

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0054:  
"You Hold A,K,Q,8,7 of Trump Clubs, and Both  
Dummy and You Hold Singletons: What is Your  
Initial 'Line of Play'?"  
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Dealer: **WEST**

Vul: **E/W**

	NORTH (16)	
	<b>S:</b> A 7 6 5	
	<b>H:</b> 9	
	<b>D:</b> K 9 8	
	<b>C:</b> A K Q 8 7	
WEST (9)		EAST (8)
<b>S:</b> J 8 4 3 2		<b>S:</b> T 9
<b>H:</b> A Q		<b>H:</b> K J 8 6
<b>D:</b> J 6 5		<b>D:</b> A T 3
<b>C:</b> J 9 3		<b>C:</b> T 6 5 4
	SOUTH (7)	
	<b>S:</b> K Q	
	<b>H:</b> T 7 5 4 3 2	
	<b>D:</b> Q 7 4 2	
	<b>C:</b> 2	

**Bidding**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
PASS	<b>1C</b>	PASS	<b>1H</b>
PASS	<b>2C</b>	PASS	PASS
PASS			

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<sup>1</sup> As noted in an article in the Winter/Spring, 2024 article in The American Bridge Teachers' Association (ABTA) Journal, [https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/ABTA\\_1\\_24.pdf](https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/ABTA_1_24.pdf), Esther Klinktoast-Houstonhousen in fact is a hypothetical, and not a real person! So this article was really, really written by Bruce Thompson.

*EAST leads high from his Spade doubleton by playing his Spade Ten. The SOUTH Dummy comes down. The Declarer plays the Dummy Spade King, and wins Trick #1.*

1. *Sitting NORTH as Declarer, what is your planned "**Line of Play**"?*

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