

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0178:  
"Challenges When Playing 3NT Contracts  
as the Bridge Declarer:  
What is the 'Danger' Suit and the  
Importance of 'Unblocking' the Dummy"**

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Esther on her "**Esther Bridge Lessons**" website has previously recommended the "**BBO Bridge Master**" website:

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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. The present "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" question is drawn from "**BBO Bridge Master**" Level-2 **Lesson A-10**. Note that across repeated play "**BBO Bridge Master**" may change some Hands in given lessons. Esther may have altered some cards in some Hands.

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<sup>1</sup> 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](https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/ABTA_1_24.pdf), Esther Klinktoast-Houstonhousen in fact is a hypothetical, and not a real person! So this article was really, really written by Bruce Thompson.

**BBO Bridge Master Level 2 Lesson A-10**

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (6)

**S:** Q 9 2  
**H:** A 4  
**D:** 5 4 3 2  
**C:** 5 4 3 2

WEST (10)

**S:** 5 4  
**H:** K Q J T 9  
**D:** 8 7 6  
**C:** A T 9

EAST (3)

**S:** K 8 7 6  
**H:** 8 7 6 5  
**D:** T 9  
**C:** 8 7 6

SOUTH (21)

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

**Bidding**

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
<b>2NT</b>	PASS	<b>3NT</b>	PASS
PASS	PASS		

WEST leads the Heart King.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy comes "down" what N/S "winners" does Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What "entries" does Declarer SOUTH see in the NORTH Dummy?
3. What might be a source of an "extra" Trick for N/S?
4. What is the primary "danger" that Declarer SOUTH **must** see?

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