



Royal Belgian
Bridge Federation

Ruling Report National Competition

Division : III B

Date : 02 February 2019

Match : Namur 1 – Cercle Perron 5

~~Open~~/Closed Room

Players: NS Léon-Pierre Proumen – Valérie Proumen (Cercle Perron 5)

EW Georges Keldermans – Katrien Berbers (Namur 1)

Board : 8 Dealer : W Vulnerability : -

Bidding

<p>♠ K 7 5 2 ♥ K J ♦ 3 2 ♣ A 7 6 5 2</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠ Q J 10 ♥ A 10 9 6 2 ♦ A J 8 ♣ 9 4</p>	<p>♠ 9 6 3 ♥ Q 7 5 3 ♦ 10 9 6 4 ♣ Q 10</p>
<p>♠ A 8 4 ♥ 8 4 ♦ K Q 7 5 ♣ K J 8 3</p>			

West	North	East	South
PAS	1 ♥	PAS	2 ♣
PAS	2 ♥	PAS	3 NT
PAS	PAS	PAS	

Playing

	W	N	E	S	W	N	E
1	♠ 2	♠ 10	♠ 3	♠ 4			
2		♥ 2	♥ 3	♥ 8	♥ J		
3	♦ 3	♦ A	♦ 4	♦ 5			
4		♥ A	♥ 5	♥ 4	♥ K		
5		♥ 6	♥ 7				
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
11							
12							
13							

Result and score :

3 NT -1 by S → 50 for EW (Namur 1)

Result and score in the other room :

3 NT +1 by S → 430 for NS (Namur 1)

Balance : 480 for Namur 1 = + 10 IMP

Result of the match with this board

IMP : 68 – 69

Result of the match without this board

IMP : 59 – 69

Remarks from team A (Namur 1)

Quand la déclarante [*Sud*] a demandé “cœur” (qui veut normalement clairement dire le plus petit cœur du mort) j’ai [*Est*] marqué un temps avant de couvrir de mon 7 (au cas où la déclarante aurait changé d’avis “dans la même souffle”).

Remarks from team B (Cercle Perron 5)

Le contrat joué est 3SA. Après l’As de cœur, la déclarante a dit cœur. Petit cœur a été mis - à la table pour le 7 de cœur d’Est. Or elle n’y avait aucun intérêt à ne pas jouer le 10 de cœur.

Analysis

If declarer designates a suit but not a rank, which is an incomplete designation, he is deemed to have called the lowest card of the suit indicated (except when declarer’s different intention is incontrovertible) (Law 46.B.2).

With 10 – 9 – 6 in dummy and still a certain loser in that suit it is not incontrovertible that the declarer had a different intent at the moment he called for a heart (which might have been different with e.g. A – K – x and only one heart missing).

A played card may be withdrawn and returned to the hand without further rectification after a change of designation permitted by Law. This means that declarer may correct an unintended designation of a card from dummy until he next plays a card from either his own hand or from dummy. A change of designation may be allowed after a slip of the tongue, but not after a loss of concentration or a reconsideration of action. (Law 45.C.4.(b)). Here there is no slip of the tongue and it could very well have been that for a split of a second the declarer lost concentration when calling for a heart.

Decisions

The score on board 8 (in the closed room) of 50 for EW is maintained. The result of the match Namur 1 – Cercle Perron 5 remains 68 – 69 in IMP or 9,78 – 10,22 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 12 February 2019.

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Tournament Director for the national competition