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"Another Set of 'Real Deal' Bridge Bidding Conundrums: Esther INSISTS, Suit Contracts Are Simply NOT About the HCPs!"

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Board #8 5/14/26 499er Game

Dealer: WEST Vul: NONE

NORTH (5)

S: A J 8 5

H: T 9 8 3

D: 6 5

C: 7 5 4

WEST (11)

S: Q 9

H: K Q 2

D: Q J 9

C: J T 9 8 6

EAST (4)

S: K T 4 3 2

H: J

D: T 8 7 4 3 2

C: 3

SOUTH (20)

S: 7 6

H: A 7 6 5 4

D: A K

C: A K Q 2

Bidding

WEST

PASS

2C

PASS

NORTH

PASS

2H

PASS

EAST

PASS

PASS

PASS

SOUTH

1H

4H ???

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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 SOUTH's 2nd bid within the auction of 4H correct?

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