

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0279:  
"Listening' to the Auction When Opponents  
Opened 4H and You Set the Final Contract at 4S"**

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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 C-13** which gives you the opportunity to see and *repeatedly practice* playing a given bridge Board.

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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 C-13**

Dealer: **EAST**

NORTH (4)

**S:** A 7 6 4

**H:** 5 3

**D:** T 6 5 3

**C:** 4 3 2

SOUTH (20)

**S:** K Q J T 9 8

**H:** K 2

**D:** A 4 2

**C:** A K

**Bidding**

EAST

4**H**

SOUTH

???

WEST

NORTH

1. What does EAST's opening bid of 4**H** "show"?
2. What should SOUTH bid at his 1<sup>st</sup> turn within the auction?

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