

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0139:
"Bridge Bidding and Play as Declarer:
A Review of Some *Bridge Fundamentals*"**

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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-34**. 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-34, Level 1

Dealer: **EAST**

NORTH (18)

S: Q 6 5

H: K 2

D: K J T 9 8

C: A K Q

WEST (5)

S: 4

H: T 9 8 7

D: A 4

C: J 9 8 7 6 5

EAST (11)

S: K 3 2

H: A Q 6 5 4

D: Q 7 6 5

C: T

SOUTH (6)

S: A J T 9 8 7

H: J 3

D: 3 2

C: 4 3 2

Bidding

EAST

SOUTH

WEST

NORTH

PASS

???

1. What should SOUTH bid at his 1st turn within the auction?

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