

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0207:
"As Declarer Can You Count Points (1) From the
Auction and (2) During Play of the Hand So That
You Can 'Place' Missing Honors?"**

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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 D-06**. 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 D-06

Dealer: **WEST**

NORTH (5)

S: A 5 4

H: 4 3 2

D: J T 9

C: 5 4 3 2

WEST (17)

S: K 3

H: Q 7 6 5

D: A K 6 5

C: A J T

EAST (6)

S: 6 2

H: A T 9 8

D: Q 8 7

C: 9 8 7 6

SOUTH (12)

S: Q J T 9 8 7

H: K J

D: 4 3 2

C: K Q

Bidding

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------------|-------|------|-----------|
| 1NT | PASS | PASS | 2S |
| PASS | PASS | PASS | |

WEST leads the Diamond Ace thus "promising" the Diamond King and asking Partner to "signal" whether Partner EAST can "win" a 3rd lead of Diamonds.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy comes how many HCPs do you count EAST as holding?

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