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21st BFAME Championships Begins

After a hectic first day where we all are learning to follow the rules the four different events took off. In the Open Teams **India** are the only unbeaten team and thus are comfortably in the lead with **Pakistan** and **Bangladesh** separated by a hair's breadth for second place, **UAE** and **Jordan** are very close together some five points adrift for the important fourth place to get into the semi-finals. In the Senior Teams **Bangladesh** are also unbeaten putting them at the top of the leader board followed by **Pakistan** and **India**. The Womens team is very close with only eight VPs separating first-placed **Jordan** from last place. **Jordan** are unbeaten in the Mixed Teams and are eight points ahead of second-placed **India**.

It is still very early days and no team should be too downhearted as there are many days of fierce competition to come.

A Note From Your Head Tournament Director

The TDs were very lenient with the players for the first day because it was just the start, but from day two ... Kindly be advised with the following info & Instructions:

- 1. We will not accept any late arrival by any player for any reason (Visiting team should be online at the table 10 min at least before official start time, Home team should follow and be seated at the table at least 5 min before start), otherwise an automatic penalty of 0.5 VP will be applied and will be doubled for the next infraction by the same team/player.
- 2. According to the instructions sent to you more than one month ago which were also applied during the three Taster session which we organised, the whole team are required to sit at the same table at the start of each match and the system will automatically send them to the opponents and vice versa, any infraction of this regulation will results in both teams will lose the match.... It is one of the Captain's duties to make sure that the players are seated correctly.
- 3. It is the responsibility of each NBO to supply the players with a good internet connection with enough bandwidth for all the players along with a backup plan, any slow play after the official time has been expired will result in a penalty to the offending team no matter what the reason.
- 4. Cameras should be on all the time and player's head, shoulder and chest should be seen by the opponents all the time.
- 5. Players who leave the tables frequently from time to time during play and for unknown reasons will be penalised.
 - 6. Reading all these instructions and notes is your responsibility.

We wish to have an organized event and your support is needed to apply it and to let you enjoy the game. Thanks for understanding.

Best of Luck

Waleed El Menyawi - Head TD & Director of Operation

























Today's Schedule

| Open Championship | | | | | | |
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| Round 1 Matc | h 4 7.30 (GMT) | Round 1 Matc | h 5 11.00 (GMT) | Round 2 Matc | h 1 13.30 (GMT) | |
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| Bangladesh | India | India | Pakistan | Saudi Arabia | India | |
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| Jordan | Pakistan | Bangladesh | Saudi Arabia | UAE | Pakistan | |
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| Senior Championship | | | | | | |
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| Women Championship | | | | | | |
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| Round 2 Match 1 7.30 (GMT) Round 2 Match 2 11.00 (GMT) Round 2 Match 3 13.30 (GMT) | | | | | | |
| UAE | • | | | ● | | |
| UAE | Jordan | Jordan | Palestine | India | Jordan | |
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| Palestine | India | India | UAE | UAE | Palestine | |

| Mixed Championship | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|--|
| Round 2 Matc | h 1 7.30 (GMT) | Round 2 Matc | h 2 11.00 (GMT) | Round 2 Mate | th 3 13.30 (GMT) | |
| UAE | India | India | Jordan | C Pakistan | India | |
| Jordan | C Pakistan | C Pakistan | UAE | UAE | Jordan | |

General Instructions

1. Home & Visiting teams

When you log in to the RealBridge game (using the game link), you will find your team name written on one of the Tables.

All team members are required to sit at their table (all together / all team at same table) in Pairs N/S and E/W, later on, when we start the session, the software will automatically move the E/W pairs between the tables according to the schedule of play.

In the schedule of play you will find Home team (the team mentioned first) and Visiting team (the team mentioned second)

NO LINE-UP will be needed from the teams, the visiting team has to sit first at their table (in Pairs N/S and E/W), minimum 10 min before the official start time, and the Home team has the right to have a look at the visiting team and sit its pairs accordingly.

2. Time delay and hesitation

It is very important to know that the TDs have the tools to produce a board report which includes the time for each bid / play by each player, so please be bare that in mind when calling the TD for a possible hesitation or before denying it.

It is also very important to know that the TDs also have the tools to produce a session time report which includes the exact time taken by each player in a session, in case of time delay, the penalty will be given according to this report.

3. Headphones / Earphones

In order to minimize the noise in the venue as much as possible...

It is strongly recommended that each player has his own headphone / earphone which is connected to his device during play

Use the table chat / private chat as much as possible and don't use vocal chat.

Any vocal explanation will not be taken into the TD consideration in any case.

You need to be very careful when using the table chat as you might give an unauthorized information to your partner which could results in adjusted score by the TD

4. Kibitzers

Kibitzers are not allowed by any means at the playing venue or the RealBridge online playing room.

All players are required to immediately leave the playing area when they finish their session, players are also kindly asked to keep their seats and not roam around the playing area.

All the matches will be broadcasted via RealBridge kibitzer website...

https://kibitz.realbridge.online/

At the RealBridge kibitzer website, you can find the live broadcasted matches and also all the other matches scheduled for broadcast.

For security reasons, all broadcasted matches will be delayed by 30-45 min.

5. Smoking, Eating and Alcohol, Mobile and electronic devices

We must act as if we were playing these championships "live", therefore, the following is strictly forbidden during play:

Mobile phones and any other electronic devices, Mobile phones will be collected and there will be a regular check each session by the monitor.

Eating (even if only biscuits) or Drinking Alcohol

Smoking

Going to the WC without permission

Talking loudly during or at the end of any board if the player is unhappy about his/her partner's bid, hand play or defence.

Final Instructions

Welcome to the 21st BFAME championship 2021!

IMPORTANT LINKS

BFAME Website

https://www.bridgewebs.com/bfame/

Time table, Schedule of play, play links, Results and more ...

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=bfame&pid=display_page41

Convention Cards

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=bfame&pid=display page47&sessid=662449186987538

General Instructions

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=bfame&pid=display_page42&sessid=662449186987538

Head TD Corner & Review Form

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=bfame&pid=display_page45&sessid=43754367897896

Kibitzer Website

https://kibitz.realbridge.online/

The 21st BFAME Championship will start Wednesday 8th December, we would like to stress on some important points.

Play Format

Open & Senior Teams: 6 teams (BAN, IND, JOR, PAK, KSA & UAE)

All teams will play 3 complete Round Robin, 15 matches in 5 days from 8-12 DEC.

The first and second Round Robin will be done according to pre-defined draw by the OC.

The third Round Robin will be done according to the team rank in the previous played 2 Round Robins.

After the Round Robin stage, the top 4 teams will qualify to the Semi-Final stage which will be as follows:

The top ranked team after the 3 complete Round Robin stage will chose its opponent in the semi-final match; opponent must be one of the teams ranked 3rd or 4th and the remaining 2 teams will play against each other

.The semi-final match will be played in 4 Sessions, 16 boards each in IMPs.

The final match between the semi-final winners will be played in 2 Sessions, 16 Boards each.

In all the knock out stages, there shall be a carry-over of only 0.5 IMP to the team who scored more VPs in the Round Robin stage.

The team ranked higher after the Round Robin stage will be the Home team in sessions 2 and 4 in the Semi-final match.

The team ranked lower after the Round Robin stage will be the Home team in sessions 1 and 3 in the Semi-Final match.

The team ranked higher after the Round Robin stage will be the Home team in session 2 in the Final.

Women Teams: 4 Teams (IND, JOR, PAL & UAE)

All teams will play 5 complete Round Robins, 15 matches in 5 days from 8-12 DEC.

The first 4 Round Robins will be done according to pre-defined draw by the OC.

The last Round Robin will be done according to the team rank in the previous played 4 Round Robins.

After the Round Robin stage, the top 2 teams will qualify to World championship and will play the final between each other on DEC. 13th, to determine the title winner.

Mixed Teams: 4 Teams (IND, JOR, PAK & UAE)

All teams will play 5 complete Round Robins, 15 matches in 5 days from 8-12 DEC.

The first 4 Round Robins will be done according to pre-defined draw by the OC.

The last Round Robin will be done according to the team rank in the previous played 4 Round Robins.

After the Round Robin stage, the top 2 teams will qualify to World championship and will play the final between each other on DEC. 13th, to determine the title winner.

Play Links

Already posted to the BFAME website with the dates, session number and category.

https://www.bridgewebs.com/bfame/Play%20Links-BFAME.htm

Will also be sent to the players' registered email addresses.

The game will be open to players to join 30 min before the official start time.

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The higher ranked team is the home team.

The visiting team has to sit first at their table (in Pairs N/S and E/W) and the home team has the right to have a look at the visiting team and sit its pairs accordingly.

Your Tournament Directors

Mr. Sudhir Aggrawal, Mr. Ihsan Qadir, Mr. Raad Etoom and Mr. Tarek Abdel Rahman will be your friendly Tournament Directors throughout.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

With best wishes for a wonderful event.

Results

| Open Championship | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--|
| Round | 1 Match 1 | Round 1 | Match 2 | Round 1 | Match 3 | |
| 15.56 | 4.44 | 9.69 | 10.31 | 18.97 | 1.03 | |
| India | Saudi Arabia | UAE | India | India | Jordan | |
| 4.26 | 15.74 | 12.55 | 7.45 | 1.67 | 18.33 | |
| Pakistan | UAE | Saudi Arabia | Jordan | UAE | Bangladesh | |
| 2.69 | 17.31 | 8.80 | 11.20 | 0.75 | 19.25 | |
| Bangladesh | Jordan | Pakistan | Bangladesh | Saudi Arabia | Pakistan | |

| Senior Championship | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Round 1 | Match 1 | Round 1 | Match 2 | Round 1 | Match 3 |
| 12.00 India | 0.00 Saudi Arabia | 14.60 UAE | 5.40 India | 15.00 India | 5.00 Jordan |
| 15.00 Pakistan | 5.00 UAE | 0.07 Saudi Arabia | 19.93 Jordan | 5.40 UAE | 14.60 Bangladesh |
| 15.92 Bangladesh | 4.08 Jordan | 3.27 Pakistan | | 0.00 Saudi Arabia | 20.00 Pakistan |

| Women Championship | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|--|--|
| Round | Match 1 | Round 1 | Match 2 | Round 1 | Match 3 | | |
| 14.60 Jordan | 5.40 UAE | 8.00 Palestine | S.00 Jordan | 12.03 Jordan | 7.97 India | | |
| 5.00 | 15.00 Palestine | 6.72 UAE | 13.28 India | 5.00 Palestine | 15.00 UAE | | |

| Mixed Championship | | | | | | | | |
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| Round 1 Mate | ch 1 | Round 1 | Match 2 | | R | ound 1 | Match | 3 |
| 16.42 UAE | 3.58 | 16.58 Jordan | India | 3.42 | India | 18.55 | C Pakist | 1.45 an |
| 0.31 Pakistan Jord | 19.69 lan | 17.31 UAE | Pakistan | 2.69 | Jordan | 10.00 | UAE | 10.00 |

Special Online Policies

1. General

All players must be present at the playing spot determined by the local NBO and approved by BFAME and will play under the supervision of a monitor appointed by the BFAME in agreement with the local NBO.

WBF 20 VP "continues scale" will be used in the RR Stage

KO stage-if any - will be calculated in IMPs

Butler ranking will be posted after each RR session.

In the event that there is confusion, lack of clarity, or a difference in the interpretation of one of the technical clauses in these regulations, the interpretation of the Head TD is the final interpretation of this confusion / wording.

In the event there is confusion, lack of clarity, or a difference in the interpretation of one of the non-technical items in these regulations, the interpretation of the Chairman of the organizing Committee shall be final interpretation of this confusion / wording.

Playing with mobile phones are completely restricted, only Laptops / tablets shall be allowed.

It is the responsibility of each NBO to provide a good and stable internet connection in the playing area for the players, BFAME monitor, BFAME Officials and BFAME IT.

Two Surveillance cameras with an internet connection and zoom capability controlled by the TD will be placed inside the playing area to monitor it.

It is the responsibility of each NBO to provide playing table's screens in the playing area, in case needed by the appointed monitor.

2. Alert

All ALERTABLE bids must be self-alerted (press the alert button before making the bid). And give a full writing disclosure of the bidding, vocal explanation won't be taken into the TD consideration.

NOTE: - Players will not be allowed to alert their partner's bid, only self-alert will be allowed and the written explanation will be shown to both opponents but not to partner.

3. Undo

Undoes are allowed only during bidding and according to the followings:

The undo button is activated from the beginning.

Click the undo button to stop the bidding.

Call the TD

No Action from any party will be taken before the arrival of the TD.

The TD will instruct the opponents whether to accept the undo or not, the TD will accept only the obvious miss-click requests but not the change of mind requests.

The TD will keep counting the undoes for each player, only 2 undoes are allowed for each player during one session.

If the opponents accept—before the TD arrival - , bidding continue. but all parties forfeit their rights for any kind of rectification later on.

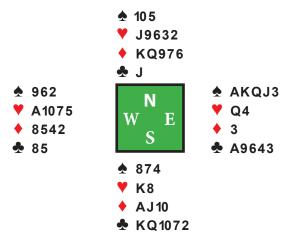
If the opponents don't accept–before the TD arrival -, bidding stops and the TD decide what is to be done.

The TDs reserve the rights to adjust the score of the board for any unauthorised information might arise from using the undo process.

Undo is not allowed under any circumstances during playing the deals and if a player request an undo during play, the TD has to be summoned immediately to take an action and he might adjust the score.

o start my reports on the 21st BFAME Championships I decided to watch a match from the Open Teams and chose UAE versus Pakistan for no other reason than yesterday evening I learnt the fact that United Arab Emirates is the longest country name where the letters alternate between vowel and consonant. With the format of playing on RealBridge it makes life more difficult for your humble scribe as each of the four events has its own set of boards, which makes 192 boards played every day. Even though my computer has two screens and I have two eyes, to keep track of all the deals is beyond a mere mortal such as I, so from tomorrow, not only will I do match reports but I shall try and have a round up of the more interesting deals that did not make into the reports.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.



Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-------|----------|---------|-------|
| Rahim | Said | Mansoor | Attef |
| _ | Pass | 1♠ | 2♣ |
| 2♠ | All Pass | | |

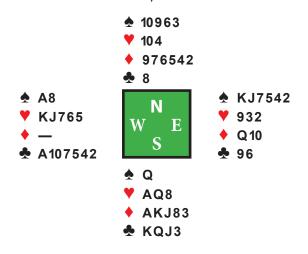
A modest contract for our first deal but it highlights the power of West's spade supporting bid. There is a well-known Bols tip 'Do not be afraid to respond.' And see what happens: he is in a making contract and also prevents North from mentioning his red suits. He is now good for a plus score. Declarer made an overtrick when South who had repeatedly to find a lead eventually chose hearts instead of diamonds.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------|-------|---------|-----------|
| Mehilba | Puri | Ghoneim | Mohiuddin |
| _ | Pass | 1♠ | 2♣ |
| All Pass | | | |

When West refrained from showing his spade support North missed the opportunity to make life difficult for his opponents. What could East do but pass? Declarer's play gave away an extra undertrick in the endgame and so was four light instead of three, giving away two IMPs.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



Open Room

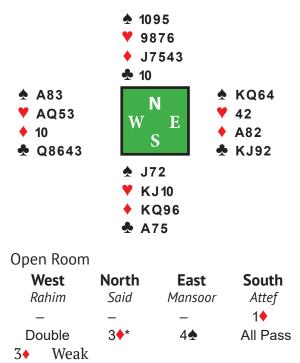
| West | North | East | South |
|-------|-------|----------|--------|
| Rahim | Said | Mansoor | Attef |
| _ | _ | 2♠* | Double |
| 4♠ | Pass | Pass | 4NT |
| Pass | 5♦ | All Pass | |

I suspect if you had queried North as to the probability that he would be playing a successful game contract he would have responded "minute". West tried to exert maximum pressure on his opponents with a direct raise to the four-level. South made the fine bid of 4NT indicating his strength in the minors and now North had no choice but to choose diamonds and when East led a spade the contract was now safe as clubs could be established to discard the losing heart in declarer's hand.

| Close | ed Roo | m | | |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------|---------|-----------|
| W | est | North | East | South |
| Me | hilba | Puri | Ghoneim | Mohiuddin |
| _ | | _ | 2♦* | Double |
| 2♠* | | Pass | Pass | Double |
| Pass | | 3♦ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Do | uble | Pass | Pass | 4 |
| All | Pass | | | |
| 2 ♦ 2 ♠ | | multi or correct | | |

Strangely the effect of the multi opening did not permit West the chance of such a pre-emptive bid and so South was not under such pressure and after three forcing bids gave in on the possibility of a game contract. After West's Double of Three Spades the unsurprisinglead was a spade and so declarer again had eleven tricks but lost ten IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



I think we can all agree that North's alert was certainly true, perhaps it was the excitement of a one count (as opposed to his zero on the previous hand), and who can argue with East's jump to game, albeit in a Moysian fit. With the heart finesse working and the trumps 3-3 declarer was not hard pressed to bring in ten tricks and in fact after the diamond lead eleven tricks were theoretically possible.

| Closed Rooi | m | | |
|-------------|-------|---------|-----------|
| West | North | East | South |
| Mehilba | Puri | Ghoneim | Mohiuddin |
| _ | _ | _ | 1NT* |
| Pass | 2♣ | Pass | 2♦ |
| All Pass | | | |
| 1NT 11-14 | ļ | | |

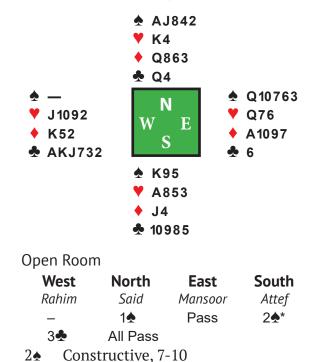
I confess that if I was West at my second chance to speak I would have ventured a Double. It may not have got us to game but it would have avoided the embarrassment of allowing a no-hope contract to make. The defence should have three spade tricks, two hearts and a ruff and then the ace of trumps. A loss of twelve IMPs.

It is worth noting that Six Clubs is a making contract needing little more than the king of hearts well-placed, not unlikely after the opening bid.

Board 4

This is of interest only in that both rooms had the same auction: 'All Pass'.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



To beat the contract North must start with king of hearts but surprisingly he did not lead a spade but chose the three of diamonds. That cannot be a doubleton as you have the deuce, with the same reasoning it cannot be MUD, thus the most likely scenario is fourth best. Inserting the nine or ten would most likely create a tenace position over an honour in North's hand. However declarer spurned the winning finesse in favour of a losing one, he rose with dummy's ace and took a losing club finesse ensuring two losers in the suit and the defeat of

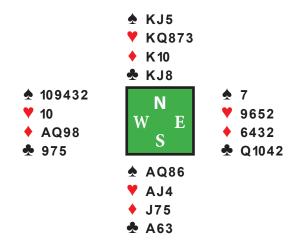
his contract. I think the club finesse is a little bit of a mirage—it only gains if South has exactly three to the queen, about an 18% chance. If he were to win the diamond lead in hand and then cash two top clubs and the queen did not fall the opposition cannot draw two rounds of trumps without giving up a trick. If the queen falls then you still have a trump loser. But either way you are in control and can set about the hearts and either make your contract or if the queen drops an overtrick.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-------|---------|-----------|
| Mehilba | Puri | Ghoneim | Mohiuddin |
| _ | 1♠ | Pass | 2♠ |
| 3♣ | Pass | Pass | 3♥ |
| Pass | 3♠ | Double | All Pass |

In this room South was not going to give up without a fight and East was happy to contribute a red card to the table. After East's lead of his singleton club West cashed two rounds and fell from grace when he failed to continue with the jack. This would have led to three down instead of just two. But a gain of nine IMPs, the score would have been the same if both tables had achieved the par result for their contract, so no harm done.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|--------------------------|------------|----------|-------------|
| Rahim | Said | Mansoor | Attef |
| - | _ | _ | 1NT |
| 2♠* | 3♥ | Pass | 3NT |
| Pass | 4NT | Pass | 5 ♦* |
| Double | 6NT | All Pass | |
| 2 ♠ 5 ♠ an | nd 4+ mino | or | |

There are some who would call West's intervention brave, I am not one of them. The subsequent Double of 5♦ pinpointed the ace of diamonds for

the opposition and thus made the play of the final contract as simple as possible. Had West continually produced green cards from his bidding box then declarer would have had two options: play for the queen of clubs to be onside or take a winning view in the diamonds. Some days he will get it wrong and at one of the other tables he did.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|-------|----------|-----------|
| Mehilba | Puri | Ghoneim | Mohiuddin |
| _ | _ | _ | 1♣ |
| Pass | 1♥ | Pass | 1NT* |
| Pass | 2♦* | Pass | 2♥ |
| Pass | 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ |
| Pass | 4♠* | Pass | 5♣* |
| Pass | 6♥ | All Pass | |
| | | | |

1NT 15-17

2♦ Game forcing

4♠ Keycard

5♣ 0 or 3

Another good auction to a good slam. Declarer played it well, he drew trumps and West discarded clubs. Declarer then cashed the ace of clubs and led another, when West discarded declarer then cashed the spades discarding his losing diamond and a diamond from dummy gave West no winning option. A flat board.

At the end of the session in which the contract was 3NT only four times was 38-14 IMPs to UAE or 15.74-4.26 VPs.

According to the conditions of contest

-The team in forfeit shall score zero Victory Points and zero IMPs for that match. The team winning the forfeited match will receive the best score between:

- (a) 12 VP using the 20-0 VP continues scale, or the equivalent according to the VP scale adopted,
 - (b) The team's average
- (c) The average score obtained by all the other opponents against the team at fault, whichever is greater.

| | 21st BFAME Championships Rosters | | | |
|---------|----------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--|
| | Open | | Women | |
| Bangl | adesh | India | | |
| Captain | Amir Ali Rana | Captain | Subhash Chandra Gupta | |
| Player | Md Zahid Hossain | Player | Puja Batra | |
| Player | Mohammad Maula Al Mamun | Player | Asha Sharma | |
| Player | SK Aminur Rahman | Player | Bharati Dey | |
| Player | BM Mahmud Hossain | Player | Vasanti Shah | |
| Player | Ali Ahammed | Player | Feroza Chothia | |
| Player | Md Anisuzzaman | Player | Aparna Sushil Sain | |
| India | | Jordan | l _e | |
| Captain | Debasish Ray | Captain | Ramzi Najeeb Goussous | |
| Player | Keyzad Anklesaria | Player | Yasmin M.A.Khattak | |
| Player | Rajeshwar Tewari | Player | Dimah Omar Al-taher | |
| Player | Sumit Mukherjee | Player | Mays Wahib Albittar | |
| Player | Debabrata Majumder | Player | Hanan Khalil Al salem | |
| Player | Sandeep Thakral | Player | Bana Ibrahim Taher | |
| Player | Jaggy Shivdasani | Player | Alia M A Rida | |
| Jordai | 1 | Palest | ine | |
| Captain | Zafer Jarrar | Captain | Laila Haddadin | |
| Player | Zafer Jarrar | Player | Nawar Hashem | |
| Player | Sakher Malkawi | Player | Hanan Albitar | |
| Player | Amr Nimer | Player | Silvia Hayk Kh Harbedian | |
| Player | Laith Jarrar | Player | Fadia Najjar | |
| Player | Clement Maamarbachi | Player | May Abogharbieh | |
| Player | Aida Abu Jaber | Player | Laila Haddadin | |
| Pakist | an | U.A.E | | |
| Captain | Kashif Ali Qureshi | Captain | Manju law | |
| Player | Kashif Ali Qureshi | Player | Manju law | |
| Player | Hasnat Mahmood | Player | Rubinder Kochar | |
| Player | Khalid Mohiuddin | Player | Vandana Darshan Valrani | |
| Player | Muhammad Mubashir Puri | Player | Anshu Agarwal | |
| Player | Yasser Rahim | Player | Rupinder kaur Walia | |
| Player | Arslan Mansoor | Player | Kumkum Kumar | |
| Saudi | Arabia | | | |
| Captain | Bassem Afiouni | | | |
| Player | Bassem Afiouni | | | |
| Player | Abdul hakim Sahab | | | |
| Player | Mohammed Hassan Badawoud | | | |
| Player | Mohamed Ali Azem | | | |
| Player | Amal Rahbani | | | |
| Player | Yasser Sindi | | | |
| U.A.E | | | | |
| Captain | Hesham Attef Abdelmonaem | | | |
| Player | Hesham Attef | | | |
| Player | Akiel H N Almadi | — | | |
| Player | Hazem Ghoneim | — | | |
| Player | Khaled Hassan Abdelatief | — | | |
| Player | Abdelrahim Mehilba | — | | |
| Player | Mohamed Said Elsayed | | | |

| 21st BFAME Championships Rosters | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------|-------------------------|
| | Seniors | <u> </u> | Mixed |
| Bangl | adesh | India | |
| Captain | Mohammad Azizul Haque | Captain | Vinay Desai |
| Player | Mohammad Azizul Haque | Player | Kiran Nadar |
| Player | ATM Moazzem Hussain | Player | Bachiraju Satyanarayana |
| Player | Khodoker Mazharul Haque | Player | Marianne Karmarkar |
| Player | Md Jahirul Haque | Player | Sandeep Karmarkar |
| Player | DM Hanzala | Player | Himani Khandelwal |
| Player | Sayeed Ahmed | Player | Rajeev Khandelwal |
| India | | Jorda | n |
| Captain | Ramaratnam Krishnan | Captain | Marwan Ghanem |
| Player | Ashok Kumar Goel | Player | Marwan Ghanem |
| Player | K R Venkatraman | Player | Sireen Barakat. |
| Player | Anil P. Padhye | Player | Samer Alrawashdeh |
| Player | Rajesh A. Dalal | Player | Farah Tambulat |
| Player | Subrata Saha | Player | Mona Alzaben |
| Player | Sukamal Das | Player | Ghassan Ghanem |
| Jordar | 1 | Pakis | tan |
| Captain | Ghassan Ghanem | Captain | Ahsan Javed Qureshi |
| Player | Ghassan Ghanem | Player | Ahsan Javed Qureshi |
| Player | Omran Abdallah Abudhaim | Player | Zia Hyder Naqi |
| Player | Jamal Abdul Jalil | Player | Aamir Ishaq |
| Player | Zead Shariha | Player | Rubina Agha |
| Player | Jack Karouta | Player | Samira Fancy |
| | | Player | Neelofar Aslam |
| Pakist | an | U.A.E | |
| Captain | Kamran Ibrahim | Captain | Amr Mekky |
| Player | Azhar Hamid | Player | Nermeen Qasim |
| Player | Muhammad Ghalib Bandesha | Player | Humayun Sumar |
| Player | Masood Mazhar | Player | Timur Edis |
| Player | Iftikhar Baqai | Player | Elvan Edis |
| Player | Zakir Mahmood | Player | Marie Hindie |
| Player | Kamran Ibrahim | Player | Amr Mekky |
| Saudi | Arabia | | |
| Captain | Tareg Ahmad Alyafi | | |
| Player | Salem Sabali | | |
| Player | Tareg Ahmad Alyafi | _ | |
| Player | Adnan Ali Mosly | | |
| Player | Ayman Tarek Al Safadi | | |
| Player | Reda Salama | _ | |
| Player | Mujahed RY | | |
| U.A.E | | | |
| Captain | Ahmed Almidfa |] | |
| Player | Ahmed Almidfa |] | |
| Player | Valrani Darshan |] | |
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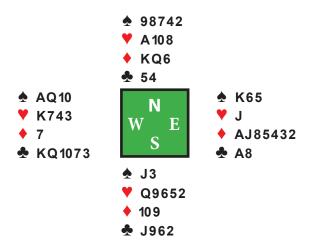
Senior

Bangladesh vs. Pakistan

RR1 Match 2

fter the first round both Bangladesh and Pakistan had won their opening matches with 15 VPs so this seemed to be the match to watch in the Senior Teams

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.



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| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-------|---------|---------|
| Iftibaqai | Ahmed | Mahmood | Hanzala |
| _ | Pass | 1♦ | Pass |
| 2♣ | Pass | 2♦ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3♦ | Pass |
| 3NT | | | |

The lead was a probable top of nothing nine of spades and declarer took the jack with the queen and now pinned his hopes on the club suit providing five tricks (just over 50%) and when North showed out on the third round continued the suit to set up the long club. South now switched to the queen of hearts and when West played low continued the suit. When North won with his ♥10 he led the king of diamonds to establish the fifth trick for the defence. So the contract failed by one trick.

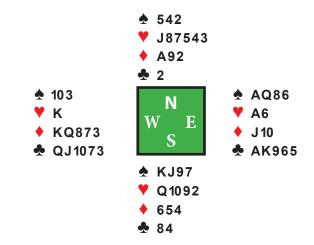
Closed Room

| West Hussain | North <i>Bandesha</i> | East Haque | South <i>Mazhar</i> |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| _ | Pass | 1♦* | Pass |
| 1♥ | Pass | 2♦ | Pass |
| 3NT | All Pass | | |
| 1♦ 4+♦ | | | |

The was identical but West won the trick with the ace. He now led his diamond towards dummy and when North played low so did he. If declarer is play-

ing for the diamonds to break 3-2 surely it could not cost to insert the jack, be that as it may, when South took the diamond trick he persisted with the spade attack and when the spades behaves declaraer was home, with an overtrick when the defence did not cash their ace of hearts. Ten IMPs to Bangladesh.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-------|---------|----------|
| Iftibaqai | Ahmed | Mahmood | Hanzala |
| _ | _ | _ | Pass |
| Pass | 2♥* | Double | 3♥ |
| 4NT | Pass | 5♣ | All Pass |

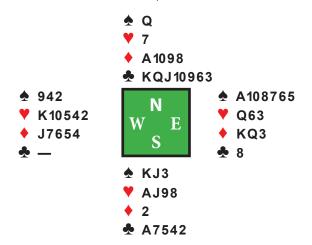
The question here is whether after the 4NT bid East was worth more than Five Clubs, and I am 60/40 in favour of further action or was there something West could have done over Three Hearts, I do not see an easy other option for West, Four Hearts will almost certainly bring Four Spades and now 4NT is a very vague bid unless you have exceedingly good agreements.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|-------|--------|
| Hussain | Bandesha | Haque | Mazhar |
| _ | _ | _ | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 6♣* | |

I have no idea what this auction is about as in the convention card 2NT is supposed to show 20-22, however whatever really happened the contract was right-sided and impregnable so 13 IMPs to Bangladesh.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-------|---------|---------|
| Iftibaqai | Ahmed | Mahmood | Hanzala |
| _ | _ | 1♠ | Pass |
| 2♠ | 5♣ | Pass | 6♣ |
| All Pass | | | |

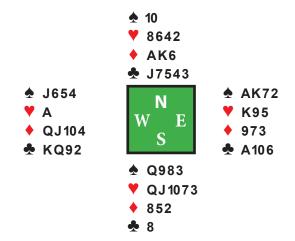
I guarantee not everyone will pass with the South hand but when partner tried Five Clubs South was prepared to try for the slam. He was amply rewarded as the slam was ice cold

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|----------|--------|
| Hussain | Bandesha | Haque | Mazhar |
| _ | _ | 1♠ | Double |
| 2♠ | 3♣ | Pass | 4♣ |
| Pass | 5♣ | All Pass | |

As predicted South doubled the opening bid of One Spade. Three clubs may well be a free bid but it does not do full justice to the hand and certainly when partner can find a raise your hand becomes enormous and surely a further effort should be made, you have every suit controlled and not many losers. Failure to progress gave eleven more IMPs to Bangladesh.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



Open Room

| West | North | East | South |
|-----------|-------|---------|----------|
| Iftibaqai | Ahmed | Mahmood | Hanzala |
| - | Pass | 1♣ | 1♥ |
| Double | 3♥ | Pass | Pass |
| Double | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4♣ | Pass | 4♠ | All Pass |

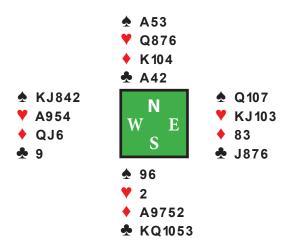
South made his natural lead of the ♥Q, perforce won in dummy, The two top trumps exposed the 4-1 break and declarer continued with a diamond to dummy's queen and North's king. A heart was returned and when declarer played low and ruffed in dummy he down in top tricks as the defence now had two trump tricks and still the ace of diamonds.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|----------------|----------|-------|--------|
| Hussain | Bandesha | Haque | Mazhar |
| - | Pass | 1♣* | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 4♠ | All Pass | | |
| 1 ♣ may | be 2♣ | | |

With the hand being played from West the natural lead was a top diamond, the two from South and the jack from declarer. Now to defeat the contract North needed to switch to a club so as to give his partner a ruff using the other top diamond as an entry, but he persisted with a diamond, declarer throwing the queen. A further diamond made it easy for declarer as he now cashed two top trumps and led towards the jack and South could have his queen whenever he wished but it would be the last trick for the defence. Another 12 IMPs to Bangladesh.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.



Open Room

| W | est | Nortl | n East | South |
|------------|----------|-------|-----------|---------|
| Iftib | paqai | Ahme | d Mahmood | Hanzala |
| _ | | _ | Pass | Pass |
| 19 | • | Pass | 2♠ | 2NT |
| Pa | ass | 3♣ | Pass | Pass |
| 3 ♥ | Pass | 3♠ | All Pass | |

The defence did not get off to the best start when it commenced with three rounds of diamonds. To defeat the contract a heart must be ruffed. North has to lead away from his heart honour, not an easy thing to do but if he believes South is 5-5 in the minors and that the opposition only has eightcard fit then simple arithmetic indicates a singleton heart in the South hand. As always there is an indication for the right defence.

Closed Room

| West | North | East | South |
|---------|----------|--------|----------|
| Hussain | Bandesha | Haque | Mazhar |
| _ | _ | Pass | 2NT* |
| Double | 3♣* | Double | All Pass |
| 2NT Wea | k minors | | |

With your favourite partner is the Double of Three Clubs a penalty double? If it was would you double? My answer to the second question is 'No'. The contract should always make with an overtrick as indeed it did, though on good defence it needs good declarer play for the overtrick. On a heart lead and continuation declarer must duck the second heart in dummy and discard a spade from hand and then he is in complete control and loses two hearts and a diamond. A welcome 14 IMPs for Pakistan.

The remaining boards were virtually flat and a little dull. At the end of the match Bangladesh had won by 53-23 IMPs or 16.73-3.27.

Standings

| Open Team | VPs | Position |
|--------------|-------|----------|
| India | 44.84 | 1 |
| Pakistan | 32.31 | 2 |
| Bangladesh | 32.22 | 4 |
| UAE | 27.10 | 4 |
| Jordan | 25.79 | 5 |
| Saudi Arabia | 15.74 | 6 |

| Senior Team | VPs | Position |
|--------------|-------|----------|
| Bangladesh | 44.84 | 1 |
| Pakistan | 32.31 | 2 |
| India | 32.22 | 4 |
| Jordan | 27.10 | 4 |
| UAE | 25.79 | 5 |
| Saudi Arabia | 15.74 | 6 |

| Women Team | VPs | Position |
|-------------------|-------|----------|
| Jordan | 44.84 | 1 |
| Palestine | 32.31 | 2 |
| UAE | 32.22 | 4 |
| India | 27.10 | 4 |

| Mixed Team | VPs | Position |
|------------|-------|----------|
| Jordan | 44.84 | 1 |
| India | 32.31 | 2 |
| UAE | 32.22 | 4 |
| Pakistan | 27.10 | 4 |