

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0121:
"As Declarer, Drawing Trump in a Suit Contract,
and 'Promoting' 'Winners' in 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" question is drawn from "**BBO Bridge Master**" Level-1 **Lesson A-24**. Note that across repeated play "**BBO Bridge Master**" may change some Hands in given lessons. Esther may have altered some cards in some Hands.

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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 A-24, Level 1

NORTH (12)

S: J T 9
H: K Q 9 3
D: A Q 4 3 2
C: 5

SOUTH (11)

S: 4 3 2
H: A J T 2
D: 5
C: A Q 4 3 2

Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 D	PASS	1 H	PASS
2 H	PASS	4 H	PASS
PASS	PASS		

Note. N/S's 7 "certain" "winners" are presented in **bold**.

WEST on lead plays the Spade King thus promising the Spade Queen. The NORTH Dummy comes down and Declarer SOUTH counts 7 "certain" Tricks. E/W take the initial 3 first Tricks. Thus, Declarer SOUTH must take **all** the remaining 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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