

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0399:
"As Declarer Know Your Bridge Odds/Percentages:
An Esther 'Quickie' Bridge Quiz"**

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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 B-02** 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.

As the "BBO Bridge Master" **Level 2 Lesson B-03** notes, "Bridge players should have a *good* working knowledge of probabilities of [1] suit breaks and [2] honour [sic] distributions. Many bridge books contain tables of *important* bridge odds. Memorizing a handful of numbers can help solve most problems like this one" (emphases added).

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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 B-02

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (7)

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

WEST (4)

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

EAST (4)

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

SOUTH (25)

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

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2 C	PASS	2 D*	PASS
4 NT	PASS	5 D	PASS
5 NT	PASS	6 D	PASS
7 NT	PASS	PASS	PASS

*"Waiting."

On Trick #1 WEST leads his Diamond Queen thus "promising" "touching" Diamonds and "long" Diamonds. Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 in the NORTH Dummy with the Diamond Ace.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "winners" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What are the 2 ways that Declarer SOUTH can "win" his needed 13th Trick in order to "make" his 7**NT** contract?
3. Which 1 of the 2 potential "Lines of Play" should Declarer SOUTH follow in order to secure his needed 13th Trick?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0399_a1.pdf