

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9
♥ 8 5
♦ Q 6 2
♣ Q J 10 9 6 3

12
8 14
6

West

Pass

1 ♣ × by North

♠ J 5 3
♥ K 10 3
♦ A 9 8
♣ A 8 4 2



♠ 10 7 4 2
♥ Q J 9 6
♦ 7 4 3
♣ K 5

North

1 ♣

Pass

East

Dbl

South

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.