

Kya Baat Hai

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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 Surender 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 Surender 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 Bhave 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 & Shehal - 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.