

Ruling Report National Competition

Division : 1

Date : 25 November 2023

Match : Sandeman 1 – Cercle Perron 2

~~Open~~/Closed Room

Players: NS Etienne Delangre – Marc Lebas (Cercle Perron 2)

EW Johnny Schalkx – Tom Van Muylem (Sandeman 1)

Board : 11 Dealer : S Vulnerability : None

Bidding

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

1 ♥ Alerted by North and explained to East as 5+ card ♠
Not alerted by South

Playing

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

Result and score :

4 ♠ = by N → 420 for NS (Cercle Perron 2)

Result and score in the other room :

3 ♠ +1 by N → 170 for EW (Sandeman 1)

Balance : 250 or 6 IMP for Cercle Perron 2

Result of the match with this board
IMP : 42 – 38

Result of the match without this board
IMP : 42 – 32

Remarks from team A (Sandeman 1)

1 ♥ was not alerted at my side (behind the opener [*South*]). He bid 4 ♥ and his partner corrected to 4 ♠.

Remarks from team B (Cercle Perron 2)

With 2 majors and 19 points, I [*South*] will play 4 ♥ or 4 ♠.

Analysis

After 1 ♣, the partnership agreement from NS is that 1 ♥ promises a 5+ card in spades and 1 ♠ a 5+ card in hearts.

Apparently, South forgot the partnership agreement (his explanation does not make sense) and consequently he did not alert North's 1 ♥ and he bid 4 ♥ instead of 4 ♠.

According to Law 20.F.5(a) 'Mistaken explanation' includes failure to alert as regulations require. 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)).

The non-alert by South did not influence the bidding nor the playing of West. Afterwards, it was confirmed by EW via e-mail that 4 ♥ was a mistaken call and that they were not damaged.

Decision

North explained correctly the partnership agreement. South forgot the partnership agreement and failed to alert North's 1 ♥ bid. This is an infraction. EW were not damaged as a consequence of this infraction and so they are not entitled to rectification through the award of an adjusted score.

The result on board 11 in the closed room is maintained.

The result of the match Sandeman 1 – Cercle Perron 2 remains 42 – 38 in IMP or 11,08 – 8,92 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 29 November 2023

Robert Ketels

Tournament Director for the national competition