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Mavericks win the DABRIWALA Board-A-Match trophy



Arnab Guha, Aniruddha Bhattacharya, Jakub Patreuha, Debashis Ray, Jesal Dabriwala, Shibhnath Dey Sarkar, Partho Sarathi Mukherjee

Sayantan Kushari-Sagnik Roy top the MP Pairs qualifiers

The **Mall of the Millennium Match-Point Pairs** moved into its second elimination stage with momentum carrying over from the first round. A total of Sixty Pairs played the event. Qualifiers from the first elimination were joined by some Pairs from the RUIA GOLD finalists and the two teams that played the playoffs.

In the second elimination, **Sayantan Kushari – Sagnik Roy** delivered the strongest overall performance, finishing first with a combined score of **1834.60**, powered by steady play across all 50 boards.



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The pair of **Samir Basak – Sabyasachi Sadhukhan**, who had placed eighth in the first elimination, surged impressively to claim second place with **1741.12**. Close behind were **Joyrup Mullick – Pranab Roy**, securing third on **1726.57**, maintaining their consistency after a solid showing earlier.

Fourth place went to **Goutam Pore – Amitava Ghosh**, runners-up in the first elimination, who stayed in the leading pack with **1725.32**. **Souvik Kar-Pritam Das** finished fifth. After topping the opening elimination with 3075.60 match-points, **Ramkrishna Majumder – Swapan Ghosh** could not repeat their dominance, as fresh contenders rose to the front. They finished in the eighth position. Twenty Six Pairs will play the final today starting at 9:30 A.M.

With both eliminations complete, the field is now tightly bunched at the top—setting up a highly competitive final phase.

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Thursday (11th December) Events

Please note that there will be a venue shift tomorrow.

The final of the **Mall of the Millennium Match-Point Pairs** will be played starting at **9:30 A.M. in Hall 4**. This is one of the halls where the Women, Mixed, and Seniors' Teams events were conducted in the convention centre. Twenty-six Qualified Pairs from the second elimination will play in the finals.

MP Pairs Strata: Will be played in Hall 3 starting at 10.30 A.M. Those Pairs who played the Mall of the Millenium MP Pairs are eligible to participate for free, that is without paying any further entry fee, in the MP Pairs strata. Those who played the first elimination, but could not qualify for the second will need to pay Rs.1000 entry free. The fee for new entrants will be Rs.2000. Any change of partner will be considered as new entrants.

Senior Pairs will also take place in Hall 3 starting at 10:00 A.M. This event will have an entry fee of Rs. 2000.

[The detailed schedule of the entire championships.](#)

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DABRIWALA BAM Trophy results

Mavericks (Jakub Patreuha, Shibhnath Dey Sarkar, Partho Sarathi Mukherjee, and Aniruddha Bhattacharya) won the DABRIWALA Board-A-Match progressive event with a score of 66. **Vedic** (Debasish Ray, Rana Roy, Bhabesh Saha, Pinaki Prasad Khan, Satyabrata Mukherjee) finished a close second on 65.

In third place, **Shree Cement** posted a steady **64.0**, just behind the top contenders. **DILIP** followed in fourth with **59.0**, and **Indian Chain** rounded off the top five on **56.0**



Arnab Guha (Secretary WBBA), Rana Roy, Debasish Ray (Secretary, BFI), Jesal Dabriwala (Sponsor of the Trophy), Bhabesh Saha, Pinaki Prasad Khan, Satyabrata Mukherjee

One of the members of the Vedic team was unable to arrive on team. They requested Debashis to play as a substitute. Debashis played the first session as a result, and therefore, was a team member 'by default'.

This board is from the fourth set of the RUIA GOLD teams event. Hemant Jalan had narrowed down their deficit to less than 20 when this deal came up. Sandeep Thakral and Subhash Gupta, playing North-South for Hemant Jalan team, bid an aggressive **4♥** game after a strong **1♣** opening. **1♦** was negative, showing 0-7 HCP and **1♠** bid was also artificial, showing an upper range. The rest of the bids were natural

<div> <div>27</div> <div>D</div> </div>	<div>N S GUPTA</div> <div> <div>♠ KQ102</div> <div>♥ A8642</div> <div>♦ AKJ3</div> <div>♣</div> </div>	<div>W N E S</div> <div> <div>P 1♣ P 1♦</div> <div>P 1♥ P 1♠</div> <div>P 2♦ P 2NT</div> <div>P 3♠ P 4♥</div> </div>
<div>W SHAMBHU</div> <div> <div>♠ J965</div> <div>♥ Q107</div> <div>♦ Q742</div> <div>♣ A10</div> </div>		<div>E B PODDAR</div> <div> <div>♠ 843</div> <div>♥ K93</div> <div>♦ 105</div> <div>♣ KQ976</div> </div>
<div>Other table: 2♥N+2</div> <div> <div>NS: HEMANT 157 IMPs</div> <div>EW: MOHOTA 177 IMPs</div> </div>	<div>S S THAKRAL</div> <div> <div>♠ A7</div> <div>♥ J5</div> <div>♦ 986</div> <div>♣ J85432</div> </div>	<div>4♥ N NS: 0 EW: 0</div>

Bishwajit led ♣King. Subhash Gupta ruffed, went to Dummy with ♠A, and ruffed another Club. He then cashed ♠KQ, ♦AK, and played a small Diamond. Bishwajit discarded a Club. Subhash now played a Club in the following position.

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<div>W SHAMBHU</div> <div>♠ J</div> <div>♥ Q107</div> <div>♦ Q</div> <div>♣</div>	<div>♣ 4</div>	<div>E B PODDAR</div> <div>♠</div> <div>♥ K93</div> <div>♦</div> <div>♣ Q9</div>
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Declarer had made eight tricks and ♥A was going to make it at least 9. Precise defence was now needed to defeat the contract. Shambhu Nath Ghosh and Bishwajit Poddar, playing for Mohota, found it. Shambhu ruffed with ♥Ten. Subhash overruffed and played the ♦Jack. Bishwajit ruffed with the ♥King and played the ♥3. Shambhu won ♥Q and played the ♠Jack. Defence made four tricks.

Check for yourself that ♥Ten is the only card that will defeat the contract in the above situation.