

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0131:
"As Declarer in a Suit Contract, You Must Decide
(1) *When* to Draw Trump and
(2) *How Many Rounds* of Trump Cards to Draw"

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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-3 **Lesson A-4**. 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-4, Level 3

NORTH (8)

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

WEST (7)

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

EAST (9)

S: K Q J 9
H: Q J T 9 8
D: 9 8
C: 9 8

SOUTH (16)

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

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1S	PASS	2S	PASS
4S	PASS	PASS	PASS

WEST on lead plays the Heart King.

1. Sitting SOUTH as Declarer, once the NORTH Dummy comes down, what "losers" do you see when you draw Trump?
2. You are "missing" 5 Trump Spades: K,Q,J,T,9. 5 is an "odd" number. What Trump "split" is most likely?

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