

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0151:**  
**"As Bridge Declarer Can You Correctly Conduct a  
'Postmortem' to Improve Your Bridge Play, and  
Do You Know the Cardinal Bridge Principal of  
Playing Suit Contracts?"**

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Dealer: **SOUTH**

Vul: **N/S**

WEST (17)	EAST (11)
<b>S:</b> 6	<b>S:</b> A J 9
<b>H:</b> 9 8 2	<b>H:</b> K Q J 7 6 4
<b>D:</b> A K Q J 6	<b>D:</b> 8 2
<b>C:</b> A K 9 3	<b>C:</b> 8 6

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
PASS	<b>1D</b>	<b>2S</b>	<b>3H</b>
<b>3S</b>	<b>4H</b>	PASS	PASS
PASS			

On Trick #1 SOUTH led his Spade 2. NORTH plays his Spade Queen. Declarer EAST wins Trick #1 with his Spade Ace.

1. Once you sitting EAST see the WEST Dummy, how many "losers" do you see? What N/S card(s) will "win" Tricks?

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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.

2. What is the most likely Trump "split" for N/S holdings in Hearts?

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