

9th International Bridge Festival Madeira

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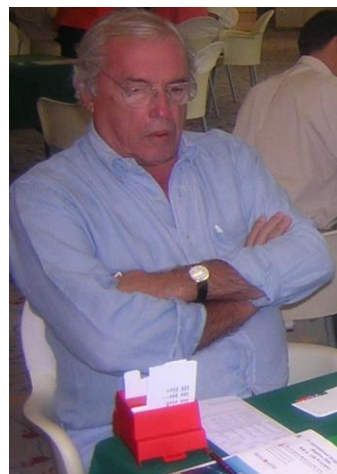
The norwegian pair Arild Aarmut and Ronny Jorstad won yesterday's session. They got 63.75% and went from 16th to second overall.

The portuguese Rui Pinto and Juliano Barbosa were second on the session, just 0.1% behind the Norwegian. The overall ranking is now led by them.

The Icelandic pair Saevarsson and Karlsson were third on the session. They got 65.98% and the 5th place overall.

Jan Tesselaar and Jan de Winter were more discrete yesterday. They were 14th, but managed to keep third place overall.

The competition is fearsome. At least 15 pairs can still win the pairs' tournament. Every trick, every double, every redouble and every lead counts.



RESULTS AFTER 2 SESSION

Rank	Names	Session Rank	Session %	Total %
1	Rui Pinto - Juliano Barbosa	2	63.65	60.31
2	Arild Aarmut - Ronny Jorstad	1	63.75	58.91
3	Jan Tesselaar - Jan de Winter	14	54.69	58.00
4	Gullberg - Svanstrom	27	51.44	57.80
5	Saevarsson - Karlsson	3	62.98	57.80
6	Gonca - Alfeieva	7	59.25	57.05
7	Hans Metselaar - Ronald Brantsma	9	59.22	57.02
8	Bjorn Sture Valen - Egil Hansen	6	59.60	56.71
9	Gothe - Gothe	5	60.68	56.68
10	Rui Silva Santos - Nuno Matos	19	53.56	56.30
11	Gerard Limmen - Jan Tulp	7	59.25	56.20
12	Marinella Canesi - Franco Cedolin	22	52.46	55.77
13	Billie Antunes - Isabel Correia	23	52.36	55.63
14	Sigurdsson - Jensen	4	60.86	55.20
15	Sveinn - Gisli	10	57.33	55.06
16	Paulo G Pereira - Antonio Palma	29	51.20	54.22
17	Obermair - Schifko	11	56.46	54.11
18	Oskam - Beyer	24	52.08	54.03
19	Jaap vd Berg - Anne-marie vd Berg	13	54.77	53.50
20	Egorov - Poroshin	20	53.49	53.28
21	Tordarsson - Sigurdsson	33	50.79	53.25
22	Ricardo Luiz - Nuno Mata	42	48.90	52.96
23	Bertram - Wens	32	50.85	52.86
24	Carlos Pimenta - Mário Reis	36	50.14	52.86
25	Mulias - Smederevac	37	49.83	51.86
26	Falster - Lutken	15	54.66	51.66
27	Sallsten - Sallsten	51	45.15	51.56
28	Olanski - Vainikonis	21	52.86	51.28
29	Dominique Custers - Rolf Schreuder	16	54.40	51.20
30	Renate Hansen - Andreas Babsch"	39	49.56	51.16
31	Maria João Lara - Manuel Capucho	35	50.49	51.13
32	Ine Snepvangers - Mart Mommers	31	51.10	51.07


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33	Dieneke Balder - Hans Sprenkeling	12	55.92	50.48
34	Zenkevich - Teterin	47	46.85	50.24
35	E Kristins - I H Bjornsdottir	18	53.57	49.98
36	Magnus Magnusson - Johann Sigurdarson	57	42.56	49.78
37	Kroezen - Drenkelford	48	46.21	49.61
38	Isabel Manso - José Lima	53	44.06	48.97
39	Gudmundsson - Snorrason	34	50.67	48.88
40	Robert Snapper - António Valente	40	49.14	48.78
41	Gilly Clench - Laura Woodruff	44	48.28	48.75
42	Agaath Wagemakers - Jack Wagemakers	41	49.00	48.21
43	Sigurjonsson - Sveinsson	50	45.25	48.05
43	Mangset - Rydning	25	51.92	48.05
45	Stoop - Balder	55	42.98	47.57
46	José A Fernandes - Virgílio Mota	60	41.09	46.87
47	Bruno Macedo - Henrique Ribeiro	52	44.53	46.69
48	Rodrigo Martins Soares - Miguel Teixeira	28	51.31	46.23
49	Ricardo Fernandes - Miguel Ascenção	17	53.61	46.19
50	Joao Machado - Jose Macedo	30	51.16	45.74
51	Alda Gudnadottir - Hrafnhildur Skuladottir	45	47.89	45.71
52	Steingrunsson - Gislason	63	38.69	45.19
53	Jaime Sousa - Leonardo Velosa	26	51.82	45.19
54	Fridnkod - Gudjonsdottir	58	42.08	44.55
55	Erlingsson - Eiriksson	64	38.09	44.54
56	Jorge Cruzeiro - Manuel Oliveira	59	41.86	44.32
57	Paesold Claudius - Wornle Sascha	54	43.80	43.86
58	Alda Fernandes - José Fernandes	43	48.33	43.70
59	Eyjolfs - Hulda Hjalmar	46	46.92	43.63
60	Pedro Nunes - Pedro Morgado	65	35.25	42.50
61	Sigurjonsdottir - Thordason	38	49.69	41.98
62	Crouse - Beyer	56	42.77	40.74
63	Goncalo Esmeraldo - Bruno Abreu	49	45.67	40.18
64	Ingrid Hoes - Ria Bartelomy	62	39.14	40.11
65	Joaquim Trindade - Luís Correia	66	32.15	39.81
66	C S Coggrave - P A Coggrave	61	40.69	39.72

Defending to the top

Bridge players love high cards. Either when playing rubber bridge or matchpoints they want their side to have most of the HCP's. They say you cannot win a pairs tournament without high cards - you depend too much of your opponents - and overvalue bidding and declarer's play. Our overnight leaders show us that defence is at least as important - you do statistically defend twice for each time you declare. On board 32 they were defending 2♣

Board 32. Dealer W. E/W Vul.


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

They didn't start the best way when J. Barbosa sitting East led the ♥Q, which allowed declarer to take three rounds of hearts finessing the ten on the second round and discarding a spade on the ♥A. Now declarer played the ♣K and Q finding the bad news. He continued with ♠A and J. Coming in with the ♠Q, East had two (apparently) safe exits in Hearts or Spades, forcing declarer. But he rightly concluded that if declarer ruffed he would shorten himself in trumps and manage some kind of trump coup. He played for exactly the opposite, leading a

small diamond to his partner's King and then continuing diamonds to give partner a ruff. When Rui Pinto exited with a spade declarer still had to lose the ♣J.

On board 16 they were defending 3♦ doubled, when North daringly reopened 2♠ with 3♦.

Board 16. Dealer W. E/W Vul.


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

The lead was the ♠10. Declarer went up with Ace on the second round and ran the ♦8. When winning with the 10, J. Barbosa now carefully led a Club. West won with the queen and forced declarer with a spade. This was ruffed high by declarer while East discarded a small club. Now a small diamond from hand was won by East's King who put his partner in with the ♥A to play yet another spade promoting East's trump 5! A nice 500 for 42 out of 50 matchpoints.

The Handsome declarer and the Optimistic Partner

Jan Tesselaar and Jan de Winter are having a nice tournament. They are third averaging a nice 58% and still very much in contention. On yesterday's last round they met a strange pair.

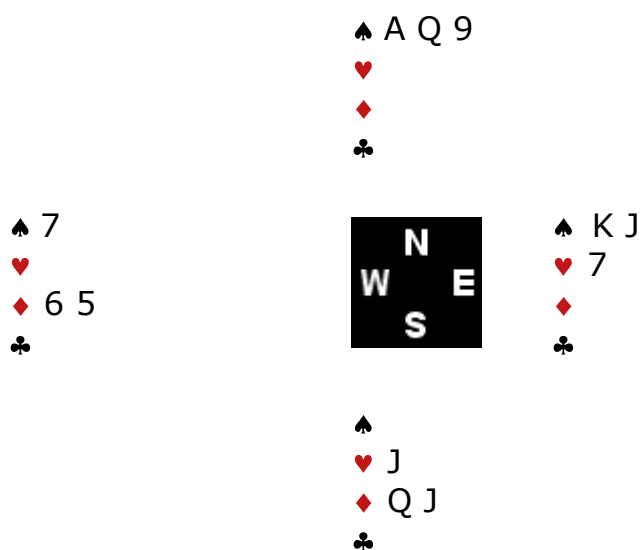
Board 7. Dealer S. All Vul.

<p>♠ 7 4 3 ♥ 9 6 2 ♦ A 8 7 6 5 ♣ K 4</p>		<p>♠ A Q 9 5 ♥ K Q 5 4 ♦ 9 ♣ 7 6 5 3</p>	<p>♠ K J 10 8 2 ♥ A 10 7 ♦ 2 ♣ A J 10 2</p>
		<p>♠ 6 ♥ J 8 3 ♦ K Q J 10 4 3 ♣ Q 9 8</p>	

S	W	N	E
J. Tesselaar	O. P.	J. de Winter	H. D.
P	P	1♣	1♠
2♦	2♠	P	3♣
P	3♦	P	3♠
P	4♠	All pass	

The bidding requires some explaining. It all seems normal up to 2♠, and then our Handsome Declarer decided to value his aces and tens and try for game with 3♣. His optimistic partner, having uncharacteristically underbid his powerhouse on the first round immediately bid 3♦ preparing for slam. After his partner sign off in 3♠ he meekly settled for game even though he had the ♠7. The lead was the natural ♦K. After winning with the Ace our Handsome Declarer took advantage of this lead on the dummy to play a trump to the ten which held the trick. Things were looking good and it seemed that our hero might escape by

losing one trump trick and two hearts. He followed his plan by leading a club to the king and finessing the Jack on the way back. If this held he would just ruff his ♠10 and lead another trump from dummy winning when N held A Q third in spades and clubs were 4-3. Unfortunately S held the ♠Q and now led a small Heart. "That's strange", thought the declarer, "a trump seemed like the natural play now, unless..." Winning with the ♥A, H. D. cashed the Ace and ten of Clubs, discarding hearts from dummy noticing that South could not beat dummy ♠7 on the fourth round. Now he ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond in hand while North discarded a Heart (no problem- by now we know he has 4 of them), ruffed another heart and was in dummy to lead a diamond and make a trump for his tenth trick. You may wonder what would happened if South had returned a diamond instead of a heart, allowing North to discard one more heart and thus prevent the second heart ruff. Well that would not do because that helps declarer shorten himself and after the same sequence (with one more trick played - the ruffed diamond) the three card ending would be:



Now when declarer ruffs his last heart North may overruff but now has to give a trick to East's ♠K, again the defence making only two trump tricks and the ♠Q.

-620 was worth only 1 matchpoint to our dutch friends.

Not being one to settle for a good result, our Handsome Declarer dully led his singleton ♠10 against 3NT on the next board, allowing for 12 easy tricks and 43 matchpoints for NS.

With his job done, the Handsome Declarer, coolly walked towards the sunset without a word.

Programme for Today and for the Teams Event

Thursday	09:00	<i>Free morning for golf or other activities (*)</i>
(09/11/2006)	16:00	Open Pairs Tournament – 3rd Session
	20:00	Final Results
Friday	09:30	<i>Half-day Tour</i>
(10/11/2006)	21:00	Closing time for Teams Tournament Entries
	21:30	Open Teams Tournament – 1st Session
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

If you have a well-played hand or a fun story at the table, don't
be shy!

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