

- 1) North should have passed the 2H raise.  
South by the way was blameless; they were entitled to think North had 17 pts.  
4Hrts looks unlikely to make
- 2) Here South was wrong –North *shewed* 17 pts ,what was South thinking passing ?
- 3) 3Sp
- 4) 3sp ( maybe 4Sp ) or 3H
- 5) You should ruff and cash the Q hrts . The reason is declarer is just about to play another winning diamond and throw a heart away
- 6) Well you may as well carry on with clubs NB we don't know BUT partner may hold the Ace clubs. We lead of course the 10 clubs .

The club layout you were hoping for was

K82

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Q7

Note that partner did well in playing their J ( and not their Ace )

- 7) You will need a successful ruffing finesse to make this.

Next.

What ? sorry you are not quite sure what a ruffing finesse is ? Really?

OK listen carefully.

Draw Trumps and lead the K hearts. If it is covered with the Ace then ruff and return to hand and play the Q Hrts and then the J hrts both times throwing clubs.

I see ...and if the K hearts hadn't been covered with the Ace ? then you WOULDN'T ruff it ? Instead you would discard a club anyway ? Got it.  
Quite good these ruffing finesses aren't they ? Yes in the right hands.

- 8) Duck the opening club lead.

Duck it ? !

Are you sure ?!

Im not weak am I ? I have the Ace and King of clubs.

Wait a minute ...this is one of those wait when not so weak hands isnt it ?  
Because declarer will need to lose the lead twice ( in spades and hearts) it is better for declarer to lose the lead straight away in clubs and not at any other point.The effect may be to cut the defenders off from each other which may allow the contract to make. Quite good these wait when not so weak hands aren't they ?