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J.P. Goenka's Team top the Round Robin in T-4

J.P. GOENKA's Team (J.P. Goenka, P.Kushari,, A. Sadhu, B.Das, S. Sarkar, Sumit Mukherjee) with **194 VPs**, topped the 10 rounds Round-Robin stage, to finalize the quarter-finalists. **Ratanlal Kejriwal M.C.** (S.N. Kejriwal, A.N. Banerjee, S. Acharya, S.C. Dutt, Gobind Singha, A. Duttaroy, Atanu Ganguly) with **185 VPs** were second. The quarter finalists are:

1.	J.P. Goenka	-	194 VPs
2.	Ratanlal Kejriwal M.C.	-	185 VPs
3.	PUSHPAK	-	184 VPs
4.	Dhampur Sugar Mills	-	182 VPs
5.	Manas Saha's IV	-	179 VPs
6.	Pankaj Mehta	-	174 VPs
7.	PAK I	-	173 VPs
8.	PALOOKAS	-	170 VPs

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.	J.P. Goenka	Vs.	PALOOKAS
2.	Ratanlal Kejriwal M.C.	Vs.	Pankaj Mehta
3.	PUSHPAK	Vs.	PAK I
4.	Dhampur Sugar Mills	Vs.	Manas Saha's IV

2 rounds of the 3*14 boards quarter-final are already over. **J.P. Goenka's team** is leading by 24 IMPs (51-25, 32-34) over **PALOOKAS**. **Ratanlal Kejriwal M.C.** is leading over **Pankaj Mehta** by 16 IMPs (29-43, 60-30); **PAK I** is leading over **PUSHPAK** by 48 IMP (37-10, 41-20) and **Dhampur Sugar Mills** is leading by 74 IMPs (35-15, 80-26) to **Manas Saha's IV**. The last 14 boards to be played today are going to be real crucial.

There were lot of surprises in the Team event. Top teams WELLKNIT (Last year's champs), Agsar Paints, Formidables, Tolani Shipping, Dipak Poddar, Alok Daga, Arcelor & Radhey could not make it to the quarter finals. Pushpak (local Delhi team), Pankaj Mehta (from Moradabad), Manas Saha's IV & Palookas were the surprising qualifiers.

The Pairs Tournament also started yesterday evening with total 176 Pairs taking part in the event. There will be 2 elimination rounds. In the first elimination, 144 pairs are playing in 6 sections of 12 NS & 12 EW each. 10 best NS & 10 best EW pairs from sections "A" & "B" combined, and equal number from combined sections "C" & "D" & combined "E" & "F" would qualify for the 2nd elimination round. The first session of the first elimination is already over today evening and the second session will continue tomorrow morning. We look forward for some scintillating play from the participants in Quarter Final as well as Pair event.

FINAL RANKING – TEAM OF FOUR EVENT

RANK	TEAM NAME	V.P.s	RANK	TEAM NAME	V.P.s
1	J.P. GOENKA	194	36	RAJJAN's, ALLAHABAD	149
2	RATANLAL KEJRIWAL MC	185	37	GBA, GHAZIABAD	149
3	PUSHPAK	184	38	BATRA's, UP	148
4	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS	182	39	TRANSWORLD	148
5	MANAS SAHA's IV	179	40	CHOKSHI's	147
6	PANKAJ MEHTA , MORADABAD	175	41	PANKAJ KAPADIA'S IV	146
7	PAK 1	173	42	PATRIOTS	146
8	PALUKAS	170	43	ASHA SURANA	145
9	WELLKNIT	169	44	R.N. PALIT IV	144
10	DIPAK PODDAR	169	45	PBA	143
11	TOLANI SHIPPING, MUMBAI	169	46	GENTLEMEN	143
12	RADHEY, MUMBAI	169	47	TITANS	142
13	AGSAR PAINTS	168	48	R.S. MISHRA, ALLAHABAD	142
14	BILAL, PAK	168	49	PURI	141
15	ALOK DAGA, KOLKATA	167	50	DEHRADUN	140
16	A.R. DAS's IV, W. BENGAL	166	51	KAROL BAGH UNION CLUB	138
17	FORMIDABLES	165	52	FIRE OF HELL	137
18	DELHI BLUES	165	53	INDORE RED	136
19	ARCELOR	165	54	DELHI BRIDGE CLUB	136
20	BOAT HOUSE CLUB	164	55	TRIERS	135
21	CHANDNA's, PAKISTAN	160	56	AGGARWAL's, ALLAHABAD	133
22	SONCHEL, DELHI	159	57	CHETNA, JAIPUR	132
23	KAMLESH GUPTA's IV	159	58	PATNA CARD CLUB	130
24	DURGA, BANGALORE	159	59	PEGASUS, DELHI	129
25	NAIMUDDIN's	158	60	KANWALJEET	127
26	MAYA MIRA	156	61	DEEKAY	125
27	DR. ASHWANI MEHTA	155	62	INDORE, BLUE	123
28	NINEPIN	154	63	DR. GOEL's TEAM	123
29	GUPTA'S	154	64	V-SIX	118
30	VIJAY	154	65	TECHNOCRATS, ALIGARH	118
31	BRINDAVAN EXPRESS	153	66	DR. USHA KOTHARI	114
32	CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB	153	67	THE BEAGLES	111
33	AZURE	153	68	MAA BHAGWATI	106
34	SIDDIQUE, LUCKNOW	151	69	GYMC, GWALIOR	99
35	D.P. BANERJEE's IV	150	70	GHAZIABAD BRIDGE CLUB	96

BID OF THE DAY

Sunit Chokshi – K.R. Venkatraman bid the following hand beautifully.

	♠ K9xxx ♥ AQxx ♦ JTxx ♣	
♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	N W E S	♠ ♥ ♦ ♣
	♠ AKTxx ♥ AJT ♦ K ♣ 8xxx	

Bidding:

	<i>Venkatraman</i>		<i>Sunit</i>
West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1S
Pass	1NT(1)	Pass	2C(2)
Pass	3C	Pass	3H(3)
Pass	4H	All Pass	

(1) – Semi-forcing (2) – Better Minor (3) – Excellent Bid

After bid of 2C and support, if the opponent does not take their top club tricks, the declarer has easy time. If they cash the 3 club tricks, the declarer needs to only guess the ♥Q correctly.

Contributed by Mr. Manoj Nair

Today's Schedule

0900 – 1100 Hrs. -	T-4, Quarter Finals, 3 rd Session of 14 boards
1000 – 1230 Hrs. -	Pairs Elimination I – Session 2 (20 Boards)
1120 – 1330 Hrs. -	T-4, Semi Finals, 1 st Session of 16 boards
1300 – 1415 Hrs. -	Lunch
1400 – 1630 Hrs. -	Pairs Elimination II – Session 1 (20 Boards)
1430 – 1640 Hrs. -	T-4, Semi Finals, 2 nd Session of 16 boards
1645 – 1915 Hrs. -	Pairs Elimination II – Session 2 (20 Boards)
1700 – 1910 Hrs. -	T-4, Semi Finals, 3 rd Session of 16 boards

PAIRS Elimination I (Session 1)

Leaders

Combined Section A & B (48 Pairs)

North-South

1. Vijay Goel – Sukamal Das 60.26%
2. Capt. R.K. Marwah – M.R. Goyal 59.61%
3. Rajjan Agarwal – S. Chatterjee 59.45%

East West

1. S.K. Richariya – D.S. Jadon 62.93%
2. S.R. Bhattacharya – S. Some 62.52%
3. R. Srikrishna – K.Krishnakumar 58.68%

Combined Section C & D (48 Pairs)

North-South

1. V.M. Lal – R. Bhiwandikar 68.29%
2. Navaid Anjum – Shakeel 65.51%
3. Dr. S. Vasanth – A.S. Gupta 60.01%

East West

1. D. Santra – P. Bardhan 68.60%
2. F.J. Nizami – G. Mohammed 59.86%
3. ARD Sequeira – P. Hegde 59.43%

Combined Section E & F (48 Pairs)

North-South

1. R.S. Misra – M.L. Agarwal 60.66%
2. N.C. Bhattacharya–R.A. Siddique 59.21%
3. S. Naimuddin–K.N. Shyamsunder 57.63%

East West

1. J. Biswas – T. Roy 60.39%
2. C.M. Kulkarni – K. Durgadas 58.42%
3. K.R. Venkatraman–Sunit Chokshi 57.89%

REQUEST TO PLAYERS

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

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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.

Submit your "BEST BID", "BEST PLAYED" or "BEST DEFENDED" hand of the day and win an attractive prize of Rs. 500.

Entries should be submitted to Mr. Subhash Gupta or Mr. T.C. Pant

Yesterday's winner for the "BEST BID HAND" is Mr. Sunit Chokshi & Mr. K.R. Venkatraman. The deal was reported by Mr. Manoj Nair.

Tomorrow's Schedule (Monday 15th Aug 2005)

- 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)
1930 Hrs. - Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony