

## Ruling Perron 7 – Verviers 1 (3 Nat D) of 1 October 2016

Board 11 S/-

|            |             |           |
|------------|-------------|-----------|
|            | ♠ K J 7 5 4 |           |
|            | ♥ Q 6 4 3   |           |
|            | ♦ 7 6 2     |           |
|            | ♣ 8         |           |
| ♠ 10       |             | ♠ 8 6 2   |
| ♥ J 9 7 5  |             | ♥ A K     |
| ♦ A K 4 3  |             | ♦ Q J 9 8 |
| ♣ 10 9 5 3 |             | ♣ A K 4 2 |
|            | ♠ A Q 9 3   |           |
|            | ♥ 10 8 2    |           |
|            | ♦ 10 5      |           |
|            | ♣ Q J 7 6   |           |

### Bidding

|   |     |          |                 |
|---|-----|----------|-----------------|
| N | E   | S        | W               |
|   |     | P        | P               |
| P | 1NT | P        | 2♣              |
| P | 2♦  | P        | 2♥ <sup>A</sup> |
| P | 2♠  | P        | 2NT             |
| P | 3NT | all pass |                 |

### Preliminary remark

In the diagram on the form West held only 11 cards. ♣5 and ♣3 were missing.

### Facts

West claims he explained his 2♥ to South as “4-4 ♥/♠, in principle”. After 2NT and 3NT he said that East had promised 3 cards in Spades and 2 in Hearts and that he himself was “short in Spades”.

Team B points out that West bid 2NT though 2♥ was not forcing and that a lead in Spades would have beaten the contract. According to them this lead was made impossible by the wrong information of 2♣. They ask to adjust the score.

### Ruling

A conventional bid is to be fully explained; West’s explanation of 2♣ can be considered as not complete (what does ‘in principle’ mean?) and therefore wrong.

Apparently this wrong information did not have any impact on the bidding.

West claims he gave the correct information to South before his lead. This statement is not contradicted by Team B.

So at the moment of his lead South had the correct information. Therefore Team B was not disadvantaged by the initial wrong information.

### Decision

The result reached at the table stands.

Paul Meerbergen