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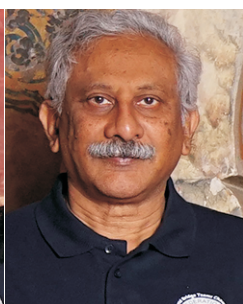
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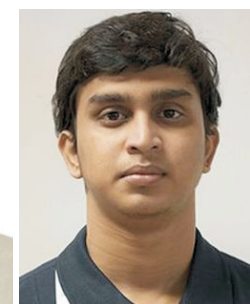
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Formidables vs Hemant Jalan Poland vs. Azs Buboslavia in GOLD Teams SF

Quarter-finals of both the GOLD and SILVER teams were played yesterday. Poland played against Mavericks All Stars in a very keenly contested game of high quality bridge. The final score was 98.5-77. The quality of the game can be judged by the IMPs per board exchanged. For this match that metric was just about 3.1 IMPs per board. Joyjit's Army were leading Formidables 82-52 IMPs at the end of the third set. In the fourth set, Formidables turned the table with a superlative 55-9 performance. The final score was 107-91 in favour of Formidables. Team Hemant Jalan won 117-81 where as the other qualifiers from Poland, the AzsBuboslavia team 141-133 against Bulgaria. They had a massive lead going into the fourth set, but had a poor last set and just about made it to the semis. The two teams from Poland will face each other in the semis, and so will two teams from India. For details, click below.

<https://hclbridge-results.com/2023/goldteams/2/index.html#0000000000000000021300000400000100000000000000000>

A live commentary for the fourth session of the Poland-Mavericks All Stars is available on the following link

https://www.youtube.com/live/JLwNPT0ANzo?si=eCJHdL546J6_UAsI&t=152

In SILVER Teams, Standard Plus defeated Spartans 192-140. They will play against ICSA coolers who defeated Hyderabad Blue 125-87. Shiv Shakti defeated Potluris 132-118 in a closely contested match. They will play against Mind Crusaders who defeated Team Vibrant 167-26. For details, click below.

<https://hclbridge-results.com/2023/silverteams/1/index.html#0000000000000000015700000300000100000000000000000>

In MP Pairs, Sandip Datta and Samir Basak finished at the top with a 63.31% score. Priya Ranjan Sinha and Koushik Mukherjee were 2nd, and Igor Chalupiec and Bartosz Chmurski third. List of results and information about further qualification are inside the bulletin. For detailed results, click below.

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwoq/bw.cgi?pid=display_rank&event=20231103_5&club=hcl

The list of PROAM Pairs is now available online and is given inside the bulletin. Further details will be published today.



Qualification Criteria for Match Point Pairs and IMP Pairs - HCL 2023

The Match Point pairs had a total of 340 entries, out of which 264 pairs played in the Elimination-1 round, and the rest 76 pairs were seeded pairs playing the KO stage of the Gold / Silver team event. After playing 3 sessions of 18 boards, 106 Pairs (40%) qualified for elim-2 round, where they were joined by 38 seeded pairs from the losing pre-QF teams of Gold & Silver.

The 144 pairs have played the Elimination-2 round yesterday. The rest of non qualified pairs of elimination-1 played the Match Point Pairs Strata - II event yesterday.

The 56 Pairs (approx. 40%) qualified from elimination-2 to elimination-3 of the MP Pairs, will be joined by 17 seeded pairs from QF teams of Gold & Silver. So as of now, we have 73 pairs for today's 3rd Elimination. One reserve player may be taken by the directors to make the no. of pairs even but will depend whether there is any absentee, which may result already in having a even no. of pairs.

The 72 to 74 pairs will play in elimination-3 round of MP Pairs on 4th Nov 2023. The TOP 1-26 pairs will qualify for MP Pairs GOLD final, rank 27-52 will qualify for MP Pairs SILVER final and the rest from rank 53 to last pair of Elim-3 will qualify for the IMP Pairs final. All the finals will be played on 5th Nov 2023.

Except for those playing in MP elim-3, all others can participate in the IMP Pair event elimination round. Already we have 300+ pairs in IMP Pairs elimination round to be played on 4th Nov 2023. Around 33% pairs will qualify for final, where they will be joined by those pairs ranked 53 and above in elimination-3 of MP Pairs in IMP Pairs final.

The exact qualification number will be informed by Head TD in the 1st Session of the elimination round of each event after the exact entries are known.

TC Pant
Head of Operation

BBO Schedule for Saturday, November 04, 2023

1000 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, KO QF, Session 1 (4 x 14 Boards)
1215 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, KO QF, Session 2 (4 x 14 Boards)
1515 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, KO QF, Session 3 (4 x 14 Boards)
1745 Hrs:	T-4 GOLD, KO QF, Session 4 (4 x 14 Boards)

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GOLD TEAMS KO PRE QF RESULT

Table	Team	C-O	S1	S2	S3	S4	Total
A1	Poland	7.5	34	8	34	15	98.5
	Mavericks All Stars		43	12	12	10	77
A2	Joyjits Army		25	51	6	9	91
	Formidables		21	17	14	55	107
A3	Hemant Jalan		26	23	58	10	117
	Delhi Blues		6	29	5	41	81
A4	Bulgaria		14	8	37	72	131
	Azs Buboslavia		65	28	21	29	143

GOLD TEAMS KO SEMI FINALS

Table	Team	Vs	Team
A1	Poland	Vs	Azs Buboslavia
A2	Formidables	Vs	Hemant Jalan

SILVER TEAMS KO QUARTER FINAL RESULT

Table	Team	C-O	S 1	S2	S3	S4	Total
B5	Spartans		33	47	44	16	140
	Standard Plus		47	31	49	65	192
B6	Shiv Shakti		23	20	46	43	132
	Potluris		41	42	31	3	118
B7	Team Vibrant		31	22	28	45	126
	Mind Crusaders		36	37	35	59	167
B8	ICSA Coolers		12	25	34	54	125
	Hyderabad Blue		30	13	11	33	87

SILVER TEAMS KO SEMI FINALS

Table	Team	Vs	Team
B1	Standard Plus	Vs	ICSA Coolers
B2	Shiv Shakti	Vs	Mind Crusaders

Quarter Final : Mavericks All Stars vs Poland



Let us begin with a defence problem that came up during the play of the first set of the match. How would you plan your defence? Think it over and while it is at the back of your mind, we will have a look at some of the deals from that first set of the Quarter-Final match between Mavericks All Stars and Poland. Zia Mahmood, Geir Helgemo, Ola Rimstedt, Mikael Rimstedt, Boje Brogeland, and Christian Bakke are playing for Mavericks All Stars while the Poland team comprises of Buras Krzysztof, Jacek Pszczola, Wojciech Gawel, Rafal Jagniewski, Przemyslaw Janiszewski, Wojciech Strzemecki).

W	N	E	S
1♠	4♥	P	1♥
P	P	P	X
♥5			
E JANISZEWSK			
♠ 10982			
♥ J2			
♦ K10			
♣ AQ864			
S RIMSTEDT M			
♠ KQJ			
♥ A9863			
♦ AQ98			
♣ 2			
4♠ W NS: 0 EW: 0			

Poland team had topped the Swiss League and defeated the young team of Maverick Prodigies 171.5-80 in the pre-quarter finals. 'Mavericks All Stars' had a slower start finished in the bottom half of the 16 qualifiers. That is why the two teams that would normally be expected to reach at least the semi-finals faced each other at the quarter-finals stage. They decimated team Lake My Love with a 145-53 IMP score.



Here is the first deal.

1	N Rafal J	Par Score: -100
	♠ QJ102	Par: S 3♠-1
	♥ AK	
	♦ K3	
	♣ 108763	
W Brogeland	W N E S	E Bakke
♠ A963	1♣ Pass 1♠	♠ 75
♥ QJ632	2♣ Pass 2♥ 2NT	♥ 8754
♦ KQJ5	3♣ Pass 3♦ Pass	♦ AJ964
	4♥ Pass Pass Pass	♣ 42
	S Gawel W	
	♠ K84	
	♥ 109	
	♦ Q108752	
	♣ A9	
		4♥ East
		0 0

In the Open Room, North started with a Polish Club opening, South's 1♠ was a proxy for the 1Nt response of ordinary bridge players – no 4-carder Major, 6-10 HCP or so. Brogeland's 2♣ showed 5-4 in Majors. East bid 2♥ to show his 4-carder Major. Brogeland's 3♣ and East's 3♦ rebids were game tries of some sort and eventually East-West ended up in a Heart game. There were three Keycards to lose and there was a Spade loser too. That was 50 for Poland.

1	N OLAR	Par Score: -100
	♠ QJ102	Par: S 3♠-1
	♥ AK	
	♦ K3	
	♣ 108763	
W J PSZCZOLA	W N E S	E JANISZEWSK
♠ A963	1NT Pass 2NT	♠ 75
♥ QJ632	Dbl 3♦ Pass 3NT	♥ 8754
♦ KQJ5	Pass Pass Dbl Pass	♦ AJ964
	Pass Pass	♣ 42
	S RIMSTEDT M	
	♠ K84	
	♥ 109	
	♦ Q108752	
	♣ A9	
		3NTx North
		0 0

In the Closed Room, Ola began with a weak 1Nt opening and Mikael showed Diamonds with the 2Nt response. Pszczola doubled for take out. Ola now bid 3♦. Perhaps, South took it as Diamond length and bid 3Nt. Backed by West's strength, Janiszewski doubled, and led the top of nothing ♥8. Declarer won and play the ♦K, Janiszewski won the ♦A and played another Heart. Three Hearts were now set up. When Ola played a Spade next to Dummy's ♠K, Pszczola could have ducked two rounds of Spades to deny North a third Spade trick. He didn't however want to take any chances with the unknown cards in the Diamond suit. He won the ♠A and East-West cashed their Heart winners. Down one for 100 to Poland. Poland thus opened their account with 4 IMPs.

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Two uneventful boards followed Poland winning an IMP each in both and then board 4 brought up this fayre.

<div><div></div><div>4</div><div></div></div>	N Rafal J		W N E S				
	♠ K87		P 1♣ P 1♠				
	♥ 1052		P 1NT P P				
	♦ Q1095		P				
		♣ AKJ					
W Brogeland				E Bakke			
♠ J9432				♠ 65			
♥ A94				♥ KQ86			
♦ AJ6				♦ 8			
♣ 94				♣ Q107532			
		S Gawel W					
		♠ AQ10					
		♥ J73					
		♦ K7432					
		♣ 86					
Other table: 3NTS-2							
NS: Poland 13 IMPs				1NT N NS: 0 EW: 0			
EW: Maverick All 0 IMPs							

In the Open room, Rafal Jagniewski opened a weak 1Nt and played there. Bakke lead the fourth best ♣5. Rafal Jagniewski won the ♣J and played a Diamond to Dummy's King. Brogeland returned a Club. Because of East's Club length, Rafal played for 3-1 Diamond break finessing against Brogeland's ♦J. That fetched 10 tricks for a score of +180 to Poland.

<div>4</div>	N OLAR		W N E S				
	♠ K87		P	1♣	P	1♦	
	♥ 1052		1♣	2♦	P	2NT	
	♦ Q1095		P	3NT	P	P	
		♣ AKJ					
W J PSZCZOLA				E JANISZEWSK			
♠ J9432				♠ 65			
♥ A94				♥ KQ86			
♦ AJ6				♦ 8			
♣ 94				♣ Q107532			
		S RIMSTEDT M					
		♠ AQ10					
		♥ J73					
		♦ K7432					
		♣ 86					
Other table: 1NTN+3							
NS: Maverick All 0 IMPs				3NT S NS: 0 EW: 0			
EW: Poland 13 IMPs							

In the Closed Room, North began with 1♣ and South responded 1♦. West had a chance to get in his Spade suit cheaply so that is what he did with the 1♠ overcall. North's 2♦ raise managed to transfer Notrump conduction to South hand but with 13 HCP opposite 10, the 3Nt contract was a slightly difficult ask especially against good defenders. West led a small Spade. Out here. The Declarer knew about West's Spade length but not of East's longer Clubs. Naturally, the Declarer played a Diamond to Dummy's King at trick two and went down two. That was a vulnerable game so North-South lost 200 and Poland gained 9 IMPs. The score now was Poland 15- Mavericks All Stars 0.

Board five saw Poland add one more IMP to their score but on Board six, Mavericks All Stars opened their account with a solitary IMP gain. Then came board 7.

7

D

N

Rafal J

♠ A74

♥ 873

♦ KQ965

♣ 98

W

Brogeland

♠ KQ1093

♥ AQJ4

♦ J

♣ 1064

W

N

E

S

1♠ Pass

2♠ Pass

3♣ Pass

E

Bakke

♠ 865

♥ 92

♦ A10873

♣ A73

♠ ♣ ♥ NT

N	5	4	4	3	4
S	5	5	4	3	4
E	8	8	8	10	9
W	8	8	8	10	9

S

Gawel W

♠ J2

♥ K1065

♦ 42

♣ KQJ52

3♣ South

0 0

Par Score: -620

Par: EW 4♣

The bidding was similar on both the tables and North-South went down four on each table, however, the scores were different. South dealt and passed, West opened 1♠, and East raised to two. In the Open Room, Gawel chose a simple overcall of 3♣ over 2♠. East-West didn't have space to coordinate a double of that contract. That went down four for a score of -400 to North-South.

7

D

N

OLAR

♠A74

♥873

♦KQ965

♣98

W

J PSZCZOLA

♠KQ1093

♥AQJ4

♦J

♣1064

W

N

E

S

1♣ Pass

2♠ Dbl

Pass 2NT

Dbl 3♣

Dbl 3♦

Dbl Pass

Pass Pass

E

JANISZEWSK

♠865

♥92

♦A10873

♣A73

Par Score: -620

Par: EW 4♣

S

RIMSTEDT M

♠J2

♥K1065

♦42

♣KQJ52

♠

♥

♦

♣

NT

N

5

4

4

3

4

E

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5

4

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4

S

8

8

8

10

9

W

8

8

8

10

9

3♦x North

0

0

In the Closed Room, Mikael employed a double and Ola bid 2Nt a-la-Lebensohl to show a weak hand. I checked with Ola if he still wanted to show a weak hand after the initial pass and he answered in the positive. East doubled with two Aces and East-West could now see a decent penalty. North ended up playing 3♦ doubled. That too went down four, but North-South lost 1100 in the Closed Room and Poland gained 12 more IMPs. The score now was Poland 28- Mavericks All Stars 1.

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Poland got a few more IMPs on the next board, board 8.

Board	8	N Rafal J		W N E S			
		♠ AK2 ♥ A97652 ♦ A7 ♣ QJ		1♠ P P P	2♥ X 4♥	2♠ P P	P 3♥ P
W Brogeland				E Bakke			
♠ Q9654 ♥ K ♦ QJ10 ♣ A632				♠ J108 ♥ QJ8 ♦ K942 ♣ 1094			
		S Gawel W					
		♠ 73 ♥ 1043 ♦ 8653 ♣ K875					
Other table: 3♥N+1 NS: Poland 35 IMPs EW: Maverick All 1 IMPs				4♥ N NS: 0 EW: 0			

In Both the rooms, West opened 1♠ and East raised to 2. In the open room Rafal began with a 2♥ overcall and used the negative double at his second turn. Gawel bid 3♥. Rafal still pressed on to the Game. That seemed like putting a gun to partner's shoulder and asking 'should we bid a game?' and hearing a mistaken yes. Of course, there is always a possibility of treating this situation as a Lebensohl situation and treating 3♥ bid as stronger than a 2Nt bid, however, I suspect that scheme was not operating here. Anyway. To defeat the game, East needed to lead a Diamond. Bakke didn't have a crystal ball. He chose the natural ♠J lead. Declarer drove away the ♣A and used the ♠ruff entry to Dummy to discard a Diamond on the ♣K. 10 tricks and +420 to NS in the Open Room.

<div>Board</div> <div>8</div>	N OLAR		W N E S			
	♠ AK2		1♠	X	2♠	P
	♥ A97652		P	3♥	P	P
	♦ A7		P			
		♣ QJ				
W J PSZCZOLA				E JANISZEWSK		
♠ Q9654				♠ J108		
♥ K				♥ QJ8		
♦ QJ10				♦ K942		
♣ A632				♣ 1094		
		S RIMSTEDT M				
		♠ 73				
		♥ 1043				
		♦ 8653				
		♣ K875				
Other table: 4♥N=				3♥ N		
NS: Maverick All 1 IMPs				NS: 0 EW: 0		
EW: Poland 35 IMPs						

In the Closed room, North began with a double and followed up with a 3♥ bid. I get a sense that this should have conveyed a stronger hand than what Rafal's bid conveyed in the other room but South still passed with that uninspiring hand. North made the identical 10 tricks that Rafal made in the other room but Poland got six IMPs nevertheless. The score now was Poland 34- Mavericks All Stars 1.

At this point, the match looked like being totally one-sided but the narration above should clarify that it certainly was not so. There wasn't a glaring error or a blunder on part of any of the players that led to this skewed score. The next few boards delivered some goodies the other way.

D	N	W	N	E	S
9	Rafal J		1NT	P	4♦
	♠ J85	P	4♥	P	P
	♥ AJ	P			
	♦ A63				
	♣ A10972				
W	Brogeland	E	Bakke		
♠ K962		♠ AQ103			
♥ 3		♥ Q82			
♦ KQ97		♦ J54			
♣ J543		♣ K86			
	S				
	Gawel W				
	♠ 74				
	♥ K1097654				
	♦ 1082				
	♣ Q				
Other table: 3♥N=					
NS: Poland 41 IMPs					
EW: Maverick All 1 IMPs					
		4♥ N		NS: 0 FW: 0	

In the Open Room, Rafal Jagniewski opened a weak Notrump. It was Gawel's turn to bid a hopeful game now. Gawel bid a Texas Transfer 4♦ to let North conduct, as is a common practice. Bakke led what looked like the least harmful suit, the Diamonds. In fact, it turned out to be quite beneficial. Declarer ducked once. West switched to a Spade. East won and reverted to Diamonds. Declarer won the second round and played ♥J to ♥K when East played small. On the next trick, he ran the ♣Q (?) . East-West cashed their tricks when East won the ♣K. That was down three for 150 to Mavericks All Stars.

D		N OLAR		W N E S			
9		♠ J85 ♥ AJ ♦ A63 ♣ A10972		1♣ P 3♦ P 3♥ P P			
W J PSZCZOLA		♠ K962 ♥ 3 ♦ KQ97 ♣ J543		E JANISZEWSK			
		♠ 74 ♥ K1097654 ♦ 1082 ♣ Q		♠ AQ103 ♥ Q82 ♦ J54 ♣ K86			
Other table: 4♥N-3 NS: Maverick All 1 IMPs EW: Poland 41 IMPs		S RIMSTEDT M		3♥ N NS: 0 EW: 0			

In the Closed room, Ola opened 1♣ and Mikael transferred to Hearts via a 3♦ bid. That is where North-South played. Their circumspection was rewarded this time. Ola too got a Diamond lead and a Spade shift. Janiszewsky cashed two Spades and then played a Diamond. Ola won, cashed Club Ace, and played a Club discarding a Diamond from Dummy. By the time he ruffed the next Diamond, he felt he had gathered enough information to play for a 3-1 Heart break so he won the ♥A next and ran ♥J. That was 3♥ made nine tricks for +140 to North-South and a well-earned first packet of 7 IMPs. The score now was Poland 34- Mavericks All Stars 8.

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Ten and 11 were push boards. Board 12 provided the fireworks.

12		N Rafal J	W N E S
♠ 9542		♠ 9542	P 1♦ 1♠ X
♥ KQ9		♥ KQ9	1NT X 2♣ 4♥
♦ AK852		♦ AK852	4♠ 4NT P 5♥
♣ A		♣ A	P 6♣ P 7♥
W Brogeland		E Bakke	
♠ Q76		♠ KJ1083	
♥ J75		♥ 8	
♦ 76		♦ J10943	
♣ KQJ92		♣ 105	
S Gawel W			
♠ A			
♥ A106432			
♦ Q			
♣ 87643			
Other table: 6♥N=			
NS: Poland 41 IMPs			
EW: Maverick All 8 IMPs			
		7♥ S	NS: 0 EW: 0

In the Open Room, Rafal opened 1♦ and East overcalled 1♠. South doubled. Brogeland's 1Nt showed Club suit, North doubled to show a good takeout of Clubs, and Bakke promptly reverted to 2♣. South now bid 4♥ showing his disinterest in any further investigations. That didn't deter Rafal though. NS finally landed in 7♥ after a 4Nt Roman Key Card ask and a 5♥ response showing 2 key cards without the trump queen. The problem with the Grand Slam was not that North-South had fast losers, but that they didn't have enough tricks. Club ruffs were available, but only with big trumps. If South had AJT876 of trumps, 7♥ would have rolled, but South only had AT6xxx. The Grand Slam went down in due course.

<div>12</div>		N OLAR	W N E S
		♠ 9542	P 1♦ 1♠ 2NT
		♥ KQ9	3♠ 5♥ P 5♠
		♦ AK852	P 5NT P 6♥
		♣ A	P P P
W J PSZCZOLA		E JANISZEWSK	
♠ Q76		♠ KJ1083	
♥ J75		♥ 8	
♦ 76		♦ J10943	
♣ KQJ92		♣ 105	
		S RIMSTEDT M	
		♠ A	
		♥ A106432	
		♦ Q	
		♣ 87643	
Other table: 7♥S-2		6♥ N NS: 0 EW: 0	
NS: Maverick All 8 IMPs			
EW: Poland 41 IMPs			

Ola and Mikael settled in 6♥ bid and made. The meanings of the bids in this auction are not available when going to the Press. Mavericks All Stars won 17 IMPs on this board. The score now was Poland 34- Mavericks All Stars 25.

Mavericks All Stars picked up another big swing on the very next board.

<div>D</div> <div>13</div>		<div>N</div> Rafal J	<div>W</div> <div>N</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div>	
		♠ A96	1NT P 3NT	
		♥ KJ74	P P P	
		♦ 83		
		♣ AQ96		
<div>W</div> Brogeland		<div>E</div> Bakke		
♠ KQ732		♠ J8		
♥ Q92		♥ 105		
♦ AQ6		♦ 97542		
♣ 54		♣ J1087		
		<div>S</div> Gawel W		
		♠ 1054		
		♥ A863		
		♦ KJ10		
		♣ K32		
Other table: 4♥S=		3NT N		NS: 0 EW: 0
NS: Poland 41 IMPs				
EW: Maverick All 25 IMPs				

Rafal opened one Notrump. South bid three not bothering to find a 4-4 Major fit holding 4333. That is often a good idea when you hold excess strength but on this deal, North-South had 14 opposite 11, so there wasn't that much of that excess strength if at all it was there. Bakke led a small Diamond, Brogeland won and shifted to a small Spade and the contract soon went down two for 200 to Mavericks All Stars.

D 13		N OLAR	W N E S			
		♠ A96	1♠ P		P 1NT	
		♥ KJ74	2♦ P		P 2♥	
		♦ 83	4♥ P		P P	
		♣ AQ96	P			
W J PSZCZOLA				E JANISZEWSK		
♠ KQ732				♠ J8		
♥ Q92				♥ 105		
♦ AQ6				♦ 97542		
♣ 54				♣ J1087		
		S RIMSTEDT M				
		♠ 1054				
		♥ A863				
		♦ KJ10				
		♣ K32				
Other table: 3NTN-2				4♥ S		
NS: Maverick All 25 IMPs				NS: 0 EW: 0		
EW: Poland 41 IMPs						

In the Closed Room, Ola-Mikael found the Heart fit and bid 4♥ from South side. That too could have gone down on the best defence. Pszczola led the ♠K and shifted to a Club, the ♣4. North won and finessed Diamonds. West needed to shift to a Spade at this point because East had the vital ♠J. Does that call for a Smith signal in a trump contract too? Well, you never know if that idea might not come up sometime soon. As it happened, West persisted with a Club and the Spade loser vanished on Diamonds. 620 to North-South and 13 more IMPs to Mavericks All Stars. The score now was Poland 34- Mavericks All Stars 38. For the first time in the match, Mavericks All Stars were ahead of Poland.

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Board number 14, the last of the set came up next.

<div>14</div> <div>D</div>		<div>N Rafal J</div> <div>♠</div> <div>♥ AJ72</div> <div>♦ Q9753</div> <div>♣ KQ86</div>	<div>W N E S</div> <div>P 1NT P 1♣</div> <div>P 2♦ P 2♣</div> <div>X 3NT P 3♥</div> <div>D P P</div>
<div>W Brogeland</div> <div>♠ 10874</div> <div>♥ Q10985</div> <div>♦ J4</div> <div>♣ 32</div>			<div>E Bakke</div> <div>♠ K962</div> <div>♥ 6</div> <div>♦ A108</div> <div>♣ AJ1097</div>
		<div>S Gawel W</div> <div>♠ AQJ53</div> <div>♥ K43</div> <div>♦ K62</div> <div>♣ 54</div>	
<div>Other table: 1NTN+1</div> <div>NS: Poland 41 IMPs</div> <div>EW: Maverick All 38 IMPs</div> <div>3NT N NS: 0 EW: 0</div>			

In the Open Room, Bakke opened 1♣, Gawel overcalled 1♠, and Rafal bid 1Nt with a void in Spades. Up to this point, the bidding was identical in both the rooms. While Mikael passed 1Nt, Gawel, in the Open Room, decided to forge ahead. The sequence that followed has a lot of similarities with a Smolen sequence with the only difference being that South has five Spades and three Hearts and North has four Heart rather than a maximum of three in any Major.

Bakke led the ♣J. That went to Declarer's ♣K and Declarer played a Diamond to Dummy's ♦K and another Diamond. West played the lone ♦J that was left with him. If Rafal had covered it, he would have made his contract. He decided to play for doubleton ♦AT with East. He ducked the ♦Jack. West used the gifted opportunity to push a Club. Bakke won ♣A9 and another Club. He still had the ♦A and a winning Club. One down was the result.

<div>14</div>		<div>N</div> OLA R	<div>W</div> <div>N</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div>	
		<div>♠</div> <div>♥</div> AJ72 <div>♦</div> Q9753 <div>♣</div> KQ86	<div>1♣</div> <div>1♠</div> <div>P</div> <div>1NT</div> <div>P</div> <div>P</div>	
<div>W</div> J PSZCZOLA			<div>E</div> JANISZEWSK	
<div>♠</div> 10874 <div>♥</div> Q10985 <div>♦</div> J4 <div>♣</div> 32			<div>♠</div> K962 <div>♥</div> 6 <div>♦</div> A108 <div>♣</div> AJ1097	
		<div>S</div> RIMSTEDT M		
		<div>♠</div> AQJ53 <div>♥</div> K43 <div>♦</div> K62 <div>♣</div> 54		
Other table: 3NTN-1 NS: Maverick All 38 IMPs EW: Poland 41 IMPs			1NT N NS: 0 EW: 0	

In the Closed Room, the play began identically. Pszczola dropped ♦J on the ♦K for some inexplicable reason. Ola now played a Diamond to East's Ten. Janiszewski tried to find an entry to partner's hand first with a Heart, and then, when in with the ♦A, with a Spade push. Ola got a free Heart finesse, but went up with ♠A after ♦A and cashed out. +120 was the result. Mavericks All Stars earned five IMPs on that deal. The final score for the session was 43-34 in favour of Mavericks All Stars.

And now, for the solution of the problem we posed at the top of the article.

		W		N		E		S	
		1♣		4♥		4♠		1♥	
		P		P		P		X	

You need to plan your defence at trick one. Partner is unlikely to have much by way of picture cards, still, you need an entry to his hand for a Diamond push. How can you concoct that entry? If you were to open the Heart suit, you would likely have played a small Heart. Now that partner has led a Heart, you don't have that option. Still, if Declarer plays small on trick one, you can salvage the situation by covering with ♥8 or ♥9 rather than winning the trick with the ♥A. If you win ♥A, there is a real danger partner will never get in. There is a small risk that partner started with King to four Hearts but you will still get the contract two down in that case. Have a look at the whole hand now. This was deal number six in the first set that we just discussed.

<div><div></div><div>6</div><div>D</div></div>		<div>NOLAR</div> <div>♠ 6</div> <div>♥ Q1054</div> <div>♦ J765</div> <div>♣ J975</div>	<div>W N E S</div> <div>1♠ 4♥ 4♠ 1♥</div> <div>P P P X</div>
<div>WJ PSZCZOLA</div> <div>♠ A7543</div> <div>♥ K7</div> <div>♦ 432</div> <div>♣ K103</div>		<div>EJANISZEWSK</div> <div>♠ 10982</div> <div>♥ J2</div> <div>♦ K10</div> <div>♣ AQ864</div>	
<div>Other table: 3♥S+1</div> <div>NS: Maverick All 0 IMPs</div> <div>EW: Poland 23 IMPs</div>		<div>S RIMSTEDT M</div> <div>♠ KQJ</div> <div>♥ A9863</div> <div>♦ AQ98</div> <div>♣ 2</div>	<div>4♠ W NS: 0 EW: 0</div>

The result tossed back and forth three times in the first trick itself. Mikael won trick with the ♥A and backed a Heart. When Declarer cashed trump Ace and backed a trump, Mikael was endplayed. After cashing two trumps, he got out with ♣2, but the Declarer unblocked Ten, captured North's Jack, and then got back to the Closed hand with the ♣K to push a Club through North's 9x. He made nine tricks for a lost of 200.

Had Declarer played the ♥J from Dummy on trick one, a chance of an entry to North hand would have got destroyed. West wasn't careful enough to think through that possibility nor did South admit it. Finally, North would have done well to lead a minor through Dummy. Even if he guessed wrong and played a Club, North-South would have had a second bite at the cherry with owing to South's KQJ of Spades. Lovely hand, isn't it?

Results : Open MP Pairs - Elimination 2

Pos	No	Players	Match Points	Score %	Session MPs	Session %	Session Pos
1	27	Sandip Datta & Samir Basak	1811.9	63.31	584	61.22	14
2	110	Priya Ranjan Sinha & Koushik Mukherjee	1771.4	61.9	562.1	58.92	22
3	127	Igor Chalupec & Bartosz Chmurski	1737.8	60.72	580.5	60.85	15
4	9	Asha Sharma & Rajesh K Jain	1736.5	60.67	656.1	68.77	1
5	107	Sk. Aminur Rahman & Mohammad Maula Al Mamun	1709	59.72	605.5	63.47	7
6	64	Joyrup Mullick & Sabyasachi Sadhukhan	1703.8	59.53	592.6	62.12	9
7	207	Arun M Bapat & Gopinath Manna	1679.7	58.69	555	58.18	23
8	21	Shambhu Nath Ghosh & Biswajit Poddar	1678.1	58.63	584.7	61.29	13
9	125	Lyn Nazareth & Vinay Sharma	1675.1	58.53	493.5	51.73	57
10	181	Sapan Desai & Animesh Raj	1673.5	58.47	485.4	50.88	64
11	171	Andrey Purushottam & Swapan Some	1652.3	57.73	548.5	57.5	26
12	6	Hasibul Hasan & Manas Mukherjee	1650.5	57.67	443.5	46.49	95
13	22	Prasad V Keni & Uttam Swarup Gupta	1649.7	57.64	565.1	59.23	20
14	103	Pinaki Prasad Khan & Animesh Majumder	1649.7	57.64	568.4	59.59	18
15	225	Kannan Krishnamurthy & Sukanta Das	1649.3	57.63	572	59.96	17
16	104	Bulu Saha & Pallabh Sinharoy	1644.6	57.46	631.6	66.2	4
17	11	Md. Rashedul Hasan Ripon & Md Alauddin	1638.9	57.26	440.4	46.17	98
18	70	Alessandro Gandoglia & Giacomo Percario	1633.6	57.08	518.1	54.31	41
19	150	Ravi Goenka & Ajay Kumar Bagadia	1628.7	56.91	597.1	62.59	8
20	164	Ram Avatar Agrawal & Avijit Sarkar	1627.8	56.88	577.9	60.58	16
21	81	Raju Tolani & Ajay P Khare	1619	56.57	413.4	43.33	118
22	188	Pranab Roy & Amit Pal	1617.4	56.51	462.6	48.49	84
23	166	Kamal Krishna Mukherjee & S K Iyengar	1616.5	56.48	483	50.63	66
24	25	Ashish Patel & Alok Kumar	1614.9	56.43	501	52.52	51
25	124	Franky Steven Karwur & Jemmy Bojoh	1614.3	56.4	522.4	54.76	39
26	84	R G Bhiwandkar & Subhash A Dhakras	1612.6	56.34	585.9	61.42	12
27	170	Aloke Kumar Sadhu & Partho Sarathi Mukherjee	1603.8	56.04	502.6	52.68	49
28	121	Pranab Bardhan & Badal Das	1598	55.83	501.9	52.61	50
29	165	Noriko Domichi & Aniruddha Bhattacharya	1588.2	55.49	586.5	61.48	11
30	190	Satyabrata Lahiri & Kingshuk Bhattacharya	1587.9	55.48	592.6	62.12	9
31	142	Jibak Tewari & Indranil Chakraborty	1587	55.45	538.1	56.4	32
32	83	Manthanee Yaisawang & Sommai Mattayattaworn	1583.1	55.31	609.9	63.93	6
33	204	Swarnendu Banerjee & K R Venkataraman	1582.7	55.3	430.8	45.16	104
34	130	Robert Parasian & Julius Anthonius George	1580.1	55.21	464.2	48.66	79
35	101	Peeracha Suriya & Jittakan Pachimsawat	1577.6	55.12	516.9	54.18	42
36	186	Mrinal Kanti Mukherjee & Sowmik Das	1576.7	55.09	498.6	52.26	53
37	90	T V Ramani & Subhash Bhavnani	1576.5	55.08	539.1	56.51	31
38	66	Shankar Acharya & Sujit Kumar Sur	1574.3	55.01	388.1	40.68	127
39	227	Rahul Khambete & Abhay Todankar	1573.5	54.98	567.5	59.49	19
40	126	Usha Kabra & Marianne Karmarkar	1564.3	54.66	471	49.37	73
41	132	Ravi Raman & Ivan Alphonso	1561.8	54.57	530.4	55.6	34
42	221	Taufik Gautama Asbi & Leslie Gontha	1560.1	54.51	516.3	54.12	43
43	172	Parimal Vaikuntlal Vahalia & Rupa Bakeri	1549.3	54.13	525.4	55.07	37
44	44	Rana Roy & Maneesh Bahuguna	1548.8	54.12	496.9	52.09	54
45	151	Subhajit Choudhury & Sukalyan Sarkar	1537.3	53.71	637	66.77	3
46	144	Darshan Patel & Girish Hirode	1535.7	53.66	610.7	64.01	5
47	231	Ajit Mukherjee & Asim Mukherjee	1534.7	53.62	563.8	59.1	21
48	183	Biren Mitra Behera & D N Lenka	1532.3	53.54	489.8	51.34	61

Results : Open MP Pairs - Elimination 1

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Pos	No	Players	Match Points	Score %	Session MPs	Session %	Session Pos
49	51	Paban Agarwal & Kalindi Mewar	1532.2	53.53	463.9	48.63	80
50	211	Tomasz Sielicki & Dariusz Kowalski	1531.4	53.51	374.9	39.3	132
51	1	Lusje Olha Bojoh & Julita Grace Tueje	1529.4	53.44	493.9	51.77	56
52	123	Mukund Jagannathan & Gautam Biswas	1525.8	53.31	490.4	51.41	60
53	4	Vijay R Phatarphekar & Prakash G Hegde	1525.5	53.3	554.4	58.11	24
54	131	S K Sharma & Puneet Gangal	1524.7	53.27	509.9	53.45	46
55	210	Ashok Kumar Goel & Vinay Desai	1521.6	53.16	546.6	57.29	27
56	7	R Sridharan & Subir Majumdar	1517.2	53.01	529.5	55.5	35
57	24	Keyzad Anklesaria & Debabrata Majumder	1516	52.97	438.6	45.97	99
58	29	Somnath Mitra & Apurba Bhattacharjee	1515.4	52.95	549.5	57.6	25
59	52	Swarup Urs & Girish R Bijoor	1506.8	52.65	468.4	49.1	75
60	112	Ajay Kar & Pradip Mondal	1503.5	52.53	491.6	51.53	58
61	65	Pankaj P Chaudhari & Chandrashekhar V Kekre	1499.3	52.38	426	44.65	109
62	32	Anup Kumar Mahajan & Joy Narayan Roy	1495.6	52.26	416.6	43.67	114
63	129	Peiyush Jain & Arvind Ranasaria	1489.2	52.03	489.6	51.32	62
64	2	J Pratihari & I Khan	1482.3	51.79	483.9	50.72	65
65	167	Bhabesh Saha & Satyabrata Mukherjee	1482.2	51.79	486.5	51	63
66	168	U V Athavale & V Ravichandran	1482.1	51.79	430.2	45.09	106
67	184	Anshul Bhatt & Eliran Argelazi	1478.7	51.67	458.6	48.07	87
68	149	Rakesh Chandra Sharma & Umesh Kumar Singh	1477	51.61	544	57.02	28
69	87	Jaggy B Shivdasani & Sandeep Thakral	1475.8	51.57	491	51.47	59
70	205	Kajal Chandra Das & Suman Sengupta	1474.8	51.53	478.5	50.16	68
71	141	Sukamal Das & Sumit Bhowmik	1472.5	51.45	654.9	68.65	2
72	26	Indranath Chatterjee & Chandan Choudhury	1469.4	51.34	463.1	48.54	83
73	61	Md. Zahid Hossain & B M Mahmud Hossain	1463.8	51.15	481.9	50.52	67
74	147	Pritam Das & Anindra Kumar Sarkar	1463.4	51.13	540	56.6	30
75	43	Subrata Chakraborty & Ramprosad Das	1459.8	51.01	500.9	52.51	52
76	111	Shrikant B Bendre & Avinash Kelkar	1459.1	50.98	451.4	47.32	91
77	146	Tanmoy Majumder & Santanu Chakraborty	1454.2	50.81	506.6	53.1	47
78	47	Ajit B Chakradeo & Bhalchandra G Ogale	1454.1	50.81	474	49.69	70
79	89	Tarun Singhal & Arvind Jain	1454	50.8	459.8	48.2	86
80	8	R Kannan & C D Kumar	1449.1	50.63	471.1	49.38	72
81	102	Ramendra Chowdhury & Shakti Pada Roy	1448.1	50.6	525.1	55.04	38
82	71	Amitava Ghosh & Tonmoy Ghosh	1441.8	50.38	466.4	48.89	77
83	148	Ramkrishna Majumder & Partha Sarathi Mukherjee	1439	50.28	475.6	49.86	69
84	202	Rathindra Nath Kundu & Swapan Kumar Ghosh	1437.7	50.23	409.4	42.92	121
85	46	Gajendra Kumar Vyas & Pradeep Govil	1435.4	50.15	437	45.81	100
86	41	Vinay Mohan Lal & Keshav Sakharam Samant	1435.3	50.15	472.4	49.52	71
87	162	Sanjib Naskar & Shyama Prasad Ghatak	1423.9	49.75	461.9	48.42	85
88	122	Anukul Mandal & Sekhar K Bandopadhyay	1422.9	49.72	451.9	47.37	89
89	169	Pradip Ghosh & Sailaja Tahiliani	1417.5	49.53	469.2	49.18	74
90	72	Swarnasish Chatterjee & Wrik Chakraborty	1406.5	49.14	466.1	48.86	78
91	226	Vilas Mande & Bindumadhav V Sahasrabudhe	1406.3	49.14	505.5	52.98	48
92	222	Kishore Kumar Ganguly & Saurendranath Chakrabarti	1406.2	49.13	417.6	43.77	112
93	69	Pranab Prasad & Sankha Goswami	1405.8	49.12	417	43.71	113
94	152	Gourav Biswas & Prithviraj Ghosh	1397.9	48.85	467.1	48.96	76
95	88	R V S Chauhan & T K Mandal	1396.9	48.81	410.1	42.99	120
96	85	Beneeta Chandra & Ranji Dhawan	1396.8	48.81	453	47.48	88

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Pos	No	Players	Match Points	Score %	Session MPs	Session %	Session Pos
97	212	A L Sancheti & V A Phapunkar	1394.8	48.73	442.4	46.37	96
98	30	Tilakraj Chowdhury & Taral El Rodriques	1386.4	48.44	514.1	53.89	44
99	143	Arup Kumar Hudait & Santi Ranjan Dutta	1382.6	48.31	376.4	39.46	131
100	191	Arya Chakraborty & Souvik Kar	1380.4	48.23	403.9	42.34	123
101	31	S M Patnaik & Naveen Kumar	1368.5	47.82	447.4	46.89	92
102	67	Md. Amirul Islam & Rashebul Hasan	1366	47.73	463.5	48.58	81
103	201	Anurag Mohota & Basant K Mohota	1363.2	47.63	317.9	33.32	144
104	189	Debasish Majumdar & Dipankar Acharjee	1362.2	47.59	432.5	45.34	102
105	3	Hemant Purkar & D S Pandit	1356.9	47.41	527.4	55.28	36
106	187	Subrata Saha & Navneet Swaika	1352.7	47.27	429	44.97	108
107	105	Prakash Gupta & Bablu Roy Choudhury	1346.6	47.05	463.5	48.58	81
108	230	Ramaratnam Krishnan & Atul Rai	1338.1	46.75	511	53.56	45
109	161	Dipak K Poddar & Jitendra J Solani	1333.8	46.6	442	46.34	97
110	91	Kamal K Gupta & Alka Gupta	1326	46.33	425.4	44.59	110
111	92	Prosenjit Manna & Babhrubahan Bose	1325	46.3	414.5	43.45	116
112	23	Monica Jajoo & Somesh Bhattacharya	1320.4	46.13	370.9	38.88	134
113	192	Tapas Dasgupta & Tapas Kumar Roy	1314.7	45.94	420.6	44.09	111
114	109	Prasanta Dutta & Prabir Kumar Paul	1314.6	45.93	519	54.4	40
115	10	Subodh Maskara & Subhash Gupta	1313.8	45.9	538.1	56.4	32
116	185	Samir Pal & Shyama Prasad Chatterjee	1313.2	45.88	359	37.63	136
117	28	Asim Saha & Biswasanti Bhattacharya	1312.4	45.86	431	45.18	103
118	68	Sisir Kumar Banerjee & Swapan Sardar	1312.3	45.85	543.1	56.93	29
119	228	N Rajachandra & G Rajagopal	1307.5	45.69	385.6	40.42	129
120	224	Arvind Vaidya & Vivek Bhand	1301.7	45.48	435.1	45.6	101
121	12	Ashoke Dey & Rajib Sarkar	1299	45.39	364.4	38.2	135
122	209	Richa Shriram & Ranjan Bhattacharya	1298.1	45.36	451.6	47.34	90
123	62	Jagadish Chandra Bala & Sushil Kumar Paul	1294.6	45.24	387.1	40.57	128
124	128	Ashantha De Mel & K P Baskaran	1291	45.11	496.1	52	55
125	48	Alok Daga & Rajni Kant Sinha	1289	45.04	429.6	45.03	107
126	63	Pintu Sao & Hemant Ahirwar	1288.9	45.03	393.4	41.24	126
127	203	Chunni Lal Arora & Kamleshwar Rai	1286.2	44.94	443.9	46.53	94
128	182	Srikumar Menon & Kanai Ghosh	1285.7	44.92	413.6	43.35	117
129	49	Jiten Chakraborty & Manas Ghosh Dastidar	1283.5	44.85	349.1	36.59	139
130	5	Kamal Kabra & V Ravindran	1280.7	44.75	402	42.14	124
131	45	Sanjay Bagaria & Anirban Mitra	1278.1	44.66	355	37.21	137
132	42	Madhav A Kshirsagar & K K Sabherwal	1266.5	44.25	408.9	42.87	122
133	206	Bhaskar Sarkar & Savleen Thadani	1264.4	44.18	331.5	34.75	143
134	145	Bharat Joshi & Abhishek Gupta	1256.6	43.91	373	39.1	133
135	108	Goutam Mukherjee & Biswajit Dutta	1247.1	43.57	430.6	45.13	105
136	106	Bikas Dutta & Amit Dey	1245.9	43.53	415.1	43.51	115
137	208	Anand W Golwalkar & Raman Madhok	1235.8	43.18	345	36.16	140
138	86	Suvankar Basu & Ram Prasad Das	1204.5	42.09	445.5	46.7	93
139	50	Joyjit Sensarma & Vikrant Mehta	1198.7	41.88	411.1	43.09	119
140	163	Ramani Menon & Ravi Saberwal	1196.9	41.82	352.4	36.94	138
141	223	Gautam Roy & Shibashish Barik	1195.7	41.78	396.4	41.55	125
142	232	Birendra Nath Dey & Swarup Ghosh	1137.1	39.73	378.6	39.68	130
143	229	Rajendra V Mekal & Kumar Venkataraman	1072.2	37.46	332.5	34.85	142
144	82	Monoj Bharati & Kalpna Varshney	1067.5	37.3	334.4	35.05	141

Asking Aces as a Decoy

We discussed this deal in Thursday's (02NOV, bulletin 3) bulletin. Many East-West players failed to find the 5♠ sacrifice because they hadn't discovered the big secondary fit in Diamonds. In the Shree Cement vs. Team Liberty match, North, Md. Zahid Hossain did not want to leave things to chance.

Deal 15 , Dealer South, Vul: Both

	♠ 9	
	♥ QJT4	
	♦ Q	
	♣ AK98753	
♠ KQT643		♠ AJ8
♥ 7		♥ 85
♦ A987		♦ KJ6542
♣ Q6		♣ 42
	♠ 752	
	♥ AK9632	
	♦ T3	
	♣ JT	

Rampage vs. Team Liberty

West	North	East	South
<i>Manna</i>	<i>Zahid</i>	<i>Bapat</i>	<i>B M Mahmud</i>
2♠	4Nt	P	2♥
P	P	P	5♥

His partner opened a weak 2♥ and RHO overcalled 2♠. He decided to ask Aces as a decoy. Partner showed two with the 5♥ response and that is where bidding ended. Not only did East-West not find their secondary fit, but they also failed to find their primary Spade fit before opponents reached their par.



Md. Zahid Hossain



B M Mahmud Hossain

Results : MP Pairs - Strata II

Pos	No	Players	Match Points	Score %	Session MPs	Session %	Session Pos
1	203	Prakash Bhandari & Raghunath P Tripathi	1732.7	60.58	927.5	64.86	4
2	132	Sailen Das & Tapan Kumar Roy	1711.7	59.85	960.5	67.17	1
3	24	Binod Kumar Shaw & Sanjit Dey	1704.7	59.6	843.9	59.01	13
4	149	Sudhir S Gavandi & Suresh H Bhattad	1699.2	59.41	855	59.79	10
5	26	Aritra Bhattacharya & Prabir K Saha	1697.4	59.35	867.9	60.7	6
6	32	Sumanta Roy & Hiranmoy Banerjee	1686.1	58.95	840.3	58.76	15
7	131	Arun Bahulkar & Anant Rege	1684.7	58.91	771.2	53.93	40
8	150	Rana Chakraborty & Asit Baran Chakraborty	1682.7	58.83	810.4	56.67	22
9	47	Rajib Ray & Pallab Roy	1669.7	58.38	935	65.38	2
10	66	Swetadri Saha & Krishna Das Chakraborty	1667.5	58.31	790.8	55.3	29
11	221	Soumya Das & Mithun Mukherjee	1667.5	58.3	759.9	53.14	48
12	204	Rajeev Khandelwal & Himani Khandelwal	1664.4	58.2	853.5	59.69	11
13	85	Bhanumati Shah & Kamal Shah	1661.9	58.11	813.9	56.92	21
14	68	Mitresh Manu & Tapas Kumar Sarkar	1658	57.97	933.9	65.31	3
15	64	Pijus Kanti Baroi & Rajendra Sirohia	1650	57.69	852.7	59.63	12
16	122	Siddhartha Behura & Arun Kumar Sinha	1634.5	57.15	761.9	53.28	46
17	7	Amol Deshmukh & V Chandrasekhar	1632.4	57.08	856.9	59.92	9
18	170	Kristina Wahyu Murniati & Conny Eufke Sumampouw	1631.7	57.05	798.1	55.81	27
19	168	Moloy Kumar Mondal & Goutam Mazumder	1623.8	56.78	860	60.14	8
20	193	Soumitra Chakraborty & Arabinda Kumar Mishra	1621	56.68	796.8	55.72	28
21	130	Ravindra Amritkar & Paresh J Gandhi	1605.2	56.12	784.9	54.89	31
22	173	Hemanta Kumar Sarmah & Mridul Das	1605.1	56.12	711	49.72	77
23	41	Pradeep Anand Singh & Vijayanand Singh	1605	56.12	806.5	56.4	24
24	82	Ratan Lal Sanghi & S M Moin	1600.9	55.98	836	58.46	17
25	1	Pankaj B Doshi & Amod C Rele	1593.8	55.73	781.1	54.62	36
26	83	Romesh Bandaranaike & Rasika Karunatilake	1590.2	55.6	761.3	53.24	47
27	231	Narendra Kumar Sharma & K P Mathur	1582.1	55.32	867.5	60.67	7
28	190	Jaydeep Bhattacharjee & Nantu Bhattacharjee	1561.1	54.58	699.7	48.93	86
29	88	C M Kulkarni & K Durgadas	1560.1	54.55	734.5	51.36	62
30	126	Arun Jain & Gopika Tandan	1551.9	54.26	763.5	53.39	45
31	121	Asim Sarkar & Sarveswar Bhattacharya	1548.5	54.14	814.5	56.96	20
32	104	Md. Shahidul Islam & Mohammad Ehsanuzzaman	1544.4	54	782.3	54.7	33
33	232	Bikramjit Das & Sankar Das	1541.2	53.89	787.8	55.09	30
34	167	Borhan Ali Molla & Bhaskar Chandra Mallik	1540.3	53.86	766.3	53.59	44
35	48	Sanat Kumar Saha & Sudeep Saha	1538	53.78	806.1	56.37	25
36	67	Nitin Vaidya & Anurag Pandey	1536.2	53.71	880.3	61.56	5
37	205	Milan N Dutta & Madhukar D Diwan	1535.8	53.7	706.2	49.39	81
38	223	Rahul Agarwal & Yash Pal	1534.4	53.65	705.2	49.32	83
39	112	Suresh Mahajan & Yatinder Sahaye	1533.9	53.63	745.5	52.13	54
40	62	Amit Dutta & Vivekananda Ghosh	1529.5	53.48	725	50.7	68
41	151	Ambrish Wadera & Anil Bharihoke	1525.1	53.33	781.9	54.68	35
42	2	Sukrit M Vijayakar & Stanley Nazareth	1524.9	53.32	769.2	53.79	41
43	165	Yogesh Jindal & Umesh Jindal	1524.3	53.3	751.9	52.58	52
44	30	Goutam Banerjee & Bijon Kumar Mondal	1519.4	53.13	685.3	47.92	90
45	81	Rajendra Gokhale & Sandeep N Karmarkar	1518.4	53.09	705.9	49.36	82
46	124	Amitava Mukherjee & Sudipta Adhikary	1514.3	52.95	755.8	52.85	50
47	133	Soumadeep Ghosh & Meenu Dugal	1504.8	52.62	750.4	52.48	53
48	164	Sudhir K Agrawal & Madhu Sudan Sharma	1492.2	52.17	821.3	57.43	18
49	146	Atulya Sood & Chander Negi	1490.8	52.12	778.7	54.45	38
50	28	Biswajit Mahata & Pinaki Ghosh	1489.1	52.07	706.9	49.44	80

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51	109	Kalpana Gurjar & Vidhya Patel	1477.1	51.65	742.4	51.91	55
52	211	Shantanu Roy & Sanjay Raha	1475.8	51.6	798.5	55.84	26
53	89	F K Tamboly & Nerio Vakil	1474	51.54	675	47.2	97
54	50	Anuj Sharma & Jitendra Pandey	1472.4	51.48	734.6	51.37	61
55	228	Pamidimukkala Nagaraju & K S R V Challam	1469	51.36	681.9	47.68	92
56	84	Pradip KumarSen Sharma & Subir Kumar Chaudhuri	1465.8	51.25	736.3	51.49	59
57	4	A S Gupta & V Krishnan	1463.6	51.18	842.6	58.92	14
58	169	Baneet Kumar Malhotra & Kavita Ajmera	1457.5	50.96	697.5	48.78	87
59	63	Asis Tosh & Priyotosh Sarkar	1456	50.91	694.1	48.54	88
60	27	Sudhir Kumar Agrawal & Y M Kool	1456	50.91	657.8	46	105
61	92	Kalyan Lahiri & Sudip Sen	1453.9	50.84	718.9	50.28	73
62	91	Hemant Pande & Satish G Diwanji	1453	50.8	734.3	51.35	63
63	222	Raju Mitra & Samar Kumar Maity	1447.9	50.63	684.3	47.85	91
64	22	Arnab Guha & Shantanu Ghosh	1447.4	50.61	707.4	49.47	78
65	152	Suresh Senapaty & H. Anjaneya Swamy	1445.4	50.54	739.4	51.71	58
66	207	Aniruddh Ghosh & Rajesh Kumar Shaw	1445.3	50.54	672.4	47.02	99
67	181	Saurav Sil & Bapi Das	1441	50.39	725.3	50.72	67
68	212	Ranjeet Bhargava & Rita Bhargava	1439.4	50.33	808.4	56.53	23
69	171	Subrata Sarkar & Biswanath Bag	1434.4	50.15	666	46.57	102
70	129	Koushik Mukherjee & Md Sahajahan	1430.9	50.03	783	54.75	32
71	141	Nilesh B Mitra & Vivek Nambiar	1428.8	49.96	814.6	56.97	19
72	86	Milind Vinayak Limaye & Virendra Joshi	1427.6	49.92	759.8	53.13	49
73	52	Kamal Naguri & Amit Chakraborty	1426.4	49.87	726.3	50.79	66
74	9	Rex Perera & Enaksha Perera	1425.4	49.84	626	43.78	120
75	43	Lucky Fernandez & Don L H Ganlath	1423.1	49.76	660	46.16	104
76	143	Rajesh Somani & Anant Vikram Somani	1416.9	49.54	652.8	45.65	108
77	65	Ashis Pan & Dipanjan Khan	1414.8	49.47	838.7	58.65	16
78	191	Bidyut Goswami & Manoj Das	1414	49.44	780.2	54.56	37
79	227	Krishna Kumar Goenka & Ranjan Bose	1412.8	49.4	713.2	49.87	76
80	8	Abdi Naffar & Ajit Saldanha	1410.2	49.31	637	44.54	113
81	128	Anupam Ghosh & Tirthankar Sengupta	1409.7	49.29	573.2	40.09	142
82	110	Sachin Shrikrishna Joshi & Chintamani Bhikaji Damale	1407.2	49.2	656.4	45.9	106
83	49	Rohit Gupta & Deepika Mehta	1402.8	49.05	640.6	44.8	112
84	187	Jayanta Chowdhury & Joydip Mukherjee	1401.9	49.02	634.4	44.36	116
85	162	Subhasish Sarkar & Raj Jayaram	1399.9	48.95	680.9	47.61	93
86	123	Tapas Kumar Adhikary & Sukumar Kayal	1395.9	48.81	739.6	51.72	57
87	229	Pradip Mohta & Ashok Dey	1395.6	48.8	719.4	50.31	72
88	230	K Venugopala Krishna & M S Srinivas	1393.8	48.73	593	41.47	136
89	210	Sunita Singh & Rohit Rai Tandon	1393.2	48.71	766.8	53.63	43
90	6	Vikas Taralkar & Vilas Chowthai	1393	48.71	734.7	51.38	60
91	45	Aroon Birla & Bina Birla	1392	48.67	714.9	49.99	75
92	206	J K Bhosale & Dilip P Gosavi	1386.9	48.49	642.3	44.92	110
93	107	Braja Gopal Dey & Sunil Das	1383.6	48.38	690.1	48.26	89
94	101	Prakash Easwaran & Madhav Prakash	1382.3	48.33	583.8	40.82	140
95	69	Amit Nangpal & Indrajit Sensarma	1382.1	48.32	615.4	43.04	125
96	163	Md Saiful Imam & Akhter Hossain Ifti	1381.4	48.3	740.6	51.79	56
97	44	Sarika Mittal & R Anbazhagan	1380.6	48.27	724.5	50.66	70
98	42	Anushree Jalan & Sourendra Coomer Dutt	1377.8	48.17	664.9	46.5	103
99	31	Jayanta Sarkar & Gourab Banerjee	1373.9	48.04	632.3	44.22	117
100	148	Sudipta Ray & Biswarup Biswas	1369.7	47.89	655.7	45.85	107

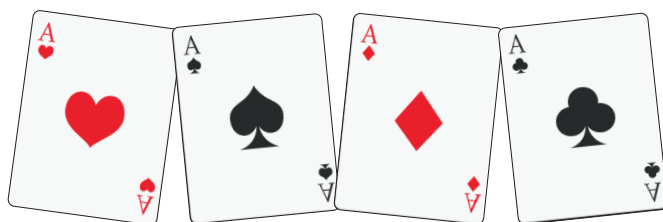
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101	183	Alok Kumar Mandal & Alope Kumar Sardar	1367.3	47.81	601.9	42.09	132
102	61	Dharma Narayan & Dilip Kumar Borpuzari	1362.4	47.64	636.9	44.54	114
103	127	Kalyan Kumar Roy & Gora Chand Dey	1362.2	47.63	621.5	43.46	122
104	106	Alok Dutta & Gopal Das	1359.6	47.54	724.5	50.67	69
105	21	Ayan Chatterjee & Tanmay Chatterjee	1349.8	47.2	730.6	51.09	64
106	208	Kanta Stanchina & Pinaki Ranjan Banerjee	1347.5	47.12	755	52.8	51
107	209	Bijal Shah & Sejal Shah	1346	47.06	650.9	45.51	109
108	166	Ajay Tankha & Arun Chopra	1345.6	47.05	614.2	42.95	126
109	186	Bhalchandra Kulkarni & Atul Dashputre	1337.4	46.76	728.1	50.92	65
110	72	Sunil Misra & Shahid Askari	1335.8	46.7	701.4	49.05	85
111	46	Sujit Kumar Bhattacharjee & N K Chitlangia	1335.4	46.69	628.2	43.93	119
112	192	Ranjan Banerjee & Avijit Dutta	1331	46.54	704.7	49.28	84
113	202	Cera Fernando & Deepak Ramnani	1327.5	46.42	670.7	46.9	100
114	70	A K Guha & T K Roy Chowdhury	1327.2	46.4	621.7	43.47	121
115	189	Anil Kumar Srivastava & R P Mishra	1322.2	46.23	588.7	41.16	137
116	225	Ashok Kumar Sinha & Mahendra Pal Varshney	1318.9	46.12	604.4	42.27	130
117	182	Amal Kumar Sarkar & Salil Kumar Mondal	1307.9	45.73	724.3	50.65	71
118	224	S K Gautam & H L Tripathi	1306.1	45.67	680	47.55	94
119	103	Rajendra Pandurang Ranade & Shrikant Jayram Tamhankar	1304.1	45.6	707.2	49.45	79
120	185	Chanchal Dass & Ajit Mahadar	1302.6	45.55	782	54.69	34
121	12	Ashim Kumar Ghosh & Suchet Dhar	1301.9	45.52	552.3	38.62	146
122	71	Tapan Kumar Roy & Tarun Manna	1301.2	45.5	641.3	44.85	111
123	145	Achintya Haldar & Gopes Sardar	1293.6	45.23	767.5	53.67	42
124	111	Vijay Ramchandran & Sundar Shekar Polavaram	1293.3	45.22	607.6	42.49	129
125	90	Vrinda Jhunhunwala & Nirmal Kumar Jain	1281.7	44.81	601.1	42.03	133
126	29	Guru Shankar Sundaram & Sushil G Narang	1278.5	44.7	716.7	50.12	74
127	125	Muhammed Faroque Hossain Patwary & Shathi Rangan Dey	1274.5	44.56	587.9	41.11	138
128	184	Shankar Chatterjee & Rakesh Bagga	1273.4	44.52	599	41.89	135
129	108	Ashok Kumar & Hari Narayan	1272.5	44.49	771.8	53.97	39
130	3	Ekta Chadha & Bina Malhotra	1271.2	44.45	577.2	40.36	141
131	172	Elwindra & Muhammad Reza	1266.1	44.27	572	40	143
132	105	Sanjay Kundu & Sudip Pandit	1265.9	44.26	604.2	42.25	131
133	144	Kishore Das & Debobrata Mondal	1260.7	44.08	672.9	47.06	98
134	11	Sheetal Bansal & Ravi Kaul	1246.6	43.59	668.6	46.75	101
135	87	Velupillai Balakumar & Yasar Karunaratane	1243.4	43.48	675.1	47.21	96
136	23	R K Pradhan & Sankarsan Behera	1224.7	42.82	631.2	44.14	118
137	188	Bhalender Singh Nayyar & Sharad Kumar	1211.8	42.37	557.1	38.96	145
138	201	Anil K Bhargava & Kuldip Singh	1197.3	41.86	679.6	47.53	95
139	153	Netai Pada Kabiraj & Usha Joshi	1189.6	41.6	621.5	43.46	123
140	161	Ratna Tadeipalli & Sadhana Gupta	1184.7	41.42	600.6	42	134
141	102	Hatinder Panwar & Rajesh Thakur	1169.1	40.88	612.5	42.83	127
142	25	Phanuwit Tor Charoen & Ploypailin Uthai	1152.4	40.3	514	35.95	148
143	5	Gopi Kant Tiwari & Vijay Kumar Gosain	1151.9	40.28	572	40	143
144	147	Subhash Chandra Das & Prafulla Kumar Das	1143.5	39.98	636.3	44.5	115
145	10	Yeni & Effi Wibowo	1136.9	39.75	619.3	43.31	124
146	226	Dilip Kr Sarma & Abani Baruah	1125.6	39.36	611.4	42.76	128
147	51	Kamlesh Gupta & P K Sharma	1075.1	37.59	585	40.91	139
148	142	Sidharth Sattiraju & Murkuri Tharuniah	992.6	34.71	523	36.57	147

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Saturday, Nov 04	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
Sunday, Nov 05	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

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Monday, Nov 06

PRO-AM PAIRS TOURNAMENT – Maximum 54 Boards

0930 – 1315 Hrs.	Session – 1 (28 Boards)
1315 – 1400 Hrs.	Lunch Break
1400 – 1730 Hrs.	Session – 2 (26 Boards)
1800 Hrs. onwards	Prize Distribution

LIST OF PRO AM

Pro	AM
B Satyanarayan	Kiran Nadar
Geir Helgemo	Subodh Maskara
Zia Mahmood	Mukund Jagannathan
Sumit Mukherjee	Monica Jajoo
Rajeshwar Tewari	Andrey Purushottam
Boye Brogeland	Ashok Kumar Goel
Subhash Gupta	Noriko Domichi
Sandeep Thakral	Prasad V Keni
Vladimir Mihov	Koushik Mukherjee
Kaustubh Bendre	Uttam Swarup Gupta
Michael Whibley	Arjun Sawhny
Buras Krzysztof	JK Bhosle
Jacek Pszczola	Vicky Mehta
Raju Tolani	Ravi Goenka
Wojciech Gawel	Arvind Vaidya
Przemyslaw Janiszewski	Amit Dabriwala
Rafal Jagniewski	Mathew Chandy
Kaustabh Nandi	Rajeev Khandelwal
Christian Bakke	Rahul Khambete
Sayantan Kushari	Priyanka Gulati
Julian Stefanov	Jitendra J Solani
Ajay Khare	Vivek Bhand
Nabil Edgtton	Mithun Mukherjee
Jaggy Shivdasani	Srinivasan J
Ivan Nanev	TC Pant
Debarata Majumder	Sudhir Agarwal
Wojciech Strzemecki	Senapati
Keyzad Anklesaria	Vijay