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# UK, India finish in top spots

## Battle wide open for runner-up berths; Egypt and England remain in contention

### Dubai

UK and India topped their respective groups in the 15th annual Orient Irrigation Tournament at the Dubai Country Club.

In the preliminary round the 8 teams were divided into two groups of 4 with the top two going through to the semifinals.

Pakistan, Chairman's Invitational, UK and Egypt were in Group A, while Rest of the World, India, Pan Global and England made up group B. UK dominated Pakistan 10-5 and England beat Rest of the World 9-6 in early play.

In the final matches of the day Pan Global held on to defeat England 8-7; India and UK served up identical scores as India beat Rest of the World 10-5 and UK beat Chairman's Select 10-5.

Rest of the World's Kevin Gale played extremely well to beat Raj Shahani 2-1. The overnight tallies



Chairman's team of Sharavan Kumar, Becky Barfoot, Kevin Yates, Jim Rankin, Chris Steibelt and Rob Walker

put UK on top in Group A with Egypt at 15, Chairman's Invitational - 13 and Pakistan - 12.

Group B saw India dominating with 23 pts, England with 16, Rest of the World 11 and Pan Global

with 10. With the top spot already claimed, the battle is left wide open for second place.