

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0070:
"Correct Play of the Hand
as Declarer in a 3NT Contract"**

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Dealer: **NORTH**

Vul: **NONE**

		NORTH (7)		
		S: K 8 7		
		H: Q 6		
		D: J 8 6 4		
		C: J 8 5 2		
	WEST (8)		EAST (2)	
S: ?			S: ?	
H: ?			H: ?	
D: ?			D: ?	
C: A Q 7			C: T 9 6 4 3	
		SOUTH (23)		
		S: A J 4		
		H: A K J 8 4		
		D: A K 9 2		
		C: K		

Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
PASS	PASS	1 H	PASS
1 NT	PASS	3 NT	PASS
PASS	PASS		

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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 in fact is a hypothetical, and not a real person! So this article was really, really written by Bruce Thompson.

Question #1

1. Quite correctly, EAST leads the Club 4, the 4th from the top of his "longest and strongest" Suit. The SOUTH Dummy comes down. NORTH must now formulate his tentative "Line of Play". What should NORTH's initial tentative plan be?

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