

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0223:
"Listen' to the Auction
When *Both* Opponents Bid"**

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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-27**. 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 3 Lesson B-27

Dealer: **WEST**

NORTH (6)

S: 7 5 4 3 2
H: 3 2
D: A Q T 9
C: 4 3

WEST (13)

S: K 8
H: Q 6 5 4
D: J 8 6
C: A K 5 2

EAST (4)

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

SOUTH (17)

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

Bidding

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1 C	PASS	1 S	2 D
PASS	3 D	PASS	4 D
PASS	5 D	PASS	PASS
PASS			

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Club Ace thus "promising" the Club King and asking EAST to "signal" whether EAST can "win" Trick #3 either by (1) ruffing or (2) with the Club Queen. In this case this "signaling" will be muddled by the NORTH Dummy's holding of a Club doubleton.

1. What are all the revelations that Declarer SOUTH can see from the auction once the NORTH Dummy comes "down"?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0223_a1.pdf