



Into The Final Round Robin

One day remains of the Round Robin matches. For the Women it will be the end of the Championships and the two teams at the head of the standings will go to the World Championships. In the Open, South Africa and Morocco each enjoyed three wins. **South Africa** and **Egypt** are well established at the top of the table and Morocco are opening a gap in front of the trailing group. Reunion will need a stellar session to get them into the semi-finals.

Egypt and **Morocco** have an almost unassailable lead over the other two teams in the Women's Event and Morocco are now less than two points adrift of first place.

The schedules for final day's Round Robin matches can be found within the Bulletin.

The rosters and schedules for the Senior and Mixed events are at the end of this Bulletin.

Open	Team	1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	3.1	3.2	Total
	South Africa	83.43	7.71	17.97	13.97	4.81	13.52	17.59	20.00	179.00
	Egypt	60.25	20.00	20.00	13.28	11.20	6.48	15.92	10.61	157.74
	Morocco	45.71	16.73	2.03	3.27	8.80	14.39	12.80	19.43	123.16
	Tunisia	45.93	3.27	9.09	6.72	15.19	15.19	7.20	9.39	111.98
	Reunion	34.7	12.29	0.00	16.73	15.00	4.81	4.08	0.00	87.61
	Kenya	29.98	0.00	10.91	6.03	5.00	5.61	2.41	0.57	60.51
Women	Team	1	2	3.1	3.2	3.3	4.1	4.2	4.3	Total
	Egypt	43.05	36.58	17.17	12.8	9.09	9.09	10.61	10.00	148.39
	Morocco	30.36	31.09	17.31	18.33	10.91	17.45	11.48	10.00	146.93
	South Africa	36.66	22.31	2.83	1.67	16.09	10.91	8.52	4.08	103.07
	Tunisia	9.93	30.02	2.69	7.2	3.91	2.55	9.39	15.92	81.61

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Open Teams - South Africa v Tunisia

After eight sessions of fifteen to be played in the Open event South Africa and Egypt had opened up a lead over the other four teams. The competition for the two other semi-final places was intense with Tunisia one point ahead of Reunion but two points behind Morocco. In the final session of the day they were facing the leaders and needed to make sure of a good result in a difficult match to maintain their ambitions.

Board 33. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 752	♠ A
♥ KQ10853	♥ 974
♦ 1095	♦ K3
♣ 7	♣ AKQ5432

♠ Q	♠ A
♥ AJ2	♥ 974
♦ AQ87642	♦ K3
♣ 86	♣ AKQ5432

♠ KJ1098643
♥ 6
♦ J
♣ J109

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cruise</i>	<i>Rebai</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Zmerli</i>
-	2♥	3♥*	3♠
3NT	4♠	4NT	All Pass
3♥	asking for stopper		

The barrage thrown up by North and South did its job when the opposition rested in 4NT. Should West have pushed on? If partner wanted to be in 3NT if he had a heart stopper surely a seven-card suit headed by the AQ must be worth something if partner is claiming to have a hand worth nine tricks if you have a heart stopper. Declarer was not hard pressed to claim sixteen tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Omar</i>	<i>Fick</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Eber</i>
-	2♦*	Double	2♠
5♦	Pass	6♦	All Pass
2♦	multi		

Bold and successful bidding. 6NT is a slightly better contract – if the diamonds do not break then there may be a trump loser and a heart loser. 6NT only needs one of the two minors not to break 4-0. First blood to Tunisia along with nine IMPs.

Board 36. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ QJ86	♠ 4
♥ J5	♥ K73
♦ A962	♦ KQJ753
♣ 1097	♣ KJ5

♠ AK95	♠ 10732
♥ Q8	♥ A109642
♦ 104	♦ 8
♣ AQ863	♣ 42

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cruise</i>	<i>Rebai</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Zmerli</i>
1♣*	Pass	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠*	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
1♣	2+♣		
2♦	GF, 5=♦, no 4M		
2♥	asking		
2♠	short ♠		

Knowing of the spade shortage in dummy North not unnaturally led a spade. This gave declarer time to establish the diamond suit and restrict the defence to their two aces.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Omar</i>	<i>Fick</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Eber</i>
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	3NT	All Pass

A more natural auction saw East become the declarer and South led from his longest and strongest, viz. the ♥6. When declarer played the queen from dummy North made the excellent and necessary play of unblocking his ♥J. As the cards lie declarer's only chance was to sneak through





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a diamond trick but when the $\spadesuit 10$ was led from dummy North continued his good work by rising with the ace and pushing a heart through for a two tick set. Those double dummy experts among you will notice that ducking the first trick will bring home the contract but if you examine the various possibilities the odds come down on playing queen at trick one. Even though, as the cards lie, it is not the correct play it requires excellent defence, and one does not always get that. 13 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 37. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

\spadesuit Q7		\spadesuit J108432									
\heartsuit A6		\heartsuit K102									
\diamondsuit J108		\diamondsuit 4									
\clubsuit AKQJ52		\clubsuit 643									
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W		E									
	S										
\heartsuit QJ853		\heartsuit 974									
\diamondsuit 652		\diamondsuit AKQ973									
\clubsuit 9		\clubsuit 1087									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cruise</i>	<i>Rebai</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Zmerli</i>
-	1 \clubsuit	2 \spadesuit	3 \diamondsuit
4 \spadesuit	6 \clubsuit	All Pass	

Another bold and brave bid by North who had obviously had an extra Weetabix for breakfast. There was nothing to the play and after a heart lead an overtrick was made.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Omar</i>	<i>Fick</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Eber</i>
-	1 \clubsuit	Pass	1 \diamondsuit
1 \heartsuit	3NT	All Pass	

This was a case of good news/bad news for North/South. The bad news was they were not in a minor-suit slam, the good news was that a spade was not led and so declarer took thirteen tricks. Did West want a heart lead with his hand? I am not sure but I am reasonably confident that East would not have led a heart if he had passed quietly and may well have tried a spade. That would have been 17 IMPs to Tunisia rather than the actual 13.

Board 38. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

\spadesuit 10873		\spadesuit A5									
\heartsuit 42		\heartsuit 873									
\diamondsuit KJ1086		\diamondsuit Q75									
\clubsuit 72		\clubsuit KQ1083									
\spadesuit J964	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><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		\spadesuit KQ2
	N										
W		E									
	S										
\heartsuit Q6		\heartsuit AKJ1095									
\diamondsuit 942		\diamondsuit A3									
\clubsuit AJ65		\clubsuit 94									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cruise</i>	<i>Rebai</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Zmerli</i>
-	-	1 \clubsuit *	Double
1 \heartsuit *	1 \spadesuit	Pass	4 \heartsuit
All Pass			
1 \clubsuit	2+ \clubsuit		
1 \heartsuit	\spadesuit		

West's choice of a diamond was not the best start for the defence at least East withheld his queen so no great damage done. Declarer was forced to win it in hand if he was to have any chance of making his contract. He now needed the bridge gods to smile on him. They positively beamed. The ace and king of trumps felled the doubleton queen and having been warned by the opening lead that the $\diamondsuit Q$ was probably offside he cashed the $\diamondsuit K$ and led a spade from dummy to the queen in hand and exited with a small one and was rewarded when the ace fell doubleton. An unlikely contract came home.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Omar</i>	<i>Fick</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Eber</i>
-	-	1 \clubsuit	Double
1 \spadesuit	Pass	1NT	2 \heartsuit
3 \clubsuit	3 \heartsuit	All Pass	

A more restrained auction saw South arrive in a heart part-score. West's spade lead was taken by East's ace and a spade returned to South's king. To guarantee his contract declarer has only to bang out the trumps from the top and at most he will lose a spade, a heart and two clubs but perhaps persuaded by East's bid of 1NT declarer cashed the $\heartsuit A$ and then crossed to dummy with the $\diamondsuit K$ and took a losing heart finesse and then suffered the ignominy of a spade ruff taking his contract down so a loss of ten IMPs rather than six.





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Board 39. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ Q 1076532		♠ A9									
♥ A		♥ 76									
♦ J63		♦ Q9754									
♣ 105		♣ QJ97									
♠ KJ4	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><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		♠ 8
	N										
W		E									
	S										
♥ KQJ983		♥ 10542									
♦ K8		♦ A 102									
♣ A6		♣ K8432									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cruise</i>	<i>Rebai</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Zmerli</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♥	2♠	Double*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

The opening spade lead was taken by dummy's ♠9 and a heart towards hand saw North's ace take declarer's honour. The spade continuation was ruffed by South but it took away his natural trump trick. When declarer let the club return run round to dummy's queen he could claim ten tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Omar</i>	<i>Fick</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Eber</i>
-	-	-	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Some of us who go back to the good ol' days would not think West's hand worthy of a strong two-bid. The first three tricks were identical but when South returned a club declarer rose with the ace, perhaps to avoid a second spade ruff, but now he was just down in top tricks. Letting the club run is your only hope of making your vulnerable contract you might go down an extra trick but that is only if South has ♥10. 12 IMPs to South Africa

Board 42. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 652		♠ J10									
♥ AJ3		♥ 8654									
♦ A952		♦ J76									
♣ J94		♣ A1052									
♠ AK94	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><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		♠ Q873
	N										
W		E									
	S										
♥ 9		♥ KQ1072									
♦ KQ104		♦ 83									
♣ KQ87		♣ 63									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cruise</i>	<i>Rebai</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Zmerli</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♦*	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		
1♦	unbalanced, normally 5♦ unless 4441		

North started with a small trump, taken in hand by the ♣8. The ace and king of spades were cashed and one ruffed. A diamond from dummy saw declarer's king headed by North's ace and the diamonds were continued and it was won in hand. The last spade was ruffed by the ♣A, declarer could now come to hand and draw the outstanding trumps and claim.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Omar</i>	<i>Fick</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Eber</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

South took no time in leading a heart condemning the contract to immediate failure. 13 IMPs to South Africa.





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Board 48. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ 9	♠ 832	♠ AKQ106
♥ Q953	♥ KJ2	♥ A76
♦ Q862	♦ J1074	♦ 9
♣ K1098	♣ J75	♣ AQ42

♠ J754	♠ N	♠
♥ 1084	W	♥
♦ AK53	E	♦
♣ 63	S	♣

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Cruise</i>	<i>Rebai</i>	<i>Cope</i>	<i>Zmerli</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3NT*	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All Pass
3♣	artificial GF		
3♦	accepts GF		
3NT	♠ & ♣		

Not a great contract and should fail. South led the ♦A and then made the mistake of leading a small

spade. Declarer immediately spotted his chance when the ♠9 held the trick. He led a diamond from dummy and ruffed with the ♣Q, he then played a small trump towards dummy and inserted the ♣8. If the ♣J has been in South's hand he could have ruffed another diamond with the ace and taken another trump finesse and draw the last trump before taking his four spade tricks and the ace of hearts for twelve tricks. But no cigar as the seemingly unimportant trump knave was in the North hand and so the contract was two off - a reprieve for Tunisia.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Omar</i>	<i>Fick</i>	<i>Ghodhbane</i>	<i>Eber</i>
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

North led a diamond won by South who returned the suit and ducked in dummy. When North played a third round of the suit that established declarer's ninth trick. There was no way the contract could be broken and so it was 13 IMPs to Tunisia.

The final score was 66-45 to Tunisia or 15.19-4.81 VPs. Tunisia had certainly taken all their chances and when they had made bold decisions in general they had paid off. This result moved them up to third place in the table.

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Women Teams - Egypt v South Africa

The first session of the fourth Round Robin found South Africa facing Egypt. Egypt were leading the group and South Africa were a more distant third than they would have liked to be. To stand a chance of going to the World Championships this was an important match.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 6	♠ N	♠ AQ109873
♥ 109765	♥ W	♥ 3
♦ QJ	♦ E	♦ AK10
♣ KQ873	♣ S	♣ 52
	♠ J52	
	♥ AKJ2	
	♦ 8643	
	♣ 94	
	♠ K4	
	♥ Q84	
	♦ 9752	
	♣ AJ106	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>El Awady</i>	<i>Pieters</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>	<i>Child</i>
-	-	-	Pass
2♥*	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	All Pass		
2♥	5♥ plus another		

I hope that the 5♣ bid was made in haste without proper reflection. If not then in my view it is a candidate for the worst bid of the tournament. Partner knows what you have, she knows you probably have few spades, she knows you are weak, she has not tried to find a minor suit fit. What does she have? Spades and a good hand – why would she have clubs? You know she does not have a heart fit so your lack of heart values increase the value of your hand if it is played in spades. Why do you not trust partner? Why do you want to play in a no hope contract when 4♠ can be made? I could go on... and on, that is how strongly I feel about the bid. The defence did well not to double otherwise East can escape to 5♠ which cheaper than the five off in 5♣.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Lang</i>	<i>El Awady</i>
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	Pass	1♠	Double
1NT	2hc	4♠	Pass

I have nothing to add as, unsurprisingly, 4♠ was made at this table for a gain of 15 IMPs to South Africa.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ QJ43	♠ N	♠ 9
♥ KJ2	♥ W	♥ A984
♦ A7	♦ E	♦ Q9652
♣ AKQ10	♣ S	♣ 764
	♠ AK82	
	♥ Q105	
	♦ K4	
	♣ 9853	
	♠ 10765	
	♥ 763	
	♦ J1083	
	♣ J2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>El Awady</i>	<i>Pieters</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>	<i>Child</i>
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
3♣	puppet		
3♦	1 or 2 4M		
3♠	4♥		

North was kind enough to lead a club allowing you to take South's ♣J with the ace. Declarer not unsurprisingly took a losing heart finesse but had garnered eight tricks and arrived at a three-card ending where she had ♠QJ4 (dummy very prettily had three nines) with both opponents three cards in the suit. How to play this? A top spade of course, it wins whenever one defender has both top honours or if North makes an error and rises with an honour. The former case was true, a situation much more likely than a defender making an error and not allowing the ♠10 to win if a small spade was led. My illustrious readers will have no doubt by now gathered that West tried a small spade and was disabused as to the frailty of the defence.





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West	North	East	South
<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Lang</i>	<i>El Awady</i>
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
3♣	puppet		
3♦	1 or 2 4M		
3♠	4♥		

An identical auction but would the play be the same? No; West started with the ace of spades and then switched to a club. Ace and another diamond followed with North winning the second round with his ♦K. He exited with a club but now West had time to establish a spade for her ninth trick and 12 IMPs for South Africa.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A3		
♥ AQ107		
♦ A62		
♣ KQ82		
♠ K742		♠ Q10865
♥ 98632		♥ J54
♦ 104		♦ K
♣ 103		♣ A975
		♠ J9
		♥ K
		♦ QJ98753
		♣ J64

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>El Awady</i>	<i>Pieters</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>	<i>Child</i>
-	1♣*	1♠	2♦
3♠	4♥	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

Declarer came to an overtrick when she played safely for eleven tricks and the twelfth fell into her lap when the ♦K dropped singleton.

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West	North	East	South
<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Soliman</i>	<i>Lang</i>	<i>El Awady</i>
-	2NT	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT*	Pass	4♣*
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	AllPass	
3♠	minors		
3NT	relay		
4♣	♦		

North took one for the road and bid the slam. East led a small heart taken in dummy. The queen of diamonds appeared from dummy and West played small – what to do now? It is not cut and dried my initial thoughts were that the finesse was significantly better than playing the ace but after mature reflection I am not so sure. The probabilities in these situations can be quite complex. A priori the chances of dropping the king singleton are 26% but things are rarely a priori for long, we already know that West does not have the singleton king, so it rests on the remaining two cards. It does not matter what we do if East holds the two remaining cards so we need only think about the case where East holds a solitary diamond and thus it is 50-50 as to who has the king in this situation. If we take the finesse and lose then we are immediately off as the defence will cash the ace of clubs, however if we rise with the ace and we had taken the wrong decision we still have the not insignificant chance of finding the ♥J trebleton along with the ♣A onside, probably about 20%. So my initial 'gut' feel of taking the finesse appears to be incorrect. I would like to think that declarer went through the same thought processes before rising with the ace and being able to claim her contract and 13 IMPs for Egypt.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A1076		
♥ KJ84		
♦ K973		
♣ 9		
♠ Q9542		♠ KJ
♥ Q		♥ 1097653
♦ J62		♦ 54
♣ K863		♣ A107
		♠ 83
		♥ A2
		♦ AQ108
		♣ QJ542

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>El Awady</i>	<i>Pieters</i>	<i>Hamdy</i>	<i>Child</i>
Pass	1♦	1♥	2♥*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
2♥	good diamond raise		

A small club lead brought the ♣J from dummy and the ♣K from West. A shift to the ♥Q was taken in dummy and four rounds of diamonds cashed finishing in dummy. East gave declarer a half chance





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by not discarding a club. The winning play is a small spade from dummy and if you read the cards correctly East will eventually give you a heart or a club trick or your spades will be good with a heart entry for them.

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West	North	East	South
Bernstein	Soliman	Lang	El Awady
Pass	1♦	1♥	2♥*
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
2♥	good diamond raise		

A heart lead was taken in hand and a club led towards dummy with West taking dummy's jack with the king. A small spade was ducked to East's jack and another heart was led won in dummy, with West discarding a small spade. A spade from then brought the ♠9 from West and when East's king fell under North's ace, declarer could establish a spade trick for game going ninth. Ten IMPs to Egypt.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 43	♠ A65	♠ 7
♥ K65	♥ 1083	♥ AQJ92
♦ AQ832	♦ 104	♦ K965
♣ 982	♣ AQ543	♣ KJ7
		♠ KQJ10982
		♥ 74
		♦ J7
		♣ 106



Open Room

West	North	East	South
El Awady	Pieters	Hamdy	Child
-	Pass	1♥	3♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	All Pass

East was of the opinion that she might be being talked out of a vulnerable game. With the red suits behaving and there being no losing option in the club suit eleven tricks were soon wrapped up.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bernstein	Soliman	Lang	El Awady
-	Pass	1♥	3♠
All Pass			

Many West's would have supported partner and you would not find me criticising them, though my experience tells me when I do it leftie bids 4♠, partner doubles and they make it. However at this table lack of attack cost dear as the contract only failed by one trick but that was 12 IMPs to Egypt.

The final score was 49-46 in favour of South Africa or 10.91-9.09 VPs. Both teams had several chances at radically improving their scores, both teams will need to do better in the upcoming sessions.

Notes on the Semi-Finals and Final

For the Semi-final, Final and play-off sessions, It has been decided that:

- 1. The team ranked higher after the RR stage will be the Home team in sessions 2 and 4 in the Semi-final match.**
- 2. The team ranked lower after the RR stage will be the Home team in sessions 1 and 3 in the Semi-Final match.**
- 3. The team ranked higher after the RR stage will be the Home team in session 2 in the Final or Play-off match.**





Open Teams - Egypt v Morocco

I had intended to write up a session from the final Open Round Robin but the boards were uninteresting with no big scores to report so I have resorted to commenting on the final session from yesterday's Open when Egypt took on Morocco. A match probably more important for Morocco than Egypt.

Board 33. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ Q	♠ 7 5 2	♠ A
♥ AJ2	♥ KQ10853	♥ 974
♦ AQ87642	♦ 1095	♦ K3
♣ 86	♣ 7	♣ AKQ5432

N
W
S
E

♠ KJ1098643
♥ 6
♦ J
♣ J109

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Benali</i>	<i>Walid</i>	<i>Bensaid</i>	<i>Amiry</i>
-	2♦*	3♣	4♠
5♣	All Pass		

Poor West, what are his options after this blast from the opposition? Partner's 3♣ does not promise the earth, going past game could be disastrous. Sometimes pre-empts work, that is why people use them. It is no surprise that there were two overtricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baher</i>	<i>Maitre</i>	<i>Samir</i>	<i>ClosedS</i>
-	Pass	1♣*	3♠
4♦	4♠	4NT	Pass
5♠	6♥	7♦	Pass
Pass	7♠	7NT	All Pass

A battle royale, how confident could East be about the grand slam – he knows partner has two aces and the queen of diamonds and probably six or more of them but that still means the suit must not spring a leak and the clubs will need to produce more than three tricks and the expected spade

lead will remove dummy's entry – brave – in fact brave on both teams' account. As neither of the minor suits behaved unkindly there were more than enough tricks and 14 IMPs for Egypt.

Board 35. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 9743	♠ —
♥ K93	♥ A1072
♦ 107532	♦ AKJ64
♣ K	♣ 8763

N
W
S
E

♠ KQ1052
♥ Q5
♦ 9
♣ AQJ104

♠ AJ86	♠ 952
♥ J864	
♦ Q8	
♣ 952	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Benali</i>	<i>Walid</i>	<i>Bensaid</i>	<i>Amiry</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	6♣	All Pass

It amused me to see 2♥ alerted as 'maybe natural'. There are those who open 5-5 in the black suits with 1♠ and those who open 1♣. It does not matter which as long as both know and adhere to the system. Examining the contract it is one of those cases where there does not appear to be many losers but on the other hand there does not appear to be many winners. After a slightly daring lead of a small heart declarer rose with dummy's ace and cashed two diamonds, noting the fall of the queen, to discard the losing heart. A losing club finesse now saw the contract without hope and eventually drifted two off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baher</i>	<i>Maitre</i>	<i>Samir</i>	<i>ClosedS</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	All Pass		





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Again the lead was a small heart and the first four tricks were as at the other table. The king of hearts followed which was ruffed as now was a small spade on table. South ruffed the $\heartsuit J$ overruffed by declarer who ruffed another spade and then drew the last trump and played a top spade. When the jack fell he was home and 13 IMPs for Egypt,

Board 39. Dealer South. All Vul.

\spadesuit Q1076532		\spadesuit A9				
\heartsuit A		\heartsuit 76				
\diamondsuit J63		\diamondsuit Q9754				
\clubsuit 105		\clubsuit QJ97				
\spadesuit KJ4	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><tr><td>N</td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td>E</td></tr><tr><td>S</td></tr></table>	N	W	E	S	\spadesuit 8
N						
W	E					
S						
\heartsuit KQJ983		\heartsuit 10542				
\diamondsuit K8		\diamondsuit A102				
\clubsuit A6		\clubsuit K8432				

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Benali</i>	<i>Walid</i>	<i>Bensaid</i>	<i>Amiry</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1 \heartsuit	2 \spadesuit	Double	Pass
3 \spadesuit	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The club lead ran round to East's jack taking North's $\clubsuit 10$. A heart lost to North's ace and the club attack was continued. Hearts were cashed from the top and one given up to South to establish the rest of the suit. After cashing the $\clubsuit K$ he exited with a club and now declarer had nine tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Baher</i>	<i>Maitre</i>	<i>Samir</i>	<i>ClosedS</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1 \heartsuit	1 \spadesuit	Double	Pass
2 \spadesuit	Pass	2NT	Pass
3 \heartsuit	Pass	4 \heartsuit	All Pass

The diamond lead was taken by South's ace and the $\spadesuit 8$ returned on which declarer played the king. The king of diamonds was unblocked before the $\heartsuit J$ was taken by North's ace and the spade return ruffed by South who returned a trump. West ensured his own defeat by rising with a top honour. Had he been wide awake he might have thought that if he let it run to the $\heartsuit 7$ in dummy so he could discard his losing spade on the $\diamondsuit Q$ and then take a successful club finesse. Of course South should have returned the $\heartsuit 10$ making sure declarer was locked in dummy. 13 IMPs to Morocco

At the end of the match it was very close with Morocco just edging it 49-45 or 11.2-8.8 VPs.

The schedule for final Round Robin of the Open

Match 3	June 4 8.00	Match 4	June 4 11.30	Match 5	June 4 14.15
Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team
RSA	MOR	TUN	RSA	RSA	EGY
REU	TUN	MOR	EGY	TUN	KEN
KEN	EGY	REU	KEN	MOR	REU

Match 1	June 4 8.00	Match 2	June 4 11.30	Match 3	June 4 14.15
Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team	Home Team	Visiting Team
EGY	TUN	RSA	EGY	EGY	MOR
MOR	RSA	TUN	MOR	RSA	TUN

The schedule for final Round Robin of the Women





Championship Information

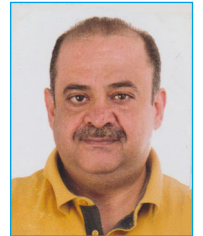
Your Chief Tournament Director Waleed El Menyawi explains the important procedures to be observed during the Championships:

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 - Senior Teams

Egypt

Captain Ashraf Wahdan
Mohamed Tanboli
Ashraf Wahdan
Adel El Kordy
Amr Farrag
Mohamed El Baz
Ayman Azzam

Kenya

Captain Samina Esmail
Jimmy Deen
Samina Esmail
Bena Shah
Ramula Shah
C V Shah
Aruna Shah

Morocco

Captain Berrada Said
Said Berrada
Abdelkamel Rerhayé
Abdellah El Ghrari
Jean Hayet
Guy Cambournac
Khalil Bensouda

Reunion

Captain Patrice Dordhain
Jean-Marc Breslaw
Patrice Dordhain
Denise Bauquier
Danièle Bonet Maury
Claude Drieux
Bernard Sort

South Africa

Captain James Grant
Micheal Alexander
Maureen Naransky
Larry Chemaly
James Grant
Brian Pincus
Paul Reynolds





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Senior 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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
07	1	1 MOR	x	6 BYE	5 KEN	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	4 REU	1 MOR	x	4 REU
	2	2 EGY	x	5 KEN	6 BYE	x	4 REU	5 KEN	x	3 RSA	5 KEN	x	3 RSA
	3	3 RSA	x	4 REU	2 EGY	x	3 RSA	6 BYE	x	2 EGY	6 BYE	x	2 EGY
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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
08	1	3 RSA	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	2 EGY	6 BYE	x	1 MOR	6 BYE	x	1 MOR
	2	4 REU	x	2 EGY	3 RSA	x	6 BYE	5 KEN	x	2 EGY	5 KEN	x	2 EGY
	3	5 KEN	x	6 BYE	4 REU	x	5 KEN	4 REU	x	3 RSA	4 REU	x	3 RSA
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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
09	1	1 MOR	x	5 KEN	4 REU	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	3 RSA	1 MOR	x	3 RSA
	2	4 REU	x	6 BYE	3 RSA	x	5 KEN	2 EGY	x	4 REU	2 EGY	x	4 REU
	3	3 RSA	x	2 EGY	2 EGY	x	6 BYE	6 BYE	x	5 KEN	6 BYE	x	5 KEN
R.R (02)/(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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
10	1	2 EGY	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	6 BYE	5 KEN	x	1 MOR	5 KEN	x	1 MOR
	2	6 BYE	x	3 RSA	2 EGY	x	5 KEN	6 BYE	x	4 REU	6 BYE	x	4 REU
	3	5 KEN	x	4 REU	3 RSA	x	4 REU	2 EGY	x	3 RSA	2 EGY	x	3 RSA
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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
11	1	1 MOR	x	4 REU	3 RSA	x	1 MOR	1 MOR	x	2 EGY	1 MOR	x	2 EGY
	2	5 KEN	x	3 RSA	4 REU	x	2 EGY	3 RSA	x	6 BYE	3 RSA	x	6 BYE
	3	6 BYE	x	2 EGY	5 KEN	x	6 BYE	4 REU	x	5 KEN	4 REU	x	5 KEN

The schedule for the final Round Robin will be published later as it will depend on standings after the third Round Robin.





Roster - Mixed Teams

Egypt

Captain
Gamal Abbas

Somaya Wahdan

Manal Sallam

Maud Khouri

Ahmed Harb

Moaz Hammam

Mohamed Heshmat

Morocco

Captain
Yans Roger

Roger Yans

Chadia Sekkat

Barbara Balogh

Abderrahim Tazi

Laila Lamrani

Ismail Chamar

Reunion

Captain
Patrick Hamel

Christian Giraud

Narguis Huseinali

Patrick Hamel

Michel Lemarinel

Danièle Michaux

Régine Wan Hoi

Tunisia

Captain
Abdeljelil Trabelsi

Abdeljelil Trabelsi

Ferdaous Trabelsi

Meriem Dorai

Hassouna Abdelmalek

Hedia Baccar

Moncef Daghmouri





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Mixed 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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
MON 07	1	1 EGY	x	4 TUN	3 REU	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	2 MOR	3 REU	x	4 TUN
	2	2 MOR	x	3 REU	4 TUN	x	2 MOR	4 TUN	x	3 REU	1 EGY	x	2 MOR
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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
TUE 08	1	4 TUN	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	3 REU	2 MOR	x	1 EGY	4 TUN	x	3 REU
	2	3 REU	x	2 MOR	2 MOR	x	4 TUN	4 TUN	x	3 REU	2 MOR	x	1 EGY
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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
WED 09	1	1 EGY	x	4 TUN	3 REU	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	2 MOR	3 REU	x	4 TUN
	2	2 MOR	x	3 REU	4 TUN	x	2 MOR	4 TUN	x	3 REU	1 EGY	x	2 MOR
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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
THU 10	1	4 TUN	x	1 EGY	1 EGY	x	3 REU	2 MOR	x	1 EGY	4 TUN	x	3 REU
	2	3 REU	x	2 MOR	2 MOR	x	4 TUN	4 TUN	x	3 REU	2 MOR	x	1 EGY
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	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
FRI 11	1	1 TBD	x	4 TBD	3 TBD	x	1 TBD	1 TBD	x	2 TBD	3 TBD	x	4 TBD
	2	2 TBD	x	3 TBD	4 TBD	x	2 TBD	4 TBD	x	3 TBD	1 TBD	x	2 TBD
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11H30 GMT =											12H30 PM		
14H15 GMT =											03H15 PM		

