

<b>Subject of Appeal:</b> Misinformation	<b>Case:</b> N10
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<b>Event</b>	Blue Ribbon Pairs	<b>Event DIC</b>	Harry Falk
<b>Date</b>	12/02/2015	<b>Session</b>	Second Semifinal

### Auction

West	North	East	South
		1♣	1♥
Db1 <sup>1</sup>	2♦ <sup>2</sup>	Pass	2♥
2♠	Pass	Pass	3♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

### Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: Explained as 4 or 5 spades
2: Weak heart raise

### Hand Record

Board	26	N	Michael Polowan
<b>Dealer</b>	<b>E</b>	♠ J106	
		♥ A963	
<b>Vul</b>	<b>Both</b>	♦ J85	
		♣ 1054	
W	Rose Yan		
♠	Q87542		
♥	10		
♦	AQ94		
♣	72	E	Jiang Gu
		♠	K9
		♥	QJ5
		♦	732
		♣	AQJ86
		S	Tom Townsend
		♠	A3
		♥	K8742
		♦	K106
		♣	K93

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
3♥ by S	Down 2	E/W +200	♣ 7

### Facts Determined at the Table

South called the director at the beginning of the next round to claim misinformation. He stated that had he known it was possible for West to hold six spades, he would have found the correct play to only go down one on the hand. West stated, that while East/West do have a partnership agreement that would allow her to show six spades, she did not believe her hand to be strong enough to apply it.

### Director Ruling

As East did not bid spades at his second turn to call and West bid Spades on her own at her second turn, it could be inferred from the available information of the auction that the likely spade split was six-two. Per Law 40C, "a player may deviate from his side's announced understandings always, provided that his partner has no more reason to be aware of the deviation than have the opponents." Therefore, any damage was due to the choices made by Declarer, not from any lack of information provided by the opponents.

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

N/S appealed and were the only players to attend the committee. They argued that the explanation of the double by West was that it specifically showed four or five spades. The fact that West could have a sixth spade and not show it was not mentioned.

With the information that South had, the only shape possible for West after play to the first four tricks was 5-1-5-2, which would allow Declarer to escape for down one if East held Qx in diamonds. If South had known that the sixth spade was possible for West, then he would have a second possibility for down one, if East held a doubleton spade honor

### Committee Findings

The committee, after much discussion, ruled that the explanation provided was incomplete and therefore misinformation had been given. Because of the MI, Declarer was never afforded the opportunity to find the correct play, and accordingly was damaged and eligible for redress. The committee adjusted the result to 3♥ by S, down 1, E/W+100.

<b>Committee Decision</b>	<b>3♥ by S, Down 1, E/W +100</b>
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### Committee Members

<b>Chairman</b>	James Thurtell
<b>Member</b>	Scott Stearns
<b>Member</b>	Becky Rogers
<b>Member</b>	Greg Herman
<b>Member</b>	Meyer Kotkin