

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0519:
"Beware the Dangers of a
'Takeout/Demand DOUBLE' Even When Both Pairs
Are Non-vulnerable"**

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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 8/27/89 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Indiscretion Bears a Steep Price". This "Real Deal" was played in an August, 1989 Life Masters Pairs competition in Chicago. Pavlicek sat WEST and Brian Glubok sat EAST.

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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: **WEST**

Vul: **NONE**

NORTH (13)

S: A Q 8 7

H: Q 4

D: K 8 5 4

C: Q 5 2

WEST (12)

S: 3

H: A K J 6 3

D: T 9 6

C: A 9 8 6

EAST (14)

S: K J T 9

H: T 2

D: A Q 2

C: K J 7 3

SOUTH (1)

S: 6 5 4 2

H: 9 8 7 5

D: J 7 3

C: T 4

Bidding

WEST

NORTH

EAST

SOUTH

1**H**

DBL

RDBL

1**S**

PASS

PASS

DBL

PASS

PASS

PASS

WEST leads the Heart Ace thus "promising" the Heart King and asking Partner EAST to "signal" whether he can "win" a 3rd Round of Hearts either (1) with the Heart Queen assuming the NORTH Dummy once exposed holds at least 3 Hearts or (2) by ruffing. WEST "wins" Trick #1 and on Trick #2 leads his Spade singleton 3.

1. Was NORTH's "Takeout/Demand DOUBLE" a prudent bid by NORTH?
2. What does EAST's bid of **REDOUBLE** "promise"?
3. What does EAST's, Brian Glubok's, 2nd bid of **DOUBLE** mean?

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