

**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.