

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0495:

**"When You Are 2-Suited 5-5 Is It Better to First
Bid Your Stronger Suit or Your Weaker Suit?"**

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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 8/19/90 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Strong Trumps or Weak Trumps". This Board was played at a "side" event during the August, 1990 North American Bridge Championships in Boston. During this "Real Deal" Pavlicek sat WEST.

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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 (11)

S: J 4 3

H: 8 6 2

D: K Q J

C: A 8 7 4

WEST (7)

S: K 8

H: J 7 5

D: 8 4 3

C: Q J T 9 6

EAST (9)

S: A Q T

H: T 4

D: T 9 7 6

C: K 5 3 2

SOUTH (13)

S: 9 7 6 5 2

H: A K Q 9 3

D: A 5 2

C: --

Bidding

SOUTH

WEST

NORTH

EAST

???

1. Should SOUTH open the bidding at his **1st** turn to bid within the auction?
2. If SOUTH should indeed bid, what should SOUTH bid at his **1st** turn within the auction?

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