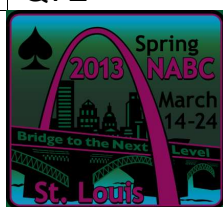


APPEAL	NABC+ FIVE
Subject	Misinformation
DIC	Su Doe
Event	IMP Pairs
Session	1 st Final
Date	March 16, 2013

BD#	13
VUL	Both
DLR	N

Richard Chan	
♠	AQ1064
♥	765
♦	A8
♣	Q72
Shan Huang	
♠	K2
♥	AQJ84
♦	K53
♣	865

George Krizel	
♠	975
♥	1092
♦	QJ109762
♣	--



Albert Shekhter	
♠	J83
♥	K3
♦	4
♣	AKJ10943

West	North	East	South
	1♠	3♣ ⁽¹⁾	3♥
P	4♥	P	P
P			

Final Contract	4♥ by South
Opening Lead	♠7
Table Result	Down 1, N/S -100
Director Ruling	4♥ by South, Making 6, N/S +680
Committee Ruling	4♥ by South, Down 1, N/S -100

(1) Explained as preemptive

The Facts: When asked by South, West described the 3♣ bid as preemptive. East/West's convention card showed it was intermediate. The Director was summoned at the end of the hand. Declarer (South) stated that if he had known that the 3♣ bid was "intermediate" then East could easily have had the ♥K. If he takes the hook, he makes six hearts. After winning the opening lead with the ♠K, he played the ♥A and ♥J to guard against ruffs.

The Ruling: Law 40.B.4 states that, "A side that is damaged as a consequence of its opponents' failure to provide disclosure of the meaning of a call or play as these Laws require is entitled to rectifications through the award of an adjusted score." Accordingly, the Director adjusted the result to 4♥ by South, making 6, N/S +680.

The Appeal: East/West appealed the ruling and attended the hearing. They contended that South's losing line of play was not the result of misinformation. East and West both claimed that the explanation that they played intermediate jump overcalls vulnerable vs. non-vulnerable and

weak otherwise was accurate and consistent with their filled out convention card. They also stated that vulnerable they would not make “suicidal” jump bids and that they had volunteered that information.

The non-offending side was not present at the hearing, but South claimed at the table that the explanation led him to believe the king of trump was offside and he feared a ruff in both spades and clubs were he to take the finesse and it lost.

The Decision: The Appeals Committee felt that although East and West would have done better to describe their vulnerable jump shifts as “heavy”, South’s line of play was inferior. Taking the heart finesse at IMPs would still allow North/South to make their contract, even if it lost, unless West had led from a five card spade suit. The ♠7 made that improbable. Therefore, South’s line of play though reasonable, in IMPs was inferior and did not entitle him to redress.

The AC recommended that East/West use the word “heavy” in the future to describe their pre-emptive vulnerable jump overcalls in the future.

The table result was restored to 4♥ by South, down 1, N/S -100.

The Committee: Gail Greenberg (Chair), Jim Thurtell, Ray Miller, Josh Parker and E.J. Kales