

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0398:
"As Declarer Executing a 'Trump Coup Endplay'
Can Save Your Bridge Player Bacon
When You Confront an
Unlikely But Unfavorable Trump 'Split'"**

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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 A-11** 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 A-11

Dealer: **NORTH**

NORTH (12)

S: A J T 9 8
H: Q J 2
D: A 3 2
C: 5 2

WEST (5)

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

EAST (1)

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

SOUTH (22)

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

Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1S	PASS	3C	PASS
3NT	PASS	4C	PASS
4D	PASS	4NT	PASS
5H	PASS	7C	PASS
PASS	PASS		

On Trick **#1** WEST leads his Spade King thus "promising" the Spade Queen and the NORTH Dummy "wins" with the Spade Ace.

1. Is it realistic for "Bridge Base Online" to use example bridge Boards on which a Pair bids a 7-level contract?
2. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
3. What should Declarer SOUTH do on Trick **#2**?
4. What E/W Trump Club "split" should Declarer SOUTH initially assume for the E/W 13 - 2 - 6 = **5** Club cards?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0398_a1.pdf