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By a Mile

Paulo Sarmento and Carlos Luis lead the tournament by far. They got 64.49% yesterday and now they have a comfortable 9% lead on Beyer - Metselaar, who got 58.62%.

On yesterday's session there were a few surprises. The first 7 pairs made over 58%(!).

The session was won by Liidia and Aavo Heinlo, with 64.67%. They had won the warm-up session on Monday.

Paulo Sarmento - Carlos Luis were second (64.49%) and another Portuguese pair, Alexandre Quaresma and Palma Carlos were third with 64.04%

We have now Paulo Sarmento and Carlos Luis leading the tournament, and another 5 pairs with an average between 59 and 61%, so, the fight for the rest of the prizes is still on. Many decisions today...



Hans Metselaar and Mike Beyer
Cooling down after yesterday's session

RESULTS AFTER 2 SESSIONS


R nr (0)	name	% (1)	mp(2) (***)	% (2)	% (0)
1	51 Paulo Sarmento-Carlos Luis	68.97	464.3	64.49	66.73
2	5 Beyer-Metselaar	65.71	474.8	58.62	61.96
3	9 Morath-Efrainsson	62.62	492.4	60.79	61.65
4	151 Jorge Castanheira-Jose Dias	62.08	481.6	59.46	60.69
5	55 J. Cruzeiro-Manuel Oliveira	63.33	402.2	55.86	59.60
6	106 Alex Quaresma-Palma Carlos	54.11	518.7	64.04	59.08
7	107 Liidia Heinlo-Aavo Heinlo	46.96	523.8	64.67	55.81
8	101 Gerard Limmen-Jan Tulp	54.64	433	53.46	54.05
9	2 Nuno Mata-Fernando Ribeiro	49.09	457.2	56.44	52.99
10	59 Anders Palmgren-Carl Ragnarsson	47.01	423.2	58.78	52.89
11	57 Hoes-Bartelomy	51.79	387.9	53.88	52.83
12	56 Thordarson-Sigurdsson	51.93	370.3	51.43	51.68
13	1 Manuel Neto-Miguel Ascencao	52.02	415.8	51.33	51.66
14	105 Miguel Teixeira-R.M.Soares	54.34	390.1	48.16	51.25
15	53 Dieneke Balder-Hans Sprengelin	47.47	381.8	53.03	50.25
16	158 Sigurjonsd.-Thordars	60.15	335.5	41.42	50.23
17	3 Joao Machado-Jose Macedo	47.71	421.5	52.04	50.00
18	155 Wim Hink-Hans Eliens	53.14	367.6	45.38	49.03
19	156 Ricardo Fernandes-R.Brandao	56.01	344.3	42.51	48.86
20	104 Bergsson-Sveinsson	50.13	384.3	47.44	48.79
21	103 John Freitas-Pedro Nunes	47.55	401.9	49.62	48.59
22	152 Pedro Morgado-Alex Rodrigues	50.36	363.4	44.86	47.45
23	108 Dominique Custers-Bob Teijema	43.89	399.3	49.30	46.59
24	157 vd Meulen-P.Hinssen	51.55	340.8	42.07	46.53
25	154 Eiriksson-Steingrimsson	36.06	447.2	55.21	46.20
26	54 Joaquim Trindade-H. Ribeiro	41.35	356.1	49.46	45.41
27	58 Robert Snapper-Antonio Valente	48.69	296.9	41.24	44.96
28	102 Anki Malmgren-Mats Bud	40.66	386.2	47.68	44.17
29	153 Virgilio Mota-J.A.Fernandes	39.35	368.3	45.47	42.59
30	8 Angela Matias-Acacio Matias	41.93	342.8	42.32	42.14
31	7 Assis Correia-Luis Correia	42.80	314.9	38.88	40.72
32	52 H.Beyer-H.Wigman	38.13	298.9	41.51	39.82
33	4 Stephanie vd Stelt-Cory van Os	29.42	179	22.10	25.54

Going down, on the bidding

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

Yesterday's board 10 saw a lot of action.

Board 10. Dealer E. All Vul.

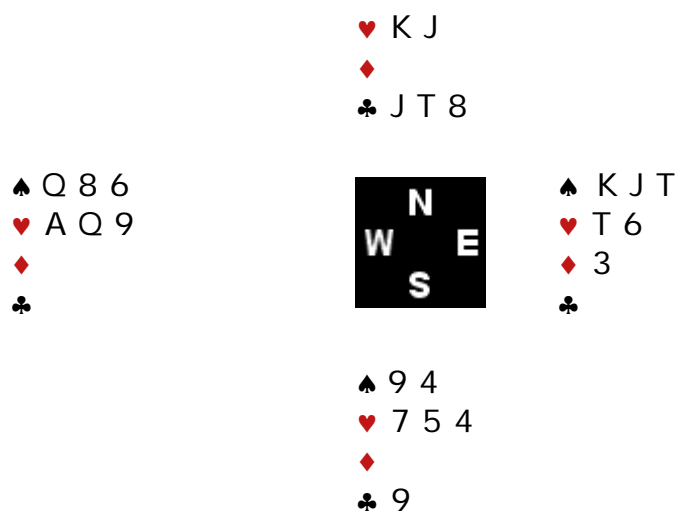
<p>♠ Q 8 6 ♥ A Q 9 8 3 ♦ 9 7 2 ♣ K 3</p>		<p>♠ A 5 ♥ K J 2 ♦ 8 ♣ A Q J T 8 7 4</p> <p style="text-align: right;">♠ K J T 7 ♥ T 6 ♦ A K Q J T 3 ♣ 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ 9 4 3 2 ♥ 7 5 4 ♦ 6 5 4 ♣ 9 6 5</p>
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Our tournament leaders had what I think may have been the auction at most tables

West Paulo Sarmento	North	East Carlos Luíz	South
		1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	2 ♣	2 ♠	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

The normal lead was Ace and another club. You now have 8 tricks – 6 diamonds, 1 club and the ♥A. The ninth trick may seem to hinge on the heart finesse, which, unfortunately for declarer is wrong. But that's just at first look. If declarer reads the cards correctly he can always make 3NT. Paulo Sarmento after winning the ♣K led 5 rounds of diamonds setting up this end position:

♠ A



on the last diamond he discarded a spade and North had to let go of another club. Now he played a spade to the Queen and Ace and waited to take the last two tricks with the Ace and Queen of hearts. Well played! A well deserved 26 out of 30 matchpoints.


The best chance to defeat this contract is, oddly enough, on the bidding. Both Palma Carlos from Portugal and Efraimsson from Sweden managed to bid a pre-emptive 3♣ over 1♥, and when the above end position arose they just coolly discarded the ♥J. Now declares knew that North should not hold both the ♠A and the ♥K - too much for a pre-emptive overcall - and accordingly played a heart to the Queen. Minus 2 paid 24 out of 30 matchpoints for the nice defence.



Estonian Caution

By Rodrigo Martins Soares

Board 26. Dealer E. All Vul.

<p>♠ A 7 6 4 2 ♥ T 4 ♦ Q 9 8 7 5 2 ♣</p>	<p>♠ 8 5 ♥ 7 6 2 ♦ K ♣ A K J 9 7 6 2</p>		<p>♠ AJ 9 3 ♥ Q 8 3 ♦ JT 6 4 ♣ T 4 3</p>
<p>♠ K Q T ♥ A K J 9 5 ♦ A 3 ♣ Q 8 5</p>			

Five out of 16 pairs in EW played 6♥ on board 26, in spite of missing an Ace and the ♥Q. The Heinlo couple, from Estonia, bid it like this

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 ♣ (*)
2 ♠ (**)	3 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦ (***)
Pass	6 ♥	All Pass	

(*) - Strong club - precision

(**) - ♠ and a minor

(***) - 1 of 4 aces

Jorge Castanheira, one of the two members of the Portuguese team on the Bermuda Bowl playing this tournament (the other being Madeira's own Carlos

Luiz) led a small diamond. Liidia Heinlo won with the King and led a small heart to the Jack where Castanheira cunningly played the 10. It was a nice play for if declarer decides to lead a club to dummy to play a heart to the nine, he will ruff with the ♥4 and cash the ♠A for one down. As cards lye playing the ♥A and then crossing to dummy in clubs to finesse against the ♥Q if necessary still works, but declarer played it better. She ruffed the ♦A in dummy and the played a heart to the 9! This will also guard against a 5 1 4 3 distribution in West. It will be too late ruff the ♦A after cashing the Ace of trumps for then there will be no trump in dummy to lead. Well done and a cold top for the Estonians, being the only pair to manage all 13 tricks when they escaped a spade lead.



Tomorrow's tour to the "Jardim Botânico", the market and the cable car starts at 9.30 a.m.

Buses will leave at that time from the
Crowne Plaza Resort Hotel

Programme for Today and for the Teams Event

Thursday	09:00	<i>Free day for golf or other activities (*)</i>
(10/11/2004)	16:00	Open Pairs Tournament – 3° Session
	20:00	Final Results
Friday	09:30	<i>Tour around Funchal city</i>
(11/11/2004)	21:00	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	21:30	Open Teams Tournament – 1° Session
Saturday	09:00	<i>Free day for golf or other activities (*)</i>
(12/11/2004)	15:30	Swiss Open Teams Tournament – 2° Session
	21:30	Swiss Open Teams Tournament – 3° Session
Sunday	15:00	Swiss Open Teams Tournament – 4° Session
(13/11/2004)	20:00	Final Results
	20:30	<i>Closing Dinner and Prize Giving</i>

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



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