

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0353:
"The *First, Primary* Job When Playing a
Suit Contract as Bridge 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-2 **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 2 Lesson B-07

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (4)

S: 4 3 2
H: A 3
D: 8 7 6 5 4 2
C: 4 2

WEST (3)

S: J T 9
H: 9 8 7 6
D: J
C: J T 9 7

EAST (11)

S: 5
H: K Q J T
D: K Q T 9
C: 8 6 5 3

SOUTH (22)

S: A K Q 8 7 6
H: 4 2
D: A 3
C: A K Q

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2 C	PASS	2 D	PASS
2 S	PASS	3 S	PASS
4 C	PASS	4 H	PASS
6 S	PASS	PASS	PASS

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Diamond Jack either as (1) the "top" of a "touching" card sequence, (2) the "top" of a doubleton, or (3) a singleton. EAST Overtakes with his Diamond King.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. After Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 with his own Diamond Ace what "Line of Play" should Declarer SOUTH then initially follow?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0353_a1.pdf