

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0284:  
"Executing a Bridge 'Strip Squeeze Play'  
When Playing a 6NT Contract as Declarer:  
Determining EAST's Initial 'Count' So You Can  
Estimate Where 'Missing' Honors Lie"**

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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 D-01** 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 D-01**

Dealer: **EAST**

NORTH (9)

**S:** Q 3  
**H:** 5 3 2  
**D:** A Q 9 8 7  
**C:** J 4 2

WEST (4)

**S:** J 9 8 7 6 4  
**H:** 8  
**D:** K 5  
**C:** T 8 7 6

EAST (7)

**S:** K T 5  
**H:** K J T 9 7 6  
**D:** T  
**C:** 9 5 3

SOUTH (20)

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

**Bidding**

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
<b>2H</b>	<b>3NT</b>	PASS	<b>4NT</b>
PASS	<b>6NT</b>	PASS	PASS
PASS	PASS		

WEST leads the Heart 8, WEST's singleton in Partner EAST's bid Suit. EAST plays his Heart 9 and Declarer SOUTH "wins" with his Heart Queen.

1. After the NORTH Dummy is exposed how many "winners" does Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What should Declarer SOUTH lead on Trick #2?

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