

9th International Bridge Festival Madeira

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There are 33 teams in this year's pairs tournament. People came from Italy, Spain and mainland Portugal just for this event. Welcome!

The first session was very competitive. There are 10 teams within 10 VPs of the leading team - Maria João Lara (Maria João Lara, Manuel Capucho, Paulo Gonçalves Pereira and António Palma).

They are ahead by 1 VP. They won the first match by 25-5, conceded 15-15 on the second and won the third by an overwhelming 25-0.

The Beyer team (Mike Beyer, Ad Oskam, Jan de Winter and Jan Tesselaar) is just behind.

They also had 2 victories and a tie. They won the first and second matches by 25-4 and 24-6.

The Van Helsing team (Renate Hansen, Andreas Babsch, Hobert Obermair and Martin Schiffko) is now third. After winning the first two rounds by 22-8 and 25-2, they met the Beyer team and got a tie.

Today will be a busy day: 3 Matches in the afternoon and another 3 in the evening. Be sure to have a restful morning: You will need it!



CLASSIFICATION AFTER 3 MATCHES

RANK	TEAM		SCORE	
	nr.	name	IMPs	VPs
1	1.	Maria Joao Lara	+79	65
2	9.	Beyer	+62	64
3	25.	van Helsing	+67	62
4	31.	Saevar Karl	+48	61
5	14.	Alda	+46	60
6	17.	White House	+68	59
7	13.	Yelena	+52	59
8	8.	Dupo	+41	57
9	5.	Rui Pinto	+40	57
10	26.	Mr Valen	+31	55
11	3.	Swanstrom	+28	54
12	11.	Vitas	+16	50
13	23.	Baleal	+16	50
14	21.	Remontada	+6	48
15	16.	Blommenholm	+5	47
16	33.	Djeb	0	45
17	20.	Peter the rockets	-1	45
18	18.	Sparisjodur Keflavikur	-11	42
19	29.	Baracuda	+10	41
20	19.	Limmen	-19	41

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21	27. Fallega Folked	-3	37
22	2. Topozero	-20	36
23	30. La Steffen	-29	36
24	24. Gabriel	-28	35
25	15. Canesi	-30	35
26	7. Donau Weibchen	-33	35
27	28. de Bloembol	-43	33
28	4. Snapper	-46	31
29	12. International	-48	30
30	32. The Cats	-51	28
31	6. Erla	-54	28
32	10. Proteas	-65	25
33	22. Gaivotas	-104	16
34	34. BYE BYE BYE - 18 VP	-297	0

Teams Roster

- 1 - POR Lara (Maria Joao Lara, Manuel Capucho, Paulo G Pereira, Antonio Palma)
- 2 - MAD Topozero (Gonçalo Esmeraldo, Luis M Silva, Bruno Neves, Nuno Pereira, Nuno Martins, Bruno Abreu)
- 3 - SWE Swanstrom (Madeleine Swanstrom, Tommy Gullberg, Hans Gothe, Eva-Liss Gothe)
- 4 - MAD Snapper (Robert Snapper, Joao Machado, Jose Macedo, Antonio Valente, Bruno Macedo, Pedro Macedo)
- 5 - POR Rui Pinto (Rui Pinto, Antonio B Ferreira, Juliano Barbosa, Jose C Henriques)
- 6 - ICE Erla (Erla Sigurjonsd., Sigfris Thordarson, Gunnar Thordarson, Thordur Sigurdsson)
- 7 - AUS Donau Weibchen (Claudius Paesold, Andrea Mular, Alexander Wernle, Jovi Smederevac)
- 8 - MAD/NED Dupo (Dominique Custers, Rolf Schroeder, Ricardo Fernandes, Miguel Ascensão)
- 9 - NED Beyer (Mike Beyer, Ad Oskam, Jan de Winter, Jan Tesselaar)
- 10 - POR/MAD As Proteas (Carla NPC, Billie Antunes, Isabel Correia, Sulina Pimenta, Mizi Corte Real)
- 11 - SPA/POL/LAT Vitas (Vytautas Vainikonis, Wojtek Olanski, Joachim de Miguel, Andrzej Knap)
- 12 - POR/ENG International Set (Stewart Coggrave, Pam Coggrave, Joaquim Trindade, Henrique Ribeiro)
- 13 - WAL/LAT Yelena (Yelena Alfeieva, Vladimir Gonca, Gilly Clench, Laura Woodruff)
- 14 - ICE Alda Gudnadottir (Alda Gudnadottir, Hrafnhildur Skuladottir, Jon Gudmundsson, Kristjan Snorkason)
- 15 - ITA Canesi (Marinella Canesi, Franco Cedolin, Gianni Balbi, Nadia Avalor)
- 16 - SWE Team Bloemmenholm (Anne Rydning, Dag Mangset, Hege Falster, Asle Lutken)

17 - NED White House (Ine Snepvangers, Mart Mommers, Herman Drenkelford, Peter Kroezen)

18 - ICE Sparisjodur Keflavíkur (Karl Gretar Karlsson, Gunnlaugur Saevarsson, Johannes Sigurdsson, Gudjon Svavar Jensen)

19 - NED Limmen (Gerard Limmen, Jan Tulp, Hans Metselaar, Ronald Branstma)

20 - NED Peter & the Rockets (Ingrid Hoes, Ria Bartelomy, Marga van der Meulen, Peter Linssen)

21 - POR/MAD Remontada (Miguel Teixeira, Rodrigo M Soares, Nuno Matos, Rui Silva Santos)

22 - MAD Gaivotas (Ana Cunha, Cândido Cunha, Virgílio Mota, Jose A Fernandes, Jaime Sousa)

23 - POR Baleal (Manuel Oliveira, Carlos Pimenta, Jorge Cruzeiro, Mario Reis)

24 - ICE Gabriel (Gisli Steingrímsson, Sveinn Torvaldsson, Sigurdur Steingrímsson, Gabriel Gíslason)

25 - AUS/GER Van Helsing (Renate Hansen, Andreas Babsch, Hobert Obermair, Martin Schifko)

26 - NOR Mr Valen (Bjorn Sture Valen, Egil Hansen, Arild Armut, Ronny Jorstad)

27 - ICE Fallega Folked (Grimur Kristinsson, Inda Hronn Bjornsdottir, Johann Sigurdarson, Magnus Magnusson)

28 - POR/NED De Bloembol (Jack Wagemakers, Agaath Wagemakers, Anne-Marie vd Berg, Jaap vd Berg, Isabel Manso, Jose Lima)

29 - SWE/BEL Baracuda's (Inger Sallsten, Ric Sallsten, Bertram, Wens)

30 - MAD La Stefan (Pedro Morgado, Pedro Nunes, Nuno Mata, Ricardo Luiz, Fernando Ribeiro)

31 - ICE Saevar Karl (Gudlaugur Sveinsson, Gudjon Sigurjonsson, Sveinn Eiriksson, Hrannar Erlingsson)

32 - ICE The Cats (Hanna Fridripsd., Gudny Gudjonsd., Sigirdur Eyjoljds., Hulda Hjalmarisd.)

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Tables		TEAM 1 nr. name	TEAM 2 nr. name	IMPs 1-2	VPs 1-2	
A1	B1	1. Maria Joao Lar	2. Topozero	35-3	25	5
A2	B2	3. Swanstrom	4. Snapper	7-28	8	22
A3	B3	5. Rui Pinto	6. Erla	31-14	20	10
A4	B4	7. Donau Weibchen	8. Domo	20-25	14	16
A5	B5	9. Beyer	10. Proteas	36-0	25	4
A6	B6	11. Vitas	12. International	16-11	16	14
A7	B7	13. Yelena	14. Alda	16-22	13	17
A8	B8	15. Canesi	16. Blommenholm	9-39	5	25
A9	B9	17. White House	18. Sparisjodur Ke	10-5	16	14
A10	B10	19. Limmen	20. Peter the rock	9-7	16	14
A11	B11	21. Rui S Santos	22. Gaivotas	5-10	14	16
A12	B12	23. Baleal	24. Gabriel	32-2	25	5
A13	B13	25. van Helsing	26. Mr Valen	28-5	22	8
A14	B14	27. Fallega Folked	28. de Bloembol	52-0	25	0
A15	B15	29. Baracuda	30. La Steffen	11-17	13	17
A16	B16	31. Saevar Karl	32. The Cats	28-1	24	6
A17	B17	33. Djeb	34. BYE BYE BYE -	10-0 *	18	0

R e s u l t s r o u n d 2

Tables		TEAM 1 nr. name	TEAM 2 nr. name	IMPs 1-2	VPs 1-2	
A1	B1	27. Fallega Folked	9. Beyer	6-33	6	24
A2	B2	1. Maria Joao Lar	23. Baleal	19-20	15	15
A3	B3	16. Blommenholm	31. Saevar Karl	10-16	13	17
A4	B4	25. van Helsing	4. Snapper	43-0	25	2
A5	B5	5. Rui Pinto	33. Djeb	42-10	25	5
A6	B6	30. La Steffen	14. Alda	20-32	11	19
A7	B7	17. White House	22. Gaivotas	54-0	25	0
A8	B8	11. Vitas	8. Domo	12-28	10	20
A9	B9	19. Limmen	7. Donau Weibchen	34-7	24	6
A10	B10	20. Peter the rock	12. International	24-3	22	8
A11	B11	21. Rui S Santos	18. Sparisjodur Ke	6-19	11	19
A12	B12	13. Yelena	29. Baracuda	41-2	25	3
A13	B13	6. Erla	3. Swanstrom	16-46	5	25
A14	B14	26. Mr Valen	32. The Cats	31-0	25	5
A15	B15	15. Canesi	24. Gabriel	25-26	15	15
A16	B16	2. Topozero	10. Proteas	40-1	25	3
A17	B17	28. de Bloembol	34. BYE BYE BYE -	10-0 *	18	0

R e s u l t s r o u n d 3

Tables		TEAM 1 nr. name	TEAM 2 nr. name	IMPs 1-2	VPs 1-2	
A1	B1	9. Beyer	25. van Helsing	22-23	15	15
A2	B2	5. Rui Pinto	17. White House	11-20	12	18
A3	B3	31. Saevar Karl	23. Baleal	33-18	20	10
A4	B4	1. Maria Joao Lar	19. Limmen	49-1	25	1
A5	B5	13. Yelena	16. Blommenholm	25-6	21	9
A6	B6	8. Dupo	20. Peter the rock	30-10	21	9
A7	B7	3. Swanstrom	18. Sparisjodur Ke	19-0	21	9
A8	B8	26. Mr Valen	30. La Steffen	34-11	22	8
A9	B9	14. Alda	27. Fallega Folked	28-0	24	6
A10	B10	2. Topozero	11. Vitas	2-29	6	24
A11	B11	21. Remontada	4. Snapper	24-0	23	7
A12	B12	33. Djeb	12. International	22-0	22	8
A13	B13	24. Gabriel	7. Donau Weibchen	14-13	15	15
A14	B14	15. Canesi	28. de Bloembol	12-11	15	15
A15	B15	29. Baracuda	22. Gaivotas	55-0	25	0
A16	B16	6. Erla	32. The Cats	3-10	13	17
A17	B17	10. Proteas	34. BYE BYE BYE -	10-0 *	18	0

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Mayham on the VuGraph.

Things started bloody on the vugraph. Our pairs' winners were battling the Icelanders Erla.

Board 1 was a push but on board 2 the Portuguese played quietly in 4♥ while the Icelanders were pushed to the fifth level. The auction in the other room was not recorded but if EW were in 4♠ they would have found a profit of 120 to 4♥, but if they were in 5♦ they would lose 180. Anyway they should have been doubled, taking your plus in teams is usually a winning strategy. As it was 12 imps went to the Portuguese.

This was board 3:

Board 3. Dealer S. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 7 ♥ K 10 8 7 6 4 3 ♦ 7 ♣ J 10 3 2</p>		<p>♠ A 9 8 5 ♥ Q ♦ A K 8 3 ♣ K 9 8 6</p> <p style="text-align: right;">♠ K 6 4 3 2 ♥ A 2 ♦ 4 ♣ A Q 7 5 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ Q J 10 ♥ J 9 5 ♦ Q J 10 9 6 5 2 ♣</p>
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Rui Pinto playing South opened the bidding with 3♦. Thordarson, sitting west couldn't stay quiet with his 7-4 and went in with 3♥ even tough he was vul vs not. It's a daring bid with only a 4 count, but that brought a lot of action as expected. J. Barbosa sitting North bid what he thought he could make - 5♦. Now it was up to Sigujonsdottir, who naturally placed a full opening bid with her partner and a pre-empt with North. She bid what she thought she could make - 6♥. R. Pinto now also placed his partner with a pre-empt and the opponents with their full bids and so decided to double Lightner for a club lead. By now Barbosa must have thought that this pack had at least a couple of aces extra. He led the ♦A (which might have been disastrous if diamonds were 2-0 and the ♣10 in dummy). As it was it won the first trick and now he played a low Club.

Thordarson also didn't read the double as Lightner and went in with the ace. A few tricks later he was down 4. 1100 to NS, gaining 12 imps. Things could even have been worse because on the other table the Icelanders were playing 3NT by North. Had East happened to lead Ace and another EW would have taken the first 10 tricks (and only if North keeps all his clubs). Had he led a diamond declarer would only have only 8 tricks, but a normal lead of a black suit gives away the ninth trick.

The match ended 29-14 for the Rui Pinto team.

Poetic Justice

Playing on table 8 one of local friends picked up the following collection:

♠ A x x x
♥ 9 x x
♦ x
♣ KQJ10x

His Right hand opponent opened the bidding with 1NT. Since he was non vulnerable he decided to come in with 2♣. It was only then he realised he was playing Landy and that he had just showed a major two-suiter. His partner dully alerted and correctly explained this to the opponents. At this time he excused himself from the table and went to see the TD. "Well", he said, "I just made a big blunder. Should I alert my opponents?". "No", said the TD, "just sit down, be quiet and act normally". He came back to the table and the opponents ended up playing 3NT. He led the ♣K and dummy showed up with the Ace third. He held the trick and continued with ♣Q. This also held so he led his small club to the now bare Ace. Now declarer proceeded by successfully deep finessing in diamonds and made her contract. "It was easy" they herd her say, "I knew he was 5-4 in the majors, when he turned up with three clubs to the K and Q, he could have at most a singleton diamond!"

Diamond Grand

Board 24 of yesterday's session (if you played on the first 3 tables) had an interesting bidding problem.

Board 24. Dealer W. None Vul.

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

On table 1 neither team reached the grand slam. On one table the Rui Pinto team (J. C. Henriques and B. Ferreira) played 6♦. On the other one Snepvan and Mommer from the White House team ended up in 3 NT. This luckily makes since spades are 4-4, but they managed to escape a spade lead anyhow.

On table 3 the Saevar Karl team also played 3 NT and also escaped a spade lead.

On the other table this was the auction without intervention from NS:

M. Oliveira	C. Pimenta
1 NT	2 ♣ (*)
2 ♠	3 ♦
3 NT	4 ♦
4 ♥ (**)	5 ♣ (**)
5 ♦	5 ♠ (**)
7 ♦	Pass

(*) Stayman; (**) Cue-bid

The play had no problem, declarer being able to set up the ♠9 for his 15th trick. Nice bidding for a 14 imp gain.

PROGRAMME FOR THE REST OF THE TEAMS TOURNAMENT

Saturday	09:00	<i>Free morning for golf or other activities (*)</i>
(11/11/2006)	15:30	Open Teams Tournament – 2nd Session
	21:30	Open Teams Tournament – 3rd Session
Sunday	15:00	Open Teams Tournament – 4th Session
(12/11/2006)	20:00	Final Results
	20:30	Closing Dinner and Prize Giving

