

# All India **HCL** Bridge Tournament 2009

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### It is TEXAN ACES Vs MANGO in Finals of T-4

The last Quarterfinals session & the 3-session Semi Finals were played yesterday in the Team of Four event.

In the 3\*14 boards Quarter Finals, **TEXAN ACES** beat AJAY VAISH Team (Ajay Vaish, S.A. Abbasi, Justice B.P. Singh, Dhanesh Chandra) by 44 IMPs; **MANGO** beat B. MALHOTRA team (B Malhotra, G Sinha, Ashish Malhotra, Hemant Jalan, Ajay Brahmachari) by 15 IMPs; **PROMILA SARAF** beat SHREE RADHEY team (V.M. Lal, R.A. Agarwal, Raju Bhiwandkar, S Karmarkar) by 45 IMPs and **SHREE CEMENT** beat MANYAVAR (Raju Tolani, Anil Padhye, Suhas Vaidya, Vinay Desai) by 24 IMPs. The QUARTER-FINAL scores:

Tbl #	Team Name	Vs	Team Name	Boards					TOTAL
				C/O	1-14	15-28	29-42	Pen	
1	TEXAN ACES (#1)	Vs	AJAY VAISH (#8)	0-0	24-34	48-15	33-12	0-0	105-61
2	MANGO (#2)	Vs	B. MALHOTRA (#7)	0-0	24-24	38-17	12-18	0-0	74-59
3	PROMILA SARAF (#3)	Vs	SHREE RADHEY (#5)	0-0	25-30	50-19	37-18	0-0	112-67
4	MANYAVAR (#4)	Vs	SHREE CEMENT (#6)	0-0	2-41	56-20	8-29	0-0	66-90

The Semi final line up was: **TEXAN ACES (#1) Vs. SHREE CEMENT (#4) & MANGO (#2) Vs. PROMILA SARAF (#3)**.

In the first of the 3\*16 board semi-final, the defending champions **TEXAN ACES (G. Venkatesh, J.M. Shah, P. Sridhar, Rajeshwar Tewari)** beat SHREE CEMENT (Manas Mukherjee, Bivash Todi, Subroto Saha, Subir Majumdar, Swarnendu Banerjee, Keyzad Anklesaria) by **30 IMPs (108-78)**.

In the second semi-final, **MANGO (Jeroo Mango, B.N. Parasrampurua, Archie Sequeira, Ian Concessio, Alope Sadhu, Manek Chakraborty)** beat PROMILA SARAF (Mrs. Promila Saraf, P. Sudhakara Rao, B. Venkateswarlu, Kajal Das, Sankar Acharya, Anirudh Bhattacharya) by **11 IMPs (78-67)**. The MANGO team lost the first 2 sets with a small margin of 2 & 4 IMPs but gained 17 IMPs in the last set to go through to the finals.

The semi-final scores:

Tbl #	Team Name	Vs	Team Name	Boards				TOTAL
				1-16	17-32	33-48	Pen	
1	TEXAN ACES (#1)	Vs	SHREE CEMENT (#4)	40-31	39-27	29-20	0-0	108-78
2	MANGO (#2)	Vs	PROMILA SARAF (#3)	34-36	19-23	25-8	0-0	78-67

So today, we all hope to witness an interesting tussle in the 4\*16 boards **FINALS** of Team of Four event between **TEXAN ACES & MANGO** teams.

As this is the last BULLETIN of the tournament, besides saying GOOD BYES to each other, we would request you all to be present in the evening for the Prize Distribution & Closing ceremony.

## OPEN PAIRS

155 pairs participated in the first elimination round of the Open Pairs event. They were put in six sections and after playing 2 sessions of 22 boards each, 64 qualified Pairs (10 TOP NS & 10 TOP EW pairs each from combined sections "A" & "B", "C" & "D" and section "E" & "F" plus the TOP 3 scores from each one of the combined sections + 1 best score) went through to the 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination round. They were joined in the 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination round by the losing quarterfinalists' pairs of the team event.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination the 72 pairs were put into 3 sections of 12 tables each and played a 2-session (22 boards each) elimination round with Scrambled Mitchell movement. The leaders at the end of first session in the 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination round were:

1. Vinay Desai – Suhas Vaidya 65.45%
2. D. Majumder – P. Kushari 63.53%
3. N. Bahuguna – N.K. Gupta 62.36%

The leaders of Elimination-2 round (Cumulative scores after 2 sessions) were:

1. M Bahuguna – N K Gupta 863.09
2. D Santra – A Bhattacharya 844.41
3. Vinay Desai – Suhas Vaidya 837.37
4. D Majumder – Pritish Kushari 823.29
5. S Bhattacharya – S K Iyengar 811.81
6. Kamal Roy – S Lahiri 811.34
7. A K Mukherjee – Sunil Bhatia 790.83
8. Sandeep Dutta – Jagdish Biswas 784.25
9. V M Lal – R A Agarwal 783.26
10. Tapas Mukherjee – Suman Sengupta 782.73

The top 24 pairs qualified for the Pairs Finals. The qualifiers will be joined by the six losing semi-finalists pairs and 2 pairs of Sponsor's quota to constitute the final 32 for today's exciting PAIR FINALS.

## OPEN PAIRS FINALISTS

PAIR #	N-S Pair	Table No.	E-W Pair	PAIR #
1	SUBHASH GUPTA - RAJESH DALAL	1	K R VENKAT RAMAN - K BHATTACHARYA	17
2	D SANTRA - A BHATTACHARYA	2	TAPAS MUKHERJEE - SUMAN SENGUPTA	18
3	ASHOK GOEL - KAMAL MUKHERJEE	3	D MAJUMDER - P KUSHARI	19
4	A K GHOSH - K P CHATTERJEE	4	SAMEER PAUL - SUBHASISH SARKAR	20
5	SANDEEP DUTTA - JAGDISH BISWAS	5	P BARDHAN - S N DEY SARKAR	21
6	M BAHUGUNA - N K GUPTA	6	R CONSUL - A MANDAL	22
7	AJAY KHARE - JITU SOLANI	7	VINAY DESAI - SUHAS VAIDYA	23
8	S BHATTACHARYA - S K IYENGAR	8	ARVIND VAIDYA - VIVEK BHAND	24
9	S K HOODA - ASHOK VAIDYA	9	A K MUKHERJEE - S BHATIA	25
10	O P CHOUDHARY - ASHOK BISWAS	10	SHREE CEMENT - C	26
11	V M LAL - R A AGARWAL	11	KAJAL DAS - PARTNER	27
12	ALOK DAGA - S P GHOSH	12	KAMAL ROY - S LAHIRI	28
13	PRADEEP A SINGH - PANKAJ MEHTA	13	S BASAK - C S MAJUMDAR	29
14	SHREE CEMENT - A	14	SHREE CEMENT - B	30
15	MRS. PROMILA SARAF - PARTNER	15	B VENKATESHWARALU - PARTNER	31
16	R KHANDELWAL – H KHANDELWAL	16	MRS. KIRAN NADAR - B. SATYANARAYANA	32

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## Transfer after Intervention by Opponents (Part-2)

We discussed transfer responses when opponents intervene over partner's one of a minor opening bid yesterday. Now we present the scheme after one major opening bid.

### **B) Transfer after Opponents overcall over One Major Opening Bid**

The transfer scheme after one major opening is quite different as compared to minor suit opening bid. Here the importance is given in differentiating between various kind of raises to support partner. Other fit raises and splinters apply as usual. When opponents overcall at 2 level, bids from 2NT upto partner's major are all transfers. After takeout double, transfers apply from 1NT onwards.

The complete recommended response structure after 1H/S opening and intervention is as follows:

<b>1S – (2C overcall by opponent) – ?</b> Dbl = Negative 2D/H = Natural, one round force 2S = Natural 3-card raise 2N = Transfer cue, 3-card S, limit or better 3C/D = Transfer to D/H, Inv+ 3H = Transfer to S, 4-card mixed raise 4C = Splinter 3S/4S = Preemptive raise	<b>1H – (2C overcall by opponent) – ?</b> Dbl = Negative 2D/S = Natural, one round force 2H = Natural 3-card raise 2N = Transfer cue, 3-card S, limit or better 3C = Transfer to D, Inv+ 3D = Transfer to H, 4-card mixed raise 4C = Splinter 3H/4H = Preemptive raise
<b>1S – (2D overcall by opponent) – ?</b> Dbl/2S/3S/4S same as after 1S-2C 2H = Natural, one round force 2N/3D = Transfer to C/H, Inv+ 3C = Transfer cue, 3-card S, limit or better 3H = Transfer to S, 4-card mixed raise 4D = Splinter 4C/4H = Fit jump	<b>1H – (2D overcall by opponent) – ?</b> Dbl/2H/3H/4H same as after 1H-2C 2S = Natural, one round force 2N = Transfer to C, Inv+ 3C = Transfer cue, 3-card H, limit or better 3D = Transfer to H, 4-card mixed raise 4D = Splinter 3S/4C = Fit jump
<b>1S – (2H overcall by opponent) – ?</b> Dbl/2S/3H/3S/4S same as after 1S-2C 2N/3C = Transfer to C/D, Inv+ 3D = Transfer cue, 3-card S, limit or better 4C/4D = Fit Jump 4H = Splinter	<b>1H – (1S overcall by opponent) – ?</b> Dbl/3H/4H same as after 1H-2C 1N/2C = Transfer to C/D 2D = Transfer, 3-card H, weak or invitational+ 2H = 3-card S raise, constructive 2S = Both minors 5-5 atleast, 8-10 HCP
<b>1S – (Double by opponent) – ?</b> Rdbl = 9+ HCP 1N/2C/2D = Transfer to C/D/H 2H = Transfer, 3-card S, weak or invitational+ 2S = 3-card S raise, constructive 2N = mini splinter, 4-card S	<b>1H – (Double by opponent) – ?</b> Rdbl = 9+ HCP 1N/2C = Transfer to C/D 2D = Transfer, 3-card H, weak or invitational+ 2H = 3-card S raise, constructive 2S = mini splinter in any suit, 4-card H

### **C) Examples**

West Opener	East Responder	West Opener	East Responder	West Opener	East Responder
♠ Qx	♠ Axx	♠ Kx	♠ xx	♠ Axx	♠ Qx
♥ AJxx	♥ KQx	♥ Axx	♥ KQxxxx	♥ ATx	♥ KJ9xxx
♦ Qx	♦ KJx	♦ KJxxx	♦ Qx	♦ Qxxx	♦ xx
♣ KQxxx	♣ Jxxx	♣ Qxx	♣ Axx	♣ Axx	♣ Kxx
West Opens 1C and North overcalls 1S. You would like to play 3NT from West's hand. Difficult in normal methods, here easy with: 1C-(1S)-3S (puppet to 3N)-3N		West Opens 1D, North overcalls 1S with S-ATxxx H-xx D-Axx C-KJx. With East declarer the hand will go down with SQ lead and club switch. If West is Declarer: 1D-(1S)-2D(trf)-(3S)-4H, 4H is cold.		West Opens 1C, North overcall 1D with S-KJx H-x D-AKJxx C-Jxxx. With East declarer hand will go down. With West declarer D-Q is protected and with heart guess 4H makes. (1C-(1D)-2D(trf)-3H-4H	

The above sequences are definitely better than the normal bidding sequences. Good luck to all those who wish to try them.

*(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)*

## Interesting Deal

- Reported by Sandeep Thakral

### Pairs Elimination – 1, Session - 1

**Board 20, Dealer: West, Vul: Both**

	♠T53		
	♥T8764		
	♦93		
	♣J83		
♠AJ4	N	♠9872	
♥A952	W	♥KQJ	
♦J4	E	♦K	
♣QT52	S	♣AK974	
	♠KQ6		
	♥3		
	♦AQT87652		
	♣6		

West	North	East	South
<i>S Thakral</i>		<i>Sapan Desai</i>	
1D(1)	Pass	1S(2)	3D
Pass	Pass	DBL	Pass
3S	Pass	4H	All Pass

- (1) – Promises a 4-carder major (11-15 HCPs)  
 (2) – Usually denies 4H, 4+ Spades

When west bids 3S over DBL, East knows that partner has either 4S with a hand not quite worth immediate 3S over 3D, or he has 3S & 4H (as 1D promises a 4-carder major). Scared of getting forced on heart lead in case of 4-3 spades, East choose to bid 4H (partner can bid 4S in case he has 4-cards).

South led his singleton club to 10, Jack and Ace. HK & HQ were played which revealed the bad break. Declarer now led a spade to Queen and Ace. A club was played to hand and another spade was led towards dummy, South winning with the King. South cashed the diamond Ace and continued with DQ, East ruffing with the HJ. Declarer now cashed one more club in dummy, and cashed his SJ. On the play of fourth club, North was obliged to ruff and play a heart into Heart A and 9 for 10 tricks.

Well played Sapan and well bid too. Five club is cold but in Pairs +620 fetched 17.5 MPs out of

## Anil Ratan's Brilliance

The late Anil Ratan was one of the finest players to adorn the Indian bridge scenario in the seventies and eighties. In the following deal we see an example of his brilliance. This had come up in the Delhi State selection trials. In the entire field he was the only one to set the contract. Sitting East he had opened 1H. This would not deter the opponents from reaching 4S. His partner dutifully gets off with H2, shrieking singleton all over. The NE hands are:

	♠K754		
	♥Q1076		
	♦AJ65		
	♣2		
N	Anil Ratan	♠84	
W	♥AK9843	♦K7	
E	♣AT7		
S			

Winning with the ace, Anil plays a low heart for partner to ruff; the emissary, H3, directing partner to play clubs. Winning the club return, he plays another low heart which declarer ruffs.

Anil waits patiently for the setting trick. Declarer next removes the outstanding trumps and takes the finesse in diamond. Anil is rewarded when he takes it with the king to set the contract. Anil had consciously banished HK and not cashed him. The entire field had cashed HK allowing the declarer to make the game. The complete hand:

	♠K754		
	♥Q1076		
	♦AJ65		
	♣2		
♠32	N	♠84	
♥2	W	♥AK9843	
♦T9842	E	♦K7	
♣J9843	S	♣AT7	
	♠AQJ109		
	♥J5		
	♦Q3		
	♣KQ64		

A brilliant display of defence. Excellent conversationalist, generous to a fault, the bridge fraternity miss him.

- By K. Chandramouli

### DATES TO REMEMBER SAO PAULO 2009

#### Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, D'Orsi Senior Bowl

Round Robin August 30th-September 5th  
KO Stages 6<sup>th</sup> Sep – 12<sup>th</sup> September

#### Transnational Open Teams Sept 7th-September 12th

**PAIRS Elimination I - Leaders**  
**(Cumulative Scores after 2 sessions)**

**Total 44 Boards (Top 21) = 924 MPs**

**Combined Section A & B**

**North-South (52 Pairs)**

1. D. Majumder – P. Kushari	583.50
2. Ashok Goel – Kamal Mukherjee	574.00
3. Daya Dhaon – Sanat Saha	545.00

**East West (52 Pairs)**

1. M.K. Wadhwa – Shyam Lal	547.50
2. R. Consul – A. Mandal	537.50
3. S. Basak – C.S. Majumder	531.50

**Combined Section C & D**

**North-South (52 Pairs)**

1. C.D. Kumar – P.J. Faria	553.93
2. J.S. Kaul – Pradeep Prakash	551.62
3. B. Satyanarayana – Kiran Nadar	540.50

**East West (52 Pairs)**

1. A.K. Mukherjee – S. Bhatia	541.69
2. M. Bahuguna – N.K. Gupta	537.88
3. P. Bardhan – S.N. De Sarkar	528.00

**Combined Section E & F (51 Pairs)**

**North-South (51 Pairs)**

1. Dipak Poddar – R. Sridharan	543.30
2. Rita Choksi – G.N. Manna	537.42
3. Badal Das – P.S. Mukherjee	537.11

**East West (52 Pairs)**

1. Sandeep Dutta – Jagdish Biswas	536.83
2. Ajay Khare – Jitu Solani	521.96
3. Samir Paul – Subhasish Sarkar	517.30

**SESSION WINNERS - OPEN PAIRS**

**Elimination – 1:**

Section 'A' & 'B' Combined:

NS: Debrata Majumder – Pritish Kushari  
EW: M.K. Wadhwa – Shyam Lal

Section 'C' & 'D' Combined:

NS: C.D. Kumar – P.J. Faria  
EW: A.K. Mukherjee – S. Bhatia

Section 'E' & 'F' Combined:

NS: Dipak Poddar – R. Sridharan  
EW: Sandeep Dutta – Jagdish Biswas

**Elimination – 2:**

1. Maneesh Bahuguna – N K Gupta
2. D Santra – A Bhattacharya

**CONSOLATION PAIR EVENT  
WINNERS (15.08.2009)**

54 Pairs participated in the consolation Pair event held yesterday. They were divided into 2 sections (Section "A" had 13 tables & Section "B" had 14 tables) and played 13 rounds of 2 boards each with Scrambled Mitchell movement. There were 10 prizes worth Rs. 20,800/- (1<sup>st</sup> - Rs. 6000, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Rs. 4000, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Rs. 3000, 4<sup>th</sup> - Rs. 2000, 5<sup>th</sup> - Rs. 1600, 6<sup>th</sup> - Rs. 1200, 7<sup>th</sup> - Rs. 1000, 8<sup>th</sup> - Rs. 800, 9<sup>th</sup> - Rs. 700, 10<sup>th</sup> - Rs. 500) and the winners were:

1. Prakash Bhandari – Arun Bapat
2. C.V. Kekre – A.L. Sancheti
3. J.N. Roy – S. Lahiri
4. Ibrat Khan – N.K. Sharma
5. A.K. Upadhyay – Girish Kumar
6. Narvir Singh – Sanjay Shrivastava
7. Dr. Asha Surana – R S Jasuja
8. Col. B L Anand – R P Mishra
9. Basu Roy – S Dhar
10. B.N. Jamkhandi – D.R. Sridhar

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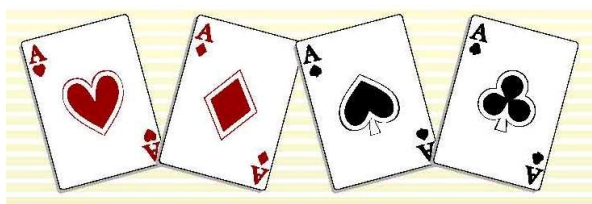


Consumption of Liquor and Smoking is strictly prohibited within the Playing Area & Scoring & Bulletin Room. Offenders may attract strict penalties.

**IMPORTANT –  
PLEASE NOTE**

*The Tournament Directors would award penalties as prescribed by the Laws and Conditions of the contest for Use of Mobiles, Slow play or Late Arrival.*

**The 7<sup>th</sup> All India *HCL* Bridge Tournament**  
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**Tournament Schedule**

<b>August 16</b>	<b>0900 – 1110 Hrs.</b>	<b>T-4 Finals (Boards 1-16) – Session-1</b>
	<b>0900 – 1340 Hrs.</b>	<b>Pair Finals (Boards 1-32) - Session-I</b>
	<b>1130 – 1340 Hrs.</b>	<b>T-4 Finals (Boards 17-32) - Session-2</b>
	<b>1330 – 1430 Hrs.</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
	<b>1430 – 1640 Hrs.</b>	<b>T-4 Finals (Boards 33-48) - Session-3</b>
	<b>1430 – 1900 Hrs.</b>	<b>Pair Finals (Boards 33-62) - Session-II</b>
	<b>1700 – 1910 Hrs.</b>	<b>T-4 Finals (Boards 49-64) - Session-4</b>
	<b>1945 Hrs.</b>	<b>Prize Distribution &amp; Closing Ceremony</b>

**THANK YOU ONE AND ALL**

- *THE PLAYERS*
- *THE OFFICIALS*
- *THE VOLUNTEERS*
- *THE SPONSORS*
- *THE MEDIA*
- *THE HOSPITALITY GROUP*

We will try and improve upon whatever little we have been able to put together.

SEE YOU ALL NEXT TIME

NAMASKAR  
GOOD BYE

**From The Organising Team**

**Vu-Graph on BBO**

Live Vu-graph of the Tournament will be available on BBO as per the following Schedule:

16<sup>th</sup> August 2009: T-4 Finals: 0900 Hrs (S1), 1130 Hrs. (S2), 1430 Hrs. (S3), 1700 Hrs (S4)