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Toss of Fortune, Triumphs of Skill

In cricket, the toss often shapes the fate of a match. In bridge too, chance has its role — but it is nerve and skill that ultimately decide the outcome.

At yesterday's Captains' Meet, a veteran beside me tried predicting the draws. His guesses were sharp, but as always, the Bridge Gods had their own script.

Gold Segment

The heavyweights held their ground. **Team Monica Jajoo, Poland, Dhampur Sugar Mills, Tornatae, and Shri Radhey** notched up solid wins. Among the visiting teams, **Nest Inn, Mavericks, and Team Tolani** registered victories — with Mavericks making their mark in style.

Silver Segment

In the Silver category, **Team Nagpur VI** marched home with a century win, while **KKK Bridge Lovers** celebrated a massive **113-IMP triumph**. Other winners included **DilipAtha IV, Unity, Gladiators, Alchemy, Lake my Love, and Mind Crusaders**.

Matchpoint Pairs – Road Ahead

The losing Pre-QF teams now move into the **2nd Elimination of the Open Matchpoint Pairs**, provided they had pre-registered.

The **1st Elimination** drew **73 pairs**, where Russian veterans **Andrey Gromov – Anna Gulevich** topped the charts, followed closely by brothers **Prahalad Rajkumar – Raghavendra Rajkumar** as runners-up. The **top 36 pairs** now advance to the next stage — a three-session, 54-board battle at the **Central Mall Arena**.

Quarterfinal Knockouts

Today, the **Quarterfinal KOs** begin across four segments, each spanning **14 boards**, at the same venues as yesterday.

IMP Pairs – Thai Victory

The **IMP Pairs** drew an impressive **96 pairs**. Victory went to **Wanna Amornmeswarintara – Panjaroon Jariyanuntanaet (Thailand)**, while **Dasgupta – Pallab Roy** secured the runner-up spot. Eight prizes were awarded in total.

Swiss Pairs – Rich Contest Ahead

The action continues with the **Swiss Pairs: 7 rounds of 8 boards each**, with a prize purse of **₹1.4 lakhs** for the top eight finishers. With over **100 pairs registered**, this promises high-octane competition.

Prize Distribution

All prizes will be transferred online **within 15 days** of the championship's conclusion. A submission form will soon be available at www.eabridge.in.

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 SwissTeams and Ladies Pairs is 8.00 PM on 18th Sept 2025. You can only play one of these two events.
3. Gold Teams QF KO will be held on 3rd Floor (E Hotel) and Silver Teams QF KO will be held on 2nd Floor (E Hotel).
4. Open MP Pairs 2nd Elimination and Swiss Pairs will be held on the ground floor.
5. There will be no seeding of pairs of losing Quarter finalists Teams to Open MP pairs Final.
6. There will be a carryover from every stage in Open MP Pairs as per SCoC.

PRIZE MONEY FOR SIDE EVENTS

Place	Swiss IMP	IMP	Mixed Pairs	Swiss Match Point	Ladies Pairs
1st	40,000	30,000	25,000	15,000	15,000
2nd	30,000	20,000	15,000	10,000	10,000
3rd	20,000	15,000	10,000	8,000	8,000
4th	15,000	12,000	8,000	6,000	6,000
5th	12,000	10,000	6,000	5,000	5,000
6th	10,000	8,000	5,000	4,000	4,000
7th	8,000	6,000	4,000		
8th	5,000	5,000	3,000		

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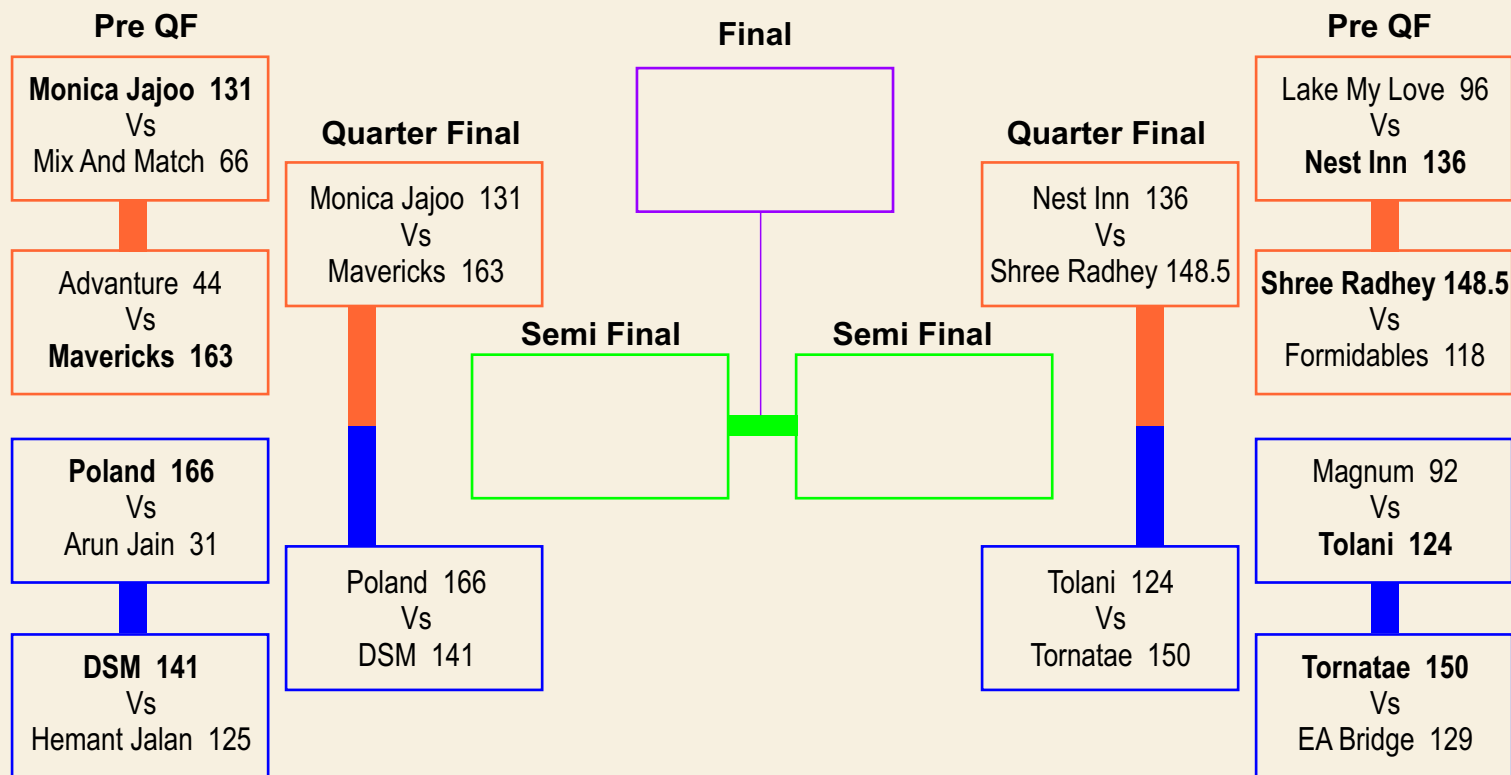
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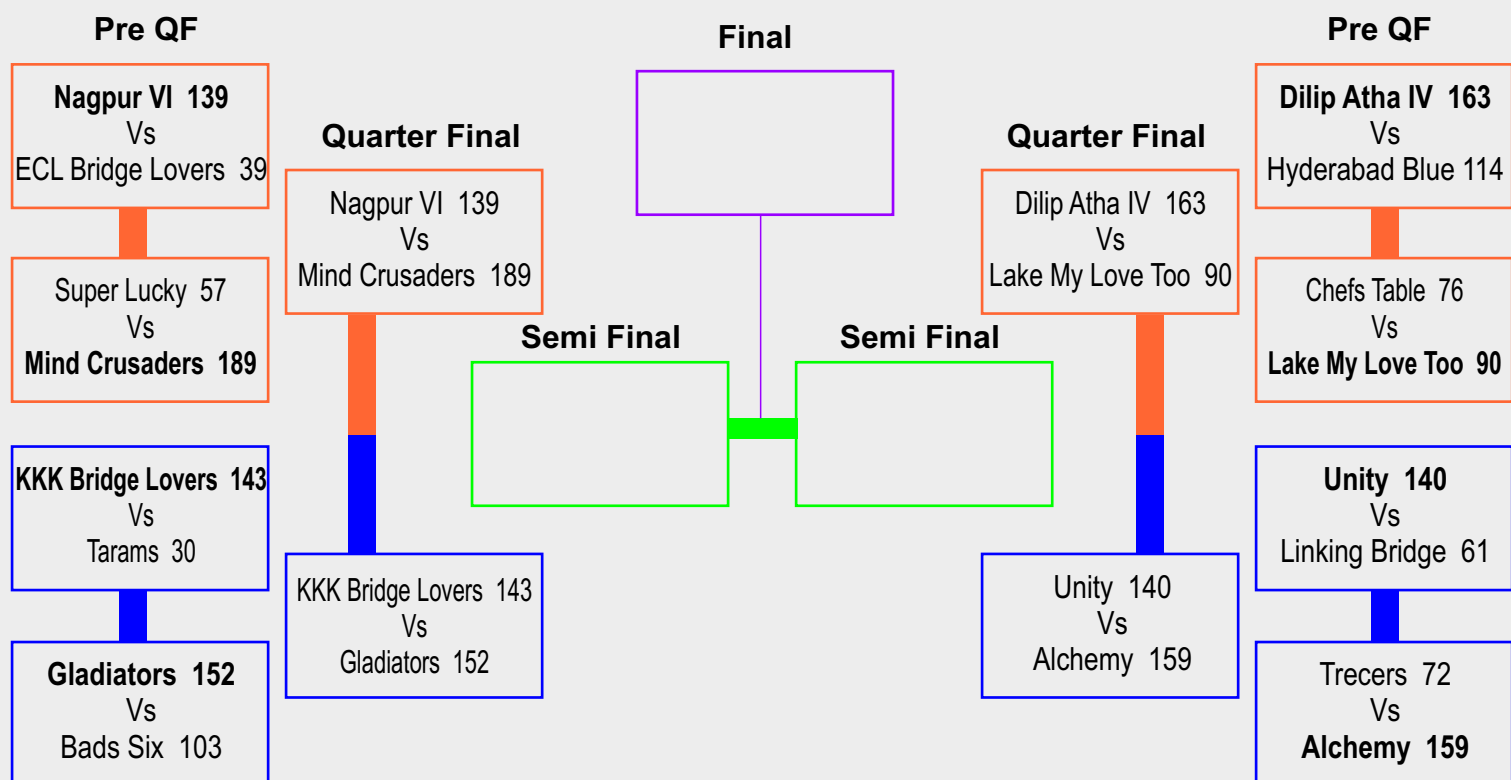


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GOLD TEAMS - PRE QF KNOCK OUT



SILVER TEAMS - PRE QF KNOCK OUT



RESULTS GOLD TEAMS PRE-QF KNOCK OUT

Team	C/O	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	Total
Monica Jajoo (38)		68	39	24		131
Mix N Match (20)		26	16	24		66
Lake My Love (35)		2	25	25	44	96
Nest Inn (21)		43	31	48	14	136
Magnum (14)		26	25	24	17	92
Team Tolani (44)		32	42	14	36	124
Poland (46)		43	46	77		166
Arun Jain (16)		14	17	0		31
Dhampur Sugar Mills (8)		35	40	44	25	141
Hemant Jalan (25)		18	35	22	50	125
Tornatae (17)	14	44	45	24	23	150
EA Bridge (4)		14	55	36	24	129
Shri Radhey (33)	4.5	44	38	43	19	148.5
Formidables (1)		33	11	16	58	118
Adventure (29)		23	6	15		44
Mavericks (6)		65	54	44		163

RESULTS SILVER TEAMS PRE-QF KNOCK OUT

Team	C/O	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	Total
Nagpur VI (9)	14	27	65	33		139
ECL Bridge Lovers (33)		8	11	20		39
Dilip Atha Iv (35)	14	33	16	43	57	163
Hyderabad Blue (12)		49	41	3	21	114
Unity (48)	13	45	16	66		140
Linking Bridge (45)		14	35	12		61
K K K Bridge Lovers (39)		22	74	47		143
Tarams (2)		15	2	13		30
Gladiators (3)		40	20	39	53	152
Bads Six (38)		15	39	30	19	103
Trecers (4)		4	23	16	29	72
Alchemy (17)		34	10	58	57	159
Chefs Table (44)		38	18	12	8	76
Lake My Love Too (37)		3	17	37	33	90
Super Lucky (15)		11	3	26	17	57
Mind Crusaders (34)	14	52	41	53	29	189

EA Bridge IMP Pairs Final Cumulative Result

Pos	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Pos	Player 1	Player 2	Score
1	Wanna Amornmeswarintara	Panjaron Jariyanuntanaet	91	49	Leela Iyengar	K Santhalakshmi	5
2	Dasgupta	Pallab Roy	80	50	T T Chari	Lakshmi Chari	5
3	Deepika Mehta	Ravi Kaul	73	51	B Ramamohan Rao	K Divakara Reddy	4
4	Sujit Bhattacharya	Pradeep Dey	68	52	Sabu p.p	Shaji Kurian P Mathew	2
5	Swetadri Saha	Krishna Das Chakraborty	67	53	Nirmal Raja	Sundaram S V	
6	Pradyut Bhattacharjee	Tapan Kumar Roy	64	54	S Vasantha	Satyavathi Vasantha	-2
7	B Seenivasagan	N Periasamy	60	55	Soumendra B Chakraborty	Viswanathan B	-3
8	Sudipta Adhikari	Rajib Roy	58	56	Neela C Deshpande	Neelam Aggarwal	-5
9	J Pratihari	I Khan	55	57	Pradeep R Rathi	Subhadra P Rathi	-6
10	Esther C Sophonpanich	Virat Chinmanas	51	58	Milind S Bhadbhade	C P Deshpande	-7
11	Prithviraj Ghosh	Arnab Ghosh	48	59	Prakash Gupta	Ashis Pan	-7
12	Sankarsan Behera	R K Pradhan	46	60	Uma Relan	Sunil Bhatia	-9
13	Raman Giridharadas	Sankar T	45	61	H B Sundara Rajan	G Mohan Kumar	-10
14	Pulak Panji	Gourav Biswas	45	62	Uday Bedekar	Mona Lalwani	-10
15	Anantha Natarajan	T S Giridharan	43	63	SUBASHISH GOPE	Sanjay Banerjee	-11
16	C M Kulkarni	K Durgadas	37	64	SRIYA CHARI	RAMESH RATAKONDLA	-12
17	Bhimarao M	P S Premsagar	36	65	Rajendra Ray	Kingshuk Bhattacharya	-16
18	Asit Baran Chakraborty	Sourendra Coomer Dutt	35	66	S Sankaran	G Girish	-17
19	Bipul Kumar Roy	Ranjan Bose	34	67	Rahul Khambete	Savleen Thadani	-18
20	Avinash Kelkar	Rajendra V Mekal	33	68	Prem Chander	Patricia Prabhu	-20
21	Dr Avinash Prabhakar Deshmukh	Bharat R Paranjpe	31	69	Maya Iyer	Sumitra Viswanath	-22
22	S M Patnaik	Saila Ranjan Das	30	70	Mathew Chandy	Varghese George	-22
23	Deepa Jacob	Kalyan Kumar Roy	30	71	Aditi Jhaveri	Suhrud Jhaveri	-24
24	Rex Perera	Enaksha Perera	28	72	Poornachandra Valada	Haripriya Bapuji	-31
25	Kamal Kabra	Indranil Chakraborty	25	73	Urmi Sinha	Somnath Sinha	-31
26	R N Subramaniam	Srinath Rajam	25	74	Partner	Hermie Mathias	-33
27	D N Lenka	Biren Mitra Behera	24	75	Adhiyaman Z	Z Agilan	-35
28	Bhaskar Sarkar	Babhrubahan Bose	24	76	Raja Vaidyanathan	K S RAMESH	-35
29	Rajesh K Jain	T C Pant	24	77	Kannan S	Dinesh Babu S	-36
30=	Ajit B Chakradeo	Dilip P Gosavi	23	78	Raksha Mehta	Naresh Mehta	-38
30=	SankaR Narayan Ghosh	Manas kumar Das	23	79	Janet Roy	Abha Shukla	-38
32	Moyhina Chouhan	Ranjan Bhattacharya	23	80	Reena Venkatraman	K R S Mani	-41
33	Robins Jacob	Mohan Nair	22	81	Divya Reddy	Sandhya Sundarraj	-41
34	Milind Panandikar	Jenish Shah	21	82	Gouri Sjanekar	Kailasam	-47
35	Vrinda Jhunjunwala	Vijay Deshpande	20	83	Amitava Mukherjee	Amar Bose	-48
36	K K Sabherwal	Sekhar K Bandopadhyay	20	84	Nag Bhusan Rao	Ajay Kumar Singh	-50
37	Prasanta Saha	Prabir Kumar Paul	17	85	Pradip Ghosh	Sailaja Tahiliani	-50
38	sudhakararao potluri	Prashanth Kandulakunta	16	86	Murkuri Tharuniah	Rajan Manikath	-62
39	Swapan Some	Biswadip Roy	13	87	Chandini Bhoopal	Tanuja Patel	-68
40	Abhirup Ghosh	Arnab Basu Roy	13	88	Chanchal Dass	Birendra Kumar	-69
41	Pabitra Majumdar	Mithun Biswas	13	89	P Varalakshmi	S Kannan	-71
42	Pandu Chedalavada	V Mohan Rao	12	90	Tapas Das	Tirthankar Sengupta	-72
43	K S R V Challam	Chandrashekhar V Kekre	12	91	K Nageswara Rao	T Devendranath	-75
44	Mrs Kamna Sharma	Abhijit Pal	11	92	Ajit Mahadar	Bindumadhav V Sahasrabudhe	-75
45	Deepak Ramnani	K P Baskaran	9	93	Amita Bhatia	N K Bhatia	-75
46	Saswata Bhattacharya	Pranay Majumder	8	94	Vasanth Manickam	Ranjit Raghavan	-80
47	Prabhat Kumar Gupta	Talluri Nageswara Rao	8	95	P A Natraj	R Natarajan	-95
48	Shanti Ranjan Dutta	Bhola Nath Ghosh	6	96	Sanjay Shroff	Rashmi Raman	-99

EA Bridge Matchpoint Pairs Elim1 - Cumulative Result

Pos	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Score %	Pos	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Score %
1	Andrey Gromov	Anna Gulevich	1189.9	62.96	37	Shriram Anant Karve	Manisha Anand Jamenis	939.5	49.71
2	Prahalad Rajkumar	Raghavendra Rajkumar	1188.1	62.86	38	R Anbazhagan	Nizamuddin	931.4	49.28
3	Marianne Karmarkar	Sandeep N Karmarkar	1166.3	61.71	39	Artem Anufriev	Natalia Polianskaia	928.4	49.12
4	Arya Chakraborty	Somesh Bhattacharya	1133	59.95	40	Prakash Easwaran	M D Rao	925.5	48.97
5	Nirmal Kumar Jain	Srinivas Kachibhatla	1121.6	59.35	41	Subhrajit Mukhopadhyay	Harjeet Singh Nanda	924.1	48.89
6	R G Bhiwandkar	Subhash A Dhakras	1107.3	58.59	42	Alexandr Dubinin	Evgeny Rudakov	919.6	48.66
7	Aloke Kumar Sadhu	Mithun Mukherjee	1105.2	58.48	43	Bindiya Naidoo	V Sridhar	916.9	48.51
8	Pijus Kanti Baroi	Gopinath Manna	1097.8	58.09	44	Ajit Saldhana	Satyabrata Lahiri	916.7	48.5
9	Mrinal Kanti Mukherjee	Sowmik Das	1091.4	57.74	45	S K Iyengar	R Sreekrishnan	916.6	48.5
10	Nikita Kamal	Arun Kumar Sinha	1090.8	57.71	46	Suresh Senapaty	H. Anjaneya Swamy	910.7	48.18
11	Rajeev Khandelwal	Himani Khandelwal	1088.5	57.59	47	Prithvi Raj	P K Bandhu	908.7	48.08
12	Joyjit Sensarma	Hemant Lall	1076.5	56.96	48	Hemant Purkar	Aditi Sahastrabuddhe	905.2	47.9
13	Dmitry Rogov	Maxim Semisochenko	1075.9	56.93	49	Souvik Kar	Rupa Bakeri	902.8	47.77
14	Jayendu Shantilal Patel	Janak Shah	1062.7	56.23	50	Wrik Chakraborty	Swarnasish Chatterjee	899.1	47.57
15	G Venkatesh	Anil P Padhye	1059.1	56.04	51	Sukumaran Rajeev	Sahirudeen S	892.9	47.24
16	Prosenjit Manna	Ramkrishna Majumder	1052.2	55.67	52	S Raghuraman	Vigneshwaran B	886.9	46.93
17	Ajay Kumar Bagadia	Ravi Goenka	1050.8	55.6	53	Aroon Birla	Mridula Lal	863.2	45.67
18	Samir Basak	Shankar Acharya	1045	55.29	54	Kushal Roy	Jennifer Ann	852.6	45.11
19	Subir Majumdar	Partho Sarathi Mukherjee	1044.6	55.27	55	V.Krishnan	A S Gupta	852.3	45.09
20	Gajendra Kumar Vyas	Puneet Gangal	1043.2	55.2	56	S S Gavandi	Shrikant B Bendre	848.9	44.92
21	Vibhas Todi	Maneesh Bahuguna	1033.6	54.69	57	Rabindra Kumar Singh	Usha Joshi	846.6	44.79
22	Rajendra Sirohia	Soumya Das	1025.1	54.24	58	Subramaniam Srivatsan	Ashok Girdhar	839.4	44.42
23	Debabrata Majumder	Sapan Desai	1024.7	54.22	59	Mahinder Singh Randhawa	Ruth Randhawa	838.2	44.35
24	Ravi Raman	Ivan Alphonso	1009.7	53.42	60	Subramanian Karuppannan	Rajendran Ramesh	836.8	44.28
25	Peeracha Suriya	Jaturong Sasibut	1007.5	53.3	61	Ramamoorthy V N	P T Ramjee	830.6	43.95
26	Debasish Ray	Shouvik Das	995.4	52.66	62	V Ravindran	Vasanti Shah	817.7	43.26
27	Sambuddha Deb	Sanat Kumar Saha	993.7	52.58	63	Narayan Iyer	Dr Rajesh	817.6	43.26
28	Prakash G Hegde	Ranga Khadloya	988.8	52.31	64	D V V Ravi	Nirav Patel	792	41.9
29	Gunaranjan Pemmaraju	Sreenivas Makala	972.9	51.48	65	V Ramesh	R S Muthuswami	791.2	41.86
30	Cera Fernando	Rajatt Dutta	972.3	51.44	66	Prakash Achar	N Nagaraja	779.6	41.25
31	Anukul Mondal	Ambrish W	966.1	51.12	67	Sundararaman R V	M ELUMALAI	772.9	40.89
32	Subhajit Choudhury	Surajit Bar	964.9	51.06	68	C K Madheswaran	SK	752.2	39.8
33	Jitendra J Solani	Rajesh A Dalal	962.5	50.93	69	Yogendrakumar Trivedi	Saurabh Dalal	739.8	39.14
34	S Vijayraghavan	Devi Muthu Bhatnagar	952	50.37	70	Prerak Shah	Aashish Mehta	709.4	37.53
35	Uma Rajesh	Padmanabhan Sridharan	951.9	50.37	71	V R Seshadri	Sulochana Reddy	683.3	36.16
36	Mahesh Rohera	Rahul Shetty	946.4	50.07	72	S Roshand	S Lakshmi Narayan	658	34.82

Return to Chennai – Sweet Sixteen

Mark Horton

Former World Chess Champion, Tigran Petrosian, appreciated that in any kind of knockout scenario, the important thing was to qualify. It did not matter where you finished, as long as you progressed to the next stage.

Our featured matches are Tornatae v EA Bridge and Monica Jajoo v Mix n Match. There were some technical problems in one of the Closed Rooms, so we will concentrate mostly on the second of these.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 85		♠ 92
♥ 762		♥ A
♦ AJ743		♦ Q1098
♣ 1064		♣ AKQ932
♠ AKQJ1073	N	
♥ Q1094	W	E
♦ —	S	
♣ 85		
♠ 64		
♥ KJ853		
♦ K652		
♣ J7		

Tornatae v EA Bridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bardhan	Gupta	Sarkar	De Mel
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

North led the ♦A and declarer ruffed, drew trumps, played a club to the ace, ruffed a diamond and played a second club, +1010.

The auction from the Closed Room also led to 6♠, no swing.

Monica Jajoo v Mix n Match

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Acharya	Shaw	Dang	Dey
—	Pass	1♣	1♥
1♠	2♥	3♣	Pass
3♥	Dble	3NT	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

North led the ♦A and declarer ruffed, crossed to the ♥A and then crossruffed the red suits before claiming, +1010.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nandi	Anu Jalan	Roy	Indranath
—	Pass	1♣	1♥
1♠	2♥	3♣	Pass
5♦*	Pass	7♣	Pass
7♠	All Pass		

5♦ Exclusion RKCB

North led the ♦A and declarer ruffed, crossed to the ♥A and then crossruffed the red suits before claiming but this time the score was +1510 and 11 IMPs to Monica Jajoo.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 42		♠ 97
♥ 96		♥ KQ1075
♦ Q109832		♦ A754
♣ Q93		♣ 102
♠ KQJ1053	N	
♥ 4	W	E
♦ K	S	
♣ KJ765		
♠ A86		
♥ AJ832		
♦ J6		
♣ A84		

Monica Jajoo v Mix n Match

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Acharya	Shaw	Dang	Dey
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	Pass	INT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

North led the ♥9 for the king and ace and south switched to the ♠6, declarer winning with dummy's ♠7 and running the ♣10. North won and returned a spade and declarer had to go one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nandi	Anu Jalan	Roy	Indranath
—	—	—	1♥
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♥3 (well done if you would have started with a diamond) and declarer won with the ♥7 and played the ♣10 (better to start on the spades) putting up dummy's ♣K. When it held he played a spade to the nine and South took the ♠A and returned the ♣4, North winning with the ♣Q and returning the ♥9 for the queen and ace. South cashed the ♣A, but that was the last trick for the defence, +600 and 12 IMPs for **Monica Jajoo**.

There is a magnificent defence available – but perhaps too difficult for us mere mortals!

South must duck the first spade, win the next one and switch to a diamond. Declarer wins with dummy's ♦K and cashes the spades. North must discard diamonds. In the four-card ending this will be the position:

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

When declarer exits with a club South wins with the ♣A and returns the ♣8, North's ♣Q squeezing East in the red suits!

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

Tornatae v EA Bridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bardhan	Gupta	Sarkar	De Mel
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♥6 for the queen and ace and played a club to the ace followed by the ♣2. North won with the ♣8 and played the ♥3, South clearing the suit so as to be able to cash two more hearts when in with the ♠A, two down, -200.

Alas, the bidding and play from the Closed Room is not available, but declarer recorded nine tricks for +600 and 13 IMPs to **Tornatae**.

Monica Jajoo v Mix n Match

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Acharya	Shaw	Dang	Dey
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♠4 and declarer won with the ♠10 and played a club for the nine and jack, North returning the ♠7. That ran to dummy's ♠J and declarer played three rounds of clubs, ensuring nine tricks, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nandi	Anu Jalan	Roy	Indranath
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♣5 and declarer won with dummy's ♣A and played the ♠J. When it held he continued with a spade for the king and ace and South switched to the ♦4. Declarer won with dummy's ♦A and cashed the ♣K, South discarding the ♥8. North won the next club and switched to the ♥Q, declarer taking the ♥A and cashing two spades. A diamond saw South discard and that meant one down, -100 and 12 IMPs for **Mix n Match**.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Monica Jajoo v Mix n Match

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Acharya	Shaw	Dang	Dey
—	Pass	2♠	Dble
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♠J and declarer won with the ♠Q and cashed out, +600.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nandi	AnuJalan	Roy	Indranath
—	Pass	2♠	Dble
3♣	3♦	3♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

Once West had bid 3♣ 3NT was not an option. West cashed the ♣AK and switched to the ♠5 for the queen, king and ace. After four rounds of hearts declarer cashed the ♦A and was three down, -300 giving **Monica Jajoo** 14 IMPs.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Tornatae v EA Bridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bardhan	Gupta	Sarkar	De Mel
—	1♦	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♦*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

- 2♦ Inverted raise
- 4♦ RKCB
- 5♣ 2 keycards + ♦Q

East led the ♥2 and West won with the ♥A and in due course scored the ♠Q for one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
NRK	Mukherjee	Semeroiz	Singhania
—	INT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	6NT

- 2♣ Stayman
- 2♦ No major

East led the ♣7 and declarer won with the ♣Q and played a spade to the queen, West winning and cashing the ♥A for a flat board.

Monica Jajoo v Mix n Match

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Acharya	Shaw	Dang	Dey
—	INT	Pass	2♥*
Dble	Pass*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥*	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

- 2♥ Transfer
- Pass Not 3 hearts
- 3♥ Control

West led the ♥A and waited to score the ♠K for one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nandi		Roy	
—	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Dble	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

When East led the ♦10 declarer could draw trumps and dispose of the losing heart on the third round of clubs, +920 and 14 IMPs for **Mix n Match**.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Acharya</i>	<i>Shaw</i>	<i>Dang</i>	<i>Dey</i>
—	1♦	Dble	1♥
Pass	2♣	2♠	3♦
4♠	5♣	Pass	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

West led the ♣4 and declarer won with dummy's ♣J and played a diamond to the seven, East winning with the ♦8. East switched to the ♠3 but declarer could ruff West's ♠Q and play a diamond. East took the ♦A and exited with a spade, declarer ruffing and playing a diamond which meant two down -500.

Playing a heart before drawing the outstanding trump would have been only one down, but declarer had missed an even bigger opportunity.

Ruffing a spade at trick two is followed by the $\diamond J$. If East wins and plays a second spade declarer ruffs, plays the $\diamond 10$ for the queen and king and then plays a top heart. East can win, but has no good move.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nandi</i>	<i>Anu Jalan</i>	<i>Roy</i>	<i>Indranath</i>
—	1♣	Dble	1♥
Pass	2♣	2♠	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

Declarer ruffed the spade lead and played a heart to the king followed by the ♥Q, East winning and playing two rounds of diamonds. When declarer took the second one with dummy's ♦K he had ten tricks, +130 and 12 IMPs for **Monica Jajoo**.

It was a great start for **Monica Jajoo**, ahead 68-26 and **Tornatae**, leading 44-14.

For the second quarter we follow the fortunes of Dhapur Sugar Mills v Hemant Jan and Shri Radhey v Formidables.

The session started quietly, allowing me time for breakfast as well as finishing the report on the first quarter. I imagine the monsoon season is just about over, but it is raining heavily outside my office in Shrewsbury!

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ J943
♥ 87
♦ 8
♣ KQ10876

♠ K75
♥ K62
♦ Q532
♣ A52

W N E S

♠ AQ862
♥ A104
♦ 976
♣ 94

♠ 10
♥ QJ953
♦ AKJ104
♣ J3

Dhampur Sugar Mills v HemantJalan

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mukherjee</i>	<i>Venkataraman</i>	<i>Malhotra</i>	<i>Goel</i>
—	—	1♥	1♠
2♠*	3♣	3♦	Pass
4♥	4♠	5♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

2♠ Heart support

Perhaps East thought 4♠ was making, but having shown both suits it would have been better to leave the next decision to partner.

South led the ♣9 and declarer had to lose three tricks, -100.

A diamond lead does not defeat 4♥ as declarer can win and play a spade, setting up dummy's ♠K for a club discard.

4♠ is one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Desai</i>	<i>Deora</i>	<i>Tolani</i>	<i>Chakraborty</i>
—	—	1♥	1♠
2♠*	3♣	3♦	Pass
4♥	4♠	5♥	Dble
All Pass			

South led the ♣9 and that meant one down, -100 for a push.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

Dhampur Sugar Mills v Hemant Jalan Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	Venkataraman	Malhotra	Goel
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	1♠	2♥	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♣9 and declarer won with the ♣Q and played a diamond to the jack. West won and returned the ♣4, declarer winning with the king and trying a spade to the king. West won and switched to the ♥9 which meant seven down, -350.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Desai	Deora	Tolani	Chakraborty
—	—	—	1♦
Pass	2♣	2♥	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	5♦
Dble	All Pass		

West led the ♥9 and East won with the ♥J and continued with the ♥K, West discarding the ♠5. Switching to a spade is three down, but when East continued with the ♥A declarer ruffed with the ♦9 and West overruffed and cashed the ♠A for two down, -300 but a 2 IMP gain for **Hemant Jalan**, leading the session 8-0.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 9 4	♠ 9 4
♥ A 10 7 3	♥ A 10 7 3
♦ 10 9 8 3	♦ 10 9 8 3
♣ A 10 4	♣ A 10 4

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ Q 6	♠ Q 6
♥ Q 5 4	♥ Q 5 4
♦ A Q 2	♦ A Q 2
♣ K J 6 3 2	♣ K J 6 3 2

Dhampur Sugar Mills v Hemant Jalan Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	Venkataraman	Malhotra	Goel
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

South led the ♥4 and North took the ♥A and switched to the ♦10 for the jack and queen. When South switched to the ♠Q declarer won with the ♠K, ruffed a diamond, came to hand with the ♥K and ruffed a diamond. The ♠A collected the outstanding trumps and that was +170.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Desai	Deora	Tolani	Chakraborty
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

2NT Spade support



Raju Tolani & Hema Deora

After the same opening trick as in the other room North cashed the ♣A and then switched to the ♦10. It made no difference, declarer establishing the diamonds for ten tricks, +620 and 10 IMPs for **Dhampur Sugar Mills**.

Shri Radhey v Formidables

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bendre	Roy	Kushari	Mullick
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

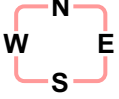
South led the ♥4 and North won and returned the ♥3 to declarer's ♥K. The ♦J saw South win and play the ♥Q, declarer ruffing and playing the ♦K pitching dummy's ♥J. When it held he was soon claiming ten tricks, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sarkar	Satyanarayana	Lal	Nadar
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dble
4♠	Dble	All Pass	

South led the ♠Q and declarer won in dummy and played a diamond to the jack and queen. He won the spade return, ruffed a diamond and exited with a club. South won with the ♣J and returned the ♣2, declarer ruffing, ruffing a diamond and playing a heart to the king. When it held he was home, +790 giving **Shri Radhey** 5 IMPs.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Dhampur Sugar Mills v Hemant Jalan

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	Venkataraman	Malhotra	Goel
—	1♦	1♠	Dble*
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♣
All Pass			

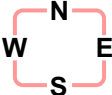
Three Clubs was straightforward, declarer losing three tricks, +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Desai	Deora	Tolani	Chakraborty
—	1♦	1♠	2♥
2♠	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

West led the ♠5 and declarer ruffed the second round of the suit, played a heart to the queen, cashed the ♥A and played on clubs, claiming ten tricks, +620 and 10 IMPs for **Hemant Jalan**.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠	AQJ1096		♠	—
♥	82		♥	Q10643
♦	2		♦	KQ8543
♣	K832		♣	95
				
♠	752			
♥	AKJ5			
♦	6			
♣	A764			

Dhampur Sugar Mills v Hemant Jalan

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	Venkataraman	Malhotra	Goel
—	—	—	2♦*
2♠	Dble	3♦	3♥
3♠	Dble	All Pass	

2♦ Limited three suiter

South's 3♥ suggests that he thought partner's double was for takeout. However, his side got a second bite of the cherry.

North led the ♦A and switched to the ♣Q, South taking the ♣A and returning the ♣4. There was nothing declarer could do, three down being inevitable, -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Desai	Deora	Tolani	Chakraborty
—	—	—	2♦*
2♠	All Pass		

No double no trouble as they say.

Tornatae v EA Bridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
K Singhania	Gupta	Mukherjee	Ashanta D
—	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♦*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Holding a doubleton diamond South was happy to jump to game, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Santiago	Das	Keni	Bardhan
—	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

No swing.

Before we leave this deal, what do you think is the best rebid with North's hand after 1♠-2♠?

An esoteric approach is to rebid 3♣ in the style of Meckwell. It says nothing about clubs, but is a try for game. It can put pressure on the opening leader and the defence when they know less about declarer's hand.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Magnum v Team Tolani

Open Room

West	North	East	South
R Somani	Raj	A Somani	Shivdasani
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	3♣	3♥	5♣
5♥	All Pass		

North led the ♦A and when South followed with the ♦2 he switched to the ♣4, declarer ruffing South's ♣A, cashing the ♥A, playing a heart to the nine and a spade to the seven and eight. North returned the ♠5 and in

due course declarer lost a spade, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Thakral	Acharya	Gupta	Vaidya
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	2♣	3♥	4♣
4♦	5♣	Dble	All Pass

East led the ♦4 to West's ♦J and declarer's ♦A, won the heart that followed with the ♥K and switched to the ♠J. Declarer won with the ♠Q, ruffed a heart and played the ♦Q, covered and ruffed. The ♣K was followed by a club to the nine and the ♣A, declarer claiming the rest, +650 and 11 IMPs to **Team Tolani**.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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



Jaggy Shivdasani & Subam Acharya

Two Spades was two down, -200 but that was worth 12 IMPs to **Dhampur Sugar Mills**.

Shri Radhey v Formidables

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bendre	Roy	Kushari	Mullick
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	INT	Dble	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Dble
3♠	Dble	All Pass	

East was hoping partner would interpret his double as being for takeout. Had he passed 2♠ he might have survived although I have a feeling South would have doubled.

North led the ♥9 and South won with the ♥J and switched to the ♦6, North winning and returning the ♥7. South won and continued with the ♥A, North discarding a diamond when declarer ruffed with the ♠9. Two rounds of spades saw North win and exit with a spade leaving declarer to play clubs which meant three down, -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sarkar	Satyanarayana Lal	Nadar	
—	—	—	1♣
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♣
2♠	3NT	All Pass	

East led the ♥4 and when dummy's ♥J held declarer played a club to the queen followed by a club to the ten, West withholding the ♣K. A heart to the ace was followed by a diamond for the jack and queen and back came the ♥Q, declarer winning in dummy and playing a spade. West took the ♠A and exited with the ♠Q and there were only eight tricks, one down, -100 and 14 IMPs for **Shri Radhey**.

As the play went, declarer could have got home by cashing the ♣A and exiting with a heart. East can win, but declarer will eventually collect three diamond tricks.

West can avoid that by taking the first round of clubs with the ♣K, cashing the ♠A and then switching back to hearts.

If declarer had played low on the opening lead he would win with the ♥9 and run the ♣Q, making at least nine tricks whatever West does.

At the end of the session **Dhampur Sugar Mills** led 75-53, while **Shri Radhey** was ahead 86.5-44.

For the third session of the Round of 16 we join Magnum v Team Tolani and Tornatae v EA Bridge.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ AKQ42			
♥ A103			
♦ A87			
♣ 108			
♠ J9			♠ 653
♥ QJ4			♥ 8652
♦ QJ1063			♦ K42
♣ 42			♣ AJ3
			♠ 1087
			♥ K97
			♦ 95
			♣ K9765

Magnum v Team Tolani

Open Room

West	North	East	South
R Somani	Raj	A Somani	Shivdasani
—	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

East led the ♠3 and declarer won with the ♠K and played the ♦8, West winning with the ♦10 and switching to the ♠J. Declarer won with the ♠A, and ran the ♣10, West winning and returning the ♦Q. Declarer won and played the ♣8, East taking the ♣A and returning the ♦K. Declarer ruffed in dummy and could return to hand with the ♥A to draw trumps, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Thakral	Acharya	Gupta	Vaidya
—	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
Dble	1♠	2♦	2♠
All Pass			

1♣ Strong
1♦ 0-7

How delightfully old fashioned for the double of 1♦ to show that suit. (It is more common to use the double artificially, one method being that it promises either a major or minor two-suiter.)

East led the ♠3 but declarer played to ruff a diamond and with the ♣A onside that was ten tricks, +170 but 6 IMPs for **Magnum**.

Tornatae v EA Bridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Singhania	Gupta	Mukherjee	De Mel
—	2♥	Dble	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dble
All Pass			

North led the ♥4 and declarer won with dummy's ♥K and ran the ♠J, North winning with the ♠A and switching to the ♣J for the queen and king. Declare ruffed the next club, played a diamond to the queen and a spade to the ten. It was tempting to cash the ♠K, but when the missing trumps did not divide declarer was three down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Santiago	Das	Keni	Bardhan
—	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
Pass	2♥	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	3♥
4♦	All Pass		

South led the ♣A and switched to the ♥8, declarer winning with dummy's ♥A and playing a diamond to the queen. That meant a comfortable +150 and 12 IMPs for **Tornatae**.

On Board 6 NS held ♠AK105 ♥AQ85 ♦J942 ♣9 opposite ♠Q96 ♥KJ9632 ♦- ♣A1072 but no one went beyond 4♥ and everyone took all the tricks. Poland and Dhampur Sugar Mills picked up 11 IMPs for bidding 6♥, and it was flat in 6♥ in the matches between Shri Radhey and Formidables and Adventure v Mavericks.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Magnum v Team Tolani

Open Room

West	North	East	South
R Somani	Raj	A Somani	Shivdasani
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	
2♣	Strong		
2♦	Waiting		
3♣	Stayman		

East led the ♠Q and declarer won, ruffed a spade, cashed the ♥QJ, came to hand with the ♣K, ruffed a spade, played a diamond to the ace and drew trumps. He then ran the ♦J and West won, but returned a diamond rather than a club allowing declarer to get home for +1430.

Having ruffed a spade declarer might have played a diamond to the jack – even if it loses you are virtually assured of taking the rest.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Thakral	Acharya	Gupta	Vaidya
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Declarer collected all the tricks but it was a loss of 12 IMPs.

Tornatae v EA Bridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Singhania	Gupta	Mukherjee	De Mel
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the ♥5 and declarer played safely for 11 tricks, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Semberoiz	Das	Keni	Bardhan
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠*
Dble	Pass	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led the ♠Q and declarer followed the line I suggested above, taking an early diamond finesse to secure all the tricks, +710 collecting a couple of IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 6	♠ AKQ10	♠ J87532
♥ AQ74	♥ 985	♥ 2
♦ A5	♦ KQ86	♦ 97432
♣ QJ10873	♣ K6	♣ A
	♠ 94	
	♥ KJ1063	
	♦ J10	
	♣ 9542	

Tornatae v EA Bridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Singhania</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Mukherjee</i>	<i>De Mel</i>
—	—	—	2♦*
2♠	Dble	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

2♦ Multi

West led the ♠6 and declarer won with dummy's ♠A and ran the ♥9 West winning with the ♥Q and switching to the ♣Q, covered by the king and ace. A spade ruff was followed by the ♣J and the ♣8, declarer ruffing with dummy's ♥8. That meant he was four down, -800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Santiago</i>	<i>Das</i>	<i>Keni</i>	<i>Bardhan</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	INT	2♠	3♥
Pass	4♥	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

South led the ♦J and North overtook it with the ♦Q and cashed the ♠Q before returning a diamond to dummy's ♦A. A club to the ace was followed by the ♠8 and North won and returned the ♥9, declarer winning with the ♥Q, cashing the ♥A and ruffing a heart. Having failed to ruff a club along the way that meant four down, -800 and 17 IMPs for **EA Bridge**.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ J73	♠ A98
♥ Q1096	♥ AJ3
♦ J752	♦ K10
♣ 76	♣ QJ853
♠ Q1042	♠ K65
♥ 72	♥ K854
♦ AQ64	♦ 983
♣ AK10	♣ 942

Tornatae v EA Bridge Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Singhania</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Mukherjee</i>	<i>De Mel</i>
1♣	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♣	All Pass		
2♣	Inverted		
4NT	RKCB		
5♦	3 keycards		
5NT	Kings?		

North led the ♣7 and declarer won with the ♣10, cashed the ♣A and ran the ♠Q, South winning and exiting with the ♣4. Declarer won, played the ♠10 for the jack and ace, cashed the ♠9 and claimed, +920.

A heart lead is more testing, but declarer can win with dummy's ♥A, come to hand with a club and play a diamond to the ten. After unblocking the diamonds declarer draws trumps, disposes of dummy's remaining hearts on the ♦AQ and then has to negotiate the spades.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Santiago</i>	<i>Das</i>	<i>Keni</i>	<i>Bardhan</i>
INT	Pass	4NT	All Pass

North led the ♠3 and declarer had an easy route to 12 tricks, +490 but a loss of 10 IMPs.

EA Bridge took the session 36-24 to trail 105-127, while **Magnum** won 24-14 to get within 13 IMPs at 75-88.

Monica Jajoo, Poland and Mavericks enjoyed an afternoon off having seen their opponents wave the white flags they advanced to the quarter finals.

Going into the final session Team Tolani led Magnum 88-75 while EA Bridge trailed Tornatae 105-127.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Magnum v Team Tolani

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Acharya	Mehta	Vaidya	Thakral
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	Pass	INT
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♦

All Pass

West led the ♥Q and declarer won with dummy's ♥A, cashed the ♦J and continued with the ♦Q and ♦K, West discarding the ♠2. After cashing the ♠K declarer played a second spade and East ruffed and returned the ♥9, declarer winning with dummy's ♥10. He cashed the ♥K, ruffed a heart and cashed the ♠A, but he had to lose a club at the end, one down, -100.

Having cashed the ♦J, there is way to make 6♦.

Declarer comes to hand with the ♠K and plays a heart to the ten. A club goes on the ♥K and declarer ruffs a heart with the ♦A! (it won't help East to ruff in) and plays a club to the queen. A club ruff is followed by two rounds of diamonds and the ♠K. If East ruffs he must lead into dummy's clubs.

That's very tough, but you know West has five spades and even after the helpful heart lead you are going to need something good to happen in clubs. If the diamonds are 3-3 this line still works even when West has only three hearts.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Ramani	Raj	Jagannathan
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	4NT	All Pass	
1♣	Strong		

East led the ♣6 for the king and ace and declarer unblocked the diamonds, cashed the ♠K and played a second spade to dummy's ace. He was happy enough to take 10 tricks, +630 and 12 IMPs for **Team Tolani**.

Tornatae v EA Bridge

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Singhania	Keni	Mukherjee	Semboiz
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	Dble	Pass	INT
Pass	4NT	All Pass	

West led the ♥2 and when dummy's ♥10 held declarer unblocked the diamonds, cashed the ♠K and played three rounds of hearts. West won and exited with the ♣4 but declarer put in dummy's ♣Q and had 11 tricks, +460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gupta	De Sarker	De Mel	Bardhan
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

2♣	Strong
2♦	Waiting
2♥	Kokish
2♠	Forced
3♥	Transfer

West led the ♥Q and declarer won in dummy, cashed the ♠K and then ducked the next round to West's ♠6.

When West exited with a club declarer put in dummy's ♣10 (the ♣Q simplifies matters) and East won and exited with the ♦6. Declarer won with dummy's ♦K but then failed to overtake the next diamond with the ace (he could then finesse in hearts, cash the ♥K, ruff a heart, play a club to the ace and a winning diamond forcing West to ruff and lead into the ♠AJ) after which he had to go one down, -100 and 13 IMPs to **Tonatae**.

In the match between Shri Radhey and Formidables, the latter opened up with 12, 10 and 10 on the first three deals, but then lost 17 by playing this deal in 6NT redoubled down 2 for -1000.

Something odd happened on Board 23 where NS held ♠AK654 ♥942 ♦Q3♣K106 facing ♠QJ8732 ♥J108 ♦A5 ♣Q2. Jagannathan and Ramani allegedly bid 2♦*-3♦*-3♠-4♥ All Pass. That breach of Burn's Law of Total trumps cost -500 and 7 IMPs went to Magnum, trailing 83-106.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ J1064	♠ Q2	♠ A5
♥ K762	♥ 5	♥ AQ10843
♦ Q42	♦ AJ10985	♦ 73
♣ 76	♣ KQJ5	♣ A93
	♠ K9873	
	♥ J9	
	♦ K6	
	♣ 10842	

Magnum v Team Tolani

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Acharya	Mehta	Vaidya	Thakral
—	1♦	1♥	1♠
3♥	Dble*	4♥	4♠
Dble	5♣	Dble	All Pass

East led the ♥A and continued with the ♥Q, declarer ruffing and playing on clubs. East took the second round and exited with a club and declarer played the ♦J to the king and finessed on the next round, going one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Ramani	Raj	Jagannathan
—	1♦	1♥	Dble*
2♥	3♦	4♥	All Pass

South led the ♦K and after taking two tricks in the suit North switched to the ♣K and declarer had to go one down, -100 and 5 IMPs to **Team Tolani**, ahead 111-86.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ AQ4	♠ KJ972
♥ QJ64	♥ AK103
♦ K10764	♦ AQ
♣ J	♣ 73
♠ 86	♠ 1053
♥ 85	♥ 972
♦ J932	♦ 85
♣ AQ942	♣ K10865

Magnum v Team Tolani

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Acharya	Mehta	Vaidya	Thakral
—	—	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Dble	2♥	3♣
Dble	3♦	Dble	All Pass

1♣ Strong
1♦ 0-7

What to make of North's decision to enter the auction with a strong hand known to be over him? East led the ♥A and as I suspect most of my readers are of a sensitive nature I will spare you the gory details of the -1400 that ensued.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Ramani	Raj	Jagannathan
—	—	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♦6 and when the ♦Q held declarer Played a club to the nine and jack, North returning the ♦4 to dummy's ♦A. A club to the queen saw North pitch the ♦7 and declarer continued with the ♠6, ducking that to South's ♠10. Back came the ♣K and declarer won and played another spade which meant nine tricks were now certain, +600.

That appeared to be a good result, but it was 14 IMPs to Team Tolani and they were home and hosed.

As things went, **Tornatae** and **Team Tolani** had a comfortable passage to the quarterfinals.

Very Nice (उत्तम) Played

By K S Anand Samant

In Round 8 of the match between Tornatae and Team Tolani, Uttam Gupta, representing Team Tornatae, showcased his fine technique and judgment on the following deal. His play on this hand stood out as a highlight of the match, underlining both skill and composure under pressure.

Board 14. Both NonVul.

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

Bidding :

West	North	East	South
TV Ramani	Ashant D Mel	Mukund Jagnathan	Uttam Gupta
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦**
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

* ART. Game Force

** Minimum Hand

Although the bidding was not very convincing, reaching the contract of 6♥ was quite a reasonable spot. On the opening lead of a third-best spade, Uttam

won the trick in hand with the Ace of Spades. He then led a small heart from hand to the Ace of Hearts in dummy, with the Jack of Hearts appearing from East. Next, Uttam played a club from dummy to the King of Clubs in hand, which was captured by West's Ace of Clubs. West returned a second spade, won in dummy with the King of Spades. To return to hand, Uttam played the Queen of Clubs, then took a finesse with the 8 of Hearts. He followed up with the King of Hearts, and ruffed a spade in hand to arrive at the following position:

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

Now the stage was set for the double squeeze. After drawing the last outstanding trump, Uttam played the Jack of Clubs, executing a perfect double squeeze to land the 6♥ contract. This brilliant play earned Tornatae 12 IMPs on the board. Although the bidding was not entirely convincing, reaching 6♥ proved to be a sound contract. On the opening lead, however, the defending side missed a chance. At trick three, West should have ducked declarer's King of Clubs. That defensive maneuver could have posed a real dilemma for Uttam and made the contract far less straight forward.



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Review in Super league

CTD : Sudhir Aggarwal

Reviewer : M BV Subrahmayam

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

West	North	East	South
3♥	Pass*	2♥	3♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	3♠
Passs	Dbl	5♥	Pass
Pass		Pass	Pass

TDs Statement of facts

A poll was conducted regarding South's action following a break in tempo (BIT) by North over 3♠. Based on the poll results, the score was adjusted to 3♠ by East, down 2 (NS +100) and 5♠ doubled by East, down 4 (EW -800), as per Law 12C1(e)(i & ii). Review Request South requested a review, seeking restoration of the original table result.

Reviewer's Decision

The Tournament Director (TD) correctly conducted a poll. The poll established that Pass was a logical alternative (chosen by 80%). The TD properly informed the offending side about the poll procedure, results, and ruling. Accordingly, the TD's decision was upheld.

Final Outcome

The original TD ruling stands.

The review deposit is forfeited.



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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

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GOLD & SILVER TEAMS – KO Semi 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 – FINAL Barometer Scoring	
1000 – 1330	Session 1
1330 – 1430	Lunch Break
1430 – 1830	Session 2
SWISS TEAMS – IMP SCORING (7 rounds of 8 boards each)	
1030 – 1400	Session 1
1400 – 1500	Lunch Break
1500 – 1930	Session 2
LADIES PAIRS (2 sessions of 20/22 boards each)	
1030 – 1330	Session 1
1330 – 1430	Lunch Break
1430 – 1730	Session 2

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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		
1430 – 1800	Session 2		