

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0194:
"As Declarer Playing a 3NT Contract When an
Opponent Overcalled Your 1NT Opening Bid"**

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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-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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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-10

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (10)

S: K 4 5
H: K T 9 8
D: 5 4 3 2
C: A 5

WEST (5)

S: Q
H: 6 5 4 2
D: T 9 7
C: Q J T 9 7

EAST (8)

S: A T 9 8 7 6 2
H: A 7
D: 8 6
C: 8 6

SOUTH (17)

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

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	PASS	2C	2S
PASS	PASS	3NT	PASS
PASS	PASS		

WEST leads the Spade Queen on Trick #1 because EAST's 2S Overcall was "lead-directing" and likely showed 6+ Spades. But E/W both know that NORTH holds a "protected" Spade "stopper".

1. Once the NORTH Dummy comes "down" what "winners" does Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What Spade cards should Declarer SOUTH play on Trick #1 from both the NORTH Dummy and his own "closed" (hidden) Hand?

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