

Louis unfortunate to lose US Open

Amazing Win by Chandrababu

Saravanan Capture Record Seventh Title

The singles competition was played over 7 rounds using the Swiss Round Robin system. After each round the computer ranked the players on their results and matched the top ranked players against each other. Hence, the more games you won, the more chances that you end up playing tougher opponents. With all the top players in North America participating, the field was very competitive and the players had no choice but to use "take no prisoners" attitude.

After 4 rounds, there were 4 players with a 4-0 record – Louis Fernandes, Sekhar Challa, Saravanan Chandrababu and Francis D'Costa. Louis beat Sekhar and Saravanan subdued Francis. Such was the competition that even at this stage both Sekhar and Francis (4-1) were not assured of a place in the 16. Francis made sure he won his last 2 games finishing in 3rd place, with a 6-1 win-loss record. Sekhar got 1 of the remaining 2, finishing 5-2 and in 4th place.

World Cup players Neil Khatu and Vishal Karangutkar, the current Eastern Open Champion, Sridhar Galipelli, also has a good run and finished 5-2 and secured their places. Atul Bhawe who played some outstanding games throughout the tournament finished 8th. This is probably a first top ranked finish for a Secretary, despite the handicap of not having his focus on the game due to his involvement in coordinating the event.

Former 3 times US Open Champion on his comeback mission Ram Gopal, US No. 2 Jayadev Suryadevara, US top 7 players Atul Kharecha & Dr. Shivaram Gowdagere secured their spots in the 16. Saravanan's younger brother Surrender who played exceptionally well, a completely improved player from last year Murali B and former stalwart Hari Venkatesan also qualified. But the most remarkable entry into the knock out was by a Canadian rookie Hussain Alavi, who against all odds qualified into the next round in the 13th place.

In the pre-quarters, Louis ended Ram Gopal's comeback 25-9 & 25-19, Saravanan made light work of his brother Surrender 25-0 & 25-4, Francis took care of Hari 14-13 & 25-1, Sekhar cleaned up Hussain 25-4 & 25-0, Neil got rid of Jayadev in a close match 25-19 & 23-19, Sridhar over came Shivaram 16-10 & 25-5, Vishal cleared his hurdle past Atul Kharecha 19-4 & 25-0, however, the top 8 finisher Atul Bhawe stumbled against the new and improved Murali 13-16 & 2-25.

The quarters saw an interesting line up. Louis quickly went past Murali 25-1 & 25-11, Saravanan did the same with Vishal 25-0 & 25-4, Sekhar got the better of Neil in a tight second game 16-3 & 21-18 and the number 3 seed Francis lost to Sridhar in 3 long agonizing games 22-23, 14-8 & 0-23. The match lasted 3 and a half hours making the organizers jumpy on time lost.

The semis also saw quick finishes. Sekhar did give Louis a run in the 2nd game taking it to a tiebreaker board but lost to an excellent finish by the Canadian sniper - 25-7 & 25-22. Newly married Saravanan who always looked as if he was in a hurry to finish the tournament and go home, got past Sridhar in 2 games 21-14 & 25-15 in close games.

Henceforth, Kya Baat Hai will be featuring prominent personalities around the world who are contributing towards the promotion and success of carrom. In this issue, we are proud to feature the BOSS of carrom world - Mr. S.K. Sharma, who has put in 41 years of dedicated time and effort. Read entire story on pages 8 & 9.





Louis with Bhav and Bhatt.

The finals expected lots of fireworks and indeed it did! Louis who had beaten Saravanan, yes Saravanan, in the league round won his 1st game. Saravanan who has not lost or should we say, has destroyed all his opponents easily in US Opens, was one game down and the crowd knew that the lion was out of the cage. He did not let his supporters down and fought his way to win the 2nd game, despite Louis playing exceptionally well.

The 3rd looked to be tilting towards the reigning six time champion, with the scores 22-9 in Saravanan's favor at the end of 6 boards. But Louis was not ready to close shop and fought all the way. An amazing turn around 7th board of 12 points suddenly threw some life back in the game with the scores 22-21 and the break in Saravan's favour in the last board of the match.

Nail-biting finish. The second last move, Louis very precisely pulls a white from Saravanan's home area in his home territory, leaving Saravanan a daunting task of pocketing 4 whites and a queen against 3 opponent blacks. Of all the 6 previous championship victory, this victory overshadows them all. Instead of defending, with the match on the line, this courageous genius attacks, it's like a hunter attacking a tiger when he knows he is going to be devoured. He

pockets the Queen and then goes on to take both whites which were in a position, a world champion would think twice. Then, instead of pocketing the easy coin near the pocket and saving the match, he presses the striker on the black coin and brings it in his home area and pockets the white simultaneously. And after that amazing shot, he brings the defensive white into a playing position. And, lo behold he changed the game 360 degrees and won the championship snatching it from a sure defeat. Kudos Saravanan you proved with this display you are a world class player.

For the Canadian fans it was sheer bad luck, not destined to win being inches away from the finish line. To the US counterparts, it was a relief not to let their National title slip across the border. And, to all Carrom enthusiasts it was a memorable experience - such games are witnessed rarely. It was an epic final. Long live Carrom in North America!!



Delighted Canadian team, Thomas, Francis, Louis, Madhukar, Sylvester, Derrick, Anurag and Hussain. (Missing Manchu)

Rookie Anurag Steals the limelight



Anurag with his trophy from Mr. Bhatt

Group C had reputed players like, Dr. Nilesh Mehta, Madhu Rao, Ravi Shankar, Derrick Silveira, Anurag Chanda, Ravi K, Balaji Parthasarathy, Mani Kandam, Appa Paranjape, Avinash Deshpande, Parag Pandit, battling for the title. All the above on a given day could easily make it into the last 16.

Carrom Canada's Madhukar Kelkar, Sylvester D'Souza, Thomas Lawrence and Manchu Kanaga had interesting rounds beating opponents who were seeded much higher than them.

After 5 rounds of play Anurag and Derrick with 5 wins each qualified to play an all Canadian final. Derrick won the first game and let his guard lose, allowing the newcomer Anurag level the second and taking the game and match in the third.



Derrick receiving his trophy from Mr. Bhatt



18th US Open - Cleveland, Ohio



Nilesh & Saravanan.



Manchu 5th from left.



Abdul Khader (Ontario)



Nilesh & Snehal - Sponsors.



Nilesh & Saravanan Win Doubles

Dr. Nilesh Mehta and Saravanan Chandrababu won the doubles title beating a strong challenge from Dr. Shivaram Gowdagere and Subramanian L in the finals.

Canadians Francis and Louis appeared to be the favorites to lift the doubles title and literally won most of their league rounds with ease. In the quarters, in another slow agonizing game they lost the first game 8-9 in 5 boards after 50 minutes. The second game was in the bag with Francis-Louis leading 13-2, but Atul and Sridhar clawed back to a 14-13 victory in 8 boards. To ice the narrow loss, Francis missed an easy home shot, with his striker slipping. This would have tied the game.

In the other quarters, Saravanan and Nilesh beat Appa Paranjape and Avinash Deshpande, Vishal and Sekhar beat Neil Khatu and Atul Bhawe, Shivaram and Subramanian L. beat Jayadev and Wajahat Mohammed (Ontario).

In the semis, Saravanan and Nilesh beat Atul and Sridhar, Shivaram and Subramanian beating Vishal and Sekhar, with Subramanian getting an dazzling match winning finish and securing his team a place in the finals.

In Group B semis, Francis and Louis beat Avinash and Paranjape and Neil and Atul Bhawe beat Jayadev and Wajahat.

In the finals Francis D'Costa and Louis Fernandes beat Neil Khatu and Atul Bhawe.



Shivaram & Subbu with Mrs. Bhatt.



Vishal & Sekhar.



Outstanding Women Player UMA.



Inchin's Bamboo Garden takes the cake

The variety and the quality of food provided by the popular Tadkha Bamboo Restaurant was simply outstanding. It's one thing to offer a variety and quantity and it's another to give quality and taste. Mr. & Mrs. Bhatt's restaurant gave it all!

Moreover the management was always present to see that their guest are treated as "GUESTS". If I was a food critic I would gladly give the restaurant 3 Michelin Stars.



Bhawe, Khatu & Pandit True Winners

The tournament was a huge success and success does not come easy. Dedication by a few individuals who bend over backwards and sacrifice their game to promote carrom is more rewarding as winning the championship. Atul Bhawe, the Secretary of US Carrom, Neil Khatu and Parag Pandit are the back bone behind this challenging event. Which demands tremendous concentration inputting data after every round, especially when repeated reminders to players for proper entries go unheeded. Keep up the good work ATUL-NEIL-PARAG carrom needs more men like you!

Singles Results at a glance

Singles Round Robin

Round 1: Louis Beat Madhukar 25- 0; Madhu R Lost to Thomas 19- 24; Parag Beat Sarma Katrapati 24- 4; Nilesh Mehta Beat Hasmukh 25- 2; Uma Beat Manchu Kanaga 25- 5; Sekhar Challa Beat Irshan Syed 25- 0; Avinash Beat Nehal 25- 0; Neil K Beat Narayanan 25- 6; Francis Beat Geeta 25- 0; Surender Chandrababu Beat Hussain Alavi 25- 5; Atul K Beat Mohammed Kashif 25- 0; Ramgopal Beat Rahgav 25- 0; Krishna Gundrathi Beat Vevelananda 21- 18;

Snehal Beat Mubeen 25- 1; Appa Beat Saroj Parikh 22- 15; Bala Beat Rehan Syed 25- 0; Saravanan Babu Beat Bharathi 14- 7; Hari V Beat Pramod Shah 25- 5; Atul B Beat Veerraju D. 19- 13; Vishal Beat Sylvester 25- 0; Shivaram Beat Abdul Khader 25- 0; Subbu Beat Renuka Shah 25- 5; Sridhar G Beat Ravi V 22- 6; Derrick Beat Vishal Salunkhe 25- 5; Chandrababu Beat Sudershan P. 25- 0; Jayadev Beat Muddassir Rafi 25- 0; Mani Beat Nilima 25- 0; Murali B Beat Pradeep Shah 25- 0; Wajahat Lost to Anurag Chanda 18- 20; Ravi Shankar Beat Neeraj 25- 0;

Round 2: Shivaram Lost to Murali B 17- 25; Ramgopal Lost to Francis 10- 13; Vishal Lost to Louis 10- 25; Bala Beat Ravi Shankar 21- 15; Jayadev Lost to Sekhar Challa 8- 25; Avinash Lost to Atul K 0- 25; Chandrababu Janaki Lost to Mani 4- 25; Snehal Lost to Nilesh Mehta 10- 25; Hari V Lost to Uma 11- 20; Parag Lost to Subbu 3- 22; Surender Chandrababu Beat Derrick 25- 5; Neil K Beat Sridhar G 16- 10; Appa Lost to Saravanan Babu 11- 25; Atul B Beat Thomas 25- 11; Krishna Gundrathi Lost to Anurag Chanda 0- 25; Wajahat Beat Vevelananda 21- 17; Madhu R Beat Veerraju D. 12- 9; Saroj Parikh Beat Bharathi 25- 0; Ravi V Beat Narayanan 15- 9; Sarma Katrapati Beat Vishal Salunkhe 25- 6; Renuka Shah Lost to Manchu Kanaga 5- 25; Hussain Alavi Beat Pramod Shah 25- 0; Hasmukh Beat Mubeen 18- 14; Rehan Syed Lost to Muddassir Rafi 10- 25; Nilima Lost to Madhukar 0- 25; Sylvester Beat Geeta 25- 8; Sudershan P. Beat Neeraj 8- 7; Mohammed Kashif Beat Rahgav 21- 17; Abdul Khader Beat Pradeep Shah 25- 4; Irshan Syed Beat Nehal 19- 0;

Round 3: Atul K Lost to Sekhar Challa 16- 21; Louis Beat Surender Chandrababu 25- 8; Nilesh Mehta Beat Uma 25- 0; Anurag Chanda Lost to Mani 10- 23; Subbu Lost to Murali B 18- 20; Bala Lost to Francis 10- 11; Neil K Lost to Saravanan Babu 0- 25; Atul B Beat Shivaram 25- 16; Vishal Lost to Sridhar G 14- 15; Jayadev Lost to Chandrababu Janaki 17- 25; Parag Beat Appa 19- 13; Ravi Shankar Beat Hari V 24- 1; Thomas Lost to Ramgopal 4- 25; Wajahat Lost to Derrick 7- 24; Snehal Beat Hussain Alavi 12- 5; Manchu Kanaga Lost to Avinash 8- 16; Madhukar Beat Irshan Syed 21- 15; Hasmukh Lost to Mohammed Kashif 0- 18; Krishna Gundrathi Lost to Saroj Parikh 9- 24; Ravi V Beat Muddassir Rafi 25- 0; Sarma Katrapati Lost to Madhu R 0- 25; Abdul Khader Beat Sylvester 15- 14; Sudershan P. Lost to Veerraju D. 7- 25; Narayanan Beat Bharathi 22- 15; Renuka Shah Beat Rehan Syed 23- 7; Nilima Lost to Vevelananda 6- 25; Geeta Lost to Pradeep Shah 6- 23; Neeraj Beat Mubeen 15- 7; Rahgav Beat Vishal Salunkhe 20- 14; Nehal Beat Pramod Shah 25- 0;

Round 4: Saravanan Babu Beat Atul B 25- 7; Mani Lost to Sekhar Challa 7- 25; Murali B Lost to Francis 5- 25; Atul K Beat Subbu 23- 8; Nilesh Mehta Lost to Louis 5- 25; Surender Chandrababu Lost to Neil K 1- 25; Ramgopal Beat Bala 16- 14; Anurag Chanda Beat Chandrababu Janaki 22- 10; Ravi Shankar Beat Snehal 25- 8; Sridhar G Beat Uma 25- 4; Ravi V Lost to Avinash 1- 25; Parag Beat Madhukar 25- 9; Mohammed Kashif Lost to Madhu R 4- 25; Saroj Parikh Lost to Shivaram 5- 25; Derrick Beat Abdul Khader 25- 6; Appa Beat Thomas 23- 6; Manchu Kanaga Lost to Wajahat 4- 25; Veerraju D. Lost to Vishal 9- 25; Jayadev Beat Irshan Syed 25- 0; Pradeep Shah Beat Hasmukh 19- 17; Krishna Gundrathi Lost to Hussain Alavi 7- 24; Hari V Beat Narayanan 25- 4; Rahgav Lost to Sarma Katrapati 14- 21; Sudershan P. Lost to Sylvester 0- 25; Neeraj Lost to Nehal 5- 24; Mubeen Lost to Vishal Salunkhe 11- 24; Renuka Shah Beat Muddassir Rafi 20- 9; Vevelananda Beat Bharathi 25- 5; Nilima Beat Geeta 20- 0; Rehan Syed Beat Pramod Shah 25- 8;

Round 5: Nilesh Mehta Lost to Sridhar G 9- 25; Neil K Beat Murali B 25- 21; Atul K Beat Mani 25- 0; Louis Beat Sekhar Challa 25- 10; Saravanan Babu Beat Francis 25- 4; Anurag Chanda Lost to Parag 11- 24; Atul B Beat Ravi Shankar 25- 4; Ramgopal Beat Avinash 25- 4; Derrick Beat Madhu R 24- 9; Vishal Beat Appa 23- 6; Subbu Lost to Shivaram 9- 21; Surender Chandrababu Beat Bala 25- 3; Wajahat Beat Chandrababu Janaki 25- 3; Madhukar Lost to Uma 5- 25; Sarma Katrapati Lost to Mohammed Kashif 15- 25; Abdul Khader Lost to Jayadev 4- 25; Snehal Beat Ravi V 25- 7; Sylvester Lost to Hussain Alavi 3- 19; Hari V Beat Pradeep Shah 25- 4; Saroj Parikh Lost to Nehal 16- 19; Thomas Lost to Irshan Syed 16- 20; Veerraju D. Lost to Manchu Kanaga 12- 17; Renuka Shah Lost to Vevelananda 0- 25; Krishna Gundrathi Lost to Rahgav 15- 22; Hasmukh Lost to Narayanan 9- 25; Sudershan P. Lost to Rehan Syed 15- 25; Pramod Shah Lost to Mubeen 5- 24; Muddassir Rafi Lost to Nilima 18- 24; Bharathi Beat Geeta 19- 11; Vishal Salunkhe Beat Neeraj 25- 5;

Round 6: Francis Beat Derrick 21- 6; Atul K Lost to Sridhar G 12- 13; Sekhar Challa Beat Neil K 25- 15; Atul B Beat Ramgopal 20- 16; Parag Lost to Surender Chandrababu 4- 25; Louis Beat Saravanan Babu 20- 15; Vishal Beat Wajahat 19- 5; Jayadev Beat Madhu R 15- 11; Nilesh Mehta Lost to Mani 13- 16; Avinash Lost to Murali B 4- 18; Ravi Shankar Lost to Anurag Chanda 4- 16; Uma Lost to Shivaram 1- 25; Hussain Alavi Beat Nehal 14- 11; Hari V Beat Vevelananda 25- 7; Subbu Lost to Bala 5- 25; Snehal Beat Mohammed Kashif 23- 12; Sarma Katrapati Beat Abdul Khader 12- 9; Madhukar Beat Appa 19- 0; Renuka Shah Lost to Sylvester 8- 22; Irshan Syed Lost to Rahgav 0- 25; Chandrababu Janaki Lost to Ravi V 6- 10; Saroj Parikh Beat Vishal Salunkhe 25- 19; Manchu Kanaga Beat Narayanan 25- 6; Nilima Beat Pradeep Shah 15- 4; Veerraju D. Lost to Krishna Gundrathi 14- 17; Hasmukh Beat Neeraj 25- 0; Rehan Syed Lost to Thomas 4- 25; Pramod Shah Lost to Geeta 8- 25; Bharathi Lost to Muddassir Rafi 13- 22; Sudershan P. Lost to Mubeen 8- 25;

Round 7: Neil K Beat Ramgopal 25- 16; Shivaram Beat Snehal 25- 8; Anurag Chanda Lost to Jayadev 13- 25; Murali B Beat Derrick 24- 19; Mani Lost to Vishal 4- 25; Hari V Beat Nilesh Mehta 20- 11; Louis Beat Sridhar G 25- 0; Sekhar Challa Lost to Saravanan Babu 4- 25; Surender Chandrababu Lost to Atul K 15- 24; Francis Beat Atul B 24- 8; Wajahat Beat Madhukar 25- 6; Mohammed Kashif Lost to Ravi V 11- 17; Uma Lost to Ravi Shankar 10- 25; Parag Lost to Hussain Alavi 13- 17; Madhu R Beat Rahgav 25- 0; Nilima Lost to Saroj Parikh 4- 9; Avinash Lost to Bala 4- 18; Sarma Katrapati Beat Vevelananda 25- 0; Nehal Lost to Subbu 5- 25; Appa Beat Abdul Khader 17- 6; Narayanan Beat Vishal Salunkhe 25- 12; Irshan Syed Lost to Chandrababu Janaki 2- 25; Thomas Lost to Krishna Gundrathi 13- 16; Renuka Shah Lost to Hasmukh 6- 25; Sylvester Beat Manchu Kanaga 20- 14; Veerraju D. Beat Bharathi 25- 0; Sudershan P. Beat Pramod Shah 25- 0; Mubeen Lost to Rehan Syed 12- 25; Pradeep Shah Lost to Muddassir Rafi 0- 25; Geeta Beat Neeraj 20- 5;

TOP 16 QUALIFIERS

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| 1. Louis Fernandes | 9. Murali B. |
| 2. Saravanan Chandrababu | 10. Atul Kharecha |
| 3. Francis D'Costa | 11. Shivaram Gowdagere |
| 4. Sekhar Challa | 12. Jayadev Suryadevara |
| 5. Neil Khatu | 13. Hussain Alavi |
| 6. Sridhar Galipelli | 14. Hari Venkatesan |
| 7. Vishal Karangutkar | 15. Surender Chandrababu |
| 8. Atul Bhawe | 16. Ramgopal |

Doubles results at a glance

Doubles Round Robin

Round 1: Manikandan-Bala Beat Geeta-Bharathi S 25-0; Saravanan Babu-Nilesh Beat Anurag-Sylvester 25-4; Madhu-Parag Beat Chandrababu-Surender 25-9; Shivaram-Subbu Beat Vivekananda-Katrapati 25-0; Madhukar-Thomas Beat Pramod-Renuka 22-13; Appa-Avinash Beat Snehal-Ravi V 15-11; Hari-Murali Beat Verraju-Sudershan 25-8; Atul K-Sridhar Beat Narayanan-Raghav 25-0; Francis-Louis Beat Uma-Krishna G 25-0; Jayadev-Wajahat Beat Kashif-Muddassir 23-13; Derrick-Ravi Shankar Beat Mubeen-Irshan 25-0; Nehal-Hasmukh Beat Neeraj-Saroj 22-4; Neil K-Atul B Beat Abdul Khader-Rahan 25-5; Sekhar-Vishal Beat Manchu-Hussain 25-0

Round 2: Atul K-Sridhar Beat Derrick-Ravi Shankar 20-6; Shivaram-Subbu Beat Manikandan-Bala 20-16; Sekhar-Vishal Beat Francis-Louis 15-10; Saravanan Babu-Nilesh Beat Neil K-Atul B 16-9; Nehal-Hasmukh Lost to Hari-Murali 9-25; Madhu-Parag Lost to Jayadev-Wajahat 14-25; Madhukar-Thomas Lost to Appa-Avinash 5-21; Snehal-Ravi V Beat Pramod-Renuka 17-10; Kashif-Muddassir Lost to Chandrababu-Surender 8-24; Verraju-Sudershan Beat Neeraj-Saroj 25-2; Abdul Khader-Rahan Lost to Anurag-Sylvester 5-11; Geeta-Bharathi S Lost to Vivekananda-Katrapati 5-25; Manchu-Hussain Beat Uma-Krishna G 19-15; Narayanan-Raghav Beat Mubeen-Irshan 18-8

Round 3: Sekhar-Vishal Lost to Shivaram-Subbu 16-22; Atul K-Sridhar Beat Hari-Murali 25-4; Saravanan Babu-Nilesh Beat Appa-Avinash 25-0; Jayadev-Wajahat Beat Manikandan-Bala 21-6; Madhu-Parag Lost to Francis-Louis 0-25; Neil K-Atul B Beat Derrick-Ravi Shankar 24-9; Nehal-Hasmukh Lost to Vivekananda-Katrapati 15-17; Anurag-Sylvester Lost to Manchu-Hussain 17-20; Verraju-Sudershan Lost to Snehal-Ravi V 0-25; Madhukar-Thomas Beat Narayanan-Raghav 15-14; Chandrababu-Surender Beat Pramod-Renuka 25-5; Kashif-Muddassir Lost to Abdul Khader-Rahan 12-13; Neeraj-Saroj Beat Geeta-Bharathi S 22-16; Uma-Krishna G Beat Mubeen-Irshan 25-4

Round 4: Neil K-Atul B Beat Hari-Murali 25-7; Sekhar-Vishal Beat Appa-Avinash 25-3; Atul K-Sridhar Lost to Jayadev-Wajahat 11-13; Manchu-Hussain Lost to Snehal-Ravi V 13-15; Saravanan Babu-Nilesh Beat Shivaram-Subbu 20-9; Francis-Louis Beat Vivekananda-Katrapati 25-0; Madhu-Parag Lost to Manikandan-Bala 14-25; Madhukar-Thomas Lost to Chandrababu-Surender 0-25; Anurag-Sylvester Beat Nehal-Hasmukh 25-4; Geeta-Bharathi S Lost to Mubeen-Irshan 8-24; Verraju-Sudershan Beat Uma-Krishna G 25-19; Derrick-Ravi Shankar Beat Narayanan-Raghav 25-1; Kashif-Muddassir Beat Pramod-Renuka 25-17; Abdul Khader-Rahan Beat Neeraj-Saroj 25-1

Round 5: Saravanan Babu-Nilesh Beat Jayadev-Wajahat 24-4; Francis-Louis Beat Snehal-Ravi V 16-8; Shivaram-Subbu Lost to Neil K-Atul B 16-21; Sekhar-Vishal Lost to Atul K-Sridhar 1-21; Chandrababu-Surender Lost to Appa-Avinash 17-24; Anurag-Sylvester Beat Hari-Murali 15-10; Manchu-Hussain Lost to Derrick-Ravi Shankar 8-23; Manikandan-Bala Beat Abdul Khader-Rahan 15-8; Madhukar-Thomas Lost to Madhu-Parag 18-21; Neeraj-Saroj Beat Mubeen-Irshan 21-9; Narayanan-Raghav Beat Nehal-Hasmukh 22-15; Verraju-Sudershan Lost to Vivekananda-Katrapati 4-25; Kashif-Muddassir Lost to Uma-Krishna G 17-18; Pramod-Renuka Beat Geeta-Bharathi S 18-15

TOP 8 QUALIFIERS

1. Saravanan Chandrababu & Nilesh Mehta
2. Jayadev Suryadevara & Wajahat Mohammed
3. Neil Khatu & Atul Bhawe
4. Francis D'Costa & Louis Fernandes
5. Atul Kharecha & Sridhar Galipelli
6. Sekhar Challa & Vishal Karangutkar
7. Shivaram Gowdagere & Subramanian L
8. Appa Paranjape & Avinash Deshpande

Kya Baat Hai apologizes for incomplete scores. The entire tournament results were not received from US Carrom.

Carrom Players Around the World



Chamil Cooray with members of Sri Lanka team at the Foundation Institute



Mohammed Ali (UK) given a surprise birthday party.



Japanese promoting the game to younger generation.



Arokiaraj Franklin (Youth Carrom Club), winner of Madurai Carrom Open.

Bayleaf Random Open



Derrick & Louis Win With Ease

Louis Fernandes and Derrick Silveira won the random doubles carrom tournament played at the Bayleaf Restaurant in Mississauga on Saturday the 21st of September 2013, defeating Manuel Coelho and Hussain Alavi in the finals 25-4. Louis and Derrick were fortunate with the draw by holding to their combination throughout the knock-out stages. They beat Atul Kharecha (USA) and Manoj Maria in the quarters and brushed aside Shad Ahmed and Desmond Silveira in the semis. The third place went to Balachandran Dandapani and Neil Sequeira. Shad and Desmond finished fourth.

B Division was introduced the first time and was well accepted by players. The inaugural tournament was won by Joe Alphonso and Ezekiel Rodrigues. The runners-up were Mrityujay Das and Daniel Coutts, with the third place going to Amarpreet Singh and Bhaskar Battacharyya. Indika Baddegama and Ranil Liyanage were fourth.

As usual the computer generated pairing of players and opponents, based on the results. After every tournament the organizers analyze the results for fairness. For the last tournament we had Louis and Balachandran playing Sylvester and Anurag in the finals - an unbalanced match-up. This time, instead of pairing players ranked 1 with 8, 2 with 7, we opted to pair 1 with 5, 2 with 6, to avoid such matches. Now, with all the data and experience from past competitions, we have realized that "Lady Luck" also plays a tremendous role!



Mark, Louis & Derrick.



Jessica, Manuel & Hussain.



Jessica, Bala & Neil.

Round 1:

Thomas Lawrence & Diogo Fernandes Lost to Neil Sequeira & Eusebio Rodrigues 11-20,7
Louis Fernandes & Anurag Chanda Defeated Derek D'Souza & Manchu Kanaga 25-5,6
Tino Pinto & John DeSouza Lost to Mohan Das & Derrick Silveira 4-25,6
Manoj Maria & Hussain Alavi Lost to Sylvester D'Souza & Balachandran Dandapani 1-25,4
Madhukar Kelkar & Shad Ahmed Defeated Carlyle Peters & Oscar D'Mello 24-16,8
Desmond Silveira & Atul Kharecha Lost to David Gonsalves & Manuel Coelho 12-13,7

Round 2:

Sylvester D'Souza & Atul Kharecha Defeated Neil Sequeira & Derek D'Souza 25-4,6
Balachandran Dandapani & Desmond Silveira Defeated Eusebio Rodrigues & Manchu Kanaga 25-7,6

Mohan Das & Oscar D'Mello Defeated Madhukar Kelkar & John DeSouza 21-13,8
Derrick Silveira & Carlyle Peters Lost to Shad Ahmed & Tino Pinto 10-20,8

Louis Fernandes & Thomas Lawrence Defeated David Gonsalves & Manoj Maria 25-0,4
Anurag Chanda & Diogo Fernandes Lost to Manuel Coelho & Hussain Alavi 2-25,5

Round 3:

Louis Fernandes & Madhukar Kelkar Defeated Thomas Lawrence & Carlyle Peters 25-2,6
Sylvester D'Souza & Oscar D'Mello Lost to Atul Kharecha & John DeSouza 6-21,6
Balachandran Dandapani & Eusebio Rodrigues Defeated Desmond Silveira & Diogo Fernandes 11-10,6

Mohan Das & Tino Pinto Lost to Derrick Silveira & Manchu Kanaga 12-25,6
Manuel Coelho & Neil Sequeira Defeated Hussain Alavi & Derek D'Souza 16-6,6
Shad Ahmed & David Gonsalves Lost to Anurag Chanda & Manoj Maria 0-25,4

Round 4:

Louis Fernandes & Eusebio Rodrigues Defeated Atul Kharecha & Oscar D'Mello 13-8,4
Balachandran Dandapani & Manoj Maria Defeated Madhukar Kelkar & Tino Pinto 16-9,6
Manuel Coelho & Desmond Silveira Defeated Mohan Das & David Gonsalves 25-4,8
Sylvester D'Souza & Hussain Alavi Lost to Neil Sequeira & Diogo Fernandes 8-24,7
Anurag Chanda & Manchu Kanaga Lost to Shad Ahmed & Carlyle Peters 13-25,7
Derrick Silveira & John DeSouza Lost to Thomas Lawrence & Derek D'Souza 6-9,5

Round 5:

Louis Fernandes & Atul Kharecha Defeated Desmond Silveira & Diogo Fernandes 25-0,5
Balachandran Dandapani & Madhukar Kelkar Lost to Derrick Silveira & John DeSouza 13-20,7
Manuel Coelho & Mohan Das Defeated Neil Sequeira & Oscar D'Mello 25-0,4
Sylvester D'Souza & Hussain Alavi Defeated Eusebio Rodrigues & Tino Pinto 25-0,6
Anurag Chanda & Carlyle Peters Defeated Thomas Lawrence & Derek D'Souza 18-17,7
Shad Ahmed & Manchu Kanaga Defeated Manoj Maria & David Gonsalves 25-5,7

Quarter-Finals:

Louis Fernandes & Derrick Silveira Defeated Atul Kharecha & Manoj Maria 25-2,6
Manuel Coelho & Desmond Silveira Defeated Anurag Chanda & Eusebio Rodrigues 23-11,8
Balachandran Dandapani & Hussain Alavi Defeated Mohan Das & Manchu Kanaga 25-0,6
Sylvester D'Souza & Thomas Lawrence Lost to Shad Ahmed & Neil Sequeira 5-25,7

Semi-Finals:

Louis Fernandes & Derrick Silveira Defeated Shad Ahmed & Desmond Silveira 25-15,8
Manuel Coelho & Hussain Alavi Defeated Balachandran Dandapani & Neil Sequeira 20-8,8

3rd Place:

Finals:

Louis Fernandes & Derrick Silveira Defeated Manuel Coelho & Hussain Alavi 25-4,5

Stdg		Pts	Diff	Score
1	Louis Fernandes	15	98	113
2	Manuel Coelho	14	80	104
3	Balachandran Dandapani	11	43	90
4	Sylvester DSouza	10	39	89
5	Shad Ahmed	10	25	94
6	Mohan Das	9	20	87
7	Anurag Chanda	9	11	83
8	Atul Kharecha	8	55	91
9	Derrick Silveira	8	28	86
10	Desmond Silveira	6	12	72
11	Hussain Alavi	6	-2	65
12	Thomas Lawrence	6	-5	64
13	Neil Sequeira	6	-11	64
14	Manchu Kanaga	6	-17	75
15	Eusebio Rodrigues	6	-28	51
16	Manoj Maria	6	-37	47
17	Madhukar Kelkar	5	9	84
18	Carlyle Peters	5	-28	71
19	John Desouza	4	-10	64
20	Diogo Fernandes	2	-42	47
21	Oscar DMello	2	-45	51
22	Derek DSouza	2	-49	41
23	Tino Pinto	2	-56	45
24	David Gonsalves	2	-90	22

Bayleaf Random Open



Sylvester, Shaun, Francis, Diogo & Derrick.

Thanks...

Bayleaf once again to the aid of Carrom Canada to promote the game and the owner-chef Mark Fernandes was delighted with the response and is keen in having this event on a regular basis. Bayleaf Restaurant sponsored the trophies and have 2 rolling trophies which indicates their commitment to boost this game locally in Mississauga.

Corporate assistance was also offered by Global United Solutions Services. Partner, Shaun Pinto was delighted to support Carrom Canada and sponsored T-shirts to every participant in the tournament. Shaun and his wife Tammy, made time to be at the event and were happy to present some of the trophies to the winners.

Some individuals have been acknowledging Carrom Canada's dedication and this time Diogo Fernandes a fellow carrom player co-sponsored financially. For the last tournament we had, Sylvester D'Souza, Derek D'Souza and Nicolas D'Souza doing likewise.

Carrom Canada acknowledges John DeSouza for his involvement in taking professional photographs during the event.

We at Carrom Canada appreciate support and will always follow are principals in promoting this game fairly without bias. We count on you to assist us in conducting such competitions and would like players to know that sporting participation and good attitude is very much appreciated.

B Division ...



Joe, Shaun Pinto & Ezekiel.



Shaun, Das & Daniel.



Tammy Pinto, Bhaskar & Amarpreet.

Round 1:

Indika Baddegama & Joe Alphonso Defeated Elliot DeSouza & Ezekiel Rodrigues 25-7,6; Mrityujay Das & Ranil Liyanage Defeated Partha Gosh & Bhaskar Bhattacharyya 25-0,3; Amarpreet Singh & Daniel Coutts Bye

Round 2:

Amarpreet Singh & Daniel Coutts Defeated Mrityujay Das & Bhaskar Bhattacharyya 21-4,5; Ranil Liyanage & Indika Baddegama Lost to Joe Alphonso & Ezekiel Rodrigues 12-17,7; Elliot DeSouza & Partha Gosh Bye

Round 3:

Joe Alphonso & Bhaskar Bhattacharyya Defeated Amarpreet Singh & Elliot DeSouza 16-4,6; Ranil Liyanage & Daniel Coutts Defeated Indika Baddegama & Partha Gosh 15-9,5; Mrityujay Das & Ezekiel Rodrigues Bye

Round 4:

Amarpreet Singh & Ezekiel Rodrigues Defeated Ranil Liyanage & Mrityujay Das 16-10,6
Elliot DeSouza & Joe Alphonso Defeated Daniel Coutts & Partha Gosh 11-9,5

Indika Baddegama & Bhaskar Bhattacharyya Bye

Round 5:

Elliot DeSouza & Daniel Coutts Lost to Partha Gosh & Ezekiel Rodrigues 16-17,7; Amarpreet Singh & Mrityujay Das Lost to Bhaskar Bhattacharyya & Indika Baddegama 14-21,5 ; Joe Alphonso & Ranil Liyanage Bye

Semi-Finals:

Joe Alphonso & Daniel Coutts Defeated Indika Baddegama & Bhaskar Bhattacharyya 25-7,7
Ranil Liyanage & Amarpreet Singh Lost to Ezekiel Rodrigues & Mrityujay Das 10-25,7

3rd Place:

Ranil Liyanage & Indika Baddegama Lost to Amarpreet Singh & Bhaskar Bhattacharyya 4-25,5

Finals:

Joe Alphonso & Ezekiel Rodrigues Defeated Daniel Coutts & Mrityujay Das 25-4,5

Play	ed	Won	Lost	Drew	For	Agai	Diff.	Boar	Game	Bonus	Total
						nst	+	ds	Pts	Pts	Pts
Joe Alphonso		5	5	0	0	70	32	38	25	10	11
Ranil Liyanage		5	3	2	0	63	42	21	22	6	8
Ezekiel Rodrigues		5	4	1	0	58	63	-5	27	8	8
Indika Baddegama		5	5	2	0	68	53	15	24	6	7
Daniel Coutts		5	3	2	0	62	41	21	23	6	6
Amarpreet Bhui		5	3	2	0	56	51	5	23	6	6
Mrityujay Das		5	2	3	0	54	58	-4	20	4	6
Bhaskar Bhattacharyya		5	3	2	0	42	64	-22	20	6	6
Elliot DeSouza		5	2	3	0	39	67	-28	25	4	4
Partha Gosh		5	5	3	0	36	67	-31	21	4	4
Guest 2		5	0	5	0	0	5	-5	5	0	0
Guest 1		5	0	5	0	0	5	-5	5	0	0

S.K.Sharma



Article contributed by our Guest Columnist.

S. K. SHARMA

- Secretary General
International Carrom Federation
- Treasurer
Asian Carrom Confederation
- Executive President
All India Carrom Federation
- General Secretary
Haryana Carrom Association

S. K. Sharma has completed a long journey of 41 years in carrom. At present he is the Secretary General of the International Carrom Federation, Treasurer of the Asian Carrom Confederation, Executive President of the All India Carrom Federation and the General Secretary of the Haryana Carrom Association.

S.K. Sharma started playing carrom at a competitive level in 1972 while studying in Delhi University. Within two years he won two Doubles tournaments in Delhi. He continued to participate in competitions for about 18 years and won laurels for his organization, MMTC Limited.

He was elected Assistant Treasurer of the Delhi Carrom Association, his first position in carrom administration. In 1986, he got his first official appointment as Manager of Delhi State Team for the Senior National & Inter-State Carrom Championship held in Solapur, Maharashtra.

On shifting his residence from Delhi to Faridabad in Haryana, S.K. Sharma joined the Haryana Carrom Association in 1990 and became General Secretary of the Faridabad District Carrom Association. In February 1992 he organized biggest Indian national championship in Faridabad as the Organizing Secretary. In fact, that Championship was declared the best national championship ever organized in India. Later he was elected as Joint Secretary of the Haryana Carrom Association. In the meantime, he continued playing carrom as a member of the Haryana State team and

represented Haryana in many national championships and other national level tournaments. He dedicated himself to carrom by offering his services as official and umpire besides being a player. He qualified as a National Umpire in 1990. He then became International Umpire in 1996. He was also elected General Secretary of the Haryana Carrom Association.

S.K. Sharma got the pleasant surprise of his life when he was appointed General Secretary of the All India Carrom Federation on 15th January 1995 at the General Council meeting of the Federation held in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. It happened so when he was not a contestant.

He accepted the challenge to complete three national championships and three Indo-German Test Matches within 75 days of his election without any sponsor in hand and fulfilled his impossible looking obligation with great success. From there onwards he never looked back and continued as General Secretary of the All India Carrom Federation for more than 17 years. He was elected General Secretary of AICF unopposed four times but had to leave his position because of Government rules. In the last elections held in July 2012 he was elected Executive President of the AICF unanimously.

In 1995 he was elected Vice-President of the Asian Carrom Confederation as founding member and served as Treasurer and ex-officio member of A.C.C. He was elected as Assistant Treasurer of the International Carrom Federation in 1997 and in 2001 he became the Secretary General of the International Carrom Federation. During his tenure he organized himself 10 national events in his home town Faridabad and one in Gurgaon with big success. He himself organized World Championship 2000, World Cup 2006 and SAARC Championship 2003 in five star hotels with grand success.

During his tenure as General Secretary of the All India Carrom Federation, he introduced a separate national championship for institutions, which have employed maximum top players of India. To unearth young talent and to groom them for future, he introduced annual national championships for under 12 years of age boys and girls and also for under 21 years besides conducting national championships for boys and girls under 14 years, under 18 years of age, senior and veterans above 50 years of age every year.

To propagate carrom in every part of India he organized national level carrom events in about 30 new cities and towns. He introduced a new Constitution of the Federation and regularly updated. He introduced new rules and policies for the conduct of carrom tournaments in India covering various technical and administrative matters, which proved to be a great help to players and organizers both. Brought complete transparency in the accounting system. Undertook refresher clinics and workshops for national and international umpires. Introduced 'Training for Trainers' courses for empanelling coaches in all parts of India. To create a panel of

S.K. Sharma with the victorious Indian Squad at the 6th World Cup in Colombo, Sri Lanka (2013)





S.K. Sharma with the Maldives squad at the 6th World Cup in Colombo, Sri Lanka (2013)

technical officials and well qualified referees, introduced regular 'National Referees Examination' in addition to 'National Umpires Examination'.

Introduced yoga and sports psychology subjects for national players in their coaching camps and training courses. Made special emphasis on physical fitness for national players. Made carrom specific studies on mind and body relationship, enhancement of concentration of carrom players which helped them in getting good marks in their studies, whether age has a bearing while playing in big competitions, etc. To bring glamour in carrom started inviting celebrities from different walks of life in various carrom events. To increase awareness and popularity organized national events in Shopping Malls. To bring awareness publicized carrom events through 200,000 emails and sms each. Organize 10 national events every year in India besides cash prizes events. He has supervised thousands of carrom tournaments at different levels from Inter-School competition, Inter-office competitions, District tournaments, State tournaments, National Tournaments and International tournaments. With his innovative ideas, many new systems have been introduced. To make the game spectator and media friendly, playing rules were experimented at national level.

Now reporting time has been changed to five minutes before the scheduled time, reduced rest time from 10 minutes to 2 minutes between 2nd and 3rd game, playing time reduced to 10 seconds and matches of all rounds have been restricted to 8 boards. For junior and sub-junior players, number of boards have been restricted to six till finals and instead of 25 points the game is completed at 21 points. Colours of boards and c/m have been experimented which have preferred and linked by electronic media. We played some small tournaments without board light which has always been preferred by electronic media.

Was able to get recognition from the Indian Olympic Association. Succeeded in introducing carrom in about 10,000 schools through

recognition by Central Board of Secondary Education. CBSE is organizing separate national championship every year for school children. Besides, School Games Federation of India also recognized carrom and started organizing national championships. Getting financial grant in aid from the Government of India of about Rupees two million every year for organizing national championships and for the salary of one staff employed in the Federation.

Succeeded in getting a prestigious National Sports Award for a carrom player, A. Maria Irudayam. Carrom players could also get Pension from the Government of India. Meritorious carrom players are regularly getting employment under sports quota. Many talented and meritorious carrom players under the age of 18 years are getting monthly scholarships. Carrom players employed under sports quota are able to get time to practice during office working hours, get special leave for participating in carrom events, get all their traveling and hospitality expenses reimbursed, get special increments in salary and cash awards for achieving excellence. Maria Irudayam got a house on achieving excellence as a gift from the Government. Players are getting State Sports Awards and honours. Recently, few carrom players received cash awards of more than Rupees four million.

Was instrumental in designing and conceptualizing 'King of Carrom' (trial version) and 'World Series of Carrom' which was shot in Delhi region immediately after the 2006 World Cup and 15 episodes were telecast on ESPN/Star Sports channels with 30 shows in English and 30 shows in Hindi. Sixteen players from 11 countries in the World Series of Carrom having a cash prize of about Rupees one million. Colours of the equipments and the rules of the Series and title of the Series were all suggested by me in various personal meetings.

Introduced carrom for blinds and organized two tournaments for blinds in Haryana at Faridabad and Gurgaon. After a lot of study, developed new carrom boards with different size and more pockets for blinds and presented them sets of equipments free of cost to them for their regular use.

Was able to get the Indian carrom team felicitated by the President of India in Rashtrapati Bhavan after winning 2008 World Championship. Indian carrom players were felicitated along with cricketer Sachin Tendulkar in Lok Sabha (Indian Parliament House) by the Honourable Speaker of the House in the presence of Prime Minister of India and other Ministers/Members. Indian players were also felicitated in Parliament House.

After retiring from his job, he wishes to do voluntary service to entertain blinds and other physically challenged people with the game of carrom. He wishes to train them and play carrom with them. Besides, he intends to propagate this carrom in schools and colleges through the intensive training campaign at his personal level through audio video aides.



S.K.Sharma with members of the world cup tournament committee in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Sitting 4th from left is Arif Navqi, President I.C.F. (2013). Tournament Secretary Rohini Mathiasz sitting 2nd from left.



Kudvalles win Second Crown



Kudvalles-Louis, Derrick, Joe & Francis.



Galitrao-Derrick, Diogo, Sylvester & David with Abel.



Khudvalles won their second Goan Team Championship beating the Galitrao 3-0 in the finals of the GOA Summer Games Carrom event played at the Madurai Manchurian (Boat House) in Mississauga, Ontario.

Fielding a strong line up Khudvalles victory was assured. Louis Fernandes, Francis D'Costa, Derrick Silveira and Joe Fernandes made up the team. Galitrao - David Gonsalves, Sylvester D'Souza, Derek D'Souza and Diogo Fernandes were the only team who could give the Khudvalles some challenge. Without the services of Fabian Gonsalves, they lost all their 3 matches. In the last championship at Konkani Delite they succeeded in winning a doubles match.

Abel Nunes, event coordinator for GOA (Goan Overseas Association) presented the trophies to winners. GOA also gave FREE T-shirts to the participants, which were sponsored by Edgar DeSouza, D'Souza Financial Group. Joyson D'Souza, Madurai Manchurian was a gracious host to the event.



Semi Final

Khudvalles Beat West End Seniors 3-0

Louis Fernandes Beat Viju DeSouza 25-0,4
Derrick Silveira Beat Leonard Lopes 25-0,3
Francis D'Costa & Joe Fernandes Beat Oscar D'Mello Sr. & Pauly DeSouza 25-0,5

Galitrao beat Tommy Four 3-0

Diogo Fernandes Thomas Lawrence
David Gonsalves Beat Martha Lawrence 25-0,6
Derek D'Souza & Sylvester D'Souza Beat Daniel Coutts & Warren Pinto 25-0,5

Finals

Khudvalles Beat Galitrao 3-0

Louis Fernandes Beat David Gonsalves 25-0,6
Derrick Silveira Beat Diogo Fernandes 25-10,8
Francis D'Costa & Joe Fernandes Beat Derek D'Souza & Sylvester D'Souza 25-14,8



Louis & Francis capture doubles title



Francis, Miss Nunes & Louis.



Derrick, Abel Nunes & Joe.

As expected, favourites Louis Fernandes and Francis D'Costa won the GOA Summer Games Carrom Doubles title with ease. In the finals they defeated Derrick Silveira and Joe Fernandes 25-0. Joe Fernandes was a last minute replacement for Desmond Silveira, who could not make it to the event. Derrick was faced with the enormous task of confronting Canada's top 2 players and played extremely well. The score line does not reflect the fight Joe and Derrick put up against this formidable pair.

In the semis, Derrick and Joe surprising beat a very strong pair in David Gonsalves and Sylvester D'Souza very easily 25-0. Whilst, Francis and Louis dropped their only points in the competition to another capable combination Diogo Fernandes and Derek D'Souza 25-5.

This GOA event featured some very sporting seniors, Leonard Lopes, Fred Noronha, Procopio Fernandes, Hyacinth DeSa and Oscar D'Mello Sr., a strong reminder that participation is more important than winning. Carrom Canada recognizes their involvement and will be conducting senior events in the future.

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
Francis D'Costa & Louis Fernandes	Derek D'Souza & Diogo Fernandes	David Gonsalves & Sylvester D'Souza	Derrick Silveira & Joe Fernandes
Thomas Lawrence & Martha Lawrence	Keith Fernandes & Procopio Fernandes	Carlyle Peters & Kevin Gabriel	Daniel Coutts & Warren Pinto
Oscar D'Mello Sr. & Hyacinth DeSa	Viju DeSouza & Pauly DeSouza		Leonard Lopes & Fred Noronha

Round 1:

Thomas Lawrence & Martha Lawrence Beat Oscar D'Mello Sr. & Hyacinth DeSa 25-0,4
Keith Fernandes & Procopio Fernandes Lost to Derek D'Souza & Diogo Fernandes 0-25,4
David Gonsalves & Sylvester D'Souza Lost to Carlyle Peters & Kevin Gabriel 12-17,6
Daniel Coutts & Warren Pinto Beat Leonard Lopes & Fred Noronha 9-1,3

Round 2:

Francis D'Costa & Louis Fernandes Beat Oscar D'Mello Sr. & Hyacinth DeSa 25-0,3
Derek D'Souza & Diogo Fernandes Beat Viju DeSouza & Pauly DeSouza 25-0,3
Carlyle Peters & Kevin Gabriel Lost to David Gonsalves & Sylvester D'Souza 7-19,8
Derrick Silveira & Joe Fernandes Beat Leonard Lopes & Fred Noronha 25-0,4

Round 3:

Francis D'Costa & Louis Fernandes Beat Thomas Lawrence & Martha Lawrence 25-0,5
Keith Fernandes & Procopio Fernandes Lost to Viju DeSouza & Pauly DeSouza 13-24,8
Derrick Silveira & Joe Fernandes Beat Daniel Coutts & Warren Pinto 25-0,4

Quarter Finals:

Francis D'Costa & Louis Fernandes Beat Viju DeSouza & Pauly DeSouza 25-0,3
Derek D'Souza & Diogo Fernandes Beat Thomas Lawrence & Martha Lawrence 23-5,7
David Gonsalves & Sylvester D'Souza Beat Daniel Coutts & Warren Pinto 22-4,5
Derrick Silveira & Joe Fernandes Beat Carlyle Peters & Kevin Gabriel 25-6,8

Semi-Finals:

Francis D'Costa & Louis Fernandes Beat Derek D'Souza & Diogo Fernandes 25-5,7
David Gonsalves & Sylvester D'Souza Lost to Derrick Silveira & Joe Fernandes 0-25,5

Finals:

Francis D'Costa & Louis Fernandes Beat Derrick Silveira & Joe Fernandes 25-0,4



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Mr. Parm Chahal – General Manager at English Prestige is proud to be the **official sponsor of the Canadian Carrom Team 2013** and hope that this will set a precedent for other organizations in the future to help promote and develop Carrom Canada. "I wish Francis D'Costa and Louis Fernandes Best of Luck".

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Canada's International Performance On High

2012 World Cup, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Amazing performance by Team Canada - Francis D'Costa, Wajahat Mohammed and Manuel Coelho capturing the 4th place.

US Eastern Open, New Jersey 2013 -April

Francis D'Costa- Runner-up,
Wajahat Mohammed - 3rd place and
Balachandran Dandapani - Best new player Singles.
Francis and Moaz Shaikh Winners and
Balachandran and Derrick Silveira 3rd place in doubles.

US Open Cleveland, Ohio 2013 September

Louis Fernandes - Runner-up in the singles
Francis & Louis - Winners Group B Doubles
Louis Fernandes - Best new player Singles
Anurag Chanda - Winner Group C &
Derrick Silveira - Runner-up Group C singles.

US Eastern Open, New Jersey, 2012 April

Francis D'Costa & Wajahat Mohammed - Winners Group B Doubles
Moaz Shaikh - Best New Player Singles



Francis & Louis

To represent Canada For the Champions Trophy



Canada's Top 2 carrom players, Francis D'Costa and Louis Fernandes will be travelling to New Delhi on the 19th of October 2013 to represent Canada in the Champion of Champions Trophy.

International Carrom Federation will be celebrating their Silver Jubilee this year and will conducting for the first time a "Champion of Champions" tournament. This competition is open to the top 2 ranked players in a country. Canada had 3 players available to travel to New Delhi, hence the National Selection Committee, headed by Shad Ahmed had the task to decide the 2 top players to represent Canada.

Veteran Francis was voted by his peers as the leading player a few months ago. With 16 slams, 32 centuries and leading in almost all the statistics, the NSC unanimously selected him as the number one choice. *"We had no problem in deciding the first choice - his stats, his game and his experience is way above the rest."* said Shad, Chairman NSC.

"We agree Louis is an amazing find for Carrom Canada, but due to his limited experience with Carrom Canada, we wanted him to play a play-off with Wajahat Mohammed." He added. The winner of the playoff to join Francis for this prestigious tournament.

To make it fair for both the players the playoff was held on 2 different days and was played on a best of 3 games of 25 points each. The 3rd day was optional. Louis who sportingly accepted the decision, walked over his opponent with such ease that he clearly issued a warning to his other colleagues that a new kid is town and is here to stay! He effortlessly beat the number 6th ranked player Wajahat 25-0 and 25-4 in the 1st match and 25-0 and 25-0 in the 2nd match.

Louis Fernandes has changed his game dramatically since he has joined the Canadian circuit. He takes the game seriously and is a good learner, practicing almost 3 to 4 hours a day. He stands a great chance to bring back laurels to Canada.

"I am glad we have a player of Louis' calibre joining the competitive scene, this will only take the level of play upwards. I am also looking forward to Ishan Mohammed, a 21 year old, who has recently come to Canada. Ishan recently, finished runner-up in the Lucknow State tournament. I have seen him play and he is exciting to watch." said Francis. *"I will be delighted if we could attract a few more players like Louis, Balachandran, Derrick, Ishan, Anurag, Shad, Mohandas Velusamy, as this will relieve me of playing competitively and concentrate more on promoting the sport, which I enjoy most."* added Francis.

"I am looking forward to the Champions Trophy as I am confident that Louis will stamp Canadian presence in the World scene and why not he is getting prepared and working hard towards his successes." Francis added with confidence.

There will be 2 singles tournaments - one will be a league cum knock competition and the other played on a Swiss Round Robin System, which will include women players too.



Best of Luck FRANCIS AND LOUIS - Make Canada proud!!!