

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0114: "Play as Declarer of NT Contracts"

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Esther on her "Esther Bridge Lessons" website has previously recommended the "BBO Bridge Master" website:

<https://www.bridgebase.com/v3/anon/bridgemaster>

The "BBO Bridge Master" website allows you to declare your skill level, then shows a series of Hands and announces the final contract, each of which you then play as Declarer. At the end of play you can then request a solution in which the optimal "Line of Play" is discussed step by step. The present "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" is drawn from "BBO Bridge Master" Level-2 **Lesson A-31**.

NORTH (7)

S: 3 2

H: A 3 2

D: Q J T 9 8 7

C: 7 6

SOUTH (20)

S: K Q J

H: Q J T

D: A K

C: A 5 4 3 2

Bidding

SOUTH

2NT

PASS

WEST

PASS

PASS

NORTH

3NT

EAST

PASS

WEST leads the Heart 4

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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.

1. *Sitting SOUTH as Declarer what are your **initial tasks** once WEST leads and the NORTH Dummy comes down?*
2. *Sitting SOUTH how will you play on Trick #1?*

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
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