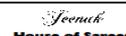
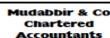




# 18<sup>th</sup> Carrom Euro Cup

London 2014

7<sup>th</sup> August to 11<sup>th</sup> August



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Venue: LSE Bankside House, 24 Sumner St, London SE1 9JA



Carrom Single winners: From left to right Pierre Dubois (France) Runner up, Karnal Abdin (UK) Champion, Fabian Pierre (France) Third place.

Epic and thrilling last day of single final ended in tears and happiness. After 3 days of Carrom playing marathon of the 18<sup>th</sup> Carrom Euro Cup for Singles, Doubles and Team events Organized by UK Carrom Federation under European Confederation at the LSE, Bankside House in Southwark. More than one hundred players and members from ten (10) countries of Europe (Czech Republic, France, Germany, United Kingdom, Italy, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and Bulgaria) participated in the tournament.



96 players and participants from 10 European nations

Tournament open by president Nazrul Islam of UK & ECC on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of August with doubles and Team event, a total of 30 teams entered in the Doubles tournament and 7 countries entered in the Team events (Germany, France, Switzerland, Poland, Italy, Czech Republic and United Kingdom). Both tournament was run simultaneously and after the 7 round of play both event was concluded with first, second and third place.



The Final: Pierre Dubois vs. Karnal Abdin



Double Champion: Sunhar Ali & Mazharul Islam (Munna)

The doubles title won by Sunhar Ali (Rinku) & Mazharul Islam (Munna) of UK beating own country team Shaheen Miah and Abdul Wahid. The third place was taken by UK players Amar Sanakal and Aniket Shetye too. In the team event UK managed to bring back the trophy after losing against France last year in Poland and this is the 10<sup>th</sup> team title for UK team. The UK team players( Karnal Abdin, Nazrul Islam, Murshad Khan & Ish Kumar) with 40 points, second place went to France team (players: Pierre Dubois, Mourally Venou, Alfred Rajadurai and Kevin Sieger) with 32 point and third place went to Italy (players: Cristian Gianluca, Paolo Martinelli, Stefano Stucchi and Ayes Vanderlan) with 24 points.



Team Winner: Left to right Ish Kumar, Karnal Abdin, Murshad Khan & Nazrul Islam

Single tournament played over on 2 days, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> August. After 11 rounds of play, final was between the 8 time European Champion Karnal Abdin of UK and 2 times European Champion Pierre Dubois of France. Over 100 spectators watched the thrilling match that lasted almost 2 and half hours. After sharing the first 4 boards between two finalists, first game won by Karnal Abdin in 8 Boards with score of (25-14), Pierre counter attacked in second game and won by score of (21-6). The final game started after break of 10 minutes, both players were under pressure and a very tentatively, score was 10-11 to Pierre Dubois after 7<sup>th</sup> board. The 8<sup>th</sup> board break by Pierre that he started very well but on the 2<sup>nd</sup> last coin Pierre made a foul by pocketing his striker with the coin. This foul allowed Karnal to take out 2 coins that eventually turned the match towards his favour and cost Pierre the game and match. When Pierre was interviewed after the match he said that he was very disappointed to lose the match. The final match was all for taking for him and for his mistake it cost him the match.

Without any doubt Karnal Abdin was much focused and completed the board in this high intense match.

Karnal Abdin become the 9<sup>th</sup> times Euro Cup Champion that no other carrom player managed to achieved in the Europe. On behalf of the ECC committee a special reward was given to Karnal Abdin, a ticket to play in the next World Cup in Maldives in September 2014. The runner up Pierre Dubois was not so lucky in the game which he took the second prize but eventually his luck was in the raffle lottery draw that he also won a ticket to Maldives sponsor by Josef Meyer of Switzerland. Everyone gave their well wishes to bring the same success in Europe in the next world cup tournament in Maldives on 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Sept 2014. The third place went to last year runner up to Pirare Fabian of France.



UK Team & Players

Special award were also given to Lele Gafis for his hard work in the last 10 years with the development of Swiss software programme that now almost the whole world are benefitting from. Also the best under 19 age participant's prize was given to 1<sup>st</sup> Bartosz Sasinski (Poland), 2<sup>nd</sup> Wojciech Rzewuski (Poland) and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Rahat Islam (UK).

The closing Ceremony that took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> August with number of guests and dignitaries and audience along with media coverage and press attended along with sponsors' of the Euro Cup 2014. The host country Secretary General Mr Shuab Ahmed who presented the closing ceremony with the chief guest Mrs Asha Sharma, wife of late Krishan Sharma the founder member of UKCF and ex-president of ICF. Closing speech given by UK and ECC president Mr Nazrul Islam, he thank everyone for their participations and Invited all to the next Carrom Euro Cup 2015 officially confirmed by the Secretary General of ECC Mr Josef Meyers to be hosted in Switzerland.

