

ALL INDIA *HCL* BRIDGE TOURNAMENT
16th to 19th August 2007
HOTEL RADISSON, NOIDA

Under the auspices of
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Summary Report

The 5th All India HCL Bridge Tournament with total prize money of approximately Rupees 10 Lacs (one Million) was held at Hotel Radisson, NOIDA, India from 16th to 19th August 2007, under the auspices of **Bridge Federation of India**.

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**".

The tournament broke its old record of 70 participating teams in the team of four event, with **73 teams** from all parts of India along with DATA STEEL & CANDYLAND teams from Karachi, Pakistan taking part in this year's Team of Four event. A combined India-Pak team BEEZEE also participated in the tournament.

Dhampur Sugar Mills, Formidables, Tolani Shipping, Shri Radhey, J.P. Goenka, Alok Daga, Shree Cement, Texan Aces, Wellknit and Manyavar were some of the top Indian teams which participated in this prestigious tournament.

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), **KHANDELWAL**, comprising of Rajeev Khandelwal, Himani Khandelwal, N.K. Gupta & Sandeep Thakral led the event with **128 VPs**. **MANYAVAR** (Raju Tolani, Ajay Khare, Rajesh Dalal, Anil Padhye) & **J.P. GOENKA** (J.P. Goenka, Badal Das, S.N. De Sarkar, Sumit Mukherjee, Amarnath Banerjee, Debbbrata Majumder) shared the second place with **118 VPs**. Shri Cement (114), Shri Radhey (113), Pushpak (113), Maheshwari (112), PBA-I & Dhampur Sugar Mills (110) held the 4th to 9th positions respectively.

After playing 4 more rounds on the second day, **SHREE CEMENT** Team (Manas Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Subroto Saha, Subir Majumdar & Bivas Todi) with **194 VPs**, topped the 10 rounds - Round-Robin stage, to finalize the quarter-finalists. **KHANDELWAL** (Rajeev Khandelwal, Himani Khandelwal, N.K. Gupta & Sandeep Thakral) with **190 VPs** were second. The quarter finalists were:

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 was:**

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| 1. SHREE CEMENT | Vs. | MAHESHWARI, ALLAHABAD |
| 2. KHANDELWAL | Vs. | CANDYLAND |
| 3. J.P. GOENKA | Vs. | SHREE RADHEY |
| 4. MANYAVAR | Vs. | TEXAN ACES |

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

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			

Quarterfinal Stage:

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

Semi-final Stage:

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, Debrata Majumdar)** beat KHANDELWAL (Rajeev Khandelwal, Himani Khandelwal, N.K. Gupta & Sandeep Thakral) by **1 IMP**. 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

Team of Four Final:

It was **J.P. GOENKA Vs. SHREE CEMENT** in the 4*16 boards FINALS of Team of Four event, with **SHREE CEMENT** having a carry over of 4 IMPs in the finals. Every body was eager to know whether J.P. Goenka's team, which had won this event consecutively for the last 2 years, can make their hat-trick.

In the 4*16 boards final, **SHREE CEMENT** beat **J.P. GOENKA** by **57 IMPs**. J.P. Goenka's team won the first set by a solitary IMP but Shree Cement took the second set by 13 IMPs to lead by 16 IMPs at half way stage. In the third set Shree Cement completely overpowered the Goenka team and comfortably won the set by 29 IMPs to lead by 45 IMPs. They further added another 12 IMPs to comfortably win the final by 57 IMPs. The scores:

Team Name	Vs	Team Name	Boards					TOTAL	
			C/O	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64		Pen
SHREE CEMENT	Vs	J.P. GOENKA	4-0	50-51	28-15	51-22	41-29	0-0	174-117

Congratulations to the SHREE CEMENT team (Manas Mukherjee, Rana Roy, Subrata Saha, Subir Majumdar, Bivas Todi), who won the "Naresh Tandan Trophy" and the first prize of Rs. 2.5 Lacs. The loser J.P. Goenka team (J.P. Goenka, Badal Das, Shib Nath Dey Sarkar, Sumit Mukherjee, Amarnath Banerjee, Debrata Majumdar) got Rs. 1.2 Lacs.

The final rankings:

- 1 SHREE CEMENT**
- 2 J.P. GOENKA**
- 3/4 MANYAVAR**
- 3/4 KHANDELWAL**
- 5/8 MAHESHWARI, ALLAHABAD**
- 5/8 CANDYLAND**
- 5/8 SHREE RADHEY**
- 5/8 TEXAN ACES**



The Winners of "Naresh Tandan Trophy" for T-4 Event: **Rana Roy, Bivas Todi Subrata Saha, Subir Majumdar & Manas Mukherjee with the chief Guest Nawab of Pataudi**

OPEN PAIRS Event for "Neena Bonerjee Trophy"

A record 160 pairs participated in the Open Pairs event. These pairs went through two grueling eliminations rounds.

Elimination – 1: 146 Pairs (excluding the qualified pairs for the T-4 event) participated in the first elimination round. 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. The toppers in their respective sections were:

Combined Section A & B (50 Pairs)

NS1: Amarjit Wadhawan – Paresh Gupta	541.83
NS2: Tapas Mukherjee – K. Bhattacharya	537.29
EW1: Sourendra Dutt – S.N. Chander	569.17
EW2: Sunil Bhatia – Ashok Bedi	535.89

Combined Section C & D (48 Pairs)

NS1: Maj. S.K. Hooda–Rashid-ul-Ghazi	594.89
NS2: Sunit Chokshi – K.R. Venkatraman	574.41
EW1: S. Roy – P. Roy	574.13
EW2: C.S. Majumdar – S. Basak	529.06

Combined Section E & F (48 Pairs)

NS1: Kamal Roy – Alope Sadhu	549.00
NS2: Ravi Batra – Sham Sharma	546.50
EW1: Bharti Dey – Alok Daga	531.00
EW2: R.C. Consul – J.B. Sengupta	508.50

Elimination – 2: The 63 qualifiers were joined in the 2nd elimination round by the 12 losing quarterfinalist pairs of the team event. 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.

After the first session R. Sridharan – Suhas Vaidya (75.40%) and Tapas Mukherjee – K. Bhattacharya (63.44%) were leading in the North-South & East-West positions respectively. The 24 qualifiers to the finals were:

North-South:			East-West		
1	R. Sridharan – Suhas Vaidya	739.42	1	Deepak Santra – D. Bose	692.85
2	Subhash Gupta – Rajeshwar Tewari	678.10	2	Dibyendu Das – Bhaskar Ganguly	654.53
3	Amarjit Wadhwan – Paresh Gupta	673.18	3	I.K. Agarwal – Sushil Agarwal	653.08
4	S. Sunderram – P. Sridhar	671.87	4	Ashim K Ghosh – K.P. Chatterjee	652.60
5	Dr. S. Sengupta – D. Shee	671.61	5	Tapas Mukherjee – K. Bhattacharya	650.62
6	Masood Mazhar – Hamid Mohiuddin	656.91	6	C.S. majumdar – S. Basak	646.20
7	Uttam Gupta – R.C. Srikrishan	652.55	7	Kamal Roy – Alope Sadhu	638.94
8	Archie Sequeira – Arun Bapat	634.01	8	Sudhir Aggarwal – Vinod Sharma	638.12
9	V.K. Mutreja – Sudhir Nagpal	618.44	9	A.B. Chakraborty – Sanat K Saha	636.44
10	B.N. Parasarapura – Swapan K Deo	608.16	10	Sunit Chokshi – K.R. Venkatraman	636.06
11	A.K. Sinha – B.N. Rastogi	607.71	11	A.K. Mukherjee – Yu Rong	634.93
12	Maj. S.K. Hooda – Rashid-ul-Ghazi	604.54	12	K. Nandi – S. Dutta	625.26
13	S. Lahiri – S. Ganguly	603.23	13	Sudhir Chaudhari – P.D. Joshi	623.60

The qualifiers were joined by the four losing semi-finalists pairs and 2 pairs of Sponsor's quota to constitute the final 32 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 1st session (32 boards with top on a board 15) were:

1	Ashim Kumar Ghosh – K.P. Chatterjee	291.29	(60.69%)
2	Uttam Gupta – R.C. Srikrishan	274.25	(57.14%)
3	A.K. Sinha – B.N. Rastogi	274.21	(57.13%)
4	Raju Tolani – A. Khare	273.50	(56.98%)
5	Archie Sequeira – Arun Bapat	272.75	(56.82%)
6	Mrs. Kiran Nadar – B. Satyanarayana	272.71	(56.81%)
7	Sunit Chokshi – K R Venkatraman	269.29	(56.10%)
8	R. Sridharan – Suhas Vaidya	264.79	(55.16%)

S. Sunderram – P. Sridhar scored an excellent 60.22% score in the 2nd session (30 boards) 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 fourth at the end of first session had to be satisfied with the second rank and a prize of Rs. 60,000/-.

The final ranking:

1	S. SUNDERRAM - P SRIDHAR	529.79	17	DEEPAK SANTRA - D BOSE	478.36
2	Mrs. Kiran Nadar - B. Satyanarayana	529.21	18	Tapas Mukherjee - K Bhattacharya	470.07
3	C S Majumdar - S Basak	520.71	19	A B Chakraborty - Sanat K. Saha	465.79
4	A.K. Sinha - B N RASTOGI	515.21	20	S Lahiri - S GANGULY	460.43
5	Raju Tolani - A Khare	509.00	21	I K AGARWAL - SUSHIL AGARWAL	452.75
6	Sunit Chokshi - K R Venkatraman	508.29	22	TC Pant - D Mutreja	452.43
7	Archie Sequeira - Arun Bapat	498.75	23	K NANDI - S DUTTA	437.71
8	K K ROY - A SADHU	494.07	24	A K MUKHERJEE - Yurong	436.50
9	R Sridharan - Suhas Vaidya	492.79	25	V.K Mutreja - Sudhir Nagpal	435.57
10	Amarjit - Paresh Gupta	489.86	26	Dibyendu Das - Bhaskar Ganguly	429.57
11	N.K. Gupta - Sandeep Thakral	489.75	27	Dr S Sengupta - D Shee	425.43
12	Ashim Kumar Ghosh - K P Chatterjee	487.79	28	Sudhir Aggarwal - Vinod Sharma	417.43
13	R Dalal - A Padhey	485.21	29	Masood Mazhar - Hamid Mohiuddin	399.07
14	Subhash Gupta - Rajeshwar Tewari	482.43	30	R. Khandelwal - Himani Khandelwal	384.43
15	UTTAM GUPTA - R C SRIKRISHAN	479.75	31	Sudhir Chaudhari - P D Joshi	379.14
16	B N Parasrampurua - Swapan Kumar Deo	478.64	32	Maj. S.K. Hooda - Rashid Ul Ghazi	370.07

CONSOLATION PAIR EVENTS

44 Pairs participated in the Consolation pair event held on 18th afternoon for non-qualifiers. There were total 8 prizes totaling Rs. 16,200. The winners were:

1. **P.C. Gupta – D.K. Tewari** (Rs. 5000)
2. **Mrs. Asha Sharma – D.P. Sharma** (Rs. 4000)
3. **S. Chatterjee – Rajjan Agarwal** (Rs. 3000)
4. **Montu Mukherjee – R. Roy** (Rs. 2000)
5. **Mrs. Asha Surana – R.S. Jasuja** (Rs. 1000)
6. **H.K. Singh – Manish Jaiswal** (Rs. 600)
7. **N.R. Bhattacharya–R. Roychoudhary** (Rs. 400)
8. **R.P. Narain – R.K. Aneja** (Rs. 200)

The famous cricketer TIGER – Nawab of Pataudi was the chief guest for the prize distribution function, which was also graced by Mr. Shiv Nadar, the HCL supremo.

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