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## The Long Road Starts

After just two of twenty two rounds to be played over five weekends **Protec** have taken an early lead ahead of **Sporting**. They were the only team to score a maximum. In Round One **El Gezira (2)** withdrew from their match. There were good wins for **Heliopolis** and **Sporting**. Round Two was a calmer affair with **El Gezira (2)** being the highest scorer.

There were penalties given for smoking and late arrival, please take note.

### Results Round Robin 1

Team	Team	IMPs	VPs	VPs
El Ahly (3)	<b>Heliopolis</b>	9-56	1.13	18.87
<b>Protec</b>	El Maadi	67-3	20	0
<b>El Ahly (2)</b>	El Ahly(1)	37-9	16.42	3.58
El Zohour	<b>Sporting</b>	27-65	2.15	17.85
El Gezira (1)	<b>El Gezira (2)</b>	0-0	14.4	0

### Results Round Robin 2

Team	Team	IMPs	VPs	VPs
<b>Protec</b>	El Gezira (1)	50-29	15.19	4.81
<b>El Gezira (2)</b>	Wadi Degla	62-26	17.59	1.91
<b>El Zohour</b>	El Maadi	26-20	10.26	8.24
El Ahly (3)	<b>El Ahly (1)</b>	32-41	7.45	12.55
<b>Sporting</b>	Heliopolis	30-19	13.04	6.96

### Standings After Two Rounds

Team	Rank	VPs
Protec	1	35.19
Sporting	2	30.89
El Ahly (2)	3	28.42
Heliopolis	4	25.83
El Gezira (1)	5	19.21
El Gezira (2)	6	17.59
El Ahly (1)	7	16.13
Wadi Degla	8	13.91
El Zohour	9	12.41
El Ahly (3)	10	8.58
El Maadi	11	8.24

Round 2 Results include 1.5 VP penalty for El Zohour and 0.5 VP penalty for Wadi Degla.

*All information can be found on the websites:*

**[www.bridgewebs.com/ebf/](http://www.bridgewebs.com/ebf/) or [www.egyptbridge.org](http://www.egyptbridge.org)**



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# Information for Captains

Very important notes, Kindly circulate to all of your players

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 League 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 "Egypt League as a substitute? Your partner will be xxxxxxxx"*

YES NO

Please alert your players to accept this request ASAP.

## \*VERY IMPORTANT NOTES \*

The BBO Management recommends that you wait in the main section of BBO when you are about to receive an invitation to play. Different areas of BBO are managed by different servers, so if you are located in the casual section the system may read you as being offline even if you are online.

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 Egypt League 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	3rd Match Time: 12:00 PM			4th Match Time 2:45 PM		
	Saturday 12.12.20	Wadi Degla	X	Protec	Wadi Degla	X
El Ahly (2)		X	El Ahly (3)	El Gezira (2)	X	Protec
El Gezira (2)		X	El Zohour	BYE	X	El Ahly (3)
BYE		X	Sporting	El Gezira (1)	X	El Zohour
El Gezira (1)		X	Heliopolis	El Ahly (1)	X	Sporting
El Ahly (1)		X	El Maadi	El Maadi	X	Heliopolis

El Zohour

# Round Robin 1

Sporting

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ AQ53 ♥ K95 ♦ Q9432 ♣ A	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N W     E S                 </div>	♠ J742 ♥ Q10 ♦ J106 ♣ QJ92	♠ 1086 ♥ 432 ♦ 875 ♣ 10863
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Board 7. Dealer South. All Vul.

♠ J4 ♥ 862 ♦ 87532 ♣ K87	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;">                     N W     E S                 </div>	♠ 109832 ♥ J1074 ♦ K96 ♣ 10	♠ K ♥ AQ93 ♦ AQJ4 ♣ AQ62  ♠ AQ765 ♥ K5 ♦ 10 ♣ J9543
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Samir</i>	<i>Thabet</i>	<i>Amiry</i>	<i>Hassanin</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♦	1♥	1♠	Pass
2♠	3♣	Pass	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Samir</i>	<i>Thabet</i>	<i>Amiry</i>	<i>Hassanin</i>
-	-	-	2♠*
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♣
Pass	6♣	All Pass	
2♠	5♠ and a minor		
2NT	which minor?		

It cannot be too frequent that one sees a) a twelve loser hand and b) a free bid with such a hand. For it to pay off 3♠ must make and 4♥ must only go down one trick. If one is a believer in the Losing Trick Count then partner would need a three loser hand to justify South's bidding. I leave it to the discerning reader to decide if that is probable. The defence, which was not difficult, took the maximum and the contract failed by three tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ibrahim</i>	<i>Ekkdawi</i>	<i>Nabil</i>	<i>Abdelfattah</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♦	Double	1♠	Pass
3♠	All Pass		

There were no flights of fancy for South at this table and declarer lost two diamonds, a spade and a heart to bring home his contract and 8 IMPs to Sporting.

A pragmatic bid by North, it is almost impossible for South to hold an ace and two kings so the small slam will be a good bet. Declarer had no problem with the play. The main point of which is the correct handling of the trump suit. After the initial lead of a heart won in hand the correct play of a small club towards dummy loses no tricks whenever West has the singleton ♣K, doubleton ♣K or ♣K87 as the ♣10 falls under the queen (about 33%). Starting with the ♣J has the same chances except that it will lose a trick whenever West has the ♣K singleton.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ibrahim</i>	<i>Ekkdawi</i>	<i>Nabil</i>	<i>Abdelfattah</i>
-	-	-	2♠*
Pass	4♠	All Pass	
2♠	♠ and a minor		

If the self-alert given was correct then I suspect North may have forgotten the system. I am sure had he realised he had nine-card fit in a minor he would have made a forward move. As it was that was 13 IMPs to El Zohour.



Board 11. Dealer South. None Vul.

♠ Q93  
 ♥ AQ4  
 ♦ AK2  
 ♣ A954  
 ♠ 1052  
 ♥ J752  
 ♦ Q1087  
 ♣ K2  
 ♠ K8764  
 ♥ K106  
 ♦ 9643  
 ♣ Q  
 ♠ AJ  
 ♥ 983  
 ♦ J5  
 ♣ J108763



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Samir	Thabet	Amiry	Hassanin
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

North showed a balanced 18-19 count and South 5♠ and 4♦ and so the spade game was reached. The heart lead was won in dummy with the ace and ace and another club ruffed in hand followed. A heart to the queen and another club played from dummy, ruffed with the ♠6 and overruffed with the ♠10. Yet again Wests exited with a heart to South's ♥K and declarer then played a trump towards dummy and when he inserted the ♠9 and lost to the ♠J the contract was doomed.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ibrahim	Ekkdawi	Nabil	Abdelfattah
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

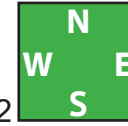
3♣ was obviously some kind of asking bid and I suspect that 3♠ showed three of them. The ♦7 was the opening attack at this table taken by the ace in dummy. The ace of clubs and a club ruff ensued.

Dummy was entered by a heart to attempt to ruff another clubs but this was overruffed by West, who exited with a diamond. Declarer could now play a trump from dummy, East did best by rising with the ace and pushing another club through. Declarer rose with the trump king and when the

other two outstanding trumps fell under the queen declarer was home. 10 IMPs for Sporting.

Board 12. Dealer West. N/S Vul.

♠ AQ4  
 ♥ J1065  
 ♦ Q642  
 ♣ 54  
 ♠ KJ82  
 ♥ 32  
 ♦ 9  
 ♣ K109862  
 ♠ 107  
 ♥ AKQ98  
 ♦ A85  
 ♣ AJ3  
 ♠ 9653  
 ♥ 74  
 ♦ KJ1073  
 ♣ Q7



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Samir	Thabet	Amiry	Hassanin
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣*	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣*	Pass	4♦*	Pass
5♣*	All Pass		
3♣	Asking relay		
5♣	suit		

The explanations for the middle two alerted bids were not comprehensible to me but the final contract was not only a sound one but played from the right side. When trumps proved to be 2-2 declarer just cashed his hearts and established the long one by ruffing and so had eleven tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ibrahim	Ekkdawi	Nabil	Abdelfattah
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

As East would you rather play in a 5-2 fit or a 6(7)-3 fit? We will cast a veil over the play as it seems declarer has a mislick to unfortunately fail by one tricks so 10 more IMPs to Sporting



Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 10  
 ♥ 84  
 ♦ A10982  
 ♣ QJ1042

♠ 943  
 ♥ AKQ652  
 ♦ QJ5  
 ♣ 5

♠ AQ652  
 ♥ 1073  
 ♦ K  
 ♣ K983

♠ KJ87  
 ♥ J9  
 ♦ 7643  
 ♣ A76



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Samir</i>	<i>Thabet</i>	<i>Amiry</i>	<i>Hassanin</i>
-	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♥	All Pass
3NT	mild slam invite		

The ♠10 lead was taken in dummy by the ace and trumps drawn in two rounds. A club to dummy's king lost to the ace and a diamond return was taken by North's ace. The ♣Q followed and was ruffed in hand but declarer could do nothing about the two spades in his hands and with the ♠KJ sitting over the ♠Q he was always going to be one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ibrahim</i>	<i>Ekkdawi</i>	<i>Nabil</i>	<i>Abdelfattah</i>
-	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pas
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

After a couple of cue-bids the contract of 4♥ was settled upon. Again the lead was the ♠10 taken in dummy with the ace. A heart back to hand and a club then towards the king saw North split his honours as it lost to the ace. South could have immediately broken the contract by playing ♠K and another but he returned a heart won in hand before playing a diamond that North took with his ace. He then exited with the ♣Q ruffed in hand. Declarer played a spade towards dummy, more in hope than expectation, and of course South won the trick cheaply. Yet again South had the chance to play the ♠K to take the contract one off but declined and exited with a club, ruffed in hand, the two diamond honours were cashed and a small trump led to dummy's ten. The ♣9 from dummy was now presented and

South, perhaps having had a small siesta part way through the play of the hand now had to discard on the ♣9 from dummy. As you may guess from the number of times South should have played the ♠K this was the occasion when he should not, but did, and thus declarer made an impossible contract. So 12 IMPs to El Zohour.

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ Q3  
 ♥ J83  
 ♦ KQ84  
 ♣ AKQ9

♠ J9754  
 ♥ 107  
 ♦ 1052  
 ♣ 873

♠ 1082  
 ♥ 62  
 ♦ A973  
 ♣ J542

♠ AK6  
 ♥ AKQ954  
 ♦ J6  
 ♣ 106



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Samir</i>	<i>Thabet</i>	<i>Amiry</i>	<i>Hassanin</i>
-	-	-	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

North's 4♥ bid seems a trifle timid after partner has shown a very good hand in hearts. What could it cost to at least make a cue-bid such as 4♣. Had West not led a diamond declarer should have made all the tricks as there is a minor suit squeeze against East for the thirteenth trick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ibrahim</i>	<i>Ekkdawi</i>	<i>Nabil</i>	<i>Abdelfattah</i>
-	-	-	1♥
Pass	2♣	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♣	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Double	Pass
Pass	6♥	All Pass	

When North responds at the two-level it is not necessary for South to jump, the auction is not going to die in the immediate future. After the support from North, South can instigate a cue-bidding sequence that will see then to the excellent slam. The better bidding was worth 13 IMPs to Sporting. In a high scoring game Sporting came out on top 65-27.

## 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 – before the TD arrival - , 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 – before the TD arrival - , 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.

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## 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 - avant l'arrivée du l'ARBITRE -, 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 - avant l'arrivée du l'ARBITRE -, 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.

Protec

## Round Robin 2

El-Gezira(1)

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ Q8 ♥ 52 ♦ AK82 ♣ AKQ43	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">N</div> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">E</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">W</div> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">S</div> </div>	♠ 76543 ♥ AK7 ♦ J7 ♣ J85	♠ AJ ♥ QJ3 ♦ Q953 ♣ 10762  ♠ K1092 ♥ 109864 ♦ 1064 ♣ 9
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Magdi</i>	<i>Elselehdaar</i>	<i>Homsy</i>	<i>Nayer</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

A sound looking contract with nine top tricks. But nine top tricks only if you take them. North started with the ♥Q and for reasons that are beyond me declarer ducked, maybe some sort of automatic reaction, not seeing any possible clouds on the horizon but North had a hurricane up his sleeve. He produced the ♠A and followed up with the jack. South was awake enough to overtake and cash the ♠10 and ♠9 taking a cast iron contract one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sawires</i>	<i>Wattar</i>	<i>Abdelhady</i>	<i>Khouri</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♥10 which declarer won in hand. He cashed the ♣A and when both defenders followed he claimed nine tricks and 12 IMPs for Protec.

Board 4. Dealer West. All Vul.

♠ 1043 ♥ AQ753 ♦ AQ42 ♣ A	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">N</div> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">E</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">W</div> <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">S</div> </div>	♠ A ♥ K6 ♦ 1053 ♣ KQJ10975	♠ 8 ♥ 10984 ♦ KJ976 ♣ 843  ♠ KQJ97652 ♥ J2 ♦ 8 ♣ 62
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Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Magdi</i>	<i>Elselehdaar</i>	<i>Homsy</i>	<i>Nayer</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♣	All Pass

The 4♠ bid from South did its job. The question is whether West could or should go on. The results merchants will argue that he should, would East have made the same bid without the ♠A? Possibly. Sometimes pre-empts just work. After a diamond lead declarer rose with the ace, unblocked the trump ace and came to hand to run all his trumps and ♠A squeezing North in the red suits for two overtricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Sawires</i>	<i>Wattar</i>	<i>Abdelhady</i>	<i>Khouri</i>
1♥	Pass	2♣	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Double	Redble	All Pass

A more exciting auction. One might say that North's double turned out well as it is possible a slam might have been reached. The wisdom of such doubles is not immediately apparent to me but it appears that recently there has been a sale on red cards and people are eager to get their money's worth. If the auction should go 'All Pass' then you will be happy, the contract might fail by a trick but you know partner is not awash with defence after his spade pre-empt. All you have done is tell the opposition where the diamond honours



are situated. North led the ♠8 which as taken in dummy. The ♣A was unblocked and a spade ruffed in dummy. The king and ace of hearts were next and when a spade was led towards dummy North ruffed with his jack. He exited with a heart ruffed with the ten in dummy. A diamond back to the ace allowed declarer to cash the ♥Q and exit with a small trump and then North had to find a lead from ♦K9 whilst declarer retained ♦Q4 and so declarer took his tenth trick and scored 920 which was worth 7 IMPs to Protec.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ —		♠ —									
♥ 10964		♥ J65									
♦ K1084		♥ AJ									
♣ J10654		♦ AJ953									
		♣ AQ2									
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♥ 52	♥ KQ873										
♦ 6	♦ Q72										
♣ K983	♣ 7										

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Magdi	Elselehdaar	Homsy	Nayer
–	Pass	1NT	Pass
4♥*	Pass	4♠	All Pass
4♥	transfer		

Even with the spades dividing 4-0 declarer was under no strain and lost a spade a heart and a club to bring home his game.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Sawires	Wattar	Abdelhady	Khouri
–	Pass	1NT	2♦*
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

South was bold, vulnerable, opposite a passed hand and an unlimited hand on his left but it paid enormous dividends. West knows he has an eight-card fit at least in spades so surely opposite a strong no-trump he could find some sort of bid and to cap the misery 2♥ is a making contract so that made it 11 IMPs to El Gezira (1).

At the end of the match Protec ran out winners by 50-29.

# Cross Table Scores After Two Rounds

Team	Ahly (1)	Ahly (2)	Ahly (3)	Gezira (1)	Gezira (2)	Maadi	Zohour	Heliopolis	Protec	Sporting	Wadi Degla	Bye	Rk.	VPs	
Protec				15.19		20							1	35.19	
Sporting							17.85	13.04					2	30.89	
El Ahly(2)	16.42											12	3	28.42	
Heliopolis			18.87							6.96			4	25.83	
El Gezira (1)					14.4				4.81				5	19.21	
El Gezira (2)				0							17.59		6	17.59	
El Ahly (1)		3.58	12.55										7	16.13	
Wadi Degla					1.91*								12	8	13.91
El Zohour						10.26*				2.15			9	12.41	
El Ahly (3)	7.45							1.13					10	8.58	
El Maadi							8.24		0				11	8.24	