

Board 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9
♥ 8 5
♦ Q 6 2
♣ Q J T 9 6 3

♠ J 7 3 2

♥ K Q J T

♦ A 4

♣ K 5 2



♠ A Q 8 6
♥ A 7 4 2
♦ K J T 5
♣ 7

♠ T 5 4

♥ 9 6 3

♦ 9 8 7 3

♣ A 8 4

West

North

East

South

1 ♣

Dbl

All Pass

1 ♣ X by North

Baker Takeout 25

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You could certainly say 1NT if you wanted to. You have 8 HCP and a very good ♣ stopper. However, you will probably make a lot more points by letting them play 1 ♣ doubled.

This is exactly the kind of hand you need to pass and convert partner's Takeout Double to a Penalty Double. Partner should lead a ♣ so you can pull declarer's trumps as soon as possible.