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Esther "Pop" Quiz #0343: "As Bridge Declarer, Deciding Whether or Not to Finesse and Finding a Parking Place for Your 'Losers'"

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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 B—07** 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 B-07**

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (**8**)
S: 4 2
H: 4 3 2
D: K J T 9 8 7
C: A 3

WEST (**10**)
S: K 6 5
H: 4
D: A Q 6
C: J 9 8 7 6 5

EAST (**5**)
S: Q J T 9 8 7
H: 9 8 7 6
D: 4
C: Q T

SOUTH (**17**)
S: A 3
H: A K Q J T
D: 5 3 2
C: K 4 2

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1**H**	PASS	2**H**	PASS
2**NT**	PASS	3**D**	PASS
4**H**	PSSS	PASS	PASS

On Trick **#1** WEST leads the Diamond Ace.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed how should Declarer SOUTH interpret WEST's lead of the Diamond Ace?

2. What "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?

3. After WEST "wins" Trick **#1** on Trick **#2** WEST leads the Diamond 6. How should Declarer SOUTH interpret this Diamond lead on Trick **#2**? What card should Declarer SOUTH play from the NORTH Dummy on Trick **#2**?

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