

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0518:
" 'You Can't Get There From Here' : As Declarer
Using an 'Elimination Endplay' to Force the
Defenders to Themselves
Give You a Missing 'Dummy Entry' "**

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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 10/15/89 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Reaching an Unreachable Dummy".

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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: **BOTH**

NORTH (5)

S: 6 3 2

H: 8 6 5

D: K Q 7 3 2

C: 7 2

WEST (6)

S: Q J 5

H: J T 9 7

D: 8 3

C: Q T 9 3

EAST (5)

S: T 9 8 4

H: 4 2

D: A T 9 4

C: J 8 5

SOUTH (24)

S: A K 7

H: A K Q 3

D: J 6

C: A K 6 4

Bidding

SOUTH

WEST

NORTH

EAST

2C

PASS

2D*

PASS

2NT

PASS

3NT

PASS

PASS

PASS

*"Partner, I hold 0-7 HCPs but I do hold at least 1 Ace or King."

WEST leads the Heart Jack on Trick #1 as the "top" of "touching" Honors. SOUTH "wins" with his Heart Queen.

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

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