

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0501:
"When Playing Bridge as a Defender
When to 'Cover' a Dummy Honor
with Your Own Honor and
When to NOT 'Cover' a Dummy Honor
with Your Own Honor"**

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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>

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The present "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" is based on the 9/16/84 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Cover an Honor with an Honor?".

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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 (14)

S: K J 4

H: A 7 5 3

D: Q J 4

C: K 9 2

WEST (4)

S: 3 2

H: J 9 8 6

D: T 6 2

C: Q J T 8

EAST (9)

S: 7 6 5

H: Q T 4

D: K 8 7 5

C: A 7 5

SOUTH (13)

S: A Q T 9 8

H: K 2

D: A 9 3

C: 6 4 3

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
PASS	1 S	PASS	3 S
PASS	4 S	PASS	PASS
PASS			

On Trick **#1** WEST leads the Club Queen thus "promising" the "touching" Club Jack and a "long" Club Suit or a doubleton Club Q,x. Declarer SOUTH "covered" with the NORTH Dummy's Club King and EAST "won" with his Club Ace. On Trick **#2** EAST led a "low" Club and WEST "won" with his Club Ten. WEST "won" Trick **#3** with his Club Jack. Now Declarer SOUTH must "win" all the remaining Tricks or SOUTH's 4**S** contract will be "set". On Trick **#4** WEST coyly led a "low" Trump Spade and Declarer SOUTH "won" with the NORTH Dummy's Trump Spade Jack.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?

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