

APPEAL	Non-NABC+ ONE
Subject	Misinformation (MI)
DIC	Steve Bates
Event	GNT Flight B
Session	First
Date	July 12, 2006

BD#	15
VUL	N/S
DLR	South

785 Masterpoints	
♠	9 7 6 5 3
♥	A K 8 4
♦	9 8
♣	7 4

632 Masterpoints		Summer 2006 Chicago, Illinois	1588 Masterpoints	
♠	A T		♠	K 4
♥	T 2		♥	6 3
♦	Q J 7 6 2		♦	A K 5 4 3
♣	K Q 6 2		♣	A J 8 5

738 Masterpoints	
♠	Q J 8 2
♥	Q J 9 7 5
♦	T
♣	T 9 3

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

Final Contract	3NT W
Opening Lead	♠5
Table Result	3NT+2, E/W +460
Director Ruling	No Adjustment
Panel Ruling	No Adjustment

(1) Inverted Raise

The Facts: N/S stated that before the opening lead North asked the meaning of 3♣ and was told that there was no agreement. Then North turned to East and asked about 2NT. East said “stoppers in both majors.” East says he told North he was taking it as stoppers in both Majors. A kibitzer (friend of E/W) said that North asked if 2NT showed stoppers in both majors and East said, “it should.” North said if told no agreement, he would have led the ♥A. North said after the hand that West said they had no such agreement.

The Ruling: Unclear if there was misinformation. It was unlikely that an answer of “No agreement” would have led to a different lead (law 40C). Table Result Stands.

The Appeal: North was insistent upon the fact that East made a definite statement that their agreement was that 2NT showed stoppers in both majors. He claimed that had he known that this was not the agreement, he would have led a high heart. He felt that if there was an agreement, he would need the heart entries in order to set up his spade suit. E/W stated that 2♦ denies a four-card major and shows at least invitational values. 2NT could have been passed. East stated that when asked about the 2NT bid, he qualified his response as “should show major stoppers” but did not state that this was a definite agreement.

The Decision: Several players were asked to choose an opening lead given the auction. There was a relatively even division between those choosing a heart or a spade. None stated that the meaning of the 2NT bid would affect the lead at all, both at the expert and 1000-2000 masterpoint level, expected the 2NT bid would tend to show stoppers in the majors.

No player felt that there was any difference between “showed major stoppers” and “should show major stoppers.” The choice of opening lead was unaffected. Therefore, law 40C did not apply. The table result stands.

Players Consulted: Debbie Rosenberg and Joel Wooldridge and four players in the 1000-2000 masterpoint range.

The Panel: Harry Falk (Reviewer), Su Doe and Mike Flader