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And Now To Crown The Champions

Mr Eric Laurant, WBF Vice President, arrived in Dubai in the evening of the 16th of April and had a meeting with BFAME representatives yesterday. Minutes of that meeting can be found inside this Bulletin.

Mr Eric Laurant will be a guest of honour at the closing ceremony which will be held this evening at 8.00 p.m. in the playing area.



The semi-finals are all completed and we now know who will be representing BFAME at Herning at the World Bridge Team Championships in August.

Open India & Bangladesh
Women India & Pakistan
Seniors India & Bangladesh
Mixed India & UAE

Congratulations to India for representing BFAME in all four championships.

Today they will be the finals over 32 boards in each event to crown the BFAME Champions in each category.

The Mixed match between India and Pakistan was thrilling in that at the start of the difference was only 22 IMPs, during the session the lead dropped to single figures and there were chances for both teams to gain the initiative but India held on.





Minutes of the Meeting With WBF Vice President Mr. Eric Laurant

23rd BFAME Championship

Date: 17th April, 2025

Venue: Media Rotan Hotel, Dubai

Chair: Mr. Bahjat Al Majali, President, BFAME

Special Guest: Mr. Eric Laurant, Vice President, World Bridge Federation (WBF)

1. Welcome Address

Mr. Bahjat Al Majali opened the meeting with a warm welcome to Mr. Eric Laurant, WBF Vice President, on the occasion of the 23rd BFAME Championship. He introduced Mr. Laurant to the attendees and provided a brief overview of the championship. Mr. Laurant was then invited to address the gathering.

2. Address by Mr. Eric Laurant (WBF Vice President)

Mr. Laurant highlighted the WBF's firm zero-tolerance policy on cheating in bridge. Key points from his address included:

The WBF is committed to permanently banning individuals found guilty of cheating.

Advanced surveillance systems, including camera, light, and audio equipment, have been implemented at WBF-supervised tournaments.

All online games conducted via RealBridge, BBO, and other platforms are monitored in real-time by WBF teams.

Any suspicious or abnormal performance triggers a review, and the concerned National Bridge Organization (NBO) is notified for further action.

Strict punitive measures are taken against any players found in violation.

3. Discussion with NBO Representatives

Each NBO representative was given an opportunity to share updates and challenges related to bridge in their respective regions. A recurring concern among the NBOs was the difficulty in recruiting and retaining new bridge players.



4. Proposal from WBF to Support Development

In response to the concerns raised, Mr. Laurant proposed the following support from the WBF:

The WBF will send experts to conduct a two-day training seminar aimed at developing bridge talent and promoting the game.

The location of the seminar will be decided by the BFAME Council.

Each NBO may nominate 2 – 3 participants to attend.

WBF will bear all expenses related to the experts.

BFAME will provide accommodation and meals for the visiting experts.

5. Conclusion

The meeting concluded with appreciation for Mr. Laurant's participation and the WBF's continued support. BFAME will coordinate with its member NBOs and the WBF to finalise arrangements for the upcoming seminar.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes recorded by: Ihsan Qadir

Date 17th, April, 2025



Semi-final Results

Open Championship

Team	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	Total
India	54	40	59	36	54	33	276
UAE	18	20	42	14	48	55	197
Bangladesh	41	67	30	48	---	---	186
Jordan	18	2	12	37	---	---	67

Women Championship

Team	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	Total
India	32	44	60	50	56	---	242
Jordan	13	26	22	13	15	---	89
UAE	36	3	18	28	29	20	134
Pakistan	39	44	25	59	32	49	248

Senior Championship

Team	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	Total
India	24	53	58	54	24	---	193
UAE	23	22	28	10	16	---	108
Pakistan	24	26	24	29	8	---	122
Bangladesh	30	27	56	47	84	---	244

Mixed Championship

Team	SF1	SF2	SF3	SF4	SF5	SF6	Total
UAE	44	53	39	22	50	60	273
Saudi Arabia	11	22	50	7	23	21	134
India	24	26	56	13	50	25	207
Pakistan	30	27	15	51	59	27	187



India vs. Jordan - Women

Ron Tacchi

The third session of the semi-finals in the Women Championship saw India take on Jordan. After the first two sessions India had a lead of 37 IMPs, very close to a must win scenario for the Jordanian women.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ A53		♠ QJ9872									
♥ Q5		♥ 73									
♦ Q97		♦ J108									
♣ J9843		♣ A5									
♠ 10											
♥ AK4											
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♠ K64											
♥ J109862											
♦ K4											
♣ K7											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Reem</i>	<i>Alka</i>	<i>Mona</i>	<i>Bharati</i>
-	-	-	2♦*
Double*	2♥*	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		
2♦	Multi 6-11		
Dble	short spades		
2♥	Pass or correct		

East led the ace of clubs and switched to a spade taken in hand, a small trump led towards dummy and West took the king and played back a club. A trump from dummy saw West duck and dummy then ruffed a club, and exited with a trump. West got off lead with a club which was ruffed in dummy. Declarer now played the king of diamonds and West was in a bind, if he rose with the ace then his enforced diamond return would give declarer access to the established club trick and if he ducked another diamond would be led towards the queen, either way the contract was made plus one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Priya</i>	<i>Lina</i>	<i>Bindiya</i>	<i>Huda</i>
-	-	-	2♦*
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			
2♦	wk multi		

East led the queen of spades which declarer took in hand and played a small trump taken by West, he returned a club to his partner's ace and when another spade was led West ruffed the ♠K. With a diamond, a spade and a trump to come that was three off. 13 IMPs to India

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ 106542		♠ AJ83									
♥ KJ8		♥ 10432									
♦ Q43		♦ K65									
♣ Q10		♣ J4									
♠ K7											
♥ Q97											
♦ J72											
♣ AK652											
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♠ Q9											
♥ A65											
♦ A1098											
♣ 9873											

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Reem</i>	<i>Alka</i>	<i>Mona</i>	<i>Bharati</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

The lead of the ♠2 went to the ♠9 and king, declarer now played a small heart and ducked when North played the ♥8. Another spade from North saw declarer take a losing finesse and he allowed a small club from South to run to North's queen, and North exited with a club to dummy's jack. Declarer compounded her misery by cashing the ace of spades and leading a small diamond to her jack and North's queen. In theory the defence had the rest of the tricks but the defence gave up a trick when South at trick twelve had to lead from ♦A10 but still three off vulnerable.



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West	North	East	South
Priya	Lina	Bindiya	Huda
-	-	-	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Double
1NT	2♠	All Pass	

If you double with the South hand you know partner is going to bid spades. I cannot see any upside of that bid. It was hopeless contract and drifted two off. That Double cost 11 IMPs in favour of India.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ 9	♠ AK83	♠ Q2
♥ J643	♥ AK	♥ Q10875
♦ J42	♦ 73	♦ KQ1086
♣ J10863	♣ A9542	♣ 7
	♠ J107654	
	♥ 92	
	♦ A95	
	♣ KQ	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Reem	Alka	Mona	Bharati
Pass	1♣*	3♣*	3♠
4♥	4♠	All Pass	
1♣	17+ any shape		
3♣	♥ and minor		

The play need not detain us here as evidently there are twelve tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Priya	Lina	Bindiya	Huda
Pass	1♣	2NT*	4♠
5♥	5♠	6♥	Pass
Pass	6♠	All Pass	
2NT	red suits		

North took an excellent view of her partner's hand, she had freely bid 4♠ missing the ace and king and must surely have decent values in the minors. She was proved right and had the clubs been 4-2 (not very likely on this bidding) then the grand slam would have been on. No problems in the play. 13 IMPs to Jordan.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ QJ865		♠ AK9
♥ AJ54		♥ 72
♦ 109		♦ AKQJ
♣ 109		♣ Q643
♠ 107		♠ 432
♥ KQ109		♥ 863
♦ 865		♦ 7432
♣ J875		♣ AK2

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Reem	Alka	Mona	Bharati
Pass	2♠	Double	Pass
	3♥	Pass	3NT AllPass

South led the ♠2 and declarer unaccountably ducked this. I am hoping it was a mechanical error. Now declarer was two down without the option.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Priya	Lina	Bindiya	Huda
Pass	Pass	1♣*	Pass
1♦*	1♠	1NT	2♠
3NT	All Pass		

South started with an unfortunate king of clubs before switching to a spade won in hand. Declarer should be easily home now but she unaccountably played a club from hand and played the ♣7 from dummy, for this to be right she must believe that South started with four clubs to the AK, if so she can find out this information by playing the queen from hand. If North shows out then you can finesse against the ♣10 later on. The only time this might lose is if South led a singleton king (likely? I think not) but even so you have set up a club trick. When North played back the queen of spades, declarer won and played a heart towards the king, losing to the ace and another spade came back. Now you can see why it was important to play the queen of clubs earlier on. If North does have the outstanding club honour you will now go down. However all was well as South was in possession of it and had no spade to play so contract made, albeit shakily and 13 IMPOs to India.

India had taken the session comfortably 60 - 22 giving them a big lead of 75.




Pakistan vs. Bangladesh - Seniors

Ron Tacchi

The fourth session of the semi-final in the Mixed Championship sees us watching Pakistan vs. Bangladesh. Currently Bangladesh have a lead just under 30 points – certainly easily erased over 48 boards.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 7		♠ 1094
♥ AK107		♥ 95432
♦ A7		♦ Q1042
♣ AJ9653		♣ Q
♠ AJ65		♠ KQ832
♥ J		♥ Q86
♦ KJ863		♦ 95
♣ K42		♣ 1087

Open Room

West	North	East	South
ATM	Nauma	Azizul	Ghalib
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♦	2♣	2♦	2♠
3♦	3♥	All Pass	

East led a small diamond which North won with his ace and played a small spade to the queen and West's ace. Another diamond followed which East took and played another spade, won in dummy. The ♣10 was run to East's queen and another spade forced declarer to ruff. The ♥10 went to dummy's queen and declarer misquessed the clubs by playing one to the ace which East ruffed and he got off lead with a trump and there was still the king of clubs and a trump trick to come taking the contract two down. It is theoretically possible to make the contract but you need divine inspiration by cashing the club ace at trick two and continuing the suit.


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Arif	Sayed	Syed	Dewan
-	-	Pass	Pass
1♦	Double	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♣

All Pass

East led a diamond and declarer took his ace and played ace and another club and so basically had ten tricks and 8 IMPs to Bangladesh

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K9842		♠ J10765
♥ J75		♥ K2
♦ 654		♦ QJ10
♣ 83		♣ Q54
♠ A3		♠ Q
♥ 98643		♥ AQ10
♦ K72		♦ A983
♣ J76		♣ AK1092

Open Room

West	North	East	South
ATM	Nauma	Azizul	Ghalib
-	-	-	1♣*
Pass	1♦*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT

All Pass

1♣ 11-15 5+♣ or 18+
1♦ 0-6

West led a small heart and declarer played the jack covered by the king. In theory declarer now had no chance of his contract but West when he gained the lead with the ace of spades did not continue with a heart but gave declarer a trick and an entry to dummy with another spade.



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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Arif	Sayed	Syed	Dewan
-	-	-	1♣
Pass	Pass	1♠	Double
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

A small spade went to West's ace and the suit was returned. Declarer won with the king and saw his ♥J covered and taken by dummy's ace, three rounds of clubs established the suit but East could only cash two spades and declarer had the rest of the tricks for +2 but lost 6 IMPs to Pakistan

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ J 10952	♠ A43	♠ KQ6
♥ Q43	♥ 97	♥ AKJ865
♦ 8753	♦ K42	♦ A9
♣ 9	♣ Q8752	♣ 106

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W		E
	S	

♠ 87	♠ 87
♥ 102	♥ 102
♦ QJ106	♦ QJ106
♣ AKJ43	♣ AKJ43

Open Room

West	North	East	South
ATM	Nauma	Azizul	Ghalib
-	-	1♥	2♣
2♥	4♣	4♥	5♣
All Pass			

A daring sacrifice by South and when he was not doubled he was certainly playing with the house's money. While the defence should take four tricks count signals got confused and only three were taken but the difference between one and two down undoubled non-vulnerable was not going to trouble the scorer.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Arif	Sayed	Syed	Dewan
-	-	1♥	2♣
2♥	3♥*	Pass	4♣
Pass	Pass	4♥	All Pass

With only three losers declarer was not tested in the play and swiftly wrapped up ten tricks and 11 IMPs to Pakistan

Board 26. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ Q5	♠ K1073
♥ 832	♥ 1094
♦ 32	♦ J1094
♣ KQJ1085	♣ 94

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J9862	♠ A4
♥ AJ5	♥ KQ76
♦ K7	♦ AQ865
♣ 732	♣ A6

Open Room

West	North	East	South
ATM	Nauma	Azizul	Ghalib
-	-	Pass	1♣*
1♠	Double	2♠	3♦
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♣	All Pass	
1♣	11-15 5+♣ or 18+		

This the second hand where this One Club opener has not got to the best spot. The spade lead was covered by the queen and king to be taken with the ace. Trumps were drawn and a losing diamond finesse taken and West calmly cashed his ace of hearts for a simple one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Arif	Sayed	Syed	Dewan
-	-	Pass	1♦
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

The right contract from the right side. A heart lead immediately set up declarer's ninth trick and that was 12 IMPs for Bangladesh.



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Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ A9852		♠ 1073
♥ Q53		♥ AJ108
♦ 53		♦ Q2
♣ Q54		♣ KJ32
		♠ 4
		♥ 9742
		♦ J109
		♣ A10876

Open Room

West	North	East	South
ATM	Nauma	Azizul	Ghalib
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♦	1♥	Pass
1♠	2♦	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT		

This board could be entitled 'Careless talk costs lives' as had East and West refrained from bidding on their mediocre collection then it is highly improbable that the opposition would have got to game and even less likely had they done so that they would have succeeded. East's spade lead set up enough tricks for declarer and the heart position was such that only three tricks could be taken.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Arif	Sayed	Syed	Dewan
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

Thanks to the seven green cards of East and West the contract remained in a diamond part-score and made the obvious overtrick. The silence gained 7 IMPs for Pakistan.

Board 29. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ Q7		♠ K96542
♥ 62		♥ AQ105
♦ KQ873		♦ 64
♣ K632		♣ Q
		♠ 1083
		♥ KJ87
		♦ AJ
		♣ J984

Open Room

West	North	East	South
ATM	Nauma	Azizul	Ghalib
-	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Had South been my partner he would have incurred my wrath when he underled the ♥KJ allowing East to win with the ♥10. North took the ♣Q lead with his ace and played ace and another trump, thereby reducing declarer's trump losers to one. Whilst in dummy declarer cashed the ♣K and ruffed another back to hand and drew the outstanding trump. A small diamond towards dummy saw the king win and the last club ruffed. Another diamond endplayed South in to taking his ace and leading a heart into declarer's ten-ace. A remarkable plus two. Brother Hubert would have beaten the contract as he always leads a trump.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Arif	Sayed	Syed	Dewan
-	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Should East just repeat his spades or show his hearts? Not an easy decision to make. Here it led to a no hope game which finished two off. So this was 9 IMPs to Bangladesh.



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Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ K52		♠ A109874									
♥ J97		♥ KQ86									
♦ 82		♦ 109									
♣ AK1075		♣ J									
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		S									
♥ 5	♥ A10432										
♦ A654	♦ KQJ73										
♣ 6432		♣ Q98									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
ATM	Nauma	Azizul	Ghalib
–	–	2♦*	Pass
2♥*	Pass	2♠	3♦
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♥
4♠	Dble All pass		

A good save against a probable game for the opposition as he could only ruff one heart he was one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Arif	Sayeed	Syed	Dewan
–	–	Pass 1♥	
Pass	1NT	2♠	3♦
3♠	4♥	4♠	5♦
5♠	Dble All pass		

South's king of diamonds was taken by dummy's ace and when declarer led the queen of trumps and surprisingly decided to play the ace, the king of hearts was taken by South's ace and a diamond cashed. A third round of diamonds saw North discard a heart. Declarer ruffed a heart and played a club but North rose with an honour and cashed the king of trumps and played a third leaving declarer with a losing heart and so three off. 9 IMPs to Bangladesh.

At the end of the session Bangladesh had won it 47 – 29 thus their lead was now nearly 50 points. Pakistan would have to come fighting hard in the last two sessions.

At any time you can get upto date information and results for the championships online at www.bridgewebs.com/bfame. You can also use the QR code as shown to go direct to the site.

Also please be aware that results published in the bulletin are provisional and subject to change as a result of rulings or other matters coming to light.



The BBO matches for Friday 18th April are as follows:

Match 01 - 10.00 Women: India vs. Pakistan & Seniors: India vs. Bangladesh

Match 02 - 14.00 Open: India vs. Bangladesh & Mixed: UAE vs. India



India vs. Pakistan - Mixed

Ron Tacchi

The penultimate round of the semi-final in the Mixed Championship saw India face Pakistan. The match was close with India just 30 IMPs ahead, certainly achievable over 32 boards.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ Q4 ♥ KJ9865 ♦ Q6 ♣ Q98		♠ 65 ♥ 2 ♦ AJ952 ♣ AK1076	♠ J32 ♥ A73 ♦ K874 ♣ 542
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Yasser</i>	<i>Bindiya</i>	<i>Najm</i>	<i>Priya</i>
-	-	1♦	Pass
1♠	2♥	3♣	3♥
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

On the lead of a heart South won and switched to a trump which declarer ducked to North's queen. Another trump followed and declarer then drew the outstanding trump and now had to consider how to play the club suit. Should he take the finesse of cash the ace and king and ruff one. A priori which do think is the better odds? The answer is not to take the finesse which is just a shade short of 52%, but I stress this a priori. Here there are other indications, some pro, some contra. You could argue that as a result of the bidding North is more likely to hold the queen or that South is likely to have more clubs because North has fewer vacant places. As it happens it does not matter which view you take – they are both right, so the contract makes.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sheetal</i>	<i>Khaled</i>	<i>Rana</i>	<i>Meelofar</i>
-	-	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led a heart to partner's ace who returned a trump ducked to North's queen. The queen of diamonds was taken by dummy's ace. Trumps were now drawn and the jack of clubs led and when North did not cover declarer decided to rise with the ace and cash the king and when the queen did not appear was two down. 11 IMPs to Pakistan.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ K985 ♥ 9 ♦ J109642 ♣ Q9		♠ A6432 ♥ Q753 ♦ 53 ♣ K3	♠ QJ7 ♥ AJ106 ♦ Q87 ♣ 1087
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Yasser</i>	<i>Bindiya</i>	<i>Najm</i>	<i>Priya</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	2♦*	2♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2♦	weak		

I am sure we did not need to be alerted that the 2♦ bid was weak. the ♦J lost to declarer and the king of clubs won the next trick before a losing club finesse was taken. Another diamond was played and South produced the queen and taken by declarer who then cashed four rounds of clubs and North opted to keep ♠Kx and so discarded two diamonds which meant declarer could now set up a heart trick and make his contract.



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West	North	East	South
Sheetal	Khaled	Rana	Meelofar
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	2♦	Double	Pass
2♥	All Pass		

Nothing palpably wrong with the auction but as we can see even though the trumps are badly behaved all declarer is going to lose is three trump tricks. 10 IMPs to Pakistan.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 10653	♠ KJ	♠ 8742
♥ A62	♥ QJ753	♥ 984
♦ AQ62	♦ K108	♦ 95
♣ QJ	♣ A42	♣ K985
	♠ AQ9	
	♥ K10	
	♦ J743	
	♣ 10763	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yasser	Bindiya	Najm	Priya
1♦	1♥	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West tried the lead of the ♣Q immediately taken by dummy's ace. The heart king and ♥10 held the next two tricks. A small diamond toward dummy saw the ♦10 take the trick, another heart set the suit up and West tried a spade but now declarer had nine tricks and 10 IMPs to India.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sheetal	Khaled	Rana	Meelofar
1♦	1♥	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

Both North and South are at the very high end for their bids, if either had made an effort then they would have reached game. Declarer made the same nine tricks as in the Open Room but lost 10 IMPs to India.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ AKQJ1074	♠ 863	♠ 5
♥ 62	♥ QJ10754	♥ K983
♦ -	♦ KQ9	♦ A875
♣ 9543	♣ A	♣ KQ72
	♠ 92	
	♥ A	
	♦ J106432	
	♣ J1086	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Yasser	Bindiya	Najm	Priya
-	-	-	Pass
1♥	4♠	5♥	All Pass

North cashed his ace of spades and now needed to find a way to get South on lead and play a diamond back. A club seems a good choice as there is always the chance that South has the ace so he leads the ♣3 but declarer lets it run round to his ace and then plays a heart which South performce wins. What is South to do now? Obviously a spade is pointless and he has no heart. The question is could North hold a singleton club or a void in diamonds? The problem if he has either he would lead a club! We know he does not have a singleton diamond or he would have led it so he 0,2 or 3, whereas in clubs he can have 1,2,3 or 4 which is more possibilities than diamonds. I do not know whether that has any logic to it but South came up with the right answer and returned a diamond for North to ruff. Declarer was truly unlucky the hearts had to be small doubleton on his left and the defence had to be perfect—you won't find that very often

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sheetal	Khaled	Rana	Meelofar

There is no BBO record for this hand but the story goes that the auction was the same and North played two rounds of spades, the second being ruffed before a trump was played won by South who returned a diamond but North played the ♠4. There is some discussion as to whether this card fell from his hand or whether, perhaps through tiredness, played the wrong card. As the director was not called the result stands and so 13 IMPs to India.



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Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ J74 ♥ A4 ♦ 9843 ♣ K1093		♠ 8632 ♥ Q109876 ♦ Q5 ♣ 8	♠ 5 ♥ K52 ♦ AKJ1062 ♣ J65
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Yasser</i>	<i>Bindiya</i>	<i>Najm</i>	<i>Priya</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	2♦	3♠	Pass
4♠	Double	Pass	5♦
Double	All Pass		

Four spades should fail as the defence have a trump promotion if North starts with ace and another heart. Against 5♦ West cashed the ace of spades and then the ace of clubs before leading another club and when declarer put dummy's king East ruffed this and so there was still a club trick to come for two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sheetal</i>	<i>Khaled</i>	<i>Rana</i>	<i>Meelofar</i>
-	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	2♦	2♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	All Pass

The second round of diamonds was ruffed in hand and declarer played ace and another club ruffed in dummy, a trump back to hand and another club ruffed. A small heart to the jack lost to the king and North played another round of trumps to leave declarer with a losing club and so declarer finished one off. 9 IMPs to Pakistan.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ Q10 ♥ J107652 ♦ A54 ♣ 97		♠ K4 ♥ K3 ♦ J82 ♣ AQJ1043	♠ 98765 ♥ - ♦ KQ106 ♣ K652
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Yasser</i>	<i>Bindiya</i>	<i>Najm</i>	<i>Priya</i>
-	-	1♣	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

The defence did not get off to the best start with the lead of the ♥6 taken by declarer with his ♥8, South discarding a club. A club to the queen held the next trick and was followed by the king of hearts. After cashing the ace of clubs and the king of spades declarer took a losing spade finesse and now the defence had four diamond tricks and the king of clubs for two down

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sheetal</i>	<i>Khaled</i>	<i>Rana</i>	<i>Meelofar</i>
-	-	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♠*	3NT	All Pass	
3♠	Smolen		

South led the ♠9 and dummy's ace took the trick. A losing club finesse ensued and South with little thought continued with a spade and so declarer gratefully cashed out for eleven tricks and 13 IMPs to India.



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Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ 52 ♥ AKJ3 ♦ A987 ♣ 985	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q8763 ♥ Q95 ♦ 6 ♣ QJ104	♠ KJ109 ♥ 7642 ♦ Q542 ♣ 3
N						
W E						
S						
♠ A4 ♥ 108 ♦ KJ103 ♣ AK762						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Yasser</i>	<i>Bindiya</i>	<i>Najm</i>	<i>Priya</i>
-	-	-	1♣
1♥	1♠	4♥	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass	

North led the ♦6 to the queen, king and ace, declarer now played a small spade towards dummy and chose the king taken by South's ace. South cashed two rounds of diamonds and gave partner a ruff. A top club was cashed and that was three down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sheetal</i>	<i>Khaled</i>	<i>Rana</i>	<i>Meelofar</i>
-	-	-	1♣
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Double	2♣	2♥	All Pass

The ace and king of clubs was led and declarer ruffed the second round, played a trump to the ace and a spade back and had his king bested by the ace. A spade went to North's queen and another came back, ruffed by South and over-ruffed by dummy, A small diamond was ducked to South's and another club played ruffed by declarer. The diamond queen was covered by the king and ace and ruffed by North and with a diamond trick still to come declare failed by a trick. 10 IMPs to India.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ KJ6 ♥ A8743 ♦ 8 ♣ J643	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">N</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">W E</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 2px;">S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ A983 ♥ Q ♦ AJ4 ♣ AK852	♠ Q1075 ♥ J1092 ♦ K632 ♣ 10
N						
W E						
S						
♠ 42 ♥ K65 ♦ Q10975 ♣ Q97						

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Yasser</i>	<i>Bindiya</i>	<i>Najm</i>	<i>Priya</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

West took East's ♥J lead with his ace and switched to a diamond. Declarer went up with the ace and cashed the ace of trumps not noting the fall of the ♣10 as the ♣9 remained in dummy. A club to the queen and when the ♣9 was led West decided to cover, to what end I am not sure. The last trump was drawn and a diamond went towards dummy's queen. Declarer forgot to cash dummy's ♥K and played another diamond. This now ensured three spade tricks were lost as there was the sight of dummy with three winners but no access to them. Three down.

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West	North	East	South
<i>Sheetal</i>	<i>Khaled</i>	<i>Rana</i>	<i>Meelofar</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NY
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

West led the ♥4 and dummy's queen held the trick The ace of clubs followed with East playing the ♣10 but declarer failed to unblock the ♣9. A club went to dummy's queen and when the ♣9 was played from dummy West, for unknown reasons , covered and then discarded a heart on the fifth club. Now there were no longer five tricks for the defence. Another unmakeable game slips by. 11 IMPs to Pakistan

Pakistan won the session 59-50 making this the tightest of the Championships.



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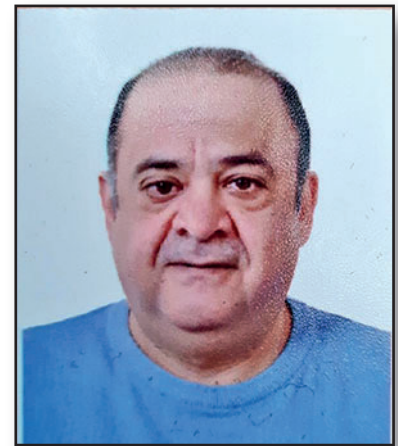
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