

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0191:
"As Declarer Playing a 3NT Contract When Taking
Finesses is Essential to 'Making' Your Contract"**

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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-21**. 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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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 2 Lesson B-21

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (11)

S: 5 4 2
H: 4 2
D: A K J T 9
C: Q J 3

WEST (6)

S: 7 6
H: Q J T 9 8
D: 8 7 6
C: K 5 2

EAST (8)

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

SOUTH (15)

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

Bidding

<i>SOUTH</i>	<i>WEST</i>	<i>NORTH</i>	<i>EAST</i>
1NT	<i>PASS</i>	3NT	<i>PASS</i>
<i>PASS</i>	<i>PASS</i>		

WEST leads the Heart Queen on Trick #1 thus "promising" the Heart Jack and likely the Heart Ten or 9 and a "long" Heart Suit.

1. Once the *NORTH* Dummy comes "down" what does *WEST*'s lead tell Declarer *SOUTH*?
2. What "winners" does Declarer *SOUTH* see?

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