

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0057:
"A 'Non-Random Walk'¹ Through an Auction
Bidding in Turn as *Both* Opener and Responder"**

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Question #1

NORTH (10)

S: A K T 9 8 5

H: 9 8 2

D: K T 9 7

C: --

SOUTH (15)

S: Q 4

H: A T 7 5

D: Q 8 5 4

C: A Q J

Bidding

NORTH

EAST

SOUTH

WEST

???

1. Sitting **NORTH**, what would you bid?

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¹ A "random walk" is a *statical concept* involving a series of **random steps** on some mathematical space, and was popularized in Burton Malkiel's very influential book on investing: A Random Walk Down Wall Street. Many ideas of this "Esther 'Pop' Quiz" are drawn from Robert Todd's "Reasoning with Robert" article, "Control-showing Bids", in the February, 2024 issue of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin.

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