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Esther "Pop" Quiz #0533: "A '*Moysian Fit*' 4-3 Trump 'Fit' 'Real Deal' Played in a 1988 Seiko Epson Corporation Worldwide Bridge Competition"

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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 7/17/88 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Barbecue at the Bridge Table". This bridge Board "Real Deal" was played by Baxter Clifford of Miami in the 1988 Seiko Epson Corporation Worldwide Bridge Competition.

The Seiko Epson Corporation, an international company that produces printers and information display devices, Worldwide Bridge Competition was held from the mid-1980s through the 1990s and each time roughly 100,000 bridge players

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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.

competed. Famous actor Omar Sharif, an avid bridge player, wrote the Board analysis distributed after the competition.

Dealer: ***WEST***
Vul: ***N/S***

	*NORTH (**14**)* ***S:*** *8 4* ***H:*** *A J 6* ***D:*** *A 9 5 2* ***C:*** *A J 9 8*	
*WEST (**7**)* ***S:*** *Q J T 3 2* ***H:*** *9 3* ***D:*** *K J 6 4 3* ***C:*** *7*		*EAST (**7**)* ***S:*** *K 7 6 5* ***H:*** *T 7 5 2* ***D:*** *Q 8* ***C:*** *Q 6 3*
	*SOUTH (**12**)* ***S:*** *A 9* ***H:*** *K Q 8 4* ***D:*** *T 7* ***C:*** *K T 5 4 3*	

Bidding

WEST	*NORTH*	*EAST*	*SOUTH*
*2**S****	***DBL****	*PASS*	*4**H***
PASS	*PASS*	*PASS*	

****Most duplicate bridge players would not make this bid as Dealer when WEST holds only **5** Spade cards. But this was the actual bid by WEST at Baxter Clifford's table.*

*****NORTH's DOUBLE when holding only **3** cards rather than **4** in the unbid Major is an unusual bid and resulted in SOUTH playing as Declarer in a 4**H** contract when N/S held a dicey 4-3 "**Moysian Fit**". 4-3 "**Moysian Fit**" Game contracts are "makeable" as long as the E/W Trump cards "split" no worse than 4-2 but do require special Declarer strategies as discussed by Esther in a couple of her bridge lessons:*
https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/moysian.pdf
https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/moysian2.pdf

1. *What Spade card should Declarer play on Trick **#1**?*

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

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

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