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WHAM and OLIMP to Clash in the GOLD Final

On Sunday, 12th October, the Semi-Finals of the GOLD category at the 22nd HCL International Bridge Championship delivered two contrasting stories. **WHAM** (Sartaj Hans, Andy Hung, Michael Whibley, and Matthew Brown) overcame **EA Bridge** (Kavita Singhania, Koushik Mukherjee, Priya Ranjan Sinha, Badal Das, Shibnath De Sarkar, Pranab Bardhan) 148.5–117 in a match that was balanced early but tilted steadily WHAM's way over the next two sets. **OLIMP** (Andrey Gromov, Anna Gulevich, Sergey Orlov, Evgeny Rudakov, Olga Firsova), meanwhile, broke open their clash against **Monica Jajoo's team** (Monica Jajoo, Sukamal Das, Binod Shaw, Sanjit Dey, Kaustubh Bendre, and Sayanta Kushari) with a commanding **75–15 third set**, sealing a 155–107 victory. The final set was a mere formality as both winners cruised comfortably to Monday's final showdown.

The **GOLD Final** begins at **9:00 AM**, an hour earlier than usual — fittingly so, as two in-form powerhouses prepare for what promises to be a battle of precision and nerve.

In the **SILVER** category, **Nagpur VI** (Arun J Puranik, Sameer Roy, Mahesh Mor, Anil Kumar Mohota, Makrand M Luley) outplayed **ERNIS** (Santanu Chakraborty, Jibak Tewari, Sumita Dasgupta, Chandan Kumar Mitra, Arun Kumar Majhi) 156–123, while **Hyderabad Blue** (R P Narain, D Sudhanand, Prabhat Kumar Gupta, Akhauri Prabhat Kumar) got past **Ashok Bedi** (Ashok Bedi, Rakesh Nanda, B S Gupta, Rohit Gupta) 131.67–114 to set up a well-contested final.

In the **MP Pairs**, the third elimination saw **Diego Brenner** and **Paul D. Hackett** top the field with **2323.56**, narrowly ahead of **Rajeshwar Tewari – Sumit Mukherjee** on **2319.92**. **Sandeep Thakral – Subhash Gupta** (2283.09) and **Wojciech Gawel – Piotr Marciniowski** (2280.37) followed close behind. The **Final** begins at **9:30 AM**.

In **IMP Pairs Elimination**, **Mrinal Kanti Mukherjee** and **Sowmik Das** led the pack with **+124 IMPs**, while **N. Periaswamy** and **B. Seenivasagan** were just a step behind on **+105 IMPs**.

BBO 1: TEAM OF FOUR GOLD : OLIMP VS. WHAM

BBO 2: TEAM OF FOUR SILVER : NAGPUR VI VS. HYDERABAD BLUE

GOLD TEAMS SEMI-FINALS RESULT

Table	Team	C-O	S1	S2	S3	S4	Total
1	OLIMP		23	30	75	27	155
	MONICA JAJOO		35	27	15	30	107
2	WHAM	7.5	37	32	46	26	148.5
	EA BRIDGE		34	17	36	30	117

OLIMP : **Andrey Gromov, Anna Gulevich, Sergey Orlov, Evgeny Rudakov, Olga Firsova**

MONICA JAJOO : Sukamal Das, Monica Jajoo, Binod Kumar Shaw, Kaustubh Milind Bendre, Sayantan Kushari, Sanjit Dey

WHAM : **Sartaj Hans, Andy Pie-en Hung, Matthew Brown, Michael Whibley**

EABRIDGE : Kavita Singhania, Koushik Mukherjee, Priya Ranjan Sinha, Badal Das, Shibnath De Sarkar, Pranab Bardhan

GOLD TEAMS FINAL

Table	Team	Vs	Team
1	OLIMP	Vs	WHAM

SILVER TEAMS SEMI-FINALS RESULT

Table	Team	C-O	S 1	S2	S3	S4	Total
5	NAGPUR VI		48	16	52	40	156
	ERNIS		38	23	47	50	123
6	ASHOK BEDI		56	22	20	16	114
	HYDERABAD BLUE	7.67	30	24	31	39	131.67

NAGPUR VI : **Arun J Puranik, Sameer Roy, Mahesh Mor, Anil Kumar Mohota, Makrand M Luley**

ERNIS : Santanu Chakraborty, Jibak Tewari, Sumita Dasgupta, Chandan Kumar Mitra, Arun Kumar Majhi

ASHOK BEDI : Ashok Bedi, Rakesh Nanda, B S Gupta, Rohit Gupta

HYDERABAD BLUE : R P Narain, D Sudhanand, Prabhat Kumar Gupta, Akhauri Prabhat Kumar

SILVER TEAMS FINAL

Table	Team	Vs	Team
1	NAGPUR VI	Vs	HYDERABAD BLUE

Results : MP Pairs - Elimination 3

Place	ID	Players	C-over	Stage	Score	Place	ID	Players	C-over	Stage	Score
1	2	Diego Brenner Paul D Hackett	56.3	2267.26	2323.56	19	4	G Venkatesh Anil P Padhye	58.67	1984.91	2043.58
2	64	Rajeshwar Tewari Sumit Mukherjee	127.09	2192.83	2319.92	20	28	Boguslaw Gierulski Jerzy Skrzypczak	135.59	1894.03	2029.62
3	56	Subhash Gupta Sandeep Thakral	79.95	2203.14	2283.09	21	40	Tapas Dasgupta Pallab Roy	58.67	1963.34	2022.01
4	43	Wojciech Gawel Piotr Marcinowski	140	2140.37	2280.37	22	59	Mithun Mukherjee Soumya Das	100.74	1912.97	2013.71
5	3	Oren Toledano Ami Zamir	58.67	2183.6	2242.27	23	15	Prosenjit Manna Bhaskar Sarkar	17.22	1983.57	2000.79
6	71	Rajath Shourie Vince Demuy	58.67	2181	2239.67	24	70	Vivek Bhand Vikrant Mehta	3.41	1994.46	1997.87
7	19	Alon Birman Dror Padon	58.67	2169.46	2228.13	25	50	Gurmit Singh Chadha Rajul R Dalal	58.67	1927.74	1986.41
8	42	Animesh Raj Jaggy B Shivdasani	67.02	2140.4	2207.42	26	17	Keyzad Anklesaria Boye Brogeland	58.67	1921.97	1980.64
9	57	Pinaki Prasad Khan Satyabrata Mukherjee	69.74	2103	2172.74	27	37	P Sudhakar Rao Nirmal Kumar Jain	46	1931.09	1977.09
10	63	Hasibul Hasan Sukanta Das	34.24	2132.74	2166.98	28	29	Rajesh A Dalal Jitendra J Solani	49.08	1924.86	1973.94
11	31	Vijay Devadass K R Venkataraman	58.67	2100.74	2159.41	29	11	S M Moin Arun Kumar Sinha	89.65	1874	1963.65
12	67	Ashantha De Mel Uttam Swarup Gupta	14.01	2144.8	2158.81	30	62	Souvik Kar Sujit Kumar Bhattacharjee	10.31	1943.54	1953.85
13	66	Christian Bakke Tor Eivind Grude	58.67	2096.2	2154.87	31	20	Darshan Patel Girish Hirode	30.22	1920.17	1950.39
14	35	Diana Rakhmani Maxim Semisochenko	76.64	2070.14	2146.78	32	7	Subodh Maskara Aniruddha Bhattacharya	58.67	1879.74	1938.41
15	16	Shambhu Nath Ghosh Biswajit Poddar	20.75	2108.23	2128.98	33	34	Sandeep N Karmarkar Marianne Karmarkar	59.98	1878.31	1938.29
16	53	Abhijit Chakraborty Rana Roy	47.98	2053.37	2101.35	34	72	Debasish Ray Amar Nath Banerjee	43.98	1894.29	1938.27
17	68	Satyabrata Lahiri Vibhas Todi	21.63	2054.11	2075.74	35	18	Sapan Desai Debabrata Majumder	48.22	1887	1935.22
18	69	R Sridharan Vijay R Phatarpekar	51.35	2003.66	2055.01	36	21	Joyjit Sensarma Hemant Lall	34.88	1898.11	1932.99

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Place	ID	Players	C-over	Stage	Score	Place	ID	Players	C-over	Stage	Score
37	13	Satish G Diwanji Balchandra G Daxindas	74.71	1838.89	1913.6	55	41	Soumitra Das Bulu Saha	58.67	1759.66	1818.33
38	55	Peiyush Jain S K Iyengar	68.65	1843.86	1912.51	56	52	Wrik Chakraborty Ramprosad Das	86.19	1731.71	1817.9
39	49	Vinay Desai Raju Tolani	58.67	1852.51	1911.18	57	60	Biswajit Mahata Subhas Mahato	10.09	1800.26	1810.35
40	46	Bhabesh Saha Prasun Kumar Mukherjee	76.84	1816.4	1893.24	58	1	Cameron Roger Cotton Ajit M Pai	2.47	1806.37	1808.84
41	14	Anurag Mohota Basant K Mohota	14.95	1877.63	1892.58	59	27	Janak Shah Jayendu Shantilal Patel	33.33	1763.91	1797.24
42	9	Abhirup Ghosh Arnab Basu Roy	58.67	1812.43	1871.1	60	22	Rajeev Khandelwal Himani Khandelwal	28.34	1767.03	1795.37
	33	Pranay Majumder Saila Ranjan Das	58.67	1812.43	1871.1	61	58	Samir Basak Shankar Acharya	63.53	1726.09	1789.62
44	61	R G Bhiwandkar Subhash A Dhakras	12.53	1851.74	1864.27	62	47	Aloke Kumar Sadhu Rajendra Sirohia	79.26	1697.6	1776.86
45	6	Amitava Ghosh Anirban Sasmal	58.67	1795	1853.67	63	38	Sampath Srinivasan Nitin I Shirole	17.7	1744.11	1761.81
46	26	Swapan Some Biswadip Roy		1844.94	1844.94	64	8	Tarun Singhal Anurag Pandey	58.67	1665.66	1724.33
47	36	Girish Kumar Naveen Kumar	28.51	1814.31	1842.82	65	65	Meenu Dugal Tanmoy Majumder	58.67	1649.46	1708.13
48	51	Umesh Kumar Singh Rakesh Chandra Sharma	58.67	1778.03	1836.7	66	10	Gopika Tandan Arun Jain	34.5	1656.03	1690.53
49	44	Maneesh Bahuguna Prakash G Hegde	29.87	1800.54	1830.41	67	39	D K Tewari P C Gupta	17.35	1666.37	1683.72
50	12	Ajay P Khare Arun M Bapat	58.67	1770.37	1829.04	68	48	Anant Vikram Somani Rajesh Somani	7.12	1674.94	1682.06
51	24	Kamal Kabra Indranil Chakraborty	58.67	1766.83	1825.5	69	25	Joydip Mukherjee Jagadish Chandra Bala	27	1619.43	1646.43
52	30	Somesh Bhattacharya Joy Narayan Roy	13.59	1810.74	1824.33	70	54	Saswata Bhattacharya Manas Kumar Das	58.67	1574.43	1633.1
53	23	J Pratihari I Khan	4.8	1817.57	1822.37	71	45	Joyrup Mullick Pranab Roy	2.38	1623.06	1625.44
54	32	Pijus Kanti Baroi Kannan Krishnamurthy	72.12	1746.4	1818.52	72	5	Saptarshi Chanda Animesh Majumder	0.13	1579.09	1579.22

ProAm Pairs Draw

Satya B — Kiran Nadar
Sumit Mukherjee — Monica Jajoo
Boye Brogeland — Richa Shriram
Oren Toledano — Subodh Maskara
Sanjit Dey — Rahul Khambete
Binod Kumar Shaw — Sejal Shah
Arun Bapat — Bindiya Judge
Wojciech Gawel — Petar Ljubicic
Piotr Marcinowski — Mukund Jagannathan
Olanski Wojciech — Subrata Sadhukhan
Kaustabh Bendre — Suresh Senapaty
Tor Eivind Grude — Santanu Chakraborty
Subhash Gupta — Anshul Singhal
Sayantan Kushari — Prasad V Keni
Sandeep Thakral — Arjun Sawhny
Rajeshwar Tewari — Ayan Mondal
Paul Hackett — Kannan Krishnamurthy
Mike Brown — S Vijayraghavan
Michael Whibley — J K Bhosale
Debabrata Majumder — Sailaja Tahiliani
Keyzad Anklesaria — N Sudhakar Babu
Kaustabh Nandi — Arun Kumar Sinha
Jaggy Shivdasani — Mangalam Punj
Hemant Lall — Ramprosad Das
Christian Bakke — Maneesh Bahuguna
Ami Zamir — Jesal Dabriwala

Result : IMP Pairs Elimination

Pos	No	Players	IMPs	Pos	No	Players	IMPs
1	207	Mrinal Kanti Mukherjee Sowmik Das	124	27	170	Anil Vijaywargiya Ajit B Chakradeo	54
2	75	N Periasamy B Seenivasagan	105	28	190	Vytautas Vainikonis Olanski Wojciech	53.1
3	110	Kamal Krishna Mukherjee Alok Daga	99	29	41	Tapan Kumar Roy1 Shyama Prasad Banerjee	53
4	57	Pandu Chedalavada Srinivas Kachibhatla	96	30	105	Satchidananda Nayak D N Behera	53
5	81	Subrata Chakraborty Ajoy Saha	91	31	87	Jayanta Chowdhury Debabrata Ray	51
6	6	Sanat Kumar Saha Shyama Prasad Chatterjee	90	32	144	Bholanath Dash Sarveswar Bhattacharya	51
7	146	Anukul Mandal K K Sabherwal	87	33	62	Sourendra Coomer Dutt Raghunath P Tripathi	49
8	25	Chandan Chowdhury Sanjay Raha	87	34	233	Gourav Biswas Pulak Panji	48
9	161	Craig Gower Diana Rosslee	81	35	51	Savleen Thadani Rahul Khambete	46
10	63	Sajal Banerjee Kaushik Mukherjee	77	36	36	Shantanu Rastogi Tribhuvan Prasad Khare	45
11	231	Sanat Roy Amar Kumar Bose	75	37	120	Anup Kumar Mahajan Hemkanti Talukdar	44
12	84	Vinay Mohan Lal Avijit Sarkar	73	38	32	Tapan Kr Sen Sanjay Banerjee	44
13	223	Amit Pal Swarup Ghosh	71	39	82	Arabinda Kumar Mishra V Ravindran	44
14	5	Tatiana Nokhaeva Aleksandr Piatkov	66	40	48	Jyotirmoy Dey Ajoy Baruah	43
15	71	Shouvik Das Suman Sengupta	64	41	165	Hemant Purkar Chandrashekhar V Kekre	43
16	249	M J R Vasudevan M Vasanth Pai	63	42	78	Pankaj P Chaudharl Pintu Sao	42
17	157	Souvik Saha Sandip Gharai	63	43	117	Gopinath Manna Sandip Datta	42
18	23	Ramesh Patodia Rajesh K Jain	61	44	18	Asit Baran Chakraborty Sagar Bhuia	42
19	12	Vijay Ramchandran Sundar Shekar Polavaram	60	45	142	Md Sahajahan Santanu Das	41
20	177	Subhajit Choudhury Pradip Dey	60	46	14	Vijay Kumar Manglik P K Sharma	41
21	159	Kailash Agarwal Abhay Todankar	59	47	131	Asit Kumar Bandopadhyaya Bijan Kumar Bandopadhyay	41
22	251	Hironmoy Banerjee Kajal Pal	58	48	147	Aroon Birla R P Shivhare	41
23	180	Madhav A Kshirsagar Kanad V Javahire	57	49	9	Bharat Rao Himanshu Joshi	40
24	182	Saurav Sil Biplab Dawn	55.1	50	99	Prasanta Bera Vivekananda Ghosh	40
25	52	Raj Kumar Srivastava Arjun Srivastava	55	51	206	Prithvi Raj P K Bandhu	39
26	163	Atanu Ganguly Madhu Malti Jain	54	52	175	Debashis Bhadra Dibyendu Shee	37

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Pos	No	Players	IMPs	Pos	No	Players	IMPs
53	246	Khaled Hassan Ahmed Alruwayeh	37	79	139	S Vijayraghavan R N Subramaniam	23
54	168	Hazur Singh Dhariwal S S Bhullar	36	80	96	Pabitra Majumder Mithun Biswas	23
55	8	Deepak Ramnani K P Baskaran	34	81	132	Kumares Ghosh Sumit Santra	22
56	119	Anupam Ghosh Tapas Kumar Chaudhuri	33	82	225	Prabir Das Bapi Das	22
57	26	Bijit Datta Tapas Kumar Roy	32	83	67	Asis Tosh Shiba Prasad Samaddar	21
58	222	Sanjeev Tomar Monu Kumar Ranchhad	31	84	241	Bipul Kumar Roy Dilip Kumar Borpuzari	20
59	252	Manoj Das Kedar Nath Shaw	31	85	152	Sanjiv Sahay Daljeet Marwah	20
60	104	Atul Dashputre Hemant Pande	31	86	219	Ashok Hazra Monoj Bhattacharjee	19
61	156	Sanjoo Melwani Rajesh Darshanpal Kuckreja	30	87	256	Dharma Narayan Bordoloi Dilip Kr Sarma	19
62	145	Tapan Kumar Roy1 Ranjan Bhattacharya	30	88	216	Babhrubahan Bose Rajib Ray	19
63	93	Sharad Kumar Sanjay Shrivastava	29	89	235	Amol Athawale A L Sancheti	19
64	10	Dipak K Poddar Namit Sharma	28	90	215	Soham Sarkar Mathew Chandy	17
65	125	Sukalyan Sarkar Saumitra Chakraborty	28	91	128	Pradeep Anand Singh Vijayanand Singh	16
66	42	Santi Ranjan Dutta Tapan Kr Bhattacharya	28	92	116	Hari Narayan Pradip Gupta	15
67	148	Tapas Das1 Gautam Chattopadhyay	28	93	167	Subhash Bhavnani TV Ramani	15
68	21	Rahul Shetty Mahesh Rohera	28	94	138	Amitava Roy Nandalal Hazra	15
69	247	Madhur (Daisy) Singh Rathindra Nath Kundu	27	95	47	Edward Perera Romesh Bandaranaike	15
70	244	Amarjit Wadhawan Arun Jain	26	96	176	Ramkrishna Majumder Ayan Chatterjee	15
71	83	J K Bhosale P D Joshi	26	97	171	Pradip Kumar Halder Loknath Chatterjee	15
72	143	Rohit Rai Tandon Aakash Sharma	26	98	209	Rajendra Ray Arnab Ghosh	14
73	90	Aman Tyagi Kinjal Desai	26	99	65	Prosenjit Roy Sarkar Jayanta Dutta	14
74	16	Sanjib Naskar Proshanto Bhattacharya	26	100	188	Ajit Saldanha Ranga Khadloya	13.6
75	22	K Durgadas Girish R Bijoor	25	101	107	Ravindra Amritkar Hasmukh Vidja	13
76	61	Shrikant B Tembey Yogesh B Shah	25	102	201	Aniruddh Ghosh Suren Mewar	13
77	88	Bindiya Naidoo Nikita Kamal	24	103	178	Sandeep Narang Bidyut Goswami	13
78	173	Mohan P Damle Vinayak Bhikaji Mulye	23	104	34	Kingshuk Bhattacharya Moloy Kumar Mondal	12

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105	19	Prasanta Basu Ray Asim Sarkar	12	131	193	Devangshu Datta Subashish Gope	3
106	217	Ashis Pan Sudipta Adhikary	11	132	237	Sanjay Kumar Sondhi Subhransu Patnaik	3
107=	17	Hatinder Panwar Atulya Sood	11	133	118	Pritam Das Anindra Kumar Sarkar	2
107=	35	Aritra Bhattacharya Pradyut Bhattacharjee	11	134	136	Sanjay Kundu Pradip Mondal	1
109	242	Velupillai Balakumar Smita Jindal	11	135	70	R Sreekrishnan Afshar Majeed	1
110	186	Gajendra Kumar Vyas Narendra Kumar Sharma	9.9	136	97	Deepa Jacob Pallab Sinha Roy	1
111	20	Yatindra Sahae Gustav Axen	9	137	229	Asim Saha Smita Govilkar	0
112	228	Puneet Gangal Ibrat Khan	8	138	134	Ashim Chandra Karmarkar Mrityunjay Dey	0
113	31	Jayanta Sarkar Amal Kumar Gune	8	139	108	Jignesh Parikh Saurabh Dalal	-1
114	224	Abhishek Mitra Gautam Chatterjee	7	140	174	Md. Shahidul Islam Mohammad Ehsanuzzaman	-1
115	232	Vinod Kumar Mutreja J B Sengupta	7	141	202	Vivekanand Patki Ashish Nandanwar	-2
116	33	Kamleshwar Rai Chunni Lal Arora	7	142	243	C Sathish Kumar S Srinivasan	-2
117	189	Ratan Lal Sanghi Sunil Kumar Sinha	6.8	143	154	Kaustabh Nandi Sagnik Roy	-3
118	166	M Gopal Sudhir Iyer	6	144	181	Bimalendu Das Sumanta Roy	-3.4
119	130	Kavita Dhawan Bhavna Naraindas	6	145	112	Joy Saikia Gautam Sarma	-6
120	115	Amol Deshmukh V Chandrasekhar	5	146	85	Kamla Mehra Madhu Sudan Sharma	-6
121	185	Sunil Bhatia Uma Relan	4	147	44	Arnab Guha Bijon Kumar Mondal	-6
122	54	Gautam Aich Ajit Mukherjee	4	148	73	Goutam Mukherjee Tirthankar Sengupta	-6
123	221	Pradeep Govil S K Sharma	4	149	121	Stanley Nazareth Vinay Sharma	-6
124	100	U V Athavale V Ravichandran	4	150	169	Jenish Shah Milind Panandikar	-8
125	208	Utpal Santra Asim Das	4	151	226	Amitava Mukherjee Sumit Bhattacharjee	-8
126	72	Swapan Sardar Sumit Saha	3	152	124	Tapas Das1 Subrata Chatterjee	-9
127	68	Prakash Gupta Dilip Mistry	3	153	203	Sourav Mukherjee Partha Pratim Pal	-10
128	135	V A Phapunkar Girish Mujumdar	3	154	69	Bijal Shah Sejal Shah	-10
129	92	Anant Potdar Prafulla Kumar Das	3	155	234	Mukund Jagannathan Ramaratnam Venkatesh	-11
130	28	Ravi Raman Ivan Alphonso	3	156	162	Rupa Bakeri Aparna Sain	-12

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Pos	No	Players	IMPs	Pos	No	Players	IMPs
157	89	Sriram Bhikaji Khanolkar N B Shinde	-12	182	55	M K Bhargava Rajendra Kumar	-24
158	15	Tapan Kumar Roy1 Tarun Manna	-13	183	187	Suresh Senapaty H. Anjaneya Swamy	-25.6
159	59	Jaydeep Bhattacharjee Mehedi Hasan	-13	184	11	Sudeep Saha Aloke Kumar Sardar	-27
160	126	Tonmoy Ghosh Suraj Das	-13	185	160	Prithviraj Ghosh Kalyan Kumar Roy	-27
161	86	Ramaratnam Krishnan Rasika Karunatilake	-13	186	1	Pradip Kumar Sen Sharma Kalyan Roy Chowdhury	-27
162	45	Prasad V Keni R Kannan	-16	187	158	Gaurav Rajwade Rajendra V Mekal	-28
163	101	Paban Agarwal Kalindi Mewar	-16	188	43	Amit Nangpal Indrajit Sensarma	-28
164	53	Ramendra Chowdhury Ranjan Bose	-17	189	64	Anal B Shah Jesal Dabriwala	-29
165	60	Sunil Misra S K Gautam	-17	190	239	Rakesh Ranjan S K Verma	-29
166	39	Braja Gopal Dey Sunil Das	-18	191	109	Kalpna Varshney Pini Paul	-31
167	236	Dheeraj Kumar Monu Kumar	-18	192	164	Prakash Bhandari Jaya Bhandari	-32
168	66	B P S Pai Raj Madnani	-18	193	238	Kumar Venkataraman Pradeep Deshpande	-33
169	127	Asvin Ganger Kausar Hasan Syed	-18	194	218	Sayantan Konar Sanjib Majumdar	-34
170	248	Tapan Jyoti Ghosh Rabi Sankar Roychowdhury	-19	195	259	Kishore Das Debobrata Mondal	-34
171	153	Prabir Kumar Thakur Sujan Chowdhury	-19	196	204	Hemant K Jalan Ashis Malhotra	-35
172	58	Samar Kumar Maity Raju Mitra	-19	197	184	Deepika Andlay Anjali Semwal	-35.8
173	195	Prakash Achar Birendra Kumar	-19	198	133	Sunandan Thakur Bidyut Kanti Thakur	-36
174	91	R K Pradhan Sankarsan Behera	-19	199	111	Balai Paul Prabir Kumar Paul	-36
175	245	M K Halder Amitava Banerjee	-20	200	46	Arya Chakraborty Subir Majumdar	-36
176	254	Anil Mondal Pratap Chandra Ghosh	-20	201	24	Anuradha Krishna Sudhir K Agrawal	-36
177	141	Anand W Golwalkar Shailendra Kumar	-21	202	13	Gautam Kumar Chanda Arup Lodh	-37
178	94	Arup Kumar Hudait Priyotosh Sarkar	-22	203	212	Tutun Banerjee Arijit Chattaraj	-38
179	213	Maheswar Pradhan A Martand Rao	-23	204	255	Susanta Kumar Mandal Milan Bhuiya	-38
180	29	Bhanumati Shah Kamal Shah	-23	205	3	Anushree Jalan Indranath Chatterjee	-38
181	95	Sachin Shrikrishna Joshi Chintamani Bhikaji Damale	-24	206	106	Anjali Malhotra Vijay Kumar	-39

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207	123	Gopi Kant Tiwari	-39	230	258	D N Lenka	-60
		Sudhir Kumar Agrawal				Bhaskar Chandra Mallik	
208	129	Rana Chakraborty	-39	231	192	Salil Kumar Mondal	-61
		Kajal Chandra Das				Bhola Nath Ghosh	
209	205	Sisir Kumar Banerjee	-41	232	27	Deepika Mehta	-62
		Protap Bandyopadhyay				Ravi Kaul	
210	56	Achintyananda Thakur	-41	233	7	P Narayan Iyer	-63
		Soumen Das				Aparajitha Iyer	
211	76	Partha Sarkar	-43	234	257	Anil Kumar Upadhyay	-66
		Subir Kumar Chaudhuri				Ratnesh	
212	114	Swetadri Saha	-44	235	227	Abani Baruah	-66
		Krishna Das Chakraborty				Ashok Kumar	
213	113	Subrata Sadhukhan	-44	236	196	Alok Kumar Mandal	-67
		Subramanian Karuppannan				Dipak Kumar Paul	
214	50	M P S Chauhan	-46	237	211	Gopal Das	-68
		Kanwal Dhody				Shantanu Roy	
215	183	Chanchal Dass	-46.8	238	40	Kamlesh Gupta	-80
		Saswata Ballav				Rakesh Kr Govil	
216	49	Sailaja Tahiliani	-47	239	179	N Sudhakar Babu	-81
		Pradip Ghosh				Rajendran Ramesh	
217	103	Umesh	-49	240	172	Umesh Ram	-81
		Atul Kumar				J P Singh	
218	191	Srithar R	-50	241	253	Sunit Kumar Bose	-86
		Mohan Jhala				Sujoy Kumar Dey	
219	38	Sushil Kumar Paul	-50	242	4	Shibashish Barik	-87
		Subrata Sarkar				Debashis Majumdar	
220	140	Madhav K Agashe	-51	243	79	A K Sinha	-87
		A K Patwardhan				Sunil Mahajan	
221	150	Vijay Deshpande	-51	244	151	Satyaban Ukil	-88
		Vrinda Jhunhunwala				Pradip Kumar Banerjee	
222	149	Sunil Desai	-52	245	214	Alok Dutta	-93
		Yogeshwar Banavali				Paltu Kumar Fouzdar	
223	37	Raj Kumar Mukherjee	-53	246	137	Netai Pada Kabiraj	-95
		Sunil Dutta				Achintya Halder	
224	198	Kishore Kumar Ganguly	-54	247	122	Ashok K Sinha	-101
		Prasanta Dutta				Mini Agarwal	
225	155	R Anbazhagan	-55	248	2	Rajat Dutta	-105
		Sarika Mittal				Cera Fernando	
226	102	Uday Ghoshal	-57	249	30	Nirav Patel	-106
		Saurendranath Chakrabarti				D V Ravi	
227	80	Sunil Kumar	-58	250	98	M Venkatesan	-110
		H L Tripathi				C K Madheswaran	
228	77	Pramod Ranjan Das	-59	251	199	Nirmal Raja	-111
		Suvasish Dasgupta				Mohan Nair	
229	194	Md Rezaul Karim	-59	252	74	Provat Roy	-124
		Taymur Reza Hossain				Kishore Kanti Roy	

Semi-Finals Set 1

Both the GOLD category semi-finals were on the VU graph on Sunday 12th October, 2025 morning. WHAM played against EA Bridge and Monica Jajoo faced OLIMP. First two boards were flat. The third board led to a game swing in both the matches.

Both North's reached 4♠ and got ♦Q lead. In the Open Room, three suits had been bid, in the Closed Whibley rightly chose to lead from his shorter minor. Both Declarers ducked once and won the second round of Diamonds with the ♦A, played a Spade to Dummy's ♠Q, and cashed ♥AK to discard two Clubs.

Hung played a Diamond next. Shibnath was out of trumps when he won the Diamond trick. Hung was able to ruff his fourth Diamond and claim 10 tricks. Defenders got the fourth Spade. In the Closed Room, Koushik played the ♠8 after cashing Hearts. He had to lose a trump and a Diamond more. Team WHAM won 10 IMPs on the board.

3		N HUNG	W N E S
		♠ AK7632	P 1♠ P 2♥
		♥ A754	P 3♣ X 3♠
		♦ A53	P 4♠ P P
W CHOTAN	E KACHCHU		
♠ J954	♠ 10		
♥ 107532	♥ QJ		
♦ K8	♦ J103		
♣ K7	♣ QJ10962		
		S HANS	
		♠ Q8	
		♥ AK9864	
		♦ 962	
		♣ 84	
Other table: 4♠N-1		4♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0	
NS: WHAM 8 IMPs			
EW: EA BRIDGE 1 IMPs			

3		N KOUSHIK	W N E S
		♠ AK7632	P 2♠ P 3♥
		♥ A754	P 4♠ P P
		♦ A53	P P
W M BROWN	E WHIBLEY		
♠ J954	♠ 10		
♥ 107532	♥ QJ		
♦ K8	♦ J103		
♣ K7	♣ QJ10962		
		S P SINHA	
		♠ Q8	
		♥ AK9864	
		♦ 962	
		♣ 84	
Other table: 4♠N=		4♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0	
NS: EA BRIDGE 1 IMPs			
EW: WHAM 8 IMPs			

In the OLIMP vs. Monica Jajoo match, both Easts led the ♣Q. In the Open Room, Gromov ducked, won Spade shift with the ♠Q, discarded two Diamonds on ♥AK, cashed ♣A, and l ruffed a Club. He only lost a Diamond and the fourth Trump. 4♠ made four for +420.

In the Closed Room, Sayantan won the ♠A first time, went to Dummy with the ♠Q, discarded a Club on ♥A, ruffed a Heart, and played the ♠A. It is difficult to figure out what he was trying to achieve. The details of further play are not available. The contract went down one. OLIMP won 10 IMPs as a result.

3		N GROMOV	W N E S
		♠ AK7632	P 3♣ X 3♥
		♥ A754	P 3♠ P 4♠
		♦ A53	P P P
W SANJIT DEY	E BINOD SHAW		
♠ J954	♠ 10		
♥ 107532	♥ QJ		
♦ K8	♦ QJ103		
♣ K7	♣ J10962		
		S ANNA	
		♠ Q8	
		♥ AK9864	
		♦ 962	
		♣ 84	
Other table: 4♠N-1		4♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0	
NS: OLIMP 1 IMPs			
EW: MONICA JAJOO 0 IMPs			

3		N SAYANTAN K	W N E S
		♠ AK7632	P 1♠ P 2♥
		♥ A754	P 3♥ P 3♠
		♦ A53	P 4♠ P 4♠
W S ORLOV	E O FIRSOVA		
♠ J954	♠ 10		
♥ 107532	♥ QJ		
♦ K8	♦ QJ103		
♣ K7	♣ J10962		
		S KAUSTUBH B	
		♠ Q8	
		♥ AK9864	
		♦ 962	
		♣ 84	
Other table: 4♠N=		4♠ N NS: 0 EW: 0	
NS: MONICA JAJOO 0 IMPs			
EW: OLIMP 1 IMPs			

The next board produced a swing the other way in the WHAM vs EA Bridge match. Hung's 3♣ overcall showed Spades and Diamonds. Sartaj Hans bid 4♠ on Kahchu's 4♥ and Chotan bid 5♥. Hung doubled and led the ♠A. It turned out to be the wrong Ace to lead. That allowed the Declarer to discard a Club on ♠K. Defenders only got two Aces. 5♥ doubled, made, was worth 850.

In the Closed Room, Koushik bid 2♥ over 1♥, the Michaels Cue-bid showing Spades and a minor. East jumped to 4♥ and South bid 4♠. Brown doubled. Koushik passed, but the bidding recorded on the Vu graph shows he redoubled. East passed. With six Hearts, he could well have taken an insurance with a 5♥ bid, however, he trusted partner to have enough defence for the double. Indeed, he did have enough. West cashed two top Clubs and continued Clubs. With no entry to the Closed hand to take the trump finesse, the Declarer lost the ♠K and a Diamond more. One down was 200 to East-West (the score is recorded right, but not the bidding), but the East-West in the OR had collected 850, so EA Bridge won 12 IMPs on the board.

4		N HUNG ♠ QJ93 ♥ ♦ AJ872 ♣ QJ6	W N E S 1♥ 3♣ 4♥ 4♠ 5♥ X P P P
W CHOTAN ♠ K7 ♥ AQ653 ♦ Q9 ♣ AK42	♠A	E KACHCHU ♠ 10 ♥ J109842 ♦ K43 ♣ 1053	
	S HANS ♠ 86542 ♥ K7 ♦ 1065 ♣ 987		
Other table: 4♠S-1 NS: WHAM 18 IMPs EW: EA BRIDGE 1 IMPs		5♥x W	NS: 0 EW: 0

4		N KOUSHIK ♠ AQJ93 ♥ ♦ AJ872 ♣ QJ6	W N E S 1♥ 2♥ 4♥ 4♠ X XX P P P
W M BROWN ♠ K7 ♥ AQ653 ♦ Q9 ♣ A42	♠K	E WHIBLEY ♠ 10 ♥ J109842 ♦ K43 ♣ 1053	
	S P SINHA ♠ 86542 ♥ K7 ♦ 1065 ♣ 987		
Other table: 5♥xW= NS: EA BRIDGE 1 IMPs EW: WHAM 18 IMPs		4♠x S	NS: 0 EW: 0

In the OLIMP-Monica Jajoo match, the bidding followed a similar pattern. Sanjit Dey did not double. 4♠ went one down. In the Closed Room, West, surprisingly, pushed North-South to five Spades level with a 5♥ bid. He then doubled and extracted 300. That was five IMPs to OLIMP.

4		N GROMOV ♠ AQJ93 ♥ ♦ AJ872 ♣ QJ6	W N E S 1♥ 2NT 4♥ 4♠ P P P P
W SANJIT DEY ♠ K7 ♥ AQ653 ♦ Q9 ♣ K42	♠A	E BINOD SHAW ♠ 10 ♥ J109842 ♦ K43 ♣ 1053	
	S ANNA ♠ 86542 ♥ K7 ♦ 1065 ♣ 987		
Other table: 5♥xS-2 NS: OLIMP 11 IMPs EW: MONICA JAJOO 0 IMPs		4♠ S	NS: 0 EW: 0

4		N SAYANTAN K ♠ AQJ93 ♥ ♦ AJ872 ♣ QJ6	W N E S 1♥ 2♥ 4♥ 4♠ 5♥ 5♠ P P X P P P
W S ORLOV ♠ K7 ♥ AQ653 ♦ Q9 ♣ K42	♠A	E O FIRSOVA ♠ 10 ♥ J109842 ♦ K43 ♣ 1053	
	S KAUSTUBH B ♠ 86542 ♥ K7 ♦ 1065 ♣ 987		
Other table: 4♠S-1 NS: MONICA JAJOO 0 IMPs EW: OLIMP 11 IMPs		5♥x S	NS: 0 EW: 0

Board five produced yet another swing. That was in favour of the WHAM team. In the Open Room, Hung opened his 11-pointer with a 1♦ bid. East-West don't seem to have a method to handle this type of hand. With 19 HCP, East passed. With seven, West balanced. In the chaotic sequence that followed these bids, East-West ended up in 3Nt without any one of them mentioning the Spade suit. On a Club lead, it went down three. The Closed Room bidding was routine. North passed and East-West had an undisturbed auction to 4♠. Brown made 11 tricks for +450 and WHAM registered a 12-IMP gain.

D 5		N HUNG ♠ A7 ♥ 10984 ♦ A104 ♣ K95	W N E S 1♦ P P X P P P P 3♣ P 3NT P P
W CHOTAN ♠ 105432 ♥ QJ75 ♦ 95 ♣ A10	♣4	E KACHCHU ♠ KQJ6 ♥ AK2 ♦ KQJ63 ♣ 8	W N E S 1♦ P 1♦ P 1♣ P 4♣ P 4♣ P P
S HANS ♠ 98 ♥ 63 ♦ 872 ♣ QJ7632		S P SINHA ♠ 98 ♥ 63 ♦ 872 ♣ QJ7632	
Other table: 4♠W+1 NS: WHAM 18 IMPs EW: EA BRIDGE 13 IMPs		Other table: 3NTW-3 NS: EA BRIDGE 13 IMPs EW: WHAM 18 IMPs	
3NT W		4♠ W	
NS: 0 EW: 0		NS: 0 EW: 0	

In the other match, it was a flat board. Boards 6,7,8 were flattish. Board nine to 11 brought up a swing each in the WHAM-EA Bridge match. On Board 9, Hung opened 1♣ strong, Kachchu overcalled 1♦, and Sartaj responded 1Nt potentially exposing partner's lower Diamond honours to trouble on the Opening lead. The reached 3Nt, West led a Diamond, and the contract was set up for defeat on trick one itself. Sartaj won ♦A on the third round and finessed Spades. On the run of Diamonds, he had to let go a Spade from the North hand because ♣AQ were needed to ward off a Club shift. He then used the ♥A entry for another Spade finesse. That lost and he lost one more trick to ♣King. Down three for 150 to East-West was the result.

D 9		N HUNG ♠ AQ1083 ♥ K84 ♦ Q8 ♣ AQ3	W N E S 1♣ 1♦ 1NT P 2♣ P 2NT P 3♣ P 3NT P P P
W CHOTAN ♠ 654 ♥ 52 ♦ 76 ♣ KJ974	♦4	E KACHCHU ♠ KJ7 ♥ QJ103 ♦ KJ1032 ♣ 10	W N E S 1♣ X P 2♣ P 2♦ P P X P P
S HANS ♠ 92 ♥ A976 ♦ A95 ♣ 8652		S P SINHA ♠ 92 ♥ A976 ♦ A95 ♣ 8652	
Other table: 2♦x E-2 NS: WHAM 34 IMPs EW: EA BRIDGE 16 IMPs		Other table: 3NTS-3 NS: EA BRIDGE 16 IMPs EW: WHAM 34 IMPs	
3NT S		2♦x E	
NS: 0 EW: 0		NS: 0 EW: 0	

In the other room, Whibley doubled North's 1♠ opening on an Ace-less hand and corrected the 2♣ takeout to 2♦. Perhaps, it is part of a coded system. North doubled 2♦ for takeout and Priya passed. It went down two for 500 to North-South. EA Bridge earned 12 IMPs on the board.

On Board 10, EA Bridge won nine more IMPs. It was because of the not so infrequent problem that a wide range one level opening gets into. Kachchu upgraded his hand perhaps because of the two Ten-spots in Majors, and opened a 20-21 2Nt holding only 19 HCP. A Club lead would have beaten that contract by a trick, but Sartaj didn't have a crystal ball. He led the fourth best of his longest suit. Kachchu won and played a Heart. A Club switch would have put declarer under pressure, but Sartaj now shifted to the ♠Queen. Kachchu won and played another Heart. Sartaj won and continued Spades Hung ducking once more. Kachchu now cashed top Diamonds and cashed Hearts ending in Dummy. The diagram below on the right, shows the 4-card position.

10		N HUNG ♠ A952 ♥ 962 ♦ J ♣ KJ1032	W N E S P P 2NT P
W CHOTAN ♠ J64 ♥ Q875 ♦ 9852 ♣ 95		E KACHCHU ♠ K103 ♥ J1043 ♦ AKQ ♣ AQ7	
		S HANS ♠ Q87 ♥ AK ♦ 10763 ♣ 864	
Other table: 1♣E-2 NS: WHAM 34 IMPs EW: EA BRIDGE 28 IMPs		2NT E NS: 0 EW: 0	

10		N HUNG ♠ A ♥ ♦ ♣ KJ10	W N E S P P 2NT P
W CHOTAN ♠ J ♥ ♦ ♣ 95	♦ 9	E KACHCHU ♠ 3 ♥ ♦ ♣ AQ7	
		S HANS ♠ ♥ ♦ 10 ♣ 864	
Other table: 1♣E-2 NS: WHAM 34 IMPs EW: EA BRIDGE 28 IMPs		2NT E NS: 2 EW: 7	

Sartaj had discarded a Diamond on Hearts. Kachchu endplayed Sartaj with a Diamond. North had to discard a Club to protect the Spade Ace. Sartaj won ♦T, and played, well, you guessed it, played the ♣8. Kachchu won the last three tricks with his ♣AQ7 combination. There wasn't much at stake once Sartaj shifted to the ♠Q at trick three. Still, when the ground below a bridge player slips, that is, your understanding of the four hands goes for a toss, you could easily end up doing things that you would not normally to. It is a fun hand, not one suitable for any serious thought.

At the other Table, Whibley opened 1♣ and everyone passed. Priyaranjan Sinha led a top Heart. Declarer collected only five tricks. EA Bridge earned 9 IMPs on the board.

10		N KOUSHIK ♠ A952 ♥ 962 ♦ J ♣ KJ1032	W N E S P P 1♣ P
W M BROWN ♠ J64 ♥ Q875 ♦ 9852 ♣ 95		E WHIBLEY ♠ K103 ♥ J1043 ♦ AKQ ♣ AQ7	
		S P SINHA ♠ Q87 ♥ A ♦ 107643 ♣ 864	
Other table: 2NTE+2 NS: EA BRIDGE 28 IMPs EW: WHAM 34 IMPs		1♣ E NS: 0 EW: 0	

On Board 11, Sartaj Hans opened and Chotan bid 2♠, weak, with his six moth-eaten Spades. Hung doubled and Kachchu happily jumped to 4♠. Sartaj Passed suggesting that he was OK with a higher level contract. 4♠ went Pass- Pass to Hung who took out to 4Nt suggesting length in both minors. Sartaj now bid 5♣ and played in 5♣ undoubled. He had to lose three Hearts. Down one was the result.

11		N HUNG		W	N	E	S
D		♠ 9642 ♥ KJ109 ♦ A9875		2♣	X	4♣	1♦
				P	4NT	P	P
				P	P	P	5♣
W CHOTAN				E KACHCHU			
♠ 109654		♠ J		♠ AK8732			
♥ A10				♥ KQ73			
♦ 742				♦ Q			
♣ J4				♣ 63			
		S HANS					
		♠ Q					
		♥ J85					
		♦ A8653					
		♣ KQ102					
Other table: 4♠xW=				5♣ S		NS: 0 EW: 0	
NS: WHAM 34 IMPs							
EW: EA BRIDGE 37 IMPs							

In the Closed Room, after a similar beginning to the auction, Koushik doubled 4♠ rather than bidding 4Nt. Perhaps, there was some misunderstanding about the meaning of South's Pass on 4♠. Anyway, Priyaranjan Sinha sat for the double. Declarer had only three losers. 4♠ doubled made was +590 to East-West. Team WHAM earned 11 IMPs on the board.

11 D		N KOUSHIK ♠ ♥ 9642 ♦ K109 ♣ A9875	W N E S 2♣ X 4♣ 1♦ P X P P
W M BROWN ♠ J109654 ♥ A10 ♦ 742 ♣ J4		♦ J	E WHIBLEY ♠ AK8732 ♥ KQ73 ♦ Q ♣ 63
		S P SINHA ♠ Q ♥ J85 ♦ A8653 ♣ KQ102	
Other table: 5♠S-1 NS: EA BRIDGE 37 IMPs EW: WHAM 34 IMPs			4ex W NS: 0 EW: 0

Last three boards were push boards in the WHAM-EA Bridge match. WHAM started with a carry over of 8. The session score was 37-37. WHAM led 45-37 at the end of the first set.



In the OLIMP vs. Monica Jajoo match, every board in the second half of the first set produced a swing. We will have a look at the three bigger swings starting with board nine. In the Open Room, North-South reached 3Nt in an uncontested auction. Sanjit Dey led fourth best ♠7 from his longest and strongest suit.

D		N GROMOV		W		N		E		S	
9		♠ AQ1083 ♥ K84 ♦ Q8 ♣ AQ3		1♣ P P P P		1♠ 2♣ 3NT		P P P		1♦ 1NT 2NT P	
W SANJIT DEY		♣ 7		E BINOD SHAW							
♠ 654 ♥ 52 ♦ 764 ♣ KJ94				♠ KJ7 ♥ QJ103 ♦ KJ1032 ♣ 10							
		S ANNA									
		♠ 92 ♥ A976 ♦ A95 ♣ 8652									
Other table: 3NTS=											
NS: OLIMP		25 IMPs									
EW: MONICA JAJOO		0 IMPs									
				3NT S				NS: 0 EW: 0			

Anna Gulevich played small from Dummy and Binod Shaw won with the ♠T. He now switched to a small Diamond that went to Dummy's ♦ Queen. Anna got to the Closed hand with the ♥A and ran the ♠9. Binod won ♠J and drove out the ♦ Ace. Anna finessed Spades again. Binod won and cashed his Diamonds. 3Nt went down two for 100 to East-West.

In the Closed Room, Sayantan opened 1♠ and after a similar sequence to that in the OR, South played in 3Nt. The Opening lead was the same : ♣7. Kaustubh inserted the ♣Q winning the trick. He also played a Heart to ♥A and ran the ♠9 but he was a tempo ahead. Olga Firsova won ♠Jack and advanced ♦ Jack. That went to Dummy's Queen. Kaustubh now played the Spades off the top. He made nine tricks for +400. Monica Jajoo team won eleven IMPs as a result. Their team had lost 25 IMPs in first eight boards. Board nine marked their come back.

D		N SAYANTAN K		W		N		E		S	
9		♠ AQ1083 ♥ K84 ♦ Q8 ♣ AQ3		1♠ P P		2NT P		P P		1NT 3NT	
W S ORLOV		♣ 7		E O FIRSOVA		♠ KJ7 ♥ QJ103 ♦ KJ1032 ♣ 10					
♠ 654 ♥ 52 ♦ 764 ♣ KJ94		S KAUSTUBH B		♠ 92 ♥ A976 ♦ A95 ♣ 8652							
Other table: 3NTS-2 NS: MONICA JAJOO 0 IMPs EW: OLIMP 25 IMPs						3NT S				NS: 0 EW: 0	



On Board 10, they added 8 IMPs. Like Kachchu in the other match, Binod opened 2Nt upgrading his 19-HCP hand. All passed. Like Sartaj, Anna Gulevich led her fourth best Diamond. Binod won and played ♥T. Anna won and shifted to a small Spade where Sartaj had chosen the ♠Q shift. Gromov won the ♠7 shift with the ♠A and returned a Spade. Binod finessed. Anna won the ♠Q and played another Spade whereupon Binod drove out the ♥K. Club finesse gave Binod his eighth trick. 2Nt scored +120.

10		N GROMOV ♠ A952 ♥ 962 ♦ J ♣ KJ1032	W N E S P P 2NT P
W SANJIT DEY ♠ J64 ♥ Q875 ♦ 9852 ♣ 95		♦4	E BINOD SHAW ♠ K103 ♥ J1043 ♦ AKQ ♣ AQ7
Other table: 3♥W-2 NS: OLIMP 25 IMPs EW: MONICA JAJOO 11 IMPs		S ANNA ♠ Q87 ♥ AK ♦ 10763 ♣ 864	2NT E NS: 0 EW: 0

The bidding in the Closed room brought up the other shortcoming of a wide range 1♣ opening. In the WHAM-EA Bridge match, East had passed 1♣ and East-West had played in a 3-2 Club fit going down two. In the OLIMP-Monica Jajoo match, East chose to respon 1♥ holding only 3 HCP. Olga Firsova now jumped to 3♦ to show a 4-card Heart fit and 18-19HCP with a balanced hand. Orlov reverted to 3♥.

Sayantan led ♦J. Declarer won ♦Q and played a trump. Kaustubh won and gave partner a Diamond ruff by playing the ♦6. Hehad played the ♦7 or the first trick. Sayantan ruffed and played the ♣J. Normally, ♦6 should be read as asking for the higher suit, Spades here, but the Declarer perhaps missed the spot card, or chose not to believe South. Orlov went up with the ♣A and played another trump. He lost two Spades and the ♣K in addition. 3♥ went down two for 200 to North-South. Monica Jajoo team won 8 IMPs on the board.

10		N SAYANTAN K		W N E S			
		♠ A952 ♥ 962 ♦ ♣ KJ1032		1♣ P 1♥ P 3♦ P 3♥ P P P			
W S ORLOV		♦ J		E O FIRSOVA			
♠ J64 ♥ Q875 ♦ 9852 ♣ 95				♠ K103 ♥ J1043 ♦ AKQ ♣ AQ7			
		S KAUSTUBH B					
		♠ Q87 ♥ AK ♦ 107643 ♣ 864					
Other table: 2NTE= NS: MONICA JAJOO 11 IMPs EW: OLIMP 25 IMPs				3♥ W NS: 0 EW: 0			

Board 13 was the last big swing of the set. In the Open Room, Binod opened 1♣ and South pre-empted 3♥. Sanjit bid 3♠. Binod rebid 4♦ to show a strong minor two-suiter. Sanjit reverted to 5♣. ♥King was led. Binod won ♥A, cashed ♠A discarding a Heart, took the trump finesse, cashed ♣A, and claimed 12 tricks when everyone followed to two Diamonds. East-West scored +620.

D 13	N GROMOV ♠ QJ543 ♥ 52 ♦ J82 ♣ KJ7	W N E S 3♣ P 1♠ 3♥ 5♣ P 4♦ P
W SANJIT DEY ♠ A10762 ♥ AJ ♦ 1043 ♣ 965	♥K	E BINOD SHAW ♠ 97 ♥ AKQ65 ♦ AQ8432
S ANNA ♠ K98 ♥ Q108643 ♦ 97 ♣ 10		5♣ E NS: 0 EW: 0
Other table: 3♣E+3 NS: OLIMP 25 IMPs EW: MONICA JAJOO 24 IMPs		

In the Closed Room, Olga Firsova chose to open 1♦. After 2♥ by South and 2♠ by West, Orga Firsova rebid 3♣. West passed because the 3♣ could have come with a 2254 hand with just 12-13 HCP or so whereas East had a 3-loser blockbuster. Firsova made the same 12 tricks that the Declarer made in the other room. That was 170 to East-West. Monica Jajoo won 10 IMPs on the board.

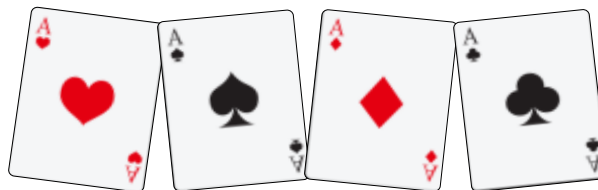
D 13	N SAYANTAN K ♠ QJ543 ♥ 52 ♦ J82 ♣ KJ7	W N E S 2♣ P P 1♦ 3♣ 2♥ P
W S ORLOV ♠ A10762 ♥ AJ ♦ 1043 ♣ 965		E O FIRSOVA ♠ ♥ 97 ♦ AKQ65 ♣ AQ8432
	S KAUSTUBH B ♠ K98 ♥ KQ108643 ♦ 97 ♣ 10	
Other table: 5♣E+1 NS: MONICA JAJOO 24 IMPs EW: OLIMP 25 IMPs		3♣ E NS: 0 EW: 0

In last eight boards, Monica Jajoo scored as many as 35 IMPs. At the end of Set 1, they were leading OLIMP 35-23. The Vu graph records show 25 for OLIMP.



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	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 (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
Tuesday, Oct 14	PRO-AM PAIRS TOURNAMENT (IMP Scoring) – 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

BBO Schedule for Monday, October 13, 2025

0900 – 1100 Hrs: T-4 GOLD, Final S-1 (2 Matches)
1115 – 1315 Hrs: T-4 GOLD, Final S-2 (2 Matches)
1400 – 1600 Hrs: T-4 GOLD, Final S-3 (2 Matches)
1615 – 1815 Hrs: T-4 GOLD, Final S-4 (2 Matches)

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