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After a great tussle in Open Semi-Finals INDIA & UAE Qualify for the Bermuda Bowl

As informed yesterday, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh & UAE in that order had qualified for the 6*16 board semi-finals in the OPEN team championship after the completion of triple round robin. Pakistan being the top ranked team, were asked to choose their opponents first and they chose UAE. By default the second semi-final was India Vs. Bangladesh. Both Pakistan & India were given a carry over of 0.5 IMPs being the leading team of their match.

In the first Semi-final, at half way stage on Thursday, Pakistan team was leading by a score of 92.5-87 (31-31, 38-33, 23-23) against UAE.

Yesterday UAE came back strongly to win the 4th set by 35-7 and take the lead over Pakistan by 122-99.5. They continued their good work in the 5th set as well winning it by 30-23 to lead by 152-122.5 with last set to go. In the last and Pakistan tried very hard to regain the losses but could only gain 17 IMPs (58-41) and lost the match to UAE by a slender margin of 12.5 IMPs. UAE won the match by **193-180.5** and a seat to the Bermuda Bowl.

The UAE team is represented by **Hussein Adam Ali Ibrahim (Captain), Tamer Eissa, Khaled Hassan, Mohamed Said, Hazem Ghoneim, Abdelrahim Mehilba.**

The Pakistan Team is being represented by **Tehsin Gheewala (Captain), Mohsin Chandna, Farrukh Liaqat, Imran Abedi, Hassan Askari, Mubashir Puri.**

In the Second Semi-final, at half way stage on Thursday, team INDIA was leading by a score of 108.5 – 93 (32-26, 32-40, 44-27) against Bangladesh.

Yesterday India won the 4th set easily by a large margin of 40 IMPs (63-23) to lead by 171.5-116. The 5th set was also won by 29-13. With last set to go India was leading by 200.5-129. In the last and final set India gained another 17 IMPs (54-17) to clinch the match by **254.5-166** and a seat to the Bermuda Bowl.

The Indian Team is represented by **Joyjit Sensarma (Coach & NPC), Ajay Khare, Raju Tolani, Rajeshwar Tewari, Sumit Mukherjee, Jaggy Shivdasani, Sandeep Thakral.**

The Bangladesh team is represented by **Rifatul Islam.NPC, Asifur Rahman, Biswajit Saha, Moshir Rahman, AHM Kamruzzaman, Shah Zia Haque, Rashedul Hasan Ripon.**

Congratulation to both INDIA & UAE teams for qualifying to the Bermuda Bowl 2023, which will be held at Marrakech, Morocco from 20th Aug to 2nd Sep 2023.

Today both these teams will play a 2*16 boards final for the Zakaria Adamjee Memorial Trophy. INDIA has a carryover of 0.5 IMPs.

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INDIA wins the BFAME SENIORS Teams Championship

INDIA beat PAKISTAN in the 32-board final (2*16) of the Seniors Teams event in the 22nd BFAME Championships to win the coveted **Nawzad Shaker Trophy**.

India started with a carryover of 0.5 IMPs, and won the 1st set by a huge margin of 70-21. Pakistan tried to recover in the 2nd set but could only manage to win it by 2 IMPs (20-18). India thus won the match by 42.5 IMPs (83.5-41).

Heartiest Congratulations to the Winners.

The Winning Indian team is represented by Subhash Gupta (Coach & NPC), Hemant Jalan, Sukamal Das, Subrata Saha, Pranab Bardhan, Badal Das, Samir Basak.

The PAKISTAN team is represented by Saeed Akhtar (Captain), Shahid Hameed, Imran Gardezi, Ghias Malik, Azhar Hameed, Mirza Shauq Hussain.

Both INDIA and PAKISTAN Senior teams will represent Zone-4 in the d'Orsi Cup 2023 to be held at Marrakech, Morocco in August 2023.

We hope that both the teams will do their best to keep the Zone-4 flag flying in the World Championship

INDIA wins the BFAME MIXED Teams Championship

The 32 Boards final (2*16) of the Mixed Teams event was played today between India & UAE to determine the Winner of the Mixed Teams in the BFAME Championships 2023.

India started the match with a carryover of 0.5 IMPs. They won the 1st set comfortably by 17 IMPs (49-32) and added 25 IMPs (49-24) to their tally in the 2nd set to win the match by 42.5 IMPs (98.5-56) to win the coveted **Mazhar Jafri Trophy**.

Heartiest Congratulations to the Winners.

The Indian team is represented by Vinay Desai (Coach & NPC), Marianne Karmarkar, Kiran Nadar, Himani Khandelwal, Sandeep Karmarkar, B. Satyanarayana, Rajeev Khandelwal..

The UAE Team is represented by Nermeen Qasim Norani (Captain), Elvan Edis, Sawsan Elabyari, Humayun Sumar, Timur Edis, Amr Mekky

Both INDIA & UAE teams will represent Zone-4 in the Mixed Trophy Cup 2023, to be held at Marrakech, Morocco in August 2023.

We hope that both the teams will do their best to keep the Zone-4 flag flying in the World Championship.

SENIOR TEAMS - FINAL (2*16 Boards)

| Teams | | No. of Sessions | | | | TOTAL |
|---|----------|-----------------|----|----|-----|-------|
| | | CO | 1 | 2 | PEN | |
|  | INDIA | 0.5 | 70 | 13 | | 83.5 |
|  | PAKISTAN | | 21 | 20 | | 41 |

MIXED TEAMS - FINAL (2*16 Boards)

| Teams | | No. of Sessions | | | TOTAL | |
|---|-------|-----------------|------|-------|-------|------|
| | | CO | 1-12 | 13-24 | | PEN |
|  | INDIA | 0.5 | 49 | 49 | | 98.5 |
|  | UAE | | 32 | 24 | | 56 |

INDIA & UAE Teams Qualify for the Venice Cup

In Women's event due to topping the round robin, #1 India chose Palestine as their opponent for the 1st semi-final and in the 2nd semi-final it was Pakistan Vs. UAE.

In the first semi-final after 3 Sets on Thursday, India was leading by 112.5-60 (32-35, 44-16, 36-9). Yesterday they continued their good form and though they lost the 4th set by 46-48, they comfortably won the 5th set by 30-16 and the 6th set by a huge margin of 66-13 to win the match by **254.5-137**.

The **Indian Team** is **Anal Shah (Coach & NPC), Aika Kshirsagar, Asha Sharma, Puja Batra, Bharati Dey, Kalpana Gurjar, Vidhya Patel**, whereas the Palestine team is being represented by **Laila Haddadin (Captain), May Abu Gharbieh, Nawar Hasheim, Hanan Bitar, Fiuoz Badwan, Fadia Najjar**.

In the 2nd semi final of Women category, the UAE team was leading to Pakistan by 11 to the UAE team by 121 - 80 (65-20, 18-43, 38-17). Yesterday in the 4th set, UAE continued their good work winning the 4th set by 34-26, 5th set by 24-13. Though Pakistan team made a valiant effort in the last set to set things right, but though they won it by 50-26, it was not enough and the UAE team won the match by 355.5 IMPs (**205-169.5**).

The UAE team is: **Manju Law (Captain), Ruby Kochhar, Kumkum Kumar, Rupy Wallia, Chhaya Gandhi, Anshu Aggarwal** and the The Pakistan Team is **Fatima Raza (Captain), Rubina Saeed Hai, Qudsia Dossa, Nilofer Aslam, Meharangiz Shahveer, Durriya Vasi**.

Congratulation to both INDIA & UAE for qualifying to the Venice Cup 2023, to be held at Marrakech, Morocco in August 2023. Today both these teams will play a 2*16 boards final for the Vinodini Goenka Trophy. INDIA has a carryover of 0.5 IMPs.

OPEN TEAMS - SEMI FINALS (6*16 Boards)

| Team | | Session # | | | | | | | | TOTAL |
|---|----------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-------|
| | | CO | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | PEN | |
|  | PAKISTAN | 0.50 | 31 | 38 | 23 | 7 | 23 | 58 | | 180.5 |
|  | UAE | | 31 | 33 | 23 | 35 | 30 | 41 | | 193 |

| Team | | Session # | | | | | | | | TOTAL |
|---|------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-------|
| | | CO | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | PEN | |
|  | INDIA | 0.50 | 32 | 32 | 44 | 63 | 29 | 54 | | 254.5 |
|  | BANGLADESH | | 26 | 40 | 27 | 23 | 13 | 37 | | 166 |

WOMEN TEAMS - SEMI FINALS (6*16 Boards)

| Team | | Session # | | | | | | | | TOTAL |
|---|-----------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-------|
| | | CO | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | PEN | |
|  | INDIA | 0.50 | 32 | 44 | 36 | 46 | 30 | 66 | | 254.5 |
|  | PALESTINE | | 35 | 16 | 9 | 48 | 16 | 13 | | 137 |

| Team | | Session # | | | | | | | | TOTAL |
|---|----------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-------|
| | | CO | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | PEN | |
|  | PAKISTAN | 0.50 | 20 | 43 | 17 | 26 | 13 | 50 | | 169.5 |
|  | UAE | | 65 | 18 | 38 | 34 | 24 | 26 | | 205 |

The Winners of SENIORS Teams Team INDIA

Heartiest Congratulations for Winning the BFAME SENIOR Teams
Championship 2023 for Nawzad Shaker Trophy



From L to R: Hemant Jalan, Sukamal Das, Subhash Gupta (Coach & NPC), Badal Das, Samir Basak, Pranab Bardhan, Subrata Saha

The Winners of MIXED Teams Team INDIA

Heartiest Congratulations for Winning the BFAME MIXED Teams
Championship 2023 for Mazhar Jafri Trophy



From L to R: Himani Khandelwal, Rajeev Khandelwal, Vinay Desai (Coach & NPC), Kiran Nadar, Sandeep Karmarkar, Marianne Karmarkar, B. Satyanarayana

The Runners-Up of Seniors Teams TEAM PAKISTAN



From L to R: Shahid Hameed , Saeed Akhtar (Captain), Mubasher Lucman (President, PBF), Javed Khalid (NPC), Mirza Shauq Hussain, Ghias Malik, Imran Gardezi, Azhar Hameed (Not in

The Runners-Up of MIXED Teams TEAM UAE



From L to R: Nermeen Qasim Norani (Captain), Timur Edis, Elvan Edis, Amr Mekky, Sawsan Elabyari, Humayun Sumar

Today's Play Schedule (Saturday – 13th May 2023)

OPEN & WOMEN - FINALS (2 * 16 Boards)

1000 Hrs: Final – Session-1

1400 Hrs: Final – Session-2

TBL-1: INDIA Vs. UAE (OPEN)

TBL-2: INDIA Vs. UAE (WOMEN)

Today's Vu-Graph Matches on BBO

Round-1: 1000 Hrs

BBO 1: INDIA Vs. UAE (FINAL SEG 1 - OPEN)

BBO 2: INDIA Vs. UAE (FINAL SEG 1 - WOMEN)

Round-2: 1400 Hrs

BBO 1: INDIA Vs. UAE (FINAL SEG 2 - OPEN)

BBO 2: INDIA Vs. UAE (FINAL SEG 2 - WOMEN)

The Closing Ceremony

The Prize Distribution & Closing Ceremony of the 22nd BFAME Championships 2023 will be held today at the Pool Side of the Pearl Continental Hotel from 19:30 Hrs.

All the players, officials & delegates are requested to attend the programme, which will be followed by a Gala Dinner.

THANKS FROM PRESIDENT, BFAME

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the participants and officials for their co-operation in making these Championships a great Success.

My sincere and special thanks to the organizing committee of Pakistan Bridge Federation, headed by the dynamic Mr. Mubasher Lucman. The organization was of a very high standard and It was a great effort by PBF to make these championship possible with great success. I would also like to sincerely thank my friend, the BFAME & PBF Secretary, Mr. Ihsan Qadir, who left no stone unturned for the success of the championship. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL. We wish you a safe journey home. See you all again in 2025.

- ***Bahjat Al Majali, President, BFAME***

**TOP 40 BUTLER SCORES
TILL SEMI-FINALS OF OPEN / WOMEN &
FINAL OF SENIORS / MIXED**

| Rank | Player | Boards Played | Total IMP | Average IMP |
|------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | PUJA BATRA | 192/336 | 201.85 | 1.05 |
| 2 | ASHA_SHARMA | 192/336 | 201.85 | 1.05 |
| 3 | BADAL DAS | 144/336 | 116.18 | 0.81 |
| 4 | PRANAB BARDHAN | 144/336 | 116.18 | 0.81 |
| 5 | KIRAN NADAR | 208/336 | 165.72 | 0.8 |
| 6 | B SATYANARAYANA | 208/336 | 165.72 | 0.8 |
| 7 | ALKA KSHIRSAGAR | 176/336 | 127.63 | 0.73 |
| 8 | BHARATI DEY | 176/336 | 127.63 | 0.73 |
| 9 | ZAFER NAJEH JARRAR | 112/336 | 72.03 | 0.64 |
| 10 | AMR NIMER | 112/336 | 72.03 | 0.64 |
| 11 | MARIANNE KARMARKAR | 224/336 | 134.37 | 0.6 |
| 12 | SUKAMAL DAS | 144/336 | 86.47 | 0.6 |
| 13 | SUBRATA SAHA | 144/336 | 86.47 | 0.6 |
| 14 | SANDEEP KARMARKAR | 224/336 | 134.37 | 0.6 |
| 15 | TEHSIN GHEEWALA | 256/336 | 139.81 | 0.55 |
| 16 | JAGGY SHIVDASANI | 192/336 | 104.55 | 0.54 |
| 17 | SANDEEP THAKRAL | 208/336 | 104.55 | 0.5 |
| 18 | GHIAS MALIK | 160/336 | 66.49 | 0.42 |
| 19 | SHAHID HAMEED | 160/336 | 66.49 | 0.42 |
| 20 | RAJU TOLANI | 176/336 | 73.02 | 0.41 |
| 21 | VIDHYA PATEL | 208/336 | 80.39 | 0.39 |
| 22 | KALPANA GURJAR | 208/336 | 80.39 | 0.39 |
| 23 | AJAY KHARE | 192/336 | 73.02 | 0.38 |
| 24 | HASSAN ASKARI | 160/336 | 58.45 | 0.37 |
| 25 | SAMIR BASAK | 160/336 | 56.18 | 0.35 |
| 26 | HEMANT JALAN | 160/336 | 56.18 | 0.35 |
| 27 | MUBASHIR PURI | 176/336 | 58.3 | 0.33 |
| 28 | IMRAN GARDEZI | 176/336 | 57.19 | 0.32 |
| 29 | SAEED AKHTAR | 176/336 | 57.19 | 0.32 |
| 30 | DURRIYA VASI | 224/336 | 66.45 | 0.3 |
| 31 | AZHAR HAMEED | 112/336 | 32.54 | 0.29 |
| 32 | MIRZA SHAUQ HUSSAIN | 112/336 | 32.54 | 0.29 |
| 33 | RUPY WALLIA | 144/336 | 42.18 | 0.29 |
| 34 | MANJU LAW | 256/336 | 74.2 | 0.29 |
| 35 | RUBY KOCHHAR | 256/336 | 74.2 | 0.29 |
| 36 | KUMKUM KUMAR | 144/336 | 42.18 | 0.29 |
| 37 | FATIMA RAZA | 288/336 | 76.02 | 0.26 |
| 38 | QUDSIA DOSSA | 256/336 | 60.99 | 0.24 |
| 39 | ABDELRAHIM MEHILBA | 256/336 | 43.68 | 0.17 |
| 40 | HIMANI KHANDELWA | 208/336 | 35.03 | 0.17 |

OPEN TEAMS – SEMI-FINAL-3, INDIA Vs. BANGLADESH

Open room:

NS: (INDIA) - Sandeep Thakral – Jaggy Shivdasani

EW: (Bangladesh) -AHM (Kamruzzaman – Asifur Rahman)

Closed room:

NS: (Bangladesh) – Shah Zia Haque – Moshir Rahman

EW: (India) Raju Tolani – Ajay Khare

The third segment of the semi final match between India and Bangladesh started with Bangladesh having a slender lead of 2 imps.

This was one of the first boards with a significant swing;

| | | | | | |
|----------|--|-----------|------|----------|------|
| 19 | | N Sandeep | | | |
| | | ♠AJ4 | | | |
| | | ♥J | | | |
| | | ♦J1042 | | | |
| | | ♣KQ743 | | | |
| W Asifur | | W | N | E | S |
| ♠Q83 | | 2♦ | Pass | 2♥ | Pass |
| ♥AK10753 | | Pass | Dbl | Pass | 3♣ |
| ♦95 | | Pass | Pass | 3♥ | 4♣ |
| ♣62 | | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| | | E Ahm | | | |
| | | ♠10752 | | | |
| | | ♥Q9 | | | |
| | | ♦AK863 | | | |
| | | ♣108 | | | |
| S Jaggy | | | | | |
| | | ♠K96 | | | |
| | | ♥8642 | | | |
| | | ♦Q7 | | | |
| | | ♣AJ95 | | | |
| | | | | 4♣ South | |
| | | | | 0 0 | |

NS competed to 4C over 3H and made with an overtrick when east ducked the first round of diamonds, eliminating one of declarer's diamond losers. The bidding started exactly the same way in the other room, but when east bid a competitive 3H, West, Ajay Khare, raised himself to game. This would have been down two if NS cash their black suit winners, but north saw a cheap sacrifice available and went for it, undoing all the good work of having pushed vulnerable opponents into a non-making game. West led a top heart and shifted to a spade, won by south's king. Declarer now led the diamond 7 out of his hand, won by east's king. He cashed the ace and played a third round. When south discarded a spade allowing west to ruff, while the spade finesse was working, he was down 300 and that was 10 imps to India.

| | | | | | |
|----------|--|-----------|------|----------|------|
| 20 | | N Sandeep | | | |
| | | ♠1074 | | | |
| | | ♥A7643 | | | |
| | | ♦AQ | | | |
| | | ♣843 | | | |
| W Asifur | | W | N | E | S |
| ♠K932 | | Pass | Pass | Pass | 1♣ |
| ♥52 | | Pass | 1♥ | Pass | 2♥ |
| ♦87432 | | Pass | 2♠ | Pass | 2NT |
| ♣A2 | | Pass | 4♥ | Pass | Pass |
| | | E Ahm | | | |
| | | ♠Q6 | | | |
| | | ♥QJ8 | | | |
| | | ♦KJ65 | | | |
| | | ♣J976 | | | |
| S Jaggy | | | | | |
| | | ♠AJ85 | | | |
| | | ♥K109 | | | |
| | | ♦109 | | | |
| | | ♣KQ105 | | | |
| | | | | 4♥ North | |
| | | | | 0 0 | |

The Indian NS reached a 23 point game in hearts in the open room when Sandeep made an aggressive game try asking for help in spades and Jaggy showed spade values.

East kicked off with a diamond lead, giving declarer a good start, but prospects still didn't appear rosy. He still had a likely loser in hearts, so he needed to keep his black suit losers to two, not an easy task. Sandeep led the 4 of clubs immediately to dummy's king and Asifur ducked smoothly. The heart king was now cashed and the heart 10 ran to east's jack, who continued his aggressive defence by shifting to the spade queen now. This solved declarer's problems in spades as he won the ace, drew the last trump and played a club to the 10 now, making his vulnerable game. When the Bangladeshi NS stopped in 1NT at the other table making with an overtrick, India gained another 11 imps.

The Indians played their part scores better in the next two boards, winning 5 and 4 imps for their team respectively, and suddenly had 32 imps in the set. Bangladesh opened their account on the next board though, when they stopped in 1S making, whereas the Indians reached 3S going one down.

Bangladesh picked up a much needed game swing on board 26;

| | | | | | |
|----------|--|------------|------|----------|------|
| 26 | | N Shah Zia | | | |
| | | ♠AJ1096 | | | |
| | | ♥A10 | | | |
| | | ♦K654 | | | |
| | | ♣J7 | | | |
| W Ajay | | W | N | E | S |
| ♠2 | | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| ♥Q654 | | Pass | 1♠ | Pass | 2♦ |
| ♦A10732 | | Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 4♣ |
| ♣963 | | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| | | E Raju | | | |
| | | ♠Q754 | | | |
| | | ♥KJ7 | | | |
| | | ♦Q8 | | | |
| | | ♣K1054 | | | |
| S Moshir | | | | | |
| | | ♠K83 | | | |
| | | ♥9832 | | | |
| | | ♦J9 | | | |
| | | ♣AQ82 | | | |
| | | | | 4♠ North | |
| | | | | 0 0 | |

When south bid a 3 card drury, Zia asked for help in diamonds and south bid game with his doubleton. With trump length, Raju led from his four card club suit, but declarer let this run to his jack, and finessed again in clubs for a heart discard. He then led a diamond towards the king, and when this won, he wrapped up with an overtrick. Jaggy also started with a 3 card drury (2C) in the open room, but when his partner bid 2D, presumably showing a full opener but inability to bid game, he bid 2S. this was now reasonably passed by Sandeep, missing the making game. That was 11 imps to Bangladesh.

With just four deals remaining to play in the day, this deal appeared;

| | | | | | |
|----------|--|-----------|------|----------|------|
| 29 | | N Sandeep | | | |
| | | ♠86543 | | | |
| | | ♥98 | | | |
| | | ♦K62 | | | |
| | | ♣1053 | | | |
| W Asifur | | W | N | E | S |
| ♠107 | | Dbl | Pass | 1♠ | 1♦ |
| ♥AJ106 | | Pass | Pass | 4♥ | Dbl |
| ♦853 | | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| ♣K764 | | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| | | E Ahm | | | |
| | | ♠QJ | | | |
| | | ♥Q743 | | | |
| | | ♦A | | | |
| | | ♣AQJ982 | | | |
| S Jaggy | | | | | |
| | | ♠AK92 | | | |
| | | ♥K52 | | | |
| | | ♦QJ10974 | | | |
| | | | | 4♥x East | |
| | | | | 0 0 | |

West's double must have shown exactly 4 hearts and zaman jumped straight to game with his shapely hand.

South doubled, implying secondary spades alongside his diamond suit. North had poor hand and passed this, hoping to go plus (500 is available in 4S doubled to EW on best defence). Jaggy cashed the top spades before shifting the diamond 9, trying to indicate a club return in case partner was able to get in. Declarer successfully finessed in hearts and could have made an overtrick by repeating the finesse, but probably expecting a 4-1 break in hearts, played a heart from dummy to south's king and claimed his contract. This was a 5 imp pickup for Bangladesh, when the same contract wasn't doubled in the closed room.

India picked up a game swing on the next deal;

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|
| 30 ^D | | N Sandeep | | E Ahm | |
| W Asifur | | S Jaggy | | S Jaggy | |
| ♠J6543 | ♥J73 | ♦93 | ♣QJ6 | ♠AKQ2 | ♥KQ64 |
| ♠A108 | ♥82 | ♦A652 | ♣10875 | ♠97 | ♥A1095 |
| Pass | 1♣ | 1♦ | 2♣ | ♠A1095 | ♥KQ87 |
| Pass | 2♦ | Pass | 3♦ | ♠942 | ♥KQ87 |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ | ♠942 | ♥KQ87 |
| Pass | 3NT | Pass | Pass | ♠942 | ♥KQ87 |
| | | 3NT North | | 0 0 | |

East led the heart 5 to the jack and the king. Sandeep played the spade queen from hand and continued with a spade to dummy's ace. He then led a club to the ace and instead of continuing clubs, hoping for a 3-3 break cashed the spade king and exited with a heart from hand when east threw a heart on the third spade. East switched to the king of diamonds, ducked and could have put the contract two down by playing a club to his partner, but chose to play the diamond queen. When declarer won the ace in dummy and played a third diamond to his jack, west discarded his club jack by mistake (according to Vugraph records). This allowed declarer to make the contract with an overtrick instead of down one.

Zia also received a heart lead at the other table and immediately played three rounds of clubs, West winning and playing the diamond 9. This was covered with the ten, queen and ace. With three spades, three clubs a heart and a diamond trick now available, he tried to build his 9th trick in diamonds by leading towards his 10, but west won and cashed the other diamonds and the heart ace for down one.

The last two boards were relatively flat and India won the set 44-27. They now led by 19 imps with 48 boards to go in the semi final.

- **Reported by Yasser Rahim**

OPEN TEAMS – SEMI-FINAL-4, PAKISTAN Vs. UAE

Open Room:

NS: Mohsin Chandna - Tehsin Gheewala (PAKISTAN)

EW: Tamer Eissa – Khaled Hassan (UAE)

Closed Room:

NS: Abdelrahim Mehilba- Hazem Ghoneim (UAE)

EW: Hassan Askari/Mubashir Puri (PAKISTAN)

The fourth segment of the semi final started with everything to play for, as they were separated by just five imps after the initial 48 boards. The same number of boards remained to be played today as well for a place in the Bermuda Bowl to be held in Morocco later this year.

The UAE NS in the closed room reached a 21 hcp spade game on the first board of the day.

| | | | | | |
|------------|-------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1 | | N Mehilba | | E Askari | |
| W Mubashir | | S Hazem | | S Hazem | |
| ♠AQ4 | ♥9653 | ♦J85 | ♣AQ4 | ♠9852 | ♥AK42 |
| ♠AQ4 | ♥J7 | ♦K9 | ♣J753 | ♠7 | ♥Q108 |
| Pass | 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ | ♠7 | ♥Q108 |
| Pass | 3♠ | Pass | 4♠ | ♠7 | ♥Q108 |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass | ♠7 | ♥Q108 |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass | ♠7 | ♥Q108 |
| | | 4♠ South | | 0 0 | |

Mubashir led a heart won in dummy for a club play by Hazem. Mubashir won and continued hearts. Declarer won, led a diamond to his king and ruffed a club. Had he now cashed the diamond AQ throwing a club and got back to his hand with a heart ruff to ruff his last club in dummy, he would have just lost another two spades to make the contract. Instead, he played a spade from dummy, finessing the jack and Mubashir was able to play three rounds of spades leaving him a trick short. When the Pakistan pair avoided the game in the open room, it was 6 imps to Pakistan and a good start to the day.

The bidding in both room on board 4 shows the hyper aggressive mindset of the modern player;

| | | | | | |
|----------|------|-----------|-------|-----------|------|
| 4 | | N Mohsin | | E Tamer | |
| W Khaled | | S Tehseen | | S Tehseen | |
| ♠A93 | ♥Q6 | ♦Q1053 | ♣J982 | ♠Q72 | ♥AJ4 |
| ♠A93 | ♥Q6 | ♦Q1053 | ♣J982 | ♠Q72 | ♥AJ4 |
| Pass | Pass | 1NT | Pass | ♠Q72 | ♥AJ4 |
| Pass | Pass | 3NT | Pass | ♠Q72 | ♥AJ4 |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass | ♠Q72 | ♥AJ4 |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass | ♠Q72 | ♥AJ4 |
| | | 3NT East | | 0 0 | |

Mere mortals like us would content themselves by inviting with the west hand facing a 15-17 NT, but both the east players, Khaled for UAE and Mubashir for Pakistan went straight to 3NT, willing to play game opposite a 15 count, for the vulnerable game bonus.

With the spade finesse working, at least 9 tricks were available and the Pakistani declarer made an overtrick to gain an imp when Tamer made 9 tricks.

UAE opened their account on the next board when Pakistan played an aggressive spade game in a Moysian fit, going down and UAE made a part score for a 5 imp pickup.

Both declarers went down in game in the following board when they took the percentage line of finessing for the queen with an 8 card fit.

| | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|---------------------------------|--|
| 6 | | N Mehilba | | E Askari | |
| W Mubashir | | S Hazem | | S Hazem | |
| ♠KQ ♥1062 ♦109862 ♣652 | | ♠J4 ♥AKJ843 ♦7 ♣QJ84 | | ♠AKQ54 ♥QJ43 ♦A93 ♣4 | |
| Pass 1♥ Pass 1NT Pass 4♥ Pass Pass Pass | | Pass 1♦ Pass 1NT Pass 4♥ Pass Pass Pass | | ♠1098762 ♥Q7 ♦A4 ♣A97 | |
| | | ♠A53 ♥95 ♦KQJ53 ♣K103 | | ♠J10973 ♥7 ♦104 ♣AKQJ2 | |
| | | 4♥ North | | 6♠ South | |
| | | 0 | | 0 | |

Mehilba won the spade lead in dummy and immediately took the losing heart finesse, and with a sure loser in each of the side suits, finished one down. Mohsin in the same contract in the open room had heard his vulnerable LHO bid 2S over his 1H response to partner's opening and had even more reason to finesse rather than going for the drop, naturally placing the pre-emptor with short hearts.

UAE picked up an overtrick imp on this interesting deal;

| | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--------------------------------|--|
| 8 | | N Mehilba | | E Askari | |
| W Mubashir | | S Hazem | | S Hazem | |
| ♠10976 ♥KQ972 ♦543 ♣10 | | ♠J8 ♥AJ543 ♦6 ♣KJ975 | | ♠2 ♥1086 ♦AJ987 ♣Q432 | |
| Pass 2♥ Pass 2NT Pass 3♣ Pass 3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass Pass Pass | | Pass 1♦ Pass 1NT Pass 4♥ Pass Pass Pass | | ♠AKQ543 ♥ ♦KQ102 ♣A86 | |
| | | 4♠ South | | 4♠x West | |
| | | 0 | | 0 | |

North showed a weak two suiter with hearts and another suit. He showed his 2nd suit over south's strong ask of 2NT but then raised a natural 3S to game. Would you make a further try with the south hand? South decided to go conservatively and passed, probably devaluing his diamond honors. With the diamond ace onside, 12 tricks are always available in spades. The other table played in 3NT making with a couple of overtricks, so that was 1 imp to the UAE.

Board 10 provided the first major swing of the match; (See board on the next column).

North bid a non forcing 2D after his partner's vulnerable 2C overcall but punted out the small slam in clubs after his partner had shown possible wasted values in spades with his 2NT bid. He was lucky to find partner with a solid club suit and minimal wastage in spades.

| | | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|---------------------------------|--|
| 10 | | N Mehilba | | E Askari | |
| W Mubashir | | S Hazem | | S Hazem | |
| ♠862 ♥10865 ♦72 ♣8653 | | ♠AK92 ♥KQJ865 ♣1097 | | ♠AKQ54 ♥QJ43 ♦A93 ♣4 | |
| Pass 2♦ 2♥ Pass Pass 2♠ Pass 2NT Pass 6♣ Pass Pass | | Pass 1♠ 2♣ Pass 2♥ Pass Pass 2NT Pass Pass | | ♠J10973 ♥7 ♦104 ♣AKQJ2 | |
| | | 6♠ South | | 0 | |
| | | 0 | | 0 | |

Still, the slam should have been defeated with a heart lead and a first-round duck of the diamond rendering the north hand dead. Even when west led a normal spade, if east finds a difficult first round diamond duck (he neither has the diamond count nor the count of declarer's hand) and then switches to a heart, the slam will go down due to the 4-1 break in clubs. When he took the diamond king with the ace on the first round, declarer had communication to dummy in both red suits and was soon claiming his contract. That was 13 imps to UAE, as the other table played 5C making with an overtrick.

UAE picked up another 5 imps when Pakistan was doubled in 4S for a 300 point penalty.

| | | | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| 11 | | N Mehilba | | E Askari | |
| W Mubashir | | S Hazem | | S Hazem | |
| ♠QJ109 ♥AQ8 ♦54 ♣J872 | | ♠A4 ♥K103 ♦K9876 ♣543 | | ♠K7632 ♥J7642 ♦Q ♣K9 | |
| 1♠ 2♠ 4♠ Pass Pass Dbl Pass Pass Pass | | 1♦ 4♠ Pass Pass Pass | | ♠85 ♥95 ♦AJ1032 ♣AQ106 | |
| | | 4♠x West | | 0 | |
| | | 0 | | 0 | |

South played 4D at the other table, making it on a spade lead.

| | | | | | |
|--|--|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| 12 | | N Mohsin | | E Tamer | |
| W Khaled | | S Tehseen | | S Tehseen | |
| ♠Q ♥KQ64 ♦K4 ♣AKJ1096 | | ♠10542 ♥A7 ♦QJ875 ♣32 | | ♠98 ♥J109852 ♦93 ♣Q85 | |
| 1♣ Pass 2♥ 2♠ 4♥ 4♠ Pass Pass 5♥ Dbl Pass Pass Pass | | 1♦ 2♣ Pass Pass Pass Pass | | ♠AKJ763 ♥3 ♦A1062 ♣74 | |
| | | 5♥x East | | 0 | |
| | | 0 | | 0 | |

The UAE EW pair found the cheap non vulnerable sacrifice in hearts against the Vul NS spade game. Pakistan also bid up to 5C in the closed room, but Mehilba took the bait and bid 5S, which should have been one down, but the bidding was not over yet and Mubashir bid 6H finally doubled by North. When this went down two, UAE gained another 5 imps.

UAE picked up another 4 imps when they went plus in both rooms on the following part score deal;

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MIXED TEAMS – FINAL SEGMENT-2, INDIA Vs. UAE

Open Room:

NS (INDIA) – B SATYANARAYANA - KIRAN NADAR
EW (UAE) –SAWSAN ELABYARI– AMR MEKKY

Closed Room:

NS (UAE) – TIMUR EDIS - ELVAN EDIS
EW (INDIA) – MARIANNE KARMARKAR– SANDEEP KARMARKAR

India started the 2nd set with 17 IMPs lead .

On the first board of 2nd set, they increased it by 3 IMPs, when in open room, the hand was passed, whereas in closed room, South was in 1NT, which went 2 down.

Board 18, Dir: East, Vul: NS

| | | | |
|-------|--------|---------|--|
| | ♠A53 | | |
| | ♥AJ754 | | |
| | ♦7 | | |
| | ♣K765 | | |
| ♠642 | N | ♠QT | |
| ♥QT98 | W | ♥K63 | |
| ♦A953 | E | ♦KJT864 | |
| ♣Q2 | S | ♣T3 | |
| | ♠KJ987 | | |
| | ♥2 | | |
| | ♦Q2 | | |
| | ♣AJ984 | | |

OPEN ROOM

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|------|-------|
| | | Pass | 1S |
| Pass | 2H | Pass | 2S |
| Pass | 4D | Pass | 4S |
| All Pass | | | |

CLOSED ROOM

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| | | 3D | Pass |
| 3S(*) | Pass | 4S | DBL |
| 5D | 5H | All Pass | |

In the open room, NS played in 4S making 11 tricks, though 12 tricks can be made as both the black queens were falling . The actual drama happened in the closed room, where East opened a pre-emptive 3D and South could not overcall. West spoilt the NS communication by psyching 3S and his partner East raised it to 4. This allowed the psyche to get exposed and West ran to 5D. But it seems North took a different view from bidding and bid 5H and it went all pass. NS were playing in 5-1 fit and went 4 down for -400 giving 14 imps to India.

India gained another 2 imps for overtricks on board 19 and next board was flat.

The bidding on Board 21 (See board on next column) was:

OPEN ROOM

| West | North | East | South |
|------|----------|------|-------|
| | Pass | 1C | 2S |
| DBL | Pass | 2NT | Pass |
| 3D | All Pass | | |

CLOSED ROOM

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|------|----------|
| | Pass | 1D | 2S |
| DBL | Pass | 3C | Pass |
| 3S | Pass | 3NT | All Pass |

Board 21, Dir: North, Vul: NS

| | | | |
|---------|---------|-------|--|
| | ♠865 | | |
| | ♥T874 | | |
| | ♦J | | |
| | ♣KT873 | | |
| ♠A | N | ♠K72 | |
| ♥K95 | W | ♥QJ3 | |
| ♦AKQ632 | E | ♦985 | |
| ♣962 | S | ♣AQJ4 | |
| | ♠QJT943 | | |
| | ♥A62 | | |
| | ♦T74 | | |
| | ♣5 | | |

In the open room, some confusion seems to have taken place as East passed 3D of partner. May be as per their system 1C-2S-3D was forcing, so after double it was taken as non-forcing.

In the closed room, East's 1D was Precision diamond (Min 2, 11-15 HCPs) and West first doubled and then forced with opponent suit to reach 3NT contract. With club finesse working, there were 12 tricks for +490 and 8 IMPs gain to India.

Board 24, Dir: West, Vul: None

| | | | |
|-------|--------|--------|--|
| | ♠Q74 | | |
| | ♥AK963 | | |
| | ♦AQ742 | | |
| | ♣ | | |
| ♠KJ9 | N | ♠T63 | |
| ♥QJT7 | W | ♥852 | |
| ♦J8 | E | ♦93 | |
| ♣A743 | S | ♣Q9652 | |
| | ♠A852 | | |
| | ♥4 | | |
| | ♦KT65 | | |
| | ♣KJT8 | | |

OPEN ROOM

| West | North | East | South |
|------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1C | 1H | 3C | Pass |
| Pass | DBL | All Pass | |

The contract went 4 down for 800. In the closed room the NS bid 3NT making 10 tricks but that was 9 Imps gain to India.

On board 26, UAE gained 8 IMPs, when NS in open room bid 3NT with one check after opponents have called spades, hoping for getting tricks in long minors, which both North & South were possessing. But they were not lucky as DA as well as CK finesse (one of them would have been enough for 9 tricks) would have worked.

Then came board 29.

Board 29, Dir: North, Vul: All

| | | |
|--------|----------|--------|
| | ♠6 | |
| | ♥QT8 | |
| | ♦64 | |
| | ♣KQT9853 | |
| ♠J982 | N | ♠AKT75 |
| ♥9 | W | ♥A7642 |
| ♦AJ832 | E | ♦Q |
| ♣642 | S | ♣J5 |
| | ♠Q43 | |
| | ♥KJ53 | |
| | ♦KT975 | |
| | ♣A | |

OPEN ROOM

| | | | |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| 4S | 3C All Pass | 4C | DBL |

CLOSED ROOM

| | | | |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| 5S | 3C All Pass | 4C | Pass |

4C for choosing the majors was bid on both the tables. In open room a reasonable 4S was bid, whereas in the closed room, West surely overbid with 5S. On a lucky day, spades could have been 2-2 but not this time and 5S went 1 down for 12 IMPs gain to UAE.

However, India got back 10 IMPs on the last board of the final.

Board 32, Dir: West, Vul: EW

| | | |
|--------|----------|----------|
| | ♠QT8 | |
| | ♥Q874 | |
| | ♦86 | |
| | ♣KQT9 | |
| ♠7 | N | ♠AKJ6432 |
| ♥AJ92 | W | ♥3 |
| ♦T9432 | E | ♦AKQ7 |
| ♣432 | S | ♣8 |
| | ♠95 | |
| | ♥KT65 | |
| | ♦J5 | |
| | ♣AJ765 | |

Playing Precision, it was easy for EW to reach the 4 Spade contract, which made 12 tricks, when the spade finish was working.

But what happened in the open room?

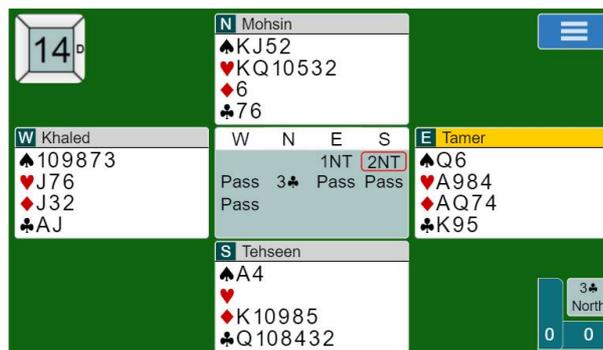
OPEN ROOM

| | | | |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Pass All Pass | Pass | 1S | Pass |

That was 10 IMPs and India won the session by 49-24 and the match with a score of 98.5-56 to win the Mixed event.

- EDITOR

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Mohsin got a club lead won with the jack by west. He played back a spade and Mohsin won the king in hand to play a diamond, but east took the ace and shot back another club. This left declarer with two more diamond losers, and he finished down two.

South bid 2C (DON'T promising clubs and a higher suit) over East's 1NT opening and west bid a natural two spades, which was passed out. Dummy's heart ace was ruffed out by south on the lead as he played back a club, declarer winning the jack in hand. He led a low spade and north hopped up with the king crashing his partner's ace. Declarer was able to get out for one down now, but still a 4 imp swing to UAE.

UAE picked up an overtrick imp in a small slam in spades on brd 15, and when board 16 was flat, that ended an excellent 35-7 set for the UAE, who now led Pakistan by 23 imps with 32 boards to play.

- Reported by Yasser Rahim

Memories of the BFAME – Part 8
Merely quantitative differences beyond certain point,
pass into qualitative changes. Karl Marx
By Ghassan Ghanem – President Emeritus, BFAME

Jaggy Shivdasani and Rajesh Dalal – one of the best pairs India ever had, have the sense of smelling the slams, and bid and make it. They catch it before it flies away.

The BFAME Championships held in Cairo – Egypt at the RAMSES Hotel in 1989 had a high frequency of slams. Here is one of the slams deals that occurred at a round robin match played when India faced Egypt.

| | | |
|-------|---------|--------|
| ♠94 | N | ♠AK |
| ♥K63 | W E | ♥AQJT |
| ♦K862 | S | ♦A9 |
| ♣J942 | | ♣AQT76 |

Open Room – Egypt EW

| | |
|-------------|-------------|
| West | East |
| S.K | S.S |
| Pass | 2C(1) |
| 2D(2) | 2NT(3) |
| 3NT | All Pass |

- (1) 23 or more High Cards Points (HCP).
- (2) Relay.
- (3) Balanced 23 – 24 HCP.

Closed Room – India EW:

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| West | East |
| Jaggy Shivdasani | Rajesh Dalal |
| Pass | 2NT(1) |
| 4NT(2) | 6C(3) |
| All Pass | |

- (1) 25 or 26 High Cards Points (HCP).
- (2) Quantitative, bid a slam with maximum hand.
- (3) Pass or correct.

The Egyptian East evaluated his hand as 24 HCP, probably not realizing that it is three loser hand and includes a five carder suit. The Indian East realized that and gave the hand the evaluation it deserves, He showed a higher value by his opening, and proposed six clubs - pass or correct. The Indian pair had a smart, short, simple, and efficient auction to gain a deserved thirteen IMPs.

The following deal was played during the Eighth Round of the Open Teams Championship of the Eighth BFAAME Championships held at "The Forte Grand Hotel" in Amman - Jordan on April/May 1995. It was India vs. South Africa.

Board 21, Dlr: North, Vul: NS

| | | |
|--------|---------|---------|
| ♠T8 | N | ♠AK94 |
| ♥Q92 | W E | ♥AKJ843 |
| ♦AJT3 | S | ♦ |
| ♣QT65 | | ♣A42 |
| ♠Q6532 | | |
| ♥6 | | |
| ♦Q9642 | | |
| ♣97 | | |
| ♠J7 | | |
| ♥T75 | | |
| ♦K875 | | |
| ♣KJ83 | | |

Open Room – South Africa NS

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Venkat Raman | Mansell | Shah | Cope |
| | Pass | 2C(1) | Pass |
| 2D(2) | Pass | 2H(3) | Pass |
| 2S(4) | Pass | 3S(5) | Pass |
| 4S | Pass | 6S | All Pass |

- (1) 22+ points or equivalent.
- (2) Semi Positive.
- (3) Hearts or balanced.
- (4) Relay, which hand?
- (5) Hearts, and Spades second suit.

Open Room – India NS

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Dande Raman | Krishnan | Boolkin | Prabhakar |
| | Pass | 1H | All Pass |

In the Open Room, Shah's two clubs strong opening (with four losers only) is superior to one heart opening which went nowhere but to make one over trick. In the Closed Room, there was no risk if West responded one spade with his minimal hand, he could have stopped at the appropriate timing and level. Five over tricks, and 13 IMPs to India.

Ghassan Ghanem

AWSOME EVENT



This 22nd BFAME at Lahore, Pakistan has been a wonderful Zonal Championships. The BFAME can be proud of the standard of performance showed by the staff. The technical level, with an experienced staff in all positions, equals the level shown in WBF events, with instant results and line-ups being being available, nicely displayed. The venue the Pearl Continental was a great venue with excellent facilities.

I want to thank all the staff -The Operation team, the Scorer, Daily Bulletin editor, the Tournament Directors, the BBO Operation team, the Dealing team and the team of caddies for a great performance. Each one of you made his utmost effort to make this event successful. It was an honour and pleasure to work with you all.

I also want to thank all the participants, although they provided the TD's an interesting collection of rulings but they also showed a fine attitude of sportsmanship, accepting the rulings as given, with a gentle approach towards their opponents and even to their partners.

Finally, I would like to give my sincere and special thanks to the local organizing committee headed by Mr. Mubasher Lucman for their great efforts and for promptly meeting all the requests of the technical staff, responsible of managing the tournament. You really made it difficult for anyone who wants to organize next tournaments by setting the high standards.

I wish all qualifiers the best in Marrakesh this August and hope to see you all once again in two years' time.

Waleed El-Menyawi
Head Tournament Director &
Director of operation

Today being the last day of the Tournament, the Bulletin Editor will like to take this opportunity to thank every one for their co-operation in making this Championships a great Success

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

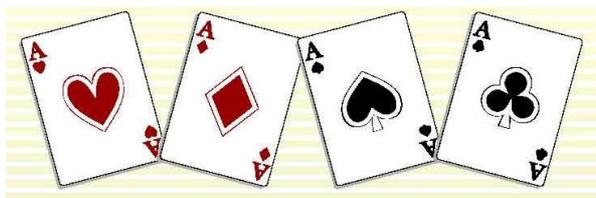
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We wish you a safe journey home. See you all again in 2021.

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