

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0169:
"A Couple of 'Quickie' 'Real Deal'
'Bidding Conundrums' Along with Some
Double Dummy Analyses"**

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Knoxville 499er Board #4 6/12/25

Dealer: **WEST**

Vul: **BOTH**

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| | NORTH (4) | |
| | S: 8 5 | |
| | H: K 2 | |
| | D: J 9 8 7 4 3 2 | |
| | C: T 4 | |
| WEST (15) | | EAST (11) |
| S: Q 7 6 3 | | S: J |
| H: A T 9 4 | | H: Q 6 5 3 |
| D: A K 6 | | D: T |
| C: Q 3 | | C: A K J 9 8 7 3 |
| | SOUTH (10) | |
| | S: A K T 9 4 2 | |
| | H: J 8 7 | |
| | D: Q 5 | |
| | C: 6 5 | |

Bidding

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|------------|------|-----------|-----------|
| 1NT | PASS | 2C | 2S |
| 3H | PASS | PASS | PASS |

1. Was EAST's bid at his 1st turn within the auction "correct"?

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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.

2. If EAST's **1st** bid was "incorrect" what bids might have been reasonable? Among EAST's "reasonable" choices which bid would have been "best"?

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