

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0462:

**"As a Declarer Sitting SOUTH Do You Have the
Brass to Place Yourself Inside EAST's Mindset
and Find a Way to Dictate His Lead on Trick #2?:
As Declarer *Deceiving* Your RHO Is Perfectly
Legal and Appropriate!"**

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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 7/13/87 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Singleton King". This "Real Deal" Board was played in a 1980s local bridge club Swiss Teams Event.

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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: **EAST**

Vul: **BOTH**

NORTH (10)

S: J 6 4 2

H: K J 4

D: J 6 5

C: A 7 4

WEST (7)

S: T

H: 9 8 2

D: A 7 4 3

C: Q J 8 6 5

EAST (9)

S: A Q 8 7 5 3

H: 3

D: K 9 2

C: T 9 3

SOUTH (14)

S: K 9

H: A Q T 7 6 5

D: Q T 8

C: K 2

Bidding

EAST

2**S**

PASS

SOUTH

3**H**

PASS

WEST

PASS

PASS

NORTH

4**H**

On Trick #1 WEST led the Spade Ten, Declarer SOUTH "ducked" in the NORTH Dummy, and EAST "won" with his Spade Ace.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is "exposed" what "losers" should Declarer SOUTH see?
2. Would the Declarer have been better off playing a 3**NT** contract rather than a 4**H** contract?
3. What Spade card should Declarer SOUTH play on Trick #1?

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