

In all 3 cases slam was missed. You will see the symptoms. Then suggest remedies!

7 **Dir: S**
Vul: Both

♠ K8
♥ K873
♦ AJT3
♣ KJ4

♠ 653 ♠ T72
♥ T ♥ J95
♦ K6542 ♦ Q987
♣ A765 ♣ T98

15 ♠ AQJ94
7 3 ♥ AQ642
15 ♣ Q32

	♣	♦	♥	♠
N	-	-	6	6
S	-	-	6	5
E	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-

This South opened 1H. North went 4H, and after 1 slam try, they subsided in 5H, making +1.

REMEDY?

13 **Dir: N**
Vul: Both

♠ 97652
♥ KQ
♦ KQJ2
♣ AJ

♠ Q3 ♠ J8
♥ 843 ♥ J9762
♦ 98654 ♦ 7
♣ KT3 ♣ Q9854

16 ♠ AKT4
5 4 ♥ AT5
15 ♦ AT3
♣ 762

	♣	♦	♥	♠
N	-	5	-	7
S	-	5	-	7
E	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-

North opened 1S. South bid 4S after a 2-minute think.

Pass-Pass-Pass.

REMEDY?

14 **Dir: E**
Vul: None

♠ AJ8
♥ AQJ9
♦ AKT5
♣ QT

♠ T9632 ♠ K54
♥ KT875 ♥ 2
♦ 2 ♦ J98743
♣ J8 ♣ 965

21 ♠ Q7
4 4 ♥ 643
11 ♦ Q6
♣ AK7432

	♣	♦	♥	♠
N	7	-	5	-
S	7	-	5	-
E	-	-	-	-
W	-	-	-	-

The bidding here was P-P-P-2NT/P-3NT-All P

REMEDY?

REMEDIES

Bd 7 – It is right to open 1S when you have 5-5 touching. But that is for another lesson. As it went, North's first response must be **2NT (Jacoby)**.

Bd 13 – As above, South must first bid **2NT (Jacoby)** again.

Bd 14 – Using the rule of 20 we find that South qualifies and should open!

After 1C – 1H/2C even wild horses will not stop North from getting to the slam in clubs or NT.

The 2NT (Jacoby) bid

This bid should be mandatory in your list of conventions. It is easy, effective and excels you to winning ways.

First and foremost, I must start by telling you that **1H-4H and 1S-4S are preemptive weak raises**. After 1H opening, respond 4H with xx, QJ9xxx, xxx, Kx! 4S after 1S with QJT9x, xx, X, KQJxx. Capisce?

When you respond 2NT (Jacoby) to partner's opening major you are saying:

"I have a game-going hand, 4 trumps with you (maybe 5), please tell me more about your hand." Now the **opener** describes his hand. After 1H-2NT,

- 4H = minimum opener, no shortages
- 3H = maximum opener (18-20), no shortages, let us explore slam!
- 3NT= medium hand (15-17), no shortages
- 3C/3D/3S = singleton or void in this suit

Next, responder bids game with a minimum and denies interest in a slam. Anything else shows interest.

Also read:

https://www.bridgebum.com/jacoby_2nt.php

<https://kwbridge.com/jac2nt.htm>

https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/Commonly_Used_Conventions/jacoby2NT.pdf

By Sid Ismail. Apologies, but this has to be my last contribution due to health reasons.

I love the game and I love you all! Hope you enjoyed my stuff...