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Esther "Pop" Quiz #0548:
"As Declarer Can a '*Squeeze Play*' Save Your 4S Contract Bacon?"

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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 11/15/87 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Perseverance Is Rewarded". This "Real Deal" was played in a 1987 Robert Reynolds Memorial Bridge Tournament in Miami. At this table Jeanne Poore of Ft. Lauderdale sat SOUTH.

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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: ***EAST***
Vul: ***BOTH***

	NORTH (***11***) ***S:*** *Q* ***H:*** *J 7 5 4* ***D:*** *A J 8 7* ***C:*** *K 9 8 5*	
WEST (***4***) ***S:*** *9 7 6* ***H:*** *Q T 9 3* ***D:*** *T 9 6* ***C:*** *Q T 4*		*EAST* (***13***) ***S:*** *5 3 2* ***H:*** *A K 2* ***D:*** *K Q 3 2* ***C:*** *J 7 3*
	SOUTH (***12***) ***S:*** *A K J T 8 4* ***H:*** *8 6* ***D:*** *5 4* ***C:*** *A 6 2*	

Bidding

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

WEST led his highest Diamond card in Partner EAST's bid Suit, the Diamond Ten. Declarer SOUTH played the NORTH Dummy's Diamond Jack and EAST "won" Trick ***#1*** *with his Diamond Queen.*

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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