

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0209:  
"When Playing as Bridge Declarer  
Identifying and Coping With  
the 'Danger Opponent' "**

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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-12**. 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 D-12**

Dealer: **WEST**

NORTH (17)

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

WEST (13)

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

EAST (1)

**S:** J 9 6  
**H:** 7 6 5  
**D:** 3 2  
**C:** 8 6 5 4 2

SOUTH (9)

**S:** K Q 8 7 5 4  
**H:** 4 2  
**D:** J T 9  
**C:** K 3

**Bidding**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<b>1H</b>	<b>1NT</b>	PASS	<b>4S</b>
PASS	PASS	PASS	

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Heart Queen thus "promising" at least the Heart Jack. His opening bid of **1H** "promised" (1) **5+** Hearts and (2) **~13** HCPs.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed how many HCPs should Declarer SOUTH assume EAST holds?
2. What "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?

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