

Homework -finesse now or later ..

You are the declarer in each of the following 4Sp contracts.

The lead is the 3 Hrts in each case and you could if you wish take an immediate finesse in the Heart suit. How do you play ? Do you take the finesse or do you win with the Ace ?

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| 1) (declarer) | (dummy) | 2) (declarer) | (dummy) |
| KQJ3 | A987 | AKQJ4 | 10983 |
| 654 | AKJ | 6 | AQ |
| AQJ10 | 987 | AKQJ | 6543 |
| 53 | 876 | 876 | 943 |

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| 3) (declarer) | (dummy) | 4) (declarer) | (dummy) |
| AQJ4 | K932 | AQJ10 | 8765 |
| 64 | AQ | 87 | AQJ |
| KJ32 | Q1065 | QJ109 | 543 |
| 653 | AJ8 | AK3 | 987 |

In 3NT you are faced with a similar choice. The 3 Hearts is led and you could if you wish take a finesse; alternatively you could win with the Ace { perhaps thinking that you could in some cases always try the finesse later }. How do you play ? Win with the Ace or take the finesse ?

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| 6) (declarer) | (dummy) | 7) (declarer) | (dummy) |
| AKJ3 | 1098 | AQJ | 654 |
| 872 | AKJ | 762 | AQJ |
| 853 | 72 | KQJ10 | 8765 |
| AQJ | K10987 | K65 | Q43 |

8) In Questions 2 and 6 above *if* you did win at trick 1 { with the Ace Hrts } would there be enough top-tricks to make your contracts ?

Plan the play in the following two 7Sp contracts on the lead of the 3 Hearts. State how you play at trick 1 and what your general plan is.

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| 9) (declarer) | (dummy) | 10) (declarer) | (dummy) |
| AJ1098 | KQ76 | AKQJ4 | 1098 |
| 654 | AKJ | 62 | AK |
| 987 | AKQ2 | AKJ | 6543 |
| AK | 64 | 876 | AKQ3 |

You are in 3NT on the hand below and receive the lead of the 2 Clubs. Four lines of play (a)(b)(c)(d) are given . Which is the best line in your opinion.

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| 11) (declarer) | (dummy) | (a) Finesse the J clubs. If it wins finesse the Jack Diamonds . |
| AKJ | 543 | (b) Win the Ace clubs. Finesse the Jack Diamonds. |
| 654 | QJ2 | (c) Win the Ace clubs. Finesse the Jack Spades.. |
| AKJ43 | 8765 | (d) Win the Ace clubs. Play the Ace , then King Diamonds.. |
| 54 | AKJ | |