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The Battles for EA Bridge Knockouts Begin!

After 10 thrilling rounds of the Swiss League, the stage is set for the much-awaited Knockouts! The qualifying phase had it all — dramatic swings, remarkable comebacks, and nail-biting finishes that made following the final standings an absolute delight.

Gold Event

Team Monica Jajoo maintained their dominance throughout, securing the top spot with an impressive **140.48 VPs**. Close on their heels, Team *Lake my Love* stormed back into contention, collecting a phenomenal **53.05 VPs in the last three rounds**. The hosts, Team EA Bridge, who appeared out of the race by lunchtime, showed immense grit to bounce back and clinch the **final qualifying spot in style**.

Silver Event

History was made as Team *Nagpur VI* set a **national record**, amassing a jaw-dropping **172.43 VPs** — averaging an astonishing **17.24 per round!** With a **50 VP cushion** over the runners-up, their run goes down as one of the **highest-ever scores in an international event under the BFI banner**.

The Knockouts Now Begin!

- **Gold Event:** 3rd Floor (See next page for the draw)
 - **Silver Event:** 2nd Floor (See next page for the draw)
- (Use the lifts near the E Hotel entrance to access the playing areas.)

Matchpoint Open Pairs

Also kicking off today at **10:30 a.m.** in the **Central Mall Arena** is the Matchpoint Open Pairs — a three-day competition:

- **Elimination 1:** 18 boards each across 3 sessions
- **Elimination 2:** 18 boards each across 3 sessions (18th September)
- **Finals:** 19th September

IMP Pairs

Running simultaneously in the **Mall Central Area**, the IMP Pairs will feature **2 sessions of 22–24 boards each**, starting **11 a.m. onwards**. (One-day event only.)

From the Desk of Chief Tournament Director

1. In Gold and Silver Teams, mobile phone must be in switched off mode. No wearable electronics are allowed.
2. Deadline for giving your entry for Swiss Pairs is 8.00 PM on 17th Sept 2025.
3. From Pre-QF Knockouts, 2 copies of System Cards in WBF format are must at the table.
4. Gold Teams Pre-QF KO will be held on 3rd Floor (E Hotel) and Silver Teams Pre-QF KO will be held on 2nd Floor (E Hotel).
5. Open MP Pairs and IMP Pairs will be held on the ground floor.
6. Pairs of losing Pre Quarter finalists Teams will be seeded to MP Pairs 2nd Elimination provided entry was given as per the deadline.



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ALL PLAYERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE INVITED TODAY

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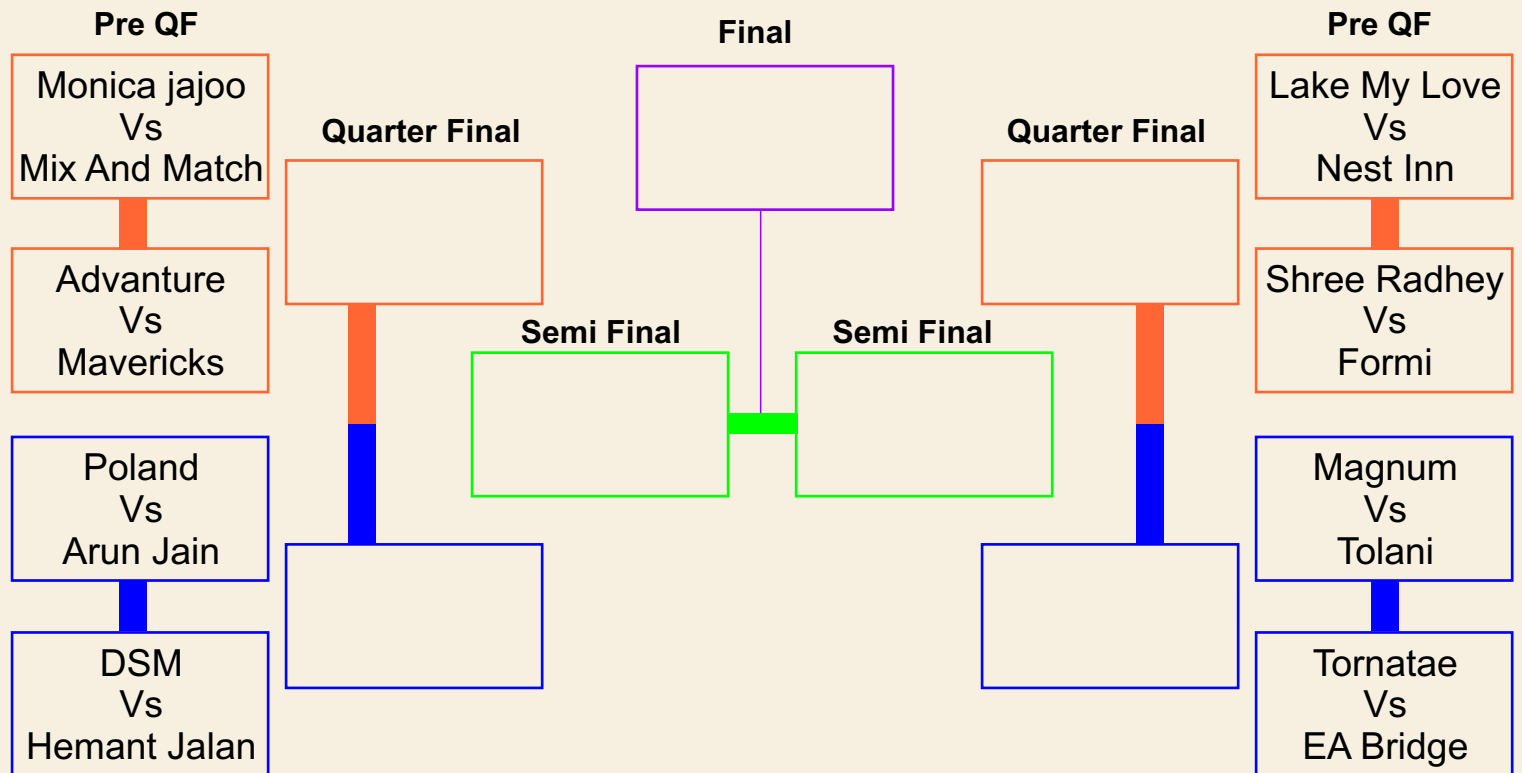
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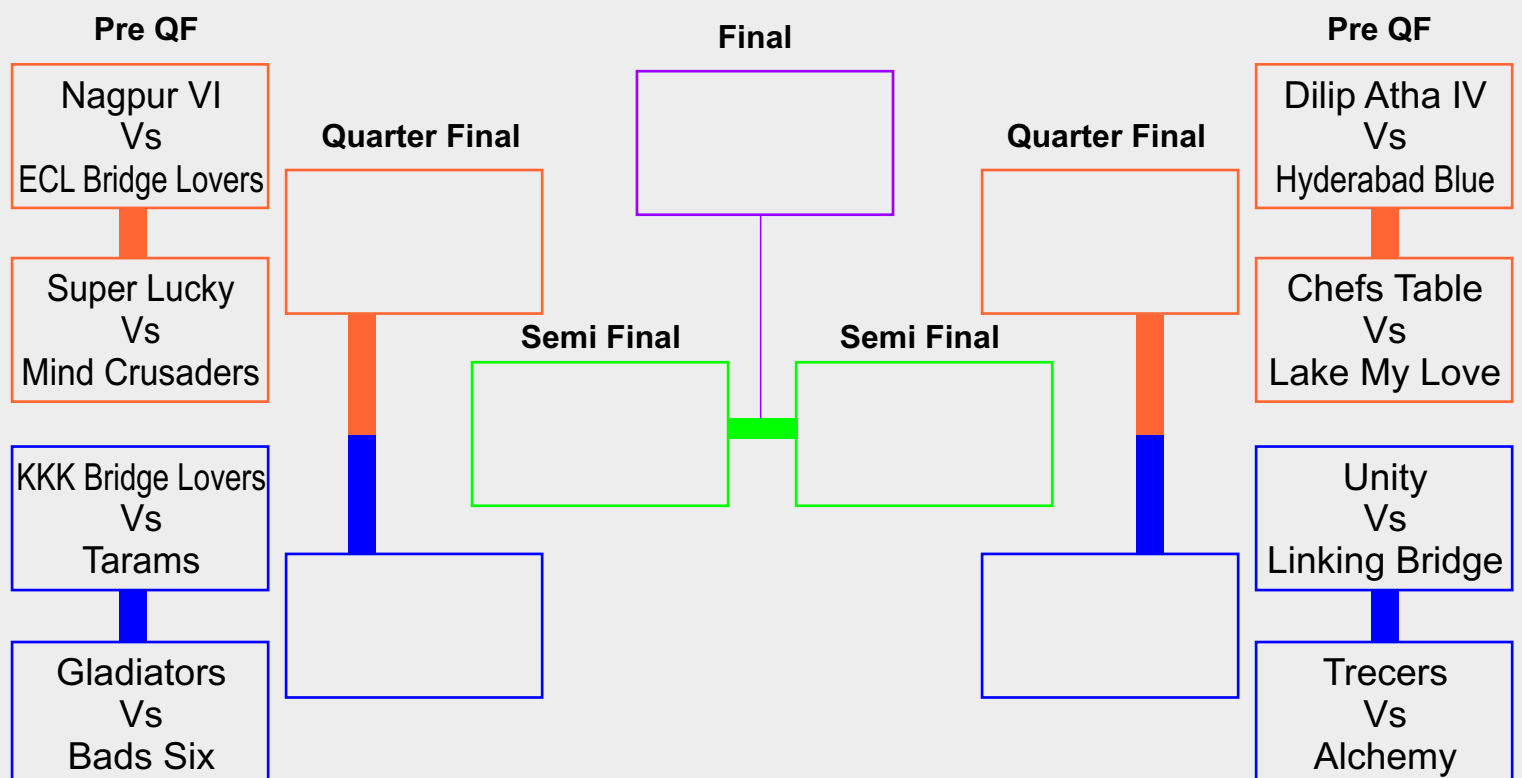


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GOLD TEAMS - KNOCK OUT



SILVER TEAMS - KNOCK OUT



RESULTS AFTER SWISS LEAGUE

Gold				
Place	ID	Players	Penalty	Score VP table
1	38	Monica Jajoo		140.48
2	35	Lake My Love		130.3
3	14	Magnum		124.03
4	46	Poland	-0.5	123.84
5	8	Dhampur Sugar Mills		123.08
6	17	Tornatae		121.37
7	33	Shri Radhey	-0.5	120.08
8	29	Adventure		119.94
9	21	Nest Inn	-0.5	118.66
10	25	Hemant Jalan		116.34
11	16	Arun Jain		113.98
12	1	Formidables		113
13	20	Mix N Match		110.35
14	6	Mavericks		110.21
15	44	Team Tolani		109.56
16	4	EA Bridge		108.07
17	26	Shree Cement		106.48
18	13	Bold Play		105.38
19	43	Ks Five	-0.5	105.26
20	18	Texan Aces	-1	104.87
21	2	Zenith		104.11
22	45	Magic Eyes Thailand		103.97
23	37	Symphony		101.89
24	32	Carpe Diem		100.97
25	31	Eisk		99.81
26	24	Inspace		98.35
27	9	Samadhan		97.71
28	19	Yarboro		95.74
29	42	ZHARA	-1	95.56
30	30	Indian Chain		93.03
31	11	Tvs Mobility	-0.5	92.2
32	28	Suicide Squad		91.96
33	7	(Ad)Ira	-0.5	91.88
34	39	Deepadhaar		90.9
35	36	Bangur Cement		88.73
36	10	Aquarius		86.58
37	41	Sri Jagannath		85.8
38	34	Juthika		84.33
39	5	Jareja		83.74
40	3	Kosmos		81.82
41	27	Mohmaya		77.67
42	15	Overtrix		75.7
43	12	Bisibele		68.58
44	22	Raghuramans		62.81
45	23	Gupta'S		59.62
46	40	Dassbridge		55.27

Silver				
Place	ID	Players	Penalty	Score VP table
1	9	Nagpur Vi		172.43
2	35	Dilip Atha Iv		129.6
3	48	Unity		121.74
4	39	K K K Bridge Lovers		120.09
5	3	Gladiators		118.85
6	4	Trecers		117.85
7	44	Chefs Table	-2	117.18
8	15	Super Lucky		115.57
9	34	Mind Crusaders		113.86
10	37	Lake My Love Too		112.71
11	45	Linking Bridge		112.66
12	33	ECL Bridge Lovers		111.68
13	38	Bads Six		111.3
14	12	Hyderabad Blue		111.21
15	2	Tarams		110.49
16	17	Alchemy		108.92
17	10	Fathe Maidan Club		107.2
18	42	Team Kabra		106.74
19	32	Takers	-0.5	106.28
20	6	Aviraj		106.27
21	22	Itrc Friends		106.19
22	43	Ekdalia	-2	105.4
23	18	Racers		104.94
24	5	Pragmatic		103.38
25	26	Alfa Zero		102.65
26	50	Lankan Bridge		102.11
27	23	Prin	-0.5	100.24
28	1	The Squad		99.98
29	16	Double		97.57
30	27	Team David		95.21
31	8	Sarlafibers		94.07
32	21	Brahmos		92.69
33	36	Ranjan		92.6
34	13	Adventure		91.56
35	46	Autumn Sonata		90.48
36	19	Alumni		89.71
37	29	Slams Squad		88.09
38	31	Knaves		86.43
39	11	Dr Mohan Rao		86.16
40	40	Savvy Acers		85.93
41	41	Goal Getters		83.03
42	49	Cross Border		81.62
43	28	Kings And Queens		81.44
44	14	Jackals		80.38
45	47	Usha Kiran		79.22
46	24	Ladies First		75.89
47	25	Athena		75.22
48	20	Star		72.48
49	7	RCBC		72.01
50	30	Cosmo Coimbatore		40.68

Ea Bridge Gold Teams Result (Swiss League)

Round 6

Table	Home Team	Away Team	Home	Away	Home	Away
1	Monica Jajoo	Magnum	30.33	21	13.14	6.86
2	Poland	Mavericks	46	4	19.44	0.56
3	Hemant Jalan	Texan Aces	14	24	6.57	13.43
4	Dhampur Sugar Mills	Yarboro	36	19	15.29	4.71
5	Shree Cement	Arun Jain	28	9	15.75	4.25
6	Bold Play	Nest Inn	21	23	9.23	10.77
7	Eisk	Tornatae	17	16	10.39	9.61
8	Adventure	Lake My Love	34	22	14.00	6.00
9	Ks Five	Indian Chain	33	11	16.39	3.61
10	Carpe Diem	Formidables	18	33	5.20	14.80
11	Inspace	Bisibele	42	9	18.30	1.70
12	Shri Radhey	Team Tolani	22	10	14.00	6.00
13	Aquarius	Magic Eyes Thailand	6	23	4.71	15.29
14	Mix N Match	Zenith	32	4	17.51	2.49
15	ZHARA	Deepadhaar	23	18	11.85	8.15
16	Tvs Mobility	Sri Jagannath	14	14	10.00	10.00
17	EA Bridge	Symphony	23	34	6.28	13.72
18	Kosmos	Jareja	22	9	14.28	5.72
19	Samadhan	Bangur Cement	10	27	4.71	15.29
20	(Ad)Ira	Suicide Squad	51	1	20.00	0.00
21	Mohmaya	Dassbridge	22	22	10.00	10.00
22	Juthika	Gupta'S	38	0	18.97	1.03
23	Overttrix	Raghuramans	40	6	18.44	1.56

Round 7

Table	Home Team	Away Team	Home	Away	Home	Away
1	Monica Jajoo	Poland	0	27	2.66	17.34
2	Magnum	Shree Cement	41	26	14.80	5.20
3	Dhampur Sugar Mills	Texan Aces	17	18	9.61	10.39
4	Mavericks	Adventure	25	25	10.00	10.00
5	Nest Inn	Ks Five	48	23	16.97	3.03
6	Inspace	Bold Play	8	44	1.29	18.71
7	Eisk	Yarboro	9	13	8.50	11.50
8	Hemant Jalan	Formidables	16	21	8.15	11.85
9	Tornatae	Shri Radhey	24	39	5.20	14.80
10	Arun Jain	Mix N Match	14	29	5.20	14.80
11	Lake My Love	Magic Eyes Thailand	32	20	14.00	6.00
12	Carpe Diem	Indian Chain	34	15	15.75	4.25
13	(Ad)Ira	ZHARA	5	37	1.85	18.15
14	Symphony	Kosmos	24	28	8.50	11.50
15	Bisibele	Team Tolani	9	48	0.90	19.10
16	Tvs Mobility	Aquarius	45	2	19.55	0.45
17	Sri Jagannath	Bangur Cement	18	30	6.00	14.00
18	Deepadhaar	Juthika	20	27	7.49	12.51
19	Overttrix	EA Bridge	27	36	6.86	13.14
20	Zenith	Mohmaya	24	21	11.14	8.86
21	Dassbridge	Jareja	21	39	4.48	15.52
22	Samadhan	Suicide Squad	27	9	15.52	4.48
23	Gupta'S	Raghuramans	57	14	19.55	0.45

Round 8

Table	Home Team	Away Team	Home	Away	Home	Away
1	Poland	Magnum	24	52	2.49	17.51
2	Monica Jajoo	Bold Play	29	13	15.05	4.95
3	Nest Inn	Dhampur Sugar Mills	3	17	5.46	14.54
4	Texan Aces	Shree Cement	26	34	7.17	12.83
5	Mavericks	Shri Radhey	12	12	10.00	10.00
6	Adventure	Formidables	29	35	7.82	12.18
7	Eisk	Mix N Match	28	30	9.23	10.77
8	Yarboro	Hemant Jalan	24	26	9.23	10.77
9	Lake My Love	Carpe Diem	48	1	19.96	0.04
10	Ks Five	ZHARA	39	35	11.50	8.50
11	Team Tolani	Tornatae	2	49	0.04	19.96
12	Inspace	Tvs Mobility	36	0	18.71	1.29
13	Arun Jain	Kosmos	44	12	18.15	1.85
14	Magic Eyes Thailand	Symphony	53	33	15.97	4.03
15	Bangur Cement	Indian Chain	26	50	3.22	16.78
16	Juthika	EA Bridge	1	32	2.00	18.00
17	Sri Jagannath	Deepadhaar	47	36	13.72	6.28
18	Jareja	(Ad)Ira	32	44	6.00	14.00
19	Zenith	Samadhan	43	22	16.18	3.82
20	Overttrix	Bisibele	29	0	17.68	2.32
21	Mohmaya	Aquarius	37	21	15.05	4.95
22	Dassbridge	Raghuramans	11	57	0.14	19.86
23	Gupta'S	Suicide Squad	9	45	1.29	18.71

Round 9

Table	Home Team	Away Team	Home	Away	Home	Away
1	Magnum	Lake My Love	1	45	0.34	19.66
2	Poland	Dhampur Sugar Mills	18	38	4.03	15.97
3	Monica Jajoo	Shree Cement	30	18	14.00	6.00
4	Nest Inn	Texan Aces	42	27	14.80	5.20
5	Bold Play	Tornatae	5	13	7.17	12.83
6	Mavericks	Formidables	15	28	5.72	14.28
7	Inspace	Shri Radhey	12	35	3.41	16.59
8	Adventure	Mix N Match	35	19	15.05	4.95
9	Hemant Jalan	Arun Jain	21	27	7.82	12.18
10	Eisk	Ks Five	16	21	8.15	11.85
11	Yarboro	ZHARA	26	38	6.00	14.00
12	Magic Eyes Thailand	EA Bridge	18	23	8.15	11.85
13	Indian Chain	Zenith	22	28	7.82	12.18
14	Carpe Diem	Tvs Mobility	42	51	6.86	13.14
15	Overttrix	Team Tolani	2	36	1.56	18.44
16	Sri Jagannath	(Ad)Ira	34	30	11.50	8.50
17	Mohmaya	Bangur Cement	27	32	8.15	11.85
18	Kosmos	Deepadhaar	30	23	12.51	7.49
19	Symphony	Juthika	43	1	19.44	0.56
20	Jareja	Suicide Squad	22	33	6.28	13.72
21	Samadhan	Gupta'S	40	14	17.16	2.84
22	Bisibele	Raghuramans	30	30	10.00	10.00
23	Aquarius	Dassbridge	33	21	14.00	6.00

Round 10

Table	Home Team	Away Team	Home	Away	Home	Away
1	Monica Jajoo	Dhampur Sugar Mills	36	20	15.05	4.95
2	Poland	Lake My Love	20	30	6.57	13.43
3	Magnum	Nest Inn	44	45	9.61	10.39
4	Shri Radhey	Formidables	19	10	13.14	6.86
5	Tornatae	Shree Cement	34	15	15.75	4.25
6	Adventure	Bold Play	35	17	15.52	4.48
7	Arun Jain	Texan Aces	31	22	13.14	6.86
8	Mavericks	Ks Five	22	17	11.85	8.15
9	Hemant Jalan	ZHARA	52	7	19.76	0.24
10	Eisk	EA Bridge	23	46	3.41	16.59
11	Inspace	Mix N Match	21	42	3.82	16.18
12	Yarboro	Team Tolani	26	58	1.85	18.15
13	Magic Eyes Thailand	Indian Chain	29	18	13.72	6.28
14	Symphony	Tvs Mobility	43	31	14.00	6.00
15	Zenith	Sri Jagannath	56	25	18.00	2.00
16	Carpe Diem	Kosmos	53	11	19.44	0.56
17	Bangur Cement	(Ad)Ira	23	28	8.15	11.85
18	Samadhan	Mohmaya	72	16	20.00	0.00
19	Overttrix	Suicide Squad	22	60	1.03	18.97
20	Deepadhaar	Bisibele	50	15	18.58	1.42
21	Aquarius	Raghuramans	36	18	15.52	4.48
22	Jareja	Gupta'S	40	30	13.43	6.57
23	Juthika	Dassbridge	66	14	20.00	0.00



Ea Bridge Silver Teams Result (Swiss League)

Round 6

Table	Home Team	Away Team	Home	Away	Home	Away
1	Nagpur Vi	K K K Bridge Lovers	50	7	19.55	0.45
2	Linking Bridge	Dilip Atha Iv	25	20	11.85	8.15
3	Alumni	Hyderabad Blue	17	42	3.03	16.97
4	Super Lucky	Mind Crusaders	15	44	2.32	17.68
5	Alfa Zero	ECL Bridge Lovers	30	0	17.84	2.16
6	Lake My Love Too	Trecers	12	31	4.25	15.75
7	Unity	Aviraj	33	26	12.51	7.49
8	Ranjan	Fathe Maidan Club	24	25	9.61	10.39
9	Jackals	Bads Six	19	35	4.95	15.05
10	Team David	Adventure	16	21	8.15	11.85
11	Knives	Cross Border	19	19	10.00	10.00
12	Gladiators	Pragmatic	7	25	4.48	15.52
13	Tarams	Slams Squad	44	12	18.15	1.85
14	The Squad	Alchemy	31	5	17.16	2.84
15	Itc Friends	Autumn Sonata	29	17	14.00	6.00
16	Takers	Chefs Table	20	16	11.50	8.50
17	Team Kabra	Ekdalia	28	8	15.97	4.03
18	Savvy Acers	Sarlatibers	30	15	14.80	5.20
19	Dr Mohan Rao	Double	40	34	12.18	7.82
20	Usha Kiran	Ladies First	25	34	6.86	13.14
21	Kings And Queens	Lankan Bridge	11	11	10.00	10.00
22	RCBC	Racers	3	16	5.72	14.28
23	Prin	Goal Getters	48	0	20.00	0.00
24	Cosmo Coimbatore	Brahmos	12	34	3.61	16.39
25	Star	Athena	17	34	4.71	15.29

Round 7

Table	Home Team	Away Team	Home	Away	Home	Away
1	Nagpur Vi	Alfa Zero	49	13	18.71	1.29
2	Hyderabad Blue	Mind Crusaders	30	18	14.00	6.00
3	Linking Bridge	Trecers	28	37	6.86	13.14
4	Dilip Atha Iv	K K K Bridge Lovers	33	15	15.52	4.48
5	Alumni	Unity	14	37	3.41	16.59
6	Tarams	Bads Six	19	24	8.15	11.85
7	The Squad	Pragmatic	14	24	6.57	13.43
8	Super Lucky	Ranjan	50	13	18.84	1.16
9	Lake My Love Too	Adventure	17	14	11.14	8.86
10	Fathe Maidan Club	Aviraj	19	15	11.50	8.50
11	ECL Bridge Lovers	Knives	36	11	16.97	3.03
12	Itc Friends	Cross Border	45	36	13.14	6.86
13	Team Kabra	Team David	30	10	15.97	4.03
14	Takers	Jackals	14	20	7.82	12.18
15	Savvy Acers	Gladiators	25	49	3.22	16.78
16	Dr Mohan Rao	Chefs Table	13	17	8.50	11.50
17	Prin	Autumn Sonata	29	34	8.15	11.85
18	Slams Squad	Alchemy	9	28	4.25	15.75
19	Double	Kings And Queens	44	12	18.15	1.85
20	Ladies First	Ekdalia	15	23	7.17	12.83
21	Usha Kiran	Racers	20	45	3.03	16.97
22	Sarlatibers	Lankan Bridge	31	50	4.25	15.75
23	Athena	Cosmo Coimbatore	54	9	19.76	0.24
24	Brahmos	RCBC	25	8	15.29	4.71
25	Star	Goal Getters	31	36	8.15	11.85

Round 8

Table	Home Team	Away Team	Home	Away	Home	Away
1	Nagpur Vi	Hyderabad Blue	32	20	14.00	6.00
2	Dilip Atha Iv	Trecers	10	33	3.41	16.59
3	Linking Bridge	Unity	8	34	2.84	17.16
4	Mind Crusaders	Alfa Zero	24	37	5.72	14.28
5	Super Lucky	ECL Bridge Lovers	20	31	6.28	13.72
6	Pragmatic	Bads Six	18	22	8.50	11.50
7	Team Kabra	Lake My Love Too	34	34	10.00	10.00
8	Tarams	Itc Friends	10	24	5.46	14.54
9	Fathe Maidan Club	K K K Bridge Lovers	8	33	3.03	16.97
10	The Squad	Alumni	18	0	15.52	4.48
11	Adventure	Gladiators	24	45	3.82	16.18
12	Aviraj	Jackals	15	20	8.15	11.85
13	Cross Border	Alchemy	23	28	8.15	11.85
14	Double	Takers	8	45	1.16	18.84
15	Chefs Table	Ranjan	45	1	19.66	0.34
16	Racers	Team David	26	22	11.50	8.50
17	Knives	Autumn Sonata	32	14	15.52	4.48
18	Dr Mohan Rao	Ekdalia	0	41	0.67	19.33
19	Athena	Prin	3	21	4.48	15.52
20	Savvy Acers	Lankan Bridge	12	45	1.70	18.30
21	Brahmos	Slams Squad	28	19	13.14	6.86
22	Ladies First	Sarlatibers	24	44	4.03	15.97
23	Usha Kiran	Star	30	40	6.57	13.43
24	Kings And Queens	Cosmo Coimbatore	53	17	18.71	1.29
25	RCBC	Goal Getters	18	40	3.61	16.39

Round 9

Table	Home Team	Away Team	Home	Away	Home	Away
1	Nagpur Vi	Trecers	45	1	19.66	0.34
2	Unity	Hyderabad Blue	24	19	11.85	8.15
3	Alfa Zero	K K K Bridge Lovers	6	30	3.22	16.78
4	ECL Bridge Lovers	Dilip Atha Iv	4	40	1.29	18.71
5	Mind Crusaders	Bads Six	16	17	9.61	10.39
6	Super Lucky	Itc Friends	37	13	16.78	3.22
7	Gladiators	The Squad	35	2	18.30	1.70
8	Linking Bridge	Team Kabra	18	13	11.85	8.15
9	Pragmatic	Lake My Love Too	6	35	2.32	17.68
10	Takers	Tarams	22	19	11.14	8.86
11	Chefs Table	Knives	36	21	14.80	5.20
12	Ekdalia	Aviraj	21	6	14.80	5.20
13	Alchemy	Lankan Bridge	27	0	17.34	2.66
14	Fathe Maidan Club	Alumni	47	7	19.22	0.78
15	Jackals	Prin	14	49	1.42	18.58
16	Racers	Cross Border	40	6	18.44	1.56
17	Adventure	Kings And Queens	21	13	12.83	7.17
18	Team David	Brahmos	16	36	4.03	15.97
19	Autumn Sonata	Sarlatibers	16	15	10.39	9.61
20	Double	Athena	32	13	15.75	4.25
21	Ranjan	Dr Mohan Rao	46	13	18.30	1.70
22	Slams Squad	Savvy Acers	17	17	10.00	10.00
23	Ladies First	Goal Getters	2	52	0.00	20.00
24	Usha Kiran	Cosmo Coimbatore	21	13	12.83	7.17
25	Star	RCBC	26	18	12.83	7.17

Round 10

Table	Home Team	Away Team	Home	Away	Home	Away
1	Nagpur Vi	Unity	35	23	14.00	6.00
2	Dilip Atha Iv	Hyderabad Blue	35	0	18.58	1.42
3	K K K Bridge Lovers	Gladiators	20	19	10.39	9.61
4	Super Lucky	Trecers	16	25	6.86	13.14
5	Lake My Love Too	Mind Crusaders	12	17	8.15	11.85
6	Bads Six	Linking Bridge	6	9	8.86	11.14
7	Chefs Table	Alfa Zero	35	4	18.00	2.00
8	Fathe Maidan Club	Alchemy	21	24	8.86	11.14
9	Takers	Ekdalia	24	26	9.23	10.77
10	Prin	ECL Bridge Lovers	20	38	4.48	15.52
11	Team Kabra	Racers	20	18	10.77	9.23
12	Itc Friends	The Squad	22	17	11.85	8.15
13	Tarams	Adventure	39	5	18.44	1.56
14	Pragmatic	Brahmos	32	21	13.72	6.28
15	Knives	Aviraj	5	52	0.04	19.96
16	Double	Ranjan	32	26	12.18	7.82
17	Lankan Bridge	Jackals	54	13	19.33	0.67
18	Autumn Sonata	Alumni	29	29	10.00	10.00
19	Cross Border	Team David	6	31	3.03	16.97
20	Kings And Queens	Sarlatibers	12	34	3.61	16.39
21	Goal Getters	Slams Squad	13	25	6.00	14.00
22	Savvy Acers	Usha Kiran	32	26	12.18	7.82
23	Athena	RCBC	7	26	4.25	15.75
24	Star	Ladies First	16	31	5.20	14.80
25	Dr Mohan Rao	Cosmo Coimbatore	59	13	19.86	0.14



Judgement Day

Mark Horton

In Round 6 we saw two heavyweight clashes, the undefeated Monica Jajoo v Magnum and Poland v Mavericks.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 10632	♠ KQ	♠ AJ54
♥ 10	♥ Q754	♥ KJ962
♦ A963	♦ K754	♦ Q
♣ KQJ10	♣ A53	♣ 974
	N W E S	
	♠ 987	
	♥ A83	
	♦ J1082	
	♣ 862	

Poland v Mavericks

Open Room

West	North	East	South
O Rimstedt	Janiszewski	M Rimstedt	Buras
—	1♣*	1♥	Pass
INT	All Pass		

North led the ♦4 and when dummy's ♦Q held declarer played on clubs, North winning the third round and returning the ♦5. Declarer won, cashed a club and played a spade for the king and ace followed by the ♠J. He could not be denied eight tricks, +120.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Toledano	Marcinowski	Zamir
—	1♦	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♥5 for the two, ace and ten and the return of the ♣2 went to the king and ace. Declarer won the club continuation and played a spade for the king and ace, ruffed a heart and played a spade, North winning with the ♠Q. At this point the play record ceases, declarer being credited with 10 tricks and +420.

However, if North exits with a club (or the ♦K) declarer should be held to nine tricks.

The way to be sure of ten tricks after ruffing a heart is to cash the ♦A, ruff a diamond, cash the ♥K, come to hand with a club, ruff a diamond and play a heart. Declarer will be able to score the ♠10 and then play a club to score the ♠J en passant.

Whatever, it was 7 IMPs for **Poland**.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 10952	♠ A843	♠ K
♥ AQ2	♥ K10764	♥ J98
♦ J74	♦ 32	♦ AKQ10985
♣ J98	♣ 107	♣ K4
	N W E S	
	♠ QJ76	
	♥ 53	
	♦ 6	
	♣ AQ6532	

Monica Jajoo v Magnum

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thakral	Shaw	Mehta	Dey
—	2♥	3♦	All Pass

South led the ♥5 and declarer took dummy's ♥A, played two rounds of diamonds ending in dummy and a low spade. When that slipped past the ♠A there were 10 tricks, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nandi	Gupta	Roy	Batra
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	2♥	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♥6 and declarer won with the ♥Q and cashed his winners, +600 and 10 IMPs for **Monica Jajoo**.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J109	♠ 62	♠ AKQ754
♥ AJ1032	♥ 854	♥ K6
♦ 1074	♦ Q95	♦ AK2
♣ K4	♣ AQ1063	♣ 87
	N W E S	
	♠ 83	
	♥ Q97	
	♦ J863	
	♣ J952	

Monica Jajoo v Magnum

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Thakral	Shaw	Mehta	Dey
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Dble	Pass*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
4NT	RKCB		
5♣	1 keycard		
Pass	Denies first round club control		
5♥	Denies first round club control		

Clearly the ♣Q was an important card – if East held it the slam would still be playable.

However, when East signed off in 5♠ West decided to bid on.

South led the ♣5 and that was a rapid one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nandi	Gupta	Roy	Batra
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♠3 and declarer won with dummy's ♠9, cashed the ♠10, played a heart to the king and a heart to the jack for +710 and 13 IMPs to **Monica Jajoo**.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Poland v Mavericks

Open Room

West	North	East	South
O Rimstedt	Janiszewski	M Rimstedt	Buras
—	1♣*	Pass	2♥*
Dble	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
2♥	Balanced, game forcing, no major		
3♥	Asking for a stopper		

NS did well to avoid the apparently doomed 3NT.

West started with three rounds of hearts and declarer ruffed and ran the ♦10, East winning and returning the ♦2. Declarer won with dummy's ♦A, played a spade to the king, overtook the ♠J and cashed the ♠Q, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Toledano	Marcinowski	Zamir
—	1♦	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
2♣	Game forcing		

East led the ♥J and the defenders took four tricks in the suit, West then exiting with the ♠4. Declarer won with the ♠J, cashed the ♣A, played a diamond to the ace and cashed three more spades. On the last of these, East, down to ♦Q8 ♣Q8 discarded the ♦8. Declarer came to hand with the ♣K and took the diamond finesse which meant two down, -200 and 13 IMPs for Poland.

The play record shows declarer putting up the ♦K at trick 12, collecting the ♦Q for nine tricks, but the result is posted as two down, -200.



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Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

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

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

Poland v Mavericks**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Buras</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♠	Dble	4♠	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♠	Dble
All Pass			

South led the ♠8 and declarer could not avoid the loss of three tricks, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gawel</i>	<i>Toledano</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Zamir</i>
—	—	1♠	2♣
2♠	Dble*	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♣	5♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

South led the ♥2 and when declarer called for dummy's ♥8 North took the ♥A and returned the ♥4. That meant declarer had 11 tricks, +650 and 13 IMPs for **Poland**.

Monica Jajoo extended their winning streak to six, the final score being 37-21, 15.05-4.95 VP, while Poland inflicted a huge 46-4, 19.44-0.56 defeat on **Mavericks**.

Round 7 saw Mavericks face Adventure and Dhampur Sugar Mills meet Texan Aces.

On Board 2, EW held ♠Q1042 ♥AKJ976 ♦54 ♣J opposite ♠K63 ♥1085, ♦Q92 ♣A654 and saw South open 1♣. West overcalled (usually 1♥) and partner raised at some point. Adherents of Meckstroth's Law would have bid game – and with the ♥Q singleton and spades 3-3 with the ♠J onside 10 tricks were available.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

Mavericks v Adventure**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Daga</i>	<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Swaika</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>
—	—	—	4♣
Pass	5♣	5♦	All Pass

South led the ♥10 and declarer won, cashed the ♣A, ruffed a club and played diamonds, finishing with 11 tricks, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Anklesaria</i>	<i>P Khan</i>	<i>Maskara</i>	<i>Mukherjee</i>
—	—	—	3♣
Pass	4♣	Dble	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♦	All Pass

South led the ♣9 and here too declarer finished with 11 tricks, no swing.

Dhampur Sugar Mills v Texan Aces**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
<i>Sridharan</i>	<i>Tolani</i>	<i>Srinivasan</i>	<i>Desai</i>
—	—	—	4♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♦	All Pass

South led the ♣9 and declarer won, ruffed a club and played diamonds, South taking the second round and exiting with a club. Declarer ruffed, cashed all his diamonds and then, appreciating that North was looking after both majors, cashed the ♠A which collected the ♠K and the ♠Q, the ♠9 being promoted to glory for +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Venkataraman</i>	<i>Venkatesh</i>	<i>Goel</i>	<i>Padhye</i>
—	—	—	3♣
Pass	4♣	Dble	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♣K and declarer won with dummy's ♣A and cashed the ♠A. There was no way to avoid the loss of three spades and a diamond, one down, -100 and 12 IMPs to **Texan Aces**.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ —	♠ QJ3	♠ 986
♥ 87	♥ A962	♥ KQJ103
♦ AKJ87643	♦ Q1052	♦ —
♣ 732	♣ K8	♣ QJ654
	W N E S	
	♠ AK107542	
	♥ 54	
	♦ 9	
	♣ A109	

**Mavericks v Adventure
Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Daga	O Rimstedt	Swaika	M Rimstedt
4♦	Pass	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

West led the ♦A and switched to the ♥8. With no way to avoid a heart loser declarer conceded one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Anklesaria	Khan	Maskara	Mukherjee
4♦	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

That was +650 and 13 IMPs for **Adventure**.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ J103	♠ AQ98652	♠ K74
♥ 85	♥ —	♥ AKQ1064
♦ KJ875	♦ 92	♦ Q103
♣ A83	♣ KJ104	♣ 2
	W N E S	
	♠ —	
	♥ J9732	
	♦ A64	
	♣ Q9765	

Mavericks v Adventure

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Daga	O Rimstedt	Swaika	M Rimstedt
—	4♠	All Pass	

East led the ♥A and declarer ruffed and played the ♠A followed by the ♠Q, East winning and switching to the ♣2. West took the ♣A, but then cashed the ♠J which allowed declarer to claim, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Anklesaria	Khan	Maskara	Mukherjee
—	4♠	Dble	All Pass

Declarer ruffed the lead of the ♥A and played the ♣10, West winning and switching to the ♦5. Declarer took dummy's ♦A, ruffed a heart and played the ♣J. When East discarded the ♥6 declarer overtook with dummy's ♣Q and played a heart, ruffed by West with the ♠J and overruffed by declarer, who cashed the ♠A, but then played the ♣K. East ruffed and played a diamond. When declarer continued to leave the trump suit alone he was two down, -300 and 12 IMPs for **Mavericks**.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J9832	♠ KQ54	♠ A76
♥ A9532	♥ —	♥ Q10
♦ 103	♦ AKQJ98	♦ 76542
♣ J	♣ A52	♣ K96
	W N E S	
	♠ 10	
	♥ KJ8764	
	♦ —	
	♣ Q108743	

Mavericks v Adventure

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Daga	O Rimstedt	Swaika	M Rimstedt
—	—	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♦	All Pass	
2♥	6+♥, 5-10		

I confess I was surprised when North jumped to 5♦. East led the ♦4 and declarer played five rounds of trumps followed by the ♣2. East calmly followed with

the ♣6 and declarer put in dummy's ♣10, West winning with the ♣J and switching to the ♠9 which meant declarer was three down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Anklesaria	Khan	Maskara	Mukherjee
—	—	—	2♥
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

If you assume South is 6-6 then it is quite tempting to bid 6♣.

When West led the ♠3 declarer could not avoid the loss of two tricks, -100 still a 5 IMP swing to Adventure.

I should mention that in the match between Monica Jajoo and Poland both teams bid 6♣ and both received a heart lead which allowed the slam to make. However, Poland were doubled, and +1540 gave then 5 IMPs as they pitched a rare shutout, winning 27-0.

Dhampur Sugar Mills v Texan Aces

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sridharan	Tolani	Srinivasan	Desai
—	—	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

East led the ♦7 and declarer took West's ♦10 with the ♦A and played a club for the six, queen and jack. The ♠10 was covered by the jack, king and ace and East exited with the ♦4. Declarer had nine tricks, but there was no way to conjure up another, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Venkataraman	Venkatesh	Goel	Padhye
—	—	Pass	2♥*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♥6 for the ten, jack and king and declarer cashed all his diamonds, discarding three clubs and three hearts from dummy. On the last of these East discarded the ♣6 so declarer continued with two rounds of clubs, East taking the ♣K, cashing the ♠A and exiting with a spade. At trick twelve West had a nasty decision and when he discarded the ♥A declarer finished with 11 tricks, +660 giving **Dhampur Sugar Mills** 13 IMPs.

Mavericks and **Adventure** shared 50 IMPs to tie, 25-15, 10-10VP, while **Texan Aces** edged their match 18-17, 10-39-9.61VP.

In Round 8 the spotlight was on Adventure v Formidables and Yarboro v Hemant Jalan, all in the mix for a spot in the last 16.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

Adventure v Formidables

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bendre	Khan	Kushari	S Mukherjee
—	—	—	Pass
INT	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

When East bid 3♣ West might have considered 3NT, but it's a leap of faith.

It was also possible to double 3♠, but that too is speculative.

3♠ drifted two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Mukherjee	Satyanarayana	Saha	Nadar
—	—	—	Pass
INT	Pass	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
3♦	3♠	All Pass	

2♣ may have shown a one suited hand.

Here doubling 3♠ was more likely than 3NT but it ended up as a push.

Yarboro v Hemant Jalan

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chakraborty	Chakraborty	Deora	Dutt
—	—	—	Pass
INT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2♣	Non promissory Stayman		
2♦	No major		

With a good five-card suit East made a try.

North led the ♠7 for the king and ace and declarer played the ♥5, North taking the ♥A and switching to the ♦K. It was a good try, but there were only three tricks in the suit, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rajesh	Malhotra	Vijayraghavan	Jalan
—	—	—	Pass
INT	All Pass		

North led the ♠7 and declarer won with the ♠A and cashed five clubs. On the last of them he pitched the ♥5 which meant he finished with eight tricks, +120 giving **Hemant Jalan** 7 IMPs.

On Board 12 NS held ♠J109753 ♥7 ♦AK98 ♣AQ opposite ♠AK2 ♥AK63 ♦6542 ♣AQ. The ♠q was singleton, diamonds 3-2 and although it wasn't needed the ♣K was onside. Everyone stopped in 4♠.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Adventure v Formidables

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bendre	Khan	Kushari	S Mukherjee
—	1♦	Dble	INT

All Pass

West led the ♥J and East won with the ♥K and returned the ♥6 which allowed declarer to win with the ♥Q, play a spade to the king, a diamond to the queen and a second spade for +180.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Mukherjee	Satyanarayana	Saha	Nadar
—	1♦	Dble	Rdbl
1♥	Pass	Pass	2♥*
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East led the ♣A and switched to the ♦2, declarer winning with dummy's ♦Q and playing a spade for the king and ace. Back came a diamond, declarer winning with the ♦K, playing a club to the king and a spade.

After drawing trumps declarer cashed two diamonds and played two rounds of hearts, claiming when East took the ♥K, +620 and 10 IMPs for **Formidables**.

Yarboro v Hemant Jalan

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chakraborty	Chakraborty	Deora	Dutt
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

Declarer collected 10 tricks, +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rajesh	Malhotra	Vijayraghavan	Jalan
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♥J and East won with the ♥K and returned the ♠6 for the two, jack and king, declarer easily collecting ten tricks, +620 and 10 IMPs to **Hemant Jalan**.

On Board 14 NS held ♠K1083 ♥AK8 ♦AK105 ♣63 facing ♠A6 ♥Q9632 ♦J6 ♣KQJ7. 6♥ was reasonable, but West had ♥10754 and the ♣A and two tricks had to be lost, **Adventure** collecting 10 IMPs when 6♥ was reached in the Closed Room.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

Adventure v Formidables

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bendre	Khan	Kushari	S Mukherjee
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
INT	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass
2♦ Checkback			

Its worth noting that North gave nothing away by not overcalling 1♥.

South led the ♦10 and declarer won, unblocked the diamonds, went to dummy with the ♣A, pitched a heart on the ♦Q and played a spade to the king. A heart to the jack saw North win with the ♥A and exit with the ♥2. Declarer won with dummy's ♥K and played a spade to eight, South winning and playing the ♥Q. Declarer ruffed and ran the ♣J, one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Mukherjee	Satyanarayana	Saha	Nadar
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♥	1♠	2♥
Dble	Pass	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♥6 for the jack and ace and declarer won the heart return with dummy's ♥K and played a spade to the king. A club to the ace was followed by a spade to the queen and declarer unblocked the ♣AK before exiting with the ♠10. North won and exited with the ♥10, declarer ruffing and playing a club to the king for 11 tricks, +450 and 11 IMPs to **Adventure**.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ J8432	♠ AKQ	♠ 109765
♥ AQ85	♥ K974	♥ 102
♦ 7	♦ AQ4	♦ 103
♣ K84	♣ J72	♣ 10653

♠ —	♠ —
♥ J63	♥ —
♦ KJ98652	♦ —
♣ AQ9	♣ —

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Adventure v Formidables

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bendre	Khan	Kushari	S Mukherjee
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Dble	Rdbl	2♠	5♦
All Pass			

West led the ♥A, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Mukherjee	Satyanarayana	Saha	Nadar
Pass	1♣	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

East led the ♥10, West taking the ♥A, +920 and 11 IMPs to **Formidables**.

Yarboro v Hemant Jalan

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chakraborty	Chakraborty	Deora	Dutt
1♠	Dble	3♠	5♦
All Pass			

West led the ♠2 and declarer won with dummy's ♠Q, drew trumps, pitched two more hearts on the top spades and played a club to the ace, +420.

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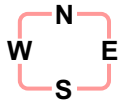
West	North	East	South
Rajesh	Malhotra	Vijayraghavan	Jalan
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5NT
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

East led the ♠10 and declarer won and played a club to the queen, West winning and cashing the ♥A for -50 and 10 IMPs to **Yarboro**.

There is one possible advantage to coming to hand with a diamond and playing a heart towards the king in so far as if it loses and East does not have the ♥Q you might still get a chance to take the club finesse.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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



Adventure v Formidables

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bendre	Khan	Kushari	S Mukherjee
—	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4♠	All Pass
4♥	Spades		

Declarer took 11 tricks, losing a heart and a club, +450

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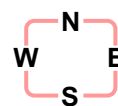
West	North	East	South
P Mukherjee	Satyanarayana	Saha	Nadar
—	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♠	All Pass
3♥	Spades		

South led the ♣K and declarer won, drew trumps (overtaking the ♠Q) and took the top hearts. The ♥J was ruffed and when North discarded the ♦2 declarer played the ♣7 for the jack and queen. However, South exited with a club and declarer had to lose a trick to the ♦K, -50 and another 11 IMPs to **Formidables**.

If declarer plays dummy's ♣10 instead of the ♣7 South's club exit can be taken in hand and declarer then ruffs a heart, comes to hand with a diamond and discards a diamond on the master heart.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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



Yarboro v Hemant Jalan

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chakraborty	Chakraborty	Deora	Dutt
INT	Pass	Pass	4♥

All Pass

West led the ♥A and when East followed with the ♥3, switched to the ♥6. Declarer won and continued hearts for an effortless +620.

As you can see, West must continue spades, East overruffing dummy on the third round.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rajesh	Malhotra	Vijayraghavan	Jalan
INT	Pass	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠

All Pass

3♥ Both majors

East led the ♣8 and declarer ruffed and played a spade. When West ducked dummy's ♠J won and declarer played a heart to the ace and the ♥Q covered and ruffed. A diamond to the queen was followed by the ♠7 and West won and drew trumps for two down, -200 and 13 IMPs for **Yarboro**.

West could (perhaps that ought to be should) have taken the first round of spades, cashed a second spade and then played a low club, ensuring two down.

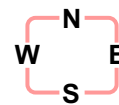
If declarer had ruffed a club at trick three he could then cash the ♥A and continue with the ♥Q, covered and ruffed. A club ruff is followed by a winning heart, the ♦K and a diamond to the ace, a final club ruff giving declarer the first ten tricks!

Formidables won 35-29, 12-18-7.82 VP to remain in twelfth place while Adventure dropped to fifteenth. **Hemant Jalan** edged the match 26-24, 10.77-9.23 VP. They were seventeenth, while Yarboro were twentieth.

Mavericks v Formidables and Hemant Jalan v Arun Jain were the attractions in Round 9.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



Mavericks v Formidables

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bendre	Toledano	Kushari	Zamir
—	2NT	Pass	4♥*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

4♥ Clubs, slam try
4NT Fit

West led the ♥A and continued with the ♥4, declarer winning with dummy's ♥Q, drawing trumps and claiming 12 tricks, +1370.

I suspect the play was too fast for the operator to follow—one way to score 12 tricks is to pitch a spade on the ♥K, play three rounds of diamonds ruffing and then cash the last club if the ♦Q has not appeared, making on a show up squeeze against West or when the ♠K is onside.

If West leads a spade at trick one declarer must win with dummy's ♣A, draw trumps and take the diamond finesse to dispose of the losing spades.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
O Rimstedt	Tewari	M Rimstedt	Mukherjee
—	2NT	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

3♠ Transfer

East led the ♦7 for the queen and ace and declarer drew trumps and played a heart for +1370 and a fine flat board.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 8			
♥ QJ85			
♦ K965			
♣ J963			
♠ AKQJ97542			
♥ 1096			
♦ —			
♣ K			
	♠ 63		
	♥ A74		
	♦ Q43		
	♣ AQ1075		
	♠ 10		
	♥ K32		
	♦ AJ10872		
	♣ 842		

Mavericks v Formidables

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bendre	Toledano	Kushari	Zamir
—	Pass	1♣	3♦
3♠	5♦	Pass	Pass
6♦	Dble	7♣	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

North led the ♦6 and declarer claimed, +2210.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
O Rimstedt	Tewari	M Rimstedt	Mukherjee
—	Pass	1♣*	1♦
3♥*	4♦	4♠	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

1♣ 2+♣, (11)12-14/13-16/15-17 balanced or 11-23 natural

3♥ Spades

5♣ Control

5♥ Control

The system card says that 5NT is either pick a slam or even/odd RKCB

That meant 13 IMPs to **Formidables**.

Hemant Jalan v Arun Jain

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gosh	Roy	Poddar	Chakraborty
—	Pass	1♣	3♦
3♠	5♦	Pass	Pass
6♦*	Pass	7♠	All Pass

North led the ♣9, +2210.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	Phatarphekar	Malhotra	Sridharan
—	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♠	2♠*	Pass	3♦
6♠	All Pass		

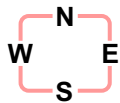
2♠ Diamond support

West might have bid 4♦ over 3♦, keeping the ball in play.

It meant 13 IMPs to **Arun Jain**.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 62	♠ KJ75	♠ 109843
♥ K10952	♥ A76	♥ J8
♦ K10	♦ 874	♦ Q932
♣ K642	♣ 975	♣ Q10
	♠ AQ	
	♥ Q43	
	♦ AJ65	
	♣ AJ83	

**Mavericks v Formidables****Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Bendre	Toledano	Kushari	Zamir
—	—	—	1♣*
1♥	INT	Pass	3NT

All Pass

East led the ♥J and declarer won with the ♥A and played the ♣7 for the ten, jack and king. West continued hearts and declarer took the third round, cashed the ♠A, overtook the ♠Q and played the ♣5, claiming nine tricks when the ♣Q appeared, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
O Rimstedt	Tewari	M Rimstedt	Mukherjee
—	—	Pass	1♦
1♥	Dble*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♥2 and declarer won with the ♥Q, unlocked the spades and played two rounds of clubs, East winning and returning the ♥8. There were only eight tricks, -100 and 12 IMPs to **Mavericks**.

Hemant Jalan v Arun Jain**Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Gosh	Roy	Poddar	Chakraborty
—	—	Pass	1♦
1♥	Dble*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♥J and declarer won with the ♥A and played the ♣7 for the ten, jack and king. When West continued with two rounds of hearts declarer won with dummy's ♥Q, cashed the ♠A, overtook the ♠Q cashed the ♠J on which West discarded the ♣2. Now declarer played the ♣9 for the queen and ace and had nine tricks, +600.

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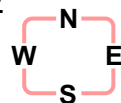
West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	Phatarphekar	Malhotra	Sridharan
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦*	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3NT		

West led the ♥5 for the jack and queen and declarer unblocked the ♠AQ and played a club for the nine and ten, East returning the ♥8. Declarer took the third round of the suit in dummy and cashed two spades, but there were only eight tricks, -100 and 12 IMPs to **Hemant Jalan**.

There are various double dummy ways to make 3NT, one being to overtake the ♠Q and play a club, declarer scoring three spades, two hearts, a diamond and three clubs.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 87	♠ AQ965432	♠ K10
♥ 97	♥ 43	♥ AQJ1062
♦ Q2	♦ 75	♦ A63
♣ QJ86543	♣ A	♣ K9
	♠ J	
	♥ K85	
	♦ KJ10984	
	♣ 1072	

**Mavericks v Formidables****Open Room**

West	North	East	South
Bendre	Toledano	Kushari	Zamir
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♣J and declarer lost a trick to the ♥K, +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
O Rimstedt	Tewari	M Rimstedt	Mukherjee
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	7NT	All Pass

2♣ Game forcing, balanced or clubs or hearts

2♦ Asking
 2♥ Hearts
 4NT RKCB
 5♠ 2 keycards + ♠Q

The responses after 2♣ are asking bids.
 South led the ♠J and declarer eventually had to rely on the heart finesse, -50, and 11 IMPs to **Formidables**.

Hemant Jalan v Arun Jain Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gosh	Roy	Poddar	Chakraborty
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

4♣ Control
 4NT RKCB
 5♠ 2 keycards + ♠Q
 5NT Kings?

North led the ♣J and declarer won, drew trumps and played South for the ♥K, crossing to the ♥A, pitching a heart on the ♣K and running the ♥Q, +1010.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	Phatarphekar	Malhotra	Sridharan
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♣Q and here too declarer took all the tricks, but **Arun Jain** had 11 IMPs.

Arun Jain won 27-21, 12.18-7.82 VP, they were thirteenth, their opponents seventeenth. **Formidables** won 28-15, 14.28-5.72 to move up to eighth while Mavericks dropped to fourteenth.

In the last round of a qualifying contest attention tends to focus on the teams hovering around sixteenth place. Our featured matches are Hemant Jalan v Zhara and Adventure v Bold Play.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ AKJ98542	♠ 10763	♠ —
♥ 972	♥ AJ3	♥ Q10654
♦ —	♦ AKJ5	♦ 943
♣ A2	♣ K3	♣ J10654

♠ Q	♠ —
♥ K8	♥ Q10654
♦ Q108762	♦ 943
♣ Q987	♣ J10654

Hemant Jalan v Zhara

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gromov	Roy	Gulevich	Chakraborty
—	—	2♦*	Pass
4♠	Dble	Pass	5♦
Dble*	All Pass		

2♦ Multi

West led the ♠K and when East discarded the ♥6 he switched to the ♥9 for the jack, queen and king. Declarer played a diamond to the ace and the ♣K, West winning and returning the ♥7. Declarer took dummy's ♥A, played a club to the queen and claimed, +750.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jalan	Rudakov	Malhotra	Dubin
—	—	2♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♦A and declarer ruffed and played four rounds of spades, North winning with the ♠10 as South pitched two diamonds and the ♣7. North exited with the ♦K and declarer ruffed, cashed a spade and ran the ♥9, South winning with the ♥K and thoughtfully returning the ♥8. When North took that with the ♥A instead of ducking, declarer had a parking spot for the ♣2, +420 and 15 IMPs to **Hemant Jalan**.

Adventure v Bold Play

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Srinivas	Khan	Iyengar	S Mukherjee
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	INT	2♦
3♠	4♦	Pass	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♦A and declarer ruffed, played three rounds of spade and the ♥2 to dummy's ♥10, South winning and exiting with the ♦8. Declarer ruffed and played the ♥7 and when North went up with the ♥A the contact was made, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Mukherjee	Lahiri	Saha	Saldanha
—	—	2♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♦A and declarer ruffed, cashed the ♠A and continued with the ♠8! When North followed with the ♠6 declarer could draw trumps and play a

heart to the ten. He even made an overtrick when North subsequently went up with the ♥A, +450 bringing home an IMP.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

♠ J 3	♠ 10 8 7 5 3 2
♥ 2	
♦ A 10 2	
♣ AK J 7 5 3 2	

Hemant Jalan v Zhara

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gromov	Roy	Gulevich	Chakraborty
—	—	2♠	3♣
3♠	4♣	All Pass	

West led the ♥K and declarer won in dummy and played a spade. East taking the ♠A and switching to the ♦Q. Declarer won, drew trumps and played the ♦10, West winning and returning the ♦7 which meant declarer had 11 tricks, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jalan	Rudakov	Malhotra	Dubin
—	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♥	3♣	4♥	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	All Pass

West led the ♥K declarer taking dummy's ♥A as East followed with the ♥3. Declarer ruffed a heart and exited with the ♠J, the defenders playing three rounds of the suit. Declarer ruffed, cashed two clubs ending in dummy and played a diamond, claiming 10 tricks, one down, -200 and 8 IMPs for **Hemant Jalan** who were cruising into the knockout phase.

Adventure v Bold Play

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Srinivas	Khan	Iyengar	S Mukherjee
—	Pass	2♠	3♣
3♠	4♣	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West led the ♥K to dummy's ♥A, East following with the ♥6 (as an aside it is generally a good idea to signal with the clearest card – here that would be the ♥7). A diamond for the queen and ace was followed by the ♣AK and the ♦10 and when West won and tried to cash a heart declarer was home, +620.

West could have ducked the ♦10, giving East the chance to make a revealing discard.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
P Mukherjee	Lahiri	Saha	Saldanha
—	Pass	2♦*	3♣
3♥	3NT	All Pass	

2♦	Multi
3♥	Pass or correct

When East led the ♠K West disposed of the ♠Q but it was declarer who had the ♠10 and +630 was recorded, no swing.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

♠ 10 8 7 5	♠ AK 4
♥ 8 7 4	♥ K 5 3 2
♦ 7 5	♦ AK J 4 3
♣ Q J 8 4	♣ —

Adventure v Bold Play

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Srinivas	Khan	Iyengar	S Mukherjee
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

4♣ Splinter

East led the ♠6 and having won with dummy's ♠K declarer played a club, ducking West's ♣Q. Back came a heart, East winning and returning the ♥6. Declarer won, played three rounds of diamonds, ruffing, went to dummy with a spade, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club, cashed the ♥K and claimed, +620.

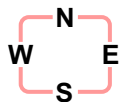
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West	North	East	South
P Mukherjee	Lahiri	Saha	Saldanha
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the ♠Q and having won with dummy's ♠A declarer played a heart to the queen, East winning and returning the ♠2. Declarer won in dummy, played a heart to the ten and three rounds of diamonds, ruffing. When the ♦Q did not appear, there were only nine tricks, -100 and 12 IMPs for **Bold Play**.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A	♠ 75
♥ AJ963	♥ —
♦ J9765	♦ AQ1082
♣ 94	♣ QJ8732
♠ KJ10963	♠ Q842
♥ K10	♥ Q87542
♦ K3	♦ 4
♣ 1065	♣ AK



Hemant Jalan v Zhara

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gromov	Roy	Gulevich	Chakraborty
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West led the ♦K and continued with the ♦3 but declarer ruffed and played a heart, claiming when West followed with the ♥K, +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jalan	Rudakov	Malhotra	Dubin
1♠	2♥	Dble*	4♥
Pass	Pass	4NT*	Dble
5♣	Dble	All Pass	

North led the ♦5 and declarer won with dummy's ♦8 and played a spade to the nine, North winning with the ♠A and playing the ♦9. South ruffed and returned the ♠4 for North to ruff, two down, -300 but 5 IMPs for **Helmet Jalan**.

By defeating Bold Play 35-17, 15.52-4.48 VP **Adventure** made sure of their place in the top 16. **Hemant Jalan** won 52-7, 19.76-0.24 VP which left them in 10th place.

Elsewhere **EA Bridge** needed a big swing on the last deal, and it arrived in the guise of an 800 penalty, enough for them to snatch the last spot in the knockouts.

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1000 – 1200	Session 1
1215 – 1415	Session 2
1415 – 1515	Lunch Break
1515 – 1715	Session 3
1715 – 1745	Tea Break
1745 – 1945	Session 4
OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION 1 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)	
1030 – 1300	Session 1
1300 – 1400	Lunch Break
1400 – 1630	Session 2
1630 – 1700	Tea Break
1700 – 1930	Session 3
IMP PAIRS (2 Sessions of 24/26 Boards each)	
1100 – 1400	Session 1
1400 – 1500	Lunch Break
1500 – 1815	Session 2

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Time in Hours	Activity
GOLD & SILVER TEAMS – KO Quarter Finals (4×14 boards)	
1000 – 1200	Session 1
1215 – 1415	Session 2
1415 – 1515	Lunch Break
1515 – 1715	Session 3
1715 – 1745	Tea Break
1745 – 1945	Session 4
OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION 2 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)	
1030 – 1300	Session 1
1300 – 1400	Lunch Break
1400 – 1630	Session 2
1630 – 1700	Tea Break
1700 – 1930	Session 3
SWISS PAIRS – IMP SCORING (7 rounds of 8 boards each)	
1045 – 1400	Session 1
1400 – 1500	Lunch Break
1500 – 1915	Session 2

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

Time in Hours	Activity	Time in Hours	Activity
GOLD & SILVER TEAMS – KO Semi Finals (4×14 boards)		SWISS TEAMS – IMP SCORING (7 rounds of 8 boards each)	
1000 – 1200	Session 1	1030 – 1400	Session 1
1215 – 1415	Session 2	1400 – 1500	Lunch Break
1415 – 1515	Lunch Break	1500 – 1930	Session 2
1515 – 1715	Session 3	LADIES PAIRS (2 sessions of 20/22 boards each)	
1715 – 1745	Tea Break	1030 – 1330	Session 1
1745 – 1945	Session 4	1330 – 1430	Lunch Break
OPEN MP PAIRS – FINAL Barometer Scoring		1430 – 1730	Session 2
1000 – 1330	Session 1		
1330 – 1430	Lunch Break		
1430 – 1830	Session 2		

SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Time in Hours	Activity	Time in Hours	Activity
GOLD & SILVER TEAMS – Finals (4x14 boards) & Play-Off (3x14 Boards)		SWISS PAIRS - MATCHPOINT SCORING (2 sessions of 20/22 boards each)	
0900 – 1100	Session 1	1000 – 1300	Session 1
1115 – 1315	Session 2	1300 – 1400	Lunch Break
1315 – 1400	Lunch Break	1400 – 1700	Session 2
1400 – 1600	Session 3	MIXED PAIRS (2 sessions of 20/22 boards each)	
1615 – 1815	Session 4	1030 – 1330	Session 1
SWISS TEAMS FINAL - IMP SCORING (7 rounds of 8 boards each)		1330 – 1430	Lunch Break
0930 – 1345	Session 1	1430 – 1730	Session 2
1345 – 1430	Lunch Break		
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