

<b>Subject of Appeal:</b>	Break in Tempo, Unauthorized Information	<b>Case:</b>	N3
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<b>Event</b>	Lebhar IMP Pairs	<b>Event DIC</b>	Matt Koltnow
<b>Date</b>	03/11/2017	<b>Session</b>	Second Final


### Auction

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♦
Pass	3♦ <sup>1</sup>	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT <sup>2</sup>	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Pass			

### Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: Weak, Alerted
2: Break in Tempo

### Hand Record

<b>Board</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>N</b>	Michael Schreiber		
<b>Dealer</b>	<b>N</b>	♠	KQ8		
		♥	J105		
<b>Vul</b>	<b>N/S</b>	♦	K9865		
		♣	97		
<b>W</b>	Billy Cohen			<b>E</b>	Gary Cohler
♠	1092			♠	J64
♥	A3			♥	KQ9642
♦	742			♦	(void)
♣	Q10652			♣	K843
		<b>S</b>	Mark Bartusek		
		♠	AJ52		
		♥	87		
		♦	AQJ103		
		♣	AJ		

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
5♦ by S	Made 5	N/S +600	♣2

### Facts Determined at the Table

East/West called the director at the end of play. There was an agreed break in tempo prior to the 3NT bid by North. E/W believed this influenced South's decision to bid further.

### Additional Factors Determined Away from the Table

The director polled two players with the South hand. Both passed over 3NT.

### Director Ruling

It was ruled that the break in tempo suggested bidding, and passing was a logical alternative per Law 16. The auction was adjusted to 3NT by North. The director polled the same players as to their likely lead with the East hand. Both said it was a tossup between leading a high or a low heart. Based on this, it was determined that half of the time North would make five in 3NT, and half of the time North would go down two. Giving sympathetic weight, an assigned score of 60% of down two, and 40% of making five was given, per Law 12C.

<b>Director's Ruling</b>	<b>60% 3NT by N, Down 2, E/W +200</b> <b>40% 3NT by N, Made 5, N/S +660</b>
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## The Review

E/W requested a review of the ruling. East thought that the weighting given was not appropriate. East claimed that he would always lead fourth best, and that a poll would find many more leading low than high. He thought not enough players were polled. The reviewer polled seven additional players with the East hand and the auction to 3NT. Four of the players led a high heart, while only three led a low heart.

## Panel Findings

A more thorough poll supported the original ruling that it is a close decision, and the weighting given was not out of line with this. Therefore, the original ruling was allowed to stand. Due to the limited and informal poll used to determine the weighting, the appeal was found to have merit.

Experts consulted: Justin Lall, Diego Brenner, five additional expert level players

<b>Panel Decision</b>	<b>60% 3NT by N, Down 2, E/W +200</b> <b>40% 3NT by N, Made 5, N/S +660</b>
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## Panel Members

<b>Reviewer</b>	Kevin Perkins
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