

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0416:
"As a Declarer Playing a 6NT Contract
Do You Know How to Execute a
Bridge 'Safety Play' Protecting Against the
Opponents Holding a K,J,5 Tripleton?"**

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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-17** 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-17

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (11)

S: A Q J

H: 5 3

D: 4 2

C: A T 9 8 7 6

WEST (4)

S: 6 5 3

H: T 9 8 7

D: 6 5 3

C: K J 5

EAST (4)

S: T 9 8 7

H: Q J 6 4

D: J T 9 8 7

C: --

SOUTH (21)

S: K 4 2

H: A K 2

D: A K Q

C: Q 4 3 2

Bidding

SOUTH

2**NT**

PASS

WEST

PASS

PASS

NORTH

6**NT**

EAST

PASS

On Trick #1 WEST leads his Heart Ten as "top" of a "touching" card sequence in a "long" Major Suit. Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 with his Heart Ace.

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 bridge "play" should Declarer SOUTH execute in order to protect against an unlikely but dire possibility?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:

https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0416_a1.pdf