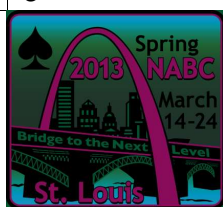


APPEAL	Regional One
Subject	Unauthorized Information
DIC	Scott Humphrey
Event	First Sunday AX Pairs
Session	First Session
Date	March 16, 2013

BD#	8
VUL	None
DLR	W

6605 masterpoints	
♠	974
♥	A974
♦	KQ963
♣	9

16,640 masterpoints	
♠	K8
♥	QJ862
♦	10874
♣	107



4218 masterpoints	
♠	J6
♥	K1053
♦	AJ5
♣	J853

2384 masterpoints	
♠	AQ10532
♥	--
♦	2
♣	AKQ642

West	North	East	South
P	P	P	1♠
P	2♠ ⁽¹⁾	P	2♠ ⁽²⁾
P	3♠	P	4NT ⁽³⁾
P	5♠ ⁽⁴⁾	P	6♠
P	P	P	

Final Contract	6♠ by South
Opening Lead	♥Q
Table Result	Making 6, N/S +980
Director Ruling	2♠ by North, Making 6, N/S +230
Committee Ruling	2♠ by North, Making 6, N/S +230

(1)	Not Alerted – Limit Raise (Reverse Drury)
(2)	Not Alerted – Minimum Hand, agreed break in tempo
(3)	1430 RKC Blackwood
(4)	One or Four Keycards

The Facts: The TD was called at the end of the auction. West explained that 2♣ was not alerted, and that South broke tempo before bidding 2♠S. N/S agreed with these facts, and they also explained that 2♠ systemically shows a hand which does not accept a limit raise.

The Ruling: North had UI from the BIT. More importantly, South's failure to Alert 2♣ was UI to North. Per Law 16B1, North was not allowed to choose from among logical alternatives one which could demonstrably have been suggested over another by the extraneous information.

The TD determined through a player poll that the failure to Alert 2♣ suggested that partner might not have recognized it as a limit raise and that bidding 3♠ might be more successful than passing.

The TD also found through a player poll that Pass was a logical alternative to bidding 3♠ for North. Therefore, per Law 12C1e, North's 3♠ bid was changed to a Pass, and the contract and result were changed to 2♠ by South, making 6, NS +230

The Appeal: N/S appealed the ruling and North, East and West appeared. During the Review, East and West brought no new evidence. North asserted that he had a particularly good limit raise and was always planning to bid 3♠ if partner bid 2♠.

The Decision: The reviewer conducted his own player poll. All seven consultants (six peers, expert Janice Seamon-Molson) passed 2♠.

Following the standard procedure for UI cases, the Panel agreed that UI was available to North from South's failure to Alert 2♣. The information contained in the failure to Alert was that South did not recognize that 2♣ was a spade raise. As such, the Panel felt that bidding 3♠ might be more successful than passing 2♠. The player poll showed that in an untainted auction, peers of this player who employ this convention would Pass. Therefore, the Panel adjusted the score to 2♠ by South making 6, NS +230, per Laws 16B1 and 12C1c.

As N/S are experienced players, and since N/S were informed during the pre-hearing screening of the results of the Reviewer's player poll, the Panel felt unanimously that N/S should be awarded an Appeal without Merit Warning.

The Panel: Matt Koltnow (Reviewer), Matt Smith, Sol Weinstein