



Carrom Canada's *Kya baat hai*

TEAM CANADA WORLD CUP BOUND

Canada will be represented for the first time in the 6th Carrom World Cup in Colombo, Sri Lanka, which will be held from the 30th of October to the 4th of November 2012.

*The team comprising of **Wajahat Mohammed, Manuel Coelho and Francis D'Costa** will leave on the 26th for their maiden world cup appearance. The Canadian team consisting of part-time players will face stiff competition from professional players from India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.*

Wajahat and Manuel who have played this game on a competitive level in India, will pair in the doubles competition, whilst Francis who played as a professional for Income Tax in Bombay have opted out of doubles.

Other countries participating are USA, UK, France, Germany, Maldives, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Poland, Spain, Dubai, Qatar, Pakistan, Nepal, Malaysia, Italy, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Sweden and Netherlands.

There will be 2 competitions - Men and women. In each competition, there will be 3 categories - team event, singles and doubles. The team championship will have 3 singles matches played by one country with another. Canada Carrom would like to thank Accurate Travel, for co-sponsoring a portion of the travel expenses, as all the 3 Canadian players will bear the entire expenses personally.

India has come on top in 4 of the last 5 world cups

with Sri Lanka reigning supreme once. The Indians have not yet lost a singles and doubles event in both men and women since the competition has been established. Their only 2 singles losses were in the finals of the team championship, when they lost 2 consecutive singles matches and the championship to Sri Lanka 4 years ago. There are more than 20 white/black slams (start to finishes) in each of the last 5 world cups, hence, this year won't be different.

Francis & Moaz Top World Cup Prep

Francis D'Costa and Moaz Shaikh won the finals of the World Cup Prep Tournament held in Markham on the 24th of October. Carrom Canada also hosted Atul Kharecha, one of USA's top 10 ranked player.

After 3 rounds of play, Francis and Kharecha had booked their spot in the final winning all their matches and having 8 points each. Wajahat Mohammed and Derrick Silveira were tied with 5 a piece, followed by Atul Bhawe with 4 points. Madhu Rao, Manuel Coelho, Moaz and Oscar D'Mello had outside chance with 3 points.

Bhawe and Moaz won their match beating Kharecha and Balachandran Dandapani in 4 boards and getting double bonus points. Francis partnering Manchu Kanaga defeated Derrick and Oscar, knocking them out of contention. Manuel and Madhu pulled off a stunning victory over Wajahat and Shad Ahmed wining the last board by 8 points and pipping them 25-23.

After 4 rounds, Francis finished with 10 points, Bhawe and Kharecha 8 points each, with Moaz making a grand comeback with 7 points. The final pitted Francis with Moaz against the Atuls, a Canada versus USA match up. In the final, the Canadian pair defeated the strong USA combination of Kharecha and Bhawe 21-9 and 23-19.



Invitation Doubles - 24th Oct 2012

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|----------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----|------|-----|
| First Round | | | | | |
| Atul Kharecha/Oscar D'Mello | Defeated | Moaz Shaikh/Bala Dandapani | 25 | 11 | 8 |
| Wajahat Mohammed/Madhu Rao | Lost to | Francis D'Costa/Derrick Silveira | 18 | 22 | 8 |
| Manuel Coelho/Manchu Kanaga | Lost to | Atul Bhawe/Shad Ahmed | 16 | 23 | 8 |
| Second Round | | | | | |
| Atul Kharecha/Bala Dandapani | Defeated | Manuel Coelho/Shad Ahmed | 18 | 16 | 8 |
| Oscar D'Mello/Moaz Shaikh | Lost to | Madhu Rao/Francis D'Costa | 6 | 25 | 8 |
| Atul Bhawe/Manchu Kanaga | Lost to | Wajahat Mohammed/Derrick Silveira | 7 | 25 | 8 |
| Third Round | | | | | |
| Francis D'Costa/Moaz Shaikh | Defeated | Madhu Rao/Bala Dandapani | 25 | 5 | 6 |
| Derrick Silveira & Manchu Kanaga | Lost to | Wajahat Mohammed/Atul Bhawe | 5 | 21 | 8 |
| Atul Kharecha & Manuel Coelho | Defeated | Oscar D'Mello/Shad Ahmed | 25 | 6 | 6 |
| Fourth Round | | | | | |
| Francis D'Costa/Manchu Kanaga | Defeated | Derrick Silveira/Oscar D'Mello | 18 | 7 | 8 |
| Atul Kharecha/Bala Dandapani | Lost to | Atul Bhawe/Moaz Shaikh | 0 | 25 | 4 |
| Wajahat Mohammed/Shad Ahmed | Lost to | Manuel Coelho/Madhu Rao | 23 | 25 | 8 |



Best of Luck to USA

The top four ranked players **Vishal Karangutkar, Jayadev Suryadevara, Neil Khatu and Sekhar Challa** will also be playing in the world cup which will be held in Columbo, Sr Lanka. The team will be accompanied by **Dr.Prakash Kagal** as the team manager. USA will also have another representation in the tournament committee. **Shreenivas Malliseti** who has been recently appointed as the USCA Representative to the ICF, will be also attending the world cup.

ANDHRA STATE PLAYER PAYS A VISIT

Carrom Canada were fortunate to host Madhu Sudan Rao, a former Andhra Pradesh State player. He played some friendly matches against Moaz, Wajahat, Manchu and Francis.

Rao despite his medical set back in 2000, showed glimpses of his skills. He is currently visiting his son Satish who is with BMO.



VISIT FROM UK CARROM FEDERATION SECRETARY

Carrom Canada got a surprise visit from Harvey Gomes, UK Carrom Secretary. Harvey who is also UK's 12th ranked played some friendly matches with Manchu, Manuel, Michael Albuquerque and Francis. He was presented with a Carrom Canada T-Shirt.



Top Four Elected

Canada Carrom Association has officially elected their office bearers for the year 2012-13. The executive committee was unanimously elected. Francis D'Costa, President, Moaz Shaikh, Secretary, Manuel Coelho, Assistant Secretary and Derrick Silveira, Treasurer.

Manuel & Misbah win Cougar Tourney

Partnering with a formidable player Manuel Coelho, Misbah Khan, finally had his maiden triumph in a doubles event at Cougar court defeating Abdul Khader and a new comer to the Carrom circuit, Balachandran Dandapani 25-4.

The organizers divided the players into 2 categories A & B and paired players from A to partner with B. A random 4 round league was played with the top 2 pairs after the 4 rounds to play the finals.

As usual after 3 rounds there was an intense struggle at the top of the standings with 4 pairs vying for a chance to make it to the last 2. Francis and Iqbal had the best with 6 points only needing a draw to qualify. The next 3 places had Moaz Shaikh & Nayeem Rahman, Manuel & Misbah and Khader & Bala with 5 points each. In the last game, at the end of 7 boards Francis and Iqbal were up 17-13, but could not stop Abdul Qadeer & Madhu Rao from winning the board by 5 points and beating them 17-18.



Moaz and Nayeem who needed a win, succumbed to Wajahat Mohammed and Oscar D'Mello 25-8. Manuel and Misbah had a comfortable victory over Shad Ahmed and Kafeel Kotapali 20-5 and Khader & Bala Umair And Manchu Kanaga 23-10.

After 4 rounds Manuel & Misbah finished on the top with 7 points, and Khader & Bala and Francis & Iqbal were tied with 6 points each. However, Khader & Bala qualified for the final with a better score difference.

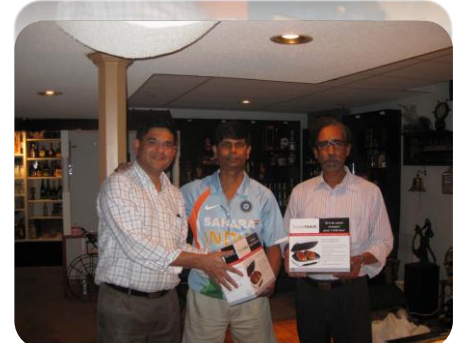
Carrom Canada lauds Cougar Carrom Club's effort in coordinating this tournament. Key organizers Nayeem and Moaz have assured Carrom Canada that they will be holding such friendly competitions more often.

Shad & Manuel Secure Top Place

Shad Ahmed and Manuel Coelho won the finals of the Invitation Doubles in Markham. Playing excellent Carrom in the last 2 boards, they beat Francis D'Costa and Wajahat Mohammed 22-19 in the best of 8 boards encounter. At the end of 6 boards, they were down 11-19 and it was as good as over, but a superb finish by Manuel in the 7th board brought them within a point 18-19. In the last board, Francis had a terrific break and after finishing his turn, he had set up Wajahat for a finish. However, Manuel turned tables on Wajahat and prevented him from finishing the game. It was then Shad's turn to shine and he played a tremendous shot under pressure which blocked Francis and eventually allowed Manuel to finish and win the game.

"The only player who can beat Francis is me", says an excited Shad jokingly and adds "whether I am playing with him or against". In the last tournament he and Francis lost to Moaz Shaikh and Atul Bhawe in another final.

All the three rounds in the league were very competitive. At the end of round two, Francis had already qualified for the finals with 6 points. The rest of the 3 spots were hotly contested with Manuel holding a slight edge. In the last league match, Wajahat and Shad defeated Francis and Manchu to make it to the finals, along with Manuel. Moaz and Atul also finished with 4 points but lost their place to Wajahat on score difference. Atul Bhawe, Secretary of US Carrom gave away the prizes.



Kuddwalles have a field day at Goan Championship

The first Goan Carrom tournament was held in Mississauga on Saturday the 20th of October. The tournament had the Goan community buzzing for the last couple of weeks. 12 teams participated in this inaugural championship, which was held at the Konkani Delite Restaurant.

As expected, Kuddwalles (Clubmen) won the championship defeating second seed Gallitrao (Keep on pocketing) in the finals. Whereas in the losers plate finals, Derepent (Sudden) beat Saligao Pocket Shots.

Kuddwalles had a very strong line up comprising of the Silveira brothers Desmond and Derrick, Manuel Coelho and Francis D'Costa. They won all their games except in the family feud finals, when the brothers were beaten by the Gonsalves' cousins, David and Fabian, 25-5. In the other games, Francis beat Sylvester D'Souza 25-2 and Manuel had an easy victory over Derek D'Souza (no relation to Sylvester) 25-6.

In the plate competition, Derepent beat Saligao 2 matches to 1. Menino Cardoso prevailed over Malcolm 25-11 and the combination of Vincent Miranda and Martha Lawrence (substitute) beating Romauldo and Everest Fernandes 25-4. Romeo Remedios who had a good tournament won his game 25-0 beating Lemington Almeida in the third game. Francis Soares who played for Derepent in all the matches until the final had to leave and Martha who substituted him, played extremely well in giving Vincent adequate support to win their encounter.

The tournament was sponsored by Aerotours International, Konkani Delite Restaurant and D'Costa Financial Group. Loy D'Souza was so impressed with the outcome that he wants Carrom Canada to conduct more competitions. Currently, they have a darts league and friendly matches being played at the restaurant on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You may call Konkani Delite (905) 897-1222 for more information. Nick D'Mello, President, Aerotours provided the trophies to the winners and runners-up.

Neil Sequeira and Romeo Remedios played exceptionally well in the entire tournament. Rudelle Silveira, the 12 year old, Sinclair D'Costa and Joshua D'Mello, along with Leslie D'Souza who played for the youngest team "**Young Goans**", surprised the pundits as they topped their group by a formidable margin. Another player to impress was 88 year old Reggie Dias.

Carrom Canada wish to acknowledge support from Gordon Alias and Zach Pinto, Canorient Club, Marshal Fernandes, Director/Producer Goan Dramas, Everest Fernandes and Cippy D'Cruz, Goan Soccer League, Francis Fernandes, Global Logistics and the Goan Carrom Club for their overwhelming support. This is the first time the Carrom Roadshow came to Mississauga and the organizers are extremely satisfied with the entries and support from the Goan Carrom fraternity. Plans are to conduct a mixed doubles competition (a men and women pair) shortly, due to the tremendous response from women players.



| Group A | Played | Won | Draw | Lost | For | Agt | Diff | Game | Bonus | Pts |
|------------------|--------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|-------|-----|
| Kuddwalles | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 141 | 22 | 119 | 12 | 7 | 19 |
| Char Botam | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 54 | 114 | -60 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Susegad | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 61 | 120 | -59 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Group B | Played | Won | Draw | Lost | For | Agt | Diff | Game | Bonus | Pts |
| Young Goans | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 73 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 9 |
| Kumpars | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 87 | 68 | 19 | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| Saligao Pkt Shot | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 70 | 93 | -23 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Group C | Played | Won | Draw | Lost | For | Agt | Diff | Game | Bonus | Pts |
| Viva Goemkar | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 136 | 22 | 114 | 10 | 5 | 15 |
| Bogmalo Strikers | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 85 | 70 | 15 | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| Unknown | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 138 | -129 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Group D | Played | Won | Draw | Lost | For | Agt | Diff | Game | Bonus | Pts |
| Gallitrao | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 136 | 7 | 129 | 12 | 7 | 19 |
| Sastikars | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 63 | 99 | -36 | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Derepent IV | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 31 | 124 | -93 | 2 | 0 | 2 |