

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0349:
"Identifying Creative Dummy Entries
When Playing Suit Contracts As Declarer"**

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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-19** 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-19

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (5)

S: 7 6 4
H: 5 4 3 2
D: K Q
C: 6 4 3 2

WEST (6)

S: K Q J T
H: --
D: 8 6 5 4
C: T 9 8 7 5

EAST (11)

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

SOUTH (18)

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

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 H	PASS	2 H	PASS
4 H	PASS	PASS	PASS

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Spade King as the "top" of a "touching" Spade sequence. E/W "win" Tricks #1-#3 with their Spade Honors "off the top". On Trick #4 EAST leads his Club Queen.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed and N/S "lose" the first 3 Tricks what certain "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. Where **must** the Trump Heart King lie in order for Declarer SOUTH to "make" his 4**H** contract? Where should SOUTH "place" the "missing" Trump Heart King?
3. What are all the possible "splits" of "missing" E/W Trump Heart K,8,7,6? What are the probabilities of the Trump Heart "splits"?
4. What are all the "entries" that Declarer SOUTH has into the NORTH Dummy?

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