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THE CARDS OF DESTINY

The knockouts set the stage with a spew of unpredictable combinations of cards. What they hold for the champions of this event will soon unfold at the tables.

GOLD: A FEW SETBACKS & FINAL SEGMENT FIREWORKS

The Gold Pre-Quarter-Finals produced several close and dramatic encounters. Shri Radhey's choice of iDoctors, the Swiss League leaders, proved costly as iDoctors never gave them a chance in the first three segments. Although Shri Radhey made an impressive recovery in the final segment, she fell short of the target, with iDoctors winning by 18 IMPs.

WHAM showed their class against Bangur Cement, taking command decisively in the later stages. Monica Jajoo's match against Phoenix Ruia looked evenly poised going into the fourth segment, but the closing boards produced several big swings, giving Monica Jajoo a 45.5-IMP victory.

Hemant Jalan edged Latvia by just 7 IMPs, Mavericks Platinum pulled away from Dhampur Sugar Mills late to win by 66 IMPs, Young Comrades overcame Vedic, and EA Bridge comfortably defeated Baikunth. Mavericks Gold outclassed Ash Gupta by 109 IMPs.

GOLD QUARTERFINAL MATCHES

iDoctors	vs	Mavericks Gold
WHAM	vs	EA Bridge
Monica Jajoo	vs	Young Comrades
Hemant Jalan	vs	Mavericks Platinum

SILVER: THE LAST DEAL SCRIPTS THE STORY

The Silver Pre-Quarter-Finals delivered some of the most exciting finishes of the day. Miracle defeated Affinity by 65 IMPs, while Gladiators comfortably overcame Dr SSM by 67.5 IMPs.

Playwell vs Blooming Bidders went down to the last board, where a big IMP grand slam swing turned the match in Blooming Bidders' favour, 106-100.

CAPA edged Karpag by just 5 IMPs, with the penultimate board proving decisive.

Ekdalia beat Ranjan by 13 IMPs after a successful bid grand slam, while Winning Minds survived a strong RSCSBP comeback.

Conquerors defeated Ace of Spade by 18 IMPs, and Trick N Trump held off a spirited Zenith comeback by just 2.34 IMPs after initially trailing in the first two segments.

SILVER QUARTERFINAL MATCHES

Miracle	vs	Trick N Trump
Gladiators	vs	Conquerors
Blooming Bidders	vs	Winning Minds
CAPA	vs	Ekdalia

A MELODIOUS EVENING AT THE COCKTAIL PARTY

HCL bridge family, along with their invited guests and bridge patrons, came together for a memorable cocktail party yesterday evening. The atmosphere was enlivened by a lively musical performance, with several of our own players showcasing their excellent singing talent. Our foreign guests thoroughly enjoyed the evening and appreciated the warm hospitality and the vibrant spirit of the bridge community. It was a wonderful opportunity to relax, reconnect and celebrate our shared passion for bridge.



MATCHPOINT PAIRS: A STRONG TURNOUT OF 340 PAIRS

A total of 340 pairs have registered in the Matchpoint Pairs event, out of which 268 pairs played yesterday in the Elimination 1. 104 pairs have qualified for Elimination 2 and will be joined by 34 seeded pairs from the Gold and Silver Pre-Quarter-Finalists. Elimination 2 will be played today over three sessions of 18 boards each, with carryover given to all eligible pairs. The non-qualifiers will play the Matchpoint setup/strata event over two sessions of 22 boards each.

PRO-AM FIXTURES ASSIGNED

The draw for the Pro-Am event has been successfully completed. The event promises to bring together our top players and enthusiastic amateurs for a unique and enjoyable experience at the table.

All the pros are requested to make sure that proper time is given with the AMs to prepare themselves for the upcoming event. In case of any further assistance, please contact Mr. Sandeep Thakral.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1

TEAM OF FOUR QUARTER FINAL MATCHES (GOLD / SILVER EVENT)

The Team of Four Quarter Final matches of the GOLD / SILVER event will be held today in "EMERALD" Hall.

New link for Line up will be active on HCL Website Homepage.

2

2nd ELIMINATION MATCH POINT OPEN PAIRS

The 2nd Elimination of the Match Point Open Pairs event will be played at "TURQUOISE" & "CORAL" Halls in 3 Sessions of 18 Boards each.

The pairs will be divided into 7 Sections of 9 / 10 Tables each.

Please check your starting position and take your seats in your respective sections at least 10-15 minutes before the start time of 1030 Hrs.

Around 40% pairs will qualify for the 3rd elimination round.

3

MP PAIRS STRATA EVENT

The MP Pairs STRATA event will be played in 7 Sections of 11 to 12 Tables in "SAPPHIRE" & "RUBY" Halls from 1100 Hrs.

4

IMP PAIRS EVENT

The IMP Pairs event will commence from tomorrow morning.

HCL GOLD TEAMS RESULTS

QUARTERFINAL
RESULT >

HCL SILVER TEAMS RESULTS

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HCL GOLD TEAMS PRE-QF RESULT

Team	Carryover	Segment 1	Segment 2	Segment 3	Segment 4	Total
Shri Radhey	0	26	37	15	52	130
I Doctors	0	40	60	42	8	150
WHAM	0	40	34	11	37	122
Bangur Cement	0	33	55	16	6	110
Phoenix Ruia	6.5	19	39	14	9	87.5
Monica Jajoo	0	31	13	41	48	133
Hemant Jalan	0	11	25	51	26	113
Latvia	0	42	4	28	32	106
Mavericks Platinum	0	10	56	29	74	169
Dhampur Sugar Mills	0	41	12	37	13	103
Young Comrades	0	29	43	16	23	111
Vedic	0	23	20	16	42	101
Baikunth	0	30	20	21	43	114
EA Bridge	0	26	63	18	52	159
Ash Gupta	0	18	18	16	15	67
Mavericks Gold	0	33	89	30	24	176

HCL SILVER TEAMS PRE-QF RESULT

Team	Carryover	Segment 1	Segment 2	Segment 3	Segment 4	Total
Miracle		38	49	52	—	139
Affinity		26	18	30	—	74
Gladiators	10.5	65	21	16	28	140.5
Dr SSM		0	17	31	48	73
Playwell		25	15	37	23	100
Blooming Bidders		42	21	16	27	106
CAPA		50	19	42	23	134
Karpag		17	27	32	53	129
Ranjan	7	16	44	26	34	127
Ekdalia		30	14	49	47	140
RSCSBP	1.5	39	17	22	45	124.5
Winning Minds		34	16	53	36	139
Conquerors		37	17	16	33	103
Ace of Spade		19	8	36	22	85
Trick N Trump	0.66	25	54	12	47	138
Zenith		28	29	58	20	135.66

HCL Match Point Pairs Elimination Results

Rank	Player 1	Player 2	Session 1	Session 2 Cumm.	Session 3 Cumm.	Rank	Player 1	Player 2	Session 1	Session 2 Cumm.	Session 3 Cumm.
1	Sergey Orlov	Evgeny Rudakov	2761.20	5457.20	8294.50	69	Raghunath P Tripathi	Shankar Acharya	2180.00	4123.60	6722.60
2	Samir Basak	Sandip Datta	2781.20	5774.10	7812.60	70	Indranath Chatterjee	Siddhartha Ghosh	2234.80	4389.60	6714.90
3	Yury Khiuppenen	Vadim Kholomeev	2599.50	5136.30	7721.50	71	Moloy Kumar Mondal	Kingshuk Bhattacharya	2156.80	4457.70	6709.70
4	U V Athavale	V Ravichandran	2518.90	5259.70	7699.50	72	Anindra Kumar Sarkar	Meenu Dugal	2103.90	4573.60	6708.70
5	Sayantan Kushari	Kaustubh Milind Bendre	2606.50	4902.40	7654.90	73	Rajib Roy	Sudipta Adhikary	2207.70	4638.20	6701.10
6	Sandeep Thakral	Vikrant Mehta	2272.20	4800.10	7546.80	74	A K Guha	Rajendra Ray	2735.40	4755.20	6698.40
7	Soren Cilleborg Bilde	Simon Cope	2451.90	4801.00	7529.50	75	Rajendran Ramesh	Subramanian Karuppannan	1962.20	3991.00	6693.40
8	Asit Baran Chakraborty	Shyama Prasad Chatterjee	2106.60	4657.50	7467.80	76	Ranga Khadloya	Ajit B Chakradeo	2277.40	3980.10	6670.80
9	Emil Jepsen	Simon Ekenberg	2369.90	5008.80	7444.60	77	Bijon Kumar Mondal	Swarup Ghosh	2012.90	4460.00	6664.00
10	Sapan Desai	Debabrata Majumder	2441.00	5010.60	7433.60	78	Arup Kumar Huda	Animesh Majumder	2198.20	4756.00	6661.00
11	T Devendranath	K Divakara Reddy	2466.10	5063.70	7390.60	79	Pramod Kumar Mishra	Sudhir Kumar Tripathy	2505.40	4565.60	6657.60
12	Shibnath De Sarkar	Badal Das	2506.20	5054.40	7376.60	80	Rajendra Gokhale	S K Iyengar	2698.30	4520.40	6639.60
13	Andrey Gromov	Anna Gulevich	2464.30	5097.30	7350.80	81	Sarveswar Bhattacharya	Sajal Banerjee	2628.70	4610.10	6634.00
14	R G Bhiwandkar	Subhash A Dhakras	2059.00	4790.50	7342.10	82	Pijus Kanti Baroi	Surajit Bar	2433.70	4932.20	6633.90
15	Hemant Purkar	Bhalchandra G Ogale	2247.90	4713.90	7334.10	83	Manoj Das	Sanjay Raha	2341.20	4480.40	6632.20
16	Dilip Mistry	Raju Santra	1877.90	4361.30	7326.80	84	Pranab Prasad	Sankha Goswami	2246.90	4282.30	6627.00
17	Anant Vikram Somani	Rahul Shetty	2743.00	4654.30	7297.20	85	Kannan S	N Sudhakar Babu	2377.80	4565.10	6614.70
18	Aman Kumar Sahani	Tarun Manna	2499.50	4556.10	7239.80	86	Vinita Gupta	Morten Bilde	2189.40	4351.90	6590.70
19	Biswajit Poddar	Shambhu Nath Ghosh	2608.90	5277.80	7234.00	87	S M Moin	Naveen Kumar	2524.40	4657.10	6589.30
20	Stanley Nazareth	Asvin Ganger	2709.10	5116.30	7232.80	88	Puneet Gangal	Ibrat Khan	1701.50	4034.40	6583.30
21	Vibhas Todi	Satyabrata Lahiri	2131.30	4920.30	7219.60	89	Rahul Agarwal	Yashpal Singh	2133.70	4605.90	6582.60
22	Pradeep Anand Singh	Vijayanand Singh	2231.20	4402.40	7216.20	90	Subhash Gupta	Swamendu Banerjee	2019.60	4402.00	6579.80
23	Sanat Kumar Saha	Sudeep Saha	2487.00	5290.20	7205.40	91	Amitava Banerjee	Jayanta Dutta	1770.90	4303.20	6571.70
24	Pradeep Govil	S K Sharma	2097.90	4887.50	7202.70	92	Namit Sharma	Asha Sharma	1942.30	4456.20	6570.60
25	R Sreekrishnan	Prashanth Kandulakunta	2211.40	4861.20	7177.90	93	Tapan Kumar Roy	Sunil Das	2589.60	4491.80	6563.90
26	Arvind Srinivasan	Ramaratnam Venkatesh	2259.90	4268.30	7168.70	94	Shubham Acharya	Richa Shriram	1634.30	3683.00	6558.80
27	Rob Stephens	Lex van Vught	2126.20	4716.30	7159.20	95	Ashish Patel	Alok Kumar	2294.70	4819.40	6545.30
28	R V S Chauhan	Tapas Kumar Mandal	2641.50	5016.50	7159.00	96	Amit Nangpal	Indrajit Sensarma	2207.10	4691.50	6539.50
29	Rana Chakraborty	Arnab Ghosh	2508.60	4729.10	7151.00	97	Sanjib Naskar	Proshanto Bhattacharya	2578.00	4490.90	6536.20
30	Darshan Patel	Girish Hirode	2363.40	4744.50	7126.50	98	Anil Vijaywargiya	Pankaj Agrawal	2040.20	4323.00	6535.60
31	Swapn Sardar	Sumit Saha	2082.10	4401.60	7126.50	99	Nitin I Shirole	Ajit Rajaram Padalkar	2434.00	4499.60	6527.70
32	N R Kirubakaramoorthy	Ramaratnam Krishnan	2297.50	4479.40	7109.70	100	Bhanumati Shah	Ramula Shah	2041.70	3893.10	6523.70
33	Shyama Prasad Ghatak	Debasish Dey	2244.10	4690.50	7107.20	101	Ambrish Wadera	Rajesh K Jain	1754.60	4054.50	6520.30
34	Sergio Bianchi	Koren Retter	2189.70	4519.80	7106.20	102	Subrata Sadhukhan	Vijay Krishnan	2066.80	4374.40	6513.60
35	Raju Tolani	Vinay Desai	2365.30	4861.50	7097.30	103	Ajay Kumar Bagadia	Ravi Goenka	1955.20	4349.70	6507.80
36	Prosenjit Manna	Joyrup Mullick	2252.20	5151.20	7082.50	104	Sanjay Amist	Deepak Kothiwala	2243.90	4231.30	6502.50
37	Rajeshwar Tewari	Sumit Mukherjee	2305.60	4735.20	7061.00	105	P D Joshi	Sudhir S Chaudhari	2126.00	4102.90	6498.40
38	Sunil Kumar Sinha	Savleen Thadani	2461.20	4622.80	7056.50	106	Prasanta Bera	Tamal Dasgupta	2707.10	4615.80	6496.10
39	Kavita Dhawan	Bhavna Naraindas	2410.10	4648.80	7054.50	107	Kamna Sharma	Abhijit Pal	2018.40	4285.70	6494.70
40	Gaurav Rajwade	Parag Joshi	2179.50	4604.90	7047.40	108	Anukul Mandal	K K Sabherwal	2105.50	4209.80	6486.50
41	Sujit Sadhak	Sanjib Majumdar	2383.80	4784.60	7045.30	109	Saurav Sil	Gautam Majumder	2163.30	4336.50	6486.30
42	Amarjit Wadhawan	Arun Jain	1990.60	4361.50	7029.10	110	Paban Agarwal	Kalindi Mewar	2410.90	4348.80	6474.80
43	Arnab Basu Roy	Abhirup Ghosh	2094.20	4759.60	7012.20	111	Mrinal Kanti Mukherjee	Ashwin Tolani	1814.80	4505.70	6452.80
44	Md Moshir Rahman	Md Rashedul Ahsan Nayem	2275.30	4533.90	7007.60	112	N Niranjan	Prasad V Keni	2220.30	4471.30	6441.30
45	Subashish Gope	Suchet Dhar	2293.80	4246.50	7007.50	113	Andrey Purushottam	Jitesh Agrawal	2116.80	4283.20	6436.20
46	Daniel Msika	Ido Moskovitz	2180.00	4327.00	7001.30	114	V Rama Murthy	Ramesh Ramagudu	2183.40	4202.30	6409.80
47	Swapn Some	Sourendra Coomer Dutt	2207.40	4458.30	7001.20	115	Dipak K Poddar	Rajesh Somani	2445.90	4194.90	6394.20
48	Peiyush Jain	Arun Bahulkar	2367.10	4678.80	6981.00	116	D N Lenka	J Pratihari	2238.90	4140.30	6391.10
49	D P Acharya	Prasun Kumar Mukhopadhyay	2335.20	4539.40	6978.60	117	Rohit Gupta	D K Tewari	1639.10	3776.00	6390.00
50	Pradip Dey	Souvik Kar	2295.10	4848.90	6958.50	118	Gautam Chatterjee	Sujan Chowdhury	2290.10	4386.80	6385.30
51	Prakash Gupta	Dipak Kumar Paul	2057.30	4160.40	6945.50	119	Arup Lodh	Gautam Kumar Chanda	2459.00	4745.90	6375.40
52	Paresh J Gandhi	V K Manglik	2205.90	4677.60	6930.60	120	Sankar Narayan Ghosh	Shakti Dhar Chowdhury	2083.40	4262.10	6364.60
53	Pinaki Prasad Khan	Ramkrishna Majumder	2413.40	4597.50	6924.60	121	Sudipta Mitra	Soumen Chakraborty	2097.20	4063.20	6362.90
54	Kamal Kabra	Indranil Chakraborty	1986.90	4344.80	6884.80	122	Chanchal Dass	Kedar Nath Shaw	2487.90	4078.40	6360.70
55	Saptarshi Chanda	Bikramjit Das	2191.00	4605.80	6867.10	123	Mitresh Manu	Rajesh Kochhar	2174.50	4049.90	6357.40
56	Maneesh Bahuguna	Bhaskar Sarkar	2423.50	5000.20	6862.20	124	Anup Kumar Mahajan	Hemkanti Talukdar	2120.20	4118.00	6355.30
57	Priya Ranjan Sinha	Koushik Mukherjee	2271.20	4597.50	6852.80	125	Anirudh Prakash	Prakash Easwaran	1799.40	3828.50	6340.00
58	Md Zahid Hossain	B M Mahmud Hossain	1867.50	4858.60	6852.20	126	Prithvi Raj	A Acharya	2546.00	4585.30	6336.20
59	Prabhat Kumar Gupta	Mohan Gurunath S	2416.70	4379.10	6851.90	127	R N Subramaniam	Asokan Pitchai	2058.60	4104.50	6335.00
60	Craig Gower	Diana Rosslee	2200.30	4891.90	6844.60	128	Sundar Shekar Polavaram	Vijay Ramchandran	1972.50	3936.00	6326.00
61	Anurag Mohota	Basant K Mohota	2614.30	5157.00	6827.90	129	Wrik Chakraborty	Ranjan Bhattacharya	2062.50	4331.20	6317.70
62	Rajeev Khandelwal	Himani Khandelwal	2120.00	4081.60	6822.40	130	Alka Jain	Devi Muthu Bhatnagar	1990.00	4274.60	6310.40
63	Shekhar Chakravorty	Subir Dey	2407.40	4765.80	6768.10	131	Keshav Sakharam Samant	R Sridharan	2354.60	4358.80	6308.00
64	Asit Kumar Bandopadhyaya	Kiran Shankar Pal	2270.90	4620.30	6749.50	132	Kannan Krishnamurthy	S Vijayraghavan	2032.80	3912.00	6304.60
65	Sekhar K Bandopadhyay	N K Chidlangia	1698.10	4022.10	6746.80	133	Krishna Das Chakraborty	Swetadri Saha	2322.00	4040.80	6300.50
66	Mukund Jagannathan	Vivek Bhand	2443.10	4632.80	6745.50	134	T J Alexander	Saila Ranjan Das	2171.20	4270.10	6299.60
67	Sujit Kumar Bhattacharjee	Joy Narayan Roy	2384.50	4827.20	6730.20	135	P Narayan Iyer	Aparajitha Iyer	1905.50	4240.10	6285.70
68	Sarika Mittal	R Anbazhagan	2343.50	4438.40	6727.40	136	K S R V Challam	Chandrashekar V Kekre	1780.60	3949.00	6268.80

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137	Shathi Rangan Dey	Md F Hossain Patwary	2006.90	4141.00	6265.90	203	Dharma Narayan Bordoloi	Dhruba Dey	1863.30	3691.40	5776.40
138	Deepak Ramnani	K P Baskaran	1440.40	4076.90	6260.80	204	Ram Pal Rehan	Vinai Kumar Gupta	2185.90	3687.40	5759.30
139	Chandrashekhar K Damle	Nitin M Dharmadhikari	1989.90	3564.60	6258.00	205	Satya Ranjan Chakraborty	Soumitra Chakraborty	2345.90	4214.20	5756.40
140	Sandip Gharai	Ashis Pan	2254.70	3951.30	6248.40	206	Deval Mehta	Ravindra Amritkar	1980.40	3902.50	5743.30
141	Deepa Jacob	Pranab Bardhan	2252.20	4321.20	6246.20	207	Hatinder Panwar	Dheeraj Sood	1999.30	4161.70	5733.00
142	Sisir Kumar Banerjee	Santanu Chakraborty	2034.00	4181.50	6245.10	208	Sumathi Iyer	D V Ravi	1562.80	3785.60	5712.90
143	Mahesh Mor	R P Deshpande	1801.70	4081.00	6239.30	209	Amit Pathria	Sunil Kumar	2012.00	3926.80	5706.60
144	Kalpna Varshney	Vilas Namjoshi	1682.70	3915.80	6238.60	210	Amit Pal	Bijan Kumar Bandopadhyay	1866.50	3953.50	5703.30
145	Amar Kumar Bose	Bhola Nath Ghosh	2199.80	4362.30	6219.70	211	Sriram Bhikaji Khanolkar	Kausar Hasan Syed	1932.50	4014.00	5697.20
146	Jenish Shah	Subhasish Sarkar	2031.20	4046.80	6207.50	212	Chainraj Nahar	Prashant Sinhal	1866.90	3722.00	5686.10
147	Tirthankar Sengupta	Amit Palit	2648.10	4441.10	6197.40	213	Bijal Shah	Sejal Shah	2056.70	3666.00	5684.00
148	Amol Deshmukh	V Chandrasekhar	1894.10	3605.80	6196.00	214	Suresh Senapaty	H. Anjaneya Swamy	1982.90	3981.90	5669.20
149	Sudhir K Agrawal	Ravi Kaul	2332.00	4187.00	6194.30	215	Pandu Chedalavada	Yamini Merchant	2249.80	3953.80	5664.40
150	A N Sahai	Rabindra Kumar Singh	2108.20	4324.40	6193.60	216	Ravi Shankar Muthuswami	Jatin Baruah	1875.80	3768.40	5642.70
151	Md. Shahidul Islam	Md Rezaul Karim	2346.90	4262.20	6189.50	217	Kishore Das	Debobrata Mondal	2153.80	3838.70	5638.90
152	Devangshu Datta	Sandeep Narang	2069.50	3975.50	6188.50	218	Sujata Puranik Rakhra	Kunal Jaiswal	1644.90	3953.10	5615.90
153	Chintamani Bhikaji Damale	Vinayak Bhikaji Mulye	2128.30	4187.90	6182.10	219	Jashith Narang	Bindiya Naidoo	2022.60	3743.50	5604.40
154	Vikrant Joseph	R V Dharvarkar	2094.00	4172.30	6182.10	220	Taymur Reza Hossain	Tahsin Eahteshum Nasif	1817.60	4043.10	5590.70
155	Md. Rashedul Hasan Ripon	Sk. Aminur Rahman	1723.50	3741.30	6182.00	221	P K Bandhu	Apurba Dey	1713.70	3911.80	5546.50
156	Ajay Kumar Singh	Nag Bhusan Rao	2239.70	4129.50	6173.30	222	Kishor Dutta	Jyotirmoy Dey	1790.20	3505.30	5534.80
157	Biswajit Mahata	Subhas Mahata	1978.80	3841.90	6163.80	223	Bidyut Kanti Thakur	Sunandan Thakur	1965.70	3736.20	5524.90
158	Aman Tyagi	Kinjal Desai	2051.20	4161.70	6154.20	224	Samina Esmail	Sibo Ram Basak	2146.00	3743.40	5521.20
159	Tamal Kumar Bhattacharyya	Bikas Dutta	2028.90	4344.70	6148.50	225	Ananda Roy	Bidyut Goswami	1996.40	3703.50	5519.60
160	Naina Shah	Kumar Shah	2096.80	4412.70	6148.40	226	Rajendra Pandurang Ranade	Mahesh Dattatray Shetye	2201.20	3818.60	5480.70
161	Dinabandhu Sahu	Prakash Chandra Das	2172.40	4158.10	6146.20	227	Ajai Bahadur Khare	Vandana Khare	1688.80	3490.60	5474.40
162	Suren Mewar	Kajal Chandra Das	2004.00	4006.80	6133.80	228	Aroon Birla	Ajit Mahadhar	1690.40	3855.20	5465.90
163	Anil Sud	Mithileshwar Jha	2031.90	3968.80	6103.40	229	Satchidananda Nayak	Sudhakar Nayak	1768.00	3231.50	5457.70
164	Ranjan Bose	S M Patnaik	2240.70	3934.00	6103.20	230	Asim Saha	Smita Govilkar	1643.90	3439.00	5446.00
165	Parimal Vaikuntal Vahalia	Girish Kumar	1821.20	4251.20	6092.90	231	Daljit Marwah	Sudhir Kumar Agrawal	1516.60	3601.30	5437.80
166	Kamla Mehra	Deepak Gangajaliwale	2313.00	4193.80	6083.50	232	Rakesh Ranjan	Manjooша Bairathi	1963.50	3745.50	5428.80
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169	Sukumaran Rajeev	Asok Jose Lean	2229.60	3775.20	6053.00	235	Deepak Malhotra	Deepika Mehta	1906.10	3623.80	5402.60
170	Sharad Kumar	Sanjay Shrivastava	2060.20	3837.50	6052.50	236	Mahavir Bhupal Savadatti	Prafulla Kumar Das	1921.70	3971.10	5399.10
171	Santanu Das	Ashim Chandra Karmakar	1856.30	3983.10	6050.00	237	P Varalakshmi	Guru Shankar Sundaram	1661.30	3488.40	5384.90
172	Sajiv K Menon	Srikar Palem	1904.00	4096.10	6043.20	238	S K Garg	V K Rattan	1693.20	3102.90	5366.10
173	Amol Athawale	Prakash Achar	1970.10	3703.10	6042.70	239	Mangesh Shridhar Musale	Bhalchandra Shridhar Musale	1537.40	3538.00	5345.20
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175	Vijay R Phatarphekar	T V Ramani	2278.10	4299.50	6023.60	241	R P Gautam	Vijay Singh	1329.80	3278.10	5330.70
176	Subrata Chakraborty	Ramprosad Das	2191.50	4141.30	6020.90	242	S G Surve	R B Ketkar	1641.90	3561.90	5287.50
177	N Rajachandra	Gurudev Shyamsundar	2219.10	4280.50	6011.70	243	Pradeep R Rathi	Subhadra P Rathi	1829.30	3177.50	5279.70
178	Samar Kumar Maity	Mithun Biswas	1749.90	3760.70	5994.90	244	Anuj Sharma	Jitendra Pandey	2002.80	3397.70	5277.80
179	Ashok Kumar	Netai Pada Kabiraj	1796.80	3847.20	5981.50	245	Poonam Lal	Neeta Govil	1914.20	3946.60	5274.10
180	Godwin Jeyaseelan	K Venkataramani	2166.40	4032.00	5960.80	246	Vijay Kumar Manglik	P K Sharma	1776.10	3600.60	5260.40
181	Arnab Guha	Tapan Kumar Roy	2020.30	3975.40	5956.00	247	Ajay Tandon	Kirti Seth	1612.50	3278.30	5238.00
182	Kamlesh Gupta	Anil Singhal	2214.10	4329.70	5948.60	248	Gautam Aich	Gautam Chattopadhyay	1492.80	3412.10	5203.90
183	Kamleshwar Rai	Ravi Prakash	1758.90	3909.70	5942.00	249	S K Verma	Raman Kumar	1939.80	3908.30	5201.90
184	Ignatius Bezzam	Gabriele Zanasi	2226.10	4265.30	5935.30	250	Pabitra Majumder	Saswata Ballav	1876.10	3576.80	5185.50
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187	Kunal Chander	Ashish Kumar Vishwakarma	1579.50	3808.30	5918.00	253	Yogendra Deva	Neeta Banga	1588.10	3205.30	5136.30
188	Shantanu Rastogi	Ratnesh	2056.00	4148.10	5902.40	254	M Venkatesan	C K Madheswaran	1722.20	3124.30	5126.20
189	Anushree Jalan	Tapas Das	1920.70	4106.40	5900.30	255	Mini Agarwal	Reena Pal	1875.30	3545.20	5125.70
190	Viswanathan M	M Elumalai	2025.40	3962.10	5887.80	256	Amitava Mukherjee	Pradip Gupta	1549.70	3575.40	5109.30
191	Rajendra V Mekal	Parimal N Shah	2089.20	4332.10	5885.50	257	Shrikant Jayram Tamhankar	Madhav K Agashe	1808.40	3468.10	5069.90
192	Sanjay Gupta	Naresh Jain	2030.30	4141.40	5873.10	258	Hemant Dhananjay Bhawe	Makrand M Luley	1826.60	3296.20	5040.90
193	Madhav A Kshirsagar	Kaillash Agarwal	2092.80	4043.10	5867.70	259	Amar Wadhwa	Divyaroop Bhatnagar	1588.60	3228.20	5000.40
194	M K Halder	Biswajit Ghosh	2084.60	3669.90	5863.30	260	Bhalender Singh Nayyar	Shri Krishan Deswal	1488.10	2983.70	4940.80
195	Debasish Ghosh	Gautam Roy	2049.90	4152.50	5855.10	261	B K Sinha	Archana Sinha	1634.80	3134.10	4898.10
196	J P Singh	Umesh Ram	2193.40	4263.00	5816.70	262	Suman Khanna	Ramesh C Khanna	1476.90	3485.10	4846.20
197	Sunil Misra	S K Gautam	2196.00	4087.70	5802.70	263	Amal Kumar Sarkar	Sudipta Mukherjee	1665.80	3516.60	4813.70
198	Sanat Roy	Goutam Banerjee	2411.60	4395.20	5798.40	264	Saumitra Basu	Dilip Kumar Borpuzari	1632.60	2899.30	4782.50
199	V Ravindran	Arabinda Kumar Mishra	1866.90	3490.70	5795.40	265	Hari Narayan	R M Parmer	1827.10	3226.70	4751.20
200	Surendra Nath Kar	Aviram Rout	1825.90	3655.60	5793.90	266	Subir Das	Abhijit Roy Chowdhury	1437.10	2939.50	4690.80
201	S Srinivasan	C Sathish Kumar	2046.00	4143.40	5787.80	267	Joy Saikia	Gautam Sarma	1295.60	3198.60	4588.80
202	Kumar Venkataraman	Pradeep Deshpande	1855.70	3804.00	5781.90	268	Sankarsan Behera	Maheswar Pradhan	1688.30	2972.80	4517.50

It's a Knockout

Mark Horton

There would be four sessions of 14 boards in the round of 16. First up for us is Bangur Cement v Wham.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

♠ 9 6 2	♠ 9 6 2
♥ 10 9 7	♥ 10 9 7
♦ K J 8 7	♦ K J 8 7
♣ 7 5 4	♣ 7 5 4

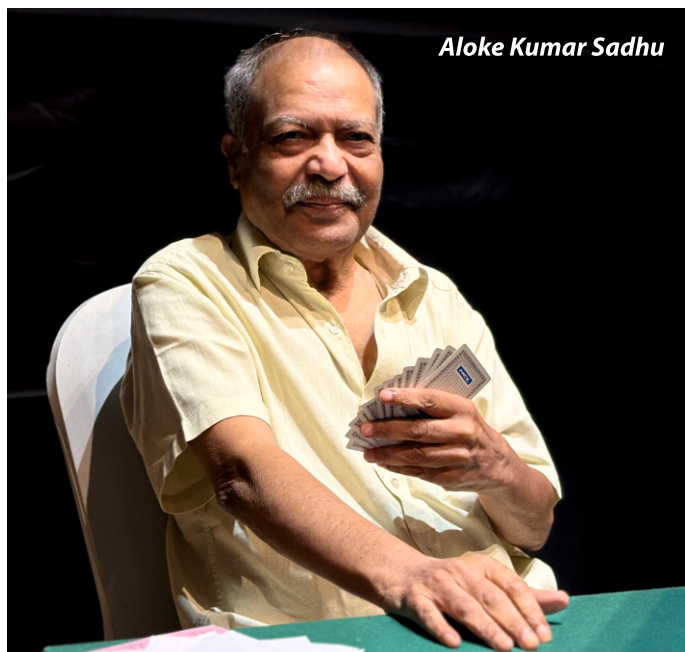
Wham v Bangur Cement

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sadhu	Hung	Mukherjee	Hans
—	1♦*	INT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT	All Pass

1♦	2+♦ 10-15
2♣	Stayman
2♦	No major
3♠	4♠+5♥

South led the ♦7 and when the ♦Q held North switched to the ♣K, declarer winning and playing on hearts. North took the third round and went back to diamonds, declarer taking the third round, playing a spade to the ace, cashing the hearts and continuing with a spade to the jack for +400.



Aloke Kumar Sadhu

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	Das	Whibley	Ray
—	1♣	INT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

2♣	Stayman
2♦	No major
3♠	4♠+5♥

South led the ♥10 and declarer won with the ♥Q and played a heart for the seven, and five, hoping to see the ♥A appear. Alas, North won with the ♥8 and switched to the ♣K, declarer winning and running the ♠J. When it held he cashed the ♠K and played a spade to the ten, North winning, cashing the ♥A and switching to the ♣6. Declarer won with the ♣J and returned ♣2, but North could win with the eight. He cashed the ♣Q so declarer was only two down, -100 and 11 IMPs to **Bangur Cement**.



Debasish Ray

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A 10 8 6 4	♠ A 10 8 6 4
♥ A K Q 7 2	♥ A K Q 7 2
♦ —	♦ —
♣ K 10 5	♣ K 10 5

♠ 9 7 2	♠ 9 7 2
♥ J 10 4	♥ J 10 4
♦ J 8 7 6 4	♦ J 8 7 6 4
♣ J 3	♣ J 3

♠ K Q J 5	♠ K Q J 5
♥ 6	♥ 6
♦ A 10 9 3	♦ A 10 9 3
♣ A 9 8 4	♣ A 9 8 4

Wham v Bangor Cement

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sadhu	Hung	Mukherjee	Hans
—	—	1♦	Pass
3♦	4♦*	5♦	Dble
All Pass			

4♦ Majors

South led the ♠3 and North won and returned the ♠8, South ruffing and continuing with the ♥9 (a club works well at this point). North won and played the ♠6, South ruffing and playing another heart but declarer ruffed, cashed the ♦A and claimed eight tricks, the ♠J taking care of one of dummy's clubs, three down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	Das	Whibley	Ray
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♦	1♠	All Pass	

When South decided to pass on the second round any hope of the heart game being reached vanished. It was easy enough to take 8 tricks in spades, but +110 meant 9 IMPs for **Wham**.

On the next deal South held ♠K ♥AQJ7653 ♦AJ10 ♣K8 and Ray opened 1♥ and when West overcalled 1♠ he rebid 4♥. Hans could start with a strong 1♣ and then rebid 2♥. North had ♠98742 ♥10 ♦32 ♣Q9732 and 4♥ was two down while 2♥ scored an overtrick, 6 IMPs to **Wham**.

Board 5. Dealer North. NIS Vul.

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

Wham v Bangor Cement

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sadhu	Hung	Mukherjee	Hans
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

2♣ Stayman

North led the ♣J and declarer won with the ♣Q, crossed to the ♦K, played a club for the king and ace and then played the ♦AQ, overruffing North's ♥6 and playing a spade to the ace and a diamond, ruffing when North pitched the ♣2. If declarer now plays two rounds of hearts he will survive, but he played two rounds of spades and North won and returned a club for South to ruff, ensuring one down, -50.

The best line is unclear, but if declarer plays a heart to the jack at trick three, he should emerge with 11 tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	Das	Whibley	Ray
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South led the ♥9 for the ten, queen and ace and declarer returned a heart for the jack and king, North exiting with the ♥7. Declarer won and exited with the ♥3, North winning and returning the ♣5. Declarer won with the ♣Q, played a spade to the jack and took the rest, +460 and 11 IMPs to **Wham**.



Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Wham v Bangur Cement

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sadhu	Hung	Mukherjee	Hans
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	3♣*	3♥*	5♦
Pass	Pass	6♠	All Pass

3♣ Hearts and diamonds
3♥ Support

North led the ♥A and switched to the ♦Q for two down, -100.



Sartaj Hans

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	Das	Whibley	Ray
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	2♥	3♦*	Pass
4♠	5♦	Dble	All Pass

3♦ Support

East led the ♠4 and West won with the ♠A and switched to the ♣2 for the king and ace, East surprisingly returning the ♥5 for the queen and ace. Declarer ran the ♦Q and a second diamond collected East's ♦K. A heart saw West win and exit with a spade, and dummy's clubs went on the hearts, one down, -100 and 9 IMPs to **Wham**, cruising at 49-12.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ —	♠ QJ84	♠ AK6
♥ J9875	♥ AQ	♥ K10642
♦ A95432	♦ KQJ876	♦ —
♣ K2	♣ Q	♣ AJ1076
	♠ 1097532	
	♥ 3	
	♦ 10	
	♣ 98543	



Wham v Bangur Cement

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sadhu	Hung	Mukherjee	Hans
—	—	1♥	1♠
2NT*	4♣*	4NT*	6♣
6♥	Dble	Rdbl	All Pass

2NT Support
4♣ Splinter
4NT RKCB

What an auction!

Did South think 4♣ was a fit jump?

I thought his plan was to bid 6♠ if EW bid 6♥, but partner's double gave him a problem.

South led the ♣3 and declarer won, ruffed a spade and played a heart, +1620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Brown	Das	Whibley	Ray
—	—	1♥	Pass
4♦*	5♦	6♦*	Pass
7♥	Dble	All Pass	

The system card I found online did not reveal the meaning of 4♦, but it is clear that it promised heart support.

South led the ♣3 and declarer won, ruffed a spade and played a heart, -100 and 17 IMPs to **Bangur Cement**. They had started and finished with a bang, but **Wham** led 54-34.



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It's a Knockout 2

Mark Horton

In the second session of the round of 16 Hemant Jalan trailed Latvia 11-42 and would be hoping to close the gap.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ A4
♥ A954
♦ QJ54
♣ Q65

♠ Q10865
♥ J6
♦ K
♣ AJ1042

♠ K72
♥ 72
♦ 109763
♣ K73

♠ J93
♥ KQ1083
♦ A82
♣ 98



Hemant Jalan v Latvia

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rubins</i>	<i>Padhye</i>	<i>Olla</i>	<i>Dalal</i>
1♠	Dble	2♠	3♦*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

3♦ Hearts

East led the ♠2 for the nine, ten and ace and declarer played a heart to the king and a club, East taking dummy's ♣Q, cashing the ♠K and switching to the ♦3. Having seen the black kings declarer put up the ♦A to flatten the board.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jalan</i>	<i>Imsa</i>	<i>Malhotra</i>	<i>Jansons</i>
2♠	Dble	3♣	4♥
All Pass			

West led the ♠5 and East won with the ♠K and switched to the ♣3, West winning and continuing with the ♣J for the queen and king. Declarer ruffed the next club with the ♥8, drew trumps, played a spade to the ace and a diamond to the ace, collecting West's Rabbinical king, +420.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ AK43
♥ Q72
♦ A54
♣ AQ3

♠ 97
♥ 86543
♦ K32
♣ 982

♠ J65
♥ 109
♦ 10876
♣ KJ76

♠ Q1082
♥ AKJ
♦ QJ9
♣ 1054

W N E S

Hemant Jalan v Latvia

Open Room

West <i>Rubins</i>	North <i>Padhye</i>	East <i>Olla</i>	South <i>Dalal</i>
—	—	—	I♦
Dble	Pass	I♠	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

Terence Reese would not have approved of East's response, suggesting that partner frequently gets excited when you respond in a major suit.

South led the ♥A and switched to the ♦Q, declarer winning and playing three rounds of spades, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jalan</i>	<i>Imsa</i>	<i>Malhotra</i>	<i>Jansons</i>
—	—	—	♣
Dble	Pass	♦	pass
INT	All Pass		

North led the ♥6 and South played three rounds of the suit, declarer finishing with nine tricks when South pitched a spade on the fourth club, +150 and 8 IMPs to **Hemant Jalan**.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ J872
♥ Q108
♦ 109
♣ AJ42

♠ AQ5
♥ AKJ4
♦ J6
♣ K753

W N E S

♠ 3
♥ 9653
♦ AK853
♣ 1086

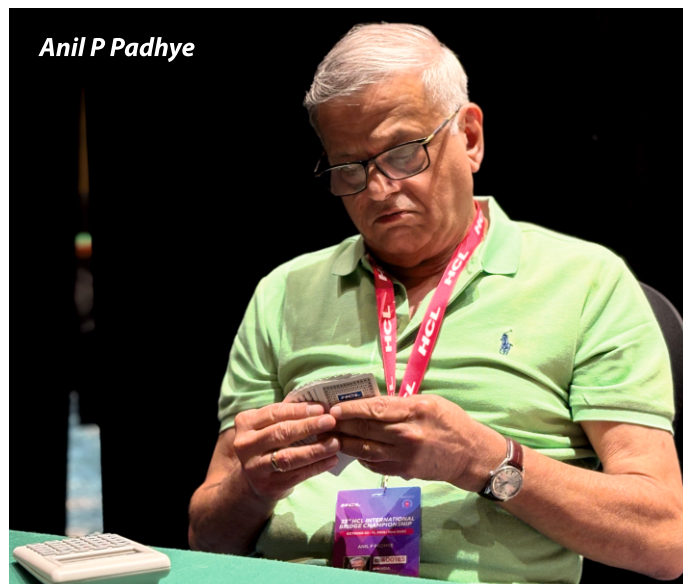
♠ K10964
♥ 72
♦ Q742
♣ Q9

Hemant Jalan v Latvia

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rubins</i>	<i>Padhye</i>	<i>Olla</i>	<i>Dalal</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥*	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the $\diamond 10$ and South played three rounds of the suit, declarer ruffing with dummy's $\spadesuit Q$, cashing the $\spadesuit A$ and playing a spade to the nine, South discarding a diamond. Now declarer went wrong, coming to hand with a heart and playing a club. If North ducks that he can win the next club and exit with a heart, sure to score a trump, but he took the $\clubsuit A$ and returned the $\heartsuit 10$. Declarer won with the $\heartsuit J$, ruffed a heart, overtook the $\clubsuit Q$, and played the $\heartsuit K$, leaving North helpless, +420.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jalan</i>	<i>Imsa</i>	<i>Malhotra</i>	<i>Jansons</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the $\diamond 10$ and South played three rounds of the suit, declarer ruffing with dummy's $\spadesuit Q$, cashing the $\spadesuit A$ and playing a spade to the nine, South discarding a diamond. The $\clubsuit Q$ took the next trick and was followed by a club to the king and ace. North had no good move and when he exited with a heart declarer won with the $\heartsuit J$, ruffed a club and cashed the $\heartsuit AK$, +420.

On Board 24 EW held ♠AKQJ532 ♥J9 ♦8 ♣A97 facing ♠9 ♥K87532 ♦AK ♣K842. In the Closed Room EW had a free run to 4♠. In the Open Room North overcalled 1♠ with 3♦ and EW stopped in 5♠. North held ♠87 ♥AQ4 ♦QJ10643 ♣53 so both teams took 12 tricks.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ J10
♥ AKQ98432
♦ Q6
♣ 10

♠ Q96
♥ J106
♦ AKJ843
♣ 9

W N E S

♠ 8742
♥ —
♦ 9752
♣ 87654

♠ AK53
♥ 75
♦ 10
♣ AKQJ32

Hemant Jalan v Latvia

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rubins</i>	<i>Padhye</i>	<i>Olla</i>	<i>Dalal</i>
—	I♥	Dble	Pass
3♦	4♥	Dble	All Pass

That was two down in top cards, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jalan</i>	<i>Imsa</i>	<i>Malhotra</i>	<i>Jansons</i>
—	4♥	5♣	All Pass



With no heart to lead South started with the ♠8 and declarer could win, cash the ♥AKQJ and then play on diamonds, securing 12 tricks, +620 and 8 IMPs to **Hemant Jalan**.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A 10 7 5	♠ K Q J 9 2	♠ 8 4
♥ J 7 5 4	♥ 9 6	♥ A K
♦ —	♦ J 8 5	♦ K 9 4 3 2
♣ K J 8 7 5	♣ A 10 9	♣ 6 4 3 2
	W N E S	
	♠ 6 3	
	♥ Q 10 8 3 2	
	♦ A Q 10 7 6	
	♣ Q	

Hemant Jalan v Latvia

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rubins	Padhye	Olla	Dalal
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣*	1♠	2♣*	Dble*
Pass*	2♠	All Pass	

East cashed the ♥KA and switched to the ♣3 for the queen, king and ace. Declarer ruffed a club and played spades, West winning the second round with the ♠A and cashing the ♣J. He had a spade to come, but declarer had eight tricks, +110.

After cashing the ♥K a diamond switch allows West to ruff, but he must then exit with the ♣K, which is not obvious but possible. Perhaps West should play the ♥J at trick one?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jalan	Imsa	Malhotra	Jansons
—	—	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

2♥ Hearts and a minor
3♣ Pass or correct

West led the ♣5 and declarer took dummy's ♣A and played a heart, ruffed the club return and exited with a heart. East played a third club and declarer had only seven tricks, -200 and 7 IMPs to **Hemant Jalan**. They had won the low scoring session 25-4 to trail by 10 IMPs, 36-46.

Rajesh A Dalal



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It's a Knockout 3

Mark Horton

In the third session we pay a visit to Mavericks Platinum and Dhampur Sugar Mills, the former leading 66-53.

Board 29. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Mavericks Platinum v Dhampur Sugar Mills

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sundarram	Heiberg-Evenstad	Devadass	Lahrman
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♦4 for the ten, king and ace and declarer played a spade to the jack, collecting 11 tricks, +460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Patreuha	Bapat	J Patreuha	Khare
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♠	All Pass



Patryk Patreuha

South led the ♥Q and continued with the ♥10, North winning and switching to the ♣2. Declarer won with the ♣A and played three rounds of spades, taking 10 tricks, +170 but 7 IMPs to Dhampur Sugar Mills.

Board 30. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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West	North	East	South
Sundarram	Heiberg-Evenstad	Devadass	Lahrman
—	—	Pass	1♦
1♥	Dble	2♥	Dble
3♥	Pass	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



Arun M Bapat

West led the ♥3 and declarer won with the ♥A, played a diamond to the ten and the ♣J, overtaking it with the ♣A when East followed with the ♣2. Declarer cashed four diamonds and two spades ending in dummy and having seen East pitch two clubs, ran the ♠9 for +690.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Patreuha	Bapat	J Patreuha	Khare
—	—	Pass	1♣*
INT*	Dble	2♣	Dble
2♥	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

It looks like INT promised majors or minors.

West found the killing lead of a low heart and declarer won with the ♥A, cashed the ♣A, crossed to dummy with the ♠A and ran the ♣J. When West discarded the ♥2, declarer played the ♣9 for the queen and king and played on diamonds, but East ruffed the third round and played a heart, declarer claiming for one down, -100 and 13 IMPs to **Mavericks Platinum**.

Jakub Patreuha



It must have been annoying to realise that 12 tricks were available in diamonds.

On Board 32, South held ♠KJ4 ♥Q9 ♦Q7 ♣AK10954 and saw East open INT (♠AQ2 ♥J87 ♦AKJ5 ♣862). Lahrmann doubled for penalties and could cash six clubs, partner having started with ♣QJ. He had no other high cards (dummy was ♠10763 ♥AK1065 ♦42 ♣73) and declarer took the rest for +180, worth a couple of IMPs when EW played in 2♠ in the other room for +110.

Board 34. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A43	♠ QJ108	♠ 972
♥ K109852	♥ A6	♥ QJ
♦ 10	♦ 853	♦ AK974
♣ AK4	♣ 8632	♣ 1075
	♠ K65	
	♥ 743	
	♦ QJ62	
	♣ QJ9	

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West	North	East	South
Sundarram	Heiberg-Evenstad	Devadass	Lahrmann
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

North led the ♠Q and declarer finished with 11 tricks, eventually squeezing South in the minors when the defenders did not cash a second spade, +650.

S Sundarram



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Patreuha	Bapat	J Patreuha	Khare
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

It was a surprise when East did not raise to 3♥ and +170 meant 10 IMPs went to **Dhampur Sugar Mills**.

Board 35. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K106	♠ 9742
♥ QJ643	♥ A105
♦ A975	♦ QJ10
♣ 8	♣ K102
♠ J853	♠ AQ
♥ 82	♥ K97
♦ 82	♦ K643
♣ AQ975	♣ J643

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sundarram	Heiberg-Evenstad	Devadass	Lahrmann
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♣7 and the defenders took the first six tricks before declaring at +200.

I suspect you can see a better spot for NS.



Vijay Devadass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Patreuha	Bapat	J Patreuha	Khare
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
All Pass			

Once hearts have been supported, North has enough to advance to game. Declarer was soon claiming ten tricks, +170 and must have been delighted to discover it was 9 IMPs for **Dhampur Sugar Mills**.

Board 38. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

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

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sundarram	Heiberg-Evenstad	Devadass	Lahrmann
—	—	Pass	INT
2♠	Dble*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West led the ♣9 and declarer won with dummy's ♣A and played the ♦J for the queen and ace. East won the next diamond and continued with the ♦2, West ruffing as declarer pitched the ♣3. East ruffed the return of the ♣Q and played the ♠10 and declarer finished three down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Patreuha	Bapat	J Patreuha	Khare
—	—	Pass	INT
2♠*	3♠*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

2♠ Spades and a minor

West led the ♣10 and declarer won with the ♣J and drew trumps in four rounds, West discarding a club and two small spades (unblocking an honour is best). Declarer went to dummy with a club for the nine and king played the ♦5 for the queen and ace and then played a club to the eight and cashed the ♠A, claiming 10 tricks. Declarer can exit with a diamond and will end up scoring the ♠K at the end. However, the result is shown as -100 and only 5 IMPs to **Dhampur Sugar Mills**.

The easy way to defeat 4♥ is for West to lead a diamond at trick one.



Ajay P Khare

Board 39. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 3 2	♠ AKJ10	♠ 8 6 5
♥ Q 8 3	♥ AK 9	♥ J10764
♦ 9 7 4	♦ KQ632	♦ AJ5
♣ J10653	♣ 4	♣ 7 2

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♠ Q974	♠ Q974
♥ 5 2	♥ 5 2
♦ 10 8	♦ 10 8
♣ AKQ98	♣ AKQ98

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West	North	East	South
Sundarram	Heiberg-Evenstad	Devadass	Lahrman
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	
4NT	RKCB		
5♣	1 keycard		



Christian Lahrman

West led the ♥3 and declarer won in dummy, cashed two clubs, ruffed a club and played the ♦K, East winning and returning the ♥7. Declarer won in dummy, cashed two spades ending in hand, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, cashed the ♠9 and claimed, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Patreuha	Bapat	J Patreuha	Khare
—	—	—	1♦*
Pass	2♣*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

1♦ Precision
2♣ Game forcing

West led the ♦7 for the king and ace and East switched to the ♥J, declarer winning in dummy, cashing the ♦Q and ruffing a diamond with the ♠9, +980.

Board 41. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 4	♠ AQ863	♠ 9 5 2
♥ 8 7 6 2	♥ J954	♥ A
♦ QJ83	♦ K 4	♦ A1092
♣ AJ98	♣ 6 5	♣ K7432

N
W E
S

♠ KJ107	♠ KJ107
♥ KQ103	♥ KQ103
♦ 7 6 5	♦ 7 6 5
♣ Q10	♣ Q10

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sundarram	Heiberg-Evenstad	Devadass	Lahrman
—	Pass	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Rdbl	2♦	2♠
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

1♣ 2+♣

East led the ♥A and West followed with the ♥2. East switched to the ♣3 and West won with the ♣J and switched to the ♦Q for the king and ace, won the club return and cashed the ♦J before playing the ♥6, allowing declarer to score 7 tricks, -200 and an IMP to **Dhampur Sugar Mills**.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Patreuha	Bapat	J Patreuha	Khare
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

Declarer had no trouble taking 12 tricks, +170.

Board 42. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 63	♠ AKJ842	♠ Q107
♥ KJ84	♥ 32	♥ 10976
♦ 109865	♦ A	♦ J43
♣ 72	♣ J984	♣ K103
	♠ 95	
	♥ 32	
	♦ A	
	♣ J984	



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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sundarram	Heiberg-Evenstad	Devadass	Lahrmann
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	5♥*
Dble	5♠*	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

2♦	Game forcing checkback
4NT	RKCB
5♦	3 keycards
5♥	♠Q?
5♠	No



Nicolai Heiberg-Evenstad

West led the ♦10 to dummy's ♦A and knowing he would need at least two club tricks even if the spades were behaving played the ♣J for the king and ace. A spade to the jack lost to the queen and East returned the ♣3. Declarer thought for some time, eventually playing the ♣5 to land the contract, +990.

Declarer knew West had the ♥K and if he also had three clubs, he could be squeezed in the three-card ending. However, East's club return was suspicious given West's double.

It was excellent play by both sides.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Patreuha	Bapat	J Patreuha	Khare
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East led the ♥9 and declarer took 11 tricks, +450 so 11 IMPs for **Mavericks Platinum**, leading 95-90.

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ABHIJIT PAL & KAMNA SHARMA

It's a Knockout 4

Mark Horton

Phoenix Ruia led Monica Jajoo by just 4 IMPs as the last session of the round of 16 commenced.

Board 44. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	♠ KJ653	
	♥ —	
	♦ A654	
	♣ 8654	
♠ Q10974		♠ 82
♥ J9		♥ K8532
♦ KQ872		♦ J103
♣ Q		♣ 1097
	♠ A	
	♥ AQ10764	
	♦ 9	
	♣ AKJ32	

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nandi	Shah	Roy	Raj
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
2♠	Spades and a minor		
2NT	Asking		



West led the ♦7 and declarer won the third round of the suit in dummy, played the ♣AKJ, a club to the eight, unblocked the ♠A, cashed the ♣3 and played the ♥A followed by the ♥Q, emerging with ten tricks, 430. Do you think North should have bid 3♣ at his second turn?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Athavale	Shaw	Solani	Dey
2♠	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

West led the ♦K and declarer took dummy's ♦A, played a spade to the ace, ruffed a heart, played a club to the ace, ruffed a heart, pitched a heart on the ♠K, drew trumps and claimed, +920 and 10 IMPs to Monica Jajoo.

Board 49. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ K2	
	♥ 1053	
	♦ QJ874	
	♣ AK7	
♠ Q103		♠ AJ865
♥ K972		♥ A
♦ K9		♦ A10632
♣ J1032		♣ 85
	♠ 974	
	♥ QJ864	
	♦ 5	
	♣ Q964	

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nandi	Shah	Roy	Raj
—	1♦	1♠	Dble
2♥*	Pass	4♠	All Pass
2♥	Support		

South led the ♦5 and declarer won with the ♦A, unblocked the ♥A and played a diamond. South ruffed and switched to a club, but declarer ruffed the third round of the suit, ruffed a diamond, pitched a diamond on the ♥K, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond and played the ♠Q, +420.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Athavale	Shaw	Solani	Dey
—	1♦	1♠	Dble*
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

The play was more or less identical, +420 and a well played push.



Board 52. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ AQJ542	♠ 1073	♠ K8
♥ A6	♥ Q983	♥ KJ107
♦ J7	♦ Q432	♦ A5
♣ AJ7	♣ Q8	♣ K6432
	♠ 96	
	♥ 542	
	♦ K10986	
	♣ 1095	

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nandi	Shah	Roy	Raj
1♠	Pass	2♣	2♦
2♠	3♦	3♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♣*	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♥*	Pass
6♠			
4♣	Control		
4♦	Control		
4NT	RKCB		
5♥	2 keycards		
5NT	Grand Slam interest		
6♣	♣K		
6♥	♥K		

West was probably confident that holding a five card club suit headed by the ♣KQ that East would bid the grand slam.

It appeared to take some time before East made his final pass.

North led the ♦3 and declarer won in dummy, drew trumps and played three rounds of hearts, pitching a diamond, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Athavale	Shaw	Solani	Dey
1♣*	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	All Pass
1♣	Precision		

If East intended 4NT as asking for keycards, West did not interpret it that way.

South led the ♦10 and declarer eventually took all the tricks, +520 and 10 IMPs to **Monica Jajoo**, ahead by 23 IMPs.



Board 53. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

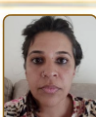
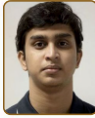
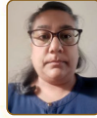
♠ A987	♠ 10	♠ KJ532
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♦ K752	♦ A63	♦ J9
♣ K97	♣ Q10432	♣ J
	♠ Q64	
	♥ 97	
	♦ Q1084	
	♣ A865	

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Nandi	Shah	Roy	Raj
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	Dble	4♥	All Pass

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17		PRO Sagnik Roy		AM Savleen Thadani
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25		PRO Christian Lahrman		AM Kannan Krishnamurthy
26		PRO Oren Toledano		AM Subodh Maskara
27		PRO Boye Brogeland		AM Richa Shriram
28		PRO Bachiraju Satyanarayana		AM Kiran Nadar