

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0301:
"When Playing a 6H Contract as Declarer
Executing a '*Compound Squeeze Endplay*'
Against Both Your Opponents"**

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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-27** 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-27

Dealer: **NORTH**

NORTH (12)

S: K 5 3
H: A Q 6 4
D: T 9 8
C: K 4 2

WEST (7)

S: Q T 9
H: 5 3
D: Q J 7 5
C: Q T 9 8

EAST (6)

S: J 8 7 6
H: 2
D: A 6 4 3
C: J 7 6 5

SOUTH (15)

S: A 4 2
H: K J T 9 8 7
D: K 2
C: A 3

Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 C	PASS	1 H	PASS
2 H	PASS	4 NT	PASS
5 D*	PASS	6 H	

*N/S are playing the "Roman Key Card ('RKC') Key Card Convention" and NORTH's 5**D** response bid "shows" NORTH holding 1 or 4 "key cards" from among the 4 Aces and the Trump King. Because SOUTH holds 2 Aces SOUTH knows for certain that NORTH cannot hold 4 "key cards" and so holds exactly 1 "key card".

On Trick #1 WEST leads his Diamond Queen thus "promising" the "touching" Honor. Declarer SOUTH "ducks" in the NORTH Dummy. EAST "wins" with his Diamond Ace. SOUTH discards his Diamond 3. On Trick #2 EAST returns a Diamond lead and Declarer SOUTH "wins" with his own Diamond King.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed, how many "losers" should Declarer SOUTH see?
2. How many cards do E/W hold in each Suit? What are the most likely Suit "splits" in each Suit?

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