are particularly important for the development of a young person's proper character and safeguards young people against adverse temptations. All these, together with the warm affection with which human beings embrace the young people, and the sensitivity and interest of society in whatever concerns youth, lead to the conclusion that ***caring about the Youth we offer a social service and thus we serve the good image of the game to the outside world.***

So, the youth is a good thing for bridge. But is bridge a good thing for the youth? We shall discuss this tomorrow.

ALERTING

Please note that the CACBF's General Conditions of Contest have adopted the WBF Alert Policy as down below:

WBF Systems Policy – Appendix 3 WBF Alerting Policy (Adopted July 1997, revised August 2002)

Preamble

1. The objective is to have a uniform WBF policy which is applied to all WBF events.
2. It is not intended that this should over-ride Alerting Policies developed by the Zone or NBOs.
3. Full disclosure is vital. However, players who participate in WBF events are expected to protect themselves to a large extent. They are also expected to observe the spirit of the Laws as well as the letter.
4. The Policy has been made as simple as possible. Players are, however, expected to alert whenever there is doubt. (N.B. Where screens are in use, an alert on one side but not on the other does not necessarily imply an infraction.)

Policy

The following classes of calls should be alerted:

1. Conventional bids should be alerted, non-conventional bids should not.
2. Those bids which have special meanings or which are based on or lead to special understandings between the partners. (A player may not make a call or play based on a special partnership understanding unless an opposing pair may reasonably be expected to understand its meaning, or unless his side discloses the use of such call or play in accordance with the regulations of the sponsoring organization). See Law 40(b).
3. Non-forcing jump changes of suit responses to opening bids or overcalls, and non-forcing new suit responses by an unpassed hand to opening bids of one of a suit.

If screens are not in use, do NOT alert the following:

1. All doubles.
2. Any no-trump bid which suggests a balanced or semi-balanced hand, or suggests a no-trump contract.
3. Any call at the four level or higher, with the exception of conventional calls on the first round of the auction.

Nevertheless, players must respect the spirit of the Policy as well as the letter.

HOW TO REGISTER? For those who like to play in one (or more) of the following events, please carefully read this message. For a full time schedule please look at the last page of this bulletin.

Continuous pairs. These events are held every day, from Monday May 21st though Wednesday May 23rd. Registration at the registration desk at the playing area. The registration fee is US\$ 20 per pair per session. Starting time is 1.00 pm. Registration possible up to 15 minutes before starting time.

IMP pairs. This is a pairs event based on imp scoring to be held on Thursday 24th. Registration at the registration desk at the playing area. The registration fee is US\$ 30 per pair per session. Starting time is 2.00 pm. Registration possible up to 30 minutes before starting time.

Swiss teams. This is a two session teams event to be held on Friday 25th. Registration at the registration desk at the playing area. The registration fee is US\$ 75 per team. Starting time is 10.00 am, session 1 and 4.00 pm, session 2. Registration possible up to 30 minutes before starting time.

Mixed pairs. This is a two session mixed pairs event to be held on Saturday 26th. Registration at the registration desk at the playing area. The registration fee is US\$ 40 per pair. Starting time is 10.00 am, session 1 and 3.00 pm, session 2. Registration possible up to 30 minutes before starting time.

Results Open Teams as per Monday, 21st May, 2007

Round 1

Grenie	vs bye		18-0
Douglas	vs Kroeger	48-30	19-11
Leveille	vs Dao	15-34	9-21
Thompson	vs Morganti	40-37	16-14
Korving	vs Klaren	41-60	11-19

Round 2

Thompson	vs Korving	41-59	11-19
Douglas	vs Morganti	28-25	16-14
Leveille	vs Klaren	43-35	17-13
Grenie	vs Kroeger	18-24	14-16
Bye	vs Dao		0-18

Round 3

Grenie	vs Dao	23-26	14-16
Kroeger	vs Morganti	48-14	23-7
Bye	vs Klaren		0-18
Douglas	vs Korving	62-25	24-6
Leveille	vs Thompson	11-60	4-25

Ranking Open Teams as per Monday, 21st May, 2007

1. Douglas	59
2. Dao	53
3. Thompson	52
4/5 Klaren	50
4/5 Kroeger	50
6. Grenie	46
7. Korving	36
8. Morganti	35
9. Leveille	32

Ranking National Open Teams as per Monday, 21st May, 2007

1. Guadeloupe	65
2. Venezuela	61
3. Trinidad & Tobago	60
4. Curaçao N.A.	47
5. French Guiana	45
6. Bermuda	44
7. Martinique	43
8. Jamaica	26
9. Barbados	21

Ranking National Women Teams as per Monday, 21st May, 2007

1. Guadeloupe	73
2. Venezuela	52
3. Bermuda	42
4/5 Barbados	36
4/5 Trinidad & Tobago	36
6. Curaçao N.A.	20

Ranking National Senior Teams as per Monday, 21st May, 2007

1. Barbados	62
2. Guadeloupe	57
3. Venezuela	54
4. Trinidad & Tobago	44
5. Costa Rica	28
6. Curaçao N.A.	20

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