

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0362:  
"As Declarer Executing an '*Elimination Endplay*'  
to Create a *Vitally-Needed* Dummy '*Entry*'"**

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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-3 **Lesson A-31** 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 3 Lesson A-31**

Dealer: **WEST**

NORTH (10)

**S:** A 6 4  
**H:** Q J T  
**D:** 5 4 3 2  
**C:** Q J T

WEST (7)

**S:** K Q J T 9 7  
**H:** 5 3 2  
**D:** J  
**C:** 4 3 2

EAST (6)

**S:** 8  
**H:** 9 8 7 6 4  
**D:** Q T  
**C:** 9 8 7 5

SOUTH (22)

**S:** 5 3 2  
**H:** A K  
**D:** A K 9 8 7 6  
**C:** A K

**Bidding**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<b>2S*</b>	PASS	PASS	<b>DBL</b>
PASS	<b>2NT</b>	PASS	<b>3D</b>
PASS	<b>3S**</b>	PASS	<b>6D</b>
PASS	PASS	PASS	

\*By Partnership Agreement E/W are playing opening 2-level pre-empt bids as showing (1) **6** cards and (2) either (a) **2** of the **3** "top" Suit cards or (b) **3** of the **5** "top" Suit cards.

\*\*NORTH is bidding "Aces up the line" to show his Spade Ace.

On Trick **#1** WEST leads the Spade King from his "promised" "longest and strongest" Suit and thereby promises "touching" Honors.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What Spade cards should Declarer SOUTH play from the NORTH Dummy on Trick **#1**?
3. What danger should Declarer SOUTH see from the layout of the N/S cards?
4. What initial "Line of Play" should Declarer SOUTH follow?

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