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Today Will Decide The Semi-finalists

Today's results will determine the four semi-finalists who will battle for a place to represent the **ABF** in the World Bridge Teams Championships to be held in Herning.

Both teams from Tunisia and the Open South African team had three wins. Well played. In the Open Championship **South Africa** maintain a match advantage against **Tunisia** who are in second place, having moved up from fourth. **Egypt** are now in third place, a dozen points behind and **Kenya** occupy the fourth, two matches behind but nine points ahead of the two chasing teams.

South Africa in the Women Championship are dominant at the moment. They only need to score a few points over their three matches to ensure they are the leaders. **Tunisia** are now second, ten points ahead of **Egypt** and a further 19 points back is **Kenya**.

Standings

Open Team	VPs	Position
South Africa	183.69	1
Tunisia	162.37	2
Egypt	149.68	3
Kenya	79.36	4
Morocco	71.50	5
Reunion	71.15	6

Women Team	VPs	Position
South Africa	164.48	1
Tunisia	135.90	2
Egypt	125.19	3
Kenya	106.61	4
Morocco	91.82	5

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Schedule for Wednesday 7th May

Note all times are GMT

Open Championship

R.R (03)		Match (03), 09H00				Match (04), 12H30				Match (05), 15H30						
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team				
THU 8	1	1	RSA	x	4	KEN	3	EGY	x	1	RSA	1	RSA	x	2	TUN
	2	5	MOR	x	3	EGY	4	KEN	x	2	TUN	3	EGY	x	6	REU
	3	6	REU	x	2	TUN	5	MOR	x	6	REU	4	KEN	x	5	MOR

Women Championship

R.R (03)		Match (03), 09H00				Match (04), 12H30				Match (05), 15H30						
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	X	Visiting Team				
THU	4	1	RSA	x	4	KEN	3	EGY	x	1	RSA	1	RSA	x	2	TUN
8	5	5	MOR	x	3	EGY	4	KEN	x	2	TUN	3	EGY	x	6	--
	6	6	--	x	2	TUN	5	MOR	x	6	--	4	KEN	x	5	MOR

Results

Open Championship

Session 1	VPs
South Africa - Egypt	13.97-6.03
Tunisia - Morocco	15.74-4.26
Kenya - Reunion	15.74-4.26
Session 2	
South Africa - Reunion	15.19-4.81
Tunisia - Morocco	14.18-5.82
Egypt - Kenya	20-0
Session 3	
Morocco - South Africa	1.91-18.09
Reunion - Kenya	11.20-8.80
Tunisia - Egypt	18.09-1.91

Women Championship

Session 1	VPs
Egypt - South Africa	12.03-7.97
Tunisia - Kenya	20-0
Egypt - Bye	12-0
Session 2	
South Africa - Bye	12-0
Tunisia - Morocco	17.31-2.69
Egypt - Kenya	13.97-6.03
Session 3	
Morocco - South Africa	3.12-16.88
Bye - Kenya	0-12
Tunisia - Egypt	10.61-9.39





Important Message From Your TDs

Dear Captains

Please pay full attention

As I received several complains about failure to alert a conventional bid by players and these complaints were supported by photos against many teams.

Kindly be advised that all the conventional/artificial bids have to be alerted with fully disclosed- even if from the player's point of view it is clear

Double / Redouble / 4 NT / responses to 4NT / Transfers / Stayman / Puppet etc. as long as these bids are artificial or conventional, they must be alerted.

It has been decided that failure to do this, may result in your team receiving a penalty of 0.25 VP even if no clear damage was done.

As per the WBF/ABF Alert policy: All the players are expected to protect themselves to a large extent. How to protect yourself ? By asking about the meaning of a bid or by checking the CC, especially, when screens are in use.

Especially, when you expect the bidding could be conventional or artificial, like the defensive bids, overcalls over NT, overcalls over strong artificial strong opening ... etc.

Please, Please – Share with your team as soon as you read this

Chers capitaines,

Certains d'entre vous jouent peut-être actuellement, mais vous pourrez lire ceci plus tard. Veuillez y prêter toute votre attention.

J'ai reçu plusieurs plaintes concernant l'absence d'alerte d'une enchère conventionnelle de la part de joueurs, et ces plaintes étaient appuyées par des photos contre de nombreuses équipes.

Veuillez noter que toutes les enchères conventionnelles/artificielles doivent être signalées avec une divulgation complète, même si elles sont claires du point de vue du joueur.

Double / Surcontre / 4 SA / Réponses à 4 SA / Transferts / Stayman / Marionnette, etc. Tant que ces enchères sont artificielles ou conventionnelles,

Il a été décidé que le non-respect de cette règle pourrait entraîner une pénalité de 0,25 PV pour votre équipe, même en l'absence de dégâts évidents.

Il est également très important de comprendre que:

Conformément à la politique d'alerte de la WBF/ABF (tous les joueurs sont tenus de se protéger dans une large mesure), comment se protéger ? (En s'informant sur la signification d'une enchère ou en vérifiant le CC), notamment lorsque des écrans sont utilisés.

En particulier, lorsque vous pensez que les enchères pourraient être conventionnelles ou artificielles, comme les enchères défensives, les interventions sur SA, les interventions sur une ouverture artificielle forte, etc.

S'il vous plaît, s'il vous plaît, partagez ce message avec votre équipe dès que vous le lirez.

Merci





Egypt vs. Tunisia - Open

The final session of the third day of the Round Robins Brought Egypt and Tunisia together in the Open Championship. Going into this match they were virtually neck and neck in second place, whoever came out on top in this encounter would end the day in second place.

Board 33. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ AK965	♠ QJ8732	♠ 10
♥ AQ2	♥ 5	♥ K10743
♦ 10	♦ AKJ98	♦ Q76542
♣ K873	♣ 5	♣ A
	♠ 4	
	♥ J986	
	♦ 3	
	♣ QJ109642	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mestri	ElSelehdar	Bellazreg	Samir
–	1♠	3♣*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
3♣	5-5, ♥ and ♦		

East's two-suited overcall warned off North from a further foray into the auction. North elected to lead a trump to South's ♥8 and declarer's ace. When the ♦10 was led North rose with the king and exited with the queen of spades to West's ace. The ace of clubs was cashed and a diamond was ruffed in hand, South throwing a club. To legitimately break the contract South needed to ruff the diamond – slightly counter-intuitive, but close analysis might lead South to that path. However, declarer ruffed a club and another diamond before cashing the king of clubs. If he now ruffs yet another club then he can make his contract but he endeavoured to cash the king of spades which South could ruff and get off lead with a club and declarer would be forced to play trumps from dummy so South's jack came into its own to defeat the contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Omran	Ghodhbane	Yousry	Fourati
–	1♠	2♦*	Pass
3♠*	4♦	Double	Pass
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

I was reminded of Tennyson's poem 'The Charge of the Light Brigade' which has the immortal line 'Into the valley of death rode the 600', here it might have been 'Into the valley of death rode the 6-5'. It was like watching a road accident in slow motion, declarer eventually lost control and finished six light, it was possible to have made five tricks, but it would only have saved an IMP but it was 16 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 35. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A942	♠ 7
♥ 54	♥ A1072
♦ A72	♦ K10
♣ KQ63	♣ J109875
♠ KQJ63	♠ 1085
♥ KQJ8	♥ 963
♦ QJ4	♦ 98653
♣ 4	♣ A2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mestri	ElSelehdar	Bellazreg	Samir
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The defence started with king and another club, ruffed by declarer who immediately tackled diamonds, North taking the second round, he cashed the ace of spades before trying another diamond but now declarer's hand was high and he had his contract.





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West	North	East	South
Omran	Ghodhbane	Yousry	Fourati
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♥	All Pass		
1NT	forcing		

A different evaluation by East with his heart support, the other table blasted into game whereas at this table not even a middle of the road invitation. The same ten tricks were recorded but 10 IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 39. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K10974	♠ QJ53	♠ 2
♥ A752	♥ KQ83	♥ 6
♦ 4	♦ AK85	♦ Q97632
♣ J98	♣ 7	♣ 65432
	♠ A86	
	♥ J1094	
	♦ J10	
	♣ AKQ10	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mestri	ElSelehdar	Bellazreg	Samir
–	–	–	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
4♣	splinter		

With the spade king offside there was no chance of twelve tricks and declarer soon garnered eleven tricks for an overtrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Omran	Ghodhbane	Yousry	Fourati
–	–	–	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	
4♣	splinter		

What is the point of the 4♣ splinter, declarer can only respond 4♥ (he cannot have a diamond control) as he will not want to pass the game contract,

especially if he is minimum. All you have done is to tell the defence you are short in clubs and then take a stab in the dark as to whether it is worth pursuing a slam. It is not the world's worst slam but it requires a lot more than just the spade finesse. The slam was trivially one down. 13 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 42. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 86	♠ KQ1075
♥ 764	♥ Q5
♦ J975	♦ 1042
♣ K872	♣ A54
♠ AJ	♠ 9432
♥ AK10983	♥ J2
♦ A6	♦ KQ83
♣ 1096	♣ QJ3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mestri	ElSelehdar	Bellazreg	Samir
–	–	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♥*	Pass
6♠*	Pass	7♥	All Pass
5♣	1 or 4 keycards		
♥Q	yes and ♠K		
5NT	kings?		
6♥	no		
6♠	Alerted as - I can count 12 tricks do you have the 13th?		

I am unsure of several things, firstly how does West know they do not have three clubs losers? East would have bid the same way with ♠KQ, ♥Q and ♦KQ, you would have ended at the five-level going one off. I am even more unsure how West can count twelve tricks, what if East's ♠Q was the ♦QJ, on a club lead the five-level might be in danger. But West was fortunate that East had the magic hand and there were thirteen top tricks. No other pair even made it to the small slam, they all recorded 4♥+3





Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Omran</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Yousry</i>	<i>Fourati</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♥	All Pass
4♣	cue		
4♦	cue		

Is East felt confident enough that the five-level is safe, if so surely he should bid 4♠, must be a second round control as he made a club control bid on the previous round. This would surely galvanise West into going for slam, cannot guarantee they would get to the seven-level but damage would be limited if they bid the small slam. 17 IMPs to Tunisia. The small slam would have saved 4 IMPs.

Board 44. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ KQ10985
♥ 1083
♦ Q95
♣ Q

♠ A42
♥ 42
♦ KJ106
♣ 10863

♠ J
♥ AKJ7
♦ A832
♣ AKJ7

♠ 763
♥ Q965
♦ 74
♣ 9542

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mestri</i>	<i>ElSehhdar</i>	<i>Bellazreg</i>	<i>Samir</i>
Pass	2♦*	Double	2♥*
Double*	2♠	Double	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3NT	All Pass
2♦	multi-weak maj		
2♥	Pass or correct		
Dble	to		
2NT	minors		

The defence started with spades and declarer took the third round and cashed four club tricks when the queen of clubs fell on the first round. The jack of diamonds held the next trick and now there were four diamond tricks and two hearts for two overtricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Omran</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Yousry</i>	<i>Fourati</i>
Pass	2♠	Double	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♦	All Pass

The king of spades was taken by declarer and a spade ruffed, this was followed by a losing trump finesse. North got off lead with a trump which ran round to hand. The last spade was ruffed and the two top heart honors were cashed. A heart was ruffed in hand and the outstanding trump drawn, unblocking the jack of clubs. It looks as though declarer must guess the club position but there is no position other than North holding the singleton queen that allows declarer to make his slam. 10 IMPs to Egypt

In a set where the slams played a major role Egypt had shaded Tunisia 51-37 or 13.75-6.25 VPs.





Kenya vs. Reunion - Open

An interesting clash at the bottom of the table at the end of day three saw Kenya and Reunion face off in the Open Championship. A good win by either team could move them into the top four.

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		♥ J986
		♦ 3
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Bhanumati</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Shah</i>
–	1♠	3♣*	Pass
4♥	5♦	Double	5♠
Double	Pass	Pass	6♣
Double	6♠	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

Three Clubs was alerted but not explained, the convention card says Ghestem which should mean hearts and diamonds but it appears that North did not get the memo and took self-immolation to a new high. The defence was correct and at the end of the debacle the score of 1700 was written in the out column.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P Shah</i>	<i>Hamel</i>	<i>B Shah</i>	<i>Lagache</i>
–	1♠	2♠*	Pass
4♥	4♠	5♥	All Pass

I have the idea that Ed Manfield had quite a good idea when he contributed the Bols Tip of 'The five-level belongs to the opponents'. I can see absolutely no reason for East bidding on, he has described his hand perfectly so let partner decide, it should have generated +1100 instead of -50. Hopefully by the

end of the championships I will have banged on long enough about that tip that one or two people might take notice and avoid some of the catastrophes we have seen. 18 IMPs to Kenya.

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♦ A72	♦ K10
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♠ KQJ63	
♥ KQJ8	
♦ QJ4	
♣ 4	
	♠ 1085
	♥ 963
	♦ 98653
	♣ A2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Bhanumati</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Shah</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♥	All Pass		
1NT	forcing		

In my book I think East is worth an invitation – it may just be anecdotal but it seems to me that those playing a forcing 1NT have tended not to invite on deals like this. It does not require the greatest of declarer skills to wrap up ten tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P Shah</i>	<i>Hamel</i>	<i>B Shah</i>	<i>Lagache</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT*	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
1NT	forcing		

So there goes my theory as here East proposes and West accepts. The same ten tricks were easily taken and 10 IMPs to Kenya.





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	♠ A86	
	♥ J1094	
	♦ J10	
	♣ AKQ10	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Bhanumati</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Shah</i>
–	–	–	1NT
2♣*	Double	Pass	Pass
2♠	Double	All Pass	

If West is looking for sympathy do not come to me. I will refrain from commenting on the vulnerable 2♣ bid and leave it to the reader to decide its merits. West had some fortune when the defence strayed from the best line, it should have been five off but he escaped for a mere three down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P Shah</i>	<i>Hamel</i>	<i>B Shah</i>	<i>Lagache</i>
–	–	–	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♣*	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

I make the same comment as in the previous article about the 4♣ bid. The contract was slated for one down and that was 14 IMPs to Kenya

Board 46. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ A4	♠ 10	♠ QJ732
♥ K9	♥ AQ10743	♥ 652
♦ Q95	♦ 84	♦ K1072
♣ AQ9732	♣ KJ54	♣ 6
	♠ K9865	
	♥ J8	
	♦ AJ63	
	♣ 108	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Giraud</i>	<i>Bhanumati</i>	<i>Huseinali</i>	<i>Shah</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1NT	2♥	2♠	Pass
3♣	All Pass		

On the ♠10 lead the queen was played from dummy and perhaps a misclick declarer played the ace. As a slightly bizarre aside the king of spades was never cashed. The ♦5 went to the king and ace and the jack of hearts was returned and declarer covered with the king so North took the ace and queen and continued with the ♥10. Declarer ruffed in hand and cashed the queen of diamonds and exited with the ♦9 to South's jack. Another diamond was ruffed by the ♣9 and over ruffed with the jack. Another heart was ruffed in dummy, overruffed with the ♣8 and declarer took the trick with the ♣Q. On the play of ace and another club North's hand was high. Four off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>P Shah</i>	<i>Hamel</i>	<i>B Shah</i>	<i>Lagache</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣*	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♣	2♥	Pass	3♥
3♠	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			
1♣	2+♣		

The jack of hearts was covered by the king and North took the ace and switched to the ♠10 which went to dummy's ace. A small diamond to the ♦10 allowed South to win with the jack and exit with the ♠9 to declarer's jack. On the lead of a small diamond South rose with the ace and led a heart for partner to cash two rounds and continue with another ruffed small by declarer and overruffed by South. After taking the diamond exit with the queen declarer played ace and another club which was ruffed in hand and overruffed by South who cashed the king of trumps and conceded the last trick to the king of diamonds. Four off. 14 IMPs to Reunion.

A small win for Kenya 11.20-8.80, who were now just seven points from the fourth position.





Tunisia vs. Kenya - Women

The third and fourth placed Women teams joined battle for the first session of day four. There was only two points between second, third and fourth so a win might even propel a team into second place.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ AK65		♠ QJ10
♥ Q54		♥ J106
♦ J10		♦ 42
♣ KQJ6		♣ A10753
♠ 8		♠ 97432
♥ K9		♥ A8732
♦ AKQ987653		♦ —
♣ 2		♣ 984

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Haria</i>	<i>Hedia</i>	<i>Virjee</i>	<i>Landa</i>
—	1NT	Pass	4♦*
Double	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♦	5♠	Pass	Pass
6♦	Double	All Pass	

I can sympathise with West in not wanting to defend with a nine card suit but the board winning bid is to pass 5♠. The contract is always at least one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goncalves</i>	<i>Soni</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Rupal</i>
—	1NT	Pass	2♦
4♦	Double	All Pass	

Was there some misunderstanding about the Double of 4♦, I suspect it had never been discussed. Perhaps North thought it was takeout and South thought it was penalties. To add injury to insult North led the queen of hearts and South overtook and played a heart back allowing declarer to make two overtricks for the unusual non-vulnerable score of 710. 13 IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ J942		♠ 10753
♥ AQ9752		♥ 8
♦ A		♦ J872
♣ Q10		♣ K952
♠ Q86		♠ AK
♥ 103		♥ KJ64
♦ KQ109		♦ 6543
♣ AJ84		♣ 763

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Haria</i>	<i>Hedia</i>	<i>Virjee</i>	<i>Landa</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦	1♠	3♦*	4♥

All Pass

On a diamond lead declarer won and drew trumps in two rounds and now declarer just lost two club tricks and so made an overtrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goncalves</i>	<i>Soni</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Rupal</i>
—	—	Pass	Pass
1♦*	1♥	2♦	3♥

All Pass

North ignored Jeff Meckstroth's dictum 'If partner freely supports your six-card major bid game.' It was no surprise that the maestro was yet again correct as we watched declarer take eleven tricks but lose 10 IMPs to Tunisia.





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Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A10965	♠ QJ	♠ K8
♥ AJ54	♥ Q7	♥ K10
♦ AQ	♦ 762	♦ K109543
♣ AQ	♣ J108653	♣ K94
	♠ 7432	
	♥ 98632	
	♦ J8	
	♣ 72	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Haria</i>	<i>Hedia</i>	<i>Virjee</i>	<i>Landa</i>
–	–	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

If the diamonds behave (73%) there are thirteen top tricks, with the actual distribution of the majors declarer could take eighteen tricks. I do not think East had promised more than five diamonds so I do not see an obvious way for West to visualise a grand slam.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goncalves</i>	<i>Soni</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Rupal</i>
–	–	1♦*	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
7♦	All Pass		
1♦	4+♦		

When East bid her diamonds for the third time West could be fairly certain that the diamond suit would be robust enough and one or two of us might have considered finding the four kings opposite before bidding the grand slam, one cannot argue with success. 12 IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ KJ10973	♠ AQ5	♠ 8
♥ 1043	♥ QJ7	♥ A8
♦ QJ82	♦ 9	♦ A107643
♣ –	♣ KQ10962	♣ J743
	♠ 642	
	♥ K9652	
	♦ K5	
	♣ A85	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Haria</i>	<i>Hedia</i>	<i>Virjee</i>	<i>Landa</i>
–	1♣	Pass	1♥
1♠	Double*	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
Dble	support double		

When West led a diamond East took her ace and returned the suit allowing the contract to be made. Declarer won with the king of diamonds win and a trump played to East's ace who belatedly played a club for West to ruff and exit with a spade. I nearly fell off my chair when declarer finessed – yes I know after the bidding it is 99% sure the king is in the West hand – but why take the chance. You have all the rest of the tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goncalves</i>	<i>Soni</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Rupal</i>
–	1♣	1♦	1♥
1♠	3♥	Pass	4♥
5♦	All Pass		

We will never know if West would have found the defence to 4♥ but as her teammates had made it in the other room so she was playing with the house's money. Declarer managed to ruff all her clubs in dummy and so was just one off. 11 IMPs to Tunisia.

Tunisia had beaten Kenya 72-6 or 20-0 in VPs. This moved them up to second place and demoted Kenya.





Egypt vs. Kenya - Women

The situation in the Women Championship for those fighting for places behind the currently dominant South Africa team is ever changing. In this match we have Egypt facing Kenya

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠	K954			♠	Q862
♥	AQJ864			♥	—
♦	5			♦	QJ864
♣	104			♣	J975
♠	J3		<div>W N E S</div>		
♥	1032				
♦	A102				
♣	K8632				
♠	A107				
♥	K975				
♦	K973				
♣	AQ				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shah	Arabi	Esmail	Hamdy
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The trump lead was taken in dummy and a diamond ducked to West who persisted with trumps. Winning in hand declarer ruffed another diamond and came to hand with a trump East carelessly discarding a spade. Another diamond was ruffed feeling the ace and establishing the king. A spade back to hand and the king of diamonds was cashed and king of spades and another established the ♠9 in dummy to get rid of declarer's losing club. Plus one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moussa	Rupal	Audiche	Soni
—	—	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The jack of spades was led and somewhat surprisingly declarer took the trick in hand – one would have thought that the lead was not from ♠QJ. Would this manoeuvre come back to haunt her? Declarer now crossed to dummy with a trump and took a losing club finesse. West exited with a spade and

declarer played low in dummy and East gratefully took her queen and fired a spade back for West to ruff and then cash the ace of diamonds for one off. Not declarer's finest hour. 13 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

	♠ K974	
	♥ A3	
	♦ J1092	
	♣ AQ2	
♠ 8	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ J652
♥ QJ9865		♥ K74
♦ AQ8		♦ K754
♣ 765		♣ 104
	♠ AQ103	
	♥ 102	
	♦ 63	
	♣ KJ983	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shah	Arabi	Esmail	Hamdy
2♥	Double	3♥	3♠
All Pass			

East's raise to 3♥ put maximum pressure on the opponents and they decided to rest in the part-score. Declarer tackled trumps correctly and so had ten top tricks for an overtrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moussa	Rupal	Audiche	Soni
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
2♦	multi, wk maj		

The same lead and same correct handling of trump suit led to the game being easily made. 10 IMPs to Kenya





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Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

	♠ AQ963	
	♥ 8	
	♦ K3	
	♣ Q10853	
♠ 542	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ J87
♥ J73		♥ Q10952
♦ 10854		♦ Q96
♣ 974		♣ KJ
	♠ K10	
	♥ AK64	
	♦ AJ72	
	♣ A62	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shah	Arabi	Esmail	Hamdy
-	-	-	1♦
Pass	1♠	2♥	3NT
All Pass			

With absolutely everything nicely placed it was almost impossible not to take twelve tricks. Do you want to be in slam? Six Clubs is well less than 50% (probably about 30%) so not an obvious slam to want to be in.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moussa	Rupal	Audiche	Soni
-	-	-	2♣*
Pass	2♠	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	5NT
Pass	6♠	All Pass	
2♣	19-22 any distribution		

Bold bidding from South on her minimum. For the slam to be successful spades had to come in for no losers -about 53% and the clubs had to come in for one loser - about 50% so the slam was about 26% but if it is your lucky day then it is your lucky day - especially if you had watched declarer take an unnecessary diamond finesse! 12 IMPs to Kenya.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ K10952	
	♥ 7	
	♦ K107654	
	♣ K	
♠ QJ4	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ 3
♥ KJ65		♥ 8432
♦ Q92		♦ J83
♣ 942		♣ AQ1085
	♠ A876	
	♥ AQ109	
	♦ A	
	♣ J763	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shah	Arabi	Esmail	Hamdy
-	2♠*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
2♠	5♠&any		

Declarer took the opening heart with dummy's, unblocked the ace of diamonds and ace and king of trumps. A diamond was ruffed in dummy and a heart in, this sequence was repeated and winning diamonds played, West was at liberty to take her master trump and ace of clubs at any time but the contract was safe

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moussa	Rupal	Audiche	Soni
-	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	All Pass	

Declarer had a 'moment' when she ruffed one of her winners and so was unlucky to go down in a safe contract. 11 IMPs to Egypt.





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Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

		♠ KQJ			♠ A1065
		♥ 1072			♥ J98
		♦ AJ8743			♦ KQ1052
		♣ A			♣ 5
♠ 92	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 8743			♠ —
♥ 654		♥ AKQ3			♥ —
♦ 96		♦ —			♦ —
♣ J109764		♣ KQ832			♣ —

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shah	Arabi	Esmail	Hamdy
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

On the lead of the jack of clubs declarer won in dummy and immediately dislodged the ace of spades now she had nine top tricks that turned into ten when the hearts broke kindly.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moussa	Rupal	Audiche	Soni
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Declarer was slightly unlucky as she went down when she ruffed a club in dummy and it was over-ruffed. If declarer had just played for a 3-3 break in trumps she would have made her contract but that it a lot less likely than a 6-1 split in clubs. 12 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

		♠ 1085			♠ KQJ642
		♥ 654			♥ A8
		♦ Q8764			♦ —
		♣ J2			♣ Q9853
♠ A973	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ —			♠ —
♥ KJ9		♥ Q10732			♥ —
♦ AK102		♦ J953			♦ —
♣ 106		♣ AK74			♣ —

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shah	Arabi	Esmail	Hamdy
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

The defence started with three rounds of clubs but declarer ruffed with the ace of trumps and had the rest of the tricks. A hand with seemingly no drama.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Moussa	Rupal	Audiche	Soni
—	—	1♠	Double
2♥*	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	All pPass		
2♥	good raise to 2♠		

Ambitious by West, but no cigar today, The defence took the first two tricks with the ace and king of clubs, so one off. 11 IMPs to Kenya.

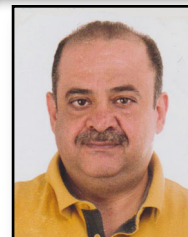
A match where IMPs were flying around, sometimes unnecessarily, and Tunisia had beaten Kenya by 50-35 or 13.97-6.03 VPs.





Championship Information

Your Chief Tournament Director Waleed El Menyawi explains the important procedures to be observed during the Championships:



The Followings are some important information from your Head TD which need to be carefully read by each member, captain or coach of any team, please refer to the [Conditions of Contest](#) for full details.

1. Play Format: Open, Women, Seniors & Mixed teams

1. Three Complete RR (15 Matches X 16 Boards each; in 5 days)
2. The top four teams will qualify to the Semi-final stage, the first ranked team will choose its opponents from between teams ranked 3rd or 4th.
3. Semi-Final will be five Segments of 16 Boards each, No Carry Over (Check the [CoC](#) for tie-breaks).
4. For the Semi-final, Final and play-off sessions, It has been decided that:
5. - The team ranked higher after the RR stage will be the Home team in segments 3 & 5 in the Semi-final.
6. - The team ranked lower after the RR stage will be the Home team in segments 2 & 4 in the Semi-Final.
7. - The 1st Segment will be blind line up.
8. - The team ranked higher after the RR stage will be the Home team in segment 3 in the Final or Play-off.
9. - The team ranked lower will be the Home team in Segment 2 while segment 1 will be blind.
10. The Final will be three Segments of 14 Boards each, No Carry Over (Check the [CoC](#) for tie-breaks).
11. The first 2 RR will be home and away line-ups.
12. The last Round Robin shall be done according to the final ranking of the teams in the previous played 2 rounds and will be a blind line-up.

2. Teams Events ... Last RR

The last Round Robin for all categories shall be done according to the final ranking of the teams in the previous played rounds.

3. Please click the link below for instructions

[Alert Procedures - Undo Procedures - General Instructions](#)

Note that : « Systems Policy Change: Please note that as of January 1st 2025 the use of a written defence against the Multi 2 Diamonds (or 2 Clubs) is no longer permitted in WBF events

5. Play instructions and Schedule of play ...

A. When you log on to the RealBridge game (using the game link), you will find your team





name written in one of the Tables.

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

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

D. The visiting team has to sit first at their table (Pairs NS and EW) and the Home team has the right to have a look at the visiting team and sit its pairs accordingly.

6. Request a review

1. First step is to review the TD ruling with the Head TD

2. Second step is apply for an official review by submitting a review form through the TD in charge of your case.

3. A request for a review of a Tournament Director's ruling must be lodged within 30 minutes of the first posting of the official score for the Session in which the board was played that is the subject of the ruling. All such requests must be lodged by the team's Captain or his designee, or by one member of the pair in the Pairs events.

4. When lodging a Request for Review the appellant must make a monetary deposit with the ABF monitor. The amount of deposit required will be US \$ 100 (or the equivalent in Euro)

5. The case will be reviewed by a person who was not involved in the original decision. The Reviewer will check that the TD has gathered the necessary evidence of what occurred when the infraction arose. The Reviewer will then need to be satisfied that the correct law was applied and that other TDs were consulted where appropriate. In matters involving the judgement that was exercised by a player following unauthorized information, incorrect explanation or failure to alert, the Reviewer will clarify that suitable players have been asked appropriate questions to enable a judgmental view to be obtained. Finally, the Reviewer will check that the ruling that was issued based upon all the information available to the TDs was within the bounds of reasonableness. The fact that the Reviewer might have determined a slightly different ruling would not be good reason for the ruling to be varied. In the event that the process had not been followed properly in some material way, the Reviewer will ask the Head TD to correct the failings and issue a new ruling.

7. 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.

8. 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) in Pairs NS and EW, later on, when we start the session, the software will automatically move the EW 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 NS and EW), 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.

9. Headphones / Earphones

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

- It is mandatory for each player to have 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.

10. Kibitzers

- Kibitzers are not allowed by any means at 1) the playing venue, 2) 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.

11. 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)
- 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 defense.





Roster - Open Teams

Egypt

Captain

Yehia El Shazly

Walid El Ahmady

Reda Amiry

Ahmed Samir

Aly El Selehdar

Ahmed Omran

Ahmed Yousry

Kenya

Captain

Sejal Shah

Sejal Shah

Kamal Shah

Punam Shah

Bijal Shah

Bhanumati Shah

Warren Stanley

Morocco

Captain

Khalil Bensouda

Khalil Bensouda

Andre O'Hana

Said Badri

Mohammed A Ammor

Tariq Sbili

Said Sbili

Reunion

Captain

Christian Giraud

Christian Giraud

Philippe Lagache

Narguis Huseinali

Patrick Hamel

Marie-Thérèse Boyer

Patrick Schilli

South Africa

Captain

Robert Stephens

Robert Stephens

Hennie Fick

Alon Apteker

Craig Gower

Noah Apteker

Neville Eber

Tunisia

Captain

Wissem Belazreg

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Anas Mestiri

Omar Meddeb

Ahmed Medeb

Anis Ghodhbane

Moez Fourati

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Roster - Women Teams

Egypt

Captain

Ayman Azzam (NPC)

Hoda Soliman

Dina El Awady

Nadia Taymour

Nessreine Hamdy

Nada Moussa

Christina Kiami

Kenya

Captain

Samina Ismail

Samina Ismail

Sumitra Shah

Samira Soni

Rupal shah

Vina Verjee

Trupti Haria

Morocco

Captain

Fatim Lahlou

Fatim Lahlou

Samira Teber

Graziella Nabil

Salwa Ayad

Khadija Marrakchi

Marie Claire O'Hana

South Africa

Captain

Tas Nestoridis

Roz Bernstein

Sharon Lang

Vanessa Armstrong

Carol Stanton

Lotte Sorensen

Tas Nestoridis

Tunisia

Captain

Hedia Sellami

Hedia Sellami

Ferdous Trabelsi

Jalila Ghodhbane

Maissa Farhani

Halima Mejri

Najeh Linda





RealBridge Playing Instructions

First : Log in , Lobby, at the table and Settings

1. To join any RealBridge game you will need a **LINK**

2. All the play links will be available on ABF website

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwop/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display_page24

AND you might also receive it by mail.

3. Click the link and you will be redirected to the log on page of our game which looks like the next figure ...

Notice that your video should appear in the right bottom corner of the page and mic volume showing that it works.

4. If you can't see your video then you need to allow your browser to use your cam and mic, do as follows to allow it

5. From Goggle Chrome and just before the address bar, press the lock icon

6. Allow cam and allow mic.

7. Write your name in the required field and press login – nothing else is to be done- **NO ID number will be used, (leave it blank)**

8. When you logged in you will see the lobby which almost looks like the following figure (**but this figure includes extra buttons for TDs**)

Notice the lobby chat window to the right.

Keep an eye to the Lobby chat

- For important announcements





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9. Each table labeled with a team name, find your table and chose where to sit (Sit N, Sit S, Sit E or Sit W)
10. Get familiar with the buttons at your table and call the TD using the button for help.

Volume control for your partner.

Volume control for left-hand opponent. You have a separate volume control for each player. This only affects what you hear.

Private chat with left-hand opponent. You can chat privately only with the opponents, not partner

Table 1
Rd 1 / 3

WEST
6m

Stephen Peterkin

Scores

Disalbe/enable your video.

Disalbe / enable your microphone. Use this when you're on the phone!

Hide / unhide the other players' videos. Use this if you have a poor connection.

Redial. Restarts audio and video connections. Use it if the connection fails, or if your video or audio gets out of sync.

Volume control for right-hand opponent.

Private chat with right-hand opponent.

Alert

Last trick Undo
Auction Director
Claim Leave

Andy Bowles

Settings

"Detailed cards" shows pictures of cards; "Simplified cards" are schematic and have larger symbols

The orientation of dummy's cards when you are defending.

The orientation of dummy's cards when you are declaring.

Choose the way you make bids and plays. With "Two taps", the first tap selects the card, then the second tap confirms. "Double click" means that you make two fast clicks.

Display style

- ☒ Detailed cards
- ☐ Simplified cards

Deal animation

Slide

As defender, see dummy

- ☐ Facing declarer
- ☒ Facing me

Animation duration

As declarer, see dummy as

- ☐ Vertical suits (facing declarer)
- ☒ Horizontal hand

Input style

- ☒ One click or tap
- ☐ Two taps (tablet)
- ☐ Double click (mouse)

OK Cancel

This controls how a new hand arrives at the beginning of each deal. Choose an effect, or set to "None" to have the hand simply appear.

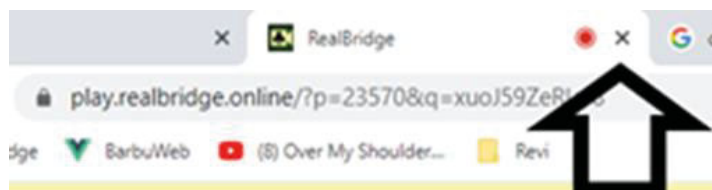
If you have an animation enabled, use the slider to control how long the animation lasts.





11. After we play all boards



Leave RealBridge, close the tab. See the small X? just click it.



12. Can Use and Can't use

Can Use	Can't use
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows laptop Windows desktop MacBook or another Apple laptop iMac or another Apple desktop Chromebook 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smartphone Old iPads, older than 2018.

You must use one of these web browsers (you probably are using one of them!):

Can Use ü	Can't use û
<p>Edge, Chrome, Firefox, Safari. The logo must look like one of these – exactly as below. If it looks different, you are using an out-of-date version. <i><u>If you are choosing amongst your browsers, we advise that you chose something other than Firefox.</u></i></p>	<p>Internet Explorer (notice the gold band) The old EDGE (see shape of the e)</p>
	

Second : Bidding, Play, Alert and System

13. **At the start** of any session, All the team members are required to be seated at the same table (Table with the **team name label**), the system will automatically move the EW pairs to the opponents table when we start the session **and will send them back to their home table when both tables finish playing the boards.**

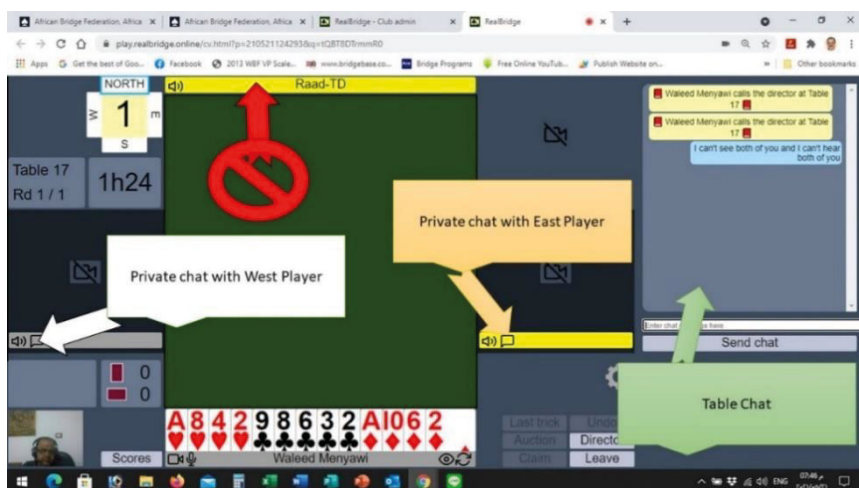
14. **Private chat and Table chat**

- It is strongly recommended to use the chat rather than the vocal chat; the TDs will not take into consideration any vocal explanation if you have any case.
- I will show you now, 2 figures and will appoint to you where to find the table chat (where the 4 players can see your chat) and where to find the private chat where you can chat privately with one of your opponents (not your partner of-course 😊).





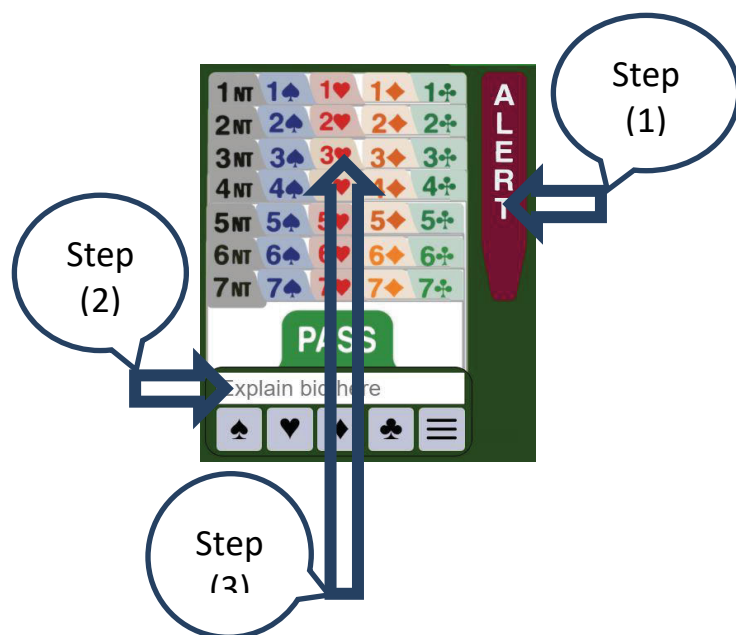
When you are at Full Screen mode



When you are at normal view (NOT Full Screen mode

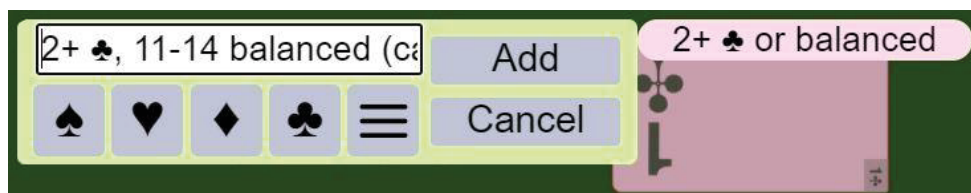
15. Self-alert and self-explanation proper procedure:

1. Click alert (if required)
2. Write / Put in explanation
3. Make bid

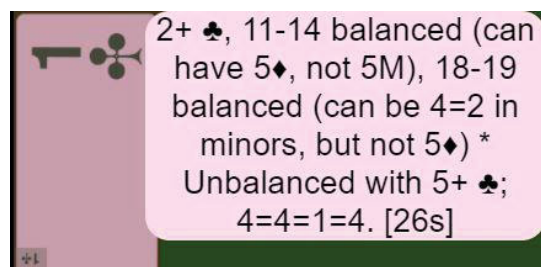




If you make a **mistake** or need to **explain your bid further** after you have bid, you can click on the bid and add more text.

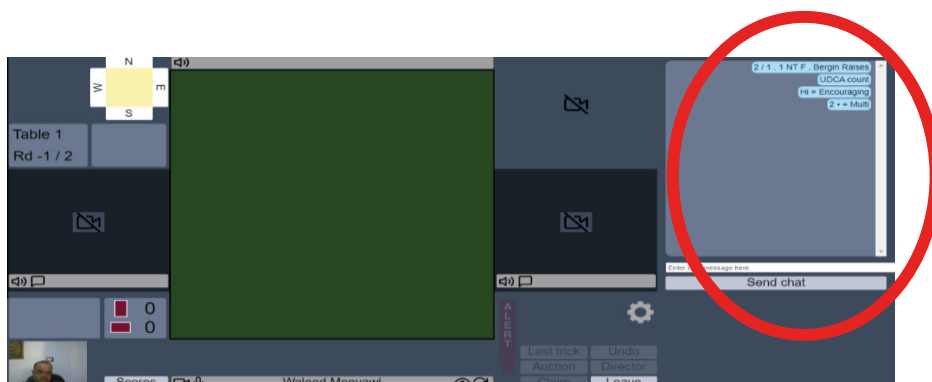


The added text will appear after an asterisk *. The time in seconds between when the bid was **made** and the added explanation was **submitted** is presented after the added text in the square brackets, for this example, 26 seconds. The character limit on explanations is 200 characters.



16. System

All teams are required to write a brief about their system at the table chat box before the start of first board in each match.

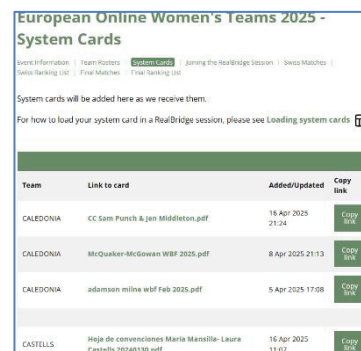




How to load your system card (convention card)

Step 1

Copy the link to your system card/convention card from where it is on the web, like this:



Team	Link to card	Added/Updated	Copy link
CALEDONIA	CC Sam Purich & Jen Middleton.pdf	18 Apr 2025 21:24	Copy link
CALEDONIA	McQuaker-McGowan WBF 2025.pdf	8 Apr 2025 21:13	Copy link
CALEDONIA	adamson mlina wbf Feb 2025.pdf	5 Apr 2025 17:08	Copy link
CASTELS	Hoja de convenciones Maria Manóvilis- Laura Castells 20240130.pdf	16 Apr 2025 11:07	Copy link

- Find your card.
- Click the **Copy Link** button next to the system card name.

Step 2

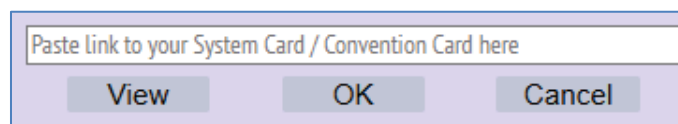
When sitting at the table, click the System Card/Convention Card icon to the right of your grey name-band at the bottom of the window.

This box appears:



Step 3 Paste your system card/convention card link into the box. To paste the link:

- On Windows, right-click in the box. Then do **Paste**.
- On a Mac, hold down **Ctrl** and click in the box. Then do **Paste**.
- On an iPad, long-press in the box. Then do **Paste**.



Paste link to your System Card / Convention Card here

View OK Cancel



http://www.infobridge.it/JSmith_AJones.pdf

View OK Cancel

Click OK.

