

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0460:
"As a Declarer Playing a 4H Contract
Running an 'Avoidance Play' to
Keep a Specific Opponent Out of the Lead"

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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. Here we use the *free* "**BBO Bridge Master**" Level-3 **Lesson A-24** which gives you the opportunity to see and *repeatedly practice* playing a given bridge Board. Esther may have altered some of the cards in the 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 3 Lesson A-24

Dealer: **SOUTH**

		NORTH (11)	
		S: K 4	
		H: K 8 7 6	
		D: K J T 9 8	
		C: J 2	
WEST (7)		EAST (7)	
S: Q T 9 7		S: A J 8 6	
H: 5 3		H: 4 2	
D: Q 5 4		D: 3 2	
C: K T 9 8		C: Q 7 6 5 4	
		SOUTH (18)	
		S: 5 3 2	
		H: A Q J T 9	
		D: A 7 6	
		C: A 3	

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1H	PASS	3H	PASS
4H	PASS	PASS	PASS

On Trick #1 WEST leads his Club Ten as the "top" of an "interior sequence" in a "long" Suit.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. What "danger" **must** Declarer SOUTH guard against?

On Trick #1 should Declarer SOUTH "duck" given the "Rule of 7"²? The "Rule of 7" advises that Declarer "duck" or "hold up" for a number of Rounds equal to 7 - the number of cards held by the Declarer's Partnership? Here $7 - 2 - 2 = 3$.

3. What "Line of Play" should Declarer SOUTH initially follow?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0460_a1.pdf

² Within the "Esther Bridge Lessons" see "Some of the 40 or So Bridge Bidding/Play 'Rules'":
<https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/rules.pdf>