

Appeal No 11

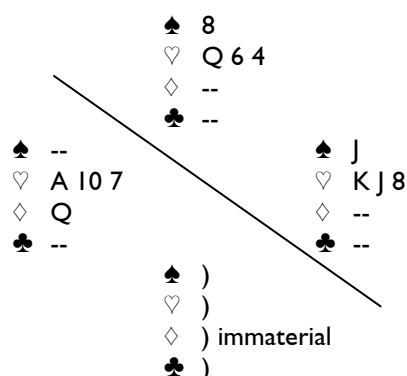
Appeals Committee: J Gerard (Chair); G Endicott (scribe); E d'Orsi; J Polisner; J Wignall

Event: Bermuda Bowl

Round: Quarter Final Table 4

Sweden v Egypt

Board. Dealer. Vulnerable.



- Comments:** In the four card ending shown the lead is with declarer. He requires to make all four tricks
- Contract:** 5♠ by East
- Opening Lead:** --
- Play:** --
- Result:** --
- The Facts:** Declarer showed his hand, claiming the four tricks. After a pause North and South exchanged some words in Swedish and North called the Director
- The Director:** South told the Director that for about 5 seconds nothing was said. East and West told the Director that immediately East claimed, North and South started speaking and called the Director; East had been given no time to mention the Trump. North disputed this
- Ruling:** 5♠ by East minus 1; N/S +100. Declarer may have forgotten the trump and there had been no statement in regard to it.
- Relevant Laws:** 68C. 70C
- East/West appealed Present:**
- The Players:** East informed the Committee that although he had not spoken he had pointed to ♠J. North and South each denied that they had seen him point. The Director agreed that East had alleged he had pointed to ♠J but the first time that he said this was after the Director had collected information at the table and had gone away to consult other Directors as to the application of Law to the facts. He had then returned and delivered his ruling; the allegation of pointing to ♠J was then put to him by East and West
- The Committee:** Had great sympathy with East but were obliged to decide in accordance with the Laws. Declarer had made no statement about the trump; it was possible he had forgotten about North's trump; a trick could be lost by normal play - ♥K. ♥A. ♦Q ruffed. It was noted that declarer could have cleared the issue by laying down ♠J before claiming

The Committee's decision: The Director's ruling was upheld. The Committee had no evidence that would justify overturning the ruling

Deposit: returned