

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0412:
"As a Declarer Playing a 4H Contract
Making *Absolutely* the Most You Can
From a Very '*Weak*' Dummy"**

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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-21** 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-21

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (6)

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

WEST (9)

S: 8 6
H: A 3
D: J T 9 8 7
C: K J T 9

EAST (9)

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

SOUTH (16)

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

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1H	PASS	1S	PASS
3H	PASS	4H	PASS
PASS	PASS		

On Trick #1 WEST leads his Diamond Jack as "top" of a "touching" Diamond sequence in a "long" Suit. Declarer SOUTH "wins" with the "exposed" NORTH Dummy's Diamond King.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. Should Declarer SOUTH on Trick #2 begin to "draw" Trump?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
<https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0412 a1.pdf>