

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0116:
"Play as Declarer of 1 Challenging Suit Contract
and 1 Challenging NT Contract"**

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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" question is drawn from "BBO Bridge Master" Level-2 Lesson B-20. Note that across repeated play "BBO Bridge Master" may change some Hands in given lessons.

NORTH (2)

S: Q 8
H: 6 5 4
D: 7 6 5 4 3 2
C: 3 2

SOUTH (18)

S: A K J T 9
H: 3 2
D: A
C: K Q J T 9

Bidding

<i>SOUTH</i>	<i>WEST</i>	<i>NORTH</i>	<i>EAST</i>
1S	2H	PASS	3H
4C	PASS	4S	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.

On lead WEST plays his Heart Ace thus (1) promising to next play his Heart King and (2) asking EAST if EAST can win the 3rd Heart Trick either with a Heart Queen or by ruffing. Given that EAST "supported" WEST's Hearts a 3rd-Round Heart ruff is not expected. The NORTH Dummy comes down.

1. Sitting SOUTH as Declarer what would be your initial plan for your "Line of Play"?

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