

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0208:
"More on As Declarer 'Listening' to the Auction
and 'Placing' 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-11**. 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-11

Dealer: **WEST**

NORTH (7)

S: 5 2
H: 4 2
D: K J 5 4
C: K 6 4 3 2

WEST (13)

S: J T 9 8
H: A Q J 7 6
D: 3 2
C: A J

EAST (5)

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

SOUTH (15)

S: A K Q 4 3
H: 3
D: A Q T 9 8
C: 7 5

Bidding

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1 H	PASS	4 H	4 S
PASS	PASS	PASS	

Before we get to Declarer's "Play of the Hand" let's first review the bidding?

1. EAST "jumps" to 4**H** while holding only 5 HCPs. Was this 4**H** bid reasonable?
2. Was SOUTH's Overcall of 4**S** reasonable?

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