

Ruling Report National Competition

Division: Honour RR5

Date: 16 October 2021

Match: U.A.E. 1 – BBC 1

~~Open~~/Closed Room

Players: NS Valerie LABAERE – Alain LABAERE (BBC 1)

EW Sam BAHBOUT – Dominique STUYCK (U.A.E. 1)

Board: 12 Dealer: W Vulnerability: NS

Bidding

Board: 12		♠K873																												
Dealer: W		♥97																												
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West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♥	

Playing

Irrelevant

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Result and score :

4♠ +3 by N → 710 for NS (BBC 1)

Result and score in the other room :

6♠ +1 by S → 1460 for NS (U.A.E. 1)

Balance: 750 for U.A.E. 1 = + 13 IMP

Result of the match with this board

IMP : 31 – 24

Result of the match without this board

IMP : 18 – 24

Remarks from team A (BBC 1)

East opened 1♥ with only 6 HCP. They think that is not allowed.

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

A weak lead directing opening bid in 3rd hand is just 'normal' bridge.

Analysis

After the match had finished, I was asked by NS if an opening like this is allowed.

According to the regulations, if 1♥ by agreement can be opened with less than 8 HCP, it is a Yellow system. There is no evidence this is an agreement in this partnership. According to their statements, it is the first time East has opened this light, playing with this partner.

This 1♥ is not a so called psychic bid. A psychic bid should deviate from agreements in strength and/or length from the agreements.

Decision

A one (or first) time deviation from announced methods should not lead to a score adjustment. However, even in 3rd hand the regulations according to Yellow systems apply, as the regulation does not mention the regulation does not apply in that position.

When this player/pair should once more open this light within the near future, the TD should consider this being a habit not disclosed through the system card. But if disclosed it would be considered Yellow, hence not allowed and a score correction would then be appropriate.

Done at Tilburg (NLD) on 18 October 2021 at 23.30 Hr

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