

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0232:
"When Playing a Suit Contract as Declarer,
And You Face a 'Danger Opponent',
Can an 'Elimination Endplay'
Possibly Rescue Your Contract?**

Esther Klinktoast-Houstonhousen¹

To return to the "Esther Bridge Lessons," CLICK:

<https://esther-bridge.com/index.html>

To return to the "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quizzes", CLICK:

<https://esther-bridge.com/quiz.html>

The present "**Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz**" used a "**BBO Bridge Master**" example Board to illustrate the execution of an "**Elimination Endplay**". 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-26**. Note that across repeated play "**BBO Bridge Master**" may change some Hands in given lessons. Esther may have altered some cards in some Hands.

© Copyright, Bruce Thompson, 2025. All rights reserved.

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-26

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (10)

S: K T 8 6

H: K J

D: T 9 8 6

C: K 3 2

WEST (8)

S: Q J 9

H: Q T 9 8 6

D: 3

C: Q J 9 8

EAST (4)

S: --

H: A 7 5 4 3 2

D: 7 5 4 2

C: 7 6 4

SOUTH (18)

S: A 7 5 4 3 2

H: --

D: A K Q J

C: A T 5

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1S	PASS	3S	PASS
6S	PASS	PASS	PASS

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Club Queen, the "top" of a "touching" card sequence in a "long" Suit.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what potential "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. E/W together hold 3 Trump Spades. What is the most likely "split" when Opponents hold an "odd" number of cards, such as 3?
3. Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 with the NORTH Dummy's Club King. On Trick #2 what card should Declarer SOUTH lead from the NORTH Dummy?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0232_a1.pdf