

<b>Subject of Appeal:</b>	Misinformation	<b>Case:</b>	N13
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<b>Event</b>	Freeman Mixed BAM Teams	<b>Event DIC</b>	Steve Bates
<b>Date</b>	07/22/2016	<b>Session</b>	First Qualifying

### Auction

West	North	East	South
			Pass
1♣ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	1♦ <sup>2</sup>	2♣ <sup>3</sup>
Dbl <sup>4</sup>	2♦	Pass	Pass
Dbl <sup>5</sup>	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

### Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: Strong, Artificial, Forcing
2: 0-7 HCP
3: Explained Majors or Minors
4: Penalty oriented; ♣ or extras
5: Takeout

### Hand Record

Board	35	N	Warren Oberfield
<b>Dealer</b>	<b>S</b>	♠ J5	
		♥ J1098	
<b>Vul</b>	<b>E/W</b>	♦ AJ92	
		♣ 984	
W	Karlis Rubins		
♠	KQ108		
♥	AQ5		
♦	Q		
♣	KJ752	E	Maija Romanovska
		♠	74
		♥	763
		♦	8643
		♣	AQ103
		S	Peggy Kaplan
		♠	A9632
		♥	K42
		♦	K1075
		♣	6

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
3♠ by W	Down 3	N/S +300	♥ J

### Facts Determined at the Table

The director was called after the conclusion of play. South explained that North's explanation of her 2♣ bid was incorrect. She believed their actual agreement was that it showed either spades and diamonds or hearts and clubs. E/W stated that neither bid clubs once South passed North's 2♦ as they believed she held both minors, based upon the explanation they received.

### Director Ruling

The directing staff judged that the damage was due to East's decision to pass her partner with only a doubleton spade. West had had the opportunity to show an actual spade suit at his third turn, but had instead made a "takeout" call, which suggested that his spade call did not show a five card suit, but was simply a preference, all else being equal. Therefore, the damage was not the result of the misinformation, and no adjustment to the table result was needed.

<b>Director's Ruling</b>	<b>3♠ by W, Down 3, N/S +300</b>
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### The Appeal

E/W appealed the ruling, and they and South were present at the committee. E/W explained that, in their system, club bids would not have been natural after the explanation they received. This made finding their club fit difficult, while with a correct explanation, it would have been trivial. West's bidding sequence, in their methods, was consistent with being 5-4 in the majors, based upon the information they had received.

South acknowledged the misinformation, but believed East's pass of 3♠ was poor bridge as West did not bid spades until the fourth round of bidding.

## Committee Findings

The committee ruled that there was definitely misinformation provided. Without the misinformation, E/W would be aware that South held spades and diamonds, and would not play in 3♣. While some might not like the pass by East, West could have had five spades, so it certainly did not rise to the level of an egregious error.

Accordingly, as the table result was connected to misinformation provided, and not the result of the actions of E/W, a score adjustment was proper. While eleven tricks are there in a club contract, the committee judged that, even with correct information, E/W were unlikely to bid to the game contract. Therefore, the committee assigned the result of 4♣ by West, making five, E/W +150.

<b>Committee Decision</b>	<b>4♣ by W, Made 5, E/W +150</b>
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## Committee Members

<b>Chair</b>	Lou Reich
<b>Scribe</b>	Ray Miller
<b>Member</b>	Joel Wooldridge