

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0436:
**"Do You Understand the Massive Benefits of
Your Partnership Playing the
'Negative DOUBLE' by Responder?"**

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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 3/9/86 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "The Negative Double". This is a "Real Deal" Board played by Bill Passell and Jack Schwencke in a 1980's Mexican Nationals bridge tournament. Passell and Schwencke were the champions in several competitions there.

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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 (8)

S: Q J 7 5

H: J 7 2

D: A 9 3 2

C: 5 3

WEST (8)

S: 2

H: K Q T 9 6

D: Q T 7

C: J 9 8 4

EAST (5)

S: T 9 8 6

H: 8 5 4

D: J 6 4

C: A 7 2

SOUTH (19)

S: A K 4 3

H: A 3

D: K 8 3

C: K Q T 6

Bidding

SOUTH

1**C**

WEST

1**H**

NORTH

???

EAST

On Trick #1 WEST led the Heart King thus "promising" the "touching" Heart Queen in his advertised "longest and strongest" Suit. Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 with his own Heart Ace.

1. What should NORTH bid as Responder at his 1st turn to bid within the auction? What exactly are the various advantages of the bid that NORTH made at his 1st turn to bid within the auction?

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