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Esther "Pop" Quiz #0534: "Correctly Bidding 4-Card Majors as the Bridge Responder"

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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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The present "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" is based on the 7/31/88 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Who Was More at Fault". This bridge Board "Real Deal" was played in a 1988 bridge game in Alabama.

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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: ***NONE***

	NORTH (***13***) ***S:*** *7 6 4 3* ***H:*** *A J 3* ***D:*** *A 9 5* ***C:*** *A 8 4*	
WEST (***9***) ***S:*** *A J* ***H:*** *9 8 4 2* ***D:*** *Q 8 7 4 3* ***C:*** *Q 3*		*EAST* (***7***) ***S:*** *T 9 2* ***H:*** *T 6* ***D:*** *K J T 6 2* ***C:*** *K 9 2*
	SOUTH (***11***) ***S:*** *K Q 8 5* ***H:*** *K Q 7 5* ***D:*** *--* ***C:*** *J T 7 6 5*	

Bidding

SOUTH	*WEST*	*NORTH*	*EAST*
PASS	*PASS*	*1**C***	*PASS*
*1**H***	*PASS*	*PASS*	

1. *Was SOUTH's **1st** bid of PASS "correct?"*
2. *Was SOUTH's **2nd** bid of 1**H** "correct?"*
3. *Was NORTH's **2nd** bid of PASS "correct?"*

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