

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0302:
"When Your LHO as Dealer Opened 1D and
You Are Playing a 4H Contract,
Guess Who You Gonna '*Elimination Endplay*'?"**

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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-32** 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-32

Dealer: **WEST**

NORTH (11)

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

WEST (14)

S: A Q J
H: Q 3
D: Q T 9 8
C: Q J T 8

EAST (5)

S: T 9
H: J 4 2
D: 7 6 5
C: A 9 7 6 4

SOUTH (10)

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

Bidding

| WEST | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|------------|------------|------|------------|
| 1 D | PASS | PASS | DBL |
| PASS | 2 D | PASS | 2 H |
| PASS | 4 H | PASS | PASS |
| PASS | | | |

On Trick #1 WEST leads his Club Queen thus "promising" the "touching" Honor. EAST Overtakes with his Club Ace. On Trick #2 EAST switches to the Spade Ten. WEST places his Spade Jack and the NORTH Dummy "wins" with his Spade King.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed, how many "losers" should Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What was WEST's most likely initial distribution? What kind of Honors did WEST initially hold?
3. How many HCPs did EAST initially hold?

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