

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0426:
"Do You Understand the Value of the
***'Dummy Reversal Play'?*"**

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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 4/22/84 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "The Dummy Reversal".

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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: **SOUTH**

Vul: **NONE**

NORTH (6)

S: J 8 2

H: J 9 8 7

D: A 7 4 3

C: 9 2

WEST (8)

S: K T 4 3

H: 6 5 4

D: K Q T 8

C: 7 6

EAST (4)

S: Q 9 6

H: 2

D: J 9 6 5

C: J T 8 5 4

SOUTH (22)

S: A 7 5

H: A K Q T 3

D: 2

C: A K Q 3

Bidding

SOUTH

2**C**

2**H**

4**C****

6**H**

WEST

PASS

PASS

PASS

PASS

NORTH

2**D***

3**H**

4**D*****

PASS

EAST

PASS

PASS

PASS

PASS

*"Waiting."

**"Partner, I hold the Club Ace."

***"Partner, I hold the Diamond Ace."

On Trick #1 WEST naturally leads his Diamond King thus "promising" a "touching" card sequence and a "long" Suit. Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 with the NORTH Dummy Diamond Ace.

1. Was SOUTH's decision to set the final contract at 6**H** improvident?
2. What "Line of Play" should Declarer SOUTH initially follow?

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