

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0130: "Some Esther 'Quickie' Bidding Conundrums"

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Knoxville 499er 3/14/25 Board #9

Dealer: **SOUTH**

Vulnerability: **E/W**

NORTH (5)

S: 7 2

H: J T 9 7 6

D: K

C: J T 8 3 2

WEST (7)

S: K T 6 5

H: 5 4

D: 9 7 6 5

C: A 7 6

EAST (17)

S: A 8 3

H: A 3

D: A Q 3 2

C: K 9 5 4

SOUTH (11)

S: Q J 9 4

H: K Q 3 2

D: J T 8 4

C: Q

Bidding

SOUTH

1D

WEST

PASS

NORTH

???

EAST

1. Dealer **SOUTH** sitting as Dealer opened **1D** holding only **11** HCPs. Was this bid "correct"?
2. **NORTH** holds only **5** HCPs. What should **NORTH** bid at his 1st turn within the auction?

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¹ 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.

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