

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0463:
"3 Declarers Sitting SOUTH and Playing
the Same Part-Score Contract:
3 Different Scenarios That
Together Teach an Important Bridge Lesson"**

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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:

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The present "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" is based on the 11/1/87 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Nothing Hand Offers Good Lesson". At each of **3** different tables the bidding was identical and standard and **3** different SOUTHS played the same 2S part-score contract.

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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: **E/W**

NORTH (7)

S: 6 5 4

H: A 4

D: Q J 4 3

C: T 9 6 2

WEST (10)

S: A 2

H: K Q 9 7

D: 9 7 2

C: J 8 7 5

EAST (9)

S: K 8 3

H: T 6 5 2

D: A T 8 6

C: Q 4

SOUTH (14)

S: Q J T 9 7

H: J 8 3

D: K 5

C: A K 3

Bidding

EAST

SOUTH

WEST

NORTH

PASS

1**S**

PASS

2**S**

PASS

PASS

PASS

At all **3** tables on Trick **#1** WEST led the Heart King thus "promising" the "touching" Heart Honor.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is "exposed" what "losers" should Declarer SOUTH see? Conversely, what "winners" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What NORTH Dummy Heart card should Declarer SOUTH play on Trick **#1**?

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