

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0300:**  
**"When Playing a 4H Contract Executing an**  
**'Entry Shifting Trump Squeeze Endplay' When Your**  
**LHO Overcalled Your Initial 1H Bid**  
**With an 'Unusual 2NT' Bid:**  
**A Tricentennial Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz"**

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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-25** 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-25**

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (11)

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

WEST (10)

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

EAST (7)

**S:** A Q 9 8 6  
**H:** J T  
**D:** 8 5  
**C:** 7 6 5 4

SOUTH (12)

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

**Bidding**

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 <b>H</b>	2 <b>NT*</b>	4 <b>H</b>	PASS
PASS	PASS		

\*WEST's Overcall is an "Unusual 2 NT"<sup>2</sup> bid showing a Hand that is 2-Suited 5-5 in the Minors with both Minors having good "Suit Quality".

WEST leads his Spade Ten thus inviting EAST to later return his lead likely for a ruff by EAST.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed, how many "losers" should Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What should Declarer SOUTH consider to be the most likely Trump Heart "split"?

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<sup>2</sup> Within the "Esther Bridge Lessons" see "Esther Bridge Convention Lesson #8: 'Unusual 2NT!' Overcall To Show Holding a 2-Suited Hand": [https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/unus\\_2NT.pdf](https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/unus_2NT.pdf)

About 3.2% of randomly-deal bridge Hands involve a 5-5-2-1 distribution (any Suit order) and 0.9% of Hands involve a 5-5-3-0 distribution (any Suit order) so 4.1% of randomly-dealt Hands involve 2 5-card Suits. There are 6 2-Suit combinations: S,H, S,D, S,C, H,D, H,C, D,C. So, 4.1% / 6 = 0.7% of randomly-dealt Hands are 2 Suited 5-5 in the Minors. Furthermore, some of the very rare x-x-5-5 distributions you hold may have insufficient Honors to make an 'Unusual 2NT!' Overcall bid rational. "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quizzes, Play as Declarer, Suit Contracts" dealing with 'Unusual 2NT!' Overcall bids are Quizzes #305, #303, #300, #271 and #250.

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:  
[https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0300\\_a1.pdf](https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0300_a1.pdf)