

Subject of Appeal:	Disputed Claim	Case:	R3
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Event	1 st Friday AX Pairs	Event DIC	Terry Lavender
Date	08/07/2015	Session	Evening

Auction

West	North	East	South
N/A			

Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

Hand Record

Board	19	N	110 MPS		
Dealer	S	♠	KQ8		
		♥	J1052		
Vul	E/W	♦	QJ94		
		♣	J8		
W	4460 MPS			E	5850 MPS
♠	63			♠	1095
♥	AQ763			♥	K4
♦	AK53			♦	62
♣	97			♣	AKQ653
		S	200+ MPS		
		♠	AJ742		
		♥	98		
		♦	1087		
		♣	1042		

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
4♥ by W			

Facts Determined at the Table

The Declarer claimed after trick nine, having lost two tricks previously. They had won trick nine in hand, and made the statement, "I have the rest of the tricks." The opponents objected and called the director. The remaining cards were:

	♠ —	
	♥ 10	
	♦ Q	
	♣ J 8	
♠ —		♠ —
♥ 7		♥ —
♦ 5		♦ —
♣ 9 7		♣ A K Q 6
	♠ 7	
	♥ —	
	♦ —	
	♣ 10 4 2	

Director Ruling

The table director ruled that declarer would play Dummy's clubs from the top, discarding their losing diamond on the third round while North ruffed. Declarer would then win the last trick with their remaining trump. The score was adjudicated as 4♥ by West, making 4, E/W +620.

Director's Ruling	4♥ by W, 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. North said that after they had called the director, West had expressed confusion about what the problem was. East said, "There's another trump out," to which West replied "No, there's not!" To N/S this indicated clear evidence that West did not have a count on the hand. They argued that, since West had gotten confused about the outstanding trump, they might well have led their last trump first or thought their remaining diamond was high. Had declarer played either of those cards, the defense would have gotten two tricks and set 4♥.

Panel Findings

The panel decided it was unlikely that West would have led another trump, given that 1) their statement clearly indicated they thought the trump were all gone; 2) if there was another trump it was unlikely that the ♥7 was high enough to pick up any outstanding trump. The panel judged that while West might have thought their diamond was good, it fell below the standard of "careless or inferior" specified in the footnote to Law 70 to require declarer to play a possibly good diamond with the ♠AKQ available. Thus the panel allowed the director's ruling of E/W +620 to stand. Because the problem presented by East's statement and West's reply were not addressed by the table director, the panel deemed the appeal to have merit.

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

Reviewer	Eric Bell
Member	Ken Van Cleve
Member	Jenni Carmichael