

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0308:

"As Bridge Declarer Can You Capitalize on the '*Principle of Restricted Choice*' But Also Be Flexible in Executing Your '*Line of Play*', and What To Do About an Opponent's '*Trump Stack*'?"

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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-07** 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-07

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (12)

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

WEST (9)

S: --
H: 7 4
D: K Q J T 9
C: Q J T 9 8 7

EAST (4)

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

SOUTH (15)

S: A T 9 8 7
H: A K 6
D: A 3
C: 5 3 2

Bidding

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

*E/W are playing the "**Unusual 2NT!**"² convention in which WEST's 1st Overcall bid of 2**NT!** shows (1) **5+** cards in the 2 **lowest unbid** Suits and (2) both Suits have good "Suit Quality".

**N/S are bidding "Aces up the line" to "show" their Aces.

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Diamond King as the "top" of "touching Honors". The NORTH Dummy and EAST both "follow". SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 with his Diamond Ace.

1. What does WEST's Overcall bid of "**Unusual 2NT!**" mean to Declarer SOUTH? How often will an Opponent make this 2**NT!** Overcall bid?
2. On Trick #2 Declarer SOUTH leads his Trump Spade 7. If WEST "follows" with either the Trump Spade Queen or Jack what does this then "show" Declarer SOUTH?
3. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed, how many "losers" should Declarer SOUTH see?

² Within the "Esther Bridge Lessons" see "Esther Bridge Convention Lesson #8: Unusual 2NT!":
https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/unus_2NT.pdf

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