

## Esther "Pop" Quiz #0290:

**"Your RHO Opened 1NT, and You are Playing a 3D DOUBLED Contract: Can an '*Elimination Endplay*' Placing the Lead in the 1NT Bidder's Hand Help?"**

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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-5 **Lesson A-05** 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 5 Lesson A-05**

Dealer: **EAST**

NORTH (9)

**S:** K 6 5 4 2  
**H:** 6  
**D:** Q 6 5 4  
**C:** K J 4

WEST (4)

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

EAST (16)

**S:** A Q J 8  
**H:** Q 8 7  
**D:** J T 9  
**C:** A Q 7

SOUTH (11)

**S:** 3  
**H:** A 5 4 3 2  
**D:** A K 3 2  
**C:** 5 3 2

**Bidding**

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
<b>1NT</b>	<b>2H</b>	<b>DBL</b>	<b>2S</b>
<b>DBL</b>	<b>3D</b>	PASS	PASS
<b>DBL</b>	PASS	PASS	PASS

WEST leads the Diamond 8.

1. Based on EAST's **1NT** opening bid how many HCPs should SOUTH assume that EAST holds? What distribution does EAST likely hold?
2. What does WEST's **1<sup>st</sup>** DOUBLE "show"?
3. How many "losers" should Declarer SOUTH have seen once the NORTH Dummy was exposed?

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