

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 8 6
♥ A 7 4 2
♦ K J 10 5
♣ 7

6
14 8
12

West

Dbl
1 ♣ × by South

♠ 10 7 4 2
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ 7 4 3
♣ K 5



♠ J 5 3
♥ K 10 3
♦ A 9 8
♣ A 8 4 2

North

Pass

East

Pass

South

1 ♣
Pass

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You could certainly say 1NT if you wanted to. You have 8 HCP and a very good ♣ stopper. However, you will probably make a lot more points by letting them play 1 ♣ doubled.

This is exactly the kind of hand you need to pass and convert partner's Takeout Double to a Penalty Double. Partner should lead a ♣ so you can pull declarer's trumps as soon as possible.