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## India Mixed & Women Teams Champs

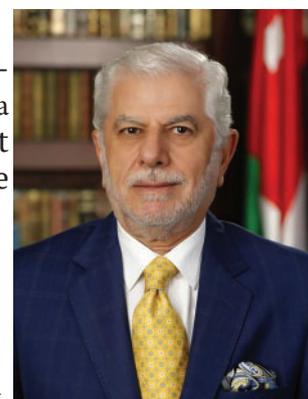
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We approach the final of the 21st BFAME trials. It is a tribute to the BFAME council that they have managed to organise an online event for the first time. What a choice did we have—in the current health climate, it was impossible for us all to meet together to play in our normal spirit of friendship and sportsmanship—so we all came together online and I believe the same spirit was there.

I applaud the NBOs who managed to take on the huge task of organising their teams to play on the RealBridge platform, without RealBridge these trials would have been close to impossible to undertake.

I congratulate all the teams, India & UAE in Women series, India & Jordan in Mixed series, that have qualified to represent us in the next World Championships, I know they will do our zone proud.

Let us hope that the next time we stage these trials we will be meeting as one and embracing each other as the friends we all are.



Bahjat Al Majali President, BFAME



The **India** Women Team, BFAME Champions and representing BFAME at the World Championships. From left to right: Aparna Sain, Asha Sharma, Bharati Dey, Subhash Gupta NPC, Feroza Vhothia, Puja Batra and Vasanti Shah



The **India** Mixed Team, BFAME Champions and representing BFAME at the World Championships. From left to right: Kiran Nadar, Himani Khandelwal, Marianne Karmarkar, Bachiraju Satyanarayana, Rajeev Khandelwal, Sandeep Karmarkar, Vinay Desai NPC



# Today's Schedule

## Open Championship

Semi-final 4		Final 1		Final 2	
7.30 (GMT)		11.00 (GMT)		14.00 (GMT)	
India	Jordan	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
UAE	Pakistan				
0.5 CO to India, 0.5 CO to UAE					

## Senior Championship

Semi-final 4		Final 1		Final 2	
7.30 (GMT)		11.00 (GMT)		14.00 (GMT)	
India	Jordan	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Pakistan	Bangladesh				
0.5 CO to India, 0.5 Co to Pakistan					



The UAE Women Team representing BFAME at the World Championships. From left to right: Anshu Agarwal, Kumkum Kumar, Manju Law, Rubinder Kochar, Rupinder Kaur Walia and Vandana Valrani



The Jordan Mixed Team representing BFAME at the World Championships. From left to right: Farah Ahmed, Sireen Barakat, Marwan Ghanem and Samer Alrawashdeh

Open	<b>UAE vs. Jordan</b>	Final RR Day
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I am going to look at some of the hands from the final day of the Open Team Round Robin.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

<p>♠ A85 ♥ K3 ♦ 9864 ♣ J1054</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ J10 ♥ J9764 ♦ J53 ♣ 762</p>
<p>♠ K4 ♥ Q105 ♦ 107 ♣ AKQ983</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ Q97632 ♥ A82 ♦ AKQ2 ♣ —</p>

With West always opening the bidding it is extremely difficult for North/South to reach the spade slam and unsurprisingly no one managed it, but is it a good slam? You need the spades to come in for one loser which will occur whenever they break 2-2 or has three or the singleton king, these add up to over 70% and then the diamonds need to behave, about 78% giving round about 55%, so reasonable odds for a slam.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

<p>♠ 94 ♥ 93 ♦ K3 ♣ KQJ8764</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ 105 ♥ 742 ♦ 9542 ♣ 10532</p>
<p>♠ QJ863 ♥ Q1086 ♦ A87 ♣ A</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ AK72 ♥ AKJ5 ♦ QJ106 ♣ 9</p>

The only makeable contract on this hand is Five Clubs. 3NT always fails on a spade as five pairs found out. Only one pair reached Five Clubs but

also went down so how should they have played. The lead was the ♠10 which was won dummy and a small club then brought the ace from West. West exited with the ♠Q on which East played the deuce. Declarer now tried a diamond towards hand but West jumped in with his ace and pushed a spade through to promote a trump in East's hand and so to defeat. Having won the second spade declarer can tell that East had led from a doubleton so there is the possibility of a trump promotion. In order to enter hand to draw the trumps cash the ace and king of hearts and ruff a heart and now in hand trumps can be safely drawn and a diamond conceded to bring home the contract.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ J6 ♥ J76 ♦ KJ3 ♣ KJ542</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ 8752 ♥ 842 ♦ 10865 ♣ 97</p>
<p>♠ AQ1094 ♥ AK103 ♦ A7 ♣ 106</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">N W E S</p> </div>	<p>♠ K3 ♥ Q95 ♦ Q942 ♣ AQ83</p>

Another hand where a small is available but only one pair bid and they failed by one trick. How should South have played the hand. South opened 1♣ and North bid both his majors before South came to rest in 6NT. A very quick glance at the four hands gives the appearance that there is a loser in each minor but looks can be deceptive. West led the ♥7 and when you cash your majors it transpires that West had 2 spades and three hearts. Declarer should ask himself as to why a heart was the chosen lead and not a minor, could it be that West did not want to lead away from an unprotected honour. While not cast-iron evidence it does suggest you at least consider one of the minor suit kings being offside. This is the situation before you cash the ninth major card.

♠ — ♥ — ♦ KJ ♣ KJ5	♠ 4 ♥ — ♦ A7 ♣ 106	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;">           N            W   E            S         </div>	♠ — ♥ — ♦ 1086 ♣ 97
	♠ — ♥ — ♦ Q9 ♣ AQ8		

Cashing the last spade East will probably discard a diamond and you can let a club go. What is West to do? If he discards a diamond the king will fall under your ace and if he parts with a club you can ace and another in either minor though it is better to do it in diamonds as his enforced club return would capture the king in East's hand if he had held it. Even if you are going to take the club finesse it will do you no harm to run all your winners and just watch the defence and see if anyone is squirming or you can pick up some indication from the discards.



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

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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

Semi-final 1		7.30 (GMT)		Semi-final 2		11.00 (GMT)		Semi-final 3		13.30 (GMT)	
 11	 26	 21	 20	 19	 48						
Jordan	India	India	Jordan	Jordan	India						
 22	 21	 29	 12	 51	 47						
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		13.30 (GMT)	
 29	 28	 30	 30	 14	 54						
Jordan	India	India	Jordan	Jordan	India						
 25	 43	 60	 30	 38	 25						
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)		Total	
 33	 22	 41	 23	 63.5	 58				
UAE	India	India	UAE	India	UAE				
0.5 CO to India									

## Mixed Championship

Final 1		7.30 (GMT)		Final 2		11.00 (GMT)		Total	
 11	 22	 64	 10	 86.5	 21				
Jordan	India	India	Jordan	India	Jordan				
0.5 CO to India									

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.

With the Women Team having been the closest during the Round Robin I decided to devote my attention to this match.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

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



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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kumkum</i>	<i>Vasanti</i>	<i>Walia</i>	<i>Sharma</i>
—	—	—	2♦*
Pass	2♠*	All Pass	
2♦	Wk 2 in major		
2♠	Pass or correct		

I personally cannot countenance the South hand being a weak two, I would rather open 1♠ but surely 3♠ is the correct bid. The spade game only requires the clubs to generate two tricks so one should definitely be in game

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aparma</i>	<i>Manjulaw</i>	<i>Chothia</i>	<i>Kochar</i>
—	—	—	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

An easy ten IMPs for UAE.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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



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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kumkum</i>	<i>Vasanti</i>	<i>Walia</i>	<i>Sharma</i>
—	—	1♦	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

With East having opened One Diamond West led her suit and declarer won with the ace and fired back the jack of hearts to East's queen. East now made the fateful error of not switching to spades but continued the attack in diamonds. So declarer set up her heart tricks and had an unexpected bonus when the ♣Q fell and gave her two overtricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aparma</i>	<i>Manjulaw</i>	<i>Chothia</i>	<i>Kochar</i>
—	—	1♦*	1NT
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
1♦	0+♦, 11-17		

I cannot explain the bidding and found no help in the convention card. West chose the ♥7 for her lead which East took with the queen and immediately found the switch to a spade. Having ducked the first two rounds declarer now had to run nine tricks before the defence could cash five (an age old problem in 3NT), her choices were between knocking out the ace of hearts and taking the club finesse. She chose the former, if the ace of hearts was not with the thirteenth spade declarer would succeed, but alas it was not to be, the finesse would

have failed also, so eleven IMPs to India.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ 65		
	♥ Q10742		
	♦ J632		
	♣ 52		
♠ J8	N W E S	♠ AKQ1093	
♥ AK8		♥ 963	
♦ AQ87		♦ 10	
♣ AQ104		♣ 876	
		♠ 742	
	♥ J5		
	♦ K954		
	♣ KJ93		

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ AJ5		
	♥ KJ93		
	♦ K8		
	♣ AQ64		
♠ 8642	N W E S	♠ KQ97	
♥ 6		♥ 5	
♦ A10543		♦ QJ976	
♣ J108		♣ K93	
		♠ 103	
	♥ AQ108742		
	♦ 2		
	♣ 752		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kumkum</i>	<i>Vasanti</i>	<i>Walia</i>	<i>Sharma</i>
–	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠			

East's 'light' opening meant West was never going to stop short of slam, not a particularly good slam, declarer would need three tricks from the clubs which is certainly less than 50%. But sometimes fortune favours the brave and the clubs were nicely positioned to allow the slam to make.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aparma</i>	<i>Manjulaw</i>	<i>Chothia</i>	<i>Kochar</i>
–	Pass	2♦*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

- 2♦\* multi
- 4♣ we are playing in game of your major
- 4♥ my major is spades

Would West have wanted to be in slam if she knew about the quality of East's spade holding, if so then a 2NT inquiry might have elicited the response 3NT which normally means AKQxxx in the major, so one assumes she did not. Thirteen IMPs to UAE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kumkum</i>	<i>Vasanti</i>	<i>Walia</i>	<i>Sharma</i>
–	–	–	2♦*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♥

All Pass

- 2♦ wk multi
- 2NT inquiry
- 3♣ good hand, ♥
- 5♦ queen ask

I think North thought her hand better than it actually was. The question I would pose is where are the tricks coming from. Declarer was never going to succeed and that was when South turned up with a seventh trump.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aparma</i>	<i>Manjulaw</i>	<i>Chothia</i>	<i>Kochar</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	1♦	2♥
3♦	4♥	All Pass	

Some of us would be surprised at East's initial Pass but it prevented any chance of over exuberation on North's part. And so twelve IMPs to UAE.

At half time UAE held a slender lead of 33-22.

Over the first three boards of the second segment UAE gained a further 5 IMPs.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ K3	♠ J7652	♠ A1094
♥ 85	♥ 1096	♥ AQ732
♦ AK854	♦ Q9	♦ J106
♣ KJ94	♣ A53	♣ 10
		
	♠ Q8	
	♥ KJ4	
	♦ 732	
	♣ Q8762	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aggarwal</i>	<i>Batra</i>	<i>Kochar</i>	<i>Sharma</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	All Pass

Some would say West could chance a vulnerable game after all she has a fourteen count when she could easily have only twelve. And with perfect hindsight would have done so as she watched her partner garner ten tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vasanti</i>	<i>Manjulaw</i>	<i>Dey</i>	<i>Kochar</i>
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2♣	puppet to 2♦		

I prefer the response of 1NT to 2♣ and there followed some sort of XYZ sequence but the upshot was the optimum contract was reached and that meant ten IMPs to India. A lead of only six now for UAE.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ AJ3	♠ Q1064	♠ K752
♥ AJ95	♥ 8	♥ K62
♦ AQ10	♦ J975	♦ 43
♣ K82	♣ Q653	♣ AJ94
		
	♠ 98	
	♥ Q10743	
	♦ K862	
	♣ 107	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aggarwal</i>	<i>Batra</i>	<i>Kochar</i>	<i>Sharma</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♦*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
3♦ 18-19, ♥ support			

South upped the value of her hand as it incorporated a ninth trump and came to rest in a good contract, the ace of clubs or ♥K outside should see the contract home. However that was not required as West chose the ♠6 and when declarer played low from dummy it forced the king and now a spade finesse would eliminate the need for the ♣A to be well-placed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vasanti</i>	<i>Manjulaw</i>	<i>Dey</i>	<i>Kochar</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	Pass!!!
Pass			

I have strived to tell the world that they should respond on such a hand—maybe this lesson will be hard enough for East such that she will remember in future. The Pass cost twelve IMPs.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

	♠ A96		
	♥ A972		
	♦ 84		
	♣ K843		
♠ K84	N W    E S	♠ J105	
♥ KJ		♥ Q643	
♦ AQJ10652		♦ 97	
♣ 10		♣ QJ72	
	♠ Q732		
	♥ 1085		
	♦ K3		
	♣ A965		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aggarwal</i>	<i>Batra</i>	<i>Kochar</i>	<i>Sharma</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

I think we can all agree that 3NT was brave bid, but would it pay off. On the lead of the ♠2 North inserted the nine and East won with the ten. One could hear the sound of East sucking in her cheeks as she led the ♦9 and the exhale of relief when it held. After declarer had taken the first eight tricks the defence could never take more than four of the remainder.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vasanti</i>	<i>Manjulaw</i>	<i>Dey</i>	<i>Kochar</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
3♦	All Pass		

East was more sanguine and did not elect to bid on and West made nine tricks in diamonds but lost seven IMPs to UAE. Now UAE were 0.5 IMPs ahead with five boards to play.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

	♠ KQ10		
	♥ K84		
	♦ AKQ8		
	♣ K76		
♠ J	N W    E S	♠ A5	
♥ Q765		♥ AJ32	
♦ 1094		♦ J7652	
♣ AJ1054		♣ 98	
	♠ 9876432		
	♥ 109		
	♦ 3		
	♣ Q32		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Aggarwal</i>	<i>Batra</i>	<i>Kochar</i>	<i>Sharma</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

4♦ transfer to ♠

Even if East had led a club would West have risen with the ace and returned a heart—I doubt it and we will never know as East chose a diamond and so declarer immediately disposed of his heart losers and now his contract was cold.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Vasanti</i>	<i>Manjulaw</i>	<i>Dey</i>	<i>Kochar</i>
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

2♦ wk 2 major or bal 20-21

South was not prepared to risk the game and so that was ten IMPs to India. The remaining four hands had very little swing potential and so India became champions outscoring UAE by the slender margin of 63.5-56.

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

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