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Summary of the reviews in Wuhan

At the 44th World Bridge Championships, contested in Wuhan, China in September 2019, just three cases were submitted for review.

The Reviewer was Ton Kooijman, assisted by Herman De wael.

The Reviews were treated by both persons together, although the final judgment was always handed out by "the Reviewer".

In only one case, the players or captain of the side asking for the review was heard. In both others, a written statement was used upon which to base the review.

All reviews were written up by the assistant, but the write-ups are for internal use only.

The cases:

In the first case, the player on lead had to choose, basically between spades and diamonds. Yet, after eliminating both, he chose to lead clubs (the heart lead was completely impossible to pick). There had been a mis-explanation, and correct information would have tipped the balance in favour of diamonds. A poll confirmed this, and it also pointed out that the club lead was not a serious error.

The Director awarded a weighted score based on some percentage of a lead in diamonds. The side that wished a review stressed that diamonds had always been preferable to clubs, but the Reviewer agreed that only the likelihood of a diamond versus a black lead needed to be considered.

In a second case, also on non-contested mis-explanations, the non-offending side had stated what they would do if they had received correct information. The Director had polled players to find out what would happen after this new action. The reviewer agreed with the side asking for a review that it had not been established that this new action would indeed





have been taken. The Director was ordered to conduct an additional poll on the action of the non-offending side. This new poll established that the alternate action was not clear-cut and the Director amended his ruling to a weighted score in order to reflect this.

In a third case, the non-offending side believed they had been misinformed about the opening lead. Although a poll confirmed that the decision that was needed was difficult, the people that were polled found little amiss with the things that were mentioned on the System Card. So the Director ruled that there had been no misinformation and the Reviewer agreed that the Director had done enough to warrant drawing such a conclusion.

Not a single deposit was kept.

Herman De wael
Assistant Reviewer