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A Brief History of PRO-AM Pairs Tournament

During lockdown, there was a lot of online Bridge, however, amateurs had limited opportunities to put together a partnership or a team that had top level players. Professional players, in turn, had limited opportunities to market their skills. The PROAM tournament came to the rescue. Sandeep Thakral thought of the idea to put a bit of spice and purpose into the lockdown era games.

PROAM 2020

The first PROAM event was held a few weeks after the lockdowns started. The event itself was played from 29th May to 31st May 2020. The tournament was a resounding success. A lot of people had keen interest in playing with some of the pros so even after a particular pro was bought via the highest bid, the suiters kept trying to win back that PRO through some back-channel negotiations.

PROAM 2.0

More twists and turns were added in the design of PROAM 2.0. One of them included an abrupt closure of the auction process at a random time. Amateur players could also add a Pro of their choice to the pool provided that PRO satisfied some minimum criteria. The buy-now amount increased from 20000 Rupees to 50000 rupees. That event took place on October 30 to November 1, 2020.

Here is the table of bought out pros.

Player	Current Bid	Bid By	Approved Bid	Sold
Abhijit Chakraborty	50000	Sukalyan	Yes	Sold
Ajay Khare	24000	Sanjay Dutta	Yes	Sold
Amar Nath Banerjee	20000	R P Tripathi	Yes	Sold
Anal B Shah	20000	vasanti shah	Yes	Sold
Anil P Padhye	30000	Lelesuhas	Yes	Sold
Anirudh Bhattacharya - Lalta	10000	R K Sinha	Yes	Sold
Arun M Bapat	50000	Ashok Goel	Yes	Sold
Bachiraju Satyanarayana	50000	Kiran Nadar	Yes	Sold
Bhabesh Saha	14000	Navneet Kumar Swaika	Yes	Sold
Debabrata Majumder - Laltu	20000	somesh bhattacharya	Yes	Sold
Jaggy Shivdasani	50000	Subodh Maskara	Yes	Sold
Jitu Solani	22000	Dr Mukund J	Yes	Sold
K R Venkataraman	30000	Nsrao	Yes	Sold
Kaustabh Nandi	28000	Dashu	Yes	Sold
Kaustubh Milind Bendre	20000	Sampath Shrinivasan	Yes	Sold



Player	Current Bid	Bid By	Approved Bid	Sold
Keyzad Anklesaria	50000	Maneesh	Yes	Sold
Manna Gopinath	20000	Amit Dabriwala	Yes	Sold
Naresh Kumar Gupta	14000	Richa Shriram	Yes	Sold
Pinaki Khan	20000	Animesh Majumder	Yes	Sold
Prasun Kumarmukherjee	10000	Vijayraghavan	Yes	Sold
Pritish Kushari	22000	H.K.Jalan	Yes	Sold
R A Agarwal	14000	aditi jhaveri	Yes	Sold
R Krishnan	28000	KANNAN KRISHNAMURTHY	Yes	Sold
R Sreekrishnan	12000	Vivek Bhand	Yes	Sold
Rajeev Khandelwal	10000	Himani Khandelwal	Yes	Sold
Rajesh Dalal	18000	Janak shah	Yes	Sold
Rajeshwar Tewari	50000	Arvind Vaidya	Yes	Sold
Raju Tolani	12000	Premasagar	Yes	Sold
S K Iyengar	16000	SUDHAKAR CHAUDHRI	Yes	Sold
Sandeep Thakral	50000	Atul Rai	Yes	Sold
Sandip Dutta	16000	Ashish Malhotra	Yes	Sold
Sayantan Kushari	16000	Sowmik Das	Yes	Sold
Srinivasan J	18000	T C Pant	Yes	Sold
Subhash Gupta	34000	Noriko Domichi	Yes	Sold
Subir Majumdar	12000	A K Sinha	Yes	Sold
Subrata Saha	20000	Binod Shaw	Yes	Sold
Sukamal Das	20000	sanjit dey	Yes	Sold
Sumit Mukherjee	50000	Monica jajoo	Yes	Sold
Swarnendu Banerjee	14000	Vikrant Mehta	Yes	Sold
Uttam Swarup Gupta	24000	Dipak Poddar	Yes	Sold

The total bid amount was over 10Lac (1 Million) rupees.

PROAM 2023

The main attraction of Today's PROAM Pairs event is the presence of foreign players. The opportunity to play with or against Zia Mahmood is a great attraction to almost all the Indian players, professionals and amateurs alike. With the presence of many other foreign players, the Indian amateurs will have more opportunities to experience the approach of top bridge players and professionals in foreign countries. Perhaps, we will see more convention cards diligently filled, the I's of the CCs dotted and T's crossed, the laisses faire approach to CC writing set aside for a day, perhaps not. We will know soon.

Part of the PROAM Tournament Entry Fee will go towards Junior development fund. In the last 10 years, the World Bridge Federation has given a lot of importance to Junior Development. Earlier this year, 96 teams from 37 countries participated in the World Juniors Championship in Various Categories such as U16, U21, U26 Open, U26 Ladies, and U31. Indian U31 Open Team won a Bronze medal at Veldhoven. Through the Junior Development fund, more support will be made available to Junior players for training and for participation in National and International events

We hope that this opportunity will help amateurs improve their game and enjoy it even more than they do at present. We also hope that today's association will lead to some more fruitful transnational associations that benefit both Professionals and Amateurs.

Happy Bridging.

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