

Bulletin 6 Editors: Mark Horton & Ron Tacchi Thursday 17th April

Last Chance To Book Place in Herning

After the first three sessions of the semi-finals we are at the halfway stage. Today in all championships it will be decided who is going to represent BFAME in the World Bridge Tams Championships. To book a place all you need to do is win your semu-final.

In the Open Championship India are more than 70 points ahead of UAE and in the other semi-final Bangladesh have a commanding lead of over 100 points more than their opponents, Jordan.

The Women Championship has India some 75 points ahead of Jordan whereas UAE have only 50 points more than Pakistan.

the UAE Mixed team is a little more than 50 points ahead of Saudi Arabia while Pakistan are nearly 70 points adrift of India.

The Seniors Championship is definitely the closest at the moment with India some 20 points in front of UAE and Pakistan beating Bangladesh by nearly 30 points.

No team is yet out of it but some will have to work harder than others if they wish to progress.

The BBO matches for Thursday 17th April are as follows:

Match 01 - 10.00 Women: UAE vs. Pakistan & Seniors: Pakistan vs. Bangladesh

Match 02 - 14.00 TBD

Match 03 - 16.50 TBD























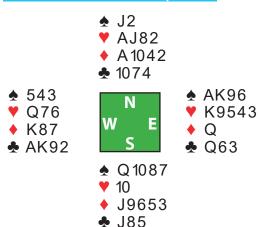


India vs. Pakistan - Women

Ron Tacchi

The final match in the Round Robin of the Women Championship saw the leaders, India, pitted against Pakistan who occupied third spot. It was unlikely that any set of scores would prevent these two teams reaching the semi-finals.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Priya	Fatima Raz	Bindiya	Rubina Agh
_	_	_	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4\(\psi\)	All Pass		
1 11-	14 maybe 0♦		
2 •	forcing		

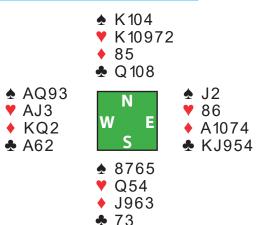
South's ♠7 went to the jack and ace and a small heart to the queen and Norths'ace, hopefully noting the fall of the ♥10. Declarer now crossed to dummy with a high club and led a small heart but not being a believer in Restricted Choice played the queen and now was down, even if she now takes four rounds of clubs there will still be four losers. Surprisingly if declarer just cashes the ace of hearts rather than crossing with a club the contract can still be made. I will let the reader work out why (hint: It is a question of entries.)

Closed Room

V	Vest	North	East	South
R	ehana	Рија	Rubina	Asha
	_	_	-	Pass
	1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
	1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
	3Y	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North chose the right suit but the wrong card – she led the ◆2 and not the ace, now declarer had time to develop heart tricks. She led a small one towards the queen which lost to the ace, however this declarer was a devotee to Restricted Choice and when she regained the lead with a diamond finessed against the ♥J and came to ten tricks when the clubs were kindly 3-3. 12 IMPs gained to Pakistan

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Priya	Fatima Raz	Bindiya	Rubina Agh
1♣*	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♣	All Pass		
1♣	18+		
4♣	RKCB		

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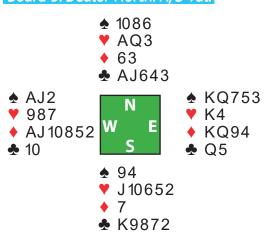
A delicate contract – would North manage to find a heart lead from ♥K10972 – unlikely and indeed did not so do. So when the trump suit came in without loss the contract was assured if three spade tricks were available and that was the case. A little bit of good fortune – but they say it favours the brave.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rehana	Рија	Rubina	Asha
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

With the club finesse working declarer swiftly made her contract but 13 IMPs for India.

Board 5. Dealer North, N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Priya	Fatima Raz	Bindiya	Rubina Agh
-	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3◆*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
1NT	15-17 maybe	unbal	
2NT tra	ansfer to 🔷		
3♦	super accept		

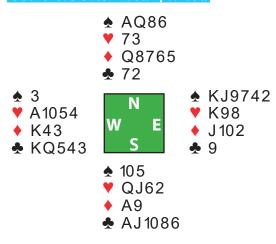
On the lead of the jack of hearts North went up with her ace. What should she return? You are certain declarer has the ♥K and six diamond tricks and the ace of spades. If declarer has the ace of clubs or a spade honour the contract is assured, your only chance of beating the contract is to switch to a club, and on this occasion you would break the contract. Woodenly returning a heart allows declarer to take twelve tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rehana	Рија	Rubina	Asha
_	1♣	1♠	Pass
2♠	All Pass		

North's opening bid put a spanner in the works and neither the spade or diamond game contract was anywhere close to being bid. In the play a defensive trick went astray but it mattered little and there were 6 IMPs to India

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Priya	Fatima Raz	Bindiya	Rubina Agh
_	_	2◆*	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Double
All Pass			
2♦	Multi		
2 ♥	Pass or correct	t	

I fear we should gloss over the defence which instead of defeating the contract allowed an over-trick for a score 870

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rehana	Puja	Rubina	Asha
_	_	2♠	All Pass

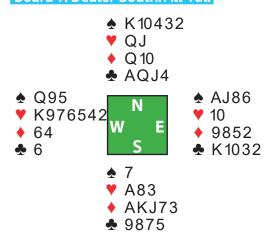
The defence was accurate here and so the contract failed by a trick. . 14 IMPs to India.

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Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Priya	Fatima Raz	Bindiya	Rubina Agh
_	_	-	1♦
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	All Pass	
2 ♥	GF cue-bid		

It appears that only one side of the screen was aware that $2 \checkmark$ was a game force. Declarer took nine tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rehana	Puja	Rubina	Asha
-	-	-	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led a small heart and dummy won with an honour and swiftly played ace of clubs and then the queen, thereby guaranteeing the contract. At the end of the play East was forced to give an overtrick to the king of spades. West needs to find the queen of spades as an opening lead but that is beyond most mere mortals. 11 IMPs to India.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Priya	Fatima Raz	Bindiya	Rubina Agh
_	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣*	Pass	3♣	Pass
3 🗸	Pass	3♠	Pass
4 •	Pass	4♠*	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♠	Pass
7♥	All Pass		
2♣	artificial GF		
4♠	RKCB		

Nicely bid, I calculate an 81% grand slam, pretty good odds. Declarer was not tested in the play and so brought home her grand slam.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rehana	Puja	Rubina	Asha
-	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5◆*	Double
6	All Pass		

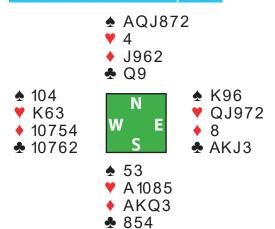
5• was alerted but not explained, even so it seems to me to be a bit premature to launch straight into Blackwood, after all six hearts to the KQ and the ace of clubs will give good play for the grand slam. Of course declarer took all thirteen tricks but lost 13 IMPs to India.

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Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Priya	Fatima Raz	Bindiya	Rubina Agh
Pass	1♠	2♥	Double
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

North had a standard One Spade opener and South was never going to stop short of game and chose the right one -I suspect some tables will be in 3NT which may well fail. The defence attacked clubs and declarer ruffed the third round and crossed to dummy with the ace of hearts to take a trump finesse which East ducked. A diamond was now used as transport and the second finesse was taken by East but now declarer was in control and had ten tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Rehana	Puja	Rubina	Asha
Pass	2♠	3♥	Double
All Pass			

Although the convention card says a weak two is 6-11 the hand looks a bit chunky to me. Three Hearts looks brave but you feel you should do something. Do you have a partnership agreement as to what a double means here. I would suspect penalty. Strangely there is no defence to Three Hearts, so +530 and 15 IMPs to Pakistan.

Over the first twelve boards 110 IMPs changed hands but only three in the last four boards. India ran out winners 73-40



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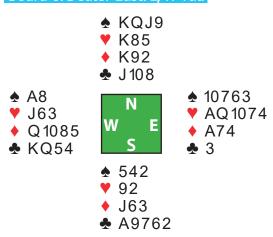


India vs. UAE - Open

Ron Tacchi

he first of six sessions in the semi-final saw me watching India, who topped the Round Robin, take on UAE

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Eissa	Sayantan	Ali	Kaustubh
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♦	Double	1♥	2♠
Double*	Pass	4♥	All Pass
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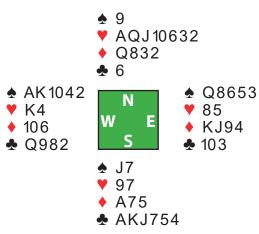
The lead of a spade was taken in dummy with the ace and a small heart to the ♥10 held the next trick. A small club from hand saw South rise with his ace and lead another spade which North took and played another. Dummy ruffed and cashed two clubs discarding two diamonds. He then came to hand with a diamond and ruffed his last spade with the ♥J and now he just lost a trick to the king of hearts.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sumit	Amr	Tewari	Hesham
-	-	Pass	Pass
1 ♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
Pass	1♠	Double	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	All Pass

Much less aggression at this table and so they languished in a part-score and lost 10 IMPs to UAE.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Eissa	Sayantan	Ali	Kaustubh
-	_	-	1♣
1♠	2♦	3♠	Double
Pass	4	All Pass	

I assume 2♦ was a transfer but it was not alerted. After the spade lead and continuation declarer ruffed and crossed to dummy with a club and ran the ♥9 and the following round of trumps swallowed up the king declarer had only ten tricks when the king of diamonds was over the queen.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sumit	Amr	Tewari	Hesham
_	_	_	1♣
1♠	4♥	4♠	5♥
All Pass			

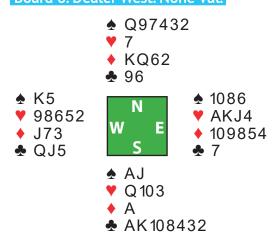
Unfortunately the same ten tricks was all that was available at this table so that was 12 IMPs to India.

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Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Eissa	Sayantan	Ali	Kaustubh
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3◆*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass	;		
2NT	relay		
3♦ a 4	card minor		

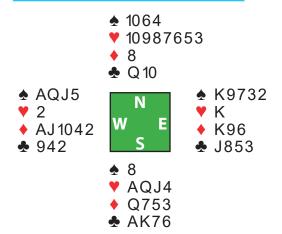
East started with the ace and king of hearts ruffed by declarer who then played ace and another spade taken by West who got off lead with a diamond. Declarer discarded a diamond on the queen of hearts and attempted to cash the ace and king of clubs but East ruffed the second round and so declarer just made the contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sumit	Amr	Tewari	Hesham
Pass	Pass	1♥	Double
3♥	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

The record just shows that declarer claimed eleven tricks. Had trumps been 2-2 then declarer should have made his contract but luck was not on his side. 10 IMPs to India.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Eissa	Sayantan	Ali	Kaustubh
_	_	_	1NT
2♠*	2NT*	3♠	4♠
Pass	5♥	All Pass	
2♠	spades and a	minor	

There seems to have been a plethora of off-shape opening no-trumps at this championships. On this occasion it paid dividends – it has not always been the case. With only two losers the contract was never in doubt.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sumit	Amr	Tewari	Hesham
-	-	_	1♦
1♠	Pass	3◆*	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♥	4♠	Double
All Pass			
3♦	10-11, 4 card	support	

A Biltcliffe Coup!!! South could have passed out Three Spades but bid on and they then went to game, he doubled and they made the contract when North led his singleton diamond as this exposed the diamond situation and failed to cash the defence's top tricks. 15 IMPs to India.

India had won the opening exchange 54-18.

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Results

Open Championship

Team	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	Total
India	54	40	59				153
UAE	18	20	42				80
Bangladesh	41	67	30				138
Jordan	18	2	12				30

Women Championship

Team	SF!	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	Total
India	32	44	60				136
Jordan	13	26	22				61
UAE	36	3	18				57
Pakistan	39	44	25				108

Senior Championship

Team	SF!	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	Total
India	24	53	58				115
UAE	23	22	28				92
Pakistan	24	26	24				84
Bangladesh	30	27	56				113

Mixed Championship

Team	SF!	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	Total
UAE	44	53	39				136
Saudi Arabia	11	22	50				83
India	24	26	56				119
Pakistan	30	27	15				50

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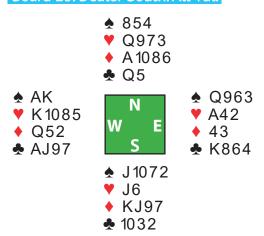


India vs. UAE - Open

Ron Tacchi

his second session of the Open Semi-final pitted Bangladesh against Jordan. In the first session Bangladesh took the honours 54-18. Jordan would be looking to fight back.

Board 23. Dealer South, All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Marwan	Asifur	Zafer	Kamruzaman
-	-	-	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

A top of nothing lead of the ♠8 ran round to declarer's ace. A club went to the king followed by a losing finesse. North now switched to a heart to the jack and declarer's king. The clubs and the king of spades were cashed and now declarer tried a small diamond but the defence did not fall asleep at the wheel and took their five tricks.

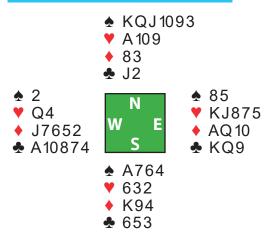
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zahid	Sakher	Shah Zia	Aaida
-	-	-	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass 3NT	All Pass	

On this table North led the \$6 which South won with the king and returned the \$7, declarer played his queen and North went into the tank and eventually ducked – no doubt thinking that if partner had the \$J\$ he would have played it. Now declarer could afford the wrong decision in the club suit

as the defence would only take three diamonds and a club thus securing the contract and 12 IMPs for Bangladesh.

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Marwan	Asifur	Zafer	Kamruzaman
Pass	1♠	2♥	2♠
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
3♣	3♠	All Pass	

East led a trump taken in hand and second round removed all the defensive trumps. A small diamond saw East rise with the ace and then cash the king and queen of clubs before leading a third round ruffed in hand. Declarer cashed the ace of hearts and played a diamond to the king and then ruffed the last diamond before exiting with a heart but East was no crocodile and played the jack and so his partner had to win the trick and had to give a ruff and discard and the contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zahid	Sakher	Shah Zia	Aaida
Pass	1♠	2♥	2♠
Double	3♠	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

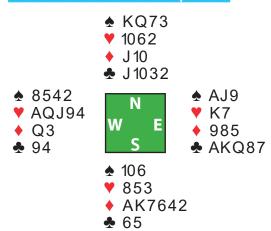
Again a trump was led and another round taken. Declarer tried a small club won by West's ♥10 and he returned the ♥Q so now there was no possibility of a defensive error and the result was two down. 10 IMPs to Bangladesh

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Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Marwan	Asifur	Zafer	Kamruzaman
-	Pass	1♣	3♦
Double	Pass	4	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♣	All Pass

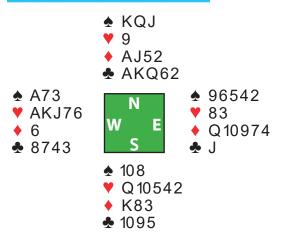
South's 3♦ took away a lot of bidding space and East probably never realised that partner had five good hearts. Not only is 4♥ at a lower level it also does not have a trump loser. Ace and king of diamonds followed by a third saw the contract lose the first three tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zahid	Sakher	Shah Zia	Aaida
-	Pass	1NT	3♦
Double	Pass	4♣	Pass
4	All Pass		

North led a diamond and South took the ace and the king and played a third round on which declarer discarded a spade and North ruffed. He exited with the king of spades to dummy's ace. Trumps were drawn and all of them cashed squeezing North in the black suits, very pretty and 12 IMPs to Bangladesh.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Marwan	Asifur	Zafer	Kamruzaman
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♥	Double	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led a small spade won in dummy and a second spade was played to set up the ninth trick for although the clubs broke 4-1 the jack was singleton and so declarer wrapped up nine tricks in quick time.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zahid	Sakher	Shah Zia	Aaida
_	_	Pass	Pass
1♥	Double	All Pass	

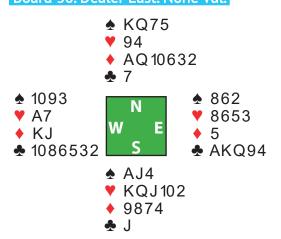
Not confident I would have passed with the South hand. Maybe you were expecting partner to lead a trump as that leads to two down any other lead allows declarer to escape for one off. 9 IMPs to Bangladesh

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Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Marwan	Asifur	Zafer	Kamruzaman
-	-	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

With trumps 3-3 declarer was not hard pressed to take eleven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zahid	Sakher	Shah Zia	Aaida
-	-	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5◆*
Pass	5NT	Pass	6♦
Pass	7♦	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		
5♦	1 or 4 KCs		

It is a long while since I have seen this misunderstanding that North believes his partner has four keycards – and yes it is mildly amusing for us on the sidelines. Of course the contract failed. 13 IMPs to Bangladesh.

Bangladesh had outscored Jordan by 60-2 and having won the first session 41-16 puts them in a very strong position to got to Herning.

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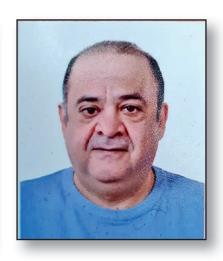
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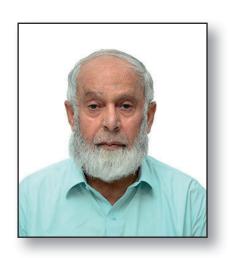
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