



Royal Belgian
Bridge Federation

Ruling Report National Competition

Division : Honour RR6 Date : 16 October 2021

Match : Squeeze 1 – Riviera 2 Open/~~Closed~~ Room

Players: NS Gunther DAUWE – Tine DOBBELS (Squeeze 1)
EW Emiel VANDEWIELE – Denis DEWIT (Riviera 2)

Board : 11 Dealer : S Vulnerability : None

Bidding

Board: 11
Dealer: S
Vul.: None

♠JT8752 ♠Q43
♥3 ♥T8762
♦KQ954 ♦ ♣K9642
♣8 ♠A96
 ♥AQ954
 ♦AJ3
 ♣J7

N	♠	♥	♦	♣
N	1	4		
S		1	4	
E	1	4	3	
W	1	4	3	

♠K 5
♥KJ 6 **HCP** 16
♦T8762 13
♣AQT53

West	North	East	South
		PASS	2 ♠ ^A
PASS	4 ♣	4 ♥	PASS
PASS	PASS	PASS	

Playing

Is more or less irrelevant

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

Result and score :

4 ♥ -3 by E → 150 for NS (Squeeze 1)

Result and score in the other room :

5 ♣ X -1 by S → 100 for EW (Squeeze 1)

Balance : 250 for Squeeze 1 = + 6 IMP

Result of the match with this board

IMP : 23 – 28

Result of the match without this board

IMP : 17 – 28

Remarks from team A (Squeeze 1)

2 ♠ had been pre-alerted as being both minors.

North alerted but not in the specified way, using an alert card, but by just making a move with his hand.

Remarks from team B (Riviera 2)

The alert was not seen by East. He asked (orally, not in writing) about the meaning of 4♣ and got the answer (also orally) it was “natural”.

At the moment this board was to be played (that was approximately. one hour later, the table had started with board #4) East had forgotten the meaning of 2 ♠ explained during the pre-alert.

After the lead and dummy had put down, East realised what had gone wrong as “he thought South might have opened a weak two with only a five card suit.”

Analysis

After the match had finished, the captain of EW asked for a ruling. As there was another ruling to be made on this board which cost a lot of time, I had no opportunity to talk further to North. Despite that, the facts were clear enough as they were established at the table, where I had been called after a few tricks had been played.

North did not alert according to correct procedures [cfr. screen regulations § 3.c.(2)], East is not to blame not having seen the alert.

Some players were asked (not polled) what they thought about what had happened. They all agreed it being very likely East would have doubled with the correct information, after which West would bid 4S. Most likely, NS would then take the save, being doubled and going one down.

Decision

East/West were damaged as a consequence of North's failure to alert 2NT in accordance to the correct procedure.

Consequently, in accordance with Law 12.C, I award an adjusted score on board 11 of 5 ♣ X -1 by North (100 for Riviera 2). The balance on board 11 becomes 0 instead of 6 IMP for Squeeze.

The result of the match Squeeze 1 – Riviera 2 becomes 17 – 28 in IMP or 6,96 – 13,04 in VP (instead of respectively 23 – 28 IMP and 8,52 – 11,48 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.

As all concerned were not present anymore at the venue, the delay to file an appeal was extended until Sunday 12.00 Hr 17 October 2021.

Done at Tilburg (NLD) on 16 October 2021 at 23.30 Hr
Marc van Beijsterveldt
Tournament Director