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Rise of the Champions

Poland captures Gold Trophy, while Dilip Atha IV survives a nail-biter in Silver

In the Gold Segment, it was nothing short of a T20 version of bridge, as **Team Poland swept aside Nest Inn in just two sessions**, registering a thumping victory by **109 IMPs over 28 boards** — an insurmountable margin that crowned them worthy champions. In the Playoff, **Mavericks show cased their supremacy, defeating Team Tolani with a segment to spare**.

In the Silver Segment, the battle went down to the wire between **Dilip Atha IV and KKK Bridge Lovers**. With just **7 IMPs separating them entering the final segment**, the contest swung back and forth, keeping both sides in contention. Ultimately, DilipAtha's team held their nerve to scrape through by **just 2 IMPs** in a thrilling finish.

The **Swiss Open Teams Final** saw **Team Formidables dominate early**, but **Dhampur Sugar Mills mounted a spirited comeback to snatch victory in the last set by a narrow margin**.

In the **Swiss Matchpoint Pairs**, contested by 80 pairs, **Sayantan Kushari – Kaustubh Bendre emerged winners**, followed by **Shambhu Nath Ghosh – Biswajit Poddar**.

The **Mixed Pairs** event was won by **Bindiya Naidoo – Priya Ranjan Sinha**, while **P. Narayan Iyer – Amulya Rao Atluri** impressed with an outstanding runner-up performance in a highly competitive field.

GOLD TEAMS



Winner : Team Poland : Wojciech Gawel, Przemyslaw Janiszewski, Buras Krzysztof, Piotr Marcinowski



Runner Up : Team Nest Inn : R Kannan, N Niranjana, V Ramkumar, Afshar Majeed, Girish Bijoor

SILVER TEAMS



Winner : Team Dilip Atha IV : Rana Chakraborty, Dilip Atha, Kajal Ch. Das, Sumit Bhowmik, Swapan Sardar, Sumit Saha



Runner Up : Team K K K Bridge Lovers : Suvankar Basu, Sudip Pandit, Goutam Pore, Ramprosad Das, Animesh Majumder, Saptarshi Chanda

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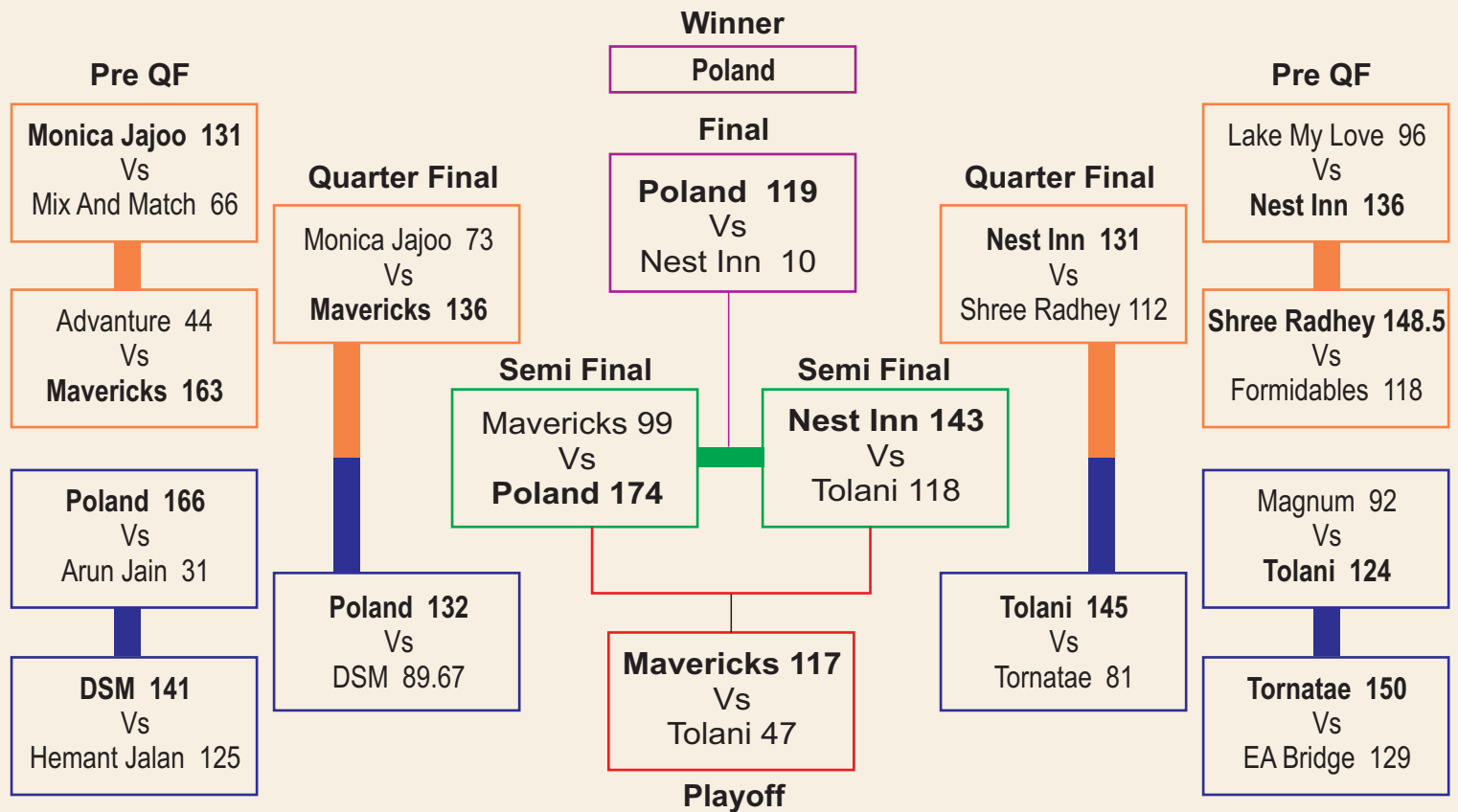
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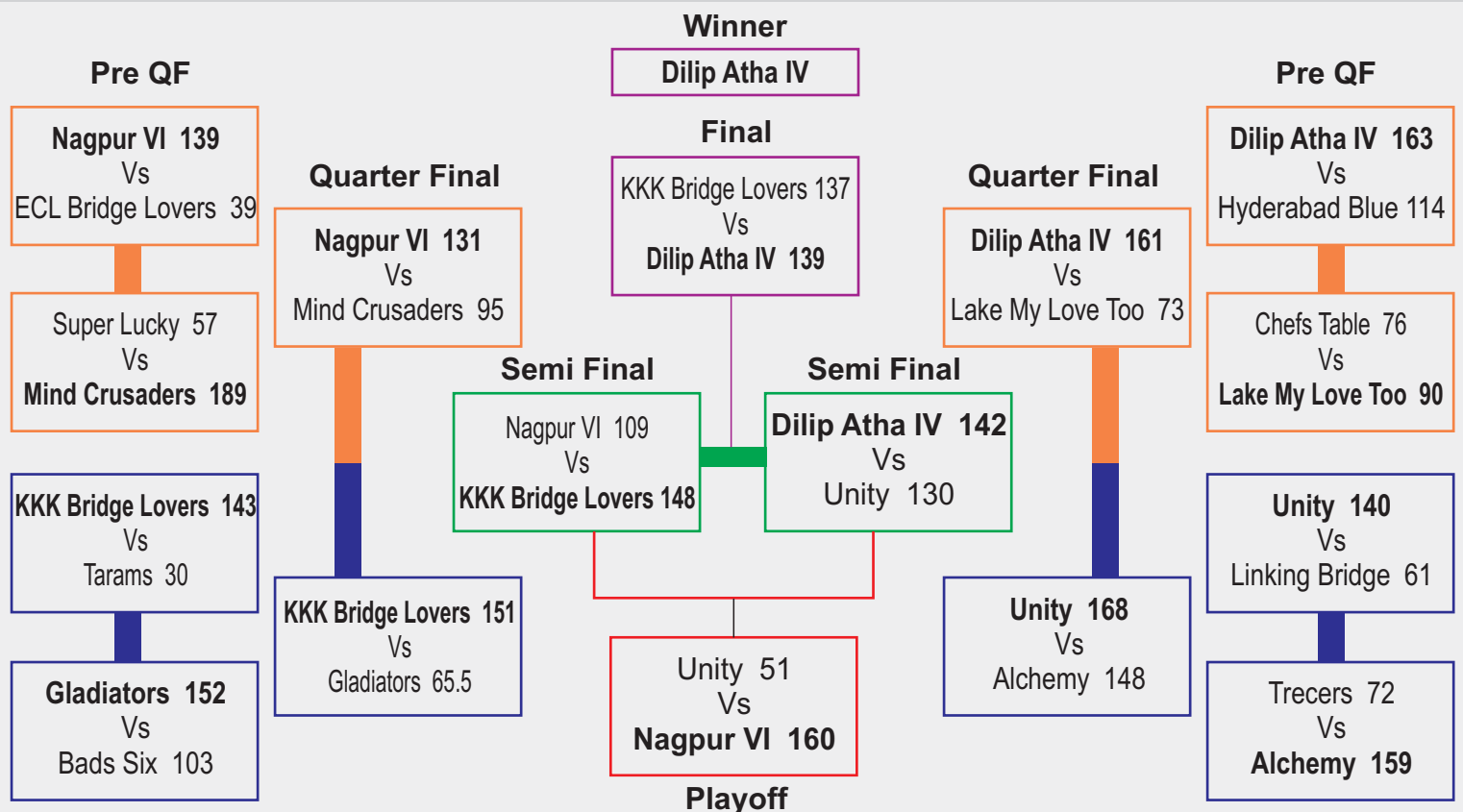
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GOLD TEAMS - FINAL



SILVER TEAMS - FINAL



RESULTS OF GOLD TEAMS FINAL & PLAYOFF

Team	C/O	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	Total
Poland (46) Winner		77	42	-	-	119
Wojciech Gawel, Przemyslaw Janiszewski, Buras Krzysztof, Piotr Marcinowski						
Nest Inn (21) Runner Up		4	6	W/O	W/O	10
R Kannan, N Niranjana, V Ramkumar, Afshar Majeed, Girish Bijoor						

Team Tolani (44)		15	15	17	-	47
Arvind Vaidya, Shubham Acharya, Mukund Jagannathan, Rajesh Somani, Anant Vikram Somani, T V Ramani						
Mavericks (6) Third Position	10	31	14	62	W/O	115
Subodh Maskara, Keyzad Anklesaria, Ola Rimstedt, Mikael Rimstedt, Oren Toledano, Ami Zamir						

RESULTS OF SILVER TEAMS FINAL & PLAYOFF

Team	C/O	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	Total
K K K Bridge Lovers (39)		20	54	22	41	137
Suvankar Basu, Sudip Pandit, Goutam Pore, Ramprosad Das, Animesh Majumder, Saptarshi Chanda						
Dilip Atha IV (35)	9	48	23	9	50	139
Rana Chakraborty, Dilip Atha, Kajal Chandra Das, Sumit Bhowmik, Swapan Sardar, Sumit Saha						

Unity (48)		13	16	22	W/O	51
Rinku Singh, Ekta Chadha, Pankaj Chaudhary, Naveen Kumar, Pintu Sao, S M Moin						
Nagpur VI (9) Third Position	6	75	24	55	-	160
Arun J Puranik, Sameer Roy, Shailendra Chhajed, Mahesh Mor, M M Lule, Anil Mohota						

Podium Glory

Swiss Teams



Winner : Dhampur Sugar Mills

Arun M Bapat, Ajay P Khare, Raju Tolani, Vinay Desai,
Ashok Kumar Goel, K R Venkataraman



Runner Up : Formidables

Rajeshwar Tewari, Sumit Mukherjee, Sagnik Roy, Kaustabh Nandi (not in pic)
Bachiraju Satyanarayana

Swiss Pairs



Winner :

Sayantan Kushari - Kaustubh Milind Bendre



Runner Up :

Biswajit Poddar - Shambhu Nath Ghosh

Mixed Pairs



Winner :

Priya Ranjan Sinha & Bindiya Naidoo



Runner Up :

P Narayan Iyer & Amulya Rao Atluri (not in pic)

EA BRIDGE SWISS MATCHPOINT PAIRS

Place	Players	Score	Place	Players	Score
1	Sayantan Kushari - Kaustubh Milind Bendre	1950.26	41	Dmitry Rogov - Aleksandr Dubinin	1551.05
2	Biswajit Poddar - Shambhu Nath Ghosh	1816.03	42	Pabitra Majumder - Mithun Biswas	1549.91
3	Amal Kumar Gune - Chandan Choudhury	1795.07	43	Umesh Kumar Singh - Rakesh Chandra Sharma	1543.71
4	G Venkatesh - Anil P Padhye	1790.78	44	Viswanathan B - Soumendra B Chakraborty	1543.61
5	Samir Basak - Shankar Acharya	1788.01	45	Arya Chakraborty - Shouvik Das	1535.07
6	Subir Majumdar - Partho Sarathi Mukherjee	1785.72	46	Sandip Datta - Somesh Bhattacharya	1532.72
7	Ranjan Bose - Bipul Kumar Roy	1781.59	47	Pradip Gupta - Amitava Mukherjee	1525.67
8	Joyjit Sensarma - Hemant Lall	1772.81	48	Ananda Roy - Bidyut Goswami	1521.31
9	Biswadip Roy - Swapan Some	1769.16	49	Santi Ranjan Dutta - Bhola Nath Ghosh	1517.99
10	Prithviraj Ghosh - Arnab Ghosh	1739.02	50	K K Sabherwal - Nizamudeen Shahul Hamid	1510.21
11	Rajendra Sirohia - Alope Kumar Sadhu	1722.45	51	H B Sundara Rajan - S Kannan	1505.12
12	Nag Bhusan Rao - Ajay Kumar Singh	1721.36	52	Jayendu Shantilal Patel - Janak Shah	1500.76
13	Mrinal Kanti Mukherjee - Sowmik Das	1705.84	53	Sujit Kumar Bhattacharjee - Srikar Palem	1488.48
14	Kingshuk Bhattacharya - Rajendra Ray	1703.24	54	C K madheswaran - P Sashidara Rao	1486.64
15	Pijus Kanti Baroi - Gopinath Manna	1685.51	55	K Balakrishnan - Sajiv K Menon	1485.74
16	Prosenjit Manna - Bhaskar Sarkar	1675.23	56	Prasanta Saha - Prabir Kumar Paul	1472.56
17	Tapan Kumar Roy - Kalyan Kumar Roy	1670	57	Sanjib Ganguly - Santanu Chakraborty	1468.49
18	Mithun Mukherjee - Soumya Das	1668.52	58	Rex Perera - Deepak Ramnani	1460.18
19	Vijay Deshpande - V Ravindran	1656.14	59	Srinivasan A	1459.56
20	Jitendra J Solani - Rajesh A Dalal	1647.93	60	S Sankaran - S Raghuraman	1449.74
21	Madhav A Kshirsagar - Srinivasan Krishnaswami	1642.82	61	Jibak Tewari - Sagar Bhuia	1448.54
22	Mahesh Rohera - Rahul Shetty	1642.7	62	Rajib Ray - Sudipta Adhikary	1447.18
23	M Elumalai - Subrata Sadhukhan	1637.37	63	Sambuddha Deb - Prakash Gupta	1446.35
24	Ashis Malhotra - Hemant K Jalan	1633.71	64	M Vasanth Pai - G Mohan Kumar	1444.17
25	Pulak Panji - Gourav Biswas	1627.93	65	Tapas Das - Chanchal Dass	1442.68
26	Asit Baran Chakraborty - Ramkrishna Majumder	1626.75	66	Puneet Gangal - Gajendra Kumar Vyas	1435.74
27	Abhijit Chakraborty - Rana Roy	1620.9	67	Sushil G Narang - Guru Shankar Sundaram	1419.93
28	Ashis Pan - Subashish Gope	1619.83	68	Tarun Singhal - Anurag Pandey	1400.95
29	Maneesh Bahuguna - Ravi Goenka	1615.09	69	Jaturong Sasibut - Peeracha Suriya	1398.54
30	Tanmoy Majumder - Sekhar K Bandopadhyay	1614.79	70	S Sriram - Sridhar M	1390.45
31	Amar Kumar Bose - Sujit Sadhak	1599.71	71	Shriram Anant Karve - Nirav Patel	1374.04
32	Ivan Alphonso - Ravi Raman	1599.44	72	Joyrup Mullick - Pranab Roy	1349.82
33	Sanjib Bhattacharjee - Bhaskar Kumar Ganguly	1595.33	73	Robins Jacob - Mohan Nair	1327.04
34	Sahirudeen - Sukumaran Rajeev	1588.61	74	Prerak Shah - Aashish Mehta	1309.12
35	B Seenivasagan - N Periasamy	1583.65	75	Subramanian Karuppannan - Rajendran Ramesh	1299.55
36	Pradeep Deshpande - Kumar Venkataraman	1571.57	76	Anandan M - Vivek	1174.02
37	Subhajit Choudhury - Surajit Bar	1566.19	77	Arun Kumar A - Ramanan	1148.41
38	Nirmal Raja - Sundaram S V	1561.37	78	M Prabhakar - Sundararaman R V	979.76
39	Anukul Mandal - Ambrish Wadera	1554.83	79	Vijay R Phatarphekar - R Sridharan	938.23
40	Sourendra Coomer Dutt - Satyabrata Lahiri	1551.25	80	Pritam Das - Avijit Sarkar	826.44

Result : [www.https://bfi.net.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/easwissmp/](https://bfi.net.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/easwissmp/)

SWISS TEAMS RESULT

Place	Players	Penalty	Score VP table
1	Dhampur Sugar Mills		86.31
2	Formidables		80.64
3	Adventure		76.55
4	Tornatae		71.41
5	Monica Jajoo		71.01
6	Team Kabra		70.77
7	Lake My Love	-1	57.59
8	Sri Jagannath		46.46

MIXED PAIRS RESULT

Pos	Player 1	Player 2	Score	Pos	Player 1	Player 2	Score
1	Priya Ranjan Sinha	Bindiya Naidoo	133	41	Rahul Khambete	Savleen Thadani	4
2	P Narayan Iyer	Amulya Rao Atluri	93	42	Rachel William Joseph	S Vijayraghavan	1
3	Anindra Kumar Sarkar	Meenu Dugal	90	43	P V Jaishankar	Maya Iyer	0.5
4	Vidhya Patel	Rajeev Khandelwal	82	44	Anu Jalan	Indranath Chatterjee	0
5	Artem Anufriev	Natalia Polianskaia	79	45	Hemant Purkar	Aditi Sahastrabuddhe	-1
6	Andrey Gromov	Anna Gulevich	77	46	Prem Chander	Patricia Prabhu	-1
7	Ramani Menon	Jenish Shah	76.5	47	Harihara Subramanian	Lata Hari	-4
8	Kunal Jaiswal	Sujata Puranik Rakhra	63	48	Usha Joshi	Birendra Kumar	-5
9	Mrs Kamna Sharma	Abhijit Pal	59	49	Amitava Ghosh	Rashmi Bhansali	-6
10	Sheetal Bansal	Pradeep Dey	56	50	D V V Ravi	Harini Srinivasan	-8
11	S Lakshmanan	Uma Maheswari	56	51	Vasanti Shah	Alok Daga	-13
12	Debabrata Majumder	Kavita Ajmira	55	52	Kavita Singhania	Koushik Mukherjee	-14
13	Uday Bedekar	Mona Lalwani	53	53	Chitra Sreenivaasan	Vinoohoon	-17
14	Vinay Mohan Lal	Manisha Anand Jamenis	50	54	Devi Muthu Bhatnagar	Rajesh K Jain	-17
15	Pradip Ghosh	Sailaja Tahiliani	46	55	Prithvi Raj	Rajeeta Raj	-22
16	Nikita Kamal	Arun Kumar Sinha	46	56	Meenal Thakur	Dr Rajesh Shah	-22
17	T T Chari	Lakshmi Chari	46	57	Chandini Bhoopal	K Subramaniam	-26
18	Lakshmi Prasad	S K Bhanushanker	43	58	Aroon Birla	Mridula (Naina) Lal	-26.5
19	Cera Fernando	Rajat Dutta	42	59	Prema Gopinath	Vasanth Manickam	-32
20	Madhur (Daisy) Singh	Rathindra Nath Kundu	40	60	Surya Ramachandran	Sweta Padia	-36
21	R Sreekrishnan	K Santhalakshmi	39	61	Haripriya Bapuji	Poornachandra Valada	-36
22	Deepika Mehta	Ravi Kaul	37	62	C P Deshpande	Neela C Deshpande	-41
23	Sunil Bhatia	Uma Relan	36	63	Kishore Sidhwani	Neelam Aggarwal	-44
24	Pradeep R Rathi	Subhadra P Rathi	30	64	Souvik Kar	Rupa Bakeri	-47
25	Srithar R	Sumathi Iyer	29	65	Reena Venkataraman	Krishnan Mani	-50
26	Nalini Srinivasan	P T Ramjee	24	66	Hemanth Krishna Singh	Pooja Anand Chhabria	-52
27	S Vasantha	Satyavathi Vasantha	21	67	G Girish	Nalini Balachander	-54
28	Jennifer Ann	R Anbazhagan	21	68	Nataraja Suresh Myle	Suneetha Myle	-54
29	Leela Iyengar	Raj Kumar Kanoi	20	69	Trithankar Sengupta	Sweta Goenka	-57
30	Marianne Karmarkar	Sandeep N Karmarkar	19	70	Venky Naik	Princess Naik	-59
31	Nirmal Kumar Jain	Tanuja Patel	17	71	Urmi Sinha	Somnath Sinha	-61
32	Vasanthi Vasudev	Cn Anand	13	72	Sriya Chari	Ramesh Ratakondla	-64
33	Mahinder Randhawa	Ruth Randhawa	12	73	N Sudhakar Babu	P Varalakshmi	-65
34	Pooja Jalan	R N Subramaniam	10	74	Sunitha Gopalakrishnan	J R K Rao	-67
35	Raksha Mehta	Naresh Mehta	10	75	Sriram Srinivasan	Sowra Fathima Syed	-81
36	Mathew Chandy	Kalpna Gurjar	8	76	Seema Johri	Vashishta Johri	-82
37	Sunil Bhatia	Hermie Mathias	8	77	Suresh Senapaty	Kitty Thanikaimoni	-119
38	Moyhina Chouhan	Ranjan Bhattacharya	8	78	Mullai M	Seran G	-121
39	Puja Batra	Subhash Gupta	7	79	Bhama Devi Ravi	Ravi Raghavan	-127
40	Nirmal Mirza	Vasudevan	6	80	Arun Sundarraj	Nandini Arun	-132



Thank You All

As we bring the curtains down on our maiden EA Bridge International Bridge Championship, 2025, we reflect on the incredible spirit, skill, discipline and camaraderie that have filled these unforgettable days. From intense competition at the tables to warm conversations off them, this event has once again showcased the unifying power of bridge.

We are immensely proud to have welcomed such a talented and diverse field of players from around the world. Your dedication to the game, your sportsmanship and your enthusiasm are what made this championship truly special.

A Heartfelt Thank You

To Bridge Federation of India (BFI) – thank you for trusting us and taking us along at every step.

To all the participants – thank you for your passion and perseverance.

To our Chief Tournament Director and Directors – thank you for ensuring a smooth, fair gameplay.

To our technical team and support staff – thank you for your attention to detail and professionalism.

To our volunteers – thank you for your enthusiasm and tireless support behind the scenes.

To the media – thank you for support in showcasing our Bridge championship and creating awareness of the sport.

And to every single person who contributed in ways big and small – thank you for making this championship possible.

Congratulations to the winners, and to everyone who competed with heart. We hope you leave with fond memories, new friendships, and a renewed love for the game.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon – at the EA Bridge National Bridge Championships, March 4th – 8th, 2026 and EA Bridge International Bridge Championship 2026. And of course, not to forget our monthly tournaments at E Hotel.

Until next time – safe travels, stay well, and keep playing.

– The Organising Committee

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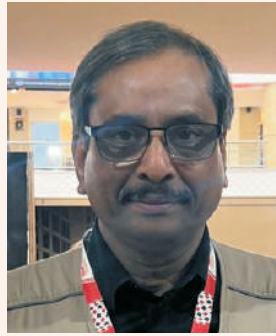
Debasish Ray

Organising Secretary

Dear Friends of the 1st EA International Bridge Championships, Chennai. It has been my privilege to serve as the Organising Secretary of this historic event. I am deeply obliged to Ms. Kavita Singhania for giving me the opportunity to be part of this grand endeavour. I am confident that both Indian and international participants will cherish the experience of this championship, remembering the finer details of the competition for years to come. My heartfelt thanks go to every member of our host team at E Hotel and EA Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. for creating a wonderful ambience within one of the largest shopping malls, for providing delicious food, and for their round-the-clock support.

I must also acknowledge the dedicated efforts of the Tournament Directors, Scorers, the dealing team, and our ever-helpful caddies. Above all, I am most grateful to the six hundred participants who travelled from different parts of the world. Without your presence, our efforts could not have borne fruit. While I feel a touch of sadness as we draw the curtain on this year's championship, I look forward with optimism and excitement to welcoming you again in the years ahead — with even greater brilliance and warmth.

Wish you all safe journey.



Sudhir Aggarwal

CTD of the Tournament

Dear Players, Committee members, and Esteemed Guests,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to everyone who either participated or was involved in the successful completion of the EA Bridge International Bridge Tournament.

Over the past 6 days, we witnessed outstanding displays of skill, strategy, and sportsmanship from players across the globe. It has been truly inspiring to see the bridge community come together in such a spirit of camaraderie and competition.

I hope you all enjoyed the 1st EA Bridge International Bridge Championship and I would like to wish everyone a safe journey back home. I would like to thank all the players for creating a great atmosphere and for contributing to the success of EA Bridge Championships.

I must acknowledge and thank some of the individuals who have contributed significantly to the success of the tournament. Tournament of such magnitude requires a huge effort from many people who are in front and at the same time many people who are working behind the scene.

Along with me there were 9 TDs who were involved to ensure that events start on time and run as per schedule. They handled all the issues to the satisfaction of players in a very diligent way. TDs involved are: Sanjay Chakraborty, Debabrata Roy Choudhury, V K Sharma, Pranab Kanta Bhattacharjee, P Narasingha Rao, K S Swaminathan, Aparajitha Iyer, C Sathish Kumar and Pintu Maity.

I want to thank our Scoring Team headed by Srinivasan Iyengar whose tireless efforts ensured the smooth running of the tournament. Srinivasan was ably supported by Prithvi Singh and Kaustubh Deodhar. They ensured results were available to the participants on the TVs and LED screens spread across the entire length and breadth of the venue.

Our dealing team headed by Chetan Raval had to burn the midnight oil and was instrumental in dealing nearly 3000 Boards per day. Without their support it would be nearly impossible to run smoothly such a big tournament. Chetan was ably supported by SRC Sekar, Bansi and Kalyan.

There are many others who have contributed their services – Our Caddies and BBO Operators.

I also thank Ms Geeta Somashekharan, Ms Preethy Ken and Ms Calpurnia Premkumar and their various teams for providing unconditional round the clock support which enabled us to conduct these championships successfully.

I must acknowledge and thank Mrs Kavita Singhania, MD Express Infrastructure Pvt Ltd for her unwavering support and for providing a welcoming and world-class environment to all Bridge lovers.

Return to Chennai - The Dynamic Duo

Mark Horton

It was down to this; could Nest Inn defeat the 2024 World Bridge Games Champions, Poland, to win the EA Bridge Gold Teams.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Krishnan	Janiszewski	Bijoor	Buras
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♣*	1♦	2♣*
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

2♣ Majors

East led the ♣A and switched to the ♥7, declarer winning with dummy's ♥Q and playing the ♠Q. When West went up with the ♠A the contract was safe, +110.

As the cards lie, the winning defence is for East to cash a second club, then play the ♠K – quite impossible!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Kannan	Marcinowski	Majeed
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

South led the ♥Q and switched to the ♦J, declarer winning with the ♦Q and cashing the top clubs. When the suit divided there were 12 tricks, the losing heart going on dummy's ♠A, +620 and 12 IMPs to **Poland**.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

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

Open Room

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

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

West led the ♠9 and when dummy's ♠Q held declarer ran the ♣J, West winning and accepting the claim that followed, +1370.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Kannan	Marcinowski	Majeed
—	—	—	1♣
2♠	3♥	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

East led the ♦J and declarer won with dummy's ♦A, drew trumps and ran the ♣J, West winning and returning a diamond, +650 and 12 IMPs to **Poland**.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ AK104		♠ Q2
♥ J72		♥ KQ1083
♦ AQ983		♦ J74
♣ Q		♣ A105

♠ J763		♠ 985
♥ 9654		♥ A
♦ K2		♦ 1065
♣ 964		♣ KJ8732

	N	
W		E
	S	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Krishnan	Janiszewski	Bijoor	Buras
—	1♦	1♥	1♠*
3♥	Dble*	Pass	5♣

All Pass

1♠ Transfer

West led the ♥5 for the ten and ace and declarer played a club to the queen, ruffed a heart and played the ♣K. East won and continued with the ♥Q, declarer ruffing, cashing the ♣J and running the ♦10. He won the spade return in dummy, cashed the ♦A and claimed, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Kannan	Marcinowski	Majeed
—	1♣*	1♥	2♣
2♥	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

1♣ Strong

East led the ♥Q and having won in dummy declarer played the ♦10 for the king and ace followed by the ♣Q. East took the ♣A and exited with the ♥3, declarer winning with the ♥J, cashing the ♠A and then the ♦Q. When the ♦J did not appear he was one down, -50 and 10 IMPs to **Poland**.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ K96		♠ 1074
♥ AK986		♥ 72
♦ A32		♦ KQJ7
♣ KQ		♣ AJ73

♠ QJ8532		♠ A
♥ Q105		♥ J43
♦ 8		♦ 109654
♣ 864		♣ 10952

	N	
W		E
	S	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Krishnan	Janiszewski	Bijoor	Buras
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East the ♦K and declarer won and played three rounds of hearts, West winning and returning a club. East won and exited with a spade and declarer had only eight tricks, -100.

In the other room EW played in 3♠ and when that went one down **Nest Inn** were on the board with 4 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ KQJ1087		♠ 2
♥ A6		♥ J873
♦ 942		♦ K865
♣ 93		♣ J742

♠ A96		♠ 543
♥ KQ952		♥ 104
♦ A7		♦ QJ103
♣ 1065		♣ AKQ8

	N	
W		E
	S	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Krishnan	Janiszewski	Bijoor	Buras
—	1♠	Pass	2♣
2♥	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East led the ♥7 and declarer won, cashed three clubs pitching a heart and played on spades, West winning the second round. Alas, he exited with the ♠9 and declarer claimed, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Gawel	Kannan	Marcinowski	Majeed
—	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Declarer won the heart lead and played the ♠K, West winning, cashing the ♥K and switching to the ♦A and a diamond, two down and another 13 IMPs to **Poland**. The score was 77-4 to **Poland**.

That's a big mountain to climb.

Nest Inn needed the wind to change direction as the second session of the final got under way.

♠ Q852
♥ A10974
♦ Q
♣ KQJ

♠ J4
♥ K8
♦ AJ52
♣ 98752

♠ 1097
♥ Q5
♦ K109864
♣ 104

♠ AK63
♥ J632
♦ 73
♣ A63

W N E S

West	North	East	South
<i>Krishnan</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Bijoor</i>	<i>Buras</i>
—	—	—	I♣*
INT	Dble	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

South led the ♠A and switched to the ♥6, North winning with the ♥K and returning the ♠J. South won, and North's ruff on the next round of spades meant three down, -500.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gawel</i>	<i>Ramkumar</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Majeed</i>
—	—	—	1♦*
1♥	Dble*	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ KQ983
♥ K2
♦ J92
♣ AJ7

♠ 5
♥ AJ65
♦ 8643
♣ 8654

W N E S

♠ A62
♥ Q104
♦ AKQ105
♣ Q3

♠ J1074
♥ 9873
♦ 7
♣ K1092

West	North	East	South
Krishnan	Janiszewski	Bijoor	Buras
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♦	Pass	5NT*
Pass	6♦	All Pass	
2NT	Transfer		
5NT	Pick a slam		

If East leads a heart and West takes the ♡A then it is possible to squeeze East in the black suits. If West ducks the heart lead declare can play to ruff a heart and again has a squeeze.

Played by South, a club lead defeats 6♦.

West	North	East	South
<i>Gawel</i>	<i>Ramkumar</i>	<i>Marcinowski</i>	<i>Majeed</i>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♥*	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♠*	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

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

At this point the deals became very calm, and some small swings took the score to 111-8.

It is generally considered that if you can restrict your opponents to an IMP a board you will win most of the time.

After two sessions of the final Poland had given up only 10 IMPs. It was the stuff of champions.

Return to Chennai – Battle for Bronze

Mark Horton

Waiting for the third session of the final to start I spotted this deal from the playoff for third place between Mavericks and Team Tolani:

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	A Somani	Toledano	R Somani
—	—	—	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5♠	All Pass		

4NT RKCB
5♣ 1 keycard
5♦ ♠Q?

North led the ♦3 and having won in dummy declarer cashed the ♠K and played a spade to the jack. When North discarded declarer cashed the ♠A and played two rounds of clubs, claiming 11 tricks, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Acharya	O Rimstedt	Vaidya	M Rimstedt
—	—	—	2♣*
3♣	3♦	6♥	All Pass
2♣	0+♣, weak (5)6+♦ or 22+ balanced or any game force		

This unhappy contract was four down, -400 giving Mavericks 14 IMPs.

I imagine East though his partner was promising the

major. Even so, he could have marked time by bidding 4♦. Were EW to have found a route to 6♠, there is reasonable chance that declarer would divine the spade position and come to 12 tricks.

When I learnt there would be no further play in the final, I checked to see if there were any more interesting deals in the third session. See what you think:

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	A Somani	Toledano	R Somani
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠*	Dble	5♦*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	
2♣	Game forcing		
4♠	Control		
5♦	Control		

That was too high, declarer managing 11 tricks, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Acharya	O Rimstedt	Vaidya	M Rimstedt
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Declarer took 10 tricks, +630 and 12 IMPs for **Mavericks**.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	A Somani	Toledano	R Somani
Pass	1♣	2♦*	Dble*
4♥	5♣	Pass	Pass
5♥	6♣	All Pass	

2♦ Majors

East led the ♥K and for reasons that are not entirely clear West overtook it and continued with the ♥Q, +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Acharya	O Rimstedt	Vaidya	M Rimstedt
Pass	1♣	2♦*	Pass
4♥	5♣	Pass	Pass
Dble	All Pass		

2♦ Majors

Exactly the same thing happened here, +650, but 7 IMPs to **Team Tolani**.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zamir	A Somani	Toledano	R Somani
—	—	—	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

2♣	6+♣10-15
3♣	Bad hand
4♦	Control
4♥	Control
4♠	Control

North led the ♠4 and declarer took dummy's ♠A and played five rounds of clubs discarding two hearts from dummy. The ♥9 to the ace was followed by a heart for the ten and queen, one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Acharya	O Rimstedt	Vaidya	M Rimstedt
—	—	—	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4♠*	Pass	6♣	All Pass

In this sequence you could play 4♣as asking for keycards.

North led the ♠4 and declarer won with dummy's ♠A, played two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and the ♠Q, ruffing when South played the ♠K. If rumps had been 2-2 declarer could have eliminated the diamonds before playing hearts but here he drew the outstanding trump, played the ♦10 to dummy's ♦A and the ♥4. When South played the ♥10 declarer covered with the ♥Q and was one down, no swing.

The simple way to play the heart suit is to cash the ♥A and then play low to the queen.

The more complex approach is to play low towards the nine. If North wins with the ♥J or ♥10 you can try the ♥Q on the next round, hoping to pin a doubleton honour in South or play North to have started with a doubleton ♥KJ/♥K10.

If South puts in an honour on the first round, and you duck it, you have a guess on the next round.

It was **Mavericks** who claimed third place!

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