

Appeal #	Issue	Event
2007-08	Unauthorised information	Gold Coast Congress Swiss Pairs (Open)
Stage	Round	Date
-	7	2007-02-24
Committee	T.C., R.G., and one other	

Board 3
Dealer S
Vul EW
Scoring Imps converted to VPs, Butler pairs

North

♠ KT7652

♥

♦ AJT7

♣ 982

West

♠ J98

♥ AKQ94

♦ 9

♣ AK64

East

♠ AQ3

♥ JT653

♦ 3

♣ JT53

South

♠ 4

♥ 872

♦ KQ86542

♣ Q7

West	North	East	South
-	-	-	3♦
X	6♦	X (1)	Pass
6♥	All pass		

(1) Agreed hesitation (up to 1 min)

Table result	6♥= by West, EW +1430
Director's ruling	6♦x-2 by South, NS -300
Committee's ruling	6♥= by West, EW +1430

The Director: Found that there was an agreed hesitation before the double at (1) of considerable length (up to one minute). Consulted other directors and senior players, and decided that West had logical alternatives to bidding 6♥, including Pass. Assigned an adjusted score of 6♦x-2 by South, NS -300.

The appellants: Played takeout doubles throughout, not penalty, and suggests bidding. Pass would be “nothing to say”.

The respondents: Made no written submissions.

The appeals committee: Was of the opinion that the hesitation did not suggest bidding over passing – if anything, the hesitation suggested passing over bidding. Restored the table result.