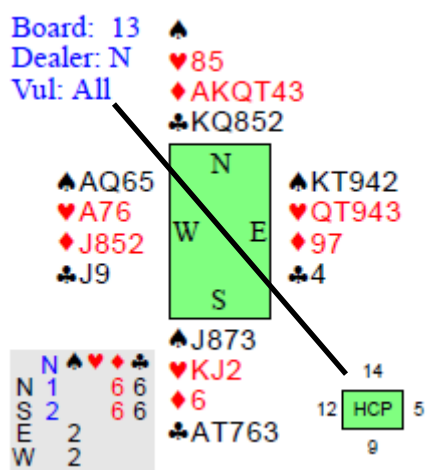




West	North	East	South
Faramarz Bigdeli	Alon Amsel	Claude Renard	Patrick Bocken
	1♦ ^{A1}	pass	1♥ ^{A2}
Dbl	2♣	4♥	dbl
a.p.			

^{A1} 2+♦; 11+ with ♦ or any 18-20 bal

^{A2} Spades. Alerted, but not seen by West.

Lead: ♦6

Table Result: 4♥X E -1

Other Tabel: 5♣ S C

Case

After the final pass West calls the TD. He had not seen the alert on 1♥. If he had seen the alert, he would not have doubled. Since the final pass was made by East there was nothing to do at the moment. The board was played and declarer went down 1.

Research

South has a longstanding routine of alerting. However, since the alert on 1♦ happened on the bid close to the screen, it was observed by West. The alert on 1♥ however, was on the bid close to South and therefore out of the peripheral view of West. It is the responsibility of South, not just to properly alert, but to make sure that the alert is acknowledged by West. Alerts not across the table have a bigger chance of going unnoticed, and South should be aware of this.

Ruling

The result of 4♥x -1 is very favourable for EW, therefore there is no damage and no reason for an adjusted score. The table result stands.