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Slam – Pattern Out Auctions

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Showing Shape in Jacoby Auctions

- Jacoby 2NT – Opener shows shortness
 - Balanced Hands – 4M, 3NT, 3M
 - Singleton Honor
 - Second 5-card Suit – Good Suit (2/3 Top Honors)
 - Concentration of Values after Shortness

2/1 Game Forcing Auctions

- Hand Evaluation
 - Location of honors
 - Fitting cards (honors) in partner's suit take on additional value. Soft honors (Queens and Jacks) inside suits become less valuable.
 - Double Fits
 - Hands with two fits take a lot of tricks, even without many HCP.
 - 1♠ 2♥
 - 3♥ 3♠/4♠
- Fast Arrival
 - Jumping to game in our suit is the weakest action in a game forcing auction and showing support at the 3-level is stronger and shows slam interest (extra values).
- Shape Showing
 - In 2/1 GF auctions where we find a fit at the 2-level, we use bids between 2-suit and 3-suit to show shape. Higher level bids are shortness or controls.
 - 3-level bids without a fit are also pattern showing bids.
- New Suit at 3-Level Shows Extra Values

Other Auctions

- Help Suit Game Try as a Slam Try
- Pattern out auctions after 4th suit forcing.