

INDIA & PAKISTAN Senior Teams qualify for World Championships

The 3rd and last round-robin of the Senior teams got completed yesterday and the **Indian team** (Dipak PODDAR (Captain), Jitendra SOLANI, Anand SAMANT, R.A. AGARWAL, R. SRIDHARAN, S. DHAKRAS) topped it with a score of **190.19 VPs**.

The **Pakistan team** (Ghalib BANDESHA, Assad MAQBOOL, Safder KHAN, Izzat KHALIL, Masood MAZHAR, Mirza Shauq HUSSAIN) were in 2nd position with a score of **186.19 VPs**. Bangladesh was in 3rd place with 163.37 VPs. The other 2 teams Jordan (127.69 VPs) & UAE (121.56 VPs) were ranked 4th & 5th respectively.

Both India & Pakistan thus qualify to represent Zone-4 in the d'Orsi Cup for Seniors at the World Championships in Lyon, France in Aug 2017. Congratulations to both the Teams.

Today **India plays Pakistan** in a 32-boards final, which will determine the winners of the Senior Teams, for the **Nawzad Shaker Trophy, in the BFAME Championships 2017.**

Pakistan has 1 IMP Carryover from the Round Robin stage.

See detailed results below.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

				Round Robin - 3										
Rank	T#	Team Name	CO	R1		R2		R3		R4		R5		TOTAL
			RR2	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	Vs.	VPs	
1	1	INDIA	135.93	B	12.80	5	14.60	4	13.75	3	7.71	2	5.40	190.19
2	2	PAKISTAN	117.84	5	11.76	4	14.80	3	14.39	B	12.80	1	14.60	186.19
3	3	BANGLADESH	109.93	4	16.26	B	12.80	2	5.61	1	12.29	5	6.48	163.37
4	5	JORDAN	73.76	2	8.24	1	5.40	B	12.80	4	13.97	3	13.52	127.69
5	4	UAE	87.54	3	3.74	B	5.20	1	6.25	5	6.03	B	12.80	121.56

ROUND-BY-ROUND SENIORS SCORES



SENIOR TEAM - RESULTS					
RR-3, Round # 3					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	INDIA	Vs.	UAE	47-33	13.75-6.25
2	PAKISTAN	Vs.	BANGLADESH	35-18	14.39-5.61
3	JORDAN	Vs.	BYE	10-0	12.80 - 0
RR-3, Round # 4					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	BANGLADESH	Vs.	INDIA	34-26	12.29-7.71
2	JORDAN	Vs.	UAE	36-21	13.97-6.03
3	PAKISTAN	Vs.	BYE	10-0	12.80 - 0
RR-3, Round # 5					
TBL #	Home Team		Visiting Team	IMPs	VPs
1	INDIA	Vs.	PAKISTAN	18-36	5.40-14.60
2	BANGLADESH	Vs.	JORDAN	26-39	6.48 - 13.52
3	UAE	Vs.	BYE	10-0	12.80 - 0



SENIOR TEAMS

FINAL RR RANKINGS



Rank	Team Name	VPs
1	INDIA	190.19
2	PAKISTAN	186.19
3	BANGLADESH	163.37
4	JORDAN	127.69
5	UAE	121.56



OPEN TEAMS - SEMI FINALS (6*16 Boards)

Team		Boards								TOTAL
		CO	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64	65-80	81-96	PEN	
	INDIA	19.5	25	47	31					122.5
	UAE	0	25	27	23					75

Team		Boards								TOTAL
		CO	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64	65-80	81-96	PEN	
	PAKISTAN	9	21	9	32					71
	BANGLADESH	0	55	39	42					136

WOMEN TEAMS - SEMI FINALS (6*16 Boards)

Team		Boards								TOTAL
		CO	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64	65-80	81-96	PEN	
	JORDAN	24	36	19	34					113
	PAKISTAN	0	20	26	39					85

Team		Boards								TOTAL
		CO	1-16	17-32	33-48	49-64	65-80	81-96	PEN	
	INDIA	13.5	46	25	31					115.5
	UAE	0	3	21	19					43

Today's Vu-Graph Matches on BBO

1030 Hrs

BBO 1: INDIA Vs. UAE (OPEN SEMI-FINAL, SESSION-4)

BBO2: JORDAN Vs. PAKISTAN (WOMEN SEMI-FINAL, SESSION-4)

1430 Hrs

BBO 1: TO BE DECIDED (OPEN SEMI-FINAL, SESSION-5)

BBO2: INDIA Vs. PAKISTAN (SENIOR FINAL, SESSION-2)

1730 Hrs

BBO 1: TO BE DECIDED (OPEN SEMI-FINAL, SESSION-6)

BBO2: TO BE DECIDED (WOMEN SEMI-FINAL, SESSION-6)

Schedule for Today (Monday – 10th April 2017)

OPEN TEAMS

1030 – 1250 Hrs.: *Semi- Finals (Session – 4)*

Table # 1: INDIA Vs. UAE ; Table # 2: PAKISTAN Vs. BANGLADESH

1430 – 1650 Hrs.: *Semi- Finals (Session – 5)*

Table # 1: INDIA Vs. UAE ; Table # 2: PAKISTAN Vs. BANGLADESH

1730 – 1950 Hrs.: *Semi- Finals (Session – 6)*

Table # 1: INDIA Vs. UAE ; Table # 2: PAKISTAN Vs. BANGLADESH

WOMEN TEAMS

1030 – 1250 Hrs.: *Semi- Finals (Session – 4)*

Table # 3: JORDAN Vs. PAKISTAN ; Table # 4: INDIA Vs. UAE

1430 – 1650 Hrs.: *Semi- Finals (Session – 5)*

Table # 3: JORDAN Vs. PAKISTAN ; Table # 4: INDIA Vs. UAE

1730 – 1950 Hrs.: *Semi- Finals (Session – 6)*

Table # 3: JORDAN Vs. PAKISTAN ; Table # 4: INDIA Vs. UAE

SENIOR TEAMS

Table # 5: INDIA Vs. PAKISTAN

1030 – 1250 Hrs.: *Finals (Session – 1)*

1430 – 1650 Hrs.: *Finals (Session – 2)*

BUTLER SCORES OF WOMEN TEAMS AT THE END OF ROUND ROBIN

Rank	Score	Pairs	Country
1	0.93	Randa A. Al Saket	Jordan
2	0.81	Azza Qashu	Jordan
3	0.79	Marrienne Karmarkar - Rupa Bakeri	India
4	0.76	Aaida Abu Jaber	Jordan
5	0.68	Mays Wahib	Jordan
6	0.63	Rida Alia M	Jordan
7	0.54	Roshan Bokhari - Qudsia Dossa	Pakistan
8	0.44	Satyavati Vasanth	India
9	0.43	Alka Kshirsagar	India
10	0.42	Bindiya Naidoo	India
11	0.41	Vasanti Shah	India
12	0.30	Maria Hindie - Hongyan Cao	UAE
13	0.08	Shahnaz Pirzada - Shamim Akhtar	Pakistan
14	0.06	Manju Law - Sawsan El Abyari	UAE
15	-0.51	Rehana SAIGOL - Samina Raza	Pakistan
16	-0.54	Selva Hairbedian	Palsetine
17	-0.56	Maha A. Malhas	Palsetine
18	-0.79	May Anabtawi	Kuwait
19	-0.82	Abla Musa	Palsetine
20	-0.83	Rola G. Akil	Kuwait
21	-0.85	Rima Al Kalouti	Kuwait
22	-0.96	Hanan Al Bitar	Palsetine
23	-1.05	Rana Anabtawi	Kuwait
24	-1.06	Fadia Karash	Palsetine
25	-1.42	Abo Hantash Naelah M	Kuwait
<33%			
1	1.71	Vandana Valrani - Fernanda Sarojini	UAE
2	0.48	Dima Al Taher	Jordan

OPEN TEAMS – SEMI-FINAL, SESSION-1 (INDIA Vs. UAE)

Open Room:

NS (India) – Sridhar - Sunderram

EW (UAE) – Timur - Elvan

Closed Room:

NS (UAE) – Narmeen - Humayun

EW (India) – Debbrata – Sumit

The match started with a good hand for play.

Board 1, Dlr: North, Vul: None

♠QT43			
♥876			
♦AJT			
♣AKQ			
♠J9865	N	♠AK	
♥KT42	W	♥953	
♦854	E	♦K6	
♣3	S	♣T98764	
♠72			
♥AQJ			
♦Q9732			
♣J52			

OPEN / CLOSED ROOM:

West	North	East	South
	1NT	Pass	3NT

All Pass

Both the tables had the identical auction and both East led the C10. In the open room, declarer won the trick with CQ and played a hear, the finesse lost to West's King and he returned a spade to S10 & SK from East. Another club was played, declarer winning the trick with CK and playing a heart to dummy and taking a diamond finesse, losing to East. Another club saw declarer taking 2 hearts, 4 diamonds & 3 clubs for 9 tricks.

In the closed room, the play was a bit different. Declarer won the 1st trick with CA and played the D10, East winning with King and charging another club to declarer's King, who cashed the diamonds, discarding a small spade and CQ from hand. He now cashed the CJ from dummy and a low spade from dummy. East could now cash his club winner and one heart had to be given for one down. That cost UAE 10 IMPs on the first board.

Boards2 & 3 were flat boards with both sides scoring their major suit games.

Board 4, Dlr: West, Vul: All

♠KJ3			
♥J9832			
♦A62			
♣J4			
♠A9742	N	♠86	
♥4	W	♥AKT7	
♦T8	E	♦KQJ954	
♣T9865	S	♣K	
♠QT5			
♥Q65			
♦73			
♣AQ732			

OPEN ROOM:

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

CLOSED ROOM:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1D	Pass
1S	Pass	3D	All Pass

In the open room, South led the D3 and North after winning with the Ace, returned another diamond. Now declarer could not ruff his hearts losers and got restricted to 8 tricks.

In the closed room, with no heart bid from East, South led the H6 and now declarer won the Jack with Ace, ruffed a heart in dummy and tried to steal a club, which did not work but could ruff the club return and took out trumps. When the HQ fell on HK, the H10 also became a good card and declarer claimed 10 tricks for a 6 IMPs gain on the board. India were up 16-0 after 4 boards.

Board 5, Dlr: North, Vul: NS

♠Q5			
♥AQ72			
♦T872			
♣J72			
♠KJ93	N	♠87	
♥K	W	♥J86543	
♦KQ5	E	♦J643	
♣AKQT6	S	♣5	
♠AT642			
♥T9			
♦A9			
♣9843			

OPEN ROOM:

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

CLOSED ROOM:

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

In the open room, West made 9 tricks in 3H, giving a spade, 2 hearts and a diamond trick. In fact, after winning the spade lead, if South plays the DA and diamond back, declarer is in problem. Knowing that the diamond ruff is there he may discard the dummy's diamonds on the top clubs but whenever in with heart, North can play back a diamond and East will have to ruff with the Jack, which means South's H9 becomes a winner, and defenders will get 3 hearts and the 2 Aces for one down.

In the closed room, West with his powerhouse jumped to 3NT over 1S overcall by South over his partner's 1H bid. The lead was SQ ducked to declarer's SK.

Declarer played the DK and then the DQ, South winning with the Ace second time and playing back S2, which declarer allowed to roll and dummy's S8 won the trick. He now made a safety play by taking the finesse of C10, which lost to CJ of North. North could have exited with a diamond, but then hoped that partner may have the HK, which may defeat the contract, played a low heart allowing declarer to win his singleton HK and now declarer reeled off his last 4 clubs to amke 9 tricks & another 6 IMPs to India.

Board 8, Dlr: West, Vul: None

		♠T864	
		♥Q654	
		♦95	
		♣872	
♠QJ7			♠AK953
♥A732			♥97
♦AQJ32			♦876
♣3			♣QJ4
		♠2	
		♥KJ8	
		♦KT8	
		♣AKT965	

OPEN ROOM:

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

CLOSED ROOM:

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

In both the rooms, West showed his support double over 2C overcall by South. In open room, East bid 2NT, whereas the closed room East bid a bit timid 2S. After 2NT by East, the open room EW pair easily reached 4S, whereas the 2S bid by East in closed room, prompted South to bid once more and West also could not raise to 3S, as he has already shown the support.

With diamond finesses on, there were easy 11 tricks in 4S for +450 to EW. 3C went one down and UAE got their first score of 9 IMPs on the board.

Board 11, Dlr: South, Vul: None

		♠QT74	
		♥Q86	
		♦AJT5	
		♣A8	
♠K986			♠AJ
♥J9			♥AKT74
♦K9864			♦Q3
♣Q4			♣JT95
		♠532	
		♥532	
		♦72	
		♣K9732	

OPEN ROOM:

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

CLOSED ROOM:

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

The open room EW bid the hand aggressively to 3NT, whereas it was surprising to see no action from West over South's 2C, when his partner has bid 1H. A double showing values in spades & diamonds was at least due.

In open room, North led the D10, declarer winning with DQ and playing back a diamond to his 8 and Jack from North. North now moved H8 which was ran to H9. DK took out the Ace and now defenders could take their 2 clubs and nothing else. In closed room, 2C was only down 1 on bad defence and that was 8 IMPs to UAE.

Board 12, Dlr: West, Vul: NS

		♠8	
		♥K62	
		♦AQ63	
		♣T6432	
♠JT972			♠KQ54
♥873			♥J954
♦J8			♦74
♣JT8			♣Q95
		♠A63	
		♥AQT	
		♦KT952	
		♣AK	

OPEN ROOM:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

CLOSED ROOM:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1S(*)	DBL
3S	Pass	Pass	4D
Pass	5D	All Pass	

The board was cold for 7D and at this level of championship, it was hoped that at least the small slam in diamonds will be called. With 9 HCPs with North, there has to be gadgets to show the 5-4 minors, which could have allowed NS to reach the slam in diamonds. There were top 11 tricks to be taken for +660.

Credit goes to West, who bid 1S on the 3rd seat and to East who further jammed the bidding with a pre-emptive 3S, which resulted in NS not being allowed to reach the slam. 13 tricks were made for +640 and India got 1 IMP on the board.

The session ended in a tie at 25-25.

ANSWERS TO HOLIDAY INN BRIDGE QUIZ VI

- By Munir Ataullah

Down the home stretch the problems are harder, but the rewards too are correspondingly greater.

1. In the first problem, you play 4H after the following bidding (Dealer W, Neither Vul):

W	N	E	S
P	1NT	2S	3H
P	P	3S	4H

All Pass

North's 1NT was weak, and South's reluctant final bid a clear stretch. Consider it a tribute to the power of the Spade suit in competitive auctions.

S J65
H 1086
D AQ42
C AQ4

S A3
H KQJ975
D 10863
C 6

The lead is S4, East plays the nine and you win SA. You play HK and E wins HA to play S KQ. You ruff the second one high as West follows with S2 and then discards a Club. When you play HQ, West shows out.

- (a) Clearly you need 4 tricks from the minors. Given that East is likely to have at least one (if not both) minor suit Kings, which 4 tricks might those be and what is your overall plan (5 points)?
- (b) Project the 5 card ending and show how the play will conclude (5points).

2. In the second problem, South opens a weak NT and plays there on the lead of D6. The questions are:

- (a) Will Declarer succeed against the normal poppa - momma defense that is all too likely (1 point)? What is the normal defense? (1point)
- (b) But, given the advantage you have of knowing all 4 hands, how can an expert E/W defend to defeat the contract virtually all the time (5 points)
- (c) I used the word "virtually" above. Does that mean an extra-terrestrial expert has a spectacular counter to ensure his contract, even against the double dummy defense? What might that be? (8points).

For once, I show you all 4 hands:

	S 943	
	H AKQ6	
	D 42	
	C J1063	
S K6		S 10872
H 92		H 1085
D K8765		D A109
C AQ98		C 742
	S AQJ5	
	H J743	
	D QJ3	
	C K5	

This is the end, my friend. I hope you enjoyed tackling the problems and learned something by trying to solve them

THE BACK OFFICE TEAM



The Team of Directors, Bulletin Editor & BBO Operators with the CTD

GREAT EVENT



This has been a great event. The BFAME can be proud of the standard of performance showed by the staff. The technical level, with an experienced staff in all positions, equals the level shown in WBF events, with instant results being available, nicely displayed.

I want to thank all the staff -Technical Operation team, the BBO Operation team, Daily Bulletin editor, Line-Up in-charge, the Tournament Directors and the team of caddies for a great performance. Each one of you made his utmost effort to make this event successful. It was an honor and pleasure to work with you all.

I also want to thank all the participants, although they provided the TD's an interesting collection of rulings but they also showed a fine attitude of sportsmanship, accepting the rulings as given, with a gentle approach towards their opponents and even to their partners. I wish all qualifiers the best in Lyon, France this August and hope to see you all once again in two years time.

Waleed El-Menyawy
Chief Tournament Director &
Director of operation

30th Cairo Int'l Bridge Festival

27 April – 2 May, 2017

Ramses Hilton Hotel

Program of events

<u>Thursday</u>	27/04/2017
Open Pairs, 1st Session	8:00 PM
<u>Friday</u>	28/04/2017
Open Pairs, 2nd Session	6:00 PM
<u>Saturday</u>	29/04/2017
Open Pairs, 3rd Session	6:00 PM
<u>Sunday</u>	30/04/2017
Mixed Pairs, 1st Session	2:00 PM
Mixed Pairs, 2nd Session	7:00 PM
<u>Monday</u>	01/05/2017
Open Teams, Mat (1-5)	5:00 PM
<u>Tuesday</u>	02/05/2017
Open Teams, Mat (5-10)	12:30 PM
Distribution of prizes and Gala Dinner	02/05/2017 9:00 PM

Accommodation

Nile Room Single	US \$ 110
Nile Room Double	US \$ 120
Executive Room single/double	US \$ 170 / 180
Ramses Suite	US \$ 240
Deluxe Suite	US \$ 610

The given rates are per room per night based on bed & Breakfast and all taxes inclusive.

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Entry Fees & Prizes

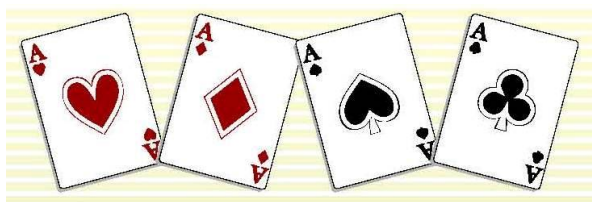
Open Pairs, US \$ 150 , LE 350 per player				Mixed Pairs, US \$ 100 , LE 250 per player				Open Teams, LE 1000 per team		
Place	US \$	LE	+	Place	US \$	LE	+	Place	LE	+
1st	4000	10000	Trophies	1st	2000	4000	Trophies	1st	8000	Trophies
2nd	3000	6000	Trophies	2nd	1000	2500	Trophies	2nd	5000	Trophies
3rd	2000	4000	Trophies	3rd	800	1500	Trophies	3rd	3000	Trophies
4th	1000	3000	Medals	4th	600	1000	Medals	4th	2500	Medals
5th	800	1500	Medals	5th	400	800	Medals	5th	2000	Medals
6th	700	1000	Medals	6th	300	700	Medals	6th	1500	Medals
7th	600	800	Medals	7th-10th	Medals			7th-10th	Medals	
8th	500	700	Medals	1st Each Session	200	300	 SAIBANK since 1976			
9th	400	600	Medals							
10th-16th	300	500	Medals	Best Improve.	200	300				
1st Each Session	200	300								
1st Ladies	200	400	Medals							

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Today being the second last day of the tournament, those who are not playing in the OPEN & WOMEN Finals will be leaving back for home. We take this opportunity to thank them for participating in the Championships and for their co-operation in making these Championships a great Success. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL. We wish you a safe journey home. See you all again in 2019.

The 19th BFAME Championships, DUBAI

3rd April to 11th April 2017



Championships Schedule

April 10	OPEN Teams	– Semi-Finals – Segment 4 to 6 (16 Boards each)
	WOMEN Teams	- Semi-Finals – Segment 4 to 6 (16 Boards each)
	SENIOR Teams	- Finals – Session 1 & 2 (2 * 16 Boards)
April 11	Finals for OPEN & WOMEN – Session 1 & 2	
	1930 Hrs:	- Prize Distribution over Victory Banquet

Session Timings

SFs Open / Women: Session 1: 10: 30 am; Session 2: 14: 30 pm; Session 3: 17: 30 pm

Finals (all categories) Session 1: 10: 30 pm; Session 2: 14: 30 pm

IMPORTANT: The above time schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

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.

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