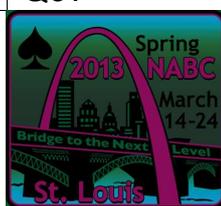


APPEAL	NABC+ EIGHT
Subject	Misinformation
DIC	Terry Lavender
Event	Whitehead Women's Pairs
Session	2 nd Qualifier
Date	March 21, 2013

BD#	16
VUL	E/W
DLR	W

Vonnie Lavender	
♠	A10973
♥	95
♦	1074
♣	Q97

Brenda Bryant	
♠	KQ8
♥	K1076
♦	J9
♣	8542



Sylvia McNamara	
♠	J
♥	J842
♦	KQ62
♣	KJ106

Ann Lindley	
♠	6542
♥	AQ3
♦	A853
♣	A3

West	North	East	South
P	P	1♦	1NT ⁽¹⁾
P	2♥ ⁽²⁾	P	3♣ ⁽³⁾
P	3♥ ⁽⁴⁾	P	3♠
P	P	P	

Final Contract	3♠ by South
Opening Lead	♦J
Table Result	Down 1, N/S -50
Director Ruling	3♠ by South, Down 1, N/S -50
Committee Ruling	3♠ by South, Down 1, N/S -50

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| (1) | 12-15 HCP, Not Alerted |
| (2) | Transfer to spades, Announced |
| (3) | Four spades and a maximum, concentrated values in clubs |
| (4) | Re-transfer to spades |

The Facts: The Director was summoned at the end of the hand. The play of the hand had proceeded as follows:

- Trick 1: ♦J led and held the trick
- Trick 2: ♦9 led and won by ♦A
- Trick 3: Small ♠ to ♠A
- Trick 4: Small ♠ won by ♠Q, East discarded the ♣6
- Trick 5: ♠K, East discarded a ♦
- Trick 6: ♥ led

When asked, South had explained that 3♣ showed a maximum with concentrated values in clubs. East/West felt that they did not receive a complete explanation and that the result should be down two.

The Ruling: Director decided that information from the auction indicated South had four spades and four diamonds; therefore, the discard of ♣6 led East's partner to the wrong conclusions and severed any link between the irregularity and the damage. Accordingly, the Director ruled that the table result stands, 3♠ by South, down 1, N/S -50.

The Appeal: East/West appealed the ruling and North, East and West attended the hearing. East/West maintained that the explanation of 3♣ showing a concentration of values in clubs and the failure to alert the range of the 1NT overcall (11-15 HCP) constituted misinformation. West could have shifted to a club instead of a heart after cashing her spades.

The Decision: The Appeals Committee pointed out that the heart shift was immaterial because the Declarer had a pitch of a losing heart available in the diamond suit and was down one. The heart shift cost nothing. Therefore, the misinformation did no harm and no adjustment was appropriate, 3♠ by South, down 1, N/S -50.

Since neither the appellants nor the directors appeared to be aware that no harm had occurred, the AC decided that the appeal had merit.

The Committee: Adam Wildavsky (Chair), Ed Lazarus, Craig Allen, Chris Moll, Jim Thurtell