

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0296:

"When Your LHO Opened 4H and You Are Playing a Dire 5C Contract Can You Both 'Endplay' Your LHO and 'Squeeze' Your RHO?"

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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-19** 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-19

Dealer: **WEST**

NORTH (18)

S: A K 7 4
H: 3 2
D: A 7 5
C: A K 6 4

WEST (8)

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

EAST (7)

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

SOUTH (7)

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

Bidding

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
4H	DBL	PASS	5C
PASS	PASS	PASS	

WEST leads the Heart King thus "promising" the "touching" Honor. Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 in his own "closed" (hidden) Hand.

1. *Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed, how many "losers" should Declarer SOUTH see?*
2. *What does WEST's opening **4H** bid "show"?*
3. *What bridge strategy can Declarer SOUTH potentially use given WEST's opening **4H** bid?*

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