



The Last Long Weekend

Second day back and a long, long day. In the first session **Heliopolis** managed a whitewash and in the second **El Gwzira (2)** had a very big score, whereas in the third session there were no really big wins but good scores for **El Ahly (2)** and **El Gezira (2)**. At the end of the day **Protec** were still in first place, but their lead has been cut from a match and a half to just a match - at last they have shown they can be fallible. **Heliopolis** had a very good day winning all three matches and accumulating over 45 points taking them into second place. Moving them both up the table, **El Ahly (1)** and **El Gezira (2)** also won their three matches.

Results Round Robin 12

Team	Team	IMPs	VPs	VPs
EL Gezira (2)	EL Gezira (1)	22-32	7.2	12.8
EL Ahly (2)	EL Ahly (1)	29-74	1.34	18.66
Protec	EL Maadi	50-23	16.26	3.74
EL Ahly (3)	Heliopolis	3-75	0	20
EL Zohour	Sporting	29-64	2.55	17.45

Results Round Robin 13

Team	Team	IMPs	VPs	VPs
El Gezira (2)	Wadi Degla	66-14	19.34	0.66
Protec	EL Gezira (1)	23-50	3.74	16.26
El Ahly (3)	EL Ahly (1)	32-62	3.27	16.73
EL Zohour	EL Maadi	47-27	15	5
Sporting	Heliopolis	12-19	7.97	12.03

Results Round Robin 14

Team	Team	IMPs	VPs	VPs
Protec	Wadi Degla	59-50	12.55	7.45
EL Ahly (3)	EL Ahly (2)	22-55	2.83	17.17
EL Zohour	EL Gezira (2)	35-65	3.27	16.73
Heliopolis	EL Gezira (1)	31-19	13.28	6.72
EL Maadi	EL Ahly (1)	27-55	3.58	16.42

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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

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Standings After 11 Rounds

Day, Date	15th Match Time : 2:00 PM			16th Match Time 4:45 PM		
Friday 15.01.2021	Wadi Degla	X	El Ahly (2)	Wadi Degla	X	El Ahly (3)
	El Gezira (2)	X	Protec	Protec	X	El Zohour
	BYE	X	El Ahly (3)	El Ahly (2)	X	Sporting
	El Gezira (1)	X	El Zohour	El Gezira (2)	X	Heliopolis
	El Ahly (1)	X	Sporting	BYE	X	El Maadi
	El Maadi	X	Heliopolis	El Gezira (1)	X	El Ahly (1)

Teams	Rank	VPs
Protec	1	196.17
Heliopolis	2	174.53
El Gezira (2)	3	170.85
El Gezira (1)	4	170.43
El Ahly (1)	5	168.05
Sporting	6	165.07
El Ahly(2)	7	136.25
Wadi Degla	8	120.61
El Maadi	9	118.18
El Zohour	10	82.93
El Ahly (3)	11	48.73



El Gezira (1)

Round Robin 12

El Gezira (2)

For the first session on Saturday we will take a look at the 'local' derby of El Gezira (1) against El Gezira (2), They are lying second and fifth in the table but only seven points separate them

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ J 10 8 3			
♥ 10 5 4			
♦ K 7 6 2			
♣ K 6			
♠ Q		♠ 9 7 6	
♥ Q		♥ K 8 7 6 3	
♦ Q J 9 8 3		♦ 4	
♣ Q J 10 8 3 2		♣ 9 7 5 4	
		♠ A K 5 4 2	
		♥ A J 9 2	
		♦ A 10 5	
		♣ A	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Magdi</i>	<i>Khedr</i>	<i>Shafiq</i>	<i>Elewa</i>
-	-	Pass	1♠
4NT*	Pass	5♣	Double
All Pass			

A daring bid by West caused their opponents trouble – what are your agreements in this situation? What would a Double by North mean in this situation? Questions for which you and your partner should have answers. The five top tricks were safely taken for three down – a good save against a vulnerable game – an even better save against a vulnerable slam.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ayman</i>	<i>Homsy</i>	<i>Harb</i>	<i>El Kourdy</i>
-	-	Pass	1♠
3♣	3♠	5♣	5♦
Pass	5♠	All Pass	

In this room West did not show the same aggression and this allowed North to show his spade support but again it seemed enough to prevent the slam being bid. It is an excellent slam as when the ♠Q falls on the first round all you require is one or both of the heart honours to be with East.

Making an overtrick scored five IMPs

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

		♠ 10 9 2	
		♥ K 4	
		♦ J 5 2	
		♣ Q 10 8 5 4	
♠ 5 3			♠ A K 8 7 4
♥ A J 10 8 2			♥ Q 6 5 3
♦ A 9 8			♦ Q 7 6
♣ A 6 3			♣ 2
		♠ Q J 6	
		♥ 9 7	
		♦ K 10 4 3	
		♣ K J 9 7	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Magdi</i>	<i>Khedr</i>	<i>Shafiq</i>	<i>Elewa</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♥	Pass	3♠*	Pass
3NT*	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	All Pass		
3♠	any splinter		
3NT	which suit?		

Another potential slam hand – not a great one but to beat it requires a diamond lead and the king sitting over the queen and probably the king of hearts badly placed. Why did West bid 4♥, why not show the diamond control, partner could not have a better singleton, your control rich hand could not be much better, just because you only have thirteen points does not mean your hand is a poor one. It is still not probable you will reach the slam but there is no chance if you just bid 4♥.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ayman</i>	<i>Homsy</i>	<i>Harb</i>	<i>El Kourdy</i>
-	-	-	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	4♥	All Pass

I assume the 2♣ bid was some kind of checkback. Again here East may have been marginally guilty in underestimating his hand. I have said many



times before in these bulletins that the ninth trump is worth and extra king, couple that with the singleton, the hand is worth vastly more than its apparent eleven count. Another opportunity missed. An overtrick IMP changed hands but neither team covered themselves in glory.

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ A 1052
 ♥ 76
 ♦ KQ63
 ♣ KJ5

♠ J
 ♥ AKJ53
 ♦ 1075
 ♣ A862

♠ Q863
 ♥ Q982
 ♦ AJ98
 ♣ 9

♠ K974
 ♥ 104
 ♦ 42
 ♣ Q10743

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Magdi	Khedr	Shafiq	Elewa
-	1♣	Pass	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Double
Pass	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

A well-known bridge writer's Bols tip was 'Do not be afraid to respond', as yet South does not seem to have heard of it. What possible harm can come from responding 1♠ – the roof cannot fall in as you have the safety net of the club suit. By not bidding you have freed up more space for the opposition, West can show the five-card heart suit and as we have learned from the musings above East can now revalue the hand with that all important ninth trump. The hands fit so well that in spite of a combined point count of 22 4♥ makes with an overtrick.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ayman	Homsy	Harb	El Kourdy
-	1♦	Pass	1♠
Double	2♠	3♥	All Pass

Notice the effect of responding 1♠, now West cannot bid 1♥ and falls back on a Double, additionally North can support the spades and now East has to bid at the three-level and is unaware of the nine-card fit and so subsides in 3♥. Six IMPs for El Gezira (1).

Board 6. Dealer East. E/W Vul.

♠ 108
 ♥ 874
 ♦ K87432
 ♣ KJ

♠ AKJ
 ♥ QJ3
 ♦ AQ1095
 ♣ 85

♠ Q9632
 ♥ K105
 ♦ J6
 ♣ 974

♠ 754
 ♥ A962
 ♦ -
 ♣ AQ10632

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Magdi	Khedr	Shafiq	Elewa
-	-	Pass	1♣
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♣
Double	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	3♦	All Pass

Looking at the East/West cards you would rather go down one in 4♠ than one in 3♦ as both could have made if the diamond finesse was on side. On this particular layout it is possible for 3♠ to fail by one trick if South can underlead the ♣AQ twice to get two diamond ruffs – not the most likely of scenarios. With West's hand I would have bid 3♠ instead of the second Double every time even though it would mean partner is playing the contract. The defence lost its way and declarer escaped for one down.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ayman	Homsy	Harb	El Kourdy
-	-	Pass	1♣
Double	1♦	1♠	Pass
2♣	Double	Pass	3♣
3♠	All Pass		

There are those who would frown upon West's Double, but not your humble scribe, the fashion nowadays is to overcall 1♦. I am from an era where we did not have fashion. On this board I am proved right as the contract was in the correct denomination. South led the ♣2 which North took but was not awake enough to notice the meaning of the club lead and woodenly cashed another club and switched to a heart, South's possible brilliancy all for nought and so six IMPs to El Gezira (2).



Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A87
 ♥ KQJ
 ♦ KJ5
 ♣ KQ62
 ♠ 62
 ♥ A983
 ♦ A1093
 ♣ A97
 ♠ QJ10954
 ♥ 62
 ♦ 764
 ♣ 108
 ♠ K3
 ♥ 10754
 ♦ Q82
 ♣ J543



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Magdi</i>	<i>Khedr</i>	<i>Shafiq</i>	<i>Elewa</i>
1♦	Double	2♠	Pass
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

North's 2NT bid showed 18/19+ as with less could have overcalled 1NT so South had a raise to game. Only West's three aces were tricks for the defence so the contract made with an overtrick.

Closed Room.

West	North	East	South
<i>Ayman</i>	<i>Homsy</i>	<i>Harb</i>	<i>El Kourdy</i>
1♦	Double	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	All Pass

Surely North has to make another effort, if the opposition are playing in a low-level part-score when your side has 25 points and a cast iron game then something has gone awry. 2♠ only failed by one trick so nine IMPs to El Gezira (2).

Board 9. Dealer North. E/W Vul.

♠ Q9632
 ♥ J63
 ♦ 7
 ♣ A432
 ♠ 105
 ♥ 8754
 ♦ 5
 ♣ KQJ1075
 ♠ J74
 ♥ AK102
 ♦ K10963
 ♣ 9
 ♠ AK8
 ♥ Q9
 ♦ AQJ842
 ♣ 86



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Magdi</i>	<i>Khedr</i>	<i>Shafiq</i>	<i>Elewa</i>
-	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Another hand where, with over half the pack and a good play for game, one side did not enter the auction. I must confess to not seeing a practical way for North/South to enter into this auction. Neither did the defence pass the test. It started correctly with a small diamond to the jack and another returned. Declarer did well by discarding a spade in dummy while North ruffed and then he had to return a spade so that South could push another diamond through but, perhaps with the idea of preventing ruffs in dummy, switched to a trump. Now declarer was able to draw trumps and establish the clubs and so had nine tricks.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Ayman</i>	<i>Homsy</i>	<i>Harb</i>	<i>El Kourdy</i>
-	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	2♠
3♣	3♠	All Pass	

In this room we can see the power of West's pre-emptive raise to 3♥ as it effectively silenced the opposition, but when West passed a brave North had a chance to poke his nose into the auction and his side came to rest in 3♠. South was not hard pressed to make the contract and with less than perfect defence made an overtrick. 4♠ can be beaten on a trump lead but on a different lead it is interesting to go through the play to make 4♠ against good defence. A couple of minutes with Deep Finesse will provide interest and amusement.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ AKJ7
 ♥ Q1062
 ♦ Q5
 ♣ J86
 ♠ Q82
 ♥ A74
 ♦ 86432
 ♣ 32
 ♠ 109643
 ♥ 5
 ♦ K109
 ♣ 9754
 ♠ 5
 ♥ KJ983
 ♦ AJ7
 ♣ AKQ10





As you can see below both teams found the route to the excellent slam with ease.


Open Room

West	North	East	South
Magdi	Khedr	Shafiq	Elewa
-	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♥
All Pass			

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ayman	Homsy	Harb	El Kourdy
-	1♣	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Double	6♥
All Pass			

Board 15. Dealer South. N/S Vul.

♠ AK10		♠ J8
♥ KJ95		♥ Q3
♦ 3		♦ KQJ1074
♣ AJ632		♣ Q95
♠ Q732		♠ 9654
♥ A84		♥ 10762
♦ 96		♦ A852
♣ K1074		♣ 8

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Magdi	Khedr	Shafiq	Elewa
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1NT	2♣*	Pass
2♦*	Pass	3♦	All Pass
2♣	Capelletti		
2♦	relay		


I am not a fan of off-centre 1NT openings as it seems to me they rarely achieve a positive result and then there is the added tension that arises in a partnership where this is a possibility. No great harm was done on this occasion but no great good either. The contract drifted three off but at 50 a time it was no disaster as there was definitely the probability of a plus score for North/South.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ayman	Homsy	Harb	El Kourdy
-	-	-	Pass
Pass	1♣	3♦	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
5♦	Double	All Pass	

A more normal opening from North elicited a pre-empt from East and when North reopened with a Double South found an imaginative bid to ask North to bid his major. It is true that 4♥ can be made but it either needs a little help from the defence or some excellent views. West's decision to sacrifice would not be everyone's cup of tea and on this occasion it did not turn out well. On top notch defence it can be five off, even the actual four off cost a dozen IMPs, the extra undertrick only being worth an extra two points.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ J		♠ K874
♥ KQJ82		♥ 63
♦ J107653		♦ K82
♣ A		♣ K972
♠ 52		♠ AQ10963
♥ 10975		♥ A4
♦ 4		♦ AQ9
♣ Q108643		♣ J5

Another slam hand where both teams found good auctions to get to the optimum contract. I particularly liked this auction.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ayman	Homsy	Harb	El Kourdy
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	6♦
All Pass			

At the end of the session El Gezira (1) had outscored El Gezira (2) by 32-22. A little more discipline will be required by both teams if they are to challenge for the top spot over the next two weekends.

Heliopolis

Round Robin 13

Sporting

At the beginning of the day Heliopolis and Sporting were lying third and fourth respectively, with less than two points between them. Hopefully it would be a hard fought match to garner points and attack the leaders.

trivially. I was surprised that South did not transfer into 2♠, if not only for the fact that it might be a better contract but it also has a pre-emptive value. When East tried the ♠Q the contract was safe and four IMPs for Heliopolis.

Board 3. Dealer South. E/W Vul.

♠ — ♥ A43 ♦ 10954 ♣ K86432	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ K92 ♥ K972 ♦ KQJ7 ♣ AJ	♠ AQJ76 ♥ Q108 ♦ A63 ♣ 95
♠ 108543 ♥ J65 ♦ 82 ♣ Q107			

Board 5. Dealer North. N/S Vul.

♠ 75 ♥ 9 ♦ AK932 ♣ J9832	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"> N W E S </div>	♠ J4 ♥ KJ863 ♦ Q1064 ♣ A6	♠ AQ1063 ♥ A52 ♦ 5 ♣ KQ104
♠ K982 ♥ Q1074 ♦ J87 ♣ 75			

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Azzam	Amiry	El Awady	Samir
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT*	Pass	3♥*
Pass	3♠	All Pass	
2NT	Max and fit		
3♥	retransfer		

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Azzam	Amiry	El Awady	Samir
—	1♥	1♠	2♥
Double	Pass	3♣	3♥
4♣	Pass	5♣	All Pass

One of my personal bugbears is breaking a transfer, I am sure that there have been times when it has proven useful, but somehow never when it affects me or I am watching. My simple theory is that if partner would act differently because you break the transfer he is quite likely to make an invitation if you just accepted the transfer. The defence was less than dynamic but the contract still failed, to beat it by two tricks needs careful defence – East, if not fully awake, becomes trump bound.

When North opened the bidding it actually helped East/West to get to game in a minor. Both East and West know the heart situation is OK and West has a ninth trump and if you have been following my scribbles you will now how much I value that. After North has opened the bidding 6♣ looks a good bet as you would expect him to hold the ♠K, but they did well to reach the game.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ragab	Salib	Fadaly	Fadel
—	—	—	Pass
Pass	1NT	All Pass	

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ragab	Salib	Fadaly	Fadel
—	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT*	Pass	2♣	All Pass
1NT	forcing 1 round		

Again a contract that can be beaten, but not

Both East and West were cautious and on this hand and it was costly. East's 2♣ could have been bid on a three-card suit so West is not so enamoured with his hand, so that was six IMPs to Heliopolis.



Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ KQ3
 ♥ Q10
 ♦ KQ104
 ♣ A965
 ♠ J107
 ♥ A9852
 ♦ 98
 ♣ QJ2
 ♠ 8642
 ♥ K
 ♦ A752
 ♣ K1073
 ♠ A95
 ♥ J7643
 ♦ J63
 ♣ 84



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Azzam	Amiry	El Awady	Samir
-	-	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	2♦
Pass	2♥	All Pass	

I suspect everyone at the table prophesied that this would be a flat board at 2♥-1. I suspect you do not as I am writing up this hand.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ragab	Salib	Fadaly	Fadel
-	-	Pass	Pass
2♦*	Double	2♥	Double
All Pass			
2♦	wk 2 in maj		

When I saw the alert that West had a weak major I was initially unsure as to which one but when I found my magnifying glass it appears as though it was in hearts, to me the suit did not appear to be over robust for a vulnerable bid. It met the fate it deserved. Two down vulnerable and so nine IMPs to Heliopolis.

Board 16. Dealer West. E/W Vul.

♠ Q10543
 ♥ 10
 ♦ K84
 ♣ J1043
 ♠ A986
 ♥ J98653
 ♦ Q2
 ♣ 5
 ♠ J2
 ♥ Q
 ♦ J10765
 ♣ A9876
 ♠ K7
 ♥ AK742
 ♦ A93
 ♣ KQ2



Open Room

West	North	East	South
Azzam	Amiry	El Awady	Samir
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠*
Pass	3NT	All Pass	
3♠	no fit		

When South denied a spade fit North settled for 3NT. West led the ♥9 to the ♥10, ♥Q and ♥A. Declarer now attacked the clubs producing the ♦Q from hand and when that held he continued with the ♣K. West (mistakenly) discarded a spade and East took the trick with his ace and switched to a diamond taken in dummy with the king. A spade to the king lost to the ace. The diamond return was ducked but East persevered with another diamond and declarer noted West's heart discard. Declarer now knew that East was 5-5 in the minors and had seen two major suit cards and so he knew that West was either 4-6 in the majors or 5-5. If 5-5 he would probably have elected to lead a spade from the stronger major, so when he lead a spade from hand he rose with the queen felling the jack and so made plus one. Had West still held the jack he could have established another spade and with a heart stop in hand and a club entry to dummy he would still have come to nine tricks. A nice piece of card reading, if West had not discarded a spade then declarer would have had to have dropped the ♠J doubleton, not a self-evident manoeuvre.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Ragab	Salib	Fadaly	Fadel
Pass	Pass	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Why not give partner the choice between 3NT and the major suit game. 4♠ can be made double dummy but even when you can see all four hands you have to work hard to make the contract. As South did not have the gift of second sight he failed to make his dismal contract and so ten IMPs to Sporting.

A low scoring session saw ten flat boards and only one double figure swing. The final result was a win for Heliopolis 19-12.

El Ahly (1)

Round Robin 14

El Maadi

When the days sessions started El Ahly (1) and El Maadi were together in the middle of the pack, both needed to accelerate to move up into group challenging the leaders. El Ahly (1) had had a good start to the day winning both their matches well, whereas El Maadi had a poor start.

Board 1. Dealer North. None Vul.

♠ — ♥ KJ864 ♦ Q54 ♣ A8752	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N E S W </div>	♠ Q1032 ♥ A2 ♦ 97 ♣ KJ643	♠ KJ54 ♥ 75 ♦ J8632 ♣ Q10
		♠ A9876 ♥ Q1093 ♦ AK10 ♣ 9	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Adly</i>	<i>Hammam</i>	<i>Wahdan</i>	<i>Ahmed</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
Double	Redble*	2♦	2♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			
Redouble		10+	

West led the ♣A and continued the suit and when declarer, perhaps unwisely, inserted the jack he was forced to ruff the queen. He now sealed his fate by cashing the trump ace and now he could not avoid two trump losers and a heart to go with the ace of clubs the defence had already taken. So one down, what would happen at the other table at it seemed likely the identical contract would be reached.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fouda</i>	<i>Zein</i>	<i>Hussein</i>	<i>Abaza</i>
–	Pass	Pass	1♠
Double	Redble	2♦	2♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Not only was the same contract arrived at but the bidding sequence was also identical. West led a small diamond to the jack and ace. Declarer tried a small club and West went in with his ace and inexplicably tried another diamond which declarer took with the ♦10 and he immediately cashed the ♦K, discarding a heart from dummy. A heart to the ace was followed by the ♠Q covered by the king and won with the ace. A heart was ruffed in dummy before the ♣K was cashed. When the ♣Q fell declarer could only lose a trick to the trump jack. Eleven IMPs to El Ahly (1).

Board 2. Dealer East. N/S Vul.

♠ 85 ♥ AK9873 ♦ J1094 ♣ 4	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> N E S W </div>	♠ K9762 ♥ 1054 ♦ 5 ♣ K973	♠ Q103 ♥ 62 ♦ Q632 ♣ A862
		♠ AJ4 ♥ QJ ♦ AK87 ♣ QJ105	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Adly</i>	<i>Hammam</i>	<i>Wahdan</i>	<i>Ahmed</i>
–	–	Pass	1♣
1♥	1♠	1NT	Double
2♥	3♠	Pass	4♠
All Pass			

Surely a trivial one down, two hearts, ace of clubs and a club ruff, But watch and wonder as to how the defence decide not to take their tricks. East unsurprisingly lead the ♥6 which West took with his king and immediately switched to his singleton club. East took his ace and blithely continued with a heart – oops. Maybe East should ask himself as to why partner switched to a club and did not cash his second heart, also where is the fourth defensive trick coming from if partner is not ruffing a club.



Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fouda</i>	<i>Zein</i>	<i>Hussein</i>	<i>Abaza</i>
-	-	Pass	1♦
2♥	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	2♠	All Pass	

A part-score sufficed in this room and yes the club ruff was found to keep the contract to plus one. But ten IMPs to El Maadi.

Board 8. Dealer West. None Vul.

♠ A6		♠ 52
♥ QJ9854		♥ A10
♦ 1076		♦ AQ42
♣ 97		♣ QJ1042
	♠ K873	
	♥ K	
	♦ KJ983	
	♣ K83	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Adly</i>	<i>Hammam</i>	<i>Wahdan</i>	<i>Ahmed</i>
2♦*	Pass	2♥	All Pass
2♦	wk 2 in maj		

Neither North nor South could find a way into the auction and 2♥ slid gently one off.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fouda</i>	<i>Zein</i>	<i>Hussein</i>	<i>Abaza</i>
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass

North at this table was made of sterner stuff and no doubt expected his partner to be even shorter in hearts than he actually was. South had no compunction in bidding the game. East's Double seems a touch optimistic, if partner's ♠A had been the ♥K then there would have been the spectre of doubled overtricks. As it was declarer discarded a club on the ♦K when East rose with the ace and then established the fifth diamond to dispose of the fourth heart and so the contract was a success. Eleven IMPs to El Ahly (1).

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

♠ Q		♠ J8
♥ Q54		♥ K732
♦ AK76		♦ Q9854
♣ Q10643		♣ 87
♠ A107543		♠ K962
♥ J6		♥ A1098
♦ J103		♦ 2
♣ J9		♣ AK52

Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Adly</i>	<i>Hammam</i>	<i>Wahdan</i>	<i>Ahmed</i>
-	-	Pass	1♣
1♠	Double	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	All Pass	

I suspect a wheel came off during the auction. Probably North thought 3♣ was forcing but South had a different interpretation. I suspect this pair will be having a system discussion before retiring tonight.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fouda</i>	<i>Zein</i>	<i>Hussein</i>	<i>Abaza</i>
-	-	Pass	1♣
1♠	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

When West chose the ♥J as his lead declarer immediately had twelve tricks and eleven IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

♠ 62		♠ 4
♥ QJ862		♥ K107
♦ 63		♦ AKJ974
♣ KQ82		♣ A43
♠ J1073		♠ AKQ985
♥ A543		♥ 9
♦ Q5		♦ 1082
♣ J96		♣ 1075



Open Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Adly</i>	<i>Hammam</i>	<i>Wahdan</i>	<i>Ahmed</i>
-	Pass	1♦	2♠
Pass	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All Pass		

East's bold action by bidding 3♠ paid handsome dividends when West could bid 3NT with a spade stop and the priceless ♦Q. After South cashed three spade tricks declarer had the rest.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
<i>Fouda</i>	<i>Zein</i>	<i>Hussein</i>	<i>Abaza</i>
-	Pass	1♦	2♠
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
3♥	All Pass		

Declarer did not play the hand to best advantage and eventually lost trump control, seven tricks and fourteen IMPs.

At the end of the session El Ahly (1) had beaten El Maadi 55-27 to end the day unbeaten.

Cross Table Scores After Fourteen Rounds

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		16.26					12.55	163.62		1	196.17
Heliopolis			20	13.28						12.03		129.22		2	174.53
El Gezira (2)				7.2			16.73				19.34	127.58		3	170.85
El Gezira (1)					12.8			6.72	16.26			134.65		4	170.43
El Ahly (1)		18.66	16.73			16.42						116.24		5	168.05
Sporting							17.45	7.97				127.65	12	6	165.07
El Ahly(2)	1.34		17.17									105.74	12	7	136.25
Wadi Degla					0.66				7.45			100.5	12	8	120.61
El Maadi	3.58						5		3.74			105.86		9	118.18
El Zohour					3.27	15				2.55		62.11		10	82.93
El Ahly (3)	3.27	2.83						0				42.63		11	48.73



Cumulative Butler Rankings After Round 14

Rank	IMPs	Names
1	1.96	sale7dar ALI ELSELEHDAAR - nayer AHMED NAYER
2	1.33	kabouki AHMED FOUAD
3	1.02	Zimeditch HAZEM ADLY
4	0.93	tarekm1 TAREK METWALI
5	0.81	samirsalib SAMIR SALIB
6	0.8	Mohsen k MOHSEN KAMEL
7	0.71	amr.leheta AMR LEHETA
8	0.67	kiko MAUD KHOURI - boss226 NADA WATTAR
9	0.62	Abaza1961 KHALED ABAZA
10	0.62	mido2011 ISMAIL MOUSTAFA
11	0.61	Awahdan ASHRAF WAHDAN
12	0.56	melkhot MARAWAN KHEDR
13	0.55	ekdawi MAGED EKKDAWI
14	0.47	EgySlam AHMED HARB
15	0.43	Elewa MAGED ELEWA
16	0.42	thejuwel ADEL EL KOURDY
17	0.4	mfadel58 MOHAMED FADEL
18	0.38	Mavrick REDA AMIRY
19	0.36	azeema7 MOHAMED ABDELAZIM - knight_ ABDELRAHMAN MOSAAD
20	0.35	Ahmadzein AHMED ZEIN
21	0.31	dido 1 MOHMED DWIDAR
22	0.26	guitonnell MARGUERITE HOMSY
23	0.24	sawires MINA SAWIRES - mooaaz MOHAMED ABDELHADY
24	0.2	A_samir AHMED SAMIR
25	0.2	Wilsey1 WALID SHAFIQ
26	0.2	Amr13 AMR RAGAB - fadaly ASSER FADALY
27	0.13	simpa961 MOSTAFA SHEDID - mzaitoun MAHMOUD ZAITOUN
28	0.09	Bakly AHMED HUSSEIN
29	-0.02	M_fouda MOTAZ FOUADA
30	-0.03	the_micho MOHAMED MAGDI
31	-0.03	Ahmedmoh AHMED MOHASSEB
32	-0.07	Deepdiver MOHMED HAMMAM
33	-0.18	Romeo TAREK SALAH
34	-0.36	Sameregy SAMER MAHMOUD
35	-0.39	heshmat1 MOHAMED HESHMAT
36	-0.42	karimmoh8 KARIM ASHRAF
37	-0.47	farrag2020 AMR FARRAG
38	-0.53	Ashry00 MOHAMED EL ASHRY - Bassio RAMY BASSUNY
39	-0.59	danadino DINA EL AWADY
40	-0.63	Baherr BAHER AHMED
41	-0.65	Tt1971 TAMER IBRAHIM
42	-0.71	Thabet2007 MOHAMED THABET
43	-0.75	drnader NADER NABIL
44	-0.82	Bangloo13 HISHAM MOKTAR
45	-0.91	Amy75 AYMAN LOTFY
46	-0.94	sherifsok SHERIF ELSOKARY
47	-1.02	Kermet IHAB SEDDIK
48	-1.06	nouragain NOUR KHAYRY
49	-1.18	osamasamir OSAMA SAMIR
50	-1.23	garoga MOSTAFA MEDHAT
51	-1.39	shalaboo AHMED SHALABY - Alolla ALI HUSSEIN
52	-1.48	sherif sas SHERIF HELMY
53	-1.61	amrbadawii AMR BADAWI
54	-1.65	mitos1978 MOHAMED BEBARS