

Missing Card from dummy

Hand 14 on 21/10/14

When a card is missing it is considered that there has been a revoke if it was not played at the correct time.

Law 14 B 4

B. Hand Found Deficient Afterwards

When one or more hand(s) is/are found to contain fewer than 13 cards, with no hand having more than 13, at any time after the opening lead is faced (until the end of the Correction Period), the Director makes a search for any missing card, and:

1. if the card is found among the played cards, Law 67 applies.
2. if the card is found elsewhere, it is restored to the deficient hand. Rectification and/or penalties may apply (see 4 following).
3. if the card cannot be found, the deal is reconstructed using another pack. Rectification and/or penalties may apply (see 4 following).
4. a card restored to a hand under the provisions of Section B of this Law is deemed to have belonged continuously to the deficient hand. It may become a penalty card (Law 50), and failure to have played it may constitute a revoke.

However, Law 64B3 states that there is no rectification if dummy revokes. This is because all four players should see that there is a card missing.

No Rectification

There is no rectification as in A following an established revoke:

1. if the offending side did not win either the revoke trick or any subsequent trick.
2. if it is a subsequent revoke in the same suit by the same player. Law 64C may apply.
3. if the revoke was made in failing to play any card faced on the table or belonging to a hand faced on the table, including a card from dummy's hand.

Law 64C

But if the non-offending side has been damaged (which is so in this case) Equity must be restored. As John (E) should have won the trick had the QH not been missing, then E/W should be given back that trick.

C. Director Responsible for Equity

When, after any established revoke, including those not subject to rectification, the Director deems that the non-offending side is insufficiently compensated by this Law for the damage caused, he shall assign an adjusted score.

I will therefore assign an adjusted score.

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