

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0297:**  
**"RHO as Dealer Opened 1S, When You Are Playing a  
6H Contract Can You Take Advantage of RHO's  
Desperation to Avoid 'Endplaying' Himself?"**

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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-20** 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-20**

Dealer: **EAST**

NORTH (7)

**S:** K 4 2  
**H:** 7 6 4  
**D:** Q 6 4  
**C:** Q 4 3 2

WEST (2)

**S:** T 9 8 7  
**H:** 8  
**D:** J T 9 7  
**C:** J 9 8 6

EAST (11)

**S:** A Q J 6 5 3  
**H:** J T 9  
**D:** 8  
**C:** K 7 5

SOUTH (20)

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

**Bidding**

| EAST      | SOUTH      | WEST | NORTH      |
|-----------|------------|------|------------|
| <b>1S</b> | <b>DBL</b> | PASS | <b>1NT</b> |
| PASS      | <b>3H</b>  | PASS | <b>4H</b>  |
| PASS      | <b>6H</b>  | PASS | PASS       |
| PASS      |            |      |            |

WEST leads his highest Spade, the Spade Ten, in Partner EAST's bid Spades. Declarer SOUTH on Trick #1 "ducks" in the NORTH Dummy. EAST "ducks" because seeing the Spade Ace in the NORTH Dummy EAST knows that WEST's Spade Ten will "win" unless SOUTH is void in Spades. Declarer SOUTH ruffs from his "closed" (Hidden) Hand. On Trick #2 Declarer SOUTH "cashes" his Trump Heart Ace and all 3 of the other Hands "follow". On Trick #3 Declarer SOUTH "cashes" his Trump Heart King, WEST discards a "low" Club, the NORTH Dummy and East "follow".

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed, how many "losers" should Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What danger must Declarer SOUTH consider?
3. What card should Declarer SOUTH lead on Trick #4?

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