

2nd Mohanlal Bhartia Memorial Grand Prix Bridge Championship 2010 Report - Day 3 (6th Feb 2010)

The last set of the 3*12 boards quarter-finals was played today morning. As expected all the overnight leading teams went through comfortably to the semi-finals. The final scores of the quarter-finals is as follows:

Tbl #	Team Name	Vs	Team Name	Boards				TOTAL
				C/O	1-12	13-24	25-36	
1	MANY HANDS (#1)	Vs	MIKE LAWRENCE CLUB (#5)	0-2	35-17	49-29	36-28	120-76
2	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS (#2)	Vs	INDIA GLYCOLS LTD. (#6)	2-0	27-23	46-13	31-16	106-52
3	FORMIDABLES (#3)	Vs	SUNIL MACHHAR (#8)	0-0	69-11	56-15	WD	125-26
4	FRIENDS (#4)	Vs	R L KEJRIWAL MC (#7)	0-0	14-44	31-21	03-22	48-87

The 3*16 boards semi-finals of the event were also played today.

In the first semi-final **MANY HANDS** beat R.L. KEJRIWAL (Badal Das, Alope Sadhu, A.B. Charavarty, Pranab Bardhan, P.S. Mukherjee, S. Dey Sarkar) by 78 IMPs (143-65). In the second semi-final, **DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS** beat FORMIDABLES (Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, H.B. Prabhakar, Rajeshwar Tewari, Subhash Gupta) by 27 IMPs (124-97).

The semi-final results are as follows:

Tbl #	Team Name	Vs	Team Name	Boards			TOTAL
				1-16	17-32	33-48	
1	MANY HANDS (#1)	Vs	R L KEJRIWAL MC (#4)	55-16	58-13	30-36	143-65
2	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS (#2)	Vs	FORMIDABLES (#3)	36-37	60-08	28-52	124-97

Tomorrow's 4*16 boards final will be between **MANY HANDS** (Mrs. Hema Deora, Mrs. Himani Khandelwal, Rajiv Khandelwal, Sandip Dutta, Kaustubh Nandi, Suhas Vaidya) and **DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS** (Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Pritish Kushari, Debbrata Majumder, Bhabesh Saha, Sumit Mukherjee).

All the four sessions of the team finals will be live on BBO tomorrow from 0900 Hrs. onwards.

As **MANY HANDS** did not participate for Commonwealth selection trials, **DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS** automatically qualifies as India's No. 1 representative in the Commonwealth games Bridge Tournament to be held in New Delhi from Oct 24, 2010. As both semi-finalist losers had participated for the Commonwealth selection trials, a 2-session, 6 boards match was played between them for selecting the second team to represent India.

R L KEJRIWAL MC beat FORMIDABLES by 33-17 (28-11, 5-6) and will be the 2nd Indian team representing in the Commonwealth games.

In the Pairs event, the 2nd session of the 1st elimination round was played in the morning. The TOP 24 pairs from combined sections "A" & "B" and the TOP 23 pairs from combined sections "C" & "D" plus the pair having best score in all combined sections qualified for the elimination-2 round. The leaders were as follows:

Sections "A" & "B" Combined:

1. RAJU TOLANI - AJAY KHARE	597.31
2. M MUKHERJEE - RANA RAY	589.10
3. RAJESH DALAL - ANIL P PADHYE	568.95
4. SWAPAN DEY - TAPAN ROY	551.02

Sections "C" & "D" Combined:

1. RITA CHOKSI - BILLU	569.73
2. D A GADGIL - R SHRIDHAR	568.89
3. S R MALHOTRA - S K SYAL	557.96
4. ASHIM MUKHERJEE - BHATIA	555.58

The 48 qualifiers were joined by 12 Pairs of quarter-final teams in the 2nd elimination rounds of 2 sessions (22 boards per session). The 60 pairs played in 2 sections of 15 tables each with scrambled Mitchell movement and the TOP 24 Pairs qualified for tomorrow's OPEN PAIRS final. They will be joined in the finals by 2 sponsored pairs and 6 pairs of losing semi-finalists. The 32 pairs will play an all-play-all 62 boards final in 2 sessions with Barometer scoring.

The toppers of 2nd elimination round were:

Rank	Score	Pair #	Pair Name
1	583.64	B 38	NR KIRUBAKARA MOORTHY - UTTAM GUPTA
2	582.35	A 51	ASHIM MUKHERJEE - BHATIA
3	564.03	B 34	RAJU TOLANI - AJAY KHARE
4	535.04	A 14	J M SHAH - G VENKATESH
5	524.95	B 17	JAGDISH BISWAS - RAMKRISHNA MAJUMDAR
6	523.90	A 6	P C GUPTA - D K TIWARI

You can also view session by session scores of the championship on http://indianbridgepages.appspot.com/#Mohanlal_Bhartiya/2010/Results.el

- Reported by T.C. Pant