

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0477:
"As a Declarer Expecting and Surviving
a Bad 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/rpcr.htm>

The present "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" is based on the 8/4/85 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Surviving a Bad Trump Break".

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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: **N/S**

NORTH (9)

S: A 3

H: 9 6 3 2

D: A J 3

C: 9 6 5 4

WEST (6)

S: T 6 2

H: 7

D: 9 7 5

C: K Q J T 8 3

EAST (10)

S: 9 8

H: Q J T 8

D: K T 6 4

C: A 7 2

SOUTH (15)

S: K Q J 7 5 4

H: A K 4 3

D: Q 8 2

C: --

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
PASS	1 S	3 C	DBL*
PASS	4 H	PASS	PASS
PASS			

*"Partner, I hold exactly **4** cards in the unbid Major, Hearts."

WEST leads his Club King thus "promising" the Club Queen.

1. What does WEST's 3**C** bid "show"? What potential problem should Declarer SOUTH expect based on WEST's 3**C** bid?

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