

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

♠ A Q 9 7 5  
♥ J 10  
♦ K Q 5  
♣ K Q 10



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**4 4**  
**15**

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

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.