

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0192:
"As Declarer Playing a 3NT Contract When
One Opponent Made a Preempt Bid: You May Need to
Use *ALL* the Tools in Your Declarer Toolbox"**

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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 C-03**. 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 C-03

Dealer: **EAST**

NORTH (9)

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

WEST (2)

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

EAST (9)

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

SOUTH (20)

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

Bidding

| EAST | SOUTH | WEST | NORTH |
|------------|------------|------|-----------|
| 2H* | DBL | PASS | 3D |
| PASS | 3NT | PASS | PASS |
| PASS | | | |

*EAST's **2H** opening bid by "Partnership Agreement" shows (1) a "weak" Hand, (2) **6** Hearts, and (2) either (a) **2** of the "top" 3 Hearts or (b) **3** of the top 5 Hearts. This is so the bid more tightly "limits" the bidder's Hand thus enabling Partner to better evaluate whether a Game contract is possible.

WEST leads the Heart 7 on Trick **#1** given that EAST opened with a "weak" **2H** preempt bid.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy comes "down" what "winners" does Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What should Declarer SOUTH see as the greatest danger to his contract?
3. What are the various strategies by which Declarer SOUTH can "promote" extra Tricks?

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