

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0376:
"Bidding and Playing as Declarer After Your LHO
Opened with a 'Weak' 2S Pre-empt Bid"**

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Today's bridge bidding questions are drawn from Mike Lawrence's excellent article, "Mike's Bridge Lesson: A Bidding Problem You Have Seen Before", in the April, 2026 issue of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin (p. 60). Esther may have altered some of the cards in the examples.

About Mike Lawrence

Michael S. Lawrence (1940-) is an American bridge player, teacher and prolific writer. In 1968 Mike joined the "Dallas Aces" bridge team that won the bridge "Bermuda Bowl" in 1970, 1971, and 1987. Mike has won **16** North American Bridge Championships. He has published more than **30** bridge books several of which have bridge book-of-the-year awards.



#1. Bidding

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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.

You are sitting SOUTH playing Matchpoints with N/S Vulnerable.
WEST is dealer and opens 2**S**. Partner NORTH PASSES. EAST bids 3**S**.
You hold:

S A J 3 **H** T 9 4 **D** K Q 3 **C** A Q 8 3 (16)

1. How many HCPs does your Partnership likely hold?
2. What sitting SOUTH should you bid at your **1st** turn within the auction?

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