

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0387:
"Does an Opponent's 'Michaels Cuebid' Overcall
Invite You as Declarer to Execute a
'Strip Squeeze Endplay'?"**

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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-4 **Lesson C-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 4 Lesson C-21

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (10)

S: 4 3

H: T 3 2

D: A K Q J T 9 8

C: 5

WEST (10)

S: K J T 9 7

H: K Q J 9 7

D: 3 2

C: 8

EAST (3)

S: 8 6 5

H: 8 6

D: 7 6 5

C: Q J T 9 7

SOUTH (17)

S: A Q 2

H: A 5 4

D: 4

C: A K 6 4 3 2

Bidding

SOUTH

1**C**

6**NT**

WEST

2**C**

PASS

NORTH

3**D**

PASS

EAST

PASS

PASS

On Trick #1 WEST leads his Heart King as the "top" of a "touching" card sequence and Declarer SOUTH "wins" with his own Heart Ace.

1. What does WEST's 2**C** Overcall bid "show"?
2. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "winners" can Declarer SOUTH see?
3. What bridge "play" can Declarer SOUTH execute in order to protect against "losing" a Spade Trick to WEST?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0387_a1.pdf