

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0240:
**"If an 'Elimination Endplay' Can Help You as
Declarer When You Are Facing a
'Danger Opponent' , Can an 'Elimination Endplay'
Help You When
You are Playing a 'Dicey' Contract?"**

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As Esther noted in her web posting, "**Happy 100th Birthday, Duplicate Bridge!**":

https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/br_hist.pdf

in 1932 **George Sturgis Coffin** (1903 - 1994) published the first of numerous editions of his hugely influential bridge book, Endplays: Eliminations, Squeezes, Coups. Esther has posted 3 lessons on these 3 Endplays, such as one on the "**Elimination Endplay**":

<https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/endplay.pdf>.

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'

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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.

Quiz" question is drawn from "BBO Bridge Master" Level-3 Lesson A-06. Note that across repeated play "BBO Bridge Master" may change some Hands in given lessons. Esther may have altered some cards in some Hands.

BBO Bridge Master Level 3 Lesson A-06

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (17)

S: T 8 7 6 5

H: A K 3

D: A 9 8

C: A Q

WEST (3)

S: 2

H: J T 9 8 7

D: Q 3 2

C: 8 6 5 3

EAST (4)

S: 4 3

H: 6 5

D: 7 6 5 4

C: K J T 9 7

SOUTH (10)

S: A K Q J 9

H: Q 4 2

D: K J T

C: 4 2

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1S	PASS	2NT	PASS
4NT	PASS	5D*	PASS
6S	PASS	PASS	PASS

*N/S are playing conventional Blackwood as invented by **Easley Blackwood** (1903 - 1992) in 1935.

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

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "dangers" can Declarer SOUTH see?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0240_a1.pdf