

Subject of Appeal:	Unauthorized Information	Case:	R6
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Event	Daylight AB Swiss Teams	Event DIC	Steve Kaessner
Date	07/23/2014	Session	Second

Auction

West	North	East	South
		Pass	Pass
1NT ¹	2♦ ²	Dbl ³	2♠ ⁴
3♦	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: 15-17 HCP
2: One Major
3: E - Card Showing, W - ♦
4: Explained Pass or Correct

Hand Record

Board	14	N	4000 MPS	
Dealer	E	♠ 86	♥ AKQ964	
Vul	None	♦ 106	♣ K93	
W	3000 MPS			E
♠ AQ2				♠ K4
♥ 532				♥ J107
♦ A532				♦ Q74
♣ A87				♣ QJ642
		S	4500 MPS	
		♠ J109753		
		♥ 8		
		♦ KJ98		
		♣ 105		

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
3♠X by S	Made 3	N/S +530	♦ A

Facts Determined at the Table

The director was called after the 3♠ bid. With North away from the table, South informed E/W that N/S's new agreement was that 2♠ was to play. The director was called back after the hand. E/W were concerned the 3♠ call may have been influenced by the explanation of 2♠. West's defense had been predicated on his understanding that the double of 2♦ promised diamonds. East played the 4 at trick one, upside down count and attitude. E/W played ace from AK hence East's encouragement at trick one.

Director Ruling

The director ruled the explanation of 2♠ was UI to South. He further ruled that from South's point of view the 3♥ bid implied spade tolerance, so pass was not a logical alternative. The table result was allowed to stand.

Director's Ruling	3♠X by S, Made 3, N/S +530
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The Appeal

All four players attended the review. The facts were agreed as presented. E/W said that North's explanation of 2♠ told South that North's 3♥ call might be predicated on South's having heart support, rather than a self-sufficient suit as would be suggested without the UI.

N/S said the 3♠ call didn't damage E/W. Their problem was their own misunderstanding about the double of 2♦, which caused their subsequent poor defense. South also stated that, from his point of view, North would never have risked 3♥ without spade tolerance. South's diamond holding suggested, given the auction, that North was short in that suit.

Panel Findings

Five peers of South were polled about the call after 3♥ - Pass. All five passed. All five thought the only inference from the auction about North's spade holding was a probable lack of support. When told about the explanation of 2♠, all five thought a 3♠ call was now more attractive.

For N/S, the panel adjusted the score to 3♥ by North, down one, E/W +50. While E/W might allow 3♥ to slip through, especially after a diamond lead, the panel decided that down one met the standards of Law 12C1e as the most unfavorable result that was at all probable for the offending side.

Regarding E/W, they were in a position to earn a better score than they would have without the 3♠ call. Law 12C1b states, "if, subsequent to the irregularity, the non-offending side has contributed to its own damage by a serious error (unrelated to the infraction) or by a wild or gambling action, it does not receive relief in the adjustment for such part of the damage as is self-inflicted." For E/W, the table result was allowed to stand.

2♦ showing an unknown major is a Mid-Chart method not permitted in an event of this rating. That issue was not addressed by the players, the event directors, or the panel.

The appeal was judged to have merit

Panel Decision	N/S: 3♥ by N, Down 1, E/W +50 E/W: 3♠X by S, Made 3, N/S +530
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Panel Members

Reviewer	Gary Zeiger
Member	Kevin Perkins
Member	Matt Koltnow