

- 1) a double for take out (partner hasn't spoken)
b) Pass. Shame but dble is for takeout.
- 2) on the face of it the 5D bid looks ridiculous.
The only thing that might show the bidder hasn't entirely lost their marbles would be if the opponents were vulnerable and the 5D bidder was non vulnerable.
- 3) Doesn't look hard from now – draw trumps *and at some point* lead the 4 hearts to the 10 for a finesse.
- 4) Actually we don't know exactly what partner holds but she did lead her lowest club so does have an honour or honours. Anyway there is nothing better than leading the club back and see what happens
- 5) Very tempting to return to hand (with the Ace diamonds ? K Hearts ?) to take another club finesse. And maybe it will all work out but don't be surprised if the next time you take the club finesse it doesn't work so well
i.e the defender who has the K clubs may have decided not to play it the 1st round of clubs.

The clubs may be like this for instance

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          32
765-----|-----AQJ109
          K84
    
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“ Well “ you say “ Ok he fooled me but so what ? “.

Go back to how you returned to your hand to repeat the club finesse.

I suggested you might have tried the Ace diamonds or K hearts. If you did use either of those cards you are now wide open in those suits and may not like what is led next.

“So it was good play not to release the K clubs on the 1st round of the suit and I might even go down because of it ?” “Yes”

6) Irritating little hand (who ever could have made it up ?); you have an easy 8 tricks and finesse possibilities in spades and hearts. The best approach on such hands is to keep the finesses on the backboiler and only try them when you really have to. Here at trick 2 the best play is a diamond (small one if you like); you plan is to keep playing diamonds until you can take 2 tricks in the suit.

Is that likely you ask. Yes it is ; you only need the diamonds to break something like this

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          K10
A865-----|-----7432
          QJ9
    
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And at some point you will make 2 tricks by repeated diamond leads.

7) Ruff with the 9 spades. If declarer's trumps are (only) AKQ87 you will have promoted your partner's J spades by means of an uppercut.