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In the first of the 2\*12 boards semi-final, **India Blues beat Alok Daga's team** by **62-51** IMPs (c/o 2-0, 33-34, 27-17), whereas in the second semi-final, **Naimuddin's team** beat Formidables by **66-62** IMPs (c/o 3-0, 31-31, 32-31).

In the 3\*12 boards Team of Four FINALS, **India Blues from Mumbai** (Ashok Ruia, S.K. Iyengar, S. Ganguli, S. Majumdar, S. Karmarkar, R. Gokhale) comfortably beat **Naimuddin's team** from Bangalore by 90 IMPs (67-9, 40-8, 3<sup>rd</sup> set conceded).

### OPEN PAIRS event:

81 Pairs participated in the Open Pairs Tournament. The pairs were divided in 3 sections and played 54 boards in 3 sessions. The winners were:

1. **D. Majumdar – Sapan Desai** - 899.48
2. Geeta Lakhani – Amita Ryethatha - 892.84
3. Hema Deora – Gopinath Manna - 865.59
4. J.M. Shah – R. Venkatesh - 858.79
5. R. Sridhar – Arun Bapat - 852.70
6. Pankaj Mehta – Pradeep Singh - 838.73

**CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners.**

- Reported by Editor

### Quiz of the Month

	♠ 962 ♥ QT86 ♦ 875 ♣ A62	
♠ J ♥ xxx ♦ xxx ♣ QTxx	N W E S	♠ KOTxxx ♥ Qxx ♦ Qxx ♣ 9
	♠ xxx ♥ J ♦ AKJxx ♣ 86xx	

West	North	East	South
			2C
Dbl	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The opening bid of 2C followed by a re-bid of 2NT shows a balanced 23-24 points. North with his values raises it to three. West's double of 2C shows a good club suit.

South ducked the opening lead of ♦Q made by West and won the continuation of ♦J with ♦K. He next cashed ♥AK. West discards a club on the second round of heart. South now tried ♦A in the hope of 3-3 diamond split but this hope also failed to materialize when East discarded a heart. How you plan to continue?

(See Page 10 for the Answer)

### Interesting Deal - President's Cup

This deal occurred in the first round of the Swiss league match between NAIMUDDIN and MAYA MIRA teams.

	♠ Axx ♥ AKT6x ♦ x ♣ AKJx	
♠ J ♥ xxxx ♦ xxxx ♣ QTxx	N W E S	♠ KOTxxx ♥ Qxx ♦ Qxx ♣ 9
	♠ xxx ♥ J ♦ AKJxx ♣ 86xx	

Bidding:

West	North	East	South
		2D(1)	Pass
2H	Pass	2S	Pass
Pass	DBL	Pass	3D
Pass	3H	Pass	4C
Pass	6C	All Pass	

(1) – Multi.

North's double showed a better hand. South's 4C with 4 small was based on the inference that North now held ♥ & ♣. The rest of the bidding was routine.

West led the spade Jack. Spade Ace was taken, Heart Ace cashed and a heart was ruffed in hand. When a small club to the Jack held, South cashed Club Ace, Heart King felling the Queen of East and pitching his last spade. Now the hand was virtually an open book. East's pattern being 6-3-3-1.

Pinning his hope that West would have the DQ for his vulnerable weak two, he now played heart 10 pitching another spade from hand. A diamond to the Ace, King and a diamond ruff left this position.

	♠ x ♥ x ♦ x ♣ K	
♠ ♥ ♦ x ♣ QT	N W E S	♠ KOT ♥ ♦ ♣
	♠ ♥ Jx ♦ ♣ x	

A Spade from dummy was ruffed in hand, West was helpless over-ruffing. A club return would see the dummy good. A diamond return would be a stepping stone for South's diamond Jack. VERY WELL PLAYED.

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# International Bridge News

## 77<sup>th</sup> Summer North American Bridge Championships 2005

The Summer NABC 2005 was played from 21<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2005 at Atlanta. The important events of the championship are detailed below:

### Grand National Teams (GNT)

Ninety-six teams representing ACBL's 25 Districts met to decide the winners in four flights of the 2005 Grand National Teams. Four teams in each flight advanced to the semi-final rounds.

**GNT Championship Flight:** In the semifinal, District 12 defeated District 3 (Bryan Maksymetz, Dick Yarrington, Dan Jacob, Michael Gamble, Doug Fraser, Cam Doner) by a score of 107-102. The defending champions from District 9 edged District 22 (Grant Baze, Robert Hollman, Billy Cohen, Geoff Hampson, Renee Mancuso) by 142-130.

In the finals, **District 12 (Michigan) comprising of Michael Zerbini, Howard Perlman, Chuck Burger, Perry Johnson** defeated last year's champions, District 9 (Florida) comprising of Jim Mahaffey, Barnett Shenkin, Eric Rodwell, Jeff Meckstroth, Michael Seamon, Gary Cohler. The District 12 team maintained a small lead through three quarters, then posted a 53-15 fourth quarter to win by a total of 154-115.

**GNT Flight A:** District 7 (Georgia-South Carolina) maintained their lead through all four quarters to defeat District 24 (New York), 171-125. The winners are Jonathan Slaney, John Lowell, Jeff Ziemer, Robert Fendrick, Hugh Hughes and Gregory Roberts.

**GNT Flight B:** The District 21 (Northern California) team beat District 8 (Illinois-Missouri) 154-98 in the final. The winning team members are Li-Chung Chen, Chuck Wong, Clark Millikan, Alex Staykov, Samuel leong and Tanakorn Levanakul.

**GNT Flight C:** Four Canadians from District 2 took an early lead and defeated the District 14 (Minnesota) 176-132. The champions are Milt Payne, Bob Defreyne, Paul Beischlag and Reginald Smith.

### The Von Zedtwitz Gold Cup Life Master Pair

At the end of the first day - after two qualifying sessions of the prestigious Life Master Pairs event, there were 131 qualified pairs left for Semi finals.

The Indian pairs of Manas Mukherjee – Pritish Kushari also qualified. In fact they were first as EW in the combined HPQ section with 60.07% score. However they could not keep the tempo and were out in the semi-finals. Total 78 Pairs qualified for the finals.

When they left the playing area, Pat McDevitt and Stephen Gladyszak, thought they had finished second in the von Zedtwitz Life Master Pairs, right behind last year's champions, Zia Mahmood and Walid Elahmady. The defenders appeared to have edged the Massachusetts pair by about half a board on a 38 top.

Thanks to a late score correction; **McDevitt and Gladyszak** are the new champions. The resulting change in the score cost them one matchpoint, but Zia and Elahmady dropped more than 24 MPs, enough to cause them to fall to second, about six matchpoints out of first.

The standings for the first 10 places in the Life Master Pairs finals were:

1 Stephen Gladyszak - Pat McDevitt	1190.46
2 Zia Mahmood - Walid Elahmady	1184.37
3 Pratap Rajadhyaksha-Stephen Landen	1177.90
4 Kit Woolsey - Fred Stewart	1175.45
5 Boye Brogeland - Ishmael Delmonte	1171.39
6 Eric Greco - Russell Ekeblad	1162.53
7 Fred Gitelman - Brad Moss	1152.05
8 Yalcin Atabey - Gokhan Yilmaz	1150.69
9 Ralph Katz - Steve Garner	1143.93
10 Steve Beatty - Paul Soloway	1143.78

### SPINGOLD Team of four Knockout Event

74 teams took part in this prestigious event, which included few Indian teams. The **seeded #25** team comprised of G. Venkatesh (US citizen), the high profile Michael Lawrence and the 4 Kolkata players from India - Sumit Mukherjee, Pritish Kushari, Manash Kumar Mukherjee & Debasish Ray. The other Indian team was the **seeded #68** (Kalipada Ray, Tapas Mukherjee, Pran Kumar Bardhan, Sarathi, Mukhopadhyay, Netai Kabiraj & Ashok Kumar Ganguly. Besides this the #67 seeded team comprising of Prahalad Rajkumar - Raghavendra Rajkumar, R Rajkumar, David Chechelashvili, Madhu Viswanathan & Kris Maillacheruvu was a team of US based Indians. Uttam Gupta from Bangalore played in the #52 Seeded team along with Prashanth Palakurthi, whereas Jaggy Shivdasani played with Winthrop Allegaert in the #19 Seeded team of Mark Gordon.

Unluckily none of the Indian teams could cross the first hurdle. Uttam Gupta's team went through till the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. Jaggy's team also reached the last 16.

The #5-seeded team captained by Rose Meltzer (Peter Weichsel, Alan Sontag, Kyle Larsen, Bart Bramley, Mark Feldman) could not make it to the last 32. In a four-way match, Meltzer lost to the original #42 seed (Rick Binder, David Becher, Alan Watson and William Braucher) & to the #19 seed (Mark Gordon, Pratap Rajakhyaksha, Steve Landen, Jaggy Shivdasani, Mark Molson and Winthrop Allegaert).