

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0120:
"Promoting' 'Winners' and Sorting Out Finesses
When Playing NT Contracts As Declarer"**

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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 C-9**. Note that across repeated play "**BBO Bridge Master**" may change some Hands in given lessons.

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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.

Board C-9, Level 2

NORTH (7)

S: 4 3 2
H: 4 3 2
D: 5 4
C: **A K** 7 6 5

SOUTH (21)

S: **A K Q**
H: **A K**
D: **A J T** 3 2
C: 4 3 2

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2NT	PASS	3NT	PASS
PASS	PASS		

Note. N/S's **8** "certain" "winners" are presented in **bold**.

WEST on lead plays the Spade Jack thus promising the Spade Ten and likely the Spade 9 and additional Spades. The NORTH Dummy comes down and Declarer SOUTH counts **8** "certain" Tricks.

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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