

## Jacoby 2NT Practice

When opener has a second good 5 card suit and partner responds 2NT (Jacoby) to his opening bid he bids his other suit at the 4 level. Showing a second suit that could produce a source of tricks is often the key to slam bidding.

Example:

opener has- AQJxx x AKxxx xx

responder has- Kxxx Axx QJx Axx

The bidding is 1S-2NT (Jacoby)- 4D (good second suit)- 4NT-5S (2 keycards with the Queen of spades)-?

Without the use of Jacoby 2NT the responder with a balanced hand with 14HCP may not even be looking for a small slam.

And, yet, with only 28 HCP these hands would make a grand slam.

Example:

opener has- AQJxx K xx KQJTxx

responder has- Kxxx Axx QJx Axx

The bidding is 1S-2NT (Jacoby)- 4C (good second suit)- 4H-4S-P

Even though these 2 hands have more points than the previous one that made a grand slam, these two hands will not make any slam. When partner bids 4H he is interested in slam, but does not have diamond control (because he bypassed 4D in order to bid 4H).

Example:

opener has- AQJxx xx K KQJxx

responder has- Kxxx Axx QJx Axx

The bidding is 1S-2NT (Jacoby)- 4C (good second suit) 4H-4NT-

5C (3 keycards)-6S. When partner bids 4H he is interested in slam, but does not have diamond control (because he bypassed 4D in order to bid 4H). Since opener can control diamonds, he can check on aces and bid the slam.

When partner has a singleton without a good second five card suit he rebids his short suit at the 3 level. You are required to respond in your short suit if you have one even if your opening bid was marginal.

Example:

opener has- AJTxx x Kxx Kxxx

responder has- KQxxx Jxx AQx Ax

The bidding is 1S-2NT (Jacoby)- 3H (short suit)-4NT-5D (1 keycard)-6S When responder finds out partner is short in hearts he knows in order for partner to have an opening bid he must have the two minor suit kings. Having no values in the suit that partner is short in is a huge plus.

Example:

opener has- AJTxx x Kxx Kxxx

responder has- KQxxx AQx Jxx Ax

The bidding is 1S-2NT (Jacoby)- 3H (short suit)- 4C-4S-P When partner's short suit is opposite your AQx you have no losers in the suit, but the Q is now probably useless. You can cue bid 4C because you may still have a slam if partner has a good opening bid. Partner returns to 4S because he has very minimum opener. Having values other than an ace opposite partner's short suit is a huge minus.

When opener has a maximum (18+ HCP) without a short suit he rebids 3 of his major in response to Jacoby.

Example:

opener has- AQJxx AJx Kx Kxx

responder has- Kxxx Kx Axx Axxx

The bidding is 1S-2NT (Jacoby)-3S (no short suit with 18+ HCP)-4NT-5S (2 keycards with the Queen of trumps)-6S With 18+ HCP responder knows there should be good chance of slam.