

Deal 1

South Deals

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| ♠ 3 | ♦ K J 6 4 |
| ♥ A 9 7 6 3 2 | ♦ K Q 5 |
| ♦ 9 8 7 6 3 | ♦ J 4 |
| ♣ 4 | ♣ A J 9 5 |

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| 15 | ♠ A Q 9 7 5 |
| 4 4 | ♥ J 10 |
| 17 | ♦ K Q 5 |
| | ♣ K Q 10 |

| West | North | East | South |
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| | | | 1 ♠ |
| Pass | 2 NT | Pass | 3 NT |
| Pass | 4 ♣ | Pass | 4 ♣ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

4 ♣ by South

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| W | N | E | S |
| ♠ 10 8 2 | ♥ 8 4 | ♦ A 10 2 | ♣ 8 7 6 3 2 |

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.