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21st BFAME Championships Begins

After a hectic first day where we all are learning to follow the rules the four different events took off. In the Open Teams **India** are the only unbeaten team and thus are comfortably in the lead with **Pakistan** and **Bangladesh** separated by a hair's breadth for second place, **UAE** and **Jordan** are very close together some five points adrift for the important fourth place to get into the semi-finals. In the Senior Teams **Bangladesh** are also unbeaten putting them at the top of the leader board followed by **Pakistan** and **India**. The Womens team is very close with only eight VPs separating first-placed **Jordan** from last place. **Jordan** are unbeaten in the Mixed Teams and are eight points ahead of second-placed **India**.

It is still very early days and no team should be too downhearted as there are many days of fierce competition to come.

A Note From Your Head Tournament Director

The TDs were very lenient with the players for the first day because it was just the start, but from day two ...

Kindly be advised with the following info & Instructions:

1. We will not accept any late arrival by any player for any reason (Visiting team should be online at the table 10 min at least before official start time, Home team should follow and be seated at the table at least 5 min before start), otherwise an automatic penalty of 0.5 VP will be applied and will be doubled for the next infraction by the same team/player.

2. According to the instructions sent to you more than one month ago which were also applied during the three Taster session which we organised, the whole team are required to sit at the same table at the start of each match and the system will automatically send them to the opponents and vice versa, any infraction of this regulation will result in both teams will lose the match.... It is one of the Captain's duties to make sure that the players are seated correctly.

3. It is the responsibility of each NBO to supply the players with a good internet connection with enough bandwidth for all the players along with a backup plan, any slow play after the official time has been expired will result in a penalty to the offending team no matter what the reason.

4. Cameras should be on all the time and player's head, shoulder and chest should be seen by the opponents all the time.

5. Players who leave the tables frequently from time to time during play and for unknown reasons will be penalised.

6. Reading all these instructions and notes is your responsibility.

We wish to have an organized event and your support is needed to apply it and to let you enjoy the game.

Thanks for understanding.

Best of Luck

Waleed El Menyawi - Head TD & Director of Operation



Today's Schedule













Open Championship

Round 1 Match 4 7.30 (GMT)		Round 1 Match 5 11.00 (GMT)		Round 2 Match 1 13.30 (GMT)	
 Bangladesh	 India	 India	 Pakistan	 Saudi Arabia	 India
 Jordan	 Pakistan	 Bangladesh	 Saudi Arabia	 UAE	 Pakistan
 UAE	 Saudi Arabia	 Jordan	 UAE	 Jordan	 Bangladesh

Senior Championship

Round 1 Match 4 7.30 (GMT)		Round 1 Match 5 11.00 (GMT)		Round 2 Match 1 13.30 (GMT)	
 Bangladesh	 India	 India	 Pakistan	 Saudi Arabia	 India
 Jordan	 Pakistan	 Bangladesh	 Saudi Arabia	 UAE	 Pakistan
 UAE	 Saudi Arabia	 Jordan	 UAE	 Jordan	 Bangladesh

Women Championship

Round 2 Match 1 7.30 (GMT)		Round 2 Match 2 11.00 (GMT)		Round 2 Match 3 13.30 (GMT)	
 UAE	 Jordan	 Jordan	 Palestine	 India	 Jordan
 Palestine	 India	 India	 UAE	 UAE	 Palestine

Mixed Championship

Round 2 Match 1 7.30 (GMT)		Round 2 Match 2 11.00 (GMT)		Round 2 Match 3 13.30 (GMT)	
 UAE	 India	 India	 Jordan	 Pakistan	 India
 Jordan	 Pakistan	 Pakistan	 UAE	 UAE	 Jordan

General Instructions

1. 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 / all team at same table) 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 min before the official start time, and the Home team has the right to have a look at the visiting team and sit its pairs accordingly.

2. Time delay and hesitation

It is very important to know that the TDs have the tools to produce a board report which includes the time for each bid / play by each player, so please be bare that in mind when calling the TD for a possible hesitation or before denying it.

It is also very important to know that the TDs also have the tools to produce a session time report which includes the exact time taken by each player in a session, in case of time delay, the penalty will be given according to this report.

3. Headphones / Earphones

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

It is strongly recommended that each player has his own headphone / earphone which is connected to his device during play

Use the table chat / private chat as much as possible and don't use vocal chat.

Any vocal explanation will not be taken into the TD consideration in any case.

You need to be very careful when using the table chat as you might give an unauthorized information to your partner which could results in adjusted score by the TD

4. Kibitzers

Kibitzers are not allowed by any means at the playing venue or the RealBridge online playing room.

All players are required to immediately leave the playing area when they finish their session, players are also kindly asked to keep their seats and not roam around the playing area.

All the matches will be broadcasted via RealBridge kibitzer website...

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

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

For security reasons, all broadcasted matches will be delayed by 30-45 min.

5. Smoking, Eating and Alcohol, Mobile and electronic devices

We must act as if we were playing these championships "live", therefore, the following is strictly forbidden during play:

Mobile phones and any other electronic devices, Mobile phones will be collected and there will be a regular check each session by the monitor.

Eating (even if only biscuits) or 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 defence.

Final Instructions

Welcome to the 21st BFAME championship 2021!

IMPORTANT LINKS

BFAME Website

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/bfame/>

Time table, Schedule of play, play links, Results and more ...

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=bfame&pid=display_page41

Convention Cards

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=bfame&pid=display_page47&sessid=662449186987538

General Instructions

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=bfame&pid=display_page42&sessid=662449186987538

Head TD Corner & Review Form

https://www.bridgewebs.com/cgi-bin/bwon/bw.cgi?club=bfame&pid=display_page45&sessid=43754367897896

Kibitzer Website

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

The 21st BFAME Championship will start Wednesday 8th December, we would like to stress on some important points.

Play Format

Open & Senior Teams: 6 teams (BAN, IND, JOR, PAK, KSA & UAE)

All teams will play 3 complete Round Robin, 15 matches in 5 days from 8-12 DEC.

The first and second Round Robin will be done according to pre-defined draw by the OC.

The third Round Robin will be done according to the team rank in the previous played 2 Round Robins.

After the Round Robin stage, the top 4 teams will qualify to the Semi-Final stage which will be as follows:

The top ranked team after the 3 complete Round Robin stage will chose its opponent in the semi-final match; opponent must be one of the teams ranked 3rd or 4th and the remaining 2 teams will play against each other

.The semi-final match will be played in 4 Sessions, 16 boards each in IMPs.

The final match between the semi-final winners will be played in 2 Sessions, 16 Boards each.

In all the knock out stages, there shall be a carry-over of only 0.5 IMP to the team who scored more VPs in the Round Robin stage.

The team ranked higher after the Round Robin stage will be the Home team in sessions 2 and 4 in the Semi-final match.

The team ranked lower after the Round Robin stage will be the Home team in sessions 1 and 3 in the Semi-Final match.

The team ranked higher after the Round Robin stage will be the Home team in session 2 in the Final.

Women Teams: 4 Teams (IND, JOR, PAL & UAE)

All teams will play 5 complete Round Robins, 15 matches in 5 days from 8-12 DEC.

The first 4 Round Robins will be done according to pre-defined draw by the OC.

The last Round Robin will be done according to the team rank in the previous played 4 Round Robins.

After the Round Robin stage, the top 2 teams will qualify to World championship and will play the final between each other on DEC. 13th, to determine the title winner.

Mixed Teams: 4 Teams (IND, JOR, PAK & UAE)

All teams will play 5 complete Round Robins, 15 matches in 5 days from 8-12 DEC.

The first 4 Round Robins will be done according to pre-defined draw by the OC.

The last Round Robin will be done according to the team rank in the previous played 4 Round Robins.

After the Round Robin stage, the top 2 teams will qualify to World championship and will play the final between each other on DEC. 13th, to determine the title winner.

Play Links

Already posted to the BFAME website with the dates, session number and category.

<https://www.bridgewebs.com/bfame/Play%20Links-BFAME.htm>

Will also be sent to the players' registered email addresses.

The game will be open to players to join 30 min before the official start time.

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The higher ranked team is the home team.

The visiting team has to sit first at their table (in Pairs N/S and E/W) and the home team has the right to have a look at the visiting team and sit its pairs accordingly.

Your Tournament Directors



















Mr. Sudhir Aggrawal, Mr. Ihsan Qadir, Mr. Raad Etoom and Mr. Tarek Abdel Rahman will be your friendly Tournament Directors throughout.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.


















With best wishes for a wonderful event.

Results












Open Championship

Round 1 Match 1		Round 1 Match 2		Round 1 Match 3	
 India 15.56	 4.44 Saudi Arabia	 9.69 UAE	 India 10.31	 India 18.97	 1.03 Jordan
 4.26 Pakistan	 UAE 15.74	 12.55 Saudi Arabia	 7.45 Jordan	 1.67 UAE	 18.33 Bangladesh
 2.69 Bangladesh	 17.31 Jordan	 8.80 Pakistan	 11.20 Bangladesh	 0.75 Saudi Arabia	 19.25 Pakistan












Senior Championship

Round 1 Match 1		Round 1 Match 2		Round 1 Match 3	
 India 12.00	 0.00 Saudi Arabia	 14.60 UAE	 5.40 India	 India 15.00	 5.00 Jordan
 15.00 Pakistan	 5.00 UAE	 0.07 Saudi Arabia	 19.93 Jordan	 5.40 UAE	 14.60 Bangladesh
 15.92 Bangladesh	 4.08 Jordan	 3.27 Pakistan	 16.73 Bangladesh	 0.00 Saudi Arabia	 20.00 Pakistan

Women Championship

Round 1 Match 1		Round 1 Match 2		Round 1 Match 3	
 14.60 Jordan	 5.40 UAE	 8.00 Palestine	 8.00 Jordan	 12.03 Jordan	 7.97 India
 5.00 India	 15.00 Palestine	 6.72 UAE	 13.28 India	 5.00 Palestine	 15.00 UAE

Mixed Championship

Round 1 Match 1		Round 1 Match 2		Round 1 Match 3	
 India 16.42	 3.58 UAE	 16.58 Jordan	 3.42 India	 India 18.55	 1.45 Pakistan
 0.31 Pakistan	 19.69 Jordan	 17.31 UAE	 2.69 Pakistan	 10.00 Jordan	 10.00 UAE

Special Online Policies

1. General

All players must be present at the playing spot determined by the local NBO and approved by BFAME and will play under the supervision of a monitor appointed by the BFAME in agreement with the local NBO.

WBF 20 VP “continues scale” will be used in the RR Stage

KO stage—if any - will be calculated in IMPs

Butler ranking will be posted after each RR session.

In the event that there is confusion, lack of clarity, or a difference in the interpretation of one of the technical clauses in these regulations, the interpretation of the Head TD is the final interpretation of this confusion / wording.

In the event there is confusion, lack of clarity, or a difference in the interpretation of one of the non-technical items in these regulations, the interpretation of the Chairman of the organizing Committee shall be final interpretation of this confusion / wording.

Playing with mobile phones are completely restricted, only Laptops / tablets shall be allowed.

It is the responsibility of each NBO to provide a good and stable internet connection in the playing area for the players, BFAME monitor, BFAME Officials and BFAME IT.

Two Surveillance cameras with an internet connection and zoom capability controlled by the TD will be placed inside the playing area to monitor it.

It is the responsibility of each NBO to provide playing table’s screens in the playing area, in case needed by the appointed monitor.

2. 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.

3. Undo

Undoes are allowed only during bidding and according to the followings:

The undo button is activated from the beginning.

Click the undo button to stop the bidding.

Call the TD

No Action from any party will be taken before the arrival of the TD.

The TD will instruct the opponents whether to accept the undo or not, the TD will accept only the obvious miss-click requests but not the change of mind requests.

The TD will keep counting the undoes for each player, only 2 undoes are allowed for each player during one session.

If the opponents accept—before the TD arrival - , bidding continue. but all parties forfeit their rights for any kind of rectification later on.

If the opponents don’t accept—before the TD arrival - , bidding stops and the TD decide what is to be done.

The TDs reserve the rights to adjust the score of the board for any unauthorised information might arise from using the undo process.

Undo is not allowed under any circumstances during playing the deals and if a player request an undo during play, the TD has to be summoned immediately to take an action and he might adjust the score.

To start my reports on the 21st BFAME Championships I decided to watch a match from the Open Teams and chose UAE versus Pakistan for no other reason than yesterday evening I learnt the fact that United Arab Emirates is the longest country name where the letters alternate between vowel and consonant. With the format of playing on RealBridge it makes life more difficult for your humble scribe as each of the four events has its own set of boards, which makes 192 boards played every day. Even though my computer has two screens and I have two eyes, to keep track of all the deals is beyond a mere mortal such as I, so from tomorrow, not only will I do match reports but I shall try and have a round up of the more interesting deals that did not make into the reports.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ 962	♠ 105	♠ AKQJ3
♥ A1075	♥ J9632	♥ Q4
♦ 8542	♦ KQ976	♦ 3
♣ 85	♣ J	♣ A9643
	♠ 874	
	♥ K8	
	♦ AJ10	
	♣ KQ1072	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rahim	Said	Mansoor	Attef
–	Pass	1♠	2♣
2♠	All Pass		

A modest contract for our first deal but it highlights the power of West's spade supporting bid. There is a well-known Bols tip 'Do not be afraid to respond.' And see what happens: he is in a making contract and also prevents North from mentioning his red suits. He is now good for a plus score. Declarer made an overtrick when South who had repeatedly to find a lead eventually chose hearts instead of diamonds.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mehilba	Puri	Ghoneim	Mohiuddin
–	Pass	1♠	2♣
All Pass			

When West refrained from showing his spade support North missed the opportunity to make life difficult for his opponents. What could East do but pass? Declarer's play gave away an extra undertrick in the endgame and so was four light instead of three, giving away two IMPs.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

	♠ 10963	
	♥ 104	
	♦ 976542	
	♣ 8	
♠ A8		♠ KJ7542
♥ KJ765		♥ 932
♦ –		♦ Q10
♣ A107542		♣ 96
	♠ Q	
	♥ AQ8	
	♦ AKJ83	
	♣ KQJ3	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rahim	Said	Mansoor	Attef
–	–	2♠*	Double
4♠	Pass	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

I suspect if you had queried North as to the probability that he would be playing a successful game contract he would have responded "minute". West tried to exert maximum pressure on his opponents with a direct raise to the four-level. South made the fine bid of 4NT indicating his strength in the minors and now North had no choice but to choose diamonds and when East led a spade the contract was now safe as clubs could be established to discard the losing heart in declarer's hand.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mehilba	Puri	Ghoneim	Mohiuddin
–	–	2♦*	Double
2♠*	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♠
Double	Pass	Pass	4♦
All Pass			
2♦ weak multi			
2♠ Pass or correct			

Strangely the effect of the multi opening did not permit West the chance of such a pre-emptive bid and so South was not under such pressure and after three forcing bids gave in on the possibility of a game contract. After West’s Double of Three Spades the unsurprising lead was a spade and so declarer again had eleven tricks but lost ten IMPs.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 1095			
♥ 9876			
♦ J7543			
♣ 10			
♠ A83		♠ KQ64	
♥ AQ53		♥ 42	
♦ 10		♦ A82	
♣ Q8643		♣ KJ92	
	♠ J72		
	♥ KJ10		
	♦ KQ96		
	♣ A75		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rahim	Said	Mansoor	Attef
–	–	–	1♦
Double	3♦*	4♠	All Pass
3♦ Weak			

I think we can all agree that North’s alert was certainly true, perhaps it was the excitement of a one count (as opposed to his zero on the previous hand), and who can argue with East’s jump to game, albeit in a Moysian fit. With the heart finesse working and the trumps 3-3 declarer was not hard pressed to bring in ten tricks and in fact after the diamond lead eleven tricks were theoretically possible.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mehilba	Puri	Ghoneim	Mohiuddin
–	–	–	1NT*
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♦
All Pass			
1NT 11-14			

I confess that if I was West at my second chance to speak I would have ventured a Double. It may not have got us to game but it would have avoided the embarrassment of allowing a no-hope contract to make. The defence should have three spade tricks, two hearts and a ruff and then the ace of trumps. A loss of twelve IMPs.

It is worth noting that Six Clubs is a making contract needing little more than the king of hearts well-placed, not unlikely after the opening bid.

Board 4

This is of interest only in that both rooms had the same auction: ‘All Pass’.

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ AJ842			
♥ K4			
♦ Q863			
♣ Q4			
♠ –		♠ Q10763	
♥ J1092		♥ Q76	
♦ K52		♦ A1097	
♣ AKJ732		♣ 6	
	♠ K95		
	♥ A853		
	♦ J4		
	♣ 10985		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rahim	Said	Mansoor	Attef
–	1♠	Pass	2♠*
3♣	All Pass		
2♠ Constructive, 7-10			

To beat the contract North must start with king of hearts but surprisingly he did not lead a spade but chose the three of diamonds. That cannot be a doubleton as you have the deuce, with the same reasoning it cannot be MUD, thus the most likely scenario is fourth best. Inserting the nine or ten would most likely create a tenace position over an honour in North’s hand. However declarer spurned the winning finesse in favour of a losing one, he rose with dummy’s ace and took a losing club finesse ensuring two losers in the suit and the defeat of


his contract. I think the club finesse is a little bit of a mirage—it only gains if South has exactly three to the queen, about an 18% chance. If he were to win the diamond lead in hand and then cash two top clubs and the queen did not fall the opposition cannot draw two rounds of trumps without giving up a trick. If the queen falls then you still have a trump loser. But either way you are in control and can set about the hearts and either make your contract or if the queen drops an overtrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mehilba	Puri	Ghoneim	Mohiuddin
—	1♠	Pass	2♠
3♣	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Double	All Pass

In this room South was not going to give up without a fight and East was happy to contribute a red card to the table. After East’s lead of his singleton club West cashed two rounds and fell from grace when he failed to continue with the jack. This would have led to three down instead of just two. But a gain of nine IMPs, the score would have been the same if both tables had achieved the par result for their contract, so no harm done.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

	♠ KJ5	
	♥ KQ873	
	♦ K10	
	♣ KJ8	
♠ 109432		♠ 7
♥ 10		♥ 9652
♦ AQ98		♦ 6432
♣ 975		♣ Q1042
	♠ AQ86	
	♥ AJ4	
	♦ J75	
	♣ A63	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rahim	Said	Mansoor	Attef
—	—	—	1NT
2♠*	3♥	Pass	3NT
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦*
Double	6NT	All Pass	
2♠	5♠ and 4+ minor		

There are some who would call West’s intervention brave, I am not one of them. The subsequent Double of 5♦ pinpointed the ace of diamonds for

the opposition and thus made the play of the final contract as simple as possible. Had West continually produced green cards from his bidding box then declarer would have had two options: play for the queen of clubs to be onside or take a winning view in the diamonds. Some days he will get it wrong and at one of the other tables he did.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Mehilba	Puri	Ghoneim	Mohiuddin
—	—	—	1♣
Pass	1♥	Pass	1NT*
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

- 1NT 15-17
- 2♦ Game forcing
- 4♠ Keycard
- 5♣ 0 or 3

Another good auction to a good slam. Declarer played it well, he drew trumps and West discarded clubs. Declarer then cashed the ace of clubs and led another, when West discarded declarer then cashed the spades discarding his losing diamond and a diamond from dummy gave West no winning option. A flat board.

At the end of the session in which the contract was 3NT only four times was 38-14 IMPs to UAE or 15.74-4.26 VPs.

According to the conditions of contest

-The team in forfeit shall score zero Victory Points and zero IMPs for that match. The team winning the forfeited match will receive the best score between:

- (a) 12 VP using the 20-0 VP continues scale, or the equivalent according to the VP scale adopted,
- (b) The team’s average
- (c) The average score obtained by all the other opponents against the team at fault, whichever is greater.

21st BFAME Championships Rosters

Open		Women	
Bangladesh		India	
Captain	Amir Ali Rana	Captain	Subhash Chandra Gupta
Player	Md Zahid Hossain	Player	Puja Batra
Player	Mohammad Maula Al Mamun	Player	Asha Sharma
Player	SK Aminur Rahman	Player	Bharati Dey
Player	BM Mahmud Hossain	Player	Vasanti Shah
Player	Ali Ahammed	Player	Feroza Chothia
Player	Md Anisuzzaman	Player	Aparna Sushil Sain
India		Jordan	
Captain	Debasish Ray	Captain	Ramzi Najeeb Goussous
Player	Keyzad Anklesaria	Player	Yasmin M.A.Khattak
Player	Rajeshwar Tewari	Player	Dimah Omar Al-taher
Player	Sumit Mukherjee	Player	Mays Wahib Albittar
Player	Debabrata Majumder	Player	Hanan Khalil Al salem
Player	Sandeep Thakral	Player	Bana Ibrahim Taher
Player	Jaggy Shivdasani	Player	Alia M A Rida
Jordan		Palestine	
Captain	Zafer Jarrar	Captain	Laila Haddadin
Player	Zafer Jarrar	Player	Nawar Hashem
Player	Sakher Malkawi	Player	Hanan Albitar
Player	Amr Nimer	Player	Silvia Hayk Kh Harbedian
Player	Laith Jarrar	Player	Fadia Najjar
Player	Clement Maamarbach	Player	May Abogharbieh
Player	Aida Abu Jaber	Player	Laila Haddadin
Pakistan		U.A.E	
Captain	Kashif Ali Qureshi	Captain	Manju law
Player	Kashif Ali Qureshi	Player	Manju law
Player	Hasnat Mahmood	Player	Rubinder Kochar
Player	Khalid Mohiuddin	Player	Vandana Darshan Valrani
Player	Muhammad Mubashir Puri	Player	Anshu Agarwal
Player	Yasser Rahim	Player	Rupinder kaur Walia
Player	Arslan Mansoor	Player	Kumkum Kumar
Saudi Arabia			
Captain	Bassem Afioni		
Player	Bassem Afioni		
Player	Abdul hakim Sahab		
Player	Mohammed Hassan Badawoud		
Player	Mohamed Ali Azem		
Player	Amal Rahbani		
Player	Yasser Sindi		
U.A.E			
Captain	Hesham Attef Abdelmonaem		
Player	Hesham Attef		
Player	Akiel H N Almadi		
Player	Hazem Ghoneim		
Player	Khaled Hassan Abdelatief		
Player	Abdelrahim Mehilba		
Player	Mohamed Said Elsayed		

21st BFAME Championships Rosters

Seniors		Mixed	
Bangladesh		India	
Captain	Mohammad Azizul Haque	Captain	Vinay Desai
Player	Mohammad Azizul Haque	Player	Kiran Nadar
Player	ATM Moazzem Hussain	Player	Bachiraju Satyanarayana
Player	Khodoker Mazharul Haque	Player	Marianne Karmarkar
Player	Md Jahirul Haque	Player	Sandeep Karmarkar
Player	DM Hanzala	Player	Himani Khandelwal
Player	Sayeed Ahmed	Player	Rajeev Khandelwal
India		Jordan	
Captain	Ramaratnam Krishnan	Captain	Marwan Ghanem
Player	Ashok Kumar Goel	Player	Marwan Ghanem
Player	K R Venkatraman	Player	Sireen Barakat.
Player	Anil P. Padhye	Player	Samer Alrawashdeh
Player	Rajesh A. Dalal	Player	Farah Tambulat
Player	Subrata Saha	Player	Mona Alzaben
Player	Sukamal Das	Player	Ghassan Ghanem
Jordan		Pakistan	
Captain	Ghassan Ghanem	Captain	Ahsan Javed Qureshi
Player	Ghassan Ghanem	Player	Ahsan Javed Qureshi
Player	Omran Abdallah Abudhaim	Player	Zia Hyder Naqi
Player	Jamal Abdul Jalil	Player	Aamir Ishaq
Player	Zead Shariha	Player	Rubina Agha
Player	Jack Karouta	Player	Samira Fancy
		Player	Neelofar Aslam
Pakistan		U.A.E.	
Captain	Kamran Ibrahim	Captain	Amr Mekky
Player	Azhar Hamid	Player	Nermeen Qasim
Player	Muhammad Ghalib Bandesha	Player	Humayun Sumar
Player	Masood Mazhar	Player	Timur Edis
Player	Iftikhar Baqai	Player	Elvan Edis
Player	Zakir Mahmood	Player	Marie Hindie
Player	Kamran Ibrahim	Player	Amr Mekky
Saudi Arabia			
Captain	Tareg Ahmad Alyafi		
Player	Salem Sabali		
Player	Tareg Ahmad Alyafi		
Player	Adnan Ali Mosly		
Player	Ayman Tarek Al Safadi		
Player	Reda Salama		
Player	Mujahed RY		
U.A.E			
Captain	Ahmed Almidfa		
Player	Ahmed Almidfa		
Player	Valrani Darshan		
Player	Sanjay Satyasadhan Dutta		
Player	Arun Chopra		
Player	Hussein Adam Ali		
Player	Ravishankar Bhat		


Senior

Bangladesh vs. Pakistan

RR1 Match 2

After the first round both Bangladesh and Pakistan had won their opening matches with 15 VPs so this seemed to be the match to watch in the Senior Teams

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

<p>♠ AQ10 ♥ K743 ♦ 7 ♣ KQ1073</p>		<p>♠ 98742 ♥ A108 ♦ KQ6 ♣ 54</p>	<p>♠ K65 ♥ J ♦ AJ85432 ♣ A8</p>
		<p>♠ J3 ♥ Q9652 ♦ 109 ♣ J962</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Iftibaqai</i>	<i>Ahmed</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>	<i>Hanzala</i>
–	Pass	1♦	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT			

The lead was a probable top of nothing nine of spades and declarer took the jack with the queen and now pinned his hopes on the club suit providing five tricks (just over 50%) and when North showed out on the third round continued the suit to set up the long club. South now switched to the queen of hearts and when West played low continued the suit. When North won with his ♥10 he led the king of diamonds to establish the fifth trick for the defence. So the contract failed by one trick.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hussain</i>	<i>Bandesha</i>	<i>Haque</i>	<i>Mazhar</i>
–	Pass	1♦*	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
1♦ 4♦			

The was identical but West won the trick with the ace. He now led his diamond towards dummy and when North played low so did he. If declarer is play-

ing for the diamonds to break 3-2 surely it could not cost to insert the jack, be that as it may, when South took the diamond trick he persisted with the spade attack and when the spades behaves declarer was home, with an overtrick when the defence did not cash their ace of hearts. Ten IMPs to Bangladesh.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 103 ♥ K ♦ KQ873 ♣ QJ1073</p>		<p>♠ 542 ♥ J87543 ♦ A92 ♣ 2</p>	<p>♠ AQ86 ♥ A6 ♦ J10 ♣ AK965</p>
		<p>♠ KJ97 ♥ Q1092 ♦ 654 ♣ 84</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Iftibaqai</i>	<i>Ahmed</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>	<i>Hanzala</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	2♥*	Double	3♥
4NT	Pass	5♣	All Pass

The question here is whether after the 4NT bid East was worth more than Five Clubs, and I am 60/40 in favour of further action or was there something West could have done over Three Hearts, I do not see an easy other option for West, Four Hearts will almost certainly bring Four Spades and now 4NT is a very vague bid unless you have exceedingly good agreements.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hussain</i>	<i>Bandesha</i>	<i>Haque</i>	<i>Mazhar</i>
–	–	–	Pass
2NT	Pass	6♣*	

I have no idea what this auction is about as in the convention card 2NT is supposed to show 20-22, however whatever really happened the contract was right-sided and impregnable so 13 IMPs to Bangladesh.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ 942</p> <p>♥ K10542</p> <p>♦ J7654</p> <p>♣ —</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ Q</p> <p>♥ 7</p> <p>♦ A1098</p> <p>♣ KQJ10963</p>	<p>♠ A108765</p> <p>♥ Q63</p> <p>♦ KQ3</p> <p>♣ 8</p>
		<p>♠ KJ3</p> <p>♥ AJ98</p> <p>♦ 2</p> <p>♣ A7542</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Iftibaqai</i>	<i>Ahmed</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>	<i>Hanzala</i>
—	—	1♠	Pass
2♠	5♣	Pass	6♣
All Pass			

I guarantee not everyone will pass with the South hand but when partner tried Five Clubs South was prepared to try for the slam. He was amply rewarded as the slam was ice cold

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hussain</i>	<i>Bandesha</i>	<i>Haque</i>	<i>Mazhar</i>
—	—	1♠	Double
2♠	3♣	Pass	4♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

As predicted South doubled the opening bid of One Spade. Three clubs may well be a free bid but it does not do full justice to the hand and certainly when partner can find a raise your hand becomes enormous and surely a further effort should be made, you have every suit controlled and not many losers. Failure to progress gave eleven more IMPs to Bangladesh.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

<p>♠ J654</p> <p>♥ A</p> <p>♦ QJ104</p> <p>♣ KQ92</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	<p>♠ 10</p> <p>♥ 8642</p> <p>♦ AK6</p> <p>♣ J7543</p>	<p>♠ AK72</p> <p>♥ K95</p> <p>♦ 973</p> <p>♣ A106</p>
		<p>♠ Q983</p> <p>♥ QJ1073</p> <p>♦ 852</p> <p>♣ 8</p>	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Iftibaqai</i>	<i>Ahmed</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>	<i>Hanzala</i>
—	Pass	1♣	1♥
Double	3♥	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

South made his natural lead of the ♥Q, perforce won in dummy, The two top trumps exposed the 4-1 break and declarer continued with a diamond to dummy's queen and North's king. A heart was returned and when declarer played low and ruffed in dummy he down in top tricks as the defence now had two trump tricks and still the ace of diamonds.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hussain</i>	<i>Bandesha</i>	<i>Haque</i>	<i>Mazhar</i>
—	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
1♣	maybe 2♣		

With the hand being played from West the natural lead was a top diamond, the two from South and the jack from declarer. Now to defeat the contract North needed to switch to a club so as to give his partner a ruff using the other top diamond as an entry, but he persisted with a diamond, declarer throwing the queen. A further diamond made it easy for declarer as he now cashed two top trumps and led towards the jack and South could have his queen whenever he wished but it would be the last trick for the defence. Another 12 IMPs to Bangladesh.

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ KJ842 ♥ A954 ♦ QJ6 ♣ 9	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ A53 ♥ Q876 ♦ K104 ♣ A42	♠ Q107 ♥ KJ103 ♦ 83 ♣ J876
♠ 96 ♥ 2 ♦ A9752 ♣ KQ1053			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Iftibaqai</i>	<i>Ahmed</i>	<i>Mahmood</i>	<i>Hanzala</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	All Pass

The defence did not get off to the best start when it commenced with three rounds of diamonds. To defeat the contract a heart must be ruffed. North has to lead away from his heart honour, not an easy thing to do but if he believes South is 5-5 in the minors and that the opposition only has eight-card fit then simple arithmetic indicates a singleton heart in the South hand. As always there is an indication for the right defence.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Hussain</i>	<i>Bandesha</i>	<i>Haque</i>	<i>Mazhar</i>
–	–	Pass	2NT*
Double	3♣*	Double	All Pass
2NT	Weak minors		

With your favourite partner is the Double of Three Clubs a penalty double? If it was would you double? My answer to the second question is 'No'. The contract should always make with an overtrick as indeed it did, though on good defence it needs good declarer play for the overtrick. On a heart lead and continuation declarer must duck the second heart in dummy and discard a spade from hand and then he is in complete control and loses two hearts and a diamond. A welcome 14 IMPs for Pakistan.

The remaining boards were virtually flat and a little dull. At the end of the match Bangladesh had won by 53-23 IMPs or 16.73-3.27.

Standings

Open Team	VPs	Position
India	44.84	1
Pakistan	32.31	2
Bangladesh	32.22	4
UAE	27.10	4
Jordan	25.79	5
Saudi Arabia	15.74	6

Senior Team	VPs	Position
Bangladesh	44.84	1
Pakistan	32.31	2
India	32.22	4
Jordan	27.10	4
UAE	25.79	5
Saudi Arabia	15.74	6

Women Team	VPs	Position
Jordan	44.84	1
Palestine	32.31	2
UAE	32.22	4
India	27.10	4

Mixed Team	VPs	Position
Jordan	44.84	1
India	32.31	2
UAE	32.22	4
Pakistan	27.10	4