

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0185:  
"Formulating Your 'Line of Play' of a Suit  
Contract as Declarer: More on Drawing Trump and  
Maintaining Entries to the Dummy"**

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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. The present "Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz" question is drawn from "**BBO Bridge Master**" Level-2 **Lesson B-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, 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 2 Lesson B-10**

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (8)

**S:** J 2  
**H:** A 6 5  
**D:** Q J T 9 8  
**C:** 5 4 2

WEST (14)

**S:** 5 4  
**H:** K Q 9 8  
**D:** A 7 6 2  
**C:** K Q 8

EAST (2)

**S:** 7 6 3  
**H:** J T 7  
**D:** 5 4 3  
**C:** J T 9 7

SOUTH (16)

**S:** A K Q T 9 8  
**H:** 4 3 2  
**D:** K  
**C:** A 6 3

**Bidding**

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 <b>S</b>	<b>DBL</b>	PASS	2 <b>C</b>
3 <b>S</b>	PASS	4 <b>S</b>	PASS
PASS	PASS		

WEST leads the Club King in consideration of EAST's bid in response to WEST's "**takeout/Demand DOUBLE**".

1. Once the NORTH Dummy comes "down" what N/S "losers" does Declarer SOUTH see? What possible strategy can Declarer SOUTH use to "dump" some of his "losers"?
2. What "entries" does Declarer SOUTH see into the NORTH Dummy?
3. What "Line of Play" should Declarer SOUTH follow?
4. What is the primary "danger" that Declarer SOUTH **must** see?

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