

<b>Subject of Appeal:</b>	Tempo/Unauthorized Information	<b>Case:</b>	N10
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<b>Event</b>	Freeman Mixed BAM	<b>Event DIC</b>	Steve Bates
<b>Date</b>	08/09/2013	<b>Session</b>	First Final

### Auction

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

### Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: 15-18 HCP balanced
2: Penalty
3: Break in Tempo

### Hand Record

Board	16	N	Val Kovachev
<b>Dealer</b>	<b>W</b>	♠ (void)	
		♥ Q8	
<b>Vul</b>	<b>E/W</b>	♦ QJ72	
		♣ QJ109865	
W	Irina Ladyzhensky		
♠	98754		
♥	AKJ1062		
♦	(void)		
♣	32	E	Alex Ladyzhensky
		♠	AKQJ6
		♥	75
		♦	10643
		♣	74
		S	Lynne Rosenbaum
		♠	1032
		♥	943
		♦	AK985
		♣	AK

<b>Final Contract</b>	<b>Result of Play</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Opening Lead</b>
5♣ by N	Made 6	N/S +420	♠ A

### Facts Determined at the Table

The director was summoned by East/West following the 5♣ bid. South had asked the meaning of the double and was told it was penalty. After the explanation, she took about a minute before passing. E/W felt the long hesitation influenced North to bid on over 2♠.

### Director Ruling

While the long hesitation did provide Unauthorized Information (South held some values), the UI itself did not suggest a particular course of action. North was therefore free to bid his hand based upon his own judgment of the situation. No adjustment to the table result was necessary.

<b>Director's Ruling</b>	<b>5♣ by N, Made 6, N/S +420</b>
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### The Appeal

East/West appealed the ruling, and all of the players attended the committee. E/W believed that the lengthy hesitation made North's 3♣ bid more attractive. Their contention was that knowing that South held values meant 3♣ was less dangerous and that passing 2♠ was a logical alternative. They also expressed concern about the frequency of psychic bids by North and the possibility that his partner might be aware of them.

North stated that bidding 3♣ would be more attractive if South held little or no values and that the UI made bidding less attractive. His 1NT psych had been to confuse the opponents, and 3♣ was just showing clubs and continuing to "make it harder for the opponents". Passing 2♠ was not a logical alternative.

South, while agreeing to the hesitation, did not believe it was as long as a minute. She was trying to figure out the bidding, as the points did not add up. She held 14, North was showing 15+, and both of the opponents were bidding. Her pass systemically showed values, as it said she was content to play 1NTX or had no place to pull the contract. She knew her partner did not hold significant spades, as he would have doubled for penalty rather than bidding. 3♣ therefore showed a club suit.

### Committee Findings

The committee determined that the UI did not suggest bidding 3♣ with the North hand. Bidding was more compelling when South held fewer values, not more. The AC also explained to E/W that the frequency of psychic action by North is a matter for the Recorder. If E/W wished to pursue that issue, then they were encouraged to complete a Player Memo.

<b>Committee Decision</b>	<b>5♣ by N, Made 6, N/S +420</b>
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### Committee Members

<b>Chair</b>	Michael Huston
<b>Member</b>	Craig Allen
<b>Member</b>	Blair Seidler