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The Battle For Salsamaggiore

We are past the halfway mark for the Round Robin part of this event. Competition is heating up for those places to represent BFAME in the World Championships in Salsmaggiore next year. In the Open Team **India** continue to set the pace and are now two matches clear at the top ahead of **UAE** and **Pakistan** who are within four points of each other for second place. Likewise in the Senior Team **India** scored in excess of 50 points over three matches to maintain a commanding lead over **Pakistan**. **Bangladesh** and **UAE** currently hold the third and fourth spots so **Jordan** and **Saudi Arabia** will need to put a spurt on if they want to reach the semi-finals. The only event where **India** is only lying second is the Women Team and the **UAE** is only seven points ahead in first place. **India**, again a match ahead, lead the Mixed Team ahead of **Jordan**.

In the Open and Senior events the schedule for Round Robin 3 will be finalised after RR2 is completed.

Standings

Open Team	VPs	Position
India	149.18	1
UAE	105.80	2
Pakistan	101.88	3
Jordan	77.51	4
Bangladesh	57.93	5
Saudi Arabia	44.70	6

Senior Team	VPs	Position
India	135.78	1
Pakistan	116.52	2
Bangladesh	103.98	3
UAE	82.06	4
Jordan	67.83	5
Saudi Arabia	25.83	6

Women Team	VPs	Position
UAE	103.74	1
India	96.06	2
Jordan	78.78	3
Palestine	77.42	4

Mixed Team	VPs	Position
India	124.94	1
Jordan	104.38	2
UAE	86.25	3
Pakistan	44.43	4



Today's Schedule

Open Championship

Round 2 Match 5 7.30 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 1 11.00 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 2 13.30 (GMT)	
 Pakistan	 India	Team #01	Team #06	Team #05	Team #01
 Saudi Arabia	 Bangladesh	Team #02	Team #05	Team #06	Team #04
 UAE	 Jordan	Team #03	Team #04	Team #02	Team #03

Senior Championship

Round 2 Match 5 7.30 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 1 11.00 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 2 13.30 (GMT)	
 Pakistan	 India	Team #01	Team #06	Team #05	Team #01
 Saudi Arabia	 Bangladesh	Team #02	Team #05	Team #06	Team #04
 UAE	 Jordan	Team #03	Team #04	Team #02	Team #03

Women Championship

Round 4 Match 1 7.30 (GMT)		Round 4 Match 2 11.00 (GMT)		Round 4 Match 3 13.30 (GMT)	
 UAE	 Jordan	 Jordan	 Palestine	 India	 Jordan
 Palestine	 India	 India	 UAE	 UAE	 Palestine

Mixed Championship

Round 4 Match 1 7.30 (GMT)		Round 4 Match 2 11.00 (GMT)		Round 4 Match 3 13.30 (GMT)	
 UAE	 India	 India	 Jordan	 Pakistan	 India
 Jordan	 Pakistan	 Pakistan	 UAE	 UAE	 Jordan

Round Up

Day 2

I have noted a surprising number of the first hands in a set have been slams, yesterday's round up had one form the very first deal of the Senior Teams.

The very same thing happened in the Women Teams event.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ J ♥ KJ8742 ♦ KJ4 ♣ 1087		♠ Q94 ♥ AQ10 ♦ 2 ♣ KQ9652	♠ 832 ♥ 65 ♦ Q109865 ♣ AJ
		♠ AK10765 ♥ 93 ♦ A73 ♣ 43	

However no pair managed to reach the contract even when West intervened with Two Hearts. Perhaps the auction could have gone something like this

West	North	East	South
–	1♣	Pass	1♠
2♥	Double*	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠

All Pass

Dble Support Double, 3♠

I think the important part of the auction is the support double, once South knows there are three spades opposite his hand improves immeasurably, as usual I shall bang on about the ninth trump being invaluable. I do not say it is easy to get to the slam but that support double makes it possible.

The first deal on the second day the Senior Teams brought this deal.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ KJ83 ♥ KQJ2 ♦ 4 ♣ 10753		♠ A74 ♥ 105 ♦ K10932 ♣ J98	♠ Q52 ♥ A8764 ♦ AJ6 ♣ AK
		♠ 1096 ♥ 93 ♦ Q875 ♣ Q642	

Two of the six pairs reached the slam. Here is the Precision auction of the UAE pair.

West	North	East	South
<i>Arun</i>		<i>Bhat</i>	
–	Pass	1♣*	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♦*	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

- 1♣ 16+
- 2♣ relay, 8+
- 4♦ splinter

Declarer was not hard pressed in the play, especially when both majors split.

The same match in the Open gave us this deal.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ KJ65 ♥ A ♦ AQ972 ♣ KQ2		♠ Q732 ♥ 1076 ♦ 1084 ♣ 853	♠ — ♥ KQJ9852 ♦ KJ ♣ AJ104
		♠ A10984 ♥ 43 ♦ 653 ♣ 976	

Three pairs reached the grand slam in hearts, two the small slam and one pair played in 6NT, fortunately from the West hand. I think praise is due to those pairs who reached the grand slam, all employed RKCB and were able to show the void which allowed West to try for seven. One of the auctions was as follows from the Pakistani team.

West	North	East	South
<i>Mahmood</i>		<i>Ali Qureshi</i>	
–	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	5NT*	Pass
7♥	All Pass		
3♥	Strong hand		
5NT	2KC + void		

Bizarrely I think the key bid is 3NT as it pinpoints the void later in the bidding. I do not believe 3NT was to play. Some of the other auctions were not necessarily sure in which suit there was a void.

Our final example comes from the first deal of the Mixed Teams Round Robin 2 Match 3.

Board 33. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ KJ97654	
	♥ AQ	
	♦ 108	
	♣ 73	
♠ Q2		♠ –
♥ KJ975		♥ 2
♦ Q9543		♦ AKJ72
♣ 9		♣ AKQJ864
	♠ A1083	
	♥ 108643	
	♦ 6	
	♣ 1052	

All four tables reached the slam but one pair were unlucky as the opponents profitably sacrificed in Six Spades, conceding 300 against the 920 of the slam. There were two auctions that amused me: 1♠-6♣ and 3♠-6♣, blunt but effective.

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.

Final Instructions

Welcome to the 21st 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

Convention Cards

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

Head TD Corner & Review Form

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=bfame&pid=display_page45&sessid=43754367897896

Kibitzer Website

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

The 21st 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.

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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All team members are required to sit at their table (all together) 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.

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 2 Match 2 7.30 (GMT)		Round 2 Match 3 11.00 (GMT)		Round 2 Match 4 13.30 (GMT)	
 19.34	 0.66	 9.09	 10.91	 17.17	 2.83
India	UAE	Jordan	India	India	Bangladesh
 2.03	 17.97	 4.44	 15.56	 6.25	 13.75
Jordan	Saudi Arabia	Bangladesh	UAE	Pakistan	Jordan
 2.83	 17.17	 19.69	 0.31	 3.91	 16.09
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)	
 16.09	 3.91	 1.79	 18.21	 16.26	 3.74
India	UAE	Jordan	India	India	Bangladesh
 3.91	 16.09	 16.73	 3.27	 16.58	 3.42
Jordan	Saudi Arabia	Bangladesh	UAE	Pakistan	Jordan
 5.61	 14.39	 19.52	 0.48	 4.81	 15.19
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)	
 10.61	 9.39	 17.85	 2.15	 2.97	 17.03
Jordan	UAE	Palestine	Jordan	Jordan	India
 16.42	 3.58	 13.28	 6.72	 12.80	 7.20
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)	
 13.52	 6.48	 5.00	 15.00	 15.19	 4.81
India	UAE	Jordan	India	India	Pakistan
 6.96	 13.04	 11.76	 8.24	 14.60	 5.40
Pakistan	Jordan	UAE	Pakistan	Jordan	UAE

All scores subject to official verification

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.

When the first Round Robin finished UAE and Jordan were fighting it out for the fourth spot to play in the semi-finals.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 3 ♥ J76 ♦ 76 ♣ 10876543</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ AKJ76 ♥ A43 ♦ Q104 ♣ Q2</p>	<p>♠ 1098 ♥ 92 ♦ KJ832 ♣ AKJ</p>
		<p>♠ Q542 ♥ KQ1085 ♦ A95 ♣ 9</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Iftibaqai</i>	<i>Adam Ali</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>	<i>Sanjay</i>
–	–	–	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

South's Three Spades bid is impressive—how poor would his hand have to be to only bid Two Spades, there was no alert so it could be described as a brave bid. I am also puzzled as to how North there was not at least two losers in one of the minors—his luck was definitely in when South had the magic hand as South would have bid identically had his minors been reversed. There was nothing to the play, especially after the lead of the ace of clubs.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Arun</i>	<i>Bandesha</i>	<i>Bhat</i>	<i>Mazhar</i>
–	–	–	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

South's bid was more representative of his hand but I do not understand North's bid, he has two losers in each minor, he needs to find out more information before launching into the much-abused convention of Blackwood. As we can see he was not aware of the controls in both minors and so

when his partner admitted to only one keycard he felt he could not go on to the slam. I agree it is not easy to exchange all the necessary information but launching into control-asking will never solve the problem. Of course declarer made twelve tricks but it was a fortunate eleven IMPs to UAE.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ A863 ♥ Q984 ♦ KJ10 ♣ J2</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ K109 ♥ A76 ♦ AQ97 ♣ Q63</p>	<p>♠ Q752 ♥ K1053 ♦ 2 ♣ AK95</p>
		<p>♠ J4 ♥ J2 ♦ 86543 ♣ 10874</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Iftibaqai</i>	<i>Adam Ali</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>	<i>Sanjay</i>
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

When West could not find it in his heart to open his moth-eaten eleven count North's 1NT opener stole the contract though it was prize he might well have wished he never won as he only amassed three tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Arun</i>	<i>Bandesha</i>	<i>Bhat</i>	<i>Mazhar</i>
1♣	1NT	Double	Pass
Pass	2♦	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Here West was made of sterner stuff—though he failed to alert his bid. North did well to rescue himself but the opposition battled on to the major-suit game. North had the unenviable task of finding a lead and when he chose a heart he solved all problems in that suit. There was no good lead, though a spade would have tested declarer the most as he might well have played North for the jack of hearts. But the game was successful and so six IMPs to UAE.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ J103		
	♥ K103		
	♦ 86		
	♣ J9764		
♠ 865	N W E S	♠ AK2	
♥ A		♥ QJ754	
♦ AQJ32		♦ K5	
♣ Q832		♣ A105	
		♠ Q974	
		♥ 9862	
		♦ 10974	
		♣ K	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Iftibaqai</i>	<i>Adam Ali</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>	<i>Sanjay</i>
–	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2NT Puppet

Declarer ducked the opening spade lead but took the continuation and crossed to the ace of hearts and came back to hand with a diamond to force out the king of hearts and came to the rest of the tricks made even easier when South discarded hearts so it was not necessary to drop the singleton king of clubs.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Arun</i>	<i>Bandesha</i>	<i>Bhat</i>	<i>Mazhar</i>
–	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

Over the Two diamonds bid which was game forcing East perhaps might have done better by rebidding 2NT, in fact might he not have considered an opening bid of 1NT. The Three Clubs bid did not work out well as not unnaturally West took it to be natural and ploughed on. If East was of the opinion that his partner would suspect the 5NT bid as natural he was quickly disillusioned and whilst you would need the gift of second sight (and maybe even third sight) Five Clubs can actually be made, although it is a highly improbable line of play. I suspect declarer was a little depressed with the final contract and could probably have saved a trick, though there are layouts of the opposing cards whereby the contract could be made—basically you need South to have three clubs to the king and diamonds to break 3-3,

probably less than a 5% chance, but this was 14 IMPs back to Pakistan.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

	♠ K54		
	♥ J86		
	♦ AK1072		
	♣ A3		
♠ QJ983	N W E S	♠ A762	
♥ K10		♥ 9532	
♦ Q		♦ J9	
♣ Q9852		♣ J104	
		♠ 10	
		♥ AQ74	
		♦ 86543	
		♣ K76	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Iftibaqai</i>	<i>Adam Ali</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>	<i>Sanjay</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
2♠	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

North did not take South's Double to be for penalties, maybe a bid of 3♦ by North would lead to a less fraught contract as it will fail on any lead except a spade and I suspect you can guess what East led and so nine tricks rolled home.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Arun</i>	<i>Bandesha</i>	<i>Bhat</i>	<i>Mazhar</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
2♠	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

What are your agreements about South's Double—if you do not have any then I think my secondary rule about doubles comes into play 'if you are not sure then it is not a penalty double'. Following this advice you will occasionally incur the wrath of partner but experience shows it wins more points than it loses. North was soon disabused when the contract came home and if he had not found the club ruff then there would have been an overtrick. A double non-vulnerable game swing gave 13 IMPs to UAE. The final tally was 54-32 in favour of UAE or 15.38-4.62 VPs.

21st BFAME Championships Rosters

Open		Women	
Bangladesh		India	
Captain	Amir Ali Rana	Captain	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	
Captain	Debasish Ray	Captain	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	
Captain	Zafer Jarrar	Captain	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 Maamarbachi	Player	May Abogharbieh
Player	Aida Abu Jaber	Player	Laila Haddadin
Pakistan		U.A.E	
Captain	Kashif Ali Qureshi	Captain	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			
Captain	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			
Captain	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	
Captain	Mohammad Azizul Haque	Captain	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	
Captain	Ramaratnam Krishnan	Captain	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	
Captain	Ghassan Ghanem	Captain	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.	
Captain	Kamran Ibrahim	Captain	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			
Captain	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			
Captain	Ahmed Almidfa		
Player	Ahmed Almidfa		
Player	Valrani Darshan		
Player	Sanjay Satyasadhan Dutta		
Player	Arun Chopra		
Player	Hussein Adam Ali		
Player	Ravishankar Bhat		

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Saudi Arabia vs. Jordan

RR2 Match 2

I noticed that I had not yet watched a match including Saudi Arabia so I decided this morning to watch them play against UAE. They were in need of some good results to bolster their chances of making it to the semi-final playoffs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ KJ7		
	♥ KQJ83		
	♦ AJ96		
	♣ K		
♠ A5		♠ Q109643	
♥ 10762		♥ A	
♦ KQ10		♦ 8742	
♣ J843		♣ 76	
	♠ 82		
	♥ 954		
	♦ 53		
	♣ AQ10952		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Clement</i>	<i>Ali Azem</i>	<i>Nimer</i>	<i>Badawoud</i>
–	1♥	1♠	2♥
2♠	4♥	All Pass	

The lead was a spade to the ace and the suit returned with declarer taking it in hand with the king. He now led his final spade and when he ruffed he was over ruffed and now the contract failed as he still had to lose a trump and a diamond. If he does lead a spade he should then discard a diamond from dummy, exchanging one loser for another.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Afouni</i>	<i>Malkawi</i>	<i>Sahab</i>	<i>Abu Jaber</i>
–	1♥	Pass	2♥*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
2♥	8-10		

The lead was the same but at trick two West switched to the king of diamonds which declarer took with the ace and started on trumps. East had no choice but to win and continued with a diamond to his partner's queen. West now reverted to spades taken by the king and a second round of trumps exposed the unfriendly break so declarer overtook the king of clubs, cashed the queen, discarding the losing

spade and then led dummy's heart. When West did not cover he came back to hand with a club ruff and drew the last trump and was delighted to see the ten of diamonds fall under the jack and so make his contract. Twelve IMPs to Jordan.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ Q97		
	♥ K10		
	♦ Q98654		
	♣ 108		
♠ 1062		♠ A85	
♥ 9652		♥ AJ874	
♦ AJ		♦ –	
♣ KQJ3		♣ 76542	
	♠ KJ43		
	♥ Q3		
	♦ K10732		
	♣ A9		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Clement</i>	<i>Ali Azem</i>	<i>Nimer</i>	<i>Badawoud</i>
–	–	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♦*	All Pass	

3♦ < opening

North's pre-emptive raise kept the opposition out of the auction and the icing on the cake was that there were just four top losers.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Afouni</i>	<i>Malkawi</i>	<i>Sahab</i>	<i>Abu Jaber</i>
–	–	2♥*	Double
4♥	All Pass		
2♥	♥ and any		

East had a fiendish weapon in his arsenal, his 2♥ showed 5♥ and another five-carder with 6-10 points. West upped the level and unless South could find a spade lead the contract would be made. Unfortunately for South there was no obvious lead and the choice of a diamond gave twelve IMPs to Saudi Arabia.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ K1076</p> <p>♥ A83</p> <p>♦ K9752</p> <p>♣ 4</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ QJ8</p> <p>♥ KJ64</p> <p>♦ J</p> <p>♣ K9763</p>	<p>♠ 5</p> <p>♥ Q10952</p> <p>♦ 864</p> <p>♣ AQ105</p>
		<p>♠ A9432</p> <p>♥ 7</p> <p>♦ AQ103</p> <p>♣ J82</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Clement</i>	<i>Ali Azem</i>	<i>Nimer</i>	<i>Badawoud</i>
Pass	Pass	2♥*	All Pass
2♥ ♥ and a minor			

Like the proverbial Clapham omnibus when one sees a two-suited weak 2♥ opener another one comes by immediately. On the lead of the ace of spades and a heart switch declarer embarked upon a successful cross-ruff guaranteeing his contract and with a minor defensive slip he registered an overtrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Afiouni</i>	<i>Malkawi</i>	<i>Sahab</i>	<i>Abu Jaber</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		
2♣ Drury			

Back in the sixties we would have called West's Double a 'tiger double' after we had read Flint-Pender's book Tiger Bridge. It was certainly effective, the club lead saw East take the queen and ace and give his partner a ruff and with the ace of hearts and a trump trick that was two off. Suddenly a minor overbid had become expensive. Eight IMPs to Saudi Arabia.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

<p>♠ A1094</p> <p>♥ 72</p> <p>♦ A862</p> <p>♣ 1097</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ Q87</p> <p>♥ KQ1063</p> <p>♦ K9</p> <p>♣ QJ3</p>	<p>♠ K652</p> <p>♥ 985</p> <p>♦ 107</p> <p>♣ A652</p>
		<p>♠ J3</p> <p>♥ AJ4</p> <p>♦ QJ543</p> <p>♣ K84</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Clement</i>	<i>Ali Azem</i>	<i>Nimer</i>	<i>Badawoud</i>
–	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

It looks that there are four top losers but appearances can be deceptive and, of course, there is always the defence to come to your rescue. When the opening lead was the ten of diamonds West took his ace and seemingly without reflection returned the suit. Declarer won with the ♦9 and drew trumps ending in dummy. Three rounds of diamonds ensued seeing the departure of the losing spades in his hand. All that remained was to concede a trick to the ace of clubs and claim an unlikely overtrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Afiouni</i>	<i>Malkawi</i>	<i>Sahab</i>	<i>Abu Jaber</i>
–	1♥	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Being a student of Brother Herbert East elected to lead a trump which was won in dummy. On the continuation of a diamond West hopped up with his ace and switched to a small spade to East's king who returned the deuce for West to take his ace and now a club return saw the defence take its four tricks giving Saudi Arabia and another 13 IMPs. At close of play Saudi Arabia had outscored UAE 55-16 or 17.97-2.03 VPs.

Women	Palestine vs. Jordan	RR3 Match 2
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Having noted earlier I had not reported on Saudi Arabia I found the same omission concerning the Paletinian Women. So here is a rectification of that situation.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ KQ106 ♥ 109874 ♦ 6 ♣ A72	♠ 93 ♥ AQ62 ♦ KJ10752 ♣ 4	♠ A742 ♥ KJ3 ♦ A ♣ QJ863	♠ J85 ♥ 5 ♦ Q9843 ♣ K1095
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Abu Jaber</i>	<i>Abogharbieh</i>	<i>Taher</i>	<i>Laila</i>
—	—	1♣	Pass
1♥	2♦	Double	3♦
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Declarer had a momentary aberration when she forgot to draw the last trump and so when she cashed her spades North was able to ruff in and take the contract one off. Nothing is more frustrating that doing all the hard work and then just having a momentary lapse of concentration.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hashem</i>	<i>Bitar</i>	<i>Bitar</i>	<i>Rida</i>
—	—	1NT	Pass
2♣	2♦	2♠	3♦
4♠	All Pass		

South led his singleton heart and got his ruff before switching to a diamond. Declarer then drew trumps in two rounds and cashed the king of hearts. When South covered the queen of clubs declarer won and ruffed a heart and now just had a club to lose to bring home ten tricks and ten IMPs to Palestine.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 876 ♥ 853 ♦ 542 ♣ AJ32	♠ K1095 ♥ QJ42 ♦ AKQ106 ♣ —	♠ Q32 ♥ K10 ♦ J9873 ♣ Q97	♠ AJ4 ♥ A976 ♦ — ♣ K108654
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Abu Jaber</i>	<i>Abogharbieh</i>	<i>Taher</i>	<i>Laila</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

A somewhat rustic auction but not without some merit as with each having a void in partner's suit a sensible exchange is not apparent, at least not to me. East does not have an inviting hand from which to lead and eventually chose the seven of clubs, when declarer selected the ♣10 from dummy West rose with his ace. West had to decide whether the lead was a singleton or from ♣Q97 and hoped it was the singleton but was quickly abused. With the miraculous distribution of the trump suit and the establishment of the king of clubs declarer was going to succeed even when she misguessed the spades.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hashem</i>	<i>Bitar</i>	<i>Bitar</i>	<i>Rida</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

The auction is a mystery to me, whatever it meant at least they were playing in the correct strain and probably at the right level but it was a loss thirteen IMPs for Jordan.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ KJ3		
	♥ 9864		
	♦ K4		
	♣ Q853		
♠ A1082		♠ Q975	
♥ 10		♥ AK5	
♦ J7532		♦ A86	
♣ KJ6		1097	
	♣		
	♠ 64		
	♥ QJ732		
	♦ Q109		
	♣ A42		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Abu Jaber</i>	<i>Abogharbieh</i>	<i>Taher</i>	<i>Laila</i>
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

I think declarer was not fully awake as the lead was the three of hearts and when the ten of hearts was holding the trick she played the ace from hand. She tackled trumps by leading to the ace and one back towards the queen but North stepped in with his king and switched to a small diamond taken by declarer's ace. The last trump was drawn and a diamond played to North's king. The heart return was taken by the king and a diamond given up, establishing two winners in dummy. When South cashed her ace of clubs the dummy was high and so declarer had an overtrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hashem</i>	<i>Bitar</i>	<i>Bitar</i>	<i>Rida</i>
–	Pass	1♣	1♥
Double	2♥	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

West was more bullish and went for the game bonus. Declarer was probably not over optimistic looking at least one trump loser, a similar situation in the club suit and two potential diamond losers. The lead was the ♥Q which declarer took with the ace and then played a small club towards dummy, rising with the king. Ace and another spade followed, with North taking her king. There was one and only one card in North's hand to give declarer the contract and that was the king of diamonds, by now, dear reader you will know which card was led without me having to spell it out. Another seven IMPs to Palestine.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ 1083		
	♥ A4		
	♦ KQJ93		
	♣ K96		
♠ AJ95		♠ 2	
♥ 32		♥ QJ10765	
♦ A10842		♦ 7	
♣ 54		AQ732	
	♣		
	♠ KQ764		
	♥ K98		
	♦ 65		
	♣ J108		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Abu Jaber</i>	<i>Abogharbieh</i>	<i>Taher</i>	<i>Laila</i>
Pass	Pass	2♥*	Pass
Pass	3♦	All Pass	
2♥	♥ and a minor		

Three Diamonds was never going to be a success and when the defence found their spade ruff the contract failed by a couple of tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hashem</i>	<i>Bitar</i>	<i>Bitar</i>	<i>Rida</i>
Pass	1♦	1♥	1♠
Double	2♦	4♥	All Pass

I am not sure what West's Double was supposed to convey but I think East treated it as a support double and remembering Meckstroth's law bid game. Another fantastic layout for declarer, clubs 3-3 with the king onside meant that on the lead of a diamond she was able to win in dummy take a winning club finesse, cash the ace and ruff the suit good, all she had to do then was to tackle trumps. They behaved and so the unlikely contract came home with an overtrick and yet another six IMPs for Palestine. The final score was 55-17 to Palestine or 17.85-2.15 VPs.