

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0225:
"Unblocking' Your 'Long' Suit When as Declarer
You Are Playing a 3NT Contract"**

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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 C-04**. 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 C-04

Dealer: **NORTH**

NORTH (13)

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

WEST (10)

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

EAST (6)

S: Q 8 7 6 5 2
H: 8
D: J T 9
C: K T 8

SOUTH (11)

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

Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 D	PASS	3 D	PASS
3 H	PASS	3 NT	PASS
PASS	PASS		

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Heart King from the "top" of "touching" Honors in his "longest and strongest" Suit.

1. What "winning" N/S Tricks can Declarer SOUTH see once the NORTH Dummy is exposed?
2. What **serious** danger must Declarer SOUTH see?

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