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The Round Robin Continues

Session 5 of the first Round Robin saw **Wadi Degla** take the biggest win. In Session 6 **Sporting** had a near maximum and **Wadi Degla** again had a very good result. In the standings **Protec** remain at the top but with a reduced lead, **Sporting** are now less than 15 points behind. The star of the round was **Wadi Degla** who shot up into fourth place.

Tomorrow will be a tough day as three Sessions will be played.

Results Round Robin 5

Team	Team	IMPs	VPs	VPs
Wadi Degla	EL Ahly (3)	60-34	16.09	3.91
Protec	EL Zohour	34-21	13.52	6.48
EL Ahly (2)	Sporting	37-36	10.31	9.69
EL Gezira (2)	Heliopolis	44-24	15	4.5
EL Gezira (1)	EL Ahly (1)	20-44	4.26	15.74

Results Round Robin 6

Team	Team	IMPs	VPs	VPs
Wadi Degla	EL Zohour	53-26	16.26	3.74
EL Ahly (3)	Sporting	7-64	0.23	19.77
Protec	Heliopolis	23-29	8.24	11.76
EL Ahly (2)	EL Maadi	46-22	15.74	4.26
EL Gezira (2)	EL Ahly (1)	12-29	5.61	14.39

Standings After 6 Rounds

Teams	Rank	VPs
Protec	1	89.99
Sporting	2	75.77
El Ahly(2)	3	72.06
Wadi Degla	4	66.26
Heliopolis	5	65.88
El Gezira (1)	6	63.29
El Gezira (2)	7	63.13
El Ahly (1)	8	62.84
El Maadi	9	47.14
El Ahly (3)	10	27.13
El Zohour	11	24.81

In Round 5 Heliopolis had 0.5 VP penalty.

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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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Also, we use a special procedure in order to make sure that all of our matches are starting at the same time. We start inviting players and set up the team match some minutes before the official starting time. This may result in your partner already sitting (and waiting) at the table of the Pan Arab Inter-Club match while you are still in the lobby. That is totally normal, and is done in order to be more precise on the starting time. We kindly ask all players to just stay in the lobby (main section of BBO or in the competitive section) and wait for our invitation.

Day, Date	7th Time:	Mat 12:0			n Ma • 2:4	tch 5 PM		h M ate e 5:30	
20	Wadi Degla	X	Sporting	Wadi Degla	X	Heliopolis	Wadi Degla	X	El Maadi
.12	El Zohour	X	Heliopolis	Sporting	X	El Maadi	Heliopolis	X	El Ahly (1)
19	El Ahly (3)	X	El Maadi	El Zohour	X	El Ahly (1)	Sporting	X	El Gezira (1)
day	Protec	X	El Ahly (1)	El Ahly (3)	X	El Gezira (1)	El Zohour	X	BYE
Saturday 19.12.20	El Ahly (2)	X	El Gezira (1)	Protec	X	BYE	El Ahly (3)	X	El Gezira (2)
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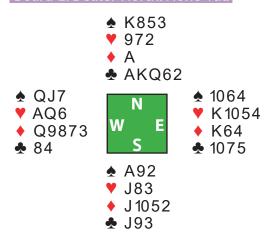
El Ahly (2)

Round Robin 5

Sporting

The match between Sporting and El Ahly (2) was important as both were in the tight race to occupy second position and have the chance to gain on the leading team Protec. Less than half a VP separated them at the beginning of the Round.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moustafa	Ekkdawi	Mohasseb	Abdelfattah
_	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	3NT	All Pass	

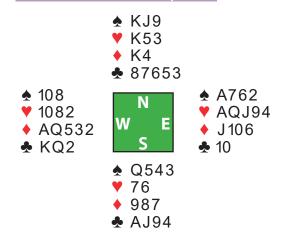
A bold bid by North to bid game, some might have just invited. West decided against leading the unbid suit and tried declarer's by placing a small diamond on the virtual table, declarer perforce won with the ace in dummy and took five rounds of clubs, West shedding two diamonds and a heart and East a spade and a heart. Declarer exited with a heart to West's queen and for reasons unexplained failed to cash the ace of hearts, West has already seen three hearts from the South hand (two were discarded on the clubs) and he cannot possibly have a fourth or he would have responded One Heart. West persevered with the ♠O and South, perhaps realising that West did not have the correct view ducked and was rewarded when West continued spades allowing an unmakeable contract to succeed. Fortune certainly favoured the brave on this deal.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Samir	Seddik	Amiry	Lotfy
_	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	All Pass	

I would describe North's 2♣ bid as timid but it looked as though it was going to be the right move as there was no obvious game for his side. Indeed had the defence in the other room been a little more dynamic then he would have profited but as it was seven IMPs to Sporting.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moustafa	Ekkdawi	Mohasseb	Abdelfattah
_	-	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

If not using a forcing 1NT West has one of those in-between hands. However he elected, not unwisely, to bid 2♦ and when partner showed support the double fit warranted a raise to game. With one of the two red suit finesses working and when the defence decided against cashing their ace of clubs an overtrick was conceded.



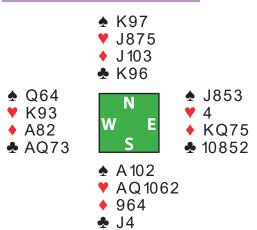


Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Samir	Seddik	Amiry	Lotfy
_	_	1♥	Pass
1NT	All Pass		

As mentioned above West's bid could well be constrained by system. Whatever the system I cannot believe 1NT is the right bid, not with support for partner's opening. Could it that the 1NT was forcing but East had a momentary lapse? At the end of the hand after North led a club declarer wrote down the embarrassing score of +210. This was six IMPs to El Ahly (2).

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moustafa	Ekkdawi	Mohasseb	Abdelfattah
1NT	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

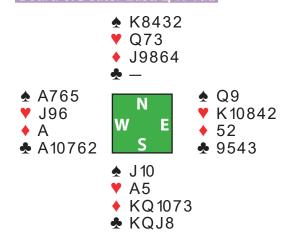
As to the meaning of the Double I have no idea as it was not alerted, whatever it was supposed to be it was bold and paid handsome dividends when North after a long pause decided to pass and lead a heart. That was a relatively quick one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Samir	Seddik	Amiry	Lotfy
1NT	All Pass		

South had no such grandiose ideas on this table, an excellent idea as his partner led a diamond allowing declarer to garner seven tricks with no effort. Seven IMPs to Sporting.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moustafa	Ekkdawi	Mohasseb	Abdelfattah
-	_	Pass	1♦
Double	1♠	2♥	Double*
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
4♥	5♦	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

Double spade support or good hand

At last the Biltcliffe coup for which I have been waiting. West could have passed out 2♠ but elected to bid on. North was not going to keep quiet with his hand, even though 4♥ should fail by two tricks, he elected to go for the minor suit game. Now step three of the coup, West doubled and as we shall see step four will come to fruition.

Had West led a heart the outcome may well have been different but he chose the ♠A. Too late he now switched to the ♥J taken by declarer's ace. The ♣J was now advanced ducked by West while declarer threw a heart from dummy. The queen was covered by the ace and ruffed in dummy where the ♠K was cashed, rendering the ♠8 master. When it was played East ruffed but South overruffed and cashed the ♣K discarding his losing heart in dummy and now the only loser was the ace of trumps. Eleven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Samir	Seddik	Amiry	Lotfy
_	_	Pass	1♦
Double	1♠	2♥	3♣
Pass	3♦	All Pass	

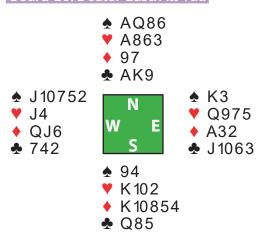
North could do little else as he did not value his club void when he knew that it was partner's second suit. At this table West demonstrated that an





initial heart lead will hold declarer to ten tricks. The effect of the lead is that declarer cannot get back to hand to cash winning clubs and so has to lose a heart. Nine IMPs to Sporting.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moustafa	Ekkdawi	Mohasseb	Abdelfattah
_	_	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

I would always invite with 2NT with the South hand opposite a strong no-trump. I suspect when North took the ninth trick South wished he had done so.

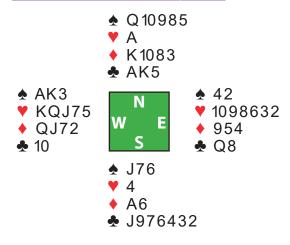
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Samir	Seddik	Amiry	Lotfy
_	_	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3NT
All Pass			
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3♣ Both majors max

South was of the same mind as me and when he knew there was a maximum opposite the game was bid. The opening club lead was taken in hand and the •9 ran round to the jack. A club came back taken in hand and another diamond led towards dummy. This time declarer rose with the king, which held, and cleared the diamonds to give him three diamonds, three clubs, two hearts and a spade and ten IMPs to El Ahly (2)

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moustafa	Ekkdawi	Mohasseb	Abdelfattah
1♥	Double	4♥	5♣
5♥	Double	All Pass	

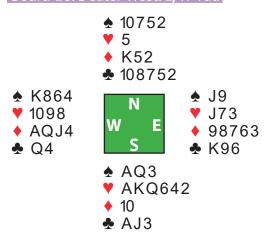
5♥ was a good sacrifice against 4♠, unfortunately the opponents were in 5♣ and that should go down when the defence finds its spade ruff. The contract was only two light as the defence did not manage to ruff a diamond.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Samir	Seddik	Amiry	Lotfy
1♥	1♠	4♥	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Bringing home 4 presented no problem to declarer and in fact only lost the top two trumps and so recorded an overtrick. That was eight IMPs to El Ahly (2)

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.







Open Room

West	North	East	South
Moustafa	Ekkdawi	Mohasseb	Abdelfattah
1♦	Pass	3♦	Double
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Not an easy contract, but not impossible. West cashed the ace of diamonds and exited with a trump. Declarer drew them all and took an extra round, discarding one of each suit from dummy. He then cashed the ♠A and followed with the queen. West was awake and did not take his king. Declarer cashed the ♣A and exited with a spade. West then took his ♣Q and exited with the final spade and so declarer then had to concede a trick to the ♣K. Had he not cashed the ♣A before exiting All West could do would be to play back his last spade and then A and another would crush the opposition. If West does not unblock his ♣Q then he will have to give dummy the ◆K and if he does unblock then the ♣J10 are enough to establish a second club trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Samir	Seddik	Amiry	Lotfy
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	2♥
All Pass			

On the lead of the ΔQ declarer was not required to exercise much grey matter to arrive a t ten tricks and six IMPs to El Ahly (2).

At the end the session both teams could look back at things that might have been different but after sixteen boards only one IMP separated the two teams as El Ahly (2) had won 37-36. If either team wishes to challenge for the top spot then they will need to exercise more care.

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.





A Look Back to Last Weekend

Last weekend there were some hands that looked normal, even close to dull, but on further inspection some of them proved very interesting indeed, especially those from the first session of the second day. Here is one.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul. **★** K1043 **Y** 2 9752 10852 **♦** 7 ◆ J9652 QJ109 A6543 W ♦ AJ83 **♣** Q3 ♣ KJ96 ♠ AQ8 ♥ K87 ♦ KQ104 ♣ A74

Most Wests opened 1♦ and a large number of West responded 1♠. I prefer a bid of 1♥, why? Because if partner has a four-card major it will not get lost, however if you respond 1♠ then even if partner has four hearts it may be difficult to get them into the auction. I saw this happen a couple of times and the final contract was a miserable 2♠ played by East. However when East bids 1♥ it is not difficult to finish in the heart game. When West supports hearts East hand rockets in value - remember that ninth trump is worth a huge amount so even if West only invites game you should accept. The play is interesting. There is a lead to beat the contract but can you see it, even with all four hands exposed, I suspect not immediately. I also suggestt you would not underlead your ace of spades at the table, but that is the only way to break the contract. To make (or break in case of declarer error) requires precise play. The Achilles heel for declarer are, amazingly the ♥87 in the South hand, also he must try and avoid a trump lead from North.

On the normal lead of the king of diamonds obviously declarer must win. Whilst there do not seem to be many losers, neither do there seem to

be many tricks, the plan must be to establish two club tricks to go with the ace of diamonds and make seven trump tricks by way of a crossruff. I will spell out the way the contract can be made and give a brief explanation as to why other lines will fail (which are many) it is a surprisingly interesting hand and I do recommend getting a pack of cards out and playing through the various lines – I think, at times, you will be surprised.

So at trick one we win with the ace of diamonds. The only way to make the contract is to immediately ruff a diamond. The intuitive play of a club towards the queen loses if South ducks! He then takes the second round and continues with a third. This will lead to a second trump trick for South – try it and see. If instead a low spade was led with the idea of setting up a crossruff North rises with the king and switches to a trump and now you when you attack clubs South can draw some of your trumps leaving you short.

So after ruffing a diamond you must tackle the clubs, if you play a spade North will win and yet again push a trump through. South will win and can now put partner in with a spade to lead a trump but you rise with the ace and now peacefully go about your crossruff, cashing your clubs on the way. Eventually you will make the final heart in your hand en passant when you lead the fourth round of spades from dummy.

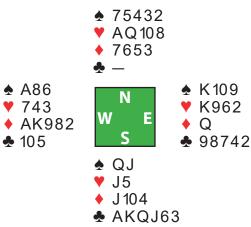
So to make this contract against best defence (after the •K lead) you must immediately ruff a diamond, establish the clubs and then duck a spade, if during all this North gets a chance to lead a trump you rise with the ace. When all of this has been accomplished you set about your crossruff, making the final trump in your hand en passant to loud cheers from your supporters.





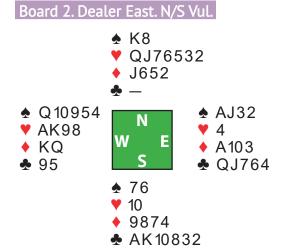
There were a couple of 'joke' hands.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.



3NT played from the West is ice cold! Thanks to the void in clubs in the North hand, the jack and ten of diamonds being tripleton, the queen and jack of spades being doubleton and the ace of hearts on side. My guesstimate of the chances of this contract? About one chance in ten thousand.

From the second session



Six Spades from the West hand is another making contract, again thanks to the void in the club suit in the North hand. This contract is an outright certainty at about 0.2% chance compared with the previous deal. There is one sad person who managed to fail in the contract of 4. They received a heart lead which they won in hand, unblocked the KQ and tried to ruff a heart in dummy. They were rudely awakened when South overruffed, cashed the AK and led a third to ensure a trick for his partner's trump king.

Cross Table Scores After Six 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	13.52	8.24			20		1	89.99
Sporting	3.42	9.69	19.77				17.85	13.04				12	2	75.77
El Ahly(2)	16.42		17.59			15.74				10.31	0	12	3	72.06
Wadi Degla		20	16.09		1.91		16.26		0			12	4	66.26
Heliopolis			18.87	12.03	4.5	11.76			11.76	6.96			5	65.88
El Gezira (1)	4.26				14.4		19.85	7.97	4.81			12	6	63.29
El Gezira (2)	5.61			0			17.97	15	6.96		17.59		7	63.13
El Ahly (1)		3.58	12.55	15.74	14.39	0				16.58			8	62.84
El Maadi	14.4	4.26					8.24	8.24	0			12	9	47.14
El Ahly (3)	7.45	2.41						1.13		0.23	3.91	12	10	27.13
El Zohour				0.15	2.03	10.26			6.48	2.15	3.74		11	24.81



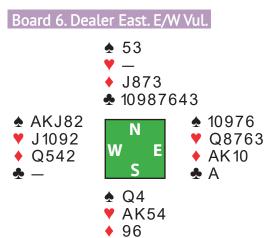


Protec

Round Robin 6

Heliopolis

At the end of the first weekend Protec and Heliopolis were occupying the top two spots in the Round Robin so we have a 'top of the table' clash.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mosaad	Shazly	Abdelazim	Leheta
_	_	1♥	1NT
Double	5♣	Double	All Pass

♣ KQJ52

5♣ is a fine advance sacrifice as 5♥ or 5♠ (from the West hand) are both making contracts. Declarer lost the obvious five tricks for three off and -500. A potential gain of four IMPs against the vulnerable game.

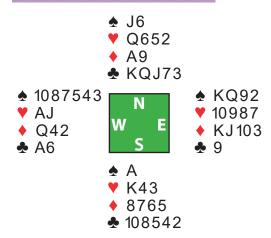
Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fadel	Sawires	Salib	Abdelhady
_	_	1♥	2♣
3♣	5♣	Double	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Double
All Pass			

I appreciate that West liked his hand and that there was not much room for manoeuvre but is it likely that East can cover four of the five losers in the red suits. An interesting question to check with your partner is what is the meaning of the East's Double, assuming that West's 34 was forcing to game. Hopefully his answer will be the same as yours. South was not hard pressed to double and the contract duly failed by one trick. The good news was that the double showed no loss. Undoubled the loss

was 12 IMPs, exactly the same as when doubled.

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mosaad	Shazly	Abdelazim	Leheta
_	_	_	Pass
2♠	Double	4♠	5♣
Double	All Pass		

An off-centre weak 2♠ brought a brave double from North, a braver 4♠ from East, yet still braver 5♣ from South and the bravest bid of all: West's Double. 5♣ was an excellent save against 4♠ which was unbeatable and after West led the ♥A declarer's task was simplified to only fail by one trick.

Closed Room

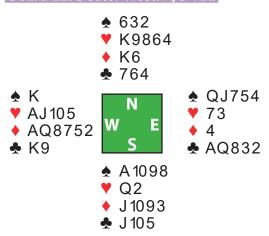
West	North	East	South
Fadel	Sawires	Salib	Abdelhady
_	_	_	Pass
1♠	Double	4♠	All Pass

A more normal 1♠ opening and raise to game South was not prepared to make a vulnerable sacrifice. There was nothing to the play. Nine IMPs to Heliopolis.





Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Mosaad	Shazly	Abdelazim	Leheta
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3NT	`All Pass

South made a passive lead of the ♣J taken in dummy. The king of spades was allowed to hold and a club to hand. Declarer now staked all on making five diamond tricks, i.e. finding ♦Kxx in the South hand, by leading his diamond to the queen which lost to the king. The contract was now without hope and ended up two down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Fadel	Sawires	Salib	Abdelhady
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3 🗸	Pass	3NT	All Pass

At this table the contract was in the hands of West who received the lead of the ♠6, taken in hand with the king. Trying to keep what little communication there was between the two hands declarer placed ace and another diamond and was rewarded when the king appeared on the second round. The defence played two rounds of spades, with the lead in dummy declarer came to hand with a club and when the club suit broke 3-3 he had ten tricks and eleven IMPs for Heliopolis.

At the end of a session where the hands were not exciting or swingy Heliopolis finished just ahead of Protec 29-23. a heart was ruffed in dummy. The spade was no

Nouveaux reglements 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.