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## The End Of The Round Robin

Today we will find out which teams will represent BFAME in both the Women and Mixed Team World Championships. We will also know the four semi-finalists for the Open and Senior Team events. In all cases there will be finals to find the BFAME champions in all four contests.

In the Open Team **India** have a huge lead and something really strange would have to happen if they did not finish on top of the Round Robin rankings, **UAE** and **Pakistan** are fighting out for third place whilst **Bangladesh** will need a really good set of results if they are to move up to fourth place ahead of **Jordan**. Similarly in the Senior Team, **India** have a two match cushion ahead of **Pakistan** and **Bangladesh**. **Jordan** have an uphill task to leapfrog **UAE** for the fourth semi-final slot. The most interesting and close is the Women Team as only 23 points separate all four teams with **UAE** having a narrow advantage over **India**. The Mixed Team seems to have **India** assured of a berth but **Jordan** are not yet safe and will need to take care on the final day.

## Standings

Open Team	VPs	Position
India	184.05	1
UAE	141.62	2
Pakistan	132.78	3
Jordan	103.55	4
Bangladesh	85.22	5
Saudi Arabia	69.78	6

Senior Team	VPs	Position
India	185.54	1
Pakistan	142.53	2
Bangladesh	140.68	3
UAE	119.27	4
Jordan	93.86	5
Saudi Arabia	30.12	6

Women Team	VPs	Position
UAE	128.54	1
India	125.89	2
Palestine	115.87	3
Jordan	105.70	4

Mixed Team	VPs	Position
India	163.03	1
Jordan	133.43	2
UAE	110.66	3
Pakistan	72.88	4



# Today's Schedule

## Open Championship

Round 3 Match 3 7.30 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 4 11.00 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 5 13.30 (GMT)	
 India	 Jordan	 Pakistan	 India	 India	 UAE
 Bangladesh	 Pakistan	 Jordan	 UAE	 Pakistan	 Saudi Arabia
 Saudi Arabia	 UAE	 Bangladesh	 Saudi Arabia	 Jordan	 Bangladesh

## Senior Championship

Round 3 Match 3 7.30 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 4 11.00 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 5 13.30 (GMT)	
 India	 UAE	 Bangladesh	 India	 India	 Pakistan
 Jordan	 Bangladesh	 UAE	 Pakistan	 Bangladesh	 Saudi Arabia
 Saudi Arabia	 Pakistan	 Jordan	 Saudi Arabia	 UAE	 Jordan

## Women Championship

Round 5 Match 1 7.30 (GMT)		Round 5 Match 2 11.00 (GMT)		Round 5 Match 3 13.30 (GMT)	
 UAE	 Jordan	 Palestine	 UAE	 UAE	 India
 India	 Palestine	 Jordan	 India	 Palestine	 Jordan

## Mixed Championship

Round 5 Match 1 7.30 (GMT)		Round 5 Match 2 11.00 (GMT)		Round 5 Match 3 13.30 (GMT)	
 India	 Pakistan	 UAE	 India	 India	 Jordan
 Jordan	 UAE	 Pakistan	 Jordan	 UAE	 Pakistan

# Round Up

Day 3

Yet again we have a plethora of slams on the first deal of the day. Three of the four events started in such a fashion, the only one to spoil our full house was the Open Team. Here is the first deal of the day from the Senior Team. It also gave me my favourite auction of the tournament.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ AK10764		
	♥ K74		
	♦ 1084		
	♣ 7		
♠ 52		♠ 8	
♥ 10832		♥ AQ965	
♦ AKJ962		♦ Q753	
♣ 5		♣ K42	
	♠ QJ93		
	♥ J		
	♦ —		
	♣ AQJ109863		
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
<i>Arun</i>	<i>Das</i>	<i>Bhat</i>	<i>Saha</i>
—	2♠*	Double	6♠
All Pass			
2♠ 10-13			

What a gloriously pragmatic bid Six Spades is. With hands like these science goes out the window, the old adage of get your retaliation in first springs to mind. The only other approach is to make a minimum bid in spades and continue to do so until they give in and hopefully double you but then you are reliant on the opposition helping you—not always a good plan. One other table reached Six Spades but the opponents sacrificed in Seven Hearts which could have escaped for four off but declarer, unsurprisingly, did not play South for an eight-card club suit. The lead was the ace of hearts followed by a diamond ruffed in dummy, declarer played ace of clubs and another, overruffing West. Now the contract was safe. At trick three declarer's dilemma was whether to risk a 4-0 club split but I suspect if they were then he would fail anyway.

The first hand in the opening hand from the Mixed Team was.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ K9832		
	♥ A		
	♦ 54		
	♣ Q10963		
♠ J75		♠ 64	
♥ KQ985		♥ J76432	
♦ 98		♦ J763	
♣ K54		♣ J	
	♠ AQ10		
	♥ 10		
	♦ AKQ102		
	♣ A872		

The club slam is superior to the spade slam and basically only requires the trump suit to come in for one loser, which is over 80% of the time. Unfortunately no pair managed to bid it which mildly surprised me as one pair started with North bidding 2♠ showing 5♠ and a five-card minor, now to me that makes the South hand enormous and surely an effort could be made and if you find two keycards in the North hand you can more or less underwrite Six Spades if the clubs come in for one loser.

The Women were not to be done out of the fun as their first board of the day was.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ —		
	♥ AK4		
	♦ KQ1064		
	♣ KQJ87		
♠ J1092		♠ AQ875	
♥ Q5		♥ 107632	
♦ J9732		♦ —	
♣ 104		♣ 532	
	♠ K643		
	♥ J98		
	♦ A85		
	♣ A96		

Again no one reached the slam as frequently there was a major barrage from the opposition. One West doubled the contract of Five Diamonds which would have been a poor result had North left it in, I would have redoubled with my three loser hand which would have resulted in a nice round score of 1000.

How many slams will there be today?

Mixed **A Mixed Bag** RR3 M2&3

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ KJ	
	♥ 109762	
	♦ Q764	
	♣ KQ	
♠ 8763		♠ 10
♥ AJ85		♥ K3
♦ A2		♦ KJ1098
♣ J75		♣ A8432
	♠ AQ9542	
	♥ Q4	
	♦ 53	
	♣ 1096	

West	North	East	South
<i>Agha</i>	<i>Qasim</i>	<i>Qureshi</i>	<i>Sumar</i>
—	—	1♦	1♠
Double	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	2♠	3♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Many of you will know that I am a great fan of the Biltcliffe coup of which this is very nearly an example, all that was missing was a double of the final contract, as you can see North could have passed out the hand in Two Clubs but he generously gave the opposition a second bite of the cherry and to mix metaphors, they quickly seized it. But it was now up to declarer to bring home the contract. The lead was the ace of spades and the suit continued and ruffed in hand. Declarer's first task is not lose two trump tricks and short of a defensive error I can see no other possibility than king queen doubleton, so declarer led a small club from hand and was no doubt relieved when North won with the queen. A diamond followed and the ten in hand held the trick. With a sharp intake of breath the ace of trumps saw the king fall from North. The final trump was drawn and the ace of diamonds cashed, leaving this position.

	♠ —	
	♥ 10972	
	♦ Q7	
	♣ —	
♠ 87		♠ —
♥ AJ85		♥ K3
♦ —		♦ KJ9
♣ —		♣ 8
	♠ Q954	
	♥ Q4	
	♦ —	
	♣ —	

Declarer now ruffed a spade and what was North to do? Whichever red suit he discarded would set up declarer's eleventh trick, in practice North discarded a heart as a diamond would have been immediately fateful. Now the king of diamonds was cashed and the hearts were good for the last four tricks. Poor North was genuinely squeezed. Declarer had a fair share of good fortune but when the Great Shuffler comes to your aid you still have to play correctly to take advantage thereof and that declarer did and did it well.

Board 39. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ J975	
	♥ QJ6	
	♦ AJ2	
	♣ K98	
♠ K8		♠ 106432
♥ 742		♥ A3
♦ K109654		♦ —
♣ 54		♣ AQJ1073
	♠ AQ	
	♥ K10985	
	♦ Q873	
	♣ 62	

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghanem</i>	<i>Qasim</i>	<i>Barakat</i>	<i>Sumar</i>
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	1NT*	2♥*	Pass
2♠	4♥	All Pass	

1NT F1R  
2♥ ♠ and a minor

The contract does not look too auspicious but declarer's mood improved when the lead was the king of spades. Declarer is not home yet, even if the diamond finesse is successful there seems to be a loser there and probably two clubs and the little matter of the ace of trumps. Winning the first trick, trumps were tackled with East taking the first round and playing back a spade taken by the queen. Trumps were now drawn finishing in hand and this was followed by a successful diamond finesse. When East showed out the hand was now an open book, but how to take advantage? Declarer calmly cashed the jack of spades and then played dummy's last spade, discarding two clubs from hand and on the next round of spades from declarer coolly discarded a diamond. East now had no option but to play a club and it did not matter which one. Well played. Looking at the hand you would not have thought the contract would be made by letting East win two spade tricks.

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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 2 Match 5 7.30 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 1 11.00 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 2 13.30 (GMT)	
 11.20 Pakistan	 8.80 India	 18.87 India	 1.13 Saudi Arabia	 12.80 Bangladesh	 7.20 India
 10.91 Saudi Arabia	 9.09 Bangladesh	 14.60 UAE	 5.40 Bangladesh	 13.04 Saudi Arabia	 6.96 Jordan
 10.61 UAE	 9.39 Jordan	 10.31 Pakistan	 9.69 Jordan	 10.61 UAE	 9.69 Pakistan

## Senior Championship

Round 2 Match 5 7.30 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 1 11.00 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 2 13.30 (GMT)	
 4.81 Pakistan	 15.19 India	 19.77 India	 0.23 Saudi Arabia	 5.20 Jordan	 14.80 India
 3.91 Saudi Arabia	 16.09 Bangladesh	 11.20 Pakistan	 8.80 Jordan	 0.15 Saudi Arabia	 19.85 UAE
 7.97 UAE	 12.03 Jordan	 10.61 Bangladesh	 9.39 UAE	 10.00 Pakistan	 10.00 Bangladesh

## Women Championship

Round 4 Match 1 7.30 (GMT)		Round 4 Match 2 11.00 (GMT)		Round 4 Match 3 13.30 (GMT)	
 17.31 UAE	 2.69 Jordan	 7.97 Jordan	 12.03 Palestine	 3.74 India	 16.26 Jordan
 10 Palestine	 10 India	 16.09 India	 3.91 UAE	 3.58 UAE	 16.42 Palestine

## Mixed Championship

Round 4 Match 1 7.30 (GMT)		Round 4 Match 2 11.00 (GMT)		Round 4 Match 3 13.30 (GMT)	
 10 UAE	 10 India	 10 India	 10 Jordan	 1.91 Pakistan	 18.09 India
 12.80 Jordan	 7.20 Pakistan	 19.34 Pakistan	 0.66 UAE	 13.75 UAE	 6.25 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.

As I started my perambulations around the first matches of the day I saw that the match between India and UAE in the Mixed Team had some swings early on, so I decided to remain and report on this match.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ 94 ♥ AJ62 ♦ J754 ♣ 983</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W E S           </div>	<p>♠ QJ2 ♥ Q543 ♦ KQ1083 ♣ 7</p>	<p>♠ A763 ♥ K7 ♦ A ♣ AKQ1054</p>
		<p>♠ K1085 ♥ 1098 ♦ 962 ♣ J62</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hindie</i>	<i>Satyanarayana</i>	<i>Mekky</i>	<i>Nadar</i>
–	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
1♣ 2+			
1♦ 3+			

With ten tricks on top declarer was not challenged in the play.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Khandelwal H</i>	<i>Edis T</i>	<i>Khandelwal R</i>	<i>Edis E</i>
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦*	Double	2♠	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass
1♦	♥		
3♣	GF		

Declarer received the lead of a diamond which he won in hand with his singleton ace. He immediately set about scoring spade ruffs in dummy by ducking a round of spades to North who returned a trump. Winning in hand declarer now ruffed a spade. Declarer is now at the crossroads, he has basically three lines of play, the first is that the hand that does not have a spade does not hold the

jack of trumps, the second is the heart finesse and the third is that the hand with the long spade has the queen of hearts and so can be squeezed. With all four hands available to us we can see which is the correct option to take but I do not see any compelling evidence for any particular line. I can see some logic in taking line three as that may work even if line one would have worked so you might just be getting an extra nibble at the cherry. However declarer did not stake all on the spade/trump position and so was unlucky but I do not think he can blame himself. So ten IMPs to UAE.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ Q953 ♥ K ♦ A1062 ♣ J763</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">             N W E S           </div>	<p>♠ 82 ♥ 76532 ♦ KQ73 ♣ 85</p>	<p>♠ A ♥ QJ98 ♦ 984 ♣ AKQ102</p>
		<p>♠ KJ10764 ♥ A104 ♦ J5 ♣ 94</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hindie</i>	<i>Satyanarayana</i>	<i>Mekky</i>	<i>Nadar</i>
–	–	–	2♦*
Pass	3♥*	Double	3♠
All Pass			
2♦ multi			
3♥ Pass or correct			

West seemed a little timid in not finding a bid and preferably a double. The defence got off to a good start with the king of hearts, declarer winning and leading the jack of diamonds. West hopped up with her ace and switched to a club. East now cashed two clubs, two hearts and the ace of trumps and continued with the master heart. Declarer ruffed with the jack and West fell from grace when she overruffed, discarding a minor-suit card would have left her with two trump tricks rather than just the queen, but the good news it would not have changed the IMPs.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Khandelwal H</i>	<i>Edis T</i>	<i>Khandelwal R</i>	<i>Edis E</i>
–	–	–	2♠
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2NT natural			
3♣ forced			

I suspect there was a minor misunderstanding in this auction with East believing 2NT was some sort of Lebensohl but no other bids were mistreated in this auction. To fulfil the contract declarer only needed to set up a couple of heart tricks and when the defence continued the attack in spades an over-trick was scored along with ten IMPs for India.

## Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 108	♠ AKJ	♠ 54
♥ Q97	♥ 5	♥ AKJ108432
♦ KJ8763	♦ Q95	♦ 2
♣ KQ	♣ A107653	♣ J9
	♠ Q97632	
	♥ 6	
	♦ A104	
	♣ 842	

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hindie</i>	<i>Satyanarayana</i>	<i>Mekky</i>	<i>Nadar</i>
–	1♣	4♥	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	4♠
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
All Pass			

Five Hearts was a good save against Four Spades but are you bidding Five Spades as a sacrifice or to make? It has the feeling to me of neither. I am certainly not at all confident of making Five Spades but I do not see them making Five Hearts, after all I do have a defensive trick. The contract was not without hope, as the cards lie there is only one defence, viz. lead a heart and return a diamond. Unfortunately for declarer it was not a difficult defence to find. From a commentator's point of view I would have liked East to hold ♣K9, would they have unblocked the king under the ace of clubs? Unfortunately we shall never know, but I bet if you ask the player they will reply in the affirmative 😊

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Khandelwal H</i>	<i>Edis T</i>	<i>Khandelwal R</i>	<i>Edis E</i>
–	1♣	4♥	Pass
Pass	Double*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
Dble Negative			

West did not avail herself of the sacrifice leaving declarer with the relatively easy task of making ten tricks when the clubs broke favourably. So twelve IMPs to UAE.

## Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ KQJ	♠ A97532
	♥ AQ42	♥ –
	♦ 6	♦ AJ109
	♣ Q10952	♣ 873
♠ 6		
♥ 10865		
♦ Q853		
♣ KJ64		
	♠ 1084	
	♥ KJ973	
	♦ K742	
	♣ A	

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Khandelwal H</i>	<i>Edis T</i>	<i>Khandelwal R</i>	<i>Edis E</i>
–	–	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♠*	Double	Pass
3♣	4♦*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
2♠ mini/maxi splinter any suit			
4♦ Maxi ♦ splinter			

West led her singleton spade which East won with his ace and now made a rather strange play in that he cashed his ace of diamonds and then led a spade for West to ruff. He no longer had an entry in his hand to give partner the game-setting ruff in spades. I cannot see the ace of diamonds running away so what is the hurry, if partner's spade was singleton the contract is going and if it was not it is probably making but it is almost certainly making if you cash the ♦A.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hindie	Satyanarayana	Mekky	Nadar
-	-	-	2♠*
All Pass			
2♠	10-13		

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Khandelwal H	Edis T	Khandelwal R	Edis E
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	2♥*
Pass 2♥	4♥, 5♠, 6-10	Double	All Pass

What's a point between partners? The effect of the two-bid was to silence the opposition. The defence can, in theory prevail, but with the spades breaking 3-3 declarer will nearly always succeed. To beat the contract the defence must cash their ace of clubs and then continually force declarer with heart leads. That would have saved three IMPs but with the contract making that was eleven IMPs to India.

An aggressive Double by East. We have the situation where one team is playing in the same denomination in both rooms, rarely a recipe for success. The opening club lead was taken by East who then cashed both his aces before exiting with a diamond. The queen of hearts was not covered and on the following low heart East inserted the ♥10 and declarer won with his ace. When his ten of spades held the next trick declarer can get out for one off by playing on trumps but this is not self-evident and might possibly be wrong if East had a third spade. Two down gave India nine IMPs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ Q	
	♥ QJ32	
	♦ KQ87	
	♣ AQ72	
♠ K9875		♠ A6
♥ 4		♥ K1065
♦ J42		♦ A1053
♣ 9543		♣ K108
	♠ J10432	
	♥ A987	
	♦ 96	
	♣ J6	

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ AJ	
	♥ 1098	
	♦ KQJ104	
	♣ Q104	
♠ KQ1076		♠ 932
♥ K2		♥ AJ754
♦ 2		♦ 9763
♣ A9863		♣ 5
		♠ 854
	♥ Q63	
	♦ A85	
	♣ KJ72	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hindie	Satyanarayana	Mekky	Nadar
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1NT	Double*	Redble
2♥*	All Pass		
Dble 14-17			
2♥	transfer ♠		

Board 12

Open Room			
West	North	East	South
Hindie		Satyanarayana	Mekky
Nadar			
1♠	2♦	2♠	3♦
4♠	All Pass		

It looks to me that there was confusion in the ranks as to whether system was 'on' or 'off' after the redouble with each having an opposing view. Hopefully now the partnership have resolved the matter but they were in a contract which broke Burns Law, i.e. the opposition have more trumps than you. AS you can imagine the contract was not a success but only failed by two tricks—no double—no trouble. Amusingly, well to me anyway, declarer managed to make her singleton ♥4 in her own hand

Diamonds were led and continued, declarer ruffing the second round. Who then started on a cross-ruff by cashing the ace of clubs and ruffing one in dummy. She back to hand with the king of hearts and ruffed yet another club. The ace of hearts was cashed before ruffing a diamond in hand. Another club was led but North ruffed in front off dummy with the jack of trumps. All that needed to be done now was to cash the ace of spades and lead anything as this would leave declarer with fewer trumps than South, whereas anything else would allow declarer to make three of the last four tricks. Unfortunately

North, who has a complete count on the hand, mysteriously chose a heart, a suit which declarer had previously ruffed. Another game contract succeeds with a little help from the defence.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Khandelwal H</i>	<i>Edis T</i>	<i>Khandelwal R</i>	<i>Edis E</i>
1♠	2♦	2♣	Double
3♠	All Pass		

West did not take the same positive view of his hand as in the other room, true it is only twelve points but everything else about it is positive. Again North led a high diamond, but this time South overtook and switched to a trump allowing North to take two rounds. Declarer now just ruffed one club in dummy to bring the tally to nine tricks and the contract. With the game making in the other room this was seven IMPs to UAE. After a high-scoring incident-strewn match the result was an honourable draw 42-42 or 10-10 VPs.

Whilst writing up this report I caught sight of India's next match in the Mixed Team against Jordan. Here are a couple of deals

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 95 ♥ J1096 ♦ J83 ♣ J972		♠ Q3 ♥ 875432 ♦ K54 ♣ K3
♠ 108762 ♥ K ♦ 1062 ♣ AQ108		♠ AKJ4 ♥ AQ ♦ AQ97 ♣ 654

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghanem</i>	<i>Satyanrayana</i>	<i>Barakat</i>	<i>Nadar</i>
—	—	—	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Not the best slam you have ever been in but if the trumps come in for no lose then two out of three finesses will ensure success and today is your lucky day. With the diamond finesses cooperating and one

of the two club finesses inside when the trumps behaved the slam rolled in.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Karmarkar S</i>	<i>Ahmad</i>	<i>Karmarkar MA</i>	<i>Alrawashdeh</i>
—	—	—	2NT*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
2NT 19-22			
3♥ transfer ♠			

If South's 4♠ shows a maximum and four spades then I think North is worth another effort, just give South ♠AQxx ♥Axx ♦AKx ♣Kxx and slam is a very high percentage (about 70%). Declarer was not bothered to make an overtrick and so it was eleven IMPs to India.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J943 ♥ 8 ♦ J85 ♣ K9874		♠ — ♥ AJ5 ♦ AK10932 ♣ AQ63
		♠ A108 ♥ Q109432 ♦ Q74 ♣ 5
		♠ KQ7652 ♥ K76 ♦ 6 ♣ J102

  

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghanem</i>	<i>Satyanrayana</i>	<i>Barakat</i>	<i>Nadar</i>
Pass	2♦*	Double*	2♥
Pass	Pass	3♦	3♥
4♦	Pass	5♦	All Pass

2♦ wk 2 in major  
Dble T/O usually 16+

Partner probably has a singleton heart and diamond support - also he bid freely, does that not make you think it is worth investigating - I suspect a Four Hearts bid would elicit a Five Clubs response and now I would have the Six Diamonds card on the table before you say 'Diamonds are a girl's best friend'. You would make seven if the diamonds had no loser.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Karmarkar S</i>	<i>Ahmad</i>	<i>Karmarkar M</i>	<i>Alrawashdeh</i>
Pass	2♦*	Double	2♥*
Pass	Pass	3♦	All Pass

2♦ multi  
2♥ Pass or correct

When you have a good play for all thirteen tricks and are not even in game you can be sure that somewhere a wheel has fallen off the bidding wagon and I shall point the finger at Three Diamonds. This cannot be forcing, I suggest doubling again and bidding diamonds over whatever partner bids. He should get the message that you have a huge hand with diamonds, of if you are lucky enough that he replies in clubs then even better. In some ways an escape for both teams but a better escape for Jordan as they netted ten IMPs but it could have been eleven out.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

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

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghanem</i>	<i>Satyanrayana</i>	<i>Barakat</i>	<i>Nadar</i>
–	–	–	1♥
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♥
Double	All Pass		

Declarer made a mislick which was unfortunate and meant the contract failed by two tricks.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Karmarkar S</i>	<i>Ahmad</i>	<i>Karmarkar M</i>	<i>Alrawashdeh</i>
–	–	–	1♥
Pass	1NT*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

Without the problem of a mislick could South find a way against the unfriendly trump split. West led the king of diamonds which declarer won in hand with the singleton ace and immediately played the king of hearts pinning the ten in East's hand. To beat the contract West needs to switch to a spade as that will establish a spade trick before declarer can eliminate the trumps and run the clubs. Naturally West tried to cash the queen of diamonds so declarer ruffed and continued to force out West's high trumps. With West not having any more diamonds declarer could not be forced and so could deal with the trumps and then cash the clubs. 15 very large IMPs for Jordan Another ding-dong battle for India and yet again a high scoring draw, this time even bigger 43-43.



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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		
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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
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<b>Captain</b>	Ramaratnam Krishnan	<b>Captain</b>	Marwan Ghanem
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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		