

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
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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.