

## Esther "Pop" Quiz #0152:

"As Bridge Declarer Can You Correctly (1) Identify the *Most Dangerous* Card in Your Hand, (2) the *Most Precious* Card in Dummy, and (3) Decide Whether to Finesse in Trump?: Drawing Trump in Suit 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 B-30**. 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.

Dealer: **SOUTH**

**Board B-30, Level 1**

NORTH (9)

**S:** A 4 3 2

**H:** A 4 3 2

**D:** J 4 3

**C:** 4 2

WEST (9)

**S:** 7 6

**H:** 9 5

**D:** K Q T 9

**C:** A 9 8 7 6

EAST (6)

**S:** K 5

**H:** 8 7 6

**D:** 8 7 6 5

**C:** Q J T 5

SOUTH (16)

**S:** Q J T 9 8

**H:** K Q J T

**D:** A 2

**C:** K 3

**Bidding**

SOUTH

WEST

NORTH

EAST

1S

PASS

3S

PASS

4S

PASS

PASS

PASS

WEST leads the Diamond King thus "promising" the Diamond Queen.

1. What is the most important card in the NORTH Dummy?
2. What is the most dangerous/damaging card in Declarer SOUTH's "closed" (hidden) Hand?
3. After Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 with his Diamond Ace  
(a) should SOUTH immediately begin "drawing" Trump and (b) should SOUTH run a Spade finesse?

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