

<b>Subject of Appeal:</b>	Break In Tempo	<b>Case:</b>	N4
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<b>Event</b>	Rockwell Mixed Pairs	<b>Event DIC</b>	Brian Russell
<b>Date</b>	03/26/2014	<b>Session</b>	Second Final


### Auction

West	North	East	South
1NT <sup>1</sup>	Pass	2♣ <sup>2</sup>	Pass
3♣ <sup>3</sup>	Pass	3♥ <sup>4</sup>	Pass
3♠ <sup>4</sup>	Pass	4♣ <sup>5</sup>	Pass
4♥ <sup>6</sup>	Pass	4NT <sup>7</sup>	Pass
5♦ <sup>8</sup>	Pass	5NT <sup>9</sup>	Pass
6♠ <sup>10</sup>	Pass	6NT <sup>11</sup>	Pass
7♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

### Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: 15-17 HCP
2: Minor Suit Stayman + HCP?
3: 16-17 HCP
4: Forcing
5: Set Trumps
6: Cuebid
7: Keycard Blackwood
8: Three Keycards
9: Grand Slam try
10: Looking for 7NT
11: Break in Tempo

### Hand Record

<b>Board</b>	16	N	Malle Andrade		
<b>Dealer</b>	W	♠	J963		
		♥	K9		
<b>Vul</b>	E/W	♦	108632		
		♣	86		
W	Xiaopeng Wang			E	Wei Wang
♠	AK4			♠	Q5
♥	A763			♥	J10
♦	Q4			♦	AK95
♣	K973	♣	AQ1052		
		S	Erez Hendelman		
		♠	10872		
		♥	Q8542		
		♦	J7		
		♣	J4		

Final Contract	Result of Play	Score	Opening Lead
7♣ by W	Made 7	E/W +2140	♣ 8

### Facts Determined at the Table

The director was summoned at the conclusion of the auction. There was an agreed hesitation of approximately one minute before the 6NT bid. East/West have complex methods, and West believed that 5NT was a Grand Slam Force. 3♥ & 3♠ were forcing bids, but no other description was provided. The pair was unable to provide system notes or documentation of the bids made in this auction, particularly the meaning of 5NT.

### Additional Factors Determined Away from the Table

Five players were polled concerning the auction. Because of the nature of the agreements, the polled players were given the auction through 6NT with the explanations provided by E/W. None of the surveyed players bid over 6NT.

### Director Ruling

Laws 73C & 16 prohibit a player from taking advantage of unauthorized information suggested by actions such as a hesitation. Given the results from the poll, the result on the board was adjusted to 6NT by W, making 6, E/W +1440.

<b>Director's Ruling</b>	6NT by W, Made 6, E/W +1440
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## The Appeal

The East/West players appealed the director's ruling, and they and their interpreter attended the committee. They provided the Screening Director with more information about the systemic meanings of their auction. 2♣ was Minor Suit Stayman, but inquired about hand strength as well. 3♣ showed 16-17 HCP. 3♥ showed longer clubs than diamonds, and 3♠ was a cuebid. 4♣ suggested clubs as trump, unless opener bid 4♦ after this. 4♥ was another cuebid, confirming club support, and 4NT was Key Card for Clubs. 5♦ showed three keycards and 5NT announced that they held all the keycards and announced an interest in playing seven.

West had a superb hand in support of a minor two suiter with longer clubs. When East invited a grand slam, West was committed to accepting. At IMPs, they would have bid 7♣ directly, but at matchpoints, he thought he should suggest 7NT by cuebidding his ♠K on the way to 7♣.

East/West, while accomplished international players, were playing as partners for the first time. When asked by the director how many players, assuming five familiar with the E/W system, would continue to 7♣. West was certain all five would. He also thought that East's values were insufficient for her grand slam try.

## Committee Findings

West held an outstanding hand in support of a club-diamond two suiter. Every high card in the hand is a trick. Additionally, there is a fourth club and a ruffing value in diamonds. If East can invite a grand slam, then West must accept. Therefore, the Committee restored the result from play: 7♣ by W, made 7, E/W +2140.

<b>Committee Decision</b>	<b>7♣ by W, Made 7, E/W +2140</b>
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## Committee Members

<b>Chair</b>	Douglas Doub
<b>Member</b>	Jay Apfelbaum
<b>Member</b>	Ray Miller
<b>Member</b>	Patty Tucker
<b>Member</b>	Chris Moll