

Ruling Perron 2 – Riviera 3 (1 Nat) of 28 November 2015

Board 3 S/EW

	♠ Q J 10 x x x		
	♥ K 9 x x		
	♦ -		
	♣ 10 x x		
♠ A x		♠ x x x	
♥ J 10 x		♥ A x x x	
♦ A 10 6		♦ x x x	
♣ Q J x x x		♣ A x x x	
	♠ K 9		
	♥ Q 8 x		
	♦ K Q J 7 x x x		
	♣ K		

Bidding

N E S W

Not given

Facts

Screens are in use.

Contract 3♦ by South, result -1

Play

N	E	S	W	N	E	S	W
			♣Q	♣ x	♣A	♣x	
	♠x	♠K	♠A	♠x			
			♠x	♠Q	♠x	♠x	
♣x	♣x	♦x	♣x				
		♦K	♦A	♠x	♦x		
			♥J	♥x	♥A	♥x	
	♠x	♦7	♦6	♠x			

NS claim that in the seventh trick after East's lead, South thinks for a moment and West plays ♦6 out of turn, after which South plays ♦7, by which he wins the trick.

West claims ♦6 fell out of his hand and that he took his card back as quickly as possible.

Ruling

West says he took his ♦6 immediately back from the table, apparently without making clear at that moment that he dropped it by accident.

Therefore, we may assume West actually did play out of turn, which he immediately realized when South played ♦7.

♦6 is to be considered as a played card, which cannot be taken back. South can then play any card he wants, also ♦7.

Decision

The result reached at the table is annulled and replaced by 3♦ by South just made +110 for NS.

The balance on board 3 then is +30 for Team B (140-110), which is 1 IMP for Team B instead of 5.

For the final score of the match Perron 2- Riviera 1 see ruling on board 7.

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