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It is WELLKNIT Vs. AGSAR PAINTS in Finals of T-4

The Quarter finals & Semi Finals of the T-4 were played yesterday. In the 4*14 boards Quarter Finals **Dhampur Sugar Mills** beat **GUPTA's Bangalore 114-73** (20-38, 27-23, 67-12). Gupta's team (A.S. Gupta, S. Vijayraghavan, V. Krishnan & Bhaskar Rao), who were leading by 14 IMPS after 2 sessions, could not sustain their firepower in the 3rd set and were blitz by 55 IMPs. In the 2nd QF, **Agsar Paints** beat **Lucknow Blues 135-84** (27-24, 48-46, 60-14). The Lucknow team was represented by Virendra Singh, Dhanesh Chandra, Kanwar Wajahat, Kalka Prasad, Mukul Gupta, Murli Manohar. The 3rd QF was a tough tussle and finally **WELLKNIT** beat **Pankaj Kapadia's IV 98-89** (42-33, 24-31, 32-25). Pankaj Kapadia's team was represented by Dipak Santra, Tapan Roy, Jagdish Biswas & Sankar Acharya. In the 4th QF, **Formidables** beat **Monotona** by **127-68** (51-18, 29-12, 47-38). The Monotona team was represented by Dipak Paddar, Suhas Vaidya, Arun Bapat, Anand Samant, R. Sridharan & Anal Shah. The Semi final line up was: **Dhampur Sugar Mills Vs. WELLKNIT & Formidables Vs. Agsar Paints**

In the first of the 3*16 boards semi-final, **WELLKNIT (C.R. Badrinath, R. Krishnan, J.M. Shah, K. Krishna Kumar, A.S. Vishwanathan & R. Venkatesh)** beat **Dhampur Sugar Mills** (Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Sumit Mukherjee, Badal Das, Sibnath Dey Sarkar & Pranab Bardhan) by **85-71** IMPs (c/o 3-0,16-17, 21-41, 45-13)

In the second semi-final, **Agsar Paints** (N.R. Kirubakara Murthy, B. Prabhakar, P. Sridharan, Anil Padhey, S. Sunderram & N. Nagappan) beat **Formidables** (Mrs. Kiran Nadar, B. Satyanarayana, Subhash Gupta, Rajeshwar Tewari, Sunit Chokshi & K.R. Venkatraman) by **121.5- 113** IMPs (c/o 13.5-0,41-29, 33-39, 34-45).

So tomorrow, we all hope to witness an interesting tussle between both the Chennai teams - **WELLKNIT Vs. AGSAR PAINTS** in the FINALS of T-4.

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 a total of 127 Pairs participating.

These pairs went through two grueling eliminations of two sessions (each of 20 boards). In the first elimination 104 Pairs (excluding the qualified pairs for the T-4 event) participated. They were put in Four sections of 13 NS & 13 EW, and after playing 2 sessions of 20 boards each, 49 Pairs went through to the 2nd elimination round. In the 2nd elimination there were 60 pairs (49 qualifiers + 11 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

S.No.	Pair Name	S.No.	Pair Name
1	A.N. Banerjee - G. Singha	17	D. Santra - S. Acharya
2	Sandeep Thakral - N.K. Gupta	18	Mukul Gupta - Kalika Prasad
3	Uttam Gupta - S. Naimuddin	19	P. Roy - P. Bera
4	R.B. Goyal - B. Roy	20	Vikram Seth - P.H. S. Kumar
5	A. Sequeira - R.G. Bhiwandkar	21	S.K. Bhattacharya - S. Roy
6	S. Lahiri - Kamal Kumar Roy	22	Raju Tolani - Ajay Khare
7	P.C. Gupta - D.K. Tewari	23	J. Biswas - T.K. Roy
8	Ajit Chakradeo - Arvind Vaidya	24	R.A. Agarwal - Gautam Biswas
9	C.P. Mittal - S.A. Bijlani	25	C.S. Majumdar - S.K. Majumdar
10	M.L. Jain - P.C. Jain	26	R. Sridharan - Suhas Vaidya
11	A.K. Mukherjee - S. Basak	27	G.N. Manna - Rajesh Jain
12	R.C. Agarwal - Sunil Sarin	28	A. Sadhu - B. Todi
13	H. Varma - N.K. Bidani	29	Dr. K.L. Bandi - R. Agarwal
14	Formidables "A"	30	Formidables "B"
15	DSM "A"	31	DSM "B"
16	Formidables "C"	32	DSM "C"

NARESH TANDAN BRIDGE TROPHY FOR TEAM OF FOUR



Shri Tandan gave us "KIRAN", who found "SHIV" as life partner, who in turn built a mammoth business empire known to all of us as "HCL". And it is courtesy "HCL" that today we all have got together to enjoy the game we all love. Some of us will leave with little heavier pockets but most of us will leave with a heavier heart – wishing such events never end.

As per some of the information I have been able to extract from Kiran about her father (whom she truly adored), he was a very compassionate human being and loved the game of Bridge so much that Kiran and her younger brother GOKUL were initiated into it, when she was all of 9 years old and her brother three years younger. They were needed to make the family table along with Mom. It was great to see the Mom and the Son combination play the first elimination of the Open pairs.

Mr. Tandan was an Engineer and worked for VOLTAS most of his life. He had a touch of arrogance at the bridge table, though if you doubled him, you had to defend it REDOUBLED. Now we know why Kiran always bids one extra for the road.

Let us all pray for the departed soul and the whole family so that we can continue to enjoy their warmth and hospitality for years to come.

Subhash Gupta

DEAL OF THE DAY

BEST PLAYED HAND

Quarter Final: FORMIDABLES Vs. MONOTONA

	♠ T876 ♥ 854 ♦ AJ3 ♣ Q74		
♠ AKQ92 ♥ Q95 ♦ A8653 ♣	N W E S	♠ J53 ♥ QJ96 ♦ T8762 ♣ 9	
	♠ 4 ♥ AKT732 ♦ K4 ♣ KJT2		

Bidding:

D.Poddar	R. Tewari	A.Bapat	S. Gupta
W	N	E	S
1C(1)	Pass	1D(2)	1H
1S	2H	Pass	3C
Pass	3D	Pass	4H
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All Pass

- (2) - Precision (16+)
- (3) - < 8 HCPs

Spade Ace led, switched to Ace of Clubs and Club ruffed by East. Spade return, Subhash ruffed. On the given auction, Arun had to have all the hearts for his double. You need two entries to double finesse. You play low diamond and hope west does not spoil your party by putting up the ♦Q. Deepak did not put the Queen and Subhash finessed the ♦J, played heart, Queen to King, back to ♦A by overtaking the ♦K and heart finessed again.

WELL PLAYED SUBHASH.

Yesterday's winner for the "BEST BID HAND" is Mr. Subhash Gupta and Mr. Prakash Dalvi for the "BEST DEFENDED HAND". Congratulations to both.

DEAL OF THE DAY

BEST DEFENDED HAND

Round Robin in Team of Four

	♠ Kxx ♥ Jxxxx ♦ KQxx ♣ x		
♠ xxx ♥ AQ ♦ x ♣ QJT8xxx	N W E S	♠ AJx ♥ K987 ♦ Txxxx ♣ x	
	♠ QTxx ♥ Tx ♦ AJx ♣ AK9x		

W	N	E	S
(P. Dalvi)			
3C(1)	3D	Pass	1D
All Pass			3NT

(1) - Precision (Pre-emptive)

♣Q was led and Declarer won, led a spade to the King, losing to the Ace. Heart back to Queen and ♣J led, won by the South. Three diamonds are cashed and the end position is:

	♠ XX ♥ JXX ♦ K ♣		
♠ xx ♥ A ♦ T8x ♣	N W E S	♠ Jx ♥ K98 ♦ T ♣	
	♠ QTx ♥ T ♦ 9x ♣		

On the last diamond, declarer pitched H10, and Mr. Prakash Dalvi pitched his ♥A trying to create the impression that he was guarding the ♠J. Declarer played ♠Q and a low spade, East won and took 2 heart tricks. Defense took 3 Heart & 2 spade tricks to beat the contract.

WELLDEFENDED PRAKASH.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

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- ☆ THE OFFICIALS
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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