

Unfortunately the Rules Answer that appears in the March eBulletin was incomplete - below is the corrected version

rule answer

Answer: No. As the player's ball was not visible before he made a stroke at the wrong ball, it was not reasonably foreseeable that his ball could be moved by that stroke; therefore, he is not penalised for moving his ball. He must replace his ball in play, and if necessary, the lie must be re-created. If the ball is not replaced correctly before he makes his next stroke, the player incurs a penalty of two strokes. As the failure to replace the ball is considered a separate act from playing the wrong ball, the player incurs a total penalty of four strokes. (Revised)