

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0249:
"When Your Contract is in Danger, Executing an
'Elimination Endplay' May Be Helpful"

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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-4 **Lesson A-01**. 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 4 Lesson A-01

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (10)

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

WEST (7)

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

EAST (6)

S: --
H: Q J T 4
D: Q J T 9
C: 8 7 6 5 3

SOUTH (17)

S: A Q 8 7 6 4
H: K 9 8 7
D: A 3
C: A

Bidding

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

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

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. After Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 in his "closed" (hidden) Hand and Declarer SOUTH "draws" 3 Rounds of Trump Spades ending in the NORTH Dummy what should Declarer lead on Trick #5?

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