

Defence to Multi Landy (or Cappelletti).

If partner's 1NT opening is overcalled with a natural bid then it is generally best to play double as penalties and all other bids as natural (Lebensohl).

The one case where I like to differ from this philosophy is when it's a 2♣ overcall. Over a natural 2♣ overcall I like to play double as Stayman and systems on (2♦ = transfer to ♥'s etc.). Over any higher overcall then double is penalties and systems are off.

But when the opponents overcall is artificial (often the case these days) then things are different. For example there is little point in doubling an artificial bid for penalties and little point in bidding Stayman if RHO has shown both majors.

Here is a scheme for combating Multi-Landy (and with a minor change, Cappelletti): -

Multi Landy bid	meaning	responder's bid	meaning
2♣	both majors	pass dbl 3♣ other	generally less than invitational values can penalise at least one major natural and forcing basically natural (Lebensohl)
2♦	single suited hand	pass dbl 3♦ other	generally less than invitational values Stayman natural and forcing basically natural (Lebensohl)
2♥/♠	5 ♥/♠'s and a minor	pass dbl 3♥/♠ other	generally less than invitational values penalties for the major bid. three of the major = game forcing Stayman basically natural (Lebensohl)
2NT	♣'s and ♦'s	pass dbl 3♣ 3♦ 3♥/♠	generally less than invitational values can penalise at least one minor Stayman, not game forcing Stayman, game forcing. natural and game forcing

If the defenders play Cappelletti then make the obvious changes to the 2♣/♦ overcalls. This defence to Cappelletti is printed out in a separate document.

Note that over 2♣ (or 2♦ against Cappelletti) there is no need for Stayman (dbl says at least one major).

The 'generally less than invitational values' over 2♣/♦/NT may be stronger but just waiting to see what the opposition say.

Lebensohl is explained in another document.