

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0325:  
"As Declarer Playing a NT Contract  
Do You Know (1) Larry Cohen's '3 Step System'  
for Playing NT Contracts 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-1 **Lesson A-01** 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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<sup>1</sup> 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](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 1 Lesson A-01**

Dealer: **NORTH**

**NORTH (13)**

**S:** Q 3  
**H:** K 5 3  
**D:** A 6 5 3  
**C:** K J 6 3

**WEST (6)**

**S:** K T 9 8 7  
**H:** 9 8 7 6  
**D:** Q J T  
**C:** T

**EAST (7)**

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

**SOUTH (14)**

**S:** J 4 2  
**H:** A 4 2  
**D:** K 4 2  
**C:** A Q 4 2

**Bidding**

| <b>NORTH</b> | <b>EAST</b> | <b>SOUTH</b> | <b>WEST</b> |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>1D</b>    | <b>PASS</b> | <b>2NT</b>   | <b>PASS</b> |
| <b>3NT</b>   | <b>PASS</b> | <b>PASS</b>  | <b>PASS</b> |

*WEST leads the Spade Ten which is the "top" of an interior "touching" card sequence.*

1. What Spade card must Declarer **SOUTH** play on Trick **#1**?
2. Once the **NORTH** Dummy is exposed how many "winners" can Declarer **SOUTH** see?
3. How many cards in each Suit do **N/S** together hold?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:  
[https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0325\\_a1.pdf](https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0325_a1.pdf)