

APPEAL	Non-NABC Six
Subject	Unauthorized Information (UI)
DIC	Patty Holmes
Event	Director Please Compact KO
Session	First Session,
Date	November 24, 2008

BD#	34
VUL	N/S
DLR	East

2621 Masterpoints	
♠	T 6 5 3 2
♥	8
♦	Q 8 4 2
♣	K Q 9

1082 Masterpoints		Fall 2008 Boston, MA	1592 Masterpoints	
♠	J 4		♠	9 8 7
♥	9 7 6 5		♥	K J T 4 3
♦	J T 5		♦	7 6
♣	6 5 3 2		♣	J 7 4

1007 Masterpoints	
♠	A K Q
♥	A Q 2
♦	A K 9 3
♣	A T 8

West	North	East	South
		Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦ ¹	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦ ²	Pass	5♥
Pass	6NT	Pass	
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Final Contract	6NT by S
Opening Lead	♠7
Table Result	Making 7, N/S +1470
Director Ruling	5♥ by S, down 2, N/S -200
Panel Ruling	5♥ by S, down 2, N/S -200

(1)	Alerted as game forcing
(2)	Announced as "taking as transfer" before bidding 5♥

The Facts: The director was called at the end of the auction. South stated that he was taking the 5♦ bid as a transfer to hearts.

The Ruling: The original ruling was that the result would stand. The E/W pair filed a verbal appeal to that decision. After further discussion, the event staff considered the announcement that the 5♦ bid was being taken as a transfer to hearts was UI. Therefore, in accordance with Laws 16B1 and 12C1(e) changed its decision to 5♥ by South, down two, N/S minus 200, prompting N/S to appeal.

The Appeal: The appealing side indicated that they had no specific agreement about 4NT responses when no agreed suit existed. With other partners, North would have answered diamonds to “see where the auction was going” before bidding slam. She also discussed (post delivery) that she is always on the wrong side of decisions – directors ALWAYS make her bid something she would never bid. South indicated that with a single suited hand he would have bid his suit at the two level since they were in a game forcing auction.

The Decision: The panel considered the appellants’ comments regarding the concept that with a single suited hand, South would have bid differently. Six peers of N/S were polled and all passed the 5♥ bid on the auction and information given. They were also asked if they would consider bidding Blackwood with a single suited hand – all said yes (an example was given of a two loser hand). In accordance with Laws 16B1, 12C1, and 73C, this strong result led the panel to uphold the director’s final ruling of 5♥ by South, down two, N/S minus 200.

The Panel: Nancy Boyd (Reviewer), Su Doe and Jean Molnar.