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The End Of The First Weekend

Session 3 of the Round Robin saw **Protec** score another maximum while both **El Ahly (2)** and **El Gezira (2)** had fine wins. Session 4 showed what an up and down game bridge can be as **Wadi Degla** went from a zero to a maximum, with **El Gezira (1)** only two IMPs for a maximum.

At the top of the standings **Protec** have a substantial lead but there are four teams behind them all within four VPs of one another, they are **Heliopolis**, **El Gezira** (1), **Sporting** and **El Ahly** (2).

Results Round Robin 3

Team	Team	IMPs	VPs	VPs
Protec	Wadi Degla	88-23	20	0
El Ahly (3)	El Ahly (2)	11-47	2.41	17.59
El Zohour	El Gezira (2)	6-45	2.03	17.97
Heliopolis	El Gezira (1)	33-26	12.03	7.97
El Maadi	El Ahly (1)	0-0	14.4	0

Results Round Robin 4

Team	Team	IMPs	VPs	VPs
El Ahly (2)	Wadi Degla	16-80	0	20
Protec	El Gezira (2)	30-19	13.04	6.96
El Zohour	El Gezira (1)	10-68	0.15	19.85
Sporting	El Ahly (1)	15-44	3.42	16.58
Heliopolis	El Maadi	34-28	11.76	8.24

Standings After Four Rounds

Team	Rank	VPs
Protec	1	68.23
Heliopolis	2	49.62
El Gezira (1)	3	47.03
Sporting	4	46.31
El Ahly(2)	5	46.01
El Gezira (2)	6	42.52
Wadi Degla	7	33.91
El Ahly (1)	8	32.71
El Maadi	9	30.88
El Ahly (3)	10	22.99
El Zohour	11	14.59

In Round 3 El Ahly (1) withdrew from their match with El Maadi.

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www.bridgewebs.com/ebf/ or www.egyptbridge.org











Information for Captains

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- 1. The BBO accounts for the TDs are as follows: EBF, EBF 1, EBF 2, EBF 3, EBF 4 and EBF 5
- 2. At the beginning of each match/session, the TDs have to start more than one table at the same time in order to host all the championship matches and they place the players in their seats according to pre-sent line-up.... Sometimes, we have a late offline players (please check the event regulations for penalty of late arrival at BBO) and this may cause some delay in the other matches/tables.

In order for the TDs to avoid this, they will hold an empty seat for you and they will move to host another match and then back to the late table. For that reason, it is quiet normal that your players might have a message from the TD through the BBO server with the following text

Want to substitute

Would you like to play in Teams tournament # xxxxxx Teams "Egyptian League as a substitute? Your partner will be xxxxxxxx"

YES NO

Please alert your players to accept this request ASAP.

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Day, Date	5th Time	Matc : 2:00			Mate 4:45	
0.	Wadi Degla	X	El Ahly (3)	Wadi Degla	X	El Zohour
18.12.20	Protec	X	El Zohour	El Ahly (3)	X	Sporting
18.1	El Ahly (2)	X	Sporting	Protec	X	Heliopolis
ay ,	El Gezira (2)	X	Heliopolis	El Ahly (2)	X	El Maadi
Friday	BYE	X	El Maadi	El Gezira (2)	X	El Ahly (1)
Ш	El Gezira (1)	X	El Ahly (1)	BYE	X	El Gezira (1)





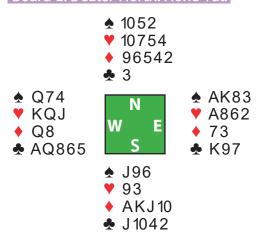
Heliopolis

Round Robin 3

El Gezira (1)

After the first two rounds Heliopolis and El Gezira (1) were lying fourth and fifth respectively. Both teams would want a big win to stamp there authority on the leader board.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shafiq	Tanboli	Magdi	Fadel
_	Pass	1NT*	Pass
4NT	All Pass		
1NT	14-17		

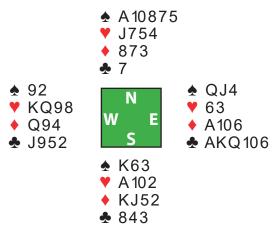
If East/West are really playing a 14-17 no-trump then perhaps this hand will convince them to change their mind. I agree they are a trifle unlucky in that South has an obvious diamond lead and even more unlucky in that 3NT makes all the time because the diamonds are blocked and only four can be cashed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
El Awady	Homsey	Soliman	El Kourdy
-	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	All Pass		
2♣	inverted minor	r	

Here a more restrained auction allowed the contract to remain at the three-level. The fortunate blockage in the diamond suit saw the contract come home and 10 IMPs to Heliopolis.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shafiq	Tanboli	Magdi	Fadel
_	_	1NT	All Pass

Strangely on this hand East did not alert his 1NT as 14-17. When South started with a small diamond declarer won with the ◆10, cashed five rounds of clubs and then led a heart. When South leapt up with the ace, ten tricks were assured.

Closed Room

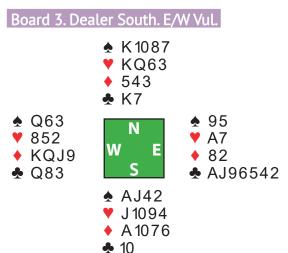
West	North	East	South
El Awady	Homsey	Soliman	El Kourdy
_	_	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

West, perhaps taking a rosy view of his four nines invited to game and was accepted. South happened upon the lead of a small spade to the ace with a continuation of the ♠10 covered by the queen and king and then cleared the suit. A heart towards dummy was won by the king, this showed that the heart ace was not with two winning spades. Five rounds of clubs followed leaving ♥Q9 and ♦Q9 in dummy. Knowing that only two diamonds were outstanding declarer cashed the ace. At this point declarer can lead any card from hand to make the contract, the only continuation to go down is to play a small heart and then put in the ♥9 in dummy. Yes, you guessed it, declarer snatched defeat from the jaws of victory. Declarer knows South still has the ♦K and therefore has one heart





and one spade or two hearts, if it is one heart then North has three including the ace, if it is two then North originally had five spades and we know from earlier that if that was the case then with the ace of hearts the contract would have been down a lot earlier. QED South has the ♥A. So 6 IMPs to El Gezira (1) rather than the opposite score.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shafiq	Tanboli	Magdi	Fadel
_	_	_	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♥	2♣	4♥
All Pass			

The lead of the ♠9 found the queen for declarer but it was not enough to allow the contract to make as declarer could mot avoid the loss of a trump, two diamonds and a club, so the contract failed by one trick.

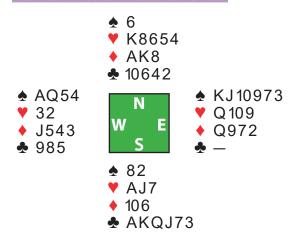
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
El Awady	Homsey	Soliman	El Kourdy
_	_	-	1♦
Pass	1♥	2♣	2♥
3♣	3♥	Pass	Pass
4♣	Double	Pass	4♥
Double	All Pass		

This sequence is the real reason I included this deal. All bulletin journalists live to report a Bilt-cliffe coup. This has four parts, 1) the auction could have been passed out in a part-score 2) a bid is made and then the opposition continues to game 3) the game contract is doubled 4) finally the contract is made. West could have passed out 3♥ but he took a bid, the opposition continued to game,

West then doubled. Would the game be made and a report of a Biltcliffe coup appear in the bulletin, sadly not for there was no way for declarer to engineer a tenth trick so two IMPs to Heliopolis.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shafiq	Tanboli	Magdi	Fadel
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♠
Double	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	5♥	Double	All Pass

I am not sure what South was trying to say with his 3♠ bid but obviously it was showing some strength. North kept his powder dry awaiting developments and when East attempted to steal the contract he entered the fray with his heart suit. I would be grateful if someone could explain the logic of East's Double, his defensive assets appear to be the chance of a trump trick (and even that did not come to fruition) and it got the result it deserved. When declarer took a successful finesse in the trump suit he was rewarded with an overtrick. The club slam was always there but would one want to be there it requires the hearts to come in without loss and after the weak two bid that does not seem overly likely. Notice that had West switched to a club at trick two after winning the opening spade lead the contract would have only just made.

Closed Room

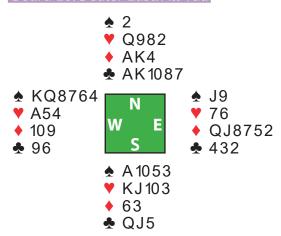
West	North	East	South
El Awady	Homsey	Soliman	El Kourdy
Pass	Pass	2◆*	3♣
Pass	5♣	All Pass	

North made a pragmatic bid and arrived in a solid contract – as mentioned above although 6♣ is a make it is not necessarily a contract in which you would want to be. Seven IMPs to Heliopolis.





Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shafiq	Tanboli	Magdi	Fadel
_	_	Pass	Pass
2♠	Double	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

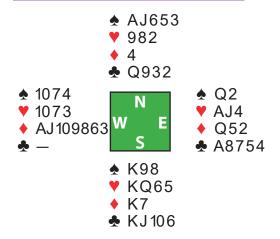
South did not have a difficult bid after his partner's Double and even less trouble making his contract on the lead of a small spade which declarer ducked twice, so he lost two spades and a heart.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
El Awady	Homsey	Soliman	El Kourdy
_	_	Pass	Pass
2◆*	Double	Pass	Pass
2♠	Double	All Pass	

South may have been over optimistic in his expectations in defence. To show a profit by passing you will need to take the contract three down as you must believe you have a certain game. Additionally defending low-level doubled contracts can be tricky and frequently a trick can be lost in the defence which was the case here as declarer was permitted to ruff a heart in dummy and so escaped for one off and ten IMPs to Heliopolis.

Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Shafiq	Tanboli	Magdi	Fadel
_	_	_	1NT
3♦	3♥*	All Pass	

3♥ was alerted as Rubensohl but it seems South was on a different wavelength. North managed to scramble eight tricks for only a one trick set.

Closed Room

West North East South
El Awady Homsey Soliman
El Kourdy

- - - Pass
3♦ Pass 4♦ Pass
5♦ Pass Pass Double
All Pass

Surely South misclicked, but he was rewarded in the end as East and West climbed too high and with four major suit losers the contract was two off. And eight IMPs to El Gezira (1).

At the end of the match neither side had much to cheer about, Heliopolis shaded it by 33-26

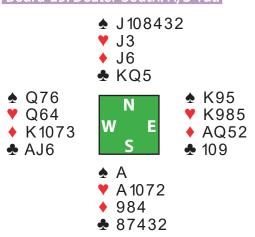




An Interesting Deal

Session Two of the Round Robin produced an interesting play and defence hand towards the end of the match.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.



At nearly all the tables the contract was 3NT played by West. Of the nine times it was played it failed three times, unfortunately not because the defence was at its best but because declarer did not make the most of his opportunity. At two tables on the lead of the ♠J declarer played the ♠K from dummy, a play I find surprising. The lead suggests that North also holds the ♠10 and thus playing small from dummy would give one a finesse position, so playing the king led to defeat. Let us see how the hand should be played.

North leads the ♠J, small from dummy and South wins with his ace. Now the obvious switch to clubs with the ♣8, declarer correctly ducks and North wins with his queen. He can exit safely with a spade. Declarer may need to preserve entries to dummy and so plays low and South discards the ♣7.

The general plan is to either make two heart tricks or force North to lead a club into the tenace. From the play of the hand you know North has six spades and the ♣KQ with probably just one other, this leaves four red cards. How do you read North's distribution, the more likely is 2-2 in the red suits. If you assume that this is the distribution then your best hope is he has the ♥J doubleton.

So armed with this plan declarer now has to take four diamond tricks finishing in dummy. This calls for careful management of the spot cards. Play the \blacklozenge 7 to the ace and then the \blacklozenge 2 to the king and then the ♦10 to the queen. This leaves the ♦5 in dummy and the ♦3 in hand. Now cash the last round of diamonds and lead a heart towards your queen. Is North wide awake? If so he can thwart your plan by throwing his jack under your queen. It is your lucky day as North plays a small heart. You now cross to dummy with a spade and lead the ♥8. What is South to do? If he rises with the ace the ♥K becomes your ninth trick and if he plays small then North must win and can cash a spade but then lead into the club tenace and poor old South goes to bed with the ♥A.

If you believe that North has three hearts and one diamond then you can make the contract without an error by North if he holds either or both of the ♥J10. At the point where you started to cash the diamonds just take one round to enter dummy and lead the ♥9. If South ducks you run it to North who will exit with a spade and you can now lead another heart towards your queen thereby setting up a second heart trick. Any other play by South either immediately gives you two hearts tricks or exposes North's honour to a finesse.

Those hearts spots were vitally important as was their location.



Undo regulations

- 1. The undo button is activated from the beginning
- 2. Click the undo button to stop the play instead of typing STOP at the table chat.... It will be used just as a stop button.
- 3. Call the TD
- 4. No Action from any party will be taken before the arrival of the TD.
- 5. The TD will instruct the opponents whether to accept the undo or not.
- 6. The TD will keep counting the undoes for each player, only 2 undoes are allowed for each player during one session.
- 7. If the opponents accept <u>before the TD arrival</u> , play continue but they might be penalized and all parties forfeit their rights for any kind of rectification later on.
- 8. If the opponents don't accept <u>before the TD arrival</u> , play stops and the TD decide what is to be done.
- 9. The TDs reserve the rights to adjust the score of the board for any unauthorised information might arise from using the undo process.
- 10. The Head TD has all the rights to deactivate the undo button at any time if problems arise from activating the button.

Nouveaux règlements d'annulation

- 1. Le bouton Annuler est activé depuis le début
- 2. Cliquez sur le bouton Annuler pour arrêter la lecture au lieu de taper STOP à la table de discussion.... Il sera utilisé comme un bouton d'arrêt.
- 3. Appelez l'ARBITRE
- 4. Aucune action de quelque partie que ce soit ne sera prise avant l'arrivée du l'ARBITRE.
- 5. l'ARBITRE indiquera aux adversaires d'accepter l'annulation ou non.
- 6. l'ARBITRE continuera à compter les annulations pour chaque joueur, seulement 2 annulations sont autorisées pour chaque joueur au cours d'une session.
- 7. Si les adversaires acceptent <u>avant l'arrivée du l'ARBITRE</u> -, le jeu continue mais ils pourraient être pénalisés et toutes les parties perdront leurs droits pour tout type de rectification par la suite..
- 8. Si les adversaires n'acceptent pas <u>avant l'arrivée du l'ARBITRE</u> -, le jeu s'arrête et l'ARBITRE décide de ce qui doit être fait.
- 9. Les ARBITERs se réservent le droit d'ajuster le score du tableau pour toute information non autorisée pouvant résulter de l'utilisation du processus d'annulation..
- 10. L'ARBITRE du tournoi en chef a tous les droits pour désactiver à nouveau le bouton d'annulation à tout moment si des problèmes surviennent lors de l'activation du bouton.





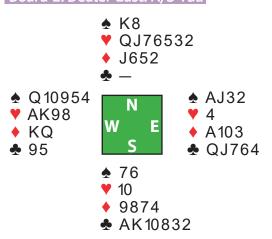
Sporting

Round Robin 4

El Ahly (1)

Sporting had had a nice lie in as they had a bye in the first match of the day. Would they be refreshed and in tip top form or still slightly sluggish with sleep still in their eyes. El Ahly (1) would be hopeful it was the latter.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Adly	Samir	Wahdan	Audiche	
-	-	1♣	Pass	
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass	
4♠	All Pass			

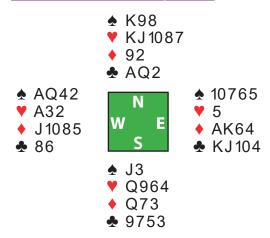
When a diamond was led West took both his honours in hand and crossed to the ace of trumps to discard a club on the ace of diamonds. He now had eleven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ragab	Kamel	Fadaly	Abaza
_	_	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Here North led the ♥Q to declarer's ace. He unblocked the diamonds and attempted to cross to dummy with a heart ruff, he was soon a wiser and poorer declarer as South overruffed, cashed the ♣AK and led another to allow North to make his ♠K. Crossing to the trump ace rather than ruffing a heart is a form of safety play, after that the defence would only possibly have two trump tricks and a club trick between them. 11 IMPs to El Ahly (1).

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Adly	Samir	Wahdan	Audiche
_	-	Pass	Pass
1♦	1♥	Double	2♥
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Declarer received the lead of the ♥10, taken in hand and immediately set about the club suit. North went in immediately with the ace and continued with a diamond. Declarer took this in dummy and came to hand with the ace of trumps to take a successful club finesse. A small spade brought the jack from South, queen and North's king. A heart continuation was ruffed in dummy and the ♠10 drew the outstanding trump. The ♠K provided a parking spot for the losing heart and declarer could concede a diamond trick and have the rest for a well-played hand and the contract.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ragab	Kamel	Fadaly	Abaza
_	_	Pass	Pass
1♠	2♥	3\(\psi\)	4♥
Pass	Pass	4♠	All Pass

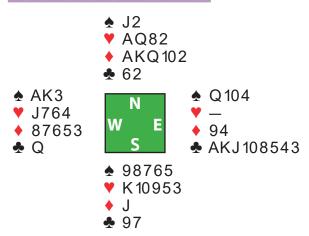
The same heart lead went to declarer's ace and a heart was ruffed in dummy. The spade was now attacked and a small one was ducked round to North who exited with a diamond. Declarer was in all sorts of trouble now and could not avoid going down. As is often the case the important step was to immediately tackle the club suit, also





declarer's play in the trump in the other room was well reasoned as the second round will probably expose the situation and save you from having to make a guess. 12 IMPs to El Ahly (1).

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South	
Adly	Samir	Wahdan	Audiche	
_	_	5♣	Pass	
Pass	Double	All Pass		

East got the hand off his chest in one simple manoeuvre. North doubled and South had to decide whether this was based on defensive tricks or was for takeout. As South I would have taken the double out but then I have sight of all four hands but I am in no way dogmatic about it. It is not possible to always make the right choice when the opposition have pre-empted. Declarer lost the obvious two diamond tricks and scored up 750.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ragab	Kamel	Fadaly	Abaza
-	_	1♣	Pass
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
Pass	2♥	3♣	3♥
Double	Pass	4♣	All Pass

East took a more measured view of his hand and decided to open at the one-level and keep bidding clubs until the opposition ran out ideas. The problem with his plan was that the opposition ran out of ideas too early and so he was left in 44 making eleven tricks and so lost 12 IMPs to El Ahly (1).

When the full time whistle blew El Ahly (1) had won by 44-15.

Cross Table Scores After Four Rounds

Team	Ahly (1)	Ahly (2)	Ahly (3)	Gezira (1)	Gezira (2)	Maadi	Zohour	Heli- opolis	Protec	Sport- ing	Wadi Degla	Bye	Rk.	VPs
Protec				15.19	13.04	20					20		1	68.23
Heliopolis			18.87		12.03	11.76				6.96			2	49.62
El Gezira (1)					14.4		19.85	7.97	4.81				3	47.03
Sporting	3.42						17.85	13.04				12	4	46.31
El Ahly(2)	16.42		17.59								0	12	5	46.01
El Gezira (2)				0			17.97		6.96		17.59		6	42.52
Wadi Degla		20			1.91				0			12	7	33.91
El Ahly (1)		3.58	12.55			0				16.58			8	32.71
El Maadi	14.4						8.24	8.24	0				9	30.88
El Ahly (3)	7.45	2.41						1.13				12	10	22.99
El Zohour				0.15	2.03	10.26				2.15			11	14.59





Cumulative Butler Rankings After Round 4

Rank	IMPs	Names
1	2.7	sale7dar ALI ELSELEHDAAR - nayer AHMED NAYER
2	1.14	thejuwel ADEL EL KOURDY
3	1.08	meĺkhot MARAWAN KHEDR - Elewa MAGED ELEWA
4		knight ABDELRAHMAN MOSAAD - azeema7 MOHAMED ABDELAZIM
5	0.93	mokh1 MOKHTAR BASYOUNI - tarekm1 TAREK METWALI
6	0.57	sawires MINA SAWIRES - mooaaz MOHAMED ABDELHADY
7	0.57	Mavrick REDA AMIRY
8	0.55	kiko MAUD KHOURI - boss226 NADA WATTAR
9	0.37	guitonnell MARGUERITE HOMSY
10	0.32	Mohsen k MOHSEN KAMEL
11	0.27	Elbazm50 MOHAMED ELBAZ
12	0.27	EgySlam AHMED HARB
13	-0.01	Awahdan ASHRAF WAHDAN
14		tanbo MOHAMED TANBOLI
15		Az5555 SOMAIA WAHDAN
16		Amy75 AYMAN LOTFY - Kermet IHAB SEDDIK
17	-0.14	A_samir AHMED SAMIR
18		farrag2020 AMR FARRAG
19		Bakly AHMED HUSSEIN
20		M fouda MOTAZ FOUDA
21		mfadel58 MOHAMED FADEL
22		heshmat1 MOHAMED HESHMAT
23		Tt1971 TAMER IBRAHIM
24		nouragain NOUR KHAYRY
25		garoga MOSTAFA MEDHAT
26		the micho MOHAMED MAGDI
27		Romeo TAREK SALAH
28		Bassio RAMY BASSUNY - Ashry00 MOHAMED EL ASHRY
29	-0.99	Thabet2007 MOHAMED THABET - said el sh SAID HASSANIN
30		Bangloo13 HISHAM MOKTAR
31	-1.33	sherif sas SHERIF HELMY
32		karimmoh8 KARIM ASHRAF - Omar Shahe OMAR SHAHEEN
33	-1.47	
34	-1.91	mitos1978 MOHAMED BEBARS