

NAUMAN BUTT WINS THE INDIVIDUAL PAIRS EVENT

On the last day of the 1st Mind Sports National Championship, organised by the "Mindsports Association of Pakistan" at the Southend Club, Karachi, the Individual Pairs event was played. A total of 72 pairs participated and they were divided in 6 groups of 3 tables each. Every individual had to play against the other 11 individuals within their group. Each round constituted of 3 boards. 6 Rounds were played before lunch and 5 after lunch.

At the conclusion of 11 rounds, it was Nauman Butt, of LUMS team, which is going to represent Pakistan in the World Mind Sports Olympiad at Beijing, who emerged first with a score of 353.50 MPs. Ghufran Ashraf came with 345 MPs came 2nd and Pervez Mirza was 3rd with 341 MPs.

See detailed results on page 2.

Heartiest Congratulations to the Winners.

The results of Chess events are detailed on Page 5.

There will be a Prize Distribution Ceremony after the game is over followed by a high tea. Please do attend and encourage the winners.

We have come to the end of a fabulous Championship and we do hope that you all must have enjoyed the experience thoroughly.

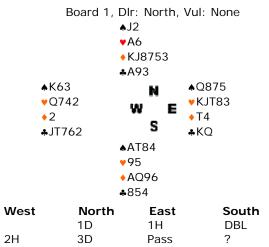


FINAL SCORE - Individual Pairs Event											
Rank	Score	Sec	Pair # 12	Player's Name	Rank	Score	Sec	Pair #	Player's Name		
<u>1</u> 2	353.50	A C	4	Nauman Butt Ghufrah Ashraf	37	276.00	D D	5	Azhar Abbas		
2	345.00 341.00	D	4 12	Pervez Mirza	38/39 38/39	275.50 275.50	 F	6	Nadeem Khalid Mushahid Siddiqu		
4	336.50	B	12	Kemal Shoaib	40	275.50	г С	10	Dr. A. Hasan		
4 5	336.50	F	3	Farrukh Liaquat	40	274.00	D	3	Tabraz Dada		
3 6	330.00	E F	6	Dr. Sarfaraz	41	272.00	A	11	Nishat Chishti		
7	326.00	E	5	Ahsan Qureshi	42/43	272.00	B	9	Khurrum		
8	320.00	D	8	Abid Mumtaz	42/43	272.00	A	9	Maqbool Ahmed		
9	321.00	C	9	Tarig Rasheed Kh	44	269.00	B	11	Dinaz Irani		
10	318.00	E	7	Zeenat Azwer	45	269.00	C D	6	Fiza Adamjee		
10	317.50	C	3	Khaled Mohiuddin	40	265.50	D	7	Faisal Ahsan		
12	317.00	D	9	Sultan Anwar	47/49	265.50	E	2	Mazhar Ali Khan		
13	317.00	D	11	Naim Abid	47/49	265.50	F	11	Wagar Hussain		
14	311.00	F	1	Mohd. Naseem	50	264.50	D	2	Jawad Abedi		
15	308.50	A	5	Tahir Masood	51	263.50	F	12	Naseem Azro		
16	303.50	A	7	Mahmood Nagvi	52	262.50	D	1	Rubina Agha		
17	303.00	B	4	Faraz Hyder	53/55	259.00	C	8	H. Jaffar		
18/19	302.50	A	6	Shahab Saeed	53/55	259.00	Ē	4	Ghias Udin Ahmed		
18/19	302.50	A	8	Ghaffar Qureshi	53/55	259.00	E	9	Anisur Rehman		
20	300.50	В	7	Sarim Hamza	56	258.50	B	12	Siraj Salaam		
21/22	298.50	B	10	Lutfullah Siddig	57	257.00	F	5	Hamid Mohiuddin		
21/22	298.50	E	12	Ziaullah Baig	58	253.50	B	5	Sikander Ghulam		
23/24	297.50	B	3	Azhar Karim	59	252.50	F	8	Yusuf Ul Islam		
23/24	297.50	B	6	Rubina Hai	60	252.00	Ē	8	Shoaib Ali Khan		
25/26	297.00	A	3	Laila Hashwani	61	250.00	F	7	Farhat Khan		
25/26	297.00	F	2	Abdul Khaliq	62/64	248.50	В	2	Shahina Leghari		
27	293.50	С	5	Ehsan Abbasi	62/64	248.50	D	10	Tahir Saya		
28	292.50	С	11	M. Ibrahim Baig	62/64	248.50	E	1	Ehsan Rashid		
29	292.00	F	10	Abdul Muqeet	65	237.00	E	10	Dinaz Dubash		
30	291.50	С	2	Khurshid Hadi	66	236.00	А	2	Dr. Hashim		
31/32	291.00	А	1	Anwar Kazal Bash	67	232.00	С	7	Jalal Khan		
31/32	291.00	F	4	Zia Hyder Naqi	68	231.00	В	8	Mr. Akbar		
33	288.00	E	3	Atiq Ur Rehman	69	220.00	А	10	Fazle Ahmed		
34	284.50	E	11	Yasser Rahim	70	209.50	А	4	Atiya Siddiqui		
35	281.00	С	12	Mazhar Jafri	71	205.00	D	4	Adnan Dada		
36	280.00	F	9	A. K. Bhurgari	72	191.50	С	1	Sarosh Dubash		

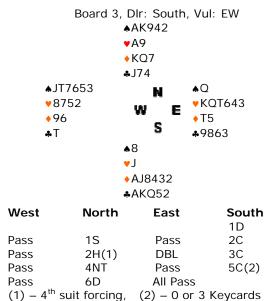


INTERESTING DEALS FROM INDIVIDUAL PAIR EVENT

There were plenty of interesting deals in the Individual Pairs event. Some of them are detailed below:

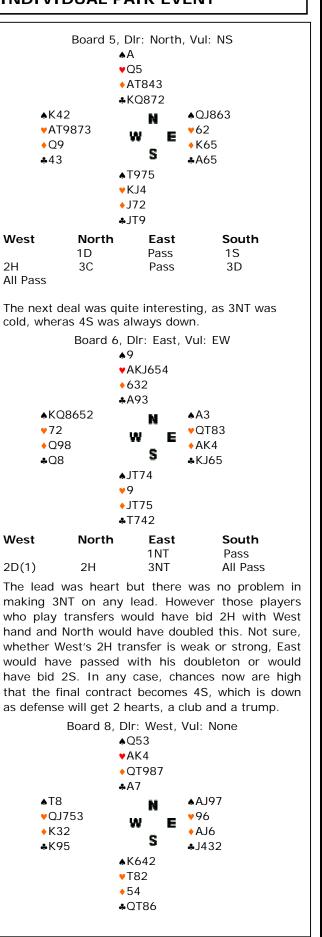


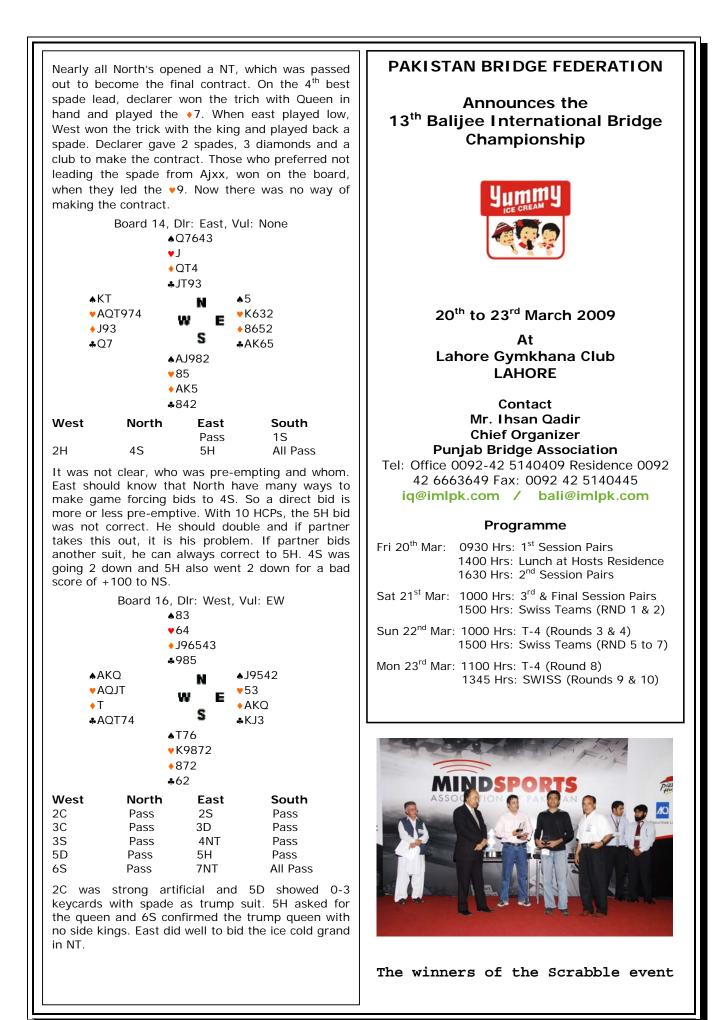
As the cards lie there were 6 diamonds along with the 3 Aces for 9 tricks in 3NT. The table, on which the editor was kibitzing passed for a poor score. With partner confirming 6 diamonds, South should have taken a 3H as he is ready to even play till 4D with his good diamonds.



Once North took the control of the hand, it was very difficult for South to bid the cold grand slam. After the forcing 2H, North should bid 3D setting up the suit. Now when South asks for the RKC, he will no the situation better and will atleast bid 7D, if not 7NT.

It looks attractive to be in 3NT on the board 5 but the contract is doomed. 3D was an optimum contract making 10 tricks for +130. The extra trick was made when defense faltered a bit. East led a heart and West correctly ducked the first trick. North now played the A and a low diamond and eager for a ruff, East hopped up with the K felling his partner's queen. The ruff vanished, as North could ruff with a high card and take out the trumps.





1st MSA Chess Championship (A)													
Final Ranking after round 8													
No.	Name	Score		SB	PS	rat.	TPR	W-We					
1.	Mehmood Lodhi	8.0	43.0	43.00	36.0	2379	2794	+0.36					
2.	Amir Karim	6.0	43.5	29.75	30.5	2265	1981	-0.74					
3.	Haseeb Ahmed	6.0	43.5	29.50	30.5	1969	2129	+0.28					
4.	Asadullah Khan Rampuri	6.0	37.5	23.75	28.0	0000	2194	0					
5.	Aziz Farooqui	6.0	38.0	24.50	26.0	0000	1702	0					
6.	Shahzad Mirza	5.5	32.0	19.75	20.5	2282	-	+0.00					
7.	Ahmed Awais	5.5	30.0	18.75	22.0	0000	2912	0					
8.	Fahim Anwar Malghani	5.5	36.5	22.50	25.0	0000	2282	0					
9.	Raees Ahmed Ansari	5.5	40.5	24.00	28.5	0000	2159	0					
10.	Shahzad Ahmed	5.5	38.0	23.25	25.5	0000	1292	0					
11.	Syed Noman Mustafa	5.5	42.0	25.00	29.0	0000	1931	0					
12.	Muhammad Waqar	5.0	35.0	20.50	23.0	2207	2912	+0.54					
13.	Shahzad Alam	5.0	29.5	14.75	20.0	2158	1558	-0.39					
14.	Akhtar Hussain	5.0	33.0	18.50	20.0	0000	-	0					
15.	Jahangir Ahmed	5.0	34.5	19.00	22.0	0000	2245	0					
16.	Muhammad Nawaz Khan	5.0	32.0	13.75	20.0	0000	1530	0					
17.	Muhammad Ramzam	5.0	32.0	18.00	24.5	0000	2066	0					
18.	Niaz Ahmed	5.0	35.0	19.50	22.0	0000	2088	0					
19.	Riasat Ali Nazim	5.0	38.5	20.50	25.0	0000	1440	0					
20.	Tafseer Ahmed	5.0	29.0	16.00	21.0	0000	2912	0					
21.	Asifur Rehman	4.5	36.0	17.75	24.0	0000	-	0					
22.	Dr. Haroon Chohan	4.5	34.5	13.25	21.5	0000	-	0					
23.	Gulraiz Nazeer	4.5	33.5	15.75	21.5	0000	2212	0					
24.	Imtiaz ul Hag	4.5	40.5	21.25	25.0	0000	2360	0					
25.	Irfan Ahmed	4.5	29.0	12.25	19.5	0000	1588	0					
26.	Muhammad Javed	4.5	27.5	10.25	13.0	0000	-	0					
27.	Al-Haj Mehmood Islam	4.0	34.5	16.00	21.5	0000	-	0					
28.	Asif Abbasi	4.0	36.0	15.50	20.0	0000	-	0					
20. 29.	Feroz Khan	4.0	36.5	16.00	19.0	0000	1616	0					
<u>27.</u> 30.	Imtiaz Ahmed	4.0	38.5	15.00	22.0	0000	2064	2064					
30. 31.	Israr Hussain	4.0	29.0	8.25	13.0	0000	1582	0					
31. 32.	M. Salahuddin	4.0	29.0	15.50	13.5	0000	-	0					
<u>32.</u> 33.	Muhammad Ismail	4.0	28.5	8.25	15.0	0000	- 1543	0					
<u>33.</u> 34.				9.50	15.0	0000	-	0					
34. 35.	Muhammad Younas	4.0	27.0 28.5	10.50	18.0	0000	-	0					
	Shafiq Junior						-						
36.	ZZ Gazala Bashir	4.0	31.5	8.50	19.0	0000	-	0					
37.	Anwar Qureshi	3.5	36.5	12.50	22.0	2235	2183	-0.14					
38.	Babar Butt	3.5	32.0	10.75	18.5	0000	1530	0					
<u>39.</u>	Nazeer Multani	3.5	31.5	11.50	18.0	0000	-	0					
40.	Abdul Qadir	3.0	35.0	11.25	15.5	0000	-	0					
41.	Azhar Javed	3.0	31.0	8.25	13.5	0000	-	0					
42.	Dara Bashir	3.0	27.5	8.75	12.0	0000	-	0					
43.	Dr. S. Ibrahim Ishaq	3.0	26.0	6.50	14.0	0000	-	0					
44.	Junaid Latif	3.0	26.5	6.25	11.0	0000	1481	0					
45.	M. Azam Bodla	3.0	28.0	6.75	14.0	0000	1387	0					
46.	Qamaruz Zaman Khan	3.0	29.0	6.75	14.0	0000	-	0					
47.	Raheel	3.0	27.0	6.25	12.0	0000	-	0					
48.	Syed Mushahid Ali	3.0	23.5	4.00	10.0	0000	-	0					
49.	Tasneem Haqqi	3.0	30.5	8.50	13.0	0000	-	0					
50.	Zainur Raza Shah	3.0	23.0	3.00	11.0	0000	-	0					
51.	Aftab Alam	2.0	25.5	7.50	11.0	0000	-	0					
52.	Asher Saeed	2.0	22.0	4.50	9.0	0000	-	0					
53.	Imran Khan	2.0	28.5	4.00	9.0	0000	1558	0					
54.	Nadeem Malik	2.0	25.5	1.00	8.0	0000	1605	0					
55.	Shakeel Iqbal	2.0	24.5	5.75	11.0	0000	-	0					
56.	Nadeem Aziz	1.5	32.0	15.00	11.0	0000	-	0					
57.	Abdul Qayyum Khan	1.0	27.0	12.25 3.		0000	-	0					
58.	Akhtar Saeed	1.0	25.5	9.00	2.0	0000	-	0					
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We will try and improve upon whatever little we have been able to put together.

SEE YOU ALL NEXT TIME

GOOD BYE - From the Organising Team