

<b>Subject of Appeal:</b>	Misinformation	<b>Case:</b>	N3
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<b>Event</b>	von Zedtwitz LM Pairs	<b>Event DIC</b>	Harry Falk
<b>Date</b>	07/22/2016	<b>Session</b>	Second Qualifying

### Auction

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♦ <sup>1</sup>	Dbl
1♥ <sup>2</sup>	Dbl	Pass	1♠
Pass	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

### Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: Could be short, <15 HCP
2: Relay to ♠, No Alert

### Hand Record

Board	20	N	Brian Howard
<b>Dealer</b>	<b>W</b>	♠ 1093	
		♥ K1098	
		♦ 107	
		♣ AJ52	
<b>Vul</b>	<b>Both</b>		
W	John Miller		
♠	Q852		
♥	63		
♦	Q865		
♣	Q86		
		S	Jim Foster
		♠	AK76
		♥	Q54
		♦	92
		♣	K974
		E	Michael Bodell
		♠	J4
		♥	AJ72
		♦	AKJ43
		♣	103

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
3♦ by E	Down 1	N/S +100	♦ 2

### Facts Determined at the Table

At the end of the auction, West announced the failure to alert 1♥ as a relay to spades, and the director was called. South was offered a chance to change his final pass, but he declined. He further said he would not have bid 1♠ if he knew 1♥ showed spades. North said that if he had known 1♥ showed spades, he might have bid 2♥ rather than double.

### Additional Factors Determined Away from the Table

Three players were polled. Several auctions were discussed, including considering South's decision after 1♥ – Dbl – Pass and North's bid after 1♥ with the information that it showed spades. Staff found that these auctions inevitably led to either East or West being able to compete to 3♦.

### Director Ruling

The player polls showed that with the correct information, the auction still resulted in a 3♦ contract. As such, the score was not adjusted; 3♦ would be reached via a different auction. (Laws 21C3, 40B4)

<b>Director's Ruling</b>	<b>3♦ by E, Down 1, N/S +100</b>
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### The Appeal

North/South requested a review of the ruling. They asserted that over a 1♥ bid showing spades, North would bid 2♥ to try to keep E/W from finding their known (to North) diamond fit. They suggested a final contract of 2♥ would be reached, and that eight tricks would be scored

## Panel Findings

The reviewer had another poll conducted. First, two players were given the North hand with the correct information. Both bid 2♥. Five players were given the West hand. They accepted the 1♥ bid (although some thought Pass to be a better choice). None bid over 2♥–Pass–Pass. Therefore, per Laws 21C3, 40B4, and 12C1c, the reviewer changed the contract and result to 2♥ by North, making two, N/S +110.

Experts consulted: Due to the late hour, players were consulted from the Life Master Pairs who were not necessarily of expert level.

<b>Panel Decision</b>	<b>2♥ by N, Made 2, N/S +110</b>
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## Panel Members

<b>Reviewer</b>	Matt Koltnow
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<b>Subject of Appeal:</b>	Inadvertent Call	<b>Case:</b>	N4
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<b>Event</b>	Truscott Senior Swiss	<b>Event DIC</b>	Ken Horwedel
<b>Date</b>	07/25/2016	<b>Session</b>	First Qualifying

### Auction

West	North	East	South
	3♥	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

### Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention


### Hand Record

<b>Board</b>	<b>25</b>	N	Howard Parker
<b>Dealer</b>	<b>N</b>	♠ 98762	
		♥ Q109864	
<b>Vul</b>	<b>E/W</b>	♦ (void)	
		♣ 95	
W	Ed Lazarus		
♠	J104		
♥	A72		
♦	10952		
♣	1086	E	Richard Baum
		♠	AKQ
		♥	KJ5
		♦	AKQ3
		♣	Q32
		S	Marjorie Michelin
		♠	53
		♥	3
		♦	J8764
		♣	AKJ74

<b>Final Contract</b>	<b>Result of Play</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Opening Lead</b>
3NT by E			♣ 7

### Facts Determined at the Table

Declarer won the opening lead with the ♠Q. He played two rounds of diamonds, followed by three rounds of spades. South pitched the ♥3 on the third round of spades. Declarer next led the ♥5 of hearts and called for a low heart from dummy, correcting it to the Ace. The director was called. East/West maintain that the correction was made very quickly. North/South contend that Dummy made a face and even touched the Ace before the correction was made.

### Director Ruling

Law 45C4 states that a card must be played if a player names or otherwise designates it, allowing a change only if done "without pause for thought". Law 46B states that the designation "low" or words of like meaning, indicate play of the lowest card of the suit led, unless "declarer's different intention is incontrovertible." The director ruled that declarer, planning on winning in dummy and leading a low heart back to take the marked finesse, got a trick ahead of himself when he called small. That means the designation 'small' was intended, and the small heart was deemed to be the played card. Declarer took seven tricks for down two.

<b>Director's Ruling</b>	<b>3NT by E, Down 2, N/S +200</b>
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### The Appeal

E/W requested a review of the ruling. They spoke to the review and maintained that declarer changed his designation to the Ace "immediately", adding that it was clear that declarer was planning on winning the Ace, so it was illogical to play low.

## Panel Findings

Under current ACBL appeal procedure, the ruling is assumed to be correct unless an error (such as in procedure or in application of Law) has been made. There was no evidence the Director missed facts or made an illegal ruling. The ruling was upheld. The appeal was found to have no merit, and an Appeal without Merit Warning was issued.

<b>Panel Decision</b>	<b>3NT by E, Down 2, N/S +200</b>
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## Panel Members

<b>Reviewer</b>	Kevin Perkins
<b>Advisor</b>	Matt Smith