

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0440:
"Richard Pavlicek Says,
'Low-level Contracts Provide Many Missed
Opportunities for Low-level Penalty Doubles' "

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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 3/29/87 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Low-Level Double Reaps Bonanza". This is a "Real Deal" Board played in the Vanderbilt Knockout Team Championship in 1987.

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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: **WEST**

Vul: **N/S**

NORTH (3)

S: 8 7 4

H: 9 7 5 3

D: K T 9 4

C: T 3

WEST (9)

S: K 9 6 5 3

H: 4

D: Q 7 3

C: A 9 4 2

EAST (13)

S: T 2

H: A Q J 8 2

D: A 8 5 2

C: Q 5

SOUTH (15)

S: A Q J

H: K T 6

D: J 6

C: K J 8 7 6

Bidding

WEST

NORTH

EAST

SOUTH

PASS

PASS

1**H**

1**NT**

DBL

PASS

PASS

2**C**

DBL

PASS

PASS

PASS

1. What does WEST's 1st **DOUBLE** "show"?

2. What does WEST's 2nd **DOUBLE** mean?

3. Was SOUTH's bid of 2**C** at his 2nd turn within the auction a reasonable bid?

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