



22nd BFAME Zonal Championships

Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore, PAKISTAN

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Monday, 8th May 2023

THE NEW BFAME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The elections for the new executive council were held yesterday at the venue hotel of the 22nd BFAME Zonal Championships. The new selected committee is:

President

Mr. Bahjat Al Majali (Jordan)

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Mr. Ahmed Al-Midfaa: Vice President BFAME (UAE)

Mr. N R Kirubakara Moorthy (India) & Zone representative to WBF

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Mr. Mubasher Lucman (Pakistan)

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Pakistan leads in OPEN Teams

At the end of yesterdays play (2nd day) in the 22nd BFAME Championships, 6 rounds have been completed in the OPEN Team event. There are in total 15 rounds to be played in the triple round robin contest

After 6 rounds, the **Pakistan Team** (Tehsin Gheewala (Captain), Mohsin Chandna, Farrukh Liaqat, Imran Abedi, Hassan Askari, Rashid Al Ghazi) are leading in the Open event with a score of 67.31 VPs. The **Indian Team** (Joyjit Sensarma (Coach & NPC), Ajay Khare, Raju Tolani, Rajeshwar Tewari, Sumit Mukherjee, Jaggy Shivdasani, Sandeep Thakral) is in 2nd position with a score of 66.08 VPs.

The UAE team is not far behind with 64.96 VPs and Bangladesh is in 4th position with 51.83 VPs. The TOP 4 teams will qualify for the knock out semi-final after completing the three round robins each of 5 rounds.

See detailed results on page 6 & 7.

India leads in WOMEN Teams

At the end of yesterdays play (2nd day) in the 22nd BFAME Championships, 6 rounds have been completed in the WOMEN Team event. There are in total 15 rounds to be played in the triple round robin contest

After 6 rounds, the **Indian Team** (Anal Shah (Coach & NPC), Alka Kshirsagar, Asha Sharma, Puja Batra, Bharati Dey, Kalpana Gurjar, Vidhya Patel) are leading in the Women event with a score of 82.79 VPs. The **Pakistan Team** (Fatima Raza (Captain), Rubina Saeed Hai, Qudsia Dossa, Nilofer Aslam, Meharangiz Shahveer, Durriya Vasi) is in 2nd position with a score of 73.34 VPs.

The UAE team with 62.46 VPs and Jordan with 47.96 VPs are in 3rd & 4th position respectively. The TOP 4 teams will qualify for the knock out semi-final after completing the three round robins each of 5 rounds.

See detailed results on page 6 & 7.

INDIA leads the SENIOR Teams

The Senior teams completed their second round-robin yesterday and after playing total of 6 rounds, the Indian team (**Subhash Gupta** (Coach & NPC), Hemant Jalan, Sukamal Das, Subrata Saha, Pranab Bardhan, Badal Das, Samir Basak) are leading with a score of 76.55 VPs.

The Pakistan team (**Saeed Akhtar** (Captain), Shahid Hameed, Imran Gardezi, Ghias Malik, Azhar Hameed, Mirza Shauq Hussain) is in 2nd place with 67.77 VPs, and Jordan is in 3rd place with 35.18 VPs. There are 4 round robins of 3 matches each still to be played.

See detailed results on page 6 & 7.

INDIA leads the MIXED Teams

The Mixed teams completed their second round-robin yesterday and after playing total of 6 rounds, the Indian team (**Vinay Desai** (Coach & NPC), Marianne Karmarkar, Kiran Nadar, Himani Khandelwal, Sandeep Karmarkar, B. Satyanarayana, Rajeev Khandelwal) are leading with a score of 67.52 VPs.

The UAE team (**Nermeen Qasim Norani** (Captain), Elvan Edis, Sawsan Elabyari, Humayun Sumar, Timur Edis, Amr Mekky) is in 2nd place with 63.87 VPs, and Jordan & Pakistan are in 3rd & 4th place with 57.83 and 50.28 VPs respectively. There are 4 round robins of 3 matches each still to be played.

See detailed results on page 6 & 7.

Today's Dinner Invitation

To all Players & officials of the 22nd BFAME Championships

Monday, 8th May 2023

Venue: Village M.M.Alaam

By President PBF Mubasher Lucman & Mrs. Mubasher

Today's Play Schedule (Monday – 8th May 2023)

OPEN TEAMS									
TBL #	RR-2, RND-2 (1000 Hrs.)			RR-2, RND-3 (1400 Hrs.)			RR-2, RND-4 (1645 Hrs.)		
TBL-1	INDIA	Vs	UAE	JORDAN	Vs	INDIA	INDIA	Vs	BANGLADESH
TBL-2	BANGLADESH	Vs	PAKISTAN	BANGLADESH	Vs	UAE	PAKISTAN	Vs	JORDAN
	JORDAN	Vs	BYE	PAKISTAN	Vs	BYE	UAE	Vs	BYE
WOMEN TEAMS									
TBL #	RR-2, RND-2 (1000 Hrs.)			RR-2, RND-3 (1400 Hrs.)			RR-2, RND-4 (1645 Hrs.)		
TBL-3	JORDAN	Vs	PALESTINE	UAE	Vs	JORDAN	JORDAN	Vs	PAKISTAN
TBL-4	PAKISTAN	Vs	INDIA	PAKISTAN	Vs	PALESTINE	INDIA	Vs	UAE
	UAE	Vs	BYE	INDIA	Vs	BYE	PALESTINE	Vs	BYE
SENIORS TEAMS									
TBL #	RR-3, RND-1 (1000 Hrs.)			RR-3, RND-2 (1400 Hrs.)			RR-3, RND-3 (1645 Hrs.)		
TBL-5	INDIA	Vs	JORDAN	JORDAN	Vs	PAKISTAN	PAKISTAN	Vs	INDIA
	PAKISTAN	Vs	BYE	INDIA	Vs	BYE	JORDAN	Vs	BYE
MIXED TEAMS									
TBL #	RR-3, RND-1 (1000 Hrs.)			RR-3, RND-2 (1400 Hrs.)			RR-3, RND-3 (1645 Hrs.)		
TBL-6	INDIA	Vs	UAE	PAKISTAN	Vs	INDIA	INDIA	Vs	JORDAN
TBL-7	JORDAN	Vs	PAKISTAN	UAE	Vs	JORDAN	PAKISTAN	Vs	UAE

Today's Vu-Graph Matches on BBO

Round-1: 1000 Hrs

BBO 1: INDIA Vs. UAE (OPEN)

BBO 2: JORDAN Vs. PALESTINE (WOMEN)

Round-2: 1400 Hrs

BBO 1: JORDAN Vs. PAKISTAN (SENIORS)

BBO 2: UAE Vs. JORDAN (MIXED)

Round-3: 1645 Hrs

BBO 1: PAKISTAN Vs. JORDAN (OPEN)

BBO 2: INDIA Vs. JORDAN (MIXED)

Corrigendum

In yesterday's bulletin (Bulletin-2), there was a mistake in the name as shown in the VG diagram in the India Vs Pakistan Women match. The correct names in Board 24 should have been Fatima Raza as East in Open room and Puja Batra as East in the closed room. The same mistake was there on board 27 as well. **The mistake is regretted.**

Participants of the 22nd BFAME CHAMPIONSHIPS, LAHORE

OPEN EVENT

Country	Team Members
 BANGLADESH	Rifatul Islam.NPC, Asifur Rahman, Biswajit Saha, Moshiur Rahman, AHM Kamruzzaman, Shah Zia Haque, Rashedul Hasan Ripon
 INDIA	Ranjan Bhattacharya (Head of Mission), Joyjit Sensarma (Coach & NPC), Ajay Khare, Raju Tolani, Rajeshwar Tewari, Sumit Mukherjee, Jaggay Shivdasani, Sandeep Thakral
 JORDAN	Zafer Najeh Jarrar (Captain), Aaida Haider HANNA Abu -Jaber, Sakher Mohammed Malkawi, Clement Maamarbach, George Kashami , Amr Nimer
 PAKISTAN	Tehsin Gheewala (Captain), Mohsin Chandna, Farrukh Liaqat, Imran Abedi, Hassan Askari, Rashid Al Ghazi
 UAE	Hussein Adam Ali Ibrahim (Captain), Tamer Eissa, Khaled Hassan, Mohamed Said, Hazem Ghoneim, Abdelrahim Mehilba




LADIES EVENT

Country	Team Members
 INDIA	Anal Shah (Coach & NPC), Alka Kshirsagar, Asha Sharma, Puja Batra, Bharati Dey , Kalpana Gurjar, Vidhya Patel
 JORDAN	Abdallah Al Ajlouni (NPC), Fatina Mohd Kheir Said AlNajjar, Najwa Abdul Rahman Rasheid Al-Najjab, Amal Tawfiq Shaker Fakhouri , Maram Jeries Odeh, Selva.KH Hairbedian Qussous, Lina AL Masri
 PAKISTAN	Fatima Raza (Captain), Rubina Saeed Hai, Qudsia Dossa, Nilofer Aslam, Meharangiz Shahveer, Durriya Vasi
 PALESTINE	Laila Haddadin (Captain), May Abu Gharbieh, Nawar Hasheim, Hanan Bitar, Fiuroz Badwan, Fadia Najjar
 UAE	Manju Law (Captain), Ruby Kochhar , Kumkum Kumar, Rupy Wallia, Chhaya Gandhi, Anshu Aggarwal

MIXED EVENT

 INDIA	Vinay Desai (Coach & NPC), Marianne Karmarkar, Kiran Nadar, Himani Khandelwal, Sandeep Karmarkar, B. Satyanarayana, Rajeev Khandelwal
 JORDAN	Marwan Ghanem (Captain), Rana Saifeddin Abdelhadi, Jamal Tawfiq Saleh abDELJALIL, Farah Ahmad Mohd Tambulat, Dimah Omar AL SHAIKH Mahmood al-Taher, Samer mohammad Ali Alrawashdeh
 PAKISTAN	Samira Fancy (Captain), Rahat Mahmood , Agha Rubina, Khalid Mohiuddin, Anwar Kazilbash, Mansoor Arslan
 UAE	Nermeen Qasim Norani (Captain), Elvan Edis, Sawsan Elabyari, Humayun Sumar, Timur Edis, Amr Mekky

SENIORS EVENT

Country	Team Members
 INDIA	Subhash Gupta (Coach & NPC), Hemant Jalan, Sukamal Das, Subrata Saha, Pranab Bardhan, Badal Das, Samir Basak
 JORDAN	Ghassan Ghaneem (Cap), Hassana Bachir Salim EL Housami, Suha Muhamad Mahmoud Abbassi, Yasmin M.A. Khattak, Yousef Shafiq Yousef Batshon, Yacoub Nehme Karouta
 PAKISTAN	Saeed Akhtar (Captain), Shahid Hameed, Imran Gardezi , Ghias Malik, Azhar Hameed, Mirza Shauq Hussain

Tournament Draw

OPEN TEAMS (5 TEAMS) - ROUND ROBIN - 1

RND #	TBL-1			TBL-2			BYE			Team #	TEAM NAME
1	2	Vs	5	3	Vs	4	1	Vs	6	1	INDIA
2	5	Vs	1	2	Vs	3	4	Vs	6	2	PAKISTAN
3	1	Vs	4	5	Vs	3	2	Vs	6	3	BANGLADESH
4	3	Vs	1	4	Vs	2	5	Vs	6	4	JORDAN
5	1	Vs	2	4	Vs	5	3	Vs	6	5	UAE
										6	BYE

WOMEN TEAMS (5 TEAMS) - ROUND ROBIN - 1

RND #	TBL-3			TBL-4			BYE			Team #	TEAM NAME
1	2	Vs	5	3	Vs	4	1	Vs	6	1	JORDAN
2	5	Vs	1	2	Vs	3	4	Vs	6	2	INDIA
3	1	Vs	4	5	Vs	3	2	Vs	6	3	PAKISTAN
4	3	Vs	1	4	Vs	2	5	Vs	6	4	UAE
5	1	Vs	2	4	Vs	5	3	Vs	6	5	PALESTINE
										6	BYE

NOTES:

1. There will be 3 Round-Robins in OPEN & WOMEN events.
2. In the 2nd Round-Robin of Open / Women event the draw will be swapped that is 2 vs 5 will become 5 vs 2 and 3 vs 4 will become 4 vs 3 and so on.
3. The 3rd Round-Robin draw in OPEN / WOMEN events will be same as of the first round-robin with new Team Nos. being allocated to Teams, based on their rankings at the end of 2nd round-robin

SENIOR TEAMS (3 TEAMS) - ROUND ROBIN - 1, 3 & 5

RND #	TBL-5			BYE			Team #	TEAM NAME
1	2	Vs	3	1	Vs	4	1	PAKISTAN
2	3	Vs	1	2	Vs	4	2	INDIA
3	1	Vs	2	3	Vs	4	3	JORDAN
							4	BYE

MIXED TEAMS (4 TEAMS) - ROUND ROBIN - 1, 3 & 5

RND #	TBL-6			TBL-7			Team #	TEAM NAME
1	1	Vs	4	2	Vs	3	1	INDIA
2	3	Vs	1	4	Vs	2	2	JORDAN
3	1	Vs	2	3	Vs	4	3	PAKISTAN
							4	UAE

NOTES:

1. There will be 6 Round-Robins in SENIOR & MIXED events.
2. In Senior / Mixed events, the draws of Round Robin 2 & 4 will be swapped that is 1 vs 4 will become 4 vs 1 & 2 vs 3 will become 3 vs 2.
3. In the 6th Round-Robin draw in SENIOR / MIXED events will be same as of the first round-robin with new Team Nos. being allocated to Teams, based on their rankings at the end of 5th round-robin

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

OPEN TEAM EVENT

Rank	T#	Team Name	RR1-R1		RR1-R2		RR1-R3		RR1-R4		RR1-R5		TOTAL RR1	RR2-R1		TOTAL
			Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	VPs	Vs.	VPs	VPs
2	1	INDIA	B	10.00	5	11.20	4	13.28	3	12.80	2	8.80	56.08	B	10.00	66.08
1	2	PAKISTAN	5	14.39	3	5.20	B	10.00	4	18.55	1	11.20	59.34	5	7.97	67.31
4	3	B'DESH	4	2.28	2	14.80	5	5.00	1	7.20	B	10.00	39.28	4	12.55	51.83
5	4	JORDAN	3	17.72	B	10.00	1	6.72	2	1.45	5	6.48	42.37	3	7.45	49.82
3	5	UAE	2	5.61	1	8.80	3	15.00	B	10.00	4	13.52	52.93	2	12.03	64.96

WOMEN TEAM EVENT

Rank	T#	Team Name	RR1-R1		RR1-R2		RR1-R3		RR1-R4		RR1-R5		TOTAL RR1	RR2-R1		TOTAL
			Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	VPs	Vs.	VPs	VPs
4	1	JORDAN	B	10.00	5	18.97	4	7.20	3	1.13	2	0.66	37.96	B	10	47.96
1	2	INDIA	5	14.80	3	15.74	B	10	4	9.39	1	19.34	69.27	5	13.52	82.79
2	3	PAKISTAN	4	18.2	2	4.26	5	15.74	1	18.87	B	10	67.08	4	6.26	73.34
3	4	UAE	3	1.79	B	10.00	1	12.80	2	10.61	5	13.52	48.72	3	13.74	62.46
5	5	PALESTINE	2	5.20	1	1.03	3	4.26	B	10.00	4	6.48	26.97	2	6.48	33.45

SENIOR TEAM EVENT

				Round Robin - 2							
Rank	T#	Team Name	TOTAL R1	R1		R2		R3		PEN	TOTAL
				Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	VPs	
2	1	PAKISTAN	34.58	B	10.00	3	9.09	2	14.60	0.5	67.77
1	2	INDIA	43.31	3	17.84	B	10.00	1	5.40		76.55
3	3	JORDAN	12.11	2	2.16	1	10.91	B	10.00		35.18

MIXED TEAM EVENT

				Round Robin - 2							
Rank	T#	Team Name	TOTAL R1	R1		R2		R3		PEN	TOTAL
				Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	VPs	
1	1	INDIA	37.51	4	10.61	3	10.31	2	9.09		67.52
3	2	JORDAN	35.25	3	2.28	4	9.39	1	10.91		57.83
4	3	PAKISTAN	19.45	2	17.72	1	9.69	4	3.42		50.28
2	4	UAE	27.29	1	9.39	2	10.61	3	16.58		63.87

Vu-Graph on BBO

Live Vu-graph of the 22nd BFAME Championships will be available on BBO daily from 6th May to 14th May 2023 as per the following Schedule:

1000 – 1220 Hrs (0500 GMT) – Session-1

1400 – 1620 Hrs (0900 GMT) – Session-2

1645 – 1905 Hrs.(1145 GMT) – Session-3

ROUND-BY-ROUND SCORE OF ALL EVENTS

OPEN TEAM EVENT RESULTS					
RR1 - Round # 4					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	BANGLADESH	Vs.	INDIA	27-37	7.20 - 12.80
2	JORDAN	Vs.	PAKISTAN	9-53	1.45 - 18.55
	UAE	Vs.	BYE		10.00 - 0
RR1 - Round # 5					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	INDIA	Vs.	PAKISTAN	27-31	8.80 - 11.20
2	JORDAN	Vs.	UAE	36-49	6.48 - 13.62
	BANGLADESH	Vs.	BYE		10.00 - 0
RR2 - Round # 1					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	UAE	Vs.	PAKISTAN	40-33	12.03 - 7.97
2	JORDAN	Vs.	BANGLADESH	39-48	7.45 - 12.55
	INDIA	Vs.	BYE		10.00 - 0
WOMEN TEAM EVENT RESULTS					
RR1 - Round # 4					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
3	PAKISTAN	Vs.	JORDAN	63-16	18.87 - 1.13
4	UAE	Vs.	INDIA	30-28	10.61 - 9.39
	PALESTINE		BYE		10.00 - 0
RR1 - Round # 5					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
3	JORDAN	Vs.	INDIA	12-64	0.66 - 19.34
4	UAE	Vs.	PALESTINE	38-25	13.52 - 6.48
	PAKISTAN		BYE		10.00 - 0
RR2 - Round # 1					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
3	PALESTINE	Vs.	INDIA	21-34	6.48 - 13.52
4	UAE	Vs.	PAKISTAN	52-38	13.74 - 6.26
	JORDAN		BYE		10.00 - 0
SENIOR TEAM EVENT RESULTS					
RR2 - Round # 1					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
5	JORDAN	Vs.	INDIA	21-59	2.16 - 17.84
	PAKISTAN	Vs.	BYE		10.00 - 0
RR2 - Round # 2					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
5	PAKISTAN	Vs.	JORDAN	27-30	9.09 - 10.91
	INDIA	Vs.	BYE		10.00 - 0
RR2 - Round # 3					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
5	INDIA	Vs.	PAKISTAN	37-55	5.40 - 14.60
	JORDAN	Vs.	BYE		10.00 - 0
MIXED TEAM EVENT RESULTS					
RR2 - Round # 1					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
6	UAE	Vs.	INDIA	31-33	9.39 - 10.61
7	PAKISTAN	Vs.	JORDAN	61-24	17.72 - 2.28
RR2 - Round # 2					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
6	INDIA	Vs.	PAKISTAN	34-33	10.31 - 9.69
7	JORDAN	Vs.	UAE	27-29	9.39 - 10.61
RR2 - Round # 3					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
6	JORDAN	Vs.	INDIA	58-55	10.91 - 9.09
7	UAE	Vs.	PAKISTAN	48-19	16.58 - 3.42

WOMEN TEAMS – RR1, ROUND -4 (PAKISTAN Vs. JORDAN)

Open room:

NS Durriya Vasi/ Rubina Saeed (Pak)
EW Najwa Abdul / Amal Tawfiq(Jordan)

Closed room:

NS Lina al Masri/ Selva Kh Hairbedian (Jordan)
EW Fatima Raza/ Qudsia Dosa (Pak)

D		N DURRIYA VA		W		N		E		S	
17		♠ A102		1♦		P		1♥		P	
		♥ 10874		1♠		P		2♣		P	
		♦ 952		4♣		P		P		P	
		♣ AJ7									
W AMAL TAWFI				E NAJWA ABDU							
♠ KQ65				♠ 9843							
♥ K				♥ QJ65							
♦ AK10763				♦ Q8							
♣ 82				♣ Q94							
				S RUBINA SAE							
				♠ J7							
				♥ A932							
				♦ J4							
				♣ K10653							
								4♣ W NS: 0 EW: 0			

Pakistan played a part score of 2D making +3 in the closed room, whereas Jordan arrived in the hopeless spade game in the open room going two down. 6 imps to Pakistan to start the proceedings.

<div>18</div> <div>D</div>		<div>N</div> LINA AL MA		<div>W</div> <div>N</div> E <div>S</div>	
		♠ 106532		1♠ P	
		♥ J10532		3♥ P	
		♦ KJ7		6♦ P	
		♣		P P	
<div>W</div> QUDSIA DOS				<div>E</div> FATIMA RAZ	
♠ KQ9				♠ J	
♥ 7				♥ AQ6	
♦ 10432				♦ AQ	
♣ KQJ65				♣ A1098432	
		<div>S</div> SELVA.KH H			
		♠ A874			
		♥ K984			
		♦ 9865			
		♣ 7			
				6♣ E NS: 0 EW: 0	

The next deal presented a slam opportunity and Fatima in the closed room grabbed it with both hands, overruling her partner's attempt to signoff due to her well protected tenaces. She was rewarded with an 11 imp swing when the Jordanians missed the slam in the open room, albeit not without drama.

OPEN ROOM:

West	North	East	South
Amal	Vasi	Najwa	Rubina
		1C	Pass
Pass	2C	3C	3H
5C	All Pass		

Amal, initially missed her partner's opening 1C bid and passed. Durriya made a questionable vulnerable balance with the north hand and after hearing her partner rebid 3C, Amal tried to make amends of her earlier pass by jumping to 5C. Najwa could not imagine the actual West hand due to her initial pass and therefore 5C became the final contract.

After a flat heart game on board 19, came board 20

D 20	N LINA AL MA				W N E S						
	♠ KQJ				P	1♦	P	1♠			
	♥ AJ104				2♣	X	P	2♠			
	♦ A10862				P	3♣	P	P			
♣ 4											
W QUDSIA DOS				E FATIMA RAZ							
♠ 2				♠ A743							
♥ K8				♥ 9765							
♦ J543				♦ Q97							
♣ KJ10753				♣ A8							
S SELVA.KH H											
♠ 109865											
♥ Q32											
♦ K											
♣ Q962											
								3♠ S NS: 0 EW: 0			

In the closed room, Qudsia intervened with a 2C bid after passing initially. Lina doubled for takeout and Selva rebid her spades. Lina made another game try by raising her partner to 3S and south decided to make a conservative pass, perhaps depreciating the value of her club queen. When the heart finesse worked, she made eleven tricks. Jordan +200. In the open room, the bidding was:

West	North	East	South
Amal	Vasi	Najwa	Rubina
	1D	Pass	1S
Pass	2H	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

Durriya decided to reverse with her excellent 15 hcp and a spade fit and raised her partner's natural 2N to 3N. Amal led the club jack and won her partner's club return with the club 10. She now cashed her club king. Hoping to see her partner produce a third club. When that didn't happen, she cleared the club suit anyway. Rubina now unblocked the diamond king and led the heart queen. When west produced the king, she was soon claiming nine tricks for +600 after conceding the spade ace. 9 imps to Pakistan.

Jordan gained 2 IMPs in board 21 for making overtricks but Pakistan struck again when they earned 6 imps by staying low on a part score deal, whereas Jordan elected to bid a spade game in a 5-2 fit, which went down. Then came board 23.

<div>23</div> <div>D</div>	N LINA AL MA				W N E S				
	♠ 103				1♥				
	♥ 93				2♦				
	♦ QJ542				P				
	♣ KQ107				P				
W QUDSIA DOS					E FATIMA RAZ				
♠ AQ65					♠ 974				
♥ Q86					♥ 1075				
♦ AK					♦ 109863				
♣ AJ83					♣ 42				
S SELVA.KH H									
♠ KJ82									
♥ AKJ42									
♦ 7									
♣ 965									
					2♥ S NS: 0 EW: 0				

It looks like the 2C bid was a transfer to 2D, promising 5+D. when west doubled again with her balanced 20 count, everybody decided to pass. EW took the maximum available penalty of 500, when Qudsia started by under leading her club ace and subsequently giving Fatima a club ruff. In the open room, the bidding went as follows:

West	North	East	South
Amal	Vasi	Najwa	Rubina
DBL	1NT	Pass	1H
2NT	All Pass		Pass

Here, North bid a presumably natural and non-forcing 1NT, which south duly passed with her minimum. West bid 2NT with her balanced 20 count and was left to play it there with a pointless dummy. When the smoke cleared, she was down four in her vulnerable contract for -400. Given the 500 penalty in the other room, that was 14 imps to Pakistan, who now led the match 47-2, with 9 boards still to play.

The next few boards were relatively quite, compared to the initial exchanges, Jordan picking up 4 imps on board 25 when they stopped in 2C making and the Pakistan team went down in 3C.

D 28	N DURRIYA VA	W	N	E	S
	♠ 76 ♥ J102 ♦ Q873 ♣ J1063	2♦ 3♠ P	P P P	2NT 3NT P	P P P
W AMAL TAWFI		E NAJWA ABDO			
♠ 43 ♥ AQ8764 ♦ 62 ♣ A94		♠ AK10 ♥ 5 ♦ K10954 ♣ K875			
	S RUBINA SAE				
	♠ QJ9852 ♥ K93 ♦ AJ ♣ Q2				
		3NT E			NS: 0 EW: 0

In the open room, West opened with multi 2D in open room and East decided to make a forcing 2NT ask and bid 3N when her partner showed a maximum weak two in hearts by bidding 3C..She got the lead of the spade queen, but with the hearts 3-3 with king onside and a club entry to dummy, she was never under any real pressure and soon chalked up an overtrick, +430.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Qudsia	Lina	Fatima	Selva
2D	Pass	2H	2S
3H	3S	All Pass	

Here again West opened with a multi 2D. But here, South bid 2S over east's forced 2H response, West bid 3H (probably to show a maximum, as she could pass with a minimum weak two) and north competed inexplicably to 3S. Fatima refrained from doubling and 3S became the final contract. Qudsia kicked off with a diamond lead and declarer went after clubs after winning east's king with the ace by leading low from hand.

Fatima won and returned a diamond, declarer winning the jack. Declarer then stuck to her plan and led the club queen. Qudsia won and played another club, declarer winning dummy's jack while throwing a heart from her hand.

Declarer was finally in the right hand to play trumps but Fatima won the king and forced declarer repeatedly with diamonds, collecting two more tricks in each major suit for the defence. Pakistan +300. So that was 4 imps to Jordan.

Jordan picked up another 6 imps on board 29, when Pakistan went down in a vulnerable 1NT and Jordan made it with an overtrick.

D 30	N DURRIYA VA	W	N	E	S
	♠ QJ94 ♥ 865 ♦ J84 ♣ Q105	2♦ P	1♣ P	P P	P
W AMAL TAWFI		E NAJWA ABDO			
♠ A87 ♥ J73 ♦ A7653 ♣ AK		♠ 10632 ♥ AKQ9 ♦ K ♣ J632			
	S RUBINA SAE				
	♠ K5 ♥ 1042 ♦ Q1092 ♣ 9874				
		2♦ W			NS: 0 EW: 0

Here there was a typical misunderstanding. West meant her 2D to be strong (16+ with a diamond suit) but east thought it was weak (0-5 hcp with 6 diamonds) and passed. Amal, not expecting a pass from her partner, actually tried to bid 3NT before realizing that the bidding had gone pass-pass-pass. She made her contract with an overtrick.

Closed Room:

West	North	East	South
Qudsia	Lina	Fatima	Selva
1D	Pass	1C	Pass
3NT	All Pass	1NT	Pass

Fatima made an overtrick when north discarded a club when she run the hearts and that was 8 imps to Pakistan!

D 31	N LINA AL MA	W	N	E	S
	♠ 654 ♥ K54 ♦ K73 ♣ J852	P 3♦ P	1NT 3NT P	2♦ P	1♣ 3♣ P
W QUDSIA DOS		E FATIMA RAZ			
♠ KQ108 ♥ A97 ♦ J98 ♣ Q64		♠ J932 ♥ QJ3 ♦ AQ10542 ♣			
	S SELVA.KH H				
	♠ A7 ♥ 10862 ♦ 6 ♣ AK10973				
		3NT N			NS: 0 EW: 0

The Jordanian NS reached 3N when north thought her partner was showing more values (about 15-17) with her direct three level bid of clubs over 2D. It is much easier to bid such hands, if you are playing some version of the good/bad 2NT. East lead a spade and west continued the suit. Declarer won the ace, cashed a high club getting the bad news. Now she tried a heart to the king, which won the trick and cleared the clubs. EW lost a trick but still collected +500 for down five, vulnerable. The Jordanian west played 2NT at the other table making with two overtricks, but that was still 8 imps to Pakistan.

Board 32, the final board of the set, was a push and that ended an excellent set for Pakistan, who won the match comprehensively. **Final score: Pakistan 63 Jordan 16**

- Reported by Yasser Rahim

OPEN TEAMS – RR1, ROUND -5 (INDIA Vs. PAKISTAN)

Everyone was eager to see this match of the Open event.

Open Room:

NS (INDIA) – Rajeshwar Tewari – Sumit Mukherjee
EW (PAKISTAN) – Mubashir Puri - Tehsin Gheewala

Closed Room:

NS (PAKISTAN) – Mohsin Chandna – Imran Abedi
EW (INDIA) – Jaggy Shivdasani – Sandeep Thakral

The match started with a very flat board, both tables scoring 11 tricks in 4S contract.

Board 2, Dlr: East, Vul: NS

♠Q94 ♥KQ3 ♦T4 ♣AK976	N W E S	♠73 ♥AJ65 ♦A872 ♣J85	♠KT62 ♥974 ♦KQJ9 ♣42
			♠AJ85 ♥T62 ♦653 ♣QT3

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

Both the tables bid the hand exactly in same way, and both received the DK lead.

In the closed room, Sandeep won with Ace and played a low club to Ace. He cashed all the 4 hearts and then played the CJ to queen and King. But when C10 did not fall, he had only 7 tricks for down 2 and 100 to Pakistan.

In the open room, Tehsin also won with the DA and played the CJ, covered by South with Queen and won by declarer. He also cashed all the for hearts and now played the C8. He ducked when south played low and was home with 10 tricks for +430 and that was 11 IMPs to Pakistan.



Tehsin Gheewala

On the next board itself, India recovered the imps back.

Board 3, Dlr: South, Vul: EW

♠AKJ9 ♥QT62 ♦J65 ♣74	N W E S	♠QT753 ♥K43 ♦4 ♣QT52	♠8642 ♥5 ♦AK872 ♣J98
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OPEN ROOM:

West	North	East	South
1H	Pass	2H	Pass
4H	All Pass		DBL

There were no fire works on the table and a reasonable 4H was reached by EW. Spade Ace was led and ruffed and declarer played HJ to queen & King. He now played the diamond from dummy and South won and played another spade. Declarer now tried to cross ruff the hand but because of 4-1 heart break went 1 down for +100 to India.

CLOSED ROOM:

West	North	East	South
1H	1S	2H	Pass
DBL	All Pass		4S

It turned out to be a real bad board for Pakistan when East was stacked with 5 trumps sitting over the 1S over caller. When dust settled, they were 4 down for -800 and that was a juicy 14 IMPs to India.



Sandeep Thakral

Board 4, Dlr: West, Vul: All

♠8763		
♥Q		
♦94		
♣AKQ952		
♠QJ	N	♠AK542
♥A862	W	♥T7
♦QJ2	E	♦KT765
♣JT83	S	♣7
♠T9		
♥KJ9543		
♦A83		
♣64		

OPEN ROOM:

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

The bidding on the table was very aggressive and East was bent upon showing his 2 suiter hand. West though has 11 HCPs but they were all scattered points and hence preferred defending 2H but then bid to 4S, which was not a bad contract but then East himself took it out to 5D, which had no chance of making and went one down for +100 to India.

On board 5, both tables made a good sacrifice of 5C double over 4H making for no exchange.

Board 6, Dlr: East, Vul: EW

♠4		
♥AQ9842		
♦A754		
♣84		
♠985	N	♠AQJT
♥KT75	W	♥6
♦QT62	E	♦K93
♣Q3	S	♣AKT62
♠K7632		
♥J3		
♦J8		
♣J975		

OPEN ROOM:

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

South led HJ to King and Ace but the defence was able to take 3 spade tricks in hand and one club ruff plus 3 club tricks and a diamond to score his contract.

In the closed room the EW were in a hopeless 3NT contract, which had no chance when clubs did not break. The lead was 4th best heart and when declarer tried spade finesse, it lost to South and a heart return meant 3 down for 300 to Pakistan and a 9 IMP swing in their favour.

Next 2 boards were flat boards and India gained 4 IMPs on board 9 when the Pakistan NS in closed room overbid. The next 2 boards were again flat and India gained an IMP in boards 12 & 13.



Rajeshwar Tewari

It was quite a ding dong battle till 13 boards with score standing at 25-20 in favour of India. Then came board 14.

Board 14, Dlr: East, Vul: None

♠863		
♥862		
♦T943		
♣J63		
♠	N	♠AKJT762
♥KQJ53	W	♥T97
♦AKJ7	E	♦2
♣AQ42	S	♣K8
♠Q94		
♥A4		
♦Q865		
♣T975		

In the closed room, Jaggy opened the hand in first seat as 4S and his partner with 20 HCPs and with void in spade had no chance to take any further in the bidding. In the open room, the bidding was:

OPEN ROOM:

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

3NT was serious slam try and 4C showed both black suit controls. All other bids were further cue bids and they reached the optimum 6H, which was duly made and Pakistan gained 11 IMPs on the board.

India gained 2 IMPs for overtricks in a 1NT contract on board 15 and the board 16 was a flat board both tables bidding 4H in EW direction and going down 1. Pakistan won the match by 31-27.



Mubashir Puri



Sumit Mukherjee

Memories of the BFAME – Part 3 **Some of these women players not only bid and play at the table as 'tigress'** **but also come out with excellent logic. Raman Jayaram** **By Ghassan Ghanem – President Emeritus, BFAME**

This article had been titled "Keys of the Queendom" in the book "Serendipity in Bridge" by the late Raman Jayaram of Baroda - India, and forwarded by John Carruthers of Canada the president of the International Bridge Press Association.

"Nuha Hattar is a regular member of the Jordan Open Team these days and she plays with her husband Ghassan Ghanem as partner. Ghassan, in fact, taught her Bridge, and history has it that Ghassan told her once in her younger days that he would propose to her the day she executed a simple squeeze at the table and they would get married the day she executed a double squeeze at the table. Ghassan kept his promise and several single and double squeezes later, Nuha has developed into the kind of player who gets noticed in tournaments no matter how strong the field is. Here is Nuha in action against the Sri Lankan open team during the earlier rounds of the BFAME Championships in Dhaka in May 2005.

The contract is six spades by South, and West led the diamond Jack.

Board 1, Dlr: North, Vul: NS

	♠J75	
	♥43	
	♦A52	
	♣AK765	
♠Q3		♠864
♥Q965	N	♥872
♦JT964	W	♦KQ83
♣T2	E	♣Q84
	S	
	♠AKT92	
	♥AKJT	
	♦7	
	♣J93	

The Sri Lankan declarer in the South position decided (not unreasonably, to my mind) that the best chance to land the contract lay in locating the queen of spades, and in fact finessed for the same at trick two somehow scraping through for one down. I found out from the score sheet that Nuha Hattar had made the contract for Jordan. I caught up with her at the lunch table, with a beaming but silent Ghassan in attendance.

Nuha, that six spades contract you made this morning with four queens, a king and a jack missing, can you first tell me what went through your mind at trick two and then, the sequence of play?" I will do as best as I can. When dummy hit the table, the diamond lead having taken away a crucial entry to the table, the first question that occurred to me was whether to finesse in hearts or ruff out the losers.

To retain the option of finessing in the trump suit, I decided to ruff out the hearts."

"But you need to ruff two hearts on the table and if the fourth heart is over-ruffed with the queen, you would have put all your eggs in the club suit basket. That could have been dangerous."

"Yes indeed, but the heart queen could come down in two or three rounds, or the trump queen may be in the same hand as queen-fourth in hearts."

"When wives relate success stories to third persons or a crowd, husbands are the ones you should observe. They beam and they grin rather widely, I have noticed." Ghassan was doing precisely that at that juncture "I won the diamond lead on the table, cashed my two hearts and ruffed a third heart. Nothing significant happened as both opponents followed and the heart queen was the only outstanding card in the suit. Keeping my options of a spade finesse open, I came to hand with a diamond ruff and played my fourth heart. LHO covered with the queen, I ruffed on the table with the jack, and RHO discarded a diamond. It was now clear that LHO held the trump queen and suddenly something dawned on me. *"Either black queen coming down in two rounds will see me through in this contract!"* she concluded triumphantly.

"Yes, I know the full layout. The trump queen came down in two rounds."

It took me a while to fully assimilate the whole sequence of play. "One final question. After having lived dangerously early on, you still needed either of the black queens to come down in two rounds to make the contract. Why did you not play for either queen coming down from the beginning? Your heart losers could have gone away on the established clubs."

"Not exactly, Jay. You are missing something in that case. Played that way, I would specifically need the trump queen to come down in two rounds, because dummy does not have an entry for the established clubs if it was the club queen which came down in two rounds."

"My, me. Some of these women players not only make what I call 'tigress' bids and plays at the table, but also come out with a logic, even the one of which would not occur to mere mortals like me!" End of the quote.

Think like a queen. A queen is not afraid to fail. Failure is another stepping stone to greatness. Opera Winfrey

How did the bidding go?

West	North	East	South
	G. Ghanem		Nuha Hattar
	1C	Pass	1S
Pass	1NT	Pass	3H(1)
Pass	3S(2)	Pass	4D(3)
Pass	4NT(4)	Pass	5H(5)
Pass	6C(6)	Pass	6S
All Pass			

- (1) Four or five cards of hearts, five or more cards of spades by inference, and game force.
- (2) Three cards of spades.
- (3) Cue bid. First round or second round control with a first round control outside trump suit.
- (4) Bidding 4NT shows none or two top honors of the agreed upon trump suit, spade in this case.
- (5) Cue bid, first round control by inference, assures two top spades' honors.
- (6) Cue bid, first round control.

Board's Result:

The result of this board was given in Championships Bulletin, also edited by Raman Jayaram: "In the closed room Nuha took the diamond lead on the table, cashed two heart tricks, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond, and ruffed the last heart with the Jack and when it held, she played for either black queen to drop, and was home. In the open room Sireen Barakat for Jordan led the ten of clubs, and when the Sri Lanky declarer tried a spade finesse at trick two he went one down. Fourteen Imps to Jordan".

What do the odds say?

With five cards including the queen of a suit are held by opponents:

- ❖ If division was 3 - 2 (68% of the times), the queen will be doubleton 40% of the times, that makes it little bit more than 27% over all for the 3 - 2 division.
- ❖ If the division was 4 - 1 (28% of the times), and the singleton would be the queen 20% of the times, that makes it little less than 6% over all for this division.
- ❖ Accordingly, the total percentage to drop the queen in two rounds is:
 $27\% + 6\% = 33\%$. And, if this chance may occur twice, the total percentage would be:
 $33\% + 33\% (100\% - 33\%) = 55\%$.
- ❖ The approximate isolated odds for a simple finesse to succeed is **50%**.

So the chance of dropping one of the two queens is better than a simple finesse in this particular case.

Did Nuha calculate this at the table? The answer is no, but a good bridge player should know that two chances is better than one. If one of the queens did not drop, the other one may do, but if the finesse didn't work, you fail on the spot.

Ghassan Ghanem

The Jordan Teams at BFAME 2023



The Bangladesh Team at BFAME 2023



The Bridge Family of Pakistan



IMPORTANT FOR PLAYERS

Please note that the Bridgемate Scores are the official scores. Hence please compare and confirm your scores with the official result displayed on the screen at the Vu-Graph room. Only in case of a discrepancy, you may contact the CTD / TD and get the printout to verify your scores.

Request from Bulletin Editor

The Bulletin Editor will be thankful to all those, who can pass on an interesting hand to the Bulletin Editor in the Tournament Operation Room.

The Indian Teams at BFAME 2023



PENALTIES & WARNINGS FROM HEAD TD

Penalties:

1. PAKISTAN Senior Team gets a penalty of 0.50 VPs for arriving late for RR2-R3.

No Mobile Phones

Use of Mobile telephones is prohibited in the playing area, while the play session is on. No player can take the Mobile phone inside the playing arena. It has to be deposited outside playing area and TDs will make a random check. Strict action will be taken against the offending players.



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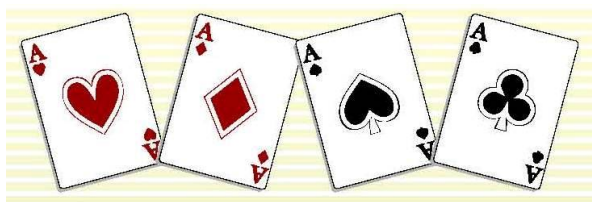
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The Tournament Directors would award penalties as prescribed by the Laws and Conditions of the contest for Use of Mobiles, Slow play or Late Arrival.

All players are informed that ENGLISH is the official language of the tournament for interacting while the match is on.

The 22nd BFAME Championships, LAHORE, PAKISTAN

5th May to 13th May 2023



Championships Schedule

Daily Timings
1000 – 1220 Hrs. Match 1 of the day - OPEN/WOMEN/SENIORS/MIXED Teams
1400 – 1620 Hrs. Match 2 of the day - OPEN/WOMEN/SENIORS/MIXED Teams
1645 – 1905 Hrs. Match 3 of the day - OPEN/WOMEN/SENIORS/MIXED Teams

Saturday, May 06 till Wednesday, May 10, 2023 - Same timings as above for all qualifying matches in the Round Robin of all the events. All teams play three matches per day. But in Mixed & Senior their last round robin will be played on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

Thursday, May 11
1000 – 1220 Hrs. Semi-Finals – Segment 1 - OPEN / WOMEN Teams
1400 – 1620 Hrs. Semi-Finals – Segment 2 - OPEN / WOMEN Teams
1645 – 1905 Hrs. Semi-Finals – Segment 3 - OPEN / WOMEN Teams

Friday, May 12
1000 – 1220 Hrs. Semi-Finals – Segment 4 - OPEN / WOMEN Teams
1400 – 1620 Hrs. Semi-Finals – Segment 5 - OPEN / WOMEN Teams
1645 – 1905 Hrs. Semi-Finals – Segment 6 - OPEN / WOMEN Teams

1000 – 1220 Hrs. Finals – Segment 1 - MIXED / SENIOR Teams
1400 – 1620 Hrs. Finals – Segment 2 - MIXED / SENIOR Teams

Saturday, May 13
1000 – 1220 Hrs. Finals – Segment 1 - OPEN / WOMEN Teams
1400 – 1620 Hrs. Finals – Segment 2 - OPEN / WOMEN Teams
1930 Hrs. Prize Distribution over Victory Banquet

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Complete Triple Round Robin Qualification matches of 16 boards each with 3 matches per day, Total 15 matches in Open & Women Category.
- Semi Finals: 96 Boards (16x6) for Open & Women Category.
- 6 Round robin matches of 16 boards each with 3 matches per day. Total 18 matches in Mixed & Senior Category
- Finals: 32 boards (16x2) for all four categories. For Open & Women Category on 13th May and for Mixed & Senior Category on 12th May.

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