

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0129:  
"Bridge Bidding and Card Play:  
Some Esther 'Quickie Quiz' Conundrums  
for Beginners"**

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*Knoxville 499er 2/26/25 Board #9*

*Dealer: NORTH*

*Vulnerability: E/W*

	NORTH (14)	
	<b>S:</b> A K J T 7	
	<b>H:</b> J 6	
	<b>D:</b> J T 7 5 4	
	<b>C:</b> A	
WEST (8)		EAST (12)
<b>S:</b> 2		<b>S:</b> 6 4
<b>H:</b> A T 7 4 3		<b>H:</b> K Q 9 8
<b>D:</b> A 2		<b>D:</b> K 9 6
<b>C:</b> T 9 6 3 2		<b>C:</b> K J 5 4
	SOUTH (6)	
	<b>S:</b> Q 9 8 5 3	
	<b>H:</b> 5 2	
	<b>D:</b> Q 8 3	
	<b>C:</b> Q 8 7	

**Bidding**

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1S	???		

1. What should EAST bid at his **1st** turn within the auction?

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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.

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