

APPEAL	Non-NABC+ ONE
Subject	Unauthorized Information (UI) - Tempo
DIC	Gary Zeiger
Event	Flt A/X Pairs
Session	First
Date	November 18, 2006

BD#	12
VUL	N/S
DLR	West

Varis Carey	
♠	T 8 7
♥	A 5
♦	A K J T 8 6 4
♣	6

Roberta Magnus		Fall 2006 Honolulu, Hawaii	Jadwiga Polujan	
♠	A K Q 6 3		♠	4
♥	Q 8 6 4 3 2		♥	T 9 7
♦			♦	7 5 3
♣	7 5		♣	K Q T 9 3 2

Robert Whitcher	
♠	J 9 5 2
♥	K J
♦	Q 9 2
♣	A J 8 4

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♦	Pass	2NT
3♥	3NT	Pass ¹	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Final Contract	4♥, doubled, by West
Opening Lead	♣6
Table Result	Making 4, E/W +590
Director Ruling	3NT by S making 4, N/S +630
Panel Ruling	3NT by S making 4, N/S +630

(1) Agreed significant break-in-tempo (BIT)

The Facts: Before East's second pass, East hesitated for a long time. This hesitation was agreed by all to be a significant BIT.

The Ruling: West's 4♥ call was determined to have been demonstrably suggested by the BIT over a less successful logical alternative (LA) of pass. Therefore in accordance with law 16 A2 and 12 C2, the score was adjusted to 3NT by South making four, N/S plus 630.

The Appeal: West maintained that, although there was a significant BIT by East, it was always her intention to bid 4♥.

Several players were polled to determine whether pass was a LA to bidding 4♥ for West.

About half of those consulted would have bid 4♥, the remainder would have passed.

When the players polled were asked what the BIT by East suggested, most thought it expressed a desire to bid on. One player thought East may be thinking of doubling. All agreed that the BIT made it considerably easier for West to bid 4♥.

Based upon these findings, 4♥ was determined to have been demonstrably suggested by the BIT and pass a less successful LA.

The Decision: The table director's decision of an adjustment to 3NT making four, N/S plus 630 was upheld. This was in accordance with laws 16 A2 and 12 C2. Based upon the number of players polled who bid, the appeal was determined to have merit.

The Panel : Harry Falk (Reviewer), Patty Holmes and Candy Kushner

Players Consulted: Jim Gordon, Barry Harper, Eddie Wold and five players with between 1,000 and 2,000 masterpoints.