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Esther "Pop" Quiz #0545:
"As a Defender Resist the Urge to Violate the '2nd *Hand Low*' Bridge Principle"

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 11/6/88 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Urge to Grab King Gives Contract". This "Real Deal" was played in a local bridge tournament.

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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: ***NONE***

	NORTH (***15***) ***S:*** *Q 9* ***H:*** *K Q 3 2* ***D:*** *A J 5* ***C:*** *K 7 4 3*	
WEST (***12***) ***S:*** *K 8 7 5 4* ***H:*** *T 8 7* ***D:*** *K T 8* ***C:*** *A Q*		*EAST* (***4***) ***S:*** *J 3* ***H:*** *9 4* ***D:*** *Q 9 4 3* ***C:*** *J T 9 6 5*
	SOUTH (***9***) ***S:*** *A T 6 2* ***H:*** *A J 6 5* ***D:*** *7 6 2* ***C:*** *8 2*	

Bidding

WEST	*NORTH*	*EAST*	*SOUTH*
*1**S***	***DBL****	*PASS*	*3**H***
PASS	*4**H***	*PASS*	*PASS*
PASS			

****NORTH** executed a "**Takeout/Demand DOUBLE**"[2] that is this Partnership "shows" (1) **4** cards in the unbid Major, (2) no **5+** card Suit, (3) "shortness" in the bid Spades, and (4) 13 or more HCPs.*

1. *Sitting WEST, what would you lead on Trick **#1**?*

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[2] Within the "**Esther Bridge Lessons**" see: "**7 Not-for-Penalty DOUBLEs**":
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