

Subject of Appeal:	Misinformation	Case:	N7
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Event	Wernher Open Pairs	Event DIC	Candace Kuschner
Date	07/22/2014	Session	First Qualifying

Auction

West	North	East	South
	Pass	1NT ¹	2♣ ²
DbI ³	Pass	Pass	Pass

Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: 12-16 HCP
2: Explained ♦ or Major/Minor
3: Values

Hand Record

Board	13	N	Greg Trautman		
Dealer	N	♠	86543		
		♥	KJ743		
Vul	Both	♦	J		
		♣	J7		
W	Ping Ho			E	Claude Le Feuvre
♠	KJ9			♠	Q1072
♥	962			♥	Q8
♦	K9863			♦	AQ52
♣	65			♣	K104
		S	Ron Woodard		
		♠	A		
		♥	A105		
		♦	1074		
		♣	AQ9832		

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
2♣X by S	Made 5	N/S +780	♣ 6

Facts Determined at the Table

South's 2♣ bid was explained as either diamonds or a major-minor two suited hand. The actual agreement was a single suited minor or a major-minor two suited hand. The director was called after the conclusion of play, with West stating he would have passed instead of doubling, if given the correct information about the bid, as he would have expected North to bid at least 2♦.

Director Ruling

The reasoning that West would have passed did not seem to apply, as under either explanation of the 2♣ bid, there should be the same expectation that North would bid, which is the reason West gave for wanting to change his call. As there did not seem to be a direct link between the infraction and any damage on the board, per Law 12, the table result was ruled to stand.

Director's Ruling	2♣X by S, Made 5, N/S +780
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The Appeal

E/W appealed the ruling and attended the committee. They play together only at NABCs, and under their system, the double of an artificial 2♣ bid is card showing. Over a natural (or possibly natural) 2♣, double is Stayman. West stated that he would have bid 2♦ if he had known the 2♣ bid could show just clubs.

Committee Findings

Based upon the system agreements presented by E/W, the committee decided that the double was indeed based upon the misinformation provided by N/S. Accordingly, they examined where the auction would likely end if correct information had been provided.

Proceeding from West's assertion that he would bid 2♦, North (believing his partner to hold a major-minor two suiter) would likely bid 2♥. East would compete to 3♦, and South (in possession of UI) would raise his partner's natural bid. Per Law 21C, the offending side was not allowed to bid to game, and thus a final contract of 3♥ was imposed. The committee found that the least favorable result at all probable for N/S was eleven tricks, and therefore ruled the final result to be 3♥ by North, making 5, N/S +200.

Committee Decision	3♥ by N, Made 5, N/S +200
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Committee Members

Chair	Richard Popper
Scribe	Scott Stearns
Member	Ed Lazarus
Member	Ray Miller
Member	Mark Bartusek