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# MAVERICKS GOLD UNEARTH A CHAMPION'S CROWN!

A GOLDEN FINISH, A STOPPED STREAK AND TEN DAYS OF POWER-PACKED BRIDGE ACTION

The curtain comes down on ten exciting days of power-packed bridge action at the **23<sup>rd</sup> HCL International Bridge Championships**. From the fiercely competitive edge of the prestigious Matchpoint and IMP Pairs events, the championship has tested players to the core. Today, the excitement continues with a new team event featuring **Board-A-Match** scoring, alongside the elegant and entertaining **Pro-Am contest** — two fresh attractions set to keep the suspense alive till the finish.

## MAVERICKS GOLDEN RUN!!

The path to the Gold Teams title was anything but easy. **Mavericks Gold** had to surpass several prominent competitive teams before facing a formidable home challenge against **Mavericks Platinum** — a tough hurdle on the road to glory. With the favourites closing in on another title, **Mavericks Gold** finally produced an outstanding display of skill, judgement and teamwork to halt the winning streak of a side widely tipped to complete a hat-trick at this international event.

The final against **WHAM** unfolded over four 14-board segments, with the first producing a low exchange of IMPs before the second brought a more competitive contest. By lunch, the odds remained finely balanced, with either team still capable of taking control. The third segment gave **Mavericks Gold** a slight cushion as several key decisions and big boards went their way. They capitalised on those opportunities, and the surge continued in the a decissegment, where the fier two boards alone provided.

**Mavericks Gold** eventually defeated **WHAM** 121–70, winning by 51 points and claiming the Gold Teams crown. Meanwhile, **Mavericks Platinum** secured third place after a relatively comfortable finish against **Monica Jajoo**, winning 145–51.

The Gold Teams champions earned approximately **US\$45,500**, with **WHAM** receiving approximately **US\$25,000** as runners-up and the third-place prize amounting to approximately **US\$12,500**.

## GLADIATORS: SILVER CHAMPIONS!

**Gladiators** claimed the Silver Teams title by defeating **CAPA** 152–113, finishing with a convincing 39-point margin. In the other playoff, **Trick N Trump** edged **Winning Minds** 86–79 in a much tighter contest, with only seven points separating the teams.

**Gladiators** collected approximately **US\$16,500**, while **CAPA** earned approximately **US\$9,500** as runners-up. The third-place prize was approximately **US\$5,000**.

## GOLD TEAMS



CHAMPIONS – MAVERICKS GOLD

RUNNERS-UP – WHAM

### GOLD TEAMS – FINAL STANDINGS

| Position     | Team               |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Champions    | Mavericks Gold     |
| Runners-up   | WHAM               |
| Third Place  | Mavericks Platinum |
| Fourth Place | Monica Jajoo       |

## SILVER TEAMS



CHAMPIONS – GLADIATORS

RUNNERS-UP – CAPA

### SILVER TEAMS – FINAL STANDINGS

| Position     | Team          |
|--------------|---------------|
| Champions    | Gladiators    |
| Runners-up   | CAPA          |
| Third Place  | Trick N Trump |
| Fourth Place | Winning Minds |

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PLAYING AREA

#### PRO-AM & BOARD-A-MATCH EVENTS

#### PRO-AM EVENT

The Pro-Am event with 28 Pairs will be played in **"TURQUOISE Hall"** as an all play all 54 Boards format with Barometer Scoring.

Please check your starting positions and take your seats at least 10 minutes before the start time of **0930 Hrs.**

#### BOARD-A-MATCH EVENT

The Board-a-Match team event will be played in 2 sessions of 24 boards each in **"SAPPHIRE", "RUBY" & "JADE"** halls.

Around 60 teams are participating in the event.

Please check your starting position and take your seats at least 10 minutes before the start time of **0930 Hrs.**

### IMPORTANT NOTES FOR PLAYERS / PRIZE WINNERS

- All Prize Winners are requested to submit their account details as early as soon as possible on the tournament web site <https://hcl-bridge.com/bank-details-for-prize-money/> along with **"A Crossed Cheque of their account"** & **"PAN copy"** as attachments.
- All payments will be made online to your bank account within **10 to 15 days** at the end of the tournament.
- Those who want Participation Certificate are kindly requested to take it from Mr. TC Pant in VIP Room 3 from **1300 to 1400 Hrs. & 1800 to 1900 Hrs** today onwards.

## ALL EVENT RESULTS

CLICK HERE





# MASTERS OF THE PAIRS — CHAMPIONS UNVEILED



## MATCH POINT GOLD EVENT PAIRS WINNERS

**SAYANTAN KUSHARI – KAUSTUBH MILIND BENDRE**

Sayantan Kushari and Kaustubh Milind Bendre continued their impressive winning run, topping the **Match Point Gold** event with **873.59 match points**. Their success adds another major pairs title to their recent triumph at the EA Bridge International Championship in Chennai — a remarkable double that highlights their current form.

Kushari and Bendre received approximately **US\$13,000** for their victory. Yury Khiuppenen and Vadim Kholomeev finished second with **844.46 match points**, earning approximately **US\$8,500**, while Daniel Msika and Ido Moskovitz placed third with **819.26 points**, winning approximately **US\$6,500**.



## MATCH POINT GOLD EVENT PAIRS RUNNER-UP

**YURY KHIUPPENEN – VADIM KHOLOMEEV**

Yury Khiuppenen and Vadim Kholomeev finished second in the **Match Point Gold** event with **844.46 match points**, putting up a strong challenge in a closely contested event.



## MATCH POINT SILVER EVENT PAIRS WINNERS

**S. M. MOIN – NAVEEN KUMAR**

S. M. Moin and Naveen Kumar led the **Match Point Silver** event with **709.20 match points**. They received approximately **US\$2,000** for their victory.



## MATCH POINT SILVER EVENT PAIRS RUNNER-UP

**SAMIR BASAK – SANDIP DATTA**

Samir Basak and Sandip Datta finished second in the **Match Point Silver** event with **697.26 match points**, just ahead of Subhash Gupta and Swarnendu Banerjee who scored **697.14** — a margin of only **0.12 points**. They received approximately **US\$1,500** for their runner-up finish.



## IMP PAIRS WINNERS

**ANURADHA BAKSHI – SOUMITRA DAS**

In the two-session standings for the **IMP Pairs Final**, Anuradha Bakshi and Soumitra Das led with **+114.20 IMPs**. Subhash Bhavnani and Prakash G. Hegde followed with **+97.90 IMPs**, while the junior duo Souvik Kar and Pradip Dey finished third with **+81.30 IMPs**.

The winners received approximately **US\$2,000**, the runners-up **US\$1,500** and third place **US\$1,000**.

## IMP PAIRS STRATA

Krishna Das Chakraborty and Swetadri Saha topped the **IMP Pairs Strata** standings with **+121 IMPs**.

## PRO-AM: 28 PAIRS, ONE EXCITING SHOWDOWN!

Today, the **Pro-Am** event will be held with 28 invited pairs, competing in an all-play-all round-robin format with **IMP** scoring. It promises to be a highly exciting contest, with plenty of uncertainty surrounding the favourites and the potential dark horses.

**Keep watching the live scores to see how your predictions fare!**

## BOARD-A-MATCH: A NEW TEAM CHALLENGE

The new **Board-A-Match** team event has attracted around 60 team registrations, bringing another exciting dimension to the championship programme. The event will use **barometer** scoring, with results available in real time, allowing players and spectators to follow the action as it unfolds.

With several prominent teams in the field, this promises to be a compelling contest in which every board could make the difference.





# BRIDGE *with* BOYE BROGELAND

A CONVERSATION WITH THE NORWEGIAN  
BRIDGE STAR AND MULTIPLE-TIME  
WORLD CHAMPION

Boye Brogeland, one of the most successful bridge players of our time, is a professional from Norway and a multiple-time World Champion. He represented Mavericks Platinum at the 23rd HCL International Bridge Championships, where his team finished third while Mavericks Gold won the event. In this conversation, he shares his thoughts on international bridge, his experience in India, and what it takes to reach the top level of the game.

**Q** From your perspective, what are the most significant developments in the international bridge scene at present?

**Boye:** There are many excellent championships and tournaments around the world, and the calendar is getting richer every year. As a professional, I enjoy travelling to major events. I play the HCL tournament regularly and it is a fantastic event. I also play European championships, tournaments in England, Norway and France, and the Chinese Premier League. These days you can almost play bridge all year long!

**Q** Having played in India regularly, how would you describe your experience, and what stands out about Indian tournaments, players, and the overall bridge environment?

**Boye:** I love coming to India. The atmosphere at Indian tournaments is very special, and the bridge community is fabulous. Players make visitors feel extremely welcome. I would also love to see India perform more consistently at the highest international level. The potential is certainly there.

**Q** Do you feel Indian bridge is still only halfway towards realising its full potential? What are the biggest strengths of Indian players, and what is holding them back from competing with the leading countries?

**Boye:** India has many excellent card players, but I believe there is a need to build stronger, long-term partnerships. It often seems that players change partners too frequently after a disappointing event. You need to work together over several years, with a proper system and regular practice. China has made great progress in this area, and I think India can do the same.

**Q** What should Indian players prioritise to improve their international performance?

**Boye:** I would focus on two key things: building strong partnerships and doing more system work. Prepare a comprehensive system, practise it, and stay committed to the process. Coaching and exposure to major international tournaments are also important, but there are no shortcuts to reaching the top.

**Q** You played for Mavericks Platinum, which finished third, while Mavericks Gold won the event. How did you experience the close contest between the two teams?

**Boye:** It was a very tight match between two strong teams, with several difficult decisions. I remember playing a slam where I followed the percentages, even though my instinct suggested another line. The decision cost us valuable IMPs, and it made me wonder whether I had missed any clues. Our teammates later bid a grand slam that could have won the match, but it went down. It was a fascinating contest, decided by very fine margins.

**Q** How do you prepare mentally for a crucial segment?

**Boye:** I try to treat every segment in the same way. I have my own routines to prepare, and I focus on getting into the right frame of mind—not overconfident, but confident and alert. The key is to get into the zone, concentrate on one hand at a time, and play the best bridge you can.

**Q** Finally, what is your key recommendation for India's leading players?

**Boye:** Build good, long-term partnerships, develop a system that both players believe in, practise regularly, and stay committed. You cannot expect to reach the top level without putting in the work over a long period. There are no shortcuts.

“ ————— There are *no shortcuts* in bridge. —————  
You have to put in the work to reach the top level of the game. ”

————— BOYE BROGELAND —————



# HCL GOLD TEAMS FINAL / PLAYOFF RESULTS

| Match          | Team                                                                                                        | C-O | Segment 1 | Segment 2 | Segment 3 | Segment 4 | Total |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| <b>GROUP 1</b> |                                                                                                             |     |           |           |           |           |       |
| 1              |  <b>Mavericks Gold</b>     | 13  | 26        | 38        | 44        |           | 121   |
|                |  <b>WHAM</b>               | 8   | 24        | 18        | 20        |           | 70    |
| <b>GROUP 2</b> |                                                                                                             |     |           |           |           |           |       |
| 2              |  <b>Monica Jajoo</b>       | 18  | 21        | 12        | -         |           | 51    |
|                |  <b>Mavericks Platinum</b> | 30  | 75        | 40        | -         |           | 145   |

# HCL SILVER TEAMS FINAL / PLAYOFF RESULTS

| Match | Team                                                                                                     | C-over | Segment 1 | Segment 2 | Segment 3 | Segment 4 | Total |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| 1     |  <b>CAPA</b>            | 16     | 23        | 39        | 39        | 35        | 113   |
|       |  <b>Gladiators</b>     | 31     | 51        | 82        | 38        | 32        | 152   |
| 2     |  <b>Winning Minds</b> | 24     | 31        | 55        | 24        | 79        | 79    |
|       |  <b>Trick N Trump</b> | 36     | 32        | 68        | 18        | 86        | 86    |

**BONUS**  
PLAYING CARDS



## Special Awards



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### 1. Maximum Slams Bid

IMP Pairs Final and Strata Event

#### Prize Winners by Draw of Lots

- Souvik Kar – Pradip Dey
- N R Kirubakaramoorthy – Ramaratnam Krishnan

#### List of Contenders

| No. | Name                                        | Points |
|-----|---------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1   | Sunil Misra – S K Gautam                    | 2      |
| 2   | Amitava Banerjee – Jayanta Dutta            | 2      |
| 3   | Hemant Dhananjay Bhawe – Makrand M Luley    | 2      |
| 4   | Souvik Kar – Pradip Dey                     | 2      |
| 5   | N R Kirubakaramoorthy – Ramaratnam Krishnan | 2      |
| 6   | Amol Deshmukh – V Chandrasekhar             | 2      |
| 7   | Sudhir Kumar – Sanjeev Tomar                | 2      |
| 8   | Hemant Purkar – Bhalchandra G Ogale         | 2      |
| 9   | Tamal Dasgupta – Prasanta Bera              | 2      |
| 10  | Dilip Mistry – Raju Santra                  | 2      |
| 11  | Souvik Saha – Anirban Sasmal                | 2      |
| 12  | D P Acharya – Prasun Kumar Mukhopadhyay     | 2      |

### 2. Maximum Doubles Made

IMP Pairs Final and Strata Event

#### Prize Winners by Draw of Lots

- Subhash Bhavnani – Prakash G Hegde
- Monu Kumar Ranchhad – Monu Kumar

#### List of Contenders

| No. | Name                                   | Points | No. | Name                                     | Points |
|-----|----------------------------------------|--------|-----|------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1   | Mrinal Kanti Mukherjee – Ashwin Tolani | 1      | 11  | Tapan Kumar Roy – Sunil Das              | 1      |
| 2   | N Rajachandra – Gurudev Shyamsundar    | 1      | 12  | Subhash Bhavnani – Prakash G Hegde       | 1      |
| 3   | Gaurav Rajwade – Parag Joshi           | 1      | 13  | Kumar Venkataraman – Pradeep Deshpande   | 1      |
| 4   | Hironmoy Banerjee – Sumanta Roy        | 1      | 14  | Chainraj Nahar – Prashant Sinhal         | 1      |
| 5   | Maneesh Bahuguna – Bhaskar Sarkar      | 1      | 15  | Tamal Kumar Bhattacharyya – Bikas Dutta  | 1      |
| 6   | Prafulla Kumar Das – Ajit Mahadar      | 1      | 16  | Souvik Saha – Anirban Sasmal             | 1      |
| 7   | Pritam Das – Partha (Bulu) Saha        | 1      | 17  | Monu Kumar Ranchhad – Monu Kumar         | 1      |
| 8   | Ranga Khadloya – Ajit B Chakradeo      | 1      | 18  | Ramkrishna Majumder – Pinaki Prasad Khan | 1      |
| 9   | Biswajit Mahata – Subhas Mahata        | 1      | 19  | Goutam Mukherjee – Ajit Salchana         | 1      |
| 10  | Viswanathan M – M Elumalai             | 1      | 20  | Aman Kumar Sahani – Tarun Manna          | 1      |

### 3. Maximum Contracts Going Exactly One Down

Match Point Pairs – Gold and Silver Sections

#### Prize Winners by Draw of Lots

- Arvind Srinivasan – Ramaratnam Venkatesh
- Shubham Acharya – Richa Shriram

#### List of Contenders

| No. | Name                                     | Points |
|-----|------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1   | Bhabesh Saha – Rana Roy                  | 10     |
| 2   | Arvind Srinivasan – Ramaratnam Venkatesh | 8      |
| 3   | Shibnath De Sarkar – Badal Das           | 8      |
| 4   | Shubham Acharya – Richa Shriram          | 8      |

### 4. Maximum Number of Boards Scoring Exactly 50%

Match Point Pairs Final – Gold and Silver Sections

#### Prize Winners

- Debasish Ray – Sukamal Das
- Shrikant B Tembey – Yogesh B Shah

#### List of Contenders

| No. | Name                              | Points |
|-----|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 1   | Debasish Ray – Sukamal Das        | 9      |
| 2   | Shrikant B Tembey – Yogesh B Shah | 8      |

All awards are at the Bonus Shop in the Venue Arena.  
Winners are requested to contact **Mr. Anant Somani** +91 98200 28634 to claim your award.  
One point is awarded for each successful compliance with the specified condition for a contract.



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## MATCH POINT PAIRS

### GOLD EVENT



**Sayantan Kushari**  
**Kaustubh Milind Bendre**



**Yury Khiuppenen**  
**Vadim Kholomeev**

## FINAL STANDINGS

| Rank | Players                                     | Carryover | Stage Score | Total Score |
|------|---------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 1    | Sayantan Kushari – Kaustubh Milind Bendre   | 3.13      | 870.46      | 873.59      |
| 2    | Yury Khiuppenen – Vadim Kholomeev           | 52.00     | 792.46      | 844.46      |
| 3    | Daniel Msika – Ido Moskovitz                | 40.72     | 778.54      | 819.26      |
| 4    | Andrey Gromov – Anna Gulevich               | 47.93     | 742.15      | 790.08      |
| 5    | Sergey Orlov – Evgeny Rudakov               | 31.30     | 756.85      | 788.15      |
| 6    | Karlis Rubins – Edgars Olla                 | 0.18      | 755.60      | 755.78      |
| 7    | Arun M. Bapat – Ajay P. Khare               | 20.38     | 732.46      | 752.84      |
| 8    | Emil Jepsen – Simon Ekenberg                | 13.06     | 723.46      | 736.52      |
| 9    | Arvind Srinivasan – Ramaratnam Venkatesh    | 24.19     | 711.46      | 735.65      |
| 10   | Rajeshwar Tewari – Sumit Mukherjee          | 19.46     | 710.46      | 729.92      |
| 11   | Shibnath De Sarkar – Badal Das              | 8.33      | 721.54      | 729.87      |
| 12   | Sapan Desai – Debabrata Majumder            | 5.25      | 724.54      | 729.79      |
| 13   | Ashok Kumar Goel – K. R. Venkataraman       | 14.60     | 714.54      | 729.14      |
| 14   | Hemant Lall – Joyjit Sensarma               | 13.42     | 709.92      | 723.34      |
| 15   | Gopinath Manna – Uttam Swarup Gupta         | —         | 718.46      | 718.46      |
| 16   | Vijay Deshpande – Shailendra Chhajer        | 19.26     | 696.08      | 715.34      |
| 17   | Md Zahid Hossain – B. M. Mahmud Hossain     | 27.06     | 677.46      | 704.52      |
| 18   | Shubham Acharya – Richa Shriram             | 2.61      | 701.54      | 704.15      |
| 19   | Sandeep Thakral – Vikrant Mehta             | 2.93      | 694.54      | 697.47      |
| 20   | Kiran Nadar – Bachiraju Satyanarayana       | —         | 690.54      | 690.54      |
| 21   | Hemant K. Jalan – Ashis Malhotra            | 6.90      | 676.54      | 683.44      |
| 22   | Adrians Imsa – Druvis Jansons               | 2.94      | 672.46      | 675.40      |
| 23   | Bhabesh Saha – Rana Roy                     | 8.07      | 659.54      | 667.61      |
| 24   | Rob Stephens – Lex van Vught                | 11.63     | 650.54      | 662.17      |
| 25   | Sudhir Gopal Aggarwal – T. C. Pant          | —         | 601.46      | 601.46      |
| 26   | Pulak Panji – Gourav Biswas                 | 5.91      | 593.54      | 599.45      |
| 27   | Pankaj B. Doshi – Soumya Das                | 0.57      | 596.46      | 597.03      |
| 28   | Pramod Kumar Mishra – Sudhir Kumar Tripathy | 2.40      | 582.40      | 584.80      |



# MATCH POINT PAIRS – SILVER FINAL



**WINNERS**

**S. M. Moin – Naveen Kumar**

**PRIZE**  
**₹2,00,000/-**



**RUNNERS-UP**

**Samir Basak – Sandip Datta**

**PRIZE**  
**₹1,50,000/-**

| Rank | Players                                          | Carryover | Stage Score | Total         |
|------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| 1    | S. M. Moin – Naveen Kumar                        | 47.70     | 661.50      | <b>709.20</b> |
| 2    | Samir Basak – Sandip Datta                       | 30.76     | 666.50      | <b>697.26</b> |
| 3    | Subhash Gupta – Swarnendu Banerjee               | 0.94      | 696.20      | <b>697.14</b> |
| 4    | Prosenjit Manna – Joyrup Mullick                 | 41.55     | 652.20      | <b>693.75</b> |
| 5    | Rajeev Khandelwal – Himani Khandelwal            | 36.44     | 656.15      | <b>692.59</b> |
| 6    | R. G. Bhiwandkar – Subhash A. Dhakras            | 34.42     | 655.70      | <b>690.12</b> |
| 7    | Swapan Sardar – Sumit Saha                       | 38.16     | 639.10      | <b>677.26</b> |
| 8    | Anurag Mohota – Basant K. Mohota                 | 16.58     | 657.40      | <b>673.98</b> |
| 9    | Debasish Ray – Sukamal Das                       | 35.15     | 624.40      | <b>659.55</b> |
| 10   | Prahalad Rajkumar – Mukund Thapa                 | 18.52     | 622.60      | <b>641.12</b> |
| 11   | Ambrish Wadera – Rajesh K. Jain                  | 31.08     | 605.50      | <b>636.58</b> |
| 12   | Arup Kumar Hudait – Animesh Majumder             | —         | 632.40      | <b>632.40</b> |
| 13   | Vibhas Todi – Satyabrata Lahiri                  | 46.33     | 578.90      | <b>625.23</b> |
| 14   | Pradyut Bhattacharjee – Arup Dutta               | 20.24     | 603.80      | <b>624.04</b> |
| 15   | Md Moshir Rahman – Md Rashedul Ahsan Nayem       | 29.59     | 585.10      | <b>614.69</b> |
| 16   | Rajendra Sirohia – Sukalyan Sarkar               | 23.94     | 589.40      | <b>613.34</b> |
| 17   | Moloy Kumar Mondal – Kingshuk Bhattacharya       | 8.05      | 604.40      | <b>612.45</b> |
| 18   | Rajesh Nathani – Thakur Hingorani                | 38.40     | 561.75      | <b>600.15</b> |
| 19   | Mithun Mukherjee – Hasibul Hasan                 | 32.05     | 565.00      | <b>597.05</b> |
| 20   | Rajesh A. Dalal – Anil P. Padhye                 | 19.13     | 574.60      | <b>593.73</b> |
| 21   | Shrikant B. Tembey – Yogesh B. Shah              | 0.12      | 593.60      | <b>593.72</b> |
| 22   | R. Sreekrishnan – Prashanth Kandulakunta         | 36.51     | 534.90      | <b>571.41</b> |
| 23   | Swapan Some – Sourendra Coomer Dutt              | 13.91     | 545.40      | <b>559.31</b> |
| 24   | Stanley Nazareth – Asvin Ganger                  | 27.01     | 531.90      | <b>558.91</b> |
| 25   | Saswata Bhattacharya – Pranay Majumder           | 9.41      | 486.20      | <b>495.61</b> |
| 26   | Saurendranath Chakrabarti – Prosenjit Roy Sarkar | 19.85     | 465.80      | <b>485.65</b> |



**NEENA BANARJI  
TROPHY**

## PLAYERS WITH MULTIPLE OPEN PAIRS TITLES (NEENA BANARJI TROPHY)

| Rank | Player            | Number of Titles | Winning Years |
|------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1    | S. Sundarram      | 2                | 2007, 2024    |
| 2    | P. Sridharan      | 2                | 2007, 2024    |
| 3    | Kaustubh Bendre   | 2                | 2013, 2026    |
| 4    | Late Subrata Saha | 2                | 2008, 2015    |
| 5    | Rajeshwar Tewari  | 2                | 2004, 2021    |
| 6    | Christian Bakke   | 2                | 2023, 2025    |



# HCL IMP Pairs Final Results

| Rank | Player 1               | Player 2                  | Session 1 | Session 2 Cumm. | Rank | Player 1                 | Player 2                   | Session 1 | Session 2 Cumm. |
|------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1    | Anuradha Bakshi        | Soumitra Das              | 81.2      | 114.2           | 52   | Savleen Thadani          | Sunil Kumar Sinha          | 1.3       | 1.3             |
| 2    | Subhash Bhavnani       | Prakash G Hegde           | 48.9      | 97.9            | 53   | Pritam Das               | Partha (Bulu) Saha         | 5         | 0.6             |
| 3    | Souvik Kar             | Pradip Dey                | 46.3      | 81.3            | 54   | Tamal Dasgupta           | Prasanta Bera              | 6.2       | -0.8            |
| 4    | Ranjit Ghosh           | Chandan Chowdhury         | 49.6      | 81.2            | 55   | Sriram Bhikaji Khanolkar | Kausar Hasan Syed          | 13.2      | -1.8            |
| 5    | Biswajit Mahata        | Subhas Mahata             | 33.3      | 72.3            | 56   | D N Bordoloi             | Dhruba Dey                 | -2.5      | -2.5            |
| 6    | Souvik Saha            | Anirban Sasmal            | 38.2      | 72              | 57   | Hironmoy Banerjee        | Sumanta Roy                | 5.3       | -2.7            |
| 7    | Subir Majumdar         | Satyabrata Mukherjee      | -0.3      | 71.7            | 58   | Sailaja Tahiliani        | Pradeep Ghosh              | -11.9     | -3.9            |
| 8    | Puneet Gangal          | Ibrat Khan                | 26.8      | 67.8            | 59   | Rathindra Nath Kundu     | Vivekananda Ghosh          | -26.1     | -4.3            |
| 9    | Anant Vikram Somani    | Rahul Shetty              | 30.4      | 65.4            | 60   | Gaurav Rajwade           | Parag Joshi                | -26.4     | -4.4            |
| 10   | Milind P. Athavale     | Jitendra J Solani         | 31.4      | 63.4            | 61   | Nayana P Vahalia         | Parimal Vaikuntlal Vahalia | -6.8      | -4.8            |
| 11   | Sandeep N Karmarkar    | Marianne Karmarkar        | 37.7      | 59.7            | 62   | Kajal Chandra Das        | Suren Mewar                | 12.2      | -5.8            |
| 12   | Sisir Kumar Banerjee   | Rajesh Jain               | 24.9      | 57.9            | 63   | Anal B Shah              | Animesh Raj                | -22.9     | -8.9            |
| 13   | Kamal Kabra            | Indranil Chakraborty      | 20.1      | 53.9            | 64   | Jitesh Agrawal           | Andrey Purushottam         | 25.1      | -9.8            |
| 14   | Saswata Ballav         | Sankha Goswami            | 16.6      | 52.6            | 65   | P S Mukherjee            | Aloke Kumar Sadhu          | 9.2       | -10.5           |
| 15   | Amol Deshmukh          | V Chandrasekhar           | -8.7      | 52.3            | 66   | Asit Baran Chakraborty   | Shyama Prasad Chatterjee   | 23.2      | -10.8           |
| 16   | Maneesh Bahuguna       | Bhaskar Sarkar            | 13.4      | 50.4            | 67   | Sukumaran Rajeev         | Asok Jose Lean             | -25.7     | -11.7           |
| 17   | H Dhananjay Bhawe      | Makrand M Luley           | 10.4      | 48.4            | 68   | Saurav Sil               | Goutam Majumder            | -22.8     | -13.8           |
| 18   | N R Kirubakaramoorthy  | Ramaratnam Krishnan       | 39.1      | 48.1            | 69   | Tirthankar Sengupta      | Amit Palit                 | 4         | -14             |
| 19   | Biswajit Poddar        | Shambhu Nath Ghosh        | 21.9      | 48.1            | 70   | Prasanta Saha            | Prabir Kumar Paul          | -11.9     | -15.9           |
| 20   | D P Acharya            | Prasun Kumar Mukhopadhyay | 20        | 47              | 71   | Rajendra V Mekal         | Parimal N Shah             | 8.5       | -16.5           |
| 21   | V Ravindran            | Arabinda Kumar Mishra     | 53.3      | 42.3            | 72   | D K Tewari               | Daleep Mutreja             | -16       | -19             |
| 22   | Hemant Purkar          | Bhalchandra G Ogale       | 31.1      | 42              | 73   | K K Sabherwal            | Anukul Mandal              | 1.9       | -22.1           |
| 23   | Asim Saha              | Smita Govilkar            | 16.6      | 37.3            | 74   | Kalyan Kumar Roy         | Amit Chakraborty           | 7.8       | -23.2           |
| 24   | Sujit Sadhak           | Sanjib Majumdar           | 1.4       | 35.4            | 75   | Sudhir Kumar             | Sanjeev Tomar              | 22.4      | -23.4           |
| 25   | Sujit Kr Bhattacharjee | Joy Narayan Roy           | 18.2      | 35.2            | 76   | S R Chakraborty          | Soumitra Chakraborty       | -44.4     | -25.4           |
| 26   | Eldad Ginossar         | Ashwini Gupta             | 13.6      | 32.2            | 77   | Kannan S                 | N Sudhakar Babu            | 10.6      | -25.4           |
| 27   | Raju Tolani            | Vinay Desai               | 11.2      | 29.2            | 78   | Raj Kumar Srivastava     | Rashmi Agarwal             | 7.3       | -26.7           |
| 28   | Nitin I Shirole        | Ajit Rajaram Padalkar     | 10.1      | 29.1            | 79   | Goutam Mukherjee         | Ajit Saldhana              | -3.9      | -27.9           |
| 29   | Dilip Mistry           | Raju Santra               | 7.1       | 27.1            | 80   | Prakash Gupta            | Dipak Kumar Paul           | -16.1     | -29.1           |
| 30   | Sunil Misra            | S K Gautam                | 20.9      | 25.9            | 81   | D V Ravi                 | Sumathi Iyer               | -7.4      | -31.4           |
| 31   | Arun Kumar Sinha       | Nikita Kamal              | 13.8      | 25.8            | 82   | Craig Gower              | Diana Rosslee              | -32.9     | -32.9           |
| 32   | Anil Vijaywargiya      | Pankaj Agrawal            | 22        | 24.2            | 83   | Arnab Basu Roy           | Abhirup Ghosh              | -53.8     | -33.8           |
| 33   | Ranga Khadloya         | Ajit B Chakradeo          | -7.7      | 23.9            | 84   | V Rama Murthy            | Ramesh Ramagudu            | -15.4     | -35.4           |
| 34   | Pijus Kanti Baroi      | Surajit Bar               | 26.4      | 23.4            | 85   | Debasish Ghosh           | Gautam Roy                 | -22.3     | -36.3           |
| 35   | Rohit Gupta            | Deepika Mehta             | 15.5      | 21.5            | 86   | Prafulla Kumar Das       | Ajit Mahadar               | -20.7     | -38.2           |
| 36   | Ramkrishna Majumder    | Pinaki Prasad Khan        | 24.7      | 18.2            | 87   | Viswanathan M            | M Elumalai                 | -6.5      | -38.5           |
| 37   | Biswadip Roy           | Sukanta Das               | -30       | 17.1            | 88   | Anushree Jalan           | Deepa Jacob                | -11.6     | -39.6           |
| 38   | Goutam Pore            | Amitava Ghosh             | 2.2       | 16.2            | 89   | Gautam Aich              | Gautam Chattopadhyay       | -2.9      | -41.9           |
| 39   | Sanat Roy              | Goutam Banerjee           | 27.4      | 15.4            | 90   | Tamal Kr Bhattacharyya   | Bikas Dutta                | -33.9     | -45.9           |
| 40   | Prakash Easwaran       | Anirudh Prakash           | -10.9     | 15.1            | 91   | Asit Kr Bandopadhyaya    | Kiran Shankar Pal          | -37.3     | -48.2           |
| 41   | Kumar Venkataraman     | Pradeep Deshpande         | 9.8       | 14.8            | 92   | Ajit Mukherjee           | Sanjay Kr Dasgupta         | -9.1      | -52.1           |
| 42   | Chainraj Nahar         | Prashant Sinhal           | 31.8      | 11.8            | 93   | Ashis Pan                | Sandip Gharai              | -10.8     | -58.8           |
| 43   | Vivan Khubchand        | Siddhartha Behura         | -13.3     | 10.7            | 94   | Amar Kumar Bose          | Bhola Nath Ghosh           | -19       | -60.4           |
| 44   | Mrinal Kanti Mukherjee | Ashwin Tolani             | 27.3      | 10.3            | 95   | Kinjal Desai             | Aman Tyagi                 | -75.5     | -64.5           |
| 45   | Bijon Kumar Mondal     | Swarup Ghosh              | 15.1      | 9.1             | 96   | Sankar Narayan Ghosh     | Shakti Dhar Chowdhury      | -54.3     | -69.3           |
| 46   | K P Mathur             | Narendra Kumar Sharma     | 1.4       | 9               | 97   | M R Goyal                | Anil Bharihoke             | -21.9     | -69.9           |
| 47   | Monu Kumar Ranchhad    | Monu Kumar                | 1         | 5.4             | 98   | Provat Roy               | Samir Kumar Datta          | -32       | -73             |
| 48   | Arun Kumar Majhi       | Chandan Kumar Mitra       | 4.8       | 4.8             | 99   | Aman Kumar Sahani        | Tarun Manna                | 3.1       | -74.9           |
| 49   | Tapan Kumar Roy        | Sunil Das                 | 36.2      | 4.2             | 100  | R S Muthuswami           | Jatin Baruah               | -42.6     | -87.6           |
| 50   | N Rajachandra          | Gurudev Shyamsundar       | 22.7      | 3.7             | 101  | Yamini Merchant          | Pandu Chedalavada          | -41.8     | -95.3           |
| 51   | Amitava Banerjee       | Jayanta Dutta             | -0.9      | 3.1             | 102  | Naina Shah               | Kumar Shah                 | -49.9     | -120.9          |



# HCL IMP Pairs Strata Results

| Rank | Player 1                | Player 2               | Session 1 | Session 2 Cumm. | Rank | Player 1             | Player 2               | Session 1 | Session 2 Cumm. |
|------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1    | Krishna Das Chakraborty | Swetadri Saha          | +61.00    | +121.00         | 61   | A K Guha             | Rajendra Ray           | -23.10    | -3.10           |
| 2    | N K Chitlangia          | S K Bandopadhyay       | +68.00    | +92.00          | 62   | Jenish Shah          | Subhasish Sarkar       | -22.00    | -4.00           |
| 3    | Subrata Chakraborty     | Ramprosad Das          | +59.00    | +87.00          | 63   | Jibak Tewari         | Santanu Chakraborty    | -10.00    | -4.50           |
| 4    | Peiyush Jain            | R Anbazhagan           | +60.50    | +84.50          | 64   | Pabitra Majumder     | Tapas Das              | +6.00     | -5.00           |
| 5    | Saptarshi Chanda        | Bikramjit Das          | +13.00    | +73.00          | 65   | Tanmoy Majumder      | Gajendra Kumar Vyas    | +9.00     | -7.00           |
| 6    | Ashish Tosh             | Priyotosh Sarkar       | +18.00    | +72.00          | 66   | Netai Pada Kabiraj   | Ashok Kumar            | -6.00     | -7.10           |
| 7    | Anuradha Krishna        | Devangshu Datta        | +55.00    | +70.00          | 67   | Avijit Dutta         | Kedar Nath Samaddar    | -4.00     | -8.00           |
| 8    | C K Damle               | Nitin M Dharmadhikari  | +42.00    | +68.00          | 68   | Protap Bandyopadhyay | Bapi Das               | -19.00    | -9.00           |
| 9    | Sanjib Ganguly          | Partha Sarkar          | +36.00    | +65.00          | 69   | V K Manglik          | Pareesh J Gandhi       | -9.00     | -10.00          |
| 10   | Rakesh Nanda            | B S Gupta              | +55.00    | +60.00          | 70   | Godwin Jeyaseelan    | K Venkataramani        | -6.60     | -10.60          |
| 11   | Ranjan Bhattacharya     | Wrik Chakraborty       | +29.00    | +60.00          | 71   | Amar Wadhwa          | Divyaroop Bhatnagar    | -24.00    | -12.00          |
| 12   | Arup Lodh               | Gautam Kr Chanda       | -10.00    | +57.00          | 72   | Kishor Dutta         | Jyotirmoy Dey          | +24.00    | -13.40          |
| 13   | Sharad Kumar            | Sanjay Shrivastava     | +37.00    | +57.00          | 73   | R K Pradhan          | Basant Kumar Panda     | +3.00     | -13.50          |
| 14   | Suchet Dhar             | Ashim Kumar Ghosh      | +36.00    | +57.00          | 74   | Deval Mehta          | Ravindra Amritkar      | +7.00     | -16.00          |
| 15   | Rana Chakraborty        | Arnab Ghosh            | +44.00    | +56.00          | 75   | Ramendra Chowdhury   | Pradip Mondal          | -10.00    | -16.00          |
| 16   | Ravi Goenka             | Ajay Kumar Bagadia     | +26.00    | +52.00          | 76   | Pradeep Anand Singh  | Vijayanand Singh       | +13.20    | -16.80          |
| 17   | Amit Nangpal            | Indrajit Sensarma      | +26.00    | +50.00          | 77   | Sanjib Naskar        | P Bhattacharya         | -15.40    | -17.40          |
| 18   | Ramesh Srinivas         | Sampath Srinivasan     | +35.20    | +48.20          | 78   | Paban Agarwal        | Kalindi Mewar          | -52.00    | -17.90          |
| 19   | Siddhartha Ghosh        | Indranath Chatterjee   | -24.00    | +47.00          | 79   | Maheswar Pradhan     | Sankarsan Behera       | -3.00     | -19.00          |
| 20   | Bidyut Goswami          | Ananda Roy             | +31.00    | +46.00          | 80   | Deepika Andlay       | Anjali Semwal          | +3.00     | -20.00          |
| 21   | Raghunath P Tripathi    | Shankar Acharya        | +22.00    | +46.00          | 81   | Lalit Mendiratta     | Bidyuti Kanti Thakur   | -2.00     | -20.00          |
| 22   | Sergio Bianchi          | Koren Retter           | +11.00    | +45.10          | 82   | Shathi Rangan Dey    | Md F Hossain Patwary   | -20.00    | -21.00          |
| 23   | Samar Kumar Maity       | Mithun Biswas          | +51.00    | +44.40          | 83   | Bholanath Dash       | Asim Das               | -19.00    | -22.00          |
| 24   | Rajib Roy               | Sudipta Adhikary       | +43.00    | +44.00          | 84   | Pradeep Govil        | S K Sharma             | -22.00    | -22.00          |
| 25   | P Varalakshmi           | G S Sundaram           | +1.00     | +43.90          | 85   | Jashith Narang       | Bindiya Naidoo         | +1.00     | -22.10          |
| 26   | Santanu Das             | A C Karmakar           | +52.00    | +37.00          | 86   | C Sathish Kumar      | S Srinivasan           | -13.20    | -22.20          |
| 27   | Gopika Tandan           | Arun Jain              | +6.00     | +36.00          | 87   | Bijal Shah           | Sejal Shah             | -19.00    | -22.30          |
| 28   | Sunil Dutta             | Raj Kumar Mukherjee    | +2.20     | +35.20          | 88   | Soumen Sardar        | Kalpna Varshney        | +24.20    | -22.80          |
| 29   | Aparajitha Iyer         | P Narayan Iyer         | +45.10    | +34.10          | 89   | J K Bhosale          | Sudhir S Chaudhari     | -35.00    | -23.00          |
| 30   | Anindra Kumar Sarkar    | Meenu Dugal            | -3.30     | +33.70          | 90   | Anup Kumar Mahajan   | Hemkanti Talukdar      | +7.00     | -23.00          |
| 31   | Daljeet Marwah          | Mukul Goel             | +29.00    | +32.00          | 91   | Amitava Mukherjee    | Pradip Gupta           | +1.00     | -25.40          |
| 32   | S Sr Polavaram          | Vijay Ramchandran      | +19.80    | +31.80          | 92   | M Venkatesan         | C K Madheswaran        | -50.00    | -26.00          |
| 33   | Amit Pal                | Bijan Kr Bandopadhyay  | +2.00     | +31.00          | 93   | Amal Kumar Sarkar    | Sudipta Mukherjee      | -22.00    | -26.00          |
| 34   | B Shridhar Musale       | M Shridhar Musale      | +27.00    | +28.00          | 94   | Sowmik Das           | Aloke Kumar Sardar     | -38.00    | -31.00          |
| 35   | Surendra Nath Kar       | Aviram Rout            | +15.00    | +27.00          | 95   | Prakash Achar        | Suresh Senapaty        | -27.00    | -31.00          |
| 36   | Sarveswar Bhattacharya  | Sajal Banerjee         | +33.00    | +26.00          | 96   | Subrata Sadhukhan    | Nirmal Raja            | -18.00    | -31.00          |
| 37   | Gautam Chatterjee       | Sujan Chowdhury        | -26.00    | +24.00          | 97   | Beneeta Chandra      | Madhu Agarwal          | -37.00    | -33.00          |
| 38   | Shantanu Rastogi        | Ratnesh                | +38.50    | +23.50          | 98   | Sanjoo Melwani       | R D Kuckreja           | -22.00    | -34.00          |
| 39   | Dinabandhu Sahu         | Prakash Chandra Das    | +34.00    | +22.00          | 99   | Vijay Krishnan       | Srinivasan A           | -59.00    | -36.00          |
| 40   | Priyanka Gulati         | Ekta Chadha            | -17.00    | +21.00          | 100  | Kannan Krishnamurthy | S Vijayraghavan        | +5.00     | -40.00          |
| 41   | K S R V Challam         | Chandrashekhar V Kekre | +24.00    | +21.00          | 101  | Deepak Gangajaliwale | M Bhupal Savadatti     | +1.00     | -41.00          |
| 42   | Ashwajit Singh          | G S Saluja             | -33.00    | +19.80          | 102  | Madhav A Kshirsagar  | Kailash Agarwal        | -11.00    | -42.90          |
| 43   | J B Sengupta            | Tushar Moghe           | +8.00     | +18.00          | 103  | Jiten Chakraborty    | Subir Kr Chaudhuri     | -52.00    | -45.40          |
| 44   | U V Athavale            | V Ravichandran         | +24.00    | +17.00          | 104  | Md. R Hasan Ripon    | Sk. Aminur Rahman      | -19.80    | -47.80          |
| 45   | Subhas Basu             | Tapan Choudhury        | +46.00    | +11.00          | 105  | M K Halder           | Biswajit Ghosh         | -8.00     | -50.90          |
| 46   | Arnab Guha              | Tapan Kumar Roy        | +26.00    | +10.00          | 106  | Shyam Bihari         | Anil Kumar Mehta       | +5.00     | -51.00          |
| 47   | Sanat Kumar Saha        | Sudeep Saha            | +22.00    | +9.90           | 107  | Jai Prakash Agrawal  | Shiv Kumar Kithania    | -66.00    | -57.00          |
| 48   | J Pratihari             | D N Lenka              | -6.60     | +8.40           | 108  | Md. Shahidul Islam   | Taymur Reza Hossain    | -26.00    | -57.00          |
| 49   | Ajoy Sonak              | Sukrit M Vijayakar     | +2.20     | +6.20           | 109  | R B Ketkar           | S G Surve              | -58.30    | -59.30          |
| 50   | Alka Jain               | Devi Muthu Bhatnagar   | +29.00    | +5.90           | 110  | S K Verma            | Raman Kumar            | +5.00     | -64.30          |
| 51   | Subashish Gope          | Vikram Jain            | +5.00     | +5.00           | 111  | Bhanumati Shah       | Ramula Shah            | -55.00    | -65.00          |
| 52   | Sanjay Kundu            | Sagar Bhuia            | -22.00    | +1.00           | 112  | Chanchal Dass        | Abhijit Roy Chowdhury  | -42.90    | -65.90          |
| 53   | Subir Das               | Sanjay Raha            | -14.00    | +1.00           | 113  | Asokan Pitchai       | R N Subramaniam        | -13.00    | -66.00          |
| 54   | Soumen Chakraborty      | Subir Dey              | +26.00    | 0.00            | 114  | Srikar Palem         | Sajiv K Menon          | -37.00    | -67.00          |
| 55   | Manoj Das               | Kedar Nath Shaw        | +22.00    | 0.00            | 115  | Usha Joshi           | Rabindra Kumar Singh   | -38.50    | -67.50          |
| 56   | S M Patnaik             | Ranjan Bose            | +2.00     | 0.00            | 116  | Amit Pathria         | Sunil Kumar            | -64.00    | -82.00          |
| 57   | Namit Sharma            | Asha Sharma            | -47.30    | -0.30           | 117  | Sumita Wahi          | Bubbles Bawa           | -32.00    | -82.00          |
| 58   | Kishore Das             | Debobrata Mondal       | +23.00    | -1.00           | 118  | Ansu Prasad Biswas   | Sibo Ram Basak         | -85.00    | -85.00          |
| 59   | Rajendran Ramesh        | S Karuppannan          | +11.00    | -1.00           | 119  | Umesh Ram            | J P Singh              | -30.00    | -88.00          |
| 60   | Rajan Nischal           | Bibekananda Ghadei     | +5.00     | -2.00           | 120  | Md Rezaul Karim      | Tahsin Eahteshum Nasif | -62.00    | -113.00         |



# HCL PRIZES

## TEAM EVENTS

| Rank                | Gold                | Silver            |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1st                 | ₹44,00,000          | ₹16,00,000        |
| 2nd                 | ₹24,00,000          | ₹9,20,000         |
| 3rd                 | ₹12,00,000          | ₹4,80,000         |
| 4th                 | ₹9,00,000           | ₹3,60,000         |
| 5th to 8th          | ₹4,50,000           | ₹1,80,000         |
| 9th to 16th         | ₹1,80,000           | ₹72,000           |
| 17th to 20th        | ₹60,000             | ₹25,000           |
| Swiss League Winner | ₹50,000             | ₹40,000           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>₹1,24,30,000</b> | <b>₹47,96,000</b> |

## PAIRS EVENTS

| Rank                                | Open Pairs Gold   | Open Pairs Silver | IMP Pairs        | MP Pairs STRATA  | IMP Pairs STRATA |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1st                                 | ₹12,80,000        | ₹2,00,000         | ₹2,40,000        | ₹80,000          | ₹80,000          |
| 2nd                                 | ₹8,40,000         | ₹1,50,000         | ₹1,60,000        | ₹60,000          | ₹60,000          |
| 3rd                                 | ₹6,40,000         | ₹1,20,000         | ₹1,20,000        | ₹40,000          | ₹40,000          |
| 4th                                 | ₹4,80,000         | ₹80,000           | ₹90,000          | ₹24,000          | ₹24,000          |
| 5th                                 | ₹3,20,000         | ₹60,000           | ₹75,000          | ₹18,000          | ₹18,000          |
| 6th                                 | ₹2,50,000         | ₹40,000           | ₹60,000          | ₹15,000          | ₹15,000          |
| 7th                                 | ₹2,00,000         | ₹30,000           | ₹50,000          | ₹10,000          | ₹10,000          |
| 8th                                 | ₹1,50,000         | ₹20,000           | ₹40,000          | ₹8,000           | ₹8,000           |
| 9th                                 | ₹1,00,000         | ₹15,000           | ₹30,000          | ₹6,000           | ₹6,000           |
| 10th                                | ₹90,000           | ₹10,000           | ₹20,000          | ₹5,000           | ₹5,000           |
| 11th                                | ₹75,000           | -                 | ₹15,000          | -                | -                |
| 12th                                | ₹60,000           | -                 | ₹10,000          | -                | -                |
| 13th to 16th                        | ₹50,000           | -                 | -                | -                | -                |
| Pairs Elim-1, 2 & 3 (1st)           | ₹15,000           | -                 | -                | -                | -                |
| Pairs Elim-1, 2 & 3 (2nd)           | ₹10,000           | -                 | -                | -                | -                |
| Best Mixed & Best Ladies Pair (1st) | ₹20,000           | -                 | -                | -                | -                |
| Best Mixed & Best Ladies Pair (2nd) | ₹12,000           | -                 | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>₹48,24,000</b> | <b>₹7,25,000</b>  | <b>₹9,10,000</b> | <b>₹2,66,000</b> | <b>₹2,66,000</b> |

## SPECIAL EVENTS

| Rank                    | ProAm IMP Pairs Event | Mixed IMP Pairs Gold | Mixed IMP Pairs Silver | Mixed IMP Pairs STRATA | Board-A-Match     |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1st                     | ₹6,00,000             | ₹2,40,000            | ₹80,000                | ₹20,000                | ₹3,60,000         |
| 2nd                     | ₹4,00,000             | ₹1,50,000            | ₹60,000                | ₹15,000                | ₹2,40,000         |
| 3rd                     | ₹3,00,000             | ₹1,00,000            | ₹50,000                | ₹12,000                | ₹1,20,000         |
| 4th                     | ₹1,80,000             | ₹75,000              | ₹40,000                | ₹10,000                | ₹90,000           |
| 5th                     | ₹1,40,000             | ₹60,000              | ₹30,000                | ₹8,000                 | ₹60,000           |
| 6th                     | ₹1,00,000             | ₹50,000              | ₹25,000                | ₹6,000                 | ₹45,000           |
| 7th                     | ₹80,000               | ₹40,000              | ₹20,000                | ₹5,000                 | ₹36,000           |
| 8th                     | ₹60,000               | ₹30,000              | ₹15,000                | ₹5,000                 | ₹30,000           |
| 9th                     | ₹50,000               | ₹25,000              | ₹10,000                | -                      | ₹24,000           |
| 10th                    | ₹40,000               | ₹20,000              | ₹5,000                 | -                      | ₹12,000           |
| 11th                    | ₹30,000               | ₹15,000              | -                      | -                      | -                 |
| 12th                    | ₹20,000               | ₹10,000              | -                      | -                      | -                 |
| 13th to 16th            | -                     | ₹5,000               | -                      | -                      | -                 |
| Pairs Elimination (1st) | -                     | ₹10,000              | -                      | -                      | -                 |
| Pairs Elimination (2nd) | -                     | ₹5,000               | -                      | -                      | -                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>₹20,00,000</b>     | <b>₹8,50,000</b>     | <b>₹3,35,000</b>       | <b>₹81,000</b>         | <b>₹10,17,000</b> |

**GRAND TOTAL**

**₹2,85,00,000**

### Notes:

- For international players, the final prize money will be converted as per the prevailing foreign exchange rates of the day. TDS will be deducted in accordance with the prevailing Indian Income Tax rules.
- There are two prizes each for the Best Mixed Pair and Best Ladies Pair in the Open MP Pairs event. To win this prize, pairs must reach the Open MP Pairs final or the third elimination round of the MP Pairs event.

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# Dynamic Duo

Mark Horton

In former times in some sporting contests, winning three times meant that you got to keep the trophy, for example the Schneider Trophy for seaplane racing and the Jules Rimet Trophy for the football World Cup. That is no longer a tradition, but Wham would be hoping for a historic threepeat in their match against Mavericks Gold. I had a feeling it could be a classic, but that might depend on what sort of mood the Great Shuffler was in.

After 7 deals, **Wham** led 4-0.

## Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

|          |         |          |
|----------|---------|----------|
| ♠ —      | ♠ QJ72  | ♠ 10983  |
| ♥ A2     | ♥ 874   | ♥ KQJ653 |
| ♦ Q10952 | ♦ J763  | ♦ AK     |
| ♣ QJ7643 | ♣ 108   | ♣ 2      |
|          | ♠ AK654 |          |
|          | ♥ 109   |          |
|          | ♦ 84    |          |
|          | ♣ AK95  |          |

## Open Room

| West  | North      | East    | South      |
|-------|------------|---------|------------|
| Brown | O Rimstedt | Whibley | M Rimstedt |
| Pass  | Pass       | 1♥      | 1♠         |
| INT   | 3♠         | 4♥      | 4♠         |
| 5♥    | All Pass   |         |            |

South led the ♠K and declarer ruffed, unblocked the ♦AK, ruffed a spade and pitched a club on the ♦Q, one down when South could ruff, -50.

## Closed Room

| West  | North | East     | South    |
|-------|-------|----------|----------|
| Zamir | Hung  | Toledano | Hans     |
| 2♣*   | Pass  | 3♦*      | 3♠       |
| 4♥    | 4♠    | 4NT*     | Dble     |
| 5♣    | Pass  | 5♥       | Dble     |
| Pass  | Pass  | Rdbl     | Pass     |
| Pass  | 5♠    | Dble     | All Pass |

2♣ 6+♣ 10-15  
3♦ Hearts, invitational +

West started with two rounds of hearts and East played a third round, declarer discarding the ♦8. East switched to the ♦K and continued with the ♦A, declarer ruffing, playing a spade to the queen, a club to the ace, cashing the ♠A and playing the ♣K. East ruffed and exited with a spade so that was four down, -800 and 13 IMPs to **Mavericks Gold**.

5♥xx would have been defeated, even if South starts with a top spade (the best lead is a trump).

In 5♠x declarer can save a trick by cashing a top club, crossing to dummy with a spade and playing a club.

## Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

|         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| ♠ 86542 | ♠ Q       |
| ♥ J     | ♥ AQ10962 |
| ♦ Q1096 | ♦ 83      |
| ♣ K73   | ♣ QJ86    |
| ♠ K73   | ♠ AJ109   |
| ♥ K853  | ♥ 74      |
| ♦ AK754 | ♦ J2      |
| ♣ A     | ♣ 109542  |

## Open Room

| West  | North      | East    | South      |
|-------|------------|---------|------------|
| Brown | O Rimstedt | Whibley | M Rimstedt |
| 1♦    | Pass       | 1♥      | Pass       |
| 4♣*   | Pass       | 4♠*     | Pass       |
| 5♣*   | Pass       | 6♥      | All Pass   |

4♣ Splinter

It may be that 4♠ was asking for keycards and 5♣ showed three.

South led the ♥4 and declarer drew trumps and claimed, +980.



Ola Rimstedt



## Closed Room

| West  | North    | East     | South |
|-------|----------|----------|-------|
| Zamir | Hung     | Toledano | Hans  |
| 1♣*   | Pass     | 1NT*     | Pass  |
| 3♥    | Pass     | 3♠       | Dble  |
| 4♣*   | Pass     | 4♦       | Pass  |
| 4NT*  | Pass     | 5♣*      | Pass  |
| 5♦*   | Pass     | 5NT*     | Pass  |
| 6♥    | All Pass |          |       |

1♣ 16+  
1NT 5+♥ 12+

I could guess that 4♣ was optional RKCB, declined by East, with 4NT then being RKCB and 5♣ 1 keycard, with 5♦ asking about the ♥Q. Whatever, the job was done and declarer was soon claiming to flatten the board.



Andy Pei-en Hung

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

|          |          |         |
|----------|----------|---------|
| ♠ KJ1096 | ♠ Q853   | ♠ A74   |
| ♥ Q965   | ♥ K      | ♥ A8742 |
| ♦ 76     | ♦ QJ     | ♦ AK94  |
| ♣ A6     | ♣ Q98543 | ♣ 2     |
|          |          |         |
|          | ♠ 2      |         |
|          | ♥ J103   |         |
|          | ♦ 108532 |         |
|          | ♣ KJ107  |         |

## Open Room

| West  | North      | East    | South      |
|-------|------------|---------|------------|
| Brown | O Rimstedt | Whibley | M Rimstedt |
| —     | Pass       | 1♥      | Pass       |
| 2NT*  | Pass       | 3♥      | Pass       |
| 3♠    | Pass       | 4♥      | All Pass   |

2NT Support

South led the ♠2 solving one problem and when dummy's ♠J held and the ♥5 collected North's ♥K there were 12 tricks, +680.

## Closed Room

| West  | North | East     | South    |
|-------|-------|----------|----------|
| Zamir | Hung  | Toledano | Hans     |
| —     | Pass  | 1♣*      | Pass     |
| 1♠*   | Pass  | 1NT      | Pass     |
| 2♣    | Pass  | 2♠       | Pass     |
| 3♥    | Pass  | 4♣*      | Dble     |
| Rdbl* | Pass  | 4♠       | All Pass |

1♣ 16+  
1♠ Game forcing  
Rdbl First round control

The legendary Al Hollander has asked EW for details about their system, but apparently they prefer to keep things a secret. It might be that here 1NT was a relay. I wonder if EW knew they had a nine-card heart fit?

North led the ♣8 and declarer won with the ♣A played a heart for the king and ace and a spade to the jack and queen, +650 to lose an IMP.

With 8 flat boards **Mavericks Gold** had edged this unexciting session 13-9.



Ami Zamir



# Dynamic Duo 2

Mark Horton

Would the second session of the final deliver the fireworks that were absent during the first fourteen deals?

## Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

|          |            |        |
|----------|------------|--------|
|          | ♠ J3       |        |
|          | ♥ Q84      |        |
|          | ♦ J        |        |
|          | ♣ A1087542 |        |
| ♠ KQ1075 |            | ♠ 9842 |
| ♥ A75    |            | ♥ K962 |
| ♦ Q832   |            | ♦ 954  |
| ♣ K      |            | ♣ J3   |
|          | ♠ A6       |        |
|          | ♥ J103     |        |
|          | ♦ AK1076   |        |
|          | ♣ Q96      |        |

### Open Room

| West     | North      | East    | South      |
|----------|------------|---------|------------|
| Brown    | O Rimstedt | Whibley | M Rimstedt |
| —        | 3♣         | Pass    | 3NT        |
| All Pass |            |         |            |

West led the ♥Q and declarer ducked, won the second spade and played the ♣9 for the king and ace and cashed the clubs. When West parted with two diamonds that was +490.

### Closed Room

| West  | North | East     | South    |
|-------|-------|----------|----------|
| Zamir | Hung  | Toledano | Hans     |
| —     | 3♣    | Pass     | Pass     |
| Dble  | Pass  | 3♥       | All Pass |



Oren Toledano

South started with three rounds of diamonds, North ruffing, cashing the ♣A and the playing the ♠J, South winning and returning the ♦7 (North had pitched the ♠3 on the second diamond so a spade is best) North ruffing with the ♥8. Declarer overruffed with the ♥9 and was two down, -200 but 9 IMPs to **Mavericks Gold**.

## Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

|         |           |        |
|---------|-----------|--------|
|         | ♠ KQ10965 |        |
|         | ♥ 10      |        |
|         | ♦ AQ42    |        |
|         | ♣ 86      |        |
| ♠ 874   |           | ♠ AJ32 |
| ♥ AJ932 |           | ♥ Q4   |
| ♦ K105  |           | ♦ J973 |
| ♣ J3    |           | ♣ 752  |
|         | ♠ —       |        |
|         | ♥ K8765   |        |
|         | ♦ 86      |        |
|         | ♣ AKQ1094 |        |

### Open Room

| West     | North      | East    | South      |
|----------|------------|---------|------------|
| Brown    | O Rimstedt | Whibley | M Rimstedt |
| —        | —          | Pass    | 1♣         |
| 1♥       | 2♥*        | Pass    | 3♣         |
| Pass     | 3♦         | Pass    | 3NT        |
| All Pass |            |         |            |
| 2♥       | Spades     |         |            |

West led the ♠7 for the king and ace and East switched to the ♥Q for the king and ace, West going back to spades. Declarer won with dummy's ♠Q, cashed six clubs and played a diamond to the queen for +600.

### Closed Room

| West  | North | East     | South |
|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| Zamir | Hung  | Toledano | Hans  |
| —     | —     | Pass     | 1♥    |
| Pass  | 1♠    | Pass     | 3♣    |
| Pass  | 3♦    | Pass     | 4♣    |
| Pass  | 4♠    | All Pass |       |

East led the ♦3 for the king and ace and declarer played a heart for the king and ace, West returning the ♦10. East won with the ♦J and continued with the ♦9 and declarer finished two down, -200 and 13 IMPs to **Mavericks Gold**.



# Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

|              |  |               |
|--------------|--|---------------|
| ♠ K          |  | ♠ J 9 5       |
| ♥ A 8 5 3 2  |  | ♥ Q J 9 6     |
| ♦ A 10 7 5   |  | ♦ K J 3       |
| ♣ A 10 7     |  | ♣ 9 8 2       |
| ♠ A 10 8 4 2 |  | ♠ Q 7 6 3     |
| ♥ 10 7       |  | ♥ K 4         |
| ♦ Q 8 6 4 2  |  | ♦ 9           |
| ♣ 3          |  | ♣ K Q J 6 5 4 |



## Open Room

| West  | North      | East     | South      |
|-------|------------|----------|------------|
| Brown | O Rimstedt | Whibley  | M Rimstedt |
| —     | —          | —        | 1♣         |
| 1♠    | 2♦         | 2♠       | 2NT        |
| Pass  | 3♠         | Pass     | 4♥         |
| Pass  | 5♣         | All Pass |            |

West led the ♠A and switched to the ♣3, declarer winning with the ♣K and crossruffing spades and diamonds, +420.



Michael Whibley

## Closed Room

| West     | North | East     | South |
|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| Zamir    | Hung  | Toledano | Hans  |
| —        | —     | —        | 2♣*   |
| Pass     | 2♦*   | Pass     | 2♠    |
| Pass     | 2NT*  | Pass     | 3♣    |
| Pass     | 4♣    | Pass     | 4NT*  |
| Pass     | 5♦    | Dble     | 6♣    |
| All Pass |       |          |       |

|     |                   |
|-----|-------------------|
| 2♣  | 6+♣ 10-15         |
| 2♦  | Artificial asking |
| 4NT | RKCB              |
| 5♦  | 3 keycards        |

West cashed the ♠A and switched to the ♦4, declarer taking dummy's ♦A, cashing the ♣A and playing to ruff two spades, +920 and 11 IMPs to **Wham**.

On Board 20 NS held ♠- ♥AK532 ♦AKJ107 ♣AK9 opposite ♠AQJ1064 ♥Q1098 ♦Q5 ♣J. That's 13 top tricks and **Wham** collected a couple of IMPs for playing in 7NT.

## Board 22. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

|            |  |               |
|------------|--|---------------|
| ♠ J 8 5    |  | ♠ 4           |
| ♥ J 10 7   |  | ♥ A K 6 4 3   |
| ♦ J 8 4    |  | ♦ 9 6 5       |
| ♣ J 6 5 3  |  | ♣ A Q 7 2     |
| ♠ 10 6 2   |  | ♠ A K Q 9 7 3 |
| ♥ Q 9 8    |  | ♥ 5 2         |
| ♦ K 10 2   |  | ♦ A Q 7 3     |
| ♣ 10 9 8 4 |  | ♣ K           |



## Open Room

| West  | North      | East     | South      |
|-------|------------|----------|------------|
| Brown | O Rimstedt | Whibley  | M Rimstedt |
| —     | —          | 1♥       | Dble       |
| 2♥    | Pass       | Pass     | 3♠         |
| Pass  | 4♠         | All Pass |            |

West led the ♠6 and when dummy's ♠8 held declarer played the ♣3, East taking the ♣A and switching to the ♦9. West won with the ♦K and returned the ♥8, East cashing the ♥AK for -50.

## Closed Room

| West     | North | East     | South |
|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| Zamir    | Hung  | Toledano | Hans  |
| —        | —     | 1♥       | Dble  |
| 2♥       | Pass  | Pass     | 2♠    |
| All Pass |       |          |       |

That was a comfortable +140 and 5 IMPs to **Wham**.

## Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

|                |  |                |
|----------------|--|----------------|
| ♠ 7            |  | ♠ K J 10 9 8 6 |
| ♥ A K 8        |  | ♥ 10 9 4       |
| ♦ A 10 9       |  | ♦ K 2          |
| ♣ 10 9 6 5 4 2 |  | ♣ 8 7          |
| ♠ Q 5 3 2      |  | ♠ A 4          |
| ♥ 6 5 3 2      |  | ♥ Q J 7        |
| ♦ Q 8 7 5      |  | ♦ J 6 4 3      |
| ♣ 3            |  | ♣ A K Q J      |





## Open Room

| West  | North      | East     | South      |
|-------|------------|----------|------------|
| Brown | O Rimstedt | Whibley  | M Rimstedt |
| —     | —          | —        | 1♣*        |
| Pass  | 2♠*        | Dble     | 3♣         |
| Pass  | 3♠*        | Pass     | 4♣         |
| Pass  | 4♦         | Dble     | Pass       |
| Pass  | Rdbl*      | Pass     | 4♠*        |
| Pass  | 5♣         | All Pass |            |

- 2♠ Game forcing with 6+♣  
 3♠ Shortage  
 4♦ Control  
 Rdbl First round control  
 4♠ Control

West led the ♦7, and East won and returned the ♦2, +420.

## Closed Room

| West     | North | East     | South |
|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| Zamir    | Hung  | Toledano | Hans  |
| —        | —     | —        | 1♣*   |
| Pass     | 2♠*   | Dble     | 2NT   |
| 3♠       | 4♥*   | Pass     | 5♣    |
| All Pass |       |          |       |

- 1♣ 16+  
 2♠ 5+♣, 0-2♠ game forcing

West led the ♠3 and declarer claimed 12 tricks – he could draw trumps, eliminate the major suits, and play a diamond to the nine, +420 and a missed opportunity.

At the end of the second session, **Mavericks Gold** led 39-32.



In memory of  
Late Shri. Ashok Ruia



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## CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE



|                              |                                                                       |                                                                        |                                                                               |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>17</b> DEC 2026 THURSDAY  | <b>Amla Ruia Women Cup</b><br>– Elimination Stage                     | <b>Ashok Ruia Senior Pairs</b>                                         |                                                                               |
| <b>18</b> DEC 2026 FRIDAY    | <b>Amla Ruia Women Cup</b><br>– Final                                 | <b>Ashok Ruia Senior Teams</b><br>– Round Robin (R1–R5)                | <b>Women Pairs Strata</b>                                                     |
| <b>19</b> DEC 2026 SATURDAY  | <b>Phoenix Mixed Pairs Cup</b><br>– Elimination Stage                 | <b>Ashok Ruia Senior Teams</b><br>– R6–R7 & Quarter Finals             |                                                                               |
| <b>20</b> DEC 2026 SUNDAY    | <b>Phoenix Mixed Pairs Cup</b><br>– Final                             | <b>Ashok Ruia Senior Teams</b><br>– Semi-finals & Final                | <b>Mixed Pairs Strata</b>                                                     |
| <b>21</b> DEC 2026 MONDAY    | <b>Ruia Gold Teams</b><br>– Round Robin (R1–R6)                       | <b>Ruia Silver Teams</b><br>– Round Robin (R1–R6)                      |                                                                               |
| <b>22</b> DEC 2026 TUESDAY   | <b>Ruia Gold Teams</b><br>– Round Robin (R7–R8) & Pre-Quarter Finals  | <b>Ruia Silver Teams</b><br>– Round Robin (R7–R8) & Pre-Quarter Finals | <b>Swiss Pairs</b>                                                            |
| <b>23</b> DEC 2026 WEDNESDAY | <b>Ruia Gold Teams</b><br>– Quarter Finals                            | <b>Ruia Silver Teams</b><br>– Quarter Finals & Semi-finals             | <b>Phoenix Marketcity Cup IMP Pairs</b><br>– Elimination                      |
| <b>24</b> DEC 2026 THURSDAY  | <b>Ruia Gold Teams</b><br>– Semi-finals                               | <b>Ruia Silver Teams</b><br>– Final                                    | <b>Phoenix Marketcity Cup IMP Pairs</b><br>– Final<br><b>IMP Pairs Strata</b> |
| <b>25</b> DEC 2026 FRIDAY    | <b>Ruia Gold Teams</b><br>– Final                                     | <b>Mall of the Millennium Cup Matchpoint Pairs</b><br>– Elimination 1  |                                                                               |
| <b>26</b> DEC 2026 SATURDAY  | <b>Mall of the Millennium Cup Matchpoint Pairs</b><br>– Elimination 2 | <b>Dabriwala Cup</b><br>Board-a-Match                                  | <b>Matchpoint Strata Pairs</b>                                                |
| <b>27</b> DEC 2026 SUNDAY    | <b>Mall of the Millennium Cup Matchpoint Pairs</b><br>– Final         |                                                                        |                                                                               |



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# Bridge Can be a Cruel Game

Prahalad Rajkumar

This deal came in the third session of our quarterfinal match against the Monica Jajoo team. The match was close, and every board felt heavy.

## Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 1083  
♥ 987  
♦ 85  
♣ AKQ98

♠ J4  
♥ AQJ42  
♦ AJ63  
♣ J5



## Open Room

| West | North    | East     | South |
|------|----------|----------|-------|
| Das  | Shaw     | Rajkumar | Dey   |
| —    | —        | 1♥       | Pass  |
| 2♥*  | 2♠       | 3♦       | Pass  |
| 4♥   | All Pass |          |       |

2♥ Constructive, 8-10

Partner's 2♥ was a constructive raise. When North came in with 2♠, I had a choice: settle for a part score, or push. I pushed with a 3♦ game try. Partner, with a fine club suit, accepted.

South led the ♠K and continued with a spade to North's ace. Back came the ♠Q. Spades looked to be 6-2, and South was waiting to overruff, so I ruffed with the ♥Q. South discarded an encouraging diamond.

I crossed to dummy with the ♦J - not the five - to the ace. Then I played a heart to the jack. It held. On the ♥A, South dropped the ♥10. So far, so good. But North still held the ♥K, and I still had to bring home the clubs.

Time to count. North had shown six spades and three hearts. diamonds appear to be 5-2, North had begun with two clubs, and he had already followed to one. His remaining club was odds on to be a low one.

I led my last club. South played low. Dummy held the ♣KQ98.

What would you play?

The percentages said the ♣8, so I played it.

The full deal:

## Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ AQ9652  
♥ K65  
♦ K9  
♣ 103

♠ 1083  
♥ 987  
♦ 85  
♣ AKQ98

♠ J4  
♥ AQJ42  
♦ AJ63  
♣ J5

♠ K7  
♥ 103  
♦ Q10742  
♣ 7642



Disaster!

North produced the ♣10. When the dust settled, I was four down: -400.

If the ♣8 had held the trick, dummy's clubs would take care of the diamond losers in hand - North could ruff with the ♥K and lead a diamond, but I would win the ace and cross to dummy by playing a heart to the nine.

At the other table, declarer stopped in a more sensible 3♥. After the same first three tricks, he crossed to dummy with a club and ran the ♥9. South won with the ten and returned a club. Declarer ran clubs from dummy and eventually finished two down. That was +200 for our teammates, and a 5 IMP loss for us.

If the ♣10 had been where the odds said it should be, we would have won 13 IMPs instead. The location of the ♣10 contributed to an 18 IMP swing.

We lost the match by 18 IMPs.

Bridge can be a cruel game.

As Hugh Kelsey liked to say, 'in bridge and in life, virtue is often its own reward'.

*Thank You All*



# Dynamic Duo 3

Mark Horton

In the third place playoff the score after two sessions was Mavericks Platinum 105, Monica Jajoo 39, quite a contrast to the 39-32 scoreline in the final.

## Board 29. Dealer North. None Vul.

|         |         |        |
|---------|---------|--------|
| ♠ AK94  | ♠ 106   | ♠ J732 |
| ♥ 4     | ♥ AK982 | ♥ QJ10 |
| ♦ AJ652 | ♦ KQ97  | ♦ 1083 |
| ♣ KQ3   | ♣ 86    | ♣ AJ4  |

|          |         |        |
|----------|---------|--------|
| ♠ Q85    | ♠ 106   | ♠ J732 |
| ♥ 7653   | ♥ AK982 | ♥ QJ10 |
| ♦ 4      | ♦ KQ97  | ♦ 1083 |
| ♣ 109752 | ♣ 86    | ♣ AJ4  |

## Open Room

| West  | North      | East    | South      |
|-------|------------|---------|------------|
| Brown | O Rimstedt | Whibley | M Rimstedt |
| —     | 1♥         | Pass    | 3♥         |
| Dble  | Pass       | 3♠      | Pass       |
| 4♠    | All Pass   |         |            |

South led the ♦4 and declarer took dummy's ♦A and cashed the ♠AK. When the ♠Q refused to appear that was one down, declarer playing on diamonds, -50.



Matthew Brown

## Closed Room

| West  | North    | East     | South |
|-------|----------|----------|-------|
| Zamir | Hung     | Toledano | Hans  |
| —     | 1♥       | Pass     | 3♥    |
| Dble  | All Pass |          |       |

East led the ♥Q and declarer won with the ♥A and ran the ♠10, West winning with the ♠K and switching to the ♣Q. East overtook it and continued with the ♥10, declarer winning and exiting with a club. East took the ♣J, cashed the ♥J and West's aces meant three down, -500 and 11 IMPs to Mavericks Gold.

## Board 31. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

|          |        |         |
|----------|--------|---------|
| ♠ Q      | ♠ AJ82 | ♠ 1054  |
| ♥ J9     | ♥ K742 | ♥ A1085 |
| ♦ Q10964 | ♦ J2   | ♦ AK73  |
| ♣ 108652 | ♣ AQ7  | ♣ 43    |

|         |        |         |
|---------|--------|---------|
| ♠ K9763 | ♠ AJ82 | ♠ 1054  |
| ♥ Q63   | ♥ K742 | ♥ A1085 |
| ♦ 85    | ♦ J2   | ♦ AK73  |
| ♣ KJ9   | ♣ AQ7  | ♣ 43    |

## Open Room

| West     | North      | East    | South      |
|----------|------------|---------|------------|
| Brown    | O Rimstedt | Whibley | M Rimstedt |
| —        | —          | —       | Pass       |
| Pass     | 1♣         | Dble    | 1♥*        |
| Pass     | 2♠         | Pass    | 4♠         |
| All Pass |            |         |            |

1♥ Spades

East led the ♦A, cashed the ♦K and switched to the ♠4, declarer winning with the ♠A, drawing trumps ending in hand and playing the ♥4. When East put up the ♥A he had gifted declarer the contract (assuming West would have unblocked the ♥J under dummy's ♥Q) +420.

## Closed Room

| West     | North | East     | South |
|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| Zamir    | Hung  | Toledano | Hans  |
| —        | —     | —        | 1♠*   |
| Pass     | 2NT*  | Pass     | 3♠    |
| All Pass |       |          |       |

1♠ 5+♠ 10-15  
2NT Invitational +



If you believe the play record, West did not unblock the ♥J, but declarer claimed for only nine tricks, +140 and 7 IMPs to **Mavericks Gold**.

On Board 33 NS held ♠AJ104 ♥52 ♦7 ♣AKJ653 facing ♠K97 ♥AK ♦AJ9865 ♣72. 6♣ is not bad (and the ♠Q was doubleton onside) but both teams played in 3NT.

### Board 36. Dealer East. None Vul.

|          |         |          |
|----------|---------|----------|
| ♠ 109876 | ♠ A3    | ♠ KQJ542 |
| ♥ A954   | ♥ K103  | ♥ J7     |
| ♦ J106   | ♦ A53   | ♦ 974    |
| ♣ 10     | ♣ K8742 | ♣ A3     |

|         |     |     |
|---------|-----|-----|
| ♠ —     | ♠ — | ♠ — |
| ♥ Q862  | ♥ — | ♥ — |
| ♦ KQ82  | ♦ — | ♦ — |
| ♣ QJ965 | ♣ — | ♣ — |

### Open Room

| West  | North      | East     | South      |
|-------|------------|----------|------------|
| Brown | O Rimstedt | Whibley  | M Rimstedt |
| Pass  | INT        | 2♠       | Dble*      |
| 4♠    | Dble       | All Pass |            |

South led the ♣Q and declarer lost the five obvious tricks, -300.

### Closed Room

| West  | North | East     | South |
|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| Zamir | Hung  | Toledano | Hans  |
| Pass  | INT*  | 2♦*      | 2NT*  |
| 4♦*   | Pass  | 4♠       | 4NT*  |
| 5♠    | 6♣    | Dble     |       |

|     |           |
|-----|-----------|
| INT | 14-16     |
| 2♦  | One major |
| 2NT | Lebensohl |

The missing aces meant -100 and 9 IMPs to **Mavericks Gold**.

### Board 39. Dealer South. None Vul.

|          |          |        |
|----------|----------|--------|
| ♠ 543    | ♠ AK86   | ♠ 107  |
| ♥ Q10932 | ♥ A      | ♥ KJ76 |
| ♦ J      | ♦ K10754 | ♦ AQ62 |
| ♣ QJ63   | ♣ AK9    | ♣ 1052 |

|        |     |     |
|--------|-----|-----|
| ♠ QJ92 | ♠ — | ♠ — |
| ♥ 854  | ♥ — | ♥ — |
| ♦ 983  | ♦ — | ♦ — |
| ♣ 874  | ♣ — | ♣ — |

### Open Room

| West  | North      | East     | South      |
|-------|------------|----------|------------|
| Brown | O Rimstedt | Whibley  | M Rimstedt |
| Pass  | 1♦         | All Pass | Pass       |

East led the ♣2 and declarer won with the ♣A and played a low diamond, finishing with eight tricks for +90. Someone write a Bols BridgeTip entitled *Don't be afraid to respond*.

### Closed Room

| West  | North | East     | South |
|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| Zamir | Hung  | Toledano | Hans  |
| Pass  | 1♣*   | Pass     | Pass  |
| Pass  | 1♠    | Pass     | 2♠    |
| Pass  | 4♠    | All Pass |       |

|    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| 1♣ | 16+              |
| 1♦ | 0-7 usually, any |

East led the ♠10 and declarer won with the ♠A, crossed to dummy with the ♠Q and played the ♦3 for the jack, king and ace, finishing with 11 tricks when the defenders did not take their diamond ruff, +450 and 8 IMPs for **Wham**.



### Board 41. Dealer North. All Vul.

|          |          |         |
|----------|----------|---------|
| ♠ 5      | ♠ J9643  | ♠ Q10   |
| ♥ A109   | ♥ Q73    | ♥ KJ852 |
| ♦ Q865   | ♦ 109742 | ♦ 3     |
| ♣ K10962 | ♣ —      | ♣ AQJ73 |

|         |     |     |
|---------|-----|-----|
| ♠ AK872 | ♠ — | ♠ — |
| ♥ 64    | ♥ — | ♥ — |
| ♦ AKJ   | ♦ — | ♦ — |
| ♣ 854   | ♣ — | ♣ — |



## Open Room

| West  | North      | East     | South      |
|-------|------------|----------|------------|
| Brown | O Rimstedt | Whibley  | M Rimstedt |
| —     | Pass       | 1♥       | 1♠         |
| 2♦    | 4♠         | All Pass |            |

West led the ♠5 and declarer drew trumps and played three rounds of diamonds, +620.



Mikael Rimstedt

## Closed Room

| West  | North | East     | South    |
|-------|-------|----------|----------|
| Zamir | Hung  | Toledano | Hans     |
| —     | Pass  | 1♥       | 1♠       |
| 2♣*   | 4♠    | Dble     | All Pass |

It's possible that 2♣ was Drury.

It was a routine +790 and 5 IMPs to **Wham**.

A fit-showing jump to 3♣ would have worked very well, but you would prefer to have four card support for hearts.

## Board 42. Dealer East. None Vul.

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| ♠ 872    | ♠ 1065   |
| ♥ A765   | ♥ K93    |
| ♦ —      | ♦ AK9852 |
| ♣ KJ9632 | ♣ A      |
| ♠ AQ943  | ♠ KJ     |
| ♥ J      | ♥ Q10842 |
| ♦ QJ763  | ♦ 104    |
| ♣ 107    | ♣ Q854   |



## Open Room

| West  | North      | East    | South      |
|-------|------------|---------|------------|
| Brown | O Rimstedt | Whibley | M Rimstedt |
| —     | —          | 1♦      | 1♥         |
| 1♠    | 4♦*        | Dble    | 4♥         |
| 5♦    | All Pass   |         |            |
| 4♦    | Splinter   |         |            |

South led the ♥2 and the spade position meant declarer emerged with 12 tricks, +420.

## Closed Room

| West  | North | East     | South |
|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| Zamir | Hung  | Toledano | Hans  |
| —     | —     | 1♦*      | 1♥    |
| 1♠    | 4♥    | 4♠       | Pass  |
| Pass  | 5♥    | Dble     | Pass  |
| 5♠    | Dble  | All Pass |       |

1♦ 2+♦ 11-15 stiff honour possible

North led the ♥6, but when the ♥K appeared in dummy the spade position meant declarer took all the tricks, +850 and 10 IMPs to **Mavericks Gold** who led 77-50.



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# Dynamic Duo 4

Mark Horton

Mavericks Gold went into the last session with a useful 27 IMP cushion.

## Board 43. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

|              |               |             |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| ♠ A 9 4      | ♠ Q 7 6 5     | ♠ K J 2     |
| ♥ Q 6 4      | ♥ 2           | ♥ A K 9 7 3 |
| ♦ K 10 8 4 3 | ♦ A Q J 7 6 2 | ♦ 9         |
| ♣ K J        | ♣ 4 2         | ♣ A 10 7 3  |



## Open Room

| West  | North      | East    | South      |
|-------|------------|---------|------------|
| Brown | O Rimstedt | Whibley | M Rimstedt |
| —     | —          | —       | Pass       |
| 1♦    | Pass       | 1♥      | Pass       |
| 1NT   | Pass       | 2♣*     | Pass       |
| 2♦*   | Pass       | 3NT     | Pass       |
| 4♥    | All Pass   |         |            |

2♣ Checkback

South led the ♦5 and North won with the ♦J and switched to the ♠6 for the two, ten and ace, declarer cashing the ♣K and running the ♣J to South's ♣Q. Back came the ♣6 and when declarer discarded the ♠4 North's ruff, combined with the trump break guaranteed the demise of the contract. When North returned the ♦2 declarer ruffed with the ♥A and was two down, -100.

On another day declarer would have put in dummy's ♠J at trick two and might even have made an overtrick.

## Closed Room

| West  | North | East     | South    |
|-------|-------|----------|----------|
| Zamir | Hung  | Toledano | Hans     |
| —     | —     | —        | Pass     |
| 1♦    | 2♦    | Dble*    | All Pass |

East led the ♥A and switched to the ♠2, the defenders cashing three tricks in the suit. If East now plays clubs the contract will be four down, but going back to hearts allowed declarer to score five tricks, -800 and 14 IMPs to **Mavericks Gold**.

## Board 44. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

|                  |                  |              |
|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| ♠ J 9 2          | ♠ K 10 8 6 5 4 3 | ♠ 7          |
| ♥ 10 7 2         | ♥ A Q 5 4 3      | ♥ K J 9      |
| ♦ K J 10 7 5 3 2 | ♦ 9              | ♦ Q 8 6 4    |
| ♣ —              | ♣ —              | ♣ K J 10 7 5 |



## Open Room

| West  | North      | East    | South      |
|-------|------------|---------|------------|
| Brown | O Rimstedt | Whibley | M Rimstedt |
| 3♦    | 4♦*        | 5♦      | Dble       |
| Pass  | 5♠         | Pass    | 6♠         |
| Dble  | All Pass   |         |            |

4♦ Majors

East must have been pleased when East led the ♣K, but declarer ruffed, played a spade to the ace ruffed a club and could repeat the process to establish dummy's clubs, +1310.

How unlucky was it for West that a diamond lead (or a trump) would have left declarer a trick short.

## Closed Room

| West     | North | East     | South |
|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| Zamir    | Hung  | Toledano | Hans  |
| 3♦       | 3♠    | 4♦       | 6♣    |
| All Pass |       |          |       |

6♣ went four down, -200 and 17 IMPs to **Mavericks Gold**.

## Board 48. Dealer West. All Vul.

|           |           |              |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| ♠ J 9 7 2 | ♠ J 9 7 2 | ♠ 8 5        |
| ♥ A 8 6 3 | ♥ A 8 6 3 | ♥ 9 2        |
| ♦ A 8     | ♦ A 8     | ♦ K J 10 3 2 |
| ♣ 6 5 2   | ♣ 6 5 2   | ♣ A K 9 3    |



|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| ♠ A K 3   | ♠ A K 3   |
| ♥ 10 7 5  | ♥ 10 7 5  |
| ♦ Q 9 7 4 | ♦ Q 9 7 4 |
| ♣ Q 10 8  | ♣ Q 10 8  |

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| ♠ Q 10 6 4 | ♠ Q 10 6 4 |
| ♥ K Q J 4  | ♥ K Q J 4  |
| ♦ 6 5      | ♦ 6 5      |
| ♣ J 7 4    | ♣ J 7 4    |



## Open Room

| West  | North      | East    | South      |
|-------|------------|---------|------------|
| Brown | O Rimstedt | Whibley | M Rimstedt |
| 1♣    | Pass       | 1♠      | Pass       |
| 1NT   | Pass       | 3NT     | All Pass   |

North led the ♠2 and declarer took South's ♠Q with the ♠K and played a diamond to the jack and a second diamond, North winning as South followed with the ♦5 and ♦6. That promised an even number of diamonds (there is no mention of Smith Peters on the card) and when North returned a spade, declarer had ten tricks, +630.

## Closed Room

| West  | North | East     | South    |
|-------|-------|----------|----------|
| Zamir | Hung  | Toledano | Hans     |
| 1♦*   | Pass  | 2♦*      | Pass     |
| 2♥*   | Pass  | 2♠*      | Pass     |
| 2NT   | Pass  | 3NT      | All Pass |

1♦ 2+♦ 10-15 stiff honour possible  
2♦ Asking

I cannot give you the precise meaning of the auction, but North led the ♥3 and declarer was dead in the water, the defenders cashing the first five tricks for -100 and 12 IMPs to **Wham**.

They trailed 65-108 and the deals that followed offered no scope for any heroics.

## Board 53. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

|        |          |          |
|--------|----------|----------|
| ♠ J75  | ♠ K1083  | ♠ —      |
| ♥ K963 | ♥ A      | ♥ Q10854 |
| ♦ A106 | ♦ Q9853  | ♦ KJ74   |
| ♣ A32  | ♣ 1074   | ♣ QJ65   |
|        | ♠ AQ9642 |          |
|        | ♥ J72    |          |
|        | ♦ 2      |          |
|        | ♣ K98    |          |

## Open Room

| West  | North      | East     | South      |
|-------|------------|----------|------------|
| Brown | O Rimstedt | Whibley  | M Rimstedt |
| —     | Pass       | Pass     | 2♠         |
| Pass  | 4♠         | All Pass |            |

West led the ♥6 to dummy's ♥A and declarer continued with a spade to the queen, ruffed the ♥J and played the ♣4 for the five, nine and ace, emerging with an overtrick, +450.

## Closed Room

| West  | North     | East     | South |
|-------|-----------|----------|-------|
| Zamir | Hung      | Toledano | Hans  |
| —     | 1♦*       | 1♥       | 2♥*   |
| 2♠*   | 4♠        | All Pass |       |
| 1♦    | 2+♦ 10-15 |          |       |
| 2♥    | Spades    |          |       |
| 2♠    | Support   |          |       |

Its become popular to use 2NT as a way of indicating a good raise in partner's overcall. With some good views you can take 11 tricks in hearts.

Declarer won the heart lead and ducked a diamond, ruffed the heart return, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart and played a club to the eight. When that held he claimed, +420 but lost an IMP.

**Mavericks Gold** had dethroned **Wham** 121-70.

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# Silver Waltz

Mark Horton

The final of the Silver Teams was between Capa and Gladiator – playing the same deals as in the Gold Final.

The second session was a reporters dream, with no less than five deals where slam was a possibility.

## Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

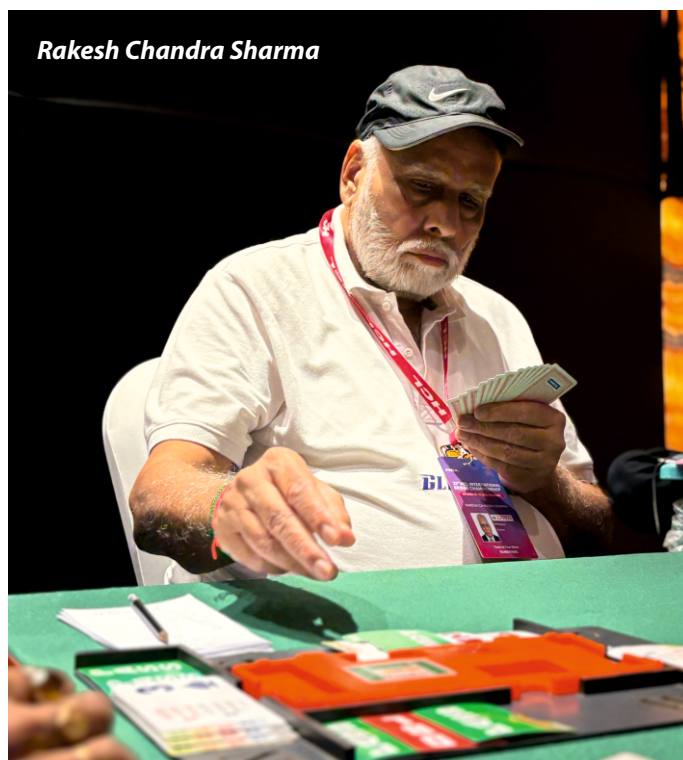
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|----------------|---------------|
| ♠ 7            | ♠ KJ 10 9 8 6 |
| ♥ AK 8         | ♥ 10 9 4      |
| ♦ A 10 9       | ♦ K 2         |
| ♣ 10 9 6 5 4 2 | ♣ 8 7         |
| ♠ Q 5 3 2      | ♠ A 4         |
| ♥ 6 5 3 2      | ♥ Q J 7       |
| ♦ Q 8 7 5      | ♦ J 6 4 3     |
| ♣ 3            | ♣ AK Q J      |



## Open Room

| West     | North | East  | South  |
|----------|-------|-------|--------|
| S Roy    | Singh | P Roy | Sharma |
| —        | —     | —     | 1♦     |
| Pass     | 2♣    | 2♠    | 3♣     |
| Pass     | 5♣    | Pass  | 6♣     |
| All Pass |       |       |        |

East led the ♣7 and declarer won, drew trumps, eliminated the major suits ending in dummy and played a diamond to the nine, a textbook elimination for +920.



## Closed Room

| West  | North   | East     | South |
|-------|---------|----------|-------|
| Mitra | Chaudri | Bagaria  | Sao   |
| —     | —       | —        | 1♣    |
| Pass  | 1♠      | Pass     | INT   |
| Pass  | 2♣*     | Pass     | 2♦*   |
| Pass  | 3♣      | Pass     | 4♣    |
| Pass  | 4♣      | Pass     | 5♣    |
| Pass  | 6♣      | All Pass |       |

West led the ♥6 and although declarer missed the possibility of the elimination taking two diamond finesses brought home the slam.

## Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

|             |              |            |
|-------------|--------------|------------|
| ♠ 4 3       | ♠ 10 7       | ♠ Q J 8    |
| ♥ A J 7 6 4 | ♥ K 9 8      | ♥ Q 10 3 2 |
| ♦ J 9       | ♦ Q 7 6 5 4  | ♦ 8 2      |
| ♣ 9 8 5 2   | ♣ A J 7      | ♣ Q 10 6 3 |
|             | ♠ AK 9 6 5 2 |            |
|             | ♥ 5          |            |
|             | ♦ AK 10 3    |            |
|             | ♣ K 4        |            |



## Open Room

| West  | North | East     | South  |
|-------|-------|----------|--------|
| S Roy | Singh | P Roy    | Sharma |
| Pass  | Pass  | Pass     | 1♠     |
| Pass  | INT   | Pass     | 3♦     |
| Pass  | 5♦    | All Pass |        |

West led the ♣2 for the jack and king and declarer drew trumps and established the spades for +640. On a technical note, North might have bid 4♣ over 3♦, a control bid agreeing the suit.

## Closed Room

| West     | North   | East    | South |
|----------|---------|---------|-------|
| Mitra    | Chaudri | Bagaria | Sao   |
| Pass     | Pass    | Pass    | 1♣    |
| Pass     | 1♠      | Pass    | 2♠    |
| Pass     | 3♦      | Pass    | 4♣*   |
| Pass     | 4♥*     | Pass    | 6♦    |
| All Pass |         |         |       |
| 4♣       | Control |         |       |
| 4♥       | Control |         |       |

Here East led the ♣3, declarer taking all the tricks for +1390 and 13 IMPs to **Gladiators** who went to win the match 152-113.



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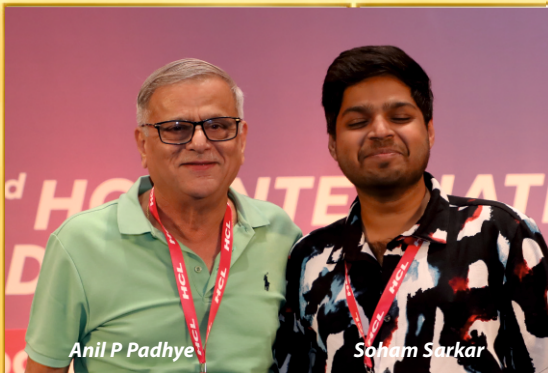


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