

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0235: "Some 2C Opening 'Real Deal' Bidding Conundrums"

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Knoxville 9/2/25 **749er** Board #9

Dealer: **NORTH**

Vul: **E/W**

NORTH (9)

S: K T 2

H: 9 6

D: J 9 5

C: K Q 7 4 2

WEST (20)

S: A Q J 9 5 3

H: A K 4 2

D: Q 6

C: A

EAST (7)

S: 7

H: Q 8 7

D: A T 4 3 2

C: J 6 5 3

SOUTH (17)

S: 8 6 4

H: J T 5 3

D: K 8 7

C: T 9 8

Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
PASS	PASS	PASS	2C
PASS	2D*	PASS	3S
PASS	3NT	PASS	4S
PASS	PASS	PASS	

*E/W are playing a variation of the "Roth 2C Response System" described at: https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/2C_resp.pdf

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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, 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.

1. Was WEST's **2nd** bid of **3S** "correct"?
2. If WEST's **2nd** bid had been different what would WEST bid at his **2nd** turn within the auction?
3. Given EAST's actual **3rd** bid of **3NT** was WEST's **3rd** bid of **4S** "correct"?

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