

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0201:
"When Playing a 3NT Contract as Declarer
Do You Know How to Execute a 'Bath Coup'?"**

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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-24**. 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, the purported ACBL Double Triple Emerald Gold Platinum LifeMaster with 20+ million ACBL MasterPoints, in fact is a hypothetical, and not a real person! So, this article was really, really written by Bruce Thompson.

BBO Bridge Master Level 2 Lesson C-24

Dealer: **NORTH**

NORTH (14)

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

WEST (5)

S: K Q T 9 8
H: 9 8
D: T 9 5
C: 5 4 3

EAST (7)

S: 7 6
H: Q J T
D: A 8 7 6
C: 9 8 7 6

SOUTH (14)

S: A J 2
H: 7 6 5
D: K Q 3 2
C: K J T

Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 H	PASS	2 NT	PASS
3 NT	PASS	PASS	PASS
PASS	PASS		

WEST leads the Spade King on Trick #1.

1. What Spade card should Declarer SOUTH play on Trick #1?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
<https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0201 a1.pdf>