

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0379:
"As a Declarer Executing a Vicious Crossruff
Pay Attention to the
'Principle of Restricted Choice' "**

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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-11** 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 C-11

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (6)

S: A J 6

H: 5

D: 4 3 2

C: J T 9 8 7 6

SOUTH (18)

S: K T 9 8 7 4

H: A 5 3 2

D: A K

C: A

Bidding

<i>SOUTH</i>	<i>WEST</i>	<i>NORTH</i>	<i>EAST</i>
1S	PASS	2S	PASS
3H	PASS	4S	PASS
6S	PASS	PASS	PASS

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

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see? How can SOUTH "discard" his "losers"?
2. What "Line of Play" should Declarer SOUTH initially plan to follow?
3. After the NORTH Dummy is exposed Declarer SOUTH sees that E/W together hold 4 Trump Spades, the Spade Q,5,3,2. How likely are the various possible E/W Trump Spade "splits"?

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

<https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0379 a1.pdf>