

## Esther "Pop" Quiz #0423: "Correct Bidding and Play on a Challenging Board"

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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:

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

The present "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" is based on the 9/20/81 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Big Risk Justified by Big Reward". Esther may have altered some of the cards in the example. This is a "Real Deal" Board played at an early 1980's Atlanta Labor Day Regional *Matchpoint* bridge tournament.

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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.

Dealer: **NORTH**

Vul: **NONE**

NORTH (14)

**S:** --

**H:** A Q

**D:** K Q 8 3 2

**C:** Q J 7 6 5 4

WEST (2)

**S:** 5 3

**H:** J 8 6 3

**D:** J T 9 7

**C:** 8 3 2

EAST (7)

**S:** 9 7 4 2

**H:** T 9 7 5

**D:** A 4

**C:** K T 9

SOUTH (17)

**S:** A K Q J T 8 6

**H:** K 4 2

**D:** 6 5

**C:** A

**Bidding**

NORTH

1**D**

3**C**

5**D\*\***

EAST

PASS

PASS

PASS

SOUTH

2**S\***

4**NT**

???

WEST

PASS

PASS

\*N/S are playing this bid as "strong" and showing "long" Spades.

\*\*"I hold 1 Ace."

1. What should NORTH bid at his 3<sup>rd</sup> turn to bid within the auction?

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