

8th International Bridge Festival Madeira

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Go, Portugal!

The Portuguese Paulo Sarmento and Carlos Luís were first yesterday with an impressive 68.97%. They lead by 3.26%. Mike Beyer - Hans Metselaar from Holand were second (65.71%). Jorge Cruzeiro - Manuel Oliveira, also from Portugal, came third with 63.33%.

Although the frist 6 pairs made over 60%, there are a few more who can easily overcome the difference and fight for the podium. The second session, today, is crucial for their ambitions.

On the other hand, the weather is good and it seems it will keep that way for the rest of the week, so, everybody can fully enjoy their mornings.

This afternoon we'll see who stays in the run for the first places and later, at dinner, we can all discuss those contracts we won, the ones we defeated and those tricks we lost...



Carlos Luís (on the right) playing against
Alexandre Quaresma (on the left)



RESULTS AFTER 1 SESSION


RANK	PAIR nr. name	SCORE	
		points	percent
1	101. Paulo Sarmento-Carlos Luís	463.5	68.97
2	5. Beyer-Metselaar	441.6	65.71
3	105. J.Cruzeiro-Manuel Oliveira	425.6	63.33
4	9. Morath-Efraimsson	420.8	62.62
5	51. Jorge Castanheira-Jose Dias	417.2	62.08
6	58. Sigurjonsd.-Thordars	404.2	60.15
7	56. Ricardo Fernandes-R.Brandao	376.4	56.01
8	151. Gerard Limmen-Jan Tulp	413.1	54.64
9	155. Miguel Teixeira-R.M.Soares	410.8	54.34
10	159. Alex Quaresma-Palma Carlos	409.1	54.11
11	55. Wim Hink-Hans Eliens	357.1	53.14
12	1. Manuel Neto-Miguel Ascencao	349.6	52.02
13	106. Thordarson-Sigurdsson	349	51.93
14	107. Hoes-Bartelomy	348	51.79
15	57. vd Meulen-P.Hinssen	346.4	51.55
16	52. Pedro Morgado-Alex Rodrigues	338.4	50.36
17	154. Bergsson-Sveinsson	379	50.13
18	2. Nuno Mata-Fernando Ribeiro	329.9	49.09
19	108. Robert Snapper-Antonio Valente	327.2	48.69
20	3. Joao Machado-Jose Macedo	320.6	47.71
21	153. John Freitas-Pedro Nunes	359.5	47.55
22	103. Dieneke Balder-Hans Sprengelin	319	47.47
23	109. Anders Palmgren-Carl Ragnarsson	315.9	47.01
24	157. Liidia Heinlo-Aavo Heinlo	355	46.96
25	158. Dominique Custers-Bob Teijema	331.8	43.89
26	7. Assis Correia-Luis Correia	287.6	42.80
27	8. Angela Matias-Acacio Matias	281.8	41.93
28	104. Joaquim Trindade-H.Ribeiro	277.9	41.35
29	152. Anki Malmgren-Mats Bud	307.4	40.66
30	53. Virgilio Mota-J.A.Fernandes	264.4	39.35
31	102. H.Beyer-H.Wigman	256.2	38.13
32	59. Eiriksson-Steingrimsson	242.3	36.06
33	4. Stephanie vd Stelt-Cory van Os	197.7	29.42

In the land of confusion

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

On the third round of yesterday's session a glass of water was spilled on one of the tables. That may seem normal enough, and even lucky, for it usually is something sticky that gets spilled, like Coca-cola or beer, and it's usually on me not on a table. What's odd is what followed next. Board 19 was on the table (now clean) and the auction went:

Board 19. Dealer S. EW Vul.

	♠ K 4 2 ♥ J T 3 ♦ T 8 3 2 ♣ A 6 5		
♠ Q T ♥ A K Q 5 4 2 ♦ J 7 6 ♣ 7 4		♠ A J 6 5 3 ♥ 6 ♦ A Q ♣ Q J T 9 3	
	♠ 9 8 7 ♥ 9 8 7 ♦ K 9 5 4 ♣ K 8 2		

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1 ♠(?)	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
Pass(!)	Pass		

It requires some explanation: Still a little baffled West mistakenly open 1♠ instead of 1♥ as he intended. His partner looking at 14 HCP and 5 spades was naturally smelling a slam, so he started with a natural 2♣. West realising his mistake tried desperately to correct it by bidding a swift 4♥. Now East was puzzled. He could not remember if he had agreed to play splinter bids, but his own singleton in hearts left him suspicious. He was quite sure they were not

playing asking bids, so he decided to move forward enquiring for aces with a straightforward Blackwood bid. West took this chance to pass, quite sure that this would be a better spot than a number of spades. When South led a diamond East was still trying to figure out what had happened. Declarer won in hand with the Queen and played the ♥6 to the Ace. Now he played the ♠Q. That seems to me like a slight mistake. If he loses to the King in South a diamond will surely be returned and declarer will be left stuck on one side. He will either play a spade to the ten and hope the hearts are good with no way to cash the good spades in hand or he covers the ♠10 with the Ace or Jack and hopes the Spades are good, with no way to reach the hearts in dummy. The problem with cashing the hearts first is that, when they behave, you have to find 5 discards from hand. If you are playing for a good result you may discard all your clubs, especially if both defenders discard clubs, making it difficult for them to take more than two tricks in that suit if the ♠K is offside. As it was both lines yield 13 tricks for 25 out of 28 matchpoints. So... precise bidding does always pay out...

Don't Forget the Typical Dinner & Folklore
today!!!

Buses leave at 8:30 pm

Programme for Pairs Tournament

Wednesday (09/11/2005)	9.00	Free day for golf or other activities(*)	
	16.00	OPEN PAIRS TOURNAMENT	2nd Session (Sala Desertas)
	21.00	Typical dinner & Folklore	
Thursday (10/11/2005)	9.00	Free day for golf or other activities(*)	
	16.00	OPEN PAIRS TOURNAMENT	3rd Session (Sala Desertas)
	20.00	Final Results	

(*) *Golf may be arranged at the front desk of the hotel*



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