

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0506:
"As Declarer Preserving Trump Cards in the Dummy
Unless There Is a 'Long' 'Side' Suit
That You Can 'Run' "**

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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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The present "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" is based on the 4/23/89 Pavlicek newspaper bridge column, "Preserve Dummy's Ruffing Power". This "Real Deal" was played in a 1989 local Swiss Team bridge game.

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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 (9)

S: A 6 2

H: A 6 4

D: J 6 2

C: 9 6 4 2

WEST (3)

S: Q 7 4 3

H: J 9 7

D: 8 7 5 4

C: 8 5

EAST (14)

S: T 9

H: Q 2

D: Q T 9

C: A K Q J T 7

SOUTH (14)

S: K J 8 5

H: K T 8 5 3

D: A K 3

C: 3

Bidding

SOUTH

WEST

NORTH

EAST

1**H**

PASS

2**H**

3**C**

3**D***

PASS

4**H**

PASS

PASS

PASS

*SOUTH's 2nd bid of 3**D** does not "show" "long" Diamonds but does "show" an interest in Game and is "forcing" for **1** Round.

On Trick **#1** WEST leads the highest Club he holds in Partner EAST's bid Club Suit and EAST "wins" with his Club Ace.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What "Line of Play" should Declarer SOUTH initially plan to follow?

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