

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0324:
"As Declarer Playing a NT Contract
Do You Know (1) the 'Rule of 7' and
(2) How to Play a Suit
in Which Your Partnership Holds 7 Cards?"**

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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 C-30** which gives you the opportunity to see and *repeatedly practice* playing a given bridge Board. Esther may have altered some of the cards in the Hands.

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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 C-30

Dealer: **EAST**

NORTH (8)

S: A Q 5 3

H: Q 9 4

D: 8 7 6 5

C: T 5

WEST (4)

S: K J T 9 8

H: 8

D: T 9 4

C: 8 7 6 4

EAST (15)

S: 7 6

H: T 7 6

D: A Q 3 2

C: A K Q 9

SOUTH (13)

S: 4 2

H: A K J 5 3 2

D: K J

C: J 3 2

Bidding

EAST

1**NT**

PASS

PASS

SOUTH

2**H**

4**H**

PASS

WEST

2**S**

PASS

NORTH

3**H**

PASS

WEST leads the Diamond Ten thus "promising" either the "touching" Diamond 9 or a Diamond T,x doubleton. EAST "wins" Trick #1 with his Diamond Ace. On Trick #2 EAST leads the Trump Heart 6.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed how many HCPs should Declarer SOUTH estimate that WEST holds?
2. What "losers" should Declarer SOUTH see?
3. After Trick #1 on which EAST played his Diamond Ace, where should Declarer SOUTH "place" the still "missing" Diamond Queen and Club A,K,Q?
4. Which E/W Opponent **must** the "missing" Spade King be held for Declarer SOUTH to have any chance to make his 4**H** contract?

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