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First Round Robins Completed

It has been a very topsy-turvy day. **Egypt** Women won all their Round Robin matches and then lost heavily in the last match of the day. In the Open Championship **Tunisia** won all of their matches whilst the **South Africa** team who had three big wins the previous day suffered two narrow losses and just won their final match.

In the Open, **South Africa** have narrow lead over **Tunisia** with **Egypt** nearly ten points behind with **Kenya** in touch in fourth place..

In the Women, it was very close, just before the end of the third round there was only 0.38 points covering the top three. **Egypt** have a one point lead over **South Africa** with **Morocco** third behind them . The rest are about a match behind.

Standings

Open Team	VPs	Position
South Africa	83.47	1
Tunisia	80.79	2
Egypt	71.30	3
Kenya	58.39	4
Reunion	45.67	5
Morocco	20.38	6

Women Team	VPs	Position
Egypt	79.94	1
South Africa	78.47	2
Morocco	71.69	3
Tunisia	52.96	4
Reunion	28.94	5

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Schedule for Wednesday 16th September

Note all times are GMT

Open 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	
WED 16-Sep	1	1 RSA	x	5 REU		4 MOR	x	1 RSA		1 RSA	x	3 EGY	
	2	4 MOR	x	6 KEN		3 EGY	x	5 REU		2 TUN	x	4 MOR	
	3	3 EGY	x	2 TUN		2 TUN	x	6 KEN		6 KEN	x	5 REU	

Women 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	
WED 16-Sep	4	1 TUN	x	5 REU		4 EGY	x	1 TUN		1 TUN	x	3 MOR	
	5	4 EGY	x	6 --		3 MOR	x	5 REU		2 RSA	x	4 EGY	
	6	3 MOR	x	2 RSA		2 RSA	x	6 --		6 --	x	5 REU	

Results

Open Championship

Session 1	VPs
Egypt - South Africa	12.29-7.71
Morocco - Tunisia	0-20
Reunion - Kenya	1.79-18.21
Session 2	
South Africa - Tunisia	9.69-10.31
Egypt - Kenya	9.39-10.61
Morocco - Reunion	5.00-15.00
Session 3	
Kenya - South Africa	7.20-12.8
Reunion - Tunisia	1.67-18.33
Morocco - Egypt	0 - 12

Women Championship

Session 1	VPs
Morocco - Tunisia	12.80-7.20
Egypt - South Africa	13.97-6.03
Reunion - Bye	12-0
Session 2	
Tunisia - South Africa	2.55-17.45
Morocco - Bye	12-0
Egypt Reunion	17.45-2.55
Session 3	
Bye - Tunisia	0-12
Reunion - South Africa	0.75-19.25
Egypt - Morocco	1.45-18.55





Tunisia vs. Egypt – Women

The last match on day one in the Women Championship saw Tunisia take on Egypt. Both teams were well rested as both had had a bye and were in a good frame of mind as their first match resulted in victory.

Board 36. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 8	♠ KQ75432	♠ J96
♥ Q1093	♥ 75	♥ KJ86
♦ AJ43	♦ 10	♦ K76
♣ 10864	♣ A72	♣ KJ5
	♠ A10	
	♥ A42	
	♦ Q9852	
	♣ Q93	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Audiche</i>	<i>Sellami</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>	<i>Trabelsi</i>
Pass	3♠	All Pass	

North is certainly at the maximum for a pre-empt and South had no reason to try further. When the king of clubs was well placed declarer had ten tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fourati</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
Pass	3♦	Double	3NT
All Pass			

South was aggressive and perhaps reckoned his honours were well placed after East's double but even assuming the spade suit was good for seven tricks you would need an ace in the north hand or at the very least a defensive error. However the bridge gods were smiling on South as she quickly took the first nine tricks. 10 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 40. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ Q10543	♠ K876
♥ 1096	♥ A852
♦ 106	♦ A2
♣ KQ3	♣ 852
♠ AJ2	
♥ K3	
♦ Q875	
♣ A1097	
	♠ 9
	♥ QJ74
	♦ KJ943
	♣ J64

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Audiche</i>	<i>Sellami</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>	<i>Trabelsi</i>
1♣	Pas	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

A straight forward invitation to game accepted by West with her maximum. Declarer benefitted from a small spade lead which ran round to her jack. The ♣9 from hand saw North rise with the queen and now she unfortunately played another small spade and so dunny's ♠7 held the trick, so declarer was going to take four spade tricks from AJ3 opposite K876 when the suit split 5-1 offside. Declarer now ducked another club. With the clubs behaving declarer was now home.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fourati</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
1♦	Pas	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Again a small spade was led and taken by declarer's jack. At this table declarer now cashed the ace of spades before ducking a club into the North hand, this meant North could establish her spades without giving declarer a fourth trick in the suit. When declarer ducked another club North won and cashed two good spades and switched to a diamond and either North would take a heart trick or South a diamond. One down, 10 IMPs to Egypt.





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Board 43. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ 87	♠ J9532	♠ K106
♥ 952	♥ 106	♥ J874
♦ 10643	♦ 95	♦ QJ
♣ KJ74	♣ 10632	♣ AQ85
	♠ AQ4	
	♥ AKQ3	
	♦ AK872	
	♣ 9	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Audiche</i>	<i>Sellami</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>	<i>Trabelsi</i>
-	-	-	1♦
Pass	Pass	Double	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East cashed the ace of clubs and switched to the queen of diamonds and declarer cashed both the ace and king, noting the fall of the jack. Three rounds of hearts followed and then on the fourth West ruffed in with the ♠8 and was overruffed by the ♠9. A club ruff ensued and when the ♦8 was not covered declarer let it run and East ruffed. East tried to exit with a club but declarer ruffed in hand, took the spade finesse and then dropped the king for an overtrick. Nicely played by North.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fourati</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
-	-	-	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East started with the ♥8 and declarer took three rounds before ducking a club to East who exited with the ♥J ruffed by declarer. A club was ruffed in dummy and the ace and king of diamonds cashed and a third round ruffed with the ♠9 and overruffed with the ♠10. The ace of clubs forced dummy to ruff with a high honour. Now declarer cashed the ace of trumps and played a diamond and when West ruffed with the ♠8 for reasons I do not understand she underuffed and now was one down. I suspect fatigue or a mislick as overruffing makes the contract trivially but it 11 IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 44. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 82	♠ 82	♠ K9754
♥ Q65	♥ Q65	♥ 9
♦ Q10952	♦ Q10952	♦ A763
♣ J43	♣ J43	♣ KQ5
♠ AQJ3	♠ AQJ3	
♥ AKJ7	♥ AKJ7	
♦ K84	♦ K84	
♣ 62	♣ 62	
	♠ 106	
	♥ 108432	
	♦ J	
	♣ A10987	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Audiche</i>	<i>Sellami</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>	<i>Trabelsi</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All Pass

When East discovered two keycards and the queen of trumps she essayed the spade slam. A good slam requiring only the ace of clubs or queen of hearts to be well placed. As we can see it is one of those days when the 74% chance does not pay off, unlucky.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fourati</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

According to the convention card a 1NT opening is 15-17. Declarer chose the right day to miscount her points as it quashed all ideas of slam opposite, so a fortunate gain of 11 IMPs to Tunisia,

At the end of the match it was Egypt who prevailed by the slim margin of 44-35 IMPs or 12.55-7.45 VPs.





Morocco vs. Tunisia - Open

The first match of Day 2 in the Open Championship I had chosen to watch a top of the table clash but unfortunately there were very few interesting swings and so I changed my attention to Morocco against Tunisia.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moez	Chaouki	Anis	Sbili
–	1♣	Pass	1♥
2♠	3♣	4♠	Double
All Pass			

With the North hand I would have got the hand off my chest by opening Five Clubs, it might not have given rise to the best result but would certainly have set the opposition a problem and as we know not all problems are solved correctly. Also it might have dissuaded partner from doubling a cold contract. West's bold intervention paid handsome dividends and when he led his singleton heart and South cashed two top hearts the contract made with an overtrick although with South having a singleton club there was always an overtrick available.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Chraibi	Kchaou	Ammor	Monya
–	3♣	All Pass	

I do not think you will find a stronger pre-empt in this competition. It cannot be criticised as it bought the contract and a winning contract. When a heart

was led declarer discarded his losing spade on the second round and after drawing trumps, when the defence did not find the diamond ruff, took the correct view in diamonds and so made two overtricks.

Board 41. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moez	Chaouki	Anis	Sbili
–	2♠	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	3♥	3♠
4♥	All Pass		

South led the king of diamonds which declarer took with the ace and fired one back, South playing the ♦5, covered by dummy and ruffed by North with his trump king. After the club exit was taken by dummy's king a diamond was ruffed and dummy entered again with a spade to ruff another diamond, thereby establishing two diamond tricks in dummy. After cashing the ace of trumps declarer made the slight error of playing the ♥10 but South returned the favour by not playing the ♥Q. Declarer could now cross to dummy with a club and play winning diamonds and that would restrict South to just two trump tricks. Has South taken the ♥Q then a spade continuation would have forced dummy and it would be South who had trump control. Declarer needed to play any other card and continue on crossruff lines to bring home the contract for certain.





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West	North	East	South
<i>Chraibi</i>	<i>Kchaou</i>	<i>Ammor</i>	<i>Monya</i>
–	2♠	Pass	3♠

All Pass

Sometimes pre-empting pays off and this was one of those times. Playing double dummy declarer can get out for one off but failing by two tricks did not make any difference to the IMPs of which there were 11 for Tunisia.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ K		
♥ QJ6		
♦ AKQ65		
♣ KJ109		
♠ J865		♠ Q973
♥ AK73		♥ 8542
♦ 987		♦ J102
♣ 86		♣ 73
		♠ A1042
		♥ 109
		♦ 43
		♣ AQ542

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moez</i>	<i>Chaouki</i>	<i>Anis</i>	<i>Sbili</i>
–	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♣

All Pass

I cannot say with any clarity what the agreements were for the meaning of Four Spades, whatever it was it did not seem to produce the right result as East led the unbid suit and West cashed the first two tricks to defeat the slam. Had North started with a cue-bid of Four Diamonds then when partner did the same in spades he would have been aware of the two heart losers and stayed in game.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chraibi</i>	<i>Kchaou</i>	<i>Ammor</i>	<i>Monya</i>
–	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT

All Pass

An off centre and low point count opening of 2NT saw the final contract of 3NT arrive. When East led a spade declarer had ten top tricks which were augmented by two when the diamonds broke kindly

for declarer, thus three overtricks and 13 IMPs to Tunisia

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ A1042		
♥ KQ94		
♦ A98		
♣ 74		
♠ KQ83		♠ J7
♥ A72		♥ 1053
♦ QJ32		♦ K107
♣ 93		♣ AKQJ10
		♠ 965
		♥ J86
		♦ 654
		♣ 8652

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Moez</i>	<i>Chaouki</i>	<i>Anis</i>	<i>Sbili</i>
–	–	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South had to pick a suit at random from his dismal collection and when he chose a spade declarer had no problem in bringing home his contract and when North ducked declarer could set up the diamonds for two overtricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Chraibi</i>	<i>Kchaou</i>	<i>Ammor</i>	<i>Monya</i>
–	–	1♣	Pass
1♦	Double	Redble*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
Redble	3♦		

With the contract being played from the other side North found the lead of the queen of hearts, ducked by declarer but North persisted with another and South played the important card in his hand, viz. the ♥J and now declarer was one down by force. 11 IMPs to Tunisia.





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Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ J96		♠ 52
♥ 1093		♥ 852
♦ K1084		♦ Q962
♣ J83		♣ Q1065
♠ Q108743	N	
♥ K64	W	E
♦ 3		
♣ K72	S	
♠ AK		
♥ AQJ7		
♦ AJ75		
♣ A94		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moez	Chaouki	Anis	Sbili
-	-	-	2♣
2♠	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West started with a small spade, perforce won in hand and now declarer took a losing diamond finesse. East returned a spade and now with the heart finesse failing there was no route to success and declarer finished one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Chraibi	Kchaou	Ammor	Monya
-	-	-	2♣
2♠	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

When West elected to attack in hearts dummy's ♥10 held the trick and when a second heart was played West elected to duck. Declarer was now home as a third diamond could be established and when the king of hearts fell under the ace there was an overtrick. 12 IMPs to Tunisia.

At close of play Tunisia had an emphatic victory 20-0 VPs.





Egypt vs. Reunion - Women

The second match of the day features Egypt hosting Reunion in the Women Championship. Egypt had not lost a match and winning this encounter would mean that they had won every match in the first Round Robin.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q732			
♥ J5			
♦ Q65			
♣ A1074			
♠ 65			♠ 1098
♥ Q108643			♥ 72
♦ K73			♦ J9842
♣ Q5			♣ 932
			♠ AKJ4
			♥ AK9
			♦ A10
			♣ KJ86

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bauquier</i>	<i>Audiche</i>	<i>Vigna</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>
–	–	Pass	2♣
2♥	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
3♣	puppet stayman		
3♦	I have a four-card major		
3♥	I have four hearts		

With an unappetising choice of lead West chose a passive trump, whereupon declarer drew trumps in three rounds and played ace and another club, the ♣10 losing to West's queen. However the trick came back immediately as West was thrown in to lead away from the diamond king or the heart queen. She chose the diamond and when declarer played the queen from dummy she had the rest of the tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ElAwady</i>	<i>Aouate</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Wan Hoi</i>
–	–	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

The opening lead of the ♥6 was won in hand with the ♥9. To make the contract declarer had to find the queen of clubs. After drawing trumps in three rounds declarer calmly played the king of clubs and then a small club towards dummy and so immediately found the queen. Perhaps if declarer had followed a more scientific route and cashed the top hearts she would have found the heart distribution and with the theory of vacant spaces played East for the queen of clubs and subsequently gone down. 13 IMPs to Reunion.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ AQ10			
♥ AJ1075			
♦ A2			
♣ Q103			
♠ 98543			♠ KJ7
♥ 98			♥ K632
♦ 65			♦ 87
♣ KJ95			♣ A864
			♠ 62
			♥ Q4
			♦ KQJ10943
			♣ 72

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bauquier</i>	<i>Audiche</i>	<i>Vigna</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
1NT	F1R		

When West chose a spade for the opening lead declarer immediately had nine tricks. Whilst having the fun of running his seven card diamond suit the defence generously gave declarer an overtrick.





Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ElAwady</i>	<i>Aouate</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Wan Hoi</i>
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♣	Pass	5♦
All Pass			

Five Diamonds seems a bit unilateral. The convention card is a little sparse on what happens after a forcing 1NT but for my money North is worth 2NT as I am not sure Two Clubs is forcing. With both major suit finesses failing the contract was unmakeable and after a spade lead was two off. 13 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 25. Dealer North. EW Vul.

♠ AK93					
♥ 963					
♦ K9542					
♣ Q					
♠ J2				♠ Q1087654	
♥ 108				♥ AK7	
♦ 73				♦ 10	
♣ AKJ10984				♣ 73	
♠ —					
♥ QJ542					
♦ AQJ86					
♣ 652					

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bauquier</i>	<i>Audiche</i>	<i>Vigna</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>
–	1♦	2♠	3♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Why North suppressed her three card support for partner is a mystery to me. Even after a spade lead seven tricks were the limit of the hand and it could have been a lot worse.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ElAwady</i>	<i>Aouate</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Wan Hoi</i>
–	1♦	3♠	Double
All Pass			

North converted the takeout double to penalties. When South led a heart declarer took two of them and ruffed the third round and led the remaining trump from dummy which North took with the ace. The club return was taken in dummy and when declarer ducked a diamond all that remained for the defence was two trump tricks so that turned into a double vulnerable game. 12 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ J4	
	♥ J743	
	♦ A732	
	♣ K103	
♠ KQ76532	N	♠ —
♥ —	W	♥ AK10862
♦ Q108	E	♦ K94
♣ 654	S	♣ AQ87
	♠ A1098	
	♥ Q95	
	♦ J65	
	♣ J92	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bauquier</i>	<i>Audiche</i>	<i>Vigna</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>
–	–	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Looking at the diagram it does not seem to be the ideal layout for a no-trump contract. The opening ♦5 lead saw North duck and dummy's ♦8 held the trick. A successful club finesse followed and declarer ducked a heart to North's ♥7. A diamond return saw dummy win and the king of spades went to South's ace and now two diamonds were cashed by the defence. Declarer still had a club and a heart to lose and so was two light.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ElAwady</i>	<i>Aouate</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Wan Hoi</i>
–	–	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

With clubs not having been mentioned at this table South elected to lead the ♣9 to the king and ace. Just to help declarer further when declarer cashed the ace of hearts South parted with the ♥9 and North parted with the ♥7. Now when declarer essayed the ♥6 and South ducked North was forced to win with the jack and she switched to a diamond to the jack and dummy's queen. A club was ducked to South who returned a diamond to North's ace. The ♣10 followed and now when the ♥Q fell under the king declarer had an unlikely overtrick. 13 IMPs to Egypt.

Egypt had run out winners 52-17 IMPs or 17.45-2.55 VPs. Egypt had now won all of their matches in the first Round Robin - congratulations.





Roster - Open Teams

Egypt

Captain

Moaz Hammam

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Amr Farrag

Ahmed Omran

Ahmed Monir

Ahmed Samir

Reda Amiry

Kenya

Captain

Bijal Shah

Bijal Shah

Kamal Shah

Rakesh Sharma

Bhanumati Shah

Morocco

Captain

Adnane Ammor Mohammed

Adnane Ammor Mohammed

Mohamed Benali

Mohammed Chraibi

Chaouki Bensaid

Said Badri

Tariq Sbili

Reunion

Captain

Christian Giraud

Christian Giraud

Narguis Huseinali

Patrick Hamel

Philippe Lagache

Marie-Thérèse Boyer

Patrick Schilli

South Africa

Captain

Robert Stephens

Robert Stephens

Neville Eber

Hennie Fick

Alon Apteker

Craig Gower

Jude Apteker

Tunisia

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Ahmed Kchaou

Anis Ghodhbane

Mehdi Klibi

Hedi Ben Chedly

Moez Fourati





Roster - Women Teams

Egypt

Captain

Alain Audiche

Hoda Soliman

Nadia Taymour

Nessrine Hamdy

Dina El Awady

Christina Audiche

Morocco

Captain

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Leila Sekkat

Khadija Marrakchi

Fatim Lahlou

Samira Tber

Farida Guerraoui

Hayat Hachimi

Reunion

Captain

Catherine Aouate

Catherine Aouate

Régine Wan Hoi

Danièle Michaux

Denise Bauquier

Geneviève Vigna

Anne-Marie De Paux

South Africa

Captain

Peta Balderson

Peta Balderson

Jennifer Foaden

Nicola Bateman

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Ferdous Trabelsi

Jalila Ghodhbane

Alia Fourati

Najeh Linda

