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The 4<sup>th</sup> All India HCL Bridge Tournament with total prize money of approximately 9.7 lacs was held at Hotel Radisson, NOIDA from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August 2006. It is the first time that the tournament was held under the auspices of **Contract Bridge Association**.

The Tournament had 2 events - the Team of Four event for the "**Naresh Tandan Trophy**" and the Open Pairs event for the "**Neena Bonerjee Trophy**". Total 62 Teams & 144 Pairs comprising players from all over India along with the DATA STEEL team from Karachi, Pakistan, participated in the Team of Four & Open Pairs tournament,. Formidables, Tolani Shipping, Dhampur Sugar Mills, SHREE RADHEY, J.P. Goenka, Alok Daga, MONOTONA and Manyavar were some of the top participating teams.

**Team of Four Event for "Naresh Tandan Trophy":**

**Round Robin Stage:**

The event comprised of 10 rounds of round robin (each 10 boards) resulting in the top 8 teams to qualify for the quarterfinals. At the end of first day (after 6 rounds of round robin), **DELHI BLUES**, a local team of Delhi comprising of D.K. Tewari, P.C. Gupta, Paresh Gupta, Amarjit Wadhawan, Mahendra Singh and Arun Jain led 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) shared the second place with **115 VPs**. Maya Mira Sneha (113), Formidables (111), Pankaj Mehta (110), J.P. Goenka (110) & Kamlesh Gupta's IV (110) held the 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> positions respectively.

After playing 4 more rounds on the second day, **Dhampur Sugar Mills** Team (Ashok Goel, Kamal Mukherjee, Kamal Roy, Debashish Roy, Sandeep Thakral & R. Venkatesh) with **190 VPs**, topped the 10 round - Round-Robin stage, to finalize the quarter-finalists. **SHREE RADHEY** (V.M. Lal, P. Bafana, Ashok Vaidya & Raju Bhiwandkar) with **187 VPs** were second. The quarter finalists were:

1.	<b>DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS</b>	-	<b>190 VPs</b>
2.	<b>SHREE RADHEY</b>	-	<b>187 VPs</b>
3.	<b>MANAS SAHA'S IV</b>	-	<b>185 VPs</b>
4.	<b>MAHESHWARI, ALLAHABAD</b>	-	<b>182 VPs</b>
5.	<b>J.P. GOENKA</b>	-	<b>176 VPs</b>
6.	<b>PANKAJ MEHTA</b>	-	<b>172 VPs</b>
7.	<b>NEST INN</b>	-	<b>170.7 VPs</b>
8.	<b>MAHARAJA</b>	-	<b>170 VPs</b>

**Calcutta Bridge Club** also had 170 VPs but lost the last quarterfinal spot on tiebreak. Formidables, Tolani Shipping, MONOTONA, Alok Daga, Manyavar were

some of the top teams, which didn't qualify for the quarterfinals.

The teams had the right to choose their quarterfinal opponents as per the priority of their ranking in the round robin stage. **The Quarterfinal line up was:**

<b>1.</b>	<b>DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS</b>	<b>Vs.</b>	<b>MAHARAJA</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>SHREE RADHEY</b>	<b>Vs.</b>	<b>PANKAJ MEHTA</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>MANAS SAHA'S IV</b>	<b>Vs.</b>	<b>NEST INN</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>MAHESHWARI, ALLAHABAD</b>	<b>Vs.</b>	<b>J.P. GOENKA</b>

The final team rankings in the Team of Four event were as follows:

<b>RANK</b>	<b>TEAM NAME</b>	<b>V.P.s</b>	<b>RANK</b>	<b>TEAM NAME</b>	<b>V.P.s</b>
1	DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS	190	32	MANYAVAR	150
2	SHREE RADHEY	187	33	A.R. DAS's IV, W. BENGAL	150
3	MANAS SAHA's IV	185	34	A.K. UPADHYAY	150
4	MAHESHWARI, ALLAHABAD	182	35	GENTLEMAN	149
5	J.P. GOENKA	176	36	RUKMA	146
6	PANKAJ MEHTA , MORADABAD	172	37	PURI	145
7	NEST INN	170.7	38	BOAT HOUSE CLUB, NAINITAL	143
8	MAHARAJA	170	39	TECHNOCRATS, ALIGARH	142
9	CALCUTTA BRIDGE CLUB	170	40	FRONT RUNNER	141
10	MAYA MIRA SNEHA	169	41	DR. ASHWANI MEHTA	140
11	TOLANI SHIPPING, MUMBAI	169	42	SUDHIR GANGULY	140
12	DATA STEEL, PAKISTAN	168	43	PRAKASH's IV	139
13	ALOK DAGA	162	44	CEN. SECT. CLUB (HARBHAJA	138
14	DR. SURANA	161	45	NEELAM	137
15	SONCHEL	160	46	GUPTA'S TEAM	137
16	COSMOS	160	47	S.E.C.L. (RED)	135
17	I-DOCTORS, MUMBAI	159	48	FOUR FRIENDS	135
18	ONGC II	159	49	SENIOR CITIZENS	135
19	KAMLESH GUPTA's IV	159	50	HARYANA GYMKHANA	135
20	DELHI BLUES	158	51	PROMILA SARAF	134
21	COSMOPOLITAN	157	52	R.S. MISRA, ALLAHABAD	132
22	ALIGARH BLUES	157	53	CEN. SECT. CLUB	131
23	CHENNAI ONLINE	156	54	GBA, GHAZIABAD	129
24	FORMIDABLES	156	55	SPOT4	125
25	AYUSHI	156	56	HIMACHAL BRIDGE ASSOCIATI	123
26	SABR	156	57	BASS	123
27	EXPLORER	155	58	PEGASUS, DELHI	119
28	SINGULARITY	153	59	FRIENDS	119
29	LUCKNOW BLUE	153	60	ONGC I	115
30	MONOTONA	152	61	JOYOUS FOUR	103
31	SOUMITRA	151	62	S.E.C.L.	100

### Quarterfinal Stage:

In the 3\*12 boards Quarter Finals **Dhampur Sugar Mills beat** Maharaja team (S. Lahiri, Amal Kundu, Kalyan Choudhury, Suman Sengupta, Mrinal Mukherjee & Samir Pal) by **105-56** (C/O: 12-0, 57-12, 24-27, 12-17); **Shree Radhey** beat Pankaj Mehta's team (Pankaj Mehta, Punit Gangal, A.B. Chakravarty, Bhavesh Saha, Pradeep Anand Singh & S. Bandopadhyay) by **120-83** (C/O: 0-5, 80-8, 17-37, 23-33); **Manas Saha's IV** beat Nest Inn (N.R. Kripakara Murthy, B. Prabhakar, R. Krishnan, P. Sridhar, J.M. Shah & Uttam Gupta) by **92-77** (33-23, 19-20, 40-34) and **J.P. GOENKA** beat MAHESHWARI (I.K. Agarwal, B.N. Rastogi, Sushil Agarwal, V.K. Agarwal, B.K. Agarwal, A.K. Sinha) by **74-58** (C/O: 3-0, 31-18, 7-27, 33-13).

### Semi-final Stage:

The Semi final line up was: **J.P. Goenka Vs. Dhampur Sugar Mills & Shree Radhey Vs. Manas Saha's IV.**

In the first of the 3\*14 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, Sandeep Thakral & R. Venkatesh) by **144-87 (48-55, 42-19, 54-13)**.

In the second semi-final, **Manas Saha's IV (Manas Saha, Snehashish Roy, Debabrata Majumder, Santanu Chowdhury, Pranab Roy, Kaustabh Nandi)** beat Shree Radhey (V.M. Lal, R.G. Bhiwandkar, P. R. Bafna, Ashok Vaidya) by **124-69 (28-35, 35-24, 61-10)**

### Team of Four Final:

It was **J.P. GOENKA Vs. MANAS SAHA's IV** in the 4\*16 boards FINALS of Team of Four event.

In the 4\*16 boards final, **J.P. GOENKA** beat **MANAS SAHA's IV** by **150 - 109 (39-34, 61-37, 20-29, 30-9)**. J.P. Goenka's team was leading by a solitary 5 IMPs margin in the first set but in the second set, they consolidated their position with another 24 IMPs to lead by 29 IMPs at half-way stage. Manas Saha's team was able to recover back 9 Imps in the 3<sup>rd</sup> set and the match was well poised for the final set with Goenka's team leading with 20 IMPs. However, there was no more hiccups and the strong Goenka team added a further 21 IMPs to win the match by 41 IMPs.

**Congratulations to the J.P. GOENKA team (J.P. Goenka, Pritish Kushari, Alok Sadhu, Badal Das, Shib Nath Dey Sarkar & Sumit Mukherjee),** who won the **"Naresh Tandan Trophy"** and the **first prize of Rs. 2.5 Lacs**. The loser **Manas Saha's IV** (Manas Saha, Snehashish Roy, Debabrata Majumder, Santanu Chowdhury, Pranab Roy, Kaustabh Nandi) got Rs. 1.2 Lacs.

The final rankings:

- 1 J.P. GOENKA**
- 2 MANAS SAHA'S IV**
- 3/4 DHAMPUR SUGAR MILLS**
- 3/4 SHREE RADHEY**
- 5/8 MAHESHWARI, ALLAHABAD**
- 5/8 PANKAJ MEHTA**
- 5/8 NEST INN**
- 5/8 MAHARAJA**

## OPEN PAIRS Event for "Neena Bonerjee Trophy"

144 pairs participated in the Open Pairs event. These pairs went through two grueling eliminations rounds.

**Elimination – 1:** In the first elimination 124 Pairs (excluding the qualified pairs for the T-4 event) participated. They were put in six sections and after playing 2 sessions of 18 boards each, 48 qualified Pairs (8 best NS & 8 best EW pairs from sections "A" & "B" combined, sections "C" & "D" combined & section "E" & "F" combined) went through to the 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination round. The toppers in their respective sections were:

### Combined Section A & B (40 Pairs)

NS 1: D. Poddar – K.S. Samant

NS 2: Arvind Vaidya – Andrey Purshottam

EW 1: C.M. Kulkarni – K.N. Shyamsunder

EW 2: Biman Chatterjee – S. Acharya

### Combined Section C & D (40 Pairs)

NS 1: R.V. Ramani – R. Sree Krishnan

NS 2: Amarnath Banerjee – Gobind Singha

EW 1: N.C. Bhattacharya – R.A. Siddique

EW 2: Suhas Vaidya – R. Sreedhar

### Combined Section E & F (44 Pairs)

NS 1: R.A. Agarwal – Archie Sequeira

NS 2: S.R. Bhattacharya – S. Dey

EW 1: Subir Majumdar – Prasun Mukherjee

EW 2: S. Sarkar – H. Hasan

**Elimination – 2:** The 48 qualified pairs from elimination –1 were joined by the 12 losing quarterfinalists pairs of the team event and these 60 pairs fought it out for a berth in the final. The 60 pairs were put into 2 sections and played a 2-session (22 boards each) elimination round from which the top 12 NS & 12 EW pairs qualified for the Pairs Finals.

After the first session Subhash Gupta – Rajeshwar Tiwari (65.48%) and Biman Chatterjee – Shankar Acharya (60.71%) were leading in the North-South & East-West positions respectively. The 24 qualifiers to the finals were:

North-South:			East-West		
1	Amarnath Banerjee – Gobind Singha	566.50	1	R. Krishnan – Uttam Gupta	546.50
2	Subhash Gupta – Rajeshwar Tewari	560.50	2	Biman Chatterjee – Sankar Acharya	535.00
3	J.M. Shah – P. Sridhar	539.50	3	K.R. Venkatraman – Sunit Chokshi	530.50
4	Kiran Nadar – B. Satyanarayana	507.50	4	Suhas Vaidya – R. Shreedharan	520.50
5	K.N. jaiswal – T.P. Khare	505.50	5	Sapan Desai – Aniket Sanghvi	510.00
6	J. Biswas – S.P. Ghosh	497.50	6	S. Some – D. Bose	499.50
7	Manas Mukherjee – Rana Roy	493.00	7	C.S. Majumdar – S. Basak	498.00
8	S.A. Bijlani – Sham Sharma	486.00	8	Dr. R. Dalal – Chetan Shah	481.50
9	Dipak Poddar – K.S. Samant	485.00	9	C.M. Kulkarni – K.N. Shyam Sunder	481.00
10	Rajendra Gokhale – Raju Tolani	478.00	10	Subir majumdar – Prasun Mukherjee	480.50
11	Ashok Bhawnani – Dr. Yogesh Shah	475.50	11	A.K. Sinha – B.N. Rastogi	475.00
12	Parvez Mirza – Tariq Rashid Khan	475.50	12	S. Sarkar – H. Hasan	470.50

As there were only five losing semi-finalists pairs to participate in the Open pairs finals besides the 2 pairs of Sponsor's quota to constitute the final 32 for the FINALS, hence Samir Pal – Amal Kundu (with a score of 475.00 in NS position in 2<sup>nd</sup> elimination) also qualified for the finals.

**Open Pairs Final:** The 32 Pairs played 2 boards against each other in the 2-session all-play-all final.

The leaders at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> session (32 boards with top on a board 15) were:

<b>1</b>	<b>Kiran Nadar - B Satyanarayana</b>	<b>284.00</b>	<b>(59.17%)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Sunit Chokshi - K R Venkatraman</b>	<b>280.00</b>	<b>(58.33%)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Jagadish Biswas - Sankar Prasad Ghosh</b>	<b>273.00</b>	<b>(56.88%)</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Dipak Poddar - K S Samant</b>	<b>272.50</b>	<b>(56.77%)</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Prem Chand R Bafna - Ashok Vaidya</b>	<b>267.50</b>	<b>(55.73%)</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Rajendra Gokhale - Raju Tolani</b>	<b>266.50</b>	<b>(55.52%)</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Tariq Rashid Khan - Parvez Mirza</b>	<b>266.00</b>	<b>(55.42%)</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Subir Majumdar - Prasun Mukherjee</b>	<b>259.50</b>	<b>(54.06%)</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>R Dalal - Chetan Shah</b>	<b>259.00</b>	<b>(53.96%)</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>T C Pant - Sandeep Karmarkar</b>	<b>255.50</b>	<b>(53.23%)</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Vinay Mohan Lal - R G Bhiwandikar</b>	<b>250.50</b>	<b>(52.19%)</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Aniket Sanghvi - Sapan Desai</b>	<b>246.00</b>	<b>(51.25%)</b>

**P.R. Bafna – Ashok Vaidya** scored an excellent 59.55% score in the 2<sup>nd</sup> session to win the open pairs event for “**Neena Bonerjee Trophy**” and the first prize of **Rs. 1.0 Lacs.** Mrs. Kiran Nadar – B. Satyanarayana who were first at the end of first session had to be satisfied with the second rank and a prize of Rs. 60,000/-. **The final ranking:**

<b>1</b>	<b>Prem Chand R Bafna - Ashok Vaidya</b>	<b>535.50</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Kiran Nadar - B Satyanarayana</b>	<b>532.50</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Suhas Vaidya - R Sridharan</b>	<b>512.50</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Jagadish Biswas - Sankar Prasad Ghosh</b>	<b>512.00</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Sunit Chokshi - K R Venkatraman</b>	<b>510.50</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Ashok Goel - Kamal Mukherjee</b>	<b>509.00</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>R Dalal - Chetan Shah</b>	<b>502.00</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Samir Basak - Chandra Sekhar Majumdar</b>	<b>494.50</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Rajendra Gokhale - Raju Tolani</b>	<b>492.00</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Aniket Sanghvi - Sapan Desai</b>	<b>484.50</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Subir Majumdar - Prasun Mukherjee</b>	<b>484.00</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>K N Jaiswal - T P Khare</b>	<b>483.50</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Manas Mukherjee - Rana Ray</b>	<b>480.00</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>R Krishnan - Uttam Gupta</b>	<b>476.00</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Swapan Some - Debasish Bose</b>	<b>473.50</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Tariq Rashid Khan - Parvez Mirza</b>	<b>472.50</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>T C Pant - Sandeep Karmarkar</b>	<b>471.00</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Subhash Gupta - Rajeshwar Tewari</b>	<b>469.50</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Kamal Roy - Debashish Ray</b>	<b>468.50</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>C M Kulkarni - K N Shyamsunder</b>	<b>460.50</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Hasibul Hasan - Subhasish Sarkar</b>	<b>443.50</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Dipak Poddar - K S Samant</b>	<b>441.50</b>

23/24	Sham Sharma - M Bijlani	438.00
23/24	Vinay Mohan Lal - R G Bhiwandikar	438.00
25	Amal Kundu - Samir Pal	432.00
26	Amar Nath Banerjee - Govinda Singha	425.00
27	A K Sinha - B N Rastogi	421.00
28	Yogesh Shah - Ashok Bhawnani	412.00
29	J M Shah - P Sridhar	407.50
30	Sandeep Thakral - R Venkatesh	402.00
31	Sudhir Aggarwal - Amod Rele	400.00
32	Sankar Acharya - Biman Chatterjee	395.50

## CONSOLATION PAIR EVENTS

Consolation pair event were held on 14<sup>th</sup> afternoon as well as 15<sup>th</sup> afternoon for non-qualifiers. There were 4 prizes (Rs. 3000, Rs. 2000, Rs. 1000 & Rs. 500) for North-South & East-West pairs each.

45 Pairs participated in the event held on 14<sup>th</sup> August. The winners were:

### North-South

1.	Paresh Gupta – Amarjit	60.87%
2.	G.N. Manna – Flinton Lewis	58.18%
3.	A.K. Upadhyay – Girish Kumar	53.62%
4.	D.K. Das – D. Shee	53.42%

### East-West

1.	R.P. Narain – S. Rastogi	66.67%
2.	B. Roy – Ravi Prakash	65.58%
3.	Amar Bose – S. Majumdar	58.12%
4.	J.B. Sengupta – R.C. Consul	56.82%

46 Pairs participated in the event held on 15<sup>th</sup> August. The winners were:

### North-South

1.	R P NARAIN - S RASTOGI	58.89
2.	C SENGUPTA - G DAS	57.61
3.	R AGARWAL - ARCHIE SEQUERA	57.31
4.	DIPAK DAS - DEBYENDU SHEE	56.62

### East-West

1.	S K BANDOPADHYAY - PANKAJ MEHTA	64.33
2.	B DEY - K NAGURI	62.25
3.	T MUKHERJEE - K BHATTACHARYA	59.68
4.	INDRESH AGARWAL - B K AGARWAL	58.70

The Hon'ble Minister of Sports, Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyer, was the chief guest for the prize distribution function, which was also graced by Mr. Shiv Nadar, the HCL supreme.

*(Reported by T.C. Pant)*