

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 8 2  
♥ 8 4  
♦ A 10 2  
♣ 8 7 6 3 2

17  
4 4  
15

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A Q 9 7 5

♥ J 10

♦ K Q 5

♣ K Q 10



♠ K J 6 4

♥ K Q 5

♦ J 4

♣ A J 9 5

North

1 ♠

3 NT

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 NT

4 ♣

Pass

It is your bid.

With 18 points you want to show your extra strength. Since you have only 5 trumps you show the strength by bidding 3 NT. Partner then bids 4 ♣. What do you say next?

Now is the time when YOU would make a control bid. And if you had either red Ace you would do so. Since you don't have one, you have no option but to say 4 ♠. Partner recognizes that you are off those two Aces and passes.