

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0500:
"Some More 'It's Your Call'
Bridge Bidding Conundrums"**

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The bidding challenges presented here were published in the "It's Your Call" article by Aaron Jones and Karen Walker in the August, 2026 ACBL Bridge Bulletin (pp. 38-41). The monthly "It's Your Call" article also includes bidding choices of **17** world class bridge players along with their brief comments explaining their bidding recommendations.

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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.

1. Playing IMPs in a Swiss Team competition with both Pairs Vulnerable you hold:

♠ A J 6 ♥ A 4 ♦ A K J 9 7 6 4 2 ♣ -- (17)

The bidding proceeded:

Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
PASS	PASS	2C*	3H
DBL**	PASS	???	

*SOUTH is bidding a "strong" 2C opening bid while holding only 17 but sees a likelihood to take 8+ Tricks in a Diamond contract.

**NORTH is making a "They Stole My Bid" DOUBLE so his DOUBLE is interpreted as NORTH having bid 2H "Roth" "showing" (1) no Aces or Kings and (2) 2 Queens at most.

What would you bid sitting SOUTH at your 2nd turn to bid within the auction?

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