

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0422:
**"As a Bridge Bidder Do You Know How to 'Show'
Partner (1) Your Void or 'Loser' Singleton and
(2) Your Aces Even Before Partner Asks?"**

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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. Esther particularly likes the Bridge Simulation Studies presented on his bridge website:

<https://www.rpbridge.net/rpsi.htm>

and his re-posts of his newspaper bridge columns:

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The present "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" is based on the 7/16/89 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Splinter Bid Is Key to Reach Slam". Esther may have altered some of the cards in the example.

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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.

Dealer: **NORTH**

Vul: **NONE**

NORTH (17)

S: 3

H: K Q 7 4

D: K Q 3 2

C: A K 8 4

WEST (10)

S: A K 9 7 4

H: 3

D: J T 9 7

C: Q T 3

EAST (4)

S: Q T 8 6

H: J 9 6

D: 8 5

C: J 9 6 5

SOUTH (9)

S: J 5 2

H: A T 8 5 2

D: A 6 4

C: 7 2

Bidding

NORTH

1**D**

???

EAST

PASS

SOUTH

1**H**

WEST

1**S**

1. What should NORTH bid at his 2nd turn to bid within the auction?

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