

Eventus Badminton Tournament

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Tournament Report

Eventus recently concluded Badminton Tournament for the corporate sector at the prestigious Student's Gymkhana (AIIMS). An event, which saw 24 corporate sector teams toiling, made this tournament not only bigger in size but also saw multiple nominations from single organization as compared to last year. The teams were divided into 6 pools having four teams in each pool. The pools were decided on the basis of their past performance while new inclusions were randomly placed in each pool.

During the league stage, wherein teams played games in a specified format given prior to the tournament earned points from 2 singles match and 1 doubles match of 15 points. After the league stage, top two teams from each pool qualified along with the four teams out of six standing on 3rd place for the pre-quarterfinal stage. These teams were then ranked from 1-16 on the basis of **points, game score and point difference**. The ranking chart of 16 qualifying teams for the pre-quarterfinals is given below for your ready reference.

Ranking of Teams after League Stage										
Rank	Name of Team	Played Vs.	Won	Lost	Points (+)	Points (-)	Points Diff.	Total point diff.	Total Score	Total Points
1	DDA - A	Cadence	3	0	45	20	25	100	9 = 0	6
		Axalto - B	3	0	45	5	40			
		Maruti Zen	3	0	45	10	35			
2	Gecis - B	British Gas - A	3	0	45	13	32	80	9 = 0	6
		Hero Honda	3	0	45	16	29			
		Maruti Esteem	3	0	45	26	19			
3	Reebok - B	Lucent Tech.	2	1	42	28	14	36	8 = 1	6
		J W T	3	0	45	23	22			
		Fritolay	3	0	Walkover					
4	Ernst & Young	Axalto - A	3	0	45	5	40	34	8 = 1	6
		British Gas - B	2	1	32	38	-6			
		Reebok - A	3	0	Walkover					
5	AAI	Reliance	2	1	42	17	25	42	7 = 2	6
		H T	2	1	43	26	17			
		DDA - B	3	0	Walkover					
6	Gecis - A	Airtel	3	0	45	11	34	61	7 = 2	5
		Citi Bank	1	2	24	35	-11			
		Maruti Swift	3	0	45	7	38			
7	British Gas - B	Axalto - A	3	0	45	8	37	43	7 = 2	5
		Ernst & Young	1	2	38	32	6			
		Reebok - A	3	0	Walkover					

8	Citi Bank	Maruti Swift	1	2	35	35	0	44	6 = 3	5
		Gecis - A	2	1	35	24	11			
		Airtel	3	0	45	12	33			
9	Cadence	DDA - A	0	3	20	45	-25	37	6 = 3	5
		Maruti Zen	3	0	45	17	28			
		Axalto - B	3	0	45	11	34			
10	Lucent Technologies	Reebok - B	1	2	28	42	-14	-1	6 = 3	5
		J W T	2	1	37	24	13			
		Fritolay	3	0	Walkover					
11	Maruti Esteem	Hero Honda	2	1	35	26	9	26	5 = 4	5
		British Gas - A	3	0	45	9	36			
		Gecis - B	0	3	26	45	-19			
12	Reliance Infocom	AAI	1	2	17	42	-25	-6	5 = 4	5
		DDA - B	2	1	42	23	18			
		H T	2	1	32	31	1			
13	Maruti Swift	Citi Bank	2	1	35	35	0	-8	5 = 4	5
		Airtel	3	0	45	15	30			
		Gecis - A	0	3	7	45	-38			
14	Hindustan Times	AAI	1	2	26	43	-17	-18	5 = 4	4
		Reliance	1	2	31	32	-1			
		DDA - B	3	0	Walkover					
15	Hero Honda	Maruti Esteem	1	2	26	35	-9	-4	4 = 5	4
		Gecis - B	0	3	16	45	-29			
		British Gas - A	3	0	45	11	34			
16	J W T	Reebok - B	0	3	25	45	-20	-33	4 = 5	4
		Lucent Tech.	1	2	24	37	-13			
		Fritolay	3	0	Walkover					

In the **pre-quarterfinals** except for the top ranked team (DDA-A) who got walkover from JWT saw some very exciting and thrilling matches. The lower ranked teams showed great commitment took the challenge with high sprints, over coming the mistakes made during the league stage surprised every one by making the major upset in the tournament.

The first upset came from Hero Honda (ranked 15) lost 2 league matches but won all the 3 games against British Gas-A defeated Gecis-B (ranked 2), followed by Hindustan Times (ranked 14) lost 2 league matches but due to walkover conceded by DDA-B came in the reckoning defeated Reebok-B (ranked 3), and last from Maruti-Swift (ranked 13) won 2 league matches but lost to Gecis-A in straight games which saw

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considerable fall in their ranking, changed their game plan executed excellent strategy to defeat Ernst & Young (ranked 4).

The eight teams qualified for the quarterfinal stage, and to make the matches more interesting and competitive all the matches were of best of 3 games of 15 points each but on request few teams was changed to 11 points each set.

In the first quarterfinal match between DDA-A Vs. Cadence both Maharaj Krishan & Surinder Sharma showed their supremacy over Anuj & Tanvir of Cadence to win the match in 2 straight set to make for semifinal.

The second quarterfinal match Hero Honda Vs. British Gas- B saw some strong challenge and desperate attempts to over come their opponents as Ramesh of British Gas against Kapil Grover after losing first set reorganized game plan and won the remaining 2 set to make it 1-0 for his team. In the second single match Vinay Chopra lost in close match to Mahesh Singla of Hero Honda to make it 1 match all. The doubles match was played between Kapil Grover & Kapil Bijoni of Hero Honda while British Gas persisted with same combination Vinay & Ramesh. Hero Honda won the first set comfortably but second set saw some good fight back by British Gas making opponents struggle for victory to make it to semifinals.

The third quarterfinal match Gecis-A Vs. Hindustan Times first game went to HT as Sanjeev Virmani who won most of his single games during league registered easy win over Sadiq Ahmed but Gecis-A won the next single & doubles game as Himanshu after winning his single games without much difficulty also played brilliantly during the doubles game while Sadiq gave him good support to secure their place to the next round.

The last quarterfinal AAI defeated Maruti-Swift in straight games as R.K. Sinha & Parul Chabra won both their single games showed great skills and control to reach semifinal. Maruti-Swift lost the rhythm in the crucial game as Malay Mondal N.k Mittal, Deepak & Rajeev Bhudhiraja had shown great team combination in their previous matches.

In the first semifinal, Surinder Sharma of DDA defeated B.S. Bisht of AAI in the first single match with good margin while R.K. Sinha of AAI defeated Maharaj Krishan of DDA, one of the most experienced player in straight sets to level the score. The doubles match was now to decide the first team to reach finals. AAI opted to go for change while DDA-A showed confidence in same players who played single match. The first set was easy victory for DDA but AAI was in no mood to gift away the game, made some impossible returns and at time score came to level. The good understanding and lightning fast smashes by Suriender helped DDA to take lead and retain it till the end to enter the final of the tournament.

In the second semifinal, Gecis-A team had clear edge over Hero Honda as Sadiq Ahmed over shadowing his opponent Mahesh Singla in all departments won the single match by good margin. Himanshu who got some challenge in the first set by Kapil Grover, did not allow him to take even a single point in the next game and registered victory to take on Gecis-A team in the final.

Road to Championship					
Rank of Teams	NAME OF THE TEAMS	Quarter Finalist	Semi Finalist	Finalist	Winner
1	DDA - A	DDA - A (Walk over)	DDA - A (2 - 0)	DDA - A (2 - 1)	DDA - A (2 - 0)
16	J. Walter Thompson				
8	Citi Bank	Cadence (2 - 1)			
9	Cadence				
4	Ernst & Young	Maruti Swift (2 - 0)	AAI (2 - 0)		
13	Maruti Swift				
5	AAI	AAI (2 - 1)			
12	Reliance Infocom				
2	Gecis - B	Hero Honda (2 - 1)	Hero Honda (2 - 1)	Gecis - A (2 - 0)	
15	Hero Honda				
7	British Gas - B	British Gas - B (2 - 1)			
10	Lucent Technologies				
3	Reebok	H T (2 - 1)	Gecis - A (2 - 1)		
14	Hindustan Times				
6	Gecis - A	Gecis - A (2 - 0)			
11	Maruti Esteem				

The final saw unexpected change as Gecis-A team requested to introduce a female participant for the final. This was gracefully accepted by DDA team manager setting perfect example of sportsmanship. Kanika of Gecis played the first single against Surinder Sharma, the game was decided in straight sets but on many occasions Kanika managed to break the serve of Surinder and made good returns by smashing hard to the base line. She showed extra ordinary courage to take the challenge from undefeated player of the tournament. The next game to follow was doubles match instead of second singles to decide the winner as both the teams wanted to play best combination. It was once again Surinder & Maharaj Krishan for DDA while Sadiq & Himanshu of Gecis were geared up to face the challenge. DDA pair never allowed Gecis to settle down and make a come back at any point of time. Due to the stamina and skills of Surinder Sharma and support from Maharaj Krishan DDA won both the sets by 11-3. took the revenge as Gecis had defeated DDA last year in a thrilling encounter but this time DDA got better of Gecis-A to lift the winner trophy.

The Best Player of the Tournament

The technical committee after reviewing the results of all the matches played till the pre quarterfinal short listed three players who remained undefeated during their singles match, Firstly Mr. Ram Prasad of Reebok, Mr. Harsh Saluja of Reliance Infocom and Mr. Surinder Sharma of DDA-A.

All these players defeated their opponents with good margin and had equally matched technique. Ramprasad & Harsh Saluja did manage to win their single game but lost while playing doubles match. Surinder Sharma of DDA-A not only won all his singles matches also helped his team to win all the double matches as he collected most of the points on his serve. The kind of stamina, concentration, ability to control drop shots and return smash which were treat to watch delighted every one present during the final encounter earned him best player of the tournament.

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The Best Pair of the Tournament

Himanshu Pattnaik and Sadiq Ahmed of Gecis-A won the best pair of the tournament award as both of them contributed equally and had better coordination among themselves against all their opponents. In spite of losing to DDA in final match they remained as favorites since DDA won the game not because of better coordination but due to lone skills of Surinder Sharma most of the time during the game.

We at Eventus take this opportunity to thank **Reebok India Company** our valued sponsor for their support to promote this event and timely execution to provide us with quality T-Shirts to all the participants on a very short notice.

We strongly believe that this year the level and size of the tournament has improved drastically compared to last year and there could be a surprise for all you guys so keep practicing to maintain your form. We might organize yet another tournament in winters because most of the teams had shown interest to play one in winters. We once again thank all the participants for their support and cooperation.

Feedback

Eventus seek your valuable feedback to enable us in improving the tournament further.

Regards,

Team Eventus