

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0503:
"The Meaning of a 'Jump' Bid to the
5-Level in Partner's Bid Suit, and
When Playing Bridge as a Declarer
Sometimes a Clever 'Deception Play' Can
Really Be *Extremely* Helpful"

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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 3/5/89 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Two Chances Missed to Avert Ruff". This "Real Deal" was played in the late 1980s in a local Florida ACBL bridge club.

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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: **NONE**

NORTH (16)

S: J 7 6

H: K J 6 5 3

D: A

C: A K 8 6

WEST (3)

S: 2

H: 7 2

D: Q T 7 6 5

C: J T 7 5 4

EAST (7)

S: A Q 9 8 5 4

H: --

D: J 9 4 2

C: 9 3 2

SOUTH (14)

S: K T 3

H: A Q T 9 8 4

D: K 8 3

C: Q

Bidding

EAST

SOUTH

WEST

NORTH

2**S**

3**H**

PASS

5**H**

PASS

6**H**

PASS

PASS

PASS

On Trick **#1** WEST leads the Spade 2 singleton in Partner EAST's bid Spade Suit. EAST "wins" with his Spade Ace.

1. What does NORTH's bid of 5**H** mean?

2. What Spade card should Declarer SOUTH play on Trick **#1**?

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