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Esther "Pop" Quiz #0547: "As Declarer You Can Select the Right Suit to Lead But the Wrong Card and Your Selection May Cost You Your 6S 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
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 1/25/87 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Diamond Play Is Key to Slam".

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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: ***NORTH***
Vul: ***NONE***

	NORTH (***16***) ***S:*** *K 9 6 3* ***H:*** *K 6* ***D:*** *A Q 6 4 3* ***C:*** *A 5*	
WEST (***3***) ***S:*** *8 5* ***H:*** *9 5 4 2* ***D:*** *J T 8* ***C:*** *Q T 6 3*		*EAST* (***6***) ***S:*** *J 4* ***H:*** *J T 8 7* ***D:*** *K 9* ***C:*** *J 9 8 4 2*
	SOUTH (***15***) ***S:*** *A Q T 7 2* ***H:*** *A Q 3* ***D:*** *7 5 2* ***C:*** *K 7*	

Bidding

NORTH	*EAST*	*SOUTH*	*WEST*
*1**D***	*PASS*	*1**S***	*PASS*
*3**S***	*PASS*	*4**NT***	*PASS*
*5**H****	*PASS*	*5**NT***	*PASS*
*6**H*****	*PASS*	*6**S***	*PASS*
PASS	*PASS*		

***** *"Partner, I hold **2** Aces."*
****** *"Partner, I hold **2** Kings."*

1. *Sitting SOUTH what "losers" should you see once the NORTH Dummy was exposed?*

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

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