

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0364:
**"As Declarer Playing a Suit Contract Do You Know
the Importance of Your 'Unblocking' a Suit?"**

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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-15** 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 3 Lesson A-15

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (3)

S: 6 5 4 2
H: K 5 4 2
D: T 9 8 7
C: 3

WEST (8)

S: A K J T 9
H: 6
D: 5 3
C: 8 7 6 5 4

EAST (8)

S: Q 8 7
H: Q J T 9 8 7
D: K 6 4
C: 2

SOUTH (21)

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

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2C	2S	DBL	PASS
3C	PASS	3H	PASS
4D	PASS	5D	PASS
6D	PASS	PASS	PASS

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Spade Ace thus "promising" the Spade King.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. On Trick #2 WEST leads his Spade King. What Trump Diamond card should Declarer SOUTH use to ruff WEST's Spade King on Trick #2?

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