

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0392:
"As Declarer Playing a Suit Contract
What Is Your Primary Duty?:
What is a 'Loser-on-Loser Play'?"**

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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-2 **Lesson A-20** 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 2 Lesson A-20

Dealer: **NORTH**

NORTH (13)

S: Q 2
H: 4 3 2
D: A Q J T 9 8
C: A 4

WEST (4)

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

EAST (6)

S: K 7 5 4
H: 8 7 6
D: 5 2
C: K 5 3 2

SOUTH (17)

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

Bidding

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

*These bid "show" Aces in the bid Suits.

On Trick #1 WEST leads his Spade Jack as the "top" of a "touching" card sequence. Declarer SOUTH plays the NORTH Dummy's Spade Queen, EAST plays his Spade King, and Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 with his Spade Ace.

1. What Kings were N/S initially "missing"?
2. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
3. How can Declarer SOUTH "dump" his "loser(s)"?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0392_a1.pdf