

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0393:
"As Declarer Playing a Suit Contract
'Promoting' 'Low' Card 'Winners'
in a 'Side' Suit When Your LHO as Dealer
Opened by Bidding a 'Weak' 2D"**

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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-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 2 Lesson A-21

Dealer: **WEST**

NORTH (15)

S: Q 6 5
H: K Q J
D: 5 3
C: A K 6 5 3

WEST (8)

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

EAST (2)

S: J 8 7
H: 7 6 5 3
D: 8 6
C: J T 9 7

SOUTH (15)

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

Bidding

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

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

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed Declarer SOUTH sees that N/S together hold $2 + 3 = 5$ Diamonds. How many Diamonds does Declarer SOUTH know that EAST initially held?
2. Declarer SOUTH sees that N/S together hold $5 + 2 = 7$ Clubs. What are the possible E/W "splits" of their $13 - 7 = 6$ Clubs and what are the probabilities of these various "splits"?
3. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
4. After Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 with his Diamond Ace what "Line of Play" should SOUTH initially follow?

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