

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0164:  
"As Declarer Playing a Suit Contract  
(1) When Should You Draw Trump, and  
(2) How Can You 'Dump' '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-2 **Lesson C-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 C-30, Level 2**

NORTH (11)

**S:** K Q  
**H:** 8 7 6  
**D:** K Q J T 9  
**C:** 6 5 4

WEST (6)

**S:** 8 7 6  
**H:** 5 4 3  
**D:** 5 4  
**C:** K Q J T 9

EAST (9)

**S:** A J T 9 5 4  
**H:** A 2  
**D:** 8 7 6  
**C:** 8 7

SOUTH (14)

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

**Bidding**

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 <b>H</b>	PASS	2 <b>D</b>	PASS
3 <b>D</b>	PASS	3 <b>H</b>	PASS
4 <b>H</b>	PASS	PASS	PASS

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Club Queen that "promises" the Club Jack and a "long" Suit or a Club Q,x doubleton.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy comes "down" what inferences should Declarer SOUTH draw about the E/W Club holdings?
2. What "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
3. Which "losers" are "**certain**" and which "losers" are potentially **avoidable**?
4. What "line of play" should Declarer SOUTH formulate to "dump" his "avoidable" losers?

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