

Ruling H RR round 12 BBC 1 - UAE 1 board 2

Board 2 East dealer NS Vul	Bocken Patrick ♠ K10965 ♥ AKQ ♦ AK962 ♣ -	
Khomiakov Robert ♠ 4 ♥ 8765 ♦ J763 ♣ KQJ8	/	Van Der Vorst Mike ♠ Q832 ♥ J9 ♦ Q4 ♣ A9632
	Neve Olivier ♠ AJ7 ♥ T432 ♦ T5 ♣ T754	

Auction

N	E	S	W
	Pass	Pass	1♣
X	1♥ (1)	Pass	2♥
2♠	P (2)	Pass	Pass

Result +3

(1) Explained by East as transfer ♠, not alerted by West

(2) When the board returns from the other side of the screen, West corrects his explanation of 1♥, saying he should have alerted because it is transfer ♠. At this point South calls the director. South and West explain the situation and South asks how he should interpret 2♥ (reverse or not?). On the convention card the correct explanation is transfer to ♠. I tell South that I cannot advise him on the interpretation of 2♥, to continue the auction and to call me when he thinks they are damaged.

When the board is finished, South calls me again. He says he would have doubled 1♥ if he would have received the correct explanation and that they wouldn't have missed the game in this case. North says the double over 1♥ would have shown something in hearts with at least 5-6 points.

I then proceeded to poll five players both present and not present, that had not seen the board yet and who played in the honour division. When presented with the South hand, none of the players doubled with the South hand over 1♥. One player considered it, but would not have done so with this vulnerability. When the auction proceeded to 2♠ (and pass) and it was again South's turn to call, none of the players would have passed or considered passing, as North had shown a strong hand according to them, even though West had bid reverse. A list of the actual players and answers is available for review.

With the result of this poll, I decided the damage to North-South was self-inflicted (also called a double shot), especially as it seems to South now that with the first incorrect explanation, West doesn't seem as strong. As such I let the result stand and gave 1 VP penalty to EW for system disruption. I informed both sides of my decision.

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