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## THE BUSINESS END

### GOLD & FOREX

All Five Foreign Teams Reach The Quarter Finals In A Canter.  
K1 Plus (Bulgaria), South Sweden, Russia, Don Julio and H Narsimhan Formidables, Hemant Jalan & FII bring up the Indian Challenge

### SILVER

I-Doctors Cruise Into Quarters

### BRONZE

### APANJAN & SHIVA IN FINALS

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### PAIRS - The Chaff From The Wheat

Drastic Elimination In Pairs - Over 60% Eliminated

Mishra & Nazereth of Mumbai Top Elimination

Old War Horse, Kamal Mukherjee - Second

All Scores are given inside.

### Spirits Having Flown

Courtesy hosts HCL, all the participants had a blast last night indulging in Bacchanalia and gastronomic excesses (in Shashi Tharoor speak), loosely translated as drink and food - Cocktails & Dinner.

Thank You HCL!



Please provide Alka Seltzers the morning after.



# Atithi Devo Bhava - Guest is an avatar of God

We extend a very warm welcome to our friends from around the world. We would like to acknowledge two teams who help make this tournament the great event that it is.

## Team Magic Eyes Thailand



*Asdang Riamsree, Vallapa Svangsopakul, Esther C Sophonpanich, Virat Chinmanas, Somchai Baisamut*

Led by the dynamic Esther Sophonpanich has been a regular participant for the past several editions of this tournament. We look forward to their participation in perpetuity.

## The Bangladesh Tigers



The Bangladeshis turned out in their smart yellow & green colors, Five Teams in all! Getting the whole contingent at one place and time was a logistical nightmare. We managed to capture a few of the tigers on film.



# An All Indian Affair - Mark Horton

## Session - I Gold Pre-Quarter Finals



Most players will tell you that they hope to avoid anything too challenging at the start of a match, preferring something straightforward that will allow them to settle down. A simple 3NT is always welcome. Without further ado, here is the opening deal of the quarter finals:

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ Q2		
	♥ 8763		
	♦ 5		
	♣ KQ10975		
♠ K9754		♠ 103	
♥ KQJ10		♥ 954	
♦ K9		♦ 1087632	
♣ 83		♣ J6	
	♠ AJ86		
	♥ A2		
	♦ AQJ4		
	♣ A42		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	Basak	Majunder	Roy
—	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT

All Pass

North looked for a heart fit before settling for the nine-trick game. West led the ♥K and declarer ducked, took the next heart and cashed six clubs, coming down to ♠AJ ♦AQJ. West had blanked his diamond king, but declarer finessed in that suit so just +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bhattacharya	Anklesaria	Jajoo	Tewari
—	1♣	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♣

All Pass

I'm not sure what to make of the auction - the standards for an opening bid have been falling steadily, but North's hand looks more like a 3♣ bid to me. *(Bingo Mark! The Bulletin team checked with north, who clarified he had bid 3♣ but erroneously entered as 1♣ by BBO Operator-Ed.)* 4♦ may have been asking for something, but North had little to offer and South settled for the small slam.



Keyzad Anklesaria - Formidables

East led the ♦3 and declarer put up dummy's ace and exited with the ♥2. West won with the king and tried to cash the ♦K, which declarer ruffed. He played the ♠Q, overtaking it with the ace and tried the ♦J, but West ruffed and declarer overruffed, cashed the ♣K and came to hand with a club to cash the ♦Q. West, down to ♠K97 ♥QJ10, was caught in a trump squeeze. Discarding from either major would allow declarer to set up a long card in that suit. West went with a spade so declarer ruffed a spade, came to hand with a heart, ruffed a spade and ruffed a heart to take trick thirteen with the ♠J and collect 11 IMPs.

Suppose after winning a heart trick West exits with a trump, covered by the ten, jack and ace. Declarer cashes the ♥A and can obviously get home easily by ruffing dummy's low diamond. However, suppose declarer plays a diamond honour, covered by the king and ruffed. Now declarer cashes a top trump, ruffs a heart, pitches the ♠Q on the ♦J, ruffs a diamond and cashes two trumps. At this point East is known to have started with three hearts, six diamonds and two clubs, so the odds favour West having the ♠K. Realising that declarer plays for the squeeze to have operated and a spade to the ace brings unbounded joy, not to mention the IMPs.

Meanwhile, in Hemant Jalan v Poddar Housing:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shah	Kushari	Dhakras	Roy
—	3♣	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

Having established that North's only king was in the trump suit, South settled for 6♣.

East led the ♥4 and declarer won with dummy's ace and returned the two, West winning with the king and exiting with the ♣3. Declarer put in dummy's ten, took East's jack with the ace, cashed the ♦A and continued with the queen, covered and ruffed. Now declarer fatally ruffed a heart and tried to cash the ♦J. West ruffed and declarer overruffed and played dummy's last heart. East could ruff that and there was still a spade to lose, so that was -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nandi	Poddar	Bendre	Solani
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
Dble	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

After West had doubled 1♣, disclosing the whereabouts of the missing high cards, 6♣ would have been a heavy favourite to make, but it was no surprise to see NS stop in game. Declarer won the heart lead and cashed six clubs. West blanked the ♦K and declarer played a diamond to the ace, securing 12 tricks, as West was now squeezed and could be thrown in to lead away from the ♠K. So, in both these matches 11 IMPs changed hands. Remarkably they were the only IMPs Hemant Jalan gave up in the set.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

♠ K86532 ♥ 7 ♦ J9754 ♣ 3  ♠ A10 ♥ K853 ♦ K86 ♣ J965	♠ 974 ♥ QJ2 ♦ AQ1032 ♣ AK  ♠ QJ ♥ A10964 ♦ — ♣ Q108742
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mukherjee</i>	<i>Basak</i>	<i>Majumder</i>	<i>Roy</i>
—	—	1NT	2♣*
Dble	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

I can't tell you what 2♣ meant - maybe hearts and another suit?

South led the ♠Q and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a diamond to the ace, South parting with the ♣2. After taking three diamonds via a finesse against North declarer played the ♥J and with the spade blocked he had nine tricks, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bhattacharya	Anklesaria	Jajoo	Tewari
—	—	1NT	2♣
Dble	Pass	2♦	3♣
Dble	All Pass		

Here too the meaning of 2♣ is unknown, but I wonder why South did not bid 2♥ along the way? If that was doubled it was always possible to bid 3♣.

When you have the balance of power and are defending, (especially a doubled contract) it is generally a good idea to lead a trump. Here that would have led to +500, but West went with the ♦6 and declarer ruffed, cashed the ♥A, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond and played the ♠Q. West won, cashed the ♥K and now does best to play the ♦K. When he exited with a heart declarer was allowed to win with the ten and he cashed the ♠J. Exiting with a low trump at this point allows declarer to escape for one down, but he

played a heart. West should pitch the ♦K on that when East will ruff and play a diamond for +300, but he ruffed and that allowed declarer to emerge unscathed, just one down, -200 and 5 IMPs the richer.

Back to Hemant Jalan v Poddar Housing:

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shah</i>	<i>Kushari</i>	<i>Dhakras</i>	<i>Roy</i>
—	—	1♣*	1♥
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♠5 and declarer took the second round of the suit and cashed the ♣AK before broaching the diamonds. He then knocked out the ♥A for +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nandi</i>	<i>Poddar</i>	<i>Bendre</i>	<i>Solani</i>
—	—	1NT	2♥

All Pass

When I was a lad West would have happily doubled 2♥ for penalties when North would be well advised to bid 2♠, which in this case would prove not be a case of jumping out of the frying pan into the fire. However, in the modern era the penalty double is gradually disappearing. West led the ♠A and switched to a trump when, according to the scoreboard, declarer went four down for an unusual flat board.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ J864 ♥ 9 ♦ KJ10 ♣ J9653	♠ A10975 ♥ A ♦ 96542 ♣ AK  ♠ KQ32 ♥ KQ1064 ♦ Q ♣ Q84  ♠ — ♥ J87532 ♦ A873 ♣ 1072
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mukherjee</i>	<i>Basak</i>	<i>Majunder</i>	<i>Roy</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

Wild horses would not get me to overcall at the two level with the East hand. South led the ♣7 and North won with the king, cashed the ace and then tabled the ♠A (doing that at trick two should lead to +1100). South pitched the ♦8, ruffed the ♠5 and returned the ♣2, North ruffing with the

♥A and giving South another spade ruff, to make the score 6-0. North had played the ♠10 on the previous trick and South decided to underlead his ♦A which meant the penalty was only -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bhattacharya</i>	<i>Anklesaria</i>	<i>Jajoo</i>	<i>Tewari</i>
—	—	—	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	All Pass	

2♦\* - Multi

2♥\* - Pass or correct

East led the ♠K and declarer won with dummy's ace, pitching the ♣2 from dummy, unblocked the ♥A, played a diamond to the ace and exited with the ♥3. That did not prove to a triumph and the contract was one down for the loss of 11 IMPs.

Obviously declarer could have done better (playing as the defenders did at the other table, using dummy's ♥A to ruff a club is one way to get eight tricks).

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ Q	
	♥ A9872	
	♦ A7543	
	♣ 109	
♠ AKJ10		♠ 87654
♥ KQ4		♥ J63
♦ Q109		♦ J8
♣ AJ2		♣ 765
	♠ 932	
	♥ 105	
	♦ K62	
	♣ KQ843	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mukherjee</i>	<i>Basak</i>	<i>Majumder</i>	<i>Roy</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

3♥\* - Transfer

I confess I have never been a fan of breaking transfers - whenever I do it I end up exactly one trick too high. That was exactly what happened here, declarer losing the obvious four tricks for -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bhattacharya</i>	<i>Anklesaria</i>	<i>Jajoo</i>	<i>Tewari</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
2NT	All Pass		

North led the ♥7 and declarer won with the king and cashed four rounds of spades before exiting with the ♦9. North took the ace and played the ♥2 (nothing works) and

declarer won with dummy's jack, cashed a spade and then played a diamond for +150 and 6 IMPs.



Monica Jajoo

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ KJ95	
	♥ KJ1086	
	♦ A4	
	♣ J7	
♠ 64		♠ A1073
♥ 42		♥ 973
♦ KJ9865		♦ 73
♣ Q93		♣ A1054
	♠ Q82	
	♥ AQ5	
	♦ Q102	
	♣ K862	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mukherjee</i>	<i>Basak</i>	<i>Majumder</i>	<i>Roy</i>
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	1♥	Dble*	Rdbl*
2♦	4♥	All Pass	

Dble\* - Spades and diamond tolerance

Rdbl\* - ♥support

East led the ♦7 and declarer put in dummy's ten, taking West's jack with the ace and returning a diamond. West won and played a third diamond and declarer ruffed with the ten, cashed the ♥AQ and then played a spade to the king and ace. East exited with a heart and declarer won, played a club to the king and exited with a club, West putting up the



queen and exiting with a diamond. Declarer ruffed, but East discarded the ♣A and the defenders had to get one more trick, -50.

As the cards lie declarer should draw the outstanding trump and then play a spade to dummy's eight, not unreasonable if my interpretation of the bidding is accurate.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bhattacharya</i>	<i>Anklesaria</i>	<i>Jajoo</i>	<i>Tewari</i>
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	Dble*	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ♠6 and that essentially solved declarer's problem. With the ♣A onside, declarer was soon inscribing +420 onto the scorecard which was worth 10 IMPs.

Formidables were ahead 51-17, while Hemant Jalan led 33-11.



*Somesh Bhattacharya Team Monika Jajoo*



## THE BIG TICKET

We were all gazing at the Gold Teams monitor, waiting for the final round of the Swiss League to commence. The mental abacus was a flurry of beads, the theoretical probabilities, chances of qualifying, etc.

The trio of Indian superstars I met there, seemed like they were going to their own funeral.

My polite inquiry as to how they were faring, evoked a wry, "You can see this is obviously not a very cheerful bunch," from K Venkatraman (Venky). Part of that Shok Sabha, was one of Smiley's People, B Prabhakar. No matter what, the guy always has a smile. His pearly whites never switch off. And then there was the quiet Satya (Bachiraju Satyanarayana), with his deadpan visage.

Trying to be polite or sympathetic or humorous, I don't know what, I said, " Ah! The Big Ticket exits of the tournament." Venky sardonically quipped, " Anyone who exits before the round of 16 cannot be a Big Ticket Team". These three are the backbone of India's top dog teams, Dhampur Sugar, Formidables and Arun Jain. They were in the rank 25th to 28th zone. They needed all the marbles. Only Formidables (Satya), pulled the rabbit out of the hat, and they scraped through. But then again, Venky was right. Formidables is not a big ticket team... they don't believe in tickets. They have a Season Pass for all the qualifications, such is their caliber.



## THE CHARIS - MAY YOU STAY FOREVER YOUNG



### *Chennai Express*

*Dear God, If I could travel a thousand miles to play bridge with my wife in the twilight of my life,, and try to hold her hand, my fingers slowly sneaking across the table, I think I have been blessed.*

*Meet the Charis from Chennai. Thank You Lord for such inspirations. A Bob Dylan song comes to mind:*

### *Forever Young*

*May God bless and keep you always*

*May your wishes all come true*

*May you always do for others*

*And let others do for you*

*May you build a ladder to the stars*

*And climb on every rung*

*May you stay forever young*

*Forever young, forever young*

*May you stay forever young.*

## Gold Pre Quarters, Session - III, ALPHA Vs FII

Going into session 3, Alpha extended their lead of 9 imps on Board 2 with this hand.

Board 2. Dealer East. NS Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ KQJ974 ♥ AJ7 ♦ 1064 ♣ 2</p> <p>♠ 1086543 ♥ K752 ♣ QJ8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 8532 ♥ Q ♦ 83 ♣ AK10765</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ A106 ♥ AJ7 ♦ AQJ9 ♣ 943</p>
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### Open Room : NS - Alpha

West	North	East	South
Jaggy	Pinaki	Sandeep	Daya
Shivdasani	Khan	Thakral	Dhaon
–	–	Pass	1♦
2♥	4♠	All Pass	

There is nothing to play in the hand and declarer eventually made 11 tricks

In the closed room, however, the Alpha East pre-empted as dealer allowing East west to find a good sacrifice. This was the bidding

### Closed Room : NS - FII

West	North	East	South
Aniruddha	Phillippe	Dipak	Giorgio
Bhattacharya	Cronier	Santra	Duboin
–	–	3♣	Pass
3♥	3♠	Pass	4♠
5♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl

All Pass

Had the defenders opened with a trump, they would have restricted the value of the sacrifice. However, the lead of the Spade Ace allowed declarer to escape for 2 down and win 8 Imps for his team.

Team FII retaliated on the very next board



*Dipak Santra - Team Alpha*

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ KQJ5 ♥ 762 ♦ J1083 ♣ A5</p> <p>♠ A97 ♥ J1094 ♦ 75 ♣ Q974</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 106432 ♥ ♦ A964 ♣ K1062</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ 8 ♥ AKQ853 ♦ KQ2 ♣ J83</p>
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In the Open Room, the bidding went as follows

### Open Room : NS - Alpha

West	North	East	South
Jaggy	Pinaki	Sandeep	Daya
Shivdasani	Khan	Thakral	Dhaon
–	–	–	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The bidding was identically in both rooms. However, the defence took totally different paths. Shivdasani & Thakral of FII defended superbly to set the contract.

Jaggy led a low club which Daya Dhaon elected to duck in dummy for easy ruffing later. Unfortunately for him, Sandeep Thakral had the same idea as he backed a low diamond to declarer's king. Now, when Declarer led a Spade, Jaggy hopped up with the Ace of Spades, and played another diamond which Sandeep won with the Ace and gave partner a diamond ruff.



*Daya Dhaon - Team Alpha*

Aniruddha Bhattacharya (Lalta) opted to lead the heart Jack which revealed the unfortunate trump break at trick 1. Duboin drew three rounds of trumps and then cleared the spade Ace at the second time of asking after pitching a club on the second spade. Lalta backed a club, but it was too late as Declarer could pitch his last club on the good spade and scored his game giving a trump and the diamond Ace.

FII also scored on the next deal to wrest the lead from Alpha.



# Gold Pre Quarters, Session - III, ALPHA Vs FII

Contd.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

	♠ 10865	
	♥ Q976	
	♦	
	♣ AJ1093	
♠ Q74		♠ A3
♥ J85		♥ AK103
♦ 753		♦ KQJ6
♣ K865		♣ 742
	♠ KJ92	
	♥ 42	
	♦ A109842	
	♣ Q	

In the Open Room, the bidding went as follows

### Open Room: NS - Alpha

West	North	East	South
Jaggy	Pinaki	Sandeep	Daya
Shivdasani	Khan	Thakral	Dhaon
Pass	Pass	1♣	1♦
Pass	Pass	1NT	2♦

All Pass

This contract, unfortunately, has no hope in hell and declarer went 3 down for -300.

The key for this gain by FII was thanks to Sandeep opening 1 Club rather than 1 NT. We asked Sandeep about this and he said that he felt that his 17 HCP were just too good for 1NT. He hoped to rebid 2NT and, since his clubs were bad, he bid them in order to prevent a club lead. Once he saw the 2♦ bid on his left, he was hoping that partner had enough strength to double, but alas, he had to be happy with what he got.



Philippe Cronier - Team FII

### Closed Room : NS - FII

West	North	East	South
Aniruddha	Phillippe	Dipak	Giorgio
Bhattacharya	Cronier	Santra	Duboin
Pass	Pass	1NT	Dbl*
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

\* The bidding is not very clear since we don't have access to the pair's convention card

Playing 3♠, Duboin managed to set up a cross ruff which he executed beautifully to score 10 tricks and win another 10 imps

The next few boards were pushed with team FII getting 3 imps on one of them. Then came this board

Board 9. Dealer North. EW Vul.

	♠ 76	
	♥ 7652	
	♦ KQ85	
	♣ J73	
♠ QJ854		♠ K10
♥ J9		♥ AKQ
♦ J10964		♦ 2
♣ 4		♣ KQ108652
	♠ A932	
	♥ 10843	
	♦ A73	
	♣ A9	

### Open Room : NS - Alpha

West	North	East	South
Jaggy	Pinaki	Sandeep	Daya
Shivdasani	Khan	Thakral	Dhaon
—	Pass	1♣	Dbl
1♠	2♥	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

In the open room, after Pinaki's heart bid, Daya Dhaon led a heart. Sandeep played 2 rounds of spades and successfully finessed the club Jack. Unfortunately for Alpha, they could not see the diamond hole and when South backed another heart, it was all over. Team FII scored +660.

To add insult to injury, the following auction took place in the other room.

### Closed Room : NS - FII

West	North	East	South
Aniruddha	Phillippe	Dipak	Giorgio
Bhattacharya	Cronier	Santra	Duboin
—	Pass	1♣	Dbl
1♠	2♥	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♦	4♣	All Pass

After the 3 Diamond bid, there was no point in risking 3 NT, so Dipak Santra bid Four Clubs. After a heart lead, Dipak made no attempt to enter dummy for the club finesse and so went 1 down to give FII another 13 imps.

All in all a thumping session for FII who ended up leading 94 -75 after the session

## The Use of Screens



The majority of club directors and players will never have a need to understand the mechanics of screen play. Screens do, however engender a certain fascination in the average player; hence this contribution should hopefully satisfy both the studious and the curious.

Screens are devices used in high-level tournaments that visually separate partners at the table from each other. Their purpose is to reduce the accidental exchange of unauthorized information and to otherwise generally limit the amount of extra-curricular interaction within each partnership. A screen usually comprises a panel made of wood, plastic or sometimes canvas placed diagonally across the table in such a fashion so that North/East and South/West are screen mates. The board is placed in the middle of a movable tray. There is a small aperture in the centre and a narrow slit at the base of the barrier. Screens usually also extend under the table to the floor forming a barrier running diagonally between the table legs.

The screen aperture is closed during the bidding and calls are made with the cards from a bidding box. A player places his selected call on the bidding tray, which is visible only on that player's side of the screen. After the two players on the same side of the screen have made their calls, North or South (as the case may be) slides the bidding tray under the barrier so that it becomes visible to the players on the other side. They in turn make their calls and the bidding tray is slid back again. This procedure continues until the auction has been completed.

After the opening lead is faced, the aperture is opened sufficiently such that all the players may see the dummy and the cards played to each trick. The size of the opening is not however large enough to enable anyone to see their partner's face.

An event with screens should be played in virtual silence. The only verbal communication permitted across the screen is when declarer calls for a card from dummy. Otherwise non-verbal interactions are restricted to those between opponents on the same side of the screen. This means that the normal procedures associated with Alerts and explanations are replaced with a process whereby a player not only alerts and explains the meaning of his partner's calls but he also has to alert and explain his own actions to the opponent on his side of the screen.

A player may at any time during the auction, ask in writing for an explanation of an opponent's call and the screen-mate must respond in writing. Any questions during the play period must also be made with the screen aperture closed; again both the question and the answer must be written. Failure to observe the requirements for written questions and responses constitutes an offence subject to penalty. All communication through the screen as to the

meanings and explanations of bids is expressly forbidden until the end of the play.

One of major complaints of players regarding screens is that they reduce the social dimension of the game because they limit all communication to just the cards played - of course that is the very purpose of screens! Screen procedure also slows down the game. The standard rate of play using screens is 8.5-9.0 minutes per board, instead of the more usual 7.0-7.5 minutes.

Screened tables require more floor space and are more difficult to assemble. They can also be expensive to obtain in sufficient quantities to cater for medium to large entry events and for these reasons their use is often limited to National and International events.

Most players however enjoy using screens, since there are fewer distractions and many of the problems normally encountered when playing face-to-face disappear when a screen is placed between the members of a partnership. Many of the laws relating to bidding infractions are no longer operable in a screened environment. Calls out of rotation and insufficient bids (providing they have not been transmitted to the other side of the screen) can simply be removed from the bidding tray and replaced (without penalty) by a legal call. This is because the players on the other side of the screen ultimately receive only the corrected auction and thus have no knowledge of any prior infraction.

The problems associated with breaks in tempo are also reduced, since it is often quite difficult for a player to know in a contested auction whether it was his partner or the opponent who hesitated. Conversely the likelihood of a player mis-explaining the meaning of a call does increase since every player now has to correctly explain not only their partner's calls, but also their own. This is where the written evidence of the questions asked and the answers given becomes very useful to the Director. In international events when players of different nationalities compete, written documentation becomes almost essential, especially when a dispute arises between those for whom English is only a second language.

Screens have very little relevance to club play, however for anyone who aspires to represent either their State or Country a basic working knowledge of their operation is a necessity. Screens have now been used at important bridge events for more than 40 years, but until someone invents a better method of minimising the transfer of unauthorised information at the table, they will continue to be an integral part of the fabric of higher-level competition.

# THE BEAUTY AND THE BEST

When Arjuna hit the fish's eye, who was more elated. Dronacharya or Arjuna himself? When in the Match Point Pairs Elim I, Akanksha Vyas, of Jaipur, a relative new comer to bridge, executed a back wash squeeze of sorts, her partner, and also her mentor, P.Shridhar, came beaming ear to ear, presenting her dazzling play. A case of the beauty and the best? *Shridhar, it this a typo? Go figure.*

Here's what happened:

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

	♠ J9743		♠ AKQT2
	♥ 85		♥ KJ3
	♦ 85		♦ AJ43
	♣ J1052		♣ 4
♠ 8		♠ 65	
♥ A764		♥ QT92	
♦ KT96		♦ Q72	
♣ Q963		♣ AK87	

West	North	East	South
Sridhar		Akanksha	
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dbf
Rdbl	2♣	Pass*	Pass
Dbf	Pass	3♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

\* Forcing

Defending against 6 Diamonds, South led the club Ace and partner showed him an even number of clubs. Knowing Declarer had a singleton and with tenaces in the red suits, he played a spade to the 8-Jack- Ace.

Akanksha, pitched a heart on the spade king and continued with the spade queen. South was immediately in trouble. If he discarded, the declarer would pitch dummies clubs. Hence, he ruffed. Declarer over ruffed in Dummy, returned to hand with a club ruff and played the spade ten catching him in the same quandary. He unfortunately had to ruff

again. Once again, Dummy over ruffed leading to this situation.

	♠ 9		♠ 2
	♥ 85		♥ KJ3
	♦ 85		♦ AJ
	♣ J		♣ –
♠ –		♠ –	
♥ A76		♥ QT92	
♦ KT		♦ Q	
♣ Q		♣ K	

In Dummy, declarer led a trump to the diamond Ace felling South's queen, ruffed his last spade in dummy, returned to his hand with a heart to his King and played the last trump . West, down to doubleton heart queen and the club king had to make a pitch. If he lets go the club king, its sets up the Dummy, while letting go a heart sets up the heart jack in her hand. South was squeezed in spades and clubs to give declarer +1370. Nicely Done!



Akanksha Vyas

## The Wheeler Dealers



The Dealing Room Team : Chetan Raval, Sharmistha Raval, Bansi Gupta, S. R. C. Sekar, Vikram Singh, Jolly Bose

## Live Action - Team BBO



Pramod Samant, Sudip Mahato, Meenal Thakur, Soumik Mitra and Rabindra Bhawe



# IBPA AWARDS - YOUTH

The International Bridge Press Association (IBPA) Awards, the Oscars of Bridge, have taken to promoting young stars in a big way, by having a special category for them - **YOUTH**. The monies involved are \$ 5000 for the Winners and \$ 2500 for the writer. A welcome sweetener indeed.

## NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

### Biting The Bait

**Alexi Aalto, Finland (Defence)**

*(Kees Tammens, Netherlands)*

Christophe Oursel, the French coach, reported a pretty coup executed by Aleksi Aalto of the Finnish Youngsters team.

France Vs Finland

Board 7. Dealer South. Both Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
Sammalisto	Fragola	Aalto	Dufrene
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2♣ <sup>2</sup>
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass

1. 15-17

2. Check-back Stayman

West led the jack of clubs. Declarer won with the ace and continued with the queen of diamonds to the ace, followed by the queen of clubs to the king. Declarer disposed of his losing club on the king of diamonds and carried on with a low spade to the queen and ace. West played the ten of clubs, North following suit, and East... ?

Without any hesitation, Aalto discarded a heart! If he had ruffed, the deal would have been over. A losing heart would have disappeared on that trick and the other heart would have gone on the jack of diamonds. However, after Aalto's defence, declarer had a tricky decision in the trump suit. When he played a spade to the ten, East made his trump trick after all, with a heart still to come, for down one.

That defence won Finland 12 IMPs.

*(Not ruffing with the jack, created a losing option for the declarer. Alexi was duly rewarded, when declarer bit the bait, and finessed West for the Spade jack-Ed)*

### Promoting Oneself

**Julien Bernard France (Defence)**

*(Venit, Vidit, Vincit' - Kees Tammens, Netherlands)*

On the following deal, Julien Bernard of France found an excellent defence to defeat a four-heart game contract.

Dealer North. Neither Vul.

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

West	North	East	South
—	1♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Bernard, West, led his singleton club. Declarer took the ace of clubs and three top spades to dispose of the two clubs from South. Declarer had arrived at an interesting moment – should he play a diamond from dummy to the king, or the jack of spades to see what happens? The latter was the winning move: East ruffs with the ten of hearts and South overruffs with the jack and plays the ace and queen of hearts for the loss of just one trump trick and two diamonds. In real life, declarer played a diamond to his king; West won with the ace and crossed to East's queen of diamonds for a club play. Declarer ruffed with the nine of hearts and West rightfully discarded a diamond. Declarer played the ace and queen of hearts to West's king. Bernard exited with his last spade, and when East was able to produce the ten of hearts, that card uppercut the jack of hearts to promote the eight in West for down one.

*(Julien, got the spot cards in trumps spot on, when, his partner duly produced the heart ten, thereby promoting a trick for himself with the lowly eight of trumps. Tres Bon!-Ed)*

**Table Presence / A Woman's Instinct**  
**Clementsson, Sweden (Declarer Play)**  
*(Mark Horton U.K.)*

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♥ Q J 9 5 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♦ 9 6 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♣ J 9 6 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ K Q 5 4 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♥ 8 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♦ A Q 10 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♣ K 8</p>
<p>♠ A 9</p> <p>♥ A K 7 6</p> <p>♦ K J</p> <p>♣ A 7 5 3 2</p>	<p>♠ J 10 7 6 3</p> <p>♥ 10 4</p> <p>♦ 8 7 5 3</p> <p>♣ Q 10</p>

West	North	East	South
Ekenberg	Karakolev	Clementsson	Mitovska
—	—	—	Pass
2♣ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2♥ <sup>2</sup>	Pass
2♠ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	2NT <sup>4</sup>	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT <sup>5</sup>	Pass
5♦ <sup>6</sup>	Pass	6NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. 20-21 balanced or game forcing
2. 4+ spades
3. Balanced
4. Enquiry
5. RKCB
6. 0 or 3 key cards

Two spades accepted the spade transfer and showed a balanced hand in context. A series of natural bids at the three level, control-bids at the four level and Roman Key Card Blackwood led to the superior slam.

South led the ten of hearts. Declarer won with dummy's ace, overtook the jack of diamonds with the queen and played the two of spades. When South followed with the three, declarer put in dummy's nine(!) and had 12 tricks. This was the only table where a slam was made. I daresay that, at the other tables, declarer started with two rounds of spades, intending to claim as long as the suit was no worse than 4-2, and then fell back on a 3-3 club break. That was probably declarer's intention here, but I am informed that she noticed an almost imperceptible flicker when she played the spade. Even had the nine of spades lost to the ten or jack, Clementsson would have been no worse off than the other declarers.

At the other table, declarer won the heart lead, cashed the

ace of spades and led another, getting the bad news; minus 100 and minus 17 IMPs.

**Following In The Footsteps**  
**Kevin Rosenberg, USA, (Defence)**  
*(Hurts So Good - John Hurd, USA)*

Although it is always nice to be able to have played the deals where the great plays occur, sometimes you can receive more of a challenge when you don't know the deals. Take this board from the final of the Platinum Pairs...

Board 8. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

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

♠ J 10  
 ♥ K 10 8 7 6  
 ♦ A 10 7 6  
 ♣ K 7

Here, you reach four hearts from the South seat:

West	North	East	South
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

South showed his 2=5=4=2 shape and admitted that he would cooperate with a slam venture over three spades, rejected by North. As declarer, you win the club lead in dummy and have to decide how to play trumps. At the table, declarer, Hurd, led a low heart from the board, took the queen with the king, then ran the eight of hearts. This was the full deal:

<p style="text-align: center;">♠ A Q 8 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♥ J 5 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♦ K Q 4 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♣ A 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ 5 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♥ A Q 9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♦ J 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♣ Q J 8 6 5 2</p>
<p>♠ K 9 7 6 4</p> <p>♥ 4 3</p> <p>♦ 9 8 5</p> <p>♣ 9 4 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">♠ J 10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♥ K 10 8 7 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♦ A 10 7 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♣ K 7</p>

When Kevin Rosenberg made the nine, he not only had a brilliancy prize entry, but the admiration of his opponents, Hurd and Jeff Meckstroth, and partner David Gold!  
*(Kevin is the son of the legendary bridge player, Mike Rosenberg)*

## Gr8 To Be Eight Tuana Altun, Turkey (Defence) (Süleyman Kolata, Istanbul)

At the 20<sup>th</sup> Iskenderun Bridge Festival Hatay, Turkey, you are playing in the Swiss Teams and hold this hand:

Board 30. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

♠ Q 8 5  
♥ A  
♦ J 7 6 5 4 3  
♣ 7 5 4

The bidding has gone:

West	North	East	South
Tuana	Sinan	Toygar T.	Mehmet Ali
Altun	Seyfittinoglu	Altun	Kuru
—	—	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

What do you lead?

The killing lead was found by Tuana Altun, an eight-year-old girl playing with her brother, Toygar Tuncay Altun.

Tuana led a club. Then, when she regained the lead with the ace of hearts, she led another club. Her brother ruffed the second club to put the contract one down.

This was the full deal:

♠ Q 8 5 ♥ A ♦ J 7 6 5 4 3 ♣ 7 5 4	♠ 9 7 2 ♥ Q 9 3 ♦ A K Q ♣ Q 10 8 6  ♠ J 10 6 4 ♥ 10 7 5 2 ♦ 10 9 8 2 ♣ J  ♠ A K 3 ♥ K J 8 6 4 ♦ — ♣ A K 9 3 2
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That represented an 11-IMP gain for their team.

When her dad asked Tuana about her lead and continuation of a club after winning with her ace of hearts, Tuana replied: "I knew from the bidding that the opponents held a lot of clubs. I thought my partner was likely to ruff the first trick. He did not ruff the first trick, but I was sure he was going to ruff on the second round, so I played another club without hesitation."

*(Guess it's Gr8 to be 8-Ed)*

## Esoteric And Exotic Spinkhuisen & Mendes, Netherlands (Bidding) (Aarnout Helmich, Netherlands)

Perhaps the best-known player in the tournament is the Dutch junior, Guillermo Pedro Herman Maria Mendes de León, Guy to his friends.

At most tables, the bidding went Pass-Pass-One Club-Pass-One Heart-Pass-Two Notrump-Pass-Three Notrump-All Pass. No West could find any other bid than three notrump, because three clubs wouldn't have been natural. However, Mendes and his partner Thibo Sprinkhausen showed that, with some esoteric agreements, bidding slams can be much easier.

Round 5. Board 12. Dealer West. NS Vul.

♠ Q J 8 ♥ 7 5 4 ♦ Q 8 7 5 4 ♣ 8 4  ♠ 2 ♥ 10 9 6 2 ♦ K 2 ♣ A J 9 7 6 2	♠ A 7 5 4 ♥ A K ♦ A 9 6 ♣ K 10 5 3  ♠ K 10 9 6 3 ♥ Q J 8 3 ♦ J 10 3 ♣ Q
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West	North	East	South
Sprinkhuisen		Mendes de León	
Pass	Pass	1♣ <sup>1</sup>	Pass
1♥ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	2♦ <sup>3</sup>	Pass
2NT <sup>4</sup>	Pass	3♣ <sup>5</sup>	Pass
3♠ <sup>6</sup>	Pass	4♦ <sup>7</sup>	Pass
4♠ <sup>8</sup>	Pass	4NT <sup>9</sup>	Pass
5♦ <sup>10</sup>	Pass	5♠ <sup>11</sup>	Pass
6♦ <sup>12</sup>	Pass	7♣ <sup>13</sup>	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. 2+ clubs, forcing
2. 7+ HCP, natural, could have longer diamonds
3. Either (i) 18-20 balanced or (ii) natural (16+)
4. 4 hearts and 6 clubs/diamonds
5. Relay
6. 4 hearts and 6 clubs
7. Club slam try (4}would have agreed hearts)
8. Spade control, no heart control
9. Asks for key cards
10. 1 key card
11. Grand slam try, stronger than 5NT
12. King of diamonds
13. This should be easy

Mendes knew it would be an excellent grand, as he could ruff dummy's heart losers in hand. A well-deserved 14 IMPs to the Netherlands when the other table ended up in three notrump.

*(A finely tuned partnership, they knew their onions and tulips.-Ed)*



# PRE QUARTER FINAL RESULTS - GOLD

Table : 1

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
<b>K1 Plus</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Bedis</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>75</b>

**K1 Plus** Ivan Nanev, Vladimir Mihov, Rossen Gunev, Julian Stefanov, Marta Nikolava

**Bedis** Ram Avatar Agrawal, Avijit Sarkar, Tusher Bedi, Gopinath Manna, Mukund Jagannathan, Kamal Naguri

Table : 2

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
<b>South Sweden</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>Pentagon</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>117</b>

**South Sweden** Alon Apteker, Craig Gower, Sven-Are Bjerregard, Anders Morath

**Pentagon** Bibas Todi, Ajay Kumar Bagadia, Satyabrata Lahiri, Mrinal Kanti Mukherjee, Sowmik Das

Table : 3

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
<b>Team Russia</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Cogito</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>92</b>

**Team Russia** Andrey Gromov, Anna Gulevich, Dmitry Rogov, Aleksandr Dubinin, Yury Khiuppenen, Vadim Kholomeev

**Cogito** Joyjit Sensarma, Andrey Purushottam, Natasha Khandheria, Jitesh Agrawal, B V S Prajwal

Table : 4

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
<b>Hemant Jalan</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>132</b>
<b>Poddar Housing</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>113</b>

**Hemant Jalan** Hemant K Jalan, Sandip Datta, Kaustabh Nandi, Kaustubh Milind Bendre, Sayantan Kushari, Sagnik Roy

**Poddar Housing** Dipak K Poddar, Jitendra J Solani, Anal B Shah, Subhash A Dhakras, Milind P. Athavale, Subir Majumdar

Table : 5

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
<b>Eager Eagles (5.5 C/O)</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>53.5</b>
<b>Don Julio</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>134</b>

**Eager Eagles** Hema Deora, Subrata Saha, Ramaratnam Krishnan, Jyotindra M Shah, Ramaratnam Venkatesh, Arvind Srinivasan

**Don Julio** Corey Krantz, Julius Sigurjonsson, Radu Nistor, Raluca Elena Dobrescu, Lulian Rotaru

# PRE QUARTER FINAL RESULTS - GOLD

Contd.

Table : 6

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
<b>C B C</b>	19	11	32	16	83
<b>H Narasimhan</b>	25	21	13	52	111

**C B C** Sankar Narayan Ghosh, Swapan Some, Swapan Kumar De, Suresh Ranjan Bhattacharyya, Uday Ghoshal

**H Narasimhan** Hansa Narasimhan, Ron Smith, Carlos Pellegrini, Luc Tijssen, Veri Kiljan

Table : 7

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
<b>Alpha</b>	21	46	8	26	101
<b>FII</b>	24	34	36	59	153

**Alpha** Daya Dhaon, Deepak Santra, Pinaki Prasad Khan, Prasun Kumar Mukherjee, Aniruddha Bhattacharya

**FII** Subhash Gupta, Sunit Choksi, Jaggy B Shivdasani, Sandeep Thakral, Philippe Cronier, Giorgio Duboin

Table : 8

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
<b>Monika Jajoo</b>	17	55	36	37	145
<b>Formidables</b>	52	35	35	34	156

**Monika Jajoo** Monica Jajoo, Rana Roy, Biswajit Poddar, Samir Basak, Somesh Bhattacharya

**Formidables** Kiran Nadar, Bachiraju Satyanarayana, Rajeshwar Tewari, Keyzad Anklesaria, Sumit Mukherjee, Debabrata Majumder

## Quarter Finalists

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Vs

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**Hemant Jalan**

Vs

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**Don Julio**

# PRE QUARTER FINAL RESULTS - SILVER

Table : 1

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
I-Doctors (14 C/O)	26	56	41	21	158
Five Diamonds	21	21	20	17	79

**I-Doctors** Rajul R Dalal, Ashok Bhavnani, Deven Doshi, Gurmit Singh Chadha, Shrikant B Tembey  
**Five Diamonds** Bholanath Dash, Surinder Kumar, Kaushik Mukherjee, Angsuman Acharya, A Acharya

Table : 2

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
ICSA Group	21	24	60	26	131
PBA	14	34	17	25	90

**ICSA Group** S Vijayraghavan, Sandeep Dang, Afshar Majeed, V Ramkumar, Kannan Krishnamurthy, G Rajagopal  
**PBA** K R Lakhanpal, Gur Iqbal Singh, S P Sharma, Russell Lyall

Table : 3

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Hope N Prey	23	34	24	60	141
Mukta Dhara	17	26	10	6	59

**Hope N Prey** Asha Sharma, Puja Batra, Mukesh Shivdasani, Sunil Bhatia, Vijay K Goenka  
**Mukta Dhara** Rabi Sankar Roychowdhury, Subrata Chatterjee, Dipankar Sengupta, Achin Home Chowdhury, Subrata Das, Sunil Kumar Majumder

Table : 4

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Dazzle (8 C/O)	20	28	16	36	118
Team Saju	41	25	64	14	144

**Dazzle** Hemant Pande, Rohit Mishra, Sunil Patki, Ajay Kumar Singh, Abhay Todankar, Anand Golwalkar  
**Team Saju** Manik Alam, Bulu Saha, Ayan Chatterjee, Sabyasachi Sadhukhan, Md Sahajahan

Table : 5

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Pradeep	14	22	24	57	117
Captain's IV	30	19	8	10	67

**Pradeep** Sukalyan Sarkar, Rajendra Sirohia, Goutam Pore, Binod Kumar Shaw, Pijus Kanti Baroi, Pradeep Goenka  
**Captain's IV** Manoranjan Giri, Dipak Kumar Paul, Punya Kirti Das Sharma, Goutam Mukherjee, Biswajit Dutta, Pradip Mondal



# PRE QUARTER FINAL RESULTS - SILVER *Contd.*

Table : 6

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
<b>Chandannagar C</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>S Roy's IV</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>83</b>

**Chandannagar C** Bimal Majumdar (**Captain**), Sujit Kumar Sur, Hironmoy Banerjee, Kajal Pal, Tapan Choudhury, Nirmal Kumar Das

**S Roy's IV** Subhasis Roy, Dipak Sarkar, Probhat Kumar Roy, Sanjib Ganguly, Bhola Nath Ghosh, Tapas Chandra Bose

Table : 7

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
<b>Setu</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Amol</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>107</b>

**Setu** Priyotosh Sarkar, Asis Tosh, Partha Sarathi Mukherjee, Prasanta Bera, Kishore Kumar Ganguly, Sourendra Nath Chakraborty

**Amol** Amol Deshmukh, U V Athavale, V Ravichandran, V Chandrasekhar, Sampath Srinivasan, Ajoy Sonak

Table : 8

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
<b>Jiya</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Invincible</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>116</b>

**Jiya** Sujan Chowdhury, Arun Kumar Majhi, Chandan Kumar Mitra, Biswadip Roy, Partha Banerjee, Anirban Sarkar

**Invincible** Savleen Thadani, Santanu Ghosh, Sukanta Das, Tapas Kumar Roy, Indranil Chakraborty, Bhaskar Sarkar

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**Chandannagar C**

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**Team Saju**

**Vs**

Table : 5

**Pradeep**

## QUARTER FINAL RESULTS - BRONZE

Table : 1

Team	Carry Over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Total
<b>Galaxy</b>	7.5	0	21	12	40.5
<b>Shiva</b>	-	45	28	21	94

**Galaxy** Shiv Shankar Gupta, Subhash Prakash Mehta, Ram Pal Rehan, Om Prakash, G L Tandon  
**Shiva** S Srinivasan, Abishek Mitra, Abhijit Pal, Arup Kumar Hudait, Animesh Majumder, Ramkumar H

Table : 2

Team	Carry Over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Total
<b>Pink Panther</b>	-	2	22	18	42
<b>Ms. KC</b>	-	9	35	33	77

**Pink Panther** Truptesh Patel, Mohit Sadarangani, Manjusha Yadav, Sudhangshu Haldar  
**Ms KC** Maheswar Pradhan, Sankarsan Behera, Kartik Chandra Senapati, Chittaranjan Mohapatra

Table : 3

Team	Carry Over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Total
<b>Apanjan</b>	5	24	34	39	102
<b>Unpredictables</b>	-	12	36	34	82

**Apanjan** Gourav Biswas, Gautam Biswas, Suman Routh, Samir Bhattacharya, Ashok Dey  
**Unpredicables** Vipul Jain, Subashish Gope, Kapil Mahajan, Manju Bhasin, Chand Vir, R K Gupta

Table : 4

Team	Carry Over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Total
<b>Iris</b>	-	18	9	37	64
<b>Antus 4</b>	-	16	36	40	92

**Iris** Anirudh Jain, Renu Agarwal, Asha Mohan, Sukh Dev Gupta, Kanwarjit Singh, V K Raina  
**Antus 4** Arup Kumar Nag, Jayanta Chowdhury, Salil Mondal, Debabrata Ray

## SEMI FINAL RESULTS - BRONZE

Table : 1

Team	Carry Over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Total
<b>Shiva</b>	1.67	26	20	15	62.67
<b>Antus 4</b>	-	21	7	29	57

**Shiva** S Srinivasan, Abishek Mitra, Abhijit Pal, Arup Kumar Hudait, Animesh Majumder, Ramkumar H

**Antus 4** Arup Kumar Nag, Jayanta Chowdhury, Salil Mondal, Debabrata Ray

Table : 2

Team	Carry Over	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Total
<b>Ms KC</b>	-	20	30	0	50
<b>Apanjan</b>	4.5	27	28	51	110.5

**Ms KC** Maheswar Pradhan, Sankarsan Behera, Kartik Chandra Senapati, Chittaranjan Mohapatra  
**Apanjan** Gourav Biswas, Gautam Biswas, Suman Routh, Samir Bhattacharya, Ashok Dey

# MP PAIRS ELIMINATION - 1

Rank	Players	Match Points	Score %	Rank	Players	Match Points	Score %
1	A K Mishra & Lyn Nazareth	3,613.8	62.54	31	Sukamal Das & Pranab Roy	3,293.1	56.99
2	Suman Sengupta & Kamal Krishna Mukherjee	3,549.4	61.43	32	Somnath Mitra & Apurba Bhattacharjee	3,293.1	56.99
3	Hasibul Hasan & Swapan Kumar Ghosh	3,514.8	60.83	33	Ravi Goenka & Ashis Malhotra	3,291.7	56.97
4	Soumya Das & Anindya Bhattacharya	3,510.2	60.75	34	Arnab Ghosh & Amitava Banerjee	3,291.0	56.96
5	Abhijit Chakraborty & Satyabrata Mukherjee	3,488.4	60.37	35	Padmanabhan Sridharan & Akanksha Vyas	3,280.0	56.77
6	Pranab Bardhan & Shibnath De Sarkar	3,485.0	60.32	36	Bhabesh Saha & Shambhu Nath Ghosh	3,278.8	56.75
7	Sapan Desai & Animesh Raj	3,474.2	60.13	37	Ibrat Khan & Puneet Gangal	3,274.7	56.67
8	Anindra Kumar Sarkar & Souvik Kar	3,466.2	59.99	38	Syed Zahid Sajjad & Md Habib	3,273.9	56.66
9	Arun Kumar Sinha & S M Moin	3,460.6	59.89	39	Basant K & Anurag Mohota	3,269.9	56.59
10	Manas Mukherjee & Alok Daga	3,458.2	59.85	40	Kingshuk Bhattacharya & R Sreekrishnan	3,266.5	56.53
11	G Venkatesh & Anil P Padhye	3,418.9	59.17	41	K K Sabherwal & Balkrishna N Parasrampurua	3,263.3	56.48
12	Joyrup Mullick & Aritra Bhattacharya	3,415.2	59.11	42	Joy Narayan Roy & Debashis Bose	3,261.2	56.44
13	Mrinal De & Birendra Nath Dey	3,402.1	58.88	43	Pramod S Joshi & C P Deshpande	3,261.2	56.44
14	Koushik Mukherjee & Nirmal Kumar Jain	3,392.8	58.72	44	Amar Nath Banerjee & Raghunath P Tripathi	3,256.8	56.37
15	J V Ramana Murthy & Shankar Lal Sharma	3,382.6	58.54	45	Debasish Ray & Pritish Kushari	3,251.2	56.27
16	Ravindra Amritkar & P K Das	3,381.4	58.52	46	Surendra Nath Kar & Aviram Rout	3,247.9	56.21
17	Raju Tolani & Ajay P Khare	3,364.1	58.22	47	K Divakara Reddy & Mohan Gurunath S	3,242.2	56.11
18	Sanjit Dey & Bhaskar Kumar Ganguly	3,361.0	58.17	48	R Chandramohan & Prabhat Kumar Gupta	3,237.7	56.03
19	Ashok Kumar Goel & K R Venkataraman	3,343.9	57.87	49	Prakash G Hegde & Rajeev Gulavani	3,237.3	56.03
20	Nitin Shah & Makrand N Kulkarni	3,339.3	57.79	50	Biplab Kumar Das & Biswarup Biswas	3,237.1	56.02
21	Anil Tikare & Amod C Rele	3,335.8	57.73	51	Rajendra Gokhale & Arun Bahulkar	3,233.1	55.96
22	Pradip Ghosh & Tanmoy Majumder	3,334.5	57.71	52	Daniel Vikor & Chiranjib Ballav	3,210.7	55.57
23	Keshav Sakharam Samant & Vinay Desai	3,334.2	57.71	53	R G Bhiwandkar & R Sridharan	3,208.0	55.52
24	Ambrish Wadera & Sunil Kumar Sinha	3,324.7	57.54	54	Pallab Roy & Soumitra Das	3,194.1	55.28
25	Ravi Raman & Subhash Bhavnani	3,320.3	57.46	55	Ranga Khadloya & Ajit B Chakradeo	3,191.9	55.24
26	N R Kirubakaramoorthy & Uttam Swarup Gupta	3,317.2	57.41	56	Girish Hirode & Darshan Patel	3,188.3	55.18
27	Sujit Basu & Anirban Sasmal	3,302.2	57.15	57	Ganeswar Nayak & J Pratihari	3,187.3	55.16
28	Akhauri Prabhat Kumar & R P Narain	3,301.2	57.13	58	Sajal Pal & Anup Kumar Mahajan	3,177.8	55
29	Badal Das & Partho Sarathi Mukherjee	3,300.9	57.13	59	Bhalender Singh Nayyar & Ujjwal Gupta	3,176.5	54.98
30	Sudeep Bhattacharjee & Naba Jyoti Sharma	3,299.4	57.1	60	Ranjan Bose & Sibopriya Ghosh	3,173.4	54.92



# MP PAIRS ELIMINATION - 1

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Rank	Players	Match Points	Score %	Rank	Players	Match Points	Score %
61	Arabinda Roy & Paban Agarwal	3,170.6	54.87	91	Dilip Mistry & Raju Santra	3,056.6	52.9
62	Prakash & Anirudh Eswaran	3,170.1	54.86	92	Subhajit Choudhury & Avik Roy	3,049.6	52.78
63	Peeracha Suriya & Somchai Rungsathit	3,156.5	54.63	93	Moti N & Sheelu N Thadani	3,044.7	52.69
64	Sameer Roy & Arun J Puranik	3,151.2	54.54	94	Archie R D Sequeira & Ian Concessio	3,043.1	52.67
65	Himani & Rajeev Khandelwal	3,150.6	54.53	95	M A Quddus & Md. Fazlul Haque	3,025.9	52.37
66	Vijay Kumar & P C Gupta	3,149.1	54.5	96	Chhaya Gandhi & Anshu Agarwal	3,012.8	52.14
67	Montu Mukherjee & R Roy	3,145.4	54.44	97	K P Mathur & Narendra Kumar Sharma	3,011.2	52.12
68	Neeraj & Sanjeev Kumra	3,141.3	54.37	98	Md. Zahid Hossain & Md A R Chowdhury	3,011.0	52.11
69	Gautam Chattopadhyay & Tapas Das	3,139.7	54.34	99	R Anbazhagan & Aparna Sain	3,008.5	52.07
70	Parimal Das & Krishna Kumar Goenka	3,139.1	54.33	100	Bijon Kumar Mondal & Tapan Kumar Roy	3,006.3	52.03
71	Shailendra Handa & Ashish Kr Vishwakarma	3,133.9	54.24	101	Sanat Banerjee & Bamapada Dhibar	2,998.4	51.89
72	Pawan Mediratta & Vijay Ranchan	3,131.8	54.2	102	Dhruba Dey & Dipankar Acharjee	2,988.4	51.72
73	Prakash Bhandari & Ramkrishna Majumder	3,130.2	54.17	103	T V Ramani & Arvind Vaidya	2,987.4	51.7
74	B S Bedi & P K Aggarwal	3,123.5	54.06	104	Jeroo Mango & Ivan Alphonso	2,984.1	51.65
75	Santanu Chakraborty & Pallab Sinha Roy	3,117.0	53.95	105	Sandeep N Karmarkar & S K Iyengar	2,982.0	51.61
76	Basudeb Bhattacharya & C. S. Majumdar	3,115.7	53.92	106	Manjit Oberai & Sheetal Bansal	2,981.3	51.6
77	R P Shivhare & Kanwal Dhody	3,113.7	53.89	107	Baneet Kumar Malhotra & Navneet Swaika	2,978.9	51.56
78	K V Vahalia & Satish G Diwanji	3,107.1	53.77	108	Vinay Mohan Lal & Vijay Deshpande	2,978.5	51.55
79	D Sudhanand & V L N Rao	3,105.7	53.75	109	Chunni Lal Arora & Kamleshwar Rai	2,973.6	51.46
80	Namit Sharma & Alok Kumar	3,103.8	53.72	110	Mitresh Manu & Ajay Kumar Saha	2,973.5	51.46
81	Madhav A Kshirsagar & Shirish Karkarey	3,099.0	53.63	111	Asok Jose Lean & Shantanu Rastogi	2,970.8	51.42
82	P B G Tilak & G Veerabhadra Rao	3,094.4	53.56	112	D K Tewari & J B Sengupta	2,970.6	51.41
83	Pankaj Mehta & Dinesh C Biswas	3,083.0	53.36	113	Rahul Shetty & Mahesh Rohera	2,969.8	51.4
84	Md Alaiddin & Hasan Al Banna	3,070.5	53.14	114	Inderjeet Singh & M K Saxena	2,966.8	51.35
85	Arun Jain & Gopika Tandan	3,064.3	53.03	115	Bhavana & Sailesh Parikh	2,965.4	51.32
86	Manthaneer & Supote Yaisawang	3,063.0	53.01	116	Sudhir K Agrawal & Asha Surana	2,958.1	51.2
87	Siba Prasad Ghosh & Alope Dutta	3,062.7	53.01	117	Ram Prakash & R K Bhatnagar	2,956.2	51.16
88	B. R. Choudhury & Tapan Kr Bhattacharya	3,058.7	52.94	118	Swarnendu Banerjee & B Prabhakar	2,952.1	51.09
89	V Balakrishna Rao & M S Srinivas	3,058.6	52.94	119	Vinay Sharma & B C Pendse	2,948.6	51.03
90	Arun M Bapat & Maneesh Bahuguna	3,058.1	52.93	120	Sanjay Bagaria & Jay Kumar Majumdar	2,946.1	50.99

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### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

#### AUGUST 08, 2019 THURSDAY TEAM OF FOUR EVENTS

KO - QF (4x14 Boards)	GOLD TEAM & SILVER TEAM	KO FINAL (4 x 12 Boards)	BRONZE TEAM
Session - 1	1000 – 1200 Hrs.	Session - 1	1015 – 1155 Hrs.
Session - 2	1215 – 1415 Hrs.	Session - 2	1210 – 1350 Hrs.
<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1415 – 1515 Hrs.</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1350 – 1450 Hrs.</b>
Session - 3	1515 – 1715 Hrs.	Session - 3	1450 – 1630 Hrs.
<b>Tea Break</b>	<b>1715 – 1745 Hrs.</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	<b>1630 – 1700 Hrs.</b>
Session - 4	1745 – 1945 Hrs.	Session - 4	1700 – 1840 Hrs.

OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION – 2 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)		MP PAIRS STRATA II (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each)	
Session - 1	1030 – 1300 Hrs.	Session - 1	1100 – 1415 Hrs.
<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1300 – 1400 Hrs.</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1415 – 1515 Hrs.</b>
Session - 2	1400 – 1630 Hrs.	Session - 2	1515 – 1830 Hrs.
<b>Tea Break</b>	<b>1630 – 1700 Hrs.</b>		
Session - 3	1700 – 1930 Hrs.		

#### AUGUST 09, 2019 FRIDAY

TEAMS : GOLD & SILVER KO SF (4 * 14 Boards)		OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIM. – 3 & IMP PAIRS – ELIM. (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)	
Session - 1	1000 – 1200 Hrs.	Session - 1	1030 – 1300 Hrs.
Session - 2	1215 – 1415 Hrs.	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1300 – 1400 Hrs.</b>
<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1415 – 1515 Hrs.</b>	Session - 2	1400 – 1630 Hrs.
Session - 3	1515 – 1715 Hrs.	<b>Tea Break</b>	<b>1630 – 1700 Hrs.</b>
<b>Tea Break</b>	<b>1715 – 1745 Hrs.</b>	Session - 3	1700 – 1930 Hrs.
Session - 4	1745 – 1945 Hrs.		

#### AUGUST 10, 2019 SATURDAY

TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER EVENT Final & Play-off (4 * 14 Boards)		OPEN MP PAIRS – FINAL Barometer Scoring	
Session - 1	0900 – 1100 Hrs.	Session - 1	0930 – 1300 Hrs.
Session - 2	1115 – 1315 Hrs.	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1300 – 1400 Hrs.</b>
<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1315 – 1400 Hrs.</b>	Session - 2	1400 – 1745 Hrs.
Session - 3	1400 – 1600 Hrs.		
Session - 4	1610 – 1810 Hrs.		

IMP PAIRS – FINAL (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each)		IMP PAIRS STRATA - II (2 Sessions of 22 Boards each)	
Session - 1	1000 – 1330 Hrs.	Session - 1	1030 – 1330 Hrs.
<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1330 – 1430 Hrs.</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1330 – 1430 Hrs.</b>
Session - 2	1430 – 1745 Hrs.	Session - 2	1430 – 1730 Hrs.

**1830 Hrs. onwards Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony**

#### BBO SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY AUG 08, 2019

10.00 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, Quarter Finals	Session - 1 (4 Tables)
12.15 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, Quarter Finals	Session - 2 (4 Tables)
15.15 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, Quarter Finals	Session - 3 (4 Tables)
17.45 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, Quarter Finals	Session - 4 (4 Tables)