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The Champions Will Be Decided Today

The important semi-final phase of these championships is now under way, three of the five sessions have been played. Today we will find out which teams will be going to Herning for the World Bridge Teams Championships. The successful teams will then have to play two further sessions to determine the zonal champions.

In the Open Championship South Africa have huge lead of over 100 points against Kenya, who will need a miracle to come back from this situation. In the other semi-final Egypt are a mere 32 points ahead of Tunisia, a healthy advantage but not an insurmountable challenge.

Meanwhile the South Africa Women have an enormous lead over Kenya of 128 points, it is difficult to imagine that being overturned. Tunisia are 48 points ahead of Egypt who will need two very good sessions if they are to overturn that deficit.

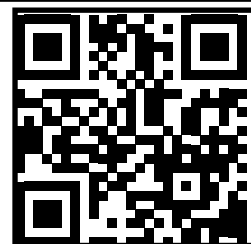
Two of the semi-finals are by no way decided and with a further 32 boards to play no one is guaranteed victory as yet.

Schedule For Semi-finals & Finals

Segments		Segment (4)	Segment (5)	Segment (1)	Segment (2)
Time		09h00 - 11h15	12h10 - 14h25	15h10 - 17h25	18h00 - 20h15
Saturday	10-May-25	Open SF (04)	Open SF (05)	Open Fin (01)	Open Fin (01)
		Women SF (04)	Women SF (05)	Women Fin (01)	Women Fin (01)

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Results

Open Championship

Team	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	Total
South Africa	51	89	51			191
Kenya	21	35	25			81
Egypt	29	37	28			94
Tunisia	4	35	23			62

Women Championship

Team	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	Total
South Africa	23	49	105			187
Kenya	10	36	13			59
Egypt	35	40	12			87
Tunisia	50	27	58			135

In both championships

Both RSA and EGY will be the home teams in segments 2,3 & 5

Both KEN & TUN teams will be the home teams in segments 1 & 4

Local Time

All times quoted within the Bulletins are GMT:

Morocco and Tunisia are one hour ahead.

South Africa is two hours ahead.

Egypt and Kenya are three hours ahead and

Reunion is four hours ahead.

So at 2.00 p.m. it is 3.00 p.m. in Morocco and Tunisia, 4.00 p.m. in South Africa and 5.00 p.m. in Egypt, and Kenya and 6.00 p.m. in Reunion.





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





South Africa vs. Tunisia - Open

The final session of the Round Robin in the Open Championship saw a top of the table encounter between South Africa and Tunisia. A big win for Tunisia would see them overtake South Africa at the final hurdle. A huge incentive.

Board 35. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 1064		
♥ K86543		
♦ 43		
♣ 54		
♠ AKQJ87		♠ 53
♥ 2		♥ A7
♦ QJ7		♦ K2
♣ KJ10		♣ A987632
		♠ 92
		♥ QJ109
		♦ A109865
		♣ Q

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mestiri</i>	<i>Eber</i>	<i>Bellazreg</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♦	Double
Pass	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	All	Pass	

Well bid to reach the second best contract (just less than 89%). The best contract is 6NT as there is no chance of an adverse ruff and the same conditions apply to its success. With trumps behaving there were an easy twelve tricks after South had cashed the ace of diamonds

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>A Apteker</i>	<i>A Meddeb</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>O Meddeb</i>
–	–	–	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	2♦
2♠*	Pass	4♠	All Pass
2♠	14-16		

I searched in my cupboard and found my old abacus and counted the points in the West hand and they seemed to come to 17, outside the range of the advertised bid. I then put on my 'Gosh do all

those points really work well?' glasses and they said 'Gosh, yes, really well'. According to the convention card 2♣ was game forcing and when partner was limited to a 16 count there seemed little prospect of any game other than 4♠. The problem of telling untruths is that frequently they come back and bite you. I am not sure what systemic bids West had available to him but I suggest there must be a better one than 2♠. Twelve tricks were swiftly taken and 12 IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 41. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ J873		
♥ J654		
♦ 1095		
♣ K8		
♠ 54		♠ KQ1062
♥ 3		♥ Q72
♦ AQJ843		♦ K6
♣ A1073		♣ Q52
		♠ A9
		♥ AK1098
		♦ 72
		♣ J964

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mestiri</i>	<i>Eber</i>	<i>Bellazreg</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
–	Pass	1♠	2♥
Double	3♥	Pass	Pass
4♦	All Pass		

Declarer's task was much simplified when North led the king of clubs. Having won the ace of clubs, trumps were drawn and a spade towards dummy let South take dummy's king with the ace. Declarer ruffed the second round of hearts and crossed to the queen of spades and ruffed another hoping for the queen to fall. When that was not the case a club to the queen followed by another towards the ♣10 established the tenth trick.





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West	North	East	South
A Apteker	A Meddeb	Gower	O Meddeb
–	Pass	1♠	2♥
3♦	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Had North passed 3NT it should have failed trivially and 4♥ could be two off. 4♠ did not look as though it would be a success but South came to the rescue when, after cashing the ace of hearts, he played ace and another trump. This killed partner's trump trick and allowed declarer to draw trumps, cash six diamonds and still have the ace of clubs for an unexpected overtrick. South needed to lead a minor suit card at trick two to beat the contract. 11 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 42. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 72	♠ AKQJ109	♠ 654
♥ AQ108	♥ K	♥ J7652
♦ 986	♦ AJ	♦ 1073
♣ KJ76	♣ A1083	♣ 95
	♠ 83	
	♥ 943	
	♦ KQ542	
	♣ Q42	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mestiri	Eber	Bellazreg	Stephens
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♠*	All Pass	
2♠	Acol two bid		

South obviously forgot the system, I suspect with other partners South plays weak twos. Even the best players sometimes fall asleep.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
A Apteker	A Meddeb	Gower	O Meddeb
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
2♣	22+ or 8+ tricks		

Was North a trifle hasty in bidding 4♠ as the spade slam basically comes down to diamonds breaking 3-3 or the clubs coming in for three tricks. When the lead was the ♣9 both conditions were true so declarer could claim twelve tricks. It was a case of some good news for both teams, for South Africa they only lost a game swing and for Tunisia not bidding the slam only cost 4 IMPs.

Board 44. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ QJ5	♠ 863
♥ KQ2	♥ 64
♦ AJ74	♦ Q109863
♣ 1063	♣ K7
♠ AK1072	♠ 94
♥ J87	♥ A10953
♦ K5	♦ 2
♣ J52	♣ AQ984

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mestiri	Eber	Bellazreg	Stephens
1♠	Pass	Pass	2♠*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
2♠	♥ and minor		

East's initial pass came as a surprise to me, 2♠ might have made it difficult for South to act when vulnerable. I also think that there was not complete harmony in the bidding but all's well that ends well. West cashed the ace and king of spades before exiting with a diamond to dummy's ace. Declarer took one round of trumps in dummy and cashed the queen of spades discarding a club and cashed the ace of clubs. Two further rounds of trumps finishing in hand saw declarer play West for doubleton king of clubs, he was wrong, but East had that combination. All's well.....

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
A Apteker	A Meddeb	Gower	O Meddeb
1♠	Pass	2♠	All Pass

My prognostication that 2♠ may cause problems was proved correct. After leading the king of hearts North switched to queen of trumps. Declarer won in hand and played another heart taken by South





who needed to play a diamond so as to get a ruff but continued with a trump. Declarer won in hand and ruffed a heart in dummy and led a small diamond towards his king. North took the ace and played a club, South taking the ace and queen and there was still a master trump to come for one down. 11 IMPs to South Africa.

At the end South Africa had beaten Tunisia 43-29 or 13.75-6.25 VPs. In the early part of the match South Africa had a little wobble and it looked as though Tunisia had a chance of a magnificent comeback but the ship was steadied and South Africa were guaranteed first place.

Quiz - The Solution

I set this quiz earlier in the championships. During the United States Bridge Federation trials in Schaumburg Illinois, this deal surfaced in the Round of 16:

♠ 64
♥ Q76
♦ AQ1064
♣ K106

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ AKJ73
♥ A105
♦ K852
♣ A

After a set of bidding misunderstandings South found himself playing 7NT. The good news was the lead was the ♠10. How did declarer play and make his contract without any error from the defence and there are no singleton kings or the like.

The solution is to play for a repeating squeeze against someone who holds four spades, the king of hearts and the queen and jack of clubs. The spades are an extended menace and you have two single card menaces in the hand squeezing the opponent.

To achieve this you need to unblock the ace of clubs, verify you can cope with four diamonds in the West hand and most importantly perform a Vienna coup in the heart suit. Then you can run your diamonds and your victim will be squeezed in three suits, if a spade is discarded then all the spades are good if one of the round suit is unguarded then cash that winner and the victim is squeezed again and you emerge triumphant.

The full deal was as follows:

♠ 64		♠ 64
♥ Q76		♥ Q852
♦ AQ1064		♥ K842
♣ K106		♦ 7
		♣ QJ98
♠ 109		
♥ J93		
♦ J93		
♣ 7543		

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ AKJ73	
♥ A105	
♦ K852	
♣ A	





Tunisia vs. Egypt - Women

The second important match at the end of the third day in the Women Championship saw Tunisia and Egypt battle it out for the second place.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ AQJ752	
	♥ AJ	
	♦ 54	
	♣ 962	
♠ 1043	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ K86
♥ Q109876		♥ K52
♦ K		♦ A1098
♣ Q87		♣ J103
	♠ 9	
	♥ 43	
	♦ QJ7632	
	♣ AK54	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hamdy	Trabelsi	Arabi	Hedia
–	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

East found the best opening lead of the jack of clubs taken in dummy and a losing trump finesse followed. Another club was taken, won in dummy. Declarer came to hand with the ace of hearts and drew trumps before playing a small diamond. East rose with the ace felling partner's king. Some simple arithmetic would have generated the answer that West and North between them have two more diamonds, if it is North then it is probably a good idea to duck as that will not allow declarer access to the winning diamonds, if it is West it is probably a good idea not to fell it under your ace. All was not lost as the defence still had a club and a heart to cash. But East came to declarer's rescue by playing two rounds of hearts thus a no hope contract was made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Goncalves	Soliman	J Ghodhbane	ElAwady
–	1♠	Pass	1NT*
2♥	2♠	3♥	Double*
All Pass			
1NT forcing			
Double negative			

North led the ♦5 to declarer's ace. A small trump from hand enabled North to rise with the ace and lead a top spade to be covered with the king and ruffed by South. The defence still had the ace and king of clubs to come – there was no entry to North's hand to cash a winning spade, so the contract was one off. 8 IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

	♠ K103	
	♥ A652	
	♦ 10432	
	♣ K8	
♠ J8752	<div>WN E SE</div>	♠ A64
♥ QJ743		♥ K1098
♦ —		♦ KJ7
♣ 972		♣ QJ5
	♠ Q9	
	♥ —	
	♦ AQ9865	
	♣ A10643	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Hamdy	Trabelsi	Arabi	Hedia
–	–	–	4NT*
Pass	5♦	Double	Pass
5♥	Double	All Pass	
4NT minors			

I can see that East might have thought she was being talked out of something but sometimes as a famous English lady international used to say 'When you are fixed, stay fixed'. You are going to need an awful lot from partner to be able to make a five-level contract and your minor-suit honours do not look as though they are pulling their full weight. The defence got off to a good start with ace and another club allowing North to ruff the





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third round. With the ace of trumps and two spades to come that was four off. 1100 out, rarely a good result.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goncalves</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>J Ghodhbane</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
–	–	–	1♦
2♦*	3♦	4♥	5♦
All Pass			
2♦	majors		

The heart lead was taken in dummy and a diamond was played to the queen, this meant that a trump trick had to be lost but with the only other loser being a spade the contract was assured. 12 IMPs to Tunisia.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ J83	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ KQ76
♥ Q95		♥ 873
♦ Q973		♦ 8
♣ J94		♣ KQ1063
♠ 954		♠ A102
♥ K6		♥ AJ1042
♦ AK6542		♦ J10
♣ 85		♣ A72

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamdy</i>	<i>Trabelsi</i>	<i>Arabi</i>	<i>Hedia</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Double	Pass
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

Might South have risked 2NT, her hand is worth 15 points with those three tens and all points seem to be working well and partner has made a free bid. When declarer took the heart finesse, quite naturally, in the wrong direction she two losers in each of the black suits and so made the eight tricks required for the contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goncalves</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>J Ghodhbane</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	Double	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

South had obviously read my musings in some previous life. West led his stronger black suit and the ♣4 was presented and East won the trick, declarer ducked the second round, and East continued the suit. The jack of diamonds won the next trick but West covered the next diamond lead so declarer won in dummy and played ace and another diamond and so had nine tricks. 10 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ Q2	<div style="display: inline-block; background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 64
♥ J8432		♥ 6
♦ K82		♦ A9753
♣ 732		♣ AKJ96
♠ A108		♠ KJ9753
♥ K107		♥ AQ95
♦ J1064		♦ Q
♣ 1085		♣ Q4

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamdy</i>	<i>Trabelsi</i>	<i>Arabi</i>	<i>Hedia</i>
–	–	1♦	1♠
Pass	1NT	2♣	2♥
3♦	3♥	4♣	4♥
5♦	All Pass		

It appeared as the contestants had not been given any Pass cards. When the music eventually stopped South played ace and another heart allowing declarer to discard a losing spade. The jack of diamonds ran to South's queen and another heart played and ruffed in hand. A spade to the ace and trumps were drawn with the aid of a finesse. Declarer realised that if the club finesse was wrong then crossing to dummy with a trump and losing to South's club queen would lead to a big vulnerable defeat so she cashed the ace and king of clubs and was fortunate enough to see the queen of clubs fall and thus the contract was made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goncalves</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>J Ghodhbane</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
–	–	1♦	1♠
3♦*	Pass	Pass	Double*
Pass	3♥	All Pass	
3♦	invite ♦ 8-11		
Double	negative		





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The defence cashed the two top clubs and the ace of diamonds and with the king of hearts and the ace of spades the contract was one off, scant reward against the vulnerable game in the other room. 11 VPs to Egypt

Board 24. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 105		
♥ 654		
♦ 97653		
♣ Q83		
♠ Q4		♠ A73
♥ AQ1097		♥ 83
♦ AJ42		♦ K108
♣ 65		♣ AJ942
	♠ KJ9862	
	♥ KJ2	
	♦ Q	
	♣ K107	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamdy</i>	<i>Trabelsi</i>	<i>Arabi</i>	<i>Hedia</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♠	Double
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

The cards were so handily placed that it is possible for declarer to make twelve tricks but declarer played safely for eleven.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goncalves</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>J Ghodhbane</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣	2♠
All Pass			

I do not believe East meant to pass, it must have been an unfortunate mechanical error. The play is of little interest, the contract failed by two tricks but that was 8 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ KJ102		
♥ QJ1098		
♦ QJ10		
♣ 6		
♠ A43		♠ 987
♥ K4		♥ A752
♦ AK962		♦ 874
♣ Q52		♣ AJ10
	♠ Q65	
	♥ 63	
	♦ 53	
	♣ K98743	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hamdy</i>	<i>Trabelsi</i>	<i>Arabi</i>	<i>Hedia</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North made the obvious lead of the queen of hearts taken in hand with the king. Declarer immediately tackled the diamond suit by playing ace and another. North won and continued hearts but declarer ducked and took the next round. The good diamonds were cashed and now declarer could take the club finesse in safety as South could not play another heart and so the contract was safe.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goncalves</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>J Ghodhbane</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Yet again declarer beat the queen of hearts with her king and now got her timing wrong by taking the club finesse. South won and now had a heart to lead to set up the suit and so when declarer set about diamonds North could not be prevented from gaining the lead and cashing good hearts to take the contract down. Declarer needs to attack diamonds first as the club finesse will always be into the South hand and if that fails you can see what actually happened. 10 IMPs to Egypt.

With a plethora of swings Tunisia just shaded Egypt by two points and so won 10.61-9.39 in VPs and so remained in second place.





Egypt vs. Tunisia - Open

The opening session of five in the Open Championship had Egypt and Tunisia pitted against each other. They were extremely close after the Round Robin start to the championship, a good win by either side could establish dominance for the rest of the semi-final matches.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ A986	♠ J1054	♠ Q
♥ A1094	♥ —	♥ KJ8
♦ KJ	♦ 97532	♦ AQ1086
♣ 543	♣ Q1086	♣ AJ92
	♠ K732	
	♥ Q76532	
	♦ 4	
	♣ K7	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goncalves</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Trabelsi</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
1♣*	Pass	1♦	
1♥	Pass	3♣	All Pass
1♣	2+♣		

It appears that there was a difference of opinion as to whether 3♣ was forcing. The decision that it was not was not the right one. The number of tricks declarer made was barely of interest, it happened to be plus one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Audiche</i>	<i>J Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Moussa</i>	<i>Hedia</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2♠	FSF		

Always a point that can confuse new partnerships—the difference between 1♠ and 2♠ as respondent's rebid. However no confusion here and quickly the optimum contract was reached. Declarer swiftly amassed eleven tricks when the heart suit behaved nicely.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ A63	♠ Q954
♥ —	♥ AKJ10765
♦ Q10876	♦ K
♣ AKJ104	♣ 5
♠ K102	♠ J87
♥ Q98	♥ 432
♦ A432	♦ J95
♣ Q63	♣ 9872

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goncalves</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Trabelsi</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1♦	1♥	Pass
2♦*	3♣	4♥	All Pass
2♦	fit with maximum pass		

Declarer was not overly taxed in the play and swiftly recorded eleven tricks having lost two aces.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Audiche</i>	<i>J Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Moussa</i>	<i>Hedia</i>
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	4NT*	5♥	Pass
6♥	All Pass		
4NT	minors		

I wonder if the partnership had discussed this auction. What if East had waited for South to choose a minor and then bid 5♥? What is the difference between a direct 5♥? Not sure me and my regular partner know, some sort of bridge logic says I could have waited and therefore a direct intervention is stronger but I cannot say so with conviction. It is just one of those many conversations you may not have had with your partner. West may have been a trifle 'gourmand' but there was no escape from the missing two aces. 13 IMPs to Tunisia.





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Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

	♠ 96		♠ QJ873
	♥ Q75		♥ A986
	♦ AJ96		♦ 2
	♣ A1064		♣ 832
♠ A1052	<div>W N E S</div>		
♥ K			
♦ Q10854			
♣ KQ5			
	♠ K4		
	♥ J10432		
	♦ K73		
	♣ J97		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goncalves</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Trabelsi</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
1♦	4+♦		

On South's lead of a heart dummy won with the singleton king and played a small diamond. North played the jack which held the trick and in a vain effort to cut down ruffs in dummy played a trump which solved declarer's trump situation and now declarer just lost a diamond and a club for plus one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Audiche</i>	<i>J Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Moussa</i>	<i>Hedia</i>
–	Pass	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

I am not sure that many East's would continue in the manner of the other room and here they peacefully passed with their minimum. With the trump king onside declarer was not hard pressed to score an overtrick. 10 IMPs to Tunisia

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

		♠ AK			♠ 5
		♥ AJ4			♥ 1098
		♦ AJ6432			♦ Q1087
		♣ J10			♣ AQ863
♠ J1043	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q98762			♠ Q98762
♥ 52		♥ KQ763			♥ KQ763
♦ K95		♦ –			♦ –
♣ 9542		♣ K7			♣ K7

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goncalves</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Trabelsi</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
–	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦*	Pass	6♠

All Pass

If the spades behaved then declarer was in with a chance but unfortunately the spades were not cooperative and so declarer was soon one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Audiche</i>	<i>J Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Moussa</i>	<i>Hedia</i>
–	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Different level, different suit, but only game level, but the same eleven tricks available so 10 IMPs to Egypt.





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Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ KQ865			
♥ K10943			
♦ A			
♣ 95			
♠ J1043		♠ 9	
♥ 52		♥ AJ8	
♦ Q10		♦ 95432	
♣ AK872		♣ Q1064	
	♠ A72		
	♥ Q76		
	♦ KJ876		
	♣ J3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goncalves</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Trabelsi</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	

East found the good lead of a small club. West took two rounds and played a third on which declarer discarded a heart and ruffed in dummy. Declarer now played ace and another trump, West splitting his honours. After unblocking the ace of diamonds a small heart saw East rise with the ace and play another club strangely this suited declarer as it allowed him to shorten his trumps. Now a heart to dummy and the king of diamonds, when the queen fell the jack of diamonds was like leading a trump and West's trump holding was nullified.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Audiche</i>	<i>J Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Moussa</i>	<i>Hedia</i>
–	–	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

On the third round of clubs at this table declarer elected ruff in hand and discard a heart. The ace of diamonds followed by a heart to the queen and then a small heart to the ♥9 allowed East's jack to score. The ace of hearts was ruffed in dummy but overruffed by West who exited with a club, but the defence could not stop declarer taking the rest of the tricks but the contract was already one off. 10 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 3			
♥ J62			
♦ QJ1052			
♣ Q965			
♠ 52		♠ AK94	
♥ KQ1084		♥ A3	
♦ AK7		♦ 98643	
♣ K107		♣ 84	
	♠ QJ10876		
	♥ 975		
	♦ –		
	♣ AJ3		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Goncalves</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Trabelsi</i>	<i>ElAwady</i>
–	–	–	22♦*
2♥	Pas	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

On the lead of a spade, when the hearts behaved declarer made an overtrick leading towards the king of clubs.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Audiche</i>	<i>J Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Moussa</i>	<i>Hedia</i>
–	–	–	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Dummy took North's spade lead and played a club, South rising with the ace and giving partner a spade ruff. A diamond from North gave South a chance to ruff and a club was returned, declarer winning in hand. The losing club was ruffed and declarer had to decide whether South started life as 6304 or 6205. He did not choose wisely when he played a diamond from dummy which South ruffed to take the contract down. 10 IMPs to Tunisia. Egypt had lost to Tunisia 35-50, but with four more sessions to play not a significant blow.





South Africa vs. Kenya - Women

Having narrowly won the first session, South Africa in the Women Championship needed to stamp their authority over Kenya. A loss could dent the confidence of the team, especially as Kenya had demonstrated they could pull matches out of the fire.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 104		♠ AQ7
♥ 95		♥ AJ62
♦ AKQ9742		♦ 5
♣ 43		♣ Q10875
♠ K92	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ J8653
♥ 743		♥ KQ108
♦ 103		♦ J86
♣ AK962		♣ J

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Haria</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Virjee</i>	<i>Lang</i>
–	–	1♣	Pass
1NT	2♦	All Pass	

I was surprised when West sold out to 2♦, her side is good for 4♣. With a ruff in dummy of a club declarer was safe for an overtrick. Just a simple part-score hand.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ClosedW</i>	<i>ClosedN</i>	<i>ClosedE</i>	<i>ClosedS</i>
–	–	1♣*	2♣*
2♥*	3♦	Double	Pass
Pass	3♥	Double	All Pass
2+♥			
2♣	maj		
2♦	good ♣ raise		

I think I have discovered a new coup which I shall call the 'reverse-Biltcliffe coup' where you are doubled in a game making contract but escape to a losing doubled contract and go for 1000 or more. Why South should think her hand worthy of a two-suited overcall escapes me but not as much as North retreating from 2♦X into a Burn's law

breaking contract going for an unnecessary 1400. 17 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 42		♠ 7
♥ 107532		♥ A94
♦ K9854		♦ AJ32
♣ K		♣ A9432
♠ AQ10	<div>W N E S</div>	♠ KJ98653
♥ KQJ86		♥ –
♦ 10		♦ Q76
♣ QJ106		♣ 875

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Haria</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Virjee</i>	<i>Lang</i>
Pass	1♦	1♠	Double
2♠	3♥	All Pass	

If South has promised 4♥ and at least an eight count with her negative double then maybe North should go direct to game, probably a 50-50 situation. With the ♥Q doubleton and the miracle club position declarer was soon wrapping up eleven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ClosedW</i>	<i>ClosedN</i>	<i>ClosedE</i>	<i>ClosedS</i>
Pas	1♦	1♠	Double
3♠	4♥	All Pass	

West's weak raise had the effect of propelling the opposition into game and as per the other table eleven tricks were soon the order of the day. 10 IMPs to Kenya.





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Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Haria</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Virjee</i>	<i>Lang</i>
-	-	1♦	1♥
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

After South's daring intervention it seemed that the opposition could not find a way to their to a slam. With both minor suits behaving when a heart was not lead declarer had all thirteen tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ClosedW</i>	<i>ClosedN</i>	<i>ClosedE</i>	<i>ClosedS</i>
-	-	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

In 6♣ if the trump suit broke kindly then the contract was almost assured and on a trump lead declarer scooped up all thirteen tricks. 12 IMPs to South Africa

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

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

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Haria</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Virjee</i>	<i>Lang</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
1NT	Double*	2♣	2NT*
Double	All Pass		
Double	long minor or majors		
2NT	bid your suit		

Why South should want to enter this auction is beyond me (and you are vulnerable), it is extremely probable that partner has the majors so why do you want to play in a 5-2 fit when the opposition undoubtedly has the majority of the points. We will pass over the calamity that was the play of the cards and note that 1100 was written in the out column.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ClosedW</i>	<i>ClosedN</i>	<i>ClosedE</i>	<i>ClosedS</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
1NT*	2♦*	Pass	2♠
All Pass			
1NT	14-16		
2♦	majors		

East seems to have been a little timid on this auction, knowing her side had the balance of points allowing them to play sedately at the two-level seems like selling out. The defence was not stellar but it took the contract one off. 14 IMPs to Kenya, the extra undertrick would have made no difference to the score.





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Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ KQ53		
	♥ A9876		
	♦ 64		
	♣ AK		
♠ AJ876		♠ 94	
♥ Q2		♥ KJ54	
♦ 98		♦ KJ2	
♣ 10832		♣ Q975	
	♠ 102		
	♥ 103		
	♦ AQ10753		
	♣ J64		



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Haria</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Virjee</i>	<i>Lang</i>
–	1♥	Pass	1NT*
2♠	All Pass		

I think North is still waiting for South's protective double. The sorry contract finished three off. The question was whether there was game available for the opposition.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>ClosedW</i>	<i>ClosedN</i>	<i>ClosedE</i>	<i>ClosedS</i>
–	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The club lead was taken in dummy and a diamond was played to the queen which held the trick, now declarer had no chance, there was no layout of the diamonds that would allow her to take five or six tricks in the suit because there was no entry to hand. Declarer needs to play East for one or more of the missing two honours by taking a first round finesse with the ♦10 – a 76% play as opposed to a 0% play. Now the contract finished two light. 11 IMPs to South Africa.

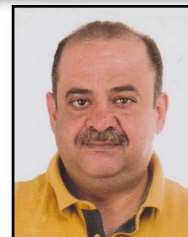
South Africa had won the session 49-36, giving them an overall lead of 26 points.





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





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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

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Captain

Wissem Belazreg

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Anas Mestiri

Omar Meddeb

Ahmed Medeb

Anis Ghodhbane

Moez Fourati

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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

