

Ruling Report National Competition

Division : II B

Date : 09 December 2023

Match : Cercle Perron 7 – Pieterman 2

~~Open~~/Closed Room

Players: NS Erik Demeulemeester – Bert Van Der Stockt (Pieterman 2)

EW Marie Depireux – Christian Wynen (Cercle Perron 7)

Board : 12 Dealer : W Vulnerability : NS

Bidding

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

1 NT = 12-14 HCP (balanced till 5422)

2 ♣ Explained by East to North as Cappelletti (unknown (5)6+ card, (8)9 - 14 HCP)
Explained by West to South as Multi-Landy (both majors)

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 :

3 ♦ = by W → 110 for EW (Cercle Perron 7)

Result and score in the other room :

4 ♠ -1 by N → 100 for EW (Pieterman 2)

Balance : 10 or 0 IMP for Cercle Perron 7

Result of the match with this board

IMP : 57 – 94

Result of the match without this board

IMP : 57 – 94

Remarks from team A (Cercle Perron 7)

Remarks from team B (Pieterman 2)

Zuid heeft verkeerde uitleg gekregen van 2 ♣ tussenbod op 1SA (12-14) opening. Het bod beloofde een onbekend 1-kleurenspeel zoals ook op hun systeemkaart staat. Echter, hij kreeg de uitleg "de 2 majeurs". Met de juiste uitleg, had hij [South] 2 ♣ kunnen dubbelen als vervangende Stayman. Dan biedt zijn partner [North] ♠ en kunnen we 2 ♠ of 3 ♠ spelen. Nu denkt hij [South] dat de tegenpartij de 2 majeurs heeft en past hij.

De bieding gaat verder 2 ♦ – pas – pas. Nu zegt zijn schermmaat [West] dat het 2 ♣ bod toch een 1-kleurenspeel was, en dus nu ruiten was. Dubbel op 2 ♦ betekent nu niet meer de 2 majeurs, want daarmee was direct 2 ♣ gedubbeld (mits de juiste uitleg). Dubbel zou straf zijn. Hij [South] biedt nu 2 ♥. West volgt nu 3 ♦. Noord kan nu geen 3 ♥ meer bieden omdat Zuid niet direct 2 ♥ heeft geboden.

Zowel 3 ♥ als 3 ♠ zijn gemaakt. Andere tafel speelt 4 ♠ in NZ -1.

Analysis

According to their convention card, EW play Multi-Landy against a strong NT (15-17) and the Cappelletti convention against a weak NT (12-14). Consequently, East's call and explanation were correct and West's explanation given was different from the partnership agreement. 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)).

In order to determine what the final contract would be, had West provided immediately the correct explanation, I organised a poll among 3 players from Honour, 2 from 1st division, 3 from 2nd division and 2 from 3rd national division.

NS have the following partnership agreement after 2 ♣ = Cappelletti : X = Stayman (at least (8)9 HCP) ; suit at the 2-level = to play ; suit at the 3-level = game forcing.

All players with the South hand (10 HCP and 4-5 majors) would now double.

From the players with the West hand, 4 would now Pass and one of them would redouble (= partner bid your suit).

After a Pass by West it is obvious that North will bid 2 ♠ and that East will Pass. All players with the South hand would now resolutely bid 4 ♠.

To know what happens after a redouble by West, I consulted an expert. Depending on style, North might either Pass or bid 2 ♠. After a Pass, East will bid 2 ♦, South will double again for take-out, reinforcing Stayman and then North will bid 2 ♠ (or 3 ♠ if West would bid 3 ♦). In both cases South will then bid 4 ♠.

From the above it is clear that, with the correct explanation, NS will always end up in 4 ♠. This contract is 1 down as there are 4 fixed losers (2 hearts, 1 diamond and 1 club).

Decision

West's initial explanation given was different from the partnership agreement. This 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 12 of 4 ♠ -1 by North → 100 for EW (Cercle Perron 7). The balance on board 12 becomes 0 instead of 10 for Cercle Perron 7 (both scores result in 0 IMP).

The result of the match Cercle Perron 7 – Pieterman 2 remains 57 – 94 in IMP or 3,88 – 16,12 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-Amunds) on 16 December 2023

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