

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0351:
"As Bridge Declarer in a 6S Contract
(1) Pay Attention to 'High' 'Spot' Cards and
(2) Allow Miracles However Unlikely to
Sometimes Occur"**

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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-25** 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.

Note. "**Spot**" (or "pip") cards are the bridge cards numbered 2 through 9. The Ten card is usually considered an Honor.

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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-25

Dealer: **NORTH**

	NORTH (13)	
	S: 4 3 2	
	H: A K T 9 8	
	D: A Q	
	C: 5 3 2	
WEST (0)		EAST (11)
S: 8 7 6		S: 5
H: 6 5 4 2		H: Q J 7
D: T 7 6 4		D: K J 9 8
C: T 9		C: A 8 7 6 4
	SOUTH (16)	
	S: A K Q J T 9	
	H: 3	
	D: 5 3 2	
	C: K Q J	

Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1H	PASS	2S	PASS
3S	PASS	4C	PASS
4D	PASS	4NT	PASS
5H*	PASS	6S	PASS
PASS	PASS		

*N/S are playing the "Roman Key Card 1430"² convention. NORTH's bid in response to SOUTH's "key card asking" 4NT bid says, "Partner, I hold 2 of the 5 'key' cards from among the 4 Aces and the Trump Spade King and not the Spade Queen."

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Club Ten from the "top" of a Club doubleton and EAST "wins" with the Club Ace. On Trick #2 EAST returns a "low" Club and Declarer SOUTH "Wins" with the Club King.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What should Declarer SOUTH do on Trick #3?

² Within the "Esther Bridge Conventions Lessons" see "Esther Bridge Convention Lesson #3": https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/RKC_1430.pdf

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