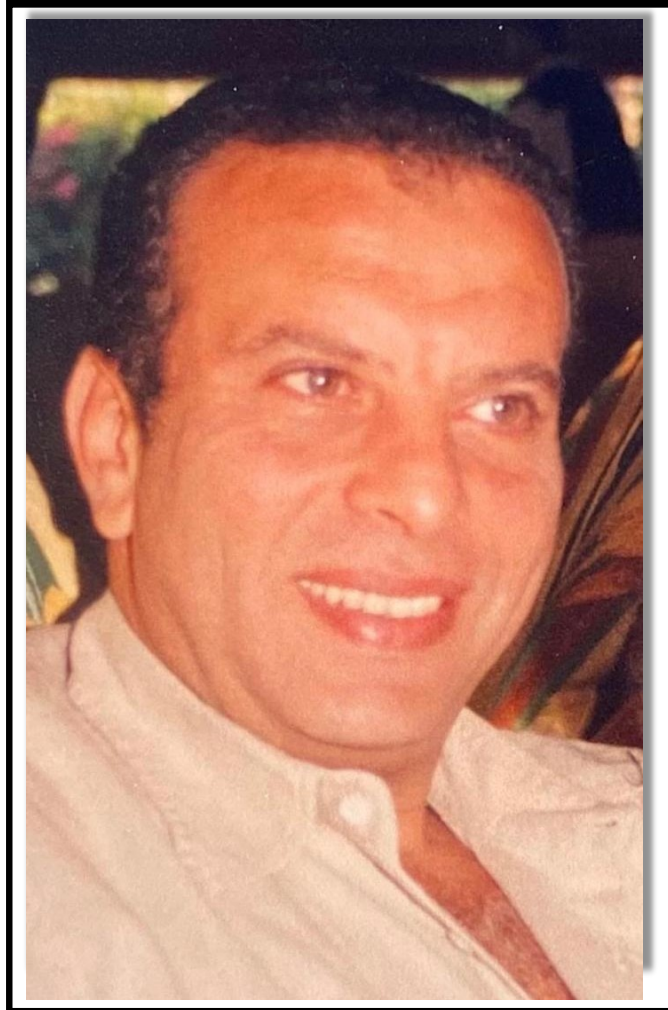


In Memory of the Double
International player **Adel El Kordy**
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Personal

Adel El Kordi (1958 - 2024), a decent and polite gentleman whom respected all and was respected by everybody. A charming and pleasant person, he held a bachelor of commerce and counted .on it to practice his business career away of football and Bridge

Football Career

Adel El Kordi played Football at the local and international level. He was playing professionally to the Arab Contractors FC, this club is historically rated as the third club from the local and international championships' number point of view after Ahli and Zamalek at both the local and Continent level. With his team he won The Africa Cup of the Cups in 1983, the Egyptian League .1982 – 1983, and the Egyptian Cup of the same season

His generation's colleagues were the great Goal Keeper Joseph Bill Antoine of Cameroon, Ismael Devan of Ivory coast, and Abdul Razaq of Ghana. In addition to Hamdy Noah, Alaa Nabil, and Saeed El Shesheni, and many other good players.

When he retired at a relatively early age, he discovered that the bridge adrenaline was a good replacement for the football adrenaline, and the mind game will retain his mental fitness in addition to his physical fitness, a typical concept by many retired sports' champions to retain their competitive spirit and team work qualities.

Bridge Career

Adel El Kordy started his serious bridge career after he retired of professional football in the late eighties, he played the Egyptian Inter-clubs and all of the local championships listed on the Egyptian bridge calendar, including the various international festivals.

In 1991 he stepped into the international bridge career, and his result were consistent and ranked first at many events. He Represented Egypt in many continent and worldwide championships.

Since the African Bridge Federation had been founded in 2000, Adel joined the Egyptian open team, won more than an African championship, and qualified to worldwide Bermuda Bowl open team's championship.

His favorite partners were Samir Salib and Hani Dagher at the international level, however he played with many good players at the local level, however, it is believed that he used to be comfortable and relaxed when he plays with Dr. M. Fadel. How good his game was is shown hereafter by some of the hands he played.

In the remaining few pages, some of the hands he played that we could find in the records are illustrated it, in order to appreciate the quality of his game in the various of the game.

Worldwide Bridge Championships 2005

The 37th Bermuda Bowl, the open series of the 2005 World Bridge Championships was held in Estoril – Portugal at the Congress hall. It was organized by WBF and hosted by PBF.

Egypt's open team comprised Tarek Sadek – Waleed El Ahmadi, Adel El Kordy – Dr. Hany Dagher, Tarek Nadeem – Muhamed Hishmat. And Ashraf Sadek (npc).

This hand was played in the Round Robin; it was Egypt against Sweden. it was introduced by Brian Senior of England within the Round Robin chapter of the memorial book of the championship which was also edited and published by him.

Board No. 5, NS Vulnerable, Dealer North

	♠ 7 5 2		
	♥ Q T 5 3 2		
	♦ 4 3 2		
	♣ 7 6		
♠ K J 8	N	♠ Q T 4	
♥ 8 6	W ⊕ E	♥ A J 9 7	
♦ K J 5	S	♦ A T 8 7 6	
♣ Q J 9 5 3		♣ 2	
	♠ A 9 6 3		
	♥ K 4		
	♦ Q 9		
	♣ A K T 8 4		

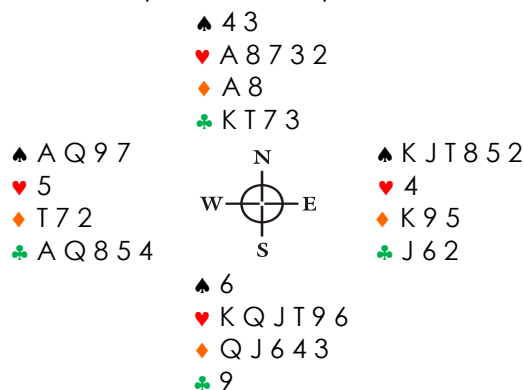
West	North	East	South
Johan Sylvan	Hany Dagher	P. O. Sundelin	Adel El Kordy
--	Pass	1♦	2♣
Double	Pass	2♥	Pass
3NT	All Pass.		
West	North	East	South
Tarek Sadek	Peter Bertheau	Waleed El Ahmadi	Fredrik Nystrom
--	Pass	1♦	2♣
Pass	Pass	Double	All Pass.

"The second auction developed in exactly the way that you might suspect at most experts' tables. Yes, South does not enjoy overcalling with this hand at the two level, but as Bobby Wolf might say, too dangerous is no excuse. In two clubs doubled the defense avoided end playing themselves and collected the routine +800.

In the other room Sylvan's odd double of two clubs was systematically negative, so the opponents were immediately of the hook. Perhaps that was influenced by the partnership's reluctance to re-open on these auctions. To make matters worse in three no trumps, on a club lead and spade shift, Sylvan miss guessed diamonds, and now a spade continuation left him with eight tricks only. 13 IMPs to Egypt".

The second hand was played during the same match; it was still Egypt against Sweden. And to remind you it was also introduced by Brian Senior of England, within the Round Robin chapter of the memorial book of the championship which was also edited and published by him.

Board No. 12, NS Vulnerable, Dealer West



West	North	East	South
Johan Sylvan	Hany Dagher	P. O. Sundelin	Adel El Kordy
2♣	Pass	2♠	3♠
4♠	5♥	5♠	Pass
Pass	Double	All Pass.	

West	North	East	South
Tarek Sadek	Peter Bertheau	Waleed El Ahmadi	Fredrik Nystrom
1♣	1♥	1♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♥
Pass	Pass	5♠	All Pass.

“Two sensible auctions here; Dagher could not risk a vulnerable over call at the two level, but facing El Kurdy's jaunty two-suited overcall he must have been tempted to go for slam. As it was, he judged well to double to double five spades. On the king of heart lead followed by a low diamond shift, Sundelin rose with the diamond king and got out for down one, and +100 to Egypt.

That might have been enough for a flat board, since after Nystrom's imaginative lead of the queen of diamonds, since the defense should have collected 100 also, but Bertheau was not concerned with undoubled under tricks. He cashed his heart ace at trick two, and held his side to +50. The two IMPs to Egypt drew the level”.

6th. Asia, Africa, and Middle East Championships 1991

The Sixth Asia, Africa, and Middle East Championships was organized by BFAAME, the bridge federation of the Zone 4 of the World Bridge Federation. It was held in Delhi – India at the Sheraton Hotel in 1991.

Egypt fielded a team comprising Ahmad Zein – Dr. Medhat Kotb, Dr. Ayman Azam – Dr. Hany Dagher, Samir Salib – Adel El Kordy laand Muhamed Abdul Bari (npc). This hand was played in the Fin rted byoof the open series, it was Egypt against Pakistan, it was rep Ghose, Dr. Subir Roy, India, to the daily bulletin edited by Santana .India

"I must confess that this beauty caught me on the fence. The proverbial horns of dilemma! You dear player be Solomon on this one. I am talking about the match of the championships ... the last of the play-offs. Pakistan against Egypt, the only two real contenders".

Board No. 23, Both Vulnerable, Dealer South

♠ 9	N W—+—E S	♠ JT752
♥ T832		♥ 95
♦ J8		♦ QT93
♣ K76542		♣ 83
	♠ KQ6	
	♥ A64	
	♦ A7652	
	♣ AT	

West	North	East	South	Zia
Mahmood	Adel El Kordy	Kamal Shoabib	Samir Salib	
--	--	--	1♦	
Pass	1♥	Pass	2NT	
Pass	3♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	3♥	
Pass	4NT ⁽²⁾	Pass	5♣ ⁽³⁾	
Double	6NT	All Pass.		

- (1) Check Back Stayman.
- (2) Roman Key Cards Blackwood.
- (3) None or three key cards.

The play of the hand wasn't easy, and the defense wasn't easy, however the hand was made. Zia lead the two of heart, the declarer needed one more trick, so he tried to squeeze East, to do that he tried to rectify the count by giving a club trick but Zia ducked, so declarer tightened the hand before he cashed the diamond king and ducked a diamond as a second try to rectify the count, ... try to play it yourself and make it in view of the given hints.

7th. Asia, Africa, and Middle East Championships 1993

The Seventh Asia, Africa, and Middle East Championships was organized by BFAAME, the bridge federation of the Zone 4 of the World Bridge Federation. It was held in Grand Bay – Mauritius, at Le Mauricia Hotel in June 1993.

Egypt fielded a team comprising Tarek Sadek – Waleed El Ahmadi, Abdul Samih Khalil -- Ashraf Sadek, Samir Salib – Adel El Kordy, and Aziz El Shafei (npc). This hand was played during the Round Rubin of the open series, it was Egypt against South Africa, and it was reported by Phillip Alder of USA, the editor of the daily bulletin.

Board No. 1, None Vulnerable, Dealer North

	♠ J 4 2		
	♥ Q 9 7 2		
	♦ T 7 5 2		
	♣ J 5		
♠ A T 6	N	♠ K Q 8 7 5 3	
♥ 8 3	W — (O) — E	♥ J T	
♦ 9 4	S	♦ K Q 3	
♣ Q 9 8 7 4 2		♣ A 3	
	♠ 9		
	♥ A K 6 5 4		
	♦ A J 8 6		
	♣ K T 6		

West Henry Mansell	North Ashraf Sadek	East Tim Cope	South Samih Khalil
--	Pass	1 ♠	Double
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	3 ♥	3 ♠	All Pass.
West Samir Salib	North Driver	East Adel El Kordy	South Eber
--	Pass	1 ♠	Double
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All Pass.

A subtle difference in evaluation. Adel Kordy blasts usually, straightforward into four spades; Tim Cope passes! Assume four spades one down is the double-dummy result because NS can make four hearts. However, that was all of heart material. In the open room, Samih Khalil led the action, declarer found switched to the nine of spades. In the fullness of time, declarer started with his most obvious four tricks. In the other room, Eber led with two top hearts, driver playing seven then two. Decided gratefully, showed a doubleton, Eber continued with a third heart. He played, declarer ruffed in the dummy and discarded his club loser. A diamond now, and couldn't be stopped from ruffing hearts. Eber were diamond loser in the dummy and claiming ten tricks. Eber off to a seven IMPs start. Those who criticized the four spades bid didn't realize that the four heart contract was makeable.

