



**2005 Caribbean Poker Classic | St. Kitts Marriott and The Royal Beach Casino
Daily Results – December 1st, 2005**

Championship Event Day 1 Flight 2

Thursday, December 1st 2pm

Players: 124

The second flight of the \$6,300 no-limit hold'em has started, again with 249 runners, and 6,000 in starting chips. Big names like Phil Laak, Kathy Liebert, Marsha Waggoner, Willie Tann and John Kabbaj are in action now. After just 30 minutes in play, Simon Trumper has already lost half his stack, when despite flopping a great hand (A3 on a A43 flop against a preflop raiser with an announced AK / AQ type of holding), he was forced to fold on the turn because of the excessive action given by a second player in the hand.

Just before the dinner break, with 90 players left, Simon Trumper is indeed out (he flopped a set of tens on a T87 flop against QQ and all the money went in; then a J and 9 came on the turn and river to give Simon's opponent a queen-high straight) - but the following big names are all still in:

Olga Varkonyi, Luca Pagano, (Polish) Willy, Kathy Liebert, Ben Grundy, Willie Tann, Mika Puro, Peter Gunnarsson, Marsha Waggoner, John Kabbaj, Pete Giordano, Sunny Birindar Nijran and Phil Laak. With blinds 100-200, the Unabomber has 5,775 - quite a bit less than the average stack of about 8K.

The second flight of the Main Event reached its conclusion around 5:30 am. A few big names and / or big stacks that reached the second day:

Kathy Liebert	47K
Thomas Bihl	21K
Henric Olander	47K
Willie Tann	31K (Willie who at one point was down to just 1,200!)
Paul Hersleth	43K
Ben Grundy	17K
Sharbel Koumi	24K
Mika Puro	27K

After the first flight, Shelley Mullett, is still the chipleader, as even the biggest stacks today are considerably less than her 62,675.

No Limit Hold'em \$300+\$30

Wednesday, November 30th 8pm

Players: 149

The final of the \$330 no-limit hold'em started at 7:30am with Eric Ottesen from Norway the chip lead with about 72K. We have no less than four English players, including Stuart Fox - who busted just before the final table at last month's Main Event at the Dutch Master Classics - and Paul King, who has made many cashes this week. Blinds now 2,000-4,000 with a 400 ante. First prize: Over \$16,000.

Luke Guest from England, who had started this final with just 29,400 in chips, has been doing an awful lot of damage. In no-time, he has built his stack up to 140,000 for a clear chip lead, holding more than double the average stack.

After Stuart Fox was eliminated, we also lost young Swede Simon Hansson. First, he lost with eights versus Peter Tatoulis' kings. And then he raised all-in from the cutoff with a 7♥ 4♥, only to get flatcalled by Eric Ottesen with AA. The flop A♥ J♦ T♥ gave the Norwegian to set, but also a live flush draw for the Swede. The turn was the 6♦ and when the river came the 6♥, completing Simon's flush, he shouted: "Yeeessss!" But when he then saw that this same river had given Eric top full, he instantly changed that to: "Noooooo!"

With Simon out, it was Eric to double through again - and again with a big hand. Small blind Peter raised it 10K more, and Eric immediately said "All-in". After long deliberation, Peter called with his AQ, against the KK by the Norwegian. The flop had an ace - but also two kings. Quads for Eric, right after his top full three hands before - giving him 200K for more than half the total chips in play.

And from there, Eric was able to quickly finish things off, earning his a first prize of \$16,480.

1. Eric Ottesen	Norway	\$16,480
2. Peter Tatoulis	Canada	\$8,240
3. Luke Guest	England	\$4,080
4. Simon Hansson	Sweden	\$2,600
5. Stuart Fox	England	\$1,730
6. Betherley Fennol	England	\$1,520
7. Paul King	England	\$1,300
8. Dominic Zambello	U.S.	\$1,080
9. Torben Reinke	Denmark	\$870
10. Gunnar Johnson	Sweden	\$690

Pro-Am Tournament – Day 1, Flight C

Thursday, December 1st 11pm

Players: 6 (Jennifer Tilley, Julian Thew, Rob Varkonyi, Brian Wilson, John Earle, and Kenna James)

Down to three in the Pro-Am Invitational! First we lost last year's winner of the Main Event John Earle, then we lost Julian Thew, and finally we lost the breathtaking Jennifer Tilly - who was, let's say, "dressed up" for the occasion. She raised all-in with an AT, but Brian Wilson called her with an AJ, and even flopped a jack to take her out. Brian was then in great shape, but he has lost a pot with A2 versus Kenneth James' QT. Ken turned a straight and immediately went over to Rob Varkonyi for a short thank you - the QT obviously being the "Varkonyi". All-in all, three players left: Varkonyi, James and Wilson. I especially expect a major clash soon between the last two of these players, who have tangled with each other right from the beginning - both verbally as well as in play.

As expected, the two verbally loud players have clashed! Kenneth James made a move with the T♦ 8♦, and found Brian Wilson behind him with a KQ. Even though Brian started asking the dealer to turn cards that he didn't want to, he in the end did not need any improvement to win the hand. So, qualified for tomorrow's final are:

Rob Varkonyi 24,800

Brian Wilson 35,200

