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### HAT-TRICK FOR RAILWAYS

Railways 'A' easily defeated India Blues 162-108 IMPs to claim the Ruia Trophy for the third consecutive year. For Rana Roy this is the fourth Ruia title as he was in the Tirabak Rubber team which won in 1995; for Pritish also, this is the fourth title as he was in the C.V. Rao team which won in 1998. For the Railways themselves, this is the fifth win; they had won in 1992 and 1997 before this hat-trick of wins. For three other members of the team - Manas, Smit and Amar Nath, this is their third victory. For Hasibul, this is the second. For India Blues, particularly for Ashk and JM, perhaps third time was unlucky. For SK, second time unlucky, and for the relatively younger Rajendra and Sandeep the first time itself must have been heart-breaking.

The first set of the finals was more or less even, Railways gaining a slender lead of 9 IMPs. The second set proved disastrous for India Blues as they lost a further 50 IMPs. A further five went away in the third set and although India Blues recovered 12 IMPs in the last set, the match had already been lost. The final score: Railway 162 IMPs, India Blues 108 IMPs.

What was really heart-warming was the way these two teams played. It was a final among friends. Well done, all of us present here offer our salutations to all members of both teams.

#### FINALS SCORE CARD

	1	2	3	4	Total
<b>Railways A</b>	41	65	34	22	162
<b>India Blues</b>	32	15	27	34	108

#### SCHEDULE OF PLAY (15-12-2004)

##### Holkar Pairs Elimination III

09.30 a.m.	-	Session 1
02.00 p.m.	-	Session 2
06.00 p.m.	-	Session 3

## DUTCH DELIGHT

(All those who favour the 'Multi' will find this useful; reproduced from one of the Olympiad Bulletins)

Judgement is the most important thing in the auction, of course, but sometimes you just have the right methods to allow you to use your judgement to the full. Witness this deal from the final round of the Women's round robin between Netherlands and Germany.

### BOARD-15: Dealer South. N/S Vul:

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	♥ 8 6 2						
	♦ K Q 9 8 3						
	♣ 3 2						
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	♦ 10 6 5 4 2						
	♣ 7 6						

West	North	East	South
Reim	Arnolds	Nehmert	Vriend
	Pass	3♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	All Pass
3♦	Pass		

West	North	East	South
Van Zwol	Auken	Hoogweg	Van Armin
	Pass	3♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♣	Pass
3♥	Pass		
6♣			

For Germany, Andrea Reim opened with a natural weak two bid and Pory Nehmert's response was an enquiry. The 3( rebid showed a minimum and Nehmert settled for partscore; +170. Personally, I would treat the West hand as a maximum, non-vulnerable, because of the six-four shape and intermediates, but it is of course all relative to expectations for the opening bid.

Wietske Van Zwol opened a multi and Fenke Hoogweg had the perfect method for this particular layout. Three clubs asked partner to bid the suit below the one she held but the key was Hoogweg's second call, 4( showing five-five in clubs and an unspecified red suit and game-forcing. Van Zwol had a huge hand now, with four card club support and good controls, and took a shot at six. The play was straightforward; +920 and 13 IMPs to The Netherlands, the exact margin of their win in the match as they clinched top spot in their qualifying group.

## WOMEN WILL TAKE OVER MEN

Researchers of Oxford University have predicted that by 2058 AD, women will run faster than men, churning out less than ten seconds in a 100 metres race perhaps. That may be in athletics, but what about Bridge?

It looks like a foundation has already been made in Bridge as well. Linda Lee is the wife of Ray Lee the man who owns Master Point Press, the world's largest Bridge book publishers. Katie Thorpe is the wife of John Carnuthers who is the editor of the IBPA (International Bridge Press Association) Bulletin. In Istanbul they represented the Canadian Ladies Team and shown below is how they reached a small slam, which was missed by several men pairs including Weinstein-Levin of USA.

### BOARD-8 :

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	♥ 5 3						
	♦ Q 9 6 3						
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	♠ J 10 8						
	♥ 10 7 6						
	♦ J 10 7						
	♣ A Q J 7						

West	North	East	South
	Lee		Thorpe
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	All Pass

## DREAM OF A DEFENCE

The International Bridge Press Association (IBPA) gives away annual awards in quite a few categories, two of which are for the best-reported hands on declarer play and defence, wherein both the journalists and the players are honoured. The awards for this year were given at Istanbul but to my mind, the defence award for 2003 to Eric Greco (player) and Larry Cohen & Alan Thuscott (who reported the deal) is about a defence that is one of its kind. Our own Prakash Paranjpe had reported about it in two issues of Sunday Times, but I reckon that many of you present here may not have had an opportunity to know about it.

South had opened a diamond and after North had shown both clubs and spades, South ended up a declarer in 3NT. Eric Greco (West) led a diamond

honour and on seeing a three card signal from East, continued with the seven for declarer to win with the nine spot.

♠ A K 8 7										
♥ J 4										
♦ J										
♣ Q J 10 7 5 4										
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♦ A K 10 8 7										
♣ K 2										

At trick 3, declarer played the nine of spades to the ace in dummy (East showing an even number) and asked for the queen of clubs, six from East, three from declarer which Eric ducked! Declarer continued with the jack to finesse again and this time, out of nowhere the king appeared from Eric's hand.

Well begun, half done. Still, there was more work to do. Eric now played the queen of spades, pinning declarer's jack but declarer had ducked in dummy! Eric carefully avoided making the mistake of playing a third spade (declarer can discard his ace of clubs on that and dummy's clubs are all good) but correctly shifted to the nine hearts and declarer ended up with six tricks - one in spade, two in hearts, one in diamond and two in clubs! The full deal:

♠ A K 8 7		♠ 5 4 3 2									
♥ J 4		♥ Q 10 8 7									
♦ J		♦ 6 3 2									
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♦ A K 10 8 7	♦ K 10 2										
♣ K 2	♣ J 10 9 5										
♠ J 9		♠ K J 9 4									
♥ A K 5 3		♥ K 4 2									
♦ Q 9 5 4		♦ Q J 9 7 6									
♣ A 8 3		♣ 4									

Looking at all four hands, it is easy to see that declarer would have made ten tricks if the first club had been won by West's king. But any declarer, just about any declarer, would have wanted to keep East out of the lead; it necessarily meant repeating the club finesse. The result then would have been this brilliant camouflage.

As already mentioned in the souvenir of Aurangabad Nationals, this particular award was given away by Dilip Gidwani, Managing Director of IITES Africa who were the sponsors of the award. Dilip incidentally was one of the editors of the Pune Nationals Daily Bulletin, along with Avinash Gokhale and myself.

## SWING DEALS FROM RUIA TROPHY FINALS (Board 1 - 16)

### Open Room :

N: Sandeep Kamarkar (IndiaBlues)	E: Manas Mukherjee (Rly)
S: J.M. Shah (IndiaBlues)	W: Rana Roy (Rly)

### Closed Room :

N: A.N. Banerjee (Rly)	E: S.K. Iyengar
S: P. Kushari (Rly)	W: Rajendra Gokhale

### BOARD-1 :

Neither vulnerable

♠ 10 8 7		♠ 10 8 7									
♥ 10 5 3		♥ 10 5 3									
♦ 4 3		♦ 4 3									
♣ A 8 7 3 2		♣ A 8 7 3 2									
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♦ A 8 5	♦ K 10 2										
♣ K Q 6	♣ J 10 9 5										
♠ K J 9 4		♠ K J 9 4									
♥ K 4 2		♥ K 4 2									
♦ Q J 9 7 6		♦ Q J 9 7 6									
♣ 4		♣ 4									

Iyengar and Gokhale went to four hearts on this deal whereas Manas and Rana bid the no trump game gaining 11 IMPs to the Railways. They have started with a bang.

### Board-4 :

Both vulnerable

♠ 6		♠ 6									
♥ A 10 4		♥ A 10 4									
♦ Q J 9 8 7 5 3		♦ Q J 9 8 7 5 3									
♣ 4 3		♣ 4 3									
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W			E								
		S									
♥ Q J 5 2		♥ K 7 6									
♦ -	♦ K 10 6 2										
♣ A 8 7 5	♣ Q J 10 6										
♠ A Q J 8 3		♠ A Q J 8 3									
♥ 9 8 3		♥ 9 8 3									
♦ A 4		♦ A 4									
♣ K 9 2		♣ K 9 2									

Kushari-Banerjee landed in three no trumps on the above layout and went down three on the lead of club queen.

Sandeep Kamarkar played in three diamonds, going down one. Still 200 to India Blues, five IMPs recovered.

**Board-6 :**

EW vulnerable

	♠ K 9 5		
	♥ -		
	♦ K Q J 8		
	♣ K 10 9 8 3 2		
♠ A 8		♠ Q 6 2	
♥ A K Q J 10 9		♥ 7 6 4 3 2	
♦ A 10 4 2		♦ 9 7 6	
♣ 4		♣ Q 7	
	♠ J 10 7 4 3		
	♥ 8 5		
	♦ 5 3		
	♣ A J 6 5		

Ram plays in four hearts and is unable to bring it home as there were two diamonds, one spade and a club to lose.

Kushari-Banerjee also go down one in five clubs doubled. Another hundred for India Blues who are on ten. India Blues get an overtrick IMP in the very next deal. The scores are level now, 11-11.

**Board-9 :**

EW vulnerable

	♠ K 10 6		
	♥ K Q 9 8		
	♦ 3 2		
	♣ J 8 4 3		
♠ J 9 8 7 4		♠ 5 3 2	
♥ 4 3		♥ 7 6 5	
♦ A 8 6 4		♦ K 7 5	
♣ 7 2		♣ A K 6 5	
	♠ A Q		
	♥ A J 10 2		
	♦ Q J 10 9		
	♣ Q 10 9		

Four hearts can be made only if the defenders fail to cash their minor suit winners, which happened in the open room where Kushari made it. J.M. Shah did not have that luck. 10 IMPs to Railways.

**Board-10 :**

Both vulnerable

	♠ 9 5 4		
	♥ A 5 3		
	♦ 4		
	♣ A K Q 10 6 3		
♠ A K J 7 6 2		♠ Q 3	
♥ J 9 7		♥ 8 4	
♦ K 7 2		♦ Q J 8 5	
♣ 9		♣ J 8 5 7 4	
	♠ 10 8		
	♥ K Q 10 6 2		
	♦ A 10 9 6 3		
	♣ 2		

JMagain goes down in a four hearts contract which, again Kushari makes. 12 IMPs to Railways who have now taken a 22 IMP lead.

**Board-13 :**

Both vulnerable

	♠ 9 7		
	♥ A 10 7		
	♦ K Q J 7 6 2		
	♣ 4 3		
♠ K Q 10 2		♠ A 8	
♥ K Q		♥ J 8 6	
♦ A		♦ 10 8 3	
♣ K Q 10 9 8 6		♣ A J 7 5 2	
	♠ J 6 5 4 3		
	♥ 9 5 4 3 2		
	♦ 9 5 4		
	♣ -		

Iyengar-Gokhale bid and make five clubs and gain 10 IMPs for India Blues. The lead is now reduced to 11 as in the previous board India Blues had gained an overtrick IMP.

**Board-14 :**

Neither vulnerable

	♠ Q 10		
	♥ A		
	♦ A J 8 2		
	♣ A 10 7 5 4 2		
♠ K J 9 3		♠ 6 5	
♥ K 9 2		♥ 7 6 5 4 3	
♦ K 6 5		♦ Q 10 7 4	
♣ K Q 8		♣ 6 3	
	♠ A 8 7 4 2		
	♥ Q J 10 8		
	♦ 9 3		
	♣ J 9		

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**SOME COMMENTS**

I went around and asked a few people their reaction to this Nationals. Kailash Babu said "I have a complaint. That there are no complaints is my complaint." While Mrs Satyavati Vasanth said 'excellent,' Satya of Fomichbles called it 'the best Nationals she has ever played.' Raju Tolani, Verky, Smit Choksi felt it would be difficult to better such arrangements in the future, Anil Padhye said that BFI should make it mandatory that the Nationals should come to Vizag at least once in three years! Everything was very good, except the Daily Bulletin, said Subhas Vaidya who was furious with me for not mentioning Monotona's name who failed by one VP!



LIST OF QUALIFIERS FOR HOLKAR THIRD ELIMINATION

**GROUP ABC**

**North-South**

1.	S.P.Ghose-H.S.Bajoria	1270
2.	S.P.Sankholkar-Dr.M.Kher	1198
3.	B.Lakhi-P.Paria	1197
4.	Kamal Mukherjee-Ashok Goel	1175
5.	S.N.Chatterjee-R.N.Ghosh	1167
6.	G.Veerakhadra Rao-P.B.G.Tilak	1136
7.	Dipak Santra-Debasish Bose	1134
8.	V.S.Rajamani-Subhash Bhavnani	1116
9.	A.Darel-A.Selvavayagen	1106
10.	R.A.Agrawal-G.Biswas	1105
11.	Challan Kekre	1103
12.	Subash Gupta-Paju Tolani	1098
13.	S.V.K.Murthy-D.C.Rao	1091

**East-West**

1.	UttamDutta-R.P.Bose	1177
2.	A.Kumar Ghosh-B.K. Dey	1164
3.	Sunit Choksi-K.R.Venkatraman	1161
4.	P.Barchan-K.Bhattacharya	1142
5.	Parimal Das-Sujit Bose	1139
6.	Kamal Roy-A Roy	1136
7.	Biswajit Podbar-Sandhu Ghosh	1133
8.	Kalpana Misra-Anil Padhye	1118
9.	S.N.Chunder-G.Singha	1116
10.	Prasun Mukherjee-S.K.Saha	1112
11.	A.R.D.Seguria-Prakash Dalvi	1107
12.	T.Mukherjee-S.Sengupta	1100
13.	Dr.Keerthisena-M.De.N.Paul	1098
14.	S.R.Choudhary-Bhattacharya (Overall better score)	1085

**GROUP DEF**

**North-South**

1.	Uttam Gupta-S Naimuddin	1229
2.	V.M.Lal -R.khiwardkar	1226
3.	B.Satyararyana-Kiran Nedar	1219
4.	R.K.Jain-Sujit Bhattacharjee	1183
5.	Kajal Das-Padma Gbairda Saha	1179
6.	S.K.Ghosh-N.P.Kabiraj	1171
7.	A.S.Gupta-V.Krishnan	1168
8.	Aloke Sadhu-Bhabesh Saha	1155
9.	Dr.Daniel Elias-P.N.Malhotra	1126
10.	B.K.Pattanaik-A.K.Baliansingh	1116
11.	D.S.P.Rao-V.Balakrishna Rao	1110
12.	J.N.Roy-S.Dey	1094
13.	Ramesh Talajia-Paje I.I.	1087
14.	Hanif Khwaja-B.P.Bhattacharya (Overall better score)	1084

**East-West**

1.	Bijon De-Paban Agarwal	1242
2.	N.K.Gupta-S.Thakral	1178
3.	K.S.Narayana-Koateswara Rao	1163
4.	Manojkumar K Nair-Priya R.Sinha	1142
5.	S.N.Sarkar-B.Das	1135
6.	K.N.S.Suder-A.S.Viswanathan	1133
7.	B.S.Pradhan-N.C.Das	1111
8.	C.S.Majendar-S.K.Majender	1111
9.	S.Bose-G.Das	1110
10.	S.A.Damle-B.G.Daxindas	1106
11.	D.Podbar-Sahas Vaidya	1106
12.	D.H.Ukidave-S.V.Reddi	1100
13.	A.Chatterjee-R.Chowdhury	1085

**Gitavani :**

योगसुखं प्राप्नुयान् योगो यदा  
 योगसुखं प्राप्नुयान् योगो यदा

Yoga which gives that bliss, can be mastered only when one controls diet and urge for recreation; regulates sleep and wakefulness.