

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0280:
**"'Listening' to the Auction and Executing a
Very Redemptive 'Endplay Squeeze' / 'Squeeze Play'
as Declarer in a 5H Contract"**

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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-15** 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 C-15

Dealer: **WEST**

NORTH (7)

S: 3 2
H: 3 2
D: A K 4 3 2
C: 8 6 5 3

WEST (6)

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

EAST (9)

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

SOUTH (18)

S: A 4
H: A K Q J T 9
D: 7 5
C: A 4 2

Bidding

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
4S	PASS	PASS	5H
PASS	PASS	PASS	

WEST leads the Queen of Clubs on Trick #1 thus "promising" either a Club Queen singleton (most likely) or a Q,x doubleton. Declarer SOUTH "wins" Tricks #2-#4 by "drawing" all the E/W Trump Heart cards. WEST "follows" on Tricks #2-#4 and on Trick #4 a Club is discarded in the NORTH Dummy and by EAST.

1. What does WEST's opening bid of **4S** "show"?
2. After Trick #4 Declarer SOUTH knows what "count" WEST initially held in all 4 Suits. What "count" did WEST initially hold?
3. After Trick #4 Declarer SOUTH knows what "count" EAST initially held. What "count" did EAST initially hold?
4. As play is initiated what "losers" does Declarer SOUTH see?

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