

Re: Meckwell Question

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Great question.

Most player's 1NT overcall (direct seat like your example) shows 15-18 hcp and a stop in the bid suit. The seat behind the 1NT over caller could use Meckwell - *as long as they've discussed it with partner*. It's a matter of partnership agreement.

My recommendation is that it **not** be Meckwell in that auction. Because if the hand behind the notrump overcaller has 9+ points, I would want to double for penalty and Meckwell does not have a penalty double against a strong 1NT bid.

My advanced recommendation is that it be Meckwell if the 1 NT bidder is showing a weak notrump opener. Then the Meckwell double would be penalty oriented showing 9+ points. I don't think that this will happen often enough for most pairs to play it.

On Fri, Mar 24, 2023 at 5:06 PM Phyllis Louderback <pvloud@gmail.com> wrote:

Jeff, I need clarification on when Meckwell applies. Sorry I don't have picture of hands but dealer passed; 2nd seat bid 1club; 3rd seat bid 1NT. In 4th seat can you use Meckwell or does the bid have to be in answer as responder? Phyllis Louderback