

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0051:
"A Bad Day in the EAST:
Can You Avoid These Mistakes?"**

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Question #1

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Board #3

WEST (9)

S: T 8

H: K 7 6 5 2

D: A

C: Q 9 8 5 4

EAST (15)

S: A K J 7 5

H: A 4

D: Q T 3

C: J 3 2

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
PASS	PASS	2 D	2 S
PASS	PASS	PASS	

1. SOUTH leads a small Diamond toward NORTH, who opened with a "weak" 2 Diamond bid. Declarer EAST takes Trick #1 with the WEST Dummy singleton Ace.
2. Once Dummy comes down, Declarer EAST sees that E/W hold 7 Spades, so an even number of Trump Spades are "out". The more likely Trump "split" is 4-2, although a 3-3 "split" is only slightly less likely.¹

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¹ Within the "Esther Bridge Lessons", see the "Important Bridge Probabilities" Section.

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1. After winning Trick **#1** with the Dummy Diamond Ace, Declarer EAST drew **2** Rounds of Trump. **Was this the correct "line of play"?**

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