

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0294:
**"Can a 'Non-Elimination Endplay' Performed
Early in Play Help You as Declarer When
You Are Playing a Difficult 6S Contract?"**

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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-12** 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-12

Dealer: **EAST**

NORTH (7)

S: 6 4
H: K Q 4 3 2
D: J T 9
C: J T 9

SOUTH (23)

S: A K Q 9 8 7 2
H: --
D: A K 2
C: A K 3

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
3 H	6 S	PASS	PASS
PASS			

WEST leads the Heart 5 given that Partner EAST opened with a bid of 3**H**. Declarer SOUTH plays the NORTH Dummy Heart King.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed, what should Declarer SOUTH expect EAST to hold?
2. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed, what should Declarer SOUTH expect WEST to hold?
3. What Trump Spade should Declarer SOUTH play on Trick #1?

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