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Hemant Jalan's Team Tops the Swiss League in T-4

Hemant K. Jalan's Team (H.K. Jalan, Ashish Malhotra, G.B. Sinha, A. Bagaria, A. Lahiri & A. Kundu) with **186 VPs**, topped the 10 round Swiss league, to finalize the quarter-finalists. Scotland (Derek Diamond, Derek Sanders, Brian Spears, Sandy Duncan, John Murdoch & Irvine Gordan) were 2nd with 184 VPs. The day-1 leaders **MAGIC EYES** (Rhunying Chodchoy, Somchai Baisamut, Vallapa Svangsopakyl, Asdang Riamsree abd Charnchai Svangsopakyl) had to settle for the 8th position. The quarter finalists are:

1.	HEMANT K. JALAN - BLUE	-	186 VPs
2.	SCOTLAND	-	184 VPs
3.	ARUN JAIN	-	183 VPs
4.	FORMIDABLES	-	183 VPs
5.	HANS	-	181 VPs
6.	PODDAR DEVELOPERS	-	180 VPs
7.	ALPHA	-	180 VPs
8.	MAGIC EYES	-	178 VPs

Shree Cement, Hackett from England, England team, Promila Saraf, Texan Aces (the reigning champions), Dhampur Sugar Mills and Maya Meera Sneha were some of the top teams who did not qualify for the quarterfinals.

With last round to go, England were in good position playing on table 3 but had a real bad set against Jaln's team losing 25-3 to go out of the contention, whereas Poddar Developers on table-5 had a nice set against Boat House Club in the last round beating them 24-6 to enter the quarter-finals.

The qualified teams had the right to choose their opponents as per the priority of their ranking in the round robin stage. **The Quarterfinal line up is:**

1.	HEMANT K. JALAN - BLUE	Vs.	ALPHA
2.	SCOTLAND	Vs.	PODDAR DEVELOPERS
3.	ARUN JAIN	Vs.	MAGIC EYES
4.	FORMIDABLES	Vs.	HANS

2 Rounds of the 3*12 boards quarterfinal were played yesterday and the scores are:

T#	Team Name	Vs	Team Name	Boards				TOTAL	
				C/O	1-12	13-24	25-36		Pen
1	HEMANT K. JALAN (#1)	Vs	ALPHA (#7)	0-0	75-0	3-54		0-0	78-54
2	SCOTLAND (#2)	Vs	PODDAR DEVELOPERS (#6)	0-0	16-23	10-52		0-0	26-75
3	ARUN JAIN (#3)	Vs	MAGIC EYES (#8)	8-0	40-24	37-29		0-0	85-53
4	FORMIDABLES (#4)	Vs	HANS (#5)	0-0	19-51	33-28		0-0	52-79

The last round of 12 boards will be played today morning.

The Pairs Tournament also started yesterday evening. There will be 2 elimination rounds of 2 sessions each. Each session will be of 18 boards.

In the first elimination, 167 pairs are playing in 6 sections. There are 14 tables each in Sections "A", "B", "C", "D", "E" and Thirteen & half tables in sections "F". 11 TOP NS & 11 TOP EW pairs each from sections "A" & "B" combined, sections "C" & "D" combined and from section "E" & "F" combined would qualify for the 2nd elimination round. These 66 pairs will be joined by the losing quarter-finalists in the 2nd elimination. The first session of the Elimination – 1 is already over yesterday evening and the second session will continue today morning. We look forward to some more scintillating play from the participants in Quarter Final as well as Pair event.

FINAL RANKING – TEAM OF FOUR EVENT

RANK	TEAM #	TEAM NAME	V.Ps	RANK	TEAM #	TEAM NAME	V.Ps
1	53	HEMANT K. JALAN - BLUE	186		46	SASAM	149
2	37	SCOTLAND	184	47	23	NAVNEET'S IV	148
3	21	ARUN JAIN	183		33	CHRYSALIS	148
4	1	FORMIDABLES	183	49	24	PADS, CALCUTTA	147
5	5	HANS	181		42	NARVIR'S	147
6	17	PODDAR DEVELOPERS	180		30	VIBRANTS	147
7	89	ALPHA	180		50	PBA	147
8	12	MAGIC EYES	178	53	4	AMANORA	145
9	2	SAMJEE	174		29	MAYA MEERA SNEHA	145
10	61	HEMANT K. JALAN - RED	174		25	MANGO	145
11	28	DR. SANGHI'S TEAM	172		45	SUNIL MACHAR'S IV	145
12	31	KOSMOS	170	57	69	INDIAN MAVERICKS	142
13	9	SHREE CEMENT	168		84	TROJANS	142
14	43	GUPTA-BANGALORE	168	59	8	SAMADHAN BRIDGE ACADEMY	141
15	47	SPARTANS	167		35	FLAGSHIP DELHI	141
16	77	HACKETT	166	61	32	ANONYMOUS	140
17	66	LSSKJ	165		71	MAHARAJA	140
18	49	ENGLAND	164	63	52	ARJUN	139
	3	I-DOCTORS	164	64	18	D.K.T.	135
20	79	BRAITHWAITE	163	65	16	MOHIT MEHATA	134
	63	BOAT HOUSE CLUB	163		65	(MIKE) LAWRENCE CLUB	134
22	57	PROMILA SARAF	162		48	SAYOM	134
	36	KRISH	162	68	58	ABCD	133
	73	TEXAN ACES	162	69	39	PARIJAT	131
25	7	TWEM	161		67	PALS	131
	78	ARISTOS	161		51	PANKAJ MEHTA, MORADABAD	131
27	68	EXPLORER	159	72	75	SONCHEL	130
28	15	MMRMC	158		76	INDIAN OIL	130
29	22	RAJPUTANA	157		55	BANGLADESH	130
	13	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS	157	75	10	NOIDA GOLF CLUB	129
	14	AMRAPALI	157	76	86	G. FOUR	128
32	81	MOHOTA NAGPUR	156	77	70	URBANE	127
	41	HANSA NARASIMHAN	156	78	60	MAZEDAR	126
	88	KENYA - ASHWIN	156	79	38	NORTHSTAR	125
35	11	SHAM SHARMA	155		72	DAZZLERS	125
36	85	JANI - V	153	81	74	KDA	123
37	27	ROHIT WRAPPERS	152	82	20	DSOI - 1	121
	56	SUNIL TEAM	152	83	26	TITLI	120
	64	CRYSTAL	152	84	44	GUJARAT CLUB	119
	40	MAZGAON DOCKS	152	85	59	PRADEEP PRAKASH	117
	83	SRI LANKA	152	86	62	KENYA SAFARI GROUP	108
42	87	IMAGES	151	87	34	UGANDA	107
	82	OLD FRIENDS	151	88	54	GALAXY	102
44	6	P.K. SAHA'S IV	150	89	80	WITHDRAWN <ASTERIX>	
45	19	USHA KIRON	149				

Matches of the Day

Round 9: England Vs Hackett

An All English Affair

After the dust had settled down on the Teams and Tournament Committee decision, one got to see a rara avis; two English teams compete in an Indian tournament, which included the recent world champions at the Philadelphia World Championships in Oct 2010, Paul Hackett and Gunnar Hallberg.

The first hand was all about whether to bid with 5 HCPs and a flat 4-3-3-3 hand when partner opens at the one level.

Board 21 Dealer: North, Vul: None

	♠A ♥AJ4 ♦QJ9872 ♣AKJ		
♠KQ52 ♥K973 ♦A3 ♣Q86	N W E S	♠JT983 ♥T85 ♦65 ♣T72	
	♠764 ♥Q62 ♦KT4 ♣9543		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hyett</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Callahan</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>
	1D	Pass	1H
Pass	3C	Pass	3D
Pass	3H	Pass	4D
Pass	4S	Pass	5D
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Senior</i>	<i>Hassett</i>	<i>Penfold</i>	<i>Morris</i>
	1D	Pass	Pass
Dbl	RDbl	1S	2D
2S	3D!	All Pass	

In the open room Hallberg sitting south gave a courtesy bid of 1H on north's 1D and subsequently Hackett, North kept forcing and eventually gave up when Hallberg kept pressing the brakes. Everything worked well they made 12 tricks in 5D.

When the closed room south passed out 1D everyone got into the auction. North had another bite at cherry when South came in freely with 2D over east's 1S. Probably a pious man believing the tenet " *Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.* " He bid a timid 3D which got passed out. Surely he was worth a better shout, especially when his counterpart north in the open room was pressing towards things bigger than a game.

A World Champion Lead!

Board 23, Dealer: South, Vul: Both

	♠Q9753 ♥AQ75 ♦T9 ♣K3		
♠AJT ♥K ♦AQ65 ♣AT764	N W E S	♠42 ♥84 ♦KJ84 ♣QJ852	
	♠K86 ♥JT9632 ♦732 ♣9		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hyett</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Callahan</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>
	1S	3C	Pass
1C	All Pass		Pass
3NT			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Senior</i>	<i>Hassett</i>	<i>Penfold</i>	<i>Morris</i>
	1S	3C	Pass
1C	All Pass		3S
5C			

What would you lead sitting North in the open room against 3NT after the above auction?

Paul Hackett led the Heart Ace!!! It was a Gallery Lead when it fetched the king from declarer.

Sweet dreams are made of these!

Declarer went down three, vulnerable. Of course without the lead too the contract would go down when North comes in with the CK. He must find the HA shift. Hackett made it more dramatic and brilliant when he led it. Take a bow Mr. Hackett.

With A Little Help From My Friends

Board 25, Dealer: North, Vul: EW

	♠9 ♥KT872 ♦T83 ♣JT84		
♠KQJ543 ♥A ♦J974 ♣97	N W E S	♠A862 ♥J654 ♦6 ♣AK63	
	♠T7 ♥Q93 ♦AKQ52 ♣Q52		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hyett</i>	<i>Hackett</i>	<i>Callahan</i>	<i>Hallberg</i>
	2H	Pass	3D*
3S	Pass	4NT	Pass
5S	Pass	6S	All Pass
3D* = Heart fit with Diamond goodies.			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Senior	Hassett	Penfold	Morris
	Pass	1C	1NT
Dbl	Pass	2H	Pass
2S	Pass	3S	Pass
4S	All Pass		

Not being satisfied with having found the brilliant HA lead from AQ in 3NT, Hackett had become the Hatchet opening a weak two with the north hand in the open room. Callahan sitting east for England passed and South bid 3Ds showing a heart fit and diamonds goodies for a lead.

Killer Callahan judged the hand beautifully to bid an otherwise tough slam. Figuring that partner would be void in hearts and looking at a singleton diamond in hand he pressed the button, the good old Black, and finding the necessary dope- two key cards and the trump Q bid the slam. On a dutiful diamond lead by north and a trump shift by south declarer wrapped up the slam ruffing 3 diamonds on the table, along with six trumps in his hand and the CAK and HA.

Callahan with A Little Help From His Friends worked out the scenario neatly.

The hand doesn't end here. On a trump lead can you make it?

Trump lead, diamond to ace and trump back where do you go? *Try to think Double Squeezes.* If north has to guard the heart and South the Diamond who will guard the clubs, huh?

Cashing the HA, declarer can ruff two diamonds and two hearts and now play his trumps out. Here's how it looks with west on lead with the last trump:

Board 25, Dealer: North, Vul: EW

	♠K ♥K ♦JT ♣JT	
♠K ♥J ♦J ♣9	N W E S	♠J ♥J ♦A6 ♣A6
	♠ ♥A ♦Q5 ♣Q5	

On the last trump north must part with the club. Having expended its utility dummy lets go the HJ and now its south's turn to feel the heat.

Let Off The Hook

How sound is it to double with 13 HCPs vulnerable and a flat hand with an unpassed opponent. Both Norths did that and.....

Board 28, Dealer: West, Vul: NS

	♠Q76 ♥K5 ♦AT76 ♣A864	
♠T832 ♥AJT963 ♦94 ♣9	N W E S	♠AKJ4 ♥84 ♦KQ52 ♣KQJ
	♠94 ♥Q72 ♦J83 ♣T7532	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hyett	Hackett	Callahan	Hallberg
2H	Dbl	RDbl	3C
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Senior	Hassett	Penfold	Morris
2H	Dbl	2NT	Pass
3D	Pass	4H	All Pass

The English East, Callahan, in the open room was in killing form. He first redoubled to show his biceps and when south showed his club suit at the cheapest level he pulled out his good broad sword and reaped a rich harvest of +800 collecting seven tricks; two clubs, a heart, two diamonds and two spades

The closed room Hackett South was charitable when she let north off the hook by bidding 2NT. South could now exhale. East-west bid their non vulnerable game to lose 9 Imps to England.

So much for vulnerable take out doubles.

Board 18, Dealer: East, Vul: NS

	♠A ♥AJ4 ♦QJ9872 ♣AKJ	
♠KQ52 ♥K973 ♦A3 ♣Q86	N W E S	♠JT983 ♥T85 ♦65 ♣T72
	♠764 ♥Q62 ♦KT4 ♣9543	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hyett	Hackett	Callahan	Hallberg
	1D	Pass	1H
Pass	3C	Pass	3D
Pass	3H	Pass	4D
Pass	4S	Pass	5D All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Senior	Hassett	Penfold	Morris
	1D	Pass	Pass
Dbl	RDbl	1S	2D
2S	3D!	All Pass	

PAIRS Elimination I (Session 1)

Leaders

Combined Section A & B

North-South (56 Pairs)

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|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1. D. Majumder – P. Kushari | 63.99% |
| 2. V.M. Lal – R. Bhiwandkar | 62.50% |
| 3. Sidharth Behura – A.K. Sinha | 60.25% |

East West (56 Pairs)

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|--------------------------------|--------|
| 1. K.P. Mathur – Pankaj Nanda | 70.95% |
| 2. K. Anklesaria – Anal Shah | 61.87% |
| 3. Arvind Vaidya – Vivek Bhand | 61.21% |

Combined Section C & D

North-South (56 Pairs)

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|-------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Vinod Sharma – Sukamal Das | 65.96% |
| 2. T.K. Banerji – N. Banerji | 62.21% |
| 3. P. Roy – D. Basu | 61.44% |

East West (56 Pairs)

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|-------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Arjan Chatterjee – Atanu Ganguly | 65.20% |
| 2. J. Biswas – R.K. Mazumder | 59.80% |
| 3. Sangram Guha – V.K. Mutreja | 58.46% |

Combined Section E & F (51 Pairs)

North-South (55 Pairs)

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|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Sandeep Thakral – Kaustubh Bendre | 62.56% |
| 2. Rakesh Sharma – Nurudin | 61.20% |
| 3. Yogesh Tewari – Mukesh Shivdasani | 60.70% |

East West (56 Pairs)

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 1. C.S. Majumder – P.S. Mukherjee | 64.48% |
| 2. Samir Pal – S. Sarkar | 63.97% |
| 3. S.M. Moin – S. Lahiri | 62.08% |

FACEBOOK GROUP CWGBRIDGE

All Bridge players are informed that they may use the above Facebook Group for sharing their Photographs

Information for Scoring

You are requested to enter the scores correctly in the pick up slips. It is responsibility of North to fill the score, and E-W pair is requested to check the entry. This will help us in processing the scores faster.

The Australian Ladies Bridge team would like to thank the organisers for a wonderful tournament. Subhash Gupta, TC Pant and the rest of the committee have succeeded in creating a showcase for Indian hospitality, and the tournament has also generated numerous new friendship's whilst also reigniting old ones.

Thank you, DHANYAVAD, GOD Bless.

- Barbara Travis

THANKS FROM AUSTRALIAN TEAM

The Australian open Team wishes to thank all the hard working organisers and staff who have been so hospitable during our visit to India for the Commonwealth & the HCL tournaments.

Memories of the cultural highlights of our stay – The TAJ MAHAL visit specially arranged by our hosts – will last a lifetime.

*Andy Braithwaite
Australian Open Captain*

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Tournament Schedule

November 1	0900 – 1100 Hrs.	Quarter-Final (Boards 29-42) – Session-3
	0945 – 1230 Hrs.	Pair Elimination – I, Session II
	1130 – 1340 Hrs.	Semi-Final (Boards 1-16) - Session-1
	1300 – 1415 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1430 – 1640 Hrs.	Semi-Final (Boards 17-32) - Session-2
	1400 – 1645 Hrs.	Pair Elimination – II, Session I
	1645 – 1715 Hrs.	Tea Break
	1715 – 1925 Hrs.	Semi-Final (Boards 33-48) - Session-3
	1715 – 2000 Hrs.	Pair Elimination – II, Session II
November 2	0900 – 1110 Hrs.	T-4 Finals (Boards 1-16) – Session-1
	0900 – 1330 Hrs.	Pair Finals (Boards 1-32) - Session-I
	1130 – 1340 Hrs.	T-4 Finals (Boards 17-32) - Session-2
	1330 – 1430 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1430 – 1640 Hrs.	T-4 Finals (Boards 33-48) - Session-3
	1430 – 1900 Hrs.	Pair Finals (Boards 33-62) - Session-II
	1700 – 1910 Hrs.	T-4 Finals (Boards 49-64) - Session-4
	1945	Hrs. Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony

No Mobile Phones

Use of Mobile telephones is prohibited in the playing area, while the play session is on.



No Liquor & No Smoking



Consumption of Liquor and Smoking is strictly prohibited within the Playing Area & Scoring & Bulletin Room. Offenders may attract strict penalties.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE

The Tournament Directors would award penalties as prescribed by the Laws and Conditions of the contest for Use of Mobiles, Slow play or Late Arrival.

Vu-Graph on BBO

Live Vu-graph of the Tournament will be available on BBO as per the following Schedule:

1st November 2010: QF: 0900 Hrs. (S3), SF: 1130 Hrs. (S1), 1430 Hrs. (S2), 1715 Hrs. (S3)

2nd November 2010: T-4 Finals: 0900 Hrs (S1), 1130 Hrs. (S2), 1430 Hrs. (S3), 1700 Hrs (S4)