

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0312:
"As Declarer in a 3NT Contract Can You Spot
Unobvious Ways to Create 'Entries' Into Your
Very Weak Declarer's Hand?"**

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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-21** 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-21

Dealer: **NORTH**

NORTH (21)

S: A K Q
H: K 4 2
D: A K Q 4 2
C: 3 2

WEST (8)

S: 9 8 7 6
H: Q J 3
D: 7 5
C: K Q 7 5

EAST (6)

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

SOUTH (11)

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

Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
2C	PASS	2D*	PASS
3D	PASS	3NT	PASS
PASS			

*This is a "2D Waiting" bid by the Responder.

On Trick #1 WEST leads 4th from the "top" of his "longest and strongest" Suit so that EAST can invoke the "Rule of 11"² to determine exactly how many Clubs Declarer SOUTH holds higher than the Club 5 (and Declarer SOUTH can invoke the "Rule of 11" to determine exactly how many Clubs higher than the Club 5 EAST holds).

1. After the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "winners" should Declarer SOUTH see?
2. How many "entries" into his own "closed" (hidden) Hand should Declarer SOUTH see?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0312_a1.pdf

² Within the "Esther Bridge Lessons" see: "Some of the 40 or So Bridge Bidding/Play 'Rules'":
<https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/rules.pdf>