

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0318:
"Can You Correctly Play This Difficult Board
Presented in Michael Rosenberg's Book,
'Bridge, Zia, ...and Me'?"

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About Michael Rosenberg

Michael Rosenberg (1954 -) was born in New York City, moved to Scotland as a child, and returned to NYC at roughly age 24. He won the 1994 Rosenblum Cup, the 2017 Bermuda Bowl, the 2018 World Mixed Teams Championship, and as of 2007 had won **14** North American Championships.

The present lesson revolves around one of the bridge Boards Rosenberg presented in his book, Bridge, Zia, ...and Me. Zia Mahmood is one of Rosenberg's long-time bridge Partners. Rosenberg's book is about his experiences playing with Zia and many of the Boards they played together.

The Board presented by Rosenberg and used in the present lesson also was presented on the *free* "**BBO Bridge Master**" website:

<https://www.bridgebase.com/v3/anon/bridgemaster>

On her "**Esther Bridge Lessons**" website has previously recommended the "**BBO Bridge Master**" website. 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 C-26** which

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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.

gives you the opportunity to see and repeatedly practice playing a given bridge Board.

BBO Bridge Master Level 5 Lesson C-26

Dealer: **WEST**

NORTH (9)

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

WEST (6)

S: --
H: 7 6 5 4
D: K Q J T 9 8 7
C: 9 8

EAST (5)

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

SOUTH (20)

S: A Q J T 9
H: K J
D: 6
C: A K Q 3 2

Bidding

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
4 D	PASS	PASS	DBL
PASS	4 H	PASS	4 S
PASS	5 S	PASS	6 S
PASS	PASS	PASS	

WEST leads the "top" of his Diamond Honors, the Diamond King. EAST "wins" Trick #1 with his Diamond Ace singleton.

1. How many Diamonds does WEST's opening bid of 4**D** "show"?
2. What does EAST's overtaking WEST's Diamond King likely "show"?
3. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed how many "losers" should Declarer SOUTH see?

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