

Francis & Moaz US Eastern Champions

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WINNERS: Francis D'Costa & Moaz Shaikh.

Following their astonishing fourth placed finish at the World Cup in Sri Lanka, Carrom Canada continued their amazing run on the International circuit. In the US Eastern Open in New Jersey last weekend, the 9 man team created a stir by claiming the doubles title, singles runner up, doubles 3rd place, singles 3rd place and the best new player award. That's an amazing feat for an organization that set foot in the international arena only a year ago. This achievement is like swimming successfully with the sharks.

Carrom Canada players who practice 95% of their games by playing doubles proved that they are a powerhouse in that competition. Their number one pair of Francis D'Costa and Moaz Shaikh played champagne Carrom overwhelming their opponents, a formidable US pair Sekhar Challa and Madhu Rao in the finals 17-12, 24-19. The former US champions could not contain the Canadians, who strolled to their first ever major title in the US. The second pair, Balachandran Dandapani and Derrick Silveira also had a very successful tournament and won the third place defeating Atul Bhawe and Parag Pandit in a close 3 set match, 25-12, 11-20, 25-0.

The tournaments were conducted on a Swiss Round Robin System, a rather unique system which matches players of similar points strength. For example, after a round, each victory gives the player 2 points. If the points are equal then the game scores are used to determine the ranking of players after that round. The computer then matches player ranked 1 to play with player ranked 2, and so on. The program also avoids repeat clashes, hence there is no chance of playing the same player again in the league. This method always keeps the winning

players playing stiffer competition and the players with lower points playing players within their points range. In the doubles event there were 5 rounds and in the singles competition there were 7 rounds. 8 pairs qualified for the knockout phase for doubles, whilst 16 moved into the knockout competition in the singles event.

In the doubles, Francis and Moaz won 4 of their 5 matches, the only loss was to Sekhar and Madhu. Balachandran and Derrick won 3 of their 5, losing out to Sekhar and Madhu and Francis and Moaz. In the semis, Francis and Moaz beat Balachandran and Derrick 25-1, 25-8, whilst Sekhar and Madhu defeated their US pair Atul and Parag 25-5, 25-3.

The finals were very well contested with the Canadians complimenting each other by playing both defensive and offensive. In the 8th and last board of the second game, it appeared that Canada were well placed to win when Francis set up Moaz for an easy home shot finish with 6 of the opponent's coins on board. However, Madhu despite under pressure, played coolly and pocketed 4 of the 6 coins and defended the last coin for Moaz. With the match on the line, Moaz took the rebound with great precision and pocketed the last black coin and thus secured a maiden victory for Team Canada.

For the 3rd place, Balachandran and Derrick played Atul and Parag. The match was tied at a game apiece, with a good comeback by Atul and Parag to level the match in the 2nd game. The 3rd game was completely different with the Canadians stepping up to the plate with a different aggressive attitude. In the 3rd board Derrick had a fantastic finish of 5 coins which totally changed the outcome of the match. The third place finish is also the first by Team Canada in a doubles event.



WINNERS: Moaz & Francis with Hasmukh



Team Canada: Abdul Khader, Moaz Shaikh, Mohammed Nayeem, Wajahat Mohammed, Francis D'Costa, Darryl Silveira, Balachandran Dandapani, Missing Shad Ahmed & Mahmood Muzammil.



Third Place Winners: Balachandran & Derrick Silveira with Hasmukh Patel, President, and Atul Bhawe Secretary

Detailed Results on pages 6 & 7

Francis misses out on a Golden Double

Sridhar's maiden triumph Wajahat finishes third



Singles Runner Up: Francis D'Costa

The singles competition was a different ball game, different tactics, nerve racking and you are on your own with no partner to support you.

With frequent changes to the ranking in the first three rounds, the top order started to stabilize in the later rounds. 36 year old Sridhar Gallipeli, the find of the tournament, played an excellent and cautious game throughout the tournament, Canadian Wajahat Mohammed, played his best tournament and showed glimpses of excellence, Sekhar who has won this event many times, was also a strong contender with his excellent play and Francis D'Costa who despite playing much below par, were the players in contention. Francis led the standings until round

6 winning all his 6 matches, but in the 7th round he lost to Wajahat in a keen contest. Sridhar, Francis and Wajahat all finished with 6 wins and 1 loss, but Sridhar finished on top, Francis second and Wajahat third on score difference. Sridhar's only loss came against Francis, whilst Wajahat was beaten by Atul Kharecha.

Moaz Shaikh (6th) and Balachandran Dandapani (12th) both qualified for the pre-quarterfinals. Abdul Khader (18th) won 4 of his 7 games, an impressive performance. This was Khader's second tournament, he also played last year's US Eastern too. First timer, Shad Ahmed (22nd) played very well and won 3 of his 7 matches and Mohammed Nayeem (26th) had a good outing too, winning 3 of his 7 matches. Derrick Silveira (27th) was coasting along well initially, lost 2 matches which changed the tide for him and he did not qualify, he ended with 3 wins against 4 losses. Darryl Silveira despite not playing for quite some time played well and won 2 of his 7 matches. Although, Khader, Shad, Nayeem, Derrick and Darryl did not make it to the last 16, their performance was commendable.

In the knockout completion the matches were played on a best of 3 games of a maximum of 8 boards per game. And, as usual the matches were not going to be easy, as the competition is completely different from the league.

In the pre-quarters, Francis beat Murali (Tennessee) 20-15, 25-3, Wajahat brushed past Parag Pandit, 21-12, 23-17, Moaz easily put aside Sidarth Baddam, 25-4, 25-3 and Balachandran lost to the formidable Sekhar 25-4, 25-2. Sridhar beat L.Subbu, 25-0, 21-13, Atul Kharecha defeated Avinash Despande, 25-8,

25-0, Madhu Rao lost to Shashank, 25-8, 23-13 and Ravi Shankar defeated Dr.Shivaram Gowdagere 25-13, 9-25, 25-0 in a tough encounter.

In the quarters, Francis demolished one of US top 10, an excellent player Ravi Shankar 25-0, 25-0, Sridhar beat Shashank, 25-4, 25-6, Wajahat made light work of Moaz 24-7, 24-12 in a Canadian clash and Sekhar defeated Atul Kharecha, 25-14, 25-14.

The semifinals were set up just like the doubles competition, The US pairs playing one semi whilst the other semi finals were played by the Canadians. Sridhar won his match 25-8, 18-9. Francis was given a run for his money by Wajahat, losing the first game which was as good as won, but he came back in his usual manner in the next 2 games and won the match in a thrilling encounter, 17-20, 22-10, 15-9.

The finals did not show any spark in the first game, but the second proved to be very absorbing. If only Francis could play singles the way he plays his doubles matches the outcome of his matches would be completely different. His more relaxed attitude let Sridhar off the hook, after being in control of the second game. Francis was leading Sridhar

15-11 after 6 boards. The score at the end was 25-5, 24-15 in Sridhar's favour. Sridhar was definitely the most deserving player to win the tournament. His concentration and approach to the game was absolutely amazing and he will be the player to watch in future competitions. More tournaments under supervised refereeing will mold him into a better competitive player, similar to the likes of Babu, Neil, Vishal, Jayadev and Vishal.

Balachandran's 12th finish in the league assured him of the new best player trophy. A haul of 7 trophies and with a higher standing, has certainly set up a new benchmark for Team Canada. The previous best was 3 awards.



Deserving WINNER: Sridhar Galipelli



3rd Place Winner: Wajahat Mohammed with Hasmukh & Atul



Best New Player Award to Balachandran Dandapani



Singles Quarter Finalist: Moaz Shaikh

Detailed Results on pages 6 & 7

Manuel & Neil in a big win

Manuel Coelho and Neil Sequeira won the Mississauga open random doubles tournament held on the 23rd of March at the Konkani Delite Restaurant, defeating Shad Ahmed and Derek D'Souza in the finals.

The event organized by Carrom Canada with Carlyle Peters' initiation attracted 36 entries. The tournament was held in honour of Fazal Arsiwala a carrom enthusiast, who unfortunately passed away a month ago.

The competition was played over 5 rounds. A specially designed program generated the pairings for each round. After 5 rounds of play, Derrick Silveira (14pts) topped the standing winning all his matches, followed by Atul Kharecha (12) and Manuel Coelho (11) and David Gonsalves (11). 16 players qualified into the next round.

The leader of the pack Derrick was paired with the 16th player Nahdi Hussain, but with Nahdi leaving early due to personal reasons, Derrick had to pair with Mario D'Cruz. Manuel was fortunate to get a very steady player Neil, whilst Shad also had a strong partner Derek D'Souza. Atul, who came all the way from Pennsylvania was paired with Carlyle, the tournament initiator and Balachandran Dandapani another strong contender paired with Romeo Remedios, a knowledgeable player. David Gonsalves had an experienced Kevin Gabriel to pair with him. Sandra D'Souza the only female participant, also qualified and partnered with Ted Myall (as Kenny Virkar had to leave) and the final pairing was between Michael Lopes and Greg D'Souza.

In the quarters, Manuel & Neil beat a strong pair Balachandran & Romeo 25-14, David & Kevin beat Sandra & Ted 25-0, Shad & Derek brushed past Derrick & Mario 17-15 in a close match and Atul & Carlyle just made it into the next round beating Michael & Greg 16-14.

In the semis, Manuel & Neil narrowly defeated David & Kevin 15-17, while Shad & Derek played a good game to dispose of strong competition in Atul & Carlyle 25-13.

In the finals, Manuel and Neil suppressed their opponents Shad and Derek to an easy 25-7 in 6 boards.

For the third place, Atul playing with a different strategy completely demolished their opponents David and Kevin 25-0 in 4 boards. In the quarters, David and Kevin scored a century with David pocketing 7 whites and a queen and Kevin finishing with 2 whites.

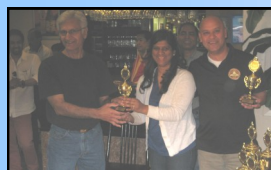
The spokespersons for the Sombrero Soccer Club, Trevor Menezes and Jestin Nazren, who were present at the tournament sponsored \$100 in cash, which was awarded to the top four winning pairs.



Derek, Carlyle, Neil, Manuel & Derrick

Standings after 5 Rounds

	Game Points	Score Diff.	Score
Derrick Silveira	14	82	123
Atul Kharecha	12	100	116
Manuel Coelho	11	78	105
David Gonsalves	11	53	98
Shad Ahmed	9	38	89
Michael Lopes	9	38	77
Balachandran Dandapani	8	53	87
Sandra D'Souza	8	35	76
Kenny Virkar	8	26	73
Romeo Remedios	6	27	80
Greg D'Souza	6	-14	49
Derek D'Souza	6	-18	41
Kevin Gabriel	6	-24	55
Neil Sequeira	5	-11	68
Carlyle Peters	5	-20	69
Nahdi Hussain	5	-20	52
Ted Myall	5	-33	49
Mario D'Cruz	5	-34	56
Lemington Almeida	4	0	62
Anurag Chanda	4	-1	60
Moaz Shaikh	4	-3	83
Francis Fernandes	4	-7	59
Melville Maciel	4	-10	47
Lakdas Liyanage	4	-13	57
Desmond Silveira	4	-17	62
Menino Cardoso	4	-25	55
Leslie D'Souza	4	-26	38
John DeSouza	4	-27	43
John Dharmai	4	-27	35
Dakshan Liyanage	4	-32	48
Brian Pinto	3	-10	47
Sean Spriggs	3	-15	58
Daryl Silveira	3	-32	52
Sylvester D'Souza	3	-41	55
Diogo Fernandes	3	-47	43
Malcolm Noronha	2	-23	53



Judy with Atul (US) and Carlyle



Judy Peters with Kevin and David



Manuel converts manual into automatic

The best way to keep your confidence level up is to practice and playing carrom on your own is a good idea. However, there is one problem! As you are playing alone, you have to change your seat every time after pocketing all the coins. And, when you are a player of Manuel's calibre, this can become cumbersome.

Manuel who represented Canada in the recent World Cup where Canada finished fourth decided on solving this problem. As the good old adage goes, necessity is the mother of invention. Manuel used his handyman's instincts to create a device that saved him the bother of moving seats. A visit to Home Depot, the purchase of a few pipes and contraptions; and Manuel changed the manual operation into automatic. This concept is a feature in most of the pool tables in pubs.

More pictures and video will be published in the next issue.

Regular Tournaments at a glance

Derrick & Francis win easily

18 Feb 2013

Francis D'Costa and Derrick Silveira beats Balachandran Dandapani & Oscar D'Mello in the final 25-0 in 6 boards.

Results:

Round 1: Francis D'Costa & Oscar D'Mello Beat Balachandran Dandapani & Menino Cardoso 25-0, 8
Shad Ahmed & Derek D'Souza Lost to Derrick Silveira & Johnson Dharmai 14-19, 8

Round 2: Francis D'Costa & Menino Cardoso Beat Derrick Silveira & Derek D'Souza 24-3, 8
Oscar D'Mello & Balachandran Dandapani Beat Johnson Dharmai & Shad Ahmed 25-11, 6

Round 3: Francis D'Costa & Shad Ahmed Beat Menino Cardoso & Johnson Dharmai 25-4, 4
Oscar D'Mello & Derek D'Souza Lost to Balachandran Dandapani & Derrick Silveira 0-25, 5

After Round 3

	Pts	Game Score	Score Diff
Francis D'Costa	9	67	74
Bala Dandapani	6	14	50
Oscar D'Mello	6	14	50
Derrick Silveira	5	9	47
Shad Ahmed	4	2	50
Menino Cardoso	2	-25	28
John Dharmai	2	-30	34
Derek D'Souza	0	-51	17

Balachandran & Francis Score

20 Feb 2013

Round 1:

Moaz Shaikh & Atul Bhavne Lost to Manuel Coelho & Derrick Silveira 23-25, 8

Balachandran Dandapani & Francis D'Costa Beat Shad Ahmed & Wajahat Mohammed 23-15, 8

Round 2:

Manuel Coelho & Shad Ahmed Lost to Francis D'Costa & Atul Bhavne 9-25, 8

Derrick Silveira & Wajahat Mohammed Lost to Balachandran Dandapani & Moaz Shaikh 2-25, 8

Round 3:

Balachandran Dandapani & Wajahat Mohammed Lost to Moaz Shaikh & Derrick Silveira 0-25, 8

Francis D'Costa & Shad Ahmed Beat Atul Bhavne & Manuel Coelho 19-13, 8

Finals:

Francis D'Costa & Balachandran Dandapani Beat Moaz Shaikh & Derrick Silveira 18-11, 8

After Round 3

	Pts	Game Score	Score Diff
Francis D'Costa	7	30	67
Moaz Shaikh	6	46	73
Derrick Silveira	6	4	52
Bala Dandapani	5	6	48
Atul Bhavne	3	8	61
Manuel Coelho	3	-20	47
Shad Ahmed	2	-18	43
Wajahat Mohd	0	-56	17

Bhave & Moaz Win

27 Feb 2013

Highlights Moaz Shaikh had a very difficult black slam in the finals.

Round 1:

Balachandran Dandapani & Manuel Coelho Lost to Atul Bhave & Francis D'Costa 22-24, 8

Anurag Chanda & Shad Ahmed Lost to Abdul Khader & Moaz Shaikh 13-16, 8

Round 2:

Abdul Khader & Shad Ahmed Lost to Atul Bhave & Balachandran Dandapani 7-12, 8

Moaz Shaikh & Anurag Chanda Lost to Francis D'Costa & Manuel Coelho 9-19, 8

Round 3:

Francis D'Costa & Anurag Chanda Lost to Manuel Coelho & Moaz Shaikh 15-23, 8

Atul Bhave & Shad Ahmed Beat Balachandran Dandapani & Abdul Khader 22-21, 8

Finals:

Atul Bhave & Moaz Shaikh Beat Manuel Coelho & Francis D'Costa 19-15, 8

After Round 3

	Pts	Game Score	Score Diff
Atul Bhave	6	8	58
Manuel Coelho	4	16	64
Francis D'Costa	4	4	58
Moaz Shaikh	4	1	48
Bala Dandapani	2	2	55
Abdul Khader	2	-3	44
Shad Ahmed	2	-7	42
Anurag Chanda	0	-21	37

Shad & Balachandran Comfortable Winners

15 Mar 2013

Abdul Qadeer & Manuel Coelho Lost to Atul Bhave & Derrick Silveira 12-16, 8

Shad Ahmed & Balachandran Dandapani Beat Francis D'Costa & Mohammed Nayeem 25-0, 6

Francis D'Costa & Mohammed Nayeem Lost to Atul Bhave & Derrick Silveira 17-23, 8

Shad Ahmed & Balachandran Dandapani Beat Abdul Qadeer & Manuel Coelho 25-17, 8

Atul Bhave & Derrick Silveira Tied with Shad Ahmed & Balachandran Dandapani 19-19, 8

Francis D'Costa & Mohammed Nayeem Beat Abdul Qadeer & Manuel Coelho 24-9, 8

After Round 3

	Pts	Game Score	Score Diff
Shad Ahmed & Bala Dandapani	7	69	33
Atul Bhave & Derrick Silveira	5	58	10
Francis D'Costa & Mohd. Nayeem	2	41	16
Abdul Qadeer & Manuel Coelho	0	38	27

Balachandran & Derrick Secure Victory

20 Mar 2013

Balachandran Dandapani and Derrick Silveira won after 3 rounds of play. No finals were played.

Round 1:

Balachandran Dandapani and Derrick Silveira beat Francis D'Costa and Wajahat Mohammed 25-5, 8

Moaz Shaikh and Atul Kharecha beat Manuel Coelho and Shad Ahmed 25-12, 8

Round 2:

Moaz Shaikh and Atul Kharecha beat Francis D'Costa and Wajahat Mohammed 25-11, 8

Balachandran Dandapani and Derrick Silveira beat Manuel Coelho and Shad Ahmed 20-5, 8

Round 3:

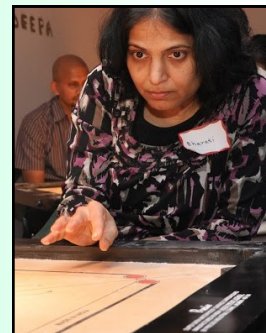
Francis D'Costa and Wajahat Mohammed beat Manuel Coelho and Shad Ahmed 25-4, 8

Balachandran Dandapani and Derrick Silveira beat Moaz Shaikh and Atul Kharecha 25-5, 8

After Round 3

	Pts	Game Score	Score Diff
Bala Dandapani & Derrick Silveira	8	70	55
Atul Kharecha & Moaz Shaikh	6	55	7
Francis D'Costa & Wajahat Mohd.	3	41	-13
Abdul Qadeer & Manuel Coelho	0	21	-49

Shashi Deshpande the NEW CHAMPION



The Maharashtra Mandal Detroit conducted a very successful tournament that included 47 participants, who contended for 3 championships. With over 64 matches played, a lot of them were very close and exciting. The Men's singles finals went down to the wire with 2 exciting players contesting for the singles crown. Eventually, Shashi Deshpande prevailed over veteran Atul Kharecha.

The tournament would not have possible without the support and coordination of the following members:

Event coordinators: Tushar Samant, Dhananjay Deshmukh and Sachin Bidkar

Venue and hospitality: Kiran and Deepa Ingle

Setup: Tushar Samant, Atul Kharecha and Kiran Ingle

Food and beverages: Dhananjay Deshmukh, Sachin Bidkar, Deepa Ingle.

Winners Circle

Men's Singles:

Champion—SHASHI DESHPANDE

Runner-up—ATUL KHARECHA

Women's Singles:

Champion—RAJESHWARI BHAGWAT

Runner-up—ANJALI KULKARNI

Doubles Event:

Champions—RAHUL PATIL & ATUL KHARECHA

Runners-up—KIRAN INGLE & SHASHI DESHPANDE



Dallas Versus Houston ...It's a TIE

The final result was a TIE between Dallas and Houston! After playing 9 Singles and 1 Doubles matches each team earned 10 Points!

DALLAS versus HOUSTON

Hemant Khetade beat Aditya Chavali 2-0

Hemant Khetade beat Ravi Wagle 2-0

Hemant Khetade lost to Jay Suryadevara 0-2

Shivaram Gowdagere lost to Jay Suryadevara 0-2

Shivaram Gowdagere beat Ravi Wagle 2-0

Shivaram Gowdagere beat Aditya Chavali 2-0

Pramod Shah lost to Aditya Chavali 0-2

Pramod Shah lost to Jay Suryadevara 0-2

Pramod Shah lost to Ravi Wagle 1-2

Renuka & Shreenivas beat Rajesh & Ravi 1-0

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Detailed results

Doubles Standing after 5 rounds

RANK	TEAM NAME	TOTAL RND	TOTAL PTS	OPP. PTS	TOTAL NET DIFF.
1	Sekhar - Madhu	5	10	26	95
2	Francis - Moaz	5	8	34	37
3	Balachandran - Derrick	5	6	34	6
4	Atul - Parag	5	6	32	13
5	Subbu - Shivram	5	6	26	38
6	Palani - Murli	5	6	22	24
7	Atul - Sridhar	5	6	22	23
8	Seetaram - Ravi T	5	6	14	9
9	Wajahat - Khader	5	4	26	-27
10	Neeraj - Avneesh	5	4	22	-10
11	Nayeem - Shad	5	2	28	-32
12	Rajesh - Darryl	5	2	24	-69
13	Ravi - Mohan	5	2	20	-52
14	Neeraj S - Saroj	5	2	20	-55

Singles Standing after 7 rounds

RANK	TEAM NAME	TOTAL RND	TOTAL PTS	OPP. PTS	TOTAL NET DIFF.
1	Sridhar	7	12	64	115
2	Francis	7	12	62	76
3	Wajahat	7	12	56	71
4	Atul K	7	10	66	48
5	Sekhar	7	10	56	86
6	Moaz	7	10	52	76
7	Ravi Shankar	7	10	52	43
8	Shashank	7	10	44	30
9	Madhu	7	8	62	-7
10	Shivram G	7	8	60	1
11	Baddam	7	8	60	-9
12	Balachandran	7	8	58	34
13	Avinash	7	8	54	14
14	Parag	7	8	50	58
15	Murli B	7	8	48	1
16	Subbu	7	8	46	39
17	Kamal D	7	8	44	24
18	Abdul Khader	7	8	42	-8
19	Seetaram	7	8	40	46
20	Atul B	7	6	60	12
21	Palani	7	6	58	-26
22	Shad	7	6	52	19
23	Shams	7	6	52	-31
24	Hasmukh	7	6	52	-37
25	Ashwin Shah	7	6	50	-25
26	Nayeem	7	6	48	-6
27	Derrick	7	6	46	20
28	Saroj	7	6	44	-16
29	Mahmood Babar	7	6	38	5
30	Ravi T	7	6	36	-51
31	Kartik	7	6	34	-1
32	Neeraj N	7	4	50	-64
33	Darryl	7	4	42	-72
34	Rajesh N	7	4	36	-16
35	Neeraj S	7	4	32	-53
36	Dinesh P	7	2	40	-96
37	Trideep	7	2	40	-125
38	Dummy	7	0	36	-175

Doubles League Match Results

Round 1:

Seetaram & Ravi T lost to Neeraj S & Saroj 13-16, A.Bhave & Parag beat Rajesh & Darryl 21-8, Balachandran & Derrick beat Subbu & Shivram 25-13, Francis & Moaz beat Palani & Murli 22-9, Sekhar & Madhu beat Wajahat & Khader 25-9, A.Kharecha & Sridhar beat Neeraj & Avneesh 25-13, Nayeem & Shad beat Ravi & Mohan 25-4

Round 2:

Nayeem & Shad lost to Sekhar & Madhu 0-25, A.Kharecha & Sridhar lost to Balachandran & Derrick 9-25, A.Bhave & Parag lost to Francis & Moaz 14-24, Neeraj S & Saroj lost to Neeraj & Avneesh 0-25, Seetaram & Ravi T lost to Subbu & Shivram 1-25, Rajesh & Darryl lost to Palani & Murli 0-25, Wajahat & Khader beat Ravi & Mohan 25-12

Round 3:

Francis & Moaz beat A.Kharecha & Sridhar 25-15, Neeraj & Avneesh lost to Palani & Murli 14-25, Wajahat & Khader beat Nayeem & Shad 24-12, Sekhar & Madhu beat Balachandran & Derrick 25-7, Neeraj S & Saroj lost to Ravi & Mohan 14-19, Subbu & Shivram lost to A.Bhave & Parag 14-25, Seetaram & Ravi T beat Rajesh & Darryl 25-0

Round 4:

Balachandran & Derrick beat Wajahat & Khader 25-5, Sekhar & Madhu beat Francis & Moaz 25-5, Ravi & Mohan lost to Seetaram & Ravi T 11-18, A.Kharecha & Sridhar beat Nayeem & Shad 23-11

Palani & Murli lost to A.Bhave & Parag 10-25, Neeraj S & Saroj lost to Rajesh & Darryl 10-13, Subbu & Shivram beat Neeraj & Avneesh 25-4,

Round 5:

Rajesh & Darryl lost to Neeraj & Avneesh 14-23, Subbu & Shivram beat Wajahat & Khader 25-9, Ravi & Mohan lost to Palani & Murli 9-25, Neeraj S & Saroj lost to A.Kharecha & Sridhar 0-25, Francis & Moaz beat Balachandran & Derrick 25-1, Seetaram & Ravi T beat Nayeem & Shad 14-10, Sekhar & Madhu beat A.Bhave & Parag 25-9

Doubles Match Results - Knock Out Rounds

Quarters:	Francis & Moaz beat A.Kharecha & Sridhar 10-25, 23-10, 23-11 Sekhar & Madhu beat Seetaram & Ravi T 25-0, 25-0 Balachandran & Derrick beat Palani & Murli 25-7, 25-6 A.Bhave & Parag beat Subbu & Shivram 9-23, 25-19, 16-15
Semi Finals:	Francis & Moaz beat Balachandran & Derrick 25-1, 25-8 Sekhar & Madhu beat A.Bhave & Parag 25-5, 25-3
Third Place:	Balachandran & Derrick beat A.Bhave & Parag 25-12, 11-20, 25-0
Finals:	Francis & Moaz beat Sekhar & Madhu 17-12, 24-19

Group B-Singles

Quarter-Finals: Madhu bt Subbu 25-11, 12-11 - Shivram bt Murli 23-18, 25-3 - Baddam lost to Parag 13-18, 9-23 - Balachandran bt Avinash 24-15, 20-14

Semi Finals: Madhu bt Balachandran 14-25, 14-9, 17-9 - Shivram beat Parag 20-1-, 25-18

Finals: Shivram beat Madhu 21-22, 15-13, 25-0

Group B-Doubles

Semi Finals: A.Kharecha & Sridhar beat Palani & Murli 25-12, 23-4
Subbu & Shivram beat Seetaram & Ravi T 25-3, 25-0

Finals:
A.Kharecha & Sridhar beat Subbu & Shivram 11-16, 19-9, 21-15

Shad always looking for improvement

Carrom Canada has been rapidly growing in size, quality of players and bringing forth innovative ideas to improve the popularity of the game. Currently, we have software programs which can assist in coordinating tournaments, computing pairs for the next round and pitting them against opponents based on their previous rounds. This program which was started on Excel by Francis D'Costa has been moved into high gear by Shad Ahmed. Shad has taken the basic Excel system on an online database application. This version, which is still in a pilot mode sends all match results instantly via emails. In fact, if you are anywhere in the world, you can follow the results live using tournament links. No need to wait for the organizers to send you an email. The plan is to allow Carrom organizations to upload their members and coordinate tournaments, store tournament results which can be accessed by players, organizers and followers.

Shad has also designed a phone app which can pair up players randomly. Currently, Francis and Shad are working on a web database to allow the general public to follow players stats.

Another concept which Shad is working on is the timer. This device, which can be used conveniently by all players, will buzz when time runs out - no more passing dirty looks at the referee. Carrom Canada would have a hard time seeking talent as one would in countries like India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, but will certainly be a strong force in the management and promotion of the game globally. Currently the website stands out tall, updated regularly and the eNewsletters are very creative and informative.

Singles results - league rounds

Round 1:

Shad beat Kartik 25-0, Francis beat Has Mukh 25-0, Atul K beat Dinesh P 25-0, Shashank lost to Palani 0-25, Neeraj N beat Nayeem 25-0, Atul B beat Murli B 25-13, Madhu beat Shams 25-5, Wajahat beat Dummy 25-0, Ravi Shankar beat Mahmood Babar 25-5, Avinash beat Saroj 25-5, Moaz beat Abdul Khader 25-4, Kamal D lost to Baddam 17-24, Sridhar beat Ashwin Shah 25-4, Subbu beat Rajesh N 25-0, Balachandran beat Darryl 25-0, Sekhar beat Ravi T 25-0, Shivram G beat Seetaram 25-0, Parag beat Trideep 25-0, Derrick beat Neeraj S 25-0

Round 2:

Derrick lost to Sekhar 1-25, Shad lost to Subbu 12-25, Neeraj N lost to Balachandran 11-25, Atul K beat Wajahat 25-12, Palani lost to Francis 11-25, Parag lost to Shivram G 9-19, Sridhar beat Moaz 25-0, Madhu beat Avinash 25-0, Baddam beat Murli B 25-0, Ravi Shankar beat Atul B 25-20, Kamal D beat Saroj 25-0, Shams beat Mahmood Babar 14-13, Seetaram lost to Nayeem 8-9, Abdul Khader lost to Ashwin Shah 8-16, Rajesh N lost to Has Mukh 15-16, Dummy lost to Darryl 0-25, Shashank beat Trideep 25-0, Kartik beat Neeraj S 25-4, Dinesh P lost to Ravi T 7-14

Round 3:

Madhu lost to Balachandran 5-25, Sekhar lost to Sridhar 10-20, Subbu lost to Shivram G 8-16, Baddam beat Ravi Shankar 23-18, Parag lost to Wajahat 14-15, Francis beat Atul K 21-14, Shad beat Palani 25-1, Neeraj N beat Kamal D 25-7, Atul B beat Derrick 22-14, Darryl lost to Moaz 0-25, Avinash beat Ashwin Shah 20-2, Has Mukh lost to Shashank 0-24, Ravi T lost to Shams 5-25, Kartik lost to Nayeem 5-25, Mahmood Babar lost to Seetaram 9-24, Rajesh N beat Dinesh P 25-0, Murli B beat Abdul Khader 25-5, Saroj beat Neeraj S 25-0, Dummy lost to Trideep 0-25

Round 4:

Francis beat Shivram G 25-5, Baddam lost to Madhu 15-17, Ravi Shankar beat Shad 17-9, Balachandran lost to Sridhar 8-25, Sekhar lost to Atul K 19-21, Subbu beat Neeraj N 25-4, Avinash beat Nayeem 19-17, Moaz lost to Atul B 13-25, Shashank lost to Wajahat 3-25, Shams lost to Palani 11-25, Has Mukh lost to Seetaram 0-23, Murli B beat Darryl 25-0, Parag beat Kamal D

25-4, Trideep lost to Mahmood Babar 0-25, Ashwin Shah lost to Derrick 7-25, Dummy lost to Neeraj S 0-25, Kartik lost to Ravi T 10-18, Abdul Khader beat Dinesh P 25-0, Rajesh N lost to Saroj 6-25

Round 5:

Atul K beat Ravi Shankar 23-4, Avinash lost to Wajahat 7-25, Francis beat Sridhar 18-11, Madhu beat Shivram G 25-21, Balachandran beat Baddam 23-2, Sekhar beat Palani 25-0, Atul B lost to Subbu 14-24, Murli B beat Nayeem 16-12, Shad lost to Moaz 6-25, Neeraj N lost to Parag 3-25, Derrick lost to Shashank 11-21, Saroj beat Ravi T 25-4, Has Mukh beat Mahmood Babar 15-5, Shams beat Seetaram 20-10, Rajesh N lost to Abdul Khader 5-12, Ashwin Shah lost to Kamal D 7-25, Neeraj S beat Trideep 25-0, Dinesh P beat Dummy 25-0, Kartik beat Darryl 18-4

Round 6:

Subbu lost to Baddam 17-19, Shivram G beat Atul B 24-21, Sekhar beat Avinash 9-7, Moaz beat Murli B 25-2, Shashank beat Shams 24-8, Balachandran lost to Wajahat 15-22, Ravi Shankar beat Parag 22-8, Sridhar beat Atul K 25-0, Francis beat Madhu 25-11, Derrick lost to Kamal D 19-25, Neeraj N lost to Shad 0-25, Trideep lost to Seetaram 0-25, Saroj lost to Palani 8-25, Neeraj S lost to Ashwin Shah 5-25, Nayeem beat Ravi T 25-0, Has Mukh lost to Abdul Khader 11-12, Rajesh N lost to Darryl 11-25, Mahmood Babar beat Dinesh P 24-10, Dummy lost to Kartik 0-25

Round 7:

Shashank beat Atul B 20-18, Murli B beat Shams 23-11, Baddam lost to Moaz 0-25, Shad lost to Parag 9-24, Sridhar beat Madhu 25-1, Nayeem lost to Kamal D 4-25, Francis lost to Wajahat 14-25, Balachandran lost to Sekhar 3-25, Atul K beat Shivram G 25-4, Abdul Khader beat Kartik 20-12, Ravi Shankar beat Subbu 25-5, Palani lost to Avinash 6-25, Ashwin Shah beat Darryl 25-3, Neeraj N lost to Has Mukh 0-25, Mahmood Babar beat Neeraj S 25-13, Seetaram beat Saroj 25-6, Rajesh N beat Trideep 25-0, Dinesh P lost to Derrick 0-25, Dummy lost to Ravi T 0-25

Atul Bhave Bids Farewell



Atul Bhave

Atul Bhave, Secretary of US Carrom for the last 2 years had made Canada his second home and by getting involved with Carrom Canada for the past one year he could not ask for anything more.

Atul an IT specialist was on a two year contract with BMO and came in contact with Carrom Canada a year ago. His cheerful and comprising nature was enthusiastically embraced by the players across the border. His link with Francis D'Costa, President, of Carrom Canada paved the way for Carrom Canada to make inroads internationally and a strong bond between the two neighbouring countries. The success of his friendship with Carrom Canada is reflected in the increased number of visits by both parties.

He made time even with his tight schedule to practice with the Canadian players once a week. His passion for the game goes beyond imagination and he was always looking forward to a good competitive game of carrom during his 4 days a week stay in Toronto.

Atul will be missed by Wednesday's Elite Group at Shad's.

In praising him, Francis said "We've enjoyed working with Atul who cares for the game as much as we do. We appreciate the value he has brought towards our participation in US tourna-

ments, related decisions and the time and effort he has taken to be with us during his stay in Canada".

Carrom Canada organized a doubles event in Markham on the 3rd of March to bid farewell to their colleague who will be solely missed.

The tournament involved 12 players in the usual random doubles and unfortunately no compromise was made to help Atul through to the knock-out rounds.

The competition as usual was fierce and unpredictable. At the end of 4 rounds 8 players qualified for the semi-finals.

Francis who topped the group was paired with Menino Cardoso the 8th qualifier. However, as Menino had a prior engagement he could not play and Derrick Silveira the 9th player was paired with Francis. Fortunately for Francis, this worked out in his favour as his team was pitted against extremely tough opponents Moaz Shaikh and Balachandran Dandapani in the semis. The match seesawed tantalizingly and at the end of 7 boards the scores were 16-12 in favour of Moaz and Balachandran. In the 8th board Derrick had an amazing finish which left everyone stunned and astonished. With this, Francis and Derrick narrowly squeezed into the finals with a 18-16 victory.

In the second semi-final, Abdul Qadeer and Shad Ahmed, the favourites to enter the final, succumbed to Wajahat Mohammed and Derek D'Souza. Derek who has not been taken very seriously by some of his partners has been featuring extremely well in the recent tournaments. With his frequent participation in tournaments, he has certainly taken his game to the next level. Wajahat had a good game and marshalled a very well executed victory over Qadeer and Shad 25-3.

The final was one sided with Francis and Derrick suppressing their opponents Wajahat and Derek rather tamely in 7 boards for a quick 25-5 win.



Round 1:

Francis D'Costa & Shad Ahmed Beat Derrick Silveira & Oscar D'Mello 25-5, 8
Wajahat Mohammed & Derek D'Souza Beat Balachandran Dandapani & Abdul Qadeer 20-18, 8
Moaz Shaikh & Menino Cardoso Beat Atul Bhave & Nahdi Hussain 25-2, 6

Round 2:

Moaz Shaikh & Nahdi Hussain Lost to Shad Ahmed & Derrick Silveira 1-25, 6
Menino Cardoso & Atul Bhave Lost to Wajahat Mohammed & Abdul Qadeer 4-25, 5
Francis D'Costa & Oscar D'Mello Lost to Derek D'Souza & Balachandran Dandapani 14-22, 8

Round 3:

Shad Ahmed & Nahdi Hussain Lost to Abdul Qadeer & Balachandran Dandapani 1-25, 8
Wajahat Mohammed & Atul Bhave Lost to Francis D'Costa & Moaz Shaikh 0-25, 6
Derek D'Souza & Oscar D'Mello Beat Derrick Silveira & Menino Cardoso 22-6, 8

Round 4:

Abdul Qadeer & Nahdi Hussain Beat Moaz Shaikh & Menino Cardoso 19-11, 8
Francis D'Costa & Atul Bhave Beat Shad Ahmed & Derrick Silveira 25-8, 8
Derek D'Souza & Oscar D'Mello Lost to Balachandran Dandapani & Wajahat Mohammed 15-17, 8
Semi-Finals:

Francis D'Costa & Derrick Silveira Beat Balachandran Dandapani & Moaz Shaikh 18-16, 8
Abdul Qadeer & Shad Ahmed Lost to Wajahat Mohammed & Derek D'Souza 3-22, 8

Finals:

Francis D'Costa & Derrick Silveira Beat Wajahat Mohammed & Derek D'Souza 25-5, 7

Ranking after Round 4

	Points	Game Score	Diff.
Francis D'Costa	9	54	89
Abdul Qadeer	8	51	87
Balachandran Dandapani	7	32	82
Wajahat Mohammed	7	0	62
Derek D'Souza	6	24	79
Moaz Shaikh	6	16	62
Shad Ahmed	6	3	59
Menino Cardoso	3	-22	46
Derrick Silveira	3	-29	44
Atul Bhave	3	-52	31
Oscar D'Mello	2	-14	56
Nahdi Hussain	2	-63	23