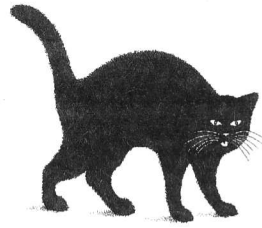


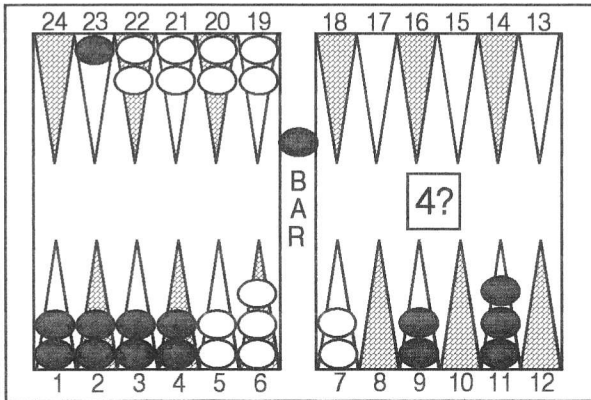
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October 1995

Problem of the Month

7-Point Match
White - 0 Black - 1
White doubles to 4?



Mary Ann and I have been involved with the **Indiana Open** for over 10 years. It's a lot of work, but a labor of love whose reward are the many friends we've made. Most of them come, play and cause little or no problems.

Jim Curtis is a fine example and a true gentleman. He has attended all the **Indiana Open** tournaments. He comes, he plays and never causes any problems. As his children grew up, he would share his love of the game with them. This year was no different. Jim entered the doubles with his son, Jamie. But his year was special... they won the doubles.

As tournaments go, each one has its own problems. This year it was that 3 or 4 lucky players were alive in more than one event during the final day where the winners are determined. Jim and Jamie entered the Doubles on Friday and won 4 rounds to make the final 4. In the last 2 or 3 **Indiana Opens**, 16 teams is all we could muster. We reached 20 plus teams Friday even with all the other events going on. We decided to leave doubles open and shoot for 32 teams.

Late Sunday, we got our last teams to reach 32, but they still needed to play 5 rounds. By this time, Jim and Jamie had won their semi-final

match against James Rosten (NY) and J. A. Miller (Chicago) and waited for the field to play down to them. They had to wait until Monday afternoon. So who would they play? Only time would tell.

The other side of the grid showed two strong teams playing to get to the finals; Frank Frigo(KY)/Mike Fujita(CA) or Phil Laak(CA)/Jeff Acierno(NY). 1994 World Champion Frank Frigo and San Diego Director Mike Fujita would be their opponents in the final. (Mike had made it to the final 8 of the World Championship this year.)

When the match started, Jim and Jamie won the first game and reached the position to the right in game two. The position is strange enough. Black has lost its 6-point while White's armies are split big time. An intermediate player might be scared off by this unusual position and drop. When the cube reaches 4 in a 7-point match, there is a good chance that it will decide the match.

I was very happy to hear that the Curtis's had won. I had also heard that they took a *bad* cube to do so. I did not see this position until after the tournament. In fact, Mary Ann and I had dinner with Mike Fujita, Ray Baker and Nora Luna and was shown the position then. My first reaction was that I would take in a money game. When I got home, I plugged the position into JellyFish. I remember that Black's equity was greater than 30%. Jim has never been known to back down from an *iffy* cube. End result...Jim and Jamie won the match by gammoning Frank and Mike from this game. Congratulations Jim and Jamie.

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1995 HOOSIER BACKGAMMON CLUB Gammon Point Standings.

HBC Player of the Month for September was Mary Ann Meese with 164 gammon points.

1) Butch Meese..... 1284	Jim Curtis..... 118	David Smith..... 20
2) Chuck Stimming..... 1275	Peter Kalba..... 116	Jim Bowman..... 20
3) Larry Strommen..... 982	Rick Reahard..... 110	Jon Stephens..... 20
4) Ellis Bray..... 950	Scott Richardson..... 96	Jim Painter..... 20
5) Don Woods..... 896	Brian Nelson..... 88	Bud Maniac..... 20
6) Woody Woodworth..... 892	Karen Davis..... 84	Bob Cassell..... 20
7) Mary Ann Meese..... 726	John Brussel..... 84	Richard Heinz..... 16
8) Dave Groner..... 636	J.A. Miller..... 80	Lance Jenkins..... 16
9) Sean Garber..... 602	Randall Witt..... 80	Elijah Miller..... 16
10) Gabe Stiasny..... 588	Stan Gurvitz..... 76	Jamie Curtis..... 15
Jan Gurvitz..... 443	Philip Degen..... 68	Stephen Maas..... 10
Neil Ezell..... 320	Steve Perlman..... 64	Carol Falk..... 10
Chuck Bower..... 318	Wendy Kaplan..... 60	Ralph Stowell..... 10
Mick Dobratz..... 260	Dave Cardwell..... 50	Paul Ruterman..... 10
G.L. Harvey..... 168	Bill Julian..... 40	Tom Helt..... 10
Kevin McLeaster..... 150	Reggie Porter..... 32	Dave Fey..... 10
Bill Hodes..... 130	Fred Badagnani..... 30	Alice Gerard..... 10
Bill Gheen..... 126	Janice Newman..... 30	Dave Williams..... 10



Hoosier Pips: The **Louisville Gammon Gazette** reports that the Louisville Backgammon Club has scheduled their fall tournament for November 11-12 at the Captain's Quarters Restaurant. No other details given. Please call Harold Branch (502) 458-7468 if you are interested...In the last couple of months, the attendance has dropped off for Thursday evening play. If there is something keeping you away that we can help with let us know at 845-8435...*Gammon Points review:* the winner of each match wins 10 gammon points. When a player wins 1st, his match gammon points win are multiplied by 2 or when a player wins 2nd then the match gammon points are multiplied by 1.6. When there is more than one division, like the Indiana Open, the Open players receive 10 points for each match won, the Advance 8 points, Intermediate 5 points and Novice 3 points. Gammon points won during the **43rd Indiana Open** count towards **Player of the Year** but not towards **Player of the Month**.

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2nd	(s) Chuck Stimming	Mary Ann Meese	Chuck Stimming	Jim Curtis
2nd	(s) Larry Strommen

Backgammon Tournament Schedule

Oct 11-15..... 5th Illinois Championships & America Cup, Sheraton, Northbrook, IL.....	(708) 945-7801
Oct 27-29..... Autumn Gran Prix, Embassy Suite Hotel, La Jolla, CA.....	(619) 294-2007
Nov 3-5..... New England Backgammon Championships, Oak n' Spruce Resort, South Lee, MA..	(603) 863-4711
Nov 10-12.... NY/NJ BG CO-OP Big Apple Series, Oritani Hotel, Hackensack, NJ.....	(201) 833-2915
Nov 11-12.... Louisville Fall Tournament, Captain's Quarters, Louisville.....	(502) 458-7468
Nov 24-26.... Georgia Backgammon Championships, Atlanta, GA.....	(770) 441-2074