

Arab Bridge League

ABL Online Mixed Teams

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The Round Robin Comes To An End

With the last session of the Round Robin, **Lions** in Group A enjoyed a good win while in Group B, **Friends** and **Queens** were the big winners. In Group A where almost anything was possible the flat boards did not give teams much of a chance to cause swings and thus climb up the standings but **Sharjah Club** managed to rise from fifth place to fourth in Group A to join **WASO**, who were ahead of **EGYJOR** who had overtaken **Nine**, now in third place. In group B there was no change but **Friends** came very close to giving **Pepsi** a shock, they finished less than three points outside the qualifiers. The others were **Diamond** in first place ahead of **Queens** and **Cedars 2**.

The timings and schedule are on Page 6.

Results Round Robin 5 Group A

Team	Team	IMPs	VPs	VPs
Sharjah Club	WASO	22-14	12.29	7.71
NINE	EGYJOR	21-32	6.96	13.04
LIONS	Al-Yassamen	50-19	16.88	3.12

Group A	Al Yass	EGY-JOR	Lions	Nine	Shar-jah	WASO	Rk	VPs
WASO	15.19	16.58	9.39	12.29	7.71		1	61.16
EGYJOR	10		17.31	13.04	14.18	3.42	2	57.95
Nine	7.97	6.96	15.19		15.56	7.71	3	53.39
Sharjah Club	8.52	5.82	15.38	4.44		12.29	4	46.45
Al-Yassamen		10	3.12	12.03	11.48	4.81	5	41.44
Lions	16.88	2.69		4.81	4.62	10.61	6	39.61

Results Round Robin 5 Group B

Team	Team	IMPs	VPs	VPs
QUEENS	PEPSI	40-18	15.38	4.62
TRUMPS	FRIENDS	19-54	2.55	17.45
CEDARS 2	DIAMOND	26-31	8.52	11.48

Group B	Cedars 2	Dia-mond	Fri-ends	Pepsi	Queen	Trump	Rk	VPs
Diamond	11.48		14.6	15.56	13.97	17.97	1	73.58
Queens	12.29	6.03	19.34	15.38		18.66	2	71.7
Cedars 2		8.52	15.19	6.96	7.71	18.33	3	56.71
Pepsi	13.04	4.44	9.09		4.62	10.31	4	41.5
Friends	4.81	5.4		10.91	0.66	17.45	5	39.23
TRUMPS	1.67	2.03	2.55	9.69	1.34		6	17.28

All information can be found on the website:

www.bridgewebs.com/ablonline/





Information for Captains

Alert

All alertable bids must be pre-alerted (press the alert button before making the bid). Giving an explanation is not compulsory unless it is an extra-ordinary bid.

For example if you are playing forcing NT over major openings (which is very common) alerting should be sufficient (if needed opponents can ask for explanation) , but if you are playing 1NT transfer to X, only alerting is not enough. You have to type the explanation before making the bid. We strongly recommend you try to help opponents giving sometimes the simplest of information.

For example, if you are opening 1♣ with 2+. At least the first time you do it, just type “2+” in the explanation box when you make the bid. Only alert your own bids, do not even attempt to explain your partner’s bids. Alert explanation space is limited on BBO, if opponents ask for further clarification using private chat respond privately, not on table chat. (Of course, unless opponents asked on table chat), If you are playing an unusual system make sure you pre-alert it before you start bidding the first board, including but not limited to: Variable or weak NT openings, strong ♣ or ♦ systems, 4-card major systems like ACOL, playing unusual honor card leads like Rusinow or low from a doubleton

Systems

HUM, Browne stickers systems, Forcing Pass Systems, Random Openings, and Encrypted Signals are not allowed all the time.

Players can’t consult their system cards or notes between the start of the auction period until the end of the play. Exception: players may consult their defence notes vs 2♦ multi opening.

Psychic conventional opening bids are forbidden

Codes

If you want more information about an opponent’s bid, whether or not it was explained, you should send a private message to the opponent who made the bid asking for clarification.

Requesting information may be made at any time, at the time the bid is made, when the auction concludes, or any time during the play as long as it is a private chat between one opponent and the bidder.

If players explain bids via chat they should set the recipients to Opponents, not Table, so that only opponents see the explanation, not the partner. But the best way is to explain the bids via the BBO alert mechanism.

Line up

All line-ups are blind and a personal line-up form ([link](#)) for each team including all the matches will be sent to the team captain to keep the link as it will be used each time , the team captain will choose 1) the match number, 2) pick the players from the given name list and players preferred direction (North, South, East or West) and submit it at least 60 min before the match starts.





Two Important Pieces of Information For Captains to Note

Q.F Stage will start next Tuesday as scheduled and we will start the live broadcasting process.

As I told you before, nowadays we have many options...

1. Facebook broadcasting group (Online Bridge Live Broadcasting)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bridgelivebroadcasting>

Please ask to join the group and one of the admins will let you in.

2. Zoom live meeting

3. Line Messenger live meeting

4. Signal Messenger live meeting

5. IMO messenger video calling

For those options from 2 - 5 please ask your team-mates to contact one of the Event TDs for instructions and also to register the phone number(s) which the TD has to contact.

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More information and videos about the required broadcasting angle will be posted shortly.

Thank you

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*VERY IMPORTANT NOTES *

The BBO Management recommends that you wait in the main section of BBO when you are about to receive an invitation to play. Different areas of BBO are managed by different servers, so if you are located in the casual section the system may read you as being offline even if you are online.

Also, we use a special procedure in order to make sure that all of our matches are starting at the same time. We start inviting players and set up the team match some minutes before the official starting time. This may result in your partner already sitting (and waiting) at the table of the ABL Mixed Teams match while you are still in the lobby. That is totally normal, and is done in order to be more precise on the starting time. We kindly ask all players to just stay in the lobby (main section of BBO or in the competitive section) and wait for our invitation.





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EGYJOR

Round Robin 5

Nine

EHYJOR and Nine are lying second and third in Group A. If either team a very bad result they could find themselves out of the top 4. Playing down the centre should be the order of the day.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ K3		
♥ K10654		
♦ 52		
♣ A1095		
♠ AQ62		♠ J1095
♥ A832		♥ Q9
♦ J		♦ KQ96
♣ Q864		♣ J32
♠ 874		
♥ J7		
♦ A108743		
♣ K7		

lighter one in this, albeit in the third position. South led his partner's suit which was ducked in dummy and taken by North who wasted no time in returning a small club to the king and won the club return and then gave his partner a ruff. The ace of diamond was cashed and with a trump to trick to come the contract failed by two tricks. Six IMPs to EGYJOR.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ AK75		
♥ AK43		
♦ 93		
♣ J43		
♠ QJ4		♠ 862
♥ Q		♥ 985
♦ K10762		♦ QJ5
♣ 9762		♣ AQ85
♠ 1093		
♥ J10762		
♦ A84		
♣ K10		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Heshmat	Sawires	Ghazala	Mishriki
-	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Heshmat	Sawires	Ghazala	Mishriki
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Double	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

North, not unreasonably, commenced with the ♦5 to South's ace while declarer dropped the jack. A switch to the ♣K will see the contract two down but South persisted with another diamond on which declarer discarded a heart. In dummy with the ♦9 a losing spade finesse was taken. Now it is imperative for North to lead a small club to South's king but he tried a small heart, whereupon declarer won with dummy's queen and gratefully took his nine tricks. Mike Lawrence might have approved of West's four-card overcall.

When North broke the transfer showing four hearts and a maximum it was easy for South to go to game. With the helpful lie of the trump suit declarer only had a loser in each of the other three suits and so brought home the game.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zaki	Dajani	Manadily	Azzam
-	Pass	Pass	1♦
Double	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♠	Double	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	3♠	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Zaki	Dajani	Manadily	Azzam
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Double	2♥	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

A light opening in the other room but an even

When North either did not have the machinery or did not have the wish to break the transfer and when South invited he elected to pass. As I have said many times before 'the ninth trump is worth and extra king' and in that case the invite could or should be accepted. Ten IMPs to Nine.





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Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ KJ10 ♥ AJ4 ♦ 954 ♣ 9765	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ AQ98742 ♥ 8 ♦ 106 ♣ AK10	♠ 3 ♥ KQ752 ♦ A32 ♣ QJ83
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Heshmat</i>	<i>Sawires</i>	<i>Ghazala</i>	<i>Mishriki</i>
-	Pass	1♠	2♥
Pass	3NT	Double	Pass
Pass	4♥	Double	All Pass

I find North's bid of 3NT 'sporting' and 'brave' and when unsurprisingly doubled he retreated with his ten loser hand into partner's suit and the axe was wielded for the second time. The defence took all their tricks: two diamonds, two clubs, a club ruff and a spade for 800.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zaki</i>	<i>Dajani</i>	<i>Manadily</i>	<i>Azzam</i>
-	Pass	1♠	Double
Pass	1NT	3♠	All Pass

In several of the other matches East either opened 4♠ or jumped to 4♠ on the second round of bidding. Partner here, not surprisingly perhaps, did not raise to game. The doubleton club and ♦KQ are gold dust and they permit the game to be made but twelve IMPs to EGYJOR.

There followed nine boards with little or no scope for a sizeable swing. EGYJOR won about ten IMPs in minor part-score skirmishes but nothing of interest to report. I suspect the players as well as your humble scribe were beginning tire and become restless.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ QJ104 ♥ QJ ♦ AQ65 ♣ K105	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A87 ♥ K763 ♦ 8432 ♣ AJ	♠ K2 ♥ A52 ♦ K97 ♣ Q9863
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Heshmat</i>	<i>Sawires</i>	<i>Ghazala</i>	<i>Mishriki</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

I put North's bid down to the fact that nothing had happened for an hour and was trying to make something happen. When the clubs proved to be 3-3 declarer was up to eight tricks and after the double it did not take rocket science to assume the ♦A was favourably placed: -590

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Zaki</i>	<i>Dajani</i>	<i>Manadily</i>	<i>Azzam</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♦	1NT	Double	2♥*
Double	2♠	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2♥	Majs		

2♠X on best defence is two down but the defence of low-level contract is never easy and so East/West went for the no-trump game which they found as easy as on the other table. The speculative double only cost four IMPs to EGYJOR.





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Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ AK62 ♥ 84 ♦ AKQ4 ♣ Q74 ♠ J943 ♥ AK10 ♦ 1076 ♣ J53	<table border="1" style="width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q1075 ♥ Q62 ♦ 953 ♣ K62 ♠ 8 ♥ J9753 ♦ J82 ♣ A1098
N					
W E					
S					

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Saki</i>	<i>Dajani</i>	<i>Manadily</i>	<i>Azzam</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

After the opposition had bid all four suits East plumped for a club and the ♣8 was played from dummy which held the trick. Declarer returned to hand with a diamond and led out the ♣Q and I assume what must have been a mislick played small from dummy when it was covered with the king and then when East continued with the suit inserted the ♣10 which then lost to the jack. The defence then quickly took their three heart tricks for an unfortunate one down and ten IMPs to Nine.

The match finished with EGYJOR beating Nine 32-21. They were a disappointing set of boards for those who needed some chance of a swing and also for us who were watching.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Heshmat</i>	<i>Sawires</i>	<i>Ghazala</i>	<i>Mishriki</i>
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

On the lead of a spade declarer swiftly set up three club tricks by starting with the queen, those with four diamonds and two spades gave nine tricks and the contract.



ABL Online Mixed Teams KO stage - Time Table

KO	Day	Date	Team	Vs	Team	Session	From (GMT)	To (GMT)
Q.F	Tuesday	26/01/2021	WASO	X	CEDARS2	1	16:00	17:30
			EGYJOR	X	PEPSI			
			DIAMOND	X	NINE	2	18:00	19:30
			QUEENS	X	SHARJAH CLUB			
S.F	Wednesday	27/01/2021	# (1)	X	# (4)	1	16:00	17:30
	Thursday	28/01/2021	# (2)		# (3)	2	18:00	19:30
					# (3)	3	16:00	17:30
	4	18:00	19:30					
Final	Saturday	30/01/2021	TBA	X	TBA	1	16:00	17:30
	Sunday	31/01/2021				2	18:00	19:30
						3	16:00	17:30
						4	18:00	19:30





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Round Robin Butler Rankings

Rank	IMPs	Names	Teamw
1	2.16	bill123 VASSEILIE VROUSTIS	QUEENS
2	1.62	Albatala HANA KREIDIEH	QUEENS
3	1.59	sale7dar ALI EL-SELEHDAR - rsaad20 RASHA SAAD	DIAMOND
4	1.06	mia 7 MAREILLE HITTI - tantouna TONI HACHEM	WASO
5	0.9	Moni207 MONA BAMEHRZ	QUEENS
6	0.54	Mooaaz MOAAZ HAMMAM - nelly4 MANAL SALLAM	DIAMOND
7	0.39	tetalolla HALA ABOUL FARAJ - abulmish1 MICHAEL EIDI	QUEENS
8	0.39	Heshmat1 MOHAMED HESHMAT - mimia MIMI ABOU GHAZALA	EGYJOR
9	0.38	kinetics HUMAYUN SUMAR	Sharjah Club
10	0.36	nims1 NERMEEN QASIM	Sharjah Club
11	0.32	pikolo JACEK PSZCZOLA - mayyou MAY SAKR	PEPSI
12	0.21	Randala HALA ALMALKI - Drsaid2 SAID ALAWA	Al-Yassamen
13	0.21	Duffyduc1 FAYZA AZEM - abdeen ABDO SWEIDAN	CEDARS 2
14	0.19	setra SALIM TRABOULSI - nemesis8 Wafa HADDAD	CEDARS 2
15	0.12	sawires MINA SAWIRES - zewzew JEHANE MISHRIKI	NINE
16	0.11	Yanas KHALED AL KATTAN	QUEENS
17	0.11	nayer AHMED NAYER - moula1 AMAL AMER	DIAMOND
18	0.11	dodo880 AHMED SAMIR ZAKI - fahda FATMA MANADILY	NINE
19	0.06	nadiat NADIA EL ARABY - waso WALEED EL AHMDY	WASO
20	-0.01	Damas1 HALA DAJANI - Azzam1 AYMAN AZZAM	EGYJOR
21	-0.05	hesham90 HISHAM ATEF - kiko MAUD	LIONS
22	-0.06	Mido FRANCK MULTON	PEPSI
23	-0.12	aanya1 MANJU - timo40 TAMER ALI	LIONS
24	-0.2	Mohsen K MOHSEN KAMEL - nhamdy NESSRINE HAMDY	FRIENDS
25	-0.29	rajeevkhan RAJEEV KHANDELWAL - Kinamih HIMANI KHANDELWAL	Sharjah Club
26	-0.55	mnkas MARIA HINDI - amr mekky AMR MEKKY	Sharjah Club
27	-0.71	rawya RAWYA AKL - tanbo MOHAMED TANBOLI	WASO
28	-0.71	mushkil AHMED AL MIDFA	TRUMPS
29	-0.75	Calina1 AMAL AL-RAHBANE - Mohh MOHAMMED BADAWOUD	Al-Yassamen
30	-0.81	Sodaspring KIKI WARD-PLATT	PEPSI
31	-0.84	Awhdan ASHRAF WAHDAN - AZ5555 SOMAYA WAHDAN	FRIENDS
32	-0.9	Beh12345 ARLINDA	TRUMPS
33	-0.99	sohang SUKHA	TRUMPS
34	-1.13	elvanedis ELVAN EDIS - Loody245 KHALED HASSAN	LIONS
35	-1.26	saaj1 AJITA SHAH	TRUMPS
36	-1.3	nickd NIKOS DELIMPALTADAKIS	PEPSI
37	-1.4	valrani DARSHAN	TRUMPS
38	-1.44	Alimvali ALI	TRUMPS

