

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0064:
"With These Hands, What Should You Lead on
Initial Lead, or Later in Play?"¹**

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Sitting NORTH as Dealer you hold:

NORTH (18)
S: A K J 4
H: Q T
D: A K J 9 7 5
C: 3

Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 D	2NT! ³	PASS	3 C
3 S	5 C	PASS	PASS
PASS			

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¹ These ideas are based on "Tips #48 - #54" in Ron Klinger's 2003 edition of his book, 100 WINNING BRIDGE TIPS for the Improving Player. Klinger is an Australian Bridge Grand Master, the inventor of the Ron Klinger "Suit Quality Test ('SQT') Score", the author of more than 70 bridge books, the former editor of Australian Bridge, and he previously wrote bridge columns in Australia for the Daily Telegraph and The Weekend Australian, and he currently writes a weekly bridge column for the Sydney Morning Herald and for The Sun-Herald.

² 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, Esther Klinktoast-Houstonhousen in fact is a hypothetical, and not a real person! So this article was really, really written by Bruce Thompson.

³ This bid is the "Unusual 2NT!" convention showing length in both the 2 lowest *unbid* Suits with both Suits having good Ron Klinger "Suit Quality Test ('SQT') Scores". Within the "Esther Bridge Lessons", see: "Convention #8: Unusual 2NT!".

Question #1

1. *What would you sitting NORTH lead with these holdings following this auction setting a 5C contract in the WEST?*

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