

Subject of Appeal:	Misinformation/Unauthorized Information	Case:	N15
---------------------------	---	--------------	-----

Event	Roth Open Swiss Teams	Event DIC	Kevin Perkins
Date	07/30/2016	Session	First Semifinal

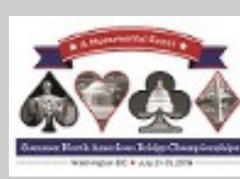
Auction

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

Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: Explained as limit raise

Hand Record

Board	23	N	Jovanka Smederevac		
Dealer	S	♠	106		
		♥	10987		
Vul	Both	♦	K10		
		♣	AK1062		
W	Boguslaw Gierulski			E	Jerzy Skrzypczak
♠	AQJ84			♠	732
♥	4			♥	J32
♦	6542			♦	AQJ9
♣	QJ4			♣	853
		S	Gabriella Olivieri		
		♠	K95		
		♥	AKQ65		
		♦	873		
		♣	97		

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
4♥ by S	Made 5	N/S +650	♣ J

Facts Determined at the Table

The director was called at the end of the hand. At the end of the auction, North said she intended 2NT as forcing. E/W said that opposite a limit raise, they cannot bid 3♦ or 3♥ naturally, as those are three-card and four-card raises. If 2NT is forcing, then 3♦ is a spade raise suggesting a diamond lead.

Director Ruling

The TD ruled there had been misinformation, but that E/W had jeopardized their case by waiting until the end of the hand to call the director. Nonetheless, he conducted a poll of players to see whether the different meanings for 2NT affected their call. None of the players polled bid anything different with either set of information, so there were no grounds to adjust the score under Laws 40B or 21B.

Director's Ruling	4♥ by S, Made 5, N/S +650
--------------------------	----------------------------------

The Appeal

E/W requested a review of the ruling. They said that their agreements were as they described. East felt calling the director at the time the misinformation was revealed would have made it clear to West what he wanted led. North reiterated a fact she had presented to the table director that she had always intended to force with her hand, as the high-card strength and two doubletons made it worth upgrading.

Panel Findings

The reviewer was concerned about the integrity of the original poll, as polled players must be apprised of the methods a partnership uses in order for the poll results to be valid. First, he asked two players whether the set of agreements E/W said they had made sense. Both players said yes: one played against these methods; the other used them. Three additional players were given the East hand. All bid 3♦.

The reviewer was also concerned about unauthorized information. South explained North's bid as limit, yet North bid 4♥ anyway. It was possible that North took advantage of UI to bid 4♥. The reviewer was not able to interview N/S to pursue this element of the ruling. Since E/W only sought to have a diamond lead so they would defeat 4♥, he adjusted the score to 4♥ by South, down one, E/W +100, per Laws 40B4, 21B3, and 12C1c.

Panel Decision	4♥ by S, Down 1, E/W +100
-----------------------	----------------------------------

Panel Members

Reviewer	Matt Koltnow
-----------------	--------------