

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0471:
"As Declarer Do You Want to
'Listen to the Auction' and *Know* or
Do You Instead Want to Follow
'General Bridge Principles'?"**

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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 3/17/85 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Expert Technique Avoids Guess".

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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: **WEST**

Vul: **NONE**

NORTH (13)

S: K Q T

H: 8 2

D: A 9 7

C: A T 9 6 5

WEST (8)

S: 7 2

H: K Q J T 7 5 4

D: 6 3

C: Q 2

EAST (0)

S: 9 6 5 4 3

H: 6

D: T 8 5 4 2

C: 4 3

SOUTH (19)

S: A J 8

H: A 9 3

D: K Q J

C: K J 8 7

Bidding

WEST

NORTH

EAST

SOUTH

3H

DBL

PASS

4NT

PASS

5H*

PASS

6NT

PASS

PASS

PASS

*"Partner, I hold 2 Aces."

WEST leads his Heart King thus "promising" "touching" Honors in his "long" Suit. Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 with his own Heart Ace.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "winners" should Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What "Lines of Plays" can Declarer SOUTH consider following?

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