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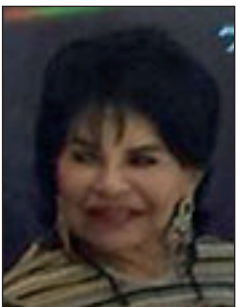
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And The Winner Is...

After 22 gruelling rounds played over five weekends **Protec** emerged as the winners. They were heading the standings most of the competition. They had a small hiccup the previous weekend and were briefly headed but came back strongly this weekend to retake the lead and take the win by eight points from **El Gezira (1)** who pushed them very hard. Less than three points behind them was **Sporting**, there had been a constant tussle amongst these three teams with **Heliopolis** snapping at their heels.

Match results and final standings are on page 5, the final crosstable on page 7 and the Butler on page 8.



Protec - the victorious team. Clockwise from bottom left: Dalia Hachem, Fatma Manadilly, Abdelrahman Mossad & Mohamed Abdelazim, Ahmed Nayer & Aly El Sehdar (Top of the Butler Scores), Mooaz Hammam and Mina Sawires



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Protec Club

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Fatma Manadilly - Dalia Hachem

Moaz Hammam – Mina Sawires

Ahmed Nayer – Aly El Selhdar



El Gezira (1) Club

Nada Wattar – Maud Khouri

Lily Khalil

Margurite Homsy – Adel El Kourdy

Waleed Shafiq – Mohamed Magdy



Sporting Club

Khaled El-Beltagy (NPC)

Ahmed Samir – Reda Amiry

Maged Ekkdawi – Mahmoud A. Fattah

Asser Fadaly – Amr Ragab

Alain Audiche – Ahmed Nasser

Christine Audiche – Abdelsalam Saaid



El Gezira (1)

Round Robin 21

El Maadi

El Gezira (1) are currently in second place and do not have to face any team that is in the top five – an excellent chance to take advantage of any little slip by the current leader Protec. They have to overcome El Maadi if they are to make an impression at the top of the table.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

<p>♠ AQ953 ♥ AJ1093 ♦ AK ♣ 9</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N E W S </div>	<p>♠ 86 ♥ Q65 ♦ Q3 ♣ AKJ542</p>	<p>♠ 1042 ♥ K2 ♦ J10964 ♣ 873</p> <p>♠ KJ7 ♥ 874 ♦ 8752 ♣ Q106</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fouda</i>	<i>Homsy</i>	<i>Bakly</i>	<i>El Kourdy</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass

To say there was a pause between the 5♥ and the 6♥ bids would be a gentle description. I actually repainted one wall in my office, let it dry and then translated another chapter of War and Peace into Ancient Greek. The lead of a diamond was won in hand and I had the chance for another chapter before the ♦K was cashed. I was then well into chapter three when a club was led, I managed to finish the chapter before declarer inserted the ♣J. South, who probably by this time was close to comatose played a small club, I suspect a mis-click, or maybe the paint fumes from my office were having an effect. The result was now the contract succeeded.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Magdi</i>	<i>Abbas</i>	<i>Shafiq</i>	<i>Ahmed</i>
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

The play at this table started with a diamond lead and declarer won, crossed to dummy with a club, cashed another discarding a diamond and cashed the diamond discarding a spade. He then ruffed a club with the nine. When he led the ♥J from hand North took the king and now declarer had the rest of the tricks.

I must confess I do not know what the best line of play is. There are many that succeed as the cards lie, but had the distribution been slightly different would the line adopted been a winner. Nine of the ten tables reached the slam and all were successful. I have not had time to examine all the lines followed. I have a sneaking suspicion that taking two rounds of clubs, discarding the ♦A and then take the spade finesse may be a reasonable line. It is something that I will play with next week when I do not have tight deadlines to meet.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

<p>♠ A1083 ♥ QJ ♦ 853 ♣ QJ32</p>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N E W S </div>	<p>♠ Q764 ♥ A54 ♦ KQ64 ♣ A9</p> <p>♠ K ♥ 93 ♦ A972 ♣ 1087654</p> <p>♠ J952 ♥ K108762 ♦ J10 ♣ K</p>	<p>♠ Q764 ♥ A54 ♦ KQ64 ♣ A9</p>
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fouda</i>	<i>Homsy</i>	<i>Bakly</i>	<i>El Kourdy</i>
–	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
All Pass			



What would you do with the South hand? Would you transfer to hearts or use Stayman to check for a spade fit? At this table the transfer was chosen and with the hearts breaking and the spades blocked the contract succeeded.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Magdi	Abbas	Shafiq	Ahmed
-	1NT	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

In this room South chose the more scientific route of Stayman and was unfortunate enough to find a four-card spade suit in North's hand. There was no way to avoid the loss of three trumps and the ♦A. A useful thirteen IMPs to El Gezira (1).

Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ AK8752		♠ -									
♥ KQ43		♥ AJ10987									
♦ 105		♦ KQ8									
♣ 5		♣ KQ104									
♠ J109											
♥ 6											
♦ 9432											
♣ AJ983											
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		♠ Q643									
		♥ 52									
		♦ AJ76									
		♣ 762									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fouda	Homsy	Bakly	El Kourdy
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♠	2♥	3♠
Pass	4♠	4NT*	Double
5♣	Pass	Pass	Double

All Pass
4NT 6♥, 4 min

Another marathon of thought after the ace of spades was led and ruffed in dummy. Declarer cashed the ♥A and ruffed one and fatally led a trump, (he was now to going to fail) which was won in dummy and led another heart on which he discarded a diamond. To cut a sad story short declarer still had two diamonds to lose and so was one off. To succeed the best plan (but not only plan) is to lead a diamond towards dummy's honours when that loses to the ace you will find that

nine of diamonds comes into its own as North's ♦10 is doubleton. It is very instructive to actually play out the cards and as long as you do not touch trumps you will find many ways to come to eleven tricks depending on what the defence tries to do.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Magdi	Abbas	Shafiq	Ahmed
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	4♠	5♥	5♠
Double	All Pass		

When East started with the ♣K a potential under-trick was lost, but after this minor distraction the defence got back on the straight and narrow and the ace of hearts was cashed and it was followed by a ruff. A diamond trick was still to come to take the contract two off. Twelve more IMPs to El Gezira (1).

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ 9873		♠ J									
♥ K8654		♥ 102									
♦ A82		♦ Q43									
♣ A		♣ KQJ8764									
♠ AK1054											
♥ J											
♦ J10765											
♣ 53											
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		♠ Q62									
		♥ AQ973									
		♦ K9									
		♣ 1092									

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Fouda	Homsy	Bakly	El Kourdy
-	-	3♣	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	4♥
All Pass			

Not the strongest of doubles but sometimes risks have to be taken, you do not expect anything horrendous to happen and sometimes you hit the jackpot, as in this case. Even when the defence find their spade ruff the contract is still ice-cold.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Magdi	Abbas	Shafiq	Ahmed
-	-	3♣	All Pass

A less adventurous North gave East the opportunity to play the hand. South made the aggressive lead



of the king of diamonds and when it held the suit was continued to North's ace, East dropping the queen. For reasons I cannot fathom North did not reward South with a diamond ruff. Whose methods are to lead the king from K93? Since North did not wish to defeat the contract he speeded up proceedings by cashing the ace of trumps and switching a heart. Declarer could now claim his contract and twelve more IMPs to El Gezira (1).

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ A109	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q8742
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W E					
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♥ KQ953	♥ 1072				
♦ A85	♦ J72				
♣ 106	♣ QJ				
♠ 5		♠ KJ63			
♥ 8		♥ AJ64			
♦ KQ10943		♦ 6			
♣ K7432		♣ A985			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fouda</i>	<i>Homsy</i>	<i>Bakly</i>	<i>El Kourdy</i>
1♥	3♣*	Pass	5♣
All Pass			
3♣	minors		

Results Round Robin 21

Team	Team	IMPs	VPs	VPs
El Ahly (1)	Wadi Degla	53-19	17.31	2.69
El Gezira (1)	El Maadi	61-10	19.25	0.75
El Gezira (2)	Sporting	20-56	2.41	17.59
El Ahly (2)	El Zohour	67-54	13.52	6.48
Protec	El Ahly (3)	76-10	20	0

Results Round Robin 22

Team	Team	IMPs	VPs	VPs
El Gezira (1)	Wadi Degla	31-26	11.48	8.52
El Gezira (2)	El Maadi	29-18	13.04	6.96
El Ahly (2)	Heliopolis	44-37	12.03	7.97
Protec	Sporting	21-33	6.72	13.28
El Ahly (3)	El Zohour	29-36	7.97	12.03

South made a well judged raise to the five-level. A heart was led to dummy's ace and the singleton diamond provoked West into rising with the ♦A. A heart continuation, coupled with the 2-2 trump split, gave declarer the rest of the tricks, making plus one.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Magdi</i>	<i>Abbas</i>	<i>Shafiq</i>	<i>Ahmed</i>
1♥	2♦	2♥	Double
Pass	3♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	All Pass	

North did not get his hand off his chest with a two-suited overcall and consequently South did not get the message about the hand and so let the auction die in 4♣. Incidentally 3NT is a very interesting contract, it should fail but requires very good defence and the initial lead has to be a small minor-suit card, another hand that will repay further contemplation, but another ten IMPs to El Gezira (1).

When the dust had finally, and slowly, settled El Gezira (1) had won by 61-10, very close to a maximum, their hopes were definitely still very much alive.

Final Standings

Teams	Rank	VPs
Protec	1	293.58
El Gezira (1)	2	285.07
Sporting	3	282.81
Heliopolis	4	273.6
El Ahly (1)	5	269.35
El Gezira (2)	6	229.41
El Ahly(2)	7	211.3
Wadi Degla	8	205.05
El Maadi	9	179.21
El Zohour	10	133.2
El Ahly (3)	11	76.87

Protec

Round Robin 22

Sporting

After the first session today Protec had put themselves in a strong position by winning 20-0 but Sporting also had a good result with 17.59 points while El Gezira (1) had a near maximum with 19.25. Unfortunately for Heliopolis its win against BYE was not sufficient to give them a chance to lift the trophy. For Sporting to have a chance they needed to beat Protec by at least 50 IMPs while EL Gezira's chances rest on them scoring nearly 14 VPs more than Protec.

We will follow the Sporting Protec match and hope for interesting deals with the occasional firework.

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 742 ♥ QJ1053 ♦ 2 ♣ 10753	<div style="border: 1px solid #008000; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ KJ653 ♥ 74 ♦ QJ984 ♣ 9
♠ A8 ♥ AK8 ♦ K1063 ♣ K862		

I will say nothing about this board except that it was flat with a score of 1400 at both tables. Both East/West's somehow decided to play in Four Spades, unsurprisingly it was doubled and declarer managed to take four tricks. It was pleasing to watch the surgical defence at both tables.

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ AJ8 ♥ 642 ♦ AJ9865 ♣ 2	<div style="border: 1px solid #008000; padding: 5px; width: 60px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ Q52 ♥ AQ83 ♦ K42 ♣ Q83
♠ 10976 ♥ 10 ♦ Q1073 ♣ 10965		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ragab</i>	<i>Nayer</i>	<i>Fadaly</i>	<i>Elselehdaar</i>
-	-	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

I assume that West's 1NT was forcing, though like a lot of bids it was not alerted. The lead of the ♠10 was covered by the jack, queen and king. Declarer now embarked on a crossruff after cashing the ♣A, club ruffed, ♦A cashed, diamond ruffed (club discarded), club ruffed. Dummy's last trump was led and the jack inserted which held the trick. Now a spade towards dummy finessed against the nine allowed a diamond to be ruffed and dummy re-entered with a spade and the trump king was made en passant on the lead of another diamond from dummy. Nicely played.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Abdelhady</i>	<i>Amiry</i>	<i>Sawires</i>	<i>Samir</i>
-	-	1♥	Pass
3♠*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♥	All Pass
3♠	any splinter		
3NT	which suit?		

I would question West going beyond game with the 4♠ bid, both players were a little pushy and the hands did not complement each other. Declarer played for one of the very few distributions that would allow the contract to succeed, i.e. ♥Q10x in North and the ♣Q trebleton. It was not to be, so thirteen IMPs to Sporting.



Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ —	♠ KQJ42	♠ A8653
♥ J954	♥ Q	♥ K86
♦ AQ8	♦ J1093	♦ K76
♣ KQJ1075	♣ 943	♣ A2

♠ 1097	♠ 1097
♥ A10732	♥ A10732
♦ 542	♦ 542
♣ 86	♣ 86



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Ragab	Nayer	Fadaly	Elselehdaar
1♣	1♠	Pass	Pass
Double	All Pass		

As West you know what is going to happen and you have that sinking feeling in your stomach when you make your reopening double and yes partner passes. I also think you should not make trap passes if when your partner doubles and you leave it in you do not lead a trump. The defence was a horror story and so that we do not distress those of a sensitive disposition we will gloss over it, but

as you can imagine from my earlier remarks East did not lead a trump but cashed the ace of clubs and then STILL refused to lead trumps. A contract that should have failed by two tricks was allowed to make.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Abdelhady	Amiry	Sawires	Samir
1♣	1♠	3NT	All Pass

A much more simple bid from East which had the secondary benefit of having ten tricks on top which garnered eleven IMPs for Protec.

The rest of the hands were all small part-score swings and generally uninteresting, though we did have the unmitigated joy of seeing a hand where the bidding was Pass-Pass-Pass-Pass, a very rare occurrence these days.

At the end of the match Sporting had eked out a narrow win of 33-21 over Protec but this was nowhere near enough to reverse their places in the standings. The hands did not contribute to the possibilities of big swings.

Final Cross Table Scores

Team	Ahly (1)	Ahly (2)	Ahly (3)	Gezira (1)	Gezira (2)	Maadi	Zohour	Heliopolis	Protec	Sporting	Wadi Degla	RR 1	Bye	Rk.	VPs
Protec	3.74	16.73	20	3.74	19.77	16.26	16.42	2.03		6.72	12.55	163.62	12	1	293.58
El Gezira (1)	11.76	7.74	20		12.8	19.25	18.66	6.72	16.26	13.75	11.48	134.65	12	2	285.07
Sporting	19.34	20	19.85	6.25	17.59	3.58	17.45	7.97	13.28		17.85	127.65	12	3	282.81
Heliopolis	4.08	7.97	20	13.28	18.21	14.4	7.71		17.97	12.03	16.73	129.22	12	4	273.6
El Ahly (1)		18.66	16.73	8.24	10.91	16.42	20	15.92	16.26	0.66	17.31	116.24	12	5	269.35
El Gezira (2)	9.09	5.4	14.6	7.2		13.04	16.73	1.79	0.23	2.41	19.34	127.58	12	6	229.41
El Ahly(2)	1.34		16.67	11.76	14.6	15.56	13.52	12.03	3.27	0	4.81	105.74	12	7	211.3
Wadi Degla	2.69	15.19	20	8.52	0.66	16.42	16.95	3.27	6.7	2.15		100.5	12	8	205.05
El Maadi	3.58	4.44	16.88	0.75	6.96		5	0	3.74	16.42	3.58	105.86	12	9	179.21
El Zohour	0	6.48	12.03	1.34	3.27	15		12.29	3.58	2.55	2.55	62.11	12	10	133.2
El Ahly (3)	3.27	2.83		0	5.4	3.12	7.97	0	0	-0.35	0	42.63	12	11	76.87



Final Butler Rankings

Rank	IMPs	Names	Teamw
1	1.53	nayer AHMED NAYER - sale7dar ALI ELSELEHDAAR	Protec
2	1.01	ekdawi MAGED EKKDAWI	Sporting
3	0.86	Abaza1961 KHALED ABAZA	El Ahly (1)
4	0.78	Mohsen k MOHSEN KAMEL	El Ahly (1)
5	0.72	shazly YEHIA EL SHAZLY	Heliopolis
6	0.7	thejuwel ADEL EL KOURDY	El Gezira (1)
7	0.66	samirsalib SAMIR SALIB	Heliopolis
8	0.65	amr.leheta AMR LEHETA	Heliopolis
9	0.61	kiko MAUD KHOURI - boss226 NADA WATTAR	El Gezira (1)
10	0.56	Mavrick REDA AMIRY	Sporting
11	0.53	guitonnell MARGUERITE HOMSY	El Gezira (1)
12	0.53	Zimeditch HAZEM ADLY	El Ahly (1)
13	0.52	fadaly ASSER FADALY - Amr13 AMR RAGAB	Sporting
14	0.51	Awahdan ASHRAF WAHDAN	El Ahly (1)
15	0.45	A samir AHMED SAMIR	Sporting
16	0.42	the micho MOHAMED MAGDI	El Gezira (1)
17	0.39	knight ABDELRAHMAN MOSAAD - azeema7 MOHAMED ABDELAZIM	Protec
18	0.38	mfadel58 MOHAMED FADEL	Heliopolis
19	0.34	Deepdiver MOHMED HAMMAM	El Maadi
20	0.33	kabouki AHMED FOUAD	El Gezira (2)
21	0.29	mooaaz MOHAMED ABDELHADY - sawires MINA SAWIRES	Protec
22	0.27	Sphere MINA MILAD	Wadi Degla
23	0.25	Romeo TAREK SALAH	El Ahly (1)
24	0.23	Ahmadzein AHMED ZEIN	El Ahly (1)
25	0.19	Az5555 SOMAIA WAHDAN	El Gezira (2)
26	0.19	Elewa MAGED ELEWA	El Gezira (2)
27	0.18	EgySlam AHMED HARB	El Gezira (2)
28	0.02	melkhot MARAWAN KHEDR	El Gezira (2)
29	0	mido2011 ISMAIL MOUSTAFA	El Ahly (2)
30	-0.01	karimmoh8 KARIM ASHRAF	Wadi Degla
31	-0.04	Sameregy SAMER MAHMOUD	Wadi Degla
32	-0.06	Bassio RAMY BASSUNY - Ashry00 MOHAMED EL ASHRY	El Ahly (2)
33	-0.09	Ahmedmoh AHMED MOHASSEB	El Ahly (2)
34	-0.11	Bakly AHMED HUSSEIN	El Maadi
35	-0.16	heshmat1 MOHAMED HESHMAT	Wadi Degla
36	-0.19	mzaitoun MAHMOUD ZAITOUN - simpa961 MOSTAFA SHEDID	Wadi Degla
37	-0.27	M fouda MOTAZ FOUADA	El Maadi
38	-0.43	farrag2020 AMR FARRAG	Wadi Degla
39	-0.57	Kermet IHAB SEDDIK	El Ahly (2)
40	-0.63	Baherr BAHER AHMED	El Maadi
41	-0.68	Tt1971 TAMER IBRAHIM	El Zohour
42	-0.78	Bangloo13 HISHAM MOKTAR	El Zohour
43	-0.8	Amy75 AYMAN LOTFY	El Ahly (2)
44	-0.86	Thabet2007 MOHAMED THABET	El Zohour
45	-0.89	drnader NADER NABIL	El Zohour
46	-1.04	sherifsok SHERIF ELSOKARY	El Ahly (3)
47	-1.04	nouragain NOUR KHAYRY	El Ahly (3)
48	-1.44	garoga MOSTAFA MEDHAT	El Ahly (3)
49	-1.52	sherif sas SHERIF HELMY	El Ahly (3)
50	-1.73	amrbadawii AMR BADAWI	El Ahly (3)
51	-1.75	mitos1978 MOHAMED BEBARS	El Ahly (3)