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Esther "Pop" Quiz #0525:
"As Declarer Can a '*Squeeze Play*' Save Your Difficult 7NT Contract?"

Esther Klinktoast-Houstonhousen[1]

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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/rpco.htm
The present "'Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" is based on the 6/4/89 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Play or Defend? A Real Squeezeroo!". This "Real Deal" was a Board played in the 1988 Worldwide Bridge Contest in which numerous tens of thousands of bridge players participated.

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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 (**17**)*
S: *A K Q T 9 3*
H: *Q 8 7*
D: *Q 2*
C: *A 3*

*WEST (**2**)*
S: *J 5*
H: *J 9 6 5*
D: *9 5*
C: *7 6 5 4 2*

*EAST (**9**)*
S: *6 4*
H: *K T 4*
D: *J T 6 3*
C: *K Q T 8*

*SOUTH (**12**)*
S: *8 7 2*
H: *A 3 2*
D: *A K 8 7 4*
C: *J 9*

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1D	PASS	1S	PASS
1NT	PASS	4C*	DBL**
4S***	PASS	5C****	DBL
5H*****	PASS	7NT	PASS
PASS	PASS		

*"Partner, how many Aces do you hold?"
"Partner, at your **1st opportunity please lead a Club to me."
***"Partner, I hold **2** Aces."
****"Partner, how many Kings do you hold?"
*****"Partner, I hold **1** King."

WEST leads the Club 4 in response to EAST's DBL requesting a Club lead. Declarer SOUTH "wins" with the NORTH Dummy's Club Ace.

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

2. *What does EAST's **1st** "**Lead-Directing DOUBLE**"[2] tell Declarer SOUTH?*

3. *What "Line of Play" should Declarer SOUTH follow?*

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[2] Within the "Esther Bridge Lessons" see: "**7 Not-for-Penalty DOUBLEs**": https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/double.pdf

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