

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0467:

"Holding 0 HCPs, Partner Forces You to Bid 3 Times and You End Up as Declarer Playing a 3NT Contract and You Notice That Your Partnership Holds $5 + 2 = 7$ Cards in One Suit: Can You Find the Source of the 2 More Tricks That You Need?"

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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 2/3/85 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Three Bids With No Points".

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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: **NORTH**

Vul: **NONE**

NORTH (24)

S: A K 8 6 4

H: A K Q 2

D: A 2

C: A 3

WEST (8)

S: Q 9 2

H: 8 6

D: Q 9 4

C: K J 8 4 2

EAST (8)

S: J T 5

H: J T 9 4

D: K J 8 6

C: Q 7

SOUTH (0)

S: 7 3

H: 7 5 3

D: T 7 5 3

C: T 9 6 5

Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 C	PASS	2 D*	PASS
2 S	PASS	2 NT	PASS
3 H	PASS	3 NT	PASS
PASS	PASS		

*SOUTH's 2**D** bid is "negative "showing" 0-7 HCPs and "waiting" for NORTH to "show" his "long" Suit.

WEST leads his Club 4 as 4th from the "top" of his "longest and strongest" Suit so that EAST (and Declarer) can use the "Rule of 11"² to compute how many Clubs higher than the Club 4 Declarer (and EAST) initially held.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "winners" should Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What "Line of Play" should Declarer SOUTH follow?

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² Within the "Esther Bridge Lessons" see "Some of the 40 or So Bridge Bidding/Play 'Rules'":
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