

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0332:
**"As Declarer Playing a 6NT Contract: Finesse
Only When You Must, But If You Must, You *Must*,
Even Toward an Exposed Honor in the Dummy!"**

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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-16** 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 1 Lesson A-16

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (12)

S: J 5 3

H: 4 3 2

D: A K 3

C: A 4 3 2

WEST (4)

S: Q T 9 7

H: J T 9 8

D: J T 9 7

C: 5

EAST (2)

S: 8 6

H: Q 7 6 5

D: 8 6 5

C: 9 8 7 6

SOUTH (22)

S: A K 4 2

H: A K

D: Q 4 2

C: K Q J T

Bidding

SOUTH

2**C**

2**NT**

PASS

WEST

PASS

PASS

NORTH

2**D***

6**NT**

EAST

PASS

PASS

*This bid is "2**D** Waiting".

WEST leads the Heart Jack on Trick #1 thus promising "touching" Heart Honors.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed how many "winners" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. N/S together hold $12 + 22 = 34$ HCPs and the "top" 2 Honors in the Majors and the "top" 3 Honors in Diamonds and the "top" 4 Honors in Clubs. What is the "weakness" of the N/S holdings?
3. What "Line of Play" must SOUTH adopt in order to "make" his 6**NT** contract?

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

https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0332_a1.pdf