

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0415:
"As a Declarer What Are 2 Ways to Decide
Which 1 of 2 Methods for 'Dropping' a
Vitally-Needed 'Missing' Opponent's King
Should Be Used?"**

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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-1 **Lesson B-16** 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 1 Lesson B-16

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (11)

S: A Q J
H: 4 2
D: 4 2
C: A T 8 7 6 4

WEST (1)

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

EAST (8)

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

SOUTH (20)

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

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2 NT	PASS	6 NT	PASS
PASS	PASS		

On Trick #1 WEST leads his Heart Ten as "top" of a "touching" Club sequence in a "long" Major Suit. EAST "wins" with his Heart Ace. Now Declarer SOUTH must "win" all the remaining Tricks.

1. What pedagogical benefit is there for having a bridge lesson about playing a 6**NT** contract?
2. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what must Declarer SOUTH accomplish in order to "make" his 6**NT** contract?
3. What are the 2 ways that Declarer SOUTH can play to "make" his 6**NT** contract? How should SOUTH choose between these 2 "Line of Play" choices?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0415_a1.pdf