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Last Chance Saloon

Today is the final day of the Round Robin. When all the results have been tallied there will be four teams in each championship playing off in semi-finals. The winning teams will represent BFAME in the World Bridge Championships in Herning during the month of August.

NEXT ZONAL BFAME CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE HELD IN SAUDI ARABIA 2027

BFAME Council Meeting

Minutes of the Second Meeting of the BFAME Council and NBO Representatives The second meeting of the BFAME Council and representatives of the National Bridge Organizations (NBOs) was held at the Media Rotana Hotel.

The Treasurer presented the complete and up-to-date financial accounts of BFAME. A comprehensive five-page document detailing the financial information was distributed to all participants. Mr. Bahjat Al Majali, President of BFAME, reviewed and explained the financial report. The accounts were unanimously approved.

Awarding of the 24th BFAME Championship Mr. Abdul Hakim Sahab, representative of NBO Saudi Arabia, proposed hosting the next BFAME Championship in Saudi Arabia. India volunteered to serve as the backup host, should Saudi Arabia be unable to meet the hosting requirements. Saudi Arabia was awarded the next BFAME Championship to be held in April / May 2027.

Mr. Abdul Hakim Sahab was requested to finalize the venue within three to six months, after which the final decision will be confirmed by the BFAME President.

The President and all Council members extended their congratulations to the host country, the UAE, for organizing a successful and well-managed Championship. In response, Mr. Ahmed Al Midfa, Head of the UAE Bridge Committee, expressed his gratitude for the strong attendance and thanked everyone for their participation. With no further points on the agenda, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the President.



Remains Of The Day

Mark Horton

In the final match of the day we would see if India could slow down the runaway Bangladesh Open team, while UAE would meet Saudi Arabia in the Mixed.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A74		♠ 853
♥ AK982		♥ Q65
♦ 842		♦ AJ1076
♣ J3		♣ K10
♠ KJ96	W	♠ 853
♥ 107	N	♥ Q65
♦ KQ95	E	♦ AJ1076
♣ AQ4	S	♣ K10
♠ Q102		
♥ J43		
♦ 3		
♣ 987652		

India v Bangladesh

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kamruzzaman Tewari</i>	<i>Rahman</i>	<i>Mukherjee</i>	
-	1♥	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♥3 and declarer won the third round do the suit and claimed, +400.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bendre</i>	<i>Ul Haque</i>	<i>Kushari</i>	<i>Hossain</i>
-	1♥	Pass	2♥
Double	Pass	3♦	All Pass

With no clue that partner held significant values West let matters rest. Nine tricks were easy enough but +110 gave Bangladesh 7 IMPs.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ —		♠ AK53
♥ AK1053		♥ J964
♦ AQ653		♦ K84
♣ QJ9		♣ 75
♠ QJ1087	W	♠ AK53
♥ 8	N	♥ J964
♦ J7	E	♦ K84
♣ AK1063	S	♣ 75
♠ 9642		
♥ Q72		
♦ 1092		
♣ 842		

India v Bangladesh

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kamruzzaman</i>	<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Rahman</i>	<i>Mukherjee</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	2♠*	3♥*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
2♠	Hearts and a minor		
3♥	Spade fit, 10+		

North was not tempted to try 4NT or double, +650.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bendre</i>	<i>Ul Haque</i>	<i>Kushari</i>	<i>Hossain</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	2♠*	3♥	4♥
4♠	All Pass		
2♠	Hearts and a minor		
3♥	Spade fit, 10+		

It was the same story here, no swing.

Saudi Arabia v UAE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Esdis</i>	<i>Bamehrez</i>	<i>Edis</i>	<i>Kattan</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	2♠*	2NT*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
2♠	Hearts and a minor		
2NT	Spade fit, 11+		

Another sound decision by North, +650.



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West	North	East	South
<i>Kattan</i>	<i>Qasim</i>	<i>Al Azem</i>	<i>Sumar</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	Double	3♦*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		
3♦	Bergen raise		

Here too, all the North players avoiding trouble.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ 974		
♥ 108		
♦ Q 10985432		
♣ -		
♠ A632		♠ KQ85
♥ KQ63		♥ A42
♦ 7		♦ K
♣ KQ83		♣ 76542

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♠ J10	
♥ J975	
♦ AJ6	
♣ AJ109	

India v Bangladesh

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kamruzzaman</i>	<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Rahman</i>	<i>Mukherjee</i>
1♣	3♦	Double*	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♠	All Pass
4♦	Pick a suit		

South led the ♦A and when North followed with the ♦2 he switched to the ♣A followed by the ♣J, declarer soon conceding one down, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bendre</i>	<i>Ul Haque</i>	<i>Kushari</i>	<i>Hossain</i>
1♣	3♦	Double*	3NT
4♦*	Pass	4♠	All Pass
4♦	Pick a suit		

South led the ♠J and seeing no danger declarer won and played a club. That looks like two down, but after South had taken the ♣A the play record makes no sense at all, the result being posted as one down, -50.

Saudi Arabia v UAE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Edis</i>	<i>Bamehrez</i>	<i>Edis</i>	<i>Kattan</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Double
3♦*	5♦	5♠	All Pass
3♦	Mini splinter		

South led the ♦A, but then continued with the ♦6, declarer ruffing in dummy and pitching a club. After drawing trumps declarer played a club, South taking the ♣A and returning the ♥5. Declarer won in dummy, cashed two clubs, played a heart to the ace and the last trump, squeezing South for +450.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kattan</i>	<i>Qasim</i>	<i>Al Azem</i>	<i>Sumar</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

South led the ♠J and declarer won, drew trumps and played a club. South had discarded the ♣9 so there were 11 easy tricks, +450 and another push.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ J84		
♥ KJ96		
♦ 98543		
♣ 8		
♠ AKQ765		♠ 932
♥ -		♥ A8754
♦ 102		♦ K
♣ K10943		♣ J765

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♠ 10	
♥ Q1032	
♦ AQJ76	
♣ AQ2	

India v Bangladesh

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kamruzzaman</i>	<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Rahman</i>	<i>Mukherjee</i>
-	-	Pass	1NT
2♠*	Pass	Pass	3♦
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass
2♠	Spades and a minor		

North led the ♣8 and South won and returned the ♣2, a diamond switch and a third club defeating the contract 'on the go', -100.



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West	North	East	South
<i>Bendre</i>	<i>Ul Haque</i>	<i>Kushari</i>	<i>Hossain</i>
-	-	Pass	1♦
1♠	Double*	2♥	4♥
4♣	5♦	Double	All Pass

West led the top spades and declarer ruffed and tried to reach dummy with a heart. When West ruffed declarer had to go one down, -200 and 7 IMPs to India.

On the next deal E/W held ♠J76 ♥AK654 ♦7♣6432 facing ♠AKQ83 ♥Q ♦K863 ♣AQ8.

North opened 3♦ with ♠5 ♥973 ♦AQJ1092 ♣K97 and East bid 3NT. After diamond lead for the ten and king it is clear that declarer has 10 top tricks but after winning with the ♦K, unblocking the ♥Q and crossing to dummy with the ♠J declarer played three rounds of hearts (perhaps he thought it was safe?) and went two down to give **India** 11 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 6											
♥ J64											
♦ K10854											
♣ KQ98											
♠ Q9743		♠ AK1085									
♥ AK108		♥ 5									
♦ AJ9		♦ 63									
♣ 4		♣ AJ1072									
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India v Bangladesh

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kamruzzaman</i>	<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Rahman</i>	<i>Mukherjee</i>
-	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♣*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
7♣	All Pass		
4♣	Minorwood		
5♣	2 keycards+♣Q		

An effortless +2140.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bendre</i>	<i>Ul Haque</i>	<i>Kushari</i>	<i>Hossain</i>
-	Pass	1♣	1♦
1♠	2♦	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

That meant the loss of 13 IMPs.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ 6											
♥ J64											
♦ K10854											
♣ KQ98											
♠ Q9743		♠ AK1085									
♥ AK108		♥ 5									
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	S										
		♠ J2									
		♥ Q9732									
		♦ Q72									
		♣ 653									

India v Bangladesh

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kamruzzaman</i>	<i>Tewari</i>	<i>Rahman</i>	<i>Mukherjee</i>
-	-	1♠	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♥*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♦*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♠	All Pass
4♣	Splinter		
4♥	Control		
4NT	RKCB		
5♦	3 keycards		
5NT	Grand Slam try		

There was nothing to the play,+1010.



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West	North	East	South
<i>Bendre</i>	<i>Ul Haque</i>	<i>Kushari</i>	<i>Hossain</i>
-	-	1♠	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3♦*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♥*	Pass	7♠	All Pass
3♣	Both majors		
3♦	Asking		
4♣	Splinter		
5♠	2 keycards +♠Q		
5NT	Grand slam try		
6♥	♥K		

That was worth 11 IMPs.

Saudi Arabia v UAE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Esdis</i>	<i>Bamehrez</i>	<i>Edis</i>	<i>Kattan</i>
-	-	1♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♥*	Double
4♣*	Pass	4♠*	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5♣*	Pass
5♦*	Pass	5♠*	Pass
5NT*	Pass	7♠	All Pass
2NT	4+♠		
3♥	Shortage		
4♣	Control		
4♠	Heart singleton, no diamond control		
4NT	RKCB		
5♣	3 keycards		
5♦	King ask		
5♠	No outside king		
5NT	Grand slam try		

South led the ♥3 and declarer won, played a club to the ace, ruffed a club, played a spade to the ace, ruffed a club, cashed the ♠Q and eventually claimed, +1510.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kattan</i>	<i>Qasim</i>	<i>Al Azem</i>	<i>Sumar</i>
-	-	1♠	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♠	All Pass
2NT	Jacoby		
3♥	Singleton		
4♣	Control		

That was a disappointing +510 and and 14 IMPs for UAE who recoded a convincing win. Meanwhile India had narrowly defeated Bangladesh.

Standings

Open Team	VPs	Position
India	181.25	1
Bangladesh	159.27	2
Jordan	143.42	3
UAE	123.14	4
Pakistan	103.81	5
Syria	98.48	6
Kuwait	78.63	7
Sri Lanka	63	8

Senior Team	VPs	Position
India	173.9	1
Pakistan	153.48	2
Bangladesh	116.01	3
UAE	103.58	4
Saudi Arabia	80.59	5
Jordan	74.18	6

Women Team	VPs	Position
India	199.16	1
UAE	160.05	2
Pakistan	139.38	3
Jordan	90.31	4
Palestine	72.92	5
Sri Lanka	58.18	6

Mixed Team	VPs	Position
UAE	171.58	1
India	162.87	2
Pakistan	99.54	3
Jordan	98.65	4
Saudi Arabia	91.36	5



Morning Has Broken

Mark Horton

The opening round of the day featured the Senior teams representing Saudia Arabi and UAE and the Mixed teams from UAE and India.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q8		♠ AK5
♥ 542		♥ Q976
♦ A108		♦ J43
♣ A8764		♣ KQJ
♠ J1097432	W	♠ AK5
♥ J3	N	♥ Q976
♦ —	E	♦ J43
♣ 10952	S	♣ KQJ
		♠ 6
		♥ AK108
		♦ KQ97652
		♣ 3

Saudia Arabia v UAE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dutta</i>	<i>Afyouni</i>	<i>Agamawi</i>	<i>Sahab</i>
—	—	1NT	2♣*
2♥*	Pass	2♠	3♦
4♠	All Pass		
2♣	One suit		
2♥	Transfer		

When South led the ♦K declarer could ruff in dummy, draw trumps and play the ♣K, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bajunaid</i>	<i>Chopra</i>	<i>Swayegh</i>	<i>Bhat</i>
—	—	1NT	2♣*
4♥*	All Pass		
2♣	Single suited hand		
4♥	Transfer		

EW got their wires cost, declarer managing seven tricks for -150 and 11 IMPs for UAE.

UAE v India

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sinha</i>	<i>Qasim</i>	<i>Naidoo</i>	<i>Ghoneim</i>
—	—	1NT	2♣*
2♥*	Pass	2♠	3♦
Pass	3♠*	Double	5♦
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass
2♣	Single suited hand		
2♥	Transfer		
3♠	Diamond fit		

West led the ♠J and continued with the ♠7, declarer ruffing, playing a diamond to the ace and a heart for the six, ten and jack. In due course the fourth heart was ruffed with the ♦10 for +750.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Esdis</i>	<i>R Khandelwal</i>	<i>Edis</i>	<i>H Khandelwal</i>
—	—	1♣	1♦
2♠	3♣	3♠	4♥
4♠	5♦	Double	All Pass

Having ruffed the second spade declarer cashed the ♦K and then played three rounds of hearts, soon claiming for what proved to be a flat board.

The best move with the West hand is unclear. However, jumping to 4♠ immediately might be the way to go, as partner might be more inclined to support the suit if N/S bid 5♦.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ 982		♠ QJ764
♥ 1053		♥ 7
♦ K98653		♦ AQ7
♣ 7		♣ KQJ9
♠ A1053	W	♠ QJ764
♥ AJ84	N	♥ 7
♦ A10654	E	♦ AQ7
♣ 3	S	♣ KQJ9
		♠ K
		♥ KQ962
		♦ J104
		♣ 10543



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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dutta</i>	<i>Afyouni</i>	<i>Agamawi</i>	<i>Sahab</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ♥K and it was not difficult to take all the tricks, +710.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bajunaid</i>	<i>Chopra</i>	<i>Swayegh</i>	<i>Bhat</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	2♦	2♠	3♦
4♦*	5♦	Double	All Pass

East led the ♥7, ruffed the heart return and played two rounds of clubs. Declarer could not avoid four down, -800 and 3 IMPs for Saudia Arabia.

UAE v India

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sinha</i>	<i>Qasim</i>	<i>Naidoo</i>	<i>Ghoneim</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♦*	Double	6♠	All Pass
4NT	RKCB		
5♦	3 keycards		

South led the ♦J and declarer won with the ♦Q and played the ♠Q soon claiming, +1460.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Esdis</i>	<i>R Khandelwal</i>	<i>Edis</i>	<i>H Khandelwal</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	3♦	4♦*	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♣	All Pass

North led the ♠8 and declarer won with the ♠A, played a diamond to the ace, ruffed a diamond, drew trumps and claimed 12 tricks, +1370 costing 3 IMPs.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ Q863
♥ AK109
♦ KQ
♣ 1075

♠ 105
♥ J7642
♦ 9752
♣ Q6



♠ A972
♥ -
♦ A863
♣ AK984

♠ KJ4
♥ Q853
♦ J104
♣ J32

Saudia Arabia v UAE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dutta</i>	<i>Afyouni</i>	<i>Agamawi</i>	<i>Sahab</i>
-	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	3♥*	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥*	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

North led the ♦K and continued with the ♦Q, declarer winning, crossing to the ♣Q and ruffing a heart. He then played clubs, pleased to see the suit divide. When South refused to ruff in with the ♦J at any point, declarer, having pitched a spade from dummy could cash the ♠A, ruff a spade, ruff a heart and play a spade, scoring the ♦9 en passant for +550.

As long as South ruffs a club at some point there will only be ten tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bajunaid</i>	<i>Chopra</i>	<i>Swayegh</i>	<i>Bhat</i>
-	1♣	1♦	Double*
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

East started with three rounds of clubs, West ruffing and switching to the ♦7. East won and a fourth club was ruffed in turn by the ♥8, ♥J and ♥K. Declarer cashed the ♥A and then played a spade. East went up with the ♠A (ducking is best) and exited with a spade. Declarer won with dummy's ♠J and came to hand with a diamond. Drawing trumps leaves declarer with the rest, but playing a spade allowed West to ruff for one down, -100 but still 10 IMPs for UAE.



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Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ K 10 5 3 2		♠ J 7 6 4
♥ 8		♥ 10 9 7
♦ 5		♦ J 10 9 2
♣ Q 10 8 6 4 3		♣ A 5
♠ 9		♠ K J 9 8
♥ AKJ32		♥ K 10 5
♦ AK86		♦ A 8 6
♣ J92		♣ J 4 3



Saudia Arabia v UAE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dutta</i>	<i>Afyouni</i>	<i>Agamawi</i>	<i>Sahab</i>
-	2♠*	Pass	4♠
Double 2♠	All Pass		Spades and a minor

East led the ♦J and continued with the ♦10, declarer ruffing, playing a club to the king and cashing the ♠A. Now the best move is to abandon trumps and play a second club. When declarer cashed the ♠Q he could not avoid three down, -500.

I noticed an interesting possibility.
Suppose East were to lead the ♣A.

Declarer can unblock dummy's ♣K (!) ruff the second round of whichever red suit is attacked, go to dummy with a spade, play a club to the ten and then continue with winning clubs. Wouldn't that be something!

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bajunaid</i>	<i>Chopra</i>	<i>Swayegh</i>	<i>Bhat</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1NT
Double 3♥	2♥*	Pass	2♠
Pass 2♥	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass
	Transfer		

West led the ♥A then switched to the ♦A followed by the ♠9 for the ten, jack and ace. Declarer continued with the ♣K and East won and exited with a heart. Declarer ruffed and now needed to go to dummy with a spade to finesse in clubs. Cashing the ♣Q meant three down, so no swing.

UAE v India

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sinha</i>	<i>Qasim</i>	<i>Naidoo</i>	<i>Ghoneim</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
3♣	3♠	All Pass	

East led the ♥10 then switched to the ♦J, followed by the ♦10. Declarer ruffed and played two rounds of trumps which meant three down, -150 and 12 IMPs to India.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Esdis</i>	<i>R Khandelwal</i>	<i>Edis</i>	<i>H Khandelwal</i>
-	2♠*	Pass	3♠
Double	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass 2♠	Pass	Double	Spades and a minor

East led the ♠4 for the eight, nine and ten and declarer played a spade to dummy's queen (a club is the way to go). When West discarded a club all declarer's problems were over, +590.

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ J 7 6 5		♠ K Q 10 4
♥ J		♥ Q 9 6 5
♦ AKJ8752		♦ 10 9
♣ 10		♣ 7 6 5
♠ 9 8 3		♠ A 2
♥ 10 7 4 2		♥ AK 8 3
♦ -		♦ Q 6 4 3
♣ K Q J 8 4 2		♣ A 9 3



Saudia Arabia v UAE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dutta</i>	<i>Afyouni</i>	<i>Agamawi</i>	<i>Sahab</i>
-	-	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♣K and declarer took 11 tricks, +460.
It is hard to say how good the North hand is opposite a strong 1NT, but with this distribution it looks best to start by showing the diamonds.



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Getting to slam will not be easy, even if South shows a fit, but it is not out of the question.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bajunaid	Chopra	Swayegh	Bhat
-	-	Pass	1♣
3♣	Double*	Pass	3NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦

All Pass

East led the ♣6 and in due course declarer could ruff his losing spades for a splendid +920 and 10 IMPs.

UAE v India

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Sinha	Qasim	Naidoo	Ghoneim
-	-	Pass	1NT
Double*	2NT*	Double*	3♣*
Pass	5♦	All Pass	
Dble	Single suit		
2NT	Diamonds		
Dble	Asking for the suit		
3♣	Super fit in diamonds and maximum		

Very close, but no cigar.

East led the ♠K and declarer was soon claiming, +420.

Perhaps North can do something other than bid 5♦. You would need to know what bids of 4♣/4♥/4♠ meant in this situation and with West's suit unknown its more difficult.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Esdis	R Khandelwal	Edis	H Khandelwal
-	-	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠*	Pass	2NT*
3♣	3♦	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣
Double	6♦	All Pass	

- 2♠ Any two suits
- 2NT Asking
- 3♥ Asking for the second suit
- 4NT RKCB
- 5♣ 3 keycards

East led the ♣5 and declarer claimed at trick two, +920 and 11 IMPs for India who scored a big win, as did UAE.

Captains Meeting

There will be a Captain's Meeting after the third session today at 19.45 for the 16 teams qualified for the semi-finals.





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Schedule for Tuesday 15th April

Note all times are UAE (GMT+4)

Open Championship

R.R (02)		RR 02, Match (06), 10H00			RR 02, Match (07), 14H00		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
15	1	8 Syria	x	4 Bangladesh	2 UAE	x	1 India
	2	1 India	x	5 Jordan	4 Bangladesh	x	3 Pakistan
	3	7 Sri Lanka	x	2 UAE	5 Jordan	x	6 Kuwait
	4	3 Pakistan	x	6 Kuwait	7 Sri Lanka	x	8 Syria

Women Championship

R.R (03)		Match (03), 10H00			Match (04), 14H00			Match (05), 16H50		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
15	5	6 Sri Lanka	x	4 Jordan	1 India	x	5 Palestine	4 Jordan	x	2 UAE
	6	1 India	x	2 UAE	3 Pakistan	x	4 Jordan	5 Palestine	x	6 Sri Lanka
	7	5 Palestine	x	3 Pakistan	2 UAE	x	6 Sri Lanka	3 Pakistan	x	1 India

Senior Championship

R.R (03)		Match (03), 10H00			Match (04), 14H00			Match (05), 16H50		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
15	11	6 Jordan	x	4 UAE	1 India	x	5 Saudi Arabia	4 UAE	x	2 Pakistan
	12	1 India	x	2 Pakistan	3 Bangladesh	x	4 UAE	5 Saudi Arabia	x	6 Jordan
	13	5 Saudi Arabia	x	3 Bangladesh	2 Pakistan	x	6 Jordan	3 Bangladesh	x	1 India

Mixed Championship

R.R (03)		Match (03), 10H00			Match (04), 14H00			Match (05), 16H50		
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team
15	8	--	x	4 Pakistan	1 India	x	5 Saudi Arabia	4 Pakistan	x	2 UAE
	9	1 India	x	2 UAE	3 Jordan	x	4 Pakistan	5 Saudi Arabia	x	6 --
	10	5 Saudi Arabia	x	3 Jordan	2 UAE	x	6 --	3 Jordan	x	1 India

The BBO matches for Tuesday 15th April are as follows:

Match 01 - 10.00 Women: India vs. UAE & Seniors: Jordan vs. UAE

Match 02 - 14.00 Open: Bangladesh vs. Pakistan & Women: UAE vs. Sri Lanka

Match 03 - 16.50 Women: India vs. Pakistan & Seniors: UAE vs. Pakistan



Results

Open Championship

Session 1	VPs
Bangladesh - Kuwait	13.04-6.96
Sri Lanka - India	0.23-19.77
Pakistan - Jordan	1.79-18.21
Syria - UAE	11.48-8.52
Session 2	
Jordan - Sri Lanka	18.44-1.56
Kuwait - Syria	4.44-15.56
UAE - Bangladesh	7.2-12.8
India - Pakistan	20-0
Session 3	
Kuwait - UAE	5.4-14.6
Pakistan - Sri Lanka	13.75-6.25
Syria - India	2.41-17.59
Bangladesh - Jordan	5.61-14.39

Women Championship

Session 1	VPs
India - Pakistan	17.97-2.03
Sri Lanka - Palestine	13.52-6.48
Jordan - UAE	0-20
Session 2	
India - Sri Lanka	20-0
Palestine - Jordan	2.55-17.45
Pakistan - UAE	16.42-3.58
Session 3	
UAE - Palestine	14.39-5.61
Sri Lanka - Pakistan	0-20
Jordan - India	2.55-17.45

Mixed Championship

Session 1	VPs
Pakistan - Jordan	5.2-14.8
Bye - Saudi Arabia	0-12
UAE - India	0.93-19.07
Session 2	
India - Bye	12-0
Saudi Arabia - Pakistan	12.55-7.45
Jordan UAE	3.74-16.26
Session 3	
UAE - Saudi Arabia	15.19-4.81
Bye - Jordan	0-12
Pakistan - India	9.39-10.61

Senior Championship

Session 1	VPs
India - Bangladesh	15.19-4.81
Saudi Arabia - UAE	1.91-18.09
Pakistan - Jordan	3.27-16.73
Session 2	
India - Jordan	17.45-2.55
Saudi Arabia UAE	2.41-17.59
Bangladesh - Pakistan	9.39-10.61
Session 3	
Pakistan - Saudi Arabia	16.42-3.58
Jordan - Bangladesh	4.81-15.19
UAE - India	4.44-15.56




The Middlegame

Mark Horton

You could enjoy a debate about which is the best of the mind sports. For sure both Chess and Bridge would form a prominent part of any such discussion. With three rounds each day we neatly match the opening, middlegame and end game that govern the board game.

In today's 'middlegame' Jordan faced Sri Lanka in the Open and Jordan met UAE in the Mixed.

Board 2. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ A97 ♥ A9764 ♦ 2 ♣ J752		♠ 842 ♥ 8 ♦ AKJ9874 ♣ 106	♠ Q10653 ♥ 10 ♦ 653 ♣ K984
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Jordan v Sri Lanka

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Keerthisena</i>	<i>Jarrar</i>	<i>Soysa</i>	<i>Ghanem</i>
-	-	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

North led the ♣7 and declarer won with the ♣Q and played the ♥K, North winning with the ♥A. The trump split condemned declarer to two down, -100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Abu-Jaber</i>	<i>R Perera</i>	<i>Malkawi</i>	<i>E Perera</i>
-	-	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♠5 and when declarer put in the ♠J nine tricks were assured, +400 delivering 11 IMPs to Jordan.

Jordan v UAE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Esdis</i>	<i>Al Taher</i>	<i>Edis</i>	<i>Samhuri</i>
-	-	3NT*	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
3NT	Gambling		


North led the ♦2 and declarer won in dummy, played a club to the queen, cashed the ♣A and ruffed a club. A spade to the jack collected the ace, but there were still four losers, -50.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Al Taji</i>	<i>Qasim</i>	<i>Sabbagh</i>	<i>Sumar</i>
-	-	3♦	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

North led the ♥6 and declarer won with the ♥K, cashed the diamonds and the ♣A and exited with a heart, finishing with ten tricks, +430 and 10 IMPs.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 4 ♥ AK7 ♦ AQ6432 ♣ KJ3		♠ J10972 ♥ 86 ♦ - ♣ A107654	♠ K853 ♥ QJ932 ♦ K98 ♣ Q
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Jordan v Sri Lanka

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Keerthisena</i>	<i>Jarrar</i>	<i>Soysa</i>	<i>Ghanem</i>
-	1♦	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♥Q and declarer won with dummy's ♥A and played two rounds of diamonds, West winning with the ♦K and switching to the ♠3.



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Declarer ended up with 10 tricks, +630.

It was mildly surprising that East did not get involved. Over 1♦ you can play 2♦ for the majors, 2NT for ♥+♣ and 3♣ for the black suits.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Abu-Jaber</i>	<i>R Perera</i>	<i>Malkawi</i>	<i>E Perera</i>
-	1♦	Pass	1♥*
Double	2♦	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♦	3♠	All Pass

Two Hearts was described as a waiting bid.

South led the ♦5 and declarer ruffed North's ♦Q and played a heart for the queen and king. North cashed the ♠A and exited with the ♥7 and declarer ruffed, ran the ♠10 and then cashed the ♣A, ruffed a club and played the ♥J pitching a club. South could score the ♠AQ but declarer had the rest, +140 and 13 IMPs for **Jordan**.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ -		♠ -
♥ 10976		♥ K53
♦ 98543		♥ A532
♣ KQ104		♦ A
		♣ J6532
		♠ AJ742
		♥ KQ4
		♦ KQ62
		♣ 8
		♠ Q10986
		♥ J8
		♦ J107
		♣ A97

Jordan v UAE

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Esdis</i>	<i>Al Taher</i>	<i>Edis</i>	<i>Samhour</i>
-	-	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

South started with two rounds of clubs and declare ruffed, played a diamond to the ace, a heart to the queen, ruffed a diamond and cashed the ♠K, North discarding the ♥7. A heart to the king was followed by the ♦K and declarer claimed. South would have to ruff the next diamond and play a club but declarer would ruff and play a heart forcing South to ruff and lead into the ♠AJ.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Al Taji</i>	<i>Qasim</i>	<i>Sabbagh</i>	<i>Sumar</i>
-	-	1♠	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦*	Pass	4NT*	Pass
5♣*	Double	5♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Double

This unfortunate contract finished three down, -800 and that meant 17 IMPs for UAE.

Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ AK1064		♠ QJ9
♥ AK874		♥ J1063
♦ K		♦ 98
♣ 76		♣ A1083
♠ 2		♠ 8753
♥ Q5		♥ 92
♦ J10752		♦ AQ643
♣ Q9542		♣ KJ

Jordan v Sri Lanka

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Keerthisena</i>	<i>Jarrar</i>	<i>Soysa</i>	<i>Ghanem</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
2♣	Drury		

East led the ♦9 and declarer won, cashed the top spades, played three rounds of hearts, ruffing and pitched two clubs on the ♦AQ, +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Abu-Jaber</i>	<i>R Perera</i>	<i>Malkawi</i>	<i>E Perera</i>
-	-	Pass	1♦
Pass	2♦*	Pass	2♠
Pass	4NT*	Pass	5♣*
Pass	5♠	All Pass	
2♦	Majors		
4NT	RKCB		
5♣	1 keycard		



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West led the ♦J and having won with the ♦K declarer cashed the ♠AK then played three rounds of hearts, ruffing, the ♦AQ taking care of the clubs, +480 and a push.

Jordan had won the Open match, but lost to **UAE** in the Mixed.

Championship Rosters

		Senior			
Bangladesh		India		Jordan	
Sayed Ahmed	431	Ramaratnam Krishnan	411	Ghassan Ghanem	421
Dewan Md Hanzala	432	B Prabhakar	412	Yasmin Khattak	422
Khandakar Muzharul Haque	433	Bachiraju Satyanarayana	413	Zead Sharaiha	423
Md Jahirul Haque	434	Jaggy B Shivdasani	414	Mais Al Bitar	424
Md Azizul Haque	435	Subhash Gupta	415	Hassana Zuabi	425
ATM Moazzem Hussein	436	Ravi Goenka	416	Abla Musa	426
Pakistan		Saudi Arabia		UAE	
Abdul Hameed Syed	401	Bassem Afyouni	451	Ahmed Al Midfa	441
Ghalib Bandesha	402	Abdulkhakim Sahab	452	Hussain Adam Ali	442
Arif Janjua	403	Omar Bajunaid	453	Wael Agamawi	443
Kamran Ibrahim	404	Omar Swayegh	454	Arun Chopra	444
Masood Mazhar	405	Abdallah Rheimy	455	Ravi Bhat	445
Nauman Khalid Butt	406	Salem Sabali	456	Sanjay Dutta	446
		Mixed			
India		Jordan		Pakistan	
Rajeev Khandelwal	301	Jamal Abdeljalil	321	Ahsan Javed Qureshi	331
Himani Khandelwal	302	Rana Abdelhadi	322	Khaled Mohiuddin	332
Rana Roy	303	Ahmed Al Samhouri	323	Najm Abid	333
Sheetal Bansal	304	Dimah Al Taher	324	Shahnaz Pirzada	334
Priya Ranjan Sinha	305	Yana Sabbagh	325	Neelofar Aslam	335
Bindiya Naidoo	306	Mohamad Al Taji	326	Yasser Rahim	336
Saudi Arabia		UAE			
Mohamed Badaoud	341	Nemreen Qasim	311		
Eman Bamehrez	342	Elvan Edis	312		
Fayza Al Azem	343	Timur Edis	313		
Amal Rahbani	344	Humayun Sumar	314		
Khaled Kattan	345	Hazem Ghoneim	315		
Mohamed Ali Azem	346	Azza Sawaf	316		

From Wednesday there will be live running scores of the knock-out matches. See website for links.



Championship Rosters

Open					
Bangladesh		India		Jordan	
Md Moshiur Rahman	131	Rajeshwar Tewari	101	Zafer Jarrar	121
Md Asifur Rahman	132	Sumit Mukherjee	102	Aaida Abu-Jaber	122
Shah Zia-Ul Haque	133	Kaustabh Nandi	103	Clement Maamarbachi	123
Md Zahid Hossain	134	Sagnik Roy	104	Marwan Ghanem	124
Mirza Sajid Ispahani	135	Kaustubh Milind Bendre	105	Sakher Malkawi	125
A H M Kamruzzaman	136	Sayantan Kushari	106	Amr Al Nimer	126
Kuwait		Pakistan		Sri Lanka	
Khaleefah Al Ali	141	Arslan Mansoor	111	Rex Perera	151
Numan Al Turki	142	Gulzar Ahmed Bilal	112	Enaksha Perera	152
Bader Alrefae	143	Mirza Shauq Hussain	113	Dilanjana Soysa	153
Ahmad Alruwayeh	144	Mohsin Chandna	114	Jeevananda Keerthisena	154
Mohammad Husain	145	Sarfraz Ahmed Khan	115		
Hani Ibrahim Almaraghi	146	Syed Imran Ali	116		
Syria		UAE			
Ahmed Mansour	161	Hesham Atef	171		
Assem Hussami	162	Akiel Al Madi	172		
Azzam Hallaq	163	Emad El Shourbagy	173		
Wael Dogmoch	164	Tamer Ali	174		
Suhair Tabakh	165	Tamer Eissa	175		
Fares Azrak	166	Amr Mekky	176		
Women					
India		Jordan		Pakistan	
Puja Batra	211	Bana Al Taher	201	Fatima Raza	231
Asha Sharma	212	Reem Abdelhadi	202	Rubina Agha	232
Bindiya Kohli	213	Hanan Al Salem	203	Rehana Saigol	233
Priya Balasubramanian	214	Mona Al Zaben	204	Samina Raza	234
Bharati Dey	215	Lina Almasri	205	Rubina Hai	235
Alka M Kshirsagar	216	Selva HairBedlan	206	Shanaz Bamboat	236
Palestine		Sri Lanka		UAE	
Laila Haddadin	241	Maheesha Tambiah	251	Sawsan El Ebiary	221
May Abugharbieh	242	Sucharitha Ratnatunga	252	Manju Law	222
Fairouz Zaghmout	243	Carmi Mendis	253	Maria Hindi	223
Hala Sawwaf	244	Janani Wijeyeratne	254	Anshu Aggarwal	224
Nawar Hashem	245	Badra Jayaweera	255	Rupy Walia	225
Hanan Al Bitar	246	Sarla Nagendra	256	KumKum Kumar	226



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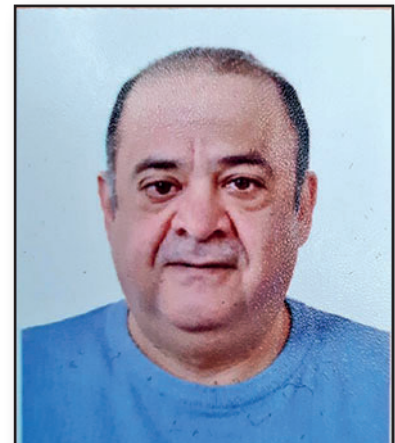
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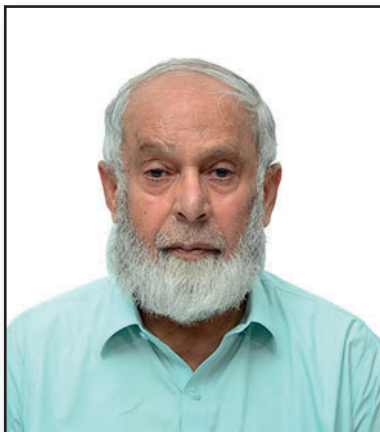
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