DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING

OVERCALLS (Style; Responses; 1/2 level; Reopening)

General Style ⇒ Natural
Responses ⇒ 1NT= constructive; JUMP 2NT= strong raise;
JUMP CUE= limit raise; weak jump raise; CUE: F1 11+
Reopening : DBL : 9+ ; in suit : 9-13 ; 1nt : 11-14

1NT OVERCALL (2nd/4th Live; Responses; Reopening)

2nd → 15-17
Responses: system on
4th → 11-14 /also without stop)
Responses: only cue is forcing

JUMP OVERCALL (Style; Responses; Unusual NT)

1- Suit: WEAK
2- Suit: Ghestem
Reopen: solid suit and opening values; 2-suit jump weak;
over 1♥ / ♠ op. → 2NT =18-20 bal

over 1♠ →2NT =18-20bal; over 1♦ →2NT= 18-20bal

DIRECT AND JUMP CUE-BIDS (Style; Responses; Reopen)

Style ⇒ Ghestem Responses ⇒ 2NT or cue = asking
overOPP1♣ opening(notstrong)→2♣ =11-15withbothM(5-4)
Reopen ⇒ Ghestem(only 2♦ over 1m opp opening)

VS. NT (vs.Strong/Weak; Reopening; PH)

Vsstrong(2nd/4th):DBL=5m+4M;2♣ =bothM;2♦ =6+♥ or ♠ or5Mand5m strong;
2♥ / ♠ = 5+ cards 4+ m; 2NT = minors;
Vsweak(2nd/4th):DBL=13+;2♣ =bothM;2♦ =6+♥ or ♠ or5Mand5mstrong;

2♥ / ♠ = 5+ cards 4+ m; 2NT = 4♠ + 5 m; 3m = 5m + 4♥

VS PREEMPTS (Doubles; Cue-bids; Jumps; NT bids)

3♠ →4♣=♦+M GF; 4♦= bothM 2♥ →4♠ /♦=5♠+5♣ /♦g.f.
3♦ →4♠=♠+M GF; 4♦= bothM 2♠ →4♠ /♦=5♥+5♣ /♦g.f.
3♥ / ♠ → 4♣ / ♦ = ♣ / ♦ + M

VS ARTIFICIAL STRONG OPENINGS

Over 1♣ → DBL= both M;, 1 ♦ / 1 ♥ = Texas
1 ♠ = one minor 1SA: minors; Over 2♣ : dbl: for the suit

OVER OPPONENTS' TAKE-OUT DOUBLE

RDBL = 9+

LEADS AND SIGNALS

OPENING LEADS STYLE

	Lead	In Partner's Suit
Suit	3rd/5th	Count (Hi-Lo = even)
NT	Attitude	Count (Hi-Lo = even)
Subseq		

Other: NT ⇒ A odd encouraging; K asks unblock;

LEADS

LEAD	VS. SUIT	VS. NT
Ace	AKx; AKJx; AKJ10; Ax(+)	AK; AKx(+); AKJx;
King	AK; KQ; KQx(x); KQJx	AKJ10x; KQJ10(x); KQ109x
Queen	QJ(x); QJ10(x); AQJ(x)	KQ(x); KQJx; KQ10x; QJ(x)
Jack	J10(x); HJ10(x); Jx	HJ10x; J10(x); Jx
10	H109x; 10x; 109(x)	H109(x); 10x; 109x
9	9x; H98x;	H98x(+); 9x
Hi -x	Xx; xxXx; HxXx	Xx; xXxx;
Lo-x	xxX; HxX; xxxxX; HxxxX	xXx; HxX; HxxX

SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

		Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
Suit	1	odd = encouraging		odd= encouraging
	2	high = even no.		high/low= suit
	3			preference
NT	1	odd= encouraging		odd= encouraging
	2	high = even no.		high/low= suit
	3			preference

Signals (including Trump)
Lavinthal

DOUBLES

TAKEOUT DOUBLES (Style; Responses; Reopening)

Style: Opening values
Responses: cue F1; jump=8-10
Reopening: 8+

SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL AND COMPETITIVE DOUBLES/REDOUBLES

1_{NT} - x - xx = transfer to ♣ (only with penalty double)

Most low level DBLS are T/O

Category: green

Country: ITALY
Event: AllEvents
Players: **MatteoLombardi – Alessandro Carletti**

SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE

Natural 5 card M, 1♦ = 4+, 1♣ = 2+
2♦ = 18-19 BAL no 5 majors
2♥ /2♠ = weak-two in ♥ / ♠
1NT Opening: (14)15-17 pt.
2 OVER 1 Response: FORCING GAME

SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENCE

2♥ response over 1 minor opening = 4-9 pt. 5+♥ /4+♠
Landy
Ghestem

Over our 1 ♣ /1♦ Opening and opp 1SA:
DBL=penalty;2♣ :majors;2♦ :weakwithonemajor;2♥ / ♠ :withminor;2SA:minors

SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES

IMPORTANT NOTES THAT DON'T FIT IN ELSEWHERE

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. No. OF CARDS	NEG. DBL THRU	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT AUCTION	PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣	✶	2	4♠	Maybe 2 cards	1♦/♥/♠/SA= NAT; 2♣= ART GF [supp. note 4]	1♣-1x-2SA = 17+ 4+♣ + 4x [supp. notes 1, 2, 3]	
					2♦=3-7 multi (6 cards ♥ or ♠)	1♣-1♦-2♥ = 17+ 1-suiter♣ 2-suiter or ♣/♥ [supp. note 1]	
					2♥=5+♠ 4+♥ 5-9; 2♠= raise invitational or + ♣;	1♣-1♥-2♦= 17+, 1-suiter♣ 2-suiter ♣/♦[supp. note 2]	
					2SA= NAT invitational; 3♣=6 +♣ weak; 3♦/♥/♠= weak 6+ cards	1♣-1♠-2♦= 17+, 1-suiter♣ 2-suiter ♣/♦[supp. note 3]	
1♦	✶	4	4♠	11+ NAT	1♥/♠/SA= NAT; 2♣= ART GF [supp. note 7]; 2♦= weak raise;	1♦-1♥/♠- 2NT = 4 cards raise 17+ [supp. notes 5, 6]	
					2♥=5+♠ 4+♥ 5-9; 2♠= strong raise ♦;	1♦-1♥-2♠ = 17+, 1-suiter♦2-suiter ♦/♠ [supp. note 5]	
					2NT=NATinvitational;3♥/♠=weak6+cards;3♣=raiseinvitational; 3♦= weakraise	1♦-1♠-2♥ = 17+, 1-suiter♦2-suiter ♦/♥ [supp. note 6] 1♦-1NT- 2NT = 17+, 2-suiter ♦/♣ 1♦-1NT- 3♣=invitational 5♦/♣	
1♥		5	4♠	11+ NAT	1NT = NF (4-3-3-3♥ 4-5pt.)	1♥-1x-2♣ = ART either nat 11-16 or any 17+ [supp. notes 8, 9]	1♥→2♠= Drury, 3 cards raise 9/11
					2♣= ART GF [supp. note 10]; 2♦= GF; 2♥= weak raise (5-9pt.);	1♥-1x-2NT = ART 6♥+4m 17+	→2NT = 4/5 cards raise 10-11
					2♠= 6+♠ GF or 5 +♠ and 5 minor → 2sa: ask → nat	1♥-1x-3♠/♦= 5-5 14/16	→3♣ = 4 cards raise 6-9
					2NT=invitationalraise3°orraise4°(9+pt.);3♣=4cardsraise(6-9 pt.); 3♦=GFraise4°withasingleton;3♥=weakjumpraise;3♠=voidsplinter; 3NT/ 4♣/4♦= voidsplinter		→3♦= invitational
1♠		5	4♥	11+ NAT	1NT=NF (4-3-3-3♠ 4-5pt.); 2♣= ART GF [supp. note 12]; 2♦= GF; 2♥= GF;	1♠-1NT-2♣ = ART either nat 11-16 or any 17+ [supp. note 11]	1♠→2♠= Drury, 3 cards raise 9/11
					2♠= weak raise (5-9pt.); 2NT= invitational raise 3° or raise 4° (9+pt.); 3♣= 4 cards raise 6-9;	1♠-1NT-2NT = ART 6♠+4m 17+	→2NT = 4/5 cards raise 10-11
					3♦= GF raise 4°with a singleton; 3♥= invitational;	1♠-1NT-3♣/♦=5-5 14/16	→3♣ = 4 cards raise 6-9
					3♠= weak jump raise; 3NT/ 4♣/4♦= void splinter		→3♦= invitational
1NT			4♥	(14)15-17 BAL	3♣ = 5-5m (0-7pt.);	1NT-2♣ → a) 2♦= no majors	
					3♦= 5-5m ISL	b) 2♥ = 4♥ majbe 4♠	
					3♥ 3♠= minors with shortness	c) 2♠= 4♠	
					4♣/♦= texas♥♠		
2♣	✶	0	5♠	22+ BAL	2♦= waiting; 2♥= 5+ ♠; 2♠= 5+♥; 2NT= both M	2♣-2♦-2♥ → 4+♥ or 24+ BAL 2♣-2♦-2♠ → 4+♠	
				any GF (except 2♣-2♦-2SA)	3♣/♦= 6+♦/♣good suit (at least 2HH); 3♥3♠= minors with shortness;	2♣-2♦-3♥ →5+♣4+♦ 2♣-2♦-2SA = 21-23bal	
						2♣-2♦-3♠ → 5+♦4+♣	
2♦	✶	1		18-19 BAL	[supp.note13]2♥=4+♠orspecialhands;2♠=transferto2SA(4+♥orNT hands); 2NT= trsf to 3♣; 3♣= puppet or 5+♥/4+♠;3♦= 5+♠/4♥;3♥/3♠= shortness; 3NT= 5+♠/ 5+♥ forcing;	2♦-2♥-2SA=4♠	
2♥		6		3-9, usually (5)6 cards	2NT= asking		
2♠		6		3-9, usually (5)6 cards	2NT=asking		
2NT			5♠	20-21 BAL	PUP STAY; transfers; 3♠= slam try with both m (5+4+); 3SA = NAT; 4♣= ♥ISL;4♦=♠ISL; 4♥=♣ISL; 4♠=♦ISL; 4SA/5SA= quantitative;		
3♣		6		Preempt; undisciplined 3-9 NVul 6-9VUL;			
3♦		6		Preempt; undisciplined 3-9 NVul 6-9 VUL			
3♥		7		Preempt; undisciplined 3-9 NVul 6-9 VUL (NVUL may be 6 cards)			
3♠		7		Preempt; undisciplined 3-9 NVul 6-9 VUL (NVUL may be 6 cards)			
3NT	✶	7		AKQ(J)xxx in ♠/♦	4♣=P/C		
4♣		7		Preempt; undisciplined 3-9 NVul 6-9 VUL		**HIGH LEVEL BIDDING**	
4♦		7		Preempt; undisciplined 3-9 NVul 6-9 VUL		4NT = RKCB	
4♥		7		Preempt; undisciplined 3-9 NVul 6-9 VUL		Cue style: 1st and 2nd round control	
4♠		7		Preempt; undisciplined 3-9 NVul 6-9 VUL		Josephine; Lightner DBLS; DOPI	
4NT		8		Preempt good 5♣ ♦opening		Forcing pass /Double discouraging after forcing pass	