

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0172:
"Can You Sort Out the Relative Importance of
High Card Points (HCPs) versus
Trump Card Counts When Bidding Suit Contracts?"**

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Knoxville 499er 6/19/25 Board #4

Dealer: **WEST**

Vul: **BOTH**

NORTH (15)

S: Q 9
H: A K Q 4 2
D: A 7 5 2
C: 9 2

WEST (13)

S: A K J 7 2
H: T 7
D: K Q 9 4
C: 8 3

EAST (6)

S: T 8 6 3
H: 9 6 5
D: 8 6 3
C: A Q 6

SOUTH (6)

S: 5 4
H: J 8 3
D: J T
C: K J T 7 5 4

Bidding

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1S	2H	PASS	PASS
3D	PASS	PASS	PASS

1. Was SOUTH's **1st** PASS in 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.

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