

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0378:  
"As Declarer Playing a 6H Contract  
When Your Partnership is Missing  
the Trump Heart Q,J,T,9,8"**

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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-08** 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-08**

Dealer: **NORTH**

NORTH (13)

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

WEST (7)

**S:** J T 9 8  
**H:** Q J 9  
**D:** 4 2  
**C:** Q J T 9

EAST (5)

**S:** K Q 7 6  
**H:** T 8  
**D:** 8 7 6 5 3  
**C:** 8 7

SOUTH (15)

**S:** A 4 2  
**H:** 7 6 5 4 3  
**D:** A  
**C:** A K 6 4

**Bidding**

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 <b>D</b>	PASS	1 <b>H</b>	PASS
2 <b>H</b>	PASS	5 <b>H</b>	PASS
6 <b>H</b>	PASS	PASS	PASS

On Trick #1 WEST leads his Club Queen thus promising a "touching" card sequence and a "long" Club Suit.  
Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 with his Club Ace.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see? How can SOUTH "discard" his "losers"?
2. What **must** the E/W Trump Heart "split" be in order for Declarer SOUTH to possibly "make" his 6**H** contract?
3. What "Line of Play" should Declarer SOUTH initially plan to follow?

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