

Ruling Cercle Perron 4 - Pieterman 1 (2 Nat A) of 26 November 2016

Board 12 W/NS

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

Bidding

N	E	S	W
			P
P	1NT	2♥	P
2♠	P	3♦	P
3NT	P	P	Dbl
P	P	P	

Facts

Declaration Team A. *“On the third round of Hearts North says ‘Sorry, I had a ♥ in the previous trick.’ He takes back the ♠ he had played in that trick and plays his second ♥. After a small talk between East and West, West says: ‘It’s OK for me, it’s my responsibility; I want to play normally.’ West in hand with ♥Q plays ♠ and the contract is made +1.”*

Declaration Team B. *“East opened 1NT (9-11). East leads ♣3 for West’s Ace. He continues with ♣9. After a long thought ♣K is played in North. Diamonds from North is won by West, who then plays ♥ for East’s ♥K. East returns ♥ for J and Q and North revokes by playing a small ♠.*

West then plays ♥ and North makes his contract +1.”

Ruling

North realized and announced his revoke before he or his partner had played in the next trick; therefore, the revoke was not established (Law 63). The revoke had to be corrected: the offender withdraws the card he played and substitutes a legal card (Law 62).

By withdrawing his small ♠ and substituting it by a ♥ North acted according to the Law. As he was declarer the ♠ could be replaced into his hand without further rectification.

West played a card in the following trick, but after the correction of the revoke he was entitled to withdraw that card and return it to his hand.

Team A says that in the next trick West played a small ♠, whereas Team B says he played ♥. Fact is that both parties agree that West returned the wrong card, as a result of which North made 10 tricks.

According to Team B West was completely put off by the commotion at the table after the revoke and as a result played the wrong card. However, this cannot be a reason to adjust the score as apparently the revoke was treated as it had to be.

Decision

The result reached at the table stands

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