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Barbados Is The Goal

With two days of Round Robin play completed Egypt and South Africa continue to head the standings. They did not have it all their own way each team in both competitions suffered a loss. The only team to win all its matches was the Morocco Mixed team. They are now snapping at the heels of that important second place.

Three teams received penalties for late arrival, please see the notice on Page 6.

In the Seniors, **Morocco** is just behind **Egypt** and **South Africa** and **Reunion** is in fourth place a match behind

In the Mixed, **Egypt** continue to lead with **South Africa** eight points behind while **Morocco** is nearly a match behind, and **Reunion** and **Kenya** follow separated by a point.

Standings

Mixed Team	VPs	Position
Egypt	79.60	1
South Africa	74.24	2
Morocco	60.33	4
Reunion	48.87	5
Kenya	47.96	6

Senior Team	VPs	Position
Egypt	76.18	1
South Africa	65.96	2
Morocco	59.67	3
Reunion	37.69	4

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Schedule for Monday 7th September

Note all times are GMT

Senior Championship

R.R (03)		Match (01), 09H00			Match (02), 12H30			Match (03), 15H30		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
MON 07-Sep	1	1 EGY	x	4 REU	3 RSA	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	2 MOR
	2	2 MOR	x	3 RSA	4 REU	x	2 MOR	3 RSA	x	4 REU

Mixed Championship

R.R (02)		Match (02), 09H00			Match (03), 12H30			Match (04), 15H30		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
MON 07-Sep	3	1 RSA	x	5 KEN	4 MOR	x	1 RSA	1 RSA	x	3 EGY
	4	4 MOR	x	6 --	3 EGY	x	5 KEN	2 REU	x	4 MOR
	5	3 EGY	x	2 REU	2 REU	x	6 --	6 --	x	5 KEN

Results

Mixed Championship

Session 1	VPs
Egypt - South Africa	18.87-1.13
Morocco - Reunion	12.55-7.45
Kenya - Bye	12-0
Session 2	
South Africa - Reunion	3.81-16.09
Egypt - Bye	12-0
Morocco - Kenya	12.80-7.20
Session 3	
Bye - South Africa	0-12
Kenya - Reunion	2.41-17.59
Morocco - Egypt	19.43-0.57

Senior Championship

Session 1	VPs
Reunion - Egypt	0.07-19.93
South Africa - Morocco	15.74-4.26
Session 2	
Egypt - South Africa	5-15
Morocco - Reunion	12-0
Session 3	
Morocco - Egypt	13.28-6.74
Reunion - South Africa	10.91-9.09





Egypt vs. Kenya - Mixed

With Egypt having won its first two matches well and Kenya not having the best of starts Egypt would be confident of a good result in this match.

Board 33. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 5		
♥ J64		
♦ Q109753		
♣ 653		
♠ K64		♠ AQJ2
♥ K32		♥ AQ1097
♦ J8642		♦ —
♣ AQ		♣ K1097
	♠ 109873	
	♥ 85	
	♦ AK	
	♣ J842	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sharma	Nayer	Shah	Botrous
–	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

After East's reverse West could surely have taken things a little slower and investigated further. In my book Four Hearts is the weakest possible bid he could have made. The next question is whether East with her four loser hand could or should have made an effort towards slam, empirically the answer is yes as thirteen tricks are there for the taking. I agree that the void opposite partner's suit is not encouraging but her diamond bid was game forcing. The question you need to ask yourself is can you guarantee the five-level if partner has his bid and I think the answer is yes, so on balance I think East is worth a try.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dagher	Sejal	Ghosn	Modi
–	2♦*	Double	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass
2♦	weak		

North's weak opening bid did nothing to slow down the opposition. So the next question is should one reach the grand slam? It will make whenever the rounds suits both break evenly, that is just under 50% but there are possibilities such as singleton ♥J (4%) or doubleton ♣J (8.5%), and these are not the only successful distributions, so the probability looks to be in excess of 62% so a close call. The bidding of the slam gained Egypt 11 IMPs, not the start Kenya was hoping for.

Board 36. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ KQJ5		
♥ 5		
♦ A632		
♣ KJ98		
♠ 872		♠ A
♥ J1076		♥ 842
♦ K95		♦ Q1087
♣ 653		♣ A10742
	♠ 109643	
	♥ AKQ93	
	♦ J4	
	♣ Q	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sharma	Nayer	Shah	Botrous
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			
1♣	2+♣		
4♣	start of cue-bids		

North's response to Blackwood shows two key cards and the queen of trumps. To my simple mind that means that South can calculate that they are missing two keycards and thus it is probably wise to stay out of slam. And so it came to pass as East could not be prevented from taking her two aces to defeat the contract.





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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dagher	Sejal	Ghosn	Modi
Pass	1♦*	2♣	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
1♦	4+		

Staying calm and remaining at the game level Kenya gained 13 IMPs.

Board 37. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 7		
♥ KJ43		
♦ KQ86		
♣ A1032		
♠ J10843		♠ K5
♥ A9		♥ 87652
♦ 109		♦ A72
♣ K984		♣ QJ6
		♠ AQ962
		♥ Q10
		♦ J543
		♣ 75

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sharma	Nayer	Shah	Botrous
–	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
All Pass			

With no major suit fit and only a combined count of 22 there seemed no need to go unnecessarily high. Declarer garnered ten tricks and was probably not worried about the score in the other room.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dagher	Sejal	Ghosn	Modi
–	1♦*	1♥	1♠
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
1♦	4+		

Some would describe East's heart overcall as brave and seemed to have the adverse effect of goading North into trying for a thin game. East started the attack with her magnificent heart suit. West won with the ace and switched to a small club and when that forced the jack from East declarer was safe, though even if West had started with the ♣9 declarer could have succeeded by holding up the ace for two rounds. East continued with queen of

clubs which declarer ducked but took the continuation in hand. Now all that was left to do was to establish the diamonds and ensuring communications were not encumbered. She did not even need the spade finesse to bring home her daring contract and 10 IMPs to Kenya.

Board 40. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ KQJ7		
♥ 10764		
♦ K3		
♣ J86		
♠ 1065		♠ A932
♥ KQ85		♥ A932
♦ J8		♦ –
♣ KQ72		♣ A10943
		♠ 84
		♥ J
		♦ AQ10976542
		♣ 5

West	North	East	South
Sharma	Nayer	Shah	Botrous
Pass	Pass	1♣*	5♦
All Pass			
1♣	2+		

A fine pre-empt from South, maybe East should double when it comes back to her – one would not particularly mind if partner treated it for takeout or penalties. To make Five Hearts you would have to steel yourself to believe in the theory of restricted choice when South plays the ♥J on the first round of trumps. The sacrifice was very profitable as it only failed by one trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dagher	Sejal	Ghosn	Modi
Pass	Pass	1♣	4♦
Double	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

I can understand just pre-empting at the four-level but I find in practice it acts as a transfer for the opposition into a major suit game, it may well be one they would not have bid or may give them vital information as to the distribution and so ease the play of the hand. Here it allowed the minor suit game to make easily as it was apparent that if someone held four hearts it would be North. * IMPs to Egypt.





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Board 43. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K95		
♥ A72		
♦ AJ984		
♣ A2		
♠ 4		♠ A7
♥ 10843		♥ KQJ95
♦ Q1072		♦ K53
♣ 9875		♣ 1043
	♠ QJ108632	
	♥ 6	
	♦ 6	
	♣ KQJ6	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sharma	Nayer	Shah	Botrous
-	-	-	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♦*
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Four Diamonds was a cue-bid and maybe additional values, When South denied possession of the ace of trumps North settled for the small slam. The play of the hand was trivial and declarer soon claimed her contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dagher	Sejal	Ghosn	Modi
-	-	-	2♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

In my humble opinion the South hand is far too strong for a weak two bid. You have a seven card suit and controls in the other three. Should you be an aficionado of the losing trick count it is only a six loser hand and that is not my definition of a weak hand. Opposite a weak two North cannot be criticised for not making a greater effort and so the cold slam was missed. 11 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 45. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ AQ		
♥ AQ94		
♦ A6		
♣ AJ642		
♠ K1084		♠ 653
♥ 82		♥ J107653
♦ Q1084		♦ 72
♣ 853		♣ K9
	♠ J972	
	♥ K	
	♦ KJ953	
	♣ Q107	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sharma	Nayer	Shah	Botrous
-	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
Pass	6NT	All Pass	
3♥	4♥		

I believe Three Hearts denied four spades. South gave North the opportunity to play in diamonds if there was a fit but North wisely corrected to 6NT. With both the minor suit finesses failing South was automatically restricted to eleven tricks. If one of the minor suits had behaved itself then the contract would have succeeded, perhaps a little unfortunate but bidding that slam will gain in the long term, but not on this deal.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dagher	Sejal	Ghosn	Modi
-	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When South did not find a fit he settled for just game and North collected the same eleven tricks as in the other room but gained 12 IMPs for Kenya.





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Board 46. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ AKQ1062		♠ J
♥ J5		♥ AQ1092
♦ J10		♦ AK8
♣ 952		♣ KJ87
♠ 874	N W E S	♠ 953
♥ K743		♥ 86
♦ Q7532		♦ 964
♣ A		♣ Q10643

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sharma	Nayer	Shah	Botrous
–	–	1♥	Pass
3♣*	3♠	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass
3♣	bergen raise		

According to the convention card Three Clubs might show 10-11 points but I think the hand is worth the bid. East swatted aside the interference from North and launched into Blackwood discovering two keycards opposite. Whereupon she bid the slam. There was no problem in the play and 980 was soon written in the 'in' column.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dagher	Sejal	Ghosn	Modi
–	–	1♥	Pass
3♦*	3♠	Double*	All Pass
3♦	bergen raise		

East's double was alerted but we are not told why. West has to decide the meaning of the double and the best way to react. From his point of view surely game must be on as the double must show more than a minimum. Passing only works if the contract fails by three or more tricks and game is the limit for his team. Neither of those conditions seems certain so there must be a case for bidding on. East commenced the defence with three rounds of diamonds, the third ruffed by North who then drew only two rounds of trumps. Strangely the third round was not extracted and also declarer exited with a heart. West took this trick, cashed the ace of clubs and put his partner in with a heart for her to cash the king of clubs and give partner a ruff for three off. Failing by three tricks rather than two curtailed the gain for Kenya to 10 IMPs instead of 12.

At the end of the match Kenya had won by 46-38 IMPs or 12.29-7.71 VPs.

Seating at Start of Session

Please remember that the visiting team should be seated at its table at least ten minutes before start time and that the home team should then take their places at least five minutes before play begins.

Yesterday we had three teams penalised and others were very close. Full details can be found in the conditions of contest Clause 35.





South Africa vs. Egypt - Mixed

As Egypt and South Africa were topping the Mixed table, it seemed a good idea to see how these two teams would fare when pitted against each other. for the first match of the second day.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nayer</i>	<i>Stanton</i>	<i>Botrous</i>	<i>Smith</i>
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	1♥	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	2♦	2♥
3NT	All Pass		

Here we have the classic case of an opening bid opposite an opening bid and so the question is in which game are we going to play. Eventually the music stopped and the contract was 3NT. Declarer was fortunate enough to receive a heart lead and now he had the chance of making his contract if the club suit could be persuaded to generate four tricks. From the vacant spaces perspective South is more likely to hold the queen of clubs. Are then any other signs, well North led a heart and so is unlikely to hold the ace and king of spades as she may well have led one to have a look at dummy. So we can place a spade honour with South. She also did not open the bidding so we can be confident she does not hold an opening hand. If South had the ace of hearts would he not have played it at trick one? If we combine all this information we can place North with the ♥AQJ and probably a spade honour, if you give her the ♣Q as well that becomes an opening bid and so I would finesse against South in the club

suit. Unfortunately declarer took the finesse against North and so failed by three tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Alexander</i>	<i>Geddawy</i>	<i>Holman</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
–	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	1♥	Double*	2♥
3♥*	Double	Pass	Pass
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

There were just not enough tricks to get close to making the contract but by only going two down it was 2 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nayer</i>	<i>Stanton</i>	<i>Botrous</i>	<i>Smith</i>
–	–	1♣	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT*
All Pass			

One Spade in the protective position can be quite weak so South's bid of 1NT must be a reasonable hand. Maybe North could have invited game and South would have a decision to make. Declarer did not play the hand to best advantage after a club lead and continuation and ended up failing by a trick.





Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Alexander</i>	<i>Geddawy</i>	<i>Holman</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
–	–	1♦	Pass
Pass	1♠	Double*	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

If 1NT failed in the other room then surely 3NT would have little chance. As a result of a different opening bid West did not lead a club but instead chose a heart which was taken by East's king. A heart was returned and dummy's ♥8 took the trick. East took the king of diamonds continuation with his ace, West contributing the ♦7, and played another heart. In dummy with the ♥A the ♦8 was proffered and when East did not cover declarer let it run and it took the trick. A club to the king in hand allowed declarer to set up the diamonds whilst she still had an entry with the ♠A and so declarer now had nine tricks and 12 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 972
 ♥ A10953
 ♦ QJ63
 ♣ 2

♠ AQ10
 ♥ Q62
 ♦ K2
 ♣ 108643

♠ KJ63
 ♥ J
 ♦ 10987
 ♣ Q975

♠ 854
 ♥ K874
 ♦ A54
 ♣ AKJ

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nayer</i>	<i>Stanton</i>	<i>Botrous</i>	<i>Smith</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

North did not think her hand worthy of further investigation and so let matters rest at the two level. A club lead allowed declarer to jettison two spade losers and when he cashed the king of trumps noted the fall of the jack and followed the theory of restricted choice and finessed against the trump queen and so came to eleven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Alexander</i>	<i>Geddawy</i>	<i>Holman</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♦*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

A contract that at the outset appeared to have too many losers but when West led a club declarer was able to rid herself of two spade losers and although the trumps did not behave and the diamond finesse was not successful declarer had only three losers, so 9 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W VuL.

♠ K92
♥ AJ63
♦ AK98
♣ 93

♠ J5
♥ KQ1095
♦ 6
♣ AK642

♠ Q10876
♥ 842
♦ J
♣ Q1087

♠ A43
♥ 7
♦ Q1075432
♣ J5

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nayer</i>	<i>Stanton</i>	<i>Botrous</i>	<i>Smith</i>
–	–	Pass	3♦
3♥	4♦	All Pass	

I suspected I would find a raft of Norths who bid 3NT but at the eight tables I only found two pairs. Yes the contract can fail but how many Easts are going to find a club lead after a vulnerable partner has bid hearts.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Alexander</i>	<i>Geddawy</i>	<i>Holman</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
–	–	Pass	3♦
3♥	3NT	All Pass	

This is one of the tables that bid 3NT and of course they got a heart lead and claimed nine tricks. 7 IMPs to Egypt.





Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ J2
♥ A1092
♦ AJ75
♣ K43

♠ Q1075
♥ Q7643
♦ 64
♣ 86

♠ K986
♥ 85
♦ 832
♣ Q1097

♠ A43
♥ KJ
♦ KQ109
♣ AJ52

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nayer</i>	<i>Stanton</i>	<i>Botrous</i>	<i>Smith</i>
–	–	–	1♦*
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥*
Pass	5♣*	Pass	6♦
All Pass			
1♦	4+		

I would be quite pleased to reach the diamond slam as it is not without chances. The defence made the best start with a spade and declarer took the trick and returned the suit and was rewarded with a switch to a club from West. The losing spade was ruffed with the ace and trumps drawn. Declarer has lots of possibilities now. He can cash the ♥K and run the jack or overtake the jack and then take a ruffing finesse in hearts or just ruff a heart and if either the queen of hearts is trebleton or the clubs are 3-3 or the ♥Q is with the long clubs he will make the contract. If you cannot read anything into the club switch then I believe the line taken by declarer is superior to taking the heart finesse (in either direction) though I cannot work out the exact percentages.

Closed Room

Alexander Geddawy Holman ElAwady

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
–	–	–	1♣*
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

North was not interested in any invitation in spite of a 18-19 point hand opposite and a known diamond fit. After a spade lead declarer just took his nine top tricks. A slightly fortunate 12 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K97542
 ♥ A9
 ♦ 954
 ♣ 102

♠ 10
 ♥ KJ10763
 ♦ 106
 ♣ Q853

♠ AQ8
 ♥ Q5
 ♦ K832
 ♣ A974

♠ J63
 ♥ 842
 ♦ AQJ7
 ♣ KJ6

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nayer</i>	<i>Stanton</i>	<i>Botrous</i>	<i>Smith</i>
2♦*	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

South led a trump which North ducked and declarer then played a second round trump won by North. A diamond return now kills the contract but North tried the king of spades which was not a success as now declarer could dispose of one of her diamond losers and so bring home the contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Alexander</i>	<i>Geddawy</i>	<i>Holman</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
2♦*	2♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

East led the queen of hearts and declarer took the continuation and played a spade towards dummy. East rose with the queen and played ace and another club. Declarer still had a trump to lose but that was one down and 8 IMPs to Egypt.





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Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 1053		
♥ KJ7		
♦ J109873		
♣ 6		
♠ J4		♠ 962
♥ A10954		♥ Q632
♦ A54		♦ KQ2
♣ AQ5		♣ J84
		♠ AKQ87
		♥ 8
		♦ 6
		♣ K109732

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nayer</i>	<i>Stanton</i>	<i>Botrous</i>	<i>Smith</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♥	Pass	2♥	2♠
3♦*	Pass	4♥	4♠
Double	All Pass		

West cashed both his red aces and forced declarer with a diamond now declarer was without resource. He tried the ♣9 from hand whereupon West rose with the queen and continued the force with another diamond. Declarer then ruffed a club in dummy and cashed the ♥K and ruffed the ♥J with an honour. The hand was now falling apart and although declarer could ruff another club he was two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Alexander</i>	<i>Geddawy</i>	<i>Holman</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♣
1NT*	2♦	Double*	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

With the same final contract West cashed ace of hearts and made an error in continuing the suit as this not only allowed declarer to dispose of his losing diamond but more importantly he retained trump control and could set up his clubs.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ K8754		
♥ 5		
♦ K74		
♣ 10972		
♠ AJ632		♠ Q9
♥ Q		♥ K1093
♦ AQ62		♦ 1085
♣ Q85		♣ KJ43
		♠ 10
		♥ AJ87642
		♦ J93
		♣ A6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nayer</i>	<i>Stanton</i>	<i>Botrous</i>	<i>Smith</i>
–	–	–	1♥
1♠	1NT	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Somehow South stole the contract. Maybe West could have doubled the Two Hearts bid but it is not guaranteed to be risk free. Playing in Two Hearts declarer gracefully slid one off without much of a care in the world.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nayer</i>	<i>Stanton</i>	<i>Botrous</i>	<i>Smith</i>
–	–	–	1♥
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	Double	All Pass	

East's 1NT might possibly have been a little stronger but I do not see what other bid could be made. West was sure of her partner's abilities and immediately gave him game. North double assumed his partner had a genuine opening bid. South elected to lead the ♠10 which went to North's king, setting up three tricks for declarer. The club return was taken by South's ace setting up three tricks in that suit. The club continuation was taken in dummy a the ♠Q unblocked. A small heart towards dummy allowed the queen to win and when declarer cashed his two club tricks South discarded two diamonds and now when declare played one towards dummy the sight of the jack ensured two tricks in the suit thus guaranteeing the contract when North did not have a heart to return. 11 IMPs to South Africa.





Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A6
 ♥ K54
 ♦ 965
 ♣ AJ986

♠ KQ75
 ♥ A109
 ♦ Q7
 ♣ 10543

♠ J98432
 ♥ 32
 ♦ 84
 ♣ KQ2

♠ 10
 ♥ QJ876
 ♦ AKJ1032
 ♣ 7

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Nayer</i>	<i>Stanton</i>	<i>Botrous</i>	<i>Smith</i>
Pass	1♣*	2♠*	3♥
3NT	Double	Pass	4♦
4♠	Double	All Pass	

It would have been amusing if West had accidentally left the contract in 3NTX as he should only have made one trick. South cashed a top diamond before switching to his singleton club, everyone knew it was a singleton except North who now returned a heart and so the contract only failed by two tricks instead of three making it a very worthwhile sacrifice if there was game available in the other direction.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Alexander</i>	<i>Geddawy</i>	<i>Holman</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
Pass	1♣*	Pass	1♦*
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

West started hostilities with a small trump won in hand and the suit returned. West rose with her ace and exited in the suit. When the diamonds behaved declarer had an overtrick and 8 IMPs to Egypt.

The final score was 69-22 IMPs to Egypt or 18.87-1.13 VPs. A sound win for Egypt. South Africa had one or instances of bad luck but also of avoidable errors, if they want to win this championship they will need to tighten up their game.

Errata

In my report on yesterday's match between South Africa and Kenya in the Mixed Championship I mistakenly said that South Africa won the Seniors event in the previous championships when I meant the Mixed Championship. Also somehow the name of player Holma was entered as Zein. My apologies for the errors.





Morocco vs. Reunion - Seniors

For the second match of the day we will switch to the Seniors and have a couple of teams that have not graced our reports today. So Morocco will take on Reunion, Reunion had the better of Morocco in the standings by less than 4 VPs, so this would award bragging rights to the victor.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lemarinel	Sibony	Wan Hoi	Hayet
—	2♥	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

When South led the king of hearts and continued with the ♥10 to partner's ace declarer had the rest of the tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Guenon	De Pauw	Cambournac	Bauquier
—	Pass	1♥	2♠
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

This was not going to be a pleasant experience for South as the defence managed to take five trump tricks and four minor suit top cards for four off and that was 8 IMPs to Morocco.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Lemarinel	Sibony	Wan Hoi	Hayet
—	—	2♦*	Pass
2♠*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	4♠	All Pass	
2♦	multi		
2♠	pass or correct		

If that was a weak two then I would not want to see a strong one. North remained quiet in the undergrowth and then emerged with his Four Spades bid which won the contract. East led the king of hearts and when it held she continued with another round thereby handing the contract to declarer. Declarer gratefully ruffed and drew trumps in one round and when West turned up with the ace of clubs West was powerless to prevent declarer from only losing one diamond and so making his contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Guenon	De Pauw	Cambournac	Bauquier
—	—	3♥	Pass
4♣	4♠	5♣	Double
5♦	5♠	Pass	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

South led the king of clubs which was taken in dummy. A trump brought her to hand and a successful diamond finesse saw declarer then ruff a diamond. After crossing to dummy with a trump the ace of diamonds was cashed and another diamond





ruffed and a carefully preserved ♠3 allowed entry to dummy with the ♥5 and two good diamonds were cashed resulting in twelve tricks and 19 IMPs to Morocco. I think that is the biggest swing of the championships so far. I always have high hopes of a 20 point swing but they are pretty rare.

Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 83
 ♥ AJ965
 ♦ K3
 ♣ 10932

♠ AK109764
 ♥ 104
 ♦ A94
 ♣ 7

♠ J5
 ♥ Q732
 ♦ J107
 ♣ AJ54

♠ Q2
 ♥ K8
 ♦ Q8652
 ♣ KQ86

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lemarinel</i>	<i>Sibony</i>	<i>Wan Hoi</i>	<i>Hayet</i>
–	–	–	1♦
1♠	Double	Pass	2♣
2♠	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

The defence was accurate and held declarer to the nine tricks to which he was entitled

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Guenon</i>	<i>De Pauw</i>	<i>Cambournac</i>	<i>Bauquier</i>
–	–	–	1♦
1♠	Double	1NT	2♣
4♠	All Pass		

Noting her partner's opening bid North led the king of diamonds and now declarer had only one lose in the suit and with the spades breaking favourably there were ten tricks available and 10 IMPs for Morocco.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ KQ1075
 ♥ KQJ63
 ♦ —
 ♣ Q83

♠ A4
 ♥ A54
 ♦ K10
 ♣ AK10964

♠ 63
 ♥ 107
 ♦ AQ97432
 ♣ 72

♠ J982
 ♥ 982
 ♦ J865
 ♣ J5

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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Lemarinel</i>	<i>Sibony</i>	<i>Wan Hoi</i>	<i>Hayet</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣	2♦	3♦*	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	4♠
Double	All Pass		

I suspect the alerts were a bit muddled as North's 2♦ was obviously for the majors. South's attempt at a sacrifice was not envisaged at the best time as 3NT will not make. Declarer lost the four top tricks and so recorded down one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Guenon</i>	<i>De Pauw</i>	<i>Cambournac</i>	<i>Bauquier</i>
–	–	3♦	Pass
6♦	All Pass		

Had the trumps not been 4-0 offside we would all be applauding West for his excellent bid. As it was there was nothing West could do but accept defeat gracefully. 9 IMPs to Reunion.

Morocco ran out winners 61-17 or 18.55-1.45 VPs.





Roster - Senior Teams

Egypt

Captain

Ayman Azzam

Ayman Azzam

Walid El Ahmady

Tarek Sadek

Ahmed Zein

Mohamed Fadel

Mohamed Tanboli

Morocco

Captain

Abdellatif Belkouch

Abdellatif Belkouch

Mohammed Said Berrada

Pierre Sibony

Jean Hayet

Cambournac Guy

Raphaël Guenoun

Reunion

Captain

Philippe Lagache

Philippe Lagache

Régine WAN Hoi

Geneviève Vigna

Michel Lemarinel

Denise Bauquier

Anne-Marie De Paux

South Africa

Captain

Brian Pincus

Brian Pincus

James Grant

Larry Chemaly

Diniar Minwalla

Paul Reynolds

Erica Zimet





Roster - Mixed Teams

Egypt

Captain**Cherif Noshy**

Farida Botrous

Dina El Awady

Rita Ghosn

Ahmed Nayer

Omar El Geddawi

Hany Dagher

Kenya

Captain**Bijal Shah**

Bijal Shah

Rakesh Sharma

Bhanumati Shah

J K Haria

Sejal M Shah

Hemendra Modi

Morocco

Captain**Khalil Bensouda**

Khalil Bensouda

Lamia BenYahia

Stéphane Dahan

Cathy T'KINT De Roodenveke

Pierre T'KINT De Roodenveke

Fatim Lahlou

Reunion

Captain**Patrick Hamel**

Patrick Hamel

Catherine Aouate

Marie-Thérèse Boyer

Patrick Schilli

Narguis Huseinali

Christian Giraud

South Africa

Captain**Glen Holman**

Glen Holman

Michelle Alexander

Carol Stanton

Lorraine Weers

Imitiaz Kaprey

Kevin Smith

