

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0421:
**"As a Declarer Playing a 7NT Contract and
Your Opponents Hold Only 1 HCP, Do You Know
How to Execute a Bridge 'Safety Play'?"**

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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 A-07** 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 A-07

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (18)

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

WEST (1)

S: J 8 7 5
H: T 9 8
D: 8 7 6
C: 7 5 4

EAST (0)

S: --
H: 7 6 5 3
D: T 9 5 4 2
C: T 9 8 6

SOUTH (21)

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

Bidding

SOUTH
2**NT**
PASS

WEST
PASS
PASS

7**NT**

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 the NORTH Dummy's Heart Queen.

1. What pedagogical benefit is there for having a bridge lesson about playing a 7**NT** contract?
2. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "winners" can Declarer SOUTH see?
3. What is the sole danger that Declarer SOUTH must guard against?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
<https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0421 a1.pdf>