

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0255:  
"Playing a Suit Contract as Declarer: Another  
'Loser-on-Loser' Play Opportunity"**

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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-25**. 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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<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.

**BBO Bridge Master Level 4 Lesson A-25**

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (10)

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

WEST (10)

**S:** J T 9  
**H:** J T 8  
**D:** A Q J T 9 7  
**C:** J

EAST (7)

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

SOUTH (13)

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

**Bidding**

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 <b>H</b>	PASS	2 <b>D</b>	PASS
2 <b>H</b>	PASS	2 <b>NT</b>	PASS
4 <b>H</b>	PASS	PASS	PASS

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Diamond Ace which "wins". On Trick #2 WEST leads the Diamond 7. switches to a Diamond lead.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. How should Declarer SOUTH interpret WEST's lead of the Diamond 7 on Trick #2?
3. What card should Declarer SOUTH play from the NORTH Dummy on Trick #2?

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