

Ruling Cercle Perron I vs. U.A.E. I

RBBF Honour Division – Round 15 (28/10/2017)
Closed Room

NS: U.A.E. I – EW: Cercle Perron I
N: V. Labaere – S: A. Labaere – E: P. Leboulenge – W: P. Yans

Hands

Board 2, East dealer, NS vulnerable

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

Bidding

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♦
Pass*	Pass	Dbl	Rdbl*
3♥	All pass	2♥	3♦

Redouble: strong
Pass: not alerted, but when asked, East explained to North as “No agreement, but normally shows ♦”.

Lead of ♦K

Result of this board

Open room	3♦ +1 by NS	130 for NS (Cercle Perron I)
Closed room	3♥ -1 by EW	50 for NS (Cercle Perron I)

Facts

After the bidding, North calls the TD and says that there was a break in tempo during the Rdbl – Pass sequence from SW. It could not be established whether or not the break in tempo was because of a hesitation by South or West.

After play, North calls the TD again and claims that West was sighing during that same sequence.

Ruling

On the convention cards, there appears to be no agreement on the Dbl after 2♦.

Other consulted players seem to vary regarding the next bid. One player passes (depending on system), while 2 others bid 2♥ (from which one claims also: depending on the system).

Although West his pass would normally show ♦, because the redouble is strong, one can not expect that a player should “hang himself” by passing, given the chance that 2♦xx (vulnerable) can effectively be made, and therefore scores -760 or even more depending any overtricks. With the 2♥-bid, partner can choose between ♥ or ♠ to reduce the damage to their side.

Decision

The result on this board stands.

Both teams have the right to appeal to this decision, according to chapter 9 from the national regulations regarding team games.

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TD assigned by the RBBF