

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0303:
"When Your LHO Overcalled Your 2C Opening Bid as
Dealer by Bidding 'Unusual 2NT', RHO Bid 3D and
You Are Playing a 6H Contract,
Should You Expect a 'Trump Stack' Against You
and Can an 'Elimination Endplay' Help?"**

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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 B-01** 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 B-01

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (5)

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

WEST (7)

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

EAST (1)

S: J T 8 7
H: 8 7 6 4
D: 7 6 4
C: 6 4

SOUTH (27)

S: A K 2
H: A K Q J T
D: K 3
C: A K 3

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2 C	2 NT*	PASS	3 D**
3 H	PASS	4 H	PASS
6 H	PASS	PASS	PASS

*This bid is an "Unusual 2NT"² bid showing (1) 5+ cards in both Minors with (2) both Minors having good "Suit Quality".

**This bid by EAST is required if EAST's RHO PASSEs and shows the "longest and strongest" of EAST's 2 Minors.

On Trick #1 WEST leads his Heart 9.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed, how many "losers" should Declarer SOUTH see?

² Within the "Esther Bridge Lessons" see "Esther Bridge Conventions Lesson #8: "Unusual 2NT! Overall To Show You Are Holding a Hand 2-Suited in Both Minors":

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!' Overall bid rational. "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quizzes, Play as Declarer, Suit Contracts" dealing with 'Unusual 2NT!' Overall bids are Quizzes #305, #303, #300, #271 and #250.

2. *What was EAST's (1) most likely initial Heart Trump card count given WEST's initial bid a (2) West's initial Trump Heart lead?*
3. *How many Diamonds did WEST most likely initially hold?*

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0303_a1.pdf