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'Texan Aces' Team Tops the Swiss League in T-4

Texan Aces Team (G. Venkatesh, JM Shah, R. Tewari, S Sunderram, P. Sridhar) with **193 VPs**, topped the 10 rounds – Swiss league, to finalize the quarter-finalists. The day-1 leaders **DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS** (Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Pritish Kushari, D.Majumder, Sumit Mukherjee and Bhavesh Saha) had a bad day yesterday and could not qualify in the Team event. The quarter finalists are:

1.	TEXAN ACES	-	193 VPs
2.	MANGO	-	185 VPs
3.	PROMILA SARAF	-	181 VPs
4.	MANYAWAR	-	180 VPs
5.	SHREE RADHEY	-	180 VPs
6.	SHREE CEMENT	-	176 VPs
7.	B. MALHOTRA	-	174 VPs
8.	AJAY VAISH	-	174 VPs

Formidables, Dhampur Sugar Mills, J.P. Goenka, Poddar Developer, Arun Jain & Khandelwals were some of the top teams who did not qualify for the quarterfinals. With 2 rounds to go, the Formidables team was leading with 155 VPs but in the 9th round they were beaten 25-3 by Promila Saraf and in the last round B. Malhotra's team beat them by 18-12. Dhampur Sugar Mills won their 7th round by 19-11 against Formidables, but lost 12-18 to Promila Saraf in the 8th round. But the 9th round turned out to be real bad for them when Texan Aces beat them by 25-4. They lost their last match by 14-16 to Sree Cement to go out of the quarter-final contention.

The qualified 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.	TEXAN ACES	Vs.	AJAY VAISH
2.	MANGO	Vs.	B. MALHOTRA
3.	PROMILA SARAF	Vs.	SHREE RADHEY
4.	MANYAWAR	Vs.	SHREE CEMENT

2 Rounds of the 3*14 boards quarterfinal were played yesterday and the scores are:

TbI #	Team Name	Vs	Team Name	Boards				TOTAL	
				C/O	1-14	15-28	29-42		Pen
1	TEXAN ACES (#1)	Vs	AJAY VAISH (#8)	0-0	24-34	48-15		0-0	72-49
2	MANGO (#2)	Vs	B. MALHOTRA (#7)	0-0	24-24	38-17		0-0	62-41
3	PROMILA SARAF (#3)	Vs	SHREE RADHEY (#5)	0-0	25-30	50-19		0-0	75-49
4	MANYAVAR (#4)	Vs	SHREE CEMENT (#6)	0-0	2-41	57-20		0-0	59-61

The last round of 14 boards will be played today morning.

Wishing You All - Our 63rd Independence Day

The Pairs Tournament also started yesterday evening. There will be 2 elimination rounds of 2 sessions each. Each session will be of 22 boards.

In the first elimination, 155 pairs are playing in 6 sections. There are thirteen tables each in Sections "A", "B", "C", "D", "E" and twelve & half tables in sections "F". 10 TOP NS & 10 TOP EW pairs each from sections "A" & "B" combined & sections "C" & "D" combined and from section "E" & "F" combined would qualify for the 2nd elimination round. They will be joined by the losing quarter-finalists in the 2nd elimination. The first session of the Elimination – 1 is already over yesterday evening and the second session will continue today morning. We look forward to some more scintillating play from the participants in Quarter Final as well as Pair event.

FINAL RANKING – TEAM OF FOUR EVENT

RANK	TEAM #	TEAM NAME	V.Ps	RANK	TEAM #	TEAM NAME	V.Ps
1	5	TEXAN ACES	193	36/37	3	PANKAJ MEHTA, MORADABAD	150
2	15	MANGO	185	38	26	V.N. PURI	149
3	71	PROMILA SARAF	181	39	59	CHARIS	146
4	17	MANYAWAR	180	40/43	50	NAG BAGAN CARD CLUB	144
5	25	SHREE RADHEY	180	40/43	60	DGC	144
6	9	SHREE CEMENT	176	40/43	38	SONCHEL	144
7	35	B MALHOTRA	174	40/43	70	OCI COPPER	144
8	32	AJAY VAISH	174	44/46	44	SAMADHAN BRIDGE ACADEMY	143
9	13	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS	172	44/46	14	ANUSHAKTINAGAR BRIDGE ASS	143
10	1	FORMIDABLES	170	44/46	54	DSOI	143
11	55	TEAM SECURE	169	47/49	24	COLS	142
12	42	CHRYSALLIS	168	47/49	58	SPARTANS	142
13	45	KHANDELWALS	167	47/49	40	AJEET - FOUR	142
14/15	29	J.P. GOENKA	165	50/51	12	COMMANDER	141
14/15	39	SOUMITRA	165	50/51	10	CHANDIGARH - NOIDA - LUCK	141
16	53	ACES	163	52	18	HARMONY	140
17/19	21	PODDAR DEVELOPERS	162	53/54	49	AZURE	139
17/19	61	LOTUS ENGG. INC.	162	53/54	65	MAHESHWARI	139
17/19	57	CHOKSIS	162	55	36	NBA 'D'	137
20/22	31	ARNAV - IV	161	56/57	64	RAJHANS	136
20/22	27	SIDDIQUE, LUCKNOW	161	56/57	22	C.S.C.(AGARWAL)	136
20/22	33	ARISTOS	161	58	16	RAJASTHAN PRIDE	134
23	52	MMRMC	160	59	62	VIMI	133
24	48	ACLA (ASANSOL)	159	60/61	34	INFINITY	132
25/26	23	SHAM SHARMA	158	60/61	20	CEN. SECT. CLUB (M)	132
25/26	56	KOSMOS	158	62	2	ENGINEERS	131
27	41	ARUN JAIN	155	63	46	SEHWAG	130
28/29	69	BIMAL SICKA (MUMBAI)	154	64	43	PRESIDENTS, BANGALORE	128
28/29	19	MAHARAJA	154	65	8	HEARTLAND GREEN	123
30	4	DIAMOND	153	66	66	TITANS	122
31	7	KAMLESH GUPTA IV	152	67	47	TALENT MAXIMUS - CHENNAI	121
32/35	37	MAYA MEERA SNEHA	151	68/69	6	PBA	116
32/35	63	CONSTELLATION	151	68/69	68	BILASPUR (C.G.) TEAM	116
32/35	11	CHINCHAK	151	70	28	FORMOSA	101
32/35	51	ALPHA	151	71	30	NBA GREEN	99
36/37	67	COMBINATION	150	72	72	KREC	91

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Transfer after Intervention by Opponents (Part-1)

In 2003, in First HCL Tournament, I wrote an article in first Bulletin – Magical World of Transfer. During that time transfers were not very popular except after 1NT opening. However today many experts are playing transfers after intervention after one level opening bid.

Certainly transfer after intervention is an invaluable tool. We are not very far from the days when most of the experts will adopt these ideas.

(A) Transfer after Opponents overcall over One Minor Opening Bid

The transfer responses have many advantages:

- The main advantage is to make opener declarer most of the time. The opening bidder almost always has the stronger hand and therefore it is better to have the opening lead come up to his high cards and tenaces. Also the overcaller has to make the opening lead.
- The transfer can also combine negative free bids with forcing bids where responder can show a weak hand with a long suit and at the same time keeps the possibility of making an invitational/forcing bid after opener accepts the transfer.

The complete recommended response structure after 1C opening and intervention is as follows:

<p>1C – (1D overcall by opponent) – ? Dbl = shows, at least 4 hearts, 5+ HCP 1H = shows, at least 4 spades, 5+ HCP 1S = transfer to NT (denies 4-card major) 1N = 8+ HCP and 5+ clubs, transfer 2C = transfer cue bid, atleast 5-4 in majors , 7-10 2D/H = Transfer to H/S, 10+ HCP and 5+ H/S 2S = balanced invitational (denies 4-card major) 2N = 6+ clubs, preemptive or GF 3C = Jump transfer cue 5+C, GF, diamond short 3D/H=5+ H/S and Clubs, fit showing 3S = Balanced GF, wants opener to play 3NT 3N = To play (responder wants to be the declarer)</p>	<p>1C – (1NT overcall by opponent) – ? Dbl = Penalty 2C = shows 5-4 in majors 2D/H = Transfer to Heart/Spade 2S = any two suiter, GF 2N/3C/D/H = Transfer C/D/H/S preemptive</p>
<p>1C – (1H overcall by opponent) – ? Dbl = transfer, at least 4 spades, 5+ HCP 1S = transfer to NT, denies 4 spades 1N = 8+ HCP and 5+ clubs, transfer 2C = Transfer to diamonds 2D = Transfer Cue, 5+-cards in D & S, 8-10 hcp 2H = Transfer to Spade, 9+ HCP and 5+ Spades 2S = balanced invitational (denies 4-card major) 2N = 6+ clubs, constructive or GF 3C = 6+ clubs, unbalanced hand upto 8 hcp 3D = Jump transfer cue 5+C, GF, heart short 3H/S/3NT same as over 1C – 1D</p>	<p>1C – (2D overcall by opponent) – ? Dbl = Negative 2H/S = Natural, one round force 2N = Transfer to Clubs, Invitational+ 3C = Transfer cue 5-5 in majors 3D/H=Transfer to 3H/S, Invitational 4D = Shortness and slam try with both majors</p>
<p>1C – (1S overcall by opponent) – ? Dbl = negative 1N = Natural, non-forcing 2C = Transfer to diamonds 2D = Transfer to Heart, 9+ HCP and 5+ Hearts 2H = Transfer Cue, 5+-cards in D & H, 8-10 hcp 2S = balanced invitational (denies 4-card major) 2N = 6+ clubs, constructive or GF 3H = Jump transfer cue, GF, shortness in S 3D/S/3NT same as over 1C – 1D</p>	<p>1C – (2H overcall by opponent) – ? Dbl = Negative 2S = Natural, one round force 2N/3C = Transfer to C/D, Invitational+ 3D = Transfer cue 5-5 in D and S 3H=Transfer to 3S, Invitational 3S = Balanced GF, wants opener to play 3NT 4H = Shortness and slam try with both minors</p>
	<p>1C – (2S overcall by opponent) – ? Dbl = Negative 2N/3C/D = Transfer to C/D/H, Invitational+ 3H = Transfer cue 5-5 in H and D 3S = Balanced GF, wants opener to play 3NT 4H = To play 4S = Shortness and slam try with both minors</p>
	<p>1C – (2C Michaels overcall by opponent) – ? Dbl = Penalty oriented in one of the major 2D = Natural, non-forcing 2H/S = Transfer to C/D, Invitational+ 2N = Both minors 3C/D = Natural constructive 3S = Balanced GF, wants opener to play 3NT</p>

The scheme is mostly similar after 1D opening with small changes. We will continue further in tomorrow's bulletin and discuss transfer after one major opening bid. We have been playing this convention and would recommend only for serious partnerships because if partner forgets the transfer, results can be disastrous. Certainly the advantages in the long run will outweigh the occasional bad result.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

PAIRS Elimination I (Session 1)

Leaders

Combined Section A & B

North-South (52 Pairs)

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|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Ashok Goel – Kamal Mukherjee | 62.77% |
| 2. D. Majumder – P. Kushari | 61.47% |
| 3. Daya Dhaon – Sanat Saha | 61.36% |

East West (52 Pairs)

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|----------------------------|--------|
| 1. M.K. Wadhwa – Shyam Lal | 62.12% |
| 2. R. Consul – A. Mandal | 61.90% |
| 3. B.P.S. Pai – H.S. Nanda | 60.61% |

Combined Section C & D

North-South (52 Pairs)

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 1. J.S. Kaul – Pradeep Prakash | 58.87% |
| 2. S. Naimuddin – Uttam Gupta | 58.44% |
| 3. B. Satyanarayana – Kiran Nadar | 58.01% |

East West (52 Pairs)

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|--------------------------------|--------|
| 1. A.K. Mukherjee – S. Bhatia | 63.31% |
| 2. M. Bahuguna – N.K. Gupta | 62.88% |
| 3. P. Bardhan – S.N. De Sarkar | 62.55% |

Combined Section E & F (51 Pairs)

North-South (51 Pairs)

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|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Urmil Aggarwal–Beneeta Chandra | 61.22% |
| 2. Badal Das – P.S. Mukherjee | 61.21% |
| 3. Devi Bhatnagar – Ravi Raman | 60.65% |

East West (52 Pairs)

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|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Sandeep Dutta – Jagdish Biswas | 60.37% |
| 2. Ajay Khare – Jitu Solani | 59.98% |
| 3. Sandeep Thakral – Sapan Desai | 59.61% |



PYC HINDU GYMKHANA

PAIRS ROYALE
THE 80 - GRAND CHALLENGE!
31st Oct. to 2nd Nov. 2009
(Entries by Invitation Only)

HOST

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PROGRAMME

The event starts at 10.00 am on 31st Oct.
28 Pairs, All Play All: 6 boards per round
Cocktails & Dinner on Sunday at 8.00 pm.

PRIZES

I 80000 /- , II 50000 /- , III 30000 /- , IV 20000 /- ,
V 10000 /- , VI to X 3000 /- each

ENTRY FEES

Rs. 3000 /- per pair

Help the Daily Bulletin

In case you come across any "BEST BID", "BEST PLAYED" or "BEST DEFENDED" hand, please submit it to the Bulletin Editor Mr. T.C. Pant in the scoring room.

This will help in publishing the same for advantage of all the participants and your other bridge friends who could not make it here.

Information for Scoring

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.

REQUEST TO PLAYERS

We request all the participants to co-operate and adhere to the scheduled timings to avoid any penalties.

Houdini Maestro in Action

Late KV Krishnamurthy, popularly known as 'Master', was one of the finest players to don the country's colours. I first met him at the Central Revenues Meet. He impressed one and all with his sparkling humour and vibrant personality. Laughter abounded at his table. A brilliant student, he taught many IAS aspirants. And successful ones at that, he had to discontinue his Engineering studies halfway through due to family/financial circumstances and join the Central Excise Dept. Winner of several national and international titles, he was a 'natural' player. Not for him, complex/complicated conventions for which he had contempt.

In the following deal we see an example of his class in bringing home a difficult contract. Playing 5 card majors he is in 6 hearts after partner had opened 1 Diamond, the opposition, silent. No give aways therein. Trailing and needing to catch up if not forge ahead, he is in an ambitious slam. As DK hits the table, the NS hands are:

S-J1094
H-AK96
D-A65
C-73
North
South
S-A
H-J8542
D-74
C-AK962

Master pauses and surveys the situation. He has a diamond loser and the adversaries have struck at his weakest link. He could have a heart loser. If spade honours are split he could make it home even if the clubs are 5-2. How does he budget for these imponderables?

Let us watch how he negotiates the shoals, treacherous as they turn out to be. Winning with the DA, he cashes spade ace and then enters via trump ace and takes a spade ruff, east covering dummy's jack with queen. Then he plays a trump to the king. His worst fears are confirmed. He has a loser in trump queen. Clubs breaking three- three does not help him. His immediate spade ruff turns out to be a good move. He now cashes the top club honours and takes a ruff therein. He plays spade nine –second ruff of spade-which east covers with king; he ruffs this and enters dummy ruffing a club. He now pulls the master spade from dummy and looks at east. No matter what he does he is home. His diamond loser vanished into thin air! Houdini would have been proud of this display.

The complete hand,

	S-J1094	
	H-AK96	
	D-A65	
	C-73	
	North	
S-87632		S-KQ5
H-7		H-Q103
D-KQJ93		D-1082
C-J5		C-Q1084

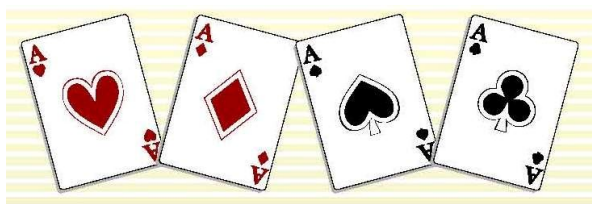
KVKrishnamurthy
S-A
H-J8542
D-74
C-AK962

Should east refuse to ruff, he would ditch his diamond loser; then play a diamond from dummy and score a trick for his low trump *en- passant* as it were. Masterly display by the Master!

- By K. Chandramouli

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Tournament Schedule

August 15	0900 – 1015 Hrs.	Quarter-Final (Boards 29-42) – Session-3
	0945 – 1230 Hrs.	Pair Elimination – I, Session II
	1130 – 1340 Hrs.	Semi-Final (Boards 1-16) - Session-1
	1300 – 1415 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1430 – 1640 Hrs.	Semi-Final (Boards 17-32) - Session-2
	1400 – 1645 Hrs.	Pair Elimination – II, Session I
	1645 – 1715 Hrs.	Tea Break
	1715 – 1925 Hrs.	Semi-Final (Boards 33-48) - Session-3
August 16	1715 – 2000 Hrs.	Pair Elimination – II, Session II
	0900 – 1110 Hrs.	T-4 Finals (Boards 1-16) – Session-1
	0900 – 1340 Hrs.	Pair Finals (Boards 1-32) - Session-I
	1130 – 1340 Hrs.	T-4 Finals (Boards 17-32) - Session-2
	1330 – 1430 Hrs.	Lunch Break
	1430 – 1640 Hrs.	T-4 Finals (Boards 33-48) - Session-3
	1430 – 1900 Hrs.	Pair Finals (Boards 33-62) - Session-II
	1700 – 1910 Hrs.	T-4 Finals (Boards 49-64) - Session-4
1945	Hrs.	Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony

No Mobile Phones

Use of Mobile telephones is prohibited in the playing area, while the play session is on.



No Liquor & No Smoking



Consumption of Liquor and Smoking is strictly prohibited within the Playing Area & Scoring & Bulletin Room. Offenders may attract strict penalties.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE

The Tournament Directors would award penalties as prescribed by the Laws and Conditions of the contest for Use of Mobiles, Slow play or Late Arrival.

Vu-Graph on BBO

Live Vu-graph of the Tournament will be available on BBO as per the following Schedule:

15th August 2009: SF: 1130 Hrs. (S1), 1430 Hrs. (S2), 1715 Hrs. (S3)

16th August 2009: Finals: 0900 Hrs (S1), 1130 Hrs. (S2), 1430 Hrs. (S3), 1700 Hrs (S4)