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It is J.P. GOENKA Vs. SHREE CEMENT in Finals of T-4

The last session of Quarterfinals & the 3-session Semi Finals were played yesterday in the T-4 event.

In the 3*14 boards Quarter Finals **SHREE CEMENT** beat Maheshwari, Allahabad team (Govind Prasad Agarwal, Sushil Agarwal, I.K. Agarwal, B.N. Rastogi, A.K. Sinha & Kr. Vijayanand Singh) by 43 IMPs; **KHANDELWAL** beat CANDYLAND team from Karachi, Pakistan (Masood Mazhar, Muhammed Ismail, Mubashir Puri, Hamid Mohiuddin, Khalid Mohiuddin, Sapan Desai) by 68 IMPs; **J.P. GOENKA** beat SHREE RADHEY team from Mumbai (V.M. Lal, R.G. Bhiwandkar, Jitu Solani, Ajit Chakradeo) by 24 IMPs and **MANYAVAR** beat TEXAN ACES (G. Venkatesh, K. Krishnakumar, P. Sridhar, S. Sunderram, J.M. Shah, Sandeep Karmarkar) by 25 IMPs. The scores:

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	30-13	0-0	90-47
2	KHANDELWAL	Vs	CANDYLAND	8-0	19-13	55-12	28-17	0-0	110-42
3	J.P. GOENKA	Vs	SHREE RADHEY	9-0	34-34	11-07	25-14	0-0	79-55
4	MANYAVAR	Vs	TEXAN ACES	0-0	30-26	34-14	50-49	0-0	114-89

The Semi final line up was: J.P. Goenka Vs. KHANDELWAL & SHREE CEMENT Vs. MANYAVAR.

In the first of the 3*16 boards semi-final, **SHREE CEMENT** (Manas Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Subrata Saha, Subir Majumdar, Bivas Todi) beat Manyavar (Raju Tolani, Ajay Khare, Rajesh Dalal, Anil Padhye) by 14 IMPs. In the second semi-final, J.P. Goenka (J.P. Goenka, Badal Das, Shib Nath Dey Sarkar, Sumit Mukherjee, Amarnath Banerjee, Debbbrata Majumdar) beat KHANDELWAL (Rajeev Khandelwal, Himani Khandelwal, N.K. Gupta & Sandeep Thakral) by 1 IMP. So today, we all hope to witness an interesting tussle in the 4*16 boards FINALS of Team of Four event between the **J.P. GOENKA & SHREE CEMENT** teams. J.P. Goenka's team, which have won the last 2 events will try their best to make their hat-trick. **SHREE CEMENT** has a carry over of 4 IMPs in the finals. The scores:

Table #	Team Name	Vs	Team Name	Boards					TOTAL
				C/O	1-16	17-32	33-48	Pen	
1	SHREE CEMENT	Vs	MANYAVAR	6-0	26-45	32-19	38-24	0-0	102-88
2	J.P. GOENKA	Vs	KHANDELWAL	0-8	45-24	23-44	55-44	2-0	121-120

OPEN PAIRS

146 pairs participated in the first elimination round of the Open Pairs event. They were put in six sections and after playing 2 sessions of 22 boards each, 63 qualified Pairs went through to the 2nd elimination round. They were joined in the 2nd elimination round by the 12 losing quarterfinalists pairs of the team event.

In the 2nd elimination the 75 pairs were put into 3 sections and played a 2-session (22 boards each) elimination round from which the top 13 NS & 13 EW pairs qualified for the Pairs Finals. The qualifiers will be joined by the four losing semi-finalists pairs and 2 pairs of Sponsor's quota 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.

OPEN PAIRS FINALISTS

PAIR #	N-S Pair	Table No.	E-W Pair	PAIR #
1	Manyavar - 1	1	Manyavar - 2	17
2	I K AGARWAL - SUSHIL AGARWAL	2	Khandelwal - 2	18
3	R Sridharan - Suhas Vaidya	3	K K ROY - A SADHU	19
4	DEEPAK SANTRA - D BOSE	4	Sudhir Aggarwal - Vinod Sharma	20
5	Subhash Gupta - Rajeshwar Tewari	5	A B CHAKRABORTY - Sanat Kumar Saha	21
6	Amarjit - Paresh Gupta	6	Sunit Chokshi - K R Venkatraman	22
7	S SUNDERRAM - P SRIDHAR	7	A K MUKHERJEE - Yurong	23
8	Dr S Sengupta - D Shee	8	Archie Sequeira - Arun Bapat	24
9	MASOOD MAZHAR - HAMID MOHI UDDIN	9	K NANDI - S DUTTA	25
10	Dibyendu Das - Bhaskar Ganguly	10	Sudhir Chaudhari - P D Joshi	26
11	Ashim Kumar Ghosh - K P Chatterjee	11	V.K Mutreja - Sudhir Nagpal	27
12	UTTAM GUPTA - R C SRIKRISHAN	12	B N Parasrampurua - SWAPAN KUMAR DEO	28
13	T.C. Pant - D. Mutreja	13	A.K. Sinha - B N RASTOGI	29
14	Tapas Mukherjee - K Bhattacharya	14	Maj. S.K. Hooda - Rashid UI Ghazi	30
15	C S Majumdar - S Basak	15	S Lahiri - S GANGULY	31
16	Mrs. Kiran Nadar - B. Satyanarayana	16	Rajeev Khandelwal - Himani Khandelwal	32

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
- 1700 – 1910 Hrs. - T-4 Finals, Session – IV (16 boards)
- 1945 Hrs. - Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony

MATCH OF THE DAY

- By Editor

Quarterfinals: Segment 3 - Manyavar versus Texan Aces

	OPEN ROOM	CLOSED ROOM
North:	P. Sridharan (Texan Aces)	Anil Padhye (Manyavar)
South:	S. Sundar Ram (Texan Aces)	Rajesh Dalal (Manyavar)
East:	Raju Tolani (Manyavar)	S. Karmarkar (Texan Aces)
West:	Ajay Khare (Manyavar)	J.M. Shah (Texan Aces)

My lament in yesterday's bulletin that my expectation of fireworks is rarely fulfilled, was more than compensated in the third segment of the above quarterfinals, as the two teams exchanged no less than 99 imps in 14 boards which works out to more than 7 imps per board. In fact, there was *only one board which was a scratch!*

Manyavar started the match with a lead of 24 imps and increased it by a further four imps on the very first board. Then the drama started.

Board 2:

None vulnerable, North Dealer

	♠Q32	
	♥5	
	♦QJ542	
	♣AJ75	
♠65	N	♠KJ
♥9642	W E	♥KJT83
♦K87	S	♦T93
♣Q983		♣T62
	♠AT9874	
	♥AQ7	
	♦A6	
	♣K4	

While Sundar started with one spade and thereafter the pair bid aggressively to reach six spades which Sundar duly made. At the other table, Anil started with a precision one club and Rajesh signed off in four spades in the end. At both tables the bidding sequence was long and, at both tables, *North* cue bid hearts and both Easts doubled. 13 imps to Texan Aces. Manyavar 68, Texan Aces 53.

Board 3

EW vulnerable, South Dealer

	♠AQT65	
	♥A4	
	♦85	
	♣AQJ4	
♠87	N	♠2
♥KQ3	W E	♥T98752
♦KT432	S	♦A9
♣T73		♣9852
	♠KJ943	
	♥J6	
	♦QJ76	
	♣K6	

Anil stretches Rajesh to six spades, down one. Sundar-Sridhar stop in four gaining 11 imps for their team. Manyavar's lead now is only 4 imps. Manyavar 68, Texan Aces 64.

Board 4

Both vulnerable, West Dealer

	♠KT	
	♥A54	
	♦A94	
	♣AKQ74	
♠J9753	N	♠A82
♥83	W	♥Q64
♦QJT3	E	♦652
♣98	S	♣J652
	♠Q64	
	♥KJT97	
	♦K87	
	♣T3	

This deal which could have made all the difference to the outcome of the match (please comments at the end of this report). It is Rajesh's turn to open with a precision one club and after another lengthy sequence in which Anil shows precisely 8-10 high card points in addition to the heart suit, they stop in the heart game. At the other table, Sridhar opens two no trumps and, after another lengthy bidding sequence in this table as well, the final contract is six hearts played by North. Raju led a diamond and Sridhar all the time thinking of the heart queen location, took the lead in hand, correctly guessed the location of the trump queen and drew all three trumps. There were two inescapable spade losers now as clubs did not break 3-3 and the finesse of the spade ten was too much of a risk. Although many players whom I talked to felt that Sridhar should have played for a spade ruff and then taken the heart finesse, there is this chap who goes by the name Archie Sequeira. He told me that Sridhar's line would have succeeded if hearts were 4-1 and clubs 3-3! Manyavar had now gone ahead by 17 imps. Manyavar 81, Texan Aces 64.

After two more boards, Manyavar had further increased their lead to 23 imps. On Board 7 Sundar-Sridhar reached four hearts. After the defence had taken the first three tricks the contract depended on the diamond king finesse. It was on and Sundar romps home. Anil-Rajesh stop in three, making four. 10 imps to Texan Aces. Manyavar 88, Texan Aces 75.

In Boards 8, 9 and 10 Manyavar score 5 imps each increasing their lead to 28 imps. On Board 9 specifically, Ajay showed his class by leading a diamond in a three no trumps contract by Sundar, *inspite of contra indications shown by the opponents' bidding sequence.* Texan Aces gain 1 imp in Board 11, and Board 12 is the *board of the match – scratch!* Boards 13 and 14 were not played and this was a 14-board segment. Manyavar 103, Texan Aces 76.

Board 15

NS vulnerable, South Dealer

	♠K2	
	♥AK8653	
	♦K7	
	♣T86	
♠AQJ975	N	♠842
♥7	W	♥QT9
♦J63	E	♦54
♣A93	S	♣K7542
	♠T6	
	♥J42	
	♦AQT962	
	♣QJ	

Anil could not open two diamonds on the above board because Precision Club system indicates shortness in diamonds, allowing JM-Sandeep to go up to four spades. Anil-Rajesh try five diamonds and it goes down two. In the other room after a weak two diamonds by Sundar, Sridhar boldly bids three no trumps inspite of Ajay's two spade intervention. Texan Aces gain 13 imps and the lead for Manyavar is 14, but there is only one board to go. Manyavar 103, Texan Aces 89.

And the last board is sort of an anticlimax. While Anil-Rajesh compete well up to three spades, going down one not vulnerable, Ajay is allowed to make four hearts which is not there. Another 11 imps to Manyavar and they are comfortably home, winners by 25 imps.
The final score: Manyavar 114, Texan Aces 89.

But let us go back to Board # 4. Sridhar-Sundar bid an eminently makeable vulnerable small slam, but not made. Anil and Rajesh had stopped in game. *If indeed the slam had been made, instead of giving 13 imps, they would have gained 13 and the Texan Aces would have won by one imp! All said and done, the way the Manyavar foursome has played all through this tournament, the victory is a well deserved one indeed.*

SESSION WINNERS– OPEN PAIRS

Elimination – 1:

Section 'A' & 'B' Combined:

NS: Amarjit – Paresh Gupta

EW: Sourendra Dutt – S.N. Chander

Section 'C' & 'D' Combined:

NS: Maj. S.K. Hooda – Rashid-ul-Ghazi

EW: S. Roy – P. Roy

Section 'E' & 'F' Combined:

NS: Kamal Roy – A. Sadhu

EW: Mrs. Bharti Dey – Alok Daga

Elimination – 2:

NS: R. Sridharan – Suhas Vaidya

EW: Deepak Santra – D. Bose

CONSOLATION PAIR EVENT WINNERS (18.08.2007)

44 Pairs participated in the consolation Pair event held yesterday. There were 8 prizes and the winners were:

1. P.C. Gupta – D.K. Tewari
2. Mrs. Asha Sharma – D.P. Sharma
3. S. Chatterjee – Rajjan Agarwal
4. Montu Mukherjee – R. Roy
5. Mrs. Asha Surana – R.S. Jasuja
6. H.K. Singh – Manish Jaiswal
7. N.R. Bhattacharya–R. Roychoudhary
8. R.P. Narain – R.K. Aneja

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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