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## The Long Haul Starts Here

Forty percent of the Round Robin matches are now completed. **India** are heading the standings in three of the four events - it is just the Women Teams where they are behind the leaders. They had a fantastic session in the Open Teams scoring 57 VPs out of a possible 60. They are already more than a match ahead of second-placed **UAE** but there is still plenty to play for as four teams go forward to the semi-finals. **Bangladesh** are only eight VPs behind **India** in the Senior Teams with **Pakistan** in third, **UAE** and **Jordan** are within a point of each other contesting the fourth semi-final berth. **UAE** top the Women Team with **Jordan** half a match behind and **India** have a similar lead over **Jordan** in the Mixed Team but **UAE** are still in the hunt in third place, less than nine points adrift.

Make sure you alert all bids that require it - one team had a 1 VP procedural penalty today, make sure you are not the next.

Seniors please note (see page 11) there will be an adjustment to the score at the end of the Round Robin

## Standings

Open Team	VPs	Position
India	101.76	1
UAE	73.49	2
Pakistan	58.77	3
Jordan	52.64	4
Bangladesh	47.83	5
Saudi Arabia	22.51	6

Senior Team	VPs	Position
India	85.22	1
Bangladesh	77.90	2
Pakistan	66.03	3
UAE	59.69	4
Jordan	58.71	5
Saudi Arabia	4.45	6

Women Team	VPs	Position
UAE	73.87	1
Jordan	63.05	2
India	55.89	3
Palestine	43.19	4

Mixed Team	VPs	Position
India	81.23	1
Jordan	71.74	2
UAE	62.61	3
Pakistan	24.42	4



# Today's Schedule

## Open Championship

Round 2 Match 2 7.30 (GMT)		Round 2 Match 3 11.00 (GMT)		Round 2 Match 4 13.30 (GMT)	
 India	 UAE	 Jordan	 India	 India	 Bangladesh
 Jordan	 Saudi Arabia	 Bangladesh	 UAE	 Pakistan	 Jordan
 Bangladesh	 Pakistan	 Pakistan	 Saudi Arabia	 Saudi Arabia	 UAE

## Senior Championship

Round 2 Match 2 7.30 (GMT)		Round 2 Match 3 11.00 (GMT)		Round 2 Match 4 13.30 (GMT)	
 India	 UAE	 Jordan	 India	 India	 Bangladesh
 Jordan	 Saudi Arabia	 Bangladesh	 UAE	 Pakistan	 Jordan
 Bangladesh	 Pakistan	 Pakistan	 Saudi Arabia	 Saudi Arabia	 UAE

## Women Championship

Round 3 Match 1 7.30 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 2 11.00 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 3 13.30 (GMT)	
 Jordan	 UAE	 Palestine	 Jordan	 Jordan	 India
 India	 Palestine	 UAE	 India	 Palestine	 UAE

## Mixed Championship

Round 3 Match 1 7.30 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 2 11.00 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 3 13.30 (GMT)	
 India	 UAE	 Jordan	 India	 India	 Pakistan
 Pakistan	 Jordan	 UAE	 Pakistan	 Jordan	 UAE

# Round Up

Day 1

I decided to look at a couple of deals that did not make it into one of my reports yesterday. The very first deal in the Seniors Team produced some 'interesting' results.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 3 ♥ J10832 ♦ AQ3 ♣ AK104	♠ KQJ4 ♥ 54 ♦ K1097 ♣ J95 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 10px auto; text-align: center;">                     N W E S                 </div>	♠ 975 ♥ AKQ9 ♦ 8 ♣ Q8762	♠ A10862 ♥ 76 ♦ J6542 ♣ 3
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The first surprise was that at one table the deal was passed out. The next had this auction.

West	North	East	South
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Double	2♥	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Did West really pass over Two Spades? He has a ninth trump and a singleton opposite an opening bid, a monster hand, I would have cue-bid Three Spades. However his Pass over Four Spades was masterful as we shall see from his defence because the damage would have been even worse had he risked doubling a contract that should fail by three tricks. The lead of the jack of hearts was overtaken by East and a second high honour cashed. East now gave up on taking the contract off three by returning a trump, I am not sure what the cunning plan behind this was, but declarer drew trumps finishing in hand. A diamond persuaded West to rise with his ace and looking at the cards remaining in his hand he had a choice of cashing a club honour to beat the contract or give a ruff and discard by leading a heart. I will leave it to you, dear reader, to guess which choice was made. Why did East overtake the initial lead? Had he left it West may well have worked out that East had a singleton diamond, after all North's Double probably shows four diamonds, there are five in dummy and three in his hand and when I use my state of the art calculator I surmise that East has a

singleton so if I cash the ace I can give partner a ruff and I can get back in with a club to give a second ruff.

At the other tables, no one came close to reaching the pretty solid slam, only in one case did East splinter over West's opening bid of One Heart and then West subsided into Four Hearts. If there was no interference from North I think bidding Two Clubs then jumping in Hearts gets the message across about a maximum passed hand and maybe then there is a chance of going further.

This hand comes from the second match in the first Round Robin of the Open Teams

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 3 ♥ 1093 ♦ Q10964 ♣ J865	♠ 102 ♥ A82 ♦ AJ5 ♣ AQ1043 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 10px auto; text-align: center;">                     N W E S                 </div>	♠ 9854 ♥ QJ765 ♦ 8 ♣ K72	♠ AKQJ76 ♥ K4 ♦ K732 ♣ 9
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At all tables the contract of Six Spades was reached. Three times when played by North East led the singleton eight of diamonds handing declarer the contract at trick one. In one case declarer at trick two declarer cashed the ace of diamonds and played another only to see it ruffed by East and with the club king offside and no squeeze he was down. The contract comes down to the diamond suit: the two methods used by declarers on this hand was to cash the ace and king and lead a third round, the other is to take the diamond finesse after cashing the king. Both of these work when diamonds are 3-3 or West had the doubleton queen. Cashing the ace and king guard against doubleton queen in the East hand whereas the finesse guards against any queen in the West hand and that is at least twice as likely, if anyone wishes to correspond with me about how I calculated that I will glad to explain in long and dreary detail. There is also another prime reason for taking the finesse, if it fails and the diamonds are not 3-3 you still have the club finesse in reserve. If you play three rounds of diamonds and you are unlucky they can immediately cash a second diamond and then you would look foolish if the club finesse was right all along.

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# General Instructions

## 1. Home & Visiting teams

When you log in to the RealBridge game (using the game link), you will find your team name written on one of the Tables.

All team members are required to sit at their table (all together / all team at same table) in Pairs N/S and E/W, later on, when we start the session, the software will automatically move the E/W pairs between the tables according to the schedule of play.

In the schedule of play you will find Home team (the team mentioned first) and Visiting team (the team mentioned second)

NO LINE-UP will be needed from the teams, the visiting team has to sit first at their table (in Pairs N/S and E/W), minimum 10 min before the official start time, and the Home team has the right to have a look at the visiting team and sit its pairs accordingly.

## 2. Time delay and hesitation

It is very important to know that the TDs have the tools to produce a board report which includes the time for each bid / play by each player, so please be bare that in mind when calling the TD for a possible hesitation or before denying it.

It is also very important to know that the TDs also have the tools to produce a session time report which includes the exact time taken by each player in a session, in case of time delay, the penalty will be given according to this report.

## 3. Headphones / Earphones

In order to minimize the noise in the venue as much as possible...

It is strongly recommended that each player has his own headphone / earphone which is connected to his device during play

Use the table chat / private chat as much as possible and don't use vocal chat.

Any vocal explanation will not be taken into the TD consideration in any case.

You need to be very careful when using the table chat as you might give an unauthorized information to your partner which could results in adjusted score by the TD

## 4. Kibitzers

Kibitzers are not allowed by any means at the playing venue or the RealBridge online playing room.

All players are required to immediately leave the playing area when they finish their session, players are also kindly asked to keep their seats and not roam around the playing area.

All the matches will be broadcasted via RealBridge kibitzer website...

<https://kibitz.realbridge.online/>

At the RealBridge kibitzer website, you can find the live broadcasted matches and also all the other matches scheduled for broadcast.

For security reasons, all broadcasted matches will be delayed by 30-45 min.

## 5. Smoking, Eating and Alcohol, Mobile and electronic devices

We must act as if we were playing these championships "live", therefore, the following is strictly forbidden during play:

Mobile phones and any other electronic devices, Mobile phones will be collected and there will be a regular check each session by the monitor.

Eating (even if only biscuits) or Drinking Alcohol

Smoking

Going to the WC without permission

Talking loudly during or at the end of any board if the player is unhappy about his/her partner's bid, hand play or defence.

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# Final Instructions

## Welcome to the 21<sup>st</sup> BFAME championship 2021!

### IMPORTANT LINKS

#### **BFAME Website**

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/bfame/>

#### **Time table, Schedule of play, play links, Results and more ...**

[https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=bfame&pid=display\\_page41](https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=bfame&pid=display_page41)

#### **Convention Cards**

[https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=bfame&pid=display\\_page47&sessid=662449186987538](https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=bfame&pid=display_page47&sessid=662449186987538)

#### **General Instructions**

[https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=bfame&pid=display\\_page42&sessid=662449186987538](https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=bfame&pid=display_page42&sessid=662449186987538)

#### **Head TD Corner & Review Form**

[https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=bfame&pid=display\\_page45&sessid=43754367897896](https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=bfame&pid=display_page45&sessid=43754367897896)

#### **Kibitzer Website**

<https://kibitz.realbridge.online/>

The 21<sup>st</sup> BFAME Championship will start Wednesday 8th December, we would like to stress on some important points.

#### **Play Format**

##### **Open & Senior Teams: 6 teams ( BAN, IND, JOR, PAK, KSA & UAE )**

All teams will play 3 complete Round Robin, 15 matches in 5 days from 8-12 DEC.

The first and second Round Robin will be done according to pre-defined draw by the OC.

The third Round Robin will be done according to the team rank in the previous played 2 Round Robins.

After the Round Robin stage, the top 4 teams will qualify to the Semi-Final stage which will be as follows:

The top ranked team after the 3 complete Round Robin stage will chose its opponent in the semi-final match; opponent must be one of the teams ranked 3rd or 4th and the remaining 2 teams will play against each other

.The semi-final match will be played in 4 Sessions, 16 boards each in IMPs.

The final match between the semi-final winners will be played in 2 Sessions, 16 Boards each.

In all the knock out stages, there shall be a carry-over of only 0.5 IMP to the team who scored more VPs in the Round Robin stage.

The team ranked higher after the Round Robin stage will be the Home team in sessions 2 and 4 in the Semi-final match.

The team ranked lower after the Round Robin stage will be the Home team in sessions 1 and 3 in the Semi-Final match.

The team ranked higher after the Round Robin stage will be the Home team in session 2 in the Final.

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### **Women Teams: 4 Teams ( IND, JOR, PAL & UAE )**

All teams will play 5 complete Round Robins, 15 matches in 5 days from 8-12 DEC.

The first 4 Round Robins will be done according to pre-defined draw by the OC.

The last Round Robin will be done according to the team rank in the previous played 4 Round Robins.

After the Round Robin stage, the top 2 teams will qualify to World championship and will play the final between each other on DEC. 13th, to determine the title winner.

### **Mixed Teams: 4 Teams ( IND, JOR, PAK & UAE )**

All teams will play 5 complete Round Robins, 15 matches in 5 days from 8-12 DEC.

The first 4 Round Robins will be done according to pre-defined draw by the OC.

The last Round Robin will be done according to the team rank in the previous played 4 Round Robins.

After the Round Robin stage, the top 2 teams will qualify to World championship and will play the final between each other on DEC. 13th, to determine the title winner.

## **Play Links**

Already posted to the BFAME website with the dates, session number and category.

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/bfame/Play%20Links-BFAME.htm>

Will also be sent to the players' registered email addresses.

The game will be open to players to join 30 min before the official start time.

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The higher ranked team is the home team.

The visiting team has to sit first at their table (in Pairs N/S and E/W) and the home team has the right to have a look at the visiting team and sit its pairs accordingly.

## **Your Tournament Directors**

Mr. Sudhir Aggrawal, Mr. Ihsan Qadir, Mr. Raad Etoom and Mr. Tarek Abdel Rahman will be your friendly Tournament Directors throughout.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

With best wishes for a wonderful event.

# Results

## Open Championship

Round 1 Match 4 7.30 (GMT)		Round 1 Match 5 11.00 (GMT)		Round 2 Match 1 13.30 (GMT)	
 0.00 Bangladesh	 20.00 India	 19.07 India	 0.93 Pakistan	 2.15 Saudi Arabia	 17.85 India
 3.27 Jordan	 16.73 Pakistan	 15.38 Bangladesh	 4.62 Saudi Arabia	 11.20 UAE	 8.80 Pakistan
 20.00 UAE	 0.00 Saudi Arabia	 4.81 Jordan	 15.19 UAE	 19.77 Jordan	 0.23 Bangladesh

## Senior Championship

Round 1 Match 4 7.30 (GMT)		Round 1 Match 5 11.00 (GMT)		Round 2 Match 1 13.30 (GMT)	
 1.03 Bangladesh	 18.97 India	 15.19 India	 4.81 Pakistan	 1.34 Saudi Arabia	 18.66 India
 1.67 Jordan	 18.33 Pakistan	 19.93 Bangladesh	 0.07 Saudi Arabia	 15.38 UAE	 4.62 Pakistan
 17.03 UAE	 2.97 Saudi Arabia	 17.72 Jordan	 2.28 UAE	 10.31 Jordan	 9.69 Bangladesh

## Women Championship

Round 2 Match 1 7.30 (GMT)		Round 2 Match 2 11.00 (GMT)		Round 2 Match 3 13.30 (GMT)	
 17.17 UAE	 2.83 Jordan	 13.04 Jordan	 6.96 Palestine	 7.45 India	 12.55 Jordan
 3.42 Palestine	 16.58 India	 5.61 India	 14.39 UAE	 15.19 UAE	 4.81 Palestine

## Mixed Championship

Round 2 Match 1 7.30 (GMT)		Round 2 Match 2 11.00 (GMT)		Round 2 Match 3 13.30 (GMT)	
 1.03 UAE	 18.97 India	 14.18 India	 5.82 Jordan	 10.31 Pakistan	 9.69 India
 15.74 Jordan	 4.26 Pakistan	 5.40 Pakistan	 14.60 UAE	 16.09 UAE	 3.91 Jordan

All scores subject to official verification

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# Special Online Policies

## 1. General

All players must be present at the playing spot determined by the local NBO and approved by BFAME and will play under the supervision of a monitor appointed by the BFAME in agreement with the local NBO.

WBF 20 VP “continues scale” will be used in the RR Stage

KO stage—if any - will be calculated in IMPs

Butler ranking will be posted after each RR session.

In the event that there is confusion, lack of clarity, or a difference in the interpretation of one of the technical clauses in these regulations, the interpretation of the Head TD is the final interpretation of this confusion / wording.

In the event there is confusion, lack of clarity, or a difference in the interpretation of one of the non-technical items in these regulations, the interpretation of the Chairman of the organizing Committee shall be final interpretation of this confusion / wording.

Playing with mobile phones are completely restricted, only Laptops / tablets shall be allowed.

It is the responsibility of each NBO to provide a good and stable internet connection in the playing area for the players, BFAME monitor, BFAME Officials and BFAME IT.

Two Surveillance cameras with an internet connection and zoom capability controlled by the TD will be placed inside the playing area to monitor it.

It is the responsibility of each NBO to provide playing table’s screens in the playing area, in case needed by the appointed monitor.

## 2. Alert

All ALERTABLE bids must be self-alerted (press the alert button before making the bid). And give a full writing disclosure of the bidding, vocal explanation won’t be taken into the TD consideration.

NOTE: - Players will not be allowed to alert their partner’s bid, only self-alert will be allowed and the written explanation will be shown to both opponents but not to partner.

## 3. Undo

Undoes are allowed only during bidding and according to the followings:

The undo button is activated from the beginning.

Click the undo button to stop the bidding.

Call the TD

No Action from any party will be taken before the arrival of the TD.

The TD will instruct the opponents whether to accept the undo or not, the TD will accept only the obvious miss-click requests but not the change of mind requests.

The TD will keep counting the undoes for each player, only 2 undoes are allowed for each player during one session.

If the opponents accept—before the TD arrival - , bidding continue. but all parties forfeit their rights for any kind of rectification later on.

If the opponents don’t accept—before the TD arrival - , bidding stops and the TD decide what is to be done.

The TDs reserve the rights to adjust the score of the board for any unauthorised information might arise from using the undo process.

Undo is not allowed under any circumstances during playing the deals and if a player request an undo during play, the TD has to be summoned immediately to take an action and he might adjust the score.

After two matches not much can be read into the score, but since I wished to report on a Mixed Team I chose Jordan as they were at the top of the standings, but the UAE were not far behind.

Board 38. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ AJ102 ♥ K84 ♦ J4 ♣ KJ97</p>		<p>♠ 87 ♥ J752 ♦ 10953 ♣ 1052</p>
<p>♠ KQ963 ♥ 10 ♦ A876 ♣ A84</p>		
<p>♠ 54 ♥ AQ963 ♦ KQ2 ♣ Q63</p>		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hindie</i>	<i>Alrawashdeh</i>	<i>Mekky</i>	<i>Ahmad</i>
–	–	Pass	1♥
Double	Redble*	Pass	Pass
1♠	Double	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
Redble	10+		

By now most of you will know my opinion of doubles on hands such as West's, particularly when vulnerable. I suspect the earth shuddered when North doubled One Spade for penalties but South was oblivious to her partner's wishes. On best defence the contract fails by three tricks. It is an interesting defensive problem. The ending could well come down to

<p>♠ AJ ♥ — ♦ — ♣ KJ97</p>		<p>♠ 87 ♥ J ♦ — ♣ 1052</p>
<p>♠ KQ9 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ A84</p>		
<p>♠ 54 ♥ Q ♦ — ♣ Q63</p>		

With West on lead and if he plays ace and jack of spades North must unblock a high honour on the ace and then duck the jack!!! If not West will make two club tricks, but if North ducks then West must play clubs from hand and thus South gets the lead and can cash a heart, so by ducking the defence gives up one trick but makes two clubs and a heart instead of just one club.

In 3NT after a diamond lead declarer minded his work as he knew where the majority of points were situated and so West was continually under pressure of what to lead when he won a trick, but an escape for West—will the lesson be learnt about doubles?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghanem</i>	<i>Edis</i>	<i>Barakat</i>	<i>Edis</i>
–	–	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
2♥	asking for 3♠		
2NT	no 3♠		

In this room West kept his powder dry and refrained from entering the auction so South had little or no information as to the distribution of the opponents' cards. The club lead went to declarer's queen and a spade led towards dummy allowing the queen to win. The ten of hearts ran to the king and West cleared the club suit. Declarer now played for either the jack of hearts to drop or the diamonds to break 3-3, unfortunately neither of these possibilities came to pass and so the contract failed, ten IMPs to Jordan.

Board 42. Dealer East. All Vul.

<p>♠ 2 ♥ AK107642 ♦ 7542 ♣ 5</p>		<p>♠ 85 ♥ J9853 ♦ K ♣ AQ943</p>
<p>♠ AJ643 ♥ — ♦ QJ1098 ♣ K76</p>		
<p>♠ KQ1097 ♥ Q ♦ A63 ♣ J1082</p>		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hindie</i>	<i>Alrawashdeh</i>	<i>Mekky</i>	<i>Ahmad</i>
–	–	1♠	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♦	Pass
Pass	2♥	3♦	All Pass

West must have been full of anticipation when the Two Hearts bid was made but partner came to the rescue of the opposition. On the lead of the ace of spades Two Hearts goes for 800.

The contract can be beaten but not after the lead of the queen of hearts, but 110 is scant reward compared to 800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghanem</i>	<i>Edis</i>	<i>Barakat</i>	<i>Edis</i>
–	–	1♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Four Hearts is what we call in France ‘a Mixed Team’ bid. It was not slated to do well and indeed it did not, suffering a three trick set and Nine IMPs to UAE.

Board 47. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ Q62	
	♥ J652	
	♦ Q10843	
	♣ 4	
♠ 4		♠ AK953
♥ AKQ74		♥ 3
♦ J75		♦ AK6
♣ KQ83		♣ AJ97
	♠ J1087	
	♥ 1098	
	♦ 92	
	♣ 10652	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hindie</i>	<i>Alrawashdeh</i>	<i>Mekky</i>	<i>Ahmad</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	6♣	All Pass
4♣ RKCB			
4NT 2 with queen			

Well bid. On the lead of the four of diamonds declarer won in dummy with the ace. The ace of clubs was followed by seven of clubs to the king exposing the unfavourable trump split. The ace of hearts was cashed and a small one ruffed with

the jack but when the ♣9 was led South refused to cover and now declarer was marooned in dummy and so ungracefully failed by a trick. To succeed at trick three lead the nine of clubs to hand and now you do not have the entry problem. It is a play that cannot cost. Of course you could ruff a heart before tackling trumps and that would succeed as well in a much simpler fashion.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghanem</i>	<i>Edis</i>	<i>Barakat</i>	<i>Edis</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥	Pass	6♣	All Pass
2♦ FSF GF			

After the same lead declarer took the simple line about which I postulated above and immediately ruffed a heart and so had thirteen tricks and 14 IMPs to Jordan.

Board 48. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

	♠ 9	
	♥ J763	
	♦ J9872	
	♣ KQ2	
♠ KJ1064		♠ Q7
♥ A94		♥ 8
♦ –		♦ AKQ103
♣ AJ1076		♣ 98543
	♠ A8532	
	♥ KQ1052	
	♦ 654	
	♣ –	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hindie</i>	<i>Alrawashdeh</i>	<i>Mekky</i>	<i>Ahmad</i>
1♠	Pass	1NT*	2♥
3♣	4♥	5♣	5♥
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

1NT Forcing

I am not sure if either side knew who was sacrificing against whom as there is no game contract available for either pair. The auction screams for a trump lead and continuation (where else is declarer making tricks?) which should lead to a four trick defeat but the defence started with the ace of clubs, this should now allow declarer to escape for two off but the end game defeated declarer and an unnecessary trick was lost.

## Closed Room

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Ghanem</i>	<i>Edis</i>	<i>Barakat</i>	<i>Edis</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦*	2♥
3♣	4♥	6♣	All Pass
2♦ Natural GF			

A seemingly reasonable auction to a no-hope contract and with the trumps breaking 3-0 it was two off and so 12 IMPs to UAE. At the end of a session where the score could have been mightily different in either direction an honourable draw was the result and ten VPs to each team.

## Note from Head TD

In the Senior Teams in the first match of the first Round Robin Saudi Arabia withdrew against India. This has been scored as 12-0, however this score may well change depending on how both teams perform over the rest of the Round Robins. The score will be updated at the end of the second Round Robin and published in the Bulletin but be aware they could change further when all the Round Robins are completed. The rules for such adjustments are repeated below.

## According to the conditions of contest

-The team in forfeit shall score zero Victory Points and zero IMPs for that match. The team winning the forfeited match will receive the best score between:

- (a) 12 VP using the 20-0 VP continues scale, or the equivalent according to the VP scale adopted,
- (b) The team's average
- (c) The average score obtained by all the other opponents against the team at fault.

Whichever is the greater.

## 21st BFAME Championships Rosters

Open		Women	
Bangladesh		India	
<b>Captain</b>	Amir Ali Rana	<b>Captain</b>	Subhash Chandra Gupta
Player	Md Zahid Hossain	Player	Puja Batra
Player	Mohammad Maula Al Mamun	Player	Asha Sharma
Player	SK Aminur Rahman	Player	Bharati Dey
Player	BM Mahmud Hossain	Player	Vasanti Shah
Player	Ali Ahammed	Player	Feroza Chothia
Player	Md Anisuzzaman	Player	Aparna Sushil Sain
India		Jordan	
<b>Captain</b>	Debasish Ray	<b>Captain</b>	Ramzi Najeeb Goussous
Player	Keyzad Anklesaria	Player	Yasmin M.A.Khattak
Player	Rajeshwar Tewari	Player	Dimah Omar Al-taher
Player	Sumit Mukherjee	Player	Mays Wahib Albittar
Player	Debabrata Majumder	Player	Hanan Khalil Al salem
Player	Sandeep Thakral	Player	Bana Ibrahim Taher
Player	Jaggy Shivdasani	Player	Alia M A Rida
Jordan		Palestine	
<b>Captain</b>	Zafer Jarrar	<b>Captain</b>	Laila Haddadin
Player	Zafer Jarrar	Player	Nawar Hashem
Player	Sakher Malkawi	Player	Hanan Albitar
Player	Amr Nimer	Player	Silvia Hayk Kh Harbedian
Player	Laith Jarrar	Player	Fadia Najjar
Player	Clement Maamarbach	Player	May Abogharbieh
Player	Aida Abu Jaber	Player	Laila Haddadin
Pakistan		U.A.E	
<b>Captain</b>	Kashif Ali Qureshi	<b>Captain</b>	Manju law
Player	Kashif Ali Qureshi	Player	Manju law
Player	Hasnat Mahmood	Player	Rubinder Kochar
Player	Khalid Mohiuddin	Player	Vandana Darshan Valrani
Player	Muhammad Mubashir Puri	Player	Anshu Agarwal
Player	Yasser Rahim	Player	Rupinder kaur Walia
Player	Arslan Mansoor	Player	Kumkum Kumar
Saudi Arabia			
<b>Captain</b>	Bassem Afioni		
Player	Bassem Afioni		
Player	Abdul hakim Sahab		
Player	Mohammed Hassan Badawoud		
Player	Mohamed Ali Azem		
Player	Amal Rahbani		
Player	Yasser Sindi		
U.A.E			
<b>Captain</b>	Hesham Attef Abdelmonaem		
Player	Hesham Attef		
Player	Akiel H N Almadi		
Player	Hazem Ghoneim		
Player	Khaled Hassan Abdelatief		
Player	Abdelrahim Mehilba		
Player	Mohamed Said Elsayed		

## 21st BFAME Championships Rosters

Seniors		Mixed	
Bangladesh		India	
<b>Captain</b>	Mohammad Azizul Haque	<b>Captain</b>	Vinay Desai
Player	Mohammad Azizul Haque	Player	Kiran Nadar
Player	ATM Moazzem Hussain	Player	Bachiraju Satyanarayana
Player	Khodoker Mazharul Haque	Player	Marianne Karmarkar
Player	Md Jahirul Haque	Player	Sandeep Karmarkar
Player	DM Hanzala	Player	Himani Khandelwal
Player	Sayeed Ahmed	Player	Rajeev Khandelwal
India		Jordan	
<b>Captain</b>	Ramaratnam Krishnan	<b>Captain</b>	Marwan Ghanem
Player	Ashok Kumar Goel	Player	Marwan Ghanem
Player	K R Venkatraman	Player	Sireen Barakat.
Player	Anil P. Padhye	Player	Samer Alrawashdeh
Player	Rajesh A. Dalal	Player	Farah Tambulat
Player	Subrata Saha	Player	Mona Alzaben
Player	Sukamal Das	Player	Ghassan Ghanem
Jordan		Pakistan	
<b>Captain</b>	Ghassan Ghanem	<b>Captain</b>	Ahsan Javed Qureshi
Player	Ghassan Ghanem	Player	Ahsan Javed Qureshi
Player	Omran Abdallah Abudhaim	Player	Zia Hyder Naqi
Player	Jamal Abdul Jalil	Player	Aamir Ishaq
Player	Zead Shariha	Player	Rubina Agha
Player	Jack Karouta	Player	Samira Fancy
		Player	Neelofar Aslam
Pakistan		U.A.E.	
<b>Captain</b>	Kamran Ibrahim	<b>Captain</b>	Amr Mekky
Player	Azhar Hamid	Player	Nermeen Qasim
Player	Muhammad Ghalib Bandesha	Player	Humayun Sumar
Player	Masood Mazhar	Player	Timur Edis
Player	Iftikhar Baqai	Player	Elvan Edis
Player	Zakir Mahmood	Player	Marie Hindie
Player	Kamran Ibrahim	Player	Amr Mekky
Saudi Arabia			
<b>Captain</b>	Tareg Ahmad Alyafi		
Player	Salem Sabali		
Player	Tareg Ahmad Alyafi		
Player	Adnan Ali Mosly		
Player	Ayman Tarek Al Safadi		
Player	Reda Salama		
Player	Mujahed RY		
U.A.E			
<b>Captain</b>	Ahmed Almidfa		
Player	Ahmed Almidfa		
Player	Valrani Darshan		
Player	Sanjay Satyasadhan Dutta		
Player	Arun Chopra		
Player	Hussein Adam Ali		
Player	Ravishankar Bhat		



Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ J 10 8 5 ♥ 10 9 7 ♦ 10 2 ♣ 10 8 7 3		
♠ A 6 4 ♥ A 6 ♦ A 9 7 5 4 3 ♣ J 5	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">           N W     E S         </div>	♠ K Q 7 3 2 ♥ J 8 ♦ K J 8 ♣ A 9 4	
	♠ 9 ♥ K Q 5 4 3 2 ♦ Q 6 ♣ K Q 6 2		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ahmed	Anklesaria	Rahman	Tewari
–	–	1♠	2♥
Double	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Declarer received the lead of the king of hearts which was won in dummy. Three rounds of trumps highlighted the unfriendly trump split. Declarer led a diamond from table and took the finesse and when it failed the hand collapsed and declarer failed by two tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Maula	Thakral	Zahid
–	–	1♠	2♥
3♥*	Pass	4♠	All Pass
3♥	spade limit or better		

This time South elected to start with the king of clubs which declarer ducked. Now the defence switched to hearts and dummy's ace dealt with the king. Two rounds of trumps and then ace of clubs and a ruff left declarer in control and when he did not take a losing diamond finesse his contract was safe and another 13 IMPs for India.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ J 10 8 7 3 ♥ J 8 4 ♦ A 3 2 ♣ J 9		
♠ 6 ♥ A 10 5 ♦ K J 10 9 7 6 5 ♣ K 10	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">           N W     E S         </div>	♠ 9 5 ♥ Q 7 6 3 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ A 5 4 2	
	♠ A K Q 4 2 ♥ K 9 2 ♦ – ♣ Q 8 7 6 3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ahmed	Anklesaria	Rahman	Tewari
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♦	2NT*	3♦	4♦
Double	4♠	All Pass	

The diamond lead was taken in dummy with the ace while discarding a heart from hand. Two rounds of trumps were taken finishing in dummy and the nine of clubs was run round to West's ten, it now looks as though declarer must fail as he cannot play the heart suit himself without losing two tricks but East came to his rescue by not covering the jack of hearts when it was led from dummy. I seem to recall a piece of advice early on in my bridge career of 'covering an honour with an honour', I suspect a maxim of which East may well have been forcibly reminded by his partner.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Maula	Thakral	Zahid
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♦	4♠	Double	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

Five Diamonds should fail by two tricks on best defence but South with his four-loser hand elected to try for the vulnerable game. The defence calmly took their two club tricks and the ace of hearts for another ten IMPs to India.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>♠ 872</p> <p>♥ KQ84</p> <p>♦ K96</p> <p>♣ A87</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W   E S           </div>	<p>♠ KQJ1094</p> <p>♥ 5</p> <p>♦ AQ1082</p> <p>♣ 6</p>	<p>♠ 53</p> <p>♥ AJ732</p> <p>♦ J3</p> <p>♣ KQ93</p>
		<p>♠ A6</p> <p>♥ 1096</p> <p>♦ 754</p> <p>♣ J10542</p>	

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ 2</p> <p>♥ K987543</p> <p>♦ QJ</p> <p>♣ J86</p>	<p>♠ 1096</p> <p>♥ AJ106</p> <p>♦ 8732</p> <p>♣ 93</p>	<p>♠ KQJ8753</p> <p>♥ Q2</p> <p>♦ A10</p> <p>♣ A5</p>	<p>♠ A4</p> <p>♥ —</p> <p>♦ K9654</p> <p>♣ KQ10742</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ahmed	Anklesaria	Rahman	Tewari
—	—	1♥	Pass
2NT*	3♠	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		
2NT Jacoby			

I know the pre-emptor is not supposed to speak again but it is hard to argue with success. When declarer used his single entry to dummy to finesse against the king of diamonds he was onto a good score, losing only two hearts and a diamond (he elected to discard his losing club on the second round of hearts) and so brought home his doubled contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Maula	Thakral	Zahid
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♣	3♣*	3♥	Pass
Pass	3♠	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			
3♣ ♠ and ♦			

As long as North did not lead a diamond at any point the contract was always one off - a fine save against the Four Spades that was not bid but also a save against Three Spades. Yet again a game swing to India and another ten IMPs.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ahmed	Anklesaria	Rahman	Tewari
—	—	—	1♣
3♥*	Pass	4♠	All Pass
3♥ pre-empt			

If I had the East hand and wanted to bid on I would have chosen Four Hearts which would have been even worse than Four Spades but I think a priori 4♥ is a better contract, it is of little import as both contracts were going to fail as the diamond finesse was not going to succeed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Maula	Thakral	Zahid
—	—	—	1♣
3♥	Pass	4♥	4NT*
Pass	5♦	Double	All Pass

I have every sympathy with South's Unusual NT, on a day different from this one it could have been a winner, but nothing was going right for his team and North was left to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune and finished up three light which was yet another 13 IMP swing to India. The final tally was 82 -1 or 20-0 VPs. Whilst Bangladesh was not at the top of its game the gods were not with them for this match. There will be others when she is.

Women

## India vs. UAE

RR2 Match 2

**M**y first report on the Women Teams features India and UAE, both had very good results in their first match of the day and so should be on good form.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ AK94		
	♥ Q96		
	♦ J93		
	♣ K42		
♠ Q1063		♠ 5	
♥ 1043		♥ K752	
♦ 84		♦ 107652	
♣ J1096		♣ Q73	
	♠ J872		
	♥ AJ8		
	♦ AKQ		
	♣ A85		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>KumKum</i>	<i>Vasanti</i>	<i>Walia</i>	<i>Dey</i>
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♠
All Pass			
1♦	Prepared 11-16		

Lots of points, but no distribution and no source of tricks and then when the spades break badly offside then there is no hope for the contract. It is difficult to criticise South, yet she knows North does not have the king of hearts and does not have the trump queen, should this be a warning? I shall be interested to see if in the other room declarer correctly plays the trump suit—do you know the safety play if you are only in game? We shall see shortly.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Manjulaw</i>	<i>Batra</i>	<i>Valrani</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Maybe here South was unadventurous but it led to the right contract. The lead was the jack of clubs taken in hand with the ace. A spade to the ace

and a diamond back to hand and now declarer fell from grace when she led another trump and put up the king, covering whatever card West plays will guarantee the loss of only one trump trick. An alternative approach is after winning the first trump trick leading small towards the jack also holds the defence to only one trump trick for any 4-1 split. Declarer recovered by taking a successful finesse with the jack of hearts and attempted to cash two more diamonds but West ruffed in and cashed her master trump and exited with a club. Declarer was up to the task and rose with the king and she herself exited with a club and East had the unenviable choice of leading away from the ♥K or giving a ruff and discard. Unblocking the ♣Q would not have helped as if West is on lead then on a heart exit declarer finesses against the ♥10 and still makes her contract. 13 IMPs to UAE

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

		♠ 652	
		♥ 9	
		♦ J1075	
		♣ AQ764	
♠ J			♠ K1043
♥ AQJ102			♥ 763
♦ AQ3			♦ K986
♣ J852			♣ K10
		♠ AQ987	
		♥ K854	
		♦ 42	
		♣ 93	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>KumKum</i>	<i>Vasanti</i>	<i>Walia</i>	<i>Dey</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Most of the room will be in the heart game. The lead was the jack of diamonds taken in hand with the queen. Declarer tackled trumps by leading from the top. South taking the third round and exited with a club and now North must duck!!! When I saw that my finessing friend said that was the necessary play I was convinced it was an error but when I played it out it was correct. I do recommend try-

ing it out as there are a few variants, too many to list here, but now declarer was home.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sharma	Manjulaw	Batra	Valrani
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♥	All Pass

A similar auction and similar lead. Declarer tried to sneak a spade trick by leading the jack and going up with the king, the upshot of this was that a spade trick could now never be established and declarer was always a trick short. So ten IMPs to UAE.

## Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 1087	♠ A3	♠ K62
♥ K	♥ AQ95	♥ J108632
♦ AJ642	♦ Q987	♦ 10
♣ 9875	♣ K64	♣ AQ2
	♠ QJ954	
	♥ 74	
	♦ K53	
	♣ J103	

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
KumKum	Vasanti	Walia	Dey
Pass	1NT*	Double	2♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

1NT 15-16

I am assuming that East's Double showed a single suit. South made a standard transfer to spades and North rested happily there. Though East/West got some ruffs in the red suits they were frequently ruffing losers and they also forgot to cash their ace of clubs so declarer lost a diamond, a trump and two ruffs for plus one.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sharma	Manjulaw	Batra	Valrani
Pass	1NT	2♥	3♥
Double	3NT	All Pass	

After East's natural Two Hearts what was the meaning of the Three Hearts bid? Whatever the answer the upshot was doomed contract, as the cards lie 1NT should not make. Declarer was faced with an

impossible task and trying to find some miracle ended up failing by an additional trick for -400 and eleven IMPs to India.

## Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ K753	♠ AJ62	♠ 8
♥ J	♥ 1064	♥ AKQ953
♦ AKQ862	♦ J105	♦ 4
♣ A4	♣ 1086	♣ KQ532
	♠ Q1094	
	♥ 872	
	♦ 973	
	♣ J97	

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
KumKum	Vasanti	Walia	Dey
–	–	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

West is obviously a disciple of MAFIA (Major Always First In Auction) and when East showed the rounded suits she barrelled into the small slam. We do need to detain ourselves on the play as there are seventeen tricks on top and so an overtrick was recorded without breaking into a sweat.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sharma	Manjulaw	Batra	Valrani
–	–	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

I am loathe to say if anyone is at fault for not reaching the slam. I cannot be sure but I believe they are playing 2 over 1 and with a three loser hand I would have rebid Three Clubs with the East hand and that perhaps would have galvanised West into some additional action. The problem is you both know that there is no fit. It is also not apparent that the jack of hearts is an enormous card virtually guaranteeing 6NT from the West hand. However, languishing in game saw eleven IMPs to UAE. At the end of the match India had lost to UAE 28-45 or 5.61-14.39 VPs.