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DELHI BLUES from Delhi Lead after 6 Rounds in Team of Four

The Tournament started yesterday with the Team of Four event for the “**Naresh Tandan Trophy**”. 62 teams from all over India along with the DATA STEEL team from Karachi, Pakistan are participating in the Team of Four event. Formidables, Tolani Shipping, Dhampur Sugar Mills, SHREE RADHEY, J.P. Goenka, Alok Daga, MONOTONA and Manyavar are some of the top teams participating.

At the end of first day (after 6 rounds), **DELHI BLUES**, a local team of Delhi comprising of D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta, Paresh Gupta, Amarjit Wadhawan, Mahendra Singh and Arun Jain lead the event with **118 VPs**. **SHREE RADHEY** (V.M. Lal, P. Bafana, Ashok Vaidya, R. Bhiwandkar) & **MAHARAJA** (S. Lahiri, A. Kundu, S. Sengupta, S. Pal, M.K. Mukherjee, K. Choudhury) share the second place with **115 VPs**. Maya Mira Sneha (113), Formidables (111), Pankaj Mehta (110), J.P. Goenka (110) & Kamlesh Gupta's IV (110) are holding the 4th to 8th positions respectively.

Today it is going to be far more competitive as teams lagging behind will try to catch up for the Quarter Final berths. There will be 4 more rounds before the Quarter Finalists are identified.

The PAIRS event also starts today evening and a record number of entries are expected in the Pair event.

Today's Schedule (Sunday, 13th Aug 2006)

0900 – 1530 Hrs. -	Registration for Pair Tournament
0900 – 1015 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 7 of 10 boards – Actual draw)
1035 – 1150 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 8 of 10 boards – Actual draw)
1210 – 1325 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 9 of 10 boards – Actual draw)
1325 – 1415 Hrs. -	Lunch
1415 – 1530 Hrs. -	T-4 (Round 10 of 10 boards – On Actual draw)
1615 – 1815 Hrs. -	T-4 (Quarter Finals – Session 1 – 14 Boards)
1830 – 2030 Hrs. -	T-4 (Quarter Finals – Session 2 – 14 Boards)
1700 – 1945 Hrs. -	Pair Elimination 1 – Session 1 – 20 / 22 Boards
2000 Hrs. -	Cocktails & Dinner

THE PARTICIPANTS - TEAM OF FOUR

Team No.	Team Name	Team No.	Team Name
1	CHENNAI ONLINE	32	HIMACHAL BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
2	PEGASUS, DELHI	33	MONOTONA
3	DR. ASHWANI MEHTA	34	SENIOR CITIZENS
4	LUCKNOW BLUE	35	I-DOCTORS, MUMBAI
5	NEST INN	36	ONGC II
6	PURI	37	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS
7	PANKAJ MEHTA , MORADABAD	38	HARYANA GYMKHANA
8	EXPLORER	39	FRONT RUNNER
9	SHREE RADHEY	40	DR. SURANA
10	NEELAM	41	SUDHIR GANGULY
11	COSMOPOLITAN	42	TECHNOCRATS, ALIGARH
12	JOYOUS FOUR	43	MAHESHWARI, ALLAHABAD
13	MAYA MIRA SNEHA	44	ONGC I
14	BOAT HOUSE CLUB, NAINITAL	45	J.P. GOENKA
15	A.R. DAS's IV, W. BENGAL	46	R.S. MISRA, ALLAHABAD
16	SONCHEL	47	SOUMITRA
17	TOLANI SHIPPING, MUMBAI	48	PROMILA SARAF
18	CEN. SECT. CLUB	49	MANYAVAR
19	SABR	50	RUKMA
20	GBA, GHAZIABAD	51	GUPTA'S TEAM
21	FORMIDABLES	52	A.K. UPADHYAY
22	S.E.C.L.	53	MANAS SAHA's IV
23	CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB	54	FRIENDS
24	CEN. SECT. CLUB (HARBHAJAN)	55	KAMLESH GUPTA's IV
25	DATA STEEL, PAKISTAN	56	GENTLEMAN
26	S.E.C.L. (RED)	57	SINGULARITY
27	DELHI BLUES	58	BASS
28	FOUR FRIENDS	59	ALIGARH BLUES
29	ALOK DAGA	60	PRAKASH's IV
30	AYUSHI	61	SPOT4
31	COSMOS	62	MAHARAJA

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Contract Bridge Association (CBA) Membership Forms are available at CBA counter next to Registration Desk.

The Master Point Scheme of CBA is to be announced during the Tournament.

CBA MEETINGS

CBA executive committee meeting will be held at the venue on 13th Aug 2006 after the play.

CBA's AGM on – 14th Aug 2006

Rubens Advances

As you know, with the help of transfers you can describe many more hand types than with natural methods. The main reason for this is that you can use the same initial bid (the transfer) to cater for weak, intermediate and strong hands. In the 1970s, Jeff Rubens introduced the concept of using transfers in response to an overcall. Although this is one of the most significant bidding innovations, the idea is not popular outside of expert circles. Transfer Advances of Overcalls have one major advantage over just about every other convention ever devised: they do not take away a single natural bid. Rubens transfer advances however works part of the time depending on how much bidding room there is and it never costs.

Let us discuss the basics of Rubens advances. We would recommend that Rubens transfers are used only after partner makes a simple overcall over opponent's opening bid. LHO opens 1C, partner overcalls 1S and RHO passes ((1C) – 1S – Pass – ?). The following are your options:

- 1NT – Natural, same as in standard methods.
- 2C – Transfer to diamonds (can be weak, intermediate or strong)
- 2D – Transfer to hearts (can be weak, intermediate or strong)
- 2H – cue bid (instead of 2C cue bid in standard methods).
- 2S – Normal raise.

In the above example we could transfer to both the remaining suit as we had the maximum space, which is not the case always. The following are the general principles to remember:

- All responses below cue bid of opponents suit are natural.
- All bids in NT are natural.
- Cue bid is a transfer to next-higher ranking suit. If that suit is the partner's suit then certainly the bidding is same as in standard methods.
- The bid of suit above opponents suit is transfer & the bid of suit below partner's suit is the Cue bid.
- The raises of partner's (overcaller's) suit are pre-emptive.
- Jump in opener's suit is splinter and jump in new suits can be played as fit jumps.

Overcaller's simple acceptance of transfer shows that he would have passed a non-forcing bid and denies extra values. The following are some more auctions:

(1C) – 1H – (Pass) – ? 1S = Natural, one round force 1N = Natural 2C = Transfer to diamonds 2D = Cue bid	(1D) – 2C – (Pass) – ? 2D = Transfer to Heart 2H = Transfer to spade 2S = Cue bid 2N = Natural 3C = Normal raise	(1S) – 2H – (Pass) – ? 2S = Transfer to Club 2N = Natural 3C = Transfer to diamond 3D = Cue bid 3H = Normal raise
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Examples

You hold ♠ x ♥ xxx ♦ KQJxxx ♣ Qxx	The bidding goes: (1C) – 1S – P – ? You bid 2C as transfer and pass partner's 2D bid	You hold ♠ x ♥ Qxx ♦ AQJxxx ♣ Kxx	The bidding goes: (1C) – 1S – P – ? You bid 2C as transfer and then bid 2NT after rebid of 2D by partner	You hold ♠ Kxx ♥ xx ♦ AQJxx ♣ xxx	The bidding goes: (1C) – 1S – P – ? You bid 2C as transfer and then bid 2S after rebid of 2D by partner
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We would recommend this convention for serious partnerships only because if partner forgets the transfer, results can be disastrous. However the advantages of this convention will far out weigh the losses in the long run.

(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal)

INVITATION

All participants are cordially invited for Cocktails & Dinner today at 2000 Hrs.

REQUEST TO PLAYERS

We sincerely request all the participants to co-operate and adhere to the scheduled timings.

**** CHEER UP, DO WELL & ENJOY ****

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, Mr. T.C. Pant.

NO SMOKING ZONE

Playing area is totally a "Non-Smoking" Zone. Please refrain from Smoking in the Playing Area.

Entries For Pair Event

You are requested to give entries for "Open Pairs" today latest by 1530 Hrs.

Entry Fee – Rs. 1200 (Per Pair) for first elimination & Rs. 800 from those qualified to play the 2nd elimination.

The Top Teams

TEAM OF FOUR EVENT

(After 6 Rounds)

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15. SENIOR CITIZENS	101 VPs
15. A.K. UPADHYAY	101 VPs

Tomorrow's Schedule (Monday 14th Aug 2006)

0900 – 1100 Hrs.	-	T-4, Quarter Finals, 3 rd Session of 14 boards
0945 – 1230 Hrs.	-	Pairs Elimination I – Session 2 (20 / 22 Boards)
1130 – 1340 Hrs.	-	T-4, Semi Finals, 1 st Session of 16 boards
1300 – 1415 Hrs.	-	Lunch Break
1400 – 1645 Hrs.	-	Pairs Elimination II – Session 1 (20/22 Boards)
1430 – 1640 Hrs.	-	T-4, Semi Finals, 2 nd Session of 16 boards
1645 – 1715 Hrs.	-	Tea Break
1715 – 2000 Hrs.	-	Pairs Elimination II – Session 2 (20 Boards)
1715 – 1925 Hrs.	-	T-4, Semi Finals, 3 rd Session of 16 boards