

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0215:  
'Unblocking' a 'Long' Suit Using Vehicles Other  
than Playing the 'Blocking' 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-3 **Lesson B-03**. 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 B-03**

Dealer: **NORTH**

NORTH (14)

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

WEST (6)

**S:** K Q J T  
**H:** 5  
**D:** 7 6 5 4 3  
**C:** 9 7 6

EAST (7)

**S:** A 9 8 7  
**H:** 9 8 7 4  
**D:** 2  
**C:** Q J T 8

SOUTH (13)

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

**Bidding**

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 <b>C</b>	PASS	1 <b>H</b>	PASS
2 <b>H</b>	PASS	3 <b>D</b>	PASS
3 <b>H</b>	PASS	3 <b>NT</b>	PASS
4 <b>H</b>	PASS	4 <b>S</b>	PASS
6 <b>H</b>	PASS	PASS	PASS

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Spade King thus "promising" EAST that he holds "touching" Honors. On Trick #2 WEST leads the Spade Queen and Declarer SOUTH ruffs in his "closed" (hidden) Hand.

1. After the NORTH Dummy is exposed what further "losers" after Trick #1 can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What dangers must Declarer SOUTH guard against?

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