
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

	BORDEAUX
	SAUDI ARABIA
	CANADA

GROUP B

	HARYANA
	PAKISTAN
	NEPAL

GROUP C

	CHILE
	PARIS
	FINLAND

GROUP D

	JAIPUR
	BRAZIL
	NIGERIA
	USA 0

GROUP E

	EGYPT
	PUNE
	ARGENTINA
	IRELAND

GROUP F

	SINGAPORE
	VIETNAM
	NEW DELHI
	BANGLADESH

GROUP G

	KENYA
	ROMANIA
	ODISHA
	TURKEY

GROUP H

	BANGALORE
	SPAIN
	USA 1
	ISRAEL

Group Stage begins!

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March 13 | March 27



Let the Competition Begin!

Kicking off Round 1: All Groups

In partnership with:

yahoo! shopify EPIC GAMES OpenSea stripe

#AmbassadorWorldCup

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

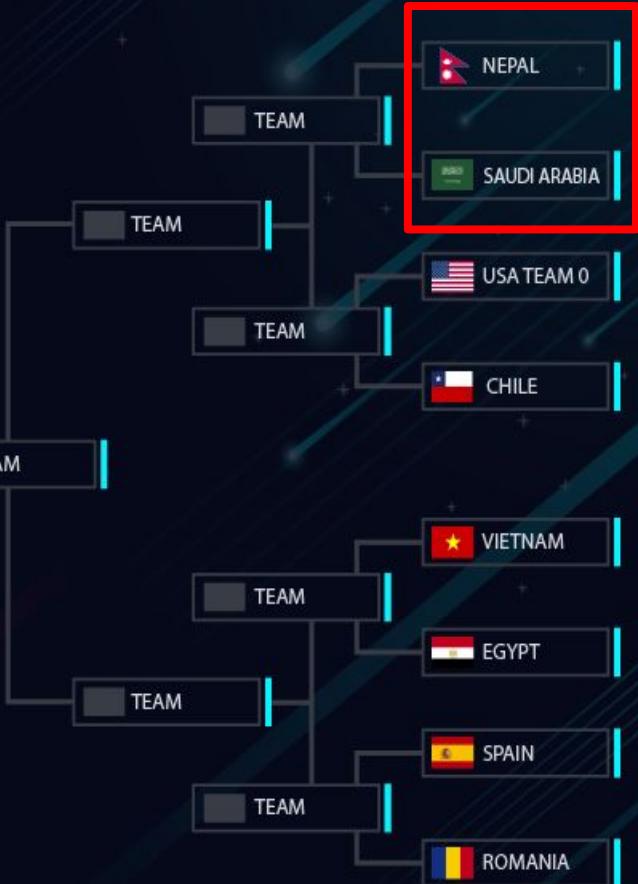
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CHAMPIONS



2nd Place

3rd Place



Top-16 begins!



stripe



Slowish Round

- No in-person hacking meetups
- Kinda boring targets

Not much hope?



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Submitted first report 🔥

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Oxrayan1996 17/05/2023 12:11
Yup most of submmtion is dups
But we have 4 critical pending program review
This only for me

⚡ I have 1 triged ; high

dhakal_ananda 17/05/2023 12:13
nice
i guess you guys win

Top-16 Points

Sweet Sixteen:

Nepal - 44 points

1. @AkashHamal0x01 - 26 points
2. @dhakal_ananda - 12 points
3. @20_root - 4 points
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Defeated Saudi Arabia solo



Makki 28/05/2023 23:16

not much

probably only 20 lol

we only have 2 triaged

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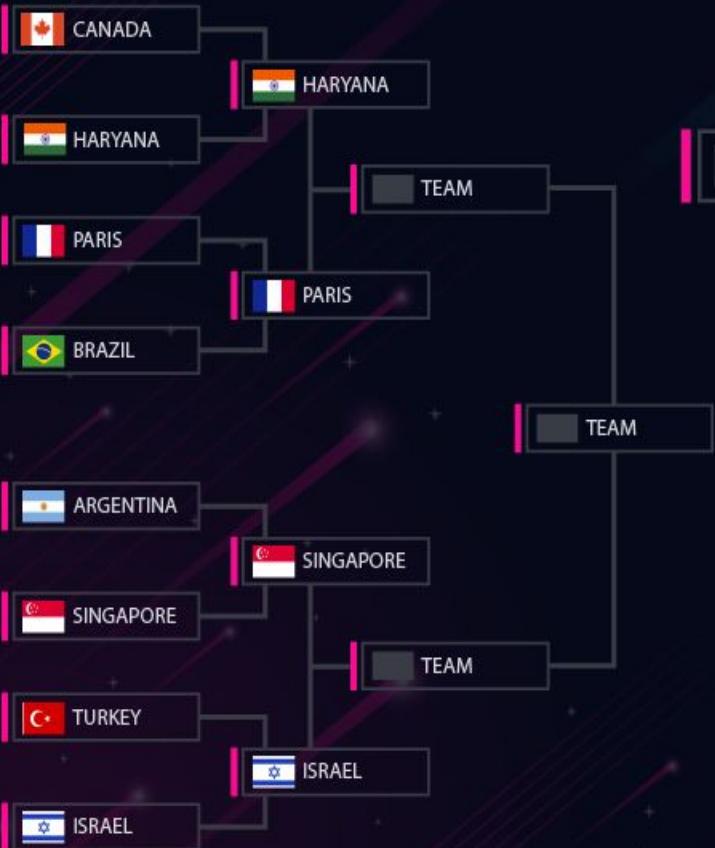


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Target for the Quarter Finals

YAHOO!

Yahoo and the USA: Worst Possible Combination



Confidence of TeamNepal



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AkashHamal0x01 20/07/2023 14:58

Sorry guys I tried and was not able to crack this round like before. Yahoo ain't my thing , I tried my best I could
But let's hope I cross 20 points

👉 2

👏 4

Confidence of the USA



Douglas (archangel) 19/07/2023 02:51

@Ariel (arl_rose) mine has a typo - it says Participant instead of Winner. Can you fix that?

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Nagli 2:10 PM

wow, we'll never beat USA-Team0

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#AmbassadorWorldCup

"I think the ever-increasing competition of a tournament is really cool. I'm excited to see the scope and find some cool bugs. And the prize of attending a live hacking event is big enough to really incentivize all the teams."



rez0
Hacker
Team USA

"I can't wait to see what kind of heat Nepal can bring! The competition is getting fierce which makes hacking so much more fun!"

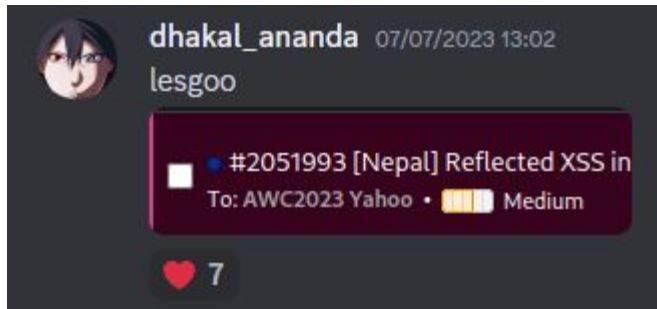


the_arch_angel
Hacker
Team USA

Confidence of TeamNepal - Continued



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A screenshot of a GitHub issue card for a vulnerability. The reporter is 'dhakal_ananda'. The issue is titled 'another one 😱 (edited)'. Key details include:

- Participants:** dhakal_ananda, lesgoo, n00ble
- State:** Pending-program-review (Open)
- Reported to:** AWC2023 Yahoo
- Severity:** High (7.3)

The card has 6 likes indicated by a fire icon.

A screenshot of a GitHub issue card for a vulnerability. The reporter is 'n00ble'. The issue is titled 'notsandip'. Key details include:

- Participants:** n00ble, lesgoo, notsandip
- State:** Pending-program-review (Open)
- Reported to:** AWC2023 Yahoo
- Severity:** Medium (5.4)

The card has 5 likes indicated by a fire icon.

Confidence of TeamNepal - Continued



dhakal_bibek 26/07/2023 07:20

12 points for team Nepal.



dhakal_bibek 27/07/2023 18:31

Guys ajhai 40/50 points aucha jasto cha ta...



dhakal_ananda 27/07/2023 16:53

96 points 😊

😂 2 🔥 2

⚡ @n00b1e let's see this live aaba 😂

JoyBoy__ 27/07/2023 16:54

let us win first we do it together

🔥 4

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. @gOndaar - 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 + @gOndaar - 8 points (1 report)

USA points?

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Oh well...

 **HackerOne** 
@Hacker0x01 

The results are in! 

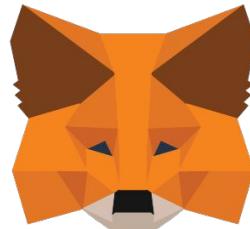
The four teams moving on to Round 4 of the #AmbassadorWorldCup are
[#TeamParis](#) , [#TeamIsrael](#) , [#TeamNepal](#) , and [#TeamSpain!](#) 

Qualified for the LHE!!

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Semi Finals Target?

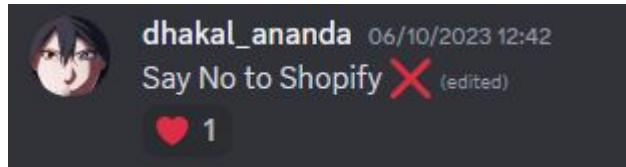


METAMASK



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AkashHamal0x01 05/10/2023 17:24

owww

i will try to find some bugs on tinder
am leaving shopify

 dhakal_bibek 29/03/2023 11:55
I hate shopify



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 @Oxfatul can someone share some notes around shopify ?

20_root 02/10/2023 20:46

every report are oos in shopify

 dhakal_ananda 06/10/2023 12:42

Say No to Shopify  (edited)



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Experience with Shopify



n00b1e 05/10/2023 06:43

shopify fixed the issue after marking it as informative 🎉
eti chito ta mero critical report haru ni resolve vako theena



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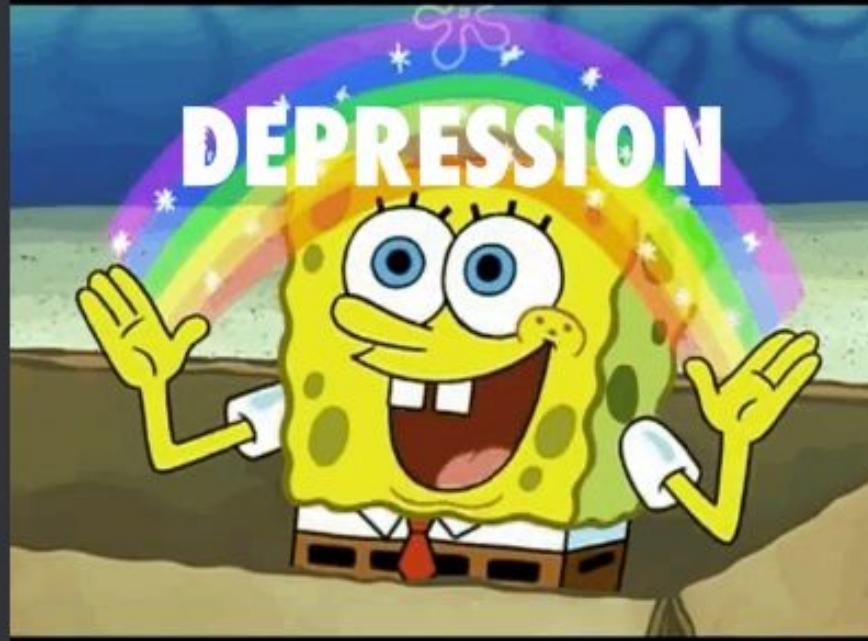
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20_root 05/10/2023 18:02



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notes around shopify ?

lately shopify has make me feel what depression look like

Experience with Shopify

Jason Haddix ✅
@Jhaddix

Hey @Shopify @Hacker0x01 ...

I have had two bug hunters come to me and tell me horror stories about your bug bounty lately.

Valid bugs being exploited and you coming out saying... "oh we had planned on fixing that... no impact"

That is NOT the bug bounty contract. If there is a PoC showing the bug was exploitable at ANY time, you should pay the researcher.

Don't contribute to a bug bounty community that makes researchers think bug bounty is a scam.

Also - dont hide behind the new CVSS. Program owners looking to downgrade bugs to save money using the new CVSS and splitting bugs are SUPER scummy.

Contact @GOLDEN_infosec

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H4x0r.DZ @h4x0r_dz · 8h
Here is your new #bugbountytips

DO NOT HUNT ON Shopify !
shame in you @ShopifyDevs !
Well done @GOLDEN_infosec !



Justin Gardner ✅
@Rhynorater

This is why we don't hack on Shopify.
Too many scenarios like this.

Experience with Tinder

- Pretty good in terms of hacking/triage

BUT



AkashHamal0x01 06/10/2023 14:59

someone 18yo old messaged me on tinder asking if i have child



rikeshbaniya 04/10/2023 22:00

why does baibhav's tinder feed have males in it 😮



In-person hacking!!



LHE Destination Revealed



Semi Finals + Visa Processing?

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rikeshbaniya	n00bie
spongebhav	churot_ko_thuto
vapour	20_root

LHE selected members to India

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Semi Finals Points?

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Nepal - 42 points

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2. @spongebhav - 6 points
3. @dhakal_ananda - 6 points
4. @dhakal_bibek - 4 points
5. @bishal0x01 - 4 points
6. @thesanjok - 4 points
7. @AkashHamal0x01 - 2 points
8. @rikeshbaniya - 2 points

Spain Points?

52/54 points I think



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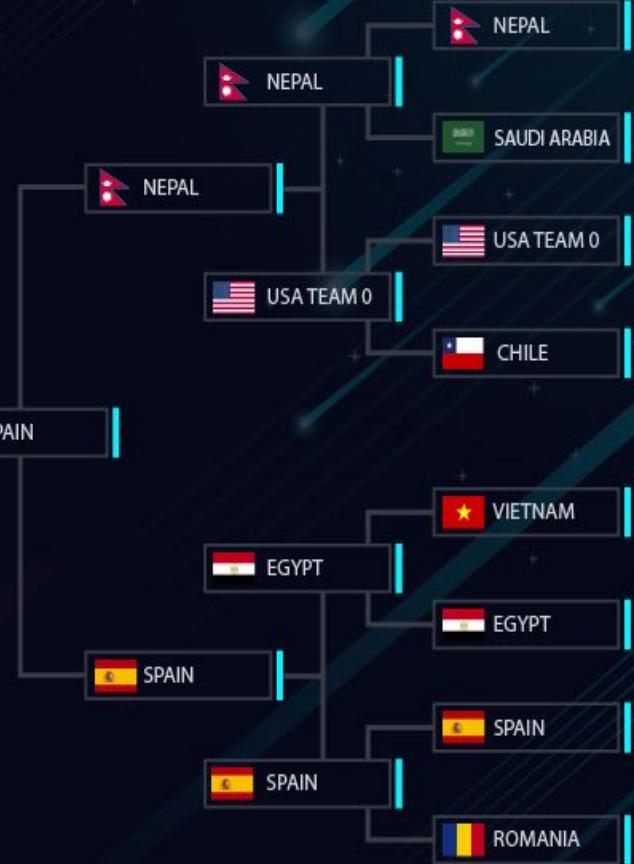


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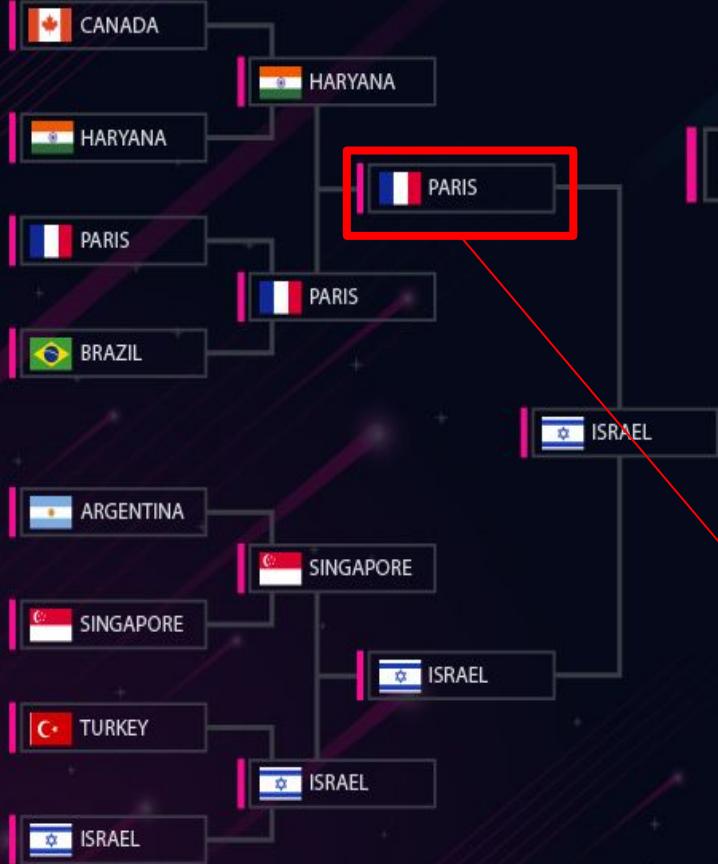
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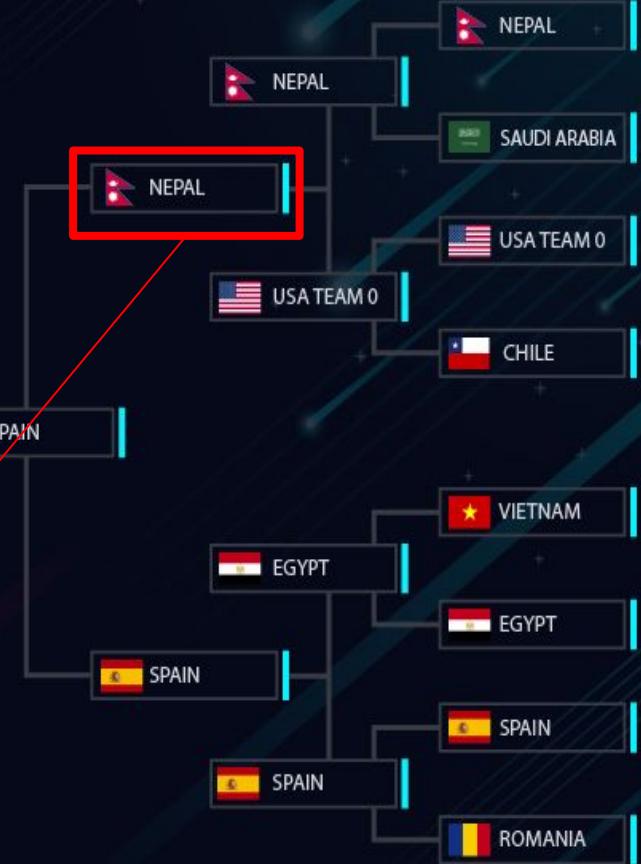
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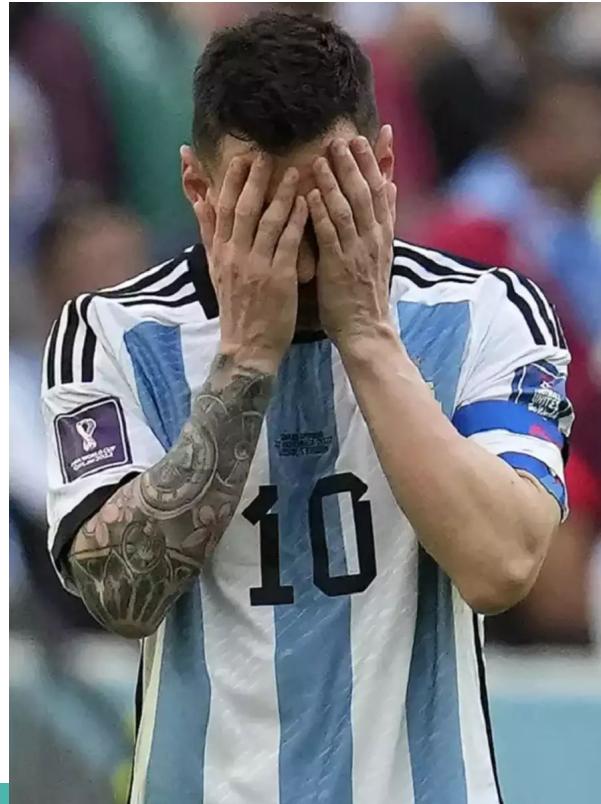
AWC-2023 Finals Target?



Highlights of the Finals



No visa due to time constraints!



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. @gOndaar - 14 points
7. @k1ra_ - 8 points
8. @JoyBoy__ - 8 points
9. @vapour - 1 point

Collaborations:

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

Crushed the Finals



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LEADERBOARDS

BUOY REPORTS REP LOCATIONS

RANK	USERNAME	REP	REPORTS	BOUNTIES
2	Spain	REP 2177	REPORTS 80	BOUNTIES 82
1	Nepal	REP 2103	REPORTS 82	BOUNTIES 87
3	France	REP 1434	REPORTS 46	BOUNTIES 62
4	Israel	REP 1480	REPORTS 44 / 73	BOUNTIES 40

Aftermaths



The End of AWC-2023



@g0ndaar

Lessons learned?

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- It's not 80 skills 20 dedication, it's 50 skills 50 dedication

AWC-2024??

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TeamNepal 🇳🇵 AWC-2024 Squad

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bishal0x01	hussu010	proabiral	milankatwal99	r3dpars3c
orion1x1	0x4d5341	ayushxtha	amwsis	

AWC-2024 Qualifier Round Target?



SUPERBET

AWC-2024 Qualifier Round:

Qualifier Round:

Nepal - 220 points

1. @gOndaar - 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 

#FunFact

We competed against all these teams in AWC-2023!

QUALIFIERS		
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!!