

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0319:
"As a Defender *When Should You
'Cover an Honor With an Honor'?*"**

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About Richard Pavlicek

Richard Pavlicek (1945-) has won **11** North American Bridge Championships, including a record-setting **3** straight wins in the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, 1982-84, and again in 1990. He won the 1973 inaugural Grand National Teams tournament and repeated a win there in 1997. He has written or co-authored several bridge books, including with co-author William S. Root their 1981 book, Modern Bridge Conventions. From 1984 until 1990 Pavlicek was the Bridge Columnist for the Fort Lauderdale News and Sun-Sentinel.

The ideas and the Board presented in this "**Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz**" are drawn from one of Pavlicek's 1984 bridge columns, "Cover an Honor With An Honor?",² published in the Fort Lauderdale News and Sun-Sentinel. Esther has altered some of the cards on this Board.

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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.

² See: <http://www.rpbridge.net/7b22.htm>. Note that this web page is not private, but also the website does not collect any personal information.

Dealer: **EAST**

NORTH (14)

S: K J 3
H: A 7 5 3
D: Q J 4
C: K 9 3

WEST (4)

S: 4 2
H: J 9 8 6
D: T 6 3
C: Q J T 8

EAST (9)

S: 7 6 5
H: Q T 4
D: K 8 7 5
C: A 7 5

SOUTH (20)

S: A Q T 9 8
H: K 2
D: A 9 2
C: 6 4 2

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
PASS	1 S	PASS	3 S
PASS	4 S	PASS	PASS
PASS			

WEST leads the Club Queen thus "promising" a Club Q,x doubleton or the Club Jack and several additional Clubs. On Trick #1 Declarer SOUTH plays the NORTH Dummy Club King to "cover" and EAST "wins" with the Club Ace. E/W thereafter on Tricks #2 and #3 "cash" 2 more Club Tricks for a total of 3 E/W Tricks. On Trick #4 WEST leads a Trump Spade 2 as a "safe" exit in a Suit that N/S will unavoidably "win" anyway.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed how many "losers" should Declarer SOUTH see?
2. On Tricks #5 and #6 Declarer SOUTH "draws" 3 Rounds of Trump Spades ending in the NORTH Dummy. On Trick #7 Declarer SOUTH leads the NORTH Dummy Diamond Queen. What Diamond card should EAST play on Trick #7? On Trick #7 should EAST "cover" the Dummy's Diamond Queen with his Diamond King?

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