

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0468:

**"The Contract is 3NT and the Dummy Holds
6 Diamonds, as Declarer's RHO How Will You Play
Diamonds Holding the Diamond A,T,7,4,
And as Declarer How Will You Play
Your Partnership's $6 + 3 = 9$ Diamonds?"**

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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 8/12/84 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "A Communication Breakdown".

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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: **SOUTH**

Vul: **NONE**

NORTH (8)

S: 6 4

H: A 3

D: K J 9 6 5 2

C: T 7 5

WEST (4)

S: J T 9 8 7

H: J T 5 2

D: --

C: Q 9 6 3

EAST (11)

S: Q 2

H: Q 9 7 4

D: A T 7 4

C: K 8 2

SOUTH (17)

S: A K 5 3

H: K 8 6

D: Q 8 3

C: A J 4

Bidding

SOUTH

1NT

PASS

WEST

PASS

PASS

EAST

3NT

PASS

SOUTH

PASS

WEST leads his Spade Jack from "touching" Honors in his "longest and strongest" Suit.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed sitting EAST where would you "place" the Spade A,K? Sitting EAST what Spade card should you play on Trick #1?

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