



Royal Belgian
Bridge Federation

Ruling Report National Competition

Division : Honour

Date : 24th November 2018

Match : Round 15 Begijntje 1 – U.A.E 1

~~Open~~/Closed Room

Players: NS Dominique Stuyck – Sam Bahbout (U.A.E. 1)

EW Isabelle Dewasme – Bernard Dehaye (Begijntje 1)

Board : 5 Dealer : N Vulnerability : NS

Bidding

<p>♠ J 7 3 ♥ J 10 8 6 2 ♦ K 4 2 ♣ J 3</p> <p>♠ A 5 4 2 ♥ A K ♦ Q J 9 8 3 ♣ 8 5</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠ K 10 ♥ 7 5 4 ♦ A T 7 6 5 ♣ A 7 6</p> <p>♠ Q 9 8 6 ♥ Q 9 3 ♦ --- ♣ K Q 10 9 4 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
	PAS	1 ♣ ^A	PAS
1 ♦	PAS	1 NT ^A	2 ♣ ^A
X	PAS	2 ♦	PAS
3 ♣	PAS	PAS	PAS
PAS			

2 ♣ is explained by North to East as hearts and spades
by South to West as natural

2 ♣ was alerted by North but not by South.

Playing

	W	N	E	S	W	N	E
1				♣ K			
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
11							
12							
13							

Result and score :

3 ♣ -2 by E → 100 for NS

Result and score in the other room :

3 NT = by E → 400 for EW

Balance : 500 for U.A.E 1 = + 11 IMP

Remarks from team A (Begijntje 1)

With the correct explanation, East will bid and make 3NT.

Remarks from team B (U.A.E. 1)

This bidding sequence is not mentioned on our convention card. In accordance with our system, we bid immediately 2 ♦ after 1 ♣ if we have both majors. The explanation given by North is wrong.

Analysis

When the partnership agreement is different from the explanation given, the explanation is an infraction of law (law 75.B.1). If EW are damaged as a consequence of NS's failure to provide disclosure of the meaning of a call, as the laws require, EW are entitled to rectification through the award of an adjusted score (law 40.B.3(a)).

After consultation of one player and looking at the results obtained at the other 7 tables, it is obvious that EW will play 3 NT.

With the four hands visible it is easy to make 3NT +1. However the declarer does not know that the king of diamonds is in North. The "safety play" (after 3 rounds of clubs) is to play the diamonds from top, hereby defending against the King of diamonds single in South. With this line of play 3NT is just made.

Decisions

In accordance with law 12.C, I award on board 5 an assigned adjusted score of 400 for EW (3NT by East =). The balance on board 5 becomes zero.

Both teams had the opportunity to file an appeal in accordance with the regulations.

Done at Leuven (BC Pieterman) on 24 November 2018.

Robert Ketels
Tournament Director