

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0498:
"When Playing Bridge as a Defender
'Signal' and Listen to Partner's 'Signals'
In Order to Get Optimal Bridge Results"**

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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 11/19/89 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Winning Defense Takes Foresight".

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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: **BOTH**

NORTH (16)

S: A K Q 2

H: Q J T

D: A 8 5

C: 8 7 4

WEST (10)

S: J 9 4

H: 7 5 4

D: T 6

C: A K Q 6 3

EAST (4)

S: T 8 7 6 3

H: 8 3

D: K J 9 4

C: T 2

SOUTH (10)

S: 5

H: A K 9 6 2

D: Q 7 3 2

C: J 9 5

Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 NT	PASS	3 H*	PASS
4 H	PASS	PASS	PASS

*SOUTH may have bid 3**H** rather than a "Jacoby Transfer" because NORTH by opening 1**NT** has "limited" his Hand and so "exposing" NORTH's Hand as the Dummy costs N/S very little but SOUTH wanted to not "show" his own Hand.

On Tricks **#1** WEST "cashed" his Club Ace thus "promising" the Club King and Partner EAST plays his Club Ten. By Partnership Agreement EAST is "**signaling**" asking WEST to continue Clubs and that EAST likely can ruff a **3rd** or later Round of Clubs. On Tricks **#2** and **#3** WEST "cashes" his Club King and Queen and on Trick **#3** EAST discards the Diamond 9 thus "signaling" that he EAST holds the Diamond King.

1. What card should WEST lead on Trick **#4**? Should WEST lead a Diamond on Trick **#4** as requested by EAST?

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