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## India 3 - UAE 1

In a splendid final day of a very successful Championships held in Dubai. India won the Open, Women and Seniors titles. Only UAE, the host nation, denied them of a clean sweep by taking the Mixed Championship.

Our thanks go to all who helped organise this prestigious event.

We meet again in two years in Saudi Arabia!!!



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## Your Winners

### India Open Team



Sagnik Roy, Bendre, Kushari, Debasish Ray NPC, Tewari, Mukherjee, Nandi

### India Women Team



Asha, Puja, Alka, Bharati, Bindiya Kohli, Priya, Arvind NPC

### India Senior Team



B Satyanarayana, Subhash, Ravi, Girish Bijoor NPC, R Krishnan, Prabhakar, Jaggy

### UAE Mixed Team



Hazem, Azza, Humayun, Nermeen, Elvan & Timur

## Your Runner Ups

### Bangladesh Open Team



Rubina Agha, Samina Raza , Fatima Raza ( Captain) , Rehana Saigol, Rubina Hai , Shanaz Bamboat-WomPak

### Pakistan Women Team



Rubina Agha, Samina Raza , Fatima Raza ( Captain) , Rehana Saigol, Rubina Hai , Shanaz Bamboat

### Bangladesh Senior Team



Hanzala, Jahirul, Moazzem, Azizul, Muzharul, Sayeed

### India Mixed Team



Sheetal, Rana Roy, Priya Ranjan Sinha, Bindiya Naidoo, Vinay Desai NPac, Rajeev, Himani Khandelwal





# The Big Match

Mark Horton

With 16 deals remaining, India led Pakistan by 22.05 in the semi-final of the Mixed. The prize for the winner – a trip to Herning, Denmark and the opportunity to win a world title.

The opening deal was a regulation 4♥, bid and made in both rooms and Pakistan picked up an overtrick IMP in 2♠ on the one that followed.

## Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ AK102		♠ 4
♥ QJ86		♥ 10543
♦ Q6		♦ K103
♣ A95		♣ KQ1083
♠ J63		♠ 9875
♥ 972		♥ AK
♦ J97		♦ A8542
♣ J642		♣ 7

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Abid</i>	<i>Sinha</i>	<i>Rahim</i>	<i>Naidoo</i>
–	–	–	1♠
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	5NT*	Pass	6♠

All Pass

2NT	Jacoby
3♣	Singleton
4NT	RKCB
5♠	2 keycards +♠Q

West led the ♥7 and that was a rapid +980.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>H Kandelwal</i>	<i>Mohiuddin R</i>	<i>Kandelwal</i>	<i>Aslam</i>
–	–	–	1♠
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♠*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	
2NT	Jacoby		
3♣	Singleton		
4NT	RKCB		
5♠	2 keycards +♠Q		

West led the ♦7 and declarer was soon claiming, +980. North might have checked to see if South held the ♦K.

Board 20 was a dull 4♠, Pakistan edging closer with another overtrick IMP.

## Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ AJ763		♠ 8
♥ –		♥ 983
♦ A865		♦ 1072
♣ K653		♣ QJ10982
♠ 95		♠ KQ1042
♥ AQJ7654		♥ K102
♦ KJ94		♦ Q3
♣ –		♣ A74

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Abid</i>	<i>Sinha</i>	<i>Rahim</i>	<i>Naidoo</i>
–	1♠	3♣	4♣*
4♥	4♠	All Pass	

Declarer could not avoid the loss of a trick in each minor, +650.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>H Kandelwal</i>	<i>Mohiuddin R</i>	<i>Kandelwal</i>	<i>Aslam</i>
–	1♠	3♣	4♣*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Double	4♠	All Pass	

It was the same story here.



## Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A543  
 ♥ 8  
 ♦ J983  
 ♣ J654

♠ K62  
 ♥ KQJ52  
 ♦ A2  
 ♣ A102

♠ J87  
 ♥ A943  
 ♦ 765  
 ♣ KQ9

♠ Q109  
 ♥ 1076  
 ♦ KQ104  
 ♣ 873

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## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Abid</i>	<i>Sinha</i>	<i>Rahim</i>	<i>Naidoo</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1NT	2♣*	3NT	All Pass
2♣	Clubs and a higher suit		

North led the ♠3 and having won with the ♠K declarer cashed winners for +630.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>H Kandelwal</i>	<i>Mohiuddin R</i>	<i>Kandelwal</i>	<i>Aslam</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
2♣	Four card Drury		

North led the ♦3 and declarer won and exited with the ♦2, South winning with winning with the ♦10 and continuing with the ♦4. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ♥KQJ, played three rounds of clubs ending in dummy and led the ♠7. When South played the ♠9 declarer ducked and back came the ♠10. When declarer put up the ♠K that was one down, -100 and 12 potentially huge IMPs for Pakistan.

## Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 8732  
 ♥ K8  
 ♦ A1098  
 ♣ 1093

♠ 5  
 ♥ A10965  
 ♦ J73  
 ♣ 8654

♠ KQJ106  
 ♥ Q4  
 ♦ Q62  
 ♣ A72

♠ A94  
 ♥ J732  
 ♦ K54  
 ♣ KQJ

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## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Abid</i>	<i>Sinha</i>	<i>Rahim</i>	<i>Naidoo</i>
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1♦	1♠	Double
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

East led the ♠K and declarer won, cashed the top diamonds and then played a club, East winning, cashing the ♠Q, the ♦Q and two more spades, the ♥A ensuring one down, -100.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>H Kandelwal</i>	<i>Mohiuddin R</i>	<i>Kandelwal</i>	<i>Aslam</i>
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

West led the ♠5 and declarer took the second round of the suit and played the ♣K. East won and cashed three spades before exiting with a club. Declarer could not avoid the loss of two more tricks, one down, -200. Credit East for the lead directing double, and 3 IMPs for India.



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## Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A973		♠ J654
♥ 643		♥ 2
♦ KJ8763		♦ 2
♣ —		♣ A1086432
♠ KQ1082		♠ —
♥ AJ8		♥ KQ10975
♦ A4		♦ Q1095
♣ KJ7		♣ Q95

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Abid	Sinha	Rahim	Naidoo
1♠	2♦	4♠	5♦
Double	All Pass		

East led the ♣A and declarer ruffed, pitched a club on the ♠A and played a diamond, West winning and switching to the ♠K. Declarer ruffed in dummy and now made the mistake of cashing the ♦Q (playing on hearts is the way to escape for one down). After a club ruff a heart to the queen saw West win and play a spade and declarer had to lose two more tricks, two down, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
H Kandelwal	Mohiuddin R	Kandelwal	Aslam
1♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led the ♥4 and declarer won with the ♥A and played the ♠K, North winning and returning the ♥6. Having ruffed in dummy declarer played a club to the king and North ruffed and exited with the ♥3. Declarer ruffed with dummy's ♠6, overtook the ♠J, drew the outstanding trump and ran the ♣J, +420.

Having ruffed the first round of clubs North needed to exit with a trump. That will ensure four tricks for the defenders.

As it was India had dodged a bullet, gaining 3 IMPs.

## Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K103		♠ J6
♥ A9		♥ KQJ754
♦ J973		♦ Q4
♣ Q743		♣ KJ2
♠ Q9842		♠ A75
♥ 632		♥ 108
♦ A1086		♦ K52
♣ A		♣ 109865

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Abid	Sinha	Rahim	Naidoo
—	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

South led the ♣10 to dummy's ♣A and declarer continued with a spade to the jack, South winning and switching to the ♦2. That was all the help declarer required, +620.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
H Kandelwal	Mohiuddin R	Kandelwal	Aslam
—	Pass	2♥*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
2♥	10-13, 6♥		

South led the ♣10 and having won in dummy declarer tried a diamond to the queen, South winning and switching to the ♥8. North won and exited with a heart and declarer had only nine tricks, -100 and 12 massive IMPs for Pakistan.

Board 26 was a flat 4♠ and 27 a slam on a finesse that neither side was interested in.



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Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 986		♠ AKQ74
♥ K109		♥ 3
♦ Q963		♦ 7
♣ 874		♣ Q109532
♠ J2		
♥ AQ7542		
♦ J2		
♣ AJ6		
♠ 1053		
♥ J86		
♦ AK10854		
♣ K		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Abid	Sinha	Rahim	Naidoo
–	–	–	1♦
1♥	1NT	2♣	2♦
3♣	3♦	4♣	All Pass

Why East did not bid 3♠ over 3♦ is a mystery.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
H Kandelwal	Mohiuddin	R Kandelwal	Aslam
–	–	–	1♦
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South started with the top diamonds and declarer ruffed and played the ♣Q for the king and ace, drew trumps and claimed, +480. That proved to be worth 7 IMPs for India.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ AJ72		♠ –
♥ 9		♥ AQ108764
♦ KQ1042		♦ J765
♣ Q83		♣ 109
♠ Q8653		
♥ KJ3		
♦ 3		
♣ J764		
♠ K1094		
♥ 52		
♦ A98		
♣ AK52		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Abid	Sinha	Rahim	Naidoo
Pass	1♦	3♥	Double*
4♥	4♠	All Pass	

East led the ♣10 and declarer won with dummy's ♣K, cashed the ♠K and then played two rounds of diamonds, West ruffing and switching to the ♥3. East could win and play a diamond but West's ruff was the last defensive trick, +620 giving 1 IMP to Pakistan.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
H Kandelwal	Mohiuddin	R Kandelwal	Aslam
2♠*	Pass	3♣	3NT
All Pass			
2♠	Spades and a minor		
3♣	Pass or correct		

West led the ♠3 and declarer won with the ♠K and played back the ♠10, finishing with 11 tricks, +660.

Board 29 was a slam on a (working) finesse, both teams stopping in game.



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## Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ K6			
♥ 74			
♦ Q106			
♣ Q76543			
♠ J94			♠ AQ108
♥ 95			♥ AKQJ83
♦ A42			♦ 95
♣ AKJ108			♣ 9
			♠ 7532
			♥ 1062
			♦ KJ873
			♣ 2

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Abid	Sinha	Rahim	Naidoo
-	-	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	5NT*	Pass
6♦*	Pass	6♥	All Pass
2♥	6♥		
4NT	RKCB		
5♥	2 keycards		
5NT	Kings?		
6♦	1 king		

South led the ♥6 and declarer drew trumps and played a club to the ten, +980.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
H Kandelwal	Mohiuddin	R Kandelwal	Aslam
-	-	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♥*	Pass	6♥	All Pass
4NT	RKCB		
5♥	2 keycards		

South led the ♦7 and declarer took dummy's ♦A, drew trumps, took a fourth round of hearts, pitched a diamond on the ♣AK and advanced the ♠J, +1010 and an IMP for India.

## Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 106			
♥ AKQ2			
♦ Q984			
♣ K106			
♠ A2			♠ KJ8753
♥ J109853			♥ 4
♦ 105			♦ AJ2
♣ Q98			♣ 732
			♠ Q94
			♥ 76
			♦ K763
			♣ AJ54

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Abid	Sinha	Rahim	Naidoo
-	-	-	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

North led the ♠10 for the jack, queen and ace and declarer played the ♥8, North winning with the ♥A and continuing with the ♠6. Declarer won with dummy's ♠K and played two rounds of diamonds, South winning with the ♦K and playing the ♠9. Declarer pitched the ♣9 on that and finished two down, -100.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
H Kandelwal	Mohiuddin	R Kandelwal	Aslam
-	-	-	Pass
2♦*	Double	2♥*	Double
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

North probably felt that passing the double of 2♥ might not compensate for a vulnerable game.

East led the ♠3 and declarer won the third round of the suit, played a club to the king and ran the ♣10, West winning and switching to the ♦10 for three down, -300 and 9 IMPs for India that were more than enough to see them home as they led by 18.5 with only one deal remaining.



## Fortune And Glory

Mark Horton

For the first session of the finals, we are following the fortunes of the teams contesting the Women and Seniors.

### Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ AQ9832		♠ K106	
♥ 7		♥ KQ1098	
♦ A95		♦ 1063	
♣ A64		♣ 83	
♠ 54	<div style="display: inline-block; width: 40px; height: 40px; background-color: green; color: white; text-align: center; line-height: 40px;">             N W E S           </div>	♠ J7	
♥ J3		♥ A6542	
♦ J842		♦ KQ7	
♣ QJ1097		♣ K52	

### India v Pakistan

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Agha	Kshirsagar	Raza	Dey
–	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♠	All Pass	
4NT	RKCB		
5♣	1 keycard		

Easy led the ♣8 and declarer won with dummy's ♣K and ran the ♠J, easily collecting 11 tricks, +450.

There is a double dummy line for 12 tricks, declarer winning the club lead in hand and playing to ruff four hearts in hand. In the three card ending declarer will be down to ♠AQ ♣6 and exit with a club forcing East to ruff and lead into the spade tenace.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Batra	Saigol	Sharma	Hai
–	1♠	2♥	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♥J and declarer was doomed. She

won the third heart and ran the ♠J, -50 and 11 IMPs for India.

### India v Bangladesh

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hussein	Gupta	A Haque	Goenka
–	1♠	2♥	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

South led the ♠J and declarer won with the ♠K and exited with the ♠6, North winning and switching to the ♥7. Two rounds of hearts left declarer with five tricks, three down, -500.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Ahmed	Satyanarayana	Hanzala
–	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East led the ♥K and the defenders took two tricks, +450 giving 2 IMPs to India.

### Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 53		♠ AJ94	
♥ J8		♥ AK10	
♦ QJ874		♦ K92	
♣ Q632		♣ K74	
♠ K872	<div style="display: inline-block; width: 40px; height: 40px; background-color: green; color: white; text-align: center; line-height: 40px;">             N W E S           </div>	♠ Q106	
♥ Q94		♥ 76532	
♦ 65		♦ A103	
♣ A1095		♣ J8	

On this deal everyone reached 4♠ by West.

If North leads the ♦Q the defenders start with three rounds of diamonds declarer will always lose three tricks unless South makes the mistake of switching to the ♣J when in with the ♠Q when a good view in clubs will get declarer home. That happened once, but at the other table North led the ♦4 and when declarer played dummy's ♦9





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South did not put in the ♦10 which meant +620 in both rooms.

In the other match the ♦Q lead resulted in one down at one table but at the other North led the ♠3. Declarer won in hand, eliminated the hearts and played two rounds of spades putting South on lead. He had to switch to the ♣J but declarer did not read the position, so it was a push at -100.

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

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

## India v Pakistan

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Agha</i>	<i>Kshirsagar</i>	<i>Raza</i>	<i>Dey</i>
–	–	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♦	Pass	5♦

All Pass

2♦ Inverted raise  
2♠ Stopper

West led the ♣Q and declarer could not avoid the loss of three tricks, -50.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Batra</i>	<i>Saigol</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Hai</i>
–	–	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2NT
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

West led the ♥3 and East won and switched to the ♠K ensuring the demise of the contract, -50.

It was a reminder that it is often the case that nine tricks will be easier to gather than eleven.

## India v Bangladesh

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hussein</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>A Haque</i>	<i>Goenka</i>
–	–	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♦*	2♠	3♦
Pass	3♠*	Pass	3NT

All Pass

2♦ Inverted raise  
3♠ Stopper ask

Following the Reese principle that Qx can be a useful holding at notrumps North asked for a spade stopper and hit the jackpot, declarer quickly claiming +400 after a spade lead.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Shivdasani</i>	<i>Ahmed</i>	<i>Satyanarayana</i>	<i>Hanzala</i>
–	–	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣		
3♣	Limit raise or better		

Clearly North intended 4♣ to be an advance cue-bid.

The contract finished five down, -250 and 12 IMPs to India.

On Board 9 North held:

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

At all four tables North opened 1♥ and partner responded 1♠. Your rebid?

The Seniors rebid 2♥, the Women 3♥. Partner had:

♠ Q 9 5 2  
♥ 6 5  
♦ Q 9 2  
♣ J 10 9 8

and rebidding 2♥ saved an undertrick.



## Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

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

♠ K J 9 8 7  
 ♥ A J 5  
 ♦ 8 7 2  
 ♣ A J

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

♠ Q 5 3  
 ♥ Q 8 4 2  
 ♦ 10 6 4  
 ♣ 10 3 2

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## India v Pakistan

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Agha</i>	<i>Kshirsagar</i>	<i>Raza</i>	<i>Dey</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led the ♣4 and declarer won with the ♣J and played a diamond for the nine and queen and ducked a diamond, North winning with the ♦K and exiting with the ♦J. Declarer won in dummy, played a heart to the jack, unblocked the ♣A, cashed here winners and exited with a club, North having to win and surrender a tenth trick to the ♠K, +430.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Batra</i>	<i>Saigol</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Hai</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2NT	Game forcing, any distribution		

South led the ♥2 and declarer played dummy's ♥5, taking North's ♥10 and playing a spade to the seven and ten. When North returned the ♦9 declarer put in the ♦Q and played a heart to the jack followed by the ♠8, South winning and returning the ♥8 to dummy's ♥A. North took the ♠K with the ♠A and switched to the ♦K, but declarer could cash her winners, scoring an over-trick when the defenders discarded too many clubs, +430.

## Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ Q92	♠ 1064	♠ A7
♥ AJ10	♥ Q9864	♥ K532
♦ AQ	♦ —	♦ KJ107542
♣ Q9875	♣ AJ642	♣ —

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♠ KJ853
♥ 7
♦ 9863
♣ K103

## India v Pakistan

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Agha</i>	<i>Kshirsagar</i>	<i>Raza</i>	<i>Dey</i>
1NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass
3♣	Transfer		

North led the ♥4 and declarer won, drew trumps and played two rounds of spades, +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Batra</i>	<i>Saigol</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Hai</i>
1NT	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass
2NT	Puppet to 3♣		
3♠	Game forcing with diamonds		

South led the ♥7 for the ten, queen and king and declarer drew trumps and played spades, +920.

## India v Bangladesh

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hussein</i>	<i>Gupta</i>	<i>A Haque</i>	<i>Goenka</i>
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	2♥	5♦	All Pass

North led the ♥4 and having won with the ♥10 declarer drew trumps and played spades, +420.



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## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Ahmed	Satyanarayana	Hanzala
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	5♦	All Pass
2♣	Stayman		
2♦	No major		

North led the ♥6 and declarer won with the ♥10, drew trumps and played two rounds of spades, +420.

### Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 987	♠ AJ643	♠ KQ105
♥ K1075	♥ J964	♥ AQ832
♦ J43	♦ 2	♦ Q865
♣ Q97	♣ 1054	♣ —
	♠ 2	
	♥ —	
	♦ AK1097	
	♣ AKJ8632	

## India v Pakistan

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Agha	Kshirsagar	Raza	Dey
—	—	—	1♣*
Pass	1♦*	1♥	2♣
3♥	3♠	4♥	5♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	
1♣	Strong ♣		
1♦	0-7(8)		

After a heart lead declarer ruffed, cashed the ♦A, ruffed a diamond, came to hand with the ♣A and ruffed a diamond, +1370.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Batra	Saigol	Sharma	Hai
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	3♥	4NT*
Pass	5♦*	Pass	7♣
All Pass			
4NT	RKCB		
5♦	1 keycard		

If you think declarer was lucky that North's keycard was in spades that was more than counterbalanced by the trump situation, one down, -100 and 16 IMPs to India.

## India v Bangladesh

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hussein	Gupta	A Haque	Goenka
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♠	Double	2♦
2♥	3♣	3♥	4♥
Pass	5♣	5♥	6♣

All Pass

West led the ♥K and declarer ruffed, cashed the ♦A, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart, cashed the ♣A and ruffed a diamond, +1370

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Ahmed	Satyanarayana	Hanzala
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♠	2♥	3♦
3♥	4♣	4♥	5♥
Pass	5♠	Pass	7♣

All Pass

West led the ♥7 and declarer ruffed, cashed a diamond, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond and played the ♣10 – an unlucky one down, -100 and 16 IMPs for India..

### Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ K2	♠ AJ10654	♠ 83
♥ J108632	♥ 54	♥ 97
♦ 74	♦ K3	♦ J9862
♣ K64	♣ 1095	♣ J872
	♠ Q97	
	♥ AKQ	
	♦ AQ105	
	♣ AQ3	



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## India v Pakistan

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Agha	Kshirsagar	Raza	Dey
Pass	2♦*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♠

All Pass

2♦ Multi

4♣ Transfer to your major

West led the ♥J and Declarer won with the ♥A and ran the ♠Q, +1010.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Batra	Saigol	Sharma	Hai
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠

All Pass

Easy led the ♦2 and declarer soon hand all the tricks, +510 but 11 IMPs for India.

## India v Bangladesh

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hussein	Gupta	A Haque	Goenka
Pass	2♠	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♠	Pass	5♠

All Pass

2NT Asking

The system card is silent as to the meaning of 3♠. If 5♠ was asking about trump quality North might have advanced.

East led the ♥7 and there was nothing to the play, +510.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Shivdasani	Ahmed	Satyanarayana	Hanzala
2♦*	Pass	2♥*	2NT
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♦ Multi

2♥ Pass or correct

That was +510, no swing.

Both Indian teams were in a commanding position.







# Our Revels Are Now Ended

Mark Horton

## Our revels now are ended

*The Tempest Act 1V Scene 1*

As we come to the final act of the Championships we turn our attention to the Open and Mixed.

### Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 10964	♠ J8
♥ 1086	♥ 72
♦ AQJ106	♦ K42
♣ J	♣ AKQ1094
♠ 532	♠ AKQ7
♥ AJ543	♥ KQ9
♦ 753	♦ 98
♣ 87	♣ 6532

## India v Bangladesh

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kamruzzaman	Tewari	Rahman	Mukherjee
–	Pass	1♣	1♠
Double*	3♦*	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♣	All Pass
3♦	Mixed raise		

Declarer had to go two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nandi	Ul Haque	Roy	Hossain
–	Pass	1♣	1♠
Double	4♠	All Pass	

West led the ♣8 and East won with the ♣A and switched to the ♥7, When declarer put up the ♥K West took the ace allowing declarer to win the heart return, draw trumps and run the ♦9 for +420 and 8 IMPs for Bangladesh.

When East has a doubleton heart West must duck the ♥K, preserving communications.

### Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 984	♠ AKQJ7653
♥ 7	♥ 43
♦ Q109765	♦ J2
♣ 643	♣ 8
♠ 2	♠ 10
♥ AK1062	♥ QJ985
♦ AK43	♦ 8
♣ K109	♣ AQJ752

## India v Bangladesh

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kamruzzaman	Tewari	Rahman	Mukherjee
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♣
2♦	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
4NT	RKCB		
5♠	2 keycards + ♠Q		

South led the ♣A, +1430.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nandi	Ul Haque	Roy	Hossain
1♥	Pass	1♠	3♣
3NT	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	6♠	All Pass
4♣	Control		
4♦	Control		

South led the ♦8 and declarer won with dummy's ♦A and cashed six trumps. He had a club/heart squeeze available but mistimed the play and missed the overtrick.



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## UAE v India

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sinha</i>	<i>Qasim</i>	<i>Naidoo</i>	<i>Ghoneim</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♣
2♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♦8 but declarer did not spot the squeeze, +680.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edis</i>	<i>R Khandelwal</i>	<i>Edis</i>	<i>H Khandelwal</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♣
2NT	3♣	4♣*	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	6♠	All Pass
4♣	Control		
4♦	Control		
4NT	RKCB		
5♣	3 keycards		

South led the ♣A, +1430 and 13 IMPs to UAE.

### Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ K5	♠ J764	♠ 10983
♥ KJ976432	♥ —	♥ Q1085
♦ 53	♦ KJ1087	♦ 62
♣ 8	♣ J743	♣ AKQ
	♠ AQ2	
	♥ A	
	♦ AQ94	
	♣ 109652	

## India v Bangladesh

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kamruzzaman</i>	<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Rahman</i>	<i>Mukherjee</i>
—	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Double
4♥	All Pass		

North led the ♠6 and South took the ♠A and played two rounds of diamonds, one down, -100.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nandi</i>	<i>Ul Haque</i>	<i>Roy</i>	<i>Hossain</i>
—	Pass	1♣	1NT
4♥	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	5♥	Double
All Pass			

That is how the auction appears on BBO, but I have a feeling North might have bid 4♠ over South's first double.

There were four top losers, two down, -300 and 6 IMPs to Bangladesh.

## UAE v India

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sinha</i>	<i>Qasim</i>	<i>Naidoo</i>	<i>Ghoneim</i>
—	Pass	1♣	1NT
4♥	All Pass		

North led the ♦10 and South won with the ♦A and returned the ♦4, North winning and switching to the ♠6, one down, -50.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edis</i>	<i>R Khandelwal</i>	<i>Edis</i>	<i>H Khandelwal</i>
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

North led the ♠4 and South took the ♠A and returned the ♠2 which saw declarer win and play three rounds of clubs for +450 and another 11 IMPs for UAE, suddenly well ahead at 68-38.

### Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A8765	♠ KJ10932
♥ J105	♥ Q
♦ K5	♦ 6
♣ Q42	♣ AK1098
♠ —	♠ Q4
♥ A9732	♥ K864
♦ AJ432	♦ Q10987
♣ J75	♣ 63



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## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kamruzzaman</i>	<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Rahman</i>	<i>Mukherjee</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the  $\spadesuit 10$  and declarer won with dummy's  $\spadesuit A$ , played a club to the ace and the  $\heartsuit 9$ , South winning and continuing with the  $\spadesuit 8$ . Declare ruffed and played the  $\heartsuit J$ , North winning and switching to the  $\heartsuit J$  for the queen, king and ace. The  $\clubsuit J$  was covered by the queen and king and declarer cashed the  $\spadesuit K 10$  and then played winning clubs, +620.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nandi</i>	<i>Ul Haque</i>	<i>Roy</i>	<i>Hossain</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	Pass	Double	2♦
Double	All Pass		

West led the ♣5 and East won with the ♣K and switched to the ♥Q for the king and ace. Back came the ♥9, East ruffing and returning the ♠K. West ruffed, cashed the ♦A and continued with the ♦2, declarer winning with dummy's ♦K and playing the ♠6 (cashing the ♥J is a good idea) West ruffing and exiting with the ♥2 (going back to clubs is best). Declarer won with dummy's ♥J and pitched a club on the ♠A, West ruffing and exiting with the ♣7. With the ♥8 being a winner declarer's hand was high, but the score was entered as three down, -800, and 5 IMPs for India.

## UAE v India

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sinha</i>	<i>Qasim</i>	<i>Naidoo</i>	<i>Ghoneim</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	1♠	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

South led the  $\spadesuit 10$  and declarer won with the  $\spadesuit A$ .

ruffed a diamond, ruffed a spade, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a spade (the only winning move is to play the ♠K at this point). Declarer continued to crossruff, but there were only ten tricks, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Esdis</i>	<i>R Khandelwal</i>	<i>Edis</i>	<i>H Khandelwal</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	1♠	Pass	1NT
2♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

South led the ♣3 (a diamond is a theoretical killer) covered by the jack, queen and ace and declarer won and played the ♠K. When that held the ♠J saw South win and play a second club, declarer winning and playing the ♠10. North won and switched to the ♥J, declarer allowing South's ♥K to hold. When South exited with the ♥4 declarer took dummy's ♥A and cashed three clubs, the last of them squeezing North, who was down to ♠87 ♥10 ♦K. That was an overtrick, +950 and 14 IMPs for UAE.

## Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ AKQ106  
♥ Q  
♦ 107  
♣ AKJ84

♠ J5  
♥ KJ873  
♦ J843  
♣ 52

♠ 8742  
♥ A9542  
♦ K6  
♣ 109

♠ 93  
♥ 106  
♦ AQ952  
♣ Q763

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## Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kamruzzaman</i>	<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Rahman</i>	<i>Mukherjee</i>
–	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

East led the ♥A and continued with the ♥2, declarer ruffing, drawing trumps, cashing three spades and taking the diamond finesse, +420.



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West	North	East	South
Nandi	Ul Haque	Roy	Hossain
–	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦*
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♣	All Pass	
2♣	Gazzilli		
2♦	8+		
4♦	Control		
4NT	RKCB		
5♣	1 keycard		

East led the ♣10 and declarer drew trumps, cashed the spades pitching hearts and played a diamond to the queen for +940 and 11 IMPs.

### Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ QJ5		
♥ 108		
♦ J974		
♣ AK75		
♠ 62		♠ K9873
♥ KJ74		♥ A52
♦ A1063		♦ 82
♣ J102		♣ 643
♠ A104		
♥ Q963		
♦ KQ5		
♣ Q98		



## India v Bangladesh

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kamruzzaman	Tewari	Rahman	Mukherjee
–	–	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	1♠	Double
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♠7 and declarer won with the ♠Q, played a diamond to the king, a club to the ace and a diamond for the queen and ace. The spade return was won by declarer's ♠J and he cashed his winners for +600.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nandi	Ul Haque	Roy	Hossain
–	–	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♦	1♠	Double
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

The play was similar, but here declarer took the diamond finesse and recorded +180 which translated into a 9 IMP loss.

## UAE v India

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sinha	Qasim	Naidoo	Ghoneim
–	–	Pass	1♣
Pass	2NT	All Pass	

East led the ♠9 and declarer finished with nine tricks, +150.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Edis	R Khandelwal	Edis	H Khandelwal
–	–	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠*	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
1♠	No four card major		

West led the ♥4 and declarer won the fourth round of the suit and played the ♦K, collecting the rest when West won and switched to the ♠6 for the queen, king and ace, +600 and 10 IMPs to India.

### Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 10942		
♥ AK6		
♦ 832		
♣ Q62		
♠ AKJ65		♠ Q873
♥ J10932		♥ Q75
♦ Q		♦ 965
♣ J9		♣ A84
♠ –		
♥ 84		
♦ AKJ1074		
♣ K10753		







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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kamruzzaman	Tewari	Rahman	Mukherjee
–	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♠	2NT*
Pass	3♣	3♦*	Double
3♠	All Pass		
2NT	Good bad 2NT		
3♦	Good spade raise		

Despite the 4-0 trump slit declarer had no trouble collecting nine tricks, +140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nandi	Ul Haque	Roy	Hossain
–	Pass	Pass	4NT*
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

East led the ♠7 and declarer ruffed in dummy and played a club for the queen and ace. He ruffed the spade return, cashed the ♣K and the ♦A and claimed, +620 and 13 IMPs for Bangladesh.

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sinha	Qasim	Naidoo	Ghoneim
–	Pass	Pass	3♦
4♦*	Pass	4♠	All Pass
4♦	Majors		

Declarer had to lose four tricks, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Esdis	R Khandelwal	Edis	H Khandelwal
–	Pass	Pass	1♦
2♦*	Pass	4♠	5♣
Pass	5♦	All Pass	
2♦	Majors		

Declarer ruffed the spade lead, drew trumps and played the clubs for one loser, +620 and 11 IMPs for India.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 54		
♥ Q8632		
♦ 10864		
♣ 92		
♠ QJ109873		♠ AK
♥ A4		♥ J10
♦ J9		♦ AQ53
♣ J10		♣ AK874
♠ 62		
♥ K975		
♦ K72		
♣ Q653		

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
Kamruzzaman	Tewari	Rahman	Mukherjee
–	–	2NT	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
4♥	Transfer		
4NT	RKCB		
5♣	4 keycards		

South led the ♠6 and having won declarer played the ♣4. When South followed with the ♣3 declarer won with dummy's ♣10 and was soon claiming all the tricks, +1010.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Nandi	Ul Haque	Roy	Hossain
–	–	2NT	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♣*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
3♥	Transfer		
4NT	RKCB		
5♣	1 keycard		
5♦	♠Q?		
5NT	Yes		

Declarer won the spade lead and cashed the ♠A and the ♣AK. He then ran the ♣8 pitching a heart, +1010.



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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sinha</i>	<i>Qasim</i>	<i>Naidoo</i>	<i>Ghoneim</i>
–	–	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
7♠	All Pass		
2♣	Strong		
2♦	Relay		
3♥	Transfer		
4NT	RKCB		
5♣	4 keycards		

Declarer won the spade lead, cashed a second spade and the ♣AK. Ruffing a club on the next round meant one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Esdis</i>	<i>R Khandelwal</i>	<i>Edis</i>	<i>H Khandelwal</i>
–	–	2NT	Pass
3♥*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
3♥	Transfer		
3♠	2♠		
4NT	RKCB		
5♦	4 keycards		

South led the ♣3, +1010 and a 14 IMP swing to UAE.

If declarer had made 7♠ in the other room, India would have been very close.

### Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 107643		
♥ 10985		
♦ –		
♣ Q543		
♠ Q		♠ J85
♥ AQJ64		♥ K7
♦ AK86		♦ QJ92
♣ J109		♣ AK72
♠ AK92		
♥ 32		
♦ 107543		
♣ 86		



## India v Bangladesh

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kamruzzaman</i>	<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Rahman</i>	<i>Mukherjee</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠*	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
6♦	All Pass		
3♠	Control		
4♣	Control		
4♥	Control		
4NT	RKCB		
5♣	1 keycard		

North led the ♠3 and South won with the ♠A and returned the ♠2, declare ruffing and cashing the ♦K. when North discarded the ♠7 declarer went to dummy with the ♥K and ruffed another spade, finishing two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nandi</i>	<i>Ul Haque</i>	<i>Roy</i>	<i>Hossain</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠*	Double
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♣	Pass
5♦	All Pass		
3♠	Diamond fit		

North led the ♠3 and south won with the ♠K and switched to the ♣6 for the nine, queen and king. When declarer cashed the ♦Q North pitched the ♠4. Declarer continued with a club to the ten and the ♣J, South ruffing and exiting with a diamond at which point declarer claimed for +400 and 11 IMPs.

At the point where declarer played the ♣J South must refuse to ruff (a heart discard is simplest).

Once declarer discovers the diamonds are 5-0 playing three rounds of hearts discarding a spade is the way to come to eleven tricks. South can ruff and play the ♠A but declarer ruffs, unblocks the ♦AK and can cross to dummy with a club to draw the outstanding trump.



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### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sinha</i>	<i>Qasim</i>	<i>Naidoo</i>	<i>Ghoneim</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠*	Double
3♠*	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♦	Double
1NT	Forcing		
2♠	Diamond fit, better than invitational		
3♠	Stopper ask		

North led the ♠3 and South won and exited with the ♦3, declarer finishing two down, -300.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edis</i>	<i>R Khandelwal</i>	<i>Edis</i>	<i>H Khandelwal</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♠	Double
6♦	All Pass		

North led the ♠3 and South won with the ♠K and switched to the ♦3, declarer losing two more tricks for -100 but gaining 5 IMPs.

India had won the Open with something to spare, but UAE had come out on top in the Mixed.



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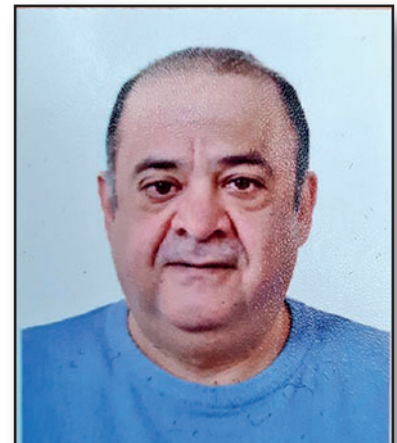
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