

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0347:  
"You Are Playing a Suit Contract in a Major  
As Bridge Declarer  
When Everybody Was Bidding During the Auction"**

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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-10** 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 B-10**

Dealer: **NORTH**

NORTH (15)

**S:** 4  
**H:** 5 4 3 2  
**D:** A K Q  
**C:** K Q J T 9

WEST (8)

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

EAST (7)

**S:** A Q J T 9 7  
**H:** 7 5  
**D:** 6 5 4 2  
**C:** 5

SOUTH (10)

**S:** 5 3 2  
**H:** K Q J T 9 8  
**D:** 3  
**C:** A 3 2

**Bidding**

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 <b>C</b>	2 <b>S</b>	3 <b>H</b>	4 <b>S</b>
5 <b>H*</b>	PASS	PASS	PASS

*\*It is often said that "the 5 level belongs to the Opponents." But bridge is a game of exceptions as noted by Esther in her "Esther Bridge Lessons #123: **Correctly Bidding in Competitive Auctions in Which Both Pairs Bid Game: Is the 5 Level Really 'Always for the Opponents'?**"*

<https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/5 over 5.pdf>

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Spade 6 in Partner EAST's bid Spade Suit. EAST "wins" Trick #1 with his Spade Ace.

1. What do (1) the bidding and (2) once the NORTH Dummy is exposed the NORTH and SOUTH Hands suggest about the 4 Hand distributions?
2. After the Dummy has been exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:  
<https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0347 a1.pdf>