

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0193:  
"As Declarer Playing a 3NT Contract When  
You Have 2 Opportunities to Finesse,  
Consider that Your 2 Finessing Choices  
May Not Be Equally Appealing"**

**Esther Klinktoast-Houstonhousen<sup>1</sup>**

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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-08**. 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 C-08**

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (6)

**S:** A 7 6 5 4

**H:** Q 7

**D:** 8 7 6

**C:** 5 4 2

WEST (9)

**S:** K Q J T 8

**H:** 3

**D:** 9 4 3 2

**C:** Q J 9

EAST (7)

**S:** 9

**H:** K 6 5 4

**D:** K J T 5

**C:** T 8 7 6

SOUTH (18)

**S:** 3 2

**H:** A J T 9 8 2

**D:** A Q

**C:** A K 3

**Bidding**

SOUTH

**1H**

**3H**

PASS

WEST

PASS

PASS

NORTH

**1S**

**4H**

EAST

PASS

PASS

WEST leads the Spade King on Trick #1 thus promising "long" Spades and at least the Spade Queen.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy comes "down" what "losers" does Declarer SOUTH see?
2. Given that WEST holds "long" Spades what does this tell Declarer SOUTH about EAST's Trump Heart holdings?

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