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## Eventus Table Tennis Tournament – 2006

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### Tournament Report

The inaugural match between the champions of 2005, **EXL Service** and **Xansa** clearly personified the spirit and standard of the Eventus Table Tennis Tournament achieving higher echelons by the year.

We at Eventus, also 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 11 points game with best of 3 games per match. 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 total point difference**. The ranking chart of 10 qualifying teams for the knockout stage is given below:

| <b>Ranking of Teams after League Stage</b> |                     |     |      |            |            |                        |             |               |
|--|---------------------|-----|------|------------|------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Rank                                       | Name of Team        | Won | Lost | Points (+) | Points (-) | Total point difference | Total Score | Points earned |
| 1  | EFUNDS              | 9   | 0    | 143        | 69         | 74                     | 9-0         | 6             |
| 2  | EXL Service         | 9   | 0    | 139        | 89         | 50                     | 9-0         | 6             |
| 3  | Cadence             | 8   | 1    | 148        | 94         | 54                     | 8-1         | 6             |
| 4  | Induslogic          | 7   | 2    | 122        | 110        | 12                     | 7-2         | 5             |
| 5  | GE Consumer Finance | 6   | 3    | 220        | 177        | 43                     | 6-3         | 5             |
| 6  | Colt Technologies   | 6   | 3    | 208        | 178        | 30                     | 6-3         | 5             |
| 7  | Xansa               | 6   | 3    | 121        | 105        | 16                     | 6-3         | 5             |
| 8  | TATA Cons. Services | 6   | 3    | 143        | 133        | 10                     | 6-3         | 5             |
| 9  | Hindustan Times     | 6   | 3    | 114        | 114        | 0                      | 6-3         | 5             |
| 10   | Mckinsey            | 6   | 3    | 150        | 152        | -2                     | 6-3         | 5             |

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In the **1<sup>st</sup> knockout match**, Hindustan Times defeated TATA Consultancy (3-2) after fighting hard as they could not get better of Sunny from TCS in both his single matches whereas Xansa relatively won their match with ease as Varun once again won both his single matches and his contribution in doubles also could not be ignored.

No upset was created in **quarterfinals** as top 4 ranked teams won their matches but only after fighting hard with their opponents. Cadence won (3-0) against Colt Technologies but the other three teams to reach Semifinals won their matches with score of (3-1) against their respective opponents.

Upsets were created in Semifinals wherein Induslogic defeated EFUNDS team (ranked number 1) and Cadence fought brilliantly to beat EXL Service team (ranked number 2) and also the Champions of last year.

Induslogic won both their single matches to take 2-0 lead but EFUNDS got one back by winning the doubles match but Avinash defeated Prince in the reverse singles to reach the finals in their first appearance itself.

The second semifinal was Best match of the tournament as this was a replay of the final match played last year. Mrinal took his team ahead with 3-0 win over Vikas Roy but Pradeep Goyal brought his team on level terms with 3-0 win over Tapas. Doubles was the key and Cadence pair really complimented each other with good understanding and great foot work to win the tie in 4 games. Mrinal defeated Pradeep in 4 tough games to make it 2-2 and the match went to the second reverse singles. Vikas Roy won the first game but Tapas came back to win the second. Vikas won the next 2 games to enable his team reach the final for the second year in a row.

In the Final, Avinash Tripathi won his match against Vikas Roy after fighting hard in 4 games whereas Vikas Gupta lost very easily and could manage just 6 points from Pradeep Goyal in 3 games. Vikas Gupta & Avinash Tripathi lost doubles in straight games and Cadence played the first reverse singles with score reading 2-1 in their favor. Avinash lost the first game but came back to win the second and then (reasons best known to him) did not play to his potential in the next 2 games or had no answers to the steady game of Pradeep. Cadence emerged as the Champions and their road to championship is given below:

| <b>Road to Championship</b> |                          |                         |                      |                    |                 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Rank of Teams</b>        | <b>NAME OF THE TEAMS</b> | <b>Quarter Finalist</b> | <b>Semi Finalist</b> | <b>Finalist</b>    | <b>Winner</b>   |
| 1                           | EFUNDS                   | EFUNDS                  | EFUNDS (3 - 1)       | Induslogic (3 - 1) | Cadence (3 - 1) |
| 8                           | Hindustan Times          | Hindustan Times (3 - 2) |                      |                    |                 |
| 9                           | Tata Cons. Services      |                         |                      |                    |                 |
| 4                           | Induslogic               | Induslogic              | Induslogic (3 - 1)   |                    |                 |
| 5                           | GE Cons. Finance         | GE Cons. Finance        |                      |                    |                 |
| 2                           | EXL Service              | EXL Service             | EXL Service (3 - 1)  | Cadence (3 - 2)    |                 |
| 7                           | Xansa                    | Xansa (3 - 1)           |                      |                    |                 |
| 10                          | Mckinsey                 |                         |                      |                    |                 |
| 3                           | Cadence                  | Cadence                 | Cadence (3 - 0)      |                    |                 |
| 6                           | Colt Technologies        | Colt Technologies       |                      |                    |                 |

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**Cadence - Winners Table Tennis Tournament 2006**



**Induslogic - Runners-up Table Tennis Tournament 2006**

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### **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 played well in the tournament, Firstly Mrinal Mondal of EXL Service, Avinash Tripathi of Induslogic and Pradeep Goyal of Cadence.

Mrinal Mondal remained unbeaten in this tournament and Avinash won all his matches till reverse single match in the final but Pradeep Goyal of Cadence was declared Best Player of the Tournament as his cool temperament, hard concentration and ability to return difficult shots enabled his team to win the Championship.



**Pradeep Goyal of Cadence - Best Player of the Tournament 2006**

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

Though the pair of Vikas Roy and Pradeep Goyal remained undefeated in the tournament but Avinash Tripathi & Vikas Gupta were awarded Best Pair of the Tournament. This was more of a consolation prize for them as they enabled their team to reach the final while their team participated for the first time in the tournament. We at Eventus, hope that both these players will work hard on their shortcomings to win the tournament next year as their counterparts did this year by winning the Tournament.

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### **Avinash Tripathi & Vikas Gupta of Induslogic - Best Pair of the Tournament 2006**

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**