



## 22<sup>nd</sup> BFAME Zonal Championships

Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore, PAKISTAN

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### INDIA dominates in all the Four Team Events

Yesterday was the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the 22<sup>nd</sup> BFAME Championships and 9 out of 15 rounds have been completed in the OPEN & WOMEN Team events, which is being played as triple round robin of 5 matches per round.

After 9 rounds, in the open event, the **Indian Team** (Joyjit Sensarma (Coach & NPC), Ajay Khare, Raju Tolani, Rajeshwar Tewari, Sumit Mukherjee, Jaggy Shivdasani, Sandeep Thakral) is leading with a score of 106.97 VPs.

**Pakistan Team** (Tehsin Gheewala (Captain), Mohsin Chandna, Farrukh Liaqat, Imran Abedi, Hassan Askari, Rashid Al Ghazi) is in 2<sup>nd</sup> position with a score of 97.31 VPs. The UAE team is on 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 86.44 VPs and Jordan is in 4<sup>th</sup> position with 82.8 VPs. Bangladesh which had a good team in open is not faring well and are in last position with 76.48 VPs.

In the Women event, after 9 rounds, the **Indian Team** (Anal Shah (Coach & NPC), Alka Kshirsagar, Asha Sharma, Puja Batra, Bharati Dey, Kalpana Gurjar, Vidhya Patel) are leading with a score of 112.13 VPs.

Just behind with 111.81 VPs, is the **Pakistan Team** (Fatima Raza (Captain), Rubina Saeed Hai, Qudsia Dossa, Nilofer Aslam, Meharangiz Shahveer, Durriya Vasi) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> position. The UAE team with 82.19 VPs and Jordan with 74.33 VPs are in 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> position respectively. Palestine team is last with 68.54 VPs.

The TOP 4 teams in the open & women category will qualify for the knock out semi-final after completing the three round robins.

The Senior teams completed their third round-robin yesterday and after playing total of 9 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 114.63 VPs.

The Pakistan team (Saeed Akhtar (Captain), Shahid Hameed, Imran Gardezi, Ghias Malik, Azhar Hameed, Mirza Shauq Hussain) is in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 95.28 VPs, and Jordan is way behind in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 59.59 VPs. There are 3 round robins of 3 matches each still to be played.

The Mixed teams also completed their third round-robin yesterday and after playing a total of 9 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 114.56 VPs.

The UAE team (Nermeen Qasim Norani (Captain), Elvan Edis, Sawsan Elabyari, Humayun Sumar, Timur Edis, Amr Mekky) is in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 86.6 VPs, followed by Pakistan and Jordan in 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place with 83.94 and 50.28 VPs respectively. There are 3 round robins of 3 matches each still to be played. The 2 TOP teams in Senior & Mixed will play the final on 12<sup>th</sup> May.

*See detailed results on page 4 & 5.*



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## COLLEGE STUDENTS VISIT BFAME CHAMPIONSHIPS

A delegation comprising of 20 students led by Prof. Dr Nizam of Kitaas College Lahore visited BFAME championships venue yesterday (May 08, 2023). The delegation was briefed about the game of bridge, the international bridge events, the medals awarded to players, the fostering of friendships amongst players beyond geographical boundaries and the thrill allied there to.

Students demonstrated a lot of interest in the game and Prof Nizam expressed his resolve to raise College's bridge team for future events.

*Reported by - Mr. Ghalib Bandesha*



## Today's Play Schedule (Tuesday – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023)

### OPEN TEAMS

TBL #	RR-2, RND-5 (1000 Hrs.)			RR-3, RND-1 (1400 Hrs.)			RR-3, RND-2 (1645 Hrs.)		
TBL-1	PAKISTAN	Vs	INDIA	Team Rank 2	Vs	Team Rank 5	Team Rank 5	Vs	Team Rank 1
TBL-2	UAE	Vs	JORDAN	Team Rank 3	Vs	Team Rank 4	Team Rank 2	Vs	Team Rank 3
	BANGLADESH	Vs	BYE	Team Rank 1	Vs	BYE	Team Rank 4	Vs	BYE

### WOMEN TEAMS

TBL #	RR-2, RND-5 (1000 Hrs.)			RR-3, RND-1 (1400 Hrs.)			RR-3, RND-2 (1645 Hrs.)		
TBL-3	INDIA	Vs	JORDAN	Team Rank 2	Vs	Team Rank 5	Team Rank 5	Vs	Team Rank 1
TBL-4	PALESTINE	Vs	UAE	Team Rank 3	Vs	Team Rank 4	Team Rank 2	Vs	Team Rank 3
	PAKISTAN	Vs	BYE	Team Rank 1	Vs	BYE	Team Rank 4	Vs	BYE

### SENIORS TEAMS

TBL #	RR-4, RND-1 (1000 Hrs.)			RR-4, RND-2 (1400 Hrs.)			RR-4, RND-3 (1645 Hrs.)		
TBL-5	JORDAN	Vs	INDIA	PAKISTAN	Vs	JORDAN	INDIA	Vs	PAKISTAN
	PAKISTAN	Vs	BYE	INDIA	Vs	BYE	JORDAN	Vs	BYE

### MIXED TEAMS

TBL #	RR-4, RND-1 (1000 Hrs.)			RR-4, RND-2 (1400 Hrs.)			RR-4, RND-3 (1645 Hrs.)		
TBL-6	UAE	Vs	INDIA	INDIA	Vs	PAKISTAN	JORDAN	Vs	INDIA
TBL-7	PAKISTAN	Vs	JORDAN	JORDAN	Vs	UAE	UAE	Vs	PAKISTAN

## Today's Vu-Graph Matches on BBO

### Round-1: 1000 Hrs

**BBO 1: PAKISTAN Vs. INDIA (OPEN)**

**BBO 2: PAKISTAN Vs. JORDAN (MIXED)**

### Round-2: 1400 Hrs

**BBO 1: To Be Decided**

**BBO 2: To Be Decided**

### Round-3: 1645 Hrs

**BBO 1: To Be Decided**

**BBO 2: UAE Vs. PAKISTAN (MIXED)**

## Corrigendum

In yesterday's bulletin (Bulletin-3) - Page 12, in the article of Mr. Ghassan Ghanem, Mr. John Carruthers is reported as President of IBPA - he has not been the President but editor of the IBPA bulletin for considerable time before stepping down recently. **The mistake is regretted.**

## RESULTS AT A GLANCE

### OPEN TEAM EVENT

Rank	T#	Team Name	TOTAL UPTO RR1	RR2-R1		RR2-R2		RR2-R3		RR2-R4		RR2-R5		PEN	TOTAL
				Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	VPs	
1	1	INDIA	56.08	B	10.00	5	20.00	3	11.20	3	9.69				106.97
2	2	PAKISTAN	59.34	5	7.97	3	14.18	B	10.00	4	5.82				97.31
5	3	BANGLADESH	39.28	4	12.55	2	5.82	5	8.52	1	10.31				76.48
4	4	JORDAN	42.37	3	7.45	B	10.00	1	8.80	2	14.18				82.80
3	5	UAE	52.93	2	12	1	0.00	3	11.48	B	10.00				86.44

### WOMEN TEAM EVENT

Rank	T#	Team Name	TOTAL UPTO RR1	RR2-R1		RR2-R2		RR2-R3		RR2-R4		RR2-R5		PEN	TOTAL
				Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	VPs	
4	1	JORDAN	37.96	B	10	5	0.31	4	16.25	3	10.31			0.50	74.33
1	2	INDIA	69.27	5	13.5	3	5.82	B	10.00	4	13.52				112.13
2	3	PAKISTAN	67.08	4	6.26	2	14.18	5	14.60	1	9.69				111.81
3	4	UAE	48.72	3	13.7	B	10.00	1	3.75	2	6.48			0.5	82.19
5	5	PALESTINE	26.97	2	6.48	1	19.69	3	5.40	B	10.00				68.54

### SENIOR TEAM EVENT

				Round Robin - 3							
Rank	T#	Team Name	TOTAL UPTO R2	R1		R2		R3		PEN	TOTAL
				Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	VPs	
2	1	PAKISTAN	67.77	B	10.00	3	14.39	2	3.12		95.28
1	2	INDIA	76.55	3	11.20	B	10.00	1	16.88		114.63
3	3	JORDAN	35.18	2	8.80	1	5.61	B	10.00		59.59

### MIXED TEAM EVENT

				Round Robin - 3							
Rank	T#	Team Name	TOTAL UPTO R2	R1		R2		R3		PEN	TOTAL
				Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	VPs	
1	1	INDIA	67.52	4	15.92	3	13.28	2	17.84		114.56
4	2	JORDAN	57.83	3	8.80	4	5.61	1	2.16		74.40
3	3	PAKISTAN	50.28	2	11.20	1	6.72	4	15.74		83.94
2	4	UAE	63.87	1	4.08	2	14.39	3	4.26		86.60

## Vu-Graph on BBO

Live Vu-graph of the 22<sup>nd</sup> BFAME Championships will be available on BBO daily from 6<sup>th</sup> May to 14<sup>th</sup> 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					
RR2 - Round # 2					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	INDIA	Vs.	UAE	81-12	20.00 - 0
2	BANGLADESH	Vs.	PAKISTAN	43-59	5.82 - 14.18
	JORDAN	Vs.	BYE		10.00 - 0
RR2 - Round # 3					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	JORDAN	Vs.	INDIA	37-41	8.80 - 11.20
2	BANGLADESH	Vs.	UAE	16-21	8.52 - 11.48
	PAKISTAN	Vs.	BYE		10.00 - 0
RR2 - Round # 4					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	INDIA	Vs.	BANGLADESH	27-28	9.69 - 10.31
2	PAKISTAN	Vs.	JORDAN	34-50	5.82 - 14.18
	UAE	Vs.	BYE		10.00 - 0
WOMEN TEAM EVENT RESULTS					
RR2 - Round # 2					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
3	JORDAN	Vs.	PALESTINE	15-71	0.31 - 19.69
4	PAKISTAN	Vs.	INDIA	61-45	14.18 - 5.82
	UAE		BYE		10.00 - 0
RR2 - Round # 3					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
3	UAE	Vs.	JORDAN	33-60	3.75 - 16.25
4	PAKISTAN	Vs.	PALESTINE	67-49	14.60 - 5.40
	INDIA		BYE		10.00 - 0
RR2 - Round # 4					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
3	JORDAN	Vs.	PAKISTAN	28-27	10.31 - 9.69
4	INDIA	Vs.	UAE	36-23	13.52 - 6.48
	PALESTINE		BYE		10.00 - 0
SENIOR TEAM EVENT RESULTS					
RR3 - Round # 1					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
5	INDIA	Vs.	JORDAN	44-40	11.20 - 8.80
	PAKISTAN	Vs.	BYE		10.00 - 0
RR3 - Round # 2					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
5	JORDAN	Vs.	PAKISTAN	33-50	5.61 - 14.39
	INDIA	Vs.	BYE		10.00 - 0
RR3 - Round # 3					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
5	PAKISTAN	Vs.	INDIA	7-38	3.12 - 16.88
	JORDAN	Vs.	BYE		10.00 - 0
MIXED TEAM EVENT RESULTS					
RR3 - Round # 1					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
6	INDIA	Vs.	UAE	40-15	15.92 - 4.08
7	JORDAN	Vs.	PAKISTAN	46-50	8.80 - 11.20
RR3 - Round # 2					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
6	PAKISTAN	Vs.	INDIA	24-36	6.72 - 13.28
7	UAE	Vs.	JORDAN	49-32	14.39 - 5.61
RR3 - Round # 3					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
6	INDIA	Vs.	JORDAN	58-20	17.84 - 2.16
7	PAKISTAN	Vs.	UAE	41-17	15.74 - 4.26

## Participants of the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

## SENIOR TEAMS – RR2, ROUND -3 (INDIA Vs. PAKISTAN)

### Open room:

**NS:** Badal Das/Pranab Bardhan (India)  
**EW:** Shahid Hamid/ Ghias Ahmad (Pakistan)

### Closed room:

**NS:** Saeed Akhtar/ Imran Gardezi (Pakistan)  
**EW:** Hemant Jalan/ Samir Basak (India)

The audience grew in excitement for this senior category match between the arch rivals after Pakistan defeated India in the open category by a slender margin, causing the home crowd to be overjoyed. What would transpire in this immediate rematch? time would tell, but one thing was sure, it won't be dull!

The match kicked off with a couple of 3NT games going down two at both tables on boards 17 & 18 for no gain to any team.

Then came board 19;

19		N	Badal	W	N	E	S
D			♠ K7 ♥ K ♦ AK9853 ♣ KQ52	P	1♦	1♠	P
W	Malik			2♠	3♣	3♠	4♣
E	Shahid			P	P	P	
S	Pranab		♠ 42 ♥ 1076 ♦ J72 ♣ J9864	4♣	N		NS: 0 EW: 0
W	Malik		♠ J1093 ♥ AQ954 ♦ 4 ♣ 1073				
E	Shahid		♠ AQ865 ♥ J832 ♦ Q106 ♣ A				

In the open room, Badal was allowed to play 4C, which was one off but in the closed room, Imran, the Pakistani North made a solo sacrifice of 5D against the making 4H contract. This got doubled and was down 3 for -500. That was 10 imps to India to open their account.

Pakistan struck back immediately, though on the very next deal.



**Saeed Akhtar**

20		N	Badal	W	N	E	S
D			♠ 95 ♥ 96 ♦ QJ4 ♣ AKQ875	1♠	3♣	P	P
W	Malik			X	P	4♣	P
E	Shahid			4♦	P	4♥	P
S	Pranab		♠ J72 ♥ A73 ♦ K10972 ♣ J2	4♥	E		NS: 0 EW: 0
W	Malik		♠ AKQ ♥ KQJ ♦ A8653 ♣ 94				
E	Shahid						

Ghias Malik, west, opened a conventional 1C in the open room. It is a Lahore based system called the "three way club" or "thirty five" for short, where 1C promises either an 11-14 hand with 5+ clubs, or any 18+ hand. In my early bridge days, it took me a while to figure out what was the "third" way. Was a 2C opening promising an unbalanced 15-17 hand with 5+clubs. I am yet to figure out the actual meaning of "thirty five".

The responder's first job is to show his points in a ladder of responses, 1D is 0-6 HCP, 1H shows 7-9 HCP, 1S shows 10-12 HCP and 1NT shows 13+. Since opener may have a strong hand and has yet to mention a suit and responder's first response is completely artificial, the system entices aggressive pre-emptors to exercise their skills excessively. Proponents of thirty-five claim that they have some respite in the fact that the opponents might be pre-empting "thin air", when the 1C opener has an 11-15 hand with a club suit. The system has worked reasonably well, even at the world championship level, so it has some merit. Here, as we can see, Ghias has the strong hand type and doubled to show it over Badal's preempt. Shahid made a hyper aggressive 4C bid with his shapely zero HCP and landed in the makable 4H contract, duly made. No such heroics at the other table, and the Indian EW played a quite 2S making three. 10 imps back to Pakistan.

The action continued on the next board;

21		N	IMRAN GARD	W	N	E	S
D			♠ 975 ♥ A65 ♦ AKJ75 ♣ 62	1♦	1♥	1♠	
W	HEMANT JAL			2♦	2♠	3♥	4♣
E	SAMIR BASA			X	P	P	P
S	SAEED AKHT		♠ J108643 ♥ 4 ♦ Q102 ♣ AJ7	4♠	S		NS: 0 EW: 0
W	HEMANT JAL		♠ AKQ ♥ J972 ♦ 63 ♣ 10954				
E	SAMIR BASA						

South made a bold jump to game after his partner had opened the bidding and raised his 1S response. West couldn't resist a double sitting with AKQ in the trump suit. Had he played clubs at any point before cashing his spade winners, he would have gotten declarer one down, but when he led a heart and subsequently cashed his natural trump trick when declarer played a spade, declarer claimed his contract.



He made three spades, five diamonds and the two rounded suit aces. In the other table the contract was the same but here the defense did not slip and took 1 down for 14 imps gain to Pakistan!

<div>22</div> <div>D</div>		<div>N</div> IMRAN GARD <div>♠</div> Q83 <div>♥</div> 9632 <div>♦</div> J852 <div>♣</div> A7	<div>W</div> <div>N</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> <div>3♣</div> <div>3♥</div> <div>1♠</div> <div>X</div> <div>P</div> <div>P</div> <div>X</div> <div>P</div> <div>5♠</div> <div>P</div> <div>P</div> <div>P</div>
<div>W</div> HEMANT JAL <div>♠</div> KJ102 <div>♥</div> 8 <div>♦</div> Q1074 <div>♣</div> 10632			<div>E</div> SAMIR BASA <div>♠</div> A9654 <div>♥</div> KQJ5 <div>♦</div> K6 <div>♣</div> K8
		<div>S</div> SAEED AKHT <div>♠</div> 7 <div>♥</div> A1074 <div>♦</div> A93 <div>♣</div> QJ954	
			<div>5♣</div> E <div>NS: 0</div> <div>EW: 0</div>

South doubled the opening bid of 1S on minimal values, and west presumably showed a mixed raise (7-9 HCP with four trumps). North competed with 3H and west jumped to game with his nice looking 16 HCP. South now fell from grace by hanging his partner for competing and should have been punished, but was saved by West, who ran to 5S, which went one down when declarer guessed the trump queen.

In the open room, The limited nature of a major suit opening in the "thirty five" framework (no more than 17 HCP, as 18+ hands are opened with 1C) allowed EW in the open room to make a tactical 3S bid, which was passed all round. Plus 170 and 7 imps to Pakistan.



**Hemant Jalan**

Our thoughts that it will be an exciting match proved true as the non-stop action continued in the next board as well.

<div>23</div> <div>D</div>		<div>N</div> <div>IMRAN GARD</div> <div>♠ Q964</div> <div>♥ J94</div> <div>♦ 103</div> <div>♣ Q1095</div>	<div>W</div> <div>N</div> <div>E</div> <div>S</div> <div>1♦ P</div> <div>3NT P</div> <div>2♣ P</div> <div>1♣ P</div>
<div>W</div> <div>HEMANT JAL</div> <div>♠ 87</div> <div>♥ Q107</div> <div>♦ AQJ842</div> <div>♣ A6</div>			<div>E</div> <div>SAMIR BASA</div> <div>♠ AJ52</div> <div>♥ A653</div> <div>♦ 9765</div> <div>♣ 4</div>
		<div>S</div> <div>SAEED AKHT</div> <div>♠ K103</div> <div>♥ K82</div> <div>♦ K</div> <div>♣ KJ8732</div>	
		<div>3NT W</div> <div>NS: 0 EW: 0</div>	

EW had a reasonably aggressive auction to 3NT, when E showed a limit raise in diamond and east took a punt to 3NT expecting to run the diamonds and find some good major suit cards in dummy. His wish was fulfilled and that was plus 600 for EW.

The Pakistani EW were not so adventurous and rested in 3D for a 10 imp loss.

After a few due dull boards, came this one;

		N IMRAN GARD		W N E S	
27		♠ 98 ♥ K86 ♦ J10973 ♣ Q107		1♥ P 4♥ P P P	
D					
W HEMANT JAL				E SAMIR BASA	
♠ AK65 ♥ AJ92 ♦ A ♣ AJ32				♠ 1072 ♥ Q753 ♦ Q65 ♣ K64	
		S SAEED AKHT			
		♠ QJ43 ♥ 104 ♦ K842 ♣ 985			
				4♥ W NS: 0 EW: 0	

The Indian EW reached the optimal contract of 4H in two bids when west opened 1H on a 4 card suit, presumably playing 4 card majors. The Pakistani EW in the closed room missed their 4-4 Heart fit when East lazily didn't explore a 4-4 fit and played 3NT going down on the natural lead of the diamond jack & another 10 imps to India.

The nonstop action continued on the next board;

D	28	N Badal				W N E S			
		♠ A83 ♥ 975 ♦ 1087654 ♣ 2				1♦ P 1♠ X 2♣ 3♦ 3♠ 3NT P P P			
W Malik						E Shahid			
♠ Q1052 ♥ K63 ♦ KQ9 ♣ Q93						♠ J976 ♥ QJ2 ♦ 2 ♣ KJ764			
		S Pranab							
		♠ K4 ♥ A1084 ♦ AJ3 ♣ A1085							
						3NT S NS: 0 EW: 0			

In open room, North's 3D bid was competitive (as a 1D opener in thirty five can be a singleton), but south took it very seriously and bid 3NT. A spade was led, and south ended up going down four when his spade entry was knocked out from dummy before he could develop his diamonds. +400 to Pakistan. The Pakistani NS bid and made 3D in the closed room for a gain of 11 imps to Pakistan.

The last board of the match produced a game swing, when the Indian pair in open room went down in 4S, whereas the same contract was made in the closed room for 10 further imps to Pakistan and a well-deserved victory by 18 imps.

**Final score: Pakistan 55 India 37**

- Reported by Yasser Rahim

## OPEN TEAMS – RR2, ROUND -2 (INDIA Vs. UAE)

Editor watched the RR2-R2 open team match between India & UAE

Open Room:

NS (INDIA) –Sandeep Thakral - Jaggy Shivdasani  
EW (UAE) –Mohammed Said – Tamer Eissa

Closed Room:

NS (UAE) – Abderrahim Mehilba – Hazem Ghoneim  
EW (INDIA) – Rajeshwar Tewari – Sumit Mukherjee

The match started with the 1<sup>st</sup> board itself giving 8 IMPs to India.

Board 2, Dlr: North, Vul: None

♠J743			
♥AK75			
♦7642			
♣A			
♠AT2		♠K865	
♥QJT842		♥963	
♦83		♦AKT5	
♣Q3		♣T8	
	♠Q9		
	♥		
	♦QJ9		
	♣KJ976542		

In open room, North opened 1D and after pass from East, South bid 3C (Non Forcing) and South played there making 10 tricks for +130. In the closed room, the bidding went:

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

The lead was H3 to Ten and Ace. CA was cashed and a diamond led. East won with king and played another heart, it does not matter if declarer ducks or not as another diamond was won with Ace and 3<sup>rd</sup> heart played. That was down 4 for +200 to NS and 8 IMPs to India.



**Hazem Ghoneim**

On the next board, (See on next column), the bidding in the open room was:

West	North	East	South
2NT(*)	3S	1NT	Pass
All Pass		Pass	4S

(\*) – Transfer to Clubs

Board 2, Dlr: East, Vul: NS

♠KJT643			
♥KJ			
♦KQ96			
♣7			
♠7		♠A52	
♥973		♥AT2	
♦543		♦T2	
♣J96432		♣AKQT5	
	♠Q98		
	♥Q8654		
	♦AJ87		
	♣8		

There was nothing in play and 4S comfortably made for +620 to India. In the closed room:

West	North	East	South
3C	3S	1C	Pass
Pass	Pass	3NT	4S
		5C	All Pass

Here East first tried 3NT, which always had 8 tricks but when South bid 4S, he correctly sacrificed in 5C, based on his partner's 3C pre-emptive bid. This contract went 2 down un-doubled for 100 to UAE but that was a gain of 12 IMPs to India.

India gained another 5 IMPs on board 3, when in the open room, EW bid to 3C going 2 down, whereas in closed room West played in 1NT making.



**Sumit Mukherjee**

Board 4, Dlr: West, Vul: Both

♠743			
♥93			
♦KJ76			
♣T864			
♠J98		♠T65	
♥82		♥AQJT654	
♦QT982		♦	
♣J72		♣AK3	
	♠AKQ8		
	♥K7		
	♦A543		
	♣Q95		

In the open room, after 2 passes, East opened with \$H and South shoed his values by doubling. North passed that and South was able to cash his top spades and got the HK and CQ to take 2 down for +500.

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

In the next 3 boards UAE gained 7 IMPs and on board 10 India gained an IMP for overtrick.

♠K  
 ♥8654  
 ♦AK3  
 ♣AQJ54  
 ♠T6  
 ♥KT3  
 ♦J842  
 ♣K876  
 ♠QJ93  
 ♥97  
 ♦Q9765  
 ♣T9  
 ♠A87542  
 ♥AQJ2  
 ♦T  
 ♣32  
 N  
 W  
 E  
 S

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

West gave some jitters to South by leading the C6 (good lead) but once the CQ was put, there was not much in the hand. Declarer took the heart finesse, losing to the king, but rest was theirs.

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

A man with a shaved head, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, is seated at a table covered with a green cloth. He is looking down, focused on a card game. On the table, there are several playing cards, a small red and white box, and some papers. In the background, a white wall features a large black letter 'N' and a green and red striped banner. To the left, a white sign with the number '30' is visible.

On board 12, UAE gained 5 IMPs, when the open room North playing in 2NT took a bad line of play to go down 3 for a loss of 300. EW in closed room played in 2S, which was defended badly allowing the down contract to make.

♠T542  
♥J932  
♦K3  
♣962

♠Q83  
♥Q6  
♦JT764  
♣K83

**N**  
**W**   **E**  
**S**

♠KJ76  
♥  
♦AQ9852  
♣AT4

♠A9  
♥AKT8754  
♦  
♣QJ75

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

West did not sacrifice over 4H, and declarer after ruffing the diamond lead, took out trumps in 2 rounds and played a low trump to dummy and pulled the club, West won with King and returned another diamond. This was ruffed in hand and another trump played to dummy and club played. When East won with Ace, and declarer was home.

West	North	East	South
Pass	3H	DBL	1H
5D	Pass	Pass	4H
DBL	All Pass		5H

On the last board, there seems to be some confusion in bidding and EW played in 6C doubled going 1 down in the open room, whereas in the closed room the normal 5C was played and made and that was another 13 imps to India, who won the match 81-12 (20-0 VPs).

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## Memories of the BFAME – Part 4

True Genius resides in the capacity for evaluation of uncertain,  
hazardous, conflicting information. *Winston Churchill*  
By Ghassan Ghanem – President Emeritus, BFAME

The following deal was played during the Seventh BFAAME Championships held at "Le Mauricia Hotel" in Grand Bay - Mauritius on June 1993. It was Round Seventeen of the Open Series, Pakistan vs. Mauritius.

Board 12, Dir: West, Vul: NS

	♠KT6432	
	♥3	
	♦K62	
	♣AT8	
♠98		♠J6
♥T65		♥AJ982
♦T73		♦J4
♣KJ743		♣Q965
	♠AQ7	
	♥KQ74	
	♦AQ985	
	♣2	

West	North	East	South
	<i>Jan El-Alam</i>	<i>Fazli</i>	<i>Tahir Masood</i>
Pass	2S(1)	Pass	4NT(2)
Pass	5H(3)	Pass	6S
All Pass			

- (1) Weak two opening.
- (2) Roman Key Cards Blackwood.
- (3) Two key cards without the trumps' queen.

Tahir evaluated his cards properly:

- Two top honors of the trumps' suit of the in view slam.
- The good heart suit.
- A high potential source of tricks in the diamonds' suit.
- The singleton in club suit
- The seventeen good points including five crucial controls.

Keeping in mind that Fazli opened a weak opening in the second position, which means it is at the strong side of the opening range (theoretically it was 7 to eleven), Tahir went to the slam directly without further investigation.

The slam play was a straight forward, and was claimed directly after declarer started collecting trumps and found them evenly divided.

At the other table, the Mauritian pair stopped at four spades, and Pakistan Chalked thirteen IMPs.

The following deal was played during the First Round of the Open Teams Championship of the Eighth BFAAME Championships held at "The Forte Grand Hotel" in Amman-Jordan in April 1995. It was Pakistan vs. Saudi Arabia.

Board 15, Dir: South, Vul: NS

	♠Q86	
	♥Q982	
	♦93	
	♣Q862	
♠9		♠AKJ752
♥T543		♥7
♦AKJ8642		♦Q75
♣7		♣AJ3
	♠T43	
	♥AKJ6	
	♦T	
	♣KT954	

After the (strong) weak two diamonds opening bid, Kamal Shoaib and Salim Masood sailed via a cue bidding sequence to reach the small slam and make it, with only twenty-three points, having only eight out the total twelve controls.

West	North	East	South
<i>Shoaib</i>		<i>Masood</i>	
2D	Pass	2S	Pass
3D	Pass	4C(1)	DBL
Pass(2)	Pass	4H(1)	Pass
6D	All Pass		

- (1) Cue Bids.
- (2) Second Round Control in Clubs.

The small slam was bid via a cue bidding sequence, surely it was not easy to bid it via key cards asking tools. But the main point of interest is the continuity of bidding after South doubles the four clubs cue bid. After Shoaib repeated the diamond suit, Masood Salim started cue bidding by a four clubs cue bid, and South doubled. Kamal Shoaib passed to show a second-round control in the club suit, that is a king or a singleton. Masood continued the cue bidding by a heart cue bid making use of the additional bidding space that was given by the opponents' double. As you can realize, there was nothing in the play of the hand whatever the lead is.

The Pakistani pair held all the elements that normally orient them to favor the cue bidding, a wealth of distributional values (three none honor singletons) when its value is added, it makes the total points 32 points, rich with controls, natural and distributional, the total number of controls adds to eleven, and a strong suit held among both partners' hands.

**Ghassan Ghanem**



## The UAE Teams at BFAME 2023



## The book “Magnificent Heritage of Punjab” Presented by “Bank of Punjab”



The “Bank of Punjab” has presented a book titled “The Magnificent Heritage of Punjab” to all the players & officials of this championship. Here the first book is being presented by the PBF President Mr. Mubasher Lucman & Secretary, PBF Mr. Ihsan Qadir to Mr. Bahjat Al Majali, the BFAME President.

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

**Tuesday 9th May**  
**Venue: Pearl Continental Hotel**  
**By Pakistan Sports Board**

**PENALTIES & WARNINGS FROM HEAD TD**

**Penalties:**

1. The JORDAN & UAE Women Teams, both get a penalty of 0.50 VPs for late play in the for RR2-R3.

**IMPORTANT FOR PLAYERS**

Please note that the Bridgemate 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.***

**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.



**No Smoking**



Smoking in the playing area, is strictly prohibited and will attract heavy penalties.

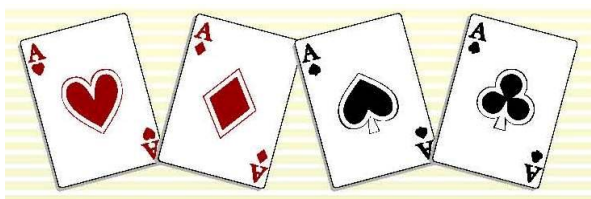
**IMPORTANT -  
PLEASE NOTE**

***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 22<sup>nd</sup> BFAME Championships, LAHORE, PAKISTAN

5<sup>th</sup> May to 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> May and for Mixed & Senior Category on 12<sup>th</sup> May.

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