

Ruling Report National Competition

Division : III B

Date : 12 October 2019

Match : Charleroi 3 – Cercle Perron 6

~~Open~~/Closed Room

Players: NS Thierry Defossé – Benoît Guiot (Cercle Perron 6)

EW Philippe Busquin – Jacques Ghierche (Charleroi 3)

Board : 23 Dealer : S Vulnerability : ALL

Bidding

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

West	North	East	South
			PAS
3 ♥	PAS	PAS	X
PAS	N and E removed their calls from the tray		

Playing

	W	N	E	S	W	N	E
1							
2							
3							
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8							
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10							
11							
12							
13							

Result and score :

3 ♥ X = by W → 730 for EW (Charleroi 3)

Result and score in the other room :

3 ♥ +1 by W → 170 for EW (C. Perron 6)

Balance : 560 for Charleroi 3 = + 11 IMP

Result of the match with this board

IMP : 42 – 79

Result of the match without this board

IMP : 31 – 79

Remarks from team A (Charleroi 3)

Après un passe en Sud, Ouest a ouvert de 3 cœurs, passe en Nord, passe en Est. Sud a contré, passe en Ouest, Nord a retiré le chariot car il n'avait pas vu le contre de son partenaire !

Remarks from team B (Cercle Perron 6)

Après avoir poussé le chariot, Sud a récupéré le chariot et a demandé si « Tous est OK ? » Nord a répondu « Oui ». 3 ♥ X a donc été joué sans qu'Est et Nord aient posé de cartons « Passe » puisqu'ils n'avaient pas vu le contre de réveil.

Analysis

According to paragraph 3.b.(5) of the regulations for bidding boxes, bridgemates and screens, it is the responsibility of North/South to make sure that the whole auction is visible on each side of the screen. This implies that in this case NS should be considered as the offending side. Consequently only if EW are damaged for not being able to see the whole auction, the tournament director will adjust the score.

Furthermore according to paragraph 3.b.(3) of the same regulations, North and East, by removing their bidding cards in apparent attempt to "Pass" (as they did not see the double from South), are deemed to have passed.

Not related to this ruling, it appears (based on the remarks of both teams) that either North or South removed the tray from the table. This is not in line with the procedure described in paragraph 3.b.(7), as it is up to the presumed dummy (East) or declarer (West) to do so.

Decision

North/South bear the entire responsibility for the fact that the whole auction was not visible on each side of the screen and consequently their poor result.

The score on board 23 (in the closed room) of 730 for EW is maintained.

The result of the match Charleroi 3 – Cercle Perron 6 remains 42 – 79 in IMP or 3,88 – 16,12 in VP.

I give a warning to the team Charleroi 3 for not using the proper form to request a ruling (<https://www.rbbf.be/sites/default/files/documents/Arbitrageformulaire.pdf>)

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 14 October 2019.

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Tournament Director for the national competition