

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0450:
"A 'Throw-In Play' / 'Elimination Endplay'
May Save Your 6S Small Slam Contract!"**

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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 8/17/86 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Throw-In Play Nets Slam". This is a "Real Deal" Board played by Stanley Friedberg sitting SOUTH in a North American Team Championship game in the 1980s.

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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: **NONE**

NORTH (17)

S: K 3

H: A J 5 4

D: A J 7 5

C: A 4 2

WEST (5)

S: 2

H: T 9

D: Q T 9 8 6 4 3

C: K T 8

EAST (7)

S: 7 6 5

H: K 8 7 2

D: K

C: J 9 7 6 3

SOUTH (11)

S: A Q J T 9 8 4

H: Q 6 3

D: 2

C: Q 5

Bidding

WEST

2D

DBL

PASS

NORTH

2NT

4NT**

PASS

EAST

PASS

PASS

PASS

SOUTH

4C*

6S

*N/S are playing this **4C** bid as the "**Gerber Convention**" asking for a count of NORTH's Aces.

"Partner, I hold **3 Aces."

1. What does WEST's **2nd** bid of **DOUBLE** "show"? Was making this **DOUBLE** a wise decision by WEST?
2. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
3. What "Line of Play" should Declarer initially follow?

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