

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0292:  
"As Declarer Can You Make a 'Missing' Trump  
Honor Held by Your Opponents 'Vanish'?:  
The Bridge 'Smother Endplay' "**

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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-09** 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-09**

Dealer: **EAST**

NORTH (20)

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

WEST (9)

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

EAST (7)

**S:** A Q J 9 8 7 6 5  
**H:** --  
**D:** 8  
**C:** 9 7 6 5

SOUTH (4)

**S:** T  
**H:** A 9 8 7 6 4  
**D:** 6 4 3 2  
**C:** 4 2

**Bidding**

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
4 <b>S</b>	PASS	PASS	<b>DBL</b>
PASS	5 <b>H</b>	PASS	PASS
PASS			

WEST leads the Spade King in Partner EAST's bid Suit. EAST overtakes to "win" Trick #1 with his Spade Ace. EAST knows that 4 Spade cards have been played on Trick #1. EAST now holds 7 more Spades and the NORTH Dummy holds 2 more Spades. Therefore, because  $4 + 7 + 2 = 13$  EAST knows that both Declarer SOUTH and Partner EAST are now void in Spades. On Trick #2 EAST leads the Spade Queen.

1. What does EAST's opening bid of 4**S** "show"?
2. What does NORTH's opening bid of **DOUBLE** "show"?
3. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed how many "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
4. Once EAST on Trick #2 leads his Spade Queen what Trump Heart should Declarer SOUTH use to ruff on this Trick?

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