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ROUND ONE RESULTS:

[1] Amr Shabana (Egy) bt Omar Mosaad (Egy)	11/7, 11/6, 12/14, 11/7 (57m)
[9] Karim Darwish (Egy) bt Cameron Pilley (Aus)	14/12, 8/11, 11/4, 11/6 (52m)
[5] Thierry Lincou (Fra) bt Azlan Iskandar (Mas)	13/11, 8/11, 11/9, 11/8 (71m)
[10] Stewart Boswell (Aus) bt Moh'd Al-Saif (Ksa)	11/6, 11/4, 11/2 (25m)
[3] David Palmer (Aus) bt Chris Ryder (Eng)	11/3, 11/5, 11/6 (30m)
[13] Adrian Grant (Eng) bt Joey Barrington (Eng)	3/11, 7/11, 11/8, 11/9, 13/11 (92m)
[7] Nick Matthew (Eng) bt Alister Walker (Eng)	11/6, 11/6, 10/12, 11/6 (61m)
LJ Anjema (Ned) bt [12] Mohammed Abbas (Egy)	12/10, 11/13, 11/2, 11/9 (52m)
[11] Lee Beachill (Eng) bt Alex Gough (Wal)	7/11, 11/7, 11/7, 7/11, 11/5 (71m)
[6] James Willstrop (Eng) bt Daryl Selby (Eng)	11/6, 11/7, 11/5 (35m)
[14] Peter Barker (Eng) bt Chris Simpson (Eng)	11/2, 11/3, 11/3 (30m)
[4] Gregory Gaultier (Fra) bt Jonathan Harford (Eng)	11/0, 11/7, 11/8 (29m)
[15] Olli Tuominen (Fin) bt Davide Bianchetti (Ita)	11/1, 11/2, 11/7 (20m)
[8] Wael El Hindi (Egy) bt Borja Golan (Esp)	7/11, 11/7, 9/11, 11/5, 11/5 (96m)
[16] Ong Beng Hee (Mas) bt Hisham Ashour (Egy)	11/8, 7/11, 11/1, 10/12, 11/8 (61m)
[2] Ramy Ashour (Egy) bt Jonathan Kemp (Eng)	13/11, 11/13, 11/3, 11/7 (31m)

TODAY'S MATCHES

Second round, top half

18.00: Thierry Lincou v Stewart Boswell
18.45: Amr Shabana v Karim Darwish
19.30: David Palmer v Adrian Grant
20.15: Nick Matthew v LJ Anjema

LJ's wait is over

Only one upset to report on the first day's play of the 2007 Saudi International as **Laurens Jan Anjema** recorded "the win I've been looking for for two years" with a 3/1 win over Mohammed Abbas, the Dutchman's first big win in a major event, and boy was he pleased.

Elsewhere it was a good day for the English with **Nick Matthew, James Willstrop, Lee Beachill, Peter Barker and Adrian Grant** all through, although Grant's 92-minute marathon win over Joey Barrington threw the schedule slightly out of synch - as did **Wael El Hindi's** 96-minute comeback from 2-1 down against Borja Golan, another bruising battle between the pair.

Quickest win of the day belonged to **Olli Tuominen**, who lived up to the 'flying fin' tag as he swept Davide Bianchetti aside in just 20 minutes. "I got a good start that lasted for two and a half games," said Olli. "That just about sums it up," added Bianchetti.



Ramy & Jon go inside ...

Ramy Ashour and **Jonathan Kemp** started off on the glass court, but after a quickfire first game where rallies over four shots were a rarity, it was decided to move the match to the inside courts, where the Egyptian completed his win.

"It wasn't slippy as such," said Kemp, "but neither of us could push off. If you knew where the ball was going you were ok, but we both hold it, so it was just impossible to go after the ball."

Ramy was so nearly joined by elder brother **Hisham**, who lost out in a tense five-games to **Ong Beng Hee**, with Ramy torn between watching and taking his part in the opening ceremony!

After the ceremony local wildcard **Mohammed Al-Saif** found **Stewart Boswell** too much of a handful, both players struggling a little with footing Egyptians **Amr Shabana** - the defending champion - and **Omar Mosaad** rounded off the day back on the inside courts with Shabana coming through 3/1 to set up another all-Egyptian clash with **Karim Darwish**.

