



Royal Belgian
Bridge Federation

Ruling Report National Competition

Division : II A

Date : 24th November 2018

Match : Charleroi 1 – Riviera 4

~~Open~~/Closed Room

Players: NS Leo Stryckers – Walter Cambré (Riviera 4)

EW Patrick Poletto – Alain Mahy (Charleroi 1)

Board : 28 Dealer : W Vulnerability : NS

Bidding

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

Playing

	W	N	E	S	W	N	E
1	♥ 9	♥ A	♥ 2	♥ 3			
	South claims remaining tricks East requests to play on						
2		♦ A	♦ Q	♦ 4	♦ 3		
3		♥ K	♥ 6	♥ 3	?		
4		♥ Q	♥ 7	♦ 5	?		
	South claims again all tricks East claims 1 trick in spades						
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
11							
12							
13							

Result and score :

7 ♦ -1 by S → 100 for EW

Result and score in the other room :

6 ♦ +1 by S → 1390 for NS

Balance : 1490 for Charleroi 1 = + 16 IMP

Result of the match with this board

IMP : 98 - 35

Result of the match without this board

IMP : 82 - 35

Remarks from team A (Charleroi 1)

[Freely translated from French]

North is not present at the table (men's room) and I *[East]* play the cards of dummy. The declarer claims, shows his hand and I see 2 spades. I request the declarer to play on. Now he goes one down as he can't discard a spade any longer (the declarer did not discard a spade on the queen of hearts). NS accepted the result of 7 ♦ -1 at the table.

Remarks from team B (Riviera 4)

After the first trick, declarer claims and says "First trump and then I dispose a spade on hearts". Opponents insist to play on and then claim minus one. It is always 7 ♦ contract.

Analysis

The general rule is that after any claim or concession, play is suspended (law 68.D). However in the new laws (effective since 30/09/17) it is foreseen that if a claim is doubted by any player (East), play may continue upon the request of the non-claiming side (here EW) (law 68.D.2.(b)). The prior claim is void and not subject to adjudication. The score subsequently obtained shall stand (law 68.D.2(b)(ii)). But for the play to continue, all four players must concur (law 68.D.2(b)(i)). As North was not present at the table he did not concur and consequently law 70 (contested claim) should be applied on the claim made by the declarer (South) after the first trick.

The general objective in ruling on a contested claim is to adjudicate the result on the board as equitable as possible to both sides, but any doubtful point as to the claim is to be resolved against the claimer (law 70.A). At the moment of his claim declarer (South) provides the following clarification regarding the line of play "First I play trump and then I discard a spade on hearts". With this clarification there is not any doubtful point and is it impossible to lose a trick by any normal play. Taking into account to class of players involved this claim should not have been doubted or contested. The incomprehensible mistake by South during the invalid continuation of play is most probably induced by a serious loss of concentration following East's request, for which he had no reason whatsoever.

At the table NS agreed to the concession of one trick. In accordance with law 69.B, this agreement may be withdrawn within the correction period (expires 30 minutes after the official score has been made available) if a player agreed to the loss of a trick his side had, in fact, won (see above).

Decision

I adjudicate that the result on board 28 is 7 ♦ = by S for a score of 2140 for NS (Riviera 4). The balance on board 28 becomes +750 for Riviera 4 = +13 IMP.

The result of the match Charleroi 1 – Riviera 4 becomes 82 – 48 IMP or 15,76 – 4,24 in VP (instead of respectively 98 – 35 in IMP and 18,61 – 1,39 in VP)

Both teams can file an appeal against this decision. Please refer to the regulations for the treatment of an appeal, which can be consulted on the website of the RBBF.

Done at Ruisbroek (Puurs) on 27 November 2018.

Robert Ketels
Tournament Director for the national competition