

Subject of Appeal:	Break in Tempo/Unauthorized Information	Case:	N2
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Event	von Zedtwitz LM Pairs	Event DIC	Chris Patrias
Date	07/18/2014	Session	Second Qualifying

Auction

West	North	East	South
			1♦
4♠	Pass ¹	Pass	Pass

Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: Break in Tempo

Hand Record

Board	11	N	Lidang Dong		
Dealer	S	♠	K3		
		♥	Q1095		
Vul	None	♦	43		
		♣	Q7652		
W	Michael Polowan			E	Adam Wildavsky
♠	AQJ109752			♠	864
♥	J8			♥	K63
♦	8			♦	AQJ6
♣	109			♣	A43
		S	Yu Wei Wu		
		♠	(void)		
		♥	A742		
		♦	K109752		
		♣	KJ8		

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
4♠ by W	Made 5	E/W +450	

Facts Determined at the Table

The director was summoned to the table during the auction. North passed almost immediately after the 4♠ bid by West. North agreed that he did not wait an appropriate length of time before passing. West felt that North's haste to pass gave South UI.

Additional Factors Determined Away from the Table

The table director reviewed the circumstances of the auction with three other senior directors and the DIC of the event, as well as two other players of a similar skill level to North/South. Four of the six interviewed would have doubled or bid with the South hand.

Director Ruling

As one third of the poll respondents passed, it was deemed that pass was a logical alternative. Therefore, the director ruled that the table result stood, 4♠ by West, made 5, E/W +450 per Law 16B.

Director's Ruling	4♠ by W, Made 5, E/W +450
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The Appeal

East/West appealed the ruling. Because only East appeared at the hearing, the Appeals Committee ruled based on the testimony of East and the director that it was established at the table that there was a fast pass by North of 4♠, even though West had used the stop card. This constituted UI for South.

Committee Findings

The Appeals Committee found that the fast pass demonstrably suggested that pass would likely be more successful than bidding on. Therefore, the committee needed to determine whether there was any logical alternative to pass. Unfortunately, the committee did not know the skill level of North/South. The committee, however, thought that enough players would seriously consider acting that double was a logical alternative, a finding in accord with the polled panel.

East presented evidence that out of 104 scores, there were approximately 12 scores of plus 590 or plus 690 for East/West and a few 5♦ contracts for North/South.

The committee further determined that if South doubles, North would likely pass. There was no reason to change the actual number of tricks taken. Accordingly, the result was changed to 4♠X by West, making five, E/W +690.

Committee Decision	4♠X by W, Made 5, E/W +690
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Committee Members

Chair	Richard Popper
Member	Bruce Rogoff
Member	Richard Budd
Member	Fred King
Member	David Caprera