

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0173:
"Some Bidding and Play Conundrums:
An Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quickie Mini-Quiz"**

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Knoxville 499er 6/20/25 Board #1

Dealer: **NORTH**

Vul: **NONE**

<i>WEST (6)</i>	<i>EAST (12)</i>
S: 9 8 5 4	S: K J T 6 2
H: J 7 4 2	H: Q T 9
D: A T 8	D: Q 9 7
C: J 5	C: A 8

Bidding

N/S repeatedly both bid Clubs. E/W both repeatedly bid Spades and the contract is set at 4S EAST.

First Tricks

- 1. SOUTH leads the Club Ten. NORTH plays the Club King. EAST wins with the Club Ace.*
- 2. EAST leads the Trump Spade 2. SOUTH wins with the Trump Spade Queen.*
- 3. SOUTH wins with the Club Queen.*

- 1. On Trick #4 SOUTH leads his Heart King. What should EAST play from his "closed" (hidden) Hand?*

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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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