

Subject of Appeal:	Misinformation	Case:	N4
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Event	Freeman Mixed BAM Teams	Event DIC	Matt Koltnow
Date	07/27/2017	Session	Second Final


Auction

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1NT ¹	2♥ ²	2NT ³	3♥
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass ⁴

Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: 15-17 HCP
2: Explained as ♥ & minor
3: Lebensohl
4: Changed explanation

Hand Record

Board	15	N	Cheri Bjerkan		
Dealer	S	♠	AJ109		
		♥	QJ1043		
Vul	N/S	♦	J5		
		♣	85		
W	Gloria Bart			E	Les Bart
♠	KQ3			♠	8752
♥	A6			♥	K7
♦	AK42			♦	Q1086
♣	7432			♣	KJ9
		S	William Pettis		
		♠	64		
		♥	9852		
		♦	973		
		♣	AQ106		

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
3NT by W	Down 3	N/S +300	♥Q

Facts Determined at the Table

The director was called prior to South's third call. South had corrected his explanation of North's 2♥ call as showing the majors instead of hearts and a minor. East/West were taken away from the table by the director. East was offered the opportunity to change his final pass, but he declined. He said if he had received the correct explanation at his first turn to call, he would have doubled, showing interest in penalizing one or both of the majors per the E/W agreements. With the incorrect explanation, he could not double as that would be penalty for Hearts under his partnership agreements.

West stated, that with the proper explanation, she would not have bid 3NT over 3♥. The director and players returned, to the table, and South was allowed to make his final call. The director instructed the players to play out the hand, and call him back if E/W believed that they had been damaged by the misinformation, which they did.

Director Ruling

As the incident occurred in the final session, there was insufficient time to poll players about the likely course of the auction with the correct explanation of the 2♥ bid. After discussion with the rest of the directing staff, it was ruled that after 1NT-2♥-X, the most likely course of the auction would continue with South passing and West calling 3NT, resulting in the same final contract and result. While E/W did receive misinformation, it would not have caused any greater damage than the normal course of the auction. Therefore the ruling was to allow the table result to stand.

Director's Ruling	3NT by W, Down 3, N/S +300
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The Review

E/W requested a review of the ruling. They believed additional polling would show that there were more possible results than just the 3NT result posited by the directing staff.

Panel Findings

The reviewer polled additional players with the E/W hands, the E/W systemic agreements, and the correct explanation of the 2♥ overcall. 50% of the players bid 3NT directly with the East hand, 50% doubled. Following a double, one third of the players bid 3NT with the West hand, while two thirds only bid 2NT. None of the players continued to 3NT with the East hand over a 2NT call.

Based upon the poll, it was determined that one third of the time the result on the hand would be 2NT, down 1, while two thirds of the time the table result would occur. The reviewer ruled that, with a favorable adjustment for the non-offenders, the result would be 50% 3NT by West, down 3, N/S +300, and 50% 2NT by West, down 1, N/S +100. The adjusted score resulted in the appellants gaining $\frac{1}{4}$ of a board.

Panel Decision	50% 3NT by W, Down 3, N/S +300 50% 2NT by W, Down 1, N/S +100
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Panel Members

Reviewer	Kevin Perkins
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