

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6 4

♥ K Q 5

♦ J 4

♣ A J 9 5

♠ 3

♥ A 9 7 6 3 2

♦ 9 8 7 6 3

♣ 4



♠ 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

15

4 4

17

West North East South

1 ♠

Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT

Pass 4 ♣ Pass 4 ♣

Pass Pass Pass

4 ♣ by South

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.