

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0158:**  
**"How Would You Bid This Real-Deal Board Given  
Its Unusual Distributions?, Along with a  
Brief Discussion of 'Double Dummy Analyses'  
of Bridge Boards"**

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**Ron Klinger** (1941- ) is an Australian contract bridge player who has written more than **70** bridge books including his 1990 book, Guide to Better Card Play, which won the "American Bridge Teachers' Association (ABTA) Bridge Book of the Year Award." His book, Right Through the Pack Again, won the 2010 "International Bridge Press Association Book of the Year Award." He was Editor of Australian Bridge for 13 years (1972-1985). For many years he has written, and still currently writes, a weekly bridge column for both the Sydney Morning Herald and The Sun-Herald.

Klinger also originated the Ron Klinger "**Suit Quality Test ('SQT') Score**". The "**SQT Score**" is computed by adding together (1) the number of cards held in the Suit and (2) the number of Honors (including the Ten) held in the Suit. Suit contracts set at a level of "**SQT Score**" - 6 are generally relatively safe.

On his "Ron Klinger Bridge" website Klinger periodically posts "Real Deals" and then discusses these Boards and the results at various tables in actual bridge competitions:

<https://www.ronklingerbridge.com/>

The following Board **#21** was played in 2022 in the finals of the World Seniors' Teams and the semi-finals of the World Mixed Teams.

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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.

Dealer: **SOUTH**

Vul: **N/S**

**Board #21**

NORTH (9)

**S:** Q T 6 3

**H:** 9 5

**D:** A Q

**C:** J T 7 5 3

WEST (13)

**S:** J 7

**H:** A K Q 8 6 4 3 2

**D:** K 8 6

**C:** --

EAST (2)

**S:** 9 5 4 2

**H:** T

**D:** T 9 7 5

**C:** Q 8 6 2

SOUTH (16)

**S:** A K 8

**H:** J 7

**D:** J 4 3 2

**C:** A K 9 4

**Bidding**

SOUTH

1NT

WEST

???

NORTH

EAST

1. What should WEST bid at his 1<sup>st</sup> turn within the auction: (a) DOUBLE, (b) 1**H**, (c) 2**H**, (d) 3**H**, (e) 4**H**, or PASS?

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