

9th International Bridge Festival Madeira

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12th November 2006

3 Ahead!

The Portuguese team "Maria João Lara" leads by 3 VPs, after having 5 wins (16-14, 20-10, 25-0, 20-10 and 16-14) and 1 defeat in match 6(11-19).

The Dutch "Beyer" team is just behind. They won 3 matches (25-0, 20-10 and 17-13) and lost another 3 (14-16, 14-16 and 12-18), but managed to keep up with the leading teams.

The Austrian/German team "Van Helsing" is third. They are just 8 VPs behind the leaders. They won 3 matches (25-5, 25-4 and 19-11), lost 2 (6-24 and 10-20) and were even in the 6th round.

The team in fourth place, the Icelanders "Sparisjodur Keflavikur" is 10 VPs behind the "Van Helsing" team. They won 25-2, 25-5, 25-5 and 23-7, lost round 6 by 0-25 and had 15-15 in round 7.

Much happened here in the bridge room yesterday. At dinner time, the Welsh/Latvian team "Yelena" was leading by 5 VPs, after winning all three matches in the afternoon (23-7, 24-6 and 19-11). They lost their lead in the evening by losing all three matches.

Today anything can happen. Any swing can give or take a place in the ranking.

See you all at dinner!



CLASSIFICATION AFTER 9 MATCHES

RANK	TEAM	IMPs	SCORE
nr. name			VPs
1	1. Maria Joao Lara	+152	173
2	9. Beyer	+133	170
3	25. van Helsing	+116	165
4	18. Sparisjodur Keflavikur	+70	155
5	13. Yelena	+65	153
6	11. Vitas	+63	153
7	5. Rui Pinto	+61	153
8	3. Swanstrom	+56	147
9	23. Baleal	+43	147
10	21. Remontada	+37	145
11	19. Limmen	+28	144
12	31. Saevar Karl	+27	144
13	17. White House	+49	143
14	7. Donau Weibchen	+22	138
15	24. Gabriel	+22	137
16	14. Alda	+1	137
17	26. Mr Valen	-6	135
18	33. Djeb	-6	134
19	6. Erla	-11	131
20	16. Blommenholm	-14	131
21	8. Dupo	-27	124
22	27. Fallega Folked	-10	123
23	15. Canesi	-40	122
24	29. Baracuda	-26	120
25	28. de Bloembol	-58	118
26	10. Proteas	-56	113
27	4. Snapper	-76	113
28	32. The Cats	-70	112
29	20. Peter the rockets	-76	112
30	30. La Steffen	-80	111
31	22. Gaivotas	-87	111
32	2. Topozero	-87	105
33	12. International	-125	96
34	34. BYE BYE BYE - 18 VP	-891	0

R e s u l t s r o u n d 4

Tables	TEAM 1 nr. name	TEAM 2 nr. name	IMPs 1-2	VPs 1-2
A1 B1	1. Maria Joao Lar	9. Beyer	29-27	16 14
A2 B2	25. van Helsing	31. Saevar Karl	43-12	25 5
A3 B3	14. Alda	17. White House	24-12	19 11
A4 B4	13. Yelena	8. Dupo	41-17	23 7
A5 B5	5. Rui Pinto	26. Mr Valen	18-31	11 19
A6 B6	3. Swanstrom	11. Vitas	15-28	11 19
A7 B7	23. Baleal	21. Remontada	14-34	9 21
A8 B8	16. Blommenholm	33. Djeb	26-15	18 12
A9 B9	20. Peter the rock	18. Sparisjodur Ke	0-44	2 25
A10 B10	29. Baracuda	19. Limmen	15-15	15 15
A11 B11	27. Fallega Folked	2. Topozero	20-3	20 10
A12 B12	30. La Steffen	24. Gabriel	17-23	13 17
A13 B13	15. Canesi	7. Donau Weibchen	24-9	20 10
A14 B14	28. de Bloembol	4. Snapper	5-29	7 23
A15 B15	12. International	32. The Cats	20-9	18 12
A16 B16	6. Erla	10. Proteas	26-18	17 13
A17 B17	22. Gaivotas	34. BYE BYE BYE -	10-0 *	18 0

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Tables	TEAM 1 nr. name	TEAM 2 nr. name	IMPs 1-2	VPs 1-2
A1 B1	25. van Helsing	13. Yelena	17-35	9 21
A2 B2	1. Maria Joao Lar	14. Alda	23-8	20 10
A3 B3	9. Beyer	26. Mr Valen	17-21	14 16
A4 B4	17. White House	11. Vitas	3-40	4 25
A5 B5	21. Remontada	5. Rui Pinto	18-9	18 12
A6 B6	18. Sparisjodur Ke	31. Saevar Karl	46-14	25 5
A7 B7	16. Blommenholm	3. Swanstrom	0-50	0 25
A8 B8	8. Dupo	23. Baleal	11-38	6 24
A9 B9	27. Fallega Folked	33. Djeb	10-24	11 19
A10 B10	29. Baracuda	15. Canesi	2-22	9 21
A11 B11	19. Limmen	4. Snapper	16-12	16 14
A12 B12	24. Gabriel	12. International	31-13	21 9
A13 B13	30. La Steffen	20. Peter the rock	30-28	16 14
A14 B14	2. Topozero	6. Erla	5-27	8 22
A15 B15	7. Donau Weibchen	28. de Bloembol	47-0	25 1
A16 B16	32. The Cats	34. BYE BYE BYE -	10-0 *	18 0
A17 B17	10. Proteas	22. Gaivotas	23-22	15 15

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Tables	TEAM 1 nr. name	TEAM 2 nr. name	IMPs 1-2	VPs 1-2
A1 B1	13. Yelena	1. Maria Joao Lar	30-16	19 11
A2 B2	11. Vitas	25. van Helsing	28-29	15 15
A3 B3	18. Sparisjodur Ke	9. Beyer	2-55	0 25
A4 B4	3. Swanstrom	26. Mr Valen	3-24	8 22
A5 B5	14. Alda	21. Remontada	26-16	18 12
A6 B6	23. Baleal	5. Rui Pinto	12-25	11 19
A7 B7	15. Canesi	33. Djeb	18-13	16 14
A8 B8	24. Gabriel	17. White House	13-16	14 16
A9 B9	19. Limmen	31. Saevar Karl	11-18	13 17
A10 B10	7. Donau Weibchen	27. Fallega Folked	30-7	22 8
A11 B11	8. Dupo	4. Snapper	12-42	5 25
A12 B12	29. Baracuda	16. Blommenholm	30-11	21 9
A13 B13	30. La Steffen	2. Topozero	22-3	21 9
A14 B14	20. Peter the rock	6. Erla	4-36	5 25
A15 B15	32. The Cats	10. Proteas	24-13	18 12
A16 B16	12. International	34. BYE BYE BYE -	10-0 *	18 0
A17 B17	22. Gaivotas	28. de Bloembol	17-35	9 21

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Tables	TEAM 1 nr. name	TEAM 2 nr. name	IMPs 1-2	VPs 1-2
A1 B1	13. Yelena	9. Beyer	6-35	6 24
A2 B2	1. Maria Joao Lar	26. Mr Valen	56-3	25 0
A3 B3	25. van Helsing	14. Alda	43-7	25 4
A4 B4	11. Vitas	5. Rui Pinto	3-24	8 22
A5 B5	21. Remontada	3. Swanstrom	14-30	10 20
A6 B6	17. White House	23. Baleal	34-14	21 9
A7 B7	4. Snapper	7. Donau Weibchen	16-37	8 22
A8 B8	18. Sparisjodur Ke	15. Canesi	8-8	15 15
A9 B9	6. Erla	33. Djeb	20-22	14 16
A10 B10	31. Saevar Karl	29. Baracuda	23-11	19 11
A11 B11	30. La Steffen	19. Limmen	0-36	4 25
A12 B12	24. Gabriel	27. Fallega Folked	30-19	18 12
A13 B13	32. The Cats	8. Dupo	17-39	8 22
A14 B14	12. International	16. Blommenholm	19-25	13 17
A15 B15	20. Peter the rock	22. Gaivotas	27-24	16 14
A16 B16	10. Proteas	28. de Bloembol	3-11	13 17
A17 B17	2. Topozero	34. BYE BYE BYE -	10-0 *	18 0

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Tables	TEAM 1 nr. name	TEAM 2 nr. name	IMPs 1-2	VPs 1-2
A1 B1	9. Beyer	5. Rui Pinto	14-25	12 18
A2 B2	1. Maria Joao Lar	25. van Helsing	17-2	20 10
A3 B3	13. Yelena	3. Swanstrom	20-22	14 16
A4 B4	11. Vitas	7. Donau Weibchen	19-12	17 13
A5 B5	26. Mr Valen	17. White House	10-20	12 18
A6 B6	14. Alda	19. Limmen	13-24	12 18
A7 B7	21. Remontada	15. Canesi	44-2	25 2
A8 B8	18. Sparisjodur Ke	6. Erla	41-8	25 5
A9 B9	31. Saevar Karl	33. Djeb	14-3	18 12
A10 B10	24. Gabriel	4. Snapper	43-0	25 2
A11 B11	23. Baleal	29. Baracuda	46-7	25 3
A12 B12	8. Dupo	16. Blommenholm	12-29	10 20
A13 B13	30. La Steffen	27. Fallega Folked	3-43	3 25
A14 B14	12. International	10. Proteas	0-51	0 25
A15 B15	32. The Cats	28. de Bloembol	0-20	9 21
A16 B16	20. Peter the rock	34. BYE BYE BYE -	10-0 *	18 0
A17 B17	2. Topozero	22. Gaivotas	19-25	13 17

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

Trump Reduction

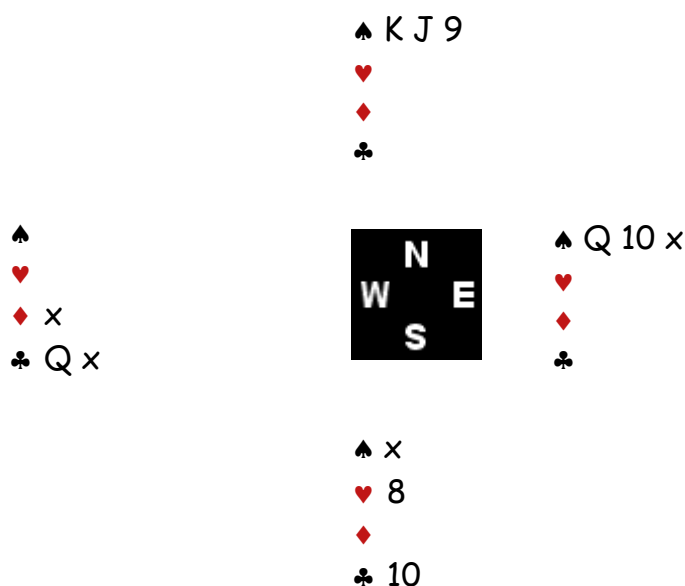
Miguel Teixeira is the head of this tournament's organizing committee. If you read previous year's bulletins you will know he is also famous for his slams, either bidding or winning difficult ones. This year is no exception. Here is a board played on table 5.

Dealer S. All Vul.

<p>♠</p> <p>♥ K x x</p> <p>♦ x x x x x</p> <p>♣ Q x x x x</p>	<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 10px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ A K J 9 x x x</p> <p>♥ 9</p> <p>♦ K x</p> <p>♣ K x x</p> <p>♠ Q 10 x x</p> <p>♥ Q J 10 x</p> <p>♦ Q x x</p> <p>♣ x x</p>
	<p>♠ x x</p> <p>♥ A 8 x x x</p> <p>♦ A J 10</p> <p>♣ A J 10</p>	

After a 12-14 1NT opening by South, Miguel sitting North started with a forcing 3♠ instead of a transfer bid, thus protecting his Kings (and his declaring). They quickly ended up in 6♠. Carlos Pimenta, on the East seat led the normal ♥Q. Miguel won with dummy's Ace and made the first key play of the hand by immediately ruffing a heart in hand. This is the kind of precaution that seldom costs and is sometimes highly rewarded. When he cashed the ♠A and saw the bad news he went into a huddle. He now made the second key play. He played the ♦K and a diamond to the Ten! He discarded a club on the ♦A and ruffed another heart. ♣K and Ace were followed by another heart ruff leaving this end-position:

Dealer S. All Vul.



Now it was a simple matter of playing the ♠9 from hand and wait to take the final two tricks. A nice trump coup to make this slam. Maybe that's the reason he keeps organizing this event - so he can do this kind of mischief to his friends.

Why did he finesse in diamonds instead of clubs? Well you may say that since you are playing for E to hold 4-4 in the majors and 3-2 in the minors it is slightly more likely that he holds 3 diamonds and 2 clubs since you can see 6 clubs between the two hands and only 5 diamonds, but I think it's a pure guess. And when was the last time Miguel took a wrong view when playing a slam? I don't know... But keep coming back. When he does we'll put it on the bulletin!

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On the VuGraph

There was lots of action on the VuGraph matches yesterday. But no match started like the 5th round between the Van Helsing and the Yelena teams. In the open room the Latvian internationals V. Gonca and Y. Alfeiva were facing the Austrian pair H. Obermair and M. Schiffko. This was the first board:

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Sala Aberta
Bolsa 9

QJ7532 Q1075432 ♣

N Norte: Schiffko

K4 J973 J862 A98 ♣

W Oeste: Alfeieva

Sala Fechada: 3STx W -3 -800

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sul
	3♥	3♠	4♥
4♠	5♥	Dbt	Passo
Passo Passo			

A96 A10852 Q74 KQ ♣

E Este: Gonca

108 K64 AK10953 J6 ♣

S Sul: Obermair

5♥ x Norte

NS 0 EO 0

When the Welsh Ladies Internationals G. Clench and L. Woodruff doubled the German/Austrian pair of R. VanHelsing and A. Babsch in 3NT, the Yelena team won 17 imps from the first board.

The second board was board 10.

Sala Aberta
Bolsa 10

van Helsing: 0 IMPs
Yelena: 17 IMPs

N Norte: Schifko

AK9864810752AK

W Oeste: Alfeieva

7K1097434310753

Sala Fechada: 3♦ x N +2 +1070

Oeste	Norte	Este	Sul
		1♣	Passo
2♠	Dbr	Passo	3♣
Passo	3♦	Passo	Passo
Passo			

E Este: Gonca

1053AQJQJ86QJ2

S Sul: Obermair

QJ2652AK99864

3♦ Norte

NS 0 EO 0

Gonca opened with a Polish Club. His partner's response showed 6 cards and was not forcing (6-7 pts is what is recorded on the Vugraph). The Austrians now got safely to 3♦. Maybe South's hand was worth one more bid but there is no clear cut way to get to 5♦. Things got a little out of hand in the closed room. We don't have access to the auction but the Welsh somehow got doubled in 3♦ and when the smoke cleared they had managed 11 tricks for +1070 and 14 imps.

What a start! 31 imps on the first 2 boards! The Van Helsing team recovered a few imps on the remaining boards but after this start they naturally ended up losing by 35-17.

PROGRAMME FOR THE REST OF THE TEAMS TOURNAMENT

Sunday	15:00	Open Teams Tournament – 4th Session
(12/11/2006)	20:00	Final Results
	20:30	Closing Dinner and Prize Giving