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It is WELLKNIT Vs. CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB in Finals of T-4

The Quarter finals & Semi Finals of the T-4 were played yesterday. In the 4*14 boardss Quarter Finals **AZURE** beat MAYA-MIRA **134-32** (69-12, 65-20, thrd set conceded); **CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB** beat Tolani Shipping **119-83** (C/O 0-10, 41-28, 32-36, 46-9); **Formidables** beat Phoenix **114-79** (19-36, 54-18, 41-25) and in a very tough tussle between both Chennai teams **WELLKNIT** beat Agsar Paints by **77-71** (43-32, 9-20, 25-19). The Semi final line up was:

AZURE Vs. **WELLKNIT**
Formidables Vs. **CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB**

In the first of the 3*16 boards semi-final, **WELLKNIT** (C.R. Badrinath, R. Krishnan, J.M. Shah, P. Sridhar, Sundarram, R. Venkatesh) beat **AZURE** (Surender Hooda, Mrs. Rita Chokshi, Badal Das, Pranab Bardhan, Sumit Mukherjee & Shibnath Dey Sarkar) by 125 – 96 IMPs (**55-21, 25-23, 45-52**)

In the second semi-final, **CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB** (B. Todi, Kamal Roy, S. Lahiri, Alok Sadhu, A.B. Chakravarty, B. Saha) beat **Formidables** (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupt, Rajeshwar Tewari, Sunit Chokshi & K.R. Venkatraman) by 107- 100 IMPs (**47-31, 31-29, 29-40**).

So it is going to be **WELLKNIT Vs. CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB** in the FINALS of T-4. We hope to witness a keen contest in the finals tomorrow.

Today's Schedule

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 (30 Boards)
1700 – 1910 Hrs. - T-4 Finals, Session – IV (16 boards)
1930 Hrs. - Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony

OPEN PAIRS

It was an exciting and a very satisfying beginning in the Pairs Tournament with 89 Pairs participating.

These pairs went through two grueling eliminations. In the first elimination 69 Pairs (excluding the 20 pairs who qualified for the T-4 event) participated. They were put in three sections and after playing 2 sessions of 20 boards each, 42 Pairs went through to the 2nd elimination round. In the 2nd elimination there were 52 pairs (42 qualifiers + 10 losing quarter finalists) put into 2 sections. They again played a 2 session, 20 boards each elimination round out of which, the best 13 NS + 13 EW out of the two sections have qualified for the Pairs Finals. They will be joined by the six losing semi-finalists pairs to constitute the final 32 for today's exciting FINALS.

As this is the last BULLETIN of the tournament, besides saying GOOD BYES to each other, we would request you to be there for the Prize Distribution & Closing ceremony and share the evening with the winners and the ones who missed out.

PAIRS FINALISTS

N-S Pair	RANK	E-W Pair
Kamal Mukherjee – Ashok Goel	1	V.K. Agrawal – B.K. Agrawal
TOLANI-A	2	D. Poddar – S. Vaidya
T.C. Pant – Vijay Goenka	3	A. Sinha - Rastogi
A. Shah – G. Manna	4	B. Banerjee – Atanu Ganguly
MAYA MIRA 1	5	C. S. Majumdar – S. Das
S.M. Majumdar – B.S. Gupta	6	TOLANI - B
Dr. Nikita Kamal - Amarjeet	7	P. C. Gupta – J.B. Sengupta
Mrs. Hema Deora – Sanjay Damle	8	B. Prabhakar – Kribhakar Murthy
Raju Tolani – Vinay Desai	9	R. Nanda – A.K. Ghosh
P. Kushari – D. Ray	10	Pradeep Singh – S. Bandopadhyay
R. Khandelwal – H. Khandelwal	11	Narvir Singh – Daya Dhaon
B.G. Daxindas – Rajeev Guluani	12	A. Mukherjee – K. Bhattacharya
Sunil Machar – N.K. Gupta	13	PHOENIX - 2
Formidables –1	14	AZURE-1
AZURE-2	15	Formidables –2
Formidables –3	16	AZURE-3

DEAL OF THE DAY

This deal occurred in the round robin match between KHANDELWAL Vs. MONOTONA.

	♠ Txxx ♥ Txx ♦ AJ9x ♣ xx	
♠ QJ9xx ♥ Ax ♦ Txx ♣ QJx	N W E S	♠ AK ♥ KQJx ♦ xx ♣ KT9xx
	♠ xx ♥ 9xxx ♦ KQxx ♣ Axx	

Bidding:

Manna R. Khandelwal	Anal Shah	Himani Khandelwal	
W	N	E	S
		1NT	Pass
2H(1)	Pass	2S	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

(1) – Transfer to Spades

Over partner's 1 NT (15-17), West first transferred to Spades and bid 3 NT showing a 5-3-3-2 hand. South led a low heart taken by Ace in the dummy by the declarer. He now led the CQ and South ducked. Declarer continued with the CJ and **Himani (South)** again ducked. When the declarer led the last club from dummy, North discarded the H10, Signalling interest in the Diamond suit (as they are playing reverse signals).

That's what Himani was waiting for. She had ducked twice to know partner's suit preference and came back the diamond and Himani-Rajeev cashed the 4 diamond tricks for DOWN ONE.

VERY WELL DEFENDED HIMANI.

Reported by Editor)

GREAT SPORTSMANSHIP

Mr. Kinshuk Bhattacharya showed great sportsmanship in the 2nd elimination of the Pairs tournament. Playing against Mr. Murli Deora & D.K. Tewari, he bid a 2NT contract. The opponent thought that they are playing in 3NT contract and once Kinshuk made 9 tricks, they wrote 3NT making and -600 to Kinshuk. Suddenly Kinshuk checked the score and promptly informed them that they were playing 2 NT and not the game contract. He himself corrected the score to -150. **Great Sportsmanship dear KINSHUK. Keep it up.**

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

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We will try and improve upon whatever little we have been able to put together.

SEE YOU ALL NEXT TIME

NAMASKAR
GOOD BYE
SAYO NARA

From The Organising Team