

HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB

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34th INDIANA OPEN - A 'Keen' Win!

Another successful Indiana Open with long shots, 16 cubes and a good time for all. The 34th Indiana Open, held March 21st to 23rd at Sheraton Inn - East had one match decided with a 16 cube and tournament winner, Mike Keener, lost in the first round and then won 9 straight matches to capture his first title. After his first round loss, Mike's chances of winning the tournament were 1 in 512 - a real long shot. Three local players, RON BLACK, CYRUS MOBED and WALTER WALLACE made their mark. WALTER and RON finished first, second respectively in the Novice Division while CRYUS won the Intermediate Jackpot. Backgammon parents are teaching their children well. Father Dean Muench took second in the Open Division while son Kevin placed second in the Novice consolation. Also, father Greg Varbinov captured second in the Intermediate while son Bob won the Novice Consolation. Jeff Kane, who won the Novice Division last fall in the Classic, won the Intermediate Division. At this rate, it will not be long before he tries his skills in the Open Division. And you Indianapolis players watch out! Cassie Curtis, Jim Curtis's 11 year old daughter, said she truly enjoyed her first tournament and shows promise.

Open (32)

1st Mike Keener - Detroit, MI
2nd Dean Muench - Chicago, IL
C 1 Carol Joy Cole - Flint, MI
C 2 Jack Kissane - Albany, NY

Intermediate (29)

1st Jeff Kane - Milwaukee
2nd Greg Vabinov - Ft. Wayne
C 1 Bob Zavoral - Kansas City
C 2 Orris Solberg - Milwaukee

Novice (19)

1st WALTER WALLACE - INDIANAPOLIS
2nd RON BLACK - INDIANAPOLIS
C 1 Bob Vabinov - Ft. Wayne
C 2 Kevin Muench - Chicago

Open Doubles(16)

1st D. I. Long/Ed O'Laughlin - Louisville/Va
2nd Peter Kalba/Tom Walthes - Chicago

Open Doubles Jackpot(8)

1st Howard Markowitz/Bobbie Shifrin - Chicago

Limited Doubles(8)

1st Debi Fabrick/Susan Sylvester - Detroit
2nd David Libchaber/Greg Shore - Chicago

Sunday Open Jackpot(16)

1st Tom Walthes - Chicago
2nd John O'Hagan - South Bend, IN

Sunday Intermediate Jackpot(8)

1st CYRUS MOBED - INDIANAPOLIS
2nd Al Imm - Valparaiso

Mark Your Calender - HBC Sunday Tournament - May 04th, 1986 - Woodland Bowl 96th & Keystone
Registration Noon to 12:45 PM - Play Begins 1:00 PM - Open \$65 - Interm \$25 - Novice \$10

Results from Louisville - Butch Meese Doubles-Up!!

Six Indianapolis players, Jim Curtis, Jim and Barbara Knauer, Butch and Mary Ann Meese, and Larry Strommen took in the action at the Bluegrass Regional Backgammon Tournament in Louisville. BUTCH MEESE finished second in the AA Division to Norbert Barrone of West Los Angeles. You've got to watch out for those California rollers. BUTCH, also, teamed with Ed O'Laughlin of Arlington, Virginia to tie 3rd/4th in the Open Team.

AAA Division(32)

1st Joe Sylvester - Detroit
2nd David Todd "DT" - Detroit
3rd Steve Brown - Minnesota

AA Division(33)

1st Norbert Barrone - West LA
2nd BUTCH MEESE - Indianapolis
3rd Carl Severino - Peoria, IL

A Division(14)

1st Jeff Kane - Milwaukee
2nd Joy Schaffner - Canada
3rd Ralph Schaffner - Canada

Open Team (32)

1st Sam Janjigian/Wanda Mortuk - Mass/Mich
2nd Dave Cramer/Bobbie Shifrin - Chicago
/3 Laura Mirsky/Ed Petrillo - FL
\4 BUTCH MEESE/Ed O'Laughlin - Indpls/Va

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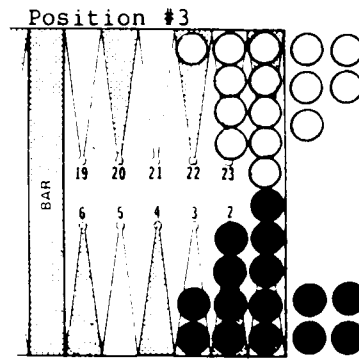
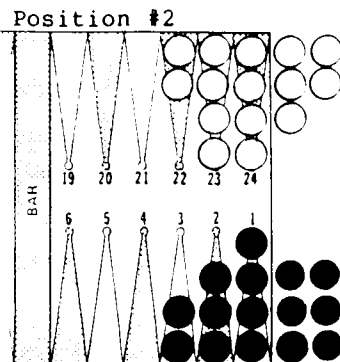
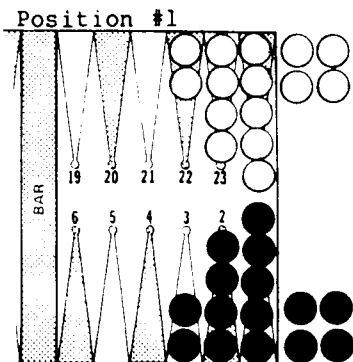
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To Double or Not To Double

In the positions below, all are money games with the cube in the middle. In each situation, determine if there is a double. The answers are below.

- Position #1 1) "●" on roll, is it a double? If "●" doubles, as "○" do you Take?
 Position #2 1) "●" on roll, is it a double? If "●" doubles, as "○" do you Take?
 2) "○" on roll, is it a double? If "○" doubles, as "●" do you Take?
 Position #3 1) "●" on roll, is it a double? If "●" doubles, as "○" do you Take?
 2) "○" on roll, is it a double? If "○" doubles, as "●" do you Take?



1986 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of March 31st.

1) Butch Meese	2.53	Dave Taggart	0.58	Tony Giordano	0.15
2) Cyrus Mobed	2.05	Art Overbay	0.50	Kim Schafer	0.12
3) Jim Curtis	2.04	Tim Dailey	0.48	Elle Walker	0.12
4) Larry Strommen	1.93	R. C. Robins	0.48	Cassie Curtis	0.10
5) Walter Wallace	1.26	Glenn Crawford	0.42	Arch Turner	0.10
6) Lou Ramer	1.25	Chris Stanford	0.32	Frank Alexander	0.08
7) Ron Black	1.11	Tom Walker	0.32	Dorisan Overbay	0.08
8) Mary Ann Meese	1.11	Margaret Roberts	0.30	Mike Fairfax	0.08
9) Scott Arche	1.00	Bill Julian	0.28	Jim Wilson	0.08
10) Ralph Roberts	0.96	Lynn Bennett	0.23	Mike Norman	0.04
Lou Newport	0.84	Tom Hendryx	0.20	Joe Sauter	0.02
Roy Gearhart	0.84	Deborah Salzberg	0.20	Barb Messersmith	0.02
Ed Wright	0.62	Todd Stanley	0.16		
Brenda Turner	0.61	Frank Scott	0.15		

Weekly Results	Open Division	2nd	Intermediate Division
Mar 05	Cyrus Mobed	Larry Strommen	1st
Mar 12	Roy Gearhart	Butch Meese	Deborah Salzberg
Mar 19	Butch Meese	Jim Curtis	
Mar 26	Ralph Roberts	/ Brenda Turner	
		\ Mary Ann Meese	



Wednesday evening play at 96th & Keystone 844-4099

Use the entrance to the Sports Page Lounge just below the BIG bowling pin.

** Open Division \$10.00 ** Intermediate Division \$5.00 **

Play Begins at 7:00 PM ** Bring a NEW Player and you play for free.

Weekly Play is picking up with one or two new players a week. HBC will be glad to work with the new player to orient them to the rules. It will take time, so be patient. Play starts at 7:00 PM so we can be finished by 11:00 PM. If you plan to play, but find yourself running a little late just call the Sports Page Lounge at the Woodland Bowl. Leave a message so we can hold a spot for you. The director of the weekly tournament may find it necessary to adjust the format in the most equitable manner to assure a timely finish.

Answers: "To Double or Not To Double"

The most important factors about these no-miss bearoff positions is which side is on-roll and the number of pieces left on each side. In even positions, both sides having the same number of pieces, being on-roll is a big advantage as in Positions #1 and #2. In uneven positions, the number of rolls to bearoff needs to be counted to determine who favored. In counting the number of rolls, having a odd number is just like having the next highest even number of pieces. In Position #2, "○" has 10 pieces and "●" has 9 pieces, but both will average the same number of rolls to bearoff. It is not the same as in Position #3. "●" has 11 pieces and "○" has 10. Because "○" has 11 pieces which is like having 12, it will take one more roll to bearoff. This explains why "○" is favored in Position #3.

Position #1 1) "●" is 70.6% and it is a double. "○" is 29.4% and has a take.
 Position #2 1) "●" is 72.6% and it is a double. "○" is 27.4% and has a take.
 2) "○" is also 72.6%. Plays the same as if "●" is on-roll.
 Position #3 1) "●" on roll with 37.1% to win and it is not a double. "○" has a beaver.
 2) "○" on roll with 93.5% to win and has a double. "●" has a drop.
 "○" needs 5 or less rolls to bearoff and "●" needs 6 or less and being on-roll gives "○" the big advantage.