

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0512:

"Greed for an 'Overtrick' Can Be Costly at Bridge Swiss Teams Play versus MatchPoint Play!"

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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 4/29/90 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Greed For Overtrick Costs Game". This "Real Deal" Board was played during the Open Swiss Teams competition during the 60th annual Southeastern Regional Bridge Tournament in Bal Harbour.

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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: 2

H: A J 7 2

D: 5 3

C: A Q T 9 8 4

WEST (7)

S: J 8 5 4

H: K Q T 9

D: J 7 4

C: 5 3

EAST (9)

S: A 7 3

H: 6 5 4

D: Q T 8 6

C: K 7 6

SOUTH (13)

S: K Q T 9 6

H: 8 3

D: A K 9 2

C: J 2

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 S	PASS	2 C	PASS
2 D	PASS	2 H	PASS
2 NT	PASS	3 NT	PASS
PASS	PASS		

On Trick **#1** WEST leads the Heart King as the "top" of "touching" Honors in his "long" Major Suit. Declarer "ducked" in the NORTH Dummy and WEST "won" Trick **#1**. On Trick **#2** WEST seeing the Heart Ace in the NORTH Dummy led his Heart 9 and Declarer SOUTH "won" Trick **#2** with the NORTH Dummy's Heart Jack.

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

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