

# Support Doubles

In competition, it is sometimes necessary to tell partner that you have 4-card support, 3-card support, or neither. For example,

1♦ - (P) - 1♠ - (2♣)  
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The rules are:

1. Bid spades with 4-card support: 2S/3S/4S
2. Double to show precisely 3-card support (still 12-19 points)
3. Anything else denies 3- or 4-card support.

Try the following: You are South in each case and the bidding had gone either

1♦ - (P) - 1♥ - (2♣)                      or                      1♦ - (P) - 1♠ - (2♣)

Your rebid in each case?

1 ♠ 954 ♥ A642 ♦ AK1052 ♣ A Dir: N Vul:	2 ♠ 43 ♥ KQ96 ♦ KJ1074 ♣ A2 Dir: E Vul:	3 ♠ A76 ♥ J ♦ A98754 ♣ K72 Dir: S Vul:	4 ♠ K7 ♥ A1043 ♦ KQ9654 ♣ Q Dir: W Vul:
5 ♠ Q9 ♥ 1076 ♦ AKQ1064 ♣ Q4 Dir: N Vul:	6 ♠ Q109 ♥ AJ86 ♦ KQJ94 ♣ 2 Dir: E Vul:	7 ♠ K8 ♥ AQ32 ♦ AQ10632 ♣ 7 Dir: S Vul:	8 ♠ A105 ♥ K7 ♦ KQ8654 ♣ 107 Dir: W Vul:
9 ♠ A852 ♥ 7 ♦ AQ10754 ♣ A4 Dir: N Vul:	10 ♠ K54 ♥ Q432 ♦ AQJ975 ♣ Dir: E Vul:	11 ♠ A432 ♥ 7 ♦ Q9872 ♣ AQ2 Dir: S Vul:	12 ♠ Q107 ♥ 10 ♦ AQ1042 ♣ A1098 Dir: W Vul:

Solutions -

A. Partner went 1♥

1 3H    2 2H    3 2D    4 3H  
5 X    6 2H    7 4C\*    8 2D  
9 2S    10 3H    11 P    12 P

\* Splinter

B. Partner went 1♠

1 X    2 P    3 X    4 P  
5 P    6 X    7 2H    8 X  
9 3S    10 X    11 2S    12 X

Makeables follow -

<p><b>1</b> ♠ AJ82 ♥ KJT3 ♦ 96 ♣ T72</p> <p>Dir: N Vul:</p> <p>♠ Q6 ♥ Q975 ♦ J43 ♣ 9863</p> <p>♠ KT73 ♥ 8 ♦ Q87 ♣ KQJ54</p> <p>9 ♠ 954 5 11 ♥ A642 15 ♦ AKT52 ♣ A</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT N - 4 5 4 2 S - 4 5 4 2 E 1 - - - - W 1 - - - -</p>	<p><b>2</b> ♠ 9765 ♥ AJT52 ♦ A ♣ 964</p> <p>Dir: E Vul:</p> <p>♠ AJ2 ♥ 843 ♦ Q652 ♣ J73</p> <p>♠ KQT8 ♥ 7 ♦ 983 ♣ KQT85</p> <p>9 ♠ 43 8 10 ♥ KQ96 13 ♦ KJT74 ♣ A2</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT N - 3 5 - 2 S - 3 5 - 2 E 2 - - 1 - W 2 - - 1 -</p>	<p><b>3</b> ♠ J432 ♥ AK93 ♦ K6 ♣ 863</p> <p>Dir: S Vul:</p> <p>♠ T5 ♥ QT8765 ♦ QJ32 ♣ Q</p> <p>♠ KQ98 ♥ 42 ♦ T ♣ AJT954</p> <p>11 ♠ A76 7 10 ♥ J 12 ♦ A98754 ♣ K72</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT N - 2 - 1 1 S - 2 - 1 1 E 1 - - - - W 1 - - - -</p>	<p><b>4</b> ♠ A632 ♥ QJ87 ♦ J3 ♣ 975</p> <p>Dir: W Vul:</p> <p>♠ QJ95 ♥ 952 ♦ T2 ♣ K642</p> <p>♠ T84 ♥ K6 ♦ A87 ♣ AJT83</p> <p>8 ♠ K7 6 12 ♥ AT43 14 ♦ KQ9654 ♣ Q</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT N - 5 5 - 1 S - 5 5 - 1 E 1 - - - - W 1 - - - -</p>
<p><b>5</b> ♠ T43 ♥ KQJ53 ♦ 82 ♣ K85</p> <p>Dir: N Vul:</p> <p>♠ J652 ♥ A2 ♦ J953 ♣ 976</p> <p>♠ AK87 ♥ 984 ♦ 7 ♣ AJT32</p> <p>9 ♠ Q9 6 12 ♥ T76 13 ♦ AKQT64 ♣ Q4</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT N - 2 2 - - S - 2 2 - - E 3 - - 4 - W 3 - - 4 -</p>	<p><b>6</b> ♠ KJ532 ♥ 754 ♦ AT ♣ Q76</p> <p>Dir: E Vul:</p> <p>♠ 874 ♥ KT9 ♦ 8632 ♣ A85</p> <p>♠ A6 ♥ Q32 ♦ 75 ♣ KJT943</p> <p>10 ♠ QT9 7 10 ♥ AJ86 13 ♦ KQJ94 ♣ 2</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT N - 3 2 3 - S - 3 2 3 - E 3 - - - 1 W 3 - - - 1</p>	<p><b>7</b> ♠ J942 ♥ J976 ♦ K9 ♣ AQ4</p> <p>Dir: S Vul:</p> <p>♠ AT7 ♥ T854 ♦ 54 ♣ 9532</p> <p>♠ Q653 ♥ K ♦ J87 ♣ KJT86</p> <p>11 ♠ K8 4 10 ♥ AQ32 15 ♦ AQT632 ♣ 7</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT N - 5 8 3 5 S - 5 8 2 5 E 1 - - - - W 1 - - - -</p>	<p><b>8</b> ♠ QT3 ♥ AQ532 ♦ 72 ♣ 954</p> <p>Dir: W Vul:</p> <p>♠ KJ42 ♥ J6 ♦ JT93 ♣ Q86</p> <p>♠ 986 ♥ T984 ♦ A ♣ AKJ32</p> <p>8 ♠ AT5 8 12 ♥ K7 12 ♦ KQ8654 ♣ T7</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT N - 2 1 - - S - 2 1 - - E 2 - - 1 1 W 2 - - 1 1</p>
<p><b>9</b> ♠ QJ63 ♥ KQJT ♦ 63 ♣ 832</p> <p>Dir: N Vul:</p> <p>♠ T94 ♥ A8632 ♦ J8 ♣ T95</p> <p>♠ K7 ♥ 954 ♦ K92 ♣ KQJ76</p> <p>9 ♠ A852 5 12 ♥ 7 14 ♦ AQT754 ♣ A4</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT N 1 3 1 4 1 S 1 3 1 4 1 E - - - - - W - - - - -</p>	<p><b>10</b> ♠ AQT98 ♥ A85 ♦ 62 ♣ 975</p> <p>Dir: E Vul:</p> <p>♠ 732 ♥ K96 ♦ T3 ♣ KJ842</p> <p>♠ J6 ♥ JT7 ♦ K84 ♣ AQT63</p> <p>10 ♠ K54 7 11 ♥ Q432 12 ♦ AQJ975 ♣</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT N - 8 4 7 2 S - 8 4 7 2 E 2 - - - - W 2 - - - -</p>	<p><b>11</b> ♠ JT975 ♥ K94 ♦ AJ ♣ 876</p> <p>Dir: S Vul:</p> <p>♠ K8 ♥ J6532 ♦ K643 ♣ 93</p> <p>♠ Q6 ♥ AQT8 ♦ T5 ♣ KJT54</p> <p>9 ♠ A432 7 12 ♥ 7 12 ♦ Q9872 ♣ AQ2</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT N - 2 - 5 2 S - 2 - 5 1 E 1 - 2 - - W 1 - 2 - -</p>	<p><b>12</b> ♠ K84 ♥ A8632 ♦ 86 ♣ 753</p> <p>Dir: W Vul:</p> <p>♠ AJ6532 ♥ KQJ4 ♦ 753 ♣</p> <p>♠ 9 ♥ 975 ♦ KJ9 ♣ KQJ642</p> <p>7 ♠ QT7 11 10 ♥ T 12 ♦ AQT42 ♣ AT98</p> <p>♠ ♠ ♠ ♠ NT N 1 1 - 1 3 S 1 1 - 1 3 E - - 1 - - W - - - - -</p>

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