

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0394:
"Cardinal Principles for Bridge Declarers:
(1) Almost Always Lead 'Low to High' and (2)
Never Bypass Giving Your Opponents the
Opportunity to Make a Stoopid Decision"

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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-23** 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-23

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (11)

S: 7 5 4 3
H: 5 3 2
D: A K 5
C: A 4 2

WEST (1)

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

EAST (6)

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

SOUTH (22)

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

Bidding

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

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

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. On Trick #2 should Declarer SOUTH lead his own Trump Spade King to "knock out" the E/W Trump Spade Ace?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0394_a1.pdf