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Esther "Pop" Quiz #0529:
"As Declarer Playing a Dicey 1NT Contract Can a '*Deception Play*' Help Your Chances to 'Make' Your 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 13/3/89 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Deceptive Play Keeps Hopes Alive". The present "Real Deal" bridge Board was played in the 1989 North American Championships in Lancaster, PA.

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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: ***NORTH***
Vul: ***NORTH***

NORTH (***4***)
S: *Q T 3*
H: *J 9 8 6*
D: *T 9 7*
C: *J 9 3*

WEST (***12***)
S: *A 7 2*
H: *T 5 2*
D: *K J 5*
C: *A 8 6 2*

EAST (***9***)
S: *K J 6 5*
H: *K 7 3*
D: *4 3*
C: *Q 7 5 4*

SOUTH (***15***)
S: *9 8 4*
H: *A Q 4*
D: *A Q 8 6 2*
C: *K T*

Bidding

NORTH	*EAST*	*SOUTH*	*WEST*
PASS	*PASS*	*1**NT***	*PASS*
PASS	*PASS*		

WEST leads the Club 2 as the ***4th*** *from the "top" of his "longest" Suit so that Partner EAST (and Declarer SOUTH) can use the "**Rule of 11**"*[2] *to determine exactly how many Clubs higher than the Club 2 Declarer SOUTH (and EAST) holds. Declarer SOUTH played the NORTH Dummy's Club Jack,*[3] *EAST "covered" with his Club Queen, and SOUTH "won" Trick* ***#1*** *with his own Club King.*

1. *Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed exactly how many Clubs higher than the Club 2 does Declarer SOUTH know that EAST holds?*

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

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

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[2] Within the "**Esther Bridge Lessons**" see: "**Some of the 40 or So Bridge Bidding/Play 'Rules'":**
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[3] The NORTH Dummy's Club Jack is "promoted" once EAST plays his Club Queen.