

<b>Subject of Appeal:</b>	Tempo, Unauthorized Information	<b>Case:</b>	R3
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<b>Event</b>	Bruce Life Master Pairs	<b>Event DIC</b>	Susan Doe
<b>Date</b>	07/20/2014	<b>Session</b>	First Final

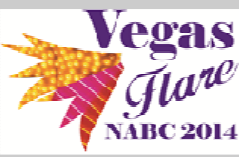
### Auction

West	North	East	South
		2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣ <sup>1</sup>	Pass
3♠	Pass <sup>2</sup>	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

### Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: Bad Hand, Bad Suit (Ogust)
2: Disputed Break in Tempo

### Hand Record

<b>Board</b>	<b>18</b>	N	2680 MPS		
<b>Dealer</b>	<b>E</b>	♠	Q6		
		♥	Q532		
		♦	K5		
<b>Vul</b>	<b>N/S</b>	♣	AQ943		
W	780 MPS			E	3900 MPS
♠	754			♠	KJ9832
♥	K6			♥	107
♦	A10964			♦	J83
♣	KJ2			♣	76
		S	2660 MPS		
		♠	A10		
		♥	AJ984		
		♦	Q72		
		♣	1085		

<b>Final Contract</b>	<b>Result of Play</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Opening Lead</b>
4♥ by S	Made 4	N/S +620	♠ 4

### Facts Determined at the Table

The director was called when South bid 4♥. At her second turn to call, North asked the meaning of 3♣. According to E/W, she then broke tempo before passing. The BIT was strongly disputed by N/S.

### Director Ruling

The North hand suggested a BIT might likely have occurred. The UI demonstrably suggested action over inaction. Pass by South was deemed a logical alternative. The contract was adjusted to 3♠ by East, down one, N/S +50, per Laws 16B1 & 12C1e.

<b>Director's Ruling</b>	<b>3♠ by E, Down 1, N/S +50</b>
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### The Appeal

N/S appealed and all four players attended the review. N/S stated they had been kibitzing experts, and had made a conscious decision to bid more deliberately and even their tempo. South said North had passed in normal tempo after getting the explanation of 3♣. North said if she was going to bid, she would have done so over 2NT.

E/W said North's pass over 3♣ was clearly slower than her pass over 2NT. They also claimed that if South could not act over 2♠, it wasn't logical for him to then act over 3♣. South said a direct overcall over 2♠ would have shown a stronger hand. He admitted it didn't occur to him to bid over 3♣.

## Panel Findings

The panel decided a BIT had almost certainly occurred. A poll of seven of South's peers, without the UI, demonstrated that passing 3♠ was a logical alternative. Several peers thought they might be being swindled, but could not do anything about it.

The Panel assigned a result of 3♠ East, down one, N/S +50, per Laws 16B1 and 12C1e. No AWMW was assigned since the table result would almost certainly have been restored had the panel determined that no BIT had likely occurred.

<b>Panel Decision</b>	<b>3♠ by E, Down 1, N/S +50</b>
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## Panel Members

<b>Reviewer</b>	Gary Zeiger
<b>Member</b>	David Metcalf
<b>Member</b>	Matt Koltnow