

## Ruling Genk 1 - Phenix 2 (Nat 1) of 2 December 2017

Board 11 S/-

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

### Bidding

N	E	S	W
		P	P
1NT	Dbl	Rdbl	2♠
P	3NT	Dbl	4♦
P	4♠	Dbl	all pass

### Facts

2♠ is explained by East to North as transfer to ♣ as he thought he and his partner had decided to ignore artificial doubles on 1NT openings. As 3NT was doubled and West bid 4♦, East concluded that 2♠ might have been natural and corrected to 4♠ “just in case”. He did not correct his previous explanation of 2♠.

Because of East’s explanation North concluded that his partner was very short in Clubs and led a small ♣.

### Ruling

EW’s convention card does not mention anything in connection with this bidding sequence. Therefore, we have to conclude that East’s explanation to North was wrong.

North’s leading a small ♣ was inspired by East’s explanation of 2♠ as transfer to ♣. Thanks to this lead, West made his contract of 4♠.

East’s wrong explanation of 2♠ was an infraction of the law and NS were disadvantaged by this infraction. Leading ♥A, ♠ or ♦ would have led to -1.

Leading a small ♣ cannot be looked upon as a “very serious error”, so there is no reason to apply **Law 12 3C(c)** (the non-offending side has not contributed to its own damage by an extremely serious error).

### Decision

The result reached at the table is annulled and replaced by an adjusted score of 4♠ Dbl by West, minus 1 (instead of just made), being -100 for Team A instead of -590 for Team A. The balance on board 11 therefore is +150 for Team A instead of +540 for Team B or +4 IMPs for Team A instead of +11 IMPs for Team B.

The result of the match **Genk 1 - Phenix 2** therefore is 96-32 in IMPs (instead of 92-43) or **18,16-1,84** in VPs.

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