

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0291:
"The '*Elimination Endplay*' Can Help You as
Declarer When You Face an Opponent with Most of
the Defensive HCPs: What About Against an
Opponent Holding a '*Trump Stack*'?"**

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Esther on her "**Esther Bridge Lessons**" website has previously recommended the "**BBO Bridge Master**" website:

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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-06** 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 5 Lesson A-06

Dealer: **NORTH**

NORTH (14)

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

WEST (4)

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

EAST (11)

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

SOUTH (11)

S: 4 2
H: K Q J T 9
D: K Q
C: T 9 8 7

Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 C	1 S	2 H	2 S
3 H	PASS	4 H	PASS
PASS	PASS		

WEST leads the Spade 7. E/W "win" 2 Spade Tricks "off the top". On Trick #3 when a Spade is lead Declarer SOUTH ruffs. On Trick #4 Declarer SOUTH leads the Trump Heart King and EAST "ducks". On Trick #5 Declarer SOUTH leads another Trump Heart and WEST sluffs the Diamond 4.

1. How many "losers" should Declarer SOUTH see once the NORTH Dummy was exposed?
2. What was the initial E/W Trump Heart "split"?
3. Declarer SOUTH has "drawn" 2 Rounds of Trump Hearts. EAST now holds 2 Trump Hearts including the Trump Heart Ace. Should Declarer SOUTH lead a Heart on Trick #6?

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