

Slam Forces

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<http://watsongallery.ca/bridge/aaBidding/SlamForces.pdf>

Over 1NT

1NT	4NT	Quantitative
P		minimum
6NT		maximum

1NT	5NT	Grand Slam Force
6NT		minimum
7NT		maximum

Maximum is a good 16 or any 17

Not 4triple 3

Five-card suit

Two 10's (good intermediates)

No wasted honours

The following Example occurred at the Unit 574 2017 Christmas Party.

Board 11

South Dealer None Vulnerable

	♠Q63	♥AQ3	♦AKQ1085	♣K				
♠942	♥6	♦64	♣Q1086432		♠10875	♥10984	♦j32	♣75
	♠AKJ	♥KJ752	♦97	♣AJ9				

N	E	S	W
		1NT	3♣
6♦	all pass		

North did not rule out Seven.

The bidding could have gone:

N	E	S	W
		1NT	3♣
5NT	P	7NT	all pass

Clubs are okay when 37 points are held.

Or

N	E	S	W
		1NT	3♣
4♣	P	4♥	P
4NT	P	5♦	P
5NT	P	6♠	P
7NT	all pass		

5NT says all six keycards are held and South has one King the ♠King. The ♥King is a keycard.

Grand Slam Force

When there is no agreed suit, 5NT says pick your slam partner.

When there is an agreed suit, 5NT asks partner to:

Bid 7 with 2 of the top three honours.

Bid 6 with 1 of the top three honours

Bid 6♣ with 0 of the top three honours

Example:

Hand from Leo Glaser given to me 2015.09.25.WestKelowna Sectional

♠AQx ♥KQxxx ♦J10 ♣xxx
♠--- ♥A10xx ♦AKQxxxx ♣Ax

S	N
1♦	1♥
5NT	6♠
7♣	7NT

Small Slam Force

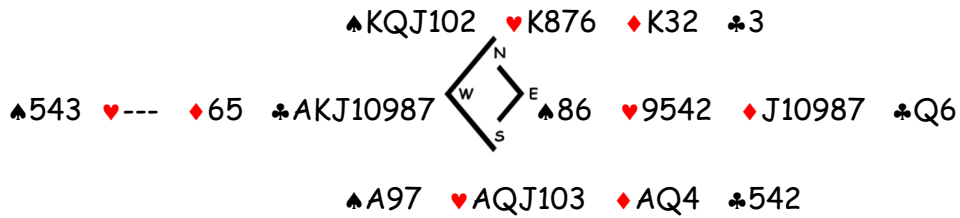
1M 5M

Five of Trump Suit as Asking Bid (from Amalya Kearsse)

1. If the opponents have bid a suit and partnership has not made a control showing cuebid, 5M asks partner to bid 6 if he has first or second round control in the suit.
2. If 1 does not apply, then 5M asks partner to bid 6 if he has first or second round control in the unbid suit.
3. If 1 does not apply and 2 does not apply or there are more than one unbid suit, 5M asks partner to bid 6 if he has two of the top three trump honours.

Example

South Dealer Both Vulnerable



N	E	S	W
		1♥	3♣
4♣	P	5♥	P
6♥	All Pass		

Opening Lead: ♣Ace then ♣King

Alternate GSF From Amalya Kearse

1♠ 5NT
7♣ 2 of top 3
6♣ none
6♦ Queen
6♥ Ace or King with four
6♠ Ace or King with five

1♥ 5NT
7♣ 2 of top 3
6♣ Queen or worse
6♦ Ace or King with four
6♥ Ace or King with five

1♦ 5NT
7♣ 2 of top 3
6♣ Queen or worse
6♦ A or King

I prefer:

1♠ 5NT
7♣ 2 of top 3
6♣ none
6♦ Queen
6♥ Ace or King

1♥ 5NT
7♣ 2 of top 3
6♣ none
6♦ Queen
6♥ Ace or King

1♦ 5NT
7♣ 2 of top 3
6♣ Queen or worse
6♦ Ace or King

Step

Meaning

1st (6C) No trump honors

2nd (6D) Trump Queen

3rd (6H) Ace or King of trump with only 3 trump

4th (6N) Ace or King and extra trumps

5th (7C) Both Ace and King, with support of partner's suit (such as Diamonds in the third example above)