


Subject of Appeal:	Simultaneous Leads	Case:	N11
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Event	Wernher Open Pairs	Event DIC	McKenzie Myers
Date	07/28/2016	Session	Second Final

Auction

West	North	East	South

Hand Record

Board	22	N	Low Walter		
Dealer	E	♠	AQJ3		
Vul	E/W	♥	AJ83		
		♦	J65		
		♣	73		
W	John Botzum			E	Miriam Harris-Botzum
♠	10862			♠	75
♥	K62			♥	54
♦	Q932			♦	A10874
♣	AJ	♣	K862		
		S	Marin Marinov		
		♠	K94		
		♥	Q1097		
		♦	K		
		♣	Q10954		

Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
2♥ by S			♠ 6

Facts Determined at the Table

The director was called at the three card ending, shown here.

	♠ —	
	♥ 3	
	♦ J 5	
	♣ —	
♠ —		♠ —
♥ —		♥ —
♦ Q 9 3		♦ 10 8
♣ —		♣ K
	♠ —	
	♥ —	
	♦ —	
	♣ Q 5 4	

East thought she had won the ♦A at trick 10 and led the ♦8 at trick 11. South, who was the real winner of trick 10, played the ♣4. South claimed that he had accepted the lead out of turn and was following to the trick, discarding a small club. East/West believe that South failed to notice that East had led out of turn, and was leading the ♣4 out of his hand. East/West believed the cards hit the table simultaneously. North/South maintain that the ♦8 hit the table first, although South first claimed they hit the table at the same time, but East started to play her card first.

Director Ruling

Based on the statements of both sides, it was determined that East led out of turn, and South accepted the lead, and played to it. This resulted in 2♥ by South, making four, N/S +170

Director's Ruling	2♥ by S, Made 4, N/S +170
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The Appeal

East/West asked for a review of the ruling. The reviewer talked to both sides. E/W claimed South played the ♣4 at the same time as East played the diamond. South, upon questioning, admitted that the cards hit the table at "about the same time". When questioned about whether the play was subsequent, however close, South was unable to acknowledge this fact.

Panel Findings

Due to South's inability to confirm that the play was indeed subsequent, the play was deemed to be simultaneous. Per Law 58A, a play simultaneous to another player's legal play is deemed to be subsequent to it. South was deemed to have led the ♣4 at trick 11, which would result in North-South taking one fewer trick. The score was adjusted to 2♥ by South, making three, N/S +140.

Panel Decision	2♥ by S, Made 3, N/S +140
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Panel Members

Reviewer	Kevin Perkins
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