

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0390:
"Executing an 'Elimination Endplay'
Rather Than a Finesse"**

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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 D-13** 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 D-13

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (19)

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

WEST (3)

S: Q J T 9
H: 9 7
D: T 9 8
C: T 9 8 7

EAST (7)

S: 8 7 6 5
H: 8
D: K J 7 6 5 3
C: K 6

SOUTH (11)

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

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 H	PASS	4 NT	PASS
5 H*	PASS	5 NT	PASS
6 D	PASS	6 H	PASS
PASS	PASS		

*N/S are playing the "Roman 'Key' Card 1430"² convention in which SOUTH's response says, "Partner, among the 5 'key' cards (i.e., the 4 Aces and the Trump Suit King) I hold 2 'key' cards and not the Trump Queen."

On Trick #1 WEST leads his Spade Queen as the "top" of a "touching" card sequence.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What are the dangers to his contract that Declarer SOUTH should see?
3. What bridge strategy other than finesses might Declarer SOUTH use in order to "make" his 6**H** contract?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0390_a1.pdf

² Within the "Esther Bridge Lessons" see: https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/RKC_1430.pdf