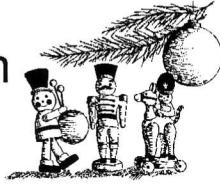


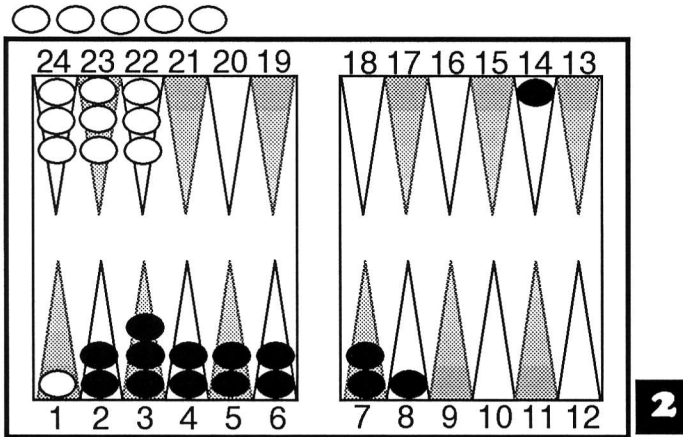
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## I Remember Paris

by John O'Hagan



**9-Point Match, White - 2, Black - 1  
Cube Action?**

This position occurred in the finals of the doubles at the **Lucien Barriere Open** which was held in Enghien-les-Bains, France from October 15-19 of this year. **Emil Mortuk** and I were Black playing against **Jan Bloxham** and **Judy Olsen** of Denmark.

After hitting a lucky shot in the bearoff we now had to decide whether or not to redouble. The first step is to figure out what they need to take at this score. Using the Woolsey-Heinrich match equity chart, if they drop they trail 3-2 to 9 which is 44%; take and lose puts them down 5-2 which is 30%; take and win puts them up 6-1 with 80% match equity. So they're risking 14% to gain 36% which means their takepoint is 28%, 3% higher than for money.

You also need to look at our takepoint on a potential 8-cube. If we drop we're down 1-6 to 9 which is 20%; take and lose loses the match; take and win wins the match. So we need 20% to take a recube to 8, 5% less than for money. This roughly translates to their needing around 24.5% cubeless chances in order take the cube. This 24.5% figure is arrived at assuming 60% efficiency on their recube ( $28\% - 28\% \times 20\% \times 0.6$ ).

So the bottomline is that they need a little bit more to take at this score than for money and that we should therefore redouble a little sooner than normal.

For money, the correct cube action in this position is no redouble and take. The reason is that even when you close out their last checker and place your spares perfectly on the 6, 5 and 4 points, you only lose your market by a tiny amount. The most likely sequence is for you to close your opponent out but with your 3 spares a bit further advanced than you'd like.

Because their takepoint is a little higher than for money, my partner and I thought we should redouble now. A Snowie rollout says we were wrong and that redoubling lowers our match winning chances from 53.44% to 52.64%.

The results show our side to be 70.6% - 29.4% cubeless favorites, a full 5% above their cubeless takepoint. That's too far away from their takepoint to redouble in a position which isn't really that volatile. We should have waited.

Waiting has one other advantage: many players would still take after we close them out and position our spares perfectly anyway!

No redouble: 53.44% +/- 0.20%  
Redouble and take: 52.64% +/- 0.26%  
Redouble and pass: 55.85%

Editor's Note: Jan Bloxham and Judy Olsen won the Doubles Event.

## HBC's Sunday Before Turkey Day Tournament November 23, 2003

1st Chuck Bower  
2nd Mark Swanson  
2nd Jim Curtis

Congratulations to **Terry Bateman**, who won the Beginner Division at the Las Vegas Open.

### HBC 2003 Gammon Standing The November *Player of the Month* was **Sean Garber** with **218** points.

1	Sean Garber.....	1411
2	Jim Curtis.....	1330
3	Chuck Stimming.....	997
4	Butch Meese.....	878
5	Larry Strommen.....	866
6	Rick Steele.....	860
7	Woody Woodworth.....	673
8	Terry Bateman.....	635
9	Scott Day.....	625
10	Josh Riddell.....	558
	Mary Ann Meese.....	502
	Gabe Stiasny.....	306
	Al Gomez.....	268
	Dan Moore.....	242
	Kirke Holmes.....	154
	Frank Scott.....	126
	Chuck Bower.....	116
	Terry Leahy.....	80
	Mark Swanson.....	79
	Jon Vietor.....	76
	Dave Groner.....	74
	Katya Beshparova.....	68

Kevin Heacox.....	66
Mike Friedman.....	54
Joe Miller.....	51
John O'Hagan.....	45
Rica Tarnoff.....	36
Laura Pinkerton.....	36
Jeff Flowers.....	28
Stuart Thomson.....	28
Dave Cardwell.....	26
Peter Kalba.....	24
Ben Elliott.....	24
Jack Scofield.....	22
Steve Brown.....	20
Dr. Bob Hill.....	20
Brian Nelson.....	18
Sam Shade.....	16
Ray Woo.....	16
Bill Gheen.....	12
Alan Tavel.....	12
Charlie Haley.....	10
Larry Buckingham.....	10
Fred Kalantari.....	10
Derrick Swanson.....	10
Debra Rosenblum.....	8
Jim Roston.....	8
Martha Ghio.....	8
Jake Jacobs.....	8
Karen Davis.....	8
Janice Gordon.....	8
Mary Franks.....	8

## *Happy Holidays* from the **Hoosier Backgammon Club**

No backgammon Wednesdays  
December 24th (Merry Christmas) and  
December 31st (Happy New Year).

	<u>November 5th</u>	<u>November 12th</u>	<u>November 19th</u>	<u>November 26th</u>
1st	<i>Sean Garber</i>	<i>Jim Curtis</i>	<i>Sean Garber</i>	<i>Sean Garber</i>
2nd	<i>Jim Curtis</i>	<i>Sean Garber</i>	<i>Jim Curtis</i>	<i>Woody Woodworth</i>
2nd	<i>Rick Steele</i>	...	<i>Rick Steele</i>	...

Jan 16-18.....	<b>4th Carolina Invitational</b> , Holiday Inn, Woodlawn, Charlotta, NC.....	704.814.0850
Feb 13-15.....	<b>25th Annual Pittsburgh Backgammon Championships</b> , Greentree Radisson, PA..	412.823.7500
Feb 26-29.....	<b>Southern Open</b> , King & Prince Beach & Golf Resort, St Simons, GA.....	770.333.1876
Mar 19-21.....	<b>2004 Midwest Championships</b> , Wyndham Lisle Hotel, Lisle IL.....	773.583.6464
Apr 16-18.....	<b>10th Ohio State Championships</b> , Radisson Cleveland, Middleburg Hts, OH.....	330.866.2811

Wednesdays.. 7 PM at **Neon Johnny's**, 86th & Township Line Rd (Cellular 317.442.4065)..... HBC 317.255.8902