

Subject of Appeal:	Disputed Claim	Case:	R4
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Event	6K Mini-Spungold KO Teams	Event DIC	Terry Lavender
Date	07/27/2017	Session	Round of 16, Second Quarter

Auction

West	North	East	South
1♦	2♣	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

Hand Record

Board	20	N	4900 MPS		
Dealer	W	♠	J107		
		♥	105		
Vul	Both	♦	3		
		♣	AKJ7643		
W	600 MPS			E	3600 MPS
♠	AK			♠	Q9632
♥	Q7			♥	J93
♦	J109742			♦	AKQ8
♣	Q82			♣	9
		S	2400 MPS		
		♠	854		
		♥	AK8642		
		♦	65		
		♣	105		

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
5♦ by W			♣K

Facts Determined at the Table

After losing trick one declarer won the king of spades at trick two, pulled trump, cashed the ace of spades and stated "I have to give you two hearts". Declarer immediately added: "No, one heart goes on the queen of spades in dummy." Both sides agreed to the facts except the defenders thought there was a few seconds pause before the clarification. Both the claimer and his partner felt there was no pause.

Director Ruling

Originally, the table director ruled that the defense was due the two tricks. After consulting with other directors, it was ruled that the clarification was timely and that if normal play had continued the declarer would have pitched a heart on the queen of spades (citing Law 69B2). The ruling was changed to 5♦ by West, making five, EW +600.

Director's Ruling	5♦ by W, Made 5, E/W +600
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The Review

N/S appealed the ruling and all four players attended the review. The defenders felt that declarer's original statement should stand and that declarer should be held to it. There were no substantial differences in the facts presented by both sides.

Panel Findings

The panel agreed with the ruling that the clarification, without any outside influence, was a correction of a misstated claim and that had normal play continued the declarer, having entries to the dummy, would have jettisoned a heart on the queen of spades. Although the spade suit broke 3-3 and declarer could have gotten rid of both hearts this was not part of his clarification so he was not due this, per Laws 69 & 70. The ruling of 5♦ by West, making five, EW +600 was upheld. The appeal was judged to have merit.

Panel Decision	5♦ by W, Made 5, E/W +600
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Panel Members

Reviewer	Karl Miller
Member	Matt Koltnow
Member	Kevin Perkins