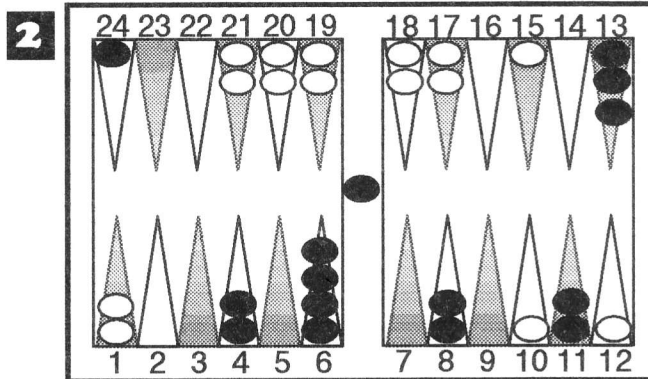




**5 Point Match - Post Crawford
Black-1 White-4 Black to play 1-1?**



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1996 HBC Gammon Point Standings.

Player of the Month for August was

Larry Strommen with 202 gammon points.

A close second was **Sean Garber** with 200 points.

Points for the **44th Indiana Open** are not included.

- 1) Sean Garber..... 1042
- 2) Don Woods..... 1012
- 3) Butch Meese..... 976
- 4) Larry Strommen..... 964
- 5) Jim Curtis..... 896
- 6) Dave Groner..... 774
- 7) Chuck Stimming..... 596
- 8) Mary Ann Meese..... 478
- 9) Jan Gurvitz..... 370
- 10) Gabe Stiasny..... 312
- Woody Woodworth..... 294
- Ellis Bray..... 288
- Kevin McLeaster..... 224
- Chuck Bower..... 218
- Neil Ezell..... 124
- Kevin Bastian..... 110
- Alan Haas..... 108
- Mary Franks..... 100
- Jamie Curtis..... 90
- Paul Magriel..... 80
- Janice Newman..... 80
- Bill Gheen..... 64
- Paul Franks..... 64
- Bill Julian..... 40
- Jon Vietor..... 40
- Shimi Dadon..... 30
- Oules Martene..... 20
- Artie Kamien..... 20
- Keith Jackson..... 20
- Bob Cassell..... 20
- Jon Stephens..... 20
- Brian Nelson..... 20
- Martha Ghio..... 20
- Stan Gurvitz..... 10
- John Nelson..... 10
- Randall Witt..... 10
- Howard Shirey..... 10
- Jeff Acierno..... 10

**44th Indiana Open
Backgammon Tournament**



Sir Dances-A-Lot Lady Die

Championship Division (45)

1st..... David Williams (CA)

2nd..... Bob Glass (CA)

C1st..... Paul Magriel (NY)

C2nd..... Jake Jacobs (IL)

Advanced Division (48)

1st..... Andy Palumbo (NY)

2nd..... Chester Warzel (IN)

C1st..... Fred Badagnani (MN)

C2nd..... James Rosten (NY)

Intermediate Division (14)

1st..... Diana Pianko (MI)

C1st..... Jan Gurvitz (IN)

C2nd..... Vinton Knarr (IL)

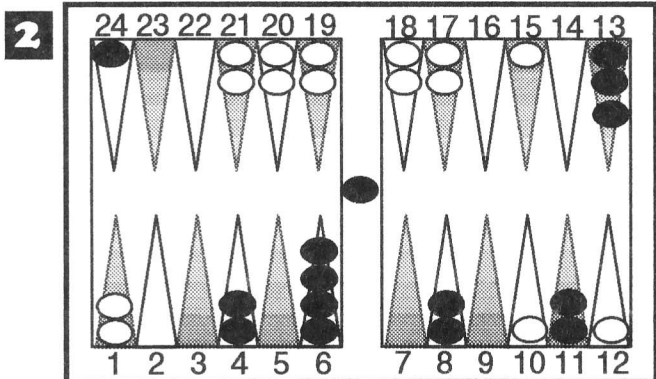
Novice Division (5)

1st..... Justin Counts (MI)

2nd..... Debbie Sandler (KY)

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5 Point Match - Post Crawford
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 by Butch Meese



As Black, I lost 4 points on a doubled-gammon in the first game and just missed winning a gammon on the Crawford Game. In this game, White just rolled double 5's to made the 5-point prime. If there was ever a great roll to get back in this game, double 1's is the good news. The bad news is that you can only use **four** one's and one of them is needed to enter the checker from the BAR.

What is the best way to move the last three ones? Making the 5-point should be high on your priority list. Putting White's two checkers on the BAR should also be high on your hit list. Moving up to the edge of the prime also looks important.

As I looked at this position, my main thought was to make my own prime and find the best way to do that. That meant forgetting about moving the back checkers. Making the 5-point is the best way to start the prime.

That only leaves one checker to move, either hitting the checker on the 12- or 10-point. Hitting either checker produces more combinations of making the 7-point and that important prime. I chose hitting on the 10-point for one important reason. It leaves no return shots. When hitting on the 12-point, White gets return shots with 2-1, 2-2 and 3-2. It's only 5 rolls but why leave any shots? Most may think that hitting on the 12-point is better because of the blot on the 10-point. It's a trade-off: safety on White's next roll versus maybe picking up the other checker.

Since my priority was to make a prime, I choose safety and hit on the 10-point.

It worked. White rolled 4-1 moving Bar-24, 13-9. I rolled 6-3 to make the prime. White rolled double 6's forcing White's prime forward. I had a good chance for a gammon but got hit in the bearoff and only won two points.

Hoosier Pips

Louisville Backgammon Club is planning another fall tournament. Best guess on a date according to Quint McTyeire is the first weekend in November. He said he would send information when it becomes available...Sean Garber may be first member to join the **HBCs 1000-to-1 Club**. From July 25th to August 15th, Sean won 12 straight matches.

Masters Jackpot (16)

- 1st..... Bob Glass (CA)
- 2nd..... David Williams (CA)

Doubles (16)

- 1st..... Carol Joy Cole/Tak Morioka (MI/IL)
- 2nd..... Rob Maier/Abbas Zaltash (WV/PA)

Amateur Jackpot (32)

- 1st..... Ali Haddad (MD)
- 2nd..... Chuck Bower (IN)
- 3/4..... Wally Wolf (MI)
- 3/4..... Dave Groner (IN)

Directors' Cup (16)

- 1st..... David Williams (CA)
- 2nd..... Kati Pratt (TX)

MicroBlitz Events #1 (16x4)

Jim Curtis (IN)

MicroBlitz Events #2 (8x4)

Steve Mellen (MI)

Quickie Event #1 (64)

Andy Krenitz (IL)

Quickie Event #1 (64)

Frank Frigo (KY)

Name the King & Queen Contest

Dave Cardwell (GA)

Voting Winner

John Brooks (OK)

	<u>August 1st</u>	<u>August 8th</u>	<u>August 15th</u>	<u>August 22nd</u>	<u>August 29th</u>
1st	Sean Garber	Sean Garber	Sean Garber	Larry Strommen	Mary Franks
2nd	Jim Curtis	Jim Curtis	Larry Strommen	Alan Haas	Larry Strommen
2nd	---	Don Woods	Don Woods	Mary Ann Meese	Paul Franks
2nd	---	---	---	---	Paul Magriel

<u>Backgammon Tournament Schedule</u>	
Sept 20-22...	Minnesota State Backgammon Championships , Minneapolis MN..... (612) 378-1536
Oct 3-6.....	6th Illinois BG Championships & American Cup , Holidome, Rolling Meadows, IL. (847) 945-7801
Nov 6-10.....	Las Vegas Open Backgammon Tournament , Riviera Hotel/Casino, Las Vegas..... (702) 893-6025
Thursdays.....	7:00 PM at Bombay Bicycle Club (872-3446) 9111 North Michigan Road255-8902