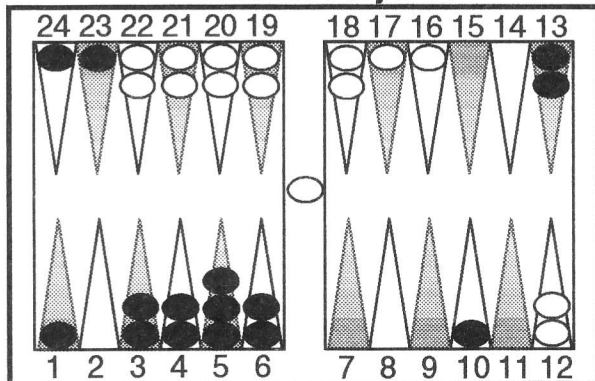




FIBS Tournament 9-Point Match
Black-8 White-8
White to Play 2-1?



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David Escoffery has been conducting two backgammon tournaments each year on FIBS for over two years. The tournaments start in April and October in two divisions, Open and Limited. Each tournament draws over 200 players.

My name on FIBS is *indianajones*. I almost cashed in the consolation flight two years ago. In the last two tournaments, I was 0-2 and watched from the sidelines.

The above position comes from the money round in the current tournament. I was ahead 6-2 after 6 games and at game 14 in was all tied up. DMP!! The winner cashes, while the loser goes to the consolation with 3 to 4 more rounds to cash.

Baobab had a 5-point prime after six moves into this game. I was hunting for ways to turn this game around. After I saw this position with his roll, I thought my goose was cooked.

The correct play is Bar/23 9/8 but Baobab played B/24x 8/6. My goose was clucking again. The game was not mine, but I saw possibilities. Baobab's play is wrong for two reasons. The main one is not making the **6-POINT PRIME**. In this position, White has little chance of having the prime broken down. The second reason is that with the extra checker back, Black has a better chance of anchoring up. Besides, White does not want his checker back on the 1-point. Hitting on the 1-point increases the number of gammons but decrease the number of wins according to JellyFish.

JellyFish Results

Move	Wins	G/BG	BG
B/23 9/8	87.5%	22.3%	1.2%
B/24x 8/6	76.6%	38.1%	0.1%

The complete game is provided below for your enjoyment. You will see the game is far for over after this move!!

Game 14

indianajones - 8 baobab - 8

	roll	played	roll	played
1)	53	8/3 6/3
2)	21	13/10	42	8/4 6/4
3)	53	8/5 10/5	31	8/5 6/5
4)	43	13/10 13/9	42	13/9 13/11
5)	41	9/5 6/5	62	13/7 9/7
6)	21	6/4 5/4	65	24/13
7)	32	6/3 5/3	43	11/8 13/9
8)	43	8/1x	65	EF
9)	31	24/23 8/5	21	B/24x 8/6
10)	21	B/23 24/23	52	9/7 6/1
11)	64	23/13	61	7/1 24/23
12)	43	10/6 5/2x	54	EF
13)	21	13/10	21	B/23x 7/6
14)	55	EF	41	13/9 7/6
15)	21	B/23 13/12x	43	EF
16)	63	10/7 13/7	62	B/17
17)	62	12/4	64	23/17 9/5
18)	21	6/3	66	17/5(2)
19)	43	7/4 7/3	65	6/0 5/0
20)	61	3/2 23/17	63	6/0 3/0
21)	41	23/22x 17/13	21	B/23x 5/4
22)	64	EF	52	23/16
23)	21	B/23 3/2	31	16/12x
24)	42	B/23 22/18	31	12/9 5/4
25)	62	18/16x 23/17	32	B/23x 4/1
26)	54	EF	32	6/3 6/4
27)	61	B/19 23/22x	33	EF
28)	22	4/2x(2) 17/13	61	B/24 EF
29)	21	23/22 16/14	63	EF
30)	31	14/11 19/18	51	B/24 NP
31)	33	22/13 18/15	54	5/1 NP
32)	65	15/9 11/6	65	24/13
33)	42	22/20x 9/5	42	EF
34)	61	13/12x 13/7	65	EF
35)	64	7/1x 5/1	..	CB
36)	21	20/17	..	CB
37)	51	6/5 17/12	..	CB
38)	41	12/11 12/8	..	CB
39)	33	11/2 8/5	..	CB
40)	21	5/4 5/3	..	CB
41)	43	4/0 3/0	..	CB
42)	52	6/4 6/1	63	B/19 EF
43)	21	5/4 5/3	43	EF
44)	61	4/3 4/0	32	EF
45)	51	4/3 4/0	41	B/21 EF
46)	65	3/0(2)	52	game

1996 HBC Gammon Point Standings.

Player of the Month for November was Don Woods with 150 points.

1)	Don Woods.....	1413	Kevin McLeaster.....	292	Jeff Acierno.....	30
2)	Butch Meese.....	1342	Jim Painter.....	207	Julie Overbeck.....	30
3)	Sean Garber.....	1338	Neil Ezell.....	144	Brian Nelson.....	20
4)	Larry Strommen.....	1267	Mary Franks.....	130	Keith Jackson.....	20
5)	Jim Curtis.....	1240	Jon Stephens.....	120	Martha Ghio.....	20
6)	Dave Groner.....	1062	Janice Newman.....	110	Oules Martene.....	20
7)	Chuck Stimming.....	910	Kevin Bastian.....	110	Artie Kamien.....	20
8)	Mary Ann Meese.....	684	Bill Gheen.....	109	Bob Cassell.....	20
9)	Jan Gurvitz.....	638	Alan Haas.....	108	John Nelson.....	10
10)	Chuck Bower.....	458	Jamie Curtis.....	90	Howard Shirey.....	10
	Woody Woodworth.....	438	Paul Franks.....	64	Stan Gurvitz.....	10
	Paul Magriel.....	400	Jon Vietor.....	40	Randall Witt.....	10
	Gabe Stiasny.....	312	Bill Julian.....	40	Mike Graham.....	10
	Ellis Bray.....	298	Shimi Dadon.....	30	Pam Sadlo.....	10

1996 Players of the Month ReCap

January..... Woody Woodworth
 February..... Larry Strommen
 March..... Butch Meese
 April..... Dave Groner
 May..... Jim Curtis
 June..... Don Woods
 July..... Sean Garber
 August..... Larry Strommen
 September..... Butch Meese
 October..... Sean Garber/Butch Meese
 November..... Don Woods
 December..... TBD

Results

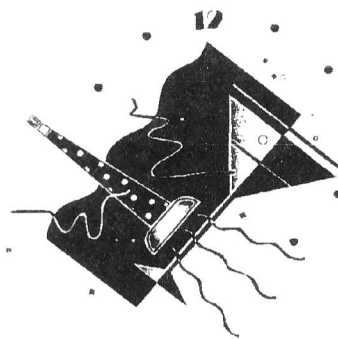
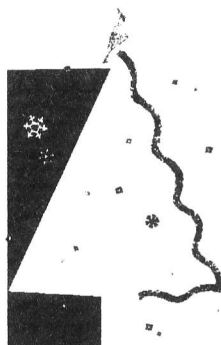
November 7th
 1st Don Woods
 2nd Larry Strommen
November 14th
 1st Sean Garber
 2nd Mary Ann Meese
 2nd Jim Curtis
November 21st
 1st Chuck Stimming
 2nd Sean Garber
November 28th
 Happy Thanksgiving

Hoosier Pips

Chester Warzel, who is recovering from hip replacement, visited HBC during November.
 HBC will meet throughout the Christmas and New Year's holidays on Dec 26th and Jan 2nd.

*We wish all our friends a
 Happy Holiday and Prosperous New Year.*

**Merry
 Christmas
 and**



**Happy
 New
 Year**

Backgammon Tournament Schedule

Dec 6-8..... 37th Gammon Assoc. Holiday Invitational, Holiday Inn, Woodland Hills, CA..... (818) 901-0464
 Feb 14-16.... 19th Pittsburgh Championships, Greentree Marriott, Pittsburgh, PA..... (412) 823-7500
 Mar 21-23.... 1997 Midwest Championships, The Drake Oakbrook, Oak Brook, IL..... (773) 583-6464
 Apr 22-27.... 4th Worldwide Twin Championships, Four Queen Hotel, Las Vegas, NV..... (702) 893-6025
 Thursdays..... 7:00 PM at Holiday Inn North (872-9790) 92nd & North Michigan Road 255-8902