



**Caesars Tahoe Backgammon Tournament**

Gorgeous Lake Tahoe was the setting for NNBA hosted Caesars Tahoe Backgammon Tournament where over 330 players competed for prizes and trophies.

Six HBC players, Wendy Kaplan, Mary Ann Meese, Butch Meese, David Smith, Chuck Stimming and Don Woods were in attendance with Wendy cashing in the Open Division.

**Open Division (119)**

**Flight I**

- 1st Drew Giovanis
- 2nd Howard Markowitz
- 3/4 Eliot Bean
- 3/4 Nathan Jones
- 5/8 Wendy Kaplan
- 5/8 Bill Barron
- 5/8 Peter Gala
- 5/8 Max Shapiro

**Flight II**

- 1st Vladimir Dobrich
- 2nd Doug Mayfield
- 3/4 Aram Koulyan
- 3/4 Hossein Zafarianian

**Flight III**

- 1st Yamin Yamin
- 2nd Ali Zaltash
- 3/4 Mike Senkiewicz
- 3/4 Doug Wilson

**Colossus (45)**

- 1st Mike Corbett
- 2nd Mike Senkiewicz
- 3/4 Joe Sylvester
- 3/4 Joe Russell

**Colossus OverFlow (8)**

- 1st Jim Pasko
- 2nd Stuart Dunkin

**Doubles I (32)**

- 1st Art Benjamin/Trish Hegland
- 2nd Hal Heinrich/Bill Scollard
- 3/4 Jona Alexander/Bob Glass
- 3/4 Ami Tennenbaum/Harriet Klein

**Intermediate Division (164)**

**Flight I**

- 1st George Foster
- 2nd Duane Eshima
- 3/4 Thomas Hanlon
- 3/4 Mike Snow
- 5/8 Duane Boeck
- 5/8 Jonathan Bennetts
- 5/8 Richard Miles
- 5/8 Kathy Rudnick

**Flight II**

- 1st John Ritchie
- 2nd Peter Zacks
- 3/4 Wanda Mortuk
- 3/4 Richard Packard

**Flight III**

- 1st Mike Colgan
- 2nd Kevin McDonough
- 3/4 Dante Bains
- 3/4 Peter Panagotacos

**Kickoff (512)**

- 1st Yamin Yamin
- 2nd Hal Heinrich
- 3/4 Bill Robertie
- 3/4 Howard Robinson

**Open Jackpot #2 (16)**

- 1st Gary Kay
- 2nd Tommy Thomson
- 3/4 Ismet Demirel
- 3/4 Bob Glass

**Doubles II (16)**

- 1st Azzam Masarani/Joe Harris
- 2nd Tom Leslie/Otis Chenault

**Doubles III (8)**

- 1st Bill Kennedy/Scott McKenzie

**Novice Division (48)**

**Flight I**

- 1st Sherry Lee
- 2nd Dan Wesley
- 3/4 Dennis Cupp
- 3/4 Mark Zak

**Flight II**

- 1st Nick Babakanian
- 2nd Marjorie Gibbs
- 3/4 Mansour Mashhadian
- 3/4 Carol Leatherman

**Flight III**

- 1st Alkis Pappas
- 2nd Barbara Liston

**Novice Jackpot #1 (16)**

- 1st Barbara Fogerland
- 2nd Corlan Chinn

**Novice Jackpot #2 (8)**

- 1st Diane Hoag

**Open Jackpot #1 (32)**

- 1st Doug Mayfield
- 2nd Alan Steffen
- 3/4 Jim Gibbs
- 3/4 Bill Robertie

**Interm. Jackpot (64)**

- 1st Al Demirjian
- 2nd Kevin McDonough
- 3/4 Azzam Masarani
- 3/4 Jim Wark



**New Backgammon Publications**

In the last month two new backgammon publications have surfaced. The first, **LeadingEdge Backgammon**, is offered by Roy Friedman. A one-year subscription (six issues) is \$30 in the USA and Canada, and US\$45 in other countries. Order from Roy Friedman, 18 Potter Pond, Lexington, MA 02173. The second, **Inside Backgammon**, is offered by Kent Goulding and Bill Robertie. It will be published six times a year beginning with Volume I, Number I, on January 1, 1991. A one-year subscription by first-class mail is \$40 in the US, US\$45 for surface overseas and US\$60 overseas air mail. Order from **Inside Backgammon**, P. O. Box 294, Arlington, MA 02174.

**HBC Fall One-Day Tournament**

<b>Open(15)</b>	1st Butch Meese 2nd Don Woods 2nd Dave Cardwell (Atlanta)	<b>Intermediate (6)</b>	1st Monte Bowman 2nd Beverly Klene (Chicago)
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HBC's monthly newsletter for active HBC members and subscribers.

Subscription rate: \$7/year (Canada \$8 & overseas \$12). Let us know if your address changes.

**HBC Hotline:** Butch & Mary Ann Meese: (317) 845-8435. 7620 Kilmer Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46256-1634

Weekly Results	Oct 4th	Oct 11th	Oct 18th	Oct 25th
Open 1st	Mary Ann Meese	Larry Strommen	Don Woods	Larry Strommen
2nd	Wendy Kaplan	Don Woods	Cyrus Mobed	Ken Bruck
2nd	Woody Woodworth	Dave Smith	Chuck Stimming	

Weekly Results	Nov 1st	Nov 8th	Nov 15th	Nov 29th
Open 1st	Jeff Baker	Wendy Kaplan	Ken Bruck	Don Woods
2nd	Wendy Kaplan	Woody Woodworth	Teri Ivey Long	Monte Bowman
2nd	Don Woods	Kevin McLeaster	Wendy Kaplan	David Smith

**Hoosier Pips:** Thanks to the flu bug that bit in November, this month's newsletter is a double issue.... R.I.P. Sincere condolences to Chuck Stimming and his family on the death of his wife November 11th.... We hope Lincoln Bedell will soon be back in good health after a severe fractured left arm and lengthy bout with laryngitis.... Yamin Yamin has been winning events all over the country this year but most recently won his biggest prize of the year - the heart of Darcy Brady; they were married on November 23rd, Congrats.... The lone visitor to HBC for October was Bob Zavoral (Chicago).... HBC welcomes new player Judy McHale.... Congratulations and best wishes to Quint and Tippi McTyeire (Louisville) on their October 13th wedding.... Congratulations to Larry Strommen who won the Cavendish North Sunday Tournament in Michigan, November 11th.... Louisville Backgammon Club invites you to the 1st Annual D. I. Long Memorial/Invitational Backgammon Tournament, Saturday, January 19th at Holiday Inn, Rivermont in Louisville - call Scott Arche (502) 429-0153 for information.... Condolences to our friend Dave Cardwell on the death of his father November 14th.

1990 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings as of November 30, 1990						
1)	Don Woods	15.77	Bob Goodlett	1.08	Bev Nelson	0.20
2)	Butch Meese	15.20	Howard Givel	1.04	Christopher White	0.20
3)	Chuck Stimming	15.14	Pete Ryder	1.00	Amber Wiesler	0.20
4)	Ken Bruck	14.16	Bill Hodes	1.00	Mark Mikolon	0.20
5)	Wendy Kaplan	13.16	Chuck Winters	0.92	Harold Branch	0.16
6)	Larry Strommen	11.30	Bill Gheen	0.84	Judy McHale	0.16
7)	Woody Woodworth	10.41	John Brussel	0.80	Lenny Loder	0.16
8)	Mary Ann Meese	10.26	Ralph Roberts	0.72	Ben Elliott	0.16
9)	David Smith	9.36	Christine Riha	0.72	Marc Gray	0.16
10)	John Cinatl	7.87	Teri Ivey Long	0.70	Dave Fey	0.16
	Cyrus Mobed	7.56	Ellis Bray	0.64	Doug Johnson	0.16
	Gabe Stiasny	5.97	Linc Bedell	0.60	Tom Hendryx	0.12
	Kevin McLeaster	5.94	Scott Roberts	0.60	Don Watkins	0.12
	Frank Scott	5.88	Rick Bieniak	0.60	Gloria White	0.10
	Mick Dobratz	5.45	Carolyn Doyle	0.60	John Stryker	0.08
	Jeff Baker	4.64	Preston Breunig	0.60	Larry Lesniak	0.08
	Kay Beck	4.22	Bill Julian	0.56	Greg Tomlin	0.08
	Sharon Lennon	4.06	Larry Buckingham	0.56	John O'Hagan	0.08
	Brian Nelson	3.98	Bob Burkhalter	0.48	Ed King	0.08
	Jim Curtis	3.68	Jay Ward	0.42	Mark King	0.08
	Dave Cardwell	3.38	Margaret Roberts	0.40	Jack Esselman	0.08
	Philip Degen	2.77	Beverly Klene	0.40	Jeane Eggenberger	0.08
	June Werner	2.72	Jay Mershon	0.40	Kevin Garrison	0.06
	Glenn Theobald	2.65	Bob Zavoral	0.36	Ismet Demirel	0.04
	Peg Simsic	2.35	Quint McTyeire	0.32	Jim Smyth	0.04
	Monte Bowman	2.30	Doug Roberts	0.32	Eric George	0.04
	Cyndi White	1.99	Lara Simsic	0.30	Scott Arche	0.04
	Fred Brooks	1.73	Cassie Curtis	0.28	Jim Knauer	0.04
	Gino Agresti	1.50	Jamie Curtis	0.28	George Crawford	0.04
	Scott Richardson	1.42	Dennis Schulte	0.28	Peter Kalba	0.04
	Terry Kuchenbrod	1.30	Stu Whitcomb	0.26	Lou Ramer	0.02
	Marty Lindenmayer	1.28	Randall Witt	0.24		
	Jim Gatesman	1.25	Rick Reahard	0.24		

**Wendy Kaplan Opens THE TRADING LIBRARY - Offers free BG Lessons.**

Wendy Kaplan opened THE TRADING LIBRARY on November 5th. It deals in used books, CDs, games and puzzles. Wendy says "There is a demand for used backgammon sets and out-of-print backgammon publications". Those items can be traded for store credit. There is a larger demand for used CDs (compact discs) which can be traded for store credit. Wendy has volunteered her time to teach beginning backgammon lesson as well as any specific aspect of the game (ie. backgames, holding games, etc). The store is located at 1912 Broad Ripple Avenue (62nd Street) and can be reached at (317) 255-5852.

**Reno Masters Tournament**  
**Joe Sylvester vs Ed O'Laughlin**  
**21 Point Match**

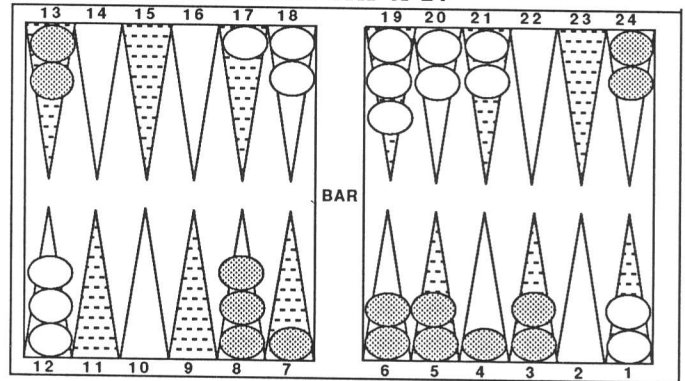
The **HBC Newsletter** presents the remaining games of a match from the Masters Event at the Reno Tournament between Joe Sylvester and Ed O'Laughlin.

**Instructions:** You will need a backgammon board to follow along. The board is numbered 1 to 24 with all points numbered based on the view of the player on roll. The home portion of the board is numbered 1-6. Bearing off is denoted as moving to the 0 'zero' point. Each player will always be moving from a higher to lower point with only the point(s) moved to used. To make it easier to follow, the larger number rolled is denoted first. In some situations where the smaller number rolled is forced, it will be presented first. An example: being on the BAR with a roll of 52 with the 5-point made and the 2-point open.

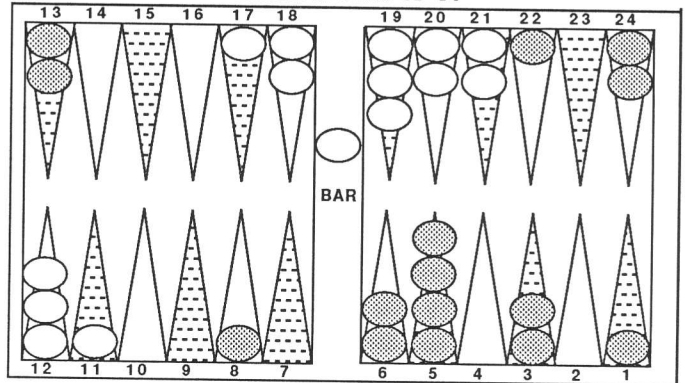
Abbreviations used are CB - Closed Board, EF - Entry Failure, NP - No Play Possible, x - opponents piece was hit, 5<sup>2</sup> - superscribe denotes 2 or more pieces moving to the same point; this example has 2 pieces moving to the 5 point.

In the doubling positions, Joe is the dark checkers and Ed the light checkers and are shown from Joe's side of the board. Study the doubling positions first before going through the games.

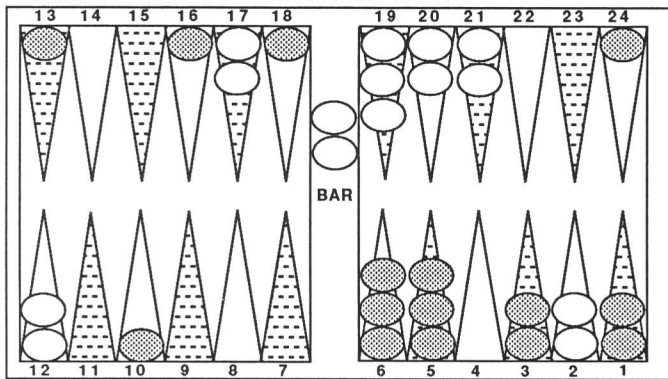
**Game 8 Move 5 White Dbls to 2?**



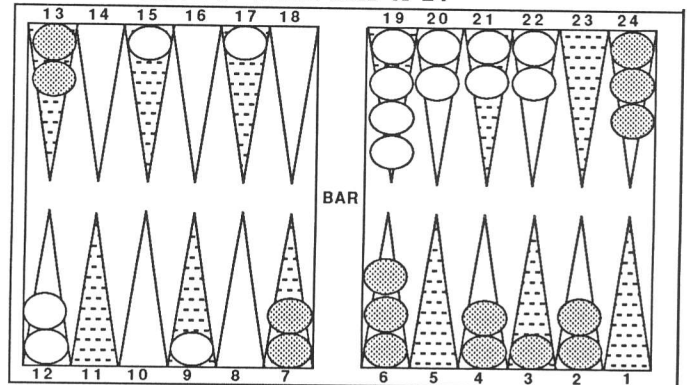
**Game 8 Move 8 Black Redbls to 4?**



**Game 7 Move 10 Black Dbls to 2?**



**Game 9 Move 6 White Dbls to 2?**



**SEASON'S GREETINGS**



Schedule of BACKGAMMON Events (Information and entry forms available thru HBC)		
JAN 13th	HBC January One-Day Tournament - Grisantis, Indianapolis	HBC Hotline
Jan 19th	1st Annual D. I. Long Backgammon Tournament - Louisville	(502) 429-0153
Jan 30-Feb3	8th Nevada State Championship - Nugget, Reno	(702) 826-1984
FEB 10th	HBC 1990 Awards Tournament - Grisantis, Indianapolis	HBC Hotline
JAN 10th	HBC March One-Day Tournament - Grisantis, Indianapolis	HBC Hotline
Mar 22-24	1991 Midwest Championships - Marriot Hotel, Oak Brook, IL	(312) 338-6380
Apr 19-21	12th Granite State - Location tentative	
THURSDAYS	7:00 PM at <b>Grisanti's</b> - Northside of Castleton Square on 86th St	842-8323

# Masters

# 21 Point Match

Game 7				
Joe Sylvester - 2/21		Ed O'Laughlin - 14/21		
Roll	Play	Roll	Play	
1)	--	---	42	4 <sup>2</sup>
2)	43	9 10	31	5 <sup>2</sup>
3)	31	5 <sup>2</sup>	41	8
4)	55	5 4 3 <sup>2</sup>	31	21x 23
5)	51	24 1	31	9
6)	32	4x-1	62	23 7
7)	63	18x 10	66	EF
8)	64	18 6	51	EF
9)	32	10 16x	61	EF
10)		dbl to 2?		pass

Game 9				
Joe Sylvester - 7/21		Ed O'Laughlin - 14/21		
Roll	Play	Roll	Play	
1)	--	---	31	5 <sup>2</sup>
2)	54	8 9	65	13
3)	21	7 <sup>2</sup>	55	3 <sup>2</sup>
4)	44	4 <sup>2</sup> 2 <sup>2</sup>	53	8 10
5)	62	5	44	20x-16 4 <sup>2</sup>
6)	51	24 3		dbl to 2?
7)		pass		

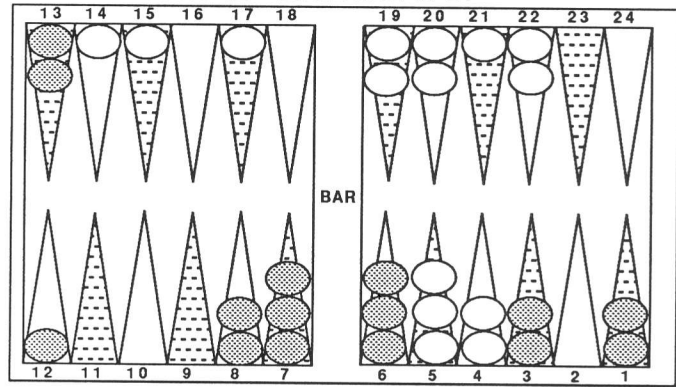
Game 8				
Joe Sylvester - 3/21		Ed O'Laughlin - 14/21		
Roll	Play	Roll	Play	
1)	--	---	31	5 <sup>2</sup>
2)	51	8 5	52	8 4
3)	41	9 5	31	4
4)	63	3 <sup>2</sup>	61	7 <sup>2</sup>
5)	64	7 4		dbl to 2?
6)		take	64	18x-14
7)	33	22 1x 5 <sup>2</sup>	65	EF
8)		dbl to 4?		take
9)	41	1 23	43	21 5
10)	42	4x 11x	41	21x EF
11)	55	EF	31	EF
12)	31	22 4x	65	EF
13)	41	7 22	31	EF
14)	54	4	53	EF
15)	66	4 16	41	EF
16)	51	17 15	65	EF
17)	42	11 22	63	EF
18)	32	8 15	21	23 EF
19)	65	2x <sup>2</sup>	--	CB
20)	33	3 <sup>2</sup> 2 <sup>2</sup>	43	EF
21)	33	1 <sup>3</sup> NP	11	EF
22)	32	10	32	EF
23)	53	14	61	19 EF
24)	52	3	54	21 8
25)	65	3	61	15 6
26)	65	0 <sup>2</sup>	32	10 6
27)	31	0 <sup>2</sup>	54	6 <sup>F15</sup>
28)	21	0 <sup>2</sup>	52	6
29)	21	0 <sup>2</sup>	22	6 17 5
30)	31	0 <sup>2</sup>	22	9
31)	42	0 <sup>2</sup>	41	5 3
32)	32	game		

Game 10				
Joe Sylvester - 7/21		Ed O'Laughlin - 15/21		
Roll	Play	Roll	Play	
1)	--	---	53	3 <sup>2</sup>
2)	32	10 11	33	21 <sup>2</sup> 5 <sup>2</sup>
3)	44	9 <sup>3</sup> 6	64	7 9
4)	51	18x	51	24 1x
5)	51	24x 1x	54	20 21
6)	21	16x 5x	55	20x <sup>2</sup> 1x 15
7)	31	24x EF	32	20
8)	42	21 9	32	18 13
9)	41	16	42	14 11
10)	61	3 23	22	8 11
11)	22	7 <sup>3</sup> 1	51	8 12
12)	53	18 13x	11	EF
13)	54	13 12	21	23 10
14)	53	3 <sup>2</sup>	43	4 20
15)		dbl to 2?		take
16)	53	7 3	53	15 8
17)	66	7 <sup>2</sup> 2 <sup>2</sup>	63	4 12
18)	32	1 <sup>F6</sup>	53	7 5
19)	54	1 3	63	2 <sup>2</sup>
20)	52	2 1	51	15 <sup>F21</sup>
21)	11	6 <sup>4</sup>	54	6
22)	31	0 <sup>2</sup>	41	3 5
23)	63	0 <sup>2</sup>	62	12
24)	31	3 0	43	5
25)	62	0 4x	31	EF
26)	31	0 <sup>F4</sup>	43	21 17
27)	62	0 <sup>2</sup>	21	18
28)	43	0 <sup>2</sup>	33	6
29)	33	gammon		

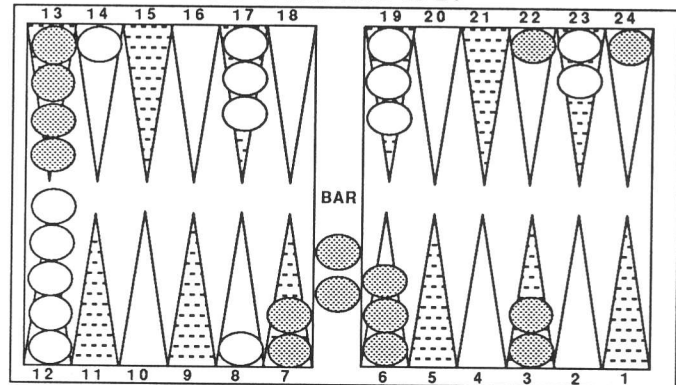


Game 11				
Joe Sylvester - 11/21		Ed O'Laughlin - 15/21		
Roll	Play	Roll	Play	
1)	--	---	32	21 11
2)	61	7 <sup>2</sup>	52	16 22
3)	53	3x <sup>2</sup>	43	21 13
4)	21	4x 23	44	21x-17x 2x <sup>2</sup>
5)	32	22 EF		dbl to 2?
6)		take	65	7 3x
7)	51	24 20	41	3 5x
8)	42	21 EF	31	5 <sup>F8</sup> 10
9)	31	21 <sup>F</sup> Bar	54	8 <sup>F17</sup>
10)	22	9 5 <sup>2</sup>	53	8 10
11)	21	10	63	7 <sup>2</sup>
12)	62	15x 8	32	23 10x
13)	66	EF	52	16x
14)	43	21 EF	11	7 <sup>F10</sup> 15
15)	43	21 10x	52	18
16)	22	7x 8	53	EF
17)	64	11	64	15
18)	63	2 4	54	6
19)	33	2 <sup>F11</sup> 5	41	3 <sup>F8</sup>
20)	41	2 4	51	2 5
21)	52	14	41	4x <sup>2</sup>
22)	53	EF	63	2 4
23)	55	EF	21	4 <sup>F7</sup>
24)	63	EF	42	2 4
25)	51	19 <sup>F</sup> Bar	53	0 2
26)	63	13 11	33	0 <sup>3</sup> NP
27)	53	6 10	53	0 NP
28)	33	1 <sup>F10</sup> 3	41	0 3
29)	62	18 22x	64	EF
30)		dbl to 4?		take
31)	54	9	61	24x-18
32)	51	20 8	31	17x-14
33)	22	EF	61	7
34)	63	22 14	32	4 0
35)	65	11	22	2 0 <sup>3</sup>
36)	54	6 10	65	0 <sup>2</sup>
37)	52	15	32	0 <sup>2</sup>
38)	21	gammon		
	JS - 13		EO - 21	Match

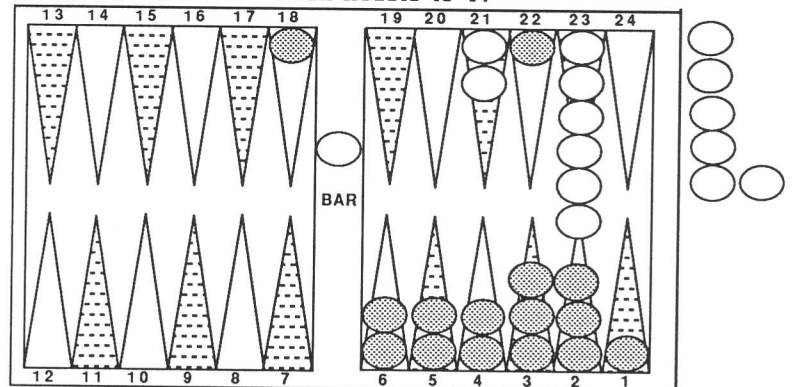
Game 10 Move 15 Black Dbls to 27



Game 11 Move 5 White Dbls to 27



Game 11 Move 30 Black Redbls to 47



**Smaller Precision Dice**

A new smaller size (9/16") precision dice are now available. They come in four transparent colors; red, green, dark blue and amber. These dice provide a more random roll with a limited amount of shaking. These are especially nice for the popular smaller cups. You can order from Larry Strommen (317) 545-0224 at \$5.25 each.

**1991 HBC Tournament Schedule**

HBC has been unable to secure a quality hotel in the spring for the annual INDIANA Open Backgammon Tournament so at this time there will not be a spring week-end tournament in Indianapolis. Stay tuned next month for further developments on a fall weekend tournament. HBC has scheduled a series of monthly one-day tournaments. The first three are set for January 13th, February 10th (1990 Awards Tournament) and March 10th and will be held at Grisanti's in Castleton. Stay tuned for more dates for 1991.



CASUAL ITALIAN RESTAURANT

HBC ratings thru November 30, 1990			
Name	(High-Low)	Expr	W-L(%Win)
1) Mick Dobratz	1869 (1872-1640)	560	51-19(72.9%)
2) Wendy Kaplan	1855 (1909-1711)	1165	98-53(64.9%)
3) Don Woods	1799 (1799-1449)	1397	105-86(55.0%)
4) Chuck Stimming	1733 (1891-1644)	1460	112-77(59.3%)
5) Ken Bruck	1711 (1739-1524)	1086	89-65(57.8%)
6) Howard Givel	1650 (1813-1609)	481	29-34(46.0%)
7) Jeff Baker	1605 (1643-1496)	400	31-23(57.4%)
8) Bob Goodlett	1599 (1675-1563)	493	28-27(50.9%)
9) Woody Woodworth	1597 (1751-1551)	1378	93-87(51.7%)
10) Dave Cardwell	1586 (1623-1586)	240	16-13(55.2%)
11) Butch Meese	1576 (1853-1551)	1538	107-95(53.0%)
12) George Crawford	1567 (1709-1567)	234	10-16(38.5%)
13) Mary Ann Meese	1551 (1658-1405)	1210	83-83(50.0%)
14) Rick Reahard	1540 (1562-1511)	63	5-4(55.6%)
15) Frank Scott	1538 (1605-1455)	509	46-35(56.8%)
16) Sharon Lennon	1533 (1553-1530)	260	17-15(53.1%)
17) Larry Strommen	1528 (1641-1461)	1296	87-91(48.9%)
18) Ralph Roberts	1522 (1522-1412)	246	17-11(60.7%)
19) Ellis Bray	1519 (1523-1418)	486	23-31(42.6%)
20) Gaby Stiasny	1517 (1572-1482)	534	38-40(48.7%)
21) Bill Hodes	1504 (1538-1409)	261	12-17(41.4%)
22) Eric George	1502 (1526-1502)	14	0-2( 0.0%)
23) David Smith	1492 (1544-1297)	1246	72-92(43.9%)
24) Bill Gheen	1483 (1572-1437)	252	10-18(35.7%)
25) Cyrus Mobed	1469 (1571-1433)	855	59-68(46.5%)
26) Philip Degen	1444 (1519-1444)	316	19-21(47.5%)
27) Jim Curtis	1430 (1553-1371)	618	30-37(44.8%)
28) Kevin McLeaster	1422 (1455-1338)	746	52-58(47.3%)
29) Brian Nelson	1410 (1607-1388)	724	41-57(41.8%)
30) Glenn Theobald	1381 (1398-1322)	264	22-22(50.0%)
31) Gino Agresti	1362 (1394-1291)	154	12-10(54.5%)
32) Bill Julian	1331 (1387-1319)	328	15-25(37.5%)
33) John Cinatl	1326 (1480-1326)	751	50-65(43.5%)
34) Jim Knauer	1326 (1326-1270)	230	9-17(34.6%)
35) Marty Lindenmayer	1320 (1344-1270)	132	12-10(54.5%)
36) Scott Richardson	1288 (1344-1269)	231	14-25(35.9%)
37) Kay Beck	1240 (1312-1187)	879	48-79(37.8%)

So, what happened? Not very good - I got gammoned - match over. Could I have possibly made a cube error? Again?

After rolling off some ten or so, I got the clear message - it was a wipeout! I stubbornly completed the entire 200, partly to get the numbers, but mostly for the discipline. Read punishment. It was my way of telling myself not to do it again.

Back early in reform school, I was taught that when the whole army faces blots - bet on the army! What was I "thinking" about? I believe I rationalized somehow like - white's position is "inflexible". Would leave some shots - would sustain some hits. And didn't I have a better board? I don't think I even counted the race, which was as you can plainly see, 100 to 83 (unadjusted).

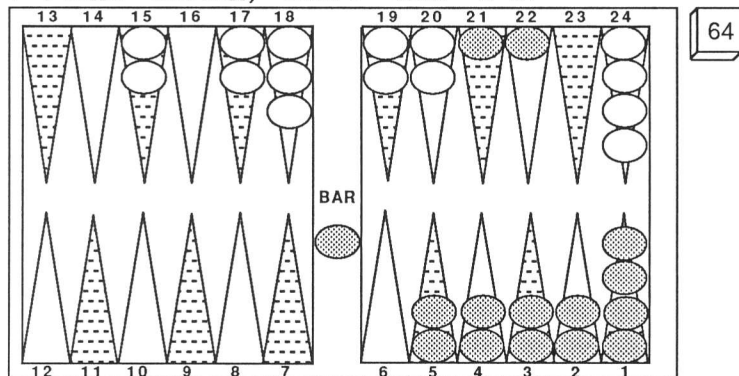
So how bad was it? It was BAD! Instead of losing 200 or less to justify a take in 200 samples, the roll out showed a loss of 332 net points. 332! 332!!

I decided while still in Remedial Backgammon to work some more with this position. I made a small adjustment. Move one blot back from white's 4-point to his 3-point to form an anchor. The other blot remains on the bar. That doesn't figure to be a take either, of course, but how bad can it be? It worked out to look like a rather close drop with black losing 236 net points. So we see that an anchor made a great difference. A take here would at least have been a more respectable error.

**Title: A Lesson Learned Again!**

I was Black in a match to 7 with the score tied at 3. White doubled me and I took. A kibitzer almost fell off his chair. I said, "Wouldn't you take that?" and he said "I wouldn't take it in a match or for money at any time or under any circumstances!"

7-Point Match, Score tied 3-3.



Well, he can be subtle if he wants, I got the drift anyway. He was dubious about my judgement in taking the cube. He would probably have dropped, I gathered.

Now let's try something else. Let's put all three stragglers on white's 3-point making an anchor with a spare and leaving nothing on the bar. That roll-out showed black losing 186 net points and apparently, that would be a close take.

In looking at the breakdown below, notice in addition to the total points, the difference in wins by underdog black and the difference in gammons:

Var.	Net Points	White	Black
		plain-gmms-bgs	plain-gmms-bgs
I	-332	108-50-1	37-3-1
II	-236	132-18-0	50-0-0
III	-186	142- 3-0	55-0-0

Hey, where did the gammons go? For the underdog, we notice the beneficial effect of each little improvement. So I relearned something. Never again!

Now, whenever I get a little expansive and start to think of myself as something of a backgammon player, maybe I can get the right mix of confidence and humility by directing my thoughts back to Variation I.

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