

Gloucester Bridge Club – Finesses

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50/50 ?

Things to consider (when making your plan):

- are there any clues from the bidding?
- you may need to repeat the finesse – have you enough entries? lead a sequence?
- deep finesesses – twice towards AJTx or AQT?
- do you need to take the finesse early as you will not get back to hand?
- QJxx opposite Axx – leading Q or J and winning the finesse will set up the T as a winner for them – forego the finesse, cash A and lead towards QJ?
- can you finesse into the safe hand?

Taking a finesse is not always the best option. Eg. can you make the opponents lead into your hand?

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- don't automatically cover, second player usually plays low (but cover an honour?)
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