

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0407:
"As Declarer When Things Look Dire Sometimes a
'2-Suit Strip Squeeze Endplay' Can Help"**

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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 B-06** 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 B-06

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (19)

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

WEST (0)

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

EAST (4)

S: J 9 8 7
H: 4 2
D: Q J T 9
C: 6 5 3

SOUTH (17)

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

Bidding*

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2NT	PASS	5NT**	PASS
7NT	PASS	PASS	PASS

*Bidding by Esther.

**This bid is "invitational" to 6NT or 7NT.

On Trick #1 WEST leads his Club Ten as the "top" of a "touching" card sequence. Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 with his own Club Jack.

1. Should bridge players ever bid 7NT or a 7-level contract?
2. What pedagogical benefit is there for having a bridge lesson about playing a 7NT contract?
3. What "dangers" should Declarer SOUTH see? How can these dangers be overcome?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0407_a1.pdf