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'DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS' Team top the Round Robin in T-4

Dhampur Sugar Mills Team (Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Kamal Roy, Debashish Roy, Sandeep Thakral & R. Venkatesh) with **190 VPs**, topped the 10 round - Round-Robin stage, to finalize the quarter-finalists. **SHREE RADHEY** (V.M. Lal, P. Bafana, Ashok Vaidya & Raju Bhiwandkar) with **187 VPs** were second. The quarter finalists are:

1.	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS	-	190 VPs
2.	SHREE RADHEY	-	187 VPs
3.	MANAS SAHA'S IV	-	185 VPs
4.	MAHESHWARI, ALLAHABAD	-	182 VPs
5.	J.P. GOENKA	-	176 VPs
6.	PANKAJ MEHTA	-	172 VPs
7.	NEST INN	-	170.7 VPs
8.	MAHARAJA	-	170 VPs

Calcutta Bridge Club also had 170 VPs but lost the last quarterfinal spot on tie-break.

The teams had the right to choose their opponents as per the priority of their ranking in the round robin stage. **The Quarterfinal line up is:**

1.	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS	Vs.	MAHARAJA
2.	SHREE RADHEY	Vs.	PANKAJ MEHTA
3.	MANAS SAHA'S IV	Vs.	NEST INN
4.	MAHESHWARI, ALLAHABAD	Vs.	J.P. GOENKA

Round one of the 3*12 boards quarterfinal was played yesterday. After round one **Dhampur Sugar Mills** is leading by 57 IMPs (C/O: 12-0, 57-12) against **Maharaja**. **Shree Radhey** leads by 72 IMPs (80-8) against **Pankaj Mehta**; **Manas Saha's IV** is leading over **Nest Inn** by 10 IMP (33-23) and **J.P. GOENKA** leads **MAHESHWARI** by 16 IMPs (C/O: 3-0, 31-18). The last 2 rounds of 12 boards each will be played today.

Formidables, Tolani Shipping, MONOTONA, Alok Daga, Manyavar were some of the top teams who did not qualify for the quarterfinals.

The Pairs Tournament also started yesterday evening with total 147 Pairs taking part in the event. There will be 2 elimination rounds. In the first elimination, 124 pairs are playing in 6 sections. 8 best NS & 8 best EW pairs from sections "A" & "B" combined, sections "C" & "D" combined & section "E" & "F" combined would qualify for the 2nd elimination round. The first session is already over today evening and the second session will continue tomorrow morning.

FINAL RANKING – TEAM OF FOUR EVENT

RANK	TEAM NAME	V.P.s	RANK	TEAM NAME	V.P.s
1	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS	190	32	MANYAVAR	150
2	SHREE RADHEY	187	33	A.R. DAS's IV, W. BENGAL	150
3	MANAS SAHA's IV	185	34	A.K. UPADHYAY	150
4	MAHESHWARI, ALLAHABAD	182	35	GENTLEMAN	149
5	J.P. GOENKA	176	36	RUKMA	146
6	PANKAJ MEHTA , MORADABAD	172	37	PURI	145
7	NEST INN	170.7	38	BOAT HOUSE CLUB, NAINITAL	143
8	MAHARAJA	170	39	TECHNOCRATS, ALIGARH	142
9	CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB	170	40	FRONT RUNNER	141
10	MAYA MIRA SNEHA	169	41	DR. ASHWANI MEHTA	140
11	TOLANI SHIPPING, MUMBAI	169	42	SUDHIR GANGULY	140
12	DATA STEEL, PAKISTAN	168	43	PRAKASH's IV	139
13	ALOK DAGA	162	44	CEN. SECT. CLUB (HARBHAJA	138
14	DR. SURANA	161	45	NEELAM	137
15	SONCHEL	160	46	GUPTA'S TEAM	137
16	COSMOS	160	47	S.E.C.L. (RED)	135
17	I-DOCTORS, MUMBAI	159	48	FOUR FRIENDS	135
18	ONGC II	159	49	SENIOR CITIZENS	135
19	KAMLESH GUPTA's IV	159	50	HARYANA GYMKHANA	135
20	DELHI BLUES	158	51	PROMILA SARAF	134
21	COSMOPOLITAN	157	52	R.S. MISRA, ALLAHABAD	132
22	ALIGARH BLUES	157	53	CEN. SECT. CLUB	131
23	CHENNAI ONLINE	156	54	GBA, GHAZIABAD	129
24	FORMIDABLES	156	55	SPOT4	125
25	AYUSHI	156	56	HIMACHAL BRIDGE ASSOCIATI	123
26	SABR	156	57	BASS	123
27	EXPLORER	155	58	PEGASUS, DELHI	119
28	SINGULARITY	153	59	FRIENDS	119
29	LUCKNOW BLUE	153	60	ONGC I	115
30	MONOTONA	152	61	JOYOUS FOUR	103
31	SOUMITRA	151	62	S.E.C.L.	100

Transfers after Take Out Double by Partner

The transfers can be used after opponents make a take out double of your partner's opening bid of 1H/S. This convention is very popular and is widely used by many partnerships. However transfers can also be used after your partner makes a take out double of an opening bid of 1C/D/H/S and RHO passes. Although this convention is not very popular but with transfers being used literally in every situation, days are not far when many partnership will use this convention.

This convention uses cue-bids and single jump responses by the doubler's partner as transfer bids. This convention makes it easier for a player who has a hand worth a game invitation or a game force to respond to partner's take out double. This convention is used only after One Level take out double. The complete structure of responses and rebids are:

Responses after Partner's Take Out Double

- After partner's take out double, responder's non-jump bid in any suit is natural. This bid shows no interest in game and is generally limited to 8HCP. The one notrump response is also natural and shows 7-9/10 HCP and a stopper in opponent's suit.
- The non-jump cue bid of opener's suit and a single jump in a new suit (except the jump in suit below opener's suit) is a transfer to the next higher unbid suit. This shows atleast game invitational hand.
- The jump in suit below opener's suit is an artificial bid. It denies a four-card major suit, denies a good minor suit worth bidding and requests doubler to bid notrump with a stopper in opener's suit.
- A jump cue-bid by the responder is also artificial and shows one of the two hands: either a hand worth a preempt in the suit just above the opener's suit or a hand worth a slam try in one of the other unbid suits.

Take out doubler's rebid

- After a transfer bid, doubler makes the minimum bid in responder's suit if he wants to decline game invitation. After doubler's sign-off, responder's raise of the suit shown is forcing to game where as bid of a new suit is forcing for one round.
- After a transfer bid, doubler's bid of a new suit, no trump rebid or jump in responder's suit are all forcing to game. New suit bid shows single suiter hands stronger than simple overcall. Jump to game denies slam interest.
- Cue bid of opener's suit by doubler, after transfer, shows either a hand worth a slam try or a hand in which he is interested in notrump game but has only a partial stopper in opener's suit.

The structure after take out double of 1C/H opening is:

(1C) – Dbl – (Pass) – ? 1D/H/S = natural, 0-8 hcp 1N = Natural, 7-9 HCP 2C/D/H = transfer to D/H/S, 9-11 HCP 2S = Denies 4-card major, GF, asks stopper in C 2N = Natural, 10-12 HCP 3C = weak long diamonds or slamish in H/S 3D = Slamish hand, good suit 3H/S = Weak hand, long suit 3N = To play	(1H) – Dbl – (Pass) – ? 1S/2C/D = natural, 0-8 hcp 1N = Natural, 7-9 HCP 2H/S/3C = transfer to S/C/D, 9-11 HCP 2N = Natural, 10-12 HCP 3D = Denies 4-card major, GF, asks stopper in H 3H = weak long spades or slamish in C/D 3S = Slamish hand, good suit 3N = To play 4C/D = Weak hand, long suit
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Examples

♠ Qx ♥ AJxx ♦ xx ♣ KQxxx	After (1S) – Dbl - (Pass)- you bid 2S as transfer to 3C and then bid 3H. You can show both your suits & HCP.	♠ Axxx ♥ x ♦ AKQTx ♣ xx	After (1S) – Dbl - (Pass)- you bid 3S as transfer to 4C and then bid 4D to show good suit and slam interest.	♠ Axxxxx ♥ Qx ♦ xxx ♣ xx	After (1H) – Dbl - (Pass)- you bid 3H as puppet to 3S and then pass 3S bid by take out doubler.
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☞ My usual word of caution: **for serious partnerships only** although I would recommend this for all tournament players.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

INTERESTING DEAL OF THE DAY

The following deal came up in the 8th round of one of the Team of four matches.

	♠ 8x ♥ Jx ♦ QJ9xx ♣ Axxx	
♠ KQJxx ♥ KQTxxxx ♦ x ♣ x	N W E S	♠ Tx ♥ x ♦ ATxxx ♣ KQJxx
	♠ A9xx ♥ Axx ♦ K8x ♣ xxx	

Bidding:

West	North	East	South
1H	Pass	1NT	Pass
2S	Pass	2NT	Pass
3S	Pass	4S	All Pass

The bidding in the Closed room was as shown above and the final contract was 4S, whereas in the open room it was 1H – 1NT – 4H – All Pass.

At both the tables, the contract was made, whereas both the contract go down. Playing in 4H, on the lead of spade 8, if the spade 10 is not put from dummy, West ducks the Spade Ace, and when in with Heart Ace, can give a ruff to partner for down 1. In case East plays the Spade Ten, it can be covered by Ace, and spade returned. When in with the Heart Ace, again the ruff can be given for the same down 1.

The defense to 4S is more interesting. The contract is defeated only on a Diamond lead. The funniest part is that the declarer gets a greek gift on diamond lead for discarding the club loser as he is not able to go to dummy to cash the diamond Ace otherwise. But it's a mirage. He takes the Ace and plays the singleton heart, taken by South with Ace and he punches the declarer with ♦K. West ruffs and plays the spade to Ten and South's Ace, who punches again with diamond. The declarer gets short trumped and is down.

- Editor

Today's Schedule (Monday 14th Aug 2006)

- 0930 – 1100 Hrs. - T-4, Quarter Finals, 2nd Session of 12 boards
- 0945 – 1230 Hrs. - Pairs Elimination I – Session 2 (18 Boards)
- 1115 – 1245 Hrs. - T-4, Quarter Finals, 3rd Session of 12 boards
- 1245 – 1400 Hrs. - Lunch Break
- 1330 – 1530 Hrs. - T-4, Semi Finals, 1st Session of 16 boards
- 1400 – 1645 Hrs. - Pairs Elimination II – Session 1 (20/22 Boards)
- 1550 – 1750 Hrs. - T-4, Semi Finals, 2nd Session of 16 boards
- 1645 – 1715 Hrs. - Tea Break
- 1715 – 2000 Hrs. - Pairs Elimination II – Session 2 (20/22 Boards)
- 1810 – 2010 Hrs. - T-4, Semi Finals, 3rd Session of 16 boards

PAIRS Elimination I (Session 1)

Leaders

Combined Section A & B (40 Pairs)

North-South

1. T.K. Banerji – Mrs. Nita Banerji 64.71%
2. Arvind Vaidya – A. Purshottam 64.05%
3. D. Poddar – K.S. Samant 59.31%

East West

1. Biman Chatterjee – S. Acharya 62.75%
2. R.C. Consul – J.B. Sengupta 61.11%
3. Dr. R. Dalal – Chetan Shah 54.58%

Combined Section C & D (40 Pairs)

North-South

1. R.V. Ramani – R. Sree Krishnan 61.64%
2. Subhash Gupta – R. Tiwari 57.39%
3. Dr. M.A. Quadri – Virendra Singh 57.26%

East West

1. N.C. Bhattacharya–R.A. Siddique 69.22%
2. Suhas Vaidya – R. Shridhar 63.09%
3. Pankaj Nanda – Ibrat Khan 59.69%

Combined Section E & F (44 Pairs)

North-South

1. R.A. Agarwal – Archie Sequeira 71.73%
2. Sunil Machhar– K. Krishnakumar 60.13%
3. S. Karmarkar – Mrs. Karmarkar 58.99%

East West

1. S. Majumdar – P. Mukherjee 62.42%
2. S. Sarkar – H. Hasan 59.64%
3. R.K. Goyal – N.K. Sharma 57.68%

REQUEST TO PLAYERS

All players are requested to adhere to the scheduled timings of the game to avoid any penalties.

REQUEST TO PLAYERS

You are requested to enter the scores correctly in the pick up slips. It is responsibility of North to fill the score, and E-W pair is requested to check the entry. This will help us in processing the scores faster.

IMPORTANT

Please keep your cell phones off or in SILENT mode, while the play is in progress. Director will impose penalties on players, whose cell is found ringing during play hours.

Seth Shrinivas Lohia

All India Bridge Tournament – 2007

Kanpur Bridge Association under the auspices of Bridge Federation of India will conduct their famous yearly event from 8th Feb to 11th Feb 2007 at the Ganges Club Limited, Arya Nagar, Kanpur.

The organizers request participation of all the teams.

Contact: Mr. J.K. Lohia, Chief Organizer (098390-60711)

Tomorrow's Schedule (Tuesday 15th Aug 2006)

- 0900 – 1110 Hrs. - T-4 Finals, Session – I (16 boards)
0900 – 1330 Hrs. - Pairs, Finals - Session I (32 Boards)
1130 – 1340 Hrs. - T-4 Finals, Session – II (16 boards)
1330 – 1430 Hrs. - Lunch
1430 – 1640 Hrs. - T-4 Finals, Session – III (16 boards)
1430 – 1900 Hrs. - Pairs, Finals – Session II
1700 – 1910 Hrs. - T-4 Finals, Session – IV (16 boards)
1945 Hrs. - Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony