

Bulletin 2 Editors: Mark Horton & Ron Tacchi Sunday 13th April

The Round Robins Roll On

With forty per cent of the Roun Robin completed patterns are beginning to emerge. In the Open Championship **Bangladesh** are more than a match ahead of the others, **India** is in second place with **Pakistan** and **UAE** neck and neck ten VPs behind. No one is yet out of contention.

For the Seniors, **Pakistan** and **India** are a long way clear of the field, The other two semi-final places at the moment are being disputed by **Bangladesh**, **Saudi Arabia** and **UAE**.

India is atop the Womens Championship, a dozen points ahead of **UAE**, then some way back are **Pakistan** and **Jordan** looking likely contenders to play in the semi-finals.

The Mixed Championship is dominated by **UAE** and **India** who are over a match and a half ahead of the other three teams, so one of those three will not make the semi-finals.

We cannot yet count out any team but those languishing towards the bottom of their tables need up their game from now on.

The BBO matches for Sunday 13th April are as follows:

Match 01 - 10.00 Open: India vs. UAE & Women: Jordan vs. Pakistan

Match 02 - 14.00 Open: Sri Lanka vs. Bangladesh & Seniors: Bangladesh vs. Saudi

Match 03 - 16.50 Open: India vs. Bangladesh & Mixed: Saudi Arabia vs. UAE

























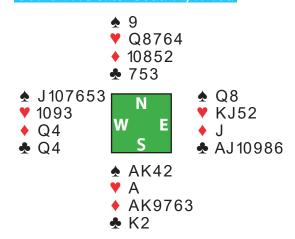
By The Dawn's Early Light

Mark Horton

hile you are doubtless bathed in sunshine, here in Shrewsbury I am still waiting for the Sun King to appear. It promises to be an exciting start to the day, as we feature the teams in second and third place in the Open and the leaders against third in the Mixed.

On the second deal of the day E/W held ♠A6 ♥KQJ108 ♦AK97 ♣108 opposite ♠J ♥A965 ♦653 ♣KQ632. After East opened 1♣ and West responded 1♥ North overcalled 1♠. If the ♣A is onside (or the clubs are breaking) then 6♥ is where you want to be, but the slam was not reached at our featured tables. North had ♠KQ10983 ♥42 ♦Q2 ♣A74 so 12 tricks were straightforward.

Board 19. Dealer South. E/W Vul.



Jordan v India

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Al Taher	Roy	Al Samhouri	Bansal
-	-	_	2♣*
Pass	2◆*	Pass	3◆*
Pass	5♦	All Pass	
2♣	Strong		
2♦	Waiting		
3 ♦	Six-card sui	it	

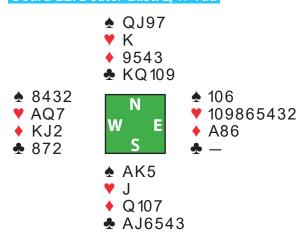
East started with two rounds of clubs, +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sinha	R Abdelhadi	Naidoo	J Abdelhadi
-	-	-	2NT*
Pass	3◆*	Pass	3♥
All Pass			
2NT	20-22		
3♦	Transfer		

West led the ♠J for the queen and ace and declarer continued with the ♠K pitching a club, cashed the ♥A and ruffed a spade, East discarding a club. When declarer continued with a club East took the ♣A and switched to the ♦J, declarer winning, cashing the ♣K and ruffing a spade. East overruffed with the ♥J and returned the ♣J, ruffed and overruffed with dummy's ♥Q. When declarer continued with a diamond East discarded, which meant only one down, -50 but it was 10 IMPs for India.

Board 22. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Pakistan v India

Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Mukherjee	Mansoor	Tewari	Chandna	
-	_	2◆*	3♣	
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣	
All Pass				
2♦	0-7, weak in a major			

West led the $\clubsuit 2$, so declarer was only one down, -50.

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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hussain	Roy	Ali	Nandi
_	_	3♥	Double
4♥	4♠	All Pass	

East led the ♥2 and West won and switched to the ♦2 which meant one down and a falt board. Would you have found the return of the ♣2?

Jordan v India

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Al Taher	Roy	Al Samhouri	Bansal
_	_	4♣*	Double
4♥	4♠	All Pass	
4♣	Transfer		

I was just starting to type up the auction at this table when the table closed down. Various attempts were made to restore it, but all the data from the deals could no longer be seen. That meant I would have to wait to see if that partial segment would appear in the BBO archive if I wanted details of the play.

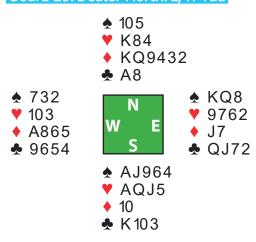
What I can tell you is that the defenders did not manage to cash out, declarer recording +420.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sinha	R Abdelhadi	Naidoo	J Abdelhadi
-	_	3Y	Double
4♥	Double	Pass	5♣
All Pass			

West led the ♥A and when East followed with the ♥2 switched to the ♦2, three rounds of the suit taking the contract two down, -100 and 11 IMPs for India.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.



Pakistan v India

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	Mansoor	Tewari	Chandna
_	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♣Q and declarer won with the ♣A and played the ♠10 for the king and ace. Declarer continued with the ♠J and when that held he played a diamond to the king a club to the ten and a spade, East winning and returning the ♦J, +660.

As a small aside, if East feels compelled to lead a club, the ♣2 is a possibility. Here declarer would be likely to play dummy's ♣3, hoping East started with a suit headed by the ♣Q9 or ♣J9.

Closed Room

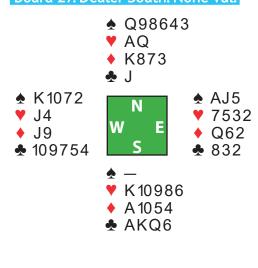
West	North	East	South
Hussain	Roy	Ali	Nandi
_	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
2♠	All Pass		

That is the auction we are supposed to believe. Obviously not.

While I was typing the result from the other room changed to 2♠+1, so what happened on this deal appeared to be anyone's guess.

However, it transpired that Boards 25 and 26 had been mis duplicated, and the results were cancelled.

Board 27. Dealer South. None Vul.



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Pakistan v India

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	Mansoor	Tewari	Chandna
-	-	-	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

3♣ Fourth suit forcing

West led the ♣10 to dummy's ♣J and after two rounds or trumps declarer claimed, +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hussain	Roy	Ali	Nandi
-	-	-	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥	Pass	6♣
Pass	6♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

After a club to dummy's ten declarer ruffed a spade, cashed two clubs discarding diamonds, played a diamond to the king, ruffed a spade, cashed the •A, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a spade, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a spade, +980 and a couple of IMPs.

Jordan v India

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Al Taher	Roy	Al Samhouri	Bansal
-	_	_	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	6♦	All Pass	

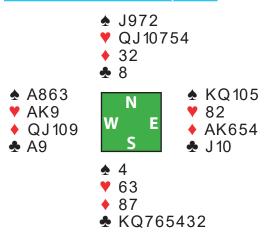
West led the ♣7 and having won with dummy's ♣J declarer played a diamond to the ace and a diamond, +920.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sinha	R Abdelhadi	Naidoo	J Abdelhadi
_	_	-	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2◆*	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♣10 and declarer took 11 tricks for +460 but lost 10 IMPs.

Board 28. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



Pakistan v India

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mukherjee	Mansoor	Tewari	Chandna
1♦	Pass	1♠	3♣
4♠	Pass	5 ◆*	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

West might have bid 5♥ over 5♠, but perhaps took into account the possibility of bad breaks following South's intervention.

South led the ♥6 and declarer won in dummy, played a spade to the king and a second spade to the ace, +980.

As the cards lie, to make 7♠ you must play for spades to be 4-1, taking a second round finesse of the jack, after which you can play to ruff a heart. It is a moot point if you should do this after South's 3♣.

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Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Hussain	Roy	Ali	Nandi
1♣	2♥	3♥*	Pass
3NT	Pass	6NT	All Pass

North led the ♥Q and in due time declarer collected 12 tricks, +990.

Jordan v India

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Al Taher	Roy	Al Samhouri	Bansal
1♦	1♥	1♠	3♣
4♠	All Pass		

South led the ♥6 and declarer took 12 tricks, +480.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sinha	R Abdelhadi	Naidoo	J Abdelhadi
1♦	Pass	2◆*	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT*	Pass	5 ♠ *	Pass
5NT*	Pass	6♦ *	Pass
7♠	All Pass		
2	Game forcing		
4NT	RKCB		
5♠	2 keycards+ ♠ Q		
5NT	Kings		
6♦	♦K or two othe	rs	

North led the ♥Q and declarer won, played a spade to the king and a spade. When South discarded there was nothing to be done, -50 and a most unlucky loss of 11 IMPs.

India had scored a good win against Jordan, and a modest one over Pakistan.

Standings

Open Team	VPs	Position
Bangladesh	95.56	1
India	74.46	2
Pakistan	65.83	3
UAE	63.07	4
Jordan	56.86	5
Kuwait	40.05	6
Sri Lanka	39.65	7
Syria	38.52	8

Senior Team	VPs	Position
Pakistan	91.01	1
India	81.02	2
Bangladesh	50.55	3
Saudi Arabia	49.04	4
UAE	47.73	5
Jordan	33.89	6

Women Team	VPs	Position
India	87.25	1
UAE	75.3	2
Pakistan	60.55	3
Jordan	59.66	4
Palestine	43.17	5
Sri Lanka	34.07	6

Mixed Team	VPs	Position
UAE	88.12	1
India	85.28	2
Jordan	53.96	3
Pakistan	50.88	4
Saudi Arabia	33.76	5

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Schedule for Sunday 13th April Note all times are UAE (GMT+4)

Open Championship

R.R (0	1)/	(02)		Match (07), 10Н00	RR 02, Match (01), 14H00					RR 02, Match (02), 16H50			
Da	te	Table No.		Home Team	х	Visiting Team		Home Team	х	Visiting Team		Home Team	х	Visiting Team	
SU	IN	1	1	India	х	² UAE		6 Kuwait	x	¹ India		² UAE	х	³ Pakistan	
		2	3	Pakistan	х	4 Bangladesh		⁷ Sri Lanka	x	4 Bangladesh		5 Jordan	х	8 Syria	
1	2	3	6	Kuwait	х	5 Jordan		5 Jordan	x	² UAE		1 India	х	4 Bangladesh	
1	5	4	8	Syria	х	⁷ Sri Lanka		8 Syria	x	³ Pakistan		6 Kuwait	х	⁷ Sri Lanka	

Women Championship

R.R (02)		Match (02), 10H00	Match (Match (03), 14H00				04), 16H50
Date	Table No.	Home Team	Х	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	Х	Visiting Team
SUN	5	5 Palestine	х	² India	4 Pakitsan	х	6 Sri Lanka		5 Palestine	х	¹ Jordan
12	6	3 UAE	x	6 Sri Lanka	² India	х	¹ Jordan		4 Pakitsan	x	3 UAE
13	7	¹ Jordan	x	4 Pakitsan	3 UAE	X	5 Palestine		6 Sri Lanka	x	² India

Senior Championship

R.R (02) Match (02), 10H00				Match ()3), 14H00	Match (04), 16H50				
Date	Table No.	Home Team	Х	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	Χ		Visiting Team
SUN	11	5 UAE	x	² India	4 Bangladesh	X	⁶ Saudi Arabia	5 UAE	x	1	Pakistan
13	12	3 Jordan	x	6 Saudi Arabia	² India	X	1 Pakistan	4 Bangladesh	x	3	Jordan
Т2	13	¹ Pakistan	х	4 Bangladesh	3 Jordan	х	5 UAE	⁶ Saudi Arabia	х	2	India

Mixed Championship

R.R (02)		Match (0)2), 10Н00	Match (03), 14H00				Match (04), 16H50			
Date	Table No.	Home Team	X	Visiting Team	Home Team	X	Visiting Team		Home Team	Х		Visiting Team
SUN	8	5 Saudi Arabia	x	² Pakistan	4 Jordan	x	6		5 Saudi Arabia	x	1	UAE
12	9	3 India	X	6	² Pakistan	х	1 UAE		4 Jordan	х	3	India
13	10	1 UAE	X	4 Jordan	³ India	х	5 Saudi Arabia		6	х	2	Pakistan

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Results

Open Championship

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Session 1	VPs
Sri Lanka - Jordan	7.97-12.03
Syria - Kuwait	6.48-13.52
Bangladesh - UAE	15.19-4.81
Pakistan - India	8.52-11.48
Session 2	
UAE - Kuwait	13.28-6.72
Sri Lanka - Pakistan	9.09-10.91
India - Syria	12.8-7.2
Jordan - Bangladesh	5.82-14.18
Session 3	
Bangladesh - Syria	18.97-1.03
Jordan - India	10.31-9.69
UAE - Sri Lanka	15.92-4.08
Kuwait - Pakistan	6.03-13.97

Women Championship

Session 1	VPs
Jordan - Palestine	10.61-9.39
UAE - Pakistan	13.97-6.03
India - Sri Lanka	13.75-6.25
Session 2	
Pakistan - India	1.45-18.55
Palestine - Sri Lanka	13.52-6.48
UAE - Jordan	14.8-5.2
Session 3	
Sri Lanka - Jordan	5-15
Pakistan - Palestine	9.39-10.61
India - UAE	13.52-6.48

Mixed Championship

Session 1	VPs
UAE - Saudi Arabia	19.25-0.75
India - Jordan	17.03-2.97
Pakistan - Bye	12-0
Session 2	
Jordan Pakistan	3.42-16.58
Saudi Arabia - Bye	12-0
India - UAE	5.2-14.8
Session 3	
Bye - UAE	0-12
Jordan - Saudi Arabia	14.39-5.61
Pakistan - India	4.26-15.74

Senior Championship

Session 1	VPs
Pakistan - UAE	17.31-2.69
Jordan - Bangladesh	4.81-15.19
India - Saudi Arabia	10.31-9.69
Session 2	
Bangladesh - India	2.69-17.31
UAE - Saudi Arabia	9.09-10.91
Jordan - Pakistan	3.91-16.09
Session 3	
Saudi Arabia - Pakistan	1.79-18.21
Bangladesh - UAE	5-15
India - Jordan	14.8-4.44

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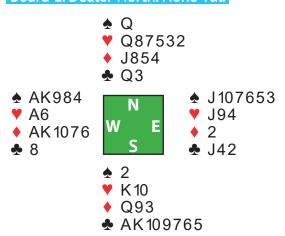


The Sun Has Got His Hat On

Mark Horton

By the time the players took their seats for Round 5, the sun was in fine form (at least it was in Shrewsbury). Would the representatives of Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh and India be able to match that?

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.



Sri Lanka v Pakistan

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chandna	R Perera	Mansoor	E Perera
_	Pass	Pass	1♣
Double	1 ◆*	1♠	3♣
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♣
5♠	All Pass		
1♦	Hearts		

West might have done more, but if he had bid 4♣ would East have then cooperated by responding 4♦?

It was not difficult to collect 12 tricks, +480.

Closed Room

	West	North	East	South
K	Keerthisend	ı Khan	Soysa	Bilal
	_	2◆*	Pass	2♥*
	4♠	All Pass		
	2♦	6♥/♠ , 6-10		
	2 💙	Pass or correc	t	

West is perhaps too strong to jump to $4 \clubsuit$. Starting with a double would keep all options open. A missed opportunity for both teams.

Bangladesh v India

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gupta	Ahmed	Goenka	Hanzala
_	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♠	2♥	4♠	Pass
6.	All Pass		

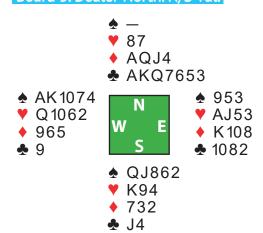
North led the ♠Q and having won declarer cashed the ♠A, ruffed a diamond, came to hand with a spade, took the ♠K pitching a heart, ruffed a diamond, returned to hand with a heart and cashed the ♠10 for another heart discard, +980.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
A Haque	Prabhaka	Hussein	Krishnan
-	Pass	Pass	3♣
Double	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	All Pass		

South cashed the ♣A but declarer could establish a long diamond to flatten the board.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.



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Sri Lanka v Pakistan

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chandna	R Perera	Mansoor	E Perera
-	1♣*	Pass	1♥*
Pass	2◆*	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥*	Pass	4♣
All Pass			
1♣	16+		
1♥	Transfer		
2 •	4+•		
3♥	Asking		

Its unclear why South did not admit to possession of a heart stopper by bidding 3NT.

East led the ♥A and declarer had no trouble collecting 11 tricks, +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Keerthisena	Khan	Soysa	Bilal
_	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♠4 and declarer won and cashed his winners, +600 and 10 IMPs for Pakistan.

Bangladesh v India

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Gupta	Ahmed	Goenka	Hanzala
_	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

That was +150.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
A Haque	Prabhaka	Hussein	Krishnan
-	1♣	1♥	1♠
2♠*	3♦	Pass	3NT
Double	5♣	Double	All Pass
2♠	Heart support		

That was +750 and 12 IMPs for India.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



Sri Lanka v Pakistan

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chandna	R Perera	Mansoor	E Perera
_	_	_	1NT*
Double	All Pass		
1NT	11-14		

West led the ♣K and when East followed with the ♣7 he switched to the ♥Q, declarer winning with dummy's ♥A and playing the ♦10 (a low diamond works best on this layout) for the queen and ace. West won the next diamond with the ♦9 and continued with the ♥J. When that held he switched to the ♣3 and East won with the ♣10,, cashed the ♣Q and then played a third heart (a spade leads to three down). Declarer won and played a diamond, now only two down, -500.

Closed Room

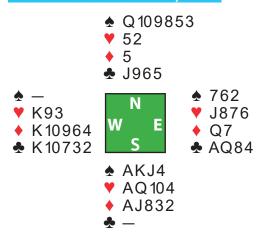
West	North	East	South
Keerthisena	Khan	Soysa	Bilal
_	_	_	1♦
1NT	All Pass		

North led the ◆5 and declarer ducked South's ◆J. after cashing the ◆A South switched to the ♥5 and declarer was not hard pressed to score seven tricks, +90, but 9 IMPs for Pakistan.

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Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



Sri Lanka v Pakistan

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Chandna	R Perera	Mansoor	E Perera
Pass	Pass	Pass	2◆*
Pass	2♠*	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
2♦	4441 any sin	gleton	

East led the \clubsuit 7 and declarer won with the \clubsuit 8, played a heart for the queen and king, ruffed the club switch with the \spadesuit A, cashed the \spadesuit A, ruffed a diamond and played a heart to the ten, +680.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Keerthisena	Khan	Soysa	Bilal
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
All Pass			

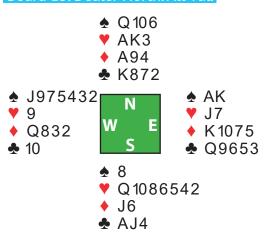
Declarer managed eight tricks, +90 but it was an 11 IMP loss.

In the long run, it must be right to respond with North's hand. Alternatively I know some players who would be willing to start with 2 lat / 2 lat, notwithstanding the vulnerability.

It was a narrow win for **Pakistan** and a good one for **India**.

Interesting?

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.



I noticed this hand from the third session on Friday and saw that the commentary said 6♥ was makeable. It was obvious that it would not be bid but I could not see how to make it on a diamond lead (any other lead just duck a spade and ruff a spade and the queen of spdes is good for a diamond discard.

I investigated further and it took me some while before I found the soltion before verifying it with my finessing friend.

Win the diamond lead in dummy and take an immediate successful club finesse. When you see the ♣10 fall from West there is now a distribution of the cards that will bring success.

To bring home the contract you must cross to dummy by cashing the ace and king of trumps and then lead the ♣8 forcing East to cover. Now you tun all your trumps and on the last one East has to discard from ♠AK ♣Q6. If he discards a spade you throw him in to lead into your club tenace and should prefer to jetison a club dummy's two clubs are good and you have made your contract with a squeeze without the count and that does not happen every day.

I hope you noticed that when you cashed the top two trumps you retained the ♥2 in your hand. otherwise East will not cover the ♣8 and the suit is blocked and you have no way back to dummy.

All you needed to make your contract was West to hold the singleto $\clubsuit 9$ or $\clubsuit 10$ and East to hold the $\spadesuit AK$ and trumps to be 2-1.

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Championship Rosters

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Bangladesh		India		Jordan	
Md Moshiur Rahman	131	Rajeshwar Tewari	101	Zafer Jarrar	121
Md Asifur Rahman	132	Sumit Mukherjee	102	Aaida Abu-Jaber	122
Shah Zia-Ul Haque	133	Kaustabh Nandi	103	Clement Maamarbachi	123
Md Zahid Hossain	134	Sagnik Roy	104	Marwan Ghanem	124
Mirza Sajid Ispahani	135	Kaustubh Milind Bendre	105	Sakher Malkawi	125
A H M Kamruzzaman	136	Sayantan Kushari	106	Amr Al Nimer	126
Kuwait		Pakistan		Sri Lanka	
Khaleefah Al Ali	141	Arslan Mansoor	111	Rex Perera	151
Numan Al Turki	142	Gulzar Ahmed Bilal	112	Enaksha Perera	152
Bader Alrefae	143	Mirza Shauq Hussain	113	Dilanjan Soysa	153
Ahmad Alruwayeh	144	Mohsin Chandna	114	Jeevananda Keerthisena	154
Mohammad Husain	145	Sarfraz Ahmed Khan	115		
Hani Ibrahim Almaraghi	146	Syed Imran Ali	116		
Syria		UAE			
Ahmed Mansour	161	Hesham Atef	171		
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Azzam Hallaq	163	Emad El Shourbagy	173		
Wael Dogmoch	164	Tamer Ali	174		
Suhair Tabakh	165	Tamer Eissa	175		
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		Women			
India		Jordan		Pakistan	
Puja Batra	211	Bana Al Taher	201	Fatima Raza	231
Asha Sharma	212	Reem Abdelhadi	202	Rubina Agha	232
Bindiya Kohli	213	Hanan Al Salem	203	Rehana Saigol	233
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Fairouz Zaghmout	243	Carmi Mendis	253	Maria Hindi	223
Hala Sawwaf	244	Janani Wijeyeratne	254	Anshu Aggarwal	224
Nawar Hashem	245	Badra Jayaweera	255	Rupy Walia	225
Hanan Al Bitar	246	Sarla Nagendra	256	KumKum Kumar	226

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Championship Rosters

		Senior			
Bangladesh		India		Jordan	
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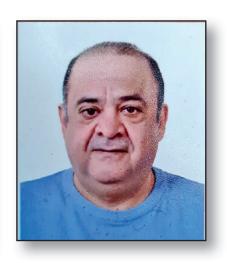
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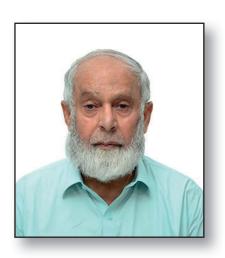
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