

Subject of Appeal:	Misinformation	Case:	R4
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Event	10K Pairs	Event DIC	Charlie MacCracken
Date	07/23/2016	Session	First Qualifying

Auction

West	North	East	South
		1♠	Dbl
2♥ ¹	Pass	3♣ ²	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: Constructive Spade Raise
2: No Alert

Hand Record

Board	6	N	2500 MPS		
Dealer	E	♠	J		
		♥	QJ84		
Vul	E/W	♦	Q72		
		♣	109763		
W	6900 MPS			E	8800 MPS
♠	A10963			♠	KQ8752
♥	K32			♥	A109
♦	1043			♦	AJ8
♣	82			♣	J
		S	4600 MPS		
		♠	4		
		♥	765		
		♦	K965		
		♣	AKQ54		

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
4♠ by E	Made 4	E/W +620	♣ A

Facts Determined at the Table

Before making the opening lead, South asked about the 3♣ bid and West said it was a long suit game try, which East immediately corrected to a short suit game try, which West confirmed was the actual partnership agreement. South called the director and said that if he had been told 3♣ was a short suit game try, he would have doubled 3♣. North said after the hand that if his partner had doubled 3♣, he would have bid 5♠ over 4♠.

Director Ruling

The director polled four players who said that they saw no difference between the two understandings. The director allowed the table result to stand.

Director's Ruling	4♠ by E, Made 4, E/W +620
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The Appeal

North/South appealed the ruling, and were the only players to attend the review. South said he did not want to double a natural game try in hopes that his opponents were in the process of having an accident and about to bid a game off 2-3 quick club losers. He said that he did not have that problem over a short suit game try as an accident by East/West was no longer likely.

Panel Findings

The reviewer polled three players around 5000 masterpoints each. Two of the players doubled and one passed given the explanation that 3♣ was a natural game try. When given the corrected information that 3♣ was a short suit game try, none of the players indicated that they wished to change their call. All said that their decision was not affected by the Alert or lack thereof. The panel therefore ruled that there had been misinformation, but it had not resulted in damage to North/South according to the standard of Law 12B1. The panel allowed the table result to stand.

Panel Decision	4♠ by E, Made 4, E/W +620
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Panel Members

Reviewer	Eric Bell
Member	Marilyn Wells
Member	Kevin Perkins