

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0204:  
"If the 'Rule of 7' or the 'Hold-Up Play'  
Can Work When Playing NT Contracts,  
Can the 'Hold-Up Play' Also Work When  
You as Declarer Are Playing a Suit Contract?"**

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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, 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-30**

Dealer: **SOUTH**

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		

\* SOUTH's 2<sup>nd</sup> bid denies a 6<sup>th</sup> Heart and shows 3+ Diamonds.

WEST leads the Club King on Trick #1 thus "promising" "long" Clubs and "touching" Honors including at least the Club Queen.

1. Once the Dummy comes down what should Declarer SOUTH play on Trick #1?
2. What "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?

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