

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0132:  
"Developing Your 'Line of Play'  
As Declarer in a Suit 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-1 **Lesson A-22**. 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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<sup>1</sup> 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](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-22, Level 1

NORTH (3)

**S:** 9 8 7  
**H:** 4 3  
**D:** K 6 5 2  
**C:** 5 4 3 2

WEST (10)

**S:** 6 5 4  
**H:** A Q J T  
**D:** 8 7  
**C:** Q J T 8

EAST (6)

**S:** 3 2  
**H:** K 9 8 7  
**D:** Q J T 9  
**C:** 9 7 6

SOUTH (21)

**S:** A K Q J T  
**H:** 6 5 2  
**D:** A 4 3  
**C:** A K

### Bidding

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 2C    | PASS | 2D    | PASS |
| 2S    | PASS | 3S    | PASS |
| 4S    | PASS | PASS  | PASS |

WEST on lead plays the Club Queen thus "promising" the Club Jack and "length" in Clubs.

Once the NORTH Dummy comes down Declarer SOUTH can see **5** "certain" Spade "winners", **2** "certain" Diamond "winners", and **2** "certain" Club "winners. SOUTH can see **2** Heart "losers" and **1** Diamond "loser".

1. Sitting SOUTH as Declarer, once the NORTH Dummy comes down, what are the **2** plausible "Lines of Play" that you see?
2. Which of your **2** plausible "Lines of Play" should you prefer?
3. Which Suit will E/W relentlessly "attack"?

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