

1) Well ..... if it was a singleton lead of the 7 clubs then its easy – I win and lead a club back and partner will ruff. Great. Though , come to think about it , if it *wasn't* a singleton lead and I just return the suit then dummies K + Q clubs will be available to declarer to discard losers and I may have missed my chance to make tricks elsewhere. Maybe I would be better winning and switching to a heart.  
Or ...

Well that was a convoluted way of getting over to you that singleton leads are (i) not obvious to read and (ii) there will be something better to lead back if it it wasn't a singleton lead.

All in all a starting assumption that the lead *was not* a singleton is the best way to play.

- 2) 9 clubs. NOT because it was a doubleton (at all ) BUT because every other suit had been bid.
- 3) Q diamonds. Could the lead of the singleton club work bnetter ? well maybe BUT that's all a bit amateur night and its better to make leads that most of the time are productive.
- 4) 2CLb. Anybody who replies 2NT ( or worse , if that's possible , 3NT ) is not getting this. NEVER reply 2NT to a suit opening in an uncontested auction.
- 5) 2NT.
- 6) There may be more than one way to skin this cat but the cant fail sequence will involve trumping a heart in dummy.

Trick 1) Ace Hrts Trick 2) K hearts Trick 3) ruff a heart. Trick 4) trump a club

Trick 5 + 6 + 7 draw trumps. Trick 8) lead a diamond.

NB there was a shortage in dummy so we trumped that shortage.

7) if you drew trumps (straight away ) you go down. You need to see why. What will happen if you attempt to draw trumps ?....

The correct order of play is to :

Trick 1) Ace HRts Trick 2)Ace diamonds Trick 3) Q diamonds  
Trick4) K clubs Trick 5 )K diamonds *discarding a heart from dummy*  
Trick 6 + 7 + 8 draw trumps

- 8) Trick 1 ) Win Ace Hrts.  
Tricks 2) +3) + 4 ) draw trumps  
Trick 5) K Hrts  
Trick 6) ruff a heart in dummy

When you can draw trumps without losing the lead and still have trumps left for ruffing (when all about you are etc etc ).... ,then draw trumps and you will be a bridge player.

