

Subject of Appeal: Misinformation	Case: N4
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Event	von Zedtwitz LM Pairs	Event DIC	Chris Patrias
Date	07/20/2016	Session	Second Final


Auction

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	2♣
Dbl ¹	Rdbl	4♥	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: Explained as majors

Hand Record

Board	21	N	Kenneth Eichenbaum		
Dealer	N	♠	9842		
		♥	43		
Vul	N/S	♦	J109542		
		♣	5		
W	Zia Mahmood			E	Giorgio Duboin
♠	K			♠	763
♥	KQ109			♥	J8752
♦	873			♦	6
♣	AQ972			♣	K1084
		S	Brian Howard		
		♠	AQJ105		
		♥	A6		
		♦	AKQ		
		♣	J63		

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
4♥X by E	Made 4	E/W +590	♦ A

Facts Determined at the Table

During the auction, West's double had been alerted and explained as showing the majors. Before the opening lead, West explained to N/S that the double actually only showed a two suited hand. N/S accepted the explanation, and play continued. It was not until well after the play was over that South called the director.

Director Ruling

As neither defender had called at the time of the corrected explanation, the director ruled that the table result stood, based upon Law 10B.

Director's Ruling	4♥X by E, Made 4, E/W +590
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The Appeal

South appealed the director's ruling, and appeared before the committee. He argued that, with the correct information, he would have bid 4♠ instead of doubling.

Committee Findings

The committee agreed that, with the proper explanation of the double as showing a two suited hand, the bid of 4♠ was much more attractive than doubling. They also concluded that West would likely raise to 5♥ after this, as in his mind he had not shown hearts with his earlier call. The likely auction from this point would have South double, as it was

deemed unlikely that North would raise to 5♠ or suddenly decide to bid his diamonds at the six level. Therefore, the committee ruled the final result as 5♥X by East, down 1, N/S +100.

Committee Decision	5♥X by E, Down 1, N/S +100
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Committee Members

Chair	Aaron Silverstein
Member	Ed Lazarus
Member	Chris Moll
Member	Craig Allen
Member	Eugene Kales