

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

Board 32 W/EW

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

Bidding

N	E	S	W
			P
P	P	1NT	P
P	P		

Facts

South in 4th hand bids 1NT (alerted 15-17 HP regular) holding 13 HP and a singleton.

Ruling

Law 40C1 says “. *Deviation from System and Psychic Action*

A player may deviate from his side’s announced understandings always provided that his partner has no more reason to be aware of the deviation than have the opponents. Repeated deviations lead to implicit understandings which then form part of the partnership’s methods and must be disclosed in accordance with the regulations governing disclosure of system.”

The explanation of 1NT was in accordance with NS’s convention card and so was North’s reaction (pass). There was no infraction of the law.

Decision

The result reached at the table stands.

The deviation of South Ben Vandereet (13994) his partner being Koen Grauwels is recorded. Future similar deviations may be considered as implicit understandings and can be penalized.

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