

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0270:
"LHO DOUBLED Your 1S Opening Bid, Partner Made a
'Support' ReDOUBLE: Can You Avoid a Finesse in
Playing Your 4S Contract as Declarer"**

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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. Here we use the *free* "**BBO Bridge Master**" Level-4 **Lesson B-20** which gives you the opportunity to see and *repeatedly practice* playing a given bridge Board.

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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 B-20

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (11)

S: J T 9 8
H: 5 3 2
D: Q 2
C: A K J T

WEST (12)

S: 6
H: A K J 7
D: K J 4 3
C: 9 8 7 5

EAST (2)

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

SOUTH (15)

S: A K Q 3 2
H: Q T 9 8
D: A
C: 6 3 2

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 S	DBL*	RDL**	2 D
2 H	PASS	2 S	PASS
4 S	PASS	PASS	PASS

- *WEST is making a "Takeout/DEMAND DOUBLE"² which shows "shortness" in SOUTH's bid Spades, ~13 HCPs, at least 3 cards in every unbid Suit and no biddable 5-card Suit.
- **NORTH's ReDOUBLE shows "support" for Spades and ~13 HCPs.

WEST leads his Heart Ace thus "promising" the Heart King and asking Partner EAST to "signal" if EAST can "win" Trick #3 either (1) with the Diamond Queen assuming the NORTH Dummy holds 3+ Diamonds or (2) by ruffing. On Trick #2 WEST continues Hearts with his Heart King. On Trick #3 WEST leads a 3rd Heart because EAST "signaled" he could "win" this Trick and EAST ruffs for a 3rd E/W Trick.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy has been exposed what "losers" should Declarer SOUTH see?
2. How many HCPs does SOUTH expect EAST to hold? How should this expectation affect SOUTH's "Line of Play"?

² Within the "Esther Bridge Lessons" see "Esther Bridge Convention Lesson #14: 7 'Not-for-Penalty' DOUBLES": <https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/double.pdf>

3. Does SOUTH's 4**S** contract depend on a successful N/S finesse in Clubs?

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