

Subject of Appeal:	Misinformation	Case:	R5
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Event	Red Ribbon Pairs	Event DIC	Michael Flader
Date	03/27/2014	Session	Second Qualifying

Auction

West	North	East	South
		1♠	1NT ¹
2♠	2NT ²	3♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: 14-16 HCP
2: Lebensohl; No alert

Hand Record

Board	10	N	1600 mps		
Dealer	E	♠	9		
		♥	1084		
Vul	Both	♦	QJ654		
		♣	10843		
W	900 mps			E	1400 mps
♠	Q85			♠	KJ10643
♥	732			♥	AQ
♦	93			♦	K107
♣	AQJ96			♣	75
		S	1300 mps		
		♠	A72		
		♥	KJ965		
		♦	A82		
		♣	K2		

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
3♠ by E	Made 4	E/W +170	♠ 2

Facts Determined at the Table

The director was called by E/W after the completion of play. 2NT was not alerted, but was Lebensohl according to partnership agreement. West told the Director that he would have bid 4♠ if he had been given the correct information.

Director Ruling

The Director felt that E/W received misinformation, and that the damage to E/W was a direct consequence of the misinformation. Therefore, they adjusted the result to 4♠ by East, making 4, E/W +620, in accordance with Law 21B3.

Director's Ruling	4♠ by E, Made 4, E/W +620
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The Appeal

North/South appealed the ruling. They agreed that there had been misinformation, but thought that West had sufficient clues available to him to suspect a problem; and even if the correct information had been given, it was not at all clear that E/W would have bid game.

West claimed that "he would have accepted over an invitational 3♠ bid", but on further questioning, agreed that the 3♠ bid chosen by East was competitive, not invitational. East intended her 3♠ bid to be competitive, and said she would have been surprised to hear her partner continue on to game. She could have doubled or bid another suit to invite to game. When asked what she would have done had North passed, she said that with a 7-loser hand she would have passed as well.

Panel Findings

Given that E/W were not in an invitational sequence, it was deemed unlikely that they would have gotten to game, even if they had been given the correct information. It was never East's intention to invite game, and she never considered an invitational call. There was no reason, therefore, for West to bid a game.

The panel felt that, while there was an infraction, no damage had occurred, and it restored the table result of 3♠ by East, making 4, for E/W +170. Since the ruling was overturned, there was no consideration of the merit of the appeal.

Panel Decision	3♠ by E, Made 4, E/W +170
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Panel Members

Reviewer	David Metcalf
Member	Matt Smith
Member	Matt Koltnow