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'SHREE CEMENT' Team tops the Round Robin in T-4

SHREE CEMENT Team (Manas Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Subroto Saha, Subir Majumdar & Bivas Todi) with **194 VPs**, topped the 10 round - Round-Robin stage, to finalize the quarter-finalists. Yesterday's leaders **KHANDELWAL** (Rajeev Khandelwal, Himani Khandelwal, N.K. Gupta & Sandeep Thakral) with **190 VPs** were second. The quarter finalists are:

1. SHREE CEMENT - 194 VPs
2. KHANDELWAL - 190 VPs
3. J.P. GOENKA - 184 VPs
4. MANYAVAR - 184 VPs
5. TEXAN ACES - 181 VPs
6. MAHESHWARI, ALLAHABAD - 180 VPs
7. CANDYLAND - 173 VPs
8. SHREE RADHEY - 172 VPs (-1) Penalty

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. SHREE CEMENT Vs. MAHESHWARI, ALLAHABAD
2. KHANDELWAL Vs. CANDYLAND
3. J.P. GOENKA Vs. SHREE RADHEY
4. MANYAVAR Vs. TEXAN ACES

2 Rounds of the 3*14 boards quarterfinal were played yesterday and the scores are:

Table #	Team Name	Vs Team Name	Boards					TOTAL
			C/O	1-14	15-28	29-42	Pen	
1	SHREE CEMENT	Vs MAHESHWARI, ALLAHABAD	0-0	40-04	20-30		0-0	60-34
2	KHANDELWAL	Vs CANDYLAND	8-0	19-13	55-12		0-0	82-25
3	J.P. GOENKA	Vs SHREE RADHEY	9-0	34-34	11-07		0-0	54-41
4	MANYAVAR	Vs TEXAN ACES	0-0	30-26	34-14		0-0	64-40

The last round of 14 boards will be played today morning.

Formidables, Dhampur Sugar Mills, Tolani Shipping, Wellknit, Alok Daga & DATA STEEL (Karachi) were some of the top teams who did not qualify for the quarterfinals.

The Pairs Tournament also started yesterday evening. There will be 2 elimination rounds of 2 sessions each. Each session will be 22 boards.

In the first elimination, 146 pairs are playing in 6 sections. There are Twelve & half tables in Section "A" and 12 each in Sections "B", "C", "D", "E" & "F". 10 best NS & 10 best EW pairs from sections "A" & "B" combined, sections "C" & "D" combined & section "E" & "F" combined would qualify for the 2nd elimination round. They will be joined by the losing quarter-finalists in the 2nd elimination. If required, one best pair from section "A" & "B" combined will be taken to make the field of 72. The first session of the Elimination – 1 is already over yesterday evening and the second session will continue today 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	VPs	RANK	TEAM NAME	VPs
1	SHREE CEMENT	194	38	KAMLESH GUPTA'S IV	150
2	KHANDELWAL	190	39	CEN. SEC. CLUB - A	149
3	MANYAVAR	184	40	RUKMA	149
4	J.P. GOENKA	184	41	BOAT HOUSE CLUB	148
5	TEXAN ACES	181	42	SECL	148
6	MAHESHWARI	180	43	JADON JANA	148
7	CANDY LAND	173	44	DR. NANDA'S	147
8	SHRI RADHEY	172	45	A.K. UPADHYAY'S	147
9	ALOK DAGA'S IV	171	46	NEST INN, CHENNAI	147
10	FORMIDABLES	170	47	COLONELS	146
11	PBA - I	169	48	MAYA MEERA SNEHA - I	143
12	ACES (on Tie-break)	168	49	DEHRADUN	143
13	TOLANI SHIPPING	168	50	SAMNA	140
14	ARNAB'S IV, VARANASI	166	51	ALIGARH BLUES	140
15	CEN. SEC. CLUB - B	166	52	DR. ASHA SURANA	139
16	WELLKNIT	165	53	RAINBOW	139
17	SOUMITRA - 'B'	165	54	RAJJAN's, ALLAHABAD	138
18	K.K. NEOGI's IV	163	55	PBA - II	138
19	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS	162	56	BEEZEE	135
20	DATA STEEL	161	57	NOIDA FOUR	135
21	MAYA MEERA SNEHA - II	158	58	A.R. DAS's IV, W. BENGAL	134
22	FRIENDS	158	59	JIGNESH	132
23	CHINMOY'S IV	158	60	KUMKUM's IV	132
24	COSMOS	157	61	GLITZ	130
25	KABRA'S	157	62	SOUMITRA - 'A'	127
26	PUSHPAK	156	63	COUPLES	125
27	AMANORA	156	64	ENGINEERS	124
28	RADHESHYAM GUPTA	155	65	SOOSHA	121
29	SML	154	66	AJAY 'FOUR' GWALIOR	120
30	GUPTA'S, BANGALORE	154	67	GREY TIGERS	120
31	AZURE	154	68	BATRAS	117
32	WEAROLOGY	153	69	ORION	115
33	FORTHCOMING	152	70	IOCL	114
34	SIDDIQUE	152	71	TORPEDOES	114
35	PANKAJ MEHTA , MORADABAD	151	72	CLUB KINGS	112
36	PURIS	151	73	LUCKY BILASPUR	108
37	PATRIOTS	150			

MATCH OF THE DAY

Round 9 of Swiss League - J. P. Goenka versus Dhampur Sugar Mills

CLOSED ROOM

OPEN ROOM

North: S. N. De Sarkar (J.P. Goenka)
 South: B. Das (J.P. Goenka)

D. Roy (Dhampur)
 P. Kushari (Dhampur)

East: A. Goel (Dhampur)
 West: K. Mukherjee (Dhampur)

D. Majumdar (J.P. Goenka)
 S. Mukherjee (J. P. Goenka)

I had expected the match between the Indian representative team Dhampur Sugar Mills and twice winner here, J.P. Goenka's team would produce some fireworks. Nothing of the sort happened and it was a low scoring one and the latter prevailed ten imps (24-14), that translated to 18-12 in victory points. 27 of the total 38 imps that were exchanged happened in the first four boards.

Board 1

None, North Dealer

	♠QJ4	
	♥6	
	♦AKT9643	
	♣A8	
♠KT	N	♠87652
♥AK54	W E	♥QT8
♦J72	S	♦Q8
♣J973		♣KT2
	♠A93	
	♥J9732	
	♦5	
	♣Q654	

After a similar one diamond-one heart-three diamonds sequence in both rooms, Sarkar unnecessarily stretched to bid three no trumps. Kushari did not in the open room and three diamonds made gave Dhampur a kick start of 6 imps.

Board 2

NS vulnerable, East Dealer

	♠954	
	♥KQ92	
	♦AQ43	
	♣K3	
♠KQJ2	N	♠T863
♥J7543	W E	♥A6
♦75	S	♦K86
♣65		♣AJ72
	♠A7	
	♥T8	
	♦JT92	
	♣QT984	

After a one no trump opening by North, Majumdar-Mookherjee stretched to three spades, going down one. Goel-Mukherjee in the closed room are able to stop in two spades making, as Badal Das (South) does not compete. A further 5 imps to Dhampur and they were now leading by 11 imps.

Board 3

EW vulnerable, South Dealer

	♠K9542	
	♥Q2	
	♦54	
	♣AKT4	
♠AJ87		♠Q6
♥K84	W N E	♥AJ975
♦QT73		♦K86
♣83	S	♣QJ5
	♠T3	
	♥T63	
	♦AJ92	
	♣9762	

While Sarkar is allowed to bid and make one spade because Goel leads the club queen and continues with the jack at the next opportunity establishing declarer's two clubs, Mukherjee-Majumdar defend much better in the same contract and collect 150. J.P. Goenka has opened his account with six imps. Dhampur 11, Goenka 6.

Board 4

Both vulnerable, West Dealer

	♠J9843	
	♥K98	
	♦J85	
	♣KT	
♠T7		♠A65
♥QT32	W N E	♥AJ7
♦A3		♦KQ962
♣QJ842	S	♣76
	♠KQ2	
	♥654	
	♦T74	
	♣A953	

This is a good example how the different ranges of a one no trump opening can cause havoc sometimes. In the closed room, Goel playing a 15-17 no trump, opened a diamond and ultimately played in one no trump. In the open room three no trumps was bid and made by Majumdar-Mukherjee because of the kindly break in diamonds and the heart finesse working. 10 imps to Goenka. Goenka 16, Dhampur 11.

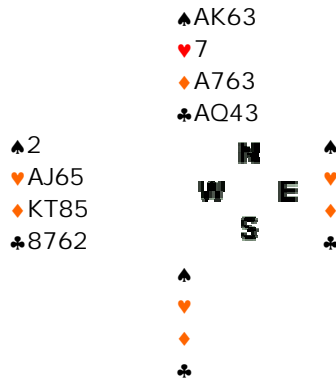
In Board # 5, Dhampur recovered three imps but in the last five boards, lost eight more imps to lose the match 14-24 in imps, 12-18 in VPs.

Today's Schedule (Saturday 18th Aug 2007)

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

Infer first and then deduce

I had requested several of my friends here to bring to my notice any good deal that they may come across that can be shared with our bulletin readers. Venky was the first to come forward and give me the following gem on defence on what I call, *inferential deduction*.



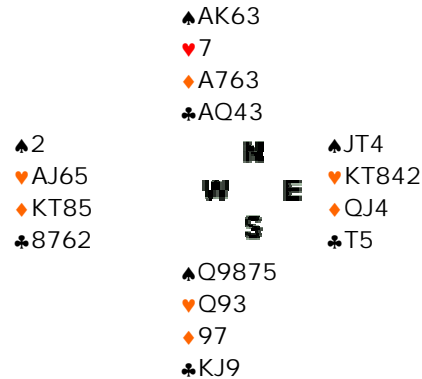
The bidding had gone as follows:

North	South
1 C	1 S
2 S	3 C
3 D	3 S
4 C	4 S
6 S	

On a Precision Club opening of one club, South's response showed 8+ HCP and a five card spade suit. Two Spades was *gamma* and the response showed one honour five cards. Three Diamonds and Four Clubs were both *epsilon* control asking bids and the responses showed third round control (doubleton or queen) and second round control (singleton or king) in the respective suits. You are West and you choose to lead a trump. Declarer wins on the table and pulls a low heart from dummy on which partner shows an odd number of cards. You win declarer's nine spot with your jack. Take it from there. What do you play now and why?

Before you pull out a card, go back to the bidding. Declarer is marked with queen to five in spades, no diamond king but he is likely to have the club king. Since he has shown third round control in diamonds, he is doubleton in that suit. He has six cards in the other two suits and since your partner is more likely to have five hearts, rather than three. *Voila!* Declarer's hand pattern is 5-3-2-3 and he may well hold king-jack-small in the club suit and the way he has played it, he sort of has made it obvious that he plans to ruff two hearts in dummy and get rid of his diamond loser on the fourth club *after* drawing trumps. That adds up to an easy twelve tricks. If you passively play another heart now, you are in fact only helping him to do what he is planning to do.

You obviously cannot play a diamond, because for all you know that declarer may hold the queen and allow your shift to run to that card to his hand. By the process of elimination, you have arrived at the club suit and if you think deeper enough, that shift *is not a passive shift but one that plays havoc with declarer's transportation. And you know that partner is short in clubs and may well hold the jack of spades in which case declarer's communication goes awry. Your club play, in fact, prematurely takes away one of the entries in that suit.* The full deal:



The veteran is no more!

It is with great regret that we inform all our readers the passing away of Milan Mohan Roy on the 13th of August in Kolkata. *Milanda*, as he was fondly known to scores of Indian Bridge players, was 88.

Basically a social worker, Milanda was very active in not merely playing Bridge at the National level and winning consistently including the Ruia Trophy, but he was also very well known in nurturing rural boys into good Bridge players. An erstwhile partner of the late S. N. Dasgupta, he established the S. N. Dasgupta Memorial Club exclusively for the development of Bridge, upon the latter's death. The club continues to be active and is devoted only to Bridge and there are no other activities there.

Milanda has played in the Indian team in the Far Eastern Championships (it was Jakarta, I think) and even taught Bridge to a blind man, Omprakash Chowhary who later became an excellent player.

The Boat House Club tournament at Nainital in 2004 was the last outstation tournament in which he participated. Even on Saturday and Sunday last, he was playing Bridge throughout the day at the Hindusthan Club in Kolkata

May his soul rest in peace.

PAIRS Elimination I (Session 1)

Leaders

Combined Section A & B (50 Pairs)

North-South

1. Ashim Ghose – K.P. Chatterjee 59.04%
2. T. Mukherjee – K. Bhattacharya 57.12%
3. Amarjit – Paresh Gupta 56.74%

East West

1. Ambrish – S.M. Moin 57.60%
2. Jignesh Parikh – K. Devdher 57.34%
3. K. Bendre – Aniket Sanghvi 57.09%

Combined Section C & D (48 Pairs)

North-South

1. Maj. S.K. Hooda–Rashid-ul-Ghazi 65.15%
2. Tariq R Khan – Parvez Mirza 60.71%
3. V.K. Mutreja – Sudhir Nagpal 59.42%

East West

1. Pinaki Khan – C. Chakraborty 66.56%
2. S. Roy – P. Roy 64.50%
3. G.N. Manna – Ivan Alphanso 59.42%

Combined Section E & F (48 Pairs)

North-South

1. S. Ganguly – S. Lahiri 63.64%
2. MML Sharma – KC Kumar 60.28%
3. Dr. T. Moghe – V. Ravindran 57.14%

East West

1. D.S. Choudhury – A. Paul 61.26%
2. B. Dey – Alok Daga 59.52%
3. Uttam Gupta – R.C. Srikrishnan 59.52%

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.

VUGRAPH

The Semi-Final & Final of the team of four event will be shown live on BBO.

CONSOLATION EVENT

There will be a Consolation Pair Event for those who get eliminated after the first elimination round. The event will start around 1500 Hrs.

Tomorrow's Schedule (Sunday 19th Aug 2007)

- 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)
1945 Hrs. - Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony