

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0248:  
"When Playing a Difficult Contract  
Sometimes You Can Save Yourself by Running a  
'Squeeze' Play to Give an Opponent a  
Hobson's Discard Choice"**

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As noted in the "Esther Bridge Lessons" positing, "Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Duplicate Bridge!"<sup>2</sup>, the bridge "**Squeeze Play**" was popularized by **George Sturgis Coffin** (1903 - 1994) who in 1932 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 Endplay Squeeze,

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

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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<sup>1</sup> 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](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.

<sup>2</sup> See: [https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/br\\_hist.pdf](https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/br_hist.pdf)

Quiz" question is drawn from "BBO Bridge Master" Level-3 Lesson D-30. Note that across repeated play "BBO Bridge Master" may change some Hands in given lessons. Esther may have altered some cards in some Hands.

This **BBO Bridge Master Lesson**, Lesson D-30, gives bridge learners the opportunity to practice the execution of the "squeeze". Other Bridge Master lessons in Levels 4 and 5 give the bridge learner more opportunities to practice the "squeeze".

**BBO Bridge Master Level 3 Lesson D-30**

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (16)

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

WEST (5)

**S:** 4 2  
**H:** T 9 8  
**D:** K 6 5 3  
**C:** Q T 9 7

EAST (4)

**S:** 8 7 6 5 3  
**H:** K 7 6 5 4  
**D:** 4  
**C:** J 8

SOUTH (15)

**S:** A Q T 9  
**H:** Q 3 2  
**D:** 9 2  
**C:** A K 4 3

**Bidding**

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	PASS	6NT	PASS
PASS	PASS		

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Heart Ten, the "top" of a "touching" card sequence.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "winners" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What cards should Declarer SOUTH play on Trick #1 from both the NORTH Dummy and from his own Hand?
3. What "Line of Play" should the Declarer follow?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:  
[https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0248\\_a1.pdf](https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0248_a1.pdf)