

APPEAL	Non-NABC+ Seven
Subject	Unauthorized Information (UI) - Tempo
DIC	Richard Mueller
Event	Hartford Bridge Club KO, Bracket 2
Session	Final
Date	November 24, 2008

BD#	31
VUL	N/S
DLR	South

2207 Masterpoints	
♠	A 6 4
♥	K 4 3 2
♦	A K J 5 2
♣	5

2261 Masterpoints		<b>Fall 2008 Boston, MA</b>	4305 Masterpoints	
♠	Q T		♠	J 5 2
♥	Q T 9 5		♥	A J 8 7 6
♦	9		♦	8 4
♣	K J T 8 7 2		♣	A Q 3

956 Masterpoints	
♠	K 9 8 7 3
♥	
♦	Q T 7 6 3
♣	9 6 4

West	North	East	South
			Pass
Pass	1♦	1♥	1♠
4♥	Pass <sup>1</sup>	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Final Contract	5♦ by North
Opening Lead	♥5
Table Result	5♦ making 5, N/S +600
Director Ruling	4♥ by E, making 4, E/W +420
Panel Ruling	4♥ by E, making 4, E/W +420

(1)   Tempo break in excess of required 10 seconds
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**The Facts:** The director was called at the time of the 5♦ bid. There was an agreement in fact that there was a break in tempo (BIT).

**The Ruling:** Pass is a logical alternate, especially considering the vulnerability, so per Laws 16 B. and 12C1(e), the contract is reverted to 4♥, making four, E/W plus 420.

**The Appeal:** The appealing side argued that pass is not a “reasonable alternative” to the 5♦ bid. There is no defense, there could be a double game swing, and the tempo break was not considerably longer than 10 seconds.

**The Decision:** Six players with the approximate masterpoint holding of the North and South players were polled. All six considered pass – two would not consider it if told of the break in tempo.

The panel believed that the data received in the survey supported the analysis and the director's ruling to adjust the score to 4♥, making four, E/W plus 420 was upheld.

**The Panel:** Nancy Boyd (Reviewer), Jay Albright and Bernie Gorkin.