

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0148:  
"As Declarer, Finding Creative Ways to  
'Dump' Your Losers"**

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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 **Lessons B-21** and **B-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 B-21, Level 1

NORTH (12)

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

SOUTH (12)

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

### Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 <b>D</b>	PASS	1 <b>H</b>	PASS
2 <b>H</b>	PASS	4 <b>H</b>	PASS
PASS	PASS		

E/W take the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 Tricks "off the top". Now Declarer SOUTH **must** "win" all the remaining Tricks to "make" his contract. On Trick #4 EAST leads the Club King which Declarer SOUTH "wins" in his "closed" (hidden) Hand.

1. Sitting SOUTH as Declarer you see 2 Club "losers" (Club 3,2) in his "closed" Hand. As Declarer your **main job** is identifying and "dumping" losers. What is the only "Line of Play" that Declarer SOUTH can follow to dump his 2 "losers".

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