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Esther "Pop" Quiz #0522: "As Declarer Can You *See* the Danger, and Can You See Exactly How to *Fix* the Danger?: Bridge '*Deception 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:
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The present "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" is based on the 10/29/89 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Clever Play Would Fool Anyone".

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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: ***E/W***

	NORTH (***8***) ***S:*** *A J T* ***H:*** *8 6 5 2* ***D:*** *K 3 2* ***C:*** *9 8 2*	
WEST (***9***) ***S:*** *6 2* ***H:*** *Q T 9* ***D:*** *Q J T 9 4* ***C:*** *A T 4*		*EAST* (***7***) ***S:*** *5 4 3* ***H:*** *J 7 3* ***D:*** *8 7 6* ***C:*** *K Q J 3*
	SOUTH (***16***) ***S:*** *K Q 9 8 7* ***H:*** *A K 4* ***D:*** *A 5* ***C:*** *7 6 5*	

Bidding

EAST	*SOUTH*	*WEST*	*NORTH*
PASS	*1****S***	*PASS*	*2****S***
PASS	*4****S***	*PASS*	*PASS*
PASS			

WEST leads the Diamond Queen as the "top" of "touching" Honors in an unbid Suit.

1. *Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer NORTH see?*

2. *What is the gravest E/W danger to the N/S 4****S*** *contract?*

3. *What Diamond cards should Declarer SOUTH play on Trick* ***#1*** *in order to address the gravest danger he faces as regards "making" his 4****S*** *contract?*

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