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Texan Aces survive Amanora scare

Most of the pre-quarterfinal matches in the GOLD category went according to the formbook. Dhampur Sugar, Formidables, Rampage, and Mavericks won their matches comfortably. Texan Aces were trailing Amanora by 19 IMPs in the first set, and by 11 in the second. A thin slam brought home by Raju Tolani in the third set (see page 8) by summoning an exquisite trump coup saved the day for Texan Aces. Tornatae, MindandMatter, and 'Hope and Prey' were the other three teams to make it to the GOLD QF.

In the SILVER section, Lucky Six-Vibrant match went to the wire with LUCKY SIX winning by a 3-IMP margin. Sangam, Pradeep, Prayas, Gold Galaxy, Blitz, EISK, and Mahakal were the other teams that reached quarterfinals.

Sukamal Das-Subrata Saha top Pairs elimination followed by Kista-Arun Bapat.

A total of 197 Pairs participated in the first elimination of Match-Point Pairs. They were divided into 10 sections. After three 18-board sessions, 80 qualifiers will proceed to the second elimination. They will be joined by about 30-40 Pairs from the losing pre-quarterfinalists to make a field of ~120 Pairs.

There will be six sections in the second elimination. Three sessions of 18 boards will be played.

For those who haven't qualified for the second elimination, there is a Match-Point Strata-II event. There will be approximately 120 Pairs in Strata-II. They will be divided into six sections. The event will be played over two-session of 24 boards each.



Pre Quarter Final match, Set 1: Rampage vs Bridge24 PL

The top eight teams from the qualifiers picked up their opponents from the bottom eight. Texan Aces got to choose from 8 teams, Hope n Prey chose a team from the remaining seven and so on. More exciting and close matches were thus expected to take place on the sixth and seventh tables. Rampage and Bridge 24 PL, playing on the Vu graph as a result, did not disappoint anyone on that count. Bridge24 PL began the match with a carry over of 4 VPs thanks to their win in the direct match at Swiss league stage. The match began with a somewhat unusual result on both the tables.

Board 1, North Dealer, none Vul

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Himani Khandelwal</i>	<i>Igor Chalupec</i>	<i>Rajeev Khandelwal</i>	<i>Bartosz Chmurski</i>
	Pass	1♣	X
1♥*	2♦	2♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

*: Spades

In the open room, after P-1♣-Double beginning, Himani responded 1♥ to show Spades. North bid 2♦, East raised Spades to two, and everyone passed. In the Closed Room, the bidding was the same for first two rounds, including the transfer response of 1♥. Arvind Srinivasan persisted with a 3♦ bid and pushed the opponents to 3♠.

Closed Room

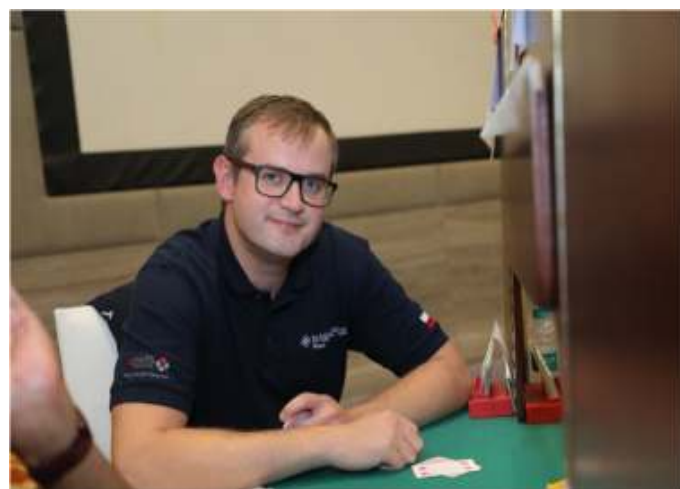
West	North	East	South
<i>Piotr Tuczynski</i>	<i>Arvind Srinivasan</i>	<i>Tomasz Sielicki</i>	<i>Ramaratnam Venkatesh</i>
	Pass	1♣	X
1♥*	2♦	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Declarer has many losers – 3 Hearts, 2 Clubs, 1 Spade, and 2 possible Diamonds on a misguess. On both the tables, South led a Club. East won, cashed ♠AK and conceded a Spade to South. South continued Clubs. North won and shifted to ♥9. When South played a small Diamond after cashing 3 Heart tricks, Rajeev Khandelwal guessed right and went just two down in 2♠ contract. In the Closed Room, Sielicki guessed wrong. He was playing in 3♠, so he went four down for a score of -200. Rampage opened their account with 3 IMPs. Note that Double Dummy, NS can make 4♥ although reasonable bidding is unlikely to get any pair there. Running Score – Bridge24 PL: 4; Rampage: 3

Board 2, East Dealer, NS Vul

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

On Board 2, both tables reached 3Nt on 24 HCP. Both North players led the ♦6. When Clubs divided 4-1, the contract was certain to go down. It went down two in the Open Room. In the Closed room, Piotr endplayed North to extract a trick for his ♥K and went one less down. 2 IMPs to Bridge24 PL. Running Score – Bridge24 PL: 6; Rampage: 3



Pre Quarter Final match, Set 1: Rampage vs Bridge24 PL *Contd.*

Board 3, South Dealer, EW Vul

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

West <i>Himani Khandelwal</i>	North <i>Igor Chalupec</i>	East <i>Rajeev Khandelwal</i>	South <i>Bartosz Chmurski</i>
Pass	Pass	3Nt	3♣
Pass	Pass		Pass

On Board 3, Rampage pairs played in 3Nt in both the room. In the Open Room, South opened 3♣, West and North passed, and Rajeev bid 3Nt. Bartosz led the ♠J to Rajeev's Queen and Rajeev played ♥ drawing ♥5 from South. The next card would decide the fate of the contract. If Rajeev played ♥9 or any small Heart for that matter, he would have made 10 tricks. If he played ♥K, he would make only six. He chose to play the King. Perhaps, if he had cashed two

top Diamonds before taking a view in Hearts, he would have discovered South's singleton Diamond and played the Heart suit in a different manner. Igor won and switched to a Club. Down three and 300 to NS.

Closed Room

West <i>Piotr Tuczynski</i>	North <i>Arvind Srinivasan</i>	East <i>Tomasz Sielicki</i>	Sout <i>Ramaratnam Venkatesh</i>
Pass	3Nt	Pass	3♣
Pass			Pass

In the Closed Room, RV (Venkatesh) opened 3♣ and Arvind bid 3Nt. That was a thoughtful bid. If South held ♣AJ or ♣AK to 7 cards, 3Nt would have been a great spot. With 17 HCP and a near-solid Diamond suit, East decided to pass (?). He led a top Diamond and cashed one more. He could have continued with another top Diamond to check if West had any particular interest, but he switched to a speculative Spade. West reluctantly covered South's Jack with King. Declarer won and played a Club. Upon winning the ♣A, Sielicki decided to cash out. Down 1, 50 to North-South. That was an eight IMP swing in favour of Bridge24 plus. Running Score – Bridge24 PL: 14; Rampage: 3

The youngest participant in the HCL International Bridge Tournament 2022 is Anshul Bhat, 13. Anshul won Gold medals for Indian team in the recently concluded World Youth Transnational Bridge Championships at Wroclaw. He also won the Gold for overall performance in the U-16 category. Here he is, partnering with his first coach Ambu, from BARC. (First From Left)



Pre Quarter Final match, Set 1: Rampage vs Bridge24 PL *Contd.*

Board 4, West Dealer, Both Vul

♠ 8763	♠ T52
♥ T75	♥ AQ9863
♦ Q64	♦ J3
♣ 932	♣ K8
♠ 4	♠ AKQJ9
♥ 2	♥ KJ4
♦ K9875	♦ AT2
♣ AQJ754	♣ T6

In the Open Room, Rajeev-Himani played in 4♥ in a 6-1 fit going down one whereas in the Closed Room, Tuczynski-Sielicki played in 3♣ making 10 tricks. Six IMPs to Bridge24 PL.

Running Score – Bridge24 PL: 29; Rampage: 3

Board 5, North Dealer, NS Vul

♠ Q9732	♠ 64
♥ 983	♥ AQJ762
♦ J7	♦ QT
♣ AT4	♣ QJ3
♠ K85	♠ AJT
♥ KT54	♥ –
♦ A943	♦ K8652
♣ 95	♣ K8762



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Himani</i>	<i>Igor</i>	<i>Rajeev</i>	<i>Bartosz</i>
<i>Khandelwal</i>	<i>Chalupec</i>	<i>Khandelwal</i>	<i>Chmurski</i>
	Pass	1♥	2Nt
3♣	X	3♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Bartosz opted for a 2Nt overcall showing minors. Himani cue bid 3♣ to invite a Game to begin with, North doubled to show his preferred minor, Rajeev rebid 3♥, and played there. After a Club lead NS cashed ♣AK and continued Clubs. Declarer lost two more tricks for +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Piotr</i>	<i>Arvind</i>	<i>Tomasz</i>	<i>Ramaratnam</i>
<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>Srinivasan</i>	<i>Sielicki</i>	<i>Venkatesh</i>
	Pass	1♥	X
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

In the Open Room, RV doubled and Tuczynski jumped to 4♥. RV tossed a coin and led a Club. Arvind won the ♣A and elected to switch to ♦J. Declarer made 10 tricks for a seven IMP gain. Running Score – Bridge24 PL: 27; Rampage: 3
Bridge24 PL gained one IMP on Board 6. Board 7 was an All-pass push board.



Pre Quarter Final match, Set 1: Rampage vs Bridge24 PL *Contd.*

Board 8, West Dealer, none Vul

♠ 84
♥ AKQJT732
♦ K
♣ 73

♠ 72 ♠ QJT
♥ 98 ♥ 654
♦ J54 ♦ A732
♣ AQJT92 ♣ K65

♠ AK9653
♥ –
♦ QT986
♣ 84

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Himani</i>	<i>Igor</i>	<i>Rajeev</i>	<i>Bartosz</i>
<i>Khandelwal</i>	<i>Chalupec</i>	<i>Khandelwal</i>	<i>Chmurski</i>
3♣	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♥	X	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Board 8 saw Rampage beginning a comeback. It was triggered by an unfortunate misunderstanding Chalupiec-Chmurski had. North thought his 4♦ was a Cue bid, South thought it was natural and raised to 5♦. Bidding catapulted to 6♥. East doubled and billed North-South for +300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Piotr</i>	<i>Arvind</i>	<i>Tomasz</i>	<i>Ramaratnam</i>
<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>Srinivasan</i>	<i>Sielicki</i>	<i>Venkatesh</i>
3♣	4♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦

Arvind overcalled 4♥ straightaway. Sielicki tried 5♣ and RV doubled but Arvind pulled to 5♥. This should have gone down one, but when Arvind pulled a small Diamond after winning the opening ♠Q lead in the Dummy, West failed to go up with the Ace. That was all Arvind needed to bring home 11 tricks. 13 IMPs to Rampage. Running Score – Bridge25 PL: 28; Rampage: 16

Board 9, South Dealer, EW Vul

♠ 75
♥ AK93
♦ JT6
♣ AJ62

♠ J8 ♠ T9642
♥ J54 ♥ 8762
♦ A97542 ♦ Q83
♣ K4 ♣ 7

♠ AKQ3
♥ QT
♦ K
♣ QT9853

Board nine featured a small slam in Clubs on trump finesse. Both Rooms played in 5♣. One Declarer finessed, other played for dropping the ♣K in a 6-4 fit. One IMP to Bridge24 PL. Running Score – Bridge25 PL: 29; Rampage: 16

Board 10, East Dealer, Both Vul

♠ Q942
♥ K2
♦ 542
♣ J843

♠ 6 ♠ AK75
♥ AQT75 ♥ J
♦ A7 ♦ Q9863
♣ QT976 ♣ K52

♠ JT83
♥ 98643
♦ KJT
♣ A

Both rooms played in 3Nt on Board 10. For Rampage, Himani played 3N from West axis. North led a Club. That gifted both a trick and a tempo so the contract made easily. In the Closed Room, East conducted 3Nt. RV led a small Spade and NS defeated the contract in due course. 12 IMPs to Rampage. Running Score – Bridge25 PL: 29; Rampage: 28.

Pre Quarter Final match, Set 1: Rampage vs Bridge24 PL *Contd.*

Board 11, South Dealer, none Vul

	♠ QJ864		
	♥ J53		
	♦ J8		
	♣ 632		
♠ A5		♠ T	
♥ T96		♥ K872	
♦ K763		♦ A954	
♣ AK84		♣ QJ97	
	♠ K9732		
	♥ AQ4		
	♦ QT2		
	♣ T5		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Himani</i>	<i>Igor</i>	<i>Rajeev</i>	<i>Bartosz</i>
<i>Khandelwal</i>	<i>Chalupec</i>	<i>Khandelwal</i>	<i>Chmurski</i>
			1♠
X	4♠	X	Pass
Pass	Pass		

In the Open Room, Bartosz dealt and opened 1♠ and Himani doubled. Igor Chmurski opted to jump to 4♠ with a 5332, 9-loser hand. Rajeev doubled and everyone passed. Himani tabled a top Club and shifted to ♥T pronto. Declarer played a trump to Dummy's Queen and a Diamond to ♦Queen in the Closed hand. Himani won, cashed the trump Ace and the remaining top Club honour, and continued the good work she had started at trick two by playing the ♥9. Down 3 was the result. 500 to East-West.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Piotr</i>	<i>Arvind</i>	<i>Tomasz</i>	<i>Ramaratnam</i>
<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>Srinivasan</i>	<i>Sielicki</i>	<i>Venkatesh</i>
			Pass (!)
1Nt	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3Nt	Pass
Pass	Pass		

In the other room RV opted not to open the 11-pointer 5-Spades hand. Arvind was never in the picture as far as the auction went. West opened 1Nt and after a customary Stayman sequence, East-West settled in 3Nt. Arvind led the ♠Queen. 3Nt down two was the result. North-South got +100 and Rampage were on a rampage with yet another double-digit swing. Running Score – Bridge24 PL: 29; Rampage: 40.

Board 12 and 13 saw part-score swings, with seven IMPs going Bridge24 PL way on Board 12 and six IMPs to Rampage on Board 13. Board 14 brought up a monster of a hand for the South player. Only few of them had the pleasure of picking up a Grand Slam bid from the bidding box.

Board 14, East Dealer, none Vul

	♠ 432		
	♥ 543		
	♦ 8532		
	♣ Q98		
♠ K96		♠ QJ875	
♥ 982		♥ T7	
♦ T64		♦ 9	
♣ J542		♣ KT76	
	♠ AT		
	♥ AKQJ6		
	♦ AKQJ7		
	♣ A		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Himani</i>	<i>Igor</i>	<i>Rajeev</i>	<i>Bartosz</i>
<i>Khandelwal</i>	<i>Chalupec</i>	<i>Khandelwal</i>	<i>Chmurski</i>
		Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	1♠	2♠
X	Pass	3♠	6Nt
Pass	Pass	Pass	

In the Open Room, Bartosz got to open the hand. He opened a strong 1♣. North responded 1♦ and East came in with a 1♠ bid. South lost his patience after a few more bids and blasted to 6Nt. Reminded me of the early days of online bridge when the late JM Shah had been to my home, and I showed him how online Bridge is played. I had a pickup partner, two or three rounds of bidding were over, and I had already made a couple of cuebids with a strong hand. JM suggested that I make another cue bid at the next turn and I was reluctant. Finally, we decided to try it out. Sure enough, it got passed!! We have full sympathy with those South players who didn't want to try their luck with one forcing bid too many. Anyway, that was 990 to North-South.

West	North	East	South
<i>Piotr</i>	<i>Arvind</i>	<i>Tomasz</i>	<i>Ramaratnam</i>
<i>Tuczynski</i>	<i>Srinivasan</i>	<i>Sielicki</i>	<i>Venkatesh</i>
		2♠	3♦
3♠	Pass	Pass	6♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

RV wasn't sure his partner would pull any other card than a Pass from the bidding box, so he decided the final contract himself. That wasn't 6Nt, so Rampage lost two IMPs on the board. The final score was – Bridge24 PL: 38; Rampage: 46. It was an absorbing match

THE ECSTATIC 7 DIAMOND BIDDERS

Even as I entered the lobby outside the playing arena, I was flanked by a triumphant pair that had managed to bid the 7♦ Grand slam on Board 14 of Set 1. The bidding sequence was quite interesting.

Board 14, East Dealer, none Vul

♠ 4 3 2
♥ 5 4 3
♦ 8 5 3 2
♣ Q 9 8

♠ K 9 6
♥ 9 8 2
♦ T 6 4
♣ J 5 4 2

♠ Q J 8 7 5
♥ T 7
♦ 9
♣ K T 7 6

♠ A T
♥ A K Q J 6
♦ A K Q J 7
♣ A

West	North	East	South
	<i>Amol Deshmukh</i>		<i>Ravindran</i>
		2♦*	X
XX	Pass	2♠	3♠**
Pass	4♦	Pass	7♦!!
Pass	Pass	Pass	

*: Artificial bid showing 55 in Mm;

** Forcing bid like Michaels, two-suit-showing purpose.

North had merely bid his longest suit to keep the auction open after the forcing 3♠ bid. That was like getting to listen to the entire opera with one single bid, for South's eyes and ears. 7♦ was a cinch after that. Well-bid, Ravindran.



Trump Coup Trounces Thane Troupers



GOLD pre-quarterfinals, Set 4, Board 13

North dealer, Both Vul

	♠ J 6 3 2	<i>Ravindran</i>
	♥ Q 9 7	
	♦ 9 3	
	♣ K 9 8 3	
♠ Q 9 8 7		♠ A K 5 4
♥ A 4		♥ K 8 6 2
♦ A Q T 6 2		♦ 8 7
♣ 5 4		♣ A Q 6
<i>Ajay Khare</i>		<i>Raju Tolani</i>
	♠ T	
	♥ J T 5 3	
	♦ K J 5 4	
	♣ J T 7 2	<i>J. K. Bhosale</i>

The star-studded Texan Aces team was given a scare by the enthusiastic Amanora team. Texan Aces were trailing by 19 IMPS at the end of the first set and they could recover only 8 out of those in the second 14-board set. Raju Tolani and Ajay Khare had to summon all their experience, do something extraordinary, just to stay in the running and Raju Tolani managed to do exactly that on Board 13.

Raju Tolani opened 1Nt in the second seat and after six rounds of uncontested bidding, they were satisfied that this was a deal where a slam was worth trying. East-West hands were more or less balanced and two minor suit Kings were out. The trump fit was only an 8-card fit, so it was a slightly hopeful slam, but it was just the right type of hand for the expert players to give the luck a chance.

Bhosale led ♣Jack against Raju's 6♠ contract. Winning North's King with the ♣A in the Closed hand, Raju played a Diamond to Dummy's Queen winning the trick. That was good news, but when he next

played a trump to the Ace, South followed with the ♠Ten. That was a warning that the Spades could be 4-1. Raju noted the ♠Ten and decided to play on a cross-ruff.

He next played another Diamond to Dummy's Ace and played a third Diamond. If the Diamonds divided 3-3, a bad trump break would have been easy to overcome. That, however, was not the case. North discarded a Club on the third round of Diamonds. Raju ruffed, played ♥AK and ruffed a Heart, got back to the Closed hand with the ♣Queen and ruffed another Heart, this time with the ♠Queen. Ten tricks were in the bag and this was the three-card ending.

	♠ J 6 3	<i>Ravindran</i>
	♥ --	
	♦ --	
	♣ --	
♠ 9		♠ K 5
♥ --		♥ --
♦ T 6		♦ --
♣ --		♣ 6
<i>Ajay Khare</i>		<i>Raju Tolani</i>
	♠ --	
	♥ --	
	♦ K	
	♣ T 7	<i>J. K. Bhosale</i>

Raju pulled a Diamond from the Dummy. What could North do? If he ruffed with the ♠3, Raju would overruff and get one more trick with the ♠K. If North ruffed with ♠J or ♠6, Raju would discard his losing Club. North would then have to play a Spade for Raju to finesse. That was 13 IMPs to Texan Aces. Texan Aces eventually won the 4-session match by a mere seven IMPs so you can judge the importance of this 13-IMP swing. Well played Rajuji.

PRE QUARTER FINAL RESULTS - GOLD

Table : 1

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Q Texan Aces	13	17	50	32	112
Amanora	32	9	36	28	105

Texan Aces G Venkatesh, Padmanabhan Sridharan, Rajesh A Dalal, Anil P Padhye, Ajay P Khare, Raju Tolani

Amanora Amol Deshmukh, V Chandrasekhar, Vinay Sharma, Lyn Nazareth, V Ravindran, J K Bhosale

Table : 2

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Q Hope and Prey	46	35	53	26	160
Symphony	25	18	13	24	80

HOPE N PREY Subhash Gupta, Puja Batra, Subir Majumdar, Animesh Raj, Sapan Desai

Symphony Rupa Bakeri, Marianne Karmarkar, Bindiya Naidoo, Priya Ranjan Sinha, Paban Agarwal, Hasibul Hasan

Table : 3

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Q Dhampur Sugar	23	14	42	48	136
Cogito	26	37	24	1	88

Dhampur Sugar Mills Ashok Kumar Goel, Vinay Desai, Sayantan Kushari, Kaustabh Milind Bendre, Sagnik Roy, Kaustabh Nandi

Cogito Puneet Gangal, Andrey Purushottam, Narendra Kumar Sharma, K P Mathur, S K Sharma, Devi Muthu Bhatnagar

Table : 4

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Q Tornatae	22	27	7	46	102
Shri Radhey	22	47	15	7	91

Tornatae Prasad V Keni, N R Kirubakaramoorthy, Anindya Bhattacharya, Gopinath Manna, Uttam Swarup Gupta

Shri Radhey Vinay Mohan Lal, R G Bhiwandkar, Ajit B Chakradeo, Subhash A Dhakras

Table : 5

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Q Mind and Matter	14	40	43	42	139.33
Bangur Cement	32	11	34	39	116

Mind and Matter Hema Deora, Arvind Vaidya, Bhabesh Saha, Satyabrata Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Biswajit Poddar

Bangur Cement Debasish Ray, Kamal Krishna Mukherjee, Suman Sengupta, R Sridharan, Keshav Sakharam Samant

PRE QUARTER FINAL RESULTS - GOLD

Contd.

Table : 6

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Bridge24 PL	34	10	18	12	78
Q Rampage	46	18	38	28	130

Bridge24. PL

Bartosz Chmurski, Igor Chalupec, Tomasz Sielicki, Piotr Tuczynski

Rampage

Maneesh Bahuguna, K R Venkataraman, Ramaratnam Venkatesh, Arvind Srinivasan, Rajeev Khandelwal, Himani Khandelwal

Table : 7

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Arun Jain	44	32	19	32	127
Q Mavericks	38	38	48	28	152

Arun Jain

Arun Jain, Gopika Tandan, Shambhu Nath Ghosh, Joy Narayan Roy, Sukalyan Sarkar, Rajendra Sirohia

Mavericks

Subodh Maskara, Zia Mahmood, Daniel Korbel, Jaggy B Shivdasani, Anal B Shah, Sandeep Thakral

Table : 8

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Mango	9	19	35	12	75
Q Formidables	24	35	37	48	144

Mango

Jeroo Mangolvan Alphonso, Archie R D Sequeira, Ian Concessio, Finton Lewis, Subhash Bhavnani

Formidables

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

Quarter Finalists

Pre Quarter Final Winner

Pre Quarter Final Winner

Texan Aces

Vs

Formidables

Hope and Prey

Vs

Mavericks

Dhampur Sugar

Vs

Rampage

Tornatae

Vs

Mind and Matter

PRE QUARTER FINAL RESULTS - SILVER

Table : 9

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Q Lucky Six	29	30	9	31	113
Vibrant	32	11	29	38	110

Lucky Six Indranil Chakraborty, Moloy Kumar Mondal, Raj Kumar Chowdhury, Goutam Mazumder, Saurav Sil, Saptarshi Chanda

Vibrant Mrinal K Haldar, Bhola Nath Ghosh, Gourav Biswas, Pulak Panji

Table : 10

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Six Spade	13	19	23	25	80
Q Sangam	53	22	23	17	115

Six Spades Santi Ranjan Dutta, Pradip Mohta, Goutam Mukherjee, Ashok Dey, Sanjib Ganguly, Kalyan Kumar Roy

Sangam Sanjay Amist, Umesh Kumar Singh, Arvind Jain, Tarun Singhal, Rakesh Chandra Sharma, Amar Kumar Bose

Table : 11

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Q Pradeep	36	43	51	0	141
Pals	22	8	1	0	31

Pradeep Pradeep Goenka, Pijus Kanti Baroi, Goutam Pore, Biswadip Roy, Mithun Mukherjee, Rajesh Kumar Shaw

Pals Anil Kumar Bansal, Virendra Singh, S K Garg, V K Rattan, Tribhuvan Prasad Khare, Mukul Gupta

Table : 12

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Q Prayas	19	41	36	48	144
Jeevon Jyoti	27	34	9	19	89

Prayas Kamalesh Gupta, Sumit Saha, Vikram Jain, Santanu Chakraborty, Tanmoy Majumder, Swapan Sardar

Jeevon Jyoti Tapan Kumar Roy, Sunil Das, Jayanta Bhakta, Chintyananda Thakur, Alope Dutta, Broja Gopal Dey

Table : 13

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Jhontu	22	17	16	49	104
Q Gold Galaxy	31	27	27	46	131

Jhontu Bijon Kumar Mondal, Swarup Ghosh, Tapan Kumar Roy, Dipak Kumar Paul, Sailen Das, Pradip Dey

Gold Galaxy V M Gupta, H S Dua, Girish Kumar, Ratnesh

PRE QUARTER FINAL RESULTS - SILVER *Contd.*

Table : 14

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Invincibles	28	25	8	43	104
Q Blitz	23	17	35	35	110

Invincibles Soham Sarkar, Saila Ranjan Das, Sayantan Konar, Amitava Ghosh, Tonmoy Ghosh, Shouvik Das

Blitz Anshul Bhatt, RAnbazhagan, Dinesh K Jain, S M Patnaik, P Behura

Table : 15

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Bharat	11	16	28	0	50
Q EISK	58	45	28	0	131

Bharat Bharat R Paranjpe, V G Gujrathi, Jayant P Pingle, P M Bhide, V V Iyer

EISK B Seenivasagan, Kannan Krishnamurthy, Soumadeep Ghosh, Arya Chakraborty, Souvik Kar, Surajit Bar

Table : 16

Team	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Total
Usha Kiron	21	1	2	20	48
Q Mahakal	31	29	32	46	138

Ushakiron Usha Joshi, Netai Pada Kabiraj, Pintoo K Bose, Shankar Chatterjee

Mahakal Bhaskar Kumar Ganguly, Sagar Bhuia, Sanjib Bhattacharjee, Sumita Dasgupta, Kalyan Mukherjee, Prasanta Bera

Quarter Finalists

Pre Quarter Final Winner

Pre Quarter Final Winner

Lucky Six

Vs

Mahakal

Sangam

Vs

EISK

Pradeep

Vs

Blitz

Prayas

Vs

Gold Galaxy

MP PAIRS ELIMINATION - 1

Rank	Players	Match Points	Score %	Rank	Players	Match Points	Score %
1	Sukamal Das & Subrata Saha	6135.4	63.83	34	Tapan Kr Bhattacharya & Asim Das	5278.6	54.92
2	Ramaratnam Krishnan & Arun M Bapat	6115	63.62	35	Brian Pincus & Craig Gower	5277.7	54.91
3	Pradeep Anand Singh & Vijayanand Singh	5978.4	62.2	36	Md. Zahid Hossain & Md Maula Al Mamun	5271	54.84
4	Binod Kumar Shaw & Sanjit Dey	5794.5	60.28	37	Anirban Sasmal & Atanu Ganguly	5257.2	54.69
5	Sanjay Bagaria & Anirban Mitra	5765	59.98	38	Pradeep A Bhosale & R W Khare	5232.6	54.44
6	Darshan Patel & Girish Hirode	5756.9	59.89	39	Pallab Roy & Ram Prasad Das	5222.7	54.33
7	Shankar Acharya & Sourendra Coomer Dutt	5729.4	59.61	40	Anurag Mohota & Basant K Mohota	5217.1	54.28
8	Abhirup Ghosh & Arnab Basu Roy	5728.1	59.59	41	Ratna Tadepalli & Sadhana Gupta	5211.4	54.22
9	WAJID ALI MIRZA & Akhauri Prabhat Kumar	5604.5	58.31	42	Taral El Rodrigues & P K Das	5210.1	54.2
10	Rahul Khambete & Rajendra Sirohia	5586.8	58.12	43	Sujit Kumar Bhattacharjee & Swapan Some	5197	54.07
11	Prasun Kumar Mukherjee & Abhijit Chakraborty	5566.5	57.91	44	Jesal Dabriwala & Pritam Das	5183.9	53.93
12	Pallab Sinha Roy & Bulu Saha	5556.5	57.81	45	Ravi Raman & Jenish Shah	5181	53.9
13	Sanat Kumar Saha & Asit Baran Chakraborty	5528.3	57.51	46	Ram Avatar Agrawal & Mukund Jagannathan	5172.8	53.82
14	B M Md Hossain & Md. Rashedul Hasan Ripon	5513.2	57.36	47	Peiyush Jain & Arvind Ranasaria	5155.7	53.64
15	P S Mukherjee & Aniruddha Bhattacharya	5493.4	57.15	48	Dipak K Poddar & Jitendra J Solani	5155.2	53.63
16	Hasmukh Vidja & Ravindra Amritkar	5487.6	57.09	49	Joyjit Sensarma & Sandip Datta	5153.3	53.61
17	Hemkanta Talukdar & Anup Kumar Mahajan	5483.2	57.05	50	Raju Santra & Dilip Mistry	5145.5	53.53
18	Anindra Kumar Sarkar & Meenu Dugal	5478.7	57	51	Subashish Gope & Jibak Tewari	5139.2	53.47
19	Edward Perera & Romesh Bandaranaike	5456.6	56.77	52	Sunil Kumar Sinha & Asha Sharma	5130.2	53.37
20	Alok Daga & Samir Basak	5439.1	56.59	53	Sukumaran Rajeev & Asok Jose Lean	5119	53.26
21	Ashis Malhotra & Hemant K Jalan	5437.4	56.57	54	Ronald Miranda & Abdi Naffar	5115.6	53.22
22	Navneet Swaika & Mrinal Kanti Mukherjee	5424	56.43	55	Asim Saha & Biswajit Mahata	5112.1	53.18
23	Sandeep N Karmarkar & Rajendra Gokhale	5414.6	56.33	56	Sajal Pal & Saikat Mandal	5105.4	53.11
24	Sukanta Das & Bhaskar Sarkar	5403.7	56.22	57	Kalpna Gurjar & Vidhya Patel	5100.3	53.06
25	Rukson Kongsattra & Poohdid Khombua	5395.7	56.14	58	Deven Doshi & Rajul R Dalal	5098.2	53.04
26	Nirmal Kumar Jain & S Vijayraghavan	5370.9	55.88	59	Ratan Lal Sanghi & S M Moin	5087.8	52.93
27	J B Sengupta & Sekhar K Bandopadhyay	5366.2	55.83	60	Koushik Mukherjee & Vikrant Mehta	5087	52.92
28	Ravi Goenka & Ajay Bagaria	5358.7	55.75	61	Nitin Shah & Shirish Karkarey	5055.7	52.6
29	Sukrit M Vijayakar & Stanley Nazareth	5327.5	55.43	62	Arun Sen & Hatinder Panwar	5054.9	52.59
30	Md Alauddin & Hasan Al Banna	5324.4	55.39	63	Rahul Agarwal & Yash Pal	5050.1	52.54
31	F K Tamboli & Nerio Vakil	5320.1	55.35	64	D K Tewari & P C Gupta	5044.8	52.48
32	Gajendra Kumar Vyas & D V Majumder	5299	55.13	65	Vilas Chouthai & M R HULSUKAR	5035.7	52.39
33	Shibnath De Sarkar & Badal Das	5294.1	55.08	66	Borhan Ali Molla & R K Pradhan	5023.6	52.26

MP PAIRS ELIMINATION - 1

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Rank	Players	Match Points	Score %	Rank	Players	Match Points	Score %
67	Arvind Gupta & Sutanu Behuria	5019.6	52.22	100	Sudhir K Agrawal & Asha Surana	4804.7	49.99
68	Vasanti Shah & Nilesh B Mitra	4998.5	52	101	Anand W Golwalkar & Abhay Todankar	4802	49.96
69	Sandeep Dang & L Ravichandran	4993.8	51.95	102	Satish G Diwanji & K V Vahalia	4799	49.93
70	Sowmik Das & Biswajit Dutta	4971	51.72	103	Peeracha Suriya & Jittakan Pachimsawat	4791.3	49.85
71	Bijit Datta & Suman Routh	4969	51.7	104	Shrikant B Tembey & S Krishnan	4789.6	49.83
72	Sandeep Niyati & M K Bhargava	4963.1	51.63	105	Md. Shahidul Islam & Md. Akhter Hussain	4786.6	49.8
73	Rajendra Ray & Ibrat Khan	4960.9	51.61	106	Priyotosh Sarkar & Asis Tosh	4780.8	49.74
74	Sujit Basu & Kishore Kanti Roy	4958.6	51.59	107	Hari Narayan & Tushar Kanti Dey	4768.6	49.61
75	Rajesh Somani & Anant Vikram Somani	4957.1	51.57	108	Avijit Sarkar & Inderjeet Singh	4768.2	49.61
76	Prashanto Hait & Ramprosad Das	4946.3	51.46	109	Chandan Choudhury & Indranath Chatterjee	4765.9	49.58
77	Manish Dixit & Anil Kumar Srivastava	4942.5	51.42	110	Soumitra Chakraborty & Arabinda Kr Mishra	4760.9	49.53
78	Tanmay Chatterjee & Prabir K Saha	4939.6	51.39	111	Shathi Rangan Dey & Md. Zabery Jahangir	4758.7	49.51
79	Chunni Lal Arora & Kamleshwar Rai	4937.4	51.37	112	Ritu Khanna & Subhasree Basu	4757.7	49.5
80	Rob Stephens & Lex van Vught	4932.8	51.32	113	Md Sahajahan & Sarveswar Bhattacharya	4744.7	49.36
81	B Roy & K C Gupta	4926.7	51.26	114	A K Guha & Ashim Kumar Ghosh	4744.6	49.36
82	Tapas Kumar Roy & Shantanu Ghosh	4926.5	51.25	115	Talluri Nageswara Rao & P Kandulakunta	4728.8	49.2
83	Meenal Thakur & Rahul Shetty	4920.8	51.19	116	Nikita Kamal & Rinku Singh	4708.2	48.98
84	Vijay Gupta & Tushar Moghe	4912.7	51.11	117	Biswajit Ghosh & Anu Jalan	4697.2	48.87
85	Hironmoy Banerjee & Sumanta Roy	4906.5	51.05	118	Shantanu Rastogi & R K Aneja	4683.4	48.72
86	Sabyasachi Sadhukhan & Ayan Chatterjee	4894.2	50.92	119	Prakash Gupta & Somnath Mitra	4683	48.72
87	Vikas Taralekar & Prakash B Kulkarni	4891.6	50.89	120	Pankaj Chaudhary & Pintu Sao	4683	48.72
88	Anukul Mandal & Paresh Gupta	4889.8	50.87	121	N K Chitlangia & Rajni Kant Sinha	4677	48.66
89	Dipanjan Khan & Mithun Biswas	4887.4	50.85	122	Sharad Kumar1 & Rajen Mata	4663.6	48.52
90	A S Gupta & V Krishnan	4871.9	50.69	123	Gautam Chatterjee & Manoj Kumar Dey	4656.3	48.44
91	Aniruddha P Sanzgiri & B C Pendse	4866.4	50.63	124	Abhishek Gupta & Prithvi Raj	4648	48.36
92	Chander Bhan Vijan & S K Sharma	4865.6	50.62	125	Saurendranath Chakrabarti & Swapan Ghosh	4647.6	48.35
93	J Pratihari & A K DHARA	4863.2	50.6	126	Arup Kumar Hudait & Animesh Majumder	4645.8	48.33
94	Wrik Chakraborty & Swarnasish Chatterjee	4862.7	50.59	127	Bimalan Das & Alok Dutta	4644.6	48.32
95	Soumya Das & Tilakraj Chowdhury	4856.2	50.52	128	Bhalender Singh Nayyar & Bina Malhotra	4630.1	48.17
96	Monica Jajoo & Somesh Bhattacharya	4847.3	50.43	129	Prabhat Kumar Gupta & R Chandramohan	4626.1	48.13
97	Sudhir Chintaman Sant & Hemant Purkar	4837	50.32	130	Somchai Rungsathit & Supote Yaisawang	4623	48.1
98	Subhajit Choudhury & Soumitra Das	4829.4	50.24	131	V Ravichandran & U V Athavale	4617.6	48.04
99	V Mohan Rao & D Sudhanand	4805.9	50	132	Aditi Jhaveri & Vijay Deshpande	4616.1	48.02

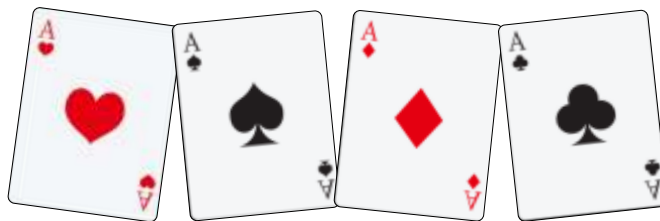
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Rank	Players	Match Points	Score %	Rank	Players	Match Points	Score %
133	Ambrish Wadera & Raghunath P Tripathi	4600.4	47.86	166	Richa Shiram & Ranjan Bhattacharya	4330.5	45.05
134	Shekhar Banerjee & Arun Kanti Chatterjee	4579.5	47.64	167	Mohit Kumar Mehta & Kajal Chandra Das	4315.1	44.89
135	Tapas Das & Subir Kumar Chaudhuri	4575.1	47.6	168	Pankaj Mehta & Sumit Bhowmik	4294.3	44.68
136	Abhijit Pal & Arijit Chatteraj	4573.2	47.58	169	Sukhu D Nayyar & Deepa Jacob	4279.4	44.52
137	Brij Dutt & Rajinder K Marwah	4565.8	47.5	170	Bharat Joshi & Hemant Kumar Singh	4265.7	44.38
138	M P S Chauhan & Bubbles Bawa	4561	47.45	171	Vinod K Puri & Pushpa Puri	4263.7	44.36
139	Arnab Ghosh & Babhrubahan Bose	4554.4	47.38	172	Dilip Kumar Borpuzari & Manoj Mallik	4255.3	44.27
140	Vijay Ramchandran & S S Polavaram	4546.9	47.3	173	Ritu Bagaria & Suresh Senapaty	4253.4	44.25
141	Sharad Waghmare & Srinivasan Krishnaswami	4544.4	47.28	174	Chiranjib Ballav & Debasish Polley	4240.2	44.11
142	Deepak Ramnani & Don L H Ganlath	4522.5	47.05	175	Achintya Haldar & Gopes Sardar	4223.1	43.94
143	Kaushik Mukherjee & Sajal Banerjee	4520.5	47.03	176	Sandip Kar & Siladitya Darbar	4208.5	43.78
144	Krishna Das Chakraborty & Swetadri Saha	4515.1	46.97	177	Sibopriya Ghosh & Amitava Mukherjee	4190.7	43.6
145	Shyama Prasad Chatterjee & Amit Chakraborty	4507.4	46.89	178	Shantanu Roy & Bikas Dutta	4180.4	43.49
146	N B Shinde & S G Surve	4499.5	46.81	179	Rana Chakraborty & Dilip Atha	4172.3	43.41
147	G P Aggarwal & Yogendra Deva	4494	46.75	180	Raj Jayaram & Deepak Pramanik	4143.4	43.11
148	Prosenjit Manna & Joyrup Mullick	4491.1	46.72	181	Kamal Kumar Gupta & Kalpna Varshney	4104.3	42.7
149	Montu Mukherjee & Swapan Kr Sadhukhan	4487.4	46.69	182	Rasika Karunatilake & Sudipta Ray	4103.1	42.69
150	Md. Saiful Imam & Mohammad Ehsanuzzaman	4485.2	46.66	183	Amit Nangpal & Indrajit Sensarma	4098.1	42.64
151	Cera Fernando & Prabaha Maity	4478.1	46.59	184	Umesh Ram & J P Singh	4089.3	42.54
152	Amarjit Wadhawan & Sarasij Majumder	4470.6	46.51	185	C B Damale & Sachin Shrikrishna Joshi	4071.7	42.36
153	Bindiya Kohli & Priya Balasubramanian	4453.8	46.34	186	Shiv Shankar Gupta & Ram Pal Rehan	4063.6	42.28
154	Manthaneeyaisawang & Suthita Insriila	4450.2	46.3	187	Kushal Agasthi & Kishore Das	4022	41.84
155	Alok Kumar Mandal & Samar Kumar Maity	4447.5	46.27	188	ASHOK KUMAR & Alok Kumar Sinha	3975.8	41.36
156	Ajit Mahadar & Khushru Kapadia	4433.2	46.12	189	Phanuwit Tor Charoen & W Wathaneeyawach	3918.5	40.77
157	Kunal Jaiswal & Alok Kumar Rathi	4430	46.09	190	Atulya Sood & Chander Negi	3884.6	40.41
158	R S GERA & D C Bhargava	4427.2	46.06	191	Puneet Goyal & Paavan Goyal	3875.3	40.32
159	Sudipta Adhikary & Ashis Pan	4426	46.05	192	Sunil Misra & Shahid Askari	3706.5	38.56
160	Anuj Sharma & Jitendra Pandey	4417.8	45.96	193	R P Mishra & Sudhir Kumar Agrawal	3702.5	38.52
161	Velupillai Balakumar & Yasar Karunaratane	4408.1	45.86	194	S Srinivasan & Ramkumar H	3509.5	36.51
162	Rupak Goswami & Soumen Shee	4403.7	45.81	195	Santhosh S Valsalam & Priyanka Gulati	3448.3	35.88
163	Rex Perera & Enaksha Perera	4401.5	45.79	196	Kamlesh Gupta & Anil K Bhargava	3292.1	34.25
164	Ranjan Bose & Tapas Kumar Sarkar	4395.6	45.73	197	Anil Kalra & Nilofer Kalra	2830.4	29.45
165	Sidharth Sattiraju & Naveen Kumar	4362.9	45.39				

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Tournament Schedule

Friday, Oct 14	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER EVENT – KO QF (4 x 14 Boards)	
	1000 – 1200 Hrs.	Session – 1
	1215 – 1415 Hrs.	Session – 2
	1415 – 1515 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1515 – 1715 Hrs.	Session – 3
	1715 – 1745 Hrs.	Tea Break
	1745 – 1945 Hrs.	Session – 4
	OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION – 2 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)	
	1030 – 1300 Hrs.	Session - 1
	1300 – 1400 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1400 – 1630 Hrs.	Session - 2
	1630 – 1700 Hrs.	Tea Break
	1700 – 1930 Hrs.	Session - 3
	MP PAIRS STRATA II – (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each)	
	1100 – 1415 Hrs.	Session - 1
	1415 – 1515 Hrs.	Lunch Break
1515 – 1830 Hrs.	Session – 2	
1930 Hrs. Onwards	Cocktails & Dinner (Hosted by HCL)	
Saturday, Oct 15	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER EVENT – KO SF (4 x 14 Boards)	
	1000 – 1200 Hrs.	Session – 1
	1215 – 1415 Hrs.	Session – 2
	1415 – 1515 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1515 – 1715 Hrs.	Session – 3
	1715 – 1745 Hrs.	Tea Break
	1745 – 1945 Hrs.	Session – 4
	OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION – 3 & IMP PAIRS – ELIMINATION (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)	
	1030 – 1300 Hrs.	Session - 1
	1300 – 1400 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1400 – 1630 Hrs.	Session - 2
	1630 – 1700 Hrs.	Tea Break
1700 – 1930 Hrs.	Session - 3	

Tournament Schedule

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Sunday, Oct 16	TEAM OF FOUR GOLD & SILVER EVENT – Final (4 x 14 Boards) & Play-off	
	0900 – 1100 Hrs.	Session – 1
	1115 – 1315 Hrs.	Session – 2
	1315 – 1400 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1400 – 1600 Hrs.	Session – 3
	1615 – 1815 Hrs.	Session – 4
	OPEN MP PAIRS – FINAL (GOLD & SILVER) - Barometer Scoring	
	0930 – 1300 Hrs.	Session - 1
	1300 – 1400 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1400 – 1745 Hrs.	Session - 2
	IMP PAIRS – FINAL (2 Sessions of 24 Boards each)	
	1000 – 1330 Hrs.	Session - 1
	1330 – 1430 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1430 – 1745 Hrs.	Session - 2
	IMP PAIRS STRATA - II (2 Sessions of 22 Boards each)	
	1030 – 1330 Hrs.	Session - 1
	1330 – 1430 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1430 – 1730 Hrs.	Session - 2
	1830 Hrs. onwards	Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony

NO SMOKE, TEA & TOILET BREAKS DURING PLAY

In exceptional circumstances, a participant needing to go to the toilet, will have to be accompanied by a volunteer after taking permission from the director.

BBO Schedule for Friday, October 14, 2022

1000 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, Quarter Finals (4x14 Boards)
1215 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, Quarter Finals (4x14 Boards)
1515 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, Quarter Finals (4x14 Boards)
1745 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, Quarter Finals (4x14 Boards)

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