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Mixed and Women Teams Chosen

Firstly congratulations to **India** who triumphed in all four Round Robin events.

In the Women Team, **India** and **UAE** are qualified to represent BFAME at the world championships to be held in Salsamaggiore early next year. Likewise **India** and **Jordan** qualified in the Mixed Team. Both these events will have a 32 board final tomorrow to crown the BFAME champions.

In the Open Team an amazing performance by **India** saw them lead the table by more than three matches, **UAE** came second with **Pakistan** and **Jordan** finishing third and fourth respectively. These four teams will play a 64 board semi-final to determine which two teams head for the world championships and then a 32 board final to determine the champions.

In the Senior, who will have a similar schedule to the Open, we saw **India** win ahead of **Pakistan** with **Bangladesh** and **Jordan** taking the other two semi-final places. One cannot but have sympathy for **UAE** who were playing **Jordan** in the very last match and with four boards to play they held the fourth spot but **Jordan** came back with a slam swing to steal the fourth position at the eleventh hour.

Standings

Open Team	VPs	Position
India	239.66	1
UAE	175.47	2
Pakistan	154.37	3
Jordan	120.65	4
Bangladesh	109.07	5
Saudi Arabia	97.78	6

Senior Team	VPs	Position
India	226.04	1
Pakistan	182.21	2
Bangladesh	168.63	3
Jordan	138.04	4
UAE	131.84	5
Saudi Arabia	45.24	6

Women Team	VPs	Position
India	163.17	1
UAE	160.36	2
Palestine	144.42	3
Jordan	128.05	4

Mixed Team	VPs	Position
India	189.94	1
Jordan	165.73	2
UAE	148.74	3
Pakistan	95.59	4



Today's Schedule

Open Championship

Semi-final 1		7.30 (GMT)		Semi-final 2		11.00 (GMT)		Semi-final 3		14.00 (GMT)	
	Jordan		India		India		Jordan		Jordan		India
	Pakistan		UAE		UAE		Pakistan		Pakistan		UAE

0.5 CO to India, 0.5 CO to UAE

Senior Championship

Semi-final 1		7.30 (GMT)		Semi-final 2		11.00 (GMT)		Semi-final 3		14.00 (GMT)	
	Jordan		India		India		Jordan		Jordan		India
	Bangladesh		Pakistan		Pakistan		Bangladesh		Bangladesh		Pakistan

0.5 CO to India, 0.5 Co to Pakistan

Women Championship

Final 1		7.30 (GMT)		Final 2		11.00 (GMT)	
	UAE		India		India		UAE

0.5 CO to India

Mixed Championship

Final 1		7.30 (GMT)		Final 2		11.00 (GMT)	
	Jordan		India		India		Jordan

0.5 CO to India

Women	UAE vs. Jordan	RR5 Match 1
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The only event where there is a real uncertainty as to who will qualify for the World Championships, so I am going to report on the current leader—UAE—playing Jordan. A substantial win for either team could see them well placed for a berth to Salsamaggiore.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 832 ♥ J4 ♦ A9832 ♣ A32		♠ 95 ♥ 108762 ♦ Q105 ♣ J94	♠ AQJ764 ♥ K93 ♦ KJ ♣ 85
		♠ K10 ♥ AQ5 ♦ 764 ♣ KQ1076	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rida</i>	<i>Manjulaw</i>	<i>Bitar</i>	<i>Kochar</i>
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

To beat the contract South has to get North on lead to push a heart through. To achieve this he needs to lead a small club! Unlikely unless he has a direct line to the Great Shuffler. As expected the lead was a the king of clubs and East should duck this so as North cannot win a trick but she rose with the ace. Declarer then took a losing trump finesse. South again needs to play his partner for the jack of clubs but she cashed the club king and so when the diamonds broke 3-3 and the trumps 2-2 declarer brought the contract home.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>KumKum</i>	<i>Yasmin</i>	<i>Walia</i>	<i>Taher</i>
—	—	—	1♣
1♦	Pass	1♠	All Pass

While technically 4♠ can be beaten but as we have seen it is quite likely to succeed so why did the bidding die at the one-level, both parties were slightly reticent but it meant ten IMPs to Jordan.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 643 ♥ QJ63 ♦ Q72 ♣ 754		♠ A85 ♥ K8 ♦ KJ985 ♣ AQ8	♠ Q1092 ♥ A10974 ♦ A10 ♣ 92
		♠ KJ7 ♥ 52 ♦ 643 ♣ KJ1063	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rida</i>	<i>Manjulaw</i>	<i>Bitar</i>	<i>Kochar</i>
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
3♣ max			

East led a heart won by declarer's king. Five rounds of clubs were cashed, East discarding two hearts and a spade, declarer now elected to exit with a heart and after East cashed two tricks he took his ace of diamonds and declarer now had nine tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>KumKum</i>	<i>Yasmin</i>	<i>Walia</i>	<i>Taher</i>
Pass	1NT	2♥	All Pass

Two hearts was not alerted, but what could South do, I could find nothing about this situation in the convention card but to pass with an eight count opposite a strong no-trump does not seem the optimum strategy. Two hearts drifted two off but it was ten IMPs to UAE.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A964 ♥ A953 ♦ K43 ♣ K2		♠ KQJ7 ♥ 1064 ♦ A86 ♣ A86	♠ 1032 ♥ KJ872 ♦ 952 ♣ 53 ♠ 85 ♥ Q ♦ QJ107 ♣ QJ10974
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rida</i>	<i>Manjulaw</i>	<i>Bitar</i>	<i>Kochar</i>
1♣*	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

On the lead of the queen of diamonds declarer played with a straight bat right down the middle of the pitch and drew trumps cashed his winners and ruffed a club for ten easy tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>KumKum</i>	<i>Yasmin</i>	<i>Walia</i>	<i>Taher</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Declarer fell asleep at the wheel and when she received a club lead took only two rounds of trumps and then cashed the other club honour and was quickly disabused of her contract when she tried to ruff a club with the nine to watch in horror as North overruffed and the contract now one down. Ten IMPs to Jordan.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ KJ752 ♥ AKJ53 ♦ 1085 ♣ —		♠ A1043 ♥ 7 ♦ A976 ♣ QJ82	♠ Q6 ♥ 1094 ♦ KQ3 ♣ A10964 ♠ 98 ♥ Q862 ♦ J42 ♣ K753
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rida</i>	<i>Manjulaw</i>	<i>Bitar</i>	<i>Kochar</i>
—	—	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♣*	Double	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

I do not like East's 4♠ bid, I know he is minimum but still has an excellent hand in support of spades, my bid would have been Pass, partner then redoubles to show first round club control, you cue-bid in diamonds, she in hearts and after 4♠ from you she can bid on or pass as she sees fit. Declarer won the opening diamond lead and played ace of hearts and ruffed another, drew trumps in two rounds finishing in hand and hoped the queen of hearts would fall, no cigar and so the contract the contract failed. The chances of the hearts coming good for four tricks with one ruff is slightly over 50%, so not a hopeless slam but it also required the trumps to behave so that reduces its chances.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>KumKum</i>	<i>Yasmin</i>	<i>Walia</i>	<i>Taher</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♠	2♣	3♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Declarer was not troubled in making twelve tricks when North decided to lead a heart. Staying out of the slam nevertheless was worth thirteen IMPs to UAE

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 95 ♥ 862 ♦ 864 ♣ J9872		♠ 4 ♥ AKQ954 ♦ AKJ92 ♣ 3	♠ 1073 ♥ J3 ♦ 10753 ♣ A1064 ♠ AKQJ862 ♥ 107 ♦ Q ♣ KQ5
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rida</i>	<i>Manjulaw</i>	<i>Bitar</i>	<i>Kochar</i>
–	–	–	1♠
Pass	2♠	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♦	5♠
All Pass			

Well judged by all parties to get to the par contract.
The defence took their three tricks at the beginning.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>KumKum</i>	<i>Yasmin</i>	<i>Walia</i>	<i>Taher</i>
–	–	–	1♠
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥ All Pass			

There are some who have not been reading these bulletins otherwise they would know what I am going to say about them not responding—‘Don’t be afraid to respond’. I suspect West was probably the most surprised when the contract came home and it was worth ten IMPs to India. Another high-scoring encounter 47-33 to India or 13.75-6.25 VPs.



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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.

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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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 3 Match 3 7.30 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 4 11.00 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 5 13.30 (GMT)	
 20.00 India	 0.00 Jordan	 0.48 Pakistan	 19.52 India	 16.09 India	 3.91 UAE
 5.01 Bangladesh	 14.39 Pakistan	 3.58 Jordan	 16.42 UAE	 13.28 Saudi Arabia	 6.72 Pakistan
 6.48 Saudi Arabia	 13.52 UAE	 11.76 Bangladesh	 8.24 Saudi Arabia	 13.52 Jordan	 6.48 Bangladesh

Senior Championship

Round 3 Match 3 7.30 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 4 11.00 (GMT)		Round 3 Match 5 13.30 (GMT)	
 17.85 India	 2.15 UAE	 2.55 Bangladesh	 17.45 India	 5.20 India	 14.80 Pakistan
 14.60 Jordan	 5.40 Bangladesh	 4.81 UAE	 15.19 Pakistan	 20.00 Bangladesh	 0.00 Saudi Arabia
 10.31 Saudi Arabia	 9.69 Pakistan	 15.19 Jordan	 4.81 Saudi Arabia	 5.61 UAE	 14.39 Jordan

Women Championship

Round 5 Match 1 7.30 (GMT)		Round 5 Match 2 11.00 (GMT)		Round 5 Match 3 13.30 (GMT)	
 13.75 UAE	 6.25 Jordan	 4.08 Palestine	 15.92 UAE	 2.15 UAE	 17.85 India
 10.91 India	 9.09 Palestine	 11.48 Jordan	 8.52 India	 15.38 Palestine	 4.62 Jordan

Mixed Championship

Round 5 Match 1 7.30 (GMT)		Round 5 Match 2 11.00 (GMT)		Round 5 Match 3 13.30 (GMT)	
 18.33 India	 1.67 Pakistan	 12.55 UAE	 7.45 India	 1.13 India	 18.87 Jordan
 1.07 Jordan	 18.33 UAE	 8.24 Pakistan	 11.76 Jordan	 7.20 UAE	 12.80 Pakistan

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.

Hoping for a quiet end to a busy and tiring day I decided to watch India against Pakistan in the Open Teams. I think you will find my wish was not granted.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ 3					
	♥ AJ93					
	♦ K4					
	♣ AKJ1075					
♠ 865	<table style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K1094	
N						
W E						
S						
♥ K5		♥ 862				
♦ 9865		♦ AJ73				
♣ Q843		♣ 96				
	♠ AQJ72					
	♥ Q1074					
	♦ Q102					
	♣ 2					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Puri</i>	<i>Attef</i>	<i>Mohiuddin</i>	<i>Hassan</i>
–	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♣	Pass	6♥
Pass	6NT	All Pass	

I thought we were playing Teams and not Pairs so I cannot understand North's desire to play in no-trumps, it is not as though it is his partner who would be playing the heart contract. Surely South's cue-bid of 4♣ shows a singleton, he also has a singleton in partner's longest suit—these do not seem reasons to play in no-trumps rather than a suit. The difference between the two contracts is that one can make and one cannot. And I suspect, dear reader, that you are not surprised that bit is the no-trump contract which fails. Six Hearts is not laydown (in fact not a good contract) and requires some good card-reading and some fortune but 6NT needs a lot, lot more and if 6NT is making then so is Six Hearts and with a lot less worry and stress.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghoniem</i>	<i>Qureshi</i>	<i>Mehilba</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>
–	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

A much more sedate auction arriving at a reasonable contract. West led the unbid suit, a diamond and when dummy played low East inserted the jack and declarer won with his queen. The two top club honours were cashed which got rid of one of declarer's diamonds, the ♣J followed and away went the other diamond. West won and continued with diamonds but declarer ruffed and when the trump finesse succeeded he had twelve tricks. Who would have thought looking at the four hands that declarer would make twelve tricks and the one he lost was a club. First blood to Pakistan and eleven IMPs.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ AKJ76					
	♥ K2					
	♦ J10932					
	♣ 4					
♠ 42	<table style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px 5px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q3	
N						
W E						
S						
♥ A3		♥ QJ965				
♦ A85		♦ KQ7				
♣ 987532		♣ K106				
	♠ 10985					
	♥ 10874					
	♦ 64					
	♣ AQJ					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Puri</i>	<i>Attef</i>	<i>Mohiuddin</i>	<i>Hassan</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
3♦	4♠, 7-9		

I will wager a small sum that not every East will pass quietly with that hand, but the green card is what gets my vote. A heart was led and the defence took the first three tricks with the ace of hearts and two top diamonds. When the trumps broke 2-2 declarer very quickly had ten tricks and his game.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghoniem</i>	<i>Qureshi</i>	<i>Mehilba</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♠	2♥	3♠
Double	Pass	3NT	4♠
Double	All Pass		

Maybe South did not have a red card in his bidding box. The carnage of 3NT doubled is four off or 1100. Somehow North seemed to think that West had length in spades and took a losing finesse and so managed to go one down and give eleven IMPs back to India.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ 1052	
	♥ K102	
	♦ 742	
	♣ K1053	
♠ A3		♠ KJ986
♥ A86		♥ Q97
♦ AKQ9863		♦ 105
♣ Q		♣ A98
	♠ Q74	
	♥ J543	
	♦ J	
	♣ J7642	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Puri</i>	<i>Attef</i>	<i>Mohiuddin</i>	<i>Hassan</i>
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2♠	forcing 1R		
3♣	Artificial GF		

Whilst a rebid by West of 3♦ may not be absolutely forcing it paints a more accurate picture of the hand and maybe you have a chance of progressing past 3NT. Even with the actual auction West does have nine tricks in his hand and could ne consider a further bid, perhaps of 4♦? Whatever the possibilities there may have been in the auction declarer took his eleven top tricks after a club lead.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghoniem</i>	<i>Qureshi</i>	<i>Mehilba</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♦	All Pass		
2♣	Strong GF		
2♦	relay		
5♣	1 or 4 KC		

There is one fundamental flaw in opening the West hand is that it is almost certain that partner will play the hand. Having accepted that inconvenience the opening bid does get the essence of the hand across to partner, who in this case has little difficulty in going on to the slam. On the lead of a heart declarer could establish the spades simply for the overtrick. Declarer won the opening heart lead with the ace and cashed a top trump, noting the fall of the jack. He now cashed two top spades and ruffed one high. This catered for a 4-2 spade break as the ♦10 was an additional entry to dummy if required. Obviously on a non-club lead it is a very good contract but what about an initial club. The slam is still over 50% as there is the chance of the ♠Q being singleton or doubleton and if that does not arrive then the king of hearts may be onside. The successful bidding of the slam was worth ten IMPs to India.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

	♠ 4	
	♥ 53	
	♦ J763	
	♣ AK8765	
♠ Q76		♠ AK1092
♥ 982		♥ AKJ
♦ AK42		♦ Q985
♣ Q104		♣ 9
	♠ J853	
	♥ Q10764	
	♦ 10	
	♣ J32	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Puri</i>	<i>Attef</i>	<i>Mohiuddin</i>	<i>Hassan</i>
–	–	1♠	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♦	All Pass

1NT	Semi-forcing
2♣	Natural or 16+
2♦	8+
3♣	16+, 4♦
4♦	♠ limit + ♦
4♥	6card RKCB
4NT	queen ask
5NT	2KC + upper Q

It appears as though there was some confusion as to which bids were actually Blackwood but no harm was done as a good contract was reached. North led the ace of clubs and continued with the king which was ruffed in dummy. A small diamond to the ace brought the ♦10 from South. A knowledge of restricted choice and the play in the club suit persuaded declarer to play North for four trumps and so he successfully finessed against the jack in North's hand. He then came to hand with the queen of spades to draw the last trump and then staked all on the spades breaking, and as we can see, that failed to materialise so bad luck, or was it? Watch what happens if you cash the ace and king of hearts before returning to hand to extract the last trump. What does South do? He is the sole guardian of the major suits and if West keeps a count of the heart suit the contract falls into his lap. Now it was not very likely that there would be a squeeze but if you do not prepare for it you cannot benefit from it.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghoniem</i>	<i>Qureshi</i>	<i>Mehilba</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>
–	–	1♠	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

1NT F1R

When South led a heart into declarer's tenace it solved his problems and in spite of the bad breaks he only had one loser in each suit and so he made his game contract and gained twelve IMPs for India

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ 5	
	♥ KQ9764	
	♦ 5	
	♣ K9764	
♠ KQ7		♠ J1062
♥ J82		♥ A103
♦ KQ87		♦ 10942
♣ A52		♣ J10
	♠ A9843	
	♥ 5	
	♦ AJ63	
	♣ Q83	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Puri</i>	<i>Attef</i>	<i>Mohiuddin</i>	<i>Hassan</i>
1♦	3♣*	3♦	4♣
4♦	4♥	Pass	5♣
Double	All Pass		
3♣	♥ and ♣ wk		

Did North believe there might a game for his side and/or did he believe that the opponents had game and if so were they going to bid it. There is an old adage that the pre-emptor never speaks again. Four Diamonds would fail by three tricks. You have described your hand, it is now up to partner to decide what to do. The defence started with the ten of diamonds taken by the ace. A heart towards the king saw East take the ace and continue the diamond attack. Declarer ruffed in hand and played queen and another heart ruffed in dummy. A club from dummy to the king held the trick and dropped the ten from East. All declarer needed to do now was to play another club to pin the jack and claim his contract but a heart was played, perhaps with the idea that West held all the remaining trumps, but if that was the case he was in for a severe bruising so go for gold. To compound North's misery when the heart was ruffed by East's jack he overruffed with the queen and played ace another spade which he ruffed in hand. When he led a trump he only made one of the last four tricks, yes if the last two outstanding trumps had been split 1-1 he would have made his contract but in what universe would East have another trump when he had played the jack and ten previously, no lead a heart and graciously accept one off. Of course, most of this disquisition would not have been necessary if East had made the obvious, well obvious to me, lead of a trump.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghoniem</i>	<i>Qureshi</i>	<i>Mehilba</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>
1NT	2♦*	Pass	3♣*
All Pass			
2♦	major and a minor		
3♣	Pass or correct		

West found the excellent lead of a trump and so declarer was held to ten tricks. But by playing this deal simply it was ten IMPs to Pakistan.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ Q7		
	♥ A542		
	♦ 10		
	♣ AKQ964		
♠ 965		♠ K8432	
♥ J96		♥ KQ	
♦ QJ743		♦ A965	
♣ 83		♣ 102	
	♠ AJ10		
	♥ 10873		
	♦ K82		
	♣ J75		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Puri</i>	<i>Attef</i>	<i>Mohiuddin</i>	<i>Hassan</i>
–	–	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

West's bold bidding kept the opposition subdued and a slightly confused defence allowed declarer to escape for two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghoniem</i>	<i>Qureshi</i>	<i>Mehilba</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>
–	–	1♠	Pass
Pass	2♣	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West's silence gave the opponents a free run to 3NT which made with a couple of overtricks after a spade lead. That Bols tip about 'Do not be afraid to respond' earned its money on this hand, in fact ten IMPs for Pakistan.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ AK93		
	♥ AKJ84		
	♦ 82		
	♣ K5		
♠ 7654		♠ 1082	
♥ 76		♥ 95	
♦ 1096		♦ AKJ7	
♣ 10964		♣ Q732	
	♠ QJ		
	♥ Q1032		
	♦ Q543		
	♣ AJ8		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Puri</i>	<i>Attef</i>	<i>Mohiuddin</i>	<i>Hassan</i>
–	–	–	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

Another fine example of the continued abuse of Blackwood. I have an outbuilding of several cubic metres filled with abuses of this convention I have witnessed. I was taught that you use Blackwood once you know you do not have two losers in any suit. I do not see where South had at any point admitted to a second-round control in diamonds and behold he did not. East did not have to think long and hard about the lead or its continuation

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ghoniem</i>	<i>Qureshi</i>	<i>Mehilba</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♥
All Pass			

That is how you use Blackwood, 'but they didn't use Blackwood' I hear you say, 'Yes' I riposte, 'neither party had a diamond control, so no need for Blackwood'. A deserved swing of thirteen IMPs to Pakistan. A ding dong match with a final score of 49.47 to India or 10.61-9.39 VPs. If these teams are to compete in the World Championships they must rid themselves of unnecessary errors.

Senior

UAE vs. Jordan

RR3 Match 5

At the start of the day UAE were in fourth place 25.41 VPs ahead of Jordan. UAE had a disastrous first two matches scoring only 6.96 VPs whereas Jordan won both their matches and scored 25.79. This meant Jordan were only 2.58 VPs behind UAE and these two teams were going to meet in the final match. If Jordan won with 11.30 VPs or more then they would take the fourth berth into the semi-finals.

For the first four boards there was one IMP traded. On Board 5 Jordan netted a six IMP swing when UAE attempted a no-hope 3NT. This was just enough to have Jordan qualifying by the slimmest of margins. Then this board came along.

Board 40. Dealer West. None Vul.

	♠ AKJ85	
	♥ A32	
	♦ AQ8	
	♣ 62	
♠ 7432		♠ 96
♥ K965		♥ Q1084
♦ J4		♦ 9762
♣ 854		♣ 973
	♠ Q10	
	♥ J7	
	♦ K1053	
	♣ AKQJ10	

We can all count fourteen or fifteen tricks. Remarkably both rooms failed to get past game, both pairs must have thought they had blown it as they wrote down +520. Between Board 37 and 41 three more IMP were traded.

Board 42. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ 54	
	♥ Q986	
	♦ AKJ3	
	♣ Q106	
♠ QJ92		♠ A1073
♥ J75		♥ AK
♦ 92		♦ 75
♣ J432		♣ AK975
	♠ K86	
	♥ 10432	
	♦ Q10864	
	♣ 8	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jalil</i>	<i>Adamali</i>	<i>Dhaim</i>	<i>Sanjay</i>
–	–	1♣	Pass
Pass	1♥	Double	2♥
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

The broken record about responding is still on the record player—if West had responded 1♠ he would be playing in Three odd r Four Spades, maybe making if the defence is not up to snuff, but a much better result than actually what happened at the table. East started with the ace of clubs and continued with a small one which ran round to declarer's queen. A heart from hand brought forth the king from East and his king of clubs was ruffed in dummy. Another round of hearts was won by East who now cashed the ace of spades which was the last trick for the defence, so the contract was made +730.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Midfa</i>	<i>Ghanem</i>	<i>Valrani</i>	<i>Sharaiha</i>
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	All Pass

2NT was not a happy contract and drifted two off. This gave eleven IMPs to UAE and put them back in the lead. The following board saw Jordan recoup five IMPs when Jordan again tried for a no-hope game. This made the match equal, so UAE were still hanging on by less than three VPs.

Board 45. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ 654	
	♥ J85	
	♦ J4	
	♣ 108652	
♠ A109		♠ KQ7
♥ A10974		♥ 3
♦ A63		♦ K52
♣ J7		♣ AKQ943
	♠ J832	
	♥ KQ62	
	♦ Q10987	
	♣ —	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Jalil</i>	<i>Adamali</i>	<i>Dhaim</i>	<i>Sanjay</i>
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6NT	All Pass		
3♣	checkback		

West's 3♣ was basically looking for three hearts in his partner's hand and when he discovered that was not the case settled for the no-trump slam. The lead was a spade, but that was immaterial, as long as declarer kept his cool he had twelve tricks. He cashed the jack of clubs and you could see the relief on declarer's face when he counted to twelve. No misclicking, a finesse against the ten of clubs and the slam rolled home. He even made an over-trick with the two diamonds when the defensive discarding was imperfect, but it did not impact on the score of the board.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Midfa</i>	<i>Ghanem</i>	<i>Valrani</i>	<i>Sharaiha</i>
–	Pass	1♣	Double
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

All seems a bit brusque—might not a redouble by West led to a better outcome? However, languishing in game cost thirteen IMPs and Jordan were now in the driving seat where they remained over the final three deals. At the End of the match UAE had lost 14-31 IMPs or 5.61-14.39 VPs, which meant Jordan went into the mix of the semi-finals.

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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 Maamarbach	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		

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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		