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Esther "Pop" Quiz #0539:
"Bid (and Play) *Aggressively* When You Hold a Hand with *Extreme Shape*"

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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 10/16/88 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Be Aggressive with Extreme Shape". This "Real Deal" was Board #12 in the October, 1988 continent-wide Royal Viking Pairs bridge competition.

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

	NORTH (***14***) ***S:*** *A Q J 6 2* ***H:*** *A K T 9 7 4* ***D:*** *--* ***C:*** *9 6*	
WEST (***12***) ***S:*** *K 3* ***H:*** *8 2* ***D:*** *K J 8 7 5 2* ***C:*** *A J 3*		*EAST* (***10***) ***S:*** *T 8 5* ***H:*** *J 5* ***D:*** *A Q 6* ***C:*** *K T 8 4 2*
	SOUTH (***4***) ***S:*** *9 7 4* ***H:*** *Q 6 3* ***D:*** *T 9 4 3* ***C:*** *Q 7 5*	

Bidding

WEST	*NORTH*	*EAST*	*SOUTH*
*1**D***	***???***		

1. *What should NORTH bid at his* ***1st*** *turn to bid within the auction?*

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