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The Power Showdown

The Quarter Finals brought thrilling contests across both Gold and Silver categories, setting the stage for high-voltage Semi-Finals.

Gold Teams

- Mavericks capitalized on an early lead to outplay Team Monica Jajoo, winning by 63 IMPs.
- Nest Inn built their advantage steadily to edge past Team Shri Radhey by 19 IMPs.
- Team Tolani overpowered Tornatae, who lost momentum in the early sets.
- Poland produced a spectacular turnaround — trailing in the first three sets, they whitewashed Dhampur Sugar Mills 71–7 in the final segment to clinch victory by 42.33 IMPs.

Silver Teams

- Nagpur VI continued their impressive run, defeating Mind Crusaders by 36 IMPs.
- DilipAtha's Team stormed past Lake My Love, winning by a commanding 88 IMPs.
- Unity lived up to their name, showing great cohesion to eliminate Alchemy.
- KKK Bridge Lovers dominated Gladiators, securing an emphatic 86 IMPs win.

Semi-Final Line-Up

Gold

- Poland vs Mavericks
- Nest Inn vs Team Tolani

Silver

- Nagpur VI vs KKK Bridge Lovers
- Unity vs DilipAtha

The Semi-Finals promise enthralling encounters — Poland's resilience will be tested against the might of Mavericks, while South India's Nest Inn face Mumbai's seasoned Team Tolani squad. In Silver, Nagpur VI seek to carry forward their momentum, as Unity challenge the experienced DilipAtha team.

Venues

- Gold & Silver Teams – 2nd Floor, E Hotel
- Matchpoint Pairs Final – 3rd Floor, E Hotel
- Swiss Teams & Ladies Pairs – Central Atrium

Matchpoint Pairs Elimination 2

24 seeded pairs joined the first qualifiers for 3 sessions of 18 boards.

- **Leaders: Jaggy Shivdasani – Animesh Raj**
- 2nd Place: RG Bhiwandkar – Subhash Dhakras

The top 26 pairs qualify for the final league, joined by 2 sponsored pairs for 27 rounds all-play-all.

Swiss Pairs

A full field of 128 pairs played 7 rounds (8 boards each), with a prize pool of ₹1.4 Lakhs.

- **Winners: N. Periasamy – B. Seenivasagan**
- Runners-up: Subramanian Karuppannan – Rajendran Ramesh

Prize Distribution

All prizes will be transferred online within 15 days of the event. Eligible winners must submit their bank details at: [Prize Submission Link](#)

From the Desk of Chief Tournament Director

1. Gold and Silver Teams SF KO will be held on 2nd Floor (E Hotel).
2. Open MP Pairs Finals will be held on 3rd Floor (E Hotel). Top 26 Pairs and 2 Sponsored Pairs will play 54 Boards (27 Rounds) with Barometer scoring.
3. Swiss Teams and Ladies Pairs will be held on Ground Floor.
4. Deadline for giving your entry for Mixed Pairs and Swiss Pairs (match points) is 8.00 PM on 19th Sept 2025. You can only play one of these two events.



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About EA Bridge

By Preethy Ken

History - Aces of Club

The Express Estate, which now houses landmark projects such as Express Avenue, E Hotel, E Residences, and EA Chambers, was till 1947, the original and first home of the Madras Club (1832-1946). One of the first iconic British era social clubs, it is also a place where Bridge was played.

Visionary Leadership

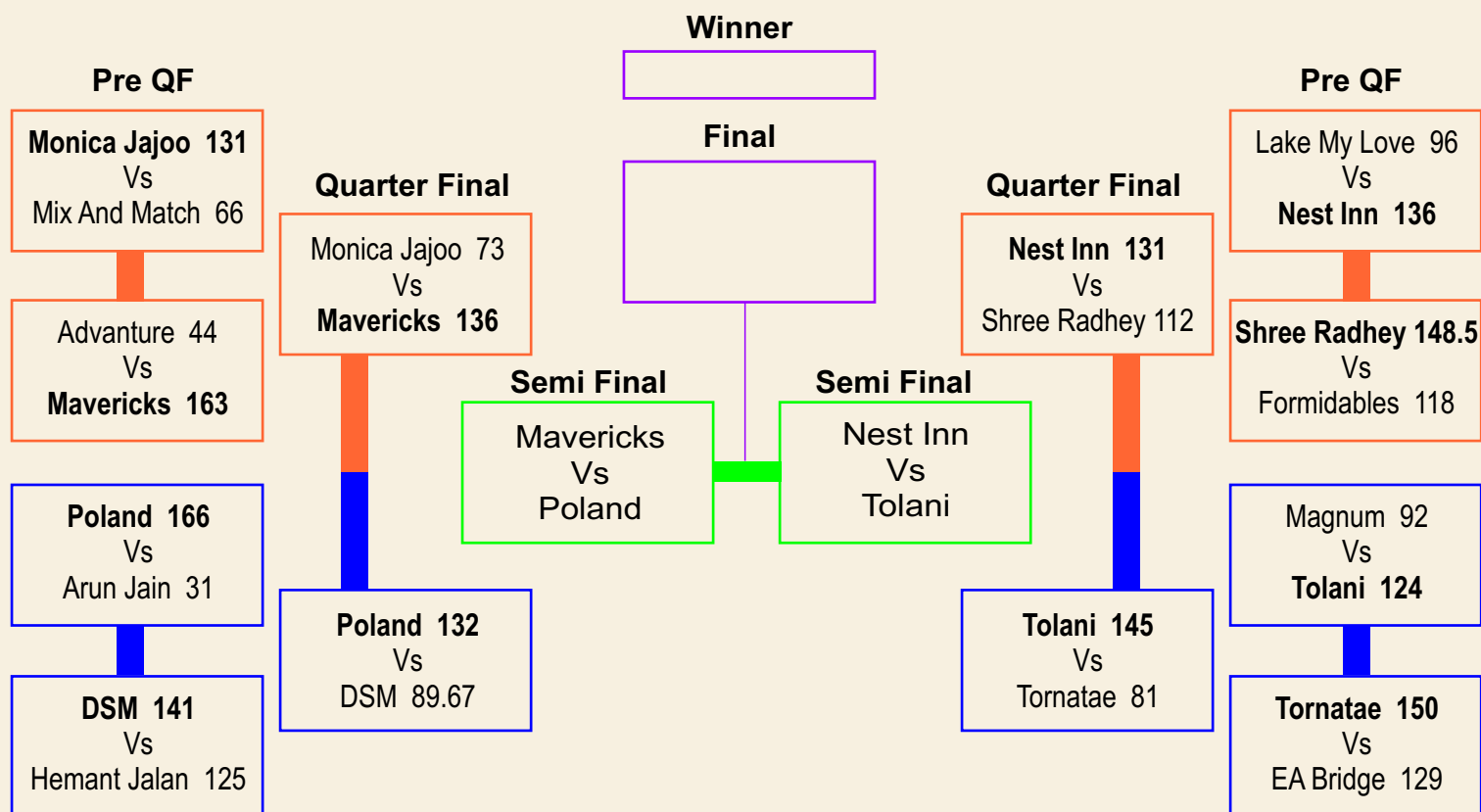


Launched at the historic Madras Club, EA Bridge, led by Ms. Kavita Singhanian, Managing Director of Express Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., aims to expand bridge both in India and internationally. Bridge as a game has been elevated to a higher level with Express Avenue mall hosting the Championship in a space that combines world-class infrastructure with the warmth and energy of one of India's most vibrant cities. At the heart of this idea was a vision to bring the game closer to the people — to make Bridge more visible, more accessible, and more celebrated

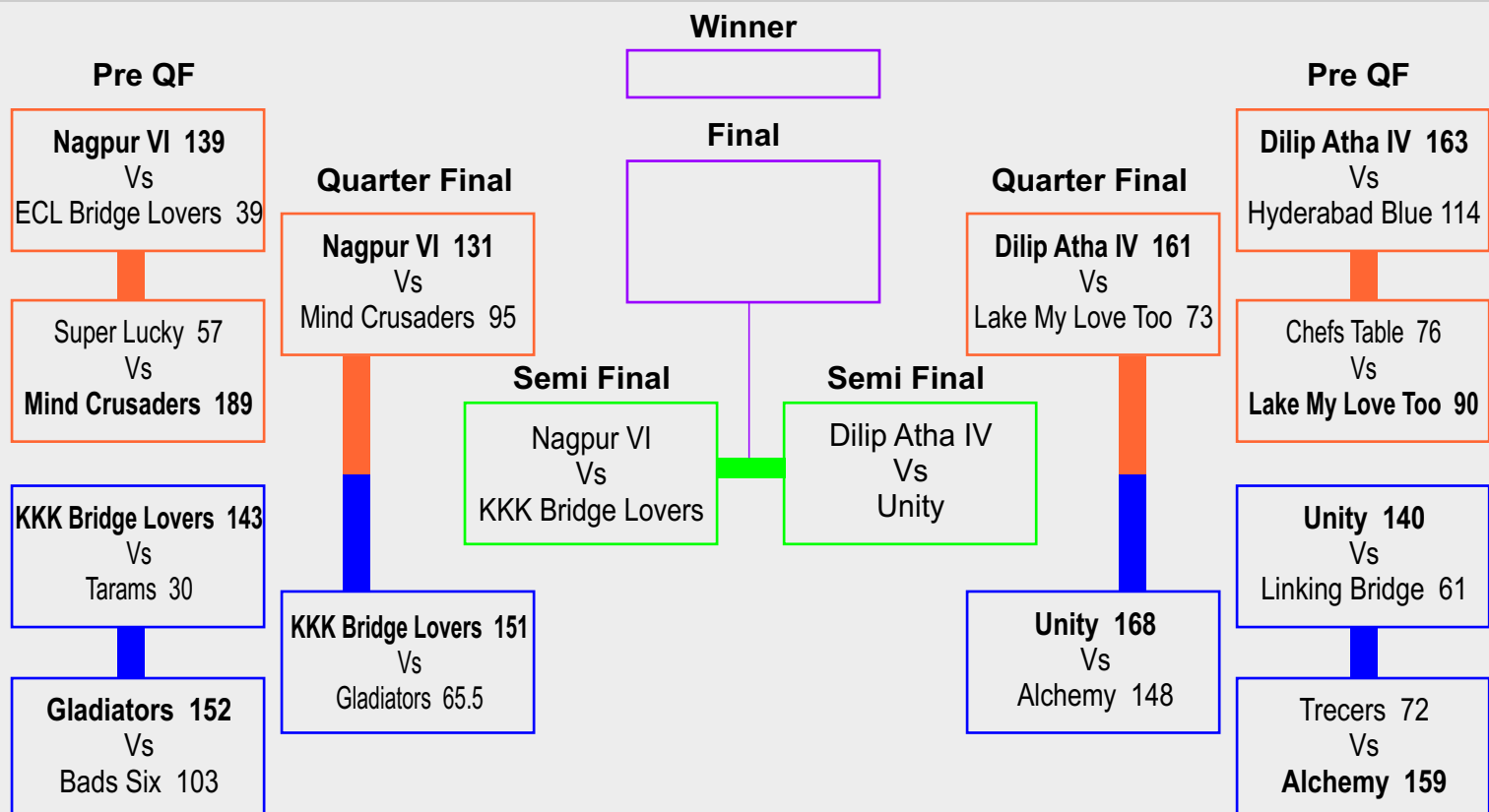
EA Bridge is dedicated to bringing the mind-stimulating card game of bridge to the forefront of competitive sports in India and internationally. With a focus on growth and inclusivity, EA Bridge creates a platform for players of all levels to connect, compete, and enhance cognitive skills like concentration and problem-solving.

EA Bridge is quickly becoming a premier bridge game organisation, offering significant prize money by conducting monthly bridge tournaments at E Hotel, sponsoring online bridge tournaments for youth and women, sponsoring and hosting national and international bridge championships annually. For more information, visit: www.eabridge.in

GOLD TEAMS - QF KNOCK OUT



SILVER TEAMS - QF KNOCK OUT



RESULTS OF GOLD TEAMS QF KNOCK OUT

Team	C/O	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	Total
Monica Jajoo (38)	6	15	21	8	23	73
Mavericks (6)		19	47	40	30	136
Nest Inn (21)		54	24	27	26	131
Shri Radhey (33)		13	29	12	58	112
Team Tolani (44)		48	36	29	32	145
Tornatae (17)	14	5	17	26	30	81
Poland (46)		37	6	18	71	132
Dhampur Sugar Mills (8)	6.67	22	28	26	7	89.67

RESULTS OF SILVER TEAMS QF KNOCK OUT

Team	C/O	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	Total
Nagpur VI (9)		41	16	51	23	131
Mind Crusaders (34)		9	53	11	22	95
Dilip Atha Iv (35)		70	30	61		161
Lake My Love Too (37)		9	48	16	W/O	73
Unity (48)		35	48	54	31	168
Alchemy (17)		50	13	38	47	148
K K K Bridge Lovers (39)		44	42	65		151
Gladiators (3)	0.5	23	12	30	W/O	65.5

EA Bridge Matchpoint Pairs Elimination 2 - Cumulative Result

Pos	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Score %	Pos	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Score %
1	Animesh Raj	Jaggy B Shivdasani	1763.8	62.81	31	Samir Basak	Shankar Acharya	1452.4	51.72
2	R G Bhiwandkar	Subhash A Dhakras	1722.2	61.33	32	Sumit Mukherjee	Rajeshwar Tewari	1448.6	51.59
3	Rana Roy	Abhijit Chakraborty	1711.5	60.95	33	Jitendra J Solani	Rajesh A Dalal	1446.4	51.51
4	G Venkatesh	Anil P Padhye	1681	59.86	34	Gunaranjan Pemmaraju	Sreenivas Makala	1437.5	51.19
5	Mrinal Kanti Mukherjee	Sowmik Das	1680	59.83	35	Sagar Bhuia	Sekhar K Bandopadhyay	1429.2	50.9
6	Debabrata Majumder	Sapan Desai	1675.5	59.67	36	Srikar Palem	Jibak Tewari	1413.1	50.33
7	Arya Chakraborty	Somesh Bhattacharya	1657.5	59.03	37	Anukul Mondal	Ambrish W	1412.9	50.32
8	Andrey Gromov	Anna Gulevich	1645.6	58.6	38	Vibhas Todi	Maneesh Bahuguna	1411.8	50.28
9	Koushik Mukherjee	Badal Das	1643.1	58.52	39	Subhajit Choudhury	Surajit Bar	1399.1	49.82
10	Pijus Kanti Baroi	Gopinath Manna	1631.6	58.11	40	Jayendu Shantilal Patel	Janak Shah	1393	49.61
11	Shambhu Nath Ghosh	Biswajit Poddar	1623.7	57.82	41	Puja Batra	Subhash Gupta	1387.9	49.43
12	Peeracha Suriya	Jaturong Sasibut	1591.2	56.67	42	Hasibul Hasan	Subhasish Sarkar	1379.1	49.11
13	Rajendra Sirohia	Soumya Das	1587.5	56.53	43	Gajendra Kumar Vyas	Puneet Gangal	1370.5	48.81
14	Mahesh Rohera	Rahul Shetty	1580.7	56.29	44	Debasish Ray	Shouvik Das	1369.6	48.78
15	Kamal Krishna Mukherjee	Alok Daga	1560.5	55.57	45	Rajeev Khandelwal	Himani Khandelwal	1368.8	48.75
16	Dmitry Rogov	Maxim Semisochenko	1549.7	55.19	46	Akhauri Prabhat Kumar	R Chandramohan	1360.5	48.45
17	Marianne Karmarkar	Sandeep N Karmarkar	1541.1	54.88	47	Uma Rajesh	Padmanabhan Sridharan	1357.5	48.34
18	R Sridharan	Vijay R Phatarphekar	1540.1	54.85	48	Ajay Kumar Bagadia	Ravi Goenka	1354.5	48.24
19	Joyjit Sensarma	Hemant Lall	1538.7	54.8	49	Prosenjit Manna	Ramkrishna Majumder	1286.7	45.82
20	Sayantan Kushari	Kaustubh Bendre	1529.1	54.46	50	Artem Anufriev	Natalia Polianskaia	1285.6	45.78
21	Vikrant Mehta	Sandeep Thakral	1521.9	54.2	51	D P Acharya	Sandeep Dang	1280.6	45.6
22	Nikita Kamal	Arun Kumar Sinha	1512.7	53.87	52	Nirmal Kumar Jain	Srinivas Kachibhatla	1276.7	45.47
23	Sanjib Bhattacharya	B Ganguly	1507.8	53.7	53	S Vijayraghavan	Devi Muthu Bhatnagar	1254.5	44.68
24	Subir Majumdar	Partho Sarathi Mukherjee	1506.7	53.66	54	Sanjay Raha	Chandan Chowdhury	1252.2	44.59
25	Aloke Kumar Sadhu	Mithun Mukherjee	1497.8	53.34	55	Paban Agarwal	Kalindi Mewar	1228.8	43.76
26	Prahalad Rajkumar	Raghavendra Rajkumar	1484.7	52.87	56	Sambuddha Deb	Sanat Kumar Saha	1202.5	42.82
27	Raghunath P Tripathi	Atanu Ganguly	1475.2	52.54	57	Sajiv K Menon	K Balakrishnan	1186.1	42.24
28	Ravi Raman	Ivan Alphonso	1472.2	52.43	58	Shriram Karve	Manisha Janenis	1079.9	38.46
29	Hemant K Jalan	Ashis Malhotra	1472.1	52.43	59	Anu Jalan	Indranath Chatterjee	1075.8	38.31
30	Prakash G Hegde	Ranga Khadloya	1456.2	51.86	60	Cera Fernando	Rajatt Dutta	1046.6	37.27

EA Swiss Pairs Result

Place	Players	Result	Place	Players	Result
1	N Periasamy - B Seenivasagan	101.32	65	Tapas Dasgupta - Pallab Roy	69.73
2	Subramanian Karuppannan - Rajendran Ramesh	98.3	66	Sankarsan Behera - R K Pradhan	69.2
3	Swetadri Saha - Krishna Das Chakraborty	95.25	67	Amitava Ghosh - Tanmoy Majumder	69.03
4	R Sreekrishnan - Balraman	95.05	68	Madhav A Kshirsagar - Srinivasan Krishnaswami	68.94
5	J Pratihari - I Khan	94.94	69	T C Pant - Rajesh K Jain	68.7
6	Kamal Kabra - Indranil Chakraborty	91.16	70	P S Premsagar - Bhimarao M	68.58
7	Sahirudeen - Sukumaran Rajeev	90.37	71	Aditi Sahastrabuddhe - Hemant Purkar	68.15
8	Pulak Panji - Gourav Biswas	89.39	72	Prabir Kumar Thakur - Rathindra Nath Kundu	67.88
9	Rajesh Kumar Shah - P Narayan Iyer	89.3	73	Priya Ranjan Sinha - Kavita Singhanian	67.68
10	Aleksandr Dubinin - Dmitry Rogov	89.05	74	Vijay Deshpande - Ashok Girdhar	67.62
11	D N Lenka - Biren Mitra Behera	89.04	75	A S Gupta - V Krishnan	67.54
12	Milind Panandikar - Jenish Shah	88.61	76	Rupa Bakeri - Souvik Kar	67.5
13	Pradip Ghosh - Sailaja Tahiliani	88.59	77	Amitava Mukherjee - Pradip Gupta	67.23
14	Wanna Amornmeswarintara - Panjaron Jariyanantane	87.06	78	Prakash Gupta - Ashis Pan	67.05
15	Ajit B Chakradeo - Dilip P Gosavi	86.87	79	Sanjib Ganguly - Santanu Chakraborty	66.8
16	Shrikant B Bendre - Sudhir S Gavandi	86.87	80	Satyavathi Vasantha - S Vasantha	66.74
17	Biswadip Roy - Swapan Some	86.4	81	Viswanathan B - Soumendra B Chakraborty	66.67
18	Prasun Kumar Mukherjee - Bhabesh Saha	85.94	82	K Durgadas - C M Kulkarni	66.62
19	Souvik Saha - Sandip Gharai	85.91	83	Mithun Biswas - Pabitra Majumder	66.53
20	Anindra Kumar Sarkar - Meenu Dugal	85.36	84	P T Ramjee - R Anbazhagan	66.39
21	Pinaki Prasad Khan - Satyabrata Mukherjee	85.01	85	Prakash Easwaran - M D Rao	65.58
22	Sudipta Adhikary - Rajib Ray	84.75	86	Amulya Rao Atluri - Malini Krishna	64.83
23	Bhola Nath Ghosh - Santi Ranjan Dutta	84.07	87	Tapan Kumar Roy - Pradyut Bhattacharjee	64.53
24	Abhijit Pal - Kamna Sharma	84.06	88	G Mohan Kumar - S K Iyengar	64.04
25	Harjeet Singh Nanda - Subhrajit Mukhopadhyay	83.66	89	V Ravindran - Vasanti Shah	63.69
26	K K Sabherwal - Nizamudeen Shahul Hamid	82.88	90	P P Sabu - Nirmal Raja	63.58
27	R N Subramaniam - S Lakshmanan	82.26	91	Kunal Jaiswal - Sujata Puranik Rakhra	62.67
28	Sunil Bhatia - Uma Relan	82.06	92	Ajit Saldanha - Satyabrata Lahiri	62.02
29	Pranay Majumder - Saswata Bhattacharya	81.21	93	Prakash Achar - N Nagaraja	62.02
30	Savleen Thadani - Rahul Khambete	80.9	94	Lakshmi Chari - T T Chari	61.67
31	Asit Baran Chakraborty - Sourendra Coomer Dutt	80.28	95	Mridula (Naina) Lal - Aroon Birla	61.51
32	Neela C Deshpande - Kishore Sidhwani	79.41	96	Prithviraj Ghosh - Arnab Ghosh	61.01
33	Abhirup Ghosh - Arnab Basu Roy	79.12	97	C K madheswaran - Capt S K Chauhan	60.85
34	S Kannan - R Jayakumar	78.95	98	Pradeep R Rathi - Subhadra P Rathi	59.71
35	Srithar R - Prosenjit Roy Sarkar	78.79	99	Guru Shankar Sundaram - S Raghuraman	59.53
36	Robins Jacob - Mohan Nair	78.75	100	Usha Joshi - Birendra Kumar	58.97
37	Bidyut Goswami - Ananda Roy	77.63	101	V Sridhar - Bindiya Naidoo	57.81
38	Haripriya Bapuji - Poornachandra Valada	77.22	102	Z Agilan - Adhiyaman Z	57.58
39	Gurudev Shyamsundar - Suraj Sonti	77.05	103	Aditi Jhaveri - Suhrud Jhaveri	57.56
40	Pradeep Deshpande - Kumar Venkataraman	76.83	104	Suresh Senapaty - H. Anjaneya Swamy	57.48
41	Sankar Narayan Ghosh - Manas Kumar Das	75.46	105	P V Jaishankar - Maya Iyer	56.95
42	H B Sundara Rajan - Naresh Mehta	75.35	106	Dinesh Babu S - Kannan S	55.87
43	Sujit Kumar Bhattacharjee - Pradip Dey	75.32	107	Deepak Ramnani - K P Baskaran	55.8
44	Prasanta Saha - Prabir Kumar Paul	75.19	108	Kalyan Kumar Roy - Deepa Jacob	55.6
45	Gourav Rajwade - Rajendra V Mekal	74.69	109	Hermie Mathias - Sunil Bhatia	54.63
46	S M Patnaik - Saila Ranjan Das	74.66	110	Subashish Gope - Sanjay Banerjee	53.66
47	T Devendranath - Chandini Bhoopal	74.28	111	Sushi Natraj - Raja Vaidyanathan	53.53
48	Shibnath De Sarkar - Pranab Bardhan	73.75	112	Pandu Chedalavada - V Mohan Rao	53.11
49	Rajendra Ray - Kingshuk Bhattacharya	73.06	113	Deepika Mehta - Ravi Kaul	53.03
50	Swarnasish Chatterjee - Wrik Chakraborty	72.81	114	Suman Routh - A K Guha	52.73
51	S Sriram - Suresh Jutur	72.77	115	Patricia Prabhu - Prem Chander	52.57
52	Prashanth Kandulakunta - P Sudhakar Rao	72.5	116	Nirav Patel - D V V Ravi	52.49
53	C P Deshpande - Milind S Bhadbhade	72.26	117	Ajit Mahadar - Bindumadhav V Sahasrabudhe	52.47
54	Prithvi Raj - P K Bandhu	72.16	118	Amar Kumar Bose - Ajay Kumar Singh	51.68
55	Bhaskar Sarkar - Babhrubahan Bose	72.07	119	Yogendra Kumar Trivedi - Saurabh Dalal	46.19
56	Bipul Kumar Roy - Ranjan Bose	71.5	120	Krishnan Mani - Reena Venkataraman	45.38
57	Harihara Subramanian - Lata Hari	71.38	121	Sandhya Sundarraj - Divya Reddy	42.93
58	Saurav Sil - Biplab Dawn	71.29	122	P Natraj - R Natarajan	42.26
59	Mona Lalwani - Uday Bedekar	70.88	123	Moyhina Chouhan - Ranjan Bhattacharya	41.08
60	Bharat R Paranjpe - Dr Avinash Prabhakar Deshmukh	70.81	124	V R Seshadri - Sulochana Reddy	40.7
61	Tapas Das - Tirthankar Sengupta	70.43	125	S Roshand - Sundaram Lakshmi Narayan	37.7
62	Rabindra Kumar Singh - Nag Bhusan Rao	70.23	126	Chandrashekhara V Kekre - K S R V Challam	37.05
63	Sankar T - Sushil G Narang	69.88	127	Rajan Manikath - Murkuri Tharuniah	24.94
64	N Sudhakar Babu - P Varalakshmi	69.86	128	Mahinder Singh Randhawa - Ruth Randhawa	20.72

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Return to Chennai - Octet

Mark Horton

For the first session of the quarterfinals, we follow the fortunes of Monica Jajoo v Mavericks and Nest Inn v Shri Radhey.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ KJ43	♠ A76	♠ 1092
♥ 85432	♥ K97	♥ QJ6
♦ 5	♦ 7632	♦ Q1094
♣ 983	♣ Q72	♣ AJ5

	♠ Q85	
	♥ A10	
	♦ AKJ8	
	♣ K1064	

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Monica Jajoo v Mavericks

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Anklesaria	Roy	Maskara	Nandi
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			



Rimstedt

West led the ♥3 for the jack and ace and declarer continued with a club for the eight, queen and ace, East switching to the ♦10. Declarer won with the ♦A and ran the ♥10, East winning and returning the ♦4. Declarer put in the ♦8, West discarding a heart, played a spade to the ace, and cashed the ♥K, fatally discarding the ♣4. He continued with a diamond to the jack, cashed the minor suit king and exited with the ♣10 hoping to score the ♠Q, but East won and played a spade, West taking the last two tricks with the ♠K and ♥8, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
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Pass	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♠3 and declarer won with the ♠Q, cashed the ♦K and played a club for the nine, queen and ace, East returning the ♠10. Declarer took dummy's ♠A, played a diamond to the jack, cashed the ♦A and exited with a spade. West won and cashed the ♠K, but East was in trouble and parted with the ♣5. Declarer won the heart exit, went back to dummy with a heart and played a club, +630 and 10 IMPs for Mavericks.

Nest Inn v Shri Radhey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sarkar	Kannan	Lal	Majeed
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	INT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

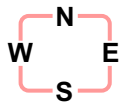
East led the ♠10 and continued with the ♠9, declarer taking the third round of the suit and playing a diamond to the jack. He then cashed the ♦A and played a club for the queen and ace, East exiting with the ♦Q. Declarer won, played a heart to the king and a club to the ten, +600.

Alas there is no play record from the Closed Room, but after the lead of the ♥3 the same contract was two down, -200, costing 13 IMPs.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 8742	♠ KQ	♠ 965
♥ J1075	♥ 942	♥ AK63
♦ 85	♦ 7632	♦ A94
♣ J106	♣ Q872	♣ 943

♠ AJ103	♠ 965
♥ Q8	♥ AK63
♦ KQJ10	♦ A94
♣ AK5	♣ 943



Nest Inn v Shri Radhey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sarkar	Kannan	Lal	Majeed
—	—	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♠8 and having won with dummy's ♠Q declarer played the ♦2. When that slipped by East's ♦A there were nine tricks, +400.

Closed Room

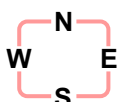
West	North	East	South
Krishnan	Roy	Bijoor	Mullick
—	—	1♣	Dble
Pass	1♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♥5 and the defenders took the first five tricks, -50 and 10 IMPs to **Nest Inn**.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ Q6	♠ 85	♠ K732
♥ AKQJ752	♥ 98	♥ 103
♦ KJ6	♦ AQ10732	♦ 4
♣ 5	♣ 1072	♣ AQJ864

♠ AJ1094	♠ K732
♥ 64	♥ 103
♦ 985	♦ 4
♣ K93	♣ AQJ864



Nest Inn v Shri Radhey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sarkar	Kannan	Lal	Majeed
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	2♦	3♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

1♣ Strong

If you follow the principle of fast arrival, West's 4♥ would suggest a limited hand.

North led the ♠8 and South won with the ♠A and returned the ♠J. When declarer continued with a heart to the ten and a second heart he had missed an opportunity and went three down after taking the club finesse, -300.

Closed Room

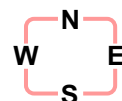
West	North	East	South
Krishnan	Roy	Bijoor	Mullick
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

North led the ♣2 and declarer took dummy's ♣A and played a diamond for the jack and queen, North exiting with the ♥9. Declarer won with the ♥Q, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club high and drew trumps for +620 and 14 IMPs to **Nest Inn**.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 74	♠ 63	♠ AKQJ52
♥ 10964	♥ KQ85	♥ 3
♦ 1054	♦ AQ83	♦ 976
♣ J862	♣ KQ5	♣ A74

♠ 1098	♠ 63
♥ AJ72	♥ KQ85
♦ KJ2	♦ AQ83
♣ 1093	♣ KQ5



Nest Inn v ShriRadhey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sarkar	Kannan	Lal	Majeed
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣*	1♠	Dble*
Pass	2♥	2♠	3♠*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

East led out his top spades, West discarding a club, and declarer ruffed the third round and cashed the ♥KQ, East discarding the ♠2 on the second round. A diamond to the king was followed by the ♣10, East taking the ♣A. If he plays a spade at this point declarer must go down, but when he exited with the ♣4 declarer had ten tricks, +420.

Having cashed one top heart, declarer must cross to dummy with a low heart, revealing the 4-1 split. He cashes three diamonds ending in dummy and then runs the ♣10.

If West discards a diamond on the third spade declare must play a top club, later finessing against the ♣J.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Krishnan	Roy	Bijoor	Mullick
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	INT	2♦*	3NT
All Pass			

2♦ One major

East was not hard pressed to take the first seven tricks, three down, -150 and another 11 IMPs for **Nest Inn**.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ Q6	♠ A82	♠ J3
♥ 109	♥ Q4	♥ AJ8652
♦ 6532	♦ AJ9	♦ Q104
♣ 108653	♣ KQJ72	♣ 94
	N E	
	♠ K109754	
	♥ K73	
	♦ K87	
	♣ A	

Nest Inn v Shri Radhey

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sarkar	Kannan	Lal	Majeed
—	—	2♥	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	All Pass		

West led the ♥10 and East took the ♥A, +480.

Closed Room

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

West led the ♦3 for the jack, queen and king and declarer unblocked the ♣A and played two rounds of spades ending in dummy, claiming 12 tricks, +980 and 11 badly needed IMPs to **Shri Radhey**.

I'll leave you to work out how declarer could have made an overtrick!

Mavericks took the session 19-15, the carry over giving **Monica Jajoo** the lead 21-19. **Nest Inn** had made a great start, leading 54-13.

For the second session we would be looking at the other quarterfinalists, Poland v Dhampur Sugar Mills and Team Tolani v Tornatae.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ QJ10986	♠ A754	♠ 32
♥ 7	♥ A3	♥ KQ10862
♦ A754	♦ J963	♦ Q
♣ J3	♣ AK8	♣ Q1094
	N E	
	♠ K	
	♥ J954	
	♦ K1082	
	♣ 7652	

Poland v Dhampur Sugar Mills

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Venkataraman	Janiszewski	Goel	Buras
—	—	—	Pass

2♠ 2NT All Pass

East led the ♥Q and declarer won with the ♥A and played the ♦J for the queen and king. He continued with diamonds and West took the third round and switched to the ♠6. Having won with the king, declarer came to hand with a club and played a heart and East took the ♥K and exited with a spade. Declarer ducked that, and when West played another spade East was squeezed for a tenth trick, +180.

Closed Room

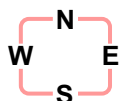
West	North	East	South
Gawel	Bapat	Marcinowski	Khare
—	—	—	Pass

3♠ 3NT All Pass

East led the ♥K and declarer won and played the ♦J for the queen and king. A diamond to the nine was followed by a heart and East won and switched to the ♠3. Having won in dummy declarer forced out the ♦A and when West continued with the ♠Q declarer (with a little help from the defence) collected an overtrick, East being endplayed to lead into the ♥J9 at the end, +630 and 10 IMPs to **Dhampur Sugar Mills**.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A	♠ QJ8743
♥ J854	♥ —
♦ J976	♦ Q85
♣ Q1064	♣ K953
♠ 1096	♠ K52
♥ AKQ92	♥ 10763
♦ K4	♦ A1032
♣ J82	♣ A7



Poland v Dhampur Sugar Mills

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Venkataraman	Janiszewski	Goel	Buras
—	—	2♠	Pass

3♠ All Pass

South led the ♥7 and declarer played four rounds of the suit discarding clubs. He ruffed North's club return and played a diamond to the king and a diamond, +140.

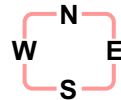
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Bapat	Marcinowski	Khare
—	—	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ♣A and continued with the ♣7 for the jack, queen and king and when declarer continued with a diamond he went up with the ♦A and exited with a spade, North winning and cashing the ♣10 for two down, -100 and 6 IMPs.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K2	♠ Q103
♥ Q532	♥ KJ1098
♦ K1072	♦ Q5
♣ Q85	♣ KJ10
♠ 98754	♠ AJ6
♥ 76	♥ A4
♦ AJ964	♦ 83
♣ 9	♣ A76432



Team Tolani v Tornatae

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gupta	Acharya	De Mel	Vaidya
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♣
Dble*	2♥*	Dble	3♣
All Pass			
2♥	Club support		

West led the ♥7 and declarer won with the ♥A and played two rounds of clubs, East taking dummy's ♣Q, cashing the ♣10 and exiting with the ♠3. When declarer put up the ♠A he had missed the chance to make, one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Jagannathan	Keni	Ramani	Semboiz
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♣
Pass	2♥*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
2♥	Club support		

West led the ♥7 and declarer won with the ♥A and played two rounds of clubs, East winning and continuing with the ♥K followed by the ♥9. That meant two down, -200 and 3 IMPs for **Team Tolani**.

Not the most exciting deal I hear you say. However, in the match between Mavericks and Monica Jajoo the final contract of 3NT was doubled and then redoubled (!) declarer finishing three down to lose -1600 along with 17 IMPs for **Mavericks**.

There had already been a -1100 on Board 15, EW playing in 4♠ doubled and that added another 14 IMPs to Mavericks total.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ AKQJ	♠ 963	♠ 84
♥ AJ9762	♥ Q104	♥ K853
♦ Q109	♦ A762	♦ 4
♣ —	♣ A84	♣ KJ9763
	N W E S	
	♠ 10752	
	♥ —	
	♦ KJ853	
	♣ Q1052	

Team Tolani v Tornatae

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Acharya</i>	<i>De Mel</i>	<i>Vaidya</i>
1♥	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♥*	Pass
6♥	All Pass		
2♠	Heartraise		
3♦	Shortage		
5♣	Exclusion Blackwood		
5♥	1 keycard		

North led the ♦A and that meant an unlucky one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jagannathan</i>	<i>Keni</i>	<i>Ramani</i>	<i>Santiago</i>
1♣*	Pass	1♦*	1NT*
2♥	3♥*	4♦*	Pass
4♥	4NT*	Dble	5♣
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		
4♦	Control		
4NT	Pick a minor		

East led the ♥K and declarer ruffed in dummy and ducked a spade, West continuing with three more spades, East discarding the ♣6 when declarer ruffed with the ♦7. Declarer cashed the top diamonds ending

in hand, East discarding the ♥3, and continued with the ♣A. West ruffed and played the ♥A forcing dummy to ruff. That meant four down, -800 and 13 IMPs to **Team Tolani**.

In our other match both sides stopped in 4♥.

Mavericks picked up 11 IMPs on this deal when they stopped in 4♥ and defeated 6♥ in the replay. Nest Inn did even better, defeating 6♥ in one room and making it doubled in the other when North led the ♣A which delivered 15 IMPs.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 76543	♠ J82	♠ AK
♥ Q842	♥ 105	♥ AKJ73
♦ A9	♦ J76	♦ KQ1043
♣ Q2	♣ J9853	♣ A
	N W E S	
	♠ Q109	
	♥ 96	
	♦ 852	
	♣ K10764	

Poland v Dhampur Sugar Mills

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Venkataraman</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Goel</i>	<i>Buras</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Pass
5NT	Pass	7♥	All Pass

There was nothing to the play, +1510.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gawel</i>	<i>Bapat</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Khare</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	7♥	All Pass
1♣	Strong		
4♣	Control		
4♦	Control		
4NT	RKCB		
5♣	1 keycard		

Ditto my song to flatten the board.

Team Tolani v Tornatae

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gupta</i>	<i>Acharya</i>	<i>De Mel</i>	<i>Vaidya</i>
Pass	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
6♥	Pass	7♥	All Pass

2♣	Strong
2♦	Waiting
2♥	Kokish
2♠	Forced
4♦	Hearts and Diamonds

Jumping to 4♦ removed a round of bidding, but all's well that ends well, +1510.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jagannathan</i>	<i>Keni</i>	<i>Ramani</i>	<i>Santiago</i>
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

1♣	Strong
1♦	0-8

That gave **Tornatae** 11 badly needed IMPs. **Dhampur Sugar Mills** took the session 28-6 to lead 56.67-43. **Team Tolani** won 36-17, extending their lead to 84-36.

For the third session of the quarter finals we were watching Poland v Dhampur Sugar Mills and Mavericks v Monica Jajoo.

On the opening deal North held ♠Q10 ♥98 ♦Q109753 ♣Q53. Janiszewski opened 3♦ but caught partner with ♠AKJ43 ♥Q10765 ♦Q ♣86. West held ♠9852 ♥AJ ♦2 ♣AKJ942 but did not double, declarer escaping for -150 and losing a couple of IMPs when 2♠ went two down in the other room.

On the next one NS had ♠1075 ♥AJ ♦AK6 ♣AKQ98 facing ♠KQ9642 ♥K6 ♦9732 ♣J. Everyone reached 6♠ and with West holding the singleton ♠J there was nothing to the play.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Poland v Dhampur Sugar Mills

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Venkataraman</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Goel</i>	<i>Buras</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2♣	Checkback		

North led the ♠2 and declarer won with dummy's ♠Q and played the ♥8 to the queen and a heart to the nine and jack, South returning the ♠6. When North ducked declarer's ♠K he could knock out the ♥A and had nine tricks, +600 and 12 IMPs for **Dhampur Sugar Mills**.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gawel</i>	<i>Tolani</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Desai</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North found the devastating lead of the ♣J and when it held he continued with the ♣9 and declarer was doomed. He finished two down, -200.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Poland v Dhampur Sugar Mills Open Room

West	North	East	South
Venkataraman	Janiszewski	Goel	Buras
—	Pass	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♥*
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♠
Dble	Pass	Pass	3♠*
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

- ♣ Polish Club
- ♦ Usually 0-7
- ♥ Could be 3♥

It looks like 3♠ was looking for a spade stopper. This unhappy contract was two down, -200.



Ami Zamir

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gawel</i>	<i>Tolani</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Desai</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	Pass	2NT*	Dble
3♠	4♣ All Pass		
2NT	Spade support		

That was +130 and 8 IMPs to **Dhampur Sugar Mills.**

Monica Jajoo v Mavericks Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Shaw</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Dey</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	Dble*	2NT*	4♥
All Pass			

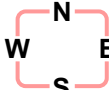
2NT Spade support
West led the ♠A and continued with the ♠9 for the ten, king and the ♦7. Declarer ruffed the next spade and played a heart to the jack and ace, East switching to the ♦6. Declarer won with the ♦A and cashed his hearts. That was two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nandi</i>	<i>Toledano</i>	<i>Roy</i>	<i>Zamir</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	1♠	Dble
3♠	Dble	All Pass	

There were five top losers, one down, -100 and 7 IMPs to **Mavericks**.

Board 6, Dealer East, E/W Vul.

♠ Q75	♠ A63	♠ K
♥ AQ	♥ 4	♥ K632
♦ AJ84	♦ KQ762	♦ 10953
♣ AK94	♣ Q1062	♣ J875
		
	♠ J109842	
	♥ J109875	
	♦ —	
	♣ 3	

Poland v Dhampur Sugar Mills Open Room

West	North	East	South
Venkataraman	Janiszewski	Goel	Buras
—	—	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	4♣*
Dble	Pass	Pass	Rdbl
Pass	4♦	Dble	Rdbl
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

3♣	Muppet Stayman
3♥	No major
4♣	Two suiter
Rdbl	Majors

It can be a good idea to bide your time with extreme distribution.

East led the ♣7 and West won with the ♣K and switched to the ♠5, declarer taking the ♠A, ruffing the ♦K and playing the ♥J. West taking the ♥A and playing two rounds of spades. Declarer could win and play hearts, two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Tolani	Marcinowski	Desai
—	—	Pass	2♠
3NT	Pass	Pass	4♥
Dble	4♠	Dble	All Pass

Here south went for the direct approach, showing both suits.

The play was identical, two down, -300.

Monica Jajoo v Mavericks

Open Room

West	North	East	South
O Rimstedt	Shaw	M Rimstedt	Dey
—	—	Pass	2♥
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♠3 and when dummy's ♠K held declarer ran the ♦10, North winning and playing two rounds of spades. Declarer won, cashed the ♦A and then played three rounds of clubs. North could win and cash the ♦K but declarer had the rest, +600.

A heart lead would have been more challenging.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nandi	Toledano	Roy	Zamir
—	—	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	3♥
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♥4 and declarer won with the ♥A and cashed the top clubs, South pitching the ♥9. Declarer cashed the ♦A seeing South discard another heart and exited with a club. North won and played three rounds of diamonds. The ♠A was the entry to cash the ♦7 for one down and 12 IMPs to **Mavericks**.



Sagnik Roy

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Poland v Dhampur Sugar Mills

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Venkataraman	Janiszewski	Goel	Buras
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	4♠	5♣	All Pass

South led the ♥K followed by the ♥A and switched to the ♠K. North had to score a heart for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Tolani	Marcinowski	Desai
—	Pass	Pass	1♠
Dble	3♠	4♥	All Pass

South led the ♠K and declarer ruffed and played the ♥10, South winning and switching to the ♣6. Declarer won with dummy's ♣Q, ruffed a spade and played another heart, +620 and 12 IMPs to **Poland**.

Monica Jajoo v Mavericks

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Shaw</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Dey</i>
—	Pass	Pass	INT
Pass	2♥*	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

2♥ Transfer

West led the ♥9, declarer winning with the ♥K and playing spades. West took the second round and exited with a spade, declarer winning and exiting with a club. West won with the ♣9 and played a second heart and declarer could get rid of a losing diamond for +140.

Perhaps East should have overtaken the ♣9 and switched to the ♦K.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nandi</i>	<i>Toledano</i>	<i>Roy</i>	<i>Zamir</i>
—	2♠	Dble	4♠
Dble	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♠*	Pass	6♣	Dble
All Pass			

That was two down, -500 and 8 more IMPs for **Mavericks**.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 1072		♠ J85
♥ K753		♥ A8642
♦ Q109		♦ J87
♣ J63		♣ 107
♠ AKQ9643	W	
♥ 109	N	
♦ K52	E	
♣ 9	S	
♠ —		
♥ QJ		
♦ A643		
♣ AKQ8542		

Poland v Dhampur Sugar Mills

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Venkataraman</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Goel</i>	<i>Buras</i>
1♠	Pass	INT*	2♣
3♠	Pass	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

Do you think North had enough to bid 5♣ over 3NT? Declarer played West for the ♦K, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Gawel</i>	<i>Tolani</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Desai</i>
1♠	Pass	INT	3♣
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♠	All Pass

East did well to bid 5♠.

North led the ♣3 and South won with the ♣K and cashed the ♦A before playing the ♣Q. Declarer ruffed high and played a heart to the ace and a heart and that meant he was tw down, -100 but 2 IMPs for **Poland**.

Monica Jajoo v Mavericks

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>O Rimstedt</i>	<i>Shaw</i>	<i>M Rimstedt</i>	<i>Dey</i>
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♠	Dble
All Pass			

North led the ♠2 and declarer won and ran the ♥9, South winning and cashing the minor suit aces for one down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nandi</i>	<i>Toledano</i>	<i>Roy</i>	<i>Zamir</i>
1♠	Pass	INT*	Dble
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led the ♥3 and had declarer ducked he would have had every chance of making. However, he took the ♥A in dummy and returned a heart, South winning and playing two rounds of clubs. Declarer ruffed, went to dummy with the ♠J, ruffed a heart high and played the ♦2, one down, -50 and two IMPs for **Mavericks**.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 107	♠ Q954	♠ AKJ3
♥ AQJ32	♥ K65	♥ 9
♦ —	♦ QJ976	♦ AK10842
♣ Q107652	♣ 8	♣ 93
	N W S E	
	♠ 862	
	♥ 10874	
	♦ 53	
	♣ AKJ4	

Poland v Dhampur Sugar Mills

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Venkataraman	Janiszewski	Goel	Buras
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2♣	Fourth suit forcing		

North led the ♦Q and declarer won with dummy's ♦A and played the ♣9, South winning with the ♣K and switching to the ♥10 for the jack and king. North tried exiting with the ♠Q and declarer won with dummy's ♠A and played a club, South taking the ♣A and exiting with the ♠6. Declarer won with the ♠10 and played the ♥A followed by the ♥Q, the ♣Q and a heart, but South could win and cash a club for one down, -50.

Having won a trick with the ♠A, declarer needs to duck a diamond. North wins and exits with a spade and declarer must win in dummy cash the ♦A and then the ♠K. South, down to ♥874 ♣AJ4 is squeezed. Declarer keeps three cards in whichever suit South discards from and plays a club.

Wouldn't that be something!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Tolani	Marcinowski	Desai
—	—	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♥6 for the nine, ten and queen and declarer tried the ♣2, South winning with the ♣J and returning the ♥8. When that held he continued with the ♥7. Had put up the ♥A at this point he would have made 3NT but when he tried the ♥J he had no further chance and finished two down, -200 to lose 2 IMPs.

Mavericks won the session 40-8 to lead 106-50. Poland lost 18-26 to leave **Dhampur Sugar Mills** ahead 61-82.67.

With one session remaining the only close match was Poland v Dhampur Sugar Mills, and we will focus on that.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ K	♠ Q76	♠ AJ983
♥ A986432	♥ KJ	♥ Q75
♦ AK105	♦ 7643	♦ 982
♣ A	♣ 10975	♣ 63
	N W S E	
	♠ 10542	
	♥ 10	
	♦ QJ	
	♣ KQJ842	

Poland v Dhampur Sugar Mills

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Desai	Janiszewski	Tolani	Buras
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	3♣
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

On this layout declarer was always taking 12 tricks, +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Bapat	Marcinowski	Goel
—	—	—	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Dble
6♥	All Pass		
1♣	Polish Club		
4NT	RKCB		
5♣	1 keycard		

North led the ♣9 and declarer won, unblocked the ♠K and played the ♥9, North winning and returning the ♣5. Declarer ruffed, went to dummy with the ♥Q, cashed the ♠A pitching a diamond and ruffed a spade. When the ♠Q appeared he could claim, the ♥7 being the entry to cash the ♠J9. That was +980 and 11 IMPs for **Poland**.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

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

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Desai	Janiszewski	Tolani	Buras
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

2♣ Transfer

North led the ♣Q and declarer won, played a heart to the ten and a heart to the ace, South following with the six and two. When North switched to the ♦2 South's ruff ensured one down, -50.

It was a perfect hand for those who use a peter in the trump suit to indicate the possibility of scoring a ruff.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Bapat	Marcinowski	Goel
—	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

1♣ Polish Club

North led the ♣Q and declarer won and played the ♥K. North took the ♥A and switched to the ♠5, South taking the ♠A and returning the ♣4. Declarer won in dummy, unblocked the ♥10, came to hand with the ♠Q and drew trumps, +420 and 10 IMPs to **Poland**.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

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

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Desai	Janiszewski	Tolani	Buras
—	—	1♠	Pass
3♠	5♦	All Pass	

East led the ♠A, cashed the ♥A and continued with the ♥6, declarer winning with dummy's ♥K and continuing with the ♥10, ruffed by the ♦Q and overruffed. Declarer had to lose a diamond and a club for two down, -200.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Bapat	Marcinowski	Goel
—	—	1♠	Pass
3♥	5♦	Dble	All Pass

He first two tricks were identical, but then declarer cashed the ♠K pitching the ♣Q and played a club for the jack and king. East exited with the ♠J and declarer had to lose two trump tricks for three down, -800 and another 12 IMPs to **Poland**.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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♠ 5 4 3 2	♠ 5 4 3 2
♥ Q 5 3 2	♥ Q 5 3 2
♦ 4 3	♦ 4 3
♣ 4 3 2	♣ 4 3 2

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Desai	Janiszewski	Tolani	Buras
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♠	Dble*	3♠
5♣	All Pass		

That was +640.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Bapat	Marcinowski	Goel
—	—	—	Pass
1♣	1♠	Dble*	3♠
6♣	Pass	7♣	All Pass

If partner can jump to 6♣ when you have this East hand then raising to 7♣ is likely to be the right thing to do. It was here, to the tune of +2140 and 17 IMPs to **Poland**. They had run off 50 IMPs over the first five deals and led 111-82.67.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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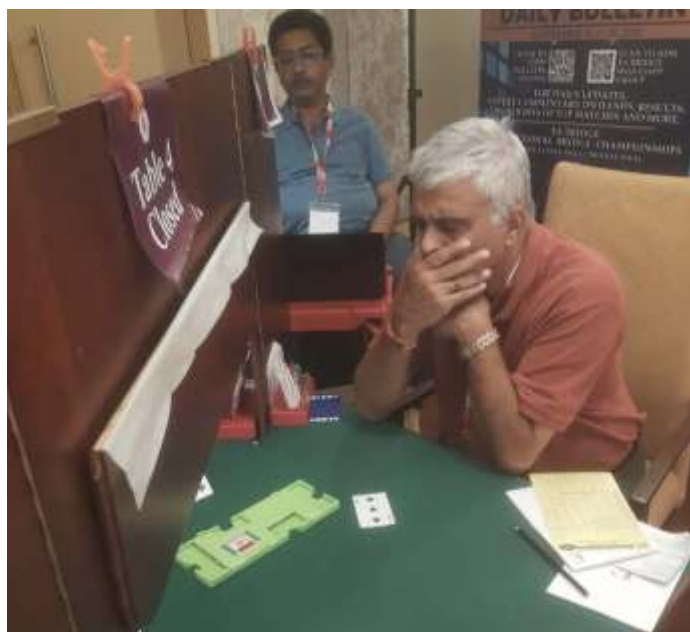
Open Room

West	North	East	South
Desai	Janiszewski	Tolani	Buras
Pass	Pass	1♥	1♠
2NT	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led the ♠A and switched to the ♥8 for the king and ace.

If declarer draws trumps and continues to play hearts South will come under pressure although reading the position will not be easy.

However, declarer played the ♠10 immediately and South won and exited with the ♥7. Declarer won and played the ♦3 and when South went up with the ♦A he had handed over the tenth trick, +620.



Vinay Desai

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Bapat	Marcinowski	Goel
Pass	Pass	4♥	Dble
All Pass			

South led the ♠K, then played the ♦A followed by the ♣A. Declarer ruffed, played a diamond to the queen and ran the ♣Q pitching the ♠10. He then played a heart to the ace, ruffed the ♦10, ruffed a spade and played the ♥Q, +790, adding 5 IMPs to **Poland's** total. Having cashed the ♠K, the winning defence is to take a second spade and then switch to a heart.

Things quietened down after that, **Poland** going on to win the session 71-7 to take their place in the semifinals.

Justin Lall Play Award

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Source: IBPA

Justin Mill is one of Australia's finest talents. His partner, Rodrigo Garcia da Rosa of Uruguay, is one of Argentina's best players. People who know the two young stars have been excited to see what they can produce as a partnership. Take this board, where Justin found a beautiful line of play in the quarter-finals of the 2023 National Open Teams in Australia.

Board 41. Dealer North. East-West vulnerable.

♠ Q T 9 6 5 A ♦ K 4 2 ♣ A 9 6 5			
♠ J 7 3 9 8 ♦ Q J T 9 8 3 ♣ 3 2			
♠ A K 8 4 2 K J T 5 2 ♦ A 5 ♣ 7			
♠ ? Q 7 6 4 3 ♦ 7 6 ♣ K Q J T 8 4			
West	North	East	South
Butts	Mill	Courtney	Garcia da Rosa
	1 ♠	4 ♣	4NT ¹
Pass	5 ♠ ²	Pass	5NT ³
Pass	6 ♦ ⁴	Pass	6 ⁵
Pass	7 ♠	All Pass	

1. RKCB for spades.
2. Two keycards and the queen of spades.
3. Confirming all keycards.
4. King of diamonds, denying the king of hearts.
5. Last train.

Lead: king of clubs. Justin and Rodrigo brushed aside Michael Courtney's preempt to breeze into the grand slam. The contract was excellent. Trumps breaking 2-1 would allow declarer to draw trumps and claim on a crossruff. Three trumps in East would allow declarer to draw trumps and establish the 13th trick in hearts. Hence, Justin played a small trump towards dummy's ace.

East's club discard posed a problem for declarer. Had East held seven clubs – which looked a near-certainty

on the auction – declarer would have been unable to trump a club low on the table without being overruffed. Hearts 4-3 would still provide the thirteen trick, so Justin turned his attention to that suit. A heart to the ace was followed by a diamond to the ace. The heart king was cashed for a club discard, but West's club discard on the third round of hearts showed that this suit would not break either.

Justin trumped the heart low and took stock. East was now marked to be 0=5=2=6. Joan Butts' spade jack would prevent a full crossruff, so Justin set about pruning East's idle cards for an exquisite ending.

The diamond king was cashed before declarer trumped his third diamond on the table. Justin now finessed the spade ten to reach the following ending:

♠ Q 9 ? ♦ — ♣ 9 6			
♠ J ? ♦ Q J T ♣ ?			
♠ K 8 J T ♦ — ♣ ?			
♠ ? Q 7 ♦ — ♣ Q J			

When declarer continued with the spade queen from hand, East was caught in declarer's entry shifting squeeze. A heart discard would allow declarer to overtake the spade with dummy's king, a heart would be trumped to fell East's queen, and dummy could be reached with a club ruff to cash the good heart for trick 13. A club discard fared no better. Declarer could duck the spade in dummy, remaining in hand to trump East's last club. Now a heart ruff to hand allowed declarer to win trick 13 with that precious club.

"Ah, an over-under squeeze," mused Michael. "That's what they used to call this in 1935." With opponents failing to reach grand slam at the other table, Justin's one-in-a-million play was rewarded with +1510 and 11 IMPs.

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

Time in Hours	Activity
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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Time in Hours	Activity
GOLD & SILVER TEAMS – Finals (4x14 boards) & Play-Off (3x14 Boards)	
0900 – 1100	Session 1
1115 – 1315	Session 2
1315 – 1400	Lunch Break
1400 – 1600	Session 3
1615 – 1815	Session 4
SWISS TEAMS FINAL - IMP SCORING (7 rounds of 8 boards each)	
0930 – 1345	Session 1
1345 – 1430	Lunch Break
1430 – 1800	Session 2
SWISS PAIRS - MATCHPOINT SCORING (2 sessions of 20/22 boards each)	
1000 – 1300	Session 1
1300 – 1400	Lunch Break
1400 – 1700	Session 2
MIXED PAIRS (2 sessions of 20/22 boards each)	
1030 – 1330	Session 1
1330 – 1430	Lunch Break
1430 – 1730	Session 2

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		