

APPEAL	NABC+ NINE
Subject	Unauthorized Information (UI)
DIC	Terry Lavender
Event	Vanderbilt KO Teams
Session	Round of 32
Date	March 17, 2010

BD#	24
VUL	None
DLR	West

Louk Verhees	
♠	9 7 6
♥	K Q 9
♦	Q J 6 4
♣	Q T 2

Dennis Clerkin		Spring 2010 Reno, NV	Harry Tudor	
♠	K J 8		♠	A Q T
♥	A 2		♥	J 8 7 5
♦	9 5 2		♦	A K 7
♣	8 7 6 5 3		♣	K 9 4

Jan Jasma	
♠	5 4 3 2
♥	T 6 4 3
♦	T 8 3
♣	A J

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

Final Contract	3NT by East
Opening Lead	♥ 4
Table Result	Down 2, E/W -100
Director Ruling	3NT E down 2, E/W -100
Committee Ruling	3NT E down 2, E/W -100

The Facts: The director was called after the hand had been played and the N/S pair had left the table.

The heart opening lead was won by North with the queen. East said that after thought, North returned the heart king and that South reacted with a gasp. Declarer won in dummy and led a club to the king and South's ace.

South switched to the diamond three, won by declarer who led a club.

South's jack was overtaken by North who switched to a diamond. A heart return would have allowed the contract to make.

The director spoke to several people present at the table. Some said nothing happened and others detected some reaction. The allegiance, if any, of the kibitzers was unknown.

The Ruling: The director determined that there not enough evidence of UI and the table result was allowed to stand for both pairs - 3NT by East down 2, minus 100 E/W and plus 100 N/S.

The Appeal: E/W and the teams captain (Bob Jones) appealed the director's decision. All four players at the table were present at the hearing.

East repeatedly said that he did not care about the ruling on this case only the previous one (NABC+ EIGHT from the same match).

There was no disagreement with the facts as presented above except that East maintained that South reacted and N/S maintained that he didn't.

N/S were using "3rd and 5th" leads versus notrump.

The Decision: The committee determined that it was irrelevant whether there was UI available for North because there was no logical alternative to North's diamond return after winning the club queen. South's lead of a low diamond had implied an honor in the suit. Even if it had not, North held the third defensive entry, so he'd be able to switch back to hearts if declarer unexpectedly won the diamond ten.

The committee judged that the appeal had no merit and assessed an appeal without merit warning (AWMW) against East and West and their team captain.

The Committee: Gail Greenberg (Chairman), Peter Boyd, Mark Feldman, Chris Moll and Howard Weinstein.

Commentary:

Goldsmith Good job, including the AWMW

Polisner Routine.

Rigal This seems like an excellent ruling on the facts presented. Hard to see what E/W could gain here in the particular circumstances of this case.

Wildavsky Open and shut.

Wolff Finally, a simple bridge ruling. This hand shows the intensity generated by the previous hand (same cast of characters present) and merely reinforces my belief in when our process keeps the candy store open (ridiculous award to NS on the previous hand) our moods become rightfully sour for us to intervene and disturb normal playing luck (NPL)