

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0389:

"Executing a 'Simple Squeeze Play' Once It Is Clear that Repeated Finesses Are Not Sufficient"

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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-24** 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-24

Dealer: **NORTH**

NORTH (13)

S: 3 2
H: K Q J
D: 4 3 2
C: A K 7 6 4

WEST (5)

S: 5
H: A 8 6 5 4
D: J T 9 8 6
C: 9 8

EAST (5)

S: Q 8 7 6 4
H: T 9 7
D: 7 5
C: Q J T

SOUTH (17)

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

Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1C	PASS	2S	PASS
3C	PASS	3D	PASS
3H	PASS	3NT	PASS
4NT	PASS	6NT	PASS
PASS	PASS		

On Trick **#1** WEST leads his Diamond Jack as the "top" of a "touching" card sequence.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "winners" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What are the probabilities of the various "split" of E/W's **6** Spade cards?
3. What should be Declarer SOUTH's plan for his initial "Line of Play"?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0389_a1.pdf