

APPEAL	Non-NABC+ Nine
Subject	Unauthorized Information (UI) - Tempo
DIC	Olin Hubert
Event	Fast Pairs
Session	Second
Date	November 27, 2008

BD#	23
VUL	Both
DLR	South

2700 Masterpoints	
♠	Q J 5 4 3
♥	A Q 8 5 4
♦	A 4 3
♣	

800 Masterpoints		Fall 2008 Boston, MA	2650 Masterpoints	
♠	7 6		♠	A 2
♥	K 9 7 3		♥	
♦	Q J T 9 6 2		♦	8 7
♣	J		♣	A Q 9 8 7 6 5 4 2

2700 Masterpoints	
♠	K T 9 8
♥	J T 6 2
♦	K 5
♣	K T 3

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	1♠	5♣	Dbl
Pass	5♥¹	Pass	5♠²
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Final Contract	6♥ by South
Opening Lead	♦8
Table Result	Making 6, N/S +1430
Director Ruling	5♥ by North, N/S +680
Panel Ruling	5♥ by North, N/S +680

(1)	Break in Tempo, approximately 15 seconds
(2)	Break in Tempo, approximately 15 seconds

The Facts: There was a break in tempo (BIT) before both the 5♥ and 5♠ bids.

The Ruling: The hesitations suggest that bidding slam may be more successful. Since pass is a logical alternative, in accordance with Laws 16B, 12C1, and 73C, the result was changed to 5♥ by North, making six, N/S plus 680.

The Appeal: North knows East and was sure that he wouldn't bid 5♣ with much missing in clubs. Therefore, most of South's cards would be working. They don't have an upper limit for their negative doubles, so south's double just showed cards.

East pointed out that if North thought all of that through, why didn't she bid 6♥ one round earlier. Other than the BIT, North had no more information than at the previous turn.

The Decision: Based on the players polled, pass was a logical alternative and bidding on was demonstrably suggested by the BIT. Therefore, by Laws 73C and 16B the 6♥ cannot be allowed. The director's ruling of 5♥ by North, making six, N/S +680 was upheld.

Since the polled players were unanimous on passing, and nearly unanimous on the meaning of the BIT, it was judged that the appeal had no merit and an appeal without merit warning (AWMW) was issued to N/S.

The Panel: Bernie Gorkin (Reviewer), Patty Holmes and Ron Johnston