

Ruling Report National Competition

Division : II A

Date : 14 October 2023

Match : Sandeman 2 – BBC 5

Open/~~Closed~~ Room

Players: NS Patrick Finaut – Odette Van De Wiele (Sandeman 2)

EW Nourredine Tifous – Eric Lemaire (BBC 5)

Board : 29 Dealer : N Vulnerability : All

Bidding

<p>♠ A 7 5 ♥ K J 6 4 ♦ 9 7 6 ♣ 10 7 4</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>♠ Q 6 ♥ 10 ♦ 10 4 ♣ A K Q J 9 8 5 2</p> <p>♠ K 10 4 3 2 ♥ 7 2 ♦ A Q J 8 5 ♣ 3</p> <p>♠ J 9 8 ♥ A Q 9 8 5 3 ♦ K 3 2 ♣ 6</p>
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West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	3 ♣ ^A	3 ♥
Pass	5 ♣ ^A	Pass	5 ♥ ^A
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 ♣ Explained by East to North as ♠ and ♦
Explained by West to South as long ♣

Playing

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

Result and score :

5 ♥ -4 by S → 400 for EW (BBC 5)

Result and score in the other room :

4 ♣ = by N → 130 for NS (BBC 5)

Balance : 530 or 11 IMP for BBC 5

Result of the match with this board

IMP : 20 – 91

Result of the match without this board

IMP : 20 – 80

Remarks from team A (Sandeman 2)

3 ♣ explained by East to North as ♠ and ♦ and by West to South as long ♣.

No explanations on system card, neither in system book at the table. After the match it is indeed in system book

5 ♣ for South is asking. South's answer 5 ♥ is second round Ctl at ♣.

Remarks from team B (BBC 5)

NIHIL

Analysis

In their remarks, team A forgot to mention what the correct meaning is of 3 ♣. The players of team B provided me a copy of their system book and therein the following is mentioned: "Bicolores Ghestem: sur les mineures [...] 1 ♣ - 3 ♣ = bicouleur ♦ & ♠". Consequently, the partnership agreement has been explained correctly by East but not by West.

If NS are damaged as a consequence of West's failure to provide disclosure of the meaning of a call, as required by the Laws, then NS are entitled to rectification through the award of an adjusted score (Law 40.B.3(a)).

With the given explanation by West "long ♣", it is impossible for South to understand the bid of 5 ♣ by North. With the correct explanation it is obvious that South would have passed (no need to organise a poll for this one).

The contract of 5 ♣ will go down 1 trick (you can't avoid losing two spades and a diamond). This is confirmed by the result in the other room and the double dummy analysis.

Decision

The mistaken explanation by West is an infraction of Law 75.B.1. As a consequence of this infraction, NS were damaged and so they are entitled to rectification through the award of an adjusted score. In line with Law 12.C.1, I award an assigned adjusted score on board 29 of 5 ♣ -1 by North → 100 for EW (BBC 5). The balance on board 29 becomes 230 or 6 IMP for BBC 5 instead of 530 or 11 IMP for BBC 5.

The result of the match Sandeman 2 – BB5 becomes 20 – 86 in IMP or 1,17 – 18,83 in VP instead of 20 – 91 in IMP or 0,82 – 19,18 in VP.

Both teams can file an appeal against this decision within 7 calendar days. Please refer to the new regulations for the treatment of an appeal, which can be consulted on the website of the RBBF.

Done at Ruisbroek (Puurs-Sint-Amands) on 23 October 2023

Robert Ketels

Tournament Director for the national competition