

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0411:
"As a Declarer Playing a
Grand Slam NT Contract
How to Execute a 'Compound Squeeze Endplay'?"**

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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-5 **Lesson A-29** 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 5 Lesson A-29

Dealer: **NORTH**

NORTH (12)

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

WEST (8)

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

EAST (5)

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

SOUTH (15)

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

Bidding

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

***WEST** is making a "**Michaels Cuebid**"² "showing" that he is 5-5 in the Majors and both his Majors have good "Suit Quality".

This is a "Splinter**" bid showing either a Club void or Club singleton.

***"Partner, I hold **3** Aces."

On Trick **#1** **WEST** leads his Club Ten as a "**Passive Defense**" strategy conceding an inevitable "loser" but also failing to do any harm to E/W. **EAST** plays his Diamond 7 thus showing Diamonds is his "longest and strongest" Suit.

1. What pedagogical benefit is there for having a bridge lesson about playing a **7NT** contract?
2. Once the **NORTH** Dummy is exposed what "winners" can Declarer **SOUTH** see?

² Within the "Esther Bridge Lessons" see "Esther Bridge Convention Lesson **#12: 5 Overall 'Two—Suited Distribution Cuebid' Systems**": https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/8_cuebids.pdf

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