

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0222:  
"Listening' to the Auction When One Opponent  
Bid So 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-3 **Lesson B-23**. 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-23**

Dealer: **WEST**

NORTH (7)

**S:** K 6  
**H:** 6 5 4  
**D:** 7 6 5 4 3 2  
**C:** A 3

WEST (14)

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

EAST (5)

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

SOUTH (14)

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

**Bidding**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<b>1H</b>	PASS	PASS	<b>2S*</b>
PASS	<b>4S</b>	PASS	PASS
PASS			

\*This E/W Partnership by agreement are playing 1-level "jump" Overcall bids as showing **6+** cards and as "strong".

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Club Jack thus "promising" **4+** Clubs with "touching" Honors.

1. After the NORTH Dummy is exposed how many HCPs does Declarer SOUTH estimate are held by both WEST and EAST?
2. Which "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?

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