

A First Class Act



Since 1997, the Gezira Club Polo Team has been making some impressive waves on the Egyptian polo scene. In the space of a few short years, it has become the number one polo team in Egypt, outranking the polo teams of the Sporting Club, Smuha Club, the Police Academy, and the Army.

The Gezira Polo Team has participated in numerous races and tournaments within the past two years, claiming as its most recent victory first as well as third place in the International Sakkara 20 kilometer race. The esteemed performance of Mr. Moetz El Attar and Mr. Tamer Badrawi were proudly celebrated by the Gezira Polo Team, as they placed in the top rankings among some of the best riders in the Middle East, coming from the Emirates, Jordan, and Kuwait. The Gezira Polo Team has already started training for next years competition, but this time, entering the 100 kilometer race, expecting to place within the top ten.

The Gezira Polo Team has also maintained its first place position nationally in the Beginners category for two years running now, as well as third in the A and B categories, which are the advanced levels. Due to their rapid and successful climb to number one in the Egyptian polo

world, the Gezira Polo Team has recently gained much national recognition, and media attention from all over the Arab World.

The Gezira Polo Teams' captain, Ibrahim Labib, is responsible for the changes that have helped make the team what it is today. "Our team is very strong, we have excellent players and I am proud of how much we have improved over the last three years. It was difficult but in the end, we have proved to ourselves and to everyone that the Gezira Club Polo Team is the best polo team in Egypt."

Labib has spent the last few years building the polo stables at the Gezira Club, renovating the area, as well as upgrading the horses used on the field. "Most of our horses are English Thoroughbreds. We are trying to purchase the best in polo horses available here in Egypt, which are usually ones that have been race horses." Labib explains.

The Gezira Polo Team is also recognized by the International Polo Federation, and has played with some of the top clubs coming from Spain and Portugal. Labib himself, as well as fellow Gezira Polo captain, Taymour Sharef, were elected as President and Vice President of Egypt's Polo Federation, October 24th.



It won't be long before the Gezira Polo Team begins to be active worldwide. As of this season, they are planning to play in Europe, with matches scheduled in France and Spain early next year. Who knows? At this rate, it's possible that the team will be heading towards professional competitions internationally.