

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0370:**  
**"Does LHO's Opening 'Weak' 2S Bid Invite Both**  
**(1) a Finesse in LHO's Bid Suit and**  
**(2) a 'Loser-on-Loser Endplay' of Your LHO?"**

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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 C-09** 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 C-09**

Dealer: **WEST**

NORTH (18)

**S:** A Q 3  
**H:** A 8 7 6  
**D:** 6 5 4  
**C:** A K J

WEST (6)

**S:** K J T 9 8 6  
**H:** 5 3 2  
**D:** Q  
**C:** T 9 8

EAST (4)

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

SOUTH (12)

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

**Bidding**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<b>2S*</b>	<b>DBL</b>	PASS	<b>4H</b>
PASS	<b>4S**</b>	PASS	<b>5D**</b>
PASS	<b>6H</b>	PASS	PASS
PASS			

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

\*\*N/S by these bids are "showing" Aces "up the line".

On Trick **#1** WEST leads his Diamond Queen which EAST overtakes with his Diamond King and Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick **#1** with his Diamond Ace.

1. Why did WEST lead his Diamond Queen? Why did EAST on Trick **#1** then play his Diamond King?
2. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what potential "losers" should Declarer SOUTH see?
3. What "Line of Play" should Declarer SOUTH initially follow starting on Trick **#2**?

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