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The Race for Lyon Begins



The Closed Room at the Start of Round One

After the completion of Day One the Egyptian contingent can look back on an excellent start, having won every match in all three championships. So it comes as no surprise that they are leading the field. South Africa had a good day and are lying second throughout. Reunion are taking all three third places. The others will have to improve if they wish to threaten the leaders.

Those of you are attending the ABF Management Council Meeting tomorrow should be present at 10.00 a.m. whilst the rest of us can have a lie in until Round 7 commences at 13.40

Closing Ceremony and Farewell Dinner

It is imperative that we have numbers for catering. All Captains were given forms to be filled in at the Captains' meeting. Please ensure you have completed and returned the form to hospitality by lunchtime today. For players, captains and coaches there is no charge but for guests there is a charge of R450 payable in advance.

Today's BBO Schedule







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| Round 4 | Morocco vs. South Africa (O)
Egypt vs. Reunion (W) |
| Round 5 | Egypt vs. South Africa (O)
Egypt vs. South Africa (S) |
| Round 6 | Morocco vs. Reunion (O)
Morocco vs. Reunion (W) |



Results & Standings






Open Championship

Round 1	Botswana Egypt				S. Africa Kenya				Reunion Morocco			
	10 IMPs	1.18 VPs	62 IMPs	18.82 VPs	55 IMPs	18.01 VPs	11 IMPs	1.99 VPs	37 IMPs	6.80 VPs	50 IMPs	13.20 VPs
Round 2	Egypt Kenya				Botswana Morocco				Reunion S. Africa			
	100 IMPs	19.86 VPs	35 IMPs	0.14 VPs	23 IMPs	1.18 VPs	75 IMPs	18.82 VPs	39 IMPs	11.08 VPs	35 IMPs	8.92 VPs
Round 3	Morocco Egypt				Kenya Reunion				S. Africa Botswana			
	8 IMPs	0 VPs	79 IMPs	20 VPs	27 IMPs	1.88 VPs	72 IMPs	18.12 VPs	75 IMPs	16.66 VPs	42 IMPs	3.34 VPs

Team	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Total
 Egypt	58.68						58.68
 S. Africa	43.59						43.59
 Reunion	36.00						36.00
 Morocco	32.02						32.02
 Botswana	5.70						5.70
 Kenya	4.01						4.01

Women Championship






Round 1	BYE Egypt				S. Africa Botswana				Reunion Morocco			
		0 VPs		12 VPs	67 IMPs	17.32 VPs	29 IMPs	2.68 VPs	33 IMPs	4.07 VPs	61 IMPs	15.93 VPs
Round 2	Egypt Botswana				BYE Morocco				Reunion S. Africa			
	97 IMPs	20 VPs	14 IMPs	0 VPs		0 VPs		12 VPs	53 IMPs	11.08 VPs	49 IMPs	8.92 VPs
Round 3	Morocco Egypt				Botswana Reunion				S. Africa BYE			
	43 IMPs	6.19 VPs	59 IMPs	13.81 VPs	31 IMPs	0 VPs	114 IMPs	20 VPs		12 VPs		0 VPs

Team	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Total
 Egypt	45.81						45.81
 S. Africa	38.24						38.24
 Reunion	35.15						35.15
 Morocco	34.12						34.12
 Botswana	2.68						2.68

All scores subject to official verification

Seniors Championship

Round 1	BYE Egypt				S. Africa Kenya				Reunion Tunisia			
		0 VPs		12 VPs	53 IMPs	12.07 VPs	45 IMPs	7.93 VPs	13 IMPs	8.41 VPs	19 IMPs	11.59 VPs
Round 2	Egypt Kenya				BYE Tunisia				Reunion S. Africa			
	77 IMPs	18.23 VPs	31 IMPs	1.77 VPs		0 VPs		12 VPs	33 IMPs	4.07 VPs	61 IMPs	15.93 VPs
Round 3	Tunisia Egypt				Kenya Reunion				S. Africa BYE			
	21 IMPs	1.57 VPs	69 IMPs	18.43 VPs	46 IMPs	5.99 VPs	63 IMPs	14.01 VPs		12 VPs		0 VPs

Team	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Total
 Egypt	48.66						48.66
 S. Africa	40.00						40.00
 Reunion	26.49						26.49
 Tunisia	25.16						25.16
 Kenya	15.69						15.69


Today's Schedule

OPEN					
Rnd	Date	Time	Table 1	Table 2	Table 3
4	Sun 07/May	09h30	Egypt v Reunion	Morocco v S. Africa	Kenya v Botswana
5		13h40	Egypt v S. Africa	Reunion v Botswana	Morocco v Kenya
6		17h10	Egypt v Botswana	Kenya v S. Africa	Morocco v Reunion
WOMEN					
Rnd	Date	Time	Table 4	Table 5	Table 6
4	Sun 07/May	09h30	Egypt v Reunion	Morocco v S. Africa	Botswana v BYE
5		13h40	Egypt v S. Africa	Reunion v BYE	Morocco v Botswana
6		17h10	Egypt v BYE	Botswana v S. Africa	Morocco v Reunion
SENIORS					
Rnd	Date	Time	Table 7	Table 8	Table 9
4	Sun 07/May	09h30	Egypt v Reunion	Tunisia v S. Africa	Kenya v BYE
5		13h40	Egypt v S. Africa	Reunion v BYE	Tunisia v Kenya
6		17h10	Egypt v BYE	Kenya v S. Africa	Tunisia v Reunion

In the second match of the Round Robin Reunion played against South Africa in both the Open and Women events. A total of 176 IMPs changed hands over the two twenty-board matches, so there were the occasional fireworks.

The first board was not a pre-cursor of things to come as all four tables made a standard 3NT+2. Our first swing came on the second deal.

Board 18. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ K6		♠ 9432
♥ 654		♥ K2
♦ KQJ63		♦ A985
♣ K92		♣ J74
♠ A5		♠ QJ1087
♥ QJ97		♥ A1083
♦ 104		♦ 72
♣ A10853		♣ Q6

In the Open

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bosenberg</i>	<i>Lagache</i>	<i>Eber</i>	<i>Hamel</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♦	Double	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

After the lead of the queen of diamonds declarer, with a little help from the defence, calmly took seven tricks to make his contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dordhain</i>	<i>Donde</i>	<i>Palmieri</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♦	1♥*	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♣	All Pass
1♥	Spades		

East's heart bid showed four spades and when West's bid of Two Clubs came round to South he took the aggressive path and bid his spades even though he knew that East held four of them; a contract that would fail by one trick

on accurate defence. In Three Clubs declarer had one trick to lose in each of the other three suits and whilst it was theoretically possible to pick up the trumps for one loser there was too much work to do and declarer failed by one trick. First blood to South Africa and four IMPs.

In the women

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Narunsky</i>	<i>Wan Hoi</i>	<i>Swiel</i>	<i>Aouate</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
1♣	1♦	1♠	1NT
All Pass			


In this match the 1NT contract was played by North/South and any black suit lead gives declare his contract and when West attacked with a spade lead South also gathered seven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Boyer</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Michaux</i>	<i>Lang</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

At this table West and East did not find a way into the auction and allowed South to play in Two Spades. Here the defence was correct. After a heart lead declarer could not regain the initiative and failed by a trick. This time it was Reunion who took the opening score of five IMPs.

Board 20. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ Q107		♠ AK9654
♥ Q7532		♥ K98
♦ 1075		♦ 9
♣ 104		♣ KJ5
♠ J		♠ 832
♥ AJ6		♥ 104
♦ AQJ6432		♦ K8
♣ 87		♣ AQ9632

Reminder 1

Please ensure that all results are entered into the Bridgemate and verified - especially the last board..

In the Open both Easts elected to play in 3NT. When the Reunion South elected to lead a club East could see twelve tricks with the fortunate lie of the diamond suit but then poor North being the sole guardian of the majors gave up the thirteenth trick.

At the Women table

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Narunsky</i>	<i>Wan Hoi</i>	<i>Swiel</i>	<i>Aouate</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Declarer did not receive a helpful lead and finally had to decide between the heart finesse, the diamond finesse or a ruffing finesse but did not chose the diamond finesse and so failed by a trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Boyer</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Michaux</i>	<i>Lang</i>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Here South led the ten of hearts to the jack queen and king. After three rounds of trumps North won and continued hearts and declarer won in hand and played a diamond to the ace and continued with the queen guaranteeing his contract and a gain of twelve IMPs.

We continue with the women

Playing Times

Please note that on Monday May 8 the first match is at 13.40. You will have the chance for a morning of repose.

Board 21. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

	♠ K10632	
	♥ A1052	
	♦ 852	
	♣ 4	
♠ 754		♠ J8
♥ Q984		♥ K63
♦ 73		♦ Q106
♣ AK86		♣ QJ1052
	♠ AQ9	
	♥ J7	
	♦ AKJ94	
	♣ 973	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Narunsky</i>	<i>Wan Hoi</i>	<i>Swiel</i>	<i>Aouate</i>
–	2♥*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

2♥ At least 4-4 in the majors, less than an opener
 2NT Forcing
 3♣ Weak hearts

I missed the play but I saw a comment that East/West managed to block the club suit and so only took four tricks in the suit and when the diamond finesse was successful declarer gratefully claimed nine tricks for her game bonus.

Closed Room


West	North	East	South
<i>Boyer</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Michaux</i>	<i>Lang</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♥*	Pass	2♠
Pass	3♥*	Pass	3♠
All Pass			

2♥ Transfer spades
 3♥ Suit and forcing

One of the few times when neither player pushed and an easy game was missed, I cannot blame South as he was minimum but perhaps North with his two tens and a singleton might have essayed the game. The upshot was a vulnerable game swing and yet another nine IMPs to Reunion.

Our next big swing was Board 25 and yet again the women were involved, in the Open there was only two IMPs separating the teams after ten boards. We will examine Board 22 tomorrow as it is one of the more interesting but did not generate a slam in these two matches.

Board 25. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ 4 ♥ J8752 ♦ 10 ♣ 1097432		♠ K109873 ♥ Q643 ♦ 82 ♣ A	♠ AJ652 ♥ A ♦ J43 ♣ QJ86
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After East opened with a remarkably strong weak two South did not enter the auction and allowed West to bid her 3NT which made with a couple of overtricks for yet another game swing to Reunion and another twelve IMPs. On the following board Wan Hoi and Aouate for Reunion came home in a no hope 3NT for a fourth game swing and another nine IMPs giving them 53 unanswered IMPs. But this, as football pundits are wont to say ‘a game of two halves’.

The very next board the Reunion Women gave back six IMPs by bidding an over-ambitious game. Board 28 was a slam with no swing and as mentioned earlier I will be reprising today’s slams tomorrow.

Reunion lost a further seven IMPs in a similar fashion on Board 29.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Narunsky</i>	<i>Wan Hoi</i>	<i>Swiel</i>	<i>Aouate</i>
–	Pass	2♦*	2♠
Double*	Pass	Pass	3♣
3NT	4♣	Pass	Pass
4♦	5♣	All Pass	


2♦ Multi, weak major two or various strong hands
 Dble Strong

South immediately entered into the fray after a multi Two Diamonds opener and when she was doubled it was apparent that she had hit East’s suit and started to escape with her Three Club bid. West with eight tricks on a club lead gamely bid 3NT but North now sprung to life with her six-card support and even when West continued to try and win the contract took advantage of the favourable vulnerability to continue to Five Clubs. Declarer lost the three obvious tricks for one down

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Boyer</i>	<i>Bernstein</i>	<i>Michaux</i>	<i>Lang</i>
–	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

Board 30. Dealer East. None Vul.

♠ K3 ♥ AK65 ♦ AKJ4 ♣ K105		♠ QJ64 ♥ 83 ♦ Q1087 ♣ 864	♠ A7 ♥ Q10972 ♦ 95 ♣ AJ72
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♠ 109852
 ♥ J4
 ♦ 632
 ♣ Q93

Open event

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Bosenberg</i>	<i>Lagache</i>	<i>Eber</i>	<i>Hamel</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Dordhain</i>	<i>Donde</i>	<i>Palmieri</i>	<i>Stephens</i>
–	–	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦*	Pass	3♥*	Pass
3NT	Pass		

- 3♣ Puppet Stayman
- 3♦ at least one four-card major
- 3♥ I have four spades

Reminder 2

Please ensure that the official score card is fully completed including Country Names and signed by both teams.

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Narunsky	Wan Hoi	Swiel	Aouate
–	–	Pass	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
2NT*	Pass	3♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

2♦ Multi, weak major two or various strong hands
 2NT 20-21
 3♣ Puppet Stayman

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Boyer	Bernstein	Michaux	Lang
–	–	Pass	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South Africa made the contract in both their rooms while Reunion both failed. On perfect defence declarer will always fail as after a natural heart lead declarer will lose three hearts and two aces. I must confess I cannot see an obvious way of letting the contract through without discarding foolishly.

Board 34. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 832	♠ 1094	♠ A7
♥ 10	♥ KQJ53	♥ A97642
♦ K643	♦ A52	♦ 9
♣ 98765	♣ A2	♣ KJ43

♠ KQJ65	♠ KQJ65
♥ 8	♥ 8
♦ QJ1087	♦ QJ1087
♣ Q10	♣ Q10

Open event

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Bosenberg	Lagache	Eber	Hamel
–	–	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♥*	3♣	4♠
5♣	All Pass		

Two hearts was obviously some sort of good spade fit. I do not know if it was game-forcing or not but judging by South's jump to the four-level would intimate that it was. East's bravery was rewarded when he found partner with five-card support. I am surprised that they were allowed to play undoubled but 'no double–no trouble' was a tru-

ism here. The contract eventually finished three off, had the red card appeared it would have mitigated the result.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Dordhain	Donde	Palmieri	Stephens
–	–	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♥*	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

2♥ spade fit, encouraging

Declarer minded his work and brought home the contract and a swing of ten IMPs

Women event

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Narunsky	Wan Hoi	Swiel	Aouate
–	–	1♥	1♠
Pass	2♥	Double	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Declarer slipped up here and failed by one trick. I can only assume that fatigue was setting in after a long hard match. One way for declarer to fail after a heart lead to the ace and a continuation is to ruff small–she needs to ruff high or discard a club.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Boyer	Bernstein	Michaux	Lang
–	–	1♥	3♦*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

3♦ Spades and diamonds

No mistake here and thirteen IMPs to South Africa

In the Open Reunion succeeded by the small margin of four IMPs or 11.08–8.92 VPs.

With the Women South Africa scored 49 unanswered IMPs in the second half giving Reunion another small victory of four IMPs and again 11.08–8.92 VPs.

Airconditioning

We cannot please all of the people all of the time - there will always be some people who want the temperature turned up and an equal number who want it turned down. So please ensure you dress adequately for yourself and have additional clothing if likely to feel cold or alight outer layer you can remove if feel overwarm.