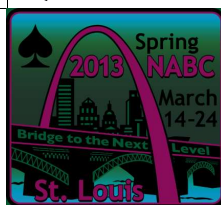


<b>APPEAL</b>	<b>NABC+ EIGHT</b>
Subject	Misinformation
DIC	Terry Lavender
Event	Whitehead Women's Pairs
Session	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qualifier
Date	March 21, 2013

BD#	<b>16</b>
VUL	<b>E/W</b>
DLR	<b>W</b>

<b>Vonnie Lavender</b>	
♠	A10973
♥	95
♦	1074
♣	Q97

<b>Brenda Bryant</b>	
♠	KQ8
♥	K1076
♦	J9
♣	8542



<b>Sylvia McNamara</b>	
♠	J
♥	J842
♦	KQ62
♣	KJ106

<b>Ann Lindley</b>	
♠	6542
♥	AQ3
♦	A853
♣	A3

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

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

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

**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