

Ruling Report National Competition

Division : II A

Date : 04 November 2023

Match : Squeeze 2 – BBC 5

~~Open~~/Closed Room

Players: NS Nourredine Tifous – Eric Lemaire (BBC 5)

EW Walter Cambré – Betty Luyckx (Squeeze 2)

Board : 9 Dealer : N Vulnerability : EW

Bidding

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

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1 NT ^A
2 ♣ ^A	2 NT ^A	Pass	Pass
Pass			

1 NT = 15-17 semi balanced ; 2 ♣ = Multi Landy (at least 5-4 or 4-5)

2 NT Explained by North to West as transfer ♣ (Rubensohl)

Explained by South to East as natural limit raise (8-9 HCP)

Playing

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

Result and score :

2 NT **-5** by S → 250 for EW (Squeeze 2)

Result and score in the other room :

2 ♠ **+4** by E → 230 for EW (BBC 5)

Balance : 20 or 1 IMP for Squeeze 2

Result of the match with this board

IMP : 57 – 96

Result of the match without this board

IMP : 56 – 96

Remarks from team A (Squeeze 2)

2 NT werd niet gealerteerd [*door Zuid*] en op mijn vraag [*Oost*] uitgelegd als natuurlijk (ik begrijp 8/9 HP). Bijgevolg 2 ♣ Landy van partner is gebaseerd op verdeling (zwak) i.p.v. kracht. Indien 2 NT uitgelegd wordt als zwakke verhoging ♣, dan bied ik nog.

Remarks from team B (BBC 5)

Noord alerteert → 2 SA = ♣

Zuid → 2 SA = natuurlijk limiet 8-9

Preliminary remarks

- The orientation of the screen in the closed room is wrong. The North and East players should sit on the same side of the screen. I invite both teams to consult the screen regulations which can be found on the website of the RBBF.
- When filing a ruling request, one should use the English designation of the cards (AKQJ). It is rather confusing when Dutch and French designations are mixed together (AHDB).
- The convention card of the pair Walter Cambré – Betty Luyckx on the website of the RBBF is not in accordance with the official WBF model. Additionally, this convention card is obsolete as they have changed some conventions (e.g. Multi Landy instead of Multi Defence). According to their own words, they presented at the table a convention card with the correct system and conventions.

Analysis

The correct meaning of 2 NT is shown on the convention card: "After overcall Rubensohl" and more specific in their system book: "Après intervention par 2T Landy: [...] 2 SA = Rubensohl pour les T". Consequently the partnership agreement has been explained correctly by North but not by South.

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

East claims the he would have bid with the correct explanation. I consulted 4 players from 2nd national division and asked them what they would do with the East hand and the correct explanation. Two of them would bid 3 ♠, one of them would, depending on the style of partner (2 ♣ solid or not), either bid 3 ♣ (GF) or 3 ♠ and one of them hesitates between 3 ♠ and 4 ♠ and would choose for the latter.

With the nice 16 HCP behind the 1 NT opener, I am fairly confident that it is now automatic for West to bid 4 ♠. The contract of 4 ♠ makes with 2 overtricks. This is confirmed by the result in the other room and the double dummy analysis.

Decision

The mistaken explanation by South 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 9 of 4 ♠ +2 by East → 680 for EW (Squeeze 2). The balance on board 9 becomes 450 or 10 IMP for Squeeze 2 instead of 20 or 1 IMP for Squeeze 2.

The result of the match Squeeze 2 – BBC 5 becomes 66 – 96 in IMP or 4,76 – 15,24 in VP instead of 57 – 96 in IMP or 3,65 – 16,35 in VP.

Additionally, I give a warning to the pair Walter Cambré – Betty Luyckx for their non-compliant convention card. A convention card in accordance with the WBF model and with the correct system and conventions must be put on the RBBF website before the next competition day (18/11/23).

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 9 November 2023

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