

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0243:
"Playing a 4H Suit Contract as Declarer After
Your LHO Overcalled Your 1H Opening Bid
By Bidding 1S"**

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Esther on her "**Esther Bridge Lessons**" website has previously recommended the "**BBO Bridge Master**" website:

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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 D-12**. 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 D-12

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (7)

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

SOUTH (16)

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

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 H	1 S	2 H	PASS
4 H	PASS	PASS	PASS

WEST leads the Spade Ace thus "promising" the Spade King and asking Partner EAST whether he can "win" the 3rd Spade Trick either (1) with the Spade Queen if the NORTH Dummy holds at least 3 Spade cards or (2) by ruffing.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what should Declarer SOUTH surmise that WEST holds?
2. What is the most likely E/W Trump Heart "split"?
3. What holdings by WEST might endanger Declarer SOUTH's 4**H** contract?

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