

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0470:
**"Do You Know How to Save Your Contract When as
Declarer You Discover Your Opponents
Hold a Very Unfavorable Trump 'Split'?"**

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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/rpco.htm>

The present "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" is based on the 9/6/81 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Think Twice Before Conceding". This "Real Deal" Board was played in the Summer North American Bridge Championship in Boston.

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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: **N/S**

NORTH (14)

S: A T 5 4

H: --

D: A K 3

C: K T 7 6 5 2

WEST (4)

S: Q 9 6

H: J T 6 4 2

D: 9 6 4

C: J 9

EAST (6)

S: J 8 7

H: 9

D: Q J T 8 7 5

C: Q 8 4

SOUTH (16)

S: K 3 2

H: A K Q 8 7 5 3

D: 2

C: A 3

Bidding

NORTH

EAST

SOUTH

WEST

1**C**

2**D**

2**H**

PASS

3**S**

PASS

4**NT**

PASS

5**H***

PASS

6**H**

PASS

PASS

PASS

*"Partner, I hold 2 Aces."

WEST leads his Diamond 4 in Partner EAST's bid Diamond Suit. Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 with the NORTH Dummy's Diamond Ace.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" should Declarer SOUTH see?

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