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Esther "Pop" Quiz #0526: "Cardinal Bridge Principle: As Declarer Force the Defenders to Make *Numerous* Discard Decisions Even by 'Running' ALL Your Trump Cards Even After You Have 'Drawn' All the Trump"

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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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https://www.rpbridge.net/rpco.htm
The present "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" is based on the 1/29/89 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Optimitis ─ A Bridge Disease". This "Real Deal" was a Board played in a January, 1989 bridge game in the Ft. Lauderdale Bridge Club. Two of Pavlicek's bridge students sat NORTH and SOUTH.

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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: ***NONE***

NORTH (***15***)
S: *J 7 4*
H: *A K 3*
D: *A K 8 6*
C: *7 5 2*

WEST (***6***)
S: *6 5*
H: *Q J*
D: *Q 9 5 2*
C: *J 9 8 6 4*

EAST (***8***)
S: *Q 8 2*
H: *6 5 4 2*
D: *J T 7*
C: *K Q T*

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

Bidding

EAST	*SOUTH*	*WEST*	*NORTH*
PASS	*1**S***	*PASS*	*2**NT****
PASS	*3**H***	*PASS*	*4**D***
PASS	*4**S***	*PASS*	*4**NT***
PASS	*5**H****	*PASS*	*5**NT***
PASS	*6**D*****	*PASS*	*7**S***
PASS	*PASS*	*PASS*	

***** *N/S are not playing the "**Jacoby 2**NT" convention. NORTH's bid says, "Partner, I hold (1)* ***13+*** *HCPs and (2) my distribution shape if 'flat'."*

****** *"Partner, I hold* ***2*** *Aces."*

******* *"Partner, I hold* ***1*** *King."*

WEST leads the Trump Spade 5. EAST plays the Trump Spade Queen and SOUTH "wins" Trick ***#1*** *with the Trump Spade King.*

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

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

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