

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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♠ 3
♥ A 9 7 6 3 2
♦ 9 8 7 6 3
♣ 4

17
4 4
15

♠ K J 6 4
♥ K Q 5
♦ J 4
♣ A J 9 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	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.