

Common bridge positions

Bridge might not be the easiest game in the world to master but there are a lot of bridge positions/bridge plays that crop up time and time again. If you can learn to spot these particular positions such that you just "know" how to play them then you will save time on having to work everything out from scratch.

Drawing trumps

e.g (Declarer) -----(Dummy)

e.g AQ43 -----7652 its a *Simple* finesse of course ! Lead the 2 to the Q

e.g A432 ----- Q876 a *Chinese* finesse . Lead 6 to the Ace and then 2 to the Q
NB just as good is to lead the Ace first and then 2 to the Q

e.g A432 ----- QJ105 a *Running* finesse . Lead the Q towards the A

e.g AQJ2 ----- 7653 a *Repeat* finesse . Lead the 3 to the J. Later lead the 5 to the Q.

e.g AQ43 ----- J652 a combination of a *Simple* and *Chinese* finesse.
Lead the 2 to the Q { S.F.} . Play the Ace and lead 3 to J {C.F.}

e.g AJ43 ----- Q652 a combination of a *Simple* and *Chinese* finesse.
Lead the 2 to the J { S.F.} . Play the Ace and lead 3 to Q {C.F.}

e.g KJ42 ----- A1053 a *Two-way* finesse. Either lead the 3 to the J OR lead the 2 to the 10. NB it is a guess which way to finesse.

e.g AKJ3 ----- 8652 a *Simple* finesse. Lead the 2 to the J. NB with 8 cards between the two hands the finesse is the best play.

e.g AKJ73 ----- 8652 *No* finesse. Lead the Ace and then the King. NB with 9 cards between the two hands the finesse is not the best play.

e.g KQ43 ----- 8652 *No* finesse. Lead the 2 to the K. Assuming the K wins, return to dummy in a new suit and lead the 5 to the Q.

e.g KJ53 ----- 8642 a *Simple* finesse. Lead the 2 to the J. Next , when you can, return to dummy and lead the 4 to the K.

e.g QJ43 ----- 8652 *No* finesse. Lead the 2 to the Q. Next , when you can, return to dummy and lead the 5 to the J.

e.g AQ32 ----- J1054 a combination of a *Running* and *Simple* finesse . Lead the J .

