

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0156:  
"Opening and Responding Bids  
When Opener Holds a 'Big' Hand"**

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*Knoxville 499er 05/23/25 Board #3*

Dealer: **SOUTH**

Vul: **E/W**

*NORTH (3)*

**S:** K 7 4

**H:** T 7 5 3

**D:** 9 7 4 2

**C:** 9 6

*WEST (21)*

**S:** A Q T 5

**H:** K Q 8 6

**D:** A Q J 8

**C:** K

*EAST (7)*

**S:** 9 6 2

**H:** J 4

**D:** T 6 3

**C:** A Q T 5 4

*SOUTH (9)*

**S:** J 8 3

**H:** A 9 2

**D:** K 5

**C:** J 8 7 3 2

**Bidding**

*SOUTH*

*WEST*

*NORTH*

*EAST*

*PASS*

*???*

1. *What should WEST bid at his 1<sup>st</sup> 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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