

What is your agreement? A bridge Tip

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Playing 2/1 or Precision, most pairs play the Jacoby 2NT* convention. The convention is used when partner opens a major and responder has 4-card support and 13+ dummy points.

To illustrate, let's look at a typical example.

		♠	A954		
		♥	9753		
		♦	KQ3		
		♣	A5		
♠	Q106	N W E S		♠	872
♥	KQ			♥	2
♦	J86			♦	10975
♣	QJ1072			♣	K9863
		♠	KJ3		
		♥	AJ10864		
		♦	A42		
		♣	4		

The Bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♣**	Pass	3♦(control)	Pass
4NT(1430)	Pass	5♥(2keycrds)	Pass
6♥	All Pass		

* Alert 13+ dummy points - Jacoby 2NT* (some may use expert Jacoby 2nt*).

** Alert Shortness in Clubs

Opening Lead: ♣Q

A reasonable slam contract with only 26 combined HCP!

This example may be found in the Sunday December 13, 2019 issue of the Daily Sun Newspaper.

The example was taken from Larry Cohen's web site – Larryco.com as referenced in the Daily Sun paper.

The article in the paper claims the hand cannot be made!

While most duplicate players use the Jacoby 2NT* convention, is that always the best partnership agreement? NO

Why? You may not have sufficient bidding space to investigate slams.

Instead one may treat the 2NT* bid as 1430! **Yes give Up Jacoby!**

The Bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2NT*(1430)	Pass
3♥(2 w/o Q)	Pass	4♥	Pass
All Pass			

The Roman Keycard Blackwood Jacoby 2NT* convention is reviewed on my web site: www.bridgewebs.com/ocala and found under Timm's Bridge Bits and called: **Jacoby Roman Keycard Blackwood 1430.**

Sharing this Tip with Larry Cohen, he claims contrary to the Daily Sun that the slam is makeable and he supports the Jacoby convention. And, Larry says "just strip the hand and play ace and a heart to endplay west.

Thank You Larry.