

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0282:
"Executing a Bridge 'Double Squeeze Play'
When Playing a 4H 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 C-19** 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-19

Dealer: **EAST**

NORTH (7)

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

WEST (9)

S: 7
H: 7 6 5 3
D: K Q J 7 5
C: Q J 7

EAST (7)

S: A Q J T 9 8
H: 8
D: 9 8 6
C: T 9 8

SOUTH (17)

S: K 4 2
H: A K Q J T 9
D: 4 2
C: A 3

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
2 S	DBL	PASS	3 C
PASS	3 H	PASS	4 H
PASS	PASS	PASS	
PASS	PASS		

WEST leads the Spade 7, Partner's 2**S** opening bid Suit, on Trick #1. EAST "wins" Trick #1 with his Spade Ace. On Trick #2 EAST returns a Spade, Declarer SOUTH "covers" with his Spade King. SOUTH knows that EAST holds 6 Spades, the NORTH Dummy initially held 3 Spades, and Declarer SOUTH initially held 3 Spades. So, SOUTH knows that WEST initially held $13 - 6 - 3 - 3 = 1$ Spade. However, to force WEST to ruff, SOUTH plays his Spade King and WEST ruffs.

1. After the NORTH Dummy is exposed how many "losers" does Declarer SOUTH see?
2. On Trick #3 WEST returns his Diamond King. What does Declarer SOUTH know about EAST's "longest and strongest" Suit? What does Declarer SOUTH know about WEST's "longest and strongest" Suit?
3. What Diamond should SOUTH play from the NORTH Dummy?

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