

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0039:
"When Opening 'Strong 2C', and
Partner Shows an Ace or King,
Is 3NT or a Suit Contract Preferred?"**

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Board #7

VUL: **BOTH**

DLR: **SOUTH**

		NORTH (4)		
		S: 7 3 2		
		H: 8 7 6 5 3		
		D: A 9 8		
		C: 9 7		
			YOU	
			EAST (24)	
			S: A K Q 6	
			H: A 9 4	
			D: J	
			C: A K Q J 2	
		SOUTH (8)		
		S: J T 8 5		
		H: K Q		
		D: Q 7 5 3 2		
		C: 5 3		

Bidding

<i>SOUTH</i>	<i>WEST</i>	<i>NORTH</i>	<i>EAST</i>
PASS	PASS	PASS	2C
PASS	2D!	PASS	???

Note. E/W are not playing the conventional "2D Waiting" response to Partner's "Strong 2C" opening bid. Esther prefers 2C response

conventions other than "2D Waiting", because "2D Waiting" uses up bidding space and a bidding opportunity while conveying no information to Partner. Esther instead prefers either the "**Roth 2C Response Convention**", or the "**Danish Controls Response Convention**".¹ Here E/W are playing the "**Roth Convention**", in which a response of 2H shows a "bust Hand" holding no Aces or Kings. Therefore, WEST's 2D bid rather than 2H shows WEST holding at least 1 King or Ace, and that WEST's "longest and strongest" Suit is Diamonds.

1. Sitting EAST, what would you bid as your second bid?

To see Esther's **suggested answer**, CLICK:
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¹ Within the "Esther Bridge Lessons", see: "Convention #5: 'Responding to Partner's 2C Opening Bid'": https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/2C_resp.pdf