

# Esther "Pop" Quiz #0200: "More 'Real Deal' Bidding Conundrums"

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Knoxville 499er Board #3 8/1/25

Dealer: **SOUTH**

Vul: **E/W**

NORTH (9)

**S:** 4 2  
**H:** K Q T 9 2  
**D:** J 8  
**C:** K 9 4 2

WEST (19)

**S:** A Q J 5 3  
**H:** A 8  
**D:** A K 4  
**C:** J 8 7

EAST (4)

**S:** T 9 7 6  
**H:** 6 4  
**D:** T 9 7 2  
**C:** A 6 3

SOUTH (8)

**S:** K 8  
**H:** J 7 5 3  
**D:** Q 6 5 3  
**C:** Q T 5

### Bidding

SOUTH  
PASS

WEST  
???

NORTH

EAST

1. What should WEST bid at his 1<sup>st</sup> turn within the auction? **1NT**?  
**2NT**? **1S**?

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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, the purported ACBL Double Triple Emerald Gold Platinum LifeMaster with 20+ million ACBL MasterPoints, in fact is a hypothetical, and not a real person! So, this article was really, really written by Bruce Thompson.

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