

Ruling Report  
Honour 2018-19, match 5, 19 october 2018

UAE – BCOB 3, Open Room:

N: (UAE) Sam Bahbout – S Yankos Papakyriakopoulos  
E: (BCOB 3) Guy Polet – W Caroline Vandenbossche

deal 14 (E/none)

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

W	N	E	S
		pass	1♦
2NT	dbld	3♥	pass
pass	dbld	all pass	

play: ♥K, ♥A, ♠K, ♠4, ♠x, ♥Q

at which point are left:

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

at which point North claims for down two. (having made four tricks, this means two more tricks of the remaining seven)/

North then notices that East has no clubs and he calls the director to retract his concession. He will say he always make three more tricks.

Law 71 says

A concession must stand, once made, except that within the Correction Period established under Law 79C the Director shall cancel a concession:

A. ...

B. if a player has conceded a trick that could not be lost by any normal\* play of the remaining cards.

The play shall go:

1 - diamond from hand; dummy can either ruff or not:

2a - If dummy does not ruff, North makes the ace and plays the other diamond. Dummy ruffs but must concede two more clubs - three tricks to North

2b- if dummy ruffs, he must play clubs, the second is for north, who plays spade, dummy ruffs and must still give a club - three tricks to North

The claim is consistent with North believing East has at least one club. In that case, declarer should play that club, and North can only make his two club honours.

Therefore the Director rules that the concession shall be cancelled. North/South make seven tricks, the contract is down three.

Herman De wael.