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Esther "Pop" Quiz #0536: "Can You Find the 'Correct' 'Line of Play' on Defense Against Opponents' 4S Contract?

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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 1/10/88 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Old Deal Deserves a Second Look". This "Real Deal" was given to Pavlicek by a student when Pavlicek was teaching a bridge class in Baltimore in the summer of 1987.

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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 (**5**)* ***S:*** *Q T 6 5 4* ***H:*** *K 4* ***D:*** *6 5* ***C:*** *8 7 6 2*	
*WEST (**3**)* ***S:*** *7* ***H:*** *Q T 9 8* ***D:*** *J T 9 8 2* ***C:*** *5 4 3*		*EAST (**14**)* ***S:*** *A J 9* ***H:*** *7 6 5* ***D:*** *Q 7 2* ***C:*** *A K T 9*
	*SOUTH (**18**)* ***S:*** *K 8 3 2* ***H:*** *A J 3 2* ***D:*** *A K 7* ***C:*** *Q J*	

Bidding

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

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

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

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