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It is J.P. Goenka Vs. PAK I in Finals of T-4

The last session of Quarterfinal & the Semi Finals were played yesterday in the T-4 event. In the 4*14 boards Quarter Finals **Dhampur Sugar Mills** beat **Manas Saha's IV** (Manas Saha, Pronob Roy, Debbrata Mazumdar, Prashanta Bera, Kaustav Nandi & Santanu Chaudhary) by **180-56** (35-15, 80-26, 65-15). In the 2nd QF **PAK I** beat **PUSHPAK** (D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta, Anand Bhatia, Rakesh Roy & Sandeep Lahiri) by **100-74** (37-10, 41-20, 22-44). In the 3rd QF **J.P. Goenka** beat **PALOOKAS** (A.K. Brahmachary, H.K. Jalan, Bhabesh Saha, D. Chakravarti, A. Malhootra & L. Mohanka) by **133-80** (51-25, 32-34, 50-21). In the last QF **Ratanlal Kejriwal Memorial Club** beat **Pankaj Mehta** (Pankaj Mehta, Pradeep Singh, Mahendra Singh, S. Bandopadhyay, Mukul Gupta & Rajneesh Consul) by **126-83** (29-43, 60-30, 37-10). The Semi final line up was: **J.P. Goenka Vs. Dhampur Sugar Mills & PAK I Vs. Ratanlal Kejriwal M.C.**

In the first of the 3*16 boards semi-final, **J.P. Goenka (J.P. Goenka, Pritish Kushari, Alok Sadhu, Badal Das, Shib Nath Dey Sarkar & Sumit Mukherjee)** beat **Dhampur Sugar Mills** (Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Kamal Roy, Debashish Roy, Vivek Bhand & Sandeep Thakral) by **107-101 (37-29, 35-25, 35-47)**.

In the second semi-final, **PAK I** (Tahir Masood, Sarfaraz Khan, Munir Atallah, Khurshid Hadi & Abdul Rehman Allana) beat **Ratanlal Kejriwal M.C.** (A.N. Banerjee, Gobind Singha, Atanu Ganguly, S. Acharya, S.C. Dutt & A. Duttaroy) by **108-69 (c/o 3-0, 54-22, 41-24, 10-23)**

So tomorrow, we all hope to witness an interesting tussle between the **PAK I & J.P. Goenka** teams in the 4*16 boards FINALS of Team of Four event.

Today's Schedule

0930 – 1140 Hrs. - T-4 Finals, Session – I (16 boards)
0930 – 1400 Hrs. - Pairs, Finals - Session I (30 Boards)
1200 – 1410 Hrs. - T-4 Finals, Session – II (16 boards)
1400 – 1500 Hrs. - Lunch
1500 – 1710 Hrs. - T-4 Finals, Session – III (16 boards)
1500 – 1930 Hrs. - Pairs, Finals – Session II (32 Boards)
1730 – 1940 Hrs. - T-4 Finals, Session – IV (16 boards)
2000 Hrs. - Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony

OPEN PAIRS

It was an exciting and a very satisfying beginning in the Pairs Tournament with a record 176 Pairs participating.

These pairs went through two grueling eliminations of two sessions (each of 20 boards). In the first elimination 144 Pairs (excluding the qualified pairs for the T-4 event) participated. They were put in Six sections of 12 NS & 12 EW, and after playing 2 sessions of 20 boards each, 60 qualified Pairs went through to the 2nd elimination round and were joined by 12 losing quarter finalists. In the 2nd elimination the 72 pairs were put into 3 sections. And again played a 2 session, 20 boards each elimination round out of which, the best 26 pairs 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 (Mr. Kapil Dev, the famous Indian cricketer will be the chief guest) and share the evening with the winners and the ones who missed out.

PAIRS FINALISTS

S.No.	Pair Name	S.No.	Pair Name
1	Sunit Chokshi - K.R. Venkatraman	17	Vivek Bhand - Sandeep Thakral
2	R.A. Agrawal - Ajit Chakradeo	18	A. Duttaroy - A. Ganguli
3	S. Chaudhri - S.K. Iyengar	19	Kamal Roy - Debashish Roy
4	R Tewari - Subhash Gupta	20	Rana Roy - M Mukherjee
5	Ashok Goel - Kamal Mukherjee	21	Sunil Machar - Arun Bapat
6	G. Singha - S. Acharya	22	P Sridhar - J M Shah
7	A.N. Banerjee - S.C. Dutt	23	Rajesh Dalal - Anil P Padhye
8	V.K. Agrawal - B.K. Agrawal	24	A K Nigam - S. Lahri
9	Dipak Poddar - Anand K S Samant	25	A. Mehta - S. Bhatia
10	A. Bhattacharya - P. K. Mukherjee	26	S.K. Agrawal - R.C. Agrawal
11	NK Gupta - Jitesh Agrawal	27	J. Biswas - T.K. Roy
12	R P Shivhare - B Nandi	28	Dibyendu Shee - Kamal Nagur
13	R. Sree Krishnan - K Krishnakumar	29	Sapan Desai - Nitin Saha
14	S.R. Bhansali - Gulab Jagetia	30	S R Bhattacharya - S Some
15	S Sengupta - A R Das	31	Rajjan Agrawal - Shankar Chatterjee
16	RM Gupta - Shashi Jain	32	C M Kulkarni - K Durgadas

DEAL OF THE DAY

BEST PLAYED HAND

Semi Final: J.P. Goenka Vs. DSM

	♠ Kx ♥ J7xx ♦ AKJ9xxx ♣ AKJ9xxx		
♠ AJxx ♥ QJTxxx ♦ Txx ♣ Txx	N W E S	♠ xxx ♥ AQ8xx ♦ xxx ♣ Qx	
	♠ QT9x ♥ KT93 ♦ AKxx ♣ x		

Bidding:

S. Thakral	Sumit	Vivek	Kushari
W	N	E	S
			1D
Pass	2C	Pass	2H
Pass	3H	Pass	4H
All Pass			

Lead: ♦Q

Kushari ruffed in dummy and pulled a small spade. East put small and Kushari played the ♠Q taken by West with the Ace. West returned a low spade to dummy's king and Kushari cashed his Ace & King of clubs, both defenders following and East dropping the Queen and Kushari discarding a spade. He now played the ♣J, East discarded a spade and Kushari chucked another spade. He now played a small ♥ from dummy and put his TEN, when East played low. West showed out and Kushari claimed

WELL PLAYED Pritish.

DEAL OF THE DAY

BEST BID HAND

Lady luck favors the Brave

Here is a hand bid well by our opponents in the last round of the Swiss league yesterday. They missed the quarterfinals by 1 VP despite this excellent contract. Our teammates were in 6 Spades, making six.

	♠ Ax ♥ Ax ♦ AKQ7 ♣ AKQxx		
♠ QTx ♥ T9xx ♦ T9x ♣ xxx	N W E S	♠ x ♥ Qxx ♦ J8xxxx ♣ xxx	
	♠ KJ9xxxx ♥ KJxx ♦ ♣ xx		

W	N	E	S
Col. Nanda	V.M. Lal	Manoj Nair	Bhiwandikar
	1C(1)	Pass	1S
Pass	1NT(2)	Pass	2D(3)
Pass	3C	Pass	3S
Pass	4NT	Pass	5S(4)
Pass	7NT(5)	All Pass	

(1) – Precision (2) – Asking Controls
(3) – 2 Controls (4) – Showed Queen due to extra length in spades

North (V.M. Lal) bid 7NT, which is the slam which makes. I found a spade lead but despite the bad break in spades declarer needed only 2 spade tricks. On the run of the clubs, my hand comes under a simple squeeze between Diamonds & Hearts.

Grand Slam made with the long suit yielding only 2 tricks.

VERY WELL JUDGED BY Mr. Lal to bid the Grand in Notrumps.

Reported by Manoj Nair

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

- P THE PLAYERS
- P THE OFFICIALS
- P THE VOLUNTEERS
- P THE SPONSORS
- P THE MEDIA
- P THE HOSPITALITY GROUP

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