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## It is TEXAN ACES Vs. SUNIL MACHHAR in Finals of T-4

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

In the 3\*14 boards Quarter Finals, **MAYA MEERA SNEHA** beat PROMILA SARAF Team (Mrs. Promila Saraf, P. Sudhakara Rao, B. Venkateswarlu, Sankar Acharya, Mrinal Mukherjee, Gobind Singha) by 55 IMPs; **DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS** beat INDIA SENIORS team from (Maj. Surender Hooda, Ashok Vaidya, V.M. Lal, P.R. Bafna) by 62 IMPs, the opponents conceding the last set; **SUNIL MACHHAR** beat SHREE CEMENT team from Kolkata (Manas Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Subroto Saha, Bibash Todi, S. Lahiri & Subir Majumder) by 100 IMPs and **TEXAN ACES** beat BIMAL SICKA (Jagdish Biswas, Sandip Dutta, Kamal Naguri, Dibyendu Shee, Tapan Roy, Swapan Some) by 24 IMPs. The scores:

Tbl#	Team Name	Vs	Team Name	Boards					TOTAL
				C/O	1-14	15-28	29-42	Pen	
1	MAYA MEERA SNEHA (#1)	Vs	PROMILA SARAF (#5)	0-0	41-57	63-14	31-9	0-0	135-80
2	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS (#2)	Vs	INDIA SENIORS (#8)	0-0	21-15	56-0	WD	0-0	77-15
3	SHREE CEMENT (#3)	Vs	SUNIL MACHHAR (#7)	1-0	22-55	17-45	28-68	0-0	68-168
4	BIMAL SICKA (#4)	Vs	TEXAN ACES (#6)	0-0	30-25	27-52	28-32	0-0	85-109

The Semi final line up was: **MAYA MEERA SNEHA Vs. TEXAN ACES & DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS Vs. SUNIL MACHHAR.**

In the first of the 3\*16 boards semi-final, **TEXAN ACES (G. Venkatesh, J.M.. Shah, P. Sridharan, S. Sunderram, Rajeshwar Tewari, B. Prabhakar)** beat MAYA MEERA SNEHA (Vijay Goel, Sukamal Das, A. K. Mukherji, Yu Rong, C. S. Majumdar, Samir Basak) by **15 IMPs**. In the second semi-final, **SUNIL MACHHAR (Sunil Machhar, Anil Padhye, Raju Tolani, Ajay Khare, Suhas Vaidya, Vinay Desai)** beat DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS (Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, P. Kushari, D. Majumder, Sumit Mukherjee, Badal Das) by **4 IMPs**. So today, we all hope to witness an interesting tussle in the 4\*16 boards **FINALS** of Team of Four event between **TEXAN ACES & SUNIL MACHHAR** teams. The semi-final scores:

Tbl #	Team Name	Vs	Team Name	Boards					TOTAL
				C/O	1-16	17-32	33-48	Pen	
1	MAYA MEERA SNEHA (#1)	Vs	TEXAN ACES (#4)	0-0	21-60	35-14	39-36	0-0	95-110
2	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS (#2)	Vs	SUNIL MACHHAR (#3)	0-0	15-41	51-28	35-36	0-0	101-105

## OPEN PAIRS

150 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, 60 qualified Pairs (10 TOP NS & 10 TOP EW pairs each from combined sections "A" & "B" & sections "C" & "D" and 8 TOP NS and 9 TOP EW from combined section "E" & "F" plus the TOP 3 scores from each combined sections) went through to the 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination round. They were joined in the 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination round by the losing quarterfinalists pairs of the team event.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination the 72 pairs were put into 3 sections and played a 2-session (22 boards each) elimination round from which the combined top 12 NS & 12 EW pairs qualified for the Pairs Finals. The qualifiers will be joined by the six 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	Subhash Gupta - Rajesh Dalal	1	Venkataraman - Sunit Choksi	17
2	MAYA MEERA - 1	2	MAYA MEERA - 2	18
3	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS - 1	3	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS - 2	19
4	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS - 3	4	MAYA MEERA - 3	20
5	Sudhir Aggarwal - Vinod Sharma	5	H Bos - B Berkers	21
6	Alok Sadhu - Keyzad Ankleswaria	6	S Saha - S Lahiri	22
7	D K Tiwari - P C Gupta	7	Tapas Mukherji - Swapan Dey	23
8	B K Agrawal - V K Agarwal	8	R P Aeron - R B Goyal	24
9	Dr. Asha Surana - R S Jasuja	9	R Krishnan - R Venkatesh	25
10	A S Gupta - V Krishnan	10	S Sadhak - S Majumder	26
11	Manas Mukherjee - Rana Roy	11	D Santra - A B Chakraborty	27
12	Gobind Singha - V Todi	12	Anurag Mohata - Pravin Kashlekar	28
13	T.C. PANT - SUNIL BHATIA	13	Masood Mazhar - Hamed Moiuddin	29
14	Kr. Vijayanand Singh - S Behuria	14	S P Ghose - A Daga	30
15	K Chandermouli - C M Vasudev	15	Jitesh Agrawal - Dr. Anil	31
16	Mrs. Kiran Nadar - B. Satyanarayana	16	Indresh Agrawal - Pradeep A Singh	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

## TRANSFER – THE FUTURE (Part 4)

### Transfers after overcall by the opponents

So far we discussed transfers in uncontested auctions. However transfers play more useful role in intervention. Many experts are playing transfers after opponents intervene.

<b>1C – (1H overcall by opponent) – ?</b> Dbl = transfer, at least 4 spades, 6+ HCP 1S = transfer to NT, denies 4 spades 1N = 8+ HCP and 5+ clubs, transfer 2C = Transfer to diamonds 2D = Transfer Cue, 5-cards in D & S, 7-10 HCP 2H = Transfer 11+ HCP and 5+ Spades 2S = Balanced invitational 3C = 6+ clubs, unbalanced hand upto 8 hcp 3D = Jump transfer cue, GF, shortness in H 3H = transfer to 3S, preemptive 3S = Balanced GF, wants opener to play 3NT	<b>1C – (1S overcall by opponent) – ?</b> Dbl = negative 1N = Natural, non-forcing 2C = Transfer to diamonds 2D = Transfer to Hearts, 11+ HCP and 5+ H 2H = transfer Cue, 5-cards in D & H, 7-10 HCP 2S = Balanced invitational 2N = Transfer to clubs, 5+ clubs, 11+ HCP 3C = 6+ clubs, unbalanced hand upto 8 hcp 3D = transfer to 3H, fit jump 3H = Jump transfer cue, GF, shortness in S 3S = Balanced GF, wants opener to play 3NT
<b>1H – (2D overcall by opponent) – ?</b> Dbl = negative 2N = transfer to 3C, atleast invitational 3C = transfer cue, 3-card raise, limit or better 3D = transfer to hearts, 4-card mixed raise 3H = preemptive raise 4D = Splinter	<b>1S – (2H overcall by opponent) – ?</b> Dbl = negative 2N = transfer to 3C, atleast invitational 3C = transfer to 3D, atleast invitational 3D = transfer cue, 3-card raise, limit or better 3H = transfer to spade, 4-card mixed raise 3S = preemptive raise
<b>1H – (Dbl by opponent) – ?</b> 1N = transfer to C 2C = transfer to D 2D = transfer to H, weak or inv+ raise 2H = constructive raise 7-10 HCP 2S = fit jump	<b>1S – (Dbl by opponent) – ?</b> 1N = transfer to C 2C = transfer to D 2D = transfer to H 2H = transfer to S, weak or inv+ raise 2S = constructive raise 7-10 HCP

### Transfer after take out double by partner

Another excellent use of transfers is when opponents open the bidding and partner makes a take out double. This convention uses cue-bids and single jump responses by the doubler's partner as transfer bids. This convention makes it easier for a player who has a hand worth a game invitation or a game force to respond to partner's take out double. This convention is used only after One Level take out double.

<b>(1C) – Dbl – (Pass) – ?</b> 1D/H/S = natural, 0-8 hcp 1N = Natural, 7-9 HCP 2C/D/H = transfer to D/H/S, 9-11 HCP 2S = Denies 4-card M, GF, asks stopper in C 2N = Natural, 10-12 HCP 3C = weak long diamonds or slammish in H/S 3D = Slammish hand, good suit 3H/S = Weak hand, long suit 3N = To play	<b>(1H) – Dbl – (Pass) – ?</b> 1S/2C/D = natural, 0-8 hcp 1N = Natural, 7-9 HCP 2H/S/3C = transfer to S/C/D, 9-11 HCP 2N = Natural, 10-12 HCP 3D = Denies 4-card M, GF, asks stopper in H 3H = weak long spades or slammish in C/D 3S = Slammish hand, good suit 3N = To play 4C/D = Weak hand, long suit
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### Transfer in responding to 1M opening bid

Transfers can also be used in responding to partner's 1M opening bid. After 1S opening bid – 2D response shows 5+ hearts and 9+ HCP and 2H bid is either 5+ Diamonds 11+ HCP or 3-card Spade 5-7 HCP. Over 2H response, opener generally bids 2S upto 16 HCP. Any other bid shows better hand. Similarly after 1H opening bid – 2D response is either 5+ Diamonds 11+ HCP or 3-card heart 5-7 HCP.

The above sequences can be further developed or detailed as per partnership's preference. For any difficulties or further bidding sequence clarification, you can contact us.

*(Contributed by Sudhir Aggarwal, Delhi Bridge Association)*

## Some Interesting Deals

- Reported by Sharat Kaushik (kibitzer)

### Swiss League – Dhampur Sugar Mills Vs. Kamlesh Gupta

	♠Qx		
	♥Qx		
	♦QJxxxx		
	♣xxx		
♠K9xx	<b>N</b>	♠AJTx	
♥KJxxx	<b>W</b>	♥ATx	
♦	<b>E</b>	♦Kx	
♣KQxx	<b>S</b>	♣AJxx	
	♠xxx		
	♥xxx		
	♦Axxxx		
	♣xx		

West	North	East	South
<i>P. Kushari</i>		<i>D. Majumder</i>	
6D	3D	DBL	5D
	DBL	6S	All Pass

North & South tried to pre-empt their opponents, but West did not succumb to the pressure and bid 6D (asking partner to choose the suit). The final contract was 6S and South led the Diamond Ace. As the cards lie 13 tricks could have also been taken. Declarer guessed the spade queen correctly but gave the heart queen making 12 tricks.

### Round 7 Swiss League – Dhampur Sugar Mills Vs. Shree Cement

	♠KT8x		
	♥AK9xx		
	♦A		
	♣8xx		
♠Jx	<b>N</b>	♠xxxx	
♥JTx	<b>W</b>	♥Qxx	
♦QTxx	<b>E</b>	♦98xxx	
♣Jxxx	<b>S</b>	♣A	
	♠AQ9		
	♥xx		
	♦KJx		
	♣KQxxx		

West	North	East	South
	<i>Badal Das</i>		<i>Sumit Mukherjee</i>
	1H	Pass	2C
Pass	2S	Pass	2NT
Pass	3C	Pass	3D
Pass	3H	Pass	3S
Pass	4D	Pass	4S
Pass	4NT	Pass	5S
Pass	6S	All Pass	

A Nicely bid hand on a 4-3 Moysean fit. The hearts broke 3-3 and the slam was cold.

## SESSION WINNERS– OPEN PAIRS

### Elimination – 1:

Section 'A' & 'B' Combined:

NS: ARD Sequeira – Arun Bapat

EW: Kingshuk Bhattacharya – Debashis Bose

Section 'C' & 'D' Combined:

NS: N.P. Kabiraj – A. Ganguly

EW: P. Roy – B. Roy

Section 'E' & 'F' Combined:

NS: Murli Manohar – Alok Sinha

EW: S.P. Ghose – A. Daga

### Elimination – 2:

NS: Subhash Gupta – Rajesh Dalal

EW: Alok Sadhu – Keyzad Anklesaria

## CONSOLATION PAIR EVENT WINNERS (06.09.2008)

36 Pairs participated in the consolation Pair event held yesterday. There were 5 prizes and the winners were:

1. SR Malhotra – YP Punj
2. Namit Sharma – Alok Kumar
3. Arun Jain – Prasun Kr. Mukherjee
4. R.K. Mazumder – Arup Dutta
5. Arijit Hazara – Soumya Das

The prizes were Rs. 5000, Rs. 3000, Rs. 2000, Rs. 1000 & Rs. 500 respectively.

*THANK YOU  
ALL THE PARTICIPANTS  
OF THE  
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## TODAY'S VUGRAPH

The Team of Four event Final (All the 4 Sessions) will be shown live on BBO.

Tournament results & Bulletins at  
[www.hcl-bridge.com](http://www.hcl-bridge.com)

## *The 50<sup>th</sup> Winter Nationals Bridge Championships*

*The Bridge fraternity is thankful to Dr. Gaur Hari Singhania for holding the Golden Jubilee Winter Nationals Bridge Championships at Kanpur from Nov 12-21, 2008.*

*He has promised to do his level best to take care of all the important needs of Players. There is lot of enthusiasm in the Bridge fraternity and lots of entries have already been received by the organizers.*

*All Players are Welcome & requested to join the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the premier event of Indian Bridge in large numbers to make it a great success and an event to remember.*

*- Organizing Secretary of the Championships*

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- THE PLAYERS
- THE OFFICIALS
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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**