

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0419:
"As a Declarer Playing a NT Contract
Do You Know How to 'Unblock' a Suit on Which
You Have a 'Communication' Problem?"**

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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-27** 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-27

Dealer: **NORTH**

NORTH (13)

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

WEST (3)

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

EAST (3)

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

SOUTH (21)

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

Bidding

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1C	PASS	4NT	PASS
5D*	PASS	5NT	PASS
6H**	PASS	7NT	PASS
PASS			

*"I hold **1** Ace."

"I hold **2 Kings."

On Trick **#1** WEST leads his Spade Queen as "top" of a "touching" card sequence in a "long" Major Suit. Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick **#1** with the NORTH Dummy Spade King.

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?
3. What "problem" must Declarer SOUTH see? How can Declarer SOUTH solve the "problem"?

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