

APPEAL	Non-NABC+ Eight
Subject	Unauthorized Information (UI) - Tempo
DIC	Mike Flader
Event	Flight Ax Pairs
Session	First
Date	November 24, 2008

BD#	29
VUL	Both
DLR	North

Carl Berenbaum	
♠	8 3
♥	J T 6 4
♦	K J 9
♣	A K 7 3

Glenn Eisenstein		Fall 2008 Boston, MA	Linda Nitaback	
♠	A K 9 7 6 5 4		♠	Q T
♥	A 7		♥	K 5
♦	7		♦	Q 8 6 4
♣	J T 9	♣	Q 8 5 4 2	

Jane Ball	
♠	J 2
♥	Q 9 8 3 2
♦	A T 5 3 2
♣	6

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1♥
1♠	2♣ ¹	Pass	2♥
3♠	Db1 ²	Pass	4♦
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Final Contract	4♥ by South
Opening Lead	♣A
Table Result	Down 1, N/S -100
Director Ruling	3♠ dbld by W, making 3, E/W -730
Panel Ruling	3♠ dbld by W, making 3, E/W -730

(1)	Alerted and explained by South to East as Reverse Drury
(2)	Break in tempo (BIT).

The Facts: The director was called during the auction and after the play. A BIT was agreed..

The Ruling: The action taken by South was demonstrably suggested by the Unauthorized Information. Thus the result was adjusted to 3♠ by W, making 3, N/S -730. Four flight A players were consulted, and all passed when given the auction without the UI. Thus, pass was deemed to be a logical alternative, and, in accordance with Laws 16B, 12C1, and 73C, the score was adjusted to 3♠ doubled by West, making three, E/W plus 730.

The Appeal: North was a passed hand and South opened light. When North showed a heart fit, South thought there was no defense.

E/W felt that N/S could have had enough defense to defeat 3♠, but the BIT guaranteed that this wasn't the case. North knew South didn't have a full opener and doubled anyway.

The Decision: Based on the players polled, pass was a logical alternative and the BIT demonstrably suggested bidding. Therefore, Laws 73C, 16B, and 12C1 indicate disallowing the 4♦ bid. The director's ruling of 3♠ doubled by West, E/W plus 730 was allowed to stand.

The Panel: Nancy Boyd (Reviewer), Candy Kushner and Gary Zeiger.