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A Great tussle in Open Semi-Finals

Pakistan, India, Bangladesh & UAE in that order had qualified for the 6*16 board semi-finals in the OPEN team championship after the completion of triple round robin. Pakistan being the top ranked team, were asked to choose their opponents first and they chose UAE. By default the second semi-final was India Vs. Bangladesh. Both Pakistan & India were given a carry over of 0.5 IMPs being the leading team of their match.

Yesterday 3 Sessions of the semi-final (each session of 16 boards) were played and it turned out to be a great tussle in both the semi-finals.

In the 1st semi-final between Pakistan and UAE, both the teams tied at 31-31 in the first set. The second set was also neck to neck and finally Pakistan won it by 38-33. The 3rd set also tied at 23-23 and finally at the half way stage, Pakistan is leading by a score of 92.5-87.

The **Pakistan Team** is being represented by **Tehsin Gheewala (Captain)**, **Mohsin Chandna**, **Farrukh Liaqat**, **Imran Abedi**, **Hassan Askari**, **Mubashir Puri**. The **UAE team** is represented by **Hussein Adam Ali Ibrahim (Captain)**, **Tamer Eissa**, **Khaled Hassan**, **Mohamed Said**, **Hazem Ghoneim**, **Abdelrahim Mehilba**.

The 2nd semi-final between India and Bangladesh has been equally exciting. India won the first set by 32-26 but Bangladesh came back to win the 2nd set by 40-32. India came back strongly in the 3rd set and won it by 44-27 and are leading at the half way stage by a score of 108.5-93.

The **Indian Team** is **Joyjit Sensarma (Coach & NPC)**, **Ajay Khare**, **Raju Tolani**, **Rajeshwar Tewari**, **Sumit Mukherjee**, **Jaggy Shivdasani**, **Sandeep Thakral**, whereas the Bangladesh team is represented by **Rifatul Islam.NPC**, **Asifur Rahman**, **Biswajit Saha**, **Moshiur Rahman**, **AHM Kamruzzaman**, **Shah Zia Haque**, **Rashedul Hasan Ripon**.

In Women's event #1 India chose Palestine as their opponent for the 1st semi-final and in the 2nd semi-final it was Pakistan Vs. UAE. In the first semi-final, after 3 Sets, India is leading by 112.5-60 (32-35, 44-16, 36-9).

The **Indian Team** is **Anal Shah (Coach & NPC)**, **Alka Kshirsagar**, **Asha Sharma**, **Puja Batra**, **Bharati Dey**, **Kalpana Gurjar**, **Vidhya Patel**, whereas the Palestine team is being represented by **Laila Haddadin (Captain)**, **May Abu Gharbieh**, **Nawar Hasheim**, **Hanan Bitar**, **Fiuroz Badwan**, **Fadia Najjar**.

In the 2nd semi final of Women category, **Pakistan Team (Fatima Raza (Captain)**, **Rubina Saeed Hai**, **Qudsia Dossa**, **Nilofer Aslam**, **Meharangiz Shahveer**, **Durriya Vasi**) is trailing to the UAE team by 80.5-121 (20-65, 43-18, 17-38). The UAE team is: **Manju Law (Captain)**, **Ruby Kochhar**, **Kumkum Kumar**, **Rupy Wallia**, **Chhaya Gandhi**, **Anshu Aggarwal**.

Today the remaining 3 Sessions of the semi-finals will be played in both Open & Women team events.



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INDIA & PAKISTAN Teams Qualify for the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy Cup

At the end of the round robin stage, the Indian team (Subhash Gupta (Coach & NPC), Hemant Jalan, Sukamal Das, Subrata Saha, Pranab Bardhan, Badal Das, Samir Basak) topped the event. With a score of 221.98 VPs.

The Pakistan team (Saeed Akhtar (Captain), Shahid Hameed, Imran Gardezi, Ghias Malik, Azhar Hameed, Mirza Shauq Hussain) was In 2nd position with a score of 216.46 VPs.

Jordan finished in 3rd position. With a score of 98.06 VPs.

Congratulations to both INDIA & Pakistan for qualifying to the d'Orsi Seniors Trophy 2023 of the World Team championships.

Today both these teams will play a 2*16 boards final for the Nawzad Shaker Trophy. INDIA has a carryover of 0.5 IMPs.

INDIA & UAE Teams Qualify for the Mixed Trophy Cup

At the end of the round robin stage, the Indian Mixed team (Vinay Desai (Coach & NPC), Marianne Karmarkar, Kiran Nadar, Himani Khandelwal, Sandeep Karmarkar, B. Satyanarayana, Rajeev Khandelwal) topped the event with a score of 235.59 VPs.

The UAE Team (Nermeen Qasim Norani (Captain), Elvan Edis, Sawsan Elabyari, Humayun Sumar, Timur Edis, Amr Mekky) came 2nd with a score of 183.23 VPs.

Pakistan with a score of 152.40 VPs and Jordan with a score of 148.28 VPs finished in the 3rd & 4th position respectively.

Congratulations to both INDIA & UAE for qualifying to the Mixed Trophy Cup 2023 of the World Team championships.

Today both these teams will play a 2*16 boards final for the Mazhar Jafri Trophy. INDIA has a carryover of 0.5 IMPs.

OPEN TEAMS - SEMI FINALS (6*16 Boards)

Team		Session #								TOTAL
		CO	1	2	3	4	5	6	PEN	
1	PAKISTAN	0.50	31	38	23					92.5
4	UAE		31	33	23					87

Team		Session #								TOTAL
		CO	1	2	3	4	5	6	PEN	
2	INDIA	0.50	32	32	44					108.5
3	BANGLADESH		26	40	27					93

WOMEN TEAMS - SEMI FINALS (6*16 Boards)

Team		Session #								TOTAL
		CO	1	2	3	4	5	6	PEN	
1	INDIA	0.50	32	44	36					112.5
4	PALESTINE		35	16	9					60

Team		Session #								TOTAL
		CO	1	2	3	4	5	6	PEN	
2	PAKISTAN	0.50	20	43	17					80.5
3	UAE		65	18	38					121

Today's Play Schedule (Friday – 12th May 2023)

OPEN & WOMEN - SEMI-FINALS (6 * 16 Boards)

1000 Hrs:	Semi-final – Session-4
1400 Hrs:	Semi-final – Session-5
1645 Hrs:	Semi-final – Session-6
TBL-1:	Pakistan Vs. UAE (Open)
TBL-2:	India Vs. Bangladesh (Open)
TBL 3:	India Vs. Palestine (Women)
TBL 4:	Pakistan Vs. UAE (Women)

SENIOR & MIXED - FINAL (2 * 16 Boards)

1000 Hrs:	Final – Session-1
1400 Hrs:	Final – Session-2
TBL-5:	INDIA Vs. PAKISTAN (Senior)
TBL-6:	INDIA Vs. UAE (Mixed)

Today's Vu-Graph Matches on BBO

Round-1: 1000 Hrs

BBO 1:	PAKISTAN Vs. UAE (SF - OPEN)
BBO 2:	INDIA Vs. BANGLADESH (SF - OPEN)

Round-2: 1400 Hrs

BBO 1:	INDIA Vs. PAKISTAN (FINAL - SENIOR)
BBO 2:	INDIA Vs. UAE (FINAL - MIXED)

Round-3: 1645 Hrs

BBO 1:	To be Decided
BBO 2:	To be Decided

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ROUND-BY-ROUND SCORE OF SENIOR & MIXED EVENTS

SENIOR TEAM EVENT RESULTS					
RR6 - Round # 1					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
5	INDIA	Vs.	JORDAN	61-19	18.33 - 1.67
	PAKISTAN	Vs.	BYE		10.00 - 0
RR6 - Round # 2					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
5	JORDAN	Vs.	PAKISTAN	5-59	0.48 - 19.52
	INDIA	Vs.	BYE		10.00 - 0
RR6 - Round # 3					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
5	INDIA	Vs.	PAKISTAN	49-34	13.97 - 6.03
	JORDAN	Vs.	BYE		10.00 - 0
MIXED TEAM EVENT RESULTS					
RR6 - Round # 1					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
6	INDIA	Vs.	PAKISTAN	26-34	7.71 - 12.29
7	UAE	Vs.	JORDAN	65-43	15.38 - 4.62
RR6 - Round # 2					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
6	JORDAN	Vs.	INDIA	26-77	0.75 - 19.25
7	PAKISTAN	Vs.	UAE	41-34	12.03 - 7.97
RR6 - Round # 3					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
6	INDIA	Vs.	UAE	29-2	16.25 - 3.75
7	JORDAN	Vs.	PAKISTAN	25-27	9.39 - 10.61

RESULTS AT A GLANCE OF SENIOR & MIXED EVENTS

SENIOR TEAM EVENT											
				Round Robin - 6							
Rank	T#	Team Name	TOTAL UPTO R5	R1		R2		R3		PEN	TOTAL
				Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	VPs	
2	1	PAKISTAN	180.91	B	10.00	3	19.52	2	6.03		216.46
1	2	INDIA	179.68	3	18.33	B	10.00	1	13.97		221.98
3	3	JORDAN	85.91	2	1.67	1	0.48	B	10.00		98.06

MIXED TEAM EVENT											
				Round Robin - 6							
Rank	T#	Team Name	TOTAL UPTO R5	R1		R2		R3		PEN	TOTAL
				Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	VPs	
1	1	INDIA	192.38	4	7.71	3	19.25	2	16.25		235.59
2	2	UAE	156.13	3	15.38	4	7.97	1	3.75		183.23
4	3	JORDAN	133.52	2	4.62	1	0.75	4	9.39		148.28
3	4	PAKISTAN	117.47	1	12.29	2	12.03	3	10.61		152.40

OPEN TEAMS – SEMI-FINAL-1, PAKISTAN Vs. UAE

Open room:

NS: Mohsin Chandna – Imran Abedi (Pakistan)

EW: Khaled Hassan – Hussein Adam Ali Ibrahim (UAE)

Closed room:

NS: Abdelrahim Mehilba – Hazem Ghoneim (UAE)

EW: Hassan Askari – Tehsin Gheewala (Pakistan)

The Pakistan team topped the round robin stage, winning the right to chose their semi final opponents first. They chose to play the UAE. That left India to play Bangladesh in the other semi final of the open category. Both Pakistan & India started with a carryover of 0.5 imps.

Let's jump straight into the action; The match started with a couple of flat boards before this deal turned up;

<div><div>19</div><div>0</div></div>		<div>N Mohsin</div> <div>♠983</div> <div>♥10</div> <div>♦AJ7</div> <div>♣AKJ963</div>		<div></div> <div></div>	
<div>W Hussein</div> <div>♠KQ7</div> <div>♥KQ8754</div> <div>♦64</div> <div>♣108</div>		<div>W</div> <div>N</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> <div>1♥</div> <div>2♣</div> <div>Pass</div> <div>2NT</div> <div>Pass</div> <div>3NT</div> <div>Pass</div> <div>Pass</div> <div>Pass</div>		<div>E Khaled</div> <div>♠J65</div> <div>♥9632</div> <div>♦853</div> <div>♣Q52</div>	
		<div>S Abedi</div> <div>♠A1042</div> <div>♥AJ</div> <div>♦KQ1092</div> <div>♣74</div>		<div></div> <div></div>	
				<div>3NT</div> <div>South</div> <div>0</div> <div>0</div>	

In the open room NS pair of Pakistan played a quite 3NT taking five diamonds, two clubs and the major suit aces for +400. The bidding in the closed room was more interesting;

West	North	East	South
Tehsin	Mehilba	Askari	Hazem
		Pass	1D
1H	2C	Pass	2S
Pass	3H	Pass	3NT
Pass	4D	Pass	4H
Pass	4NT(1)	Pass	5D(2)
Pass	5H(3)	Pass	5NT(4)
Pass	6D	All Pass	

(1) – RKC; (2) 0 or 3 (3) – Queen Ask (4) – Queen Available

When south decided to bid 2S on his chunky 14 count, north went past 3NT to show his secondary diamond support and the slam was bid after checking for the key cards and the trump queen. On the lead of the heart king, declarer cashed two rounds of trumps leaving the ace in dummy, cashed the top clubs and ruffed out the queen to claim his slam. That was 11 imps to UAE.

Another potential slam board was dealt in 24;

24		N Mohsin			
		♠ A105			
		♥ 5			
		♦ A52			
		♣ AK8654			
W Hussein		W	N	E	S
		♠ K3			
		♥ J94			
		♦ QJ10986			
		♣ J2			
		3♦	4♣	Pass	4NT
		Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
		Pass	5♠	Pass	6♥
		Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
		S Abedi			
		♠ Q2			
		♥ AKQ8732			
		♦ K7			
		♣ 97			
				6♥	South
				0	0

When north overcalled 4C over west's first seat 3D preempt, south simply asked for aces. North assumed it to be RKC in clubs and showed 1 or 4 key cards in clubs and denied holding the club queen when south bid 5H (presumably as a signoff facing just 1 key card). South ended the auction by bidding a small slam in hearts. On the lead of the diamond queen, declarer drew trumps and established the clubs to make all thirteen tricks. The other table had the following auction:

West	North	East	South
Tehsin	Mehilba	Askari	Hazem
Pass	1C	Pass	1H
Pass	2C	Pass	2D(1)
DBL	Pass	Pass	2H
Pass	3D	Pass	3H
Pass	3NT	Pass	4H
All Pass			

(1) – Check Back

Ironically, it proved more difficult for NS to find their heart slam when Tehsin didn't pre-empt with the west hand in the first seat and contented himself with a double of south's artificial bid of 2D. south thought he had done enough to show a great heart suit with slam ambition by pulling north's 3NT to 4H and when north decided to pass his control rich 15 hcp, that was a slam swing to Pakistan, who gained 11 IMPs on the board.

The trend continued on the very next board;

25		N Mehilba			
		♠ 107			
		♥ 1093			
		♦ Q1032			
		♣ J1076			
W Tahseen		W	N	E	S
		♠ A92			
		♥ AJ64			
		♦ A8754			
		♣ 4			
		Pass	1♠	Pass	
		2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
		4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
		S Hazeem			
		♠ Q83			
		♥ Q872			
		♦ J9			
		♣ Q932			
				4♠	East
				0	0

West's decision to jump to game over east's reverse with his control rich 13 hcp and a club splinter probably discouraged east to make a further move. At the other table, east jumped to 3NT over his partner's 2D (showing 15-17 balanced) and asked for key cards when west retreated to 4S. he then asked for the queen of trumps after finding out that west held 3 key cards, got a denial and rested in 6S..

South led a club, which declarer won in hand, cashed the top spades failing to drop the queen and shifted to the king, ace and another diamond, ruffing. When north showed up with four diamonds to the queen ten and south refused to over ruff, he ruffed a club in dummy to establish the fifth diamond and score his slam, conceding just a trick to south's trump queen. 13 IMPs to UAE.

Here is a part score deal for a change!

<div> <div>28</div> <div> <div>N Mohsin</div> <div> <div>♠542</div> <div>♥Q</div> <div>♦KJ96532</div> <div>♣A8</div> </div> </div> </div>		<div> <div>W Hussein</div> <div> <div>♠6</div> <div>♥10975</div> <div>♦Q8</div> <div>♣KJ10653</div> </div> </div>		<div> <div>W N E S</div> <div> <div>Pass 3♦ Pass Pass</div> <div>Pass</div> </div> </div>
		<div> <div>E Khaled</div> <div> <div>♠J983</div> <div>♥AJ6</div> <div>♦A74</div> <div>♣Q42</div> </div> </div>		<div> <div>S Abedi</div> <div> <div>♠AKQ107</div> <div>♥K8432</div> <div>♦10</div> <div>♣97</div> </div> </div>
		<div> <div>3♦ North</div> <div>0 0</div> </div>		

Both the north players opened 3D at unfavourable vulnerability and got to play it there. Mohsin got the lead of the 2 of clubs, won the ace in hand and immediately played a low diamond from hand, willing to lose two diamonds along with a trick each in the rounded suits. East, expecting declarer to hold the remaining diamond honors for his vulnerable preempt, hopped up with the ace, cashed the club queen and played another club. Declarer ruffed and cashed the diamond king, felling west's queen and wound up with an overtrick.

A spade was led at the other table against the same contract. Declarer won the ace in dummy and played a heart to the queen and the ace. Askari now shifted to the two of clubs, declarer winning Tehsin's king with the ace. He now tried to cross to dummy with a spade but Tehsin ruffed and put his partner in with the club queen to receive another spade ruff. Down one and 6 welcome imps to Pakistan.

<div> <div>29</div> <div> <div>N Mohsin</div> <div> <div>♠8</div> <div>♥10974</div> <div>♦AK832</div> <div>♣A85</div> </div> </div> </div>		<div> <div>W Hussein</div> <div> <div>♠QJ1097</div> <div>♥KJ</div> <div>♦QJ4</div> <div>♣KJ3</div> </div> </div>		<div> <div>W N E S</div> <div> <div>1♦ Dbl Pass</div> <div>2♠ Pass Pass Pass</div> </div> </div>
		<div> <div>E Khaled</div> <div> <div>♠AK2</div> <div>♥A832</div> <div>♦1076</div> <div>♣Q102</div> </div> </div>		<div> <div>S Abedi</div> <div> <div>♠6543</div> <div>♥Q65</div> <div>♦95</div> <div>♣9764</div> </div> </div>
		<div> <div>2♠ West</div> <div>0 0</div> </div>		

What good timing for a misunderstanding! West probably meant his jump to 2S as forcing (or he severely downgraded his hand, admittedly he has secondary values and an aceless hand, but he still holds 14 hcp and a five card suit facing a vulnerable take out double from an un-passed partner) and east passed, rejecting a game invitation. This was lucky as the defence can start with two rounds of diamonds and a diamond ruff, with the club ace still to come. This is exactly what happened at both tables, but Tehsin was in game after having made the practical jump to 4S in response to his partner's takeout double. 6 imps to UAE.

The first segment drew to a close with the following board;

<div> <div>32</div> <div> <div>N Mehlba</div> <div> <div>♠Q84</div> <div>♥983</div> <div>♦KQJ103</div> <div>♣A10</div> </div> </div> </div>		<div> <div>W Tahseen</div> <div> <div>♠AJ532</div> <div>♥Q2</div> <div>♦5</div> <div>♣Q9542</div> </div> </div>		<div> <div>W N E S</div> <div> <div>Pass 1♦ Pass 2♣</div> <div>Pass 2♦ Pass 2♥</div> <div>Pass 2NT Pass 3NT</div> <div>Pass Pass Pass</div> </div> </div>
		<div> <div>E Hassan</div> <div> <div>♠K96</div> <div>♥10764</div> <div>♦A9842</div> <div>♣J</div> </div> </div>		<div> <div>S Hazeem</div> <div> <div>♠107</div> <div>♥AKJ5</div> <div>♦76</div> <div>♣K8763</div> </div> </div>
		<div> <div>3NT North</div> <div>0 0</div> </div>		

Hazem decided to force to game with his 11 hcp's and a mediocre club suit and they landed in a "Meckwell 3NT". He got a heart lead. On a good day declarer can have a realistic chance of coming to 9 tricks via 3 hearts, 4 diamonds and 2 clubs, but this was not one of them and he finished two down.

At the other table the UAE west opened 2S showing a weak hand with 5 spades and 4+ minor, an ultra-aggressive action considering the adverse vulnerability and his poor suit quality. North passed and east raised to 3S, which became the final contract. Mohsin led the obvious diamond king, but when declarer won dummy's ace to play the club jack, he won and shifted to a trump, apparently sacrificing his trump trick. Declarer won in hand with the jack and tried to crossruff in the minor suits, but north got his trump trick back with interest when he got rid of one of his hearts on the third round of clubs and was later in a position to over ruff west for a trump promotion. That was 7 imps back to Pakistan and the first segment finished with the honors even; Pakistan 31 UAE 31.

- Reported by Yasser Rahim

Friday 12th May 2023

**Today's Dinner Invitation
To all Players & officials of
the 22nd BFAME
Championships**

**Venue: PC
PBF Board of Directors
President & Secretary**

FEW INTERESTING DEALS FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Few interesting deals are being given here:

In the RR4-R2 match between Jordan & Pakistan in the open category, Pakistan's **Hasan Askari** in the East seat defended the hand nicely once the declarer gave him a chance.

Board 25, Dir: North, Vul: EW

♠AK632 ♥43 ♦AT864 ♣3		♠J975 ♥AK72 ♦Q53 ♣K6	
♠ ♥QJ96 ♦K9 ♣QJ98542	N W E S	♠QT84 ♥T65 ♦J72 ♣AT7	

NS were in 4S and East started by cashing HA and on which his partner played the HQ to show the Jack and East played a heart to partner, who returned the 3rd heart, ruffed by declarer. Declarer now cashed SA and got the news of bad break in trump but continued with low spade to 8 in the dummy and played the DJ covered by West with DK and Ace by declarer. If declarer knew that D9 will fall on play of D10, he would have done so but he was not playing double dummy, so he played another spade to Ten and now played diamond from dummy to 9, ten and Askari smoothly ducked this trick playing low diamond. The last 5 card ending was

♠K ♥ ♦864 ♣3		♠J ♥K ♦Q ♣K6	
♠ ♥9 ♦ ♣QJ98	N W E S	♠Q ♥ ♦7 ♣AT7	

Declarer now played the diamond and East after taking the DQ, played the HK, which was ruffed in dummy discarding a diamond. But now declarer is in problem. He can only come to hand via a club ruff but will have to give the SJ fr down 1. If he ruffs in hand, the same problem as he will then have to give a club from dummy.



Hasan Askari

The declarer, Md. Asifur Rahman from Bangladesh played the hand perfectly by guessing everything correctly to score his slam contract. The deal is from RR5-R1 open match between Bangladesh & UAE.

Board 11, Dir: South, Vul: None

♠J765 ♥KQ9762 ♦T ♣Q5		♠A4 ♥3 ♦J98432 ♣AT76	
♠KQ8 ♥AJ84 ♦AK5 ♣J32	N W E S	♠T932 ♥T5 ♦Q76 ♣K984	

West	North	East	South
<i>Kamruzzaman</i>		<i>Asifur Rahman</i>	
1C*	2H	3D	Pass
4D	Pass	5C	Pass
6D	All Pass		

• - 2+ Clubs

The lead was H10, won with Ace of heart. DA was cashed noting carefully the fall of D10 and a low spade to Ace and DJ was run. When that worked, DK was cashed, a heart ruffed and spades cashed discarding a club from dummy. Now another guess in clubs was needed. He played a low club to the Ten, South winning with the King. Spade return from south was ruffed in hand and the club Ace was played and hurrah, the CQ fell and the contract was made. As the adage goes, luck favours the brave.

The last match of the round robin (Match 15) for open & Women teams and RR5-R3 for Seniors & Mixed team, started with this excellent hand.

Board 1, Dir: North, Vul: None

♠9865 ♥A ♦J63 ♣QT874		♠A7 ♥KQJT862 ♦4 ♣J65	
♠QT4 ♥973 ♦AKT5 ♣AK9	N W E S	♠KJ32 ♥54 ♦Q9762 ♣32	

There were few EW who were in 6H but barring two East's there were none who were able to make the 6H contract. As it turned out both the slams were made in the same f Pakistan Vs India open team match. For Pakistan it was Hasan Askari & for India it was Sandeep Thakral.

It was a beautiful hand, which was made on double squeeze by Sandeep Thakral.

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OPEN TEAMS – SEMI-FINAL-2, INDIA Vs. BANGLADESH

Open Room:

NS (INDIA) – Raju Tolani – Ajay Khare
EW (BANGLADESH) – Shah Zia Haque – Moshir Rahman

Closed Room:

NS (BANGLADESH) – Asifur Rahman – AHM Kamruzzaman
EW (INDIA) – Rajeshwar Tewari – Sumit Mukherjee

In the 2nd set of semi-final, Bangladesh opened their account by winning a solitary IMP on board 1 by virtue of an overtrick in the 3NT contract. The next board was also a flat board of 3NT, both team bidding and making it.

Board 3, Dir: South, Vul: EW

♠652			
♥T6			
♦7654			
♣A754			
♠A87			♠KJ3
♥A5432			♥J98
♦AT			♦Q83
♣Q83			♣KT96
			♠QT94
			♥KQ7
			♦KJ92
			♣J2

OPEN ROOM

West	North	East	South
1H	Pass	2D	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

CLOSED ROOM

West	North	East	South
1H	1S	2H	All Pass



Shah Zia Haque

In the open room, East showed a better hand than a simple raise of 2H and West with 14 HCPs bid 2NT, which was raised to 3NT by East. North led the D4 and South's DJ was taken by the DA. Declarer now played a heart towards dummy and played the H8, when North played low. South won the trick with HK. After a thought South played the S10 and declarer got a free finesse in spade. He continued with HJ now and finessed. Now there were 10 tricks for declarer for +630 to Bangladesh. In the closed room, only 2H was bid and 9 tricks were made for a 10 IMP gain to Bangladesh.

There were no exchange of scores on the next 2 boards and on board 6, both tables were in a non makeable 4H contract. India were down 1 against their opponent's 2 down to gain 3 IMPs on the board.

Board 7, Dir: South, Vul: Both

♠AT65			
♥A4			
♦T3			
♣QJ864			
♠9			♠8432
♥JT63			♥9875
♦AQJ87			♦K4
♣K52			♣A97
			♠KQJ7
			♥KQ2
			♦9652
			♣T3

OPEN ROOM

West	North	East	South
1D	Pass	1H	Pass
2H	All Pass		Pass

CLOSED ROOM

West	North	East	South
1D	Pass	1H	Pass
2H	2S	All Pass	1S

It was a bit of surprise that South in the open room did not compete with a Double and passed 2H, which made. In the closed room, South at the first opportunity bid 1S with his good four carder suit and now there was no problem for North to raise to 2S. The contract made with an over trick and that was a gain of 7 IMPs to Bangladesh.

On the next board India got 2 IMPs for making overtricks in a 1NT contract played at both the tables.



Asifur Rahman

On board 9 (See board on next page), the bidding went as:

OPEN ROOM

West	North	East	South
Pass	1C	1S	1NT
All Pass	2C	Pass	3C

Board 9, Dir: North, Vul: EW

♠763	♠2	♠AKJ854
♥9543	♥AKT2	♥J6
♦J962	♦875	♦AT3
♣AT	♣KQ643	♣72
	N	
	W E	
	S	
	♠QT9	
	♥Q87	
	♦KQ4	
	♣J985	

It was a simple bidding and NS were able to make 10 tricks in their 3C contract. In the closed room, the bidding was:

CLOSED ROOM

West	North	East	South
	1C	1S	1NT
All Pass			

The contract turned out to be costly to Bangladesh, as defenders took 5 spade tricks along with the 2 Aces to take it down. That was a gain of 5 IMPs to India.

Board 10, Dir: East, Vul: Both

♠T873	♠KJ6	♠Q42
♥A	♥98764	♥T3
♦KQJT6	♦A9	♦842
♣T52	♣J63	♣AKQ84
	N	
	W E	
	S	
	♠A95	
	♥KQJ52	
	♦753	
	♣97	

OPEN ROOM

West	North	East	South
DBL	3C(*)	1C	1H
DBL	Pass	Pass	3H
		3S	All Pass

EW were in a hopeless contract of 3S on 4-3 fit, after North had informed about the good fit in hearts by bidding 3C. 4C or 4D would have been better. In fact, East could have doubled 3C informing of his good clubs. Declarer was perplexed to play the hand in 3S and went 2 down for 200 to NS.



Rajeshwar Tewari

CLOSED ROOM

West	North	East	South
DBL	4H	1C	1H
DBL	All Pass	Pass	Pass

The aggressiveness of NS did more harm to them rather than pre-empting their opposition. 2 Clubs, 1 Diamond, 1 Heart and 1 spade tricks could not be avoided and that was a juicy 500 to EW. India gained 12 IMPs on the board.

Board 11, Dir: South, Vul: None

♠987	♠5	♠JT632
♥A4	♥QT87652	♥93
♦K82	♦973	♦AJ
♣AJT95	♣74	♣KQ82
	N	
	W E	
	S	
	♠AKQ4	
	♥KJ	
	♦QT654	
	♣63	

OPEN ROOM

West	North	East	South
Pass	2D(*)	Pass	1NT
DBL	Pass	2S	2H
Pass	3H	Pass	Pass
3S	All Pass		

Defence can only take the top 3 spades and a heart in 3S contract and that's what they got. +140 to EW

CLOSED ROOM

West	North	East	South
Pass	4D(*)	Pass	1NT
All Pass			4H

The aggressiveness shown throughout the set was continued on this board, and this time they were lucky. There were 5 losers - 2 tricks each in minor suits plus the trump Ace but luck favours the brave and West led the spade which allowed 2 losers out of 5 to vanish and the contract was made for a 11 IMP gain to Bangladesh.

India gained 5 IMPs on board 12, when the Bangladesh pair overbid to 2NT and went one down, whereas the Indian EW pair played calmly in 2H contract making an overtrick. On board 13, both tables played and made 4H for no swing.



AHM Kamruzzaman

Board 14, Dlr: East, Vul: None

♠A976543		♠QT
♥Q		♥T98742
♦Q984		♦AJ
♣8		♣Q32

♠ AK63
 ♦ T7632
 ♣ JT74
 N
 W E
 S
 ♠ KJ82
 ♥ J5
 ♦ K5
 ♣ AK965

OPEN ROOM

West	North	East	South
2S	Pass	2D(*)	Pass
3S	All Pass	2NT	Pass

2D was multi but it could not be ascertained whether 2S showed some tolerance for heart, which was not the case. But the final contract of 3S wasn't a success as 2 spades, a heart, a diamond and a club can not be avoided. Beside that declarer had to give a diamond to go 2 down.

CLOSED ROOM

West	North	East	South
4S	4NT	Pass	1C
All Pass		Pass	5C

In the closed room, West created problems for North by bidding a dangerous 4S. If doubled, it would have gone min 3 down but North's hand was good to play in minors and he bid 4NT asking partner to choose. The 5C contract was a reasonable one but went 1 down for 4 IMPs gain to India.

On board 15, there was a lapse of concentration, when South passed with 15 HCPs. Not only that further he passed his partner's 1H, which made with a over trick. But open room played the hand in 4D making to gain 1 IMP for India.



Raju Tolani

On the last board of the match India lost 11 IMPs, when they missed a sitter 6H, which the open room NS did not bid. Closed room it was bid without problems and there wasn't much in play as there were 12 top tricks.

Final Score India 32, Bangladesh 40.

-Editor

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West	North	East	South
2D	Pass	1H	Pass
4C	Pass	3H	Pass
4S	Pass	4D	Pass
6H	All Pass	5H	Pass

3H - good suit; 4c - cue, denying Spade; 4D - spade control; 4SRKC; 5h 2+q

South led the C3 and Sandeep went up with ace and played a heart. RHO won and played a spade, declarer winning with Ace and cashed 2nd heart, cashed CK and then ran all the hearts.

The last 4-card position was:

♠Q		♠7
♥AKT		♥T
♦AKT		♦4
♣		♣J

♠ K
 ♥ Q97
 ♦
 ♣

When declarer played last heart, LHO has to keep sk. So he discards a diamond and declarer throws the SQ and now it is the turn of the RHO to get squeezed in Diamonds & clubs. If he throws diamond, all three diamond of dummy are good, if he throws CQ then CJ is good.

The only defence to break the squeeze is to play the DJ when HA is won.



YES Counting is Important



Has all the trumps been taken out or not?

Memories of the BFAME – Part 7 **Set your target and keep trying until you reach it. Napoleon Hill** **By Ghassan Ghanem – President Emeritus, BFAME**

This deal occurred in the second Final session of the Pairs Friendship Championship of the Eighth BFAAME Championships held at "The Forte Grand Hotel" in Amman - Jordan in April 1995. The First over all were Nisar Ahmad (Mr. Chance) and Shahin Iqbal both of Pakistan.

Board 11, Dir: South, Vul: None

<p>♠T86 ♥75 ♦AJ ♣KQJ876</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠952 ♥982 ♦Q9875 ♣T5</p>	<p>♠AQJ743 ♥AQT ♦K63 ♣4</p>
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♠K
♥KJ643
♦T42
♣A932

West	North	East	South
	<i>Iqbal Shahin</i>		<i>Ahmad Nisar</i>
			Pass
Pass	1S	Pass	2H(1)
Pass	4C(2)	Pass	4NT(3)
Pass	5S(4)	Pass	6H
All Pass			

- (1) Game Force.
- (2) Splinter Bid.
- (3) Roman Key Cards Blackwood.
- (4) Two Key Cards, and the trumps' queen.

Ahmad Nisar (better known to his friends as Mr. Chance) didn't open the bidding but his first response forced to game, and he kept bidding until he reached the small slam not bothering about the potential two diamond losers while using RKCB! But don't forget that 'Mr. Chance' was taking the captaincy of the bidding dialogue, however, he was targeting the gold.

Nisar got the lead of the king of clubs. He unblocked the spade king, collected three trumps ending in dummy, and cashed all the spades. Six spades, five hearts and the clubs ace, twelve tricks, and plus 980 gave him 20 MPs out of 25.

South shouldn't have applied the Roman Key Card Blackwood without a first or second round control of an un-bid suit, unless he is Mr. Chance. The best small slam was six spades, or six no trumps, played by North.

The following deal is from Round one of the Open Teams' First Round Robin of the of the Seventh BFAAME Championships held at "Le Mauricia Hotel" in Grand Bay - Mauritius in June 1993.

North and South were Nisar Ahmad a member of Zia's team who finished runners up on two important world Championships, and Sultan Siddiqui an excellent player by his own. Both were representing Pakistan.

Board 12, Dir: West, Vul: Both

<p>♠Q4 ♥KJ96 ♦JT983 ♣J2</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠AK932 ♥ ♦AKQ75 ♣A65</p>	<p>♠Q4 ♥KJ96 ♦JT983 ♣J2</p>
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West	North	East	South
	<i>Nisar Ahmad</i>		<i>Sultan Siddiqui</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	2C(1)
Pass	2D(2)	Pass	2S
Pass	2NT(3)	Pass	3D(4)
Pass	4D	Pass	4H(5)
Pass	4S(6)	Pass	5C(5)
Pass	5H(5)	DBL	RDBL(7)
Pass	5NT(8)	Pass	7D(9)
All Pass			

- (1) Artificial strong bid, 22+.
- (2) Relay, waiting.
- (3) Balanced 8 or 9 High Cards Points. Good diamond support and slam interest.
- (4) Second suit.
- (5) Control Cue bids.
- (6) Spade secondary fit.
- (7) Hearts' first round control.
- (8) Grand Slam Force.
- (9) O.K, I still have good unrevealed values.

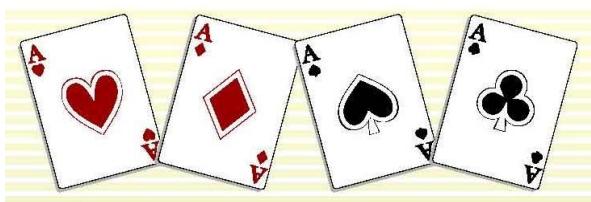
The crucial bid was Nisar's four spades, which may not occur to many. Nisar knew that his partner would be interested in the fitting honor, and he knew that Sultan was aware he wouldn't cue bid a shortage control in his first suit.

When Nisar applied the Grand Slam Force, Sultan had enough information about the hand to bid the grand slam confidently, and enough unrevealed values to comply to the grand slam force.

Ghassan Ghanem

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	1400 – 1620 Hrs.	Semi-Finals – Segment 5 - OPEN / WOMEN Teams
	1645 – 1905 Hrs.	Semi-Finals – Segment 6 - OPEN / WOMEN Teams
Saturday, May 13	1000 – 1220 Hrs.	Finals – Segment 1 - MIXED / SENIOR Teams
	1400 – 1620 Hrs.	Finals – Segment 2 - MIXED / SENIOR Teams
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