

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0295:
"Playing a 4S Contract as Declarer When You and
Your LHO Together Hold 92.5% of the HCPs and
You and Partner Hold 10 Trump Spade Cards:
Can a '*Strip Squeeze Endplay*'
Help You Deal With Your LHO?"**

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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-13** 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-13

Dealer: **WEST**

NORTH (0)

S: 5 3 2
H: 4 3 2
D: 5 4 3 2
C: 5 3 2

WEST (16)

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

EAST (3)

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

SOUTH (21)

S: A K Q J 9 8 6
H: 6
D: A J 7
C: A Q

Bidding*

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1 NT	PASS	2 D	4 S
PASS	PASS	PASS	

*This bidding is by Esther.

WEST leads the Heart Ace thus "promising" the "touching" Honor and asking Partner EAST if he can "win" the 3rd Trick if Hearts are led either by (1) playing the Queen (assuming the Dummy holds 3 Heart cards) or (2) by ruffing. EAST "follows" with the Heart Queen thus "promising" the Heart Jack. After "winning" Trick #1 on Trick #2 WEST leads another Heart which Declarer SOUTH ruffs.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed, how many HCPs should Declarer SOUTH expect EAST to hold?
2. What potential "losers" should Declarer see?
3. Which E/W Opponent is the "Danger Player"?

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