

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0420:
"As a Declarer Playing a NT Contract
Do You Know How to Decide the Manner in Which
You Will 'Run' a 'Long' Suit?"**

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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-18** 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-18

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (11)

S: A Q J
H: 4 2
D: 3 2
C: K J T 9 8 7

WEST (6)

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

EAST (2)

S: 8 7 6 5 4
H: J 7 5 3
D: J 7 5 4
C: --

SOUTH (21)

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

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	SOUTH	EAST
2 NT	PASS	6 NT	PASS
PASS	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 own 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 "winners" can Declarer SOUTH see?
3. Declarer SOUTH can only "lose" 1 Club Trick if he is to "make" his 6**NT** contract. So, the "long" N/S 6 + 4 = 10 Clubs must be played for 1 "loser". What should guide Declarer SOUTH's plan for "cashing" N/S Club Tricks?

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