

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0427:

**"Do You Understand the Various Ways That You Can
'Unblock' a 'Long' Dummy Suit in a
Dummy Holding No 'Side Entries'?"**

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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>

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The present "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" is based on the 12/2/84 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Overcoming a Blocked Suit".

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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 (7)

S: 4

H: 8 2

D: A K 7 6 5 3 2

C: 8 6 4

WEST (9)

S: K 7 2

H: Q T 5 4

D: J

C: Q J 7 5 2

EAST (7)

S: J T 6 5 3

H: J 9 6

D: Q 4

C: K 9 3

SOUTH (22)

S: A Q 9 8

H: A K 7 3

D: T 9 8

C: A T

Bidding

NORTH

2**D**

PASS

EAST

PASS

PASS

SOUTH

3**NT**

WEST

PASS

On Trick #1 WEST naturally leads his Club 5 as 4th from the "top" of his "longest" Suit that does not hold 3 "touching" Honors in an unbroken sequence. EAST plays his Club King and Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 with his own Club Ace.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "winners" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What problems must Declarer SOUTH see? How can these problems be resolved by Declarer SOUTH?

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