

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0377:
"As Declarer Executing an 'Elimination Endplay'
When Playing a 6S Contract: Don't, You, Dare,
Play the Dummy Ace on Trick #1"**

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Esther on her "**Esther Bridge Lessons**" website has previously recommended the "**BBO Bridge Master**" website:

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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 D-21** 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 D-21

Dealer: **NORTH**

NORTH (13)

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

WEST (1)

S: 7 5 4
H: 7 5
D: J 9 8 7
C: T 9 8 7

EAST (8)

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

SOUTH (18)

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

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NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1C	PASS	1S	PASS
1NT	PASS	3D	PASS
3S	PASS	6S	PASS
PASS	PASS		

On Trick **#1** WEST leads his Club Ten thus promising a "touching" card sequence and a "long" Club Suit.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What "Line of Play" should Declarer SOUTH initially plan to follow?
3. Declarer SOUTH can play the NORTH Dummy Club Ace on Trick **#1** and then "dump" **1** of his Diamond "losers". Is the Dummy's Club Ace the Dummy Club card that Declarer SOUTH should play on Trick **#1**?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
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