

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0211:  
"The All-Important Task When Playing a Suit  
Contract as Declarer: 'Dumping' Losers"**

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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-3 **Lesson A-13**. 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 3 Lesson A-13**

Dealer: **WEST**

NORTH (4)

**S:** A 5 4  
**H:** 4 3 2  
**D:** 5 4  
**C:** 6 5 4 3 2

SOUTH (21)

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

**Bidding**

<i>WEST</i>	<i>NORTH</i>	<i>EAST</i>	<i>SOUTH</i>
<b>2D</b>	PASS	PASS	<b>DBL</b>
PASS	<b>3C</b>	PASS	<b>3H</b>
PASS	<b>4H</b>	PASS	PASS

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Diamond King.

1. After the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. How many Spades, Hearts, and Clubs should Declarer SOUTH assume WEST holds?
3. How many Diamonds should Declarer SOUTH count EAST as holding?
4. How many Trump Hearts is EAST likely to hold?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:  
<https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0211 a1.pdf>