

# Esther "Pop" Quiz #0128: "Setting Your Final Contract at 3NT versus 4H or 4S: Can You Correctly Decide?"

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Knoxville 499er 2/24/25 Board #13

Dealer: **NORTH**

Vulnerability: **BOTH**

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|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|                     | NORTH (10)          |                   |
|                     | <b>S:</b> J 9 8 5   |                   |
|                     | <b>H:</b> Q T 7 2   |                   |
|                     | <b>D:</b> A 8 3     |                   |
|                     | <b>C:</b> Q J       |                   |
| WEST (11)           |                     | EAST (15)         |
| <b>S:</b> A Q 6 4 2 |                     | <b>S:</b> K 7 3   |
| <b>H:</b> A J 3     |                     | <b>H:</b> K 9 8 4 |
| <b>D:</b> 6 4       |                     | <b>D:</b> K Q 7   |
| <b>C:</b> T 7 6     |                     | <b>C:</b> A 3 2   |
|                     | SOUTH (4)           |                   |
|                     | <b>S:</b> T         |                   |
|                     | <b>H:</b> 6 5       |                   |
|                     | <b>D:</b> J T 9 5 2 |                   |
|                     | <b>C:</b> K 9 8 5 4 |                   |

**Bidding**

| NORTH | EAST       | SOUTH | WEST      |
|-------|------------|-------|-----------|
| PASS  | <b>1NT</b> | PASS  | <b>2H</b> |
| PASS  | <b>2S</b>  | 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.

1. What should WEST bid at his 2<sup>nd</sup> turn within the auction?

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