



The First Round Robins Complete

The Open Competition has finished its first Round Robin and started on the second. South Africa and Morocco both had three wins so both moved up the table. South Africa won the important match against Egypt so at the top of the table it is **South Africa** with **Egypt** behind them.

In the Women's Competition they play a Round Robin everyday and so now have completed two of them, nobody scored three wins but Tunisia will be pleased with two victories after three losses the previous day. **Egypt** have opened up a decent lead and they are followed by **Morocco**.

N.B.

Several teams were late lining up yesterday. A second infraction will incur a half victory point penalty. Please make sure you are in your seats at the appointed hour.

Open	Team	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	2.1	Total
	South Africa	18.66	12.80	20.00	17.17	14.80	7.71	91.14
	Egypt	18.87	14.80	15.56	5.82	5.20	20.00	80.25
	Morocco	5.82	7.20	3.91	14.18	14.60	16.73	62.44
	Tunisia	14.18	13.28	4.44	2.83	11.20	3.27	49.20
	Reunion	1.34	5.20	16.09	3.27	8.80	12.29	46.99
	Kenya	1.13	6.72	0.00	16.73	5.40	0.00	29.98
Women	Team	1.1	1.2	1.3	2.1	2.2	2.3	Total
	Egypt	15.56	13.97	13.52	16.58	5.40	14.60	79.63
	Morocco	19.07	4.81	6.48	18.97	6.72	5.40	61.45
	South Africa	4.44	15.19	17.03	3.42	13.28	5.61	58.97
	Tunisia	0.93	6.03	2.97	1.03	14.60	14.39	39.95

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Open Teams - Egypt v Tunisia

The third session of Day one in the Open Teams event saw Egypt take on Tunisia. After two rounds Egypt were just shading South Africa to head the standings. A good win here would see them cement their position. Tunisia had had a good start with two wins, a third would see them challenging for the first spot.

Board 34. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K743		♠ 65									
♥ K3		♥ A75									
♦ AQ3		♦ J75									
♣ 9642		♣ AQ1053									
♠ Q9	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ AJ1082
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ Q84	♥ J10962										
♦ K109864	♦ 2										
♣ J8		♣ K7									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmerli	Amiry	Rebai	Samir
-	-	1♣	2♦*
Double	4♠	All Pass	
2♦	Majors		

West's Double showed some diamonds and some points and in response to that East led a diamond to the king and ace. Declarer now took the king of trumps and a losing finesse. West tried a small heart but declarer played low and East was forced to win with the ace. He then cashed the ace of clubs and then declarer had the rest of the tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ahmed	Meddeb	Hussein	Ghodhbane
-	-	1♣	2♦*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
2♦	Majors		

In the absence of a bid from partner East started with ace and another club, drawing the jack from West on the second round. Declarer continued with a trump to the king and then took a losing finesse. East pushed a diamond through and naturally

declarer spurned the finesse and won with the ace. Now declarer could not avoid going down even though the hearts were perfectly distributed as a club now from East reduced the entries to dummy and although the hearts could be established there would not be an entry to enjoy them. Where did declarer go wrong? There is an adage players better than I (and I assure there are many) say: 'Tackle the side suit before trumps'. In this case whilst the lead was not unhelpful it prematurely took an entry away from dummy. If at trick three declarer starts with the jack of hearts he will succeed as the cards lie. East will win with the ace and lead another club which West can overruff but now you have control of the trump suit and will not need to risk a finesse. You now have the timing and entries to set up and enjoy the heart suit. Had the heart jack lost to the queen there would still have been a play for the contract in that you can play West for queen doubleton in the trump suit. The problem with taking the trump finesse is that you have burnt your boats and need to take the heart and the diamond finesses to make your contract. Tackling hearts first nearly always gives you the contract if the ♥Q is onside and still leaves you chances if it is not. The upshot was 12 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 35. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 95		♠ K1062									
♥ 9863		♥ A									
♦ QJ9		♦ 854									
♣ Q1095		♣ 76432									
♠ QJ874	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A3
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ J10542	♥ KQ7										
♦ K	♦ A107632										
♣ A8		♣ KJ									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmerli	Amiry	Rebai	Samir
-	-	-	1NT
2♦*	Pass	4♠	All Pass
2♦	Majors		





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Another auction where we have a 2♦ bid showing the majors. South found a good start for the defence when he started with ace and another trump. Declarer correctly identified that if the clubs were kind then the contract would be made and so played ace and another club. Unfortunately the clubs were not kind and so the contract faltered. It was a good plan but as Lasker the chess grandmaster was credited with saying 'If you find a good move, look for a better one.' Had declarer taken an extra moment of thought he would have added an extra string to his bow. He should cash the ace of hearts before starting on the clubs, then if clubs failed to deliver a fortunate position in the heart suit may rescue the contract. Look at this hand, the king and queen of hearts is trebleton and so you will succeed even though the clubs are against you.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ahmed	Meddeb	Hussein	Ghodhbane
-	-	-	1♦
1♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

In response to partner's opening bid North led the queen of diamonds taken by the ace and felling the king. South continued with another diamond and declarer ruffed this and then played ace and another club which was won by South who now had the opportunity to break the contract by playing two rounds of trumps but he continued with another diamond and now declarer could crossruff his way to ten tricks. As explained above declarer should have cashed his ace of hearts before playing a second round. Another 12 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 40. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ K85			
♥ 8			
♦ Q1074			
♣ 109654			
♠ A4		♠ QJ7	
♥ 53		♥ AQJ1076	
♦ KJ862		♦ 93	
♣ AK73		♣ Q8	
	♣ W	♣ E	♠ 109632
	N	S	
♥ K942			
♦ A5			
♣ J2			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmerli	Amiry	Rebai	Samir
1♦	Pass	1♥*	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

From the sparse Convention Card it seems that the Two Clubs bid was some form of checkback, but I cannot be sure, whatever the meanings of all the bids the second best contract was reached (3NT looks pretty impregnable). The lead was the ♠10 which was taken by North with his king and he returned a diamond to his partner's ace. The diamond continuation was taken by dummy's king and a losing trump finesse was taken, but this was the last trick for the defence.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ahmed	Meddeb	Hussein	Ghodhbane
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

South led a small trump won by declarer in hand with the queen. A spade finesse lost to North's king and a club was returned, won in hand with the queen. The ace of trumps was cashed to expose the bad break and a diamond led towards dummy, declarer taking the right view by rising with the king. Declarer now played another diamond taken by South with the ace who then locked declarer back in dummy with a club and now whatever declarer did South would come to two trump tricks. All declarer needed to when the king of diamonds held the trick was to cash the top clubs discarding the losing diamond, even if South ruffed he would only have the king of trumps to come and so the contract would have succeeded. Ten IMPs to Tunisia





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Board 45. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ AKJ4	♠ 8
♥ J8	♥ K1076543
♦ Q982	♦ 104
♣ KJ5	♣ Q63

♠ Q103	♠ 97652
♥ A9	♥ Q2
♦ AJ75	♦ K63
♣ A872	♣ 1094



East's aggressive bid paid handsome dividends when the trumps broke 2-2 and, as expected, the ♣K was onside. Always pleasant to make a vulnerable game after the opposition have opened a strong no-trump.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ahmed	Meddeb	Hussein	Ghodhbane
-	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

At this table East was not made of the stern stuff in the other room and so the opposition were allowed to play peacefully in a part-score which drifted one off but netted 11 IMPs for Tunisia.

At the end of the session the battles for the double-digit swings was a tie but Egypt had the better of the part-score swings and won by 44-21 or in VPs 15.56-4.44.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Zmerli	Amiry	Rebai	Samir
-	1NT	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
2♣	single-suited		

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Women Teams - Egypt v South Africa

The first session of the second Round Robin saw Egypt and South Africa face each other. These two teams were at the top of the standings after the first Round Robin, both teams would be eager to win this one so as to have bragging rights and hopefully the lead at the end of the day.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ K		♠ 8532
♥ QJ43		♥ K86
♦ K1095		♦ Q73
♣ K864		♣ Q92
♠ J104	♠ N	
♥ A1052	W	♠ 8532
♦ J8642	E	♥ K86
♣ A	S	♦ Q73
		♣ Q92
		♠ AQ976
		♥ 97
		♦ A
		♣ J10753

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Balderson</i>	<i>El Awady</i>	<i>Gautschi</i>
-	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦*
All Pass			

The 2♦ was self-alerted as Fourth Suit Forcing – I suspect a misclick. It was not a happy contract and drifted two off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Child</i>	<i>Homsy</i>	<i>Pieters</i>	<i>Wattar</i>
-	1♣	Pass	1♠
Double	Pass	1NT	Double
Pass	Pass	Redble	Pass
2♦	Double	All Pass	

It is generally not a good idea to for both pairs to play in the same suit. I must confess to not being a fan of West's Double, both opponents are unlimited and even if they are minimum you will get another chance to enter the auction. The defence dropped a trick but it was still three off and 12 IMPs to Egypt

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ J654		♠ A1072
♥ 8		♥ J52
♦ AK86		♦ Q1042
♣ K1076		♣ J8
♠ K8	♠ N	
♥ K964	W	♠ A1072
♦ 9753	E	♥ J52
♣ 954	S	♦ Q1042
		♣ J8
		♠ Q93
		♥ AQ1073
		♦ J
		♣ AQ32

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Balderson</i>	<i>El Awady</i>	<i>Gautschi</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
2♣	FSF		

East led a fourth-best spade to her partner's king. West switched to a diamond which declarer ducked to East's queen. Another diamond brought the ♦9 from West and declarer won with her ace. An unsuccessful finesse in the heart suit followed and the defence continued the diamond attack, declaring unsuccessfully inserting the ♦8 and now East cashed the ace of spades after taking her diamond trick to set the contract. When the defence switched to diamonds at trick two declarer should realise that all she needs is nine tricks and has she already has seven if the clubs behave. After the initial spade lead who has the ♠10? It is not West as she would have inserted it rather than playing the king, thus declarer can get home by immediately rising with a diamond honour and playing a spade towards the ♠Q9 in dummy and thus generating two spade tricks and enough for the contract.





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West	North	East	South
<i>Child</i>	<i>Homsy</i>	<i>Pieters</i>	<i>Wattar</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥*
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT

All Pass

East made the unfortunate lead of a small diamond allowing dummy's singleton jack to hold the trick. Declarer cashed three rounds of clubs, East discarding a diamond, before leading a spade. West rose with the king to lead a diamond back, but declarer was well in control and another spade set up an overtrick but West was caught in a red-suit squeeze in the ending and so eleven tricks were taken. 13 IMPs to Egypt.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ QJ4		♠ A2									
♥ AKQ86		♥ J104									
♦ J54		♦ Q1032									
♣ A9		♣ Q1062									
♠ 109753	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ A2
		N									
W		E									
	S										
♥ 97		♥ J104									
♦ AK		♦ Q1032									
♣ J875		♣ Q1062									
		♠ K86									
		♥ 532									
		♦ 9876									
		♣ K43									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Balderson</i>	<i>El Awady</i>	<i>Gautschi</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

All Pass

Declarer looks doomed as the defence can always cash five tricks. East, looking at her minors, selected the 'stronger' and led a small club, which West ducked into West's hand. The defence still now have five tricks to cash but West persevered with a club taken by dummy's blank ace. Three rounds of hearts followed with West discarding the ♠5. Declarer is now in a position to make her contract, the simplest method being to cash two more hearts and play on spades, but declarer elected to go for the spades before cashing the hearts and made the error of playing small towards the king which held the trick. Now declarer could not cash the ♣K as that would give the rest of the tricks to the defence so she played another spade which East perforce won and as long as East did not play another pointless club declarer would be down as the ♣K could no longer be reached. As you can imagine from the tone of this disquisition East was fated to continue with clubs and give declarer an unmakeable contract. The defence had opportunities to beat the contract and declarer was generous enough to give two more chances which were spurned by the defence.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Child</i>	<i>Homsy</i>	<i>Pieters</i>	<i>Wattar</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦*	Pass	3♥

All Pass

North made a game try but South with her meagre collection did not accept. There was little to the play as trumps behaved, so three diamonds and the ace of spades were lost as were six IMPs to Egypt.

Egypt continued to have the better of the part-score battles and ran out winners 50-21 or 16.58-3.42 VPs.





Open Teams - South Africa v Tunisia

While waiting to watch the second match of the day between Egypt and South Africa I espied a few interesting deals from the first session between South Africa and Tunisia.

continued with a diamond which South ruffed, but he was ruffing a loser and so declarer just lost the top four tricks for two off but 15 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 976		♠ 10
♥ A		♥ J9652
♦ KJ843		♦ Q109752
♣ AK72		♣ Q
♠ QJ	N	
♥ KQ1074	W	E
♦ A6	S	
♣ 8654		
♠ AK85432		
♥ 83		
♦ —		
♣ J1093		

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ Q9		♠ A8752
♥ AJ1094		♥ 8
♦ 653		♦ AJ1094
♣ 1073		♣ 62
♠ 103	N	
♥ KQ653	W	E
♦ 872	S	
♣ AQJ		
♠ KJ64		
♥ 72		
♦ KQ		
♣ K9854		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rebai</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Zmerli</i>	<i>Cruise</i>
–	1♦*	Pass	1♠
2♥	Double*	4♥	4♠
Pass	4NT	5♥	5NT*
Pass	6♠	All Pass	
1♦	unbalanced, normally five cards unless 4441		

Unfortunately the meaning of the Double of Two Hearts is not revealed in the convention card but when South freely bid 4♠ North was rich enough in controls to envisage more. As I understand the 5NT response after the interference over the Blackwood enquiry it showed two keycards and the queen of trumps. Now North could bid the slam. The play was not overtaxing and thirteen tricks rolled in. Well bid.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fick</i>	<i>Hedi</i>	<i>Eber</i>	<i>Jellouli</i>
–	1♦	Pass	1♠
2♥	Double	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Double
All Pass			

I am not privy to the high-level understandings of the North/South pair but maybe it was of the Lightner variety. After the ace of clubs lead North

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rebai</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Zmerli</i>	<i>Cruise</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2♣	Checkback		

I thought the 3♦ bid was invitational so I am not quite sure why West with his minimum accepted. North led the ♥10 which ran round to West's king. A diamond finesse lost to South's king and a heart was returned to North's ♥9. He continued with the ♠Q and when that was ducked another bought the ace from dummy. A successful club finesse ensued but the diamond finesse failed and so the contract was two off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fick</i>	<i>Hedi</i>	<i>Eber</i>	<i>Jellouli</i>
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	3♣
Dble All Pass			
2♣	checkback		

Some would call South's action 'brave' but it is not the word I would use. We will not intrude on





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personal grief but the defence was accurate and the contract finished up three light – an excellent save against a part-score. 15 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ J86		♠ A4
♥ AQJ932		♥ K8
♦ K4		♦ J8632
♣ Q9		♣ 6432
♠ KQ972		♠ 1053
♥ 76		♥ 1054
♦ Q10		♦ A975
♣ 10875		♣ AKJ

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rebai</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Zmerli</i>	<i>Cruise</i>
–	–	Pass	1♣*
Pass	1♦*	Pass	1♥*
Pass	4♥	All Pass	
1♣	2+♣		
1♦	Hearts		
1♥	2-2♥		

West led the king of spades which held the trick. A small continuation was won by East with his ace. A diamond exit was won in hand and three rounds of clubs cashed discarding the losing spade in hand. A trump was lost but the game was won. Can you see East's thoughtless error. He must overtake the ♠K and return the suit so as to get a ruff. It is almost certain his ♥K will come into its own later and if not he has lost nothing.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fick</i>	<i>Hedi</i>	<i>Eber</i>	<i>Jellouli</i>
–	–	Pass	1♦
2♠*	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

With the contract being played from the other side it was not difficult for East to lead ace and another spade ensuring three tricks in the suit and with the trump king still to come that was one down and ten IMPs to South Africa.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ J76		♠ Q52
♥ AQ985		♥ 3
♦ AJ5		♦ KQ1042
♣ 74		♣ 9865
♠ 1098		♠ AK43
♥ K106		♥ J742
♦ 9876		♦ 3
♣ K102		♣ AQJ3

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Rebai</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Zmerli</i>	<i>Cruise</i>
–	–	–	1♣*
Pass	1♦*	Pass	3♦*
Pass	4♦*	Double	Pass*
5♦	Pass*	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♥	All Pass	
1♣	2+♣		
1♦	♥		
3♦	splinter, support for ♥		
4♦	constructive with control		
Pass	deny 1st round control ♦		

We have all been in worst slams but without the gift of second sight of how to tackle the trump suit the contract was always one off.

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West	North	East	South
<i>Fick</i>	<i>Hedi</i>	<i>Eber</i>	<i>Jellouli</i>
–	–	–	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦*	Double	4♥
All Pass			

The 1♠ bid seems a bit timid and does not seem to get the full value of the hand across but it kept them to a reasonable level and gained 13 IMPs for Tunisia

When the final whistle blew South Africa had won 63-30 or 17.17-2.83 VPs.





Open Teams - South Africa v Egypt

The final session of the first Round Robin brought the two leaders facing each other for the first of three encounters. At the end of day one South Africa were just shading Egypt but the first match in the morning saw Egypt lose whilst South Africa won. Egypt would need to win this meeting to get them back on level terms with their main rivals.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ AQ42		
♥ AQ105		
♦ 87		
♣ 965		
♠ K86		♠ J9753
♥ 732		♥ K9
♦ KJ1063		♦ A5
♣ 32		♣ AKQ8
	♠ 10	
	♥ J864	
	♦ Q942	
	♣ J1074	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Amiry</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Walid</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
-	-	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

East elected for the nine trick game rather than play in his eight-card major fit. South commenced with a small club and declarer took North's ♣9 with his queen. A small spade towards dummy saw South's ♠10 covered by the queen and taken by the ace. North immediately fired back a heart which declarer took with his king. The ace of diamonds and a successful finesse gave declarer hope but they were dashed when North discarded on the ♦K. Declarer took his club honours and hoped for some error by the defence which was not to be and so he finished down one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cruise</i>	<i>Samir</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Ahmed</i>
-	-	1♠	Pass
2♠*	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The jack of clubs was led and declarer won it in hand before playing a small trump towards the king, it lost to the ace but had scooped the ♠10, this was good news for all those intermediates. North cashed his ace of hearts and continued the suit. Winning with the king a top club was the cashed and a small club ruffed in dummy. Next was the ♦K and ♦A and then the ♣Q was ruffed in dummy with the ♠8 and now North could only come to his ♠Q. Ten tricks and 13 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ K74		
♥ A42		
♦ J		
♣ AKQ1062		
♠ Q10953		♠ 82
♥ 85		♥ KQJ106
♦ 9432		♦ 765
♣ 85		♣ J73
	♠ AJ6	
	♥ 973	
	♦ AKQ108	
	♣ 94	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Amiry</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Walid</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
-	-	Pass	1NT
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT*
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	6♣	All Pass	

According to the Convention Card 3♣ was Puppet after which I assume the 4♣ bid is natural and strong. It obviously excited South and North bid the slam. There was little to the play as when the trumps behaved there were thirteen tricks available

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cruise</i>	<i>Samir</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Ahmed</i>
-	-	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♣	2♥	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Maybe East's daring intervention held back North





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and South, probably neither knew that the other's suit was solid and so they rested in 3NT where they collected the same thirteen tricks but gave up 1 IMPs.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ A1093	♠ J5	♠ KQ72
♥ K2	♥ Q1074	♥ A863
♦ Q87	♦ 62	♦ 953
♣ AQ73	♣ J8642	♣ 95

♠ 864	♠ N	♠ Q86
♥ J95	♥ W	♥ AQ86
♦ AKJ104	♥ E	♦ KQ832
♣ K10	♠ S	♣ A

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Amiry</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Walid</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♦
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

In response to his partner's opening bid led a diamond. South cashed two rounds and led another for his partner to ruff. Taking note of the small diamond he ruffed, North now led a club to South's king and declarer's ace. A trump brought the jack from North and dummy won with the queen. The king and ace of hearts were cashed and a heart ruffed in hand. Now to make the hand West must cash three rounds of trumps to squeeze North in the round suits but he tried to ruff a club small in dummy and came unstuck when South overruffed for the setting trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cruise</i>	<i>Samir</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Ahmed</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South started with the ace and king of diamonds and then a third round for partner to ruff and he chose so to do with the jack and then returned a heart. Declarer took a successful club finesse and cashed the ♠9. He could now cash the ace of clubs

and ruff high, then return to hand with the ace of hearts and ruff his final club with the ♠K and then claim his contract and 12 IMPs.

Board 32. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ AK942	♠ 7	♠ Q86
♥ K105	♥ J72	♥ AQ86
♦ A	♦ J764	♦ KQ832
♣ J964	♣ KQ1073	♣ A

♠ J1053	♠ N	♠ Q86
♥ 943	♥ W	♥ AQ86
♦ 1095	♥ E	♦ KQ832
♣ 852	♠ S	♣ A

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Amiry</i>	<i>Gower</i>	<i>Walid</i>	<i>Apteker</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

Wets seemed a little previous to me when he closed the auction by bidding the small slam. He was probably a little perturbed when he saw dummy as it seemed likely there were thirteen tricks, however when the trumps broke unkindly he was restricted to twelve tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cruise</i>	<i>Samir</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Ahmed</i>
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	7♠	All Pass

I think that the 3NT bid was forward going and when East discovered three keycards in West's hand he went for the grand slam. The only thing to upset it would be a 4-1 trump split. The diagnosis was good but the patient died. Had North held a singleton ♠10 or ♠J then the contract can still be made, you can even ruff a club in dummy and bring off a trump coup – try it. But it was 17 IMPs to Egypt.

At the end of the match South Africa had still won by the margin 49-30 or 14.80-5.20 VPs.





Championship Information

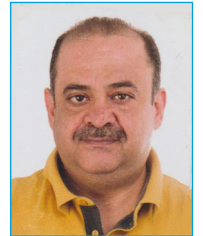
Your Chief Tournament Director Waleed El Menyawi explains the important procedures to be observed during the Championships:

Play Links

Each category will have its own playing link (Open teams link – Women teams link .. etc) For security reasons, each category will play a different deals than the other categories. Play links will be posted to the captains' WhatsApp group and will be also posted to the ABF website at the following link:

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwoo/bw.cgi?club=abf&pid=display_page12

Click the Match number, official start time or Session open time of your category to join the game. The game will be open to players 30 minutes before the official start time.



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 N/S and E/W, later on, when we start the session, the software will automatically move the E/W pairs between the tables according to the schedule of play.

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

NO LINE-UP will be needed from the teams, the visiting team has to sit first at their table (in Pairs N/S and E/W), minimum 10 minutes 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.

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 keep 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.

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 headphones/earphones which are 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.





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 broadcast via RealBridge kibitzer website...

<https://kibitz.realbridge.online/>

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

For security reasons, all broadcast matches will be delayed by 30-45 minutes.

Smoking, Eating and Alcohol, Mobile and electronic devices

As mentioned before in Mr. Pascal's email.

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.

In addition, opponents should see the head, the neck and the chest of the player at all moments without interruption.



NO



NO



YES

Every player has the right to call the Director and the local "Monitor" if it is not the case (i.e. if he/she cannot see his/her opponent as instructed by the CTD)

All Africa Pairs tie-break procedure

If two pairs or more have the same cumulative score after the end of the 2nd session or 4th Session, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- A. The pair with the higher score in the 2nd / 4th session shall determine the final ranking.
- B. Mutual boards between the tied pairs – if applicable

Open Teams

- Only in Open teams category, the top four teams will qualify to the semi-final stage after playing 3 complete RR according to the published schedule.
- The top ranked team after the 3 complete RR stage will chose its opponent in the semi-final and the





remaining 2 teams will play against each others.

- The semi-final match will be played in 4 Sessions, 16 boards each, scored in IMPs.
- The final match between the semi-final winners will be played in 2 Sessions, 16 Boards each.
- Play-off between the semi-final losers will be played in 2 Sessions, 16 Boards each to determine the 3rd placed team.
- In all the knock out stages, there shall be a carry-over = 0.5 IMP to the team who scored more VPs in the RR stage.

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.

Alert

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

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

Undo

Undoes are allowed according to the followings:

1. The undo button is activated from the beginning
2. Click the undo button to stop the play.
3. Call the TD
4. No Action from any party will be taken before the arrival of the TD.
5. The TD will instruct the opponents whether to accept the undo or not.
6. The TD will keep counting the undoes for each player, only 2 undoes are allowed for each player during one session.
7. If the opponents accept before the TD arrival, play continues. but all parties forfeit their rights to any kind of rectification later on.





8. If the opponents don't accept the undo before the arrival of the TD, play stops and the TD decides what is to be done.
9. The TDs reserve the right to adjust the score of the board for any unauthorised information that might arise from using the undo process.

System Policy

1. The objectives are to ensure that ABF Championships can be properly operated and adequately administered, with a fair and equal chance for all competitors, while at the same time affording proper consideration to progress and innovation; to ensure that players are in no doubt as to what is expected of them with regard to preparation and filing of systems material for ABF Championships.
2. Additions or amendments to this policy will normally be put into effect only after four months' notice.
3. References to High Card Points in this document are Milton Work Points.
4. In the following 'Weak' means 9 points or less and 'Strong' means 16 points or more.

2. POLICY

2.1 HUM Systems

For the purpose of this Policy, a Highly Unusual Method (HUM) means any System that exhibits one or more of the following features:

- a. By partnership agreement an opening call of Pass shows at least the values generally accepted for an opening bid of one, even if there are alternative weak possibilities
- b. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be weaker than pass.
- c. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level may be made with 7 high card points or less.
- d. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either three cards or more, or two cards or less in a specified suit
- e. By partnership agreement an opening bid at the one level shows either three cards or more in one specified suit or three cards or more in another. EXCEPTION: one of a minor in a strong club or strong diamond system.

2.2 Classification of Systems

In order to facilitate recognition and handling, systems material will be identified by one or more of the following:

- i. a WBF coloured sticker;
- ii. the appropriate named (hand printed or typed) colour;
- iii. a check mark on a system card next to the appropriate colour - in keeping with the following descriptions:

Green Natural methods.

Blue Forcing Club/Forcing Diamond, where one club/one diamond is artificial, shows a hand with 13 high card points or more and is always forcing.

Red This category includes all systems that do not fall under the classifications of Green, Blue or Yellow (as defined herein).

Red 1 would be a system where one club shows one of three types – a natural club suit, a balanced hand of a specific range, or a Strong Club opener; or which uses specialised and artificial responses to an opening bid of one club.

Red 2 would be a system in which the basic one level methods (other than the no trump range and minimum suit-length requirements) vary according to position, vulnerability and the like; or a system that uses conventional 'weak' or 'multi-meaning' bids (with or without some weak option) in potentially contestable auctions, or a system where the opening bids are transfers to another suit.

Yellow Highly Unusual Methods ('HUM') as defined above.

3. Systems allowed at ABF Championships

The use of both HUM systems and 'Brown Sticker' systems are prohibited.





Roster - Open Teams

Egypt

Captain
Walid El Ahmady

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Tarek Sadek

Reda Amiry

Ahmed Samir

Baher Ahmed

Hussein Sherif

Kenya

Captain
Samina Esmail

Jimmy Deen

Samina Esmail

Bena Shah

Ramula Shah

C V Shah

Aruna Shah

Morocco

Captain
Abdellatif Belkouch

Abdellatif Belkouch

Mohamed Dinia

Mohamed Benali

Chaouki Bensaïd

Maitre Michel

Pierre t'kint de roodenbeke

Reunion

Captain
Patrick PC Hamel

Christian Giraud

Narguis Huseinali

Philippe Lagache

Patrick Hamel

Gabriel Melin

Jean-Luc Neulat

South Africa

Captain
Andrew Cruise

Neville Eber

Hennie Fick

Craig Gower

Alon Apteker

Tim Cope

Andrew Cruise

Tunisia

Captain
Monia Jellouli

Monia Jellouli

Hedi Ben Chedly

Omar Meddeb

Anis Ghdbane

Raouf Zmerli

Mohamed Rebai





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Open Teams Schedule of play

Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 15min

R.R (01)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
MON 31	1	1 EGY	x	6 KEN	5 REU	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	4 TUN
	2	2 RSA	x	5 REU	6 KEN	x	4 TUN	5 REU	x	3 MOR
	3	3 MOR	x	4 TUN	2 RSA	x	3 MOR	6 KEN	x	2 RSA
R.R (01)		Match (04), 08H00			Match (05), 11H30			RR(02) Match (01), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
TUE 01	1	3 MOR	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	2 RSA	6 KEN	x	1 EGY
	2	4 TUN	x	2 RSA	3 MOR	x	6 KEN	5 REU	x	2 RSA
	3	5 REU	x	6 KEN	4 TUN	x	5 REU	4 TUN	x	3 MOR
R.R (02)		Match (02), 08H00			Match (03), 11H30			Match (04), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
WED 02	1	1 EGY	x	5 REU	4 TUN	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	3 MOR
	2	4 TUN	x	6 KEN	3 MOR	x	5 REU	2 RSA	x	4 TUN
	3	3 MOR	x	2 RSA	2 RSA	x	6 KEN	6 KEN	x	5 REU
R.R (03)		Match (05), 08H00			RR(03), Match (01), 11H30			Match (02), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
THU 03	1	2 RSA	x	1 EGY	1 TBD	x	6 TBD	5 TBD	x	1 TBD
	2	6 KEN	x	3 MOR	2 TBD	x	5 TBD	6 TBD	x	4 TBD
	3	5 REU	x	4 TUN	3 TBD	x	4 TBD	2 TBD	x	3 TBD
R.R (03)		Match (03), 08H00			Match (04), 11H30			Match (05), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
FRI 04	1	1 TBD	x	4 TBD	3 TBD	x	1 TBD	1 TBD	x	2 TBD
	2	5 TBD	x	3 TBD	4 TBD	x	2 TBD	3 TBD	x	6 TBD
	3	6 TBD	x	2 TBD	5 TBD	x	6 TBD	4 TBD	x	5 TBD

The Semi-final and Final schedule on Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th of June will be published later.





Roster - Women Teams

Egypt

Captain
Mohamed Serour

Nadia Taymour

Nessrine Hamdy

Hoda Soliman

Dina El Awady

Margurite Homsy

Nada Wattar

Morocco

Captain
Fatim Lahlou

Fatim Lahlou

Hayat Hachimi

Farida Guerraoui

Catherine t'Kint

Marie Claire Ohana

Khadija Marrakchi

South Africa

Captain
Roz Bernstein

Roz Bernstein

Sharon Lang

Chris Child

Desree Pieters

Jenny Gautchi

Peta Balderson

Tunisia

Captain
Hedia Sellami

Hedia Sellami

Aicha Lili Daldoul

Meriem Dorai

Fersaous Trabelsi

Hedia Baccar





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Women Teams Schedule of play

Each Match = 16 Boards in 2H 15min

R.R (01)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
MON 31	1	1 RSA	x	4 EGY	3 MOR	x	1 RSA	1 RSA	x	2 TUN
	2	2 TUN	x	3 MOR	4 EGY	x	2 TUN	3 MOR	x	4 EGY
R.R (02)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
TUE 01	1	4 EGY	x	1 RSA	1 RSA	x	3 MOR	2 TUN	x	1 RSA
	2	3 MOR	x	2 TUN	2 TUN	x	4 EGY	4 EGY	x	3 MOR
R.R (03)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
WED 02	1	1 RSA	x	4 EGY	3 MOR	x	1 RSA	1 RSA	x	2 TUN
	2	2 TUN	x	3 MOR	4 EGY	x	2 TUN	3 MOR	x	4 EGY
RR (04)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
THU 03	1	4 EGY	x	1 RSA	1 RSA	x	3 MOR	2 TUN	x	1 RSA
	2	3 MOR	x	2 TUN	2 TUN	x	4 EGY	4 EGY	x	3 MOR
R.R (05)		Match (01), 08H00			Match (02), 11H30			Match (03), 14H15		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
FRI 04	1	1 TBD	x	4 TBD	3 TBD	x	1 TBD	1 TBD	x	2 TBD
	2	2 TBD	x	3 TBD	4 TBD	x	2 TBD	3 TBD	x	4 TBD
08H00 GMT =		EGY		KEN	MOR		REU	RSA		TUN
11H30 GMT =		10H00 AM		11H00 PM	09H00 AM		12H00 PM	10H00 AM		09H00 AM
14H15 GMT =		01H30 PM		02H30 PM	12H30 PM		03H30 PM	01H30 PM		12H30 PM
		04H15 PM		05H15 PM	03H15 PM		06H15 PM	04H15 PM		03H15 PM

