



**2005 Caribbean Poker Classic | St. Kitts Marriott and the Royal Beach Casino  
Daily Results – November 30, 2005**

**Championship Event Day 1 Flight 1**

**\$6000+\$300**

**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 2pm**

**Players: 125**

The first flight of the Caribbean Poker Classic's Main Event, a \$6,300 no-limit hold'em freeze-out, has begun. We have started this first flight with 15, almost full tables, for 125 players total. With an expected number of 250-260 entrants, it is clear that things are much bigger than last year's tournament in St. Maarten. In fact, the first prize will almost certainly be well over half a million - an excellent achievement for a tournament on a far and distant (but beautiful) tropical isle.

And unbelievable as it may seem, we have already lost one of the best players in the event: Julian Thew. From the big blind, he called a small raise with a 74, knowing the price was right and that - considering the fact he was probably playing live cards - the implied odds could be good. On a flop 7♠4♠3♠, he went for the obvious check-raise with his top two pair, and when he got re-raised, he knew that he was probably up against an overpair + one big spade. He was: AA for his opponent with the A♠ who could catch a spade, an ace, a trey or a running pair to win the pot - and he had two cards to pull that off. He caught a fourth spade - and busted out the strong Julian basically before the event had even begun.

Some info about the structure. Starting chips are 6,000, blinds at the start 25-50. We will play down until we have reached the money, in this case the final 36 players of today probably. Once we have reached the money, the structure will change from the second day onward. Play will then become six-handed, or "Six Pack" - a format that especially the Action Players will undoubtedly like.

At 11:30pm play was suspended for the dinner break. Some big names still in the hunt are:

**Mark Goodwin** (just lost a pot though when he re-raised with 99, got called by a QJ for 10K, only to see a jack flop. Mark is now down to 10K, with an average stack of about 22K)

**Dave Colclough** (just lost a huge pot. On a flop Q♥T♠5♠, there was a bet and a call. A dangerous looking J♠ on the turn, and Dave's opponents checked. A suspicious move, and Dave thought so too. Because he had JT and had just improved to two pair, he still decided to bet 6,000. When he got check-raised to 10,050 all-in, Dave knew that he was toast. But he called the 4,050 extra anyway, only to get shown the nut flush. No surprises on the river, and El Blondie is in serious trouble with just 4K now.)

**Tony Chapman**

**Bengt Sonnert**

**Martin Cedercrantz**

**No Limit Hold'em \$300+ \$30**  
**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 8pm**  
**Players: 64**  
**Below are the results:**

1. Place	\$7,080	Peter Dahlgren	Sweden
2. Place	\$3,540	Henrik Witt	Cyprus
3. Place	\$2,230	Ronnie Larsson	Sweden
4. Place	\$1,680	Frank Bensimon	France
5. Place	\$1,210	Joe Marcum	U.S.
6. Place	\$930	Kenny Robin	Denmark
7. Place	\$740	Tony Chessa	Scotland
8. Place	\$650	Craig Thomas	England
9. Place	\$560	Al Hall	U.S.

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**Pro-Am Tournament –Day 1, Flight B**  
**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 11pm**  
**Players: 6 (Phil Laak, Steve Vladar, Kathy Liebert, Simon Trumper, Tony Cascarino, Bengt Sonnert)**

Decisions in the Pro-Am Invitational! On his second attempt, Smokin' Steve was able to finish off Kathy Liebert. A pair of tens on the flop for Steve, and that held up against Liebert's A8. Steve was definitely smokin' then, because he also sent home Willie Tann. On the turn, Willie had caught a pair of kings with his KT, but Steve had wired aces – and they held up.

We were then very close to a final decision when Tony Cascarino moved in with 88 and Phil quickly called 11,100 with ace-king. A flop with three small cards was of no help to the Unabomber, but a king on the turn kept him alive. With three players left, the American now actually had an above average stack.

Both the Unabomber lost that advantage in the biggest hand of the night! Phil called a big bet by Tony with an AJ and was up against TT – so we had another race. No paints this time though, and with a final board 88283, he was suddenly in dire straits with just 5,000 left. And he was close to exit when he was all-in with a dominated hand, AT versus Steve's AJ. The final board KK2Q...Q for a split pot.

But then it was over for Phil after all. With the blinds 800-1,600, he moved all-in with the J♠9♠. Steve had TT this time – and the best hand held up to bust out the American. Chip counts going into the final on Friday are:

Steve Vladar 34,400  
Tony Cascarino 25,600