

# Bridge Federation of Asia & Middle East

## 23<sup>rd</sup> BFAME Championships

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## Fighting For A Place In Herning

Today the semi-finals commence. In the Open, **India** face **UAE** and **Bangladesh** take on **Jordan**. For the Women the two matches are **India** vs. **Jordan** and **UAE** vs. **Pakistan**. The Seniors battle sees **India** vs. **UAE** and **Pakistan** vs. **Bangladesh**. The final pairings in the Mixed features **UAE** vs. **Saudi Arabia** and **India** vs. **Pakistan**.

These matches are important as the winners will represent **BFAME** at Herning in the World Bridge Teams Championships.

Please note that you can see live scores by going to the website.

Saudi Arabia reached the Mixed semi-finals but were not in control of their destiny as they had a bye in the final round. They needed at least one of the teams above to have a poor result and that is what happened.



Your TDs: Raad Otoom, Waleed El Menyawi, Ihsan Qadir & Sudhir Aggarwal

### BBO Matches

10:00

Open : India Vs UAE

Mixed : UAE Vs Saudi Arabia

14:00

Open : Bangladesh Vs Jordan

Seniors : India Vs UAE

16:50

Mixed : India Vs Pakistan

Women : India Vs Jordan





## Results

### Open Championship

Session 1	VPs
Syria - Bangladesh	7.2-12.8
India - Jordan	13.52-6.48
Sri Lanka - UAE	11.2-8.8
Pakistan - Kuwait	10.31-9.69
Session 2	
UAE - India	0.31-19.69
Bangladesh - Pakistan	18.66-1.34
Jordan - Kuwait	12.03-7.97
Sri Lanka - Syria	16.88-3.12

### Women Championship

Session 1	VPs
Sri Lanka - Jordan	1.79-18.21
India - UAE	12.8-7.2
Palestine - Pakistan	0.93-19.07
Session 2	
India - Palestine	14.6-5.4
Pakistan - Jordan	6.48-13.52
UAE - Sri Lanka	16.58-3.42
Session 3	
Jordan - UAE	15.38-4.62
Palestine - Sri Lanka	17.97-2.03
Pakistan - India	2.83-17.17

### Mixed Championship

Session 1	VPs
Bye - Pakistan	0-12
India - UAE	5.61-14.39
Saudi Arabia - Jordan	15.56-4.44
Session 2	
India - Saudi Arabia	12.8-7.2
Jordan - Pakistan	14.8-5.2
UAE Bye	12-0
Session 3	
Pakistan - UAE	8.52-11.48
Saudi Arabia - Bye	12-0
Jordan - India	3.27-16.73

### Senior Championship

Session 1	VPs
Jordan - UAE	1.13-18.87
India - Pakistan	7.45-12.55
Saudi Arabia - Bangladesh	14.8-5.2
Session 2	
India - Saudi Arabia	15.19-4.81
Bangladesh - UAE	17.72-2.28
Pakistan - Jordan	13.52-6.48
Session 3	
UAE - Pakistan	2.15-17.85
Saudi Arabia - Jordan	20-0
Bangladesh India	1.34-18.66




## Pakistan vs. India

Ron Tacchi

Pakistan played India in the last match of the day in the Mixed Championship on Monday. India were well in the lead but Pakistan were a match behind UAE in third place. They needed a good win against what appears to be the favourites to move into second place.

### Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ A6		♠ 9543
♥ AQJ5		♥ 10874
♦ 843		♦ K107
♣ K1092		♣ A4
♠ J10872		♠ KQ
♥ 3		♥ K962
♦ Q652		♦ AJ9
♣ J65		♣ Q873

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sheetal</i>	<i>Khaled</i>	<i>Rana</i>	<i>Neelofar</i>
-	-	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Declarer took the opening spade lead in hand and cashed the ace and queen of trumps discovering the 4-1 break. A club to the queen held the trick and declarer then successfully finessed against the jack of clubs and East took the trick with the ace. The return of the ten of diamonds was covered by the jack and taken with West's queen and when a diamonds was returned declarer had the rest of the tricks for 650.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Najm</i>	<i>Rajeev</i>	<i>Yasser</i>	<i>Himani</i>
		Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦*	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
3♦	10+ 4♥		

South with a minimum just bid the game. Declarer took the opening spade lead in dummy and cashed

the ace and queen of trumps and returned to hand with a spade and lead a club towards dummy and elected to play the king which lost to the ace. East exited with a trump and declarer cashed the queen of clubs and exited with a club to West's jack, the subsequent diamond lead left declarer with no resource. To succeed declarer basically has to correctly guess the club suit and I can find no obvious reason why one should divine correctly the situation. The upshot was 13 IMPs to India.

### Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ K3		♠ J86
♥ 1063		♥ A98
♦ AJ976		♦ K103
♣ A32		♣ 10964
♠ 10752		♠ AQ94
♥ KJ5		♥ Q742
♦ 54		♦ Q82
♣ KJ85		♣ Q7

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sheetal</i>	<i>Khaled</i>	<i>Rana</i>	<i>Neelofar</i>
-	-	-	1♣
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

The old adage that an opening hand opposite an opening hand is values for game proved to be false on this occasion. The fourth-best lead of the ♣4 saw the queen headed by the king. Declarer ducked the opening two rounds of clubs and then staked all on the diamond position by taking three rounds of spades before proffering the queen of diamonds which, as we can see lost to the king and now the defence had a club, three hearts and a spade to cash for four down -400 in the out column.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Najm</i>	<i>Rajeev</i>	<i>Yasser</i>	<i>Himani</i>
-	-	-	1♦
Pass	2♦	Pass	3♣
Pass	3NT	All Pass	




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When East decided to lead a spade declarer had time to get the diamonds going and so made three spades four diamonds and a club for only one off but gained 7 IMPs.

## Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ KJ87 ♥ A9763 ♦ J ♣ A74		♠ 10963 ♥ KQJ8 ♦ A10 ♣ KJ2	♠ Q52 ♥ 542 ♦ KQ76 ♣ 965
♠ A4 ♥ 10 ♦ 985432 ♣ Q1083			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sheetal</i>	<i>Khaled</i>	<i>Rana</i>	<i>Neelofar</i>
-	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
4NT	All Pass		


There was obviously a misunderstanding here as to the meaning of the 4NT bid, to one member of the partnership it was Blackwood whereas the other opted for a quantitative question. On the lead of a diamond the contract was doomed and quickly two off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Najm</i>	<i>Rajeev</i>	<i>Yasser</i>	<i>Himani</i>
-	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♦	Double	Redble	Pass
5♣	Pass	5♥	All Pass

Technically spades is a better contract, the old question of a 4-4 fit against a 5-4 fit. On the lead of a diamond, declarer won and eliminated the suit before taking three rounds of trumps finishing in hand. A spade to the jack lost to North's queen and the club return was taken in dummy and now on the play of the king of spades South was endplayed as it was question of either a ruff and discard or leading into the club tenace. Game made and 13 IMPs to Pakistan

## Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ AKQ74 ♥ 97542 ♦ Q ♣ Q4		♠ J832 ♥ 63 ♦ AKJ763 ♣ 5	♠ — ♥ K10 ♦ 1098542 ♣ AK932
♠ 10965 ♥ AQJ8 ♦ — ♣ J10876			

As my many followers and admirers know I am exceedingly fond of a Biltcliffe coup. For those who unaware of its meaning it is the situation when a hand could have been passed out but someone continues bidding goading the opposition into a makeable game. The crème de crème of such a coup is when the final contract is doubled but makes. In real time I thought I had the chance of spotting one on this deal.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sheetal</i>	<i>Khaled</i>	<i>Rana</i>	<i>Neelofar</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	2NT*	4♠	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♠	All Pass		
2NT	minors		

I felt certain that one of the North/South partnership would bid the club slam. I confess had I been South my Six Clubs card would have been out of the box very quickly – but then I have the benefit of seeing all four hands. When the defence found its diamond ruff the contract was two light.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Najm</i>	<i>Rajeev</i>	<i>Yasser</i>	<i>Himani</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♠	2NT*	4♣	5
5♠	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

Again my hopes were dashed but this time the final contract was doubled. Yet again the diamond ruff was found so two off and 5 IMPs to India



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## Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

		♠ AK94									
		♥ KJ532									
		♦ K103									
		♣ Q									
♠ Q7	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ J8652
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ AQ64	♥ 87										
♦ Q2	♦ 8764										
♣ K9642		♣ J10									
		♠ 103									
		♥ 109									
		♦ AJ95									
		♣ A8753									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sheetal</i>	<i>Khaled</i>	<i>Rana</i>	<i>Neelofar</i>
1♣	1♥	1♠	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

My fellow editor Mark Horton has an entry in the book of Bols Tips of 'Don't be afraid to respond' (it is actually the first one in the book). East's boldness here paid handsome dividends as somehow it silenced the opposition. Declarer managed two tricks and so was five tricks short of his contract but at 50 points a go it appeared cheap.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Najm</i>	<i>Rajeev</i>	<i>Yasser</i>	<i>Himani</i>
1♣	1♥	Double	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

East tried to muddy the waters but the opposition made it to the game contract. The lead of the queen of spades was taken in dummy and it was followed by a losing diamond finesse. West continued with the spade attack which declarer allowed to run to East's jack. East exited with jack of clubs and declarer let it pass to West's king. The diamond exit was taken in hand with the ♦9 and the ♥10 held the next trick but West took the heart continuation with the ace and played back a club. Now with the hearts not breaking 3-3 declarer was down. The contract can be made in a number of ways, not always apparent, but there are some interesting endplays if you study all the possibilities. On the actual initial line took to succeed when the spade suit is continued she needed to rise with the king – I will leave it to the reader to work out the winning line of thereafter

but basically someone will be thrown in to either lead into a major suit tenace. So a loss of 8 IMPs.

## Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

		♠ A9									
		♥ KJ108632									
		♦ 84									
		♣ 86									
♠ KJ85	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q643
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ A	♥ 954										
♦ KJ1076	♦ A93										
♣ A42		♣ Q75									
		♠ 1072									
		♥ Q7									
		♦ Q52									
		♣ KJ1093									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sheetal</i>	<i>Khaled</i>	<i>Rana</i>	<i>Neelofar</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♦	3♥	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	4♠	All Pass

East did well to go to game. Dummy perforce took the opening queen of hearts with the ace. Trumps were tackled and North took the first round with the ace and switched to a club. Declarer took that trick with the ace and drew trumps finishing in dummy and now took a losing diamond finesse but that guaranteed the contract as the queen of clubs was now protected. Declarer had brought home his contract safely.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Najm</i>	<i>Rajeev</i>	<i>Yasser</i>	<i>Himani</i>
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♦	3♥	All Pass	

West perhaps erred on the side of timidity in the bidding and so North was allowed to peacefully play in a heart part-score and managed to take seven tricks losing 100 but gaining 8 IMPs for India.

The last two boards were flat and so the final score was 38-37 in favour of India so neither team had dealt a knock-out blow.



## India vs. UAE

Ron Tacchi

The first match on the last day of the Round Robin saw a top of the table clash in the Women Championship between India and UAE

Spoiler alert – we may be looking at some slams – some biddable – some not – some makeable – some not.

### Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A3		♠ KJ4									
♥ 10942		♥ Q6									
♦ K72		♦ A43									
♣ K973		♣ AQJ102									
♠ Q865	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ 10972
		N									
W		E									
	S										
♥ AK7		♥ J853									
♦ QJ965		♦ 108									
♣ 5		♣ 864									

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Anshu</i>	<i>Puja</i>	<i>Manju</i>	<i>Asha</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	All Pass

I assume 4♣ was some variant of Blackwood or Gerber and when only one ace was discovered the contract rested in 4NT. Declarer played safely to make the contract and so lost an overtrick IMP.

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bharati</i>	<i>Sawsan</i>	<i>Alka</i>	<i>Maria</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♦*	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
1♦	11-16 Artificial		

A perfectly reasonable contract with many safe options of succeeding – declarer managed eleven tricks.

This is one of the hand where slam is makeable

but not biddable. To succeed you need the precise diamond situation and the spades 3-3 or the club finesse which estimate at well under 10%.

### Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ Q9876		♠ J54									
♥ J652		♥ AQ873									
♦ Q105		♦ J9									
♣ 7		♣ KQ6									
♠ 32	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ AK10
		N									
W		E									
	S										
♥ 1094		♥ K									
♦ 842		♦ AK763									
♣ 109854		♣ AJ32									

#### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Anshu</i>	<i>Puja</i>	<i>Manju</i>	<i>Asha</i>
-	Pass	1♥	Double
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

On a trump lead declarer drew trumps and staked all on the diamonds delivering five tricks and so made eleven tricks, had the diamonds failed to behave i could have been a different story

#### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bharati</i>	<i>Sawsan</i>	<i>Alka</i>	<i>Maria</i>
-	Pass	1♥	Double
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♦	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

With reasonable breaks in all the suits declarer reeled in twelve tricks by ruffing a heart in dummy. An IMP for UAE.

Another possible slam – I agree very difficult to bid but very easy to play if you got there.



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## Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ K8764	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ AJ10
N					
W E					
S					
♥ Q65	♥ AKJ7				
♦ 764	♦ Q983				
♣ 104	♣ AQ				
♠ —		♠ —			
♥ 10432		♥ 10432			
♦ AKJ10		♦ AKJ10			
♣ K8732		♣ K8732			

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Anshu	Puja	Manju	Asha
-	-	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2NT*	
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♠	All Pass
2♦	multi, wk 2 or bal 20-21		
2♥	pass or correct		

Unfortunately the 5-0 trump split dooms the contract and declarer did her best but was held to eight tricks

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bharati	Sawsan	Alka	Maria
-	-	2NT*	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2NT	21-22		

East elected to protect her tenaces and play in no-trumps rather than their 5-3 spade fit. The lead of king of diamonds saw the ♦2 from partner and so switched to a heart taken in hand. When the jack of spades lead saw South discard it declarer went up with the king and led a diamond to the ♦8 and South won with the ♦10 and got off lead with a heart. Declarer won in dummy, took the marked spade finesse and cashed all the hearts before exiting with a diamond and sitting back and awaiting a lead into his club tenace for his contract. Nicely played by declarer. 13 IMPs to India

## Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 105	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A873
N					
W E					
S					
♥ AKQ	♥ 105				
♦ A765	♦ KJ82				
♣ AKQJ	♣ 1096				
♠ J4		♠ J4			
♥ 972		♥ 972			
♦ Q1094		♦ Q1094			
♣ 8754		♣ 8754			
♠ KQ962		♠ KQ962			
♥ J8643		♥ J8643			
♦ 3		♦ 3			
♣ 32		♣ 32			

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Anshu	Puja	Manju	Asha
-	-	-	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	All Pass		
3♥	4♦		

Declarer quickly rattled off eleven tricks.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bharati	Sawsan	Alka	Maria
-	-	-	Pass
1♣*	Pass	1♦	1♠
Double*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6NT	All Pass		

South led a fourth-best ♥4 to dummy's ace. Four rounds of clubs were cashed, South discarding two spades. The ace of diamonds came next and a successful finesse against the queen but the bad news of the 4-1 split came to light and now no matter what declarer did there were only eleven tricks. 13 IMPs to UAE

I know what you are thinking – he is going to say a slam is available, and you are right but I bet you cannot immediately tell me which slam is makeable and even less how to make it. It is Six Clubs and to make it you have to draw precisely two rounds of trumps and then discard a diamond in dummy on the third round of hearts, take the diamond finesse in the correct direction and then ruff the fourth of diamonds in dummy.



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## Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ A109873	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ K
N						
W						
E						
S						
♥ KQ107	♥ J86					
♦ 3	♦ AQJ6					
♣ K7	♣ AJ653					
		♠ QJ64				
		♥ 953				
		♦ 102				
		♣ 10942				

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Anshu	Puja	Manju	Asha
-	-	1NT	Pass
4♦*	Double	4♠	All Pass

East's slightly off shape no-trump opener unsurprisingly saw partner transfer to spades but such was the strength of the West hand that no harm was done. Bizarrely declarer appeared to lose only two tricks but claimed ten.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bharati	Sawsan	Alka	Maria
-	-	1♦*	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

The play record stops at about trick seven and says declarer claimed twelve tricks which does not appear possible but the official score has both parties scoring 620.

Yet again there is the possibility of a slam – this time 6♥. To make you just have to ruff a spade in dummy but you needed the 3-3 trump break.

## Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A10972	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td></tr> <tr><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W	E	S	♠ QJ863
N						
W						
E						
S						
♥ 9	♥ Q1074					
♦ 875	♦ QJ4					
♣ Q643	♣ 7					
		♠ K				
		♥ AK62				
		♦ A9632				
		♣ A109				
		♠ 54				
		♥ J853				
		♦ K10				
		♣ KJ852				

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Anshu	Puja	Manju	Asha
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♦	1♠	Double
4♠	Double	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West started with the ace of spades and switched to a diamond, won in hand with the king and a spade was ruffed in dummy. The ace and ♣10 followed, West ducking. The ♦A was cashed and diamond ruffed to establish the suit. Declarer crossed to dummy with a heart and led a good diamond which West ruffed. He got off lead with a spade but declarer ruffed in hand and cashed the ♣K drawing West's last trump and still a heart entry for his good diamonds.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bharati	Sawsan	Alka	Maria
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
1♠	4♥	All Pass	

West led a diamond taken in hand with the king. The ace and king of trumps were cashed exposing the unkind split. A losing club finesse was taken and then West cashed the ace of spades before giving partner a club ruff and there was still the queen of trumps to come for one down. 10 IMPs to India





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## Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 1093		♠ J652
♥ QJ94		♥ K83
♦ 964		♦ KQ732
♣ A52		♣ 8
		♠ AKQ8
		♥ 762
		♦ 108
		♣ KJ96

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Anshu	Puja	Manju	Asha
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣*	All Pass	
2♣	Max hand with clubs		

South could not envisage game opposite a passed hand and so left the contract at the two-level. Declarer was not pushed to take ten tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bharati	Sawsan	Alka	Maria
Pass	1♣	1♦	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣*
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When North valued his hand as an opening bid South was going to game. On the lead of the ♦3 declarer won with the jack and quickly established the clubs giving declarer ten tricks but the defence kindly offered an eleventh and that was 11 IMPs to UAE

## Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ A952		♠ KQJ87
♥ KQJ102		♥ 6
♦ 4		♦ 1082
♣ K52		♣ QJ97
		♠ 4
		♥ A98754
		♦ AQ63
		♣ A3
		♠ 1063
		♥ 3
		♦ KJ975
		♣ 10864

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Anshu	Puja	Manju	Asha
-	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♠*	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦*	Double
5♠*	Double	5NT*	Pass
6♣*	Pass	6♥	All Pass
2NT	Jacoby		
5♦	0 or 3 KC		
5♠	♥Q and a king		
5NT	king ask		
6♣	♣K		

A solid thirteen tricks by ruffing three diamonds in dummy. Should the grand slam have been reached – probably so – it appears that East was unaware of the diamond control opposite, maybe West was a little premature in launching into Blackwood. Grand slams are never easy to bid.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Bharati	Sawsan	Alka	Maria
-	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♠*	Double	2NT*	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♣	Pass	7♥	All Pass

The 2♠ bid is evidently a strong bid, probably with spades, supporting hearts. If the 4♦ bid was splinter then that was the key to the auction as when East discovers all the keycards, the queen of trumps and the ♣K are opposite the grand slam looks a surs bet and it was. 13 IMPs to India.

## Board 14. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ J1072		♠ A94
♥ Q6		♥ 853
♦ K10		♦ Q87
♣ J10986		♣ AK73
		♠ Q863
		♥ 1094
		♦ J643
		♣ Q5
		♠ K5
		♥ AKJ72
		♦ A952
		♣ 42

Both teams successfully made game but it is yet another of those unbiddable slam hands and equally unplayable as you need to play in hearts



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and drop the doubleton queen of trumps offside and then find the king of diamonds favourably placed.

## Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ Q ♥ A93 ♦ Q1054 ♣ AKJ95	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: auto;"> <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		♠ K ♥ J876 ♦ AK97 ♣ 7643	♠ 9842 ♥ Q ♦ J632 ♣ Q1082
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### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Anshu</i>	<i>Puja</i>	<i>Manju</i>	<i>Asha</i>
–	–	–	Pass
2♥*	2NT	4♥	All Pass
2♥	♥ and another		

I am not a fan of the 2♥ bid, I would always rather mention my seven-card suit than one of five cards but it got to a decent contract. We will not intrude on private grief and explain how declarer lost control and failed by a trick

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bharati</i>	<i>Sawsan</i>	<i>Alka</i>	<i>Maria</i>
–	–	–Pass	
1♠	2♣	Double	3♣
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

A good contract was reached here and had declarer tackled trumps by leading a small one from dummy rather than the jack she would have made two overtricks rather than one. Yet another possible slam thanks to the fortunate major suit distributions.

At the end of a wild session where there seven possible slams (but few of them biddable) saw India win by 50-40 so no serious damage done to either team.

# Final Round Robin Standings

Open Team	VPs	Position
India	214.46	1
Bangladesh	190.73	2
Jordan	161.93	3
UAE	132.25	4
Pakistan	115.46	5
Syria	108.8	6
Kuwait	96.29	7
Sri Lanka	91.08	8

Senior Team	VPs	Position
India	215.2	1
Pakistan	197.4	2
Bangladesh	140.27	3
UAE	126.88	4
Saudi Arabia	120.2	5
Jordan	81.79	6

Women Team	VPs	Position
India	243.73	1
UAE	188.45	2
Pakistan	167.76	3
Jordan	137.42	4
Palestine	97.22	5
Sri Lanka	65.42	6

Mixed Team	VPs	Position
UAE	209.45	1
India	198.01	2
Saudi Arabia	126.12	3
Pakistan	125.26	4
Jordan	121.16	5




## Bangladesh vs. Pakistan - Open

Ron Tacchi

The second match of the day is the last in the Round Robin for the Open Championship, the match I watched was between Bangladesh and Pakistan. Bangladesh were comfortably in second place in the standings but Pakistan were lying fifth about 11 VPs adrift of the fourth place and thus a chance to reach the semi-finals and so a possibility of going to Herning, so they needed a very good result and probably some help from other teams.

### Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 962		♠ 1073
♥ J62		♥ K87
♦ AKQ1054		♦ 76
♣ 4		♣ KJ765
♠ AKQJ		♠ 854
♥ A954		♥ Q103
♦ 9		♦ J832
♣ A1092		♣ Q83

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mohsin</i>	<i>Sajid</i>	<i>Arsian</i>	<i>Moshiur</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣	2♦*	3♣	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		


This was not the best contract but we have all been in worse. South led a diamond to North's queen and a trump was returned, taken in hand with the king. Declarer took a second round of trumps with the ace and came to hand with a club to the king and now played a club to the ace which North gratefully ruffed. Now there was no play for the contract and declarer finished up two down.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Kamruzaman</i>	<i>Sarfraz</i>	<i>Asifur</i>	<i>Imran</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣	2♦	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	All Pass		

An excellent auction to reach the slam. In this room declarer listened to the bidding and decided that if North was long in diamonds then may well be short in clubs and so finessed against the trump queen in the South hand and was rewarded with a successful slam and 14 IMPs to Bangladesh.

### Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A92		♠ K10753
♥ AKJ5		♥ 642
♦ K43		♦ 1075
♣ A76		♣ 85
♠ Q86		♠ J4
♥ Q10		♥ 9873
♦ AQ86		♦ J92
♣ 10943		♣ KQJ2

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Mohsin</i>	<i>Sajid</i>	<i>Arsian</i>	<i>Moshiur</i>
–	–	–	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

The opening spade lead was ducked and the continuation taken with the ace. Dummy's ace of trumps took the next trick and a spade was ruffed. A trump towards dummy brought the welcome site of the queen and the outstanding trump drawn. Four rounds of clubs followed and the overtrick was made when the ace of diamonds was handily placed.



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West	North	East	South
Kamruzaman	Sarfraz	Asifur	Imran
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	3♥	All Pass	

I suspect North's action of not going to game with a nineteen count is not going to be the most popular choice. Declarer made the same eleven tricks but lost 6 IMPs to Bangladesh

## Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 52	♠ Q84	♠ K
♥ A43	♥ J8652	♥ KQ107
♦ A932	♦ Q7	♦ KJ64
♣ J862	♣ A95	♣ KQ104

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	S	

♠ AJ109763
♥ 9
♦ 1085
♣ 73

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mohsin	Sajid	Arsian	Moshiur
Pass	Pass	1NT	2♦*
Double	2♥*	Double	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♦	All Pass
2♦	Long major		
2♥	Pass or correct		

With the diamonds nicely placed and the heart position making itself clear there were eleven tricks for declarer. Would they reach the game in the other room?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kamruzaman	Sarfraz	Asifur	Imran
Pass	Pass	1♣	3♠
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
5♣	All Pass		

Game was reached but unfortunately not the right one. South led the singleton heart and as soon as trumps were tackled North rose with the ace to give partner a heart ruff. Declarer subsequently did not play the diamonds to advantage and so finished two light. 8 IMPs to Pakistan.

## Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ Q103	♠ 6	♠ AJ92
♥ 7654	♥ K98	♥ QJ32
♦ 10	♦ AQJ876	♦ 9432
♣ AQJ93	♣ K86	♣ 7

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K8754
♥ A10
♦ K5
♣ 10542

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mohsin	Sajid	Arsian	Moshiur
-	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♦	3♦	4♦	All Pass

I am not sure how and/or whether the bidding should continue, but with the king of trumps inside declarer quickly wrapped up eleven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kamruzaman	Sarfraz	Asifur	Imran
-	Pass	Pass	1♦
3♦	4♠	5♦	Double
All Pass			

The good news about South's Double was that it deterred North from bidding 5♠ as that would have been very expensive. However as we saw above with the position of the diamond king declarer has eleven tricks and so 9 IMPs for Bangladesh.

## Board 23. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 1085	♠ K32	♠ QJ9
♥ KJ52	♥ 8	♥ Q10973
♦ A753	♦ KJ86	♦ 102
♣ 105	♣ AK732	♣ Q86

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A764
♥ A64
♦ Q94
♣ J94



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West	North	East	South
Mohsin	Sajid	Arsian	Moshiur
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

North started with a small diamond to South's ♦9 and declarer's jack. A spade to to dummy's jack brought the ace from South who continued with the ♦Q covered by the king and ace. North now continued with a diamond from his ♦75 towards declarer's ♦86 and with the clubs behaving there were ten tricks.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kamruzaman	Sarfraz	Asifur	Imran
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Double
Pass	2♦	All Pass	

The best description I can come up with for South's vulnerable Double is brave, there might be other commentators less charitable than myself. However no double no real trouble but the contract finished four light so that was 6 IMPs to Bangladesh.

## Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ A 10		♠ KQ974									
♥ AK1043		♥ 7									
♦ K9862		♦ A754									
♣ 7		♣ AK8									
♠ J863	<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		♠ 52
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ Q8	♥ J9652										
♦ QJ	♦ 103										
♣ J9653		♣ Q1042									

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mohsin	Sajid	Arsian	Moshiur
-	1♥	1♠	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

East led the king of spades taken by declarer who drew trumps in two rounds and exited with a spade. East won and played the ace and king of clubs, although this set up a club trick for declarer he could not avoid the loss of two diamond tricks for one off.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kamruzaman	Sarfraz	Asifur	Imran
-	1♥	1♠	4♥
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
4♠	5♥	Double	All Pass

At this table East was made of sterner stuff and refused to let the auction rest in 4♥. North made a good decision to go on to 5♥ as 4♠ is a make, the same nine tricks were available but it was still 6 IMPs to Bangladesh

## Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ AK7654		♠ Q									
♥ J54		♥ Q108732									
♦ A104		♦ Q2									
♣ 4		♣ AKQ10									
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		N									
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		S									
♥ K	♥ A96										
♦ K7653	♦ J98										
♣ 9876532		♣ J									

## Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mohsin	Sajid	Arsian	Moshiur
Pass	1♠	2♥	4♠
4NT*	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass	5♠	6♣	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	
4NT	minors		

A competitive auction saw East take insurance, unfortunately against a failing contract. There was nothing declarer could do about the two red aces and was one off.

## Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kamruzaman	Sarfraz	Asifur	Imran
3♣	3♠	4♥	4♠
All Pass			

East led a fifth-best ♥3 and dummy's ace felled West's singleton king. The ace of trumps accounted for the outstanding, another round of trumps then saw declarer exited with a club to East who correctly exited with the ♦Q and now at the end declarer had to lose two heart tricks to go off. 5 IMPs to Bangladesh.



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## Board 31. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ A987		♠ 3									
♥ J3		♥ 652									
♦ A65432		♦ KJ10									
♣ 10		♣ J86532									
♠ QJ1065	<table border="1" style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; width: 40px; height: 40px;"> <tr><td></td><td>N</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td></td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>S</td><td></td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K42
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ 1087	♥ AKQ94										
♦ 7	♦ Q98										
♣ AKQ7		♣ 94									

### Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mohsin	Sajid	Arsian	Moshiur
-	-	-	1♥
1♠	Double	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
All Pass			

Declarer was obviously a little tired at this point As the play of the hand was sub optimal as when he took trick three he had the rest of the tricks but unaccountably managed to give ruffs away and trump promotions eventually finishing down one.

### Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Kamruzaman	Sarfraz	Asifur	Imran
-	-	-	1♥
1♠	2♦	Pass	3♦
All Pass			

Is North worth a further effort, it is not obvious but with only one diamond loser the minor suit game is there but it was still 6 IMPs to Pakistan.

At the end of a very one-sided match Bangladesh had won 60 – 16. A result that almost certainly dashes Pakistan’s hopes of making the semi-finals.



### The Pakistani Senior Team

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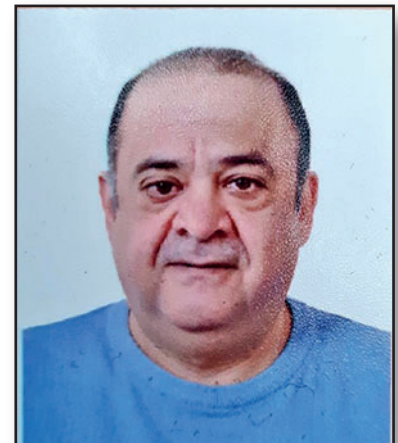
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