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## Eventus Badminton Tournament – 2006

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### Tournament Report

**Eventus** Badminton Tournament for corporate sector was successfully concluded at Student's Gymkhana (AIIMS).

We at Eventus take this opportunity to thank **Reebok India Company** for sponsoring this event and to provide us with quality T-Shirts for all the participants.

During the league stage, teams played matches as per the latest rules and point system introduced in the game of Badminton worldwide. Eventus, as you all know brings in latest rules and innovations in their tournaments; we take credit of organizing this tournament with latest point system that was appreciated by all the participants. After the league stage, top two teams from each pool qualified for the knockout stage. These teams were then ranked from 1-10 on the basis of **total points, game score and point difference**. The ranking chart of 10 qualifying teams for the pre-quarterfinals is given below for your ready reference.

Rank	Name of Team	Won	Lost	Points (+)	Points (-)	Total point difference	Game Score	Points earned
1	Hindustan Times	9	0	141	55	86	9-0	6
2	Havells	9	0	149	108	41	9-0	6
3	Citibank	8	1	221	146	75	8-1	6
4	Cadence	8	1	147	104	43	8-1	6
5	TATA Consultancy Services	8	1	83	69	14	8-1	6
6	Reliance Infocom	7	2	69	83	-14	7-2	5
7	Vertex	6	3	108	119	-11	6-3	5
8	Canon	5	4	205	194	11	5-4	5
9	Mckinsey	5	4	138	161	-23	5-4	5
10	British Gas	5	4	118	142	-24	5-4	5

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In the **knockout stage** Vertex got a walkover from British Gas whereas Canon defeated Mckinsey to make it to top 8 teams.

No upsets were created in **quarterfinals** as top 4 ranked teams won their matches but only after fighting hard with their opponents.

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The first semifinal was much to the expectation as both the teams were equally matched and had won most of their previous matches. Tanvir Kazmi put his team in front by winning the first match in 3 sets. Sanjeev Virmani won the second single match in 3 sets to level the score. The doubles match was now to decide the first team to reach finals. The first set was easy victory for Hindustan Times while Cadence lost the second set after putting up little fight.

The second semifinal was a cake walk for Citibank team as they won both their single matches. Sandeep Sharma who had won all his league and quarterfinal matches played well in the first set but suddenly lost his concentration when Shishir Deo started to shorter version of serve. Sumeet Khatri gave a good fight to Gaurav before losing in straight sets.

<b>Road to Championship</b>					
<i>Rank of Teams</i>	<i>NAME OF THE TEAMS</i>	<i>Quarter Finalist</i>	<i>Semi Finalist</i>	<i>Finalist</i>	<i>Winner</i>
1	Hindustan Times	Hindustan Times	Hindustan Times (2 - 1)	H. Times (2 - 1)	H. Times (2 - 0)
8	Canon	Canon (2 - 1)			
9	Mckinsey		Cadence (2 - 1)	Citi Bank (2 - 0)	
4	Cadence	Cadence			
5	Tata Cons. Services	Tata Cons. Ser.	Havells (2 - 0)	Citi Bank (2 - 0)	
2	Havells	Havells			
7	Vertex	Vertex (walkover)	Citi Bank (2 - 1)	Citi Bank (2 - 0)	
10	British Gas				
3	Citi Bank	Citi Bank			
6	Reliance Infocom	Reliance Infocom			

The final saw yet again a tough match between Deepak & Shishir wherein Deepak won in the 3<sup>rd</sup> set and took his team close to winning the championship. Sanjeev Virmani changed strategy by attacking his opponent on every possible opportunity. Earlier he was playing very defensive game and this sudden change in strategy took Gaurav by surprise. Sanjeev won his match in straight sets and thus lifted the winner trophy.

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**Hindustan Times - Winners Badminton Tournament 2006**



**Citi Bank - Runners-up Badminton Tournament 2006**

### **The Best Player of the Tournament**

The technical committee after reviewing the results of all the matches played till the semifinal stage, short listed three players who displayed good game of Badminton, Firstly Tanvir Kazmi of Cadence who remained undefeated, Narender Sharma of Canon also did not lose any match and Sanjeev Virmani of Hindustan Times.

All these players defeated their opponents with good margin and had covered the court well. But Sanjeev Virmani was declared Best Player of the Tournament as his planning and change of strategy enabled his team to win the Championship.

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**Sanjeev Virmani of Hindustan Times** The Best Player of the Tournament 2006

#### **The Best Pair of the Tournament**

The fight was between Gaurav & Shishir (Citi Bank) and Sanjeev & Deepak (HT), both the pairs had not lost a single match in the tournament. Gaurav & Shishir of Citi Bank won the Best Pair of the Tournament Award as both of them contributed equally and had better coordination among themselves against all their opponents.



**Gaurav Kapoor & Shishir Deo of Citi Bank** The Best Pair of the Tournament 2006

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Prof. Y. K. Joshi, Chairman of AIIMS gave away the trophies and individual prizes to the teams.

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**