Team Nepal's Journey of the AWC-2023 and Beyond

A story of ups and downs, and medals?!

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- Vulnerability Researcher @ Patchstack
- Brand Ambassador 🇳🇵 @ HackerOne
- Bug Bounty Hunter

@dhakal_ananda

HackerOne Ambassador World Cup 2023

- A competition of 29 teams (23 countries)
- 5 rounds
- 14 days for each round
- 11 - 26 members allowed in a team
- Top 4 teams go to the HackerOne Live Hacking Event for the Finals

- To hack: Specific public programs selected by HackerOne

Points Per Vulnerability

- Low: 2 points
- Medium: 4 points
- High: 8 points
- Critical: 12 points

TeamNepal Squad 2023

akashhamal0x01	dhakal_bibek	notsandip	g0ndaar	20_root
spongebhav	nb1b3k	thesanjok	churot_ko_thuto	itsrickyy
bishal0x01	knight_	nepalihacker0x01	wshadow	vapour
run_win	maskop9	mpz	0xatul	imangrg111
ghimire_veshraj	k1ra_	Corrupted_brain	shuvam321	basant0x01

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AMBASSADOR WORLD CUP 2023

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
BORDEAUX	HARYANA	CHILE	JAIPUR
SAUDI ARABIA	PAKISTAN	PARIS	BRAZIL
CANADA	NEPAL	FINLAND	NIGERIA
			USA 0

GROUP E	GROUP F	GROUP G	GROUP H
EGYPT	SINGAPORE	KENYA	BANGALORE
PUNE	VIETNAM	ROMANIA	SPAIN
ARGENTINA	NEW DELHI	ODISHA	USA 1
IRELAND	BANGLADESH	TURKEY	ISRAEL

Group Stage begins!

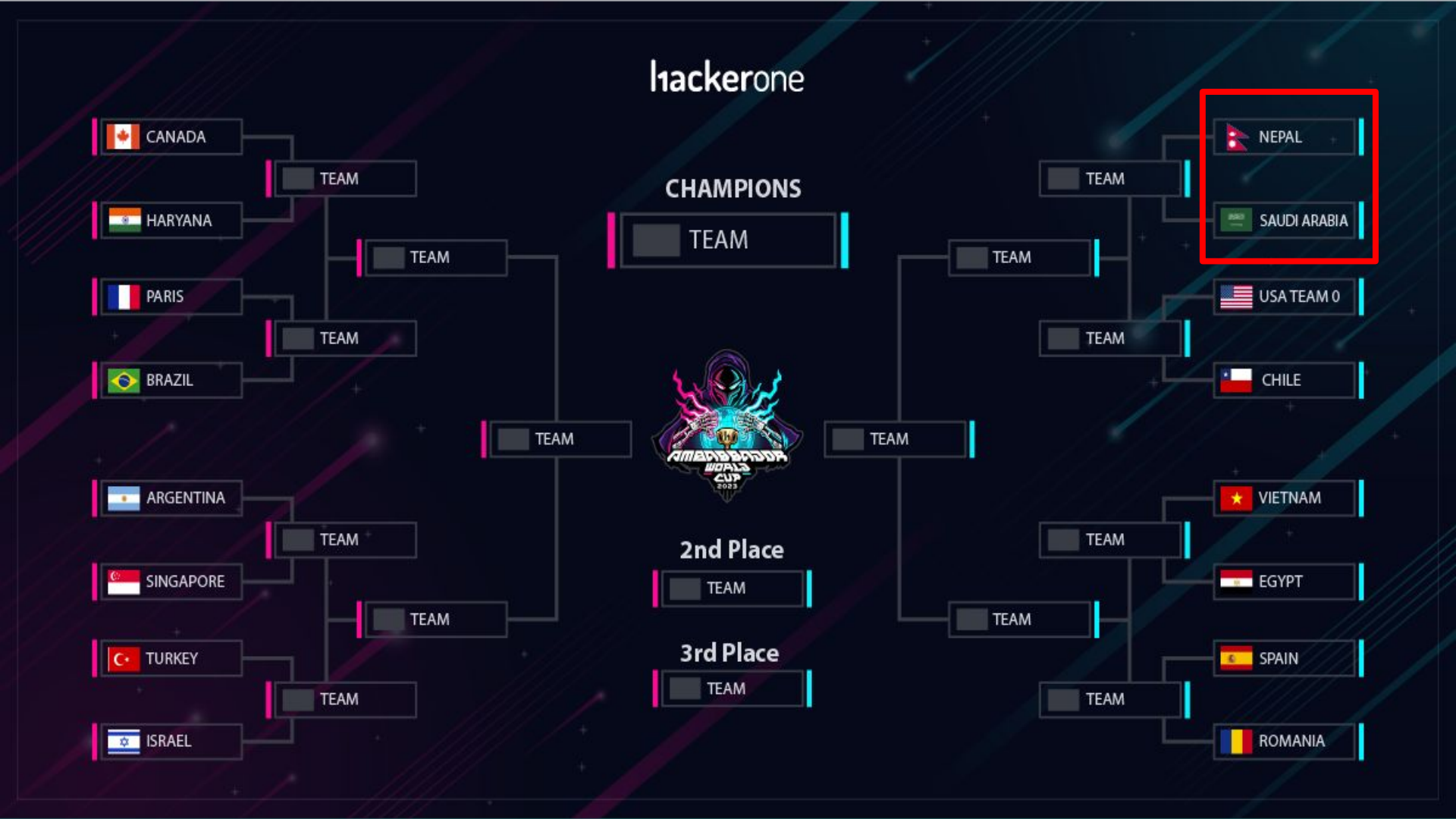
In-person hacking!!

Group Stage Results

Group Stage:

Nepal - 46 points

1. @AkashHamal0x01 - 16 points
2. @dhakal_ananda - 14 points
3. @20_root - 8 points
4. @dhakal_bibek - 4 points
5. @n00b1e - 4 points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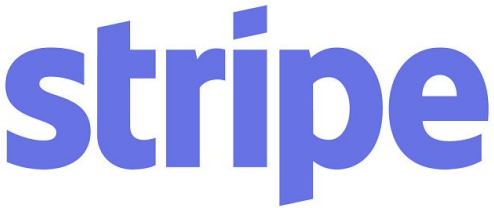

Slowish Round

- No in-person hacking meetups
- Kinda boring targets

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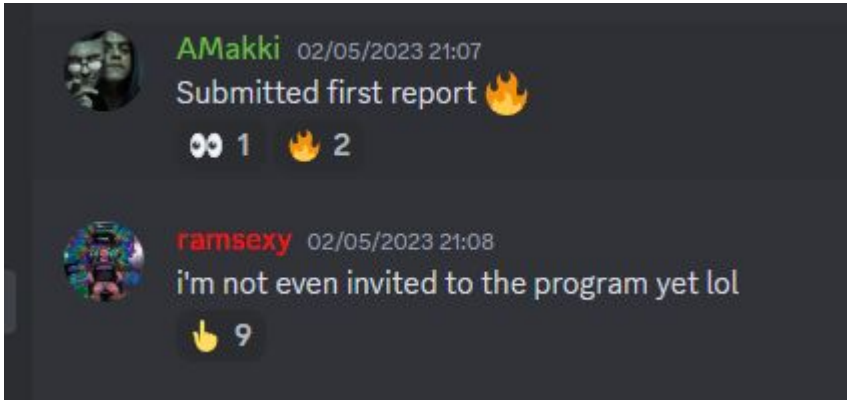

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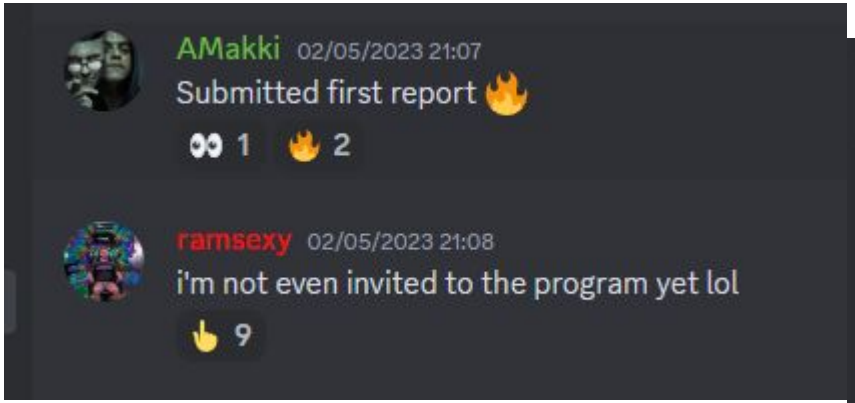

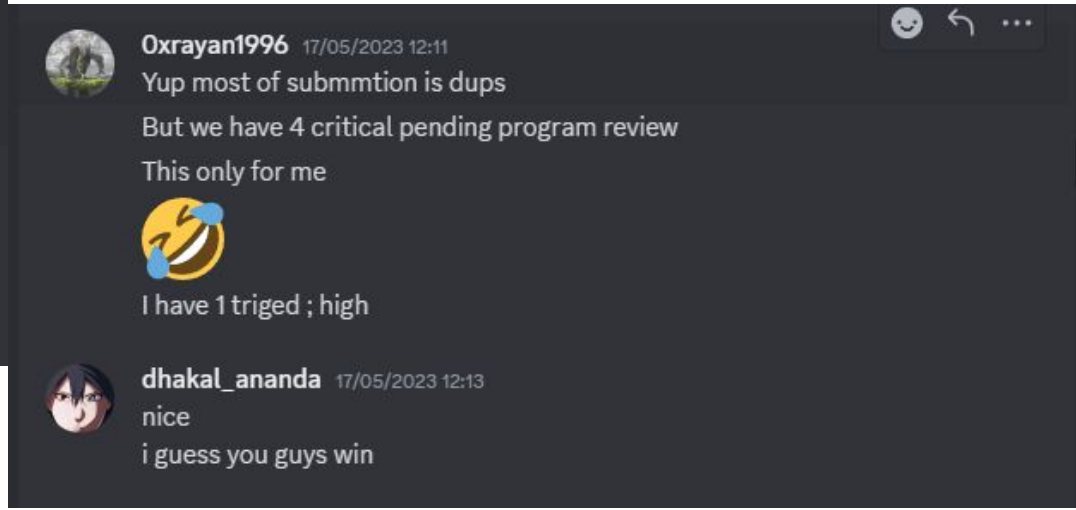

Top-16 Points

Sweet Sixteen:

Nepal - 44 points

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2. @dhakal_ananda - 12 points
3. @20_root - 4 points
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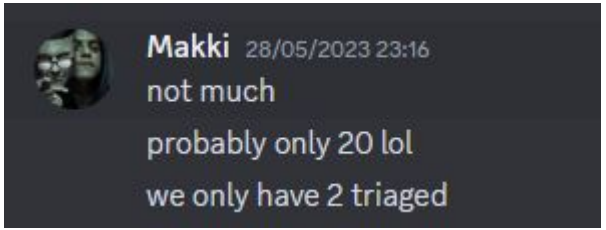
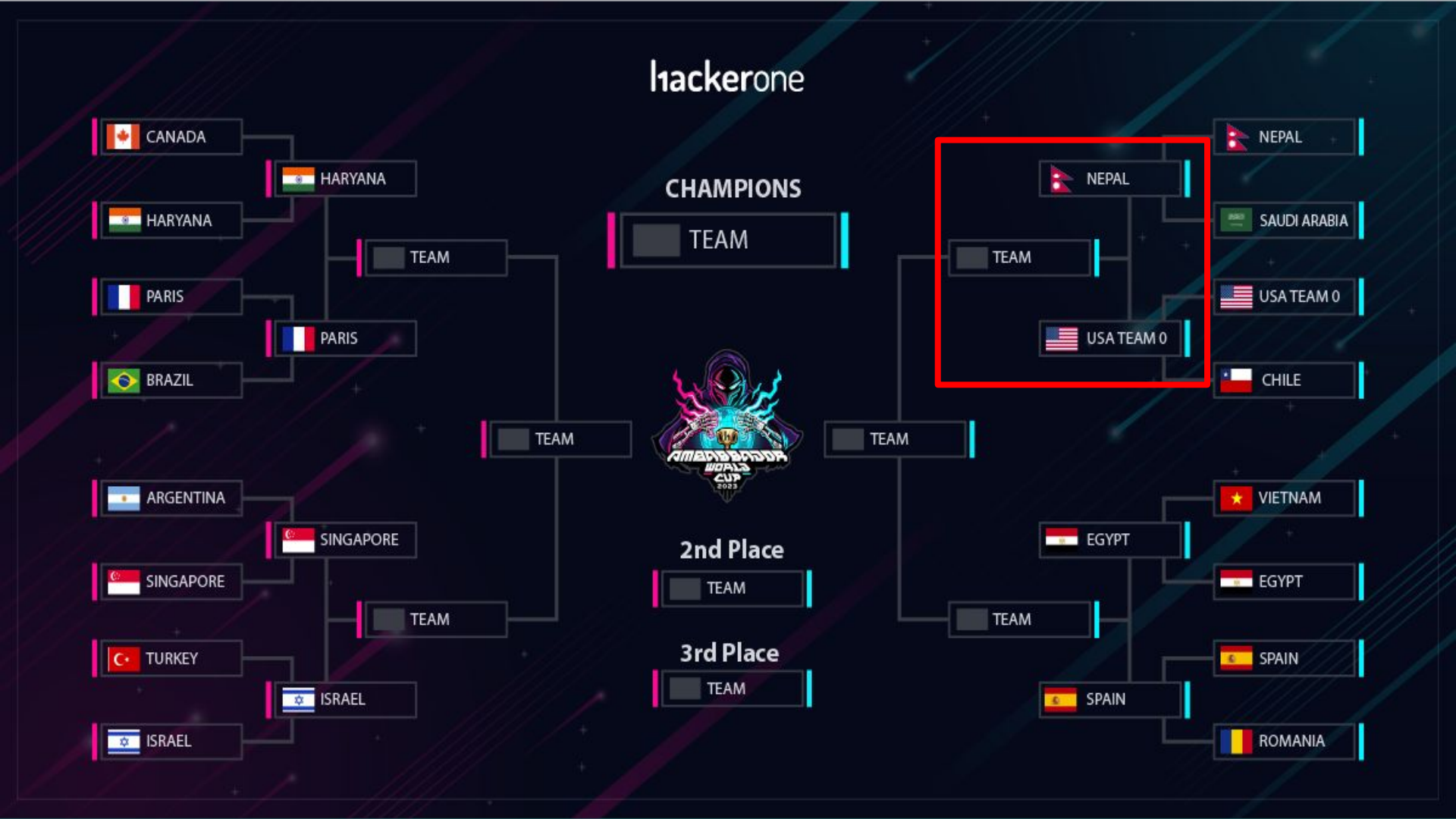
Defeated Saudi Arabia solo

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Target for the Quarter Finals

Yahoo and the USA: Worst Possible Combination

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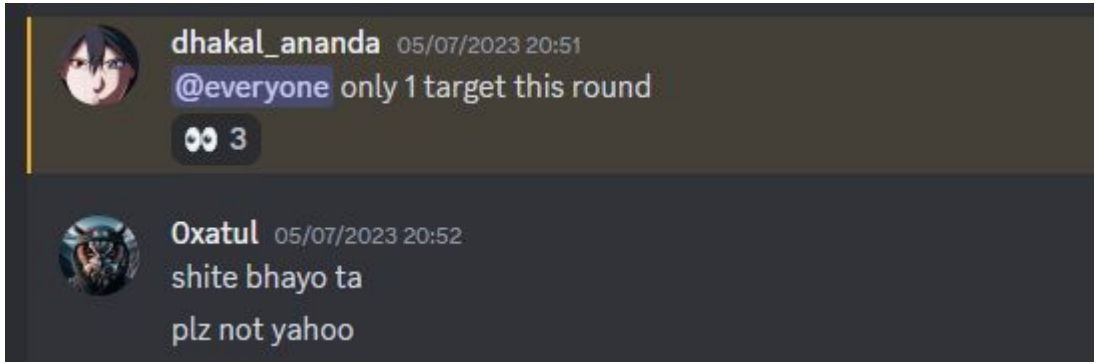

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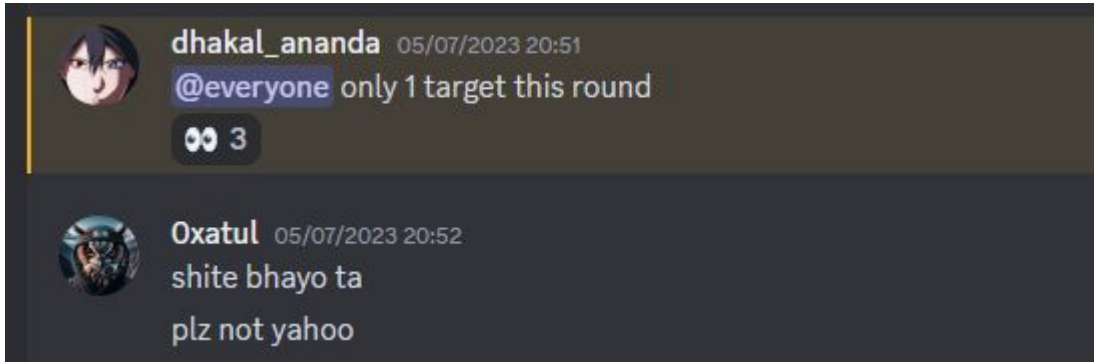

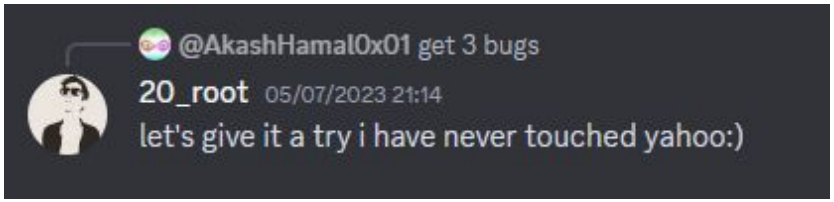

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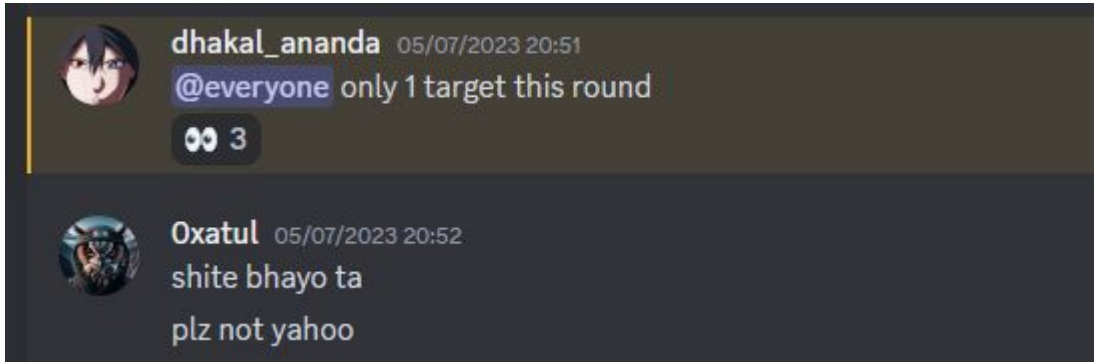

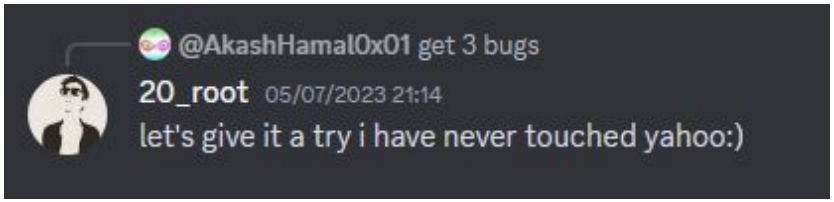

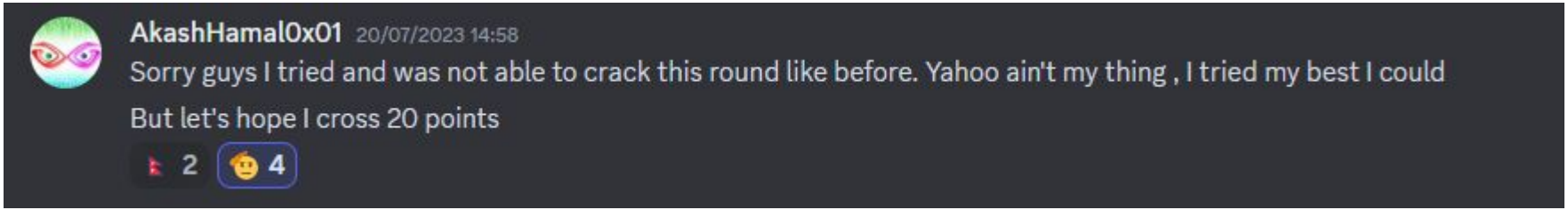

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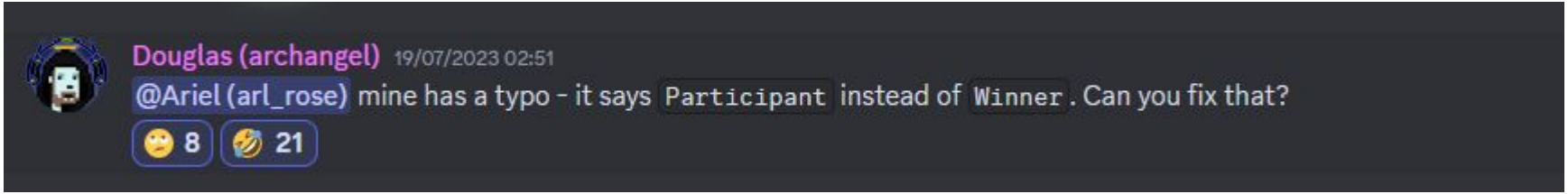

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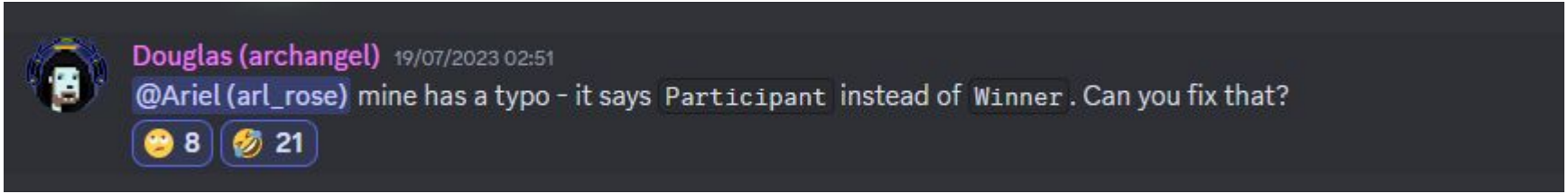

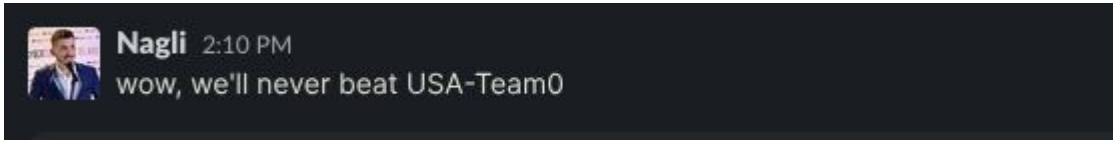

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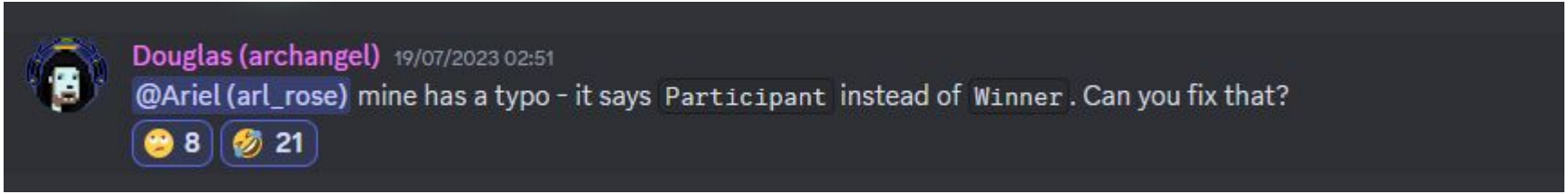

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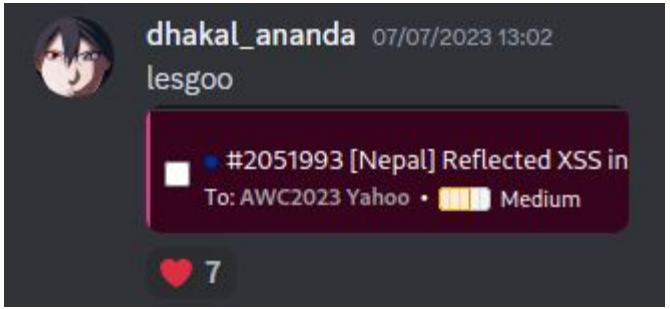

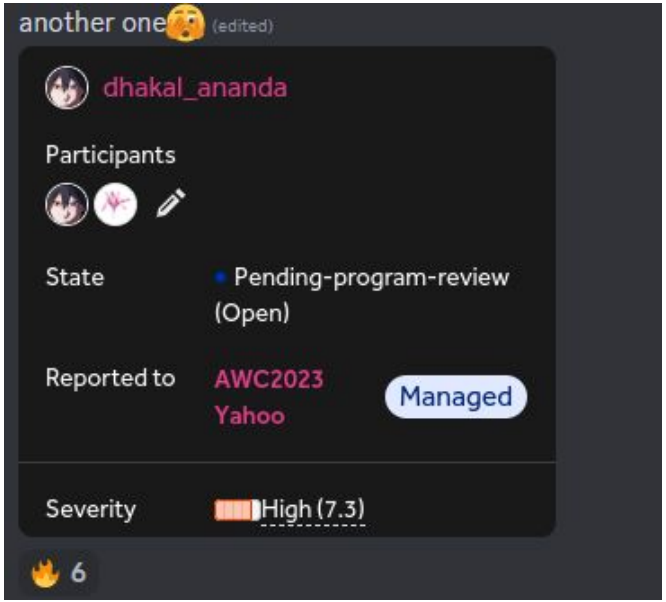

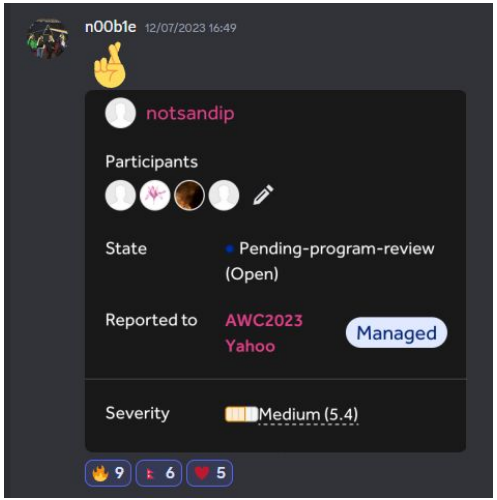

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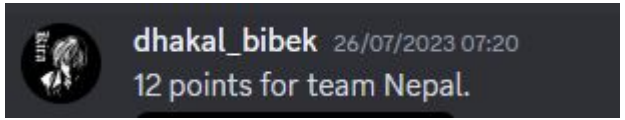

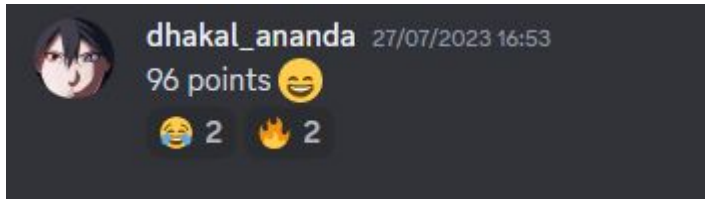

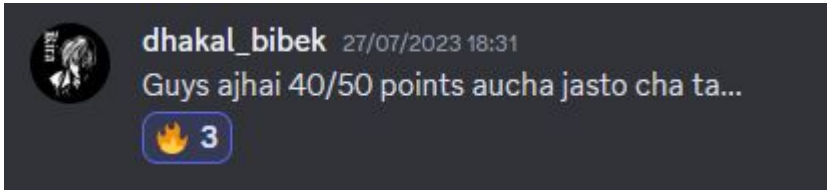

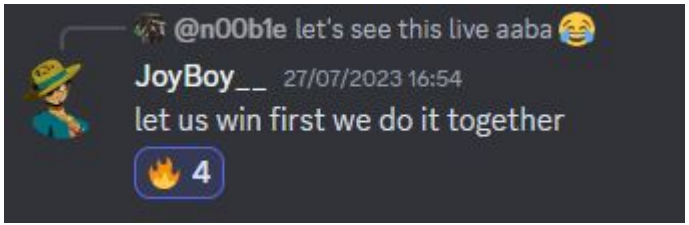

Beyond Technical Game- Playing a Mental Game

- No posting of in-person events on social media

Beyond Technical Game- Playing a Mental Game

No posting of in-person events on social media during the round

Quarter Finals Points

Quartar Finals:

Nepal - 112 points

1. @dhakal_ananda - 40 points
2. @dhakal_bibek - 28 points
3. @AkashHamal0x01 - 18 points
4. @g0ndaar - 16 points
5. @madman - 4 points
6. @n00b1e - 4 points
7. @JoyBoy__ - 2 points

Collaborations:

1. @n00b1e + @madman - 8 points (2 reports)
2. @dhakal_ananda + @g0ndaar - 8 points (1 report)

USA points?

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Oh well...

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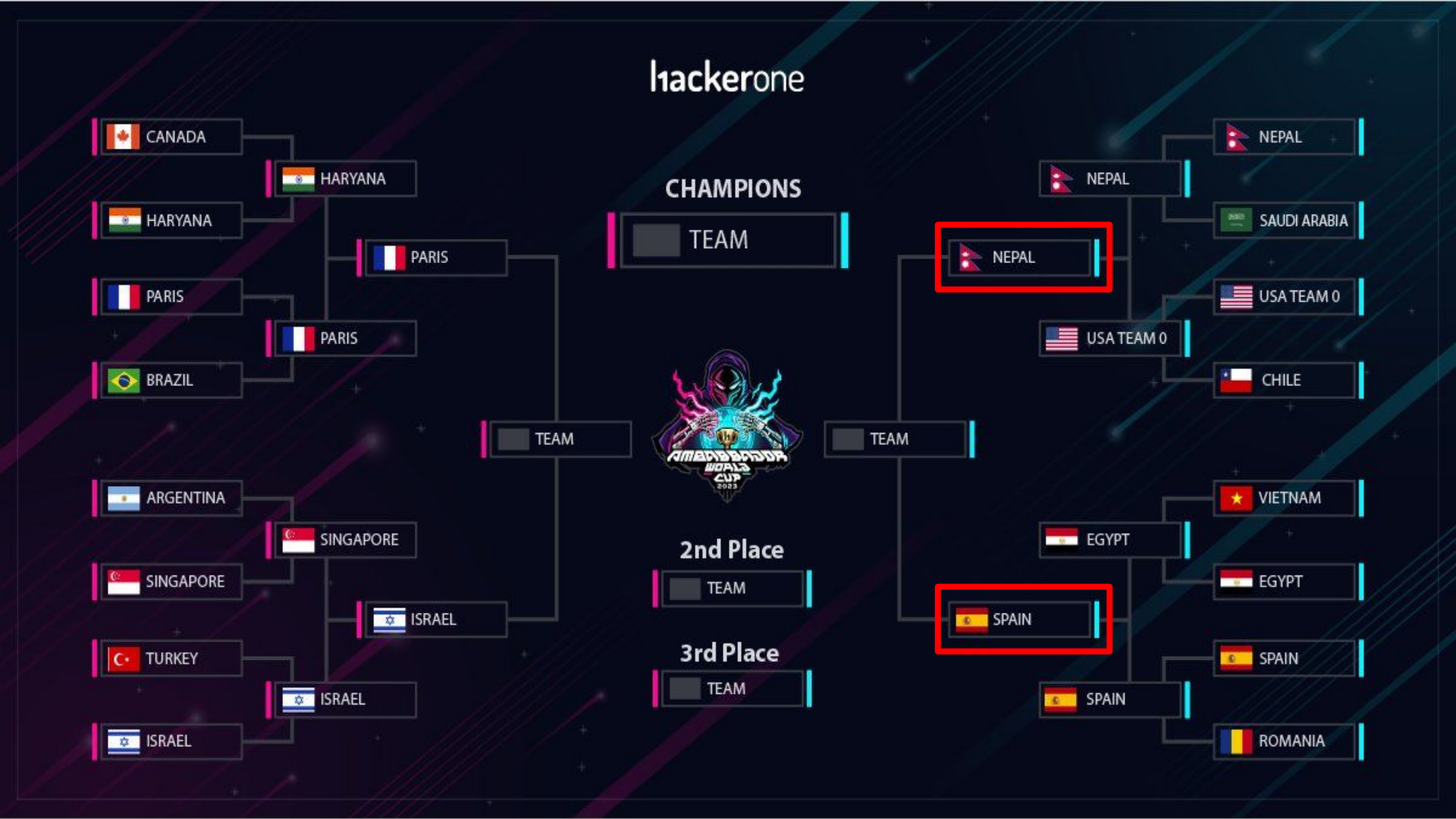
@Hacker0x01
The results are in!
The four teams moving on to Round 4 of the #AmbassadorWorldCup are #TeamParis, #TeamIsrael, #TeamNepal, and #TeamSpain!

Qualified for the LHE!!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Semi Finals Target?

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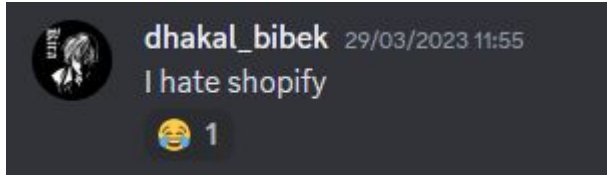
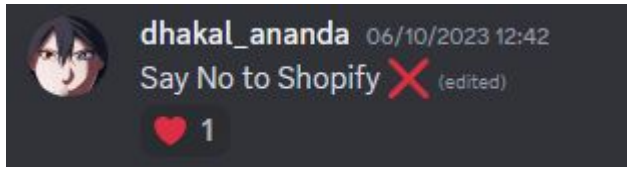
Experience with Shopify



Btw I think something wrong with Shopify lol



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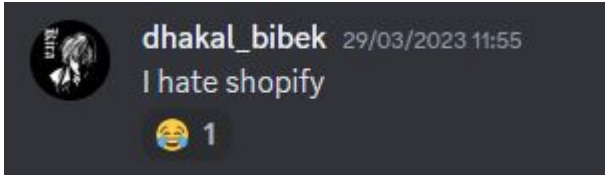

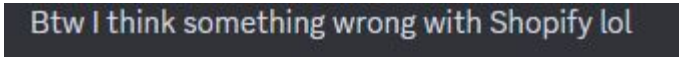

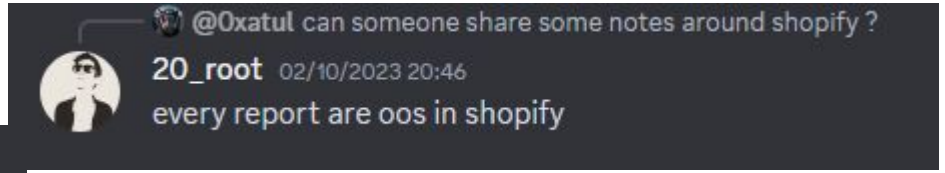

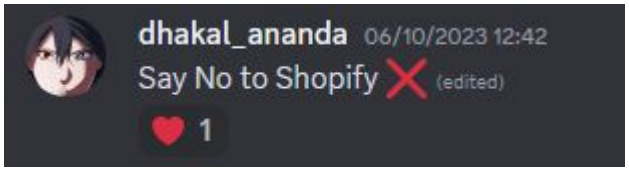

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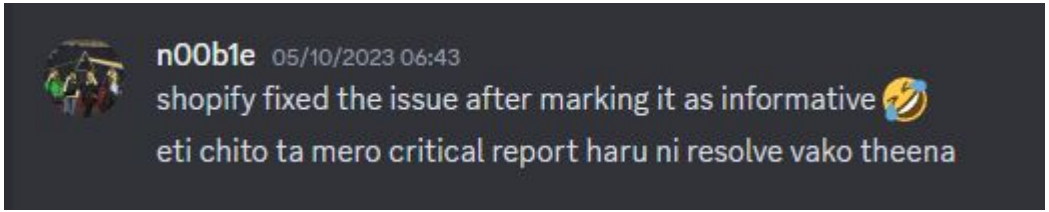

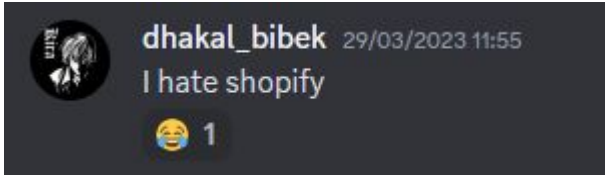

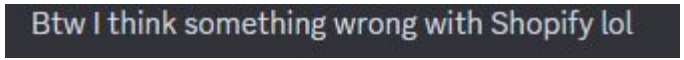

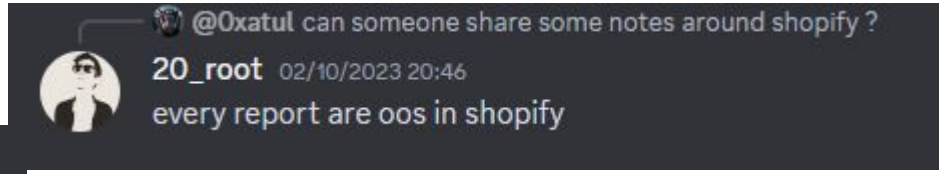

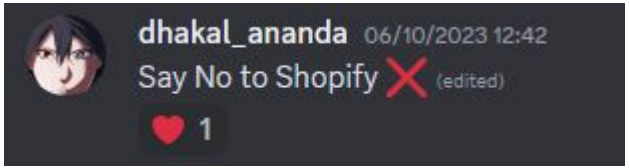

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Btw I think something wro

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i will try to find some
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notes around shopify ?

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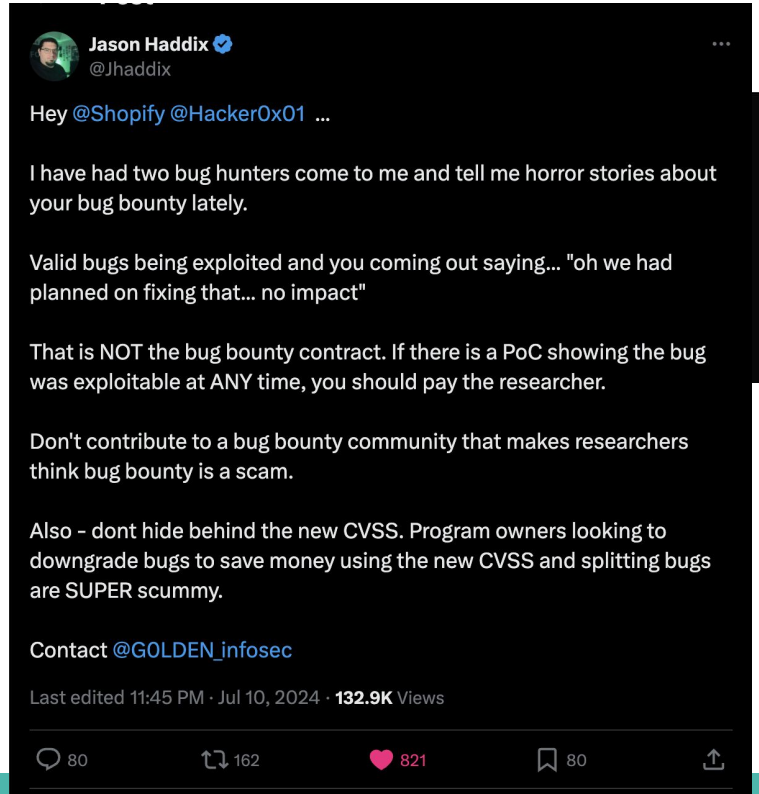

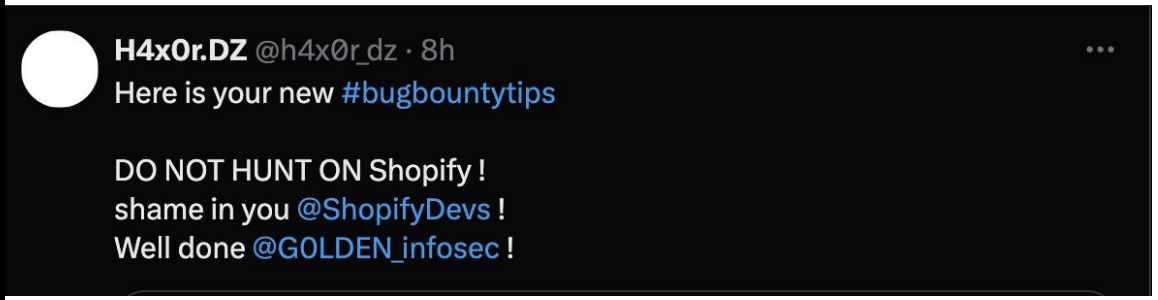

Experience with Tinder

- Pretty good in terms of hacking/triage

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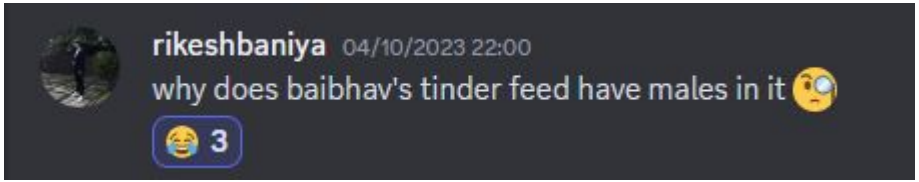

In-person hacking!!

LHE Destination Revealed

Semi Finals + Visa Processing?

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- Final: Oct 18 - Nov 2
- In-person: Oct 30 - Nov 2

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LHE selected members

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Semi Finals Points?

Spain Points?

52/54 points I think

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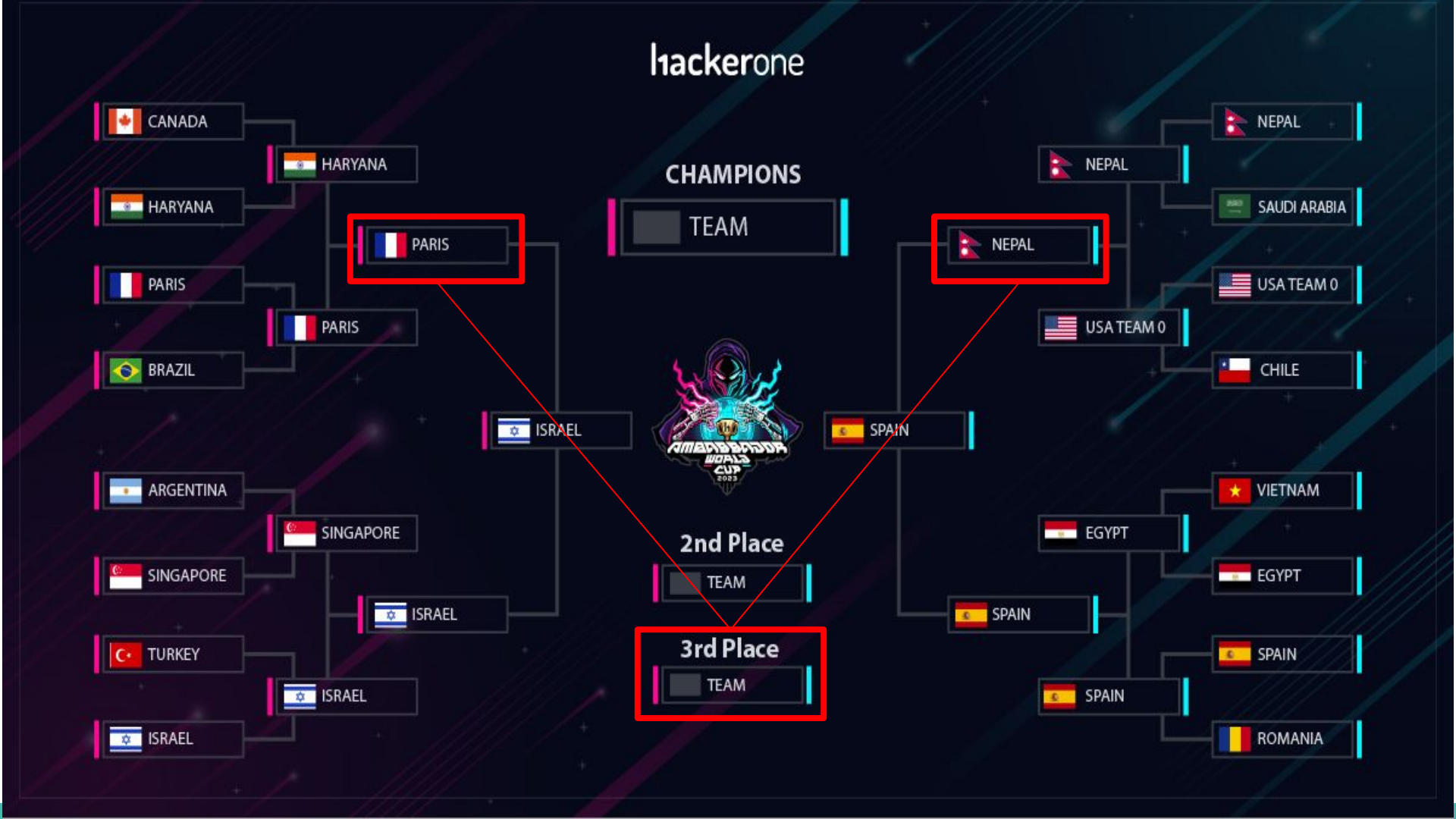
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AWC-2023 Finals Target?

Highlights of the Finals

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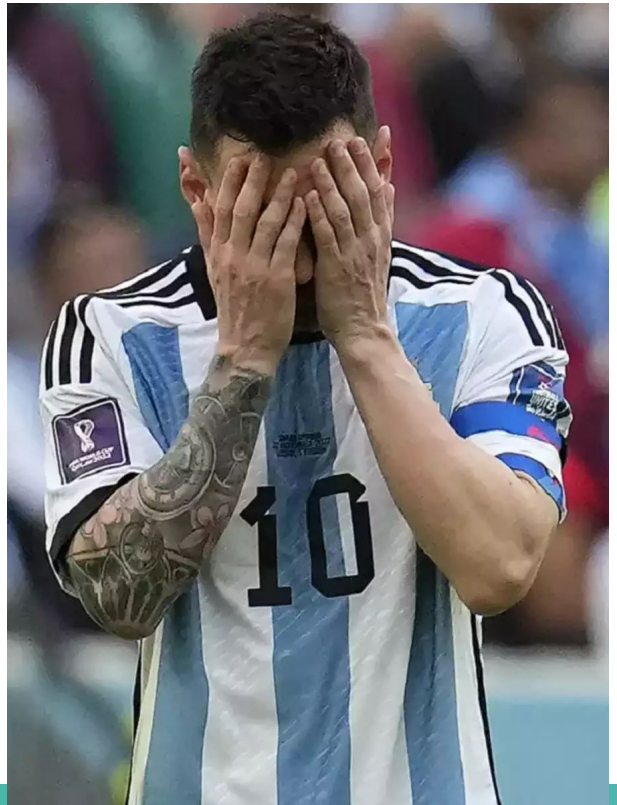

Crushed the Finals

Finals:

Nepal - 328 points

1. @AkashHamal0x01 - 152 points
2. @dhakal_ananda - 86 points
3. @n00b1e - 26 points
4. @rikeshbaniya - 18 points
5. @dhakal_bibek - 15 points
6. @g0ndaar - 14 points
7. @k1ra_ - 8 points
8. @JoyBoy__ - 8 points
9. @vapour - 1 point

Collaborations:

1. @rikeshbaniya + @dhakal_bibek + @JoyBoy__ - 16 points

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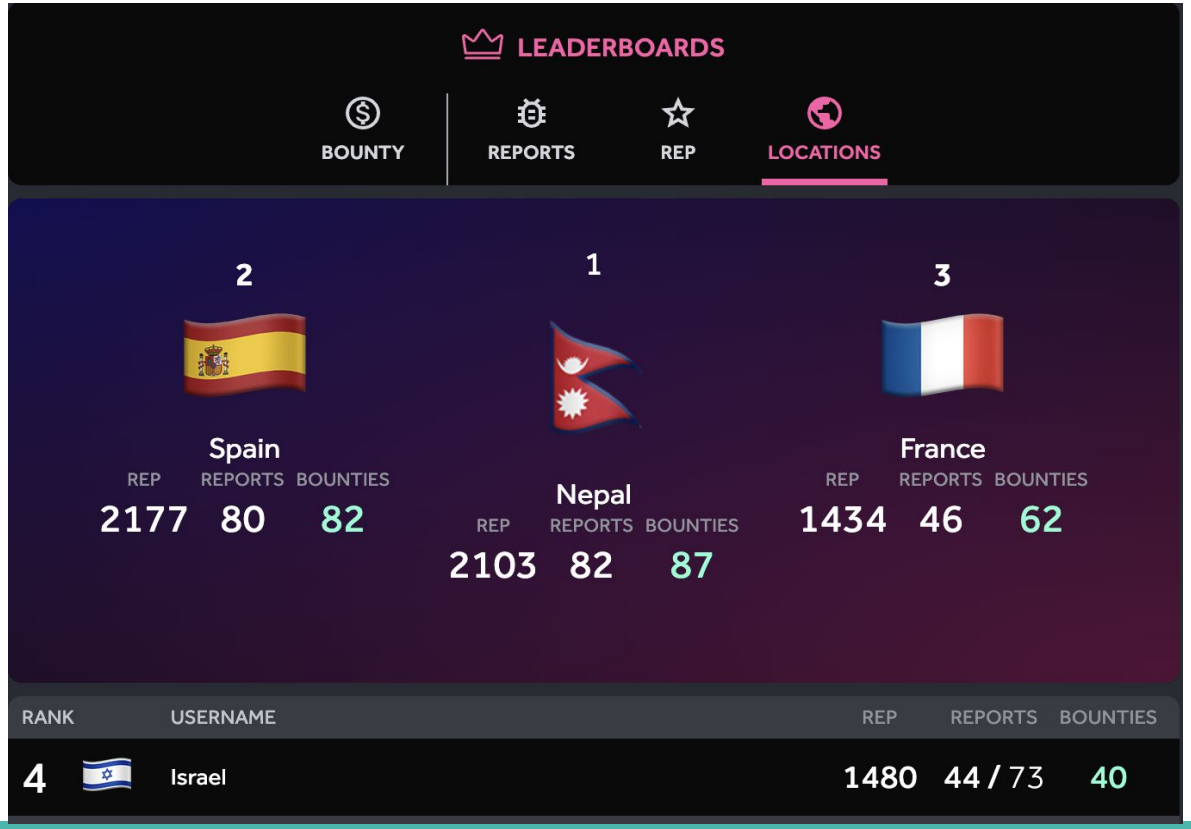

Aftermaths

g0ndaar
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spongebhav
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churot_ko_thuto
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dhakal_bibek
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dhakal_ananda
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notsandip
6
20_root
1

The End of AWC-2023

@g0ndaar

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- 2 LHEs: Quarter finals (8 teams) & Finals (4 teams)

Points Per Vulnerability

- Low: 2 points
- Medium: 6 points
- High: 18 points
- Critical: 26 points

TeamNepal AWC-2024 Squad

dhakal_ananda	AkashHamal0x01	dhakal_bibek	g0ndaar	notsandip
joyboy__	20_root	vapour	spongebhav	rikeshbaniya
bishal0x01	hussu010	proabiral	milankatwal99	r3dpars3c
orion1x1	0x4d5341	ayushxtha	amwsis	

AWC-2024 Qualifier Round Target?

amazon

SUPERBET

AWC-2024 Qualifier Round:

Qualifier Round:

Nepal - 220 points

1. @g0ndaar - 66 points
2. @AkashHamal0x01 - 32 points
3. @spongebhav - 30 points
4. @ayushxtha - 22 points
5. @rikeshbaniya - 18 points
6. @dhakal_bibek - 14 points
7. @n00b1e - 14 points
8. @milankatwal99 - 10 points
9. @orion1x1 - 6 points
10. @dhakal_ananda - 6 points
11. Ghost - 2 points

AMBASSADOR WORLD CUP 2024

1. FRANCE
2. SPAIN
3. UNITED STATES
4. INDIA 1
5. UK
6. NEPAL
7. SAUDI ARABIA
8. POLAND

9. VIETNAM 2
10. ISRAEL
11. IRAQ
12. MOROCCO
13. EGYPT
14. BRAZIL
15. ARGENTINA
16. TURKEY

17. NETHERLANDS
18. INDIA 5
19. INDIA 2
20. GERMANY
21. COLOMBIA
22. INDIA 3
23. CANADA
24. CHILE

25. GREECE
26. INDIA 4
27. JAPAN
28. PORTUGAL
29. BANGLADESH
30. FINLAND
31. NIGERIA
32. VIETNAM 1

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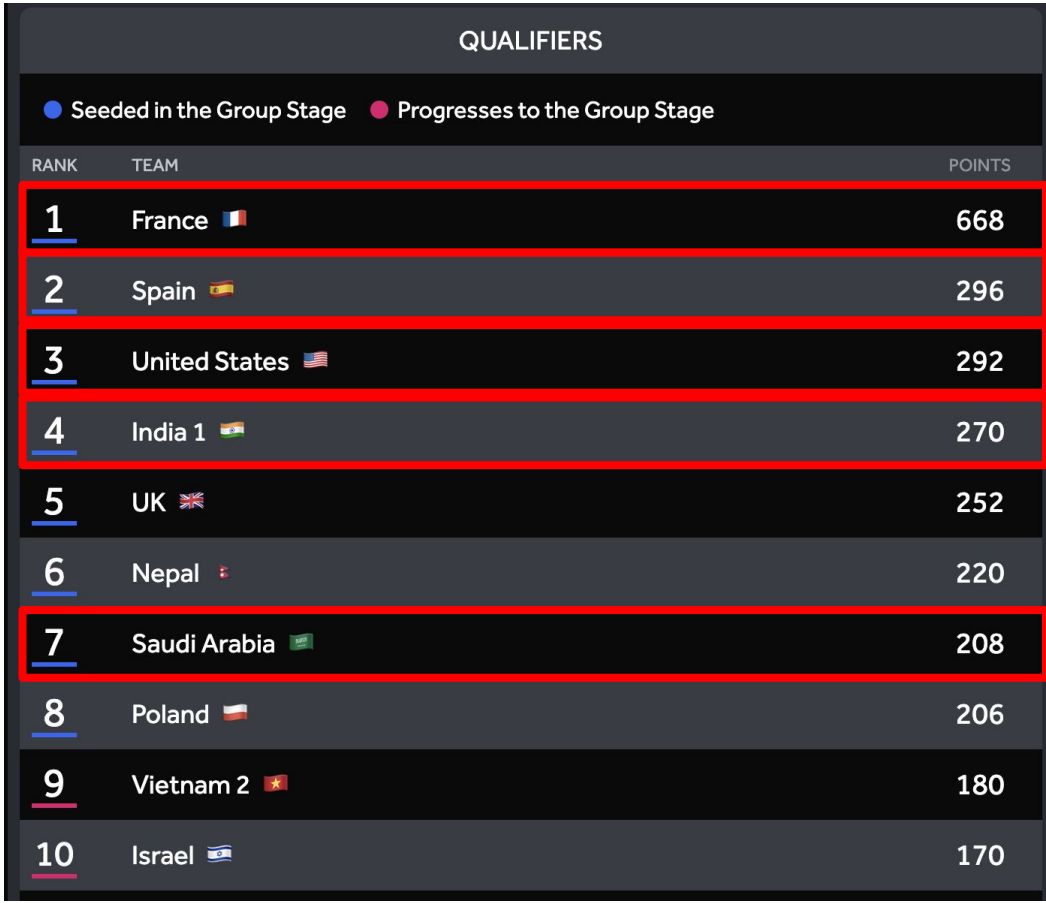
#FunFact

We competed against all these teams in AWC-2023!



QUALIFIERS

Seeded in the Group Stage Progresses to the Group Stage

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1	France	668
2	Spain	296
3	United States	292
4	India 1	270
5	UK	252
6	Nepal	220
7	Saudi Arabia	208
8	Poland	206
9	Vietnam 2	180
10	Israel	170

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Team Member Requirements

- Not taking in beginners
- Have valid bugs in H1 public bug bounty program
- Competing for the country, not for oneself

Any questions?

Thank you!!