

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0516:

**"As Declarer Playing a Difficult 6H Contract
When Your LHO Holds the Spade A,T,x,x After Your
Spade Q,x,x and Before Dummy's Spade K,J,x,x and
the Club K,J,x,x,x After Your Club A,x and
Before the Dummy's Club Q,x,x,x,x:
It May Be Time for a 'Squeeze Endplay' "**

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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/rpcn.htm>

The present "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" is based on the 3/13/88 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Is Your Game Up to Par". This "Real Deal" Board was played

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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.

during the November, 1987 North American Bridge Championship Qualifying Rounds.

Dealer: **EAST**

Vul: **NONE**

NORTH (10)

S: K J 6 4

H: 7

D: A 5 3

C: Q 7 6 4 2

WEST (8)

S: A T 9 8

H: 4 3

D: T 4

C: K J 9 8 3

EAST (6)

S: 7 5

H: 6 5 2

D: K Q J 9 8 6 2

C: T

SOUTH (16)

S: Q 3 2

H: A K Q J T 9 8

D: 7

C: A 5

Bidding

EAST

3**D**

PASS

PASS

SOUTH

4**H**

6**H**

WEST

PASS

PASS

NORTH

5**D***

PASS

***"Partner, I hold the Diamond Ace."**

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Diamond Ten as the highest card in Partner EAST's bid Suit and Declarer SOUTH "won" with the NORTH Dummy's Diamond Ace.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What "Line of Play" should Declarer SOUTH initially plan to follow?

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