

Subject of Appeal: Misinformation	Case: N5
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Event	von Zedtwitz LM Pairs	Event DIC	Chris Patrias
Date	07/20/2014	Session	Second Final


Auction

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

Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: Transfer to ♥, No Alert

Hand Record

Board	17	N	Kenneth Eichenbaum		
Dealer	N	♠	8654		
		♥	A8653		
Vul	None	♦	A52		
		♣	6		
W	John Rayner			E	Michael Roche
♠	AK109			♠	Q3
♥	109			♥	KQ742
♦	76			♦	K1043
		♣	KQ974	♣	108
		S	Brian Howard		
		♠	J72		
		♥	J		
		♦	QJ98		
		♣	AJ532		

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
3♦X by S	Down 3	E/W +500	♦ 7

Facts Determined at the Table

During the auction, East's 2♦ bid had not been alerted. Their agreement was that this showed a transfer to hearts. South called the director after the opening lead.

Director Ruling

While the failure to alert is misinformation per Law 21B1b, the director ruled that the damage to N/S was not related to the misinformation and was self-inflicted. The table result stood.

Director's Ruling	3♦X by S, Down 3, E/W +500
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The Appeal

South appealed the ruling and was the sole attendee. He argued that, based upon the auction through 2♠, he knew that E/W had an eight-card fit in spades and a seven card fit in hearts. It was therefore safe for him to bid 3♣, since N/S must have at least one eight card minor suit fit, as his partner must hold six cards in the minors.

Committee Findings

South made an aggressive pre-balance, and was done in by the fact that E/W were set to play in a six card fit. E/W did not guarantee seven heart cards between them on the auction that South thought had occurred. He took a

calculated risk and got unlucky. Accordingly, the committee agreed with the table director that the damage was self-inflicted, and not connected to the misinformation from the failure to Alert. The TD ruling was confirmed.

Committee Decision	3♦X by S, Down 3, E/W +500
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Committee Members

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