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Carrom Canada's Newsletter



Team Canada 4th in the world

Wajahat Mohammed, Manuel Coelho & Francis D'Costa create history



Celebration in Markham



Team Canada

Canada created history by finishing fourth in their maiden world cup behind star-studded India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. In the semi-finals, Canada lost to current world champions Sri Lanka 3-0. **Francis D'Costa** losing to Chamil Cooray 10-25 & 12-25 in a tight match which changed directions after 6 boards. **Manuel Coelho** lost to M. Sherifudeen 3-25 & 0-25. **Wajahat Mohammed** lost to Nishantha Fernando 1-25 & 1-25.

India defeated Bangladesh 3-0 in the other semis.

In the third place match, Canada lost to another strong side Bangladesh 3-0. **Francis D'Costa** losing to Mohammed Ali 20-25 & 8-25. Francis led Ali after 7 boards 20-17 with Ali to strike in the last. In the 2nd game Ali took his game to a new high missing a slam by a coin. **Manuel Coelho** lost to Hemaet Molla 0-25 & 0-25. **Wajahat Mohammed** losing to Hafizur Rahman 7-25 & 0-25. The International Carrom Federation, Indian, Sri Lankan and the Bangladeshi teams congratulated Canadian performance in the tournament.

India defeated Sri Lanka 3-0 to regain the world crown. This is India's 5th world cup title.

"I am delighted with the performances of Manuel and Wajahat who were able to withstand the tremendous pressure on world class level" says an excited Francis after finishing fourth, a finish which will not be easy to replicate.

Canada were grouped with Sri Lanka, Poland and Qatar in the preliminary round. Canada started their quest playing Sri Lanka and as expected losing the match 3-0. The format matched player #1 with opponent's player #1 and so on in a singles match. A match was played on a best of 3 games of 25 points or 8 boards, whichever is first. **Francis** lost to Sri Lankan ace Nishantha Fernando 14-25 & 6-26. **Manuel** lost to Dimal Senaratne 2-25, 2-25. **Wajahat** lost to Chamil Cooray 0-25 & 12-25 giving Chamil a good fight in the second game.

In the second match, Canada came back fighting defeating Poland 3-0. **Francis** beat Jakub 21-18 & 25-0. **Manuel** came from behind to overpower Sylwester 20-21, 17-12 & 25-5. **Wajahat** beat Paulina 25-4 & 25-0.

In the third match, Canada easily overcame Qatar 3-0. **Francis** beat Amila Abrew 25-0 & 25-0. **Manuel** beat Sadath Khan 25-1 & 25-0. **Wajahat** beat Asanka Weerasekara 25-9, 19-20 & 25-18.

In the quarter finals Canada defeated Italy 2-0 to move into the semi-finals in their maiden appearance. **Francis** and Amitha Ubhayatunga 19-25 & 25-11 did not play the third game as Canada had a 2-0 lead. **Manuel** overcame Paolo 22-21 & 25-6 and **Wajahat** beat Elissa 23-15 & 25-8 making the score 2-0 in Canada's favour.

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Manuel, Sinclair, Simon & Francis

India reclaim title

India who lost the last world team championship in France, reclaimed the men's title by easily beating the reigning champions Sri Lanka by 3 matches to nil.

A strong Indian team hardly had to sweat to wrest the title back from Sri Lanka. Except for Chamil Cooray, the rest succumbed to the powerful Indian squad rather meekly.

Group A

Sri Lanka
Canada
Poland
Qatar

Group B

Italy
Germany
Malaysia
Korea

Group C

Bangladesh
Maldives
Pakistan
UK

Group D

India
USA
Japan
Switzerland

Quarter-Finals

Sri Lanka Beat Germany (3-0)

Chamil Cooray beat Thomas Schurei 25/0 & 25/0
Nishantha Fernando bt Tobias Krueger 25/0 & 25/0
M.Sherfdeen beat Wolfgang Peter 25/1 & 25/13

Canada beat Italy (2-0)

Francis D'Costa tied Amittha 25/19, 11/25, 0/0
(3rd game not played as Canada had qualified)
Manuel Coelho beat Paulo Martinelli 22/21 & 25/6
Wajahat Mohammed beat Elisa 21/15 & 25/8

Bangladesh beat USA (2-1)

M. H. Rahman beat Neil Khatu 25/5 & 25/6
Md. Muniruzzaman lost to Sekhar Challa 7/24 & 5/25
Hemaet Molla beat Vishal Karangutkar 25/0 & 25/0

India beat Maldives (3-0)

K. Srinivas bt Shafiq Md 25/11 & 25/2
Yogesh Pardeshi bt Hassan Nazim 25/0 & 25/7
Prakash Gaikwad bt Hussain Ali 25/8 & 20/15

Finals

India beat Sri Lanka (3-0)

Yogesh Pardeshi beat Nishantha Fernando 25/1 & 25/0
K.Srinivas beat Chamil Cooray 25/10 & 25/12
Prakash Gaikwad beat Sherfudeen 25/3 & 25/0

Semi-final

Sri Lanka beat Canada (3-0)

Chamil Cooray beat Francis D'Costa 25/10 & 25/12
Nishantha Fernando beat Wajahat Mohammed 25/1 & 25/0
Sherfudeen beat Manuel Coelho 25/3 & 25/0

India beat Bangladesh (3-0)

Yogesh Pardeshi beat Mohammad Ali 25/0 ; 25/4
K.Srinivas beat M.H.Rahman 25/6 ; 25/24
C.Bharatidasan beat Hamaet Molla 17/23 ; 25/0 ; 25/05

Group C Results

Bangladesh beat UK 3-0
Bangladesh beat Maldives 2-1
Bangladesh beat Pakistan 3-0
Maldives beat Pakistan 3-0
Maldives beat UK 2-1
Pakistan beat UK 2-1

Group B

Italy topped the group, with Germany coming in second, followed by Malaysia and Korea

Group D

India won all their matches and topped the group, followed by USA who won their 2 matches. We are not sure who came in third, Japan or Switzerland.
[We apologize for not having details of the above matches]



India



Sri Lanka

Indian Eves Domi-

A strong Indian women's team swept away the team championship comfortably beating their arch rivals Sri Lanka in the finals. 5 teams took part in this year competition due to a last minute withdrawal from a strong Bangladeshi team.

With all their players making it to the semis in the singles event, there was no doubt about their victory in the team event.

Final Standings

India 4-4-0-8
Sri 4-3-1-6
Maldives 4-2-2-4
Malaysia 4-1-3-2
Japan 4-0-4-0

[Please note that we do not have any more details of the results of the women team event other than the final standings.]



India vs Sri Lanka



Sri Lanka



Maldives



Malaysia



Japan

Fernando Best in the World

World Cup
Special

For the first time in the history of the Carrom World Cup, a champion has emerged outside the Indian subcontinent. Nishantha Fernando the Sri Lankan ace played amazing carrom throughout the tournament to deservingly break the Indian monopoly on the world circuit, winning the world title soundly defeating C. Bharthidasan of India by 2 games to 0.

Overwhelming crowd favorite Fernando won the first game of his world title final against his formidable opponent Bharthidasan 25-4. And, continuing to play an aggressive game he quickly subdued his opponent in the second game 25-10.

An ecstatic crowd of over 600

Sri Lanka spectators who jam-packed the Galadari Hotel were jubilant at having their local lad lifting the world crown. This was somewhat of a consolation to their cricket team's T20 World Cup defeat to West Indies in the final a few weeks ago in Colombo. Yogesh Pardeshi got back some pride claiming the third place beating the youngster from Hyderabad, K. Srinivas 11-25, 25-14 & 25-5.

Fernando was in great form in his semi-final match against 20 year old K.Srinivas of India. In a thrilling match he defeated Srinivas 25-18 & 25-23. In the other semi-final, favorite Yogesh had a rude awakening by his

team mate C.Bharatidasan. In the first game it was see-saw all the way until Bharthidasan piped Yogesh to the finish. He also had a white slam in his upset win over the current world title holder Yogesh 25-24 & 25-4.

Earlier in the semi-finals, Ilavazhaki beat Parimala Devi 25-3 & 25-20, while Rashmi Kumari defeated Kavita Somanchi 25-2 & 25-18.

Challa Excels

Sekhar Challa showed classy play against Srinivas of India in the pre-quarters. Despite losing 0-25 in the first game, Sekhar held his nerves and came back very strongly to beat K.Srinivas 25-0 in the second. In the 3rd Srinivas took all the chances that came his way and beat Sekhar 25-0 in a very interesting encounter.



Jayadeva Suryadevara and Sekhar Challa entered the last 16 easily beating Amila Abrew of Qatar and Toru Matsubara of Japan 2-0 respectively. In the 16, Jayadeva took his formidable opponent Moniruzzaman (Bangladesh) to the distance losing 1-2. Jayadeva's comeback was a bit late as the game was limited to 8 boards.

4 USA and 2 Canadians in last 32

Vishal Karangutkar and Neil Khatu qualified into the knock-out stage from their respective groups. Vishal losing his match to Prakash Gaikwad (India) 2-0 and Neil was beaten by Chamil Cooray (Sri Lanka) 2-0. Francis D'Costa and Manuel Coelho from Canada also qualified into the round of 32 winning 2 of their 3 league matches. The other Canadian Wajahat Mohammed had a tough group and failed to qualify.

Francis was pitted against the World and Indian Champion Yogesh Pardeshi and succumbed to his powerful opponent 2-0. Manuel also had a tall task against Nishantha Fernando of Sri Lanka who was a key figure in Sri Lanka winning the last world cup in France. Manuel as expected lost to Fernando 2-0, but took 7 points in the 1st game. Overall the North American contingent of 7 performed very well, with 6 qualifying from their groups into the last 32.

All 4 players from India, Yogesh, Prakash, K.Srinivas and C.Bharatidasan entered the quarters. The 2 Sri Lankans were Fernando and Cooray, along with the 2 Bangladeshi Hafizur Rahman and Moniruzzaman.

Nishantha Fernando awarded one million rupees

The Sri Lankan Ministry of Sports revealed that it will grant Nishantha Fernando, the Men's Singles winner in the 6th Carrom World Cup which was held in Colombo, a cash reward of **one million** and employment at the Foreign Employment Bureau. Fernando was also met by the Sri Lankan President.



CANADIAN REPORT

Manuel Coelho and Francis D'Costa played excellent carrom winning 2 of their 3 matches and moved into the knock-out stages of the men singles tournament. The third player Wajahat Mohammed failed to qualify losing all his 3 matches.

Francis D'Costa

- beat Amitha Ubhayatunga (Italy) 24-9 & 22-17
- beat Ramzan Ali (Pakistan) 13-16, 23-8 & 25-8
- lost to Hassan Nazim (Maldives) 20-22 & 8-25

Manuel Coelho

- beat Jakub (Poland) 25-11 & 25-5
- beat Frankie (Malaysia) 25-7 & 25-4
- lost to Mohammed Ali (Bangladesh) 11-25 & 4-25

Wajahat Mohammed

- lost to Sherifudeen (Sri Lanka) 2-25 & 9-25
- lost to Hassan (Maldives) 4-25 & 8-25
- conceded a walk over to Hafizur Rahman (Bangladesh)

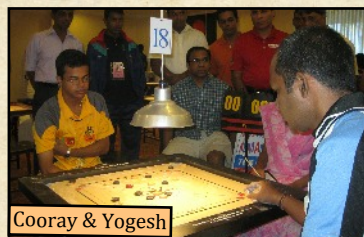
MEN SINGLES

PRE - QUARTER FINALS

Yogesh Pardeshi (Ind) beat Hameat Molla (BD) 23/0-23/7
Chamil Cooray (SL) beat Shaheen Miah (UK) 25/0-22/4
Moniruzzaman (BD) beat Jayadeva (USA) 10/20-24/10-19/14
C.Bharatidasan (Ind) beat Dimal Senaratne (SL) 25/5-25/11
K.Srinivas (Ind) beat Sekhar Challa (USA) 25/0- 0/25-25/0
Hafizur Rahman (BD) beat Sherifudeen (SL) 19/15-25/3
Prakash Gaikwad (Ind) beat Hassan Nazim (MDV) 25/5-25/18
Nishantha Fernando (SL) beat Mohammed Ali (BD) 24/6-24/13

QUARTER FINALS

Yogesh Pardeshi (Ind) beat Chamil Cooray (SL) 25/16-25/22
Bharatidasan (Ind) beat Moniruzzaman (BD) 25/4-25/04
K.Srinivas (Ind) beat Hafizur Rahman (BD) 25/7-25/3
Nishantha Fernando(SL) beat Prakash Gaikwad (Ind) 25/23-25/05



RANKING

1. Nishantha Fernando (Sri Lanka)
2. C.Bharatidasan (India)
3. Yogesh Pardeshi (India)
4. K.Srinivas (India)
5. Prakash Gaikwad (India)
6. Chamil Cooray (Sri Lanka)
7. Hafizur Rahman (Bangladesh)
8. Moniruzzaman (Bangladesh)

Kumari wins Second World Title

In the women's final, an all Indian affair, the former world champion Rashmi Kumari dethroned the current twice world champion I. Ilavazhaki 25-12 & 25-10. Rashmi was in great form and did not allow her renown opponent and colleague Ilavazhaki to get into the game winning both the games easily. In the 3rd place, Kavita Somanchi defeated Parimala Devi 25-12 & 25-23 in an interesting encounter between the two Indians.

With this victory Rashmi completed a grand triple. Earlier she won the doubles event with Ilavazhaki and was part of the victorious Indian Women team which won the team championship for the 6th time.

Earlier in the semi-finals, Ilavazhaki beat Parimala Devi 25-3 & 25-20, while Rashmi Kumari defeated Kavita Somanchi 25-2 & 25-18.

Group A

I. Ilavazhaki-India
Paulina Nowakowska-Poland
Joseph Roshita-Sri Lanka
Aishath Shazna-Maldives
Jamila Ibrahim -Malaysia

Group B

Elisa Zucchiatti- Italy
Aishath Fainaz-Maldives
Tomoko Isome-Japan
Parimala Devi-India
Chalani Lakmali-Sri Lanka
Puspalethumi X.-Malaysia

Group C

Yasika Rahubaddha-Sri Lanka
Kavita Somanchi-India
Aminath Nifasha-Maldives
Asami Shimaguchi-Japan
Suzana Salim-Malaysia

Group D

Rashmi Kumari-India
Aminath Vidhath-Maldives
Tomoko Kono- Japan
Madushika Kanchanamala-Sri Lanka
Zaida Harun-Malaysia

Quarter Finals

Ilavazhaki (IND) beat Chalani Lakmali (SL) 25/12 ; 25/10
Parimala Devi (IND) beat Roshita Joseph (SL) 25/20 ; 25/12
Kavitha Somanchi (IND) beat Madushika K (SL) 25/ 19 ; 25/21
Rashmi Kumari (IND) beat Yashika Rahubaddha (SL) 25/4 ; 25/6

Semi-Finals

Ilavazhaki (IND) beat Parimala Devi (IND) 25/3, 25/20
Rashmi Kumari (IND) beat Kavitha Somanchi (IND) 25/2, 25/18

Finals

Rashmi Kumari (IND) beat Ilavazhaki (IND) 25/12, 25/11

Group A

Ilavazhaki: beat Paulina 25-0, 25-6, beat Roshita 25-8, 11-16, 19-16, beat Aishath 25-5, 25-3, beat Jamila 25-0, 25-1. Paulina lost to Roshita 3-25, 5-25, lost to Aishath 4-25, 11-23, beat Jamila 22-17, 7-20, 22-7

Roshita beat Aishath 25-6, 20-7, beat Jamila 25-0, 25-13

Aishath beat Jamila n/a

Group B, C & D
No results available



In pictures ...



USA



Poland



Referees



Malaysia



Men Finals



Canada



Maldives



Japan



Bangladesh



Pakistan



Francis, Fernando & Suhas



Committee



Maldives Exec

Gaikwad Swiss Champion

World Cup
Special

Prakash Gaikwad the current Asian champion won the Swiss Round Robin League, finishing on top after eight rounds of play. Prakash walked away with title by a whisker. He edged Nishantha Fernando by 4 difference points and deprived Nishantha of a Golden double in the singles.

Yogesh Pardeshi the current world number one had to be content with the third place. Yogesh also finished with 14 points but lost his standings on points difference too. K.Srinivas came in fourth with 12 points. The other Indian C. Bharathidasan who lost the singles finals ended in the 11th place with 8 points.

Prakash was fortunate that his penultimate match loss to Hafizur Rahman (Bangladesh) 5-25 did not hinder his victory.

To top it up Fernando had surprising beaten his compatriot and 7 times Sri Lankan champion Chamil Cooray by a huge margin 25-0.

Fernando's only loss came against Yogesh 17-25 in the 7th round. Whereas Yogesh's loss was against Prakash 25-13 in the 5th round. Prakash had earlier lost 25-17 to Cooray in the 4th round.



Prakash

Top TEN

			<u>Total</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Total</u>
			<u>Points</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
1.	Prakash Gaikwad	India	14	84	111
2.	Nishantha Fernando	Sri Lanka	14	84	107
3.	Yogesh Pardeshi	India	14	78	131
4.	K.Srinivas	India	12	82	67
5.	Chamil Cooray	Sri Lanka	12	78	57
6.	Hafizur Rahaman	Bangladesh	12	76	92
7.	Rashmi Kumari	India	12	76	81
8.	Sherifuddin	Bangladesh	12	76	75
9.	Hassan Ali	Maldives	12	68	70
10.	Chalani Lakmali	Sri Lanka	12	68	63



Fernando



Sekhar & Thomas



Jayadeva & Shafee

USA and Canada fare well in the league

Neil brings back silverware

Neil Khatu won the best losers award for the European and North American region.

Fortunes fluctuated for Francis, he lost to Vishal whom he had beaten in the recent National and won with Neil and Jayadeva to whom he had lost in USA. Manuel confirmed his supremacy over colleague Wajahat by comfortably beating him in the league round.

The New Jerseyians Neil, Vishal and Sekhar had an excellent tournament winning 5 of the 8 matches they played.

Following were the rankings after 8 rounds:
Neil Khatu (20), Vishal Karangutkar (22), Sekhar Challa (23), Francis D'Costa (34) Manuel Coelho (36), Jayadeva Suryadevara (39), Prakash Kangal (41) & Wajahat Mohammed (49).



Francis & Cooray



Francis & Yogesh

CANADA

• **Francis D'Costa** beat Asanka Weerasekara (Qatar) 25-4, beat Jayadeva Suryadevara (USA) 17-15, lost to Kavita Somanchi (India) 11-21, lost to Madushika Kanchanamala (Sri Lanka) 0-25, lost to Nazrul Islam (UK) 1-25, beat NEIL Khatu (USA) 20-10, beat Shafik (Pakistan) 25-9, lost to Vishal Karangutkar (USA) 7-21

• **Manuel Coelho** beat Amila Dileepa Abrew (Qatar) 20-19, lost to Hemet Molla (Bangladesh) 0-25, Walk over to NEIL Khatu (USA) 0-25, lost to Rashmi Kumari 16-25, lost to Sekhar Challa (USA) 11-20, beat Shuab Ahmed (UK) 25-10, beat Thomas Schueri (Germany) 25-1, beat Wajahat Mohammed (Canada) 25-1

• **Wajahat Mohammed** lost to Hussain Farih (Maldives) 19-23, lost to Manuel Coelho (Canada) 1-25, lost to Moniruzzaman (Bangladesh) 14-19, beat Muhammad Baharudin (Malaysia) 25-1, beat Paolo Martinelli (Italy) 25-5, lost to Prakash Gaikwad (India) 0-25, lost to Shaheen Miah (UK) 10-21, beat Toru Matsubara (Japan) 25-10

USA

NEIL Khatu beat Amitha Ubhayathunga (Italy) 25-1, lost to Francis D'Costa (Canada) 10-20, lost to Jayadeva Suryadevara (USA) 6-25, beat Joseph Meyer (Switzerland) 25-0, walk over from Manuel Coelho (Canada) 25-0, beat Nazrul Islam (UK) 25-0, beat Paolo Martinelli (Italy) 25-16, lost to Sekhar Challa (USA) 10-25

Vishal Karangutkar beat Aishath Fainaz (Maldives) 25-13, lost to Dimal Senaratne (Sri Lanka) 18-22, beat Francis D'Costa (Canada) 21-7, lost to Hussain Ali (Maldives) 21-23,

beat Imtiaz Ahmed (Qatar) 25-0, beat Madushika Kanchanamala (Sri Lanka) 25-23, lost to Rashmi Kumari (India) 1-25, beat Wolfgang Peter (Germany) 17-6

Sekhar Challa lost to Aishath Shazna (Maldives) 13-17, lost to Aminath Vidhadh (Maldives) 17-24, lost to Chalani Lakmali (Sri Lanka) 6-25, beat Manuel Coelho (Canada) 20-11, beat Nazrul Islam (UK) 25-11, beat Thomas Schueri (Germany) 25-0, beat Wolfgang Peter (Germany) 25-5, beat Neil Khatu (USA) 25-10

Jayadeva Suryadevara beat Aminath Vidhadh (Maldives) 23-18, lost to Chalani Lakmali (Sri Lanka) 15-19, lost to Dimal Senaratne (Sri Lanka) 15-25, lost to Francis D'Costa (Canada) 15-17, beat Hiro Shibano (Japan) 25-0, lost to Mohammed Ali (Bangladesh) 10-23, beat NEIL Khatu (USA) 25-6, beat Thomas Schueri (Germany) 25-0
Prakash Kagal beat Anders Illi (Switzerland) 22-15, beat Asanka Weerasekara (Qatar) 24-13, lost to Chalani Lakmali (Sri Lanka) 0-25, beat Imtiaz Ahmed (Qatar) 25-0, lost to Ramzan Ali (Pakistan) 4-25, lost to Shaheen Miah (UK) 10-23, beat Steffen Eder (Germany) 25-0, lost to Yogesh Pardesi (India) 0-25.

Yogesh and Prakash Win Doubles

The much fancied Indians dominated the opening day of the 6th World Carrom Championship at the Galadari Hotel in Colombo. India won the men's and women's doubles titles of the championship.

The Indian dominated the men's doubles event with both their pairs entering the finals. Eventually the experience of Yogesh Pardeshi and Prakash Gaikwad prevailed over their younger opponents K.Srinivas and Bharathidasan 25/13 & 25/12, in the finals.

The Sri Lankan top pair Nishantha Fernando and Chamil Cooray who lost to finalists Srinivas and Bharathidasan in the semi-finals, won the third place play-off beating fellow compatriots Mohamed Sherifudeen and Dimal Senaratne in a tight match, 22/25, 25/13 and 25/9.



Illavazhaki and Rashmi Reign Supreme in Doubles

Indian women pair I.Illavazhaki and Rashmi Kumari beat Sri Lankans, Yashika Rahubadda and Madhushika Kanchanamala in straight sets, 25/5 and 25/4 in the women's doubles final.

Roshita and Lakmali went on to win the women's doubles third place beating India's Kavita Somanchi and Parimala Devi in 3 sets 7/25, 25/8 & 25/22.

Earlier, Rashmi Kumari/Illavazhaki (Ind) beat Joseph Roshita/Chalini Lakmali (SL) 25/20 & 25/24 in the semis and Yasika/Madhushika (SL) beat Kavitha Somanchi/Parimala Devi (Ind) 25/24 & 25/20 in the other semi-final.

Canadian pair advance into second round

The Canadian pair of **Wajahat Mohammed** and **Manuel Coelho** played well, they won their first round match with ease beating the German second string Steffen Eder and Thomas Schueri 25-5 & 25/12. In the round of 16 they were beaten by a strong Indian combination K.Srinivas and C.Bharathidasan 25-0 & 25-0. Wajahat played excellent attacking doubles game.



USA duos enter quarters

Our USA counterparts performed extremely well, both the pairs entered the quarter-finals. **Sekhar Challa** and **Vishal Karangutkar** lost the Sri Lanka top pair Chamil Cooray and Nishantha Fernando 25/7 & 25/5. Whilst, **Neil Khatu** and **Jayadeva Surayadevara** had to face the eventual champions Yogesh Pardeshi & Prakash Gaikwad of India and lost 25/2 & 25/2. Unfortunately, we do not have earlier rounds scores and for that we apologize.

Men Doubles - QUARTER FINALS

Chamil Cooray/Nishantha Fernando (SL) beat Sekhar Challa/Vishal Karangutkar (USA) 25/7 & 25/5

K.Srinivas/Bharathidasan (Ind) beat Mohammad Ali/Md.Rahaman (BD) 25/0 & 25/11

Sherifdeen/Damil Senaratna (SL) beat Shuab Mohammad/Anhar Ali (UK) 25/4 & 25/0

Yogesh Pardeshi/Prakash Gaikwad (Ind) beat Neil Khatu/Jayadeva (USA) 25/2 & 25/2

SEMI FINALS

K.Srinivas/Bharathidasan (Ind) beat Chamil Cooray/Nishantha Fernando (SL) 22/25, 25/0 & 25/15

Yogesh Pardeshi/Prakash Gaikwad (Ind) beat Sherifdeen/Dimal Senaratne (SL) 25/0 & 25/3



With Naqvi & Sharma



Team Canada with Suhas Kamblji



Rashmi



Illavazhaki

Women Doubles -QUARTER FINALS

Rashmi Kumari/Illavazhaki (Ind) beat Aminath Nifasha/A.Vidhath (MDV) 25/0 & 25/0

Joseph Roshita/Chalini Lakmali (SL) beat Susana/Pushpalakshmi (MAL) 25/0 & 25/0

Kavitha Somanchi/Parimala Devi (Ind) beat Aishath Fainaz/Aishath Shazna (MDV) 25/13 & 25/5

Yasika/Madhushika (SL) beat ZaidaHarun/Jamila Ibrahim (MAL) 25/2, 25/0

SEMIFINALS

Rashmi Kumari/Illavazhaki (Ind) beat Joseph Roshita/Chalini Lakmali (SL) 25/20 & 25/24

Yasika/Madhushika (SL) beat Kavitha Somanchi/Parimala Devi (Ind) 25/24 & 25/20

Maldives

Hassan Nazim and Aminath Nifasha successfully captured the Men's and Women's National Champion Titles respectively in the 23 rd Maldives National Carrom Tournament held in Male, Maldives in December 2012. For Hassan Nazim this was his 4th title, he won in 2006 and then consecutively for 3 years from 2010 to 2012.

Shafee Mohamed and Ahmed Hamid won the Premier Division Men's Doubles title, Aishath Fainaz and Afeefunisa secured Premier Division women's doubles and the Premier Division Team Event was won by Dhivehi Sifainge Club. Hassan Nazim and Aishath Fainaz won Mixed Doubles.

In the Second Division, Mohamed Mahudhee and Ahmed Tholaal won the Men's Doubles and Ali Rameez secured the Men's Singles Champion Title.

The tournament which was held in Male, from the 5th November 2012 to 1st December 2012 had a total of 198 individual entries, with 15 clubs competing for the team championship. A total number of 11 slams were recorded during the tournament.

Mariyam Nadha Ibrahim and Sadhooh Samiu were awarded the Most Promising Women and Men players respectively. Aishath Fainaz was awarded the Player of the Tournament award. The credit of this successful tournament goes to the hard work of Ahmed Mubeen, President and Mohammed Saeed, Secretary General of the Maldives Carrom Association.



Aminath & Hassan



Germany

REPORT BY: Mr. Arif Naqvi BERLIN:

The 4th Tournament of the Open German Carrom Championship 2012 in Singles ended with a very exiting final game of 11 boards, 25-21. In a bitter neck to neck fight young Tobias of Dortmund over powered the senior and experienced Joerg Johannes of Cologne, who gave a very good fight. The game was so exciting that until the 11th board it was difficult to predict the winner.

The tournament was inaugurated by the Ambassador of Sri Lanka Mr. Sarath Kohangane, who appreciated the progress of Carrom in Germany and offered to help in strengthening the ties between the Carrom teams of Germany and Sri Lanka. Mr. Amitabh Ranjan, Minister in the Indian Embassy in Berlin assured India's support for the game of Carrom in Germany. A vote of thanks was given by Arif Naqvi, President of the International Carrom Federation and President of the Carrom Sports Association of Berlin. President of the German Carrom Federation Joerg Kijanski explained that 4 Open Singles Tournaments and a Doubles Championship were conducted every year in Germany and the interest in Carrom is increasing.



German Finals

Pakistan's Legend Awards

Pakistan Carrom Federation Legend of Carrom awards were presented to four distinguished personalities of the Carrom world by the Chief Guest during the closing ceremony of the championship. These prestigious awards which were presented to the legendary Carrom personalities from different countries were selected by **Pakistan Carrom Federation**.

The first award was presented to **Mrs. Rohini Mathaisz**. She has been 2 times Women's Singles Sri Lankan National Champion, 8 times Women's Singles National Runner-up, 3 times Winner of the Triple Crown in Carrom and 1 time 2nd place in World Carrom Championship. She represented her country at International tournaments. She has the esteem honor of being the only Lady Chief Referee in the International Carrom.

The second award was presented to **Mr. Langlee Mathaisz**, who was Sri Lankan National Champion 7 times, 5 times Men's Singles National Runner-Up, 13 times Men's Doubles National Champions and have won the Triple Crown 8 times. He represented Sri Lanka at International tournaments as a player for 23 years from 1978 – 2001. Presently, he has been managing the Sri Lanka team since 2001. He is also a qualified International Coach.

The third award was presented to the founder president of European Carrom Confederation, President International Carrom Federation and Chairman Media Commission of ICF **Mr. Arif Naqvi**. Naqvi has put in 40 years to the game of carrom. He has the honour of introducing the game of Carrom in Germany during late seventies and forming the Carrom Sports Federation and remained the President of German Carrom Federation for 10 years.

The fourth award, a Doctorate of Carrom degree with the title of Dr. Carrom was awarded to **Dr. Neeraj Sampathy** of India acknowledging his efforts for the promotion of the game. Dr. Sampathy is widely popular in promoting this game via You Tube with his amazing videos. He is presently involved in promoting the basics of the game to new players.



Rohini



Langlee



Dr.Sampathy



Naqvi

Derek & Manuel Claim Cougar Doubles

Derek D'Souza and his formidable partner Manuel Coelho played flawless game throughout the tournament to win the Cougar Carrom Club Doubles title. In the finals, against Manchu Kanaga and Francis D'Costa they led 15-4 at the end of 5 boards, but Manchu/Francis came back fighting to reduce the deficit. At the end of 7 boards the score read 15-14. However, in the last board, Francis gift wrapped the victory to Derek and Manuel by not only missing an excellent 6 coins finish but making a coin difficult for Manchu to finish, and to ice it up messed up a simple last coin which would have wrapped the game. Manuel incidentally won the previous Cougar doubles with Misbah Khan another good player.

In the semis, Derek/Manuel had to fight the way through to the finals with a tactical win over Iqbal Ali and Shad Ahmed 22-15. In the other semi-final, Oscar D'Mello and Moaz Shaikh very riding high with a 18-0 lead over Manchu and Francis. However, Francis completely turned the tables with some exciting finishes in the next 4 boards and Manchu and Francis won the game 25-18 to much of Oscar and Moaz's chagrin.

The tournament was conducted on a 5 rounds league basis, with each game of 25 points or 30 minutes whichever came first. The players were grouped into 2 categories A & B, with the A players pairing with B on a random lot drawn by the computer. The pairs did not change throughout the tournament and Shad Ahmed who designed the program made sure that no repeat matches would occur.

The plus factor was that you were supposed to get used to the partner you were drawn. Overall the players enjoyed the event, which also had delicious Haleem served for dinner, prepared by our very own, the famous Chef de Carrom, Shad Ahmed. For those who missed the serving, all I can say better luck next time to taste this guy's edible creations. Moaz and Nayeem Rahman deserve a huge pat on their backs for conducting this fun session. Carrom Canada is also encouraging other clubs around to arrange such gatherings and Carrom Canada will be supportive in organizing.

The tournament saw a new face, Kamal Dammika from Brampton, who showed excellent skills despite his lack of practice and will be an asset to Carrom Canada. Most improved players in the tournament were Nayeem Rahman and Misbah Khan, both of them have certainly taken their games to the next level. Derrick Silveira and Misbah Khan played extremely well in the first 2 rounds leading the ranking, however, they surprisingly lost all their next 3 games and failed to qualify into the semis.



Manuel, Khader, Nayeem & Derek



Misbah, Qadeer, Manchu, Francis & Khader



Misbah, Oscar, Nahdi, Kafeel & Moaz



Francis & Atul



Persistency pays off for Manchu & Oscar

Manchu Kanaga and Oscar D'Mello finally made it to the finals of the invitation doubles tournament played 2 weeks ago in Markham. Unfortunately they had to clash with a formidable pair in Atul Bhawe (USA) and Francis D'Costa. To make matter worse Francis had a black slam in the very first board which left the contenders no hope for a comeback after 12-0 down right away, in the very first board. The Markham boys lost 0-25 in 4 boards, but certainly took back a lot of experience from the game. Congratulations, Oscar and Manchu for fighting off a stiff competition (Moaz, Wajahat & Shad) and making to the final

Round 1

Moaz Shaikh & Manchu Kanaga beat Wajahat Mohammed & Kanwar Gill 25-0 (5)

Francis D'Costa & Shad Ahmed beat Atul Bhawe & Oscar D'Mello 15-14 (8)

Round 2

Moaz Shaikh & Kanwar Gill lost to Francis D'Costa & Oscar D'Mello 3-25 (7)

Manchu Kanaga & Wajahat Mohammed lost to Shad Ahmed & Atul Bhawe 12-25 (7)

Round 3

Francis D'Costa & Kanwar Gill lost to Oscar D'Mello & Moaz Shaikh 12-14 (8)

Shad Ahmed & Wajahat Mohammed lost to Atul Bhawe & Manchu Kanaga 10-25 (7)

Finals

Atul Bhawe & Francis D'Costa beat Manchu Kanaga & Oscar D'Mello 25-0 (4)

Ranking after 3 Rounds

	Game Points	Score	Score Diff.
Atul Bhawe	6	27	64
Manchu Kanaga	6	27	62
Oscar D'Mello	5	23	53
Francis D'Costa	5	21	52
Moaz Shaikh	5	5	42
Shad Ahmed	5	-1	50
Kanwar Gill	0	-49	15
Wajahat Mohd	0	-53	22

Manchu & Oscar



News from India

MEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

WINNERS:- SOUTH ZONE
RUNNERS UP:- WEST ZONE
3rd PLACE:- INSTITUTION ZONE
4th PLACE:- NORTH EAST ZONE

WOMEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

WINNERS:- INSTITUTION ZONE
RUNNERS UP:- SOUTH ZONE
3rd PLACE:- EAST ZONE
4th PLACE:- WEST ZONE

MEN SINGLES

WINNER : Mohd Ghufan EAST ZONE
RUNNER : Yogesh Pardeshi INSTITUTION ZONE
3rd PLACE : C.Bharathidasan SOUTH ZONE
4th PLACE : K.Ramesh Babu INSTITUTION ZONE
5th PLACE : B.Radhakrishnan SOUTH ZONE
6th PLACE : M.Nataraj INSTITUTION ZONE
7th PLACE : Ajit Das NORTH EAST ZONE
8th PLACE : Prakash Gaikwad INSTITUTION ZONE

WOMEN SINGLES

WINNER : Rashmi Kumari INSTITUTION ZONE
RUNNER : Sangeeta Chandorkar INSTITUTION ZONE
3rd PLACE : S.Ilavazhaki INSTITUTION ZONE
4th PLACE : Kajal Kumari EAST ZONE
5th PLACE : M.Parimala Devi INSTITUTION ZONE
6th PLACE : P.Jayashree SOUTH ZONE
7th PLACE : G.Revathy SOUTH ZONE
8th PLACE : A.Ponnarasi SOUTH ZONE
SLAM SCORED : 8 (7 White & 1 Black)

Amazing Ghufan keeps competition gasping

The 10th Inter-Zonal National Carrom Championship was organised by All India Carrom Federation and hosted by Union Territory Pondicherry Carrom Association from the 30th November to the 2nd December 2012. It was held at St. Xavier Pastoral Centre Puducherry and was a National Ranking Championship having a bearing on the selection of the Indian Team.

In the Men Singles event a young boy from Moradabad, UP, Mohammed Ghufan defeated the current Asian champion, Prakash Gaikwad 25-18, 25-16 in the quarter-final. He then went on to beat the current World Cup runner-up, C. Bharathidasan 25-15, 25-12 in semi-final. And in the final, he scalped the National champion Yogesh Pardeshi 25-11, 25-14. This guy was outstanding and displayed the highest level of skill throughout the tournament, surprising all formidable players with his thrilling and exciting finishes. It's truly an amazing find for India.

The All India Carrom Federation has distributed the entire country in six zones - North, East, West, South, North East and Institution. Institution Zone is not a geographical zone. Since players belonging to State Associations can only participate in five zonal championships, a special zone was created to have the representation from affiliated Institutions. 30 State Associations field their selected teams in their respective zones. Six men and six women players were selected from each zone on the basis of their performance in five zonal championships and one Institution National Championship. Those 12 players from each of the six zones participated in the Inter Zonal National Carrom Championship.

Mr. S. Udaya Kumar was the Organizing Secretary. The hosts provided free boarding, lodging, transport and wonderful trophies to all participants.

The Institution National Carrom Championship along with a carrom tournament for Blind was organized in one of the Shopping Malls in Gurgaon, Delhi.

The All India Carrom Federation is organizing two major events - Sub-Junior National & Inter-State Carrom Championship (for boys and girls under 14 years and 12 years of age) and All India Federation Cup Carrom Tournament (A National Ranking Tournament for senior players) from 5th to 30th December 2012 at Kolkata, West Bengal. Both the events will be played together on 64 boards for six days. The host Carrom Association of Bengal will be providing free hospitality to about 700 participants from 30 State Associations and 17 Institutions.

Excerpts from S.K.Sharma's report.

Canada Carrom Celebrates 4th place

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New Jersey Team To Visit Canada

With the huge response we are receiving for this game , we are contemplating in importing another batch of carrom boards from India. If anyone is interested, please contact us on carromcanada24@gmail.com

Six of the top 10 ranked players in USA will be visiting Markham, Ontario to play a strong Canada Carrom team in the first week of January 2013. Three of their players played in the recently concluded world cup in Sri Lanka. Although, the itinerary has not been finalized, the team is schedule to play on the 5th and 6th of January.

Intention is to have 8 singles matches and 4 doubles matches in the test match between New Jersey and Carrom Canada. We are also looking forward to staging another computerized doubles tournament by mixing both the teams. For more details visit our website www.carromcanada.com. Spectators are always welcome.