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**Ms Kavita Singhania**, MD of Express Infrastructure Pvt Ltd, inaugurated the event by handing over the bridge board to CTD Mr Sudhir Aggarwal. Mr Narayan Iyer was also present.

## EA Bridge International Kicks Off with Global Participation

The inaugural **EA Bridge International** opened with remarkable enthusiasm, drawing over **500 participants** from across the globe. With **46 Gold teams** and **50 Silver teams**, the event is already proving to be a vibrant celebration of competitive bridge.

Players have joined from **Sweden, Israel, Poland, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, USA, Thailand, and Argentina**, showcasing the truly international spirit of the tournament.

### Tournament Format

The competition features **10 rounds of Swiss League play** in both Gold and Silver categories. Following the league stage, the **top 16 teams in each category** will advance to the **Pre-Quarterfinal Knockouts**.

The event was formally inaugurated by **Ms. Kavita Singhania (chief sponsor)**, followed with the first **five rounds** of action across both categories.

From the Desk of  
Chief Tournament Director

1. Mobile phone must be in switched off mode if kept in pocket or bag. A mobile kept on the table can be in silent mode.
2. In Silver Teams two National Masters can't play as partners.
3. Captain's meet for the 16 Qualified Team for Gold and Silver will be held at 19.30 hours in the Closed Room.
4. Deadline for giving your entry for Open MP Pairs or IMP Pairs is 8.00 PM on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025. Kindly note that you can only play one of these two events.
5. From Pre-QF Knockouts, 2 copies of System Cards in WBF format are must at the table.

### Highlights So Far

- **Gold Category:** *Team Monica Jajoo* has taken the early lead with **80.58 VPs**, followed closely by *Team Magnum* on **74.91 VPs**. With several strong contenders still in play, upcoming rounds promise intense and thrilling battles.
- **Silver Category:** *Team NAGPUR VI* surged into the lead with a commanding **86.51 VPs**, ahead of *KKR Bridge Lovers* on **71.02 VPs**.

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For Live Results

**Gold Teams** [www.bfi.net.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/eagoldteams](http://www.bfi.net.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/eagoldteams)

**Silver Teams** [www.bfi.net.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/easilverteams/](http://www.bfi.net.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/easilverteams/)

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# EA BRIDGE GOLD TEAM ROSTER

| S.No | Team Name           | Players                                                                                                                       |
|------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Adventure           | Bhabesh Saha, Navneet Swaika, Alok Daga, Satyabrata Mukherjee, Prasun Kumar Mukhopadhyay, Pinaki Prasad Khan                  |
| 2    | (AD)IRA             | Subhransu Patnaik, Sanjay Kumar Sondhi, Ramaratnam Venkatesh, Ayan Mondal                                                     |
| 3    | Arun Jain           | Shambhu Nath Ghosh, R Sridharan, Vijay R Phatarphekar, Biswajit Poddar                                                        |
| 4    | Aquarius            | Milind S Bhadbhade, Nitin Shah, C P Deshpande, Shirish Karkarey, Prakash G Hegde, Ranga Khadloya                              |
| 5    | Bold Play           | Ajit Saldanha, Satyabrata Lahiri, S K Iyengar, K Srinivas, R Sreekrishnan, N Rajmohan                                         |
| 6    | Bisibele            | Ramamoorthy V N, Raj Kumar Kanoi, P T Ramjee, Dinkar N Sirsi, S Vasantha, Satyavathi Vasantha                                 |
| 7    | Bangur Cement       | Soumadeep Ghosh, Debasish Ray, Somesh Bhayyacharya, Arya Chakraborty, Shouvik Das, Suman Sengupta                             |
| 8    | Carpe diem          | Kavita Ajmira, Subir Majumdar, Partho Sarathi Mukherjee, Sapan Desai, Debabrata Majumder                                      |
| 9    | Dass Bridge         | Prakash Gupta, Tirthankar Sengupta, Tapas Das, Chanchal Dass                                                                  |
| 10   | Deepadhaar          | Deepa Jacob, Ramkrishna Majumder, Prosenjit Manna, Babhrubahan Bose, Bhaskar Sarkar                                           |
| 11   | Dhampur Sugar Mills | Ashok Kumar Goel, K R Venkataraman, Vinay Desai, Raju Tolani, Ajay P Khare, Arun M Bapat                                      |
| 12   | EISK                | Pijus Kanti Baroi, Gopinath Manna, Alope Kumar Sadhu, Rajendra Sirohia, Soumya Das, Mithun Mukherjee                          |
| 13   | EA Bridge           | Kavita Shingania, Koushik Mukherjee, Priya Ranjan Sinha, Badal Das, Shibnath De Sarkar, Pranab Bardhan                        |
| 14   | Formidables         | Kiran Nadar, Bachiraju Satyanarayana, Rajeshwar Tewari, Sumit Mukherjee, Kaustubh Bendre, Sayantan Kushari                    |
| 15   | Gupta's             | AS Gupta, V Krishnan, Sushil Narang, Raman Girdhardas, T Sankar                                                               |
| 16   | Hemant Jalan        | Hemant K Jalan, Ashis Malhotra, Kamal Krishna Mukherjee, Hema Deora, Rana Roy, Abhijit Chakraborty                            |
| 17   | InSpace             | N Periasamy, B Seenivasagan, Sukumaran Rajeev, Sahirudeen                                                                     |
| 18   | Indian Chain        | N K Chitlangia, Sujit Kumar Bhattacharjee, Mrinal Kanti Mukherjee, Sowmik Das, Samir Basak, Shankar Acharya                   |
| 19   | Jareja              | Jitendra J Solani, Rajesh A Dalal, Janak Shah, Jayendu Shantilal Patel                                                        |
| 20   | Juthika             | Amitava Mukherjee, Krishna Das Chakraborty, Swetadri Saha, Kingshuk Bhattacharya, Rajendra Ray, Amar Kumar Bose               |
| 21   | Kosmos              | Rajesh K Jain, Ambrish Wadera, Devi Muthu Bhatnagar, T C Pant, Anukul Mandal                                                  |
| 22   | KS' Five            | Keshav Sakharan Samant, R G Bhiwandkar, Subhash A Dhakras, Ram Avatar Agrawal, Gautam Biswas                                  |
| 23   | Lake My Love        | Paban Agarwal, Kalindi Mewar, Hasibul Hasan, Atanu Ganguly, Raghunath P Tripathi                                              |
| 24   | Monica Jajoo        | Monica Jajoo, Sukamal Das, Binod Kumar Shaw, Sagnik Roy, Kaustabh Nandi, Sanjit Dey                                           |
| 25   | Magnum              | Subhash Gupta, Puja Batra, Sandeep Thakral, Jaggy B Shivdasani, Vikrant Mehta, Animesh Raj                                    |
| 26   | MohMaya             | Moyhina Chouhan, Ranjan Bhattacharya, Tapan Kumar Roy, Pradyut Bhattacharjee, Wrik Chakraborty, Swarnasish Chatterjee         |
| 27   | Magic Eyes Thailand | Esther C Sophonpanich, Panjaroon Jariyanuntanaet, Wanna Amornmeswarintara, Virat Chinmanas, Peeracha Suriya, Jaturong Sasibut |
| 28   | Mavericks           | Subodh Maskara, Keyzad Anklesaria, Ola Rimstedt, Mikael Rimstedt, Oren Toledano, Ami Zamir                                    |
| 29   | Mix N Match         | Anu Jalan, Indranath Chatterjee, Sandeep Dang, Debi Prasad Acharya, Bhaskar Kumar Ganguly, Sanjib Bhattacharjee               |
| 30   | Nest Inn            | R Kannan, N Niranjana, V Ramkumar, Afshar Majeed                                                                              |
| 31   | Overttrix           | Prakash Easwaran, M D Rao, Bindia Naidoo, V Sridhar                                                                           |
| 32   | Poland              | Wojciech Gawel, Przemyslaw Janiszewski, Buras Krzysztof, Piotr Marcinowski                                                    |
| 33   | Raghuramans         | S Raghuraman, S Sankaran, Viswanathan B, Soumendra B Chakraborty, Guru Shankar Sundaram, K Vivek                              |
| 34   | Shree Cement        | Ravi Goenka, Ajay Kumar Bagadia, Vibhas Todi, Joyjit Sensarma, Hemant Lall, Maneesh Bahuguna                                  |
| 35   | Shri Radhey         | Vinay Mohan Lal, Avijit Sarkar, Pranab Roy, Joyrup Mullick, Sandip Datta, Pritam Das                                          |
| 36   | Symphony            | Rupa Bakeri, Subhajit Choudhury, Souvik Kar, Pradip Dey, Surajit Bar                                                          |
| 37   | Samadhan            | Ravi Raman, Ivan Alphonso, Mahesh Rohera, Rahul Shetty, Sandeep N Karmarkar, Marianne Karmarkar                               |
| 38   | Suicide Squad       | R Anbazhagan, Sarika Mittal, Biswadip Roy, Swapan Some, Sekhar K Bandopadhyay, Gourab Banerjee                                |
| 39   | Sri Jagannath       | R K Pradhan, J Pratihari, D N Lenka, Biren Mitra Behera, Sankarsan Behera, I Khan                                             |
| 40   | TVS Mobility        | Srinath Rajam, Nirmal Kumar Jain, P Sudhakar Rao, Prashanth Kandulakunta, R N Subramaniam, Srinivas Kachibhatla               |
| 41   | Texan Aces          | G Venkatesh, Anil P Padhye, S Sunderram, Padmanabhan Sridharan, Arvind Srinivasan, Vijay Devadass                             |
| 42   | Team Tolani         | Arvind Vaidya, Shubham Acharya, Mukund Jagannathan, Rajesh Somani, Anant Vikram Somani, TV Ramani                             |
| 43   | Tornatae            | Prasad V Keni, Ashantha De Mel, N R Kirubakaramoorthy, Santiago, Uttam Swarup Gupta, A. Sridhar                               |
| 44   | Yarboro             | Sambuddha Deb, Sanat Kumar Saha, S Vijayraghavan, Uma Rajesh, Asit Baran Chakraborty, Sourendra Coomer Dutt                   |
| 45   | Zenith              | Nikita Kamal, Vasanti Shah, Arun Kumar Sinha, K K Sabherwal                                                                   |
| 46   | Zhara Team          | Dmitry Rogov Maxim Semisochenko, Andrey Gromov, Anna Gulevich, Alexandr Dubinin, Evgeny Rudakov                               |

# EA BRIDGE SILVER TEAM ROSTER

| S.No | Team Name          | Players                                                                                                                  |
|------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Alumni             | S Lakshmanan, R Shankar, V Subbarao, S Kannan, B R Chandran, R Jayakumar                                                 |
| 2    | Alfa Zero          | N Sudhakar Babu, Suresh Jutur, P Varalakshmi, Srinivasan A, Rajendran Ramesh, Subramanian Karuppannan                    |
| 3    | Athena             | Nirav Patel, D V V Ravi, Subramaniam Srivatsan, Suresh Senapaty, H. Anjaneya Swamy, Ashok Girdhar                        |
| 4    | Aviraj             | S S Gavandi, Shrikant B Bendre, Rajendra V Mekal, Avinash Kelkar, Dr Avinash Prabhakar Deshmukh, Bharat R Paranjpe       |
| 5    | Autumn Sonata      | Saila Ranjan Das, S M Patnaik, Surendra Nath Kar, Sankar Narayan Ghosh, Saswata Ballav, Jishu Banerjee                   |
| 6    | Adventure          | Hemant Purkar, Chandrashekhar V Kekre, K S R V Challam, Shriram Anant Karve, Manisha Anand Jamenis, Aditi Sahastrabuddhe |
| 7    | Alchemy            | Kalpana Gurjar, Vidhya Patel, M J R Vasudevan, M Vasanth Pai                                                             |
| 8    | Brahmos            | Vasanth Manickam, K Kalyana Sundaram, C N Anand, Vasanthi Vasudev, Robin Dsouza                                          |
| 9    | Bads Six           | AK Guha, Saurav Sil, Bidyut Goswami, Biplab Dawn, Ananda Roy, Suman Routh                                                |
| 10   | Cross Border       | Sulochana Reddy, V R Seshadri, Mahinder Randhawa, Ruth Randhawa                                                          |
| 11   | Chefs Table        | Meenu Dugal, Anindra Kumar Sarkar, Tanmoy Majumder, Amitava Ghosh, Sanjib Ganguly, Santanu Chakraborty                   |
| 12   | COSMO Coimbatore   | V Ramesh, Ardhendu Sen, S Thiru Venkatesalu, R S Muthuswami                                                              |
| 13   | Double             | Ajit Mahadar, Bindumadhav V Sahasrabudhe, Adhiyaman Z, Z Agilan                                                          |
| 14   | Dr Mohan Rao       | V Mohan Rao, Pandu Chedalavada, P S Premasagar, Bhimarao M                                                               |
| 15   | Dilip Atha IV      | Rana Chakraborty, Dilip Atha, Kajal Chandra Das, Sumit Bhowmik, Swapan Sardar, Sumit Saha                                |
| 16   | Ekdalia            | Prasanta Saha, Prabir Kumar Paul, Sudipta Adhikary, Rajib Roy, Ashis Pan                                                 |
| 17   | ECL Bridge Lovers  | Ranjit Ghosh, Bidyut Maji, Chandan Chowdhury, Sanjay Raha, Amal Kumar Gune                                               |
| 18   | Fathe Maidan Club, | T Devendranath, K Nageswara Rao, K Divakara Reddy, B Ramamohan Rao, Prabhat Kumar Gupta, Talluri Nageswara Rao           |
| 19   | Gladiators         | Tarun Singhal, Anurag Pandey, Rakesh Chandra Sharma, Umesh Kumar Singh                                                   |
| 20   | Goal Getters       | Arnab Ghosh, Gourav Biswas, Kalyan Kumar Roy, Pulak Panji, Prithviraj Ghosh                                              |
| 21   | Hyderabad Blue     | R P Narain, Akhauri Prabhat Kumar, D Sudhanand, R Chandramohan                                                           |
| 22   | ITRC Friends       | Rajan Manikath, Kannan S, S Sriram, Sridhar M, Dinesh Babu S, Murkuri Tharuniah                                          |
| 23   | Jackals            | Ratna Tadepalli, Sadhana Gupta, Subhrajit Mukhopadhyay, Harjeet Singh Nanda, S Kailasam, V G Gowrishankar                |
| 24   | Kings and Queens   | Maya Iyer, P V Jaishankar, Sumitra Viswanath, Viswanath Venkateswaran, Skandan K, R Chandra Sekhar                       |
| 25   | KKK Bridge Lovers  | Suvankar Basu, Sudip Pandit, Goutam Pore, Ramprosad Das, Animesh Majumder, Saptarshi Chanda                              |
| 26   | Knives             | Jacob Cherian, P P Sabu, Shaju V Mathew, Mathew Chandy                                                                   |
| 27   | Ladies First       | Haripriya Bapuji, Jennifer Ann, K Santhalakshmi, Anita Koshy, Raksha Mehta, Nalini Balachander                           |
| 28   | Lankan Bridge      | Rex Perera, Enaksha Perera, Deepak Ramnani, K P Baskaran                                                                 |
| 29   | Lake My Love too   | Suren Mewar, Anirban Mitra, Aniruddh Ghosh, Bapi Das, Asim Mukherjee, Subhasish Sarkar                                   |
| 30   | Linking Bridge     | Rathindra Nath Kundu, Prosenjit Roy Sarkar, Sandip Gharai, Souvik Saha, Prabir Thakur, R. Srihar                         |
| 31   | Mind Crusaders     | Sayantan Konar, Sanjib Majumdar, Sisir Kumar Banerjee, Pratap Banerjee, Pradip Mondal, Sanjoy Kundu                      |
| 32   | Nagpur VI          | Arun J Puranik, Sameer Roy, Shailendra Chhajer, Mahesh Mor, M M Lule, Anil Mohota                                        |
| 33   | Pragmatic          | Ajit B Chakradeo, Dilip P Gosavi, Jenish Shah, Milind Panandikar                                                         |
| 34   | PRIN               | P Narayan Iyer, Rajesh Kumar Shah, Naresh Mehta, Poornachandra Valada                                                    |
| 35   | Racers             | Prithvi Raj, P K Bandhu, R Mohan, G Mohan Kumar                                                                          |
| 36   | Ranjan             | Saswata Bhattacharya, Ranjan Banerjee, Pranay Majumder, Manas Kumar Das                                                  |
| 37   | RCBC               | Pradeep R Rath, Subhadra P Rath, Neela C Deshpande, Kishore Sidhwani, Neelam Aggarwal                                    |
| 38   | Slams Squad        | Hemanth Krishna Singh, Pooja Anand Chhabria, Sundar K, Pooja Jalan, Amulya Rao Atluri, Kavita Saiprasad                  |
| 39   | Star               | C K madheswaran, M Elumalai, S Srinivasan, Sundararaman R V                                                              |
| 40   | Super Lucky        | Kunal Jaiswal, Sujata Puranik Rakhra, Suraj Sonti, Gurudev Shyamsundar                                                   |
| 41   | Savvy Acers        | Subashish Gope, Ranjan Bose, Bipul Kumar Roy, Sanjay Banerjee, S R Dutta, Bholanath Ghosh                                |
| 42   | Sarlabibers        | Rajeev Khandelwal, Himani Khandelwal, Vijay Deshpande, Vrinda Jhunjunwala, V Ravindran                                   |
| 43   | Takers             | Robins Jacob, Mohan Nair, Nirmal Raja, Sundaram S V                                                                      |
| 44   | The Squad          | Savleen Thadani, Rahul Khambete, Sailaja Tahiliani, Pradip Ghosh, Mrs Kamna Sharma, Abhijit Pal                          |
| 45   | Team David         | Pabitra Majumdar, Mithun Biswas, Sumathi Iyer, K Subramaniam, Varghese George, Mathew Chandy                             |
| 46   | Tarams             | Ramesh Srinivas, Sundar Shekar Polavaram, Kumar Venkataraman, Pradeep Deshpande, Sampath Srinivasan                      |
| 47   | Team Kabra         | Kamal Kabra, Indranil Chakraborty, Abhirup Ghosh, Arnab Basu Roy, Tamal Dasgupta, Pallab Roy                             |
| 48   | Trecers            | Srikar Palem, K Balakrishnan, Sajiv K Menon, Sagar Bhuia, Jibak Tewari                                                   |
| 49   | Unity              | Rinku Singh, Ekta Chadha, Pankaj Chaudhary, Naveen Kumar, Pintu Sao, S M Moin                                            |
| 50   | Usha Kiran         | Ajay Kumar Singh, Ashok Kumar, Birendra Kumar, Nag Bhusan Rao                                                            |

# Ea Bridge Gold Teams Result (Swiss League)

## Round 1

| Table | Home Team           | Away Team           | Home | Away | Home  | Away  |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 1     | Formidables         | Zenith              | 55   | 16   | 19.10 | 0.90  |
| 2     | Kosmos              | EA Bridge           | 14   | 27   | 5.72  | 14.28 |
| 3     | Jareja              | Mavericks           | 8    | 19   | 6.28  | 13.72 |
| 4     | (Ad)Ira             | Dhampur Sugar Mills | 2    | 26   | 3.22  | 16.78 |
| 5     | Samadhan            | Aquarius            | 30   | 22   | 12.83 | 7.17  |
| 6     | Tvs Mobility        | Bisibele            | 19   | 24   | 8.15  | 11.85 |
| 7     | Bold Play           | Magnum              | 2    | 30   | 2.49  | 17.51 |
| 8     | Overttrix           | Arun Jain           | 0    | 48   | 0.00  | 20.00 |
| 9     | Tornatae            | Texan Aces          | 11   | 15   | 8.50  | 11.50 |
| 10    | Yarboro             | Mix N Match         | 15   | 9    | 12.18 | 7.82  |
| 11    | Nest Inn            | Raghuramans         | 56   | 12   | 19.66 | 0.34  |
| 12    | Gupta'S             | Inspace             | 15   | 27   | 6.00  | 14.00 |
| 13    | Hemant Jalan        | Shree Cement        | 9    | 5    | 11.50 | 8.50  |
| 14    | Mohmaya             | Suicide Squad       | 12   | 42   | 2.16  | 17.84 |
| 15    | Adventure           | Indian Chain        | 33   | 33   | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 16    | Eisk                | Carpe Diem          | 10   | 9    | 10.39 | 9.61  |
| 17    | Shri Radhey         | Juthika             | 51   | 0    | 20.00 | 0.00  |
| 18    | Lake My Love        | Bangur Cement       | 15   | 3    | 14.00 | 6.00  |
| 19    | Symphony            | Monica Jajoo        | 7    | 17   | 6.57  | 13.43 |
| 20    | Deepadhaar          | Dassbridge          | 48   | 22   | 17.16 | 2.84  |
| 21    | Sri Jagannath       | ZHARA               | 19   | 24   | 8.15  | 11.85 |
| 22    | Ks Five             | Team Tolani         | 16   | 1    | 14.80 | 5.20  |
| 23    | Magic Eyes Thailand | Poland              | 11   | 6    | 11.85 | 8.15  |

## Round 2

| Table | Home Team           | Away Team           | Home | Away | Home  | Away  |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 1     | Arun Jain           | Shri Radhey         | 12   | 30   | 4.48  | 15.52 |
| 2     | Nest Inn            | Formidables         | 21   | 15   | 12.18 | 7.82  |
| 3     | Suicide Squad       | Magnum              | 17   | 26   | 6.86  | 13.14 |
| 4     | Deepadhaar          | Dhampur Sugar Mills | 17   | 36   | 4.25  | 15.75 |
| 5     | Ks Five             | EA Bridge           | 6    | 20   | 5.46  | 14.54 |
| 6     | Inspace             | Lake My Love        | 32   | 5    | 17.34 | 2.66  |
| 7     | Mavericks           | Monica Jajoo        | 7    | 19   | 6.00  | 14.00 |
| 8     | Samadhan            | Yarboro             | 1    | 41   | 0.78  | 19.22 |
| 9     | Bisibele            | ZHARA               | 3    | 32   | 1.85  | 17.16 |
| 10    | Magic Eyes Thailand | Texan Aces          | 6    | 38   | 1.85  | 18.15 |
| 11    | Hemant Jalan        | Eisk                | 5    | 23   | 4.48  | 15.52 |
| 12    | Adventure           | Carpe Diem          | 23   | 27   | 8.50  | 11.50 |
| 13    | Indian Chain        | Tornatae            | 17   | 18   | 9.61  | 10.39 |
| 14    | Shree Cement        | Tvs Mobility        | 26   | 10   | 15.05 | 4.95  |
| 15    | Sri Jagannath       | Poland              | 1    | 19   | 4.48  | 15.52 |
| 16    | Mix N Match         | Aquarius            | 23   | 32   | 6.86  | 13.14 |
| 17    | Symphony            | Jareja              | 16   | 22   | 7.82  | 12.18 |
| 18    | Gupta'S             | Bangur Cement       | 11   | 17   | 7.82  | 12.18 |
| 19    | Kosmos              | Team Tolani         | 14   | 34   | 4.03  | 15.97 |
| 20    | (Ad)Ira             | Dassbridge          | 32   | 27   | 11.85 | 8.15  |
| 21    | Bold Play           | Mohmaya             | 46   | 0    | 19.86 | 0.14  |
| 22    | Zenith              | Raghuramans         | 40   | 0    | 19.22 | 0.78  |
| 23    | Overttrix           | Juthika             | 17   | 27   | 6.57  | 13.43 |

## Round 3

| Table | Home Team           | Away Team           | Home | Away | Home  | Away  |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 1     | Shri Radhey         | Dhampur Sugar Mills | 28   | 24   | 11.5  | 8.5   |
| 2     | Nest Inn            | Yarboro             | 1    | 36   | 1.42  | 18.58 |
| 3     | Inspace             | Magnum              | 0    | 37   | 1.16  | 18.84 |
| 4     | Texan Aces          | ZHARA               | 32   | 10   | 16.39 | 3.61  |
| 5     | EA Bridge           | Monica Jajoo        | 28   | 59   | 2     | 18    |
| 6     | Formidables         | Eisk                | 20   | 49   | 2.32  | 17.68 |
| 7     | Suicide Squad       | Arun Jain           | 3    | 44   | 0.67  | 19.33 |
| 8     | Poland              | Shree Cement        | 29   | 5    | 16.78 | 3.22  |
| 9     | Bold Play           | Deepadhaar          | 21   | 25   | 8.5   | 11.5  |
| 10    | Team Tolani         | Carpe Diem          | 31   | 2    | 17.68 | 2.32  |
| 11    | Aquarius            | Ks Five             | 47   | 5    | 19.44 | 0.56  |
| 12    | Zenith              | Mavericks           | 0    | 72   | 0     | 20    |
| 13    | Indian Chain        | Jareja              | 43   | 18   | 16.97 | 3.03  |
| 14    | Tornatae            | Adventure           | 18   | 30   | 6     | 14    |
| 15    | Bangur Cement       | Hemant Jalan        | 9    | 38   | 2.32  | 17.68 |
| 16    | Lake My Love        | (Ad)Ira             | 51   | 8    | 19.55 | 0.45  |
| 17    | Mix N Match         | Symphony            | 60   | 25   | 18.58 | 1.42  |
| 18    | Gupta'S             | Bisibele            | 20   | 37   | 4.71  | 15.29 |
| 19    | Magic Eyes Thailand | Samadhan            | 29   | 26   | 11.14 | 8.86  |
| 20    | Juthika             | Tvs Mobility        | 7    | 44   | 1.16  | 18.84 |
| 21    | Sri Jagannath       | Dassbridge          | 38   | 23   | 14.8  | 5.2   |
| 22    | Kosmos              | Overttrix           | 11   | 24   | 5.72  | 14.28 |
| 23    | Mohmaya             | Raghuramans         | 18   | 23   | 8.15  | 11.85 |

## Round 4

| Table | Home Team           | Away Team           | Home | Away | Home  | Away  |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 1     | Yarboro             | Magnum              | 5    | 8    | 8.86  | 11.14 |
| 2     | Shri Radhey         | Texan Aces          | 14   | 33   | 4.25  | 15.75 |
| 3     | Monica Jajoo        | Arun Jain           | 45   | 24   | 16.18 | 3.82  |
| 4     | Eisk                | Dhampur Sugar Mills | 12   | 32   | 4.03  | 15.97 |
| 5     | Poland              | Aquarius            | 21   | 6    | 14.8  | 5.2   |
| 6     | Mavericks           | Team Tolani         | 44   | 24   | 15.97 | 4.03  |
| 7     | Indian Chain        | Lake My Love        | 19   | 16   | 11.14 | 8.86  |
| 8     | Hemant Jalan        | Mix N Match         | 19   | 20   | 9.61  | 10.39 |
| 9     | Nest Inn            | Deepadhaar          | 36   | 36   | 10    | 10    |
| 10    | ZHARA               | Inspace             | 18   | 26   | 7.17  | 12.83 |
| 11    | Adventure           | Tvs Mobility        | 8    | 8    | 10    | 10    |
| 12    | Bold Play           | EA Bridge           | 12   | 10   | 10.77 | 9.23  |
| 13    | Formidables         | Bisibele            | 28   | 8    | 15.97 | 4.03  |
| 14    | Sri Jagannath       | Shree Cement        | 20   | 49   | 2.32  | 17.68 |
| 15    | Suicide Squad       | Tornatae            | 12   | 29   | 4.71  | 15.29 |
| 16    | Magic Eyes Thailand | Carpe Diem          | 3    | 16   | 5.72  | 14.28 |
| 17    | Samadhan            | Jareja              | 16   | 25   | 6.86  | 13.14 |
| 18    | Overttrix           | Ks Five             | 6    | 27   | 3.82  | 16.18 |
| 19    | Bangur Cement       | Zenith              | 30   | 30   | 10    | 10    |
| 20    | Gupta'S             | Dassbridge          | 15   | 44   | 2.32  | 17.68 |
| 21    | Symphony            | (Ad)Ira             | 15   | 10   | 11.85 | 8.15  |
| 22    | Kosmos              | Raghuramans         | 31   | 24   | 12.51 | 7.49  |
| 23    | Juthika             | Mohmaya             | 2    | 35   | 1.7   | 18.3  |

## Round 5

| Table | Home Team           | Away Team           | Home | Away | Home  | Away  |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 1     | Texan Aces          | Monica Jajoo        | 7    | 45   | 1.03  | 18.97 |
| 2     | Magnum              | Dhampur Sugar Mills | 34   | 21   | 14.28 | 5.72  |
| 3     | Yarboro             | Mavericks           | 14   | 36   | 3.61  | 16.39 |
| 4     | Poland              | Shri Radhey         | 52   | 12   | 19.22 | 0.78  |
| 5     | Indian Chain        | Arun Jain           | 22   | 32   | 6.57  | 13.43 |
| 6     | Eisk                | Inspace             | 26   | 19   | 12.51 | 7.49  |
| 7     | Formidables         | Lake My Love        | 20   | 26   | 7.82  | 12.18 |
| 8     | Aquarius            | Shree Cement        | 4    | 35   | 2     | 18    |
| 9     | Mix N Match         | Nest Inn            | 21   | 49   | 2.49  | 17.51 |
| 10    | Hemant Jalan        | Deepadhaar          | 67   | 7    | 20    | 0     |
| 11    | Team Tolani         | Adventure           | 11   | 27   | 4.95  | 15.05 |
| 12    | Tvs Mobility        | Bold Play           | 11   | 51   | 0.78  | 19.22 |
| 13    | Tornatae            | EA Bridge           | 45   | 15   | 17.84 | 2.16  |
| 14    | ZHARA               | Carpe Diem          | 16   | 36   | 4.03  | 15.97 |
| 15    | Ks Five             | Jareja              | 42   | 12   | 17.84 | 2.16  |
| 16    | Dassbridge          | Bisibele            | 9    | 49   | 0.78  | 19.22 |
| 17    | Magic Eyes Thailand | Bangur Cement       | 37   | 24   | 14.28 | 5.72  |
| 18    | Zenith              | Suicide Squad       | 37   | 25   | 14    | 6     |
| 19    | Sri Jagannath       | Samadhan            | 30   | 22   | 12.83 | 7.17  |
| 20    | Mohmaya             | Kosmos              | 19   | 28   | 6.86  | 13.14 |
| 21    | Symphony            | Overttrix           | 32   | 18   | 14.54 | 5.46  |
| 22    | (Ad)Ira             | Gupta'S             | 43   | 36   | 12.51 | 7.49  |
| 23    | Raghuramans         | Juthika             | 18   | 30   | 6     | 14    |



# Ea Bridge Silver Teams Result (Swiss League)

## Round 1

| Table | Home Team           | Away Team         | Home | Away | Home  | Away  |
|-------|---------------------|-------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 1     | The Squad           | Tarams            | 22   | 20   | 10.77 | 9.23  |
| 2     | Gladiators          | Trecers           | 14   | 21   | 7.49  | 12.51 |
| 3     | Pragmatic           | Aviraj            | 45   | 8    | 18.84 | 1.16  |
| 4     | RCBC                | Sarlafibers       | 14   | 13   | 10.39 | 9.61  |
| 5     | Nagpur Vi           | Fathe Maidan Club | 15   | 14   | 10.39 | 9.61  |
| 6     | Dr Mohan Rao        | Hyderabad Blue    | 13   | 43   | 2.16  | 17.84 |
| 7     | Adventure           | Jackals           | 16   | 16   | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 8     | Super Lucky         | Double            | 44   | 18   | 17.16 | 2.84  |
| 9     | Alchemy             | Racers            | 49   | 10   | 19.10 | 0.90  |
| 10    | Alumni              | Star              | 47   | 9    | 18.97 | 1.03  |
| 11    | Brahmos             | Itrc Friends      | 12   | 24   | 6.00  | 14.00 |
| 12    | Prin                | Ladies First      | 10   | 19   | 6.86  | 13.14 |
| 13    | Athena              | Alfa Zero         | 8    | 51   | 0.45  | 19.55 |
| 14    | Team David          | Kings And Queens  | 26   | 26   | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 15    | Slams Squad         | Cosmo Coimbatore  | 19   | 14   | 11.85 | 8.15  |
| 16    | Knives              | Takers            | 13   | 25   | 6.00  | 14.00 |
| 17    | ECL Bridge Lovers   | Mind Crusaders    | 19   | 19   | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 18    | Dilip Atha Iv       | Ranjan            | 23   | 30   | 7.49  | 12.51 |
| 19    | Lake My Love Too    | Bads Six          | 40   | 26   | 14.54 | 5.46  |
| 20    | K K K Bridge Lovers | Savvy Acers       | 37   | 8    | 17.68 | 2.32  |
| 21    | Goal Getters        | Team Kabra        | 8    | 47   | 0.90  | 19.10 |
| 22    | Ekdalia             | Chefs Table       | 0    | 0    | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 23    | Linking Bridge      | Autumn Sonata     | 22   | 21   | 10.39 | 9.61  |
| 24    | Usha Kiran          | Unity             | 16   | 58   | 0.56  | 19.44 |
| 25    | Cross Border        | Lankan Bridge     | 30   | 19   | 13.72 | 6.28  |

## Round 2

| Table | Home Team         | Away Team           | Home | Away | Home  | Away  |
|-------|-------------------|---------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 1     | Alfa Zero         | Unity               | 17   | 14   | 11.14 | 8.86  |
| 2     | Alchemy           | Team Kabra          | 26   | 12   | 14.54 | 5.46  |
| 3     | Alumni            | Pragmatic           | 24   | 33   | 6.86  | 13.14 |
| 4     | Hyderabad Blue    | K K K Bridge Lovers | 19   | 7    | 14.00 | 6.00  |
| 5     | Super Lucky       | Lake My Love Too    | 31   | 25   | 12.18 | 7.82  |
| 6     | Itrc Friends      | Takers              | 9    | 9    | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 7     | Cross Border      | Ladies First        | 26   | 2    | 16.78 | 3.22  |
| 8     | Trecers           | Ranjan              | 13   | 9    | 11.50 | 8.50  |
| 9     | Slams Squad       | The Squad           | 29   | 28   | 10.39 | 9.61  |
| 10    | RCBC              | Nagpur Vi           | 3    | 37   | 1.56  | 18.44 |
| 11    | Linking Bridge    | Adventure           | 21   | 3    | 15.52 | 4.48  |
| 12    | Jackals           | Team David          | 24   | 16   | 12.83 | 7.17  |
| 13    | Kings And Queens  | ECL Bridge Lovers   | 12   | 38   | 2.84  | 17.16 |
| 14    | Mind Crusaders    | Ekdalia             | 33   | 21   | 14.00 | 6.00  |
| 15    | Chefs Table       | Sarlafibers         | 49   | 10   | 19.10 | 0.90  |
| 16    | Fathe Maidan Club | Autumn Sonata       | 28   | 19   | 13.14 | 6.86  |
| 17    | Tarams            | Cosmo Coimbatore    | 36   | 15   | 16.18 | 3.82  |
| 18    | Gladiators        | Dilip Atha Iv       | 19   | 23   | 8.50  | 11.50 |
| 19    | Prin              | Lankan Bridge       | 9    | 36   | 2.66  | 17.34 |
| 20    | Brahmos           | Knives              | 15   | 42   | 2.66  | 17.34 |
| 21    | Bads Six          | Double              | 26   | 16   | 13.43 | 6.57  |
| 22    | Savvy Acers       | Dr Mohan Rao        | 33   | 12   | 16.18 | 3.82  |
| 23    | Aviraj            | Star                | 37   | 7    | 17.84 | 2.16  |
| 24    | Racers            | Goal Getters        | 36   | 23   | 14.28 | 5.72  |
| 25    | Usha Kiran        | Athena              | 16   | 8    | 12.83 | 7.17  |

## Round 3

| Table | Home Team           | Away Team         | Home | Away | Home  | Away  |
|-------|---------------------|-------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 1     | Alchemy             | Pragmatic         | 6    | 34   | 2.49  | 17.51 |
| 2     | Hyderabad Blue      | Alfa Zero         | 13   | 27   | 5.46  | 14.54 |
| 3     | Cross Border        | Super Lucky       | 1    | 29   | 2.49  | 17.51 |
| 4     | Chefs Table         | Nagpur Vi         | 0    | 50   | 0.00  | 20.00 |
| 5     | Unity               | ECL Bridge Lovers | 12   | 30   | 4.48  | 15.52 |
| 6     | Linking Bridge      | Alumni            | 9    | 16   | 7.49  | 12.51 |
| 7     | Tarams              | Team Kabra        | 8    | 3    | 11.85 | 8.15  |
| 8     | Trecers             | Itrc Friends      | 12   | 34   | 3.61  | 16.39 |
| 9     | Takers              | Mind Crusaders    | 4    | 28   | 3.22  | 16.78 |
| 10    | K K K Bridge Lovers | Lankan Bridge     | 21   | 4    | 15.29 | 4.71  |
| 11    | Knives              | Jackals           | 16   | 10   | 12.18 | 7.82  |
| 12    | Fathe Maidan Club   | Lake My Love Too  | 11   | 15   | 8.50  | 11.50 |
| 13    | Slams Squad         | Ranjan            | 8    | 8    | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 14    | The Squad           | Aviraj            | 7    | 40   | 1.70  | 18.30 |
| 15    | Dilip Atha Iv       | Bads Six          | 10   | 11   | 9.61  | 10.39 |
| 16    | Savvy Acers         | Team David        | 5    | 32   | 2.66  | 17.34 |
| 17    | Autumn Sonata       | Ladies First      | 7    | 7    | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 18    | Ekdalia             | Gladiators        | 6    | 26   | 4.03  | 15.97 |
| 19    | Racers              | Adventure         | 2    | 18   | 4.95  | 15.05 |
| 20    | Usha Kiran          | Kings And Queens  | 17   | 0    | 15.29 | 4.71  |
| 21    | Cosmo Coimbatore    | RCBC              | 7    | 46   | 0.90  | 19.10 |
| 22    | Sarlafibers         | Prin              | 12   | 9    | 11.14 | 8.86  |
| 23    | Double              | Brahmos           | 36   | 12   | 16.78 | 3.22  |
| 24    | Athena              | Goal Getters      | 27   | 15   | 14.00 | 6.00  |
| 25    | Dr Mohan Rao        | Star              | 48   | 1    | 19.96 | 0.04  |

## Round 4

| Table | Home Team         | Away Team           | Home | Away | Home  | Away  |
|-------|-------------------|---------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 1     | Pragmatic         | Nagpur Vi           | 22   | 57   | 1.42  | 18.58 |
| 2     | Super Lucky       | Alfa Zero           | 13   | 27   | 5.46  | 14.54 |
| 3     | ECL Bridge Lovers | Itrc Friends        | 38   | 4    | 18.44 | 1.56  |
| 4     | Mind Crusaders    | K K K Bridge Lovers | 12   | 20   | 7.17  | 12.83 |
| 5     | Alumni            | Aviraj              | 24   | 17   | 12.51 | 7.49  |
| 6     | Hyderabad Blue    | Tarams              | 43   | 0    | 19.55 | 0.45  |
| 7     | Alchemy           | Knives              | 7    | 20   | 5.72  | 14.28 |
| 8     | Team David        | Lake My Love Too    | 23   | 31   | 7.17  | 12.83 |
| 9     | Linking Bridge    | Cross Border        | 38   | 0    | 18.97 | 1.03  |
| 10    | Unity             | Team Kabra          | 9    | 17   | 7.17  | 12.83 |
| 11    | Slams Squad       | Gladiators          | 6    | 20   | 5.46  | 14.54 |
| 12    | Fathe Maidan Club | RCBC                | 34   | 3    | 18.00 | 2.00  |
| 13    | Ranjan            | Jackals             | 32   | 27   | 11.85 | 8.15  |
| 14    | Adventure         | Bads Six            | 24   | 7    | 15.29 | 4.71  |
| 15    | Chefs Table       | Usha Kiran          | 29   | 20   | 13.14 | 6.86  |
| 16    | Dilip Atha Iv     | Lankan Bridge       | 45   | 20   | 16.97 | 3.03  |
| 17    | Trecers           | Takers              | 42   | 23   | 15.75 | 4.25  |
| 18    | Autumn Sonata     | Double              | 5    | 17   | 6.00  | 14.00 |
| 19    | Ladies First      | Dr Mohan Rao        | 19   | 27   | 7.17  | 12.83 |
| 20    | The Squad         | Sarlafibers         | 41   | 21   | 15.97 | 4.03  |
| 21    | Athena            | Savvy Acers         | 7    | 30   | 3.41  | 16.59 |
| 22    | Racers            | Ekdalia             | 3    | 37   | 1.56  | 18.44 |
| 23    | Prin              | Kings And Queens    | 36   | 19   | 15.29 | 4.71  |
| 24    | Cosmo Coimbatore  | Goal Getters        | 12   | 21   | 6.86  | 13.14 |
| 25    | Brahmos           | Star                | 18   | 28   | 6.57  | 13.43 |

## Round 5

| Table | Home Team         | Away Team         | Home | Away | Home  | Away  |
|-------|-------------------|-------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 1     | Nagpur Vi         | ECL Bridge Lovers | 50   | 11   | 19.10 | 0.90  |
| 2     | Alfa Zero         | Linking Bridge    | 13   | 32   | 4.25  | 15.75 |
| 3     | Hyderabad Blue    | Super Lucky       | 9    | 15   | 7.82  | 12.18 |
| 4     | KKK Bridge Lovers | Pragmatic         | 51   | 11   | 19.22 | 0.78  |
| 5     | Alumni            | Knives            | 27   | 1    | 17.16 | 2.84  |
| 6     | Mind Crusaders    | Fathe Maidan Club | 22   | 6    | 15.05 | 4.95  |
| 7     | Lake My Love Too  | Gladiators        | 30   | 15   | 14.80 | 5.20  |
| 8     | Dilip Atha Iv     | Team Kabra        | 44   | 0    | 19.66 | 0.34  |
| 9     | Adventure         | Aviraj            | 21   | 27   | 7.82  | 12.18 |
| 10    | Trecers           | Chefs Table       | 29   | 11   | 15.52 | 4.48  |
| 11    | Ranjan            | Itrc Friends      | 26   | 19   | 12.51 | 7.49  |
| 12    | Alchemy           | Team David        | 12   | 17   | 8.15  | 11.85 |
| 13    | Double            | Unity             | 13   | 42   | 2.32  | 17.68 |
| 14    | Jackals           | Dr Mohan Rao      | 35   | 17   | 15.52 | 4.48  |
| 15    | Ekdalia           | The Squad         | 21   | 29   | 7.17  | 12.83 |
| 16    | Savvy Acers       | Tarams            | 15   | 26   | 6.28  | 13.72 |
| 17    | Slams Squad       | Usha Kiran        | 24   | 14   | 13.43 | 6.57  |
| 18    | RCBC              | Cross Border      | 19   | 50   | 2.00  | 18.00 |
| 19    | Bads Six          | Prin              | 54   | 10   | 19.66 | 0.34  |
| 20    | Ladies First      | Takers            | 21   | 45   | 3.22  | 16.78 |
| 21    | Autumn Sonata     | Lankan Bridge     | 40   | 23   | 15.29 | 4.71  |
| 22    | Goal Getters      | Sarlafibers       | 15   | 40   | 3.03  | 16.97 |
| 23    | Athena            | Kings And Queens  | 9    | 39   | 2.16  | 17.84 |
| 24    | Racers            | Brahmos           | 14   | 6    | 12.83 | 7.17  |
| 25    | Cosmo Coimbatore  | Star              | 20   | 24   | 8.50  | 11.50 |

# Return to Chennai

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My last visit to Chennai was for the 2015 World Bridge Championships. Since then, bridge in India has flourished and this new concept, Bridge in a Mall, is designed to bring the game to the attention of the public. In the opening round of the EA Bridge Gold Teams, Hemant Jalan met Shree Cement and Tornatae faced Texan Aces.

## Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

## Hemant Jalan v Shree Cement

### Open Room

| West       | North    | East        | South     |
|------------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Joyjit Sen | Rana Roy | Hemant Lall | Abhijit C |
| —          | —        | —           | 1♠        |
| 2♣         | 2♠       | Pass        | Pass      |
| 2NT        | Pass     | 3♦          | All Pass  |

South led the ♥K to dummy's ♥A and South took the round of trumps that followed and switched to the ♠2. When declarer put up dummy's ♠K it meant +110.

## Tornatae v Texan Aces

### Open Room

| West        | North    | East      | South     |
|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| S Sundarram | Uttam    | V Devedas | Ashanta D |
| —           | —        | —         | 1♠        |
| Dble        | 2♠       | 2NT*      | Pass      |
| 3NT         | All Pass |           |           |

\*2NT Lebensohl

Hoping to find some scattered values in partner's hand, West took a shot at game.

South led the ♠3 and when the ♠10 took the trick declarer continued with a spade to the jack, North taking the ♠A and exiting with the ♠7. When the clubs behaved declarer claimed, +600.

## Closed Room

| West | North       | East     | South    |
|------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Nrk  | G Venkatesh | Santiago | A Padhye |
| —    | —           | —        | 1♠       |
| 1NT  | 2♠          | Pass     | Pass     |
| 3♣   | Pass        | Pass     | Dble     |
| Pass | 3♠          | All Pass |          |

West cashed the ♣AK and then played the ♣Q (it's hardly obvious that switching to either red suit gets the defenders an extra trick) declarer overruffing East's ♠10 and playing a spade for the jack and ace. A heart for the nine, king and ace saw West cash the ♠K and exit with the ♠4, but declarer could win in dummy and play the ♥5 for the ten and queen. East had a heart to come for one down, -50 but it was 11 IMPs for **Texan Aces**.

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

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

## Tornatae v Texan Aces

### Open Room

| West        | North   | East       | South     |
|-------------|---------|------------|-----------|
| S Sundarram | Uttam G | V Devedass | Ashanta D |
| —           | —       | 1♥         | Pass      |
| 2♠*         | Pass    | 4♥         | All Pass  |

South led the ♥4 and declarer was not hard pressed to secure 11 tricks, +650.

## Closed Room

| West | North       | East     | South    |
|------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Nrk  | G Venkatesh | Santiago | A Padhye |
| —    | —           | 1♥       | Pass     |
| 2♥   | Dble        | Rdbl     | 3♣       |
| 4♥   | 5♣          | Pass     | Pass     |
| Dble | All Pass    |          |          |



West led the  $\diamond 6$  and declarer took dummy's  $\diamond A$  and played a club to the ace, East discarding the  $\spadesuit 4$ . Declarer ran the  $\clubsuit 7$  and exited with the  $\diamond J$ , East winning as West pitched the  $\spadesuit 9$ . East returned the  $\diamond 9$  for West to ruff, and the spade return gave East three tricks in the suit. However, South could ruff the diamond continuation high and play a club to the ten, escaping for three down, -500 so 4 IMPs changed hands. Having won with the  $\diamond K$  East does best to cash three spades and then switch to a heart, West ruffing the next diamond and exiting with a heart ensuring another trump trick.

If declarer assumes clubs are 5-0 and leaves the suit alone eight tricks should be possible.

Were West to find an unlikely spade lead, East could play four rounds of the suit allowing West to discard the  $\diamond 6$ , after which four down would be possible.

It had been a quiet start, Hemant Jalan winning 9-5 IMPs, 11.5-8.5 VP, while Texan Aces won 15-8 IMPs, 12.51-7.49 VP.

In Round 2 of the EA Bridge Championships Gold Teams, we are following the matches between Nest Inn and Formidables and Arun Jain against Shri Radhey.

### Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

$\spadesuit$  K 9 4 2

$\heartsuit$  A Q J 9 8

$\diamond$  K Q

$\clubsuit$  Q 10

$\spadesuit$  J 10 6 5

$\heartsuit$  4 2

$\diamond$  9 5 3

$\clubsuit$  A J 9 2

$\spadesuit$  Q 8 3

$\heartsuit$  K 10 7 6 5

$\diamond$  A J

$\clubsuit$  7 5 4

$\spadesuit$  A 7

$\heartsuit$  3

$\diamond$  10 8 7 6 4 2

$\clubsuit$  K 8 6 3

### Nest Inn v Formidables

#### Open Room

| West          | North           | East           | South    |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------|
| Kaustabh B    | V Ramkumar      | Sayantana K    | Afshar M |
| —             | —               | —              | Pass     |
| Pass          | 1 $\clubsuit$ * | 1 $\heartsuit$ | Dble     |
| Pass          | 1NT             | Pass           | 2NT      |
| Pass          | 3NT             | All Pass       |          |
| 1 $\clubsuit$ | Strong          |                |          |
| 2NT           | Diamonds        |                |          |

East led the  $\heartsuit 6$  and declarer won with the  $\heartsuit 8$  and played the  $\diamond K$ , East taking the  $\diamond A$  and switching to the  $\spadesuit 3$ . Declarer won with the  $\heartsuit K$  and cashed the  $\diamond Q$ . When the  $\diamond J$  appeared the contract was safe, declarer finishing with 10 tricks, +430.

Given that West did not redouble, suggesting something useful in hearts East might have looked elsewhere for the opening lead. A spade would put the defenders ahead of the game, as declarer would never be able to access dummy's diamonds.

### Closed Room

| West       | North          | East     | South        |
|------------|----------------|----------|--------------|
| R Krishnan | Satya B        | Girish B | Kiran N      |
| —          | —              | —        | Pass         |
| Pass       | 1 $\heartsuit$ | Pass     | 1NT          |
| Pass       | 2 $\clubsuit$  | Pass     | 2 $\diamond$ |
| Pass       | 2NT            | Pass     | 3NT          |

All Pass

West led the  $\spadesuit 6$  and declarer took East's  $\spadesuit Q$  and played a heart for the eight and ten. East switched to the  $\clubsuit 7$  for the three, ace and ten and West continued with the  $\spadesuit J$ , declarer winning with dummy's  $\spadesuit K$  and playing the  $\heartsuit A$  followed by the  $\heartsuit Q$ . East won and exited with a club to dummy's queen, declarer cashing two hearts. On the second of these West parted with the  $\spadesuit 5$  and now declarer could exit with a diamond, win the diamond return and play the  $\spadesuit 4$  forcing West to win and surrender a trick to the  $\clubsuit K$ , one down, -50 and 10 IMPs for **Nest Inn**.

There was an almost identical swing in our other match, 3NT at both tables, but once played by North and once by South. The respective heart and spade leads led to an 11 IMP swing to **Shri Radhey**.

### Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

$\spadesuit$  Q 9 2

$\heartsuit$  K 8 6 2

$\diamond$  3

$\clubsuit$  8 7 6 5 2

$\spadesuit$  K 10 3

$\heartsuit$  Q 9 7

$\diamond$  Q 10 8 5

$\clubsuit$  A 10 9

$\spadesuit$  A J 8 6 5 4

$\heartsuit$  5

$\diamond$  A 6 4 2

$\clubsuit$  J 4

$\spadesuit$  7

$\heartsuit$  A J 10 4 3

$\diamond$  K J 9 7

$\clubsuit$  K Q 3

### Nest Inn v Formidables

#### Open Room

| West             | North       | East           | South    |
|------------------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| Kaustabh B       | V Ramkumar  | Sayantana K    | Afshar M |
| —                | Pass        | 1 $\spadesuit$ | Dble     |
| 2 $\heartsuit$ * | Pass        | 4 $\spadesuit$ | All Pass |
| 2 $\heartsuit$   | Spade raise |                |          |

South led the  $\clubsuit K$  to dummy's  $\clubsuit A$ , won the club return and switched to the  $\heartsuit A$  followed by the  $\heartsuit J$ . Declarer ruffed, got the spades right and recorded +620 to lose 5 IMPs.

**Closed Room**

| West       | North   | East     | South   |
|------------|---------|----------|---------|
| R Krishnan | Satya B | Girish B | Kiran N |
| —          | Pass    | 1♠       | Dble    |
| Rdbl       | 2♣      | Pass     | 2♥      |
| 2♠         | 4♥      | Pass     | Pass    |
| 4♠         | Dble    | All Pass |         |

South led the ♣K and declarer won with dummy's ♣A, cashed the ♠A and played a spade to the jack. That led to +790.

**Arun Jain v Shri Radhey****Open Room**

| West     | North       | East    | South     |
|----------|-------------|---------|-----------|
| Avijit S | Biswajit P  | V M Lal | Shambhu G |
| —        | Pass        | 1♠      | Dble      |
| 2♥*      | Dble        | 3♠      | Pass      |
| 4♠       | All Pass    |         |           |
| 2♥       | Spade raise |         |           |

South led the ♥A and switched to the ♣K, declarer taking dummy's ♣A, cashing the ♠K and continuing with the ♠3. If we are to believe the play record when North followed with the ♠9 declarer contributed the ♠5 and that meant one down, -100.

**Closed Room**

| West        | North       | East           | South    |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| R Sridharan | Pritam D    | V Phatarphekar | Sandip D |
| —           | Pass        | 1♠             | 2♥       |
| 3♥*         | 4♥          | 4♠             | All Pass |
| 3♥          | Spade raise |                |          |

South led the ♠7 and declarer won with the ♠J, drew trumps ending in hand and played the ♣J for the king and ace. South took the next club and switched to the ♥A followed by the ♥J. declarer covered it with dummy's ♥Q, ruffed when North produced the ♥K. Two rounds of diamonds saw South take the ♦K, +620 and 12 IMPs for **Arun Jain**.

**Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.**

|         |           |         |
|---------|-----------|---------|
| ♠ AQ9   | ♠ 853     | ♠ 10762 |
| ♥ AKQ6  | ♥ 97432   | ♥ J108  |
| ♦ 64    | ♦ K10973  | ♦ AQJ5  |
| ♣ Q1042 | ♣ —       | ♣ 96    |
|         | ♠ KJ4     |         |
|         | ♥ 5       |         |
|         | ♦ 82      |         |
|         | ♣ AKJ8753 |         |

**Arun Jain v Shri Radhey****Open Room**

| West     | North      | East    | South     |
|----------|------------|---------|-----------|
| Avijit S | Biswajit P | V M Lal | Shambhu G |
| —        | —          | —       | 1♣        |
| INT      | Pass       | Pass    | 2♣        |
| Pass     | Pass       | Dble    | Pass      |
| Pass     | 2♦         | Dble    | All Pass  |

When East led the ♣4 declarer escaped for only four down, -1100.

After a major suit lead West will be able to play a diamond and two rounds of the suit will leave declarer looking at five down, -1400.

**Closed Room**

| West        | North    | East           | South    |
|-------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| R Sridharan | Pritam D | V Phatarphekar | Sandip D |
| —           | —        | —              | 1♣       |
| INT         | Pass     | 2♣*            | Dble     |
| 2♥          | All Pass |                |          |
| 2♣          | Stayman  |                |          |

Declarer took nine tricks, but that meant 14 IMPs for **Shri Radhey**.

**Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.**

|          |            |        |
|----------|------------|--------|
| ♠ 84     | ♠ K76      | ♠ Q952 |
| ♥ 9873   | ♥ —        | ♥ KQJ6 |
| ♦ 92     | ♦ AK108763 | ♦ QJ5  |
| ♣ KQ1032 | ♣ A85      | ♣ 97   |
|          | ♠ AJ103    |        |
|          | ♥ A10542   |        |
|          | ♦ 4        |        |
|          | ♣ J64      |        |

**Nest Inn v Formidables****Open Room**

| West       | North      | East       | South    |
|------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Kaustabh B | V Ramkumar | Sayantan B | Afshar M |
| —          | Pass       | 1♦*        | 1♥       |
| 3♥*        | 4♥         | Dble       | Pass     |
| 4♠*        | Pass       | 5♦         | Pass     |
| 6♦         | All Pass   |            |          |
| 3♥         | Splinter   |            |          |
| 4♠         | Control    |            |          |

West ignored the warning note of possible wasted values sounded by East's double of 4♥.



However, when South led the ♠A declarer had an easy route to 12 tricks via the ruffing heart finesse, +920. North would have done better to bid 4♣ over 3♥, a fit non jump that would have ensured a fatal club lead against a possible diamond slam.

#### Closed Room

| West       | North    | East     | South   |
|------------|----------|----------|---------|
| R Krishnan | Satya B  | Girish B | Kiran N |
| —          | Pass     | 1♦*      | 1♥      |
| 2♥*        | 3♥       | Pass     | Pass    |
| 6♦         | All Pass |          |         |

Here North could have chosen between 3♣ and 4♣. West spurned the scientific approach of continuing with 4♥ in favour of a more direct approach in the style of a Landy Slam Try (you bid a slam and then you try to make it).

When South led the ♠A there was no swing.

Nest Inn won 21-15, 12.18-7.82 VP while Shri Radhey outscored Arun Jain 30-12, 15.52-4.48 VP.

In Round 3 EA Bridge met Monica Jajoo, while Texan Aces faced Zhara. The former was full of drama so we will concentrate on that.

#### Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

|           |          |         |
|-----------|----------|---------|
| ♠ 74      | ♠ Q52    | ♠ 109   |
| ♥ AJ10852 | ♥ 743    | ♥ KQ96  |
| ♦ K54     | ♦ A9876  | ♦ 1032  |
| ♣ K7      | ♣ Q8     | ♣ A1032 |
|           | ♠ AKJ863 |         |
|           | ♥ —      |         |
|           | ♦ QJ     |         |
|           | ♣ J9654  |         |

#### EA Bridge v Monica Jajoo Open Room

| West    | North       | East     | South       |
|---------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| K Nandi | K Mukherjee | S Roy    | K Singhania |
| —       | Pass        | Pass     | 1♠          |
| 2♥      | 2♠          | 4♥       | 4♠          |
| Pass    | Pass        | 5♥       | Pass        |
| Pass    | Dble        | All Pass |             |

North led the ♠2 and South cashed the ♠AK before switching to the ♦Q for two down, -300.

#### Closed Room

| West      | North    | East  | South |
|-----------|----------|-------|-------|
| P Bardhan | B Shaw   | B Das | S Dey |
| —         | Pass     | Pass  | 4♠    |
| Pass      | Pass     | Dble  | Pass  |
| 5♥        | 5♠       | Pass  | Pass  |
| Dble      | All Pass |       |       |

West led the ♥A and declarer ruffed and exited with the ♣4, West taking the ♣K and returning the ♥2. Declarer ruffed and played a club for the queen and ace, ruffed the heart return, ran the ♦J, cashed the ♠A, ruffed a club high in dummy and drew trumps, for +850 and 11 IMPs to **Monica Jajoo**.

#### Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| ♠ 852     | ♠ QJ73 |
| ♥ AKQ874  | ♥ 953  |
| ♦ J       | ♦ A432 |
| ♣ Q97     | ♣ KJ   |
| ♠ A10964  |        |
| ♥ 62      |        |
| ♦ K6      |        |
| ♣ 10842   |        |
| ♠ K       |        |
| ♥ J10     |        |
| ♦ Q109875 |        |
| ♣ A653    |        |

#### EA Bridge v Monica Jajoo Open Room

| West    | North       | East     | South       |
|---------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| K Nandi | K Mukherjee | S Roy    | K Singhania |
| —       | —           | —        | Pass        |
| Pass    | 1♥          | Pass     | INT         |
| Pass    | 2♥          | All Pass |             |

East led the ♠Q and West took the ♠A and switched to the ♥6, declarer winning with the ♥A, ruffing a spade and playing a diamond for the jack and ace. The favourable position in clubs meant declarer could secure nine tricks for +140 although the official score was +110.

#### Closed Room

| West      | North  | East     | South |
|-----------|--------|----------|-------|
| P Bardhan | B Shaw | B Das    | S Dey |
| —         | —      | —        | 1♦    |
| 1♠        | 2♦     | 4♠       | Pass  |
| Pass      | Dble   | All Pass |       |

North led the ♥K, followed by the ♥A and switched to the ♦J, declarer winning with dummy's ♦A and playing

the ♠Q for the king and ace. After drawing trumps declarer played a club to the jack and ace, won the diamond return and could ruff out the ♣Q for +790 and 14 IMPs for **EA Bridge**.

**Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.**

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

**EA Bridge v Monica Jajoo  
Open Room**

| West     | North       | East  | South       |
|----------|-------------|-------|-------------|
| K Nandi  | K Mukherjee | S Roy | K Singhania |
| —        | 1♣          | 3♦    | 4♣          |
| All Pass |             |       |             |

With support for both majors East had to choose between a modest overcall or something more dramatic.

Declarer won the lead of the ♦K with dummy's ♦A, played a club to the ace and exited with the ♦6. There were only three losers, +130.

**Closed Room**

| West      | North  | East     | South |
|-----------|--------|----------|-------|
| P Bardhan | B Shaw | B Das    | S Dey |
| —         | 1♣     | 1♦       | 1♠    |
| 2♥        | Pass   | 3♥       | Pass  |
| 4♥        | Dble   | All Pass |       |

East's more restrained intervention allowed West to introduce hearts.

North led the ♣A and having ruffed in dummy declarer played the ♦K, South winning and switching to the ♠7. North won with the ♠K and returned the ♦J, but declarer ruffed, ruffed a club, cashed the ♥Q and pitched a club on the ♦Q. North refused to ruff, but declarer could play on spades for +790 and another 14 IMPs to **EA Bridge**.

**Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.**

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

**EA Bridge v Monica Jajoo  
Open Room**

| West    | North       | East  | South       |
|---------|-------------|-------|-------------|
| K Nandi | K Mukherjee | S Roy | K Singhania |
| —       | —           | —     | Pass        |
| 3♣      | 3♦          | Pass  | Pass        |
| 3♠      | All Pass    |       |             |

North led the ♦A and switched to the ♥A. South eventually collecting a couple of spades, +140.

**Closed Room**

| West      | North  | East     | South |
|-----------|--------|----------|-------|
| P Bardhan | B Shaw | B Das    | S Dey |
| —         | —      | —        | 1♥    |
| 3♣        | 3♦     | Pass     | 3♥    |
| Pass      | 4♥     | All Pass |       |

West led the ♦8 and declarer took dummy's ♦A, played a spade to the ace the ♥10, putting up dummy's ♥A, playing a spade to the king and exiting with the ♣K. West won and cashed the ♣Q but then had to deliver up a ruff and discard enabling declarer to dispose of his losing diamond, +420 and 11 IMPs for **Monica Jajoo**.

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

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

## EA Bridge v Monica Jajoo

### Open Room

| West    | North       | East  | South       |
|---------|-------------|-------|-------------|
| K Nandi | K Mukherjee | S Roy | K Singhania |
| 1♠      | 2♥          | Dble* | Pass        |
| 2♠      | Pass        | Pass  | 3♣          |
| Pass    | 3♦          | Dble  | 4♣          |
| Pass    | Pass        | Dble  | All Pass    |

West led the ♦9 and when declarer called for dummy's ♦4 it held the trick! A second diamond was taken by dummy's ♦A and declarer continued with the ♦10. Ruffing with the ♣2. West overruffed and switched to the ♥4, East taking dummy's ♥J and returning the ♠J. West won with the ♠Q, cashed the ♠A and exited with the ♠3, East ruffing and playing the ♦K, ruffed and overruffed by West who exited with a spade. When East discarded declarer had to ruff and East's ♣Q meant five down, -1400.

### Closed Room

| West      | North  | East  | South |
|-----------|--------|-------|-------|
| P Bardhan | B Shaw | B Das | S Dey |
| 2♠        | 3♥     | Pass  | 3NT   |
| All Pass  |        |       |       |

West led the ♦9 and when dummy's ♦Q held declarer continued with the ♦4, East winning with the ♦K and switching to the ♠J. When that held East played the ♥6 for the five, nine and jack and declarer cashed three diamonds discarding clubs, West parting with two spade and the ♣J. When declarer tried dummy's ♥2 East went up with the ♥A and tried exiting with the ♣3, but declarer put in the ♣10 and had nine tricks, +600 and a whopping 19 IMPs for **Monica Jajoo**.

Note the if East tries exiting with a heart after taking the ♥A declarer can win in dummy and exit with the ♥3 forcing East to win and play a club.

As you can see, East must withhold the ♥A allowing West to win with the ♥Q.

Despite surrendering 28 IMPs on two deals, Monica Jajoo won 59-28, 18-2VP.

After the testing set of deal that appeared in the previous round the players were perhaps hoping for something a little less stressful. Our featured matches were Poland v Aquarius and Mavericks v Team Tolani.

## Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| ♠ 108642  | ♠ A     |
| ♥ 1096    | ♥ KJ753 |
| ♦ A Q     | ♦ 864   |
| ♣ J106    | ♣ KQ85  |
| ♠ K93     | ♠ QJ75  |
| ♥ A Q 4   | ♥ 82    |
| ♦ K109753 | ♦ J2    |
| ♣ A       | ♣ 97432 |

## Poland v Aquarius

### Open Room

| West   | North         | East       | South   |
|--------|---------------|------------|---------|
| N Shah | P Janiszewski | S Karkarey | K Buras |
| —      | —             | 1♥         | Pass    |
| 2♦     | Pass          | 3♣         | Pass    |
| 3♥     | Pass          | 3♠*        | Pass    |
| 4♣*    | Pass          | 4♥         | Pass    |
| 4♠*    | Pass          | 4NT*       | Pass    |
| 5♠*    | Pass          | 6♥         | Pass    |
| Pass   | Dble          | All Pass   |         |

4♣ Control  
4♠ Control  
4NT RKCB  
5♠ 2 keycards+♥Q

Although North doubled for a diamond lead South led the ♥8. It did not matter, declarer had to lose two diamonds, -100.

### Closed Room

| West    | North       | East          | South       |
|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| W Gawel | M Bhadbhade | P Marcinowski | C Deshpande |
| —       | —           | 1♥            | Pass        |
| 2♦      | Pass        | 2♥            | Pass        |
| 4♣*     | Pass        | 4♦*           | Pass        |
| 4NT*    | Pass        | 5♥*           | Pass        |
| 6♥      | All Pass    |               |             |

4♣ Splinter  
4♦ Last Train  
4NT RKCB  
5♥ 2 keycards



That was -50 giving **Poland** 2 IMPs.

### Mavericks v Team Tolani

#### Open Room

| West     | North        | East     | South     |
|----------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| R Somani | K Anklesaria | A Somani | S Maskara |
| —        | —            | 1♥       | Pass      |
| 2♦       | Pass         | 3♦       | Pass      |
| 4♦*      | Pass         | 4♠*      | Pass      |
| 5♦       | All Pass     |          |           |

If 4♦ was asking for keycards East's response showed one.

Declarer lost two diamonds, +400.

#### Closed Room

| West       | North    | East       | South     |
|------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| O Rimstedt | A Vaidya | M Rimstedt | S Acharya |
| —          | —        | 1♥         | Pass      |
| 2♦         | Pass     | 2♥         | Pass      |
| 3♥         | Pass     | 3♠*        | Pass      |
| 3NT*       | Pass     | 4♣*        | Pass      |
| 4♥         | All Pass |            |           |

3NT Slam try

4♣ Control

Stopping in 4♥ was worth a couple of IMPs.

#### Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

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

### Mavericks v Team Tolani

#### Open Room

| West     | North        | East     | South     |
|----------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| R Somani | K Anklesaria | A Somani | S Maskara |
| Pass     | Pass         | 1♠       | Pass      |
| 2♠       | Pass         | 3♥       | Pass      |
| 4♠       | All Pass     |          |           |

South led the ♣10 and declarer won with dummy's ♣Q and played a heart, North taking the ♥K and switching to the ♠8 for the nine and ten. Declarer ruffed the return of the ♥3 in dummy, played a spade to the ace and claimed for one down, -100.

#### Closed Room

| West       | North    | East       | South     |
|------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| O Rimstedt | A Vaidya | M Rimstedt | S Acharya |
| Pass       | Pass     | 1♠         | Pass      |
| 2♠         | Pass     | 4♠         | All Pass  |

Here too South led the ♣10 taken by dummy's ♣Q and declarer continued with a spade for the eight, nine and ten. South switched to the ♦A and when North followed with the ♦7 he continued with the ♦3. Had declarer put in dummy's ♦8 his losing hearts would have gone away, but naturally he went up with the ♦K pitching a heart and played a spade to the ace. He continued with the ♣A followed by the ♣K and the ♣2 as South refused to ruff. Having won with dummy's ♣J declarer ruffed a diamond and played a winning club to dispose of dummy's ♥7, +620 and 12 IMPs for **Mavericks**.

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

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

### Poland v Aquarius

#### Open Room

| West     | North         | East       | South   |
|----------|---------------|------------|---------|
| N Shah   | P Janiszewski | S Karkarey | K Buras |
| —        | —             | Pass       | INT     |
| Pass     | 4♥*           | Pass       | 4♠      |
| All Pass |               |            |         |

4♥ Spades

West led the ♠2 and declarer won with the ♠10, drew trumps via the marked finesse and played a heart for the queen and king. He could not be denied 19 tricks, +420.

#### Closed Room

| West     | North       | East          | South       |
|----------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| W Gawel  | M Bhadbhade | P Marcinowski | C Deshpande |
| —        | —           | Pass          | INT         |
| Pass     | 4♦*         | Pass          | 4♠          |
| All Pass |             |               |             |

4♦ Spades

West led the ♠2 and when declarer went up with dummy's ♠A he could not longer avoid the loss of a trick in each suit, -50 and 10 IMPs for **Poland**.

**Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.**

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

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

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

♠ A 8 6 4  
♥ Q 10 6  
♦ K J 8 7  
♣ A J

**Poland v Aquarius**

**Open Room**

| West   | North         | East       | South   |
|--------|---------------|------------|---------|
| N Shah | P Janiszewski | S Karkarey | K Buras |
| —      | —             | Pass       | INT     |
| Pass   | 2♥*           | Pass       | 3♠      |
| Pass   | 4♥*           | Pass       | 4♠      |
| Pass   | 5♦            | Pass       | 5♥*     |
| Pass   | 6♠            | All Pass   |         |

2♥ Spades  
4♥ Shortage

West led the ♥A and declarer ruffed in dummy, drew trumps and played the ♦4, +1460.

**Closed Room**

| West    | North       | East          | South       |
|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| W Gawel | M Bhadbhade | P Marcinowski | C Deshpande |
| —       | —           | Pass          | INT         |
| Pass    | 2♥*         | Pass          | 3♠          |
| Pass    | 4♣*         | Pass          | 4♦*         |
| Pass    | 4♥*         | Pass          | 4♠          |
| Pass    | 4NT*        | Pass          | 5♥*         |
| Pass    | 6♠          | All Pass      |             |

2♥ Spades  
4♣ Control  
4♦ Control  
4♥ Control  
4NT RKCB  
5♥ 2 keycards

West led the ♦2, no swing.

**Mavericks v Team Tolani**

**Open Room**

| West     | North        | East     | South     |
|----------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| R Somani | K Anklesaria | A Somani | S Maskara |
| —        | —            | Pass     | INT       |
| Pass     | 2♥*          | Pass     | 3♠        |
| Pass     | 5♥*          | Pass     | 6♣*       |
| Pass     | 6♦           | Dble     | 6♠        |
| All Pass |              |          |           |

2♥ Spades  
5♥ Exclusion Blackwood  
West led the ♦2, +1460.

**Closed Room**

| West       | North    | East       | South     |
|------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| O Rimstedt | A Vaidya | M Rimstedt | S Acharya |
| —          | —        | Pass       | INT       |
| Pass       | 2♥       | Pass       | 3♠        |
| Pass       | 4♣       | Pass       | 4♠        |
| All Pass   |          |            |           |

Missing the slam meant the loss of 13 IMPs.

Four pairs bid a grand slam on this deal (one in 7♦). It was flat in the match between Monica Jajoo and Arun Jain.

Poland won 21-6, 14.8-5.2 VP to move into seventh place. Mavericks 44-24, 15.97-4.03 VP win took them into sixth.

In Round 5 we saw Texan Aces v Monica Jajoo and Magnum v Dhampur Sugar Mills.

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

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

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

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

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

**Texan Aces v Monica Jajoo**

**Open Room**

| West  | North       | East     | South    |
|-------|-------------|----------|----------|
| S Das | G Venkatesh | M Jajoo  | A Padhye |
| Pass  | 1♦          | Pass     | 1♠       |
| Pass  | 2♠          | All Pass |          |

West led the ♥A and when East followed with the ♥9 he switched to the ♦2 East winning with the ♦A and returning the ♦4. Declarer ruffed and played a club for the queen and king, East returning the ♥J. Having ruffed in dummy declarer ruffed a diamond, played a club to the ace, pitched a heart on the ♣J, ruffed the ♦Q, ruffed a heart and ruffed a club for +140.

### Closed Room

| West                | North         | East               | South        |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <i>S Srinivasan</i> | <i>B Shaw</i> | <i>P Sridharan</i> | <i>S Dey</i> |
| Pass                | 1♦            | Pass               | 2♥*          |
| Pass                | 4♠            | All Pass           |              |

I suspect 2♥ was reverse Flannery promising 5♠ and 4+♥.

East led the ♣4 and having won with dummy's ♣10 declarer continued with a club to the queen and king. East cashed the ♦A and continued with the ♦8 and declarer ruffed in dummy and played a heart, West taking the ♥A and switching to the ♠8 for the two, ten and queen. Declarer ruffed a heart, played a spade to the ace and ruffed a heart, claiming 10 tricks, +620 and 10 IMPs for **MonicaJajoo**.

### Magnum v Dhampur Sugar Mills

#### Open Room

| West           | North        | East           | South               |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|
| <i>A Khare</i> | <i>A Raj</i> | <i>A Bapat</i> | <i>J Shivdasani</i> |
| Pass           | 1♦           | Pass           | 1♠                  |
| Pass           | 2♠           | All Pass       |                     |

West led the ♣2 and declarer put in dummy's ♣Q, finishing with eight tricks, +110.

#### Closed Room

| West             | North           | East           | South          |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>S Thakral</i> | <i>R Tolani</i> | <i>V Mehta</i> | <i>V Desai</i> |
| Pass             | 1♦              | Pass           | 2♥*            |
| Pass             | 3♠              | Pass           | 4♠             |
| All Pass         |                 |                |                |

2♥ Reverse Flannery

East led the ♣4 and having won with dummy's ♣10 declarer played a heart, West taking the ♥A and switching to the ♠8 for the ten and queen. Declarer continued with a club to the ace and the ♣Q, covered and ruffed. A heart ruff was followed by the ♣J, declarer pitching dummy's ♦5 as West ruffed with the ♠J. Declarer ruffed the diamond return in dummy and claimed 10 tricks, +620 and 11 IMPs to **Dhampur Sugar Mills**.

### Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

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

### Texan Aces v Monica Jajoo

#### Open Room

| West         | North              | East           | South           |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <i>S Das</i> | <i>G Venkatesh</i> | <i>M Jajoo</i> | <i>A Padhye</i> |
| 1♣           | 1♠                 | Dble*          | 2♠              |
| Pass         | Pass               | Dble           | Pass            |
| 3NT          | All Pass           |                |                 |

North led the ♦6 for the ten, jack and queen and declarer played a heart to the king followed by the ♣3. South went up with the ♣A and switched to the ♠Q, declarer collecting 11 tricks for +660.

#### Closed Room

| West                | North         | East               | South        |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <i>S Srinivasan</i> | <i>B Shaw</i> | <i>P Sridharan</i> | <i>S Dey</i> |
| 1♣                  | Pass          | 1♥                 | Pass         |
| 2♥                  | 2♠            | 4♥                 | All Pass     |

South led the ♠7 and declarer won with dummy's ♠A and played the ♥J followed by the ♥5, North winning and playing the ♦A followed by the ♦4. Declarer won with the ♦Q, played a heart to the king and a club to the queen, North discarding the ♠2. Declarer cashed the ♠K but then ran the ♠8 and was one down when South won and cashed the ♣A, -100 costing 13 IMPs.

### Magnum v Dhampur Sugar Mills

#### Open Room

| West           | North        | East           | South               |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|
| <i>A Khare</i> | <i>A Raj</i> | <i>A Bapat</i> | <i>J Shivdasani</i> |
| 1♦*            | Pass         | 1♥             | Pass                |
| 2♥             | 2♠           | 4♥             | All Pass            |

South led the ♠7 and declarer took dummy's top spades pitching a club and then ruffed the ♠J. The ♥Q came next and North won and exited with the ♠2. Declarer ruffed with dummy's ♥K, cashed the ♥9 and played a diamond for the queen and ace. North exited with the ♦4 and declarer finished two down, -200.



## Closed Room

| West     | North       | East    | South   |
|----------|-------------|---------|---------|
| SThakral | RTolani     | V Mehta | V Desai |
| 1♣       | 1♠          | Dble*   | 2♥*     |
| Pass     | 2♠          | 3♣      | Pass    |
| 3♥       | Pass        | 3♠      | Pass    |
| 3NT      | All Pass    |         |         |
| 2♥       | Spade raise |         |         |

North led the ♦6 for the ten, jack and queen and declarer played a heart to the king and a club, South taking the ♣A and switching to the ♠Q, a line we have seen before. This time declarer emerged with ten tricks, +630 and 13 IMPs.

## Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

## Magnum v Dhampur Sugar Mills

### Open Room

| West     | North | East    | South        |
|----------|-------|---------|--------------|
| A Khare  | A Raj | A Bapat | J Shivdasani |
| —        | 1♦    | Pass    | 1♠           |
| Pass     | INT   | Pass    | 3NT          |
| All Pass |       |         |              |

# Attention

Deadline for giving your entry for  
Open MP Pairs or IMP Pairs is  
8.00 PM on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025.  
Kindly note that you can only  
play one of these two events.

East led the ♥6 and when dummy's ♥10 held declarer continued with a heart to the king, establishing a ninth trick, +400.

## Closed Room

| West     | North    | East    | South   |
|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| SThakral | RTolani  | V Mehta | V Desai |
| —        | 1♦       | Pass    | 1♠      |
| Pass     | INT      | Pass    | 2♣*     |
| Pass     | 2♦*      | Pass    | 3♣      |
| Pass     | 3NT      | Pass    | Pass    |
| Dble     | All Pass |         |         |

East led the ♠7 and West won with the ♠K and switched to the ♦K. When it held he continued with the ♦3 and East won with the ♦9 and exited with the ♣8. Declarer won with the ♣9, unblocked the ♣A and played a spade for the ten and ace, East discarding the ♣J to make sure West played a heart, one down, -100 and another 11 IMPs for **Magnum**.

It was a big win for Monica Jajoo, 45-7, 18.97-1.03 which gave them the overnight lead. Magnum won 34-21, 14.28-5.72VP to end the day in second place. These two are followed by two of the favourites, Poland and Mavericks.



# Dick Freeman Award for Junior Hand Of The Year

(Sponsored by Nick Nickell)

Winners: Tomas Popowsky & Francisco Guerra (Argentina)

Carlos Pellegrini, coach of Argentina's U26 team, provided this deal from his team's match against England.

**Board 7. Dealer South. Both sides vulnerable.**

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

| West            | North         | East            | South            |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>Popowsky</i> | <i>Hutton</i> | <i>Feintuch</i> | <i>Sanderson</i> |
| 1♥              | 1NT           | Pass            | 2♥               |
| Pass            | 2♠            | Pass            | 3□               |
| Pass            | 3♠            | Pass            | 4♠               |
| All Pass        |               |                 |                  |

| West                  | North                 | East              | South         |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <i>Winter</i>         | <i>Etchepareborda</i> | <i>Anoyrkatis</i> | <i>Guerra</i> |
| 1♥                    | Double                | 3♥                | Pass          |
| 4♥                    | 4♠                    | All Pass          | 3♠            |
| Both Wests opened 1♥. |                       |                   |               |

For England, Aaron Hutton overcalled 1NT and Liam Sanderson transferred to spades then showed his diamonds, and the partnership were soon in 4♠.

Clara Feintuch led a heart and Tomas Popowsky won the king and switched to the six of diamonds, a nice play. Hutton put up the ace and Feintuch

ruffed – and the contract was doomed, all thanks to that nice low diamond switch. There simply hadn't been enough EW bidding for declarer to be sure of the diamond layout.

At the other table, Baltazar Etchepareborda, for Argentina, doubled the opening bid and Sam Anoyrkatis added to the list of manic preemptive bids we have seen in the last ten days with a jump to 3♥ on his three small. 3♥ did not prove to be sufficient to silence South, Francisco Guerra, who competed with 3♠ and was raised to game by Etchepareborda.

Daniel Winter led the king of hearts and, on seeing dummy and partner's count card, also made the samenice switch to the six of diamonds – but Guerra made an even nicer play, when he called for a low card from dummy! Anoyrkatis got his ruff, but there was just one club to come and declarer was home with his vulnerable game. Very well played.



Ramiro Nuñez, Francisco Guerra, Tomas Popowsky, npc Esteban Pugliese, Clara Feintuch, Baltazar Etchepareborda, Santiago Semberoiz

# SCHEDULE

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

### GOLD & SILVER TEAMS – SWISS LEAGUE

| Time in Hours | Activity                                                                                       |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1000 – 1125   | Round 6                                                                                        |
| 1145 – 1310   | Round 7                                                                                        |
| 1310 – 1410   | Lunch Break                                                                                    |
| 1410 – 1535   | Round 8                                                                                        |
| 1555 – 1720   | Round 9                                                                                        |
| 1720 – 1750   | Tea Break                                                                                      |
| 1750 – 1915   | Round 10                                                                                       |
| 1930 – 2000   | Captain's meet for the Top 16 qualifying teams of the GOLD & SILVER TEAMS for Pre-QF knock out |

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

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

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

| Time in Hours                                                        | Activity    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>GOLD &amp; SILVER TEAMS – KO Pre-Quarter Finals (4*14 boards)</b> |             |
| 1000 – 1200                                                          | Session 1   |
| 1215 – 1415                                                          | Session 2   |
| 1415 – 1515                                                          | Lunch Break |
| 1515 – 1715                                                          | Session 3   |
| 1715 – 1745                                                          | Tea Break   |
| 1745 – 1945                                                          | Session 4   |
| <b>OPEN MP PAIRS – ELIMINATION 1 (3 Sessions of 18 Boards each)</b>  |             |
| 1030 – 1300                                                          | Session 1   |
| 1300 – 1400                                                          | Lunch Break |
| 1400 – 1630                                                          | Session 2   |
| 1630 – 1700                                                          | Tea Break   |
| 1700 – 1930                                                          | Session 3   |
| <b>IMP PAIRS (2 Sessions of 24/26 Boards each)</b>                   |             |
| 1100 – 1400                                                          | Session 1   |
| 1400 – 1500                                                          | Lunch Break |
| 1500 – 1815                                                          | Session 2   |

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

| Time in Hours                                                 | Activity    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>GOLD &amp; SILVER TEAMS – KO Semi Finals (4×14 boards)</b> |             |
| 1000 – 1200                                                   | Session 1   |
| 1215 – 1415                                                   | Session 2   |
| 1415 – 1515                                                   | Lunch Break |
| 1515 – 1715                                                   | Session 3   |
| 1715 – 1745                                                   | Tea Break   |
| 1745 – 1945                                                   | Session 4   |
| <b>OPEN MP PAIRS – FINAL Barometer Scoring</b>                |             |
| 1000 – 1330                                                   | Session 1   |
| 1330 – 1430                                                   | Lunch Break |
| 1430 – 1830                                                   | Session 2   |

# SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

| Time in Hours                                                   | Activity    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>SWISS TEAMS – IMP SCORING</b><br>(7 rounds of 8 boards each) |             |
| 1030 – 1400                                                     | Session 1   |
| 1400 – 1500                                                     | Lunch Break |
| 1500 – 1930                                                     | Session 2   |
| <b>LADIES PAIRS</b><br>(2 sessions of 20/22 boards each)        |             |
| 1030 – 1330                                                     | Session 1   |
| 1330 – 1430                                                     | Lunch Break |

## Attention

Kindly note that Tea, Coffee and Biscuits are available on both sides of central Atrium. (Near Registration Desk and Behind scoring desk)

1430 – 1730 Session 2

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

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

# TOLANI NATIONAL OPEN MASTERS 2026

(Team Event/Pair event) - open for all players

**22-25 January, 2026**

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