



BACKGAMMON *in a week*

Robin Clay's new book has a beginner title, but don't believe it.

Backgammon In A Week by Robin Clay. Published 1992 by Hodder & Stoughton Ltd.; Mill Road, Dunton Green, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 2YA; England. Tel.: 0732 450111. Soft cover, 92 pages. Price: £5.99.

When I saw the ad for British author Robin Clay's *Backgammon In A Week* in a recent *BIBAFax* newsletter, I thought, "What a great idea. Somebody has finally written a book designed to walk the novice through the basics of backgammon play in seven days." Not true. *Backgammon In a Week* contains dozens of problems that are debatable among the top 100 players in the world.

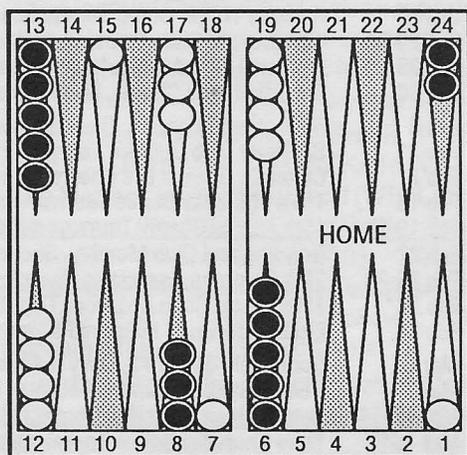
The 7 3/4" x 5" book is beautifully presented in full color with tables, charts, graphs, 85 board diagrams and an ongoing photoquiz. The soft cover binding is of the highest quality. Unfortunately, the selected typeface (7 point Rockwell® 1 Light) is simply too small to make technical reading pleasurable (CHICAGO POINT is set in 10 point type).

The seven-chapter book is color-coded by days beginning with Monday in green (14 pages devoted to the mechanics and rules of play), Tuesday in pink ("Basic Strategy"), Wednesday in blue ("Traps, Ambushes & Blockades"), etc. Unfortunately, by "Tuesday," many careless oversights, along with numerous errors in grammar and mathematics become evident. Diagram 22 on page 25, illustrating checker duplication, is a case in point (See above).

Clay writes:

"When faced with such a problem see if it is possible to place the two blots in positions where the number required to hit each blot is duplicated. Here Black should play 13/10, 6/4. Note how this move

Diagram 22 from *Backgammon In A Week*. BLACK TO PLAY 3-2.



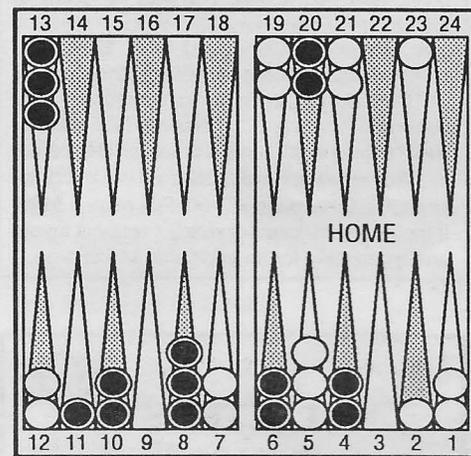
duplicates the 3 so that White can only hit both blots if he gets double 3 (3 per cent probability), can hit one blot with any 3 (39 per cent probability) and fails to hit any blots with all the rest of the dice permutations."

The analysis is correct and for the right reasons, but shot-counting is careless. In fact, White can also hit both blots with 6-3, and can hit one blot with a 5-4. And note

that the diagram only contains 14 White checkers.

DIAGRAM 68 from page 67 is an extremely complex position. What's your play?

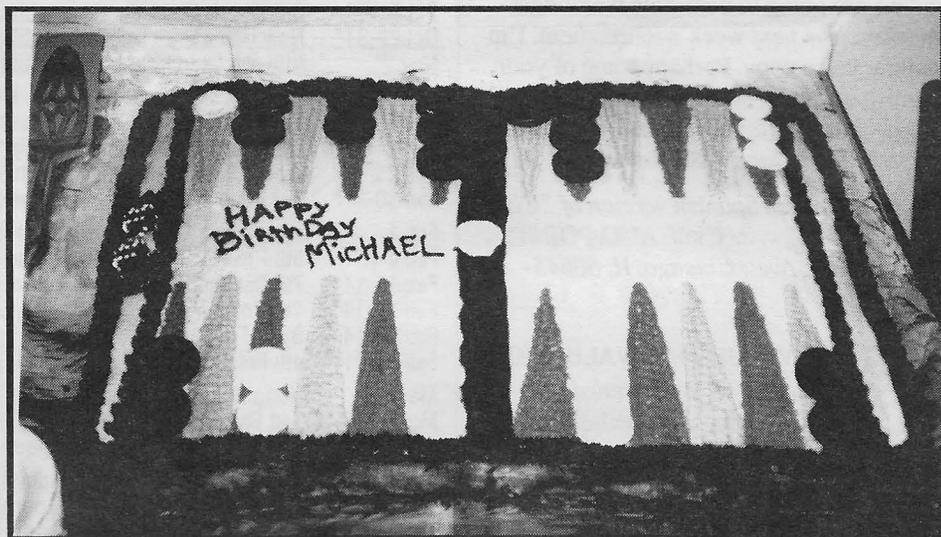
Diagram 68 from *Backgammon In A Week*. BLACK TO PLAY 2-2.



Clay correctly points out that "Black needs to lose some of his race advantage to

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ARE DICE FATTENING?



Mike Mooney's friend is encouraging him to "play with his food," according to wife Veronica. The *Arizona* celebrated his birthday last month with a backgammon cake courtesy of a friend that obviously knows his tastes quite well.

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HOW DO YOU SAY "CLUSTER COUNTING" IN SPANISH?

Jack Kissane's article on Cluster Counting was excellent. I translated it into Spanish and we are going to distribute it amongst our players at next week's tournament. I'm mailing you a copy. Perhaps some of your Spanish-speaking subscribers would like a copy.—*Mario Madrigal, president, Costa Rican Backgammon Association*

For a copy of the Spanish version of "Cluster Counting," write CHICAGO POINT; 2726 W. Lunt Ave.; Chicago, IL 60645-3039.—*Ed.*

THERE WAS VALUE IN 'DEVALUATION'

A very good article by Bill Kennedy in your last issue ("Defensive Anchor Devaluation"). It's one of those problems where I had accepted Bill Robertie's analysis in *Championship Backgammon* without giving it much thought. Kennedy's analysis was truly enlightening.—*John O'Hagan, South Bend, IN*

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coming attractions

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



by Carol Joy Cole
313/232-9731

* Denotes new or revised listing

NATIONAL

1993 American BG Tour events underlined.

Jan 8*	Greater NY 2nd Mixed Doubles Tournament, Ramada Inn, Woodbury, NY	516/334-4833
Jan 9	Springfield Series #3, Davy Byrnes Restaurant, Springfield, IL	217/789-6275
Jan 10*	Sunday Monthly Tournament, New York Chess & Backgammon Club, NY	212/302-5989
Jan 12	Chicago Bar Point Club Awards Night, Pat's Pub, Norridge, IL	312/338-6380
Jan 16	College Park Winter Open, Promenade, Bethesda, MD	301/530-0603
Jan 17*	Austin BG Assn. Sunday Quarterly, Bombay Bicycle Club, Austin, TX	512/280-5945
Jan 17	New England Club Monthly, Sheraton Commander, Cambridge, MA	617/262-0173
Jan 20	Rscards Winter Computer Modem Tournament, GENie	800/638-9636
Jan 20-24	10th Nevada State Tournament/Masters Invit'l, Sands Hotel, Las Vegas	708/470-9491
Jan 28	Flint Area Club Awards Night & Bonus Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	313/232-9731
Jan 30	5th Hawthorne Classic, Hawthorne Race Course, Cicero, IL	312/338-6380
Feb 6	Springfield Series #4, Davy Byrnes Restaurant, Springfield, IL	217/789-6275
Feb 7*	Bar Point Club Doubles Tournament, Braxton Seafood Grill, Oak Brook, IL	312/252-7755
Feb 7*	Colorado Open, J.L.'s Cheers, Denver, CO	303/778-1105
Feb 18	Third Thursday Bonus Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	313/232-9731
<u>Feb 19-21</u>	<u>15th Annual Charity Tournament, Greentree Marriott, Pittsburgh, PA</u>	<u>412/823-7500</u>
Feb 21	New England Club Monthly, Sheraton Commander, Cambridge, MA	617/262-0173
<u>Feb 26-28</u>	<u>29th Gammon Associates Invitational, Cavendish West Hollywood, CA</u>	<u>818/901-0464</u>
Feb 28*	13th Illinois State Challenge Cup, Braxton Seafood Grill, Oak Brook, IL	708/378-5205
Feb 28	Fleet Underwood Memorial & Benefit Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	313/232-9731
Mar 6	Springfield Series #5, Davy Byrnes Restaurant, Springfield, IL	217/789-6275
Mar 7*	Denver Sunday Monthly Tourney, Crestmoor Downs Apts., Denver, CO	303/388-8849
<u>Mar 12-14</u>	<u>Boston Open, Sheraton Commander Hotel, Cambridge, MA</u>	<u>617/262-0173</u>
Mar 18*	Third Thursday Bonus Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	313/232-9731
<u>Mar 19-21</u>	<u>1993 Midwest Championships, Marriott Hotel, Oakbrook, IL</u>	<u>312/338-6380</u>
Apr 3*	Springfield Series #6, Davy Byrnes Restaurant, Springfield, IL	217/789-6275
Apr 4*	Bar Point Sunday Tournament, Braxton Seafood Grill, Oak Brook, IL	312/252-7755
<u>Apr 16-18</u>	<u>41st Indiana Open, Omni North Hotel, Indianapolis, IN</u>	<u>317/845-8435</u>
Apr 17	Springfield Series \$1000 Bonus Tourney, Davy Byrnes, Springfield, IL	217/789-6275
Apr 17	College Park Spring Open, Promenade, Bethesda, MD	301/530-0603
Apr 18*	New England Club Monthly, Sheraton Commander, Cambridge, MA	617/262-0173
Apr 21	Rscards Spring Computer Modem Tournament, GENie	800/638-9636
<u>Apr 30-May 2</u>	<u>14th Granite State Open & Team Tourney, Woodbound Inn, Jaffrey, NH</u>	<u>603/863-4711</u>
<u>May 2</u>	<u>Spring Gran Prix, Embassy Suites Hotel, La Jolla, CA</u>	<u>619/294-2007</u>
May 28-31	14th Chicago Open, Sheraton Suites Hotel, Elk Grove Village, IL	708/674-0120
<u>Jul 2-4</u>	<u>Michigan Summer Championships, Novi Hilton, Novi, MI</u>	<u>313/232-9731</u>
<u>Jul 9-11</u>	<u>College Park Summer Championships, Promenade, Bethesda, MD</u>	<u>301/530-0603</u>
<u>Jul 30-Aug 1*</u>	<u>Pine Tree Point Tournament, Alexandria Bay, NY</u>	<u>716/442-8221</u>
<u>Sep 3-6*</u>	<u>National Labor Day Tournament, Indianapolis, IN</u>	<u>317/845-8435</u>
<u>Oct 1-3*</u>	<u>Towpath Inn Tournament, Turin, IN</u>	<u>716/442-8221</u>
<u>Oct 6-10*</u>	<u>3rd Illinois State Championships & America Cup, Hyatt Deerfield, IL</u>	<u>708/945-7801</u>
<u>Oct 29-31*</u>	<u>New Hampshire Fall Classic, Sheraton Tara Wayfarer, Bedford, NH</u>	<u>603/863-4711</u>
<u>Nov ?*</u>	<u>Autumn Gran Prix, Embassy Suites Hotel, La Jolla, CA</u>	<u>619/294-2007</u>

OUTSIDE USA

Jan 9-12*	Roskilde Open 1993, Kulturhuset, Roskilde, Denmark	046/327132
Jan 14-17	2nd Dutch Open Championship 1993, Amsterdam, The Netherlands	3120/6254775
Jan 15-17*	7th Backgammon Championship, Hotel Klosterbräu, Seefeld/Tirol, Austria	08341/12825
Jan 30-31*	3rd Åbne Jydske Championship, Århus, Denmark	039/400607
Feb 1	Hong Kong Club Monthly Tournament, Ladies Recreation Club	852/846-1923
Feb 4-7	5th Pro-Am Tournament, Paradise Island Resort & Casino, Bahamas	301/299-8264
Feb 11-14*	7th Cannes International Tournament, Palais des Festivals, France	1/42 88 66 45
Feb 12-14*	4th Holland Open, Motel Gilze, Gilze, Holland	04167/77776
Feb 13-14	BIBA Trophy Tournament No. 1, George Hotel, Solihull, England	0522/53 68 36
Feb 18-21*	4th French Open Championship, Hotel Lutetia, Paris, France	1/42 88 66 45
Mar 1	Hong Kong Club Monthly Tournament, Ladies Recreation Club	852/846 1923
Mar 11-14	Ted Bassett & Gstaad Palace-Cup, Palace Hotel Gstaad, Switzerland	061/50 58 16
Mar 22-28	Casino de Vilamoura Portuguese Championships, Vilamoura, Portugal	4421/440 3428
Apr 3-4	British Isles Open 1993 Trophy Tourney, Lawn Complex, Lincoln, England	0522/53 68 36
Apr 5*	Hong Kong Club Monthly Tournament, Ladies Recreation Club	852/846 1923
Apr 9-12*	5th Nordic Open Championships, Hotel Marinelyst, Elsinor, Denmark	039/40 06 07
Apr 28-May 2	2nd Tournament of the Americas, Cariari Hotel, San José, Costa Rica	312/252-7755
May 12-19	World Series of Backgammon, Crystal Palace Casino/Hotel, Nassau	4421/440 3428
May 13-16*	CANCELLED: Isle of Man Spring Tournament, Douglas, Isle of Man	0624/851045
May 29-30	BIBA Trophy Tournament No. 2, George Hotel, Solihull, England	0522/53 68 36

GARY KAY IS CHICAGO BAR POINT CLUB'S PLAYER OF 1992

Yamin Yamin edged him in the 1989 BPC race, 28.92 to 27.60. Tak Morioka slipped by 27.76 to 25.04 in 1990. His 20.00 points in 1991 earned him 4th place. But this year, Gary Kay has won the Chicago Bar Point Club "Player of the Year" title for 1992.

Kay accomplished the difficult feat with steady play throughout the year. Although he led the master point race in nine out of 12 months, he never won a Player of the Month title.

But Kay cleaned up on Bar Point Club special events. He won the February

Doubles tournament (with wife Alice), won the August Summer Cool event, and in November, captured the Fall Trophy Tourney. A championship performance to say the least.

Two new faces broke into the Top 3: Don Jayhan and David Rubin. Don caught fire the second half of 1992, scoring 12.66 points between July and December. David Rubin is another example of a chess master who can play backgammon. In his first full year of BPC competition, David finished a respectable third place.

Join us when we honor these players and the rest of the Top 20 at the Bar Point Club Awards Night 11 January at Pat's Pub. Δ

PROUD PAPA



Howard Markowitz has reasons to be proud. His upcoming Nevada State Tournament (Sands Hotel, 20-24 Jan.) is annually the biggest backgammon bash in the U.S. And last month, daughter Nikki competed in the Miss Illinois Beauty Pageant and graduated from Michigan State University with a B.S. in Building Construction Management.

CHICAGO BAR POINT CLUB 1992 BPC PLAYER OF THE YEAR FINAL STANDINGS COMPILED THRU 31 DEC.

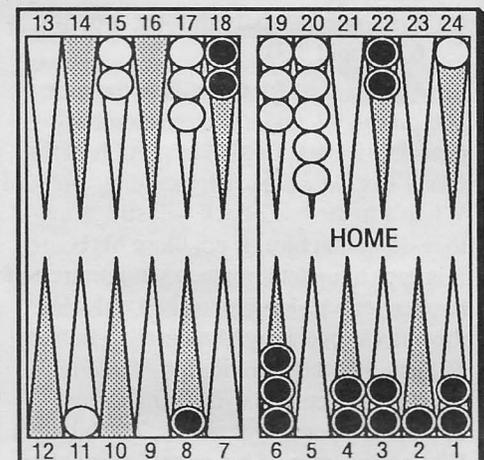
GARY KAY	22.60	Chris Kenik	4.32	Steve Sacher	1.28
DON JAYHAN	18.82	Leslie Lockett	4.08	Maurice Barie	1.12
DAVID RUBIN	17.28	Roland Dieter	4.00	Kathy Rudnick	1.04
YAMIN YAMIN	16.72	Mark Kaye	3.84	Mario Madrigal	0.96
DEEB SHALATI	16.32	Richard Stawowy	3.80	Graham Sievers	0.96
STU KATZ	15.96	Bill Davis	3.68	Fred Gehlhoff	0.92
MARY FRANKS	15.00	Paul Klein	3.60	Peter Naguib	0.88
DAVID ROCKWELL	14.48	Lou Salzman	3.52	Bob Vining	0.88
HOWARD MARKOWITZ	13.84	Judy Brown	3.44	Jeff Gottesman	0.88
TAK MORIOKA	12.72	Jeff Kane	3.36	Frank Frigo	0.88
DAVE CRAMER	12.48	George Barr	3.20	Ken Bond	0.88
PAUL FRANKS	11.84	Peter Berkman	3.20	Gary Hines	0.80
PHYLLIS SMOLINSKI	10.32	Barry Miller	3.20	Jerry Hartsman	0.80
NORMA SHYER	10.32	René Wojtysiak	3.12	Dan Judd	0.76
SARG SERGES	10.08	Bill Keefe	3.04	Patrick Desmond	0.76
JOHN DEMIAN	9.92	Jerry Brooks	2.96	Faye Schwimmer	0.72
DEAN MUENCH	9.52	Joe Koucharian	2.60	Tad Wilson	0.68
JOLIE LEWIS	9.32	Andy Krenitz	2.56	Kurt Warning	0.64
HOWARD RING	9.24	Devin Dallaire	2.56	Jill Ferdinand-Brussel	0.64
JOHN BRUSSEL	9.20	Jim Gibbs	2.56	Harold Grote	0.60
Tim Mabee	8.20	Steve Katz	2.56	Katy Clark	0.56
Bob Zavoral	8.12	Femi Owiku	2.48	Larry Lau	0.56
Bobbie Shifrin	7.84	Stan Kucharz	2.44	Marv Arnol	0.52
Peter Kalba	7.68	Amy Trudeau	2.44	Larry Strommen	0.48
Marcy Sloan	7.60	Marty Tatosian	2.40	Elaine Kehm	0.40
Lenny Loder	7.20	Frankie Farjood	2.36	Karen Kertz	0.40
Arline Levy	6.96	Tim Serges	2.20	Kurt Schurecht	0.34
Lucky Nelson	6.96	Scott Goode	2.16	Harry Hayward	0.32
Joann Feinstein	6.68	Andy Argy	2.00	Earl Risch	0.32
Paul Friedman	6.48	James Colen	1.92	John Macaluso	0.32
Bill Cox	6.24	Wilcox Snellings	1.92	Phil Simborg	0.32
Jake Jacobs	6.16	Larry Yakowenko	1.84	Joan Hegg	0.28
Alice Kay	6.12	Fred Feldman	1.76	Betsy Miller	0.24
Reggie Porter	5.92	Jeff Durkes	1.72	Bill Gradl	0.24
Bob Ebbeler	5.92	Rich Galeba	1.72	Gary Fritz	0.24
Alex Itkin	5.84	Harold Seif	1.68	Mark King	0.24
John Stryker	5.48	Georgina Flanagan	1.68	Alan Zimmerman	0.24
Chris Stanford	5.28	Don Desmond	1.68	Bruce Russell	0.20
Ed Buerger	5.20	Les Moshinsky	1.56	J.A. Miller	0.20
Herb Roman	5.12	Ron Stur	1.48	Jeff Peck	0.20
V.W. Zimmnicki	4.72	Tony Schroeder	1.44	Rudy Emmelot	0.16
Neil Kazaross	4.49	Ray Baker	1.28	Mike Spiropoulos	0.16
Ralph Levy	4.40				

TAK MORIOKA finished 1992 on a high note, earning the highest monthly total of the year: 5.60 points. Springfield's Mark Kaye (3.84) and Marcy Sloan (3.44) were runner's up.

your move

PROBLEM #189

Tournament double match point.
BLACK TO PLAY 6-6.



ASK DANNY

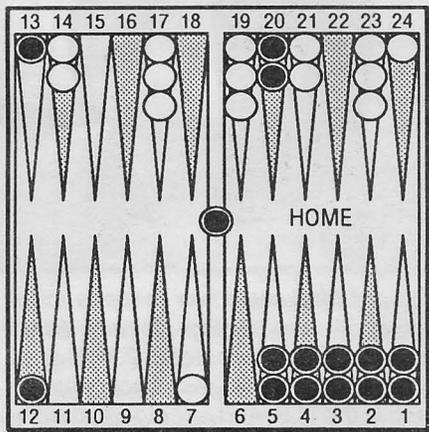


by Danny Kleinman

GAMMON THREATS IN A THREE POINT MATCH

Dear Danny: In one of our weekly tournaments at the Chesscafé in Tel-Aviv, the following doubling problem arose. Could you please look it over and suggest the proper decisions? Needless to say, Black doubled, I took the cube, got gammoned and lost the match.—Joel Schiff, Ramat-Gan, Israel

Match to 3 points. No score. Black on roll. **CUBE ACTION(S)?**



DEAR JOEL: Your own words (“Needless to say . . .”), coming from a backgammon player of your experience and ability, suggest strongly that White’s take of Black’s double is proper. You are right, of course.

Black has a five point board and threats:

- (a) to hit two blots (4 rolls: 1-6 and 1-5),
- (b) to hit one blot retaining a future double shot at another (7 rolls: 1-4, 1-3, 1-2 and 1-1),
- (c) to hit one blot only (8 rolls; 5-6, 5-5, 3-6, 3-5 and 3-3).

Against this, Black trails in the race, 130 pips to 97, and has three men back (one on the bar). Of all five point boards, Black’s is the worst. After sending a blot of White’s to the bar, Black will still struggle to restrain that blot (if not close his board). It is easy to underestimate the importance of having your *higher* points. Not only do they block an enemy blot entering in front of them, but they provide *safe landing spots* for the builders you bring to bear upon your open lower points. The builders Black must train on his open 6-point after

hitting, in contrast, also yield fly shots for White from the bar—so long as Black diversifies them to maximize coverage.

If Black enters without hitting (8 rolls: 3 or 5 accompanied by 2 or 4), he leaves two outfield blots for White to hit. If Black dances (9 rolls: all combinations of even numbers), 35 of White’s rolls either cover the slotted 1-point or hit a second man (some do both, while the 36th (double-4’s) lets White make either the 3-point or the bar point.

White’s take looks clear. The more challenging question is whether

Black should double. I rolled this position out with White owning a 2-cube to verify my suspicion that Black’s double is wrong. In 400 games, Black won 174, of which 82 were gammons; of White’s 226 wins, only 25 were gammons. Black’s gammon threat made him a net favorite, but by only 10 points in 400 games, hardly a significant edge.

I had a distinct impression during my rollouts that Black was inordinately lucky. To confirm this, I counted the games in which Black hit his initial 19-number shot; 250 (63%), as against his theoretical 211 (53%), of which 60 (15%) were double hits, as against his theoretical 44 (11%)—better check my dice!

With no score in a 3-point match, the player with a gammon threat has an unusually narrow “doubling window.” If he leaves the cube unturned, gammons help him inordinately, for the 2-0 lead they produce makes him an easily calculable 75% favorite, while cashing for a 1-0 lead

yields slightly less than 60% chances. By doubling, he weakens the impact of his gammon threat. True, a gammon wins the match outright, but the fourth point is superfluous, so that gammons are worth only about the same as in money play.

Despite the potential market loss in this highly volatile position when Black carries out his threats, Black shouldn’t double. He’ll be good enough to double—in that narrow window—only after hitting. If he hits two men, or White dances after Black hits only the blot on the 1-point, Black will lose his market. But then he can play on for an undoubled gammon with the cube ready for use if his position deteriorates.—*Yours, Danny Δ*

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Racing Game.

Hawthorne Backgammon Classic

Hawthorne Race Course

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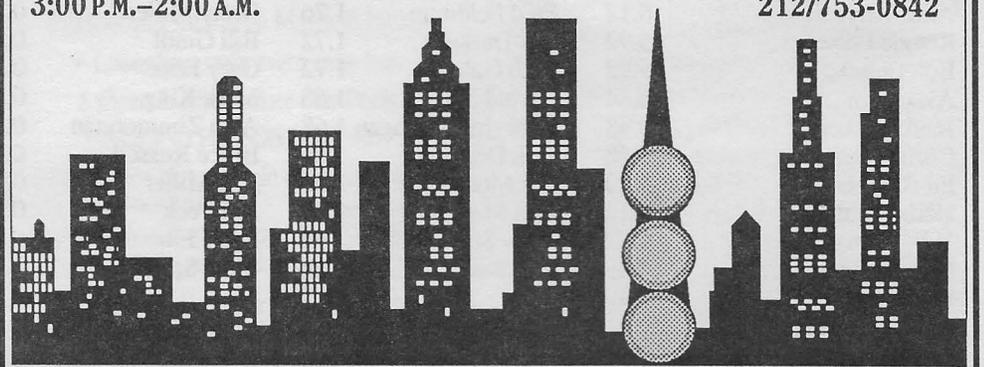
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WEST

CLUB NAME	LOCATION	CITY & STATE	MEETING ON	TIME	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	MAIL INQUIRIES TO
Gammon Associates	Bombay Bicycle Club	Burbank, CA	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Patrick Gibson	818/901-0464	7641 Orion Avenue; Van Nuys, CA 91406
Gammon Associates	Cavendish West Clubroom	W. Hollywood, CA	Sunday	2:00 PM	"	818/901-0464	"
Campbell Bridge & BG Club	Clubroom	Campbell, CA	Daily except Sun.	4:00 PM	Jeffrey Hu	408/378-3711	175 E. Campbell Avenue; Campbell, CA 95008
Backgammon Club of San Diego	Barnacle Bill's	San Diego, CA	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Mike Fujita	619/294-2007	P.O. Box 178119; San Diego, CA 92117
Backgammon Club of San Diego	Hindquarter Restaurant	San Diego, CA	Sunday	4:00 PM	"	619/294-2007	"
Chess Palace Backgammon	Chess Palace	Long Beach, CA	Monday	7:00 PM	Charles Rostedt	310/634-8477	3255 E. South Street (205); Long Beach, CA 90805
San Francisco Backgammon	Golden Gate Grill	San Francisco, CA	Tuesday	8:00 PM	Doug Adsit	415/931-4600	3200 Fillmore Street; San Francisco, CA 94123
San Francisco Bridge & BG Club	Clubroom	San Francisco, CA	Mon., Wed., Fri.	9:00 PM	Augie Hunt	415/776-6949	777 Jones Street; San Francisco, CA 94109
Colorado Backgammon Assn.	J.L.'s Cheers	Denver, CO	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Earl Earp	303/778-1105	102 West 4th Avenue; Denver, CO 80223
Crestmoor Backgammon Club	Crestmoor Downs Apts.	Denver, CO	1st Sunday monthly	12:00 N	Michael Ginat	303/388-8849	160 South Monaco Parkway (101), Denver Co 80224
No. Nevada Backgammon Assn.	Rapscaillon Seafood House	Reno, NV	Thursday	7:30 PM	Mark Richardson	702/852-1221	826 Blue Falls Place; Reno, NV 89511
Pacific NW Backgammon Assn.	Shakey's Pizza	Bellevue, WA	Monday	7:00 PM	Chuck Breckenridge	206/778-8181	18204 Olympic View Drive; Edmonds, WA 98020
Puget Sound Backgammon Assn.	European Connection	Seattle, WA	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Guy Thurber	206/244-6737	428 SW 127th Street; Seattle, WA 98146

CENTRAL

Bloomington-Normal BG Club	Ride The Nine	Bloomington, IL	1st/3rd/5th Tues.	6:15 PM	Lane O'Connor	309/454-1947	108 Riss Drive; Normal, IL 61761
North Club	Office Building	Chicago, IL	Daily except Sun.	12:30 PM	Greg Defotis	312/286-6719	4747 West Peterson (402); Chicago, IL 60646
Prime BG Club of Chicago	TJ's Lounge/Radisson Hotel	Lincolnwood, IL	Friday	7:00 PM	Joann Feinstein	708/674-0120	8149 Kenton; Skokie, IL 60076
Chicago Bar Point Club	Pat's Pub	Norridge, IL	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Bill Davis	312/338-6380	2726 West Lunt Avenue; Chicago, IL 60645
Chicago Bar Point Club	Braxton Seafood Grill	Oak Brook, IL	Sunday bimonthly	12:30 PM	Peter Kalba	312/252-7755	2510 West Iowa Street; Chicago, IL 60622
Central Illinois Backgammon Club	Chi-Chi's	Peoria, IL	Thursday	6:30 PM	Sue Will	309/692-6909	6129 Jayar Drive; Peoria, IL 61614
Sangamon Valley BG Assn.	On Broadway	Springfield, IL	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Mark Kaye	217/789-6275	2602 Peoria Road (A); Springfield, IL 62702
Sangamon Valley BG Assn.	Davy Byrnes	Springfield, IL	1st Sat./Oct.-Apr.	11:30 AM	"	217/789-6275	"
Pub Club	Fiddler's Restaurant	Villa Park, IL	Monday	7:30 PM	V.W. Zimnicki	708/378-5205	546 Princeton; Bollingbrook, IL 60440
Winnetka Backgammon Club	Winnetka Community House	Winnetka, IL	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Trudie Stern	708/446-0537	4200 West Lake (302C); Glenview, IL 60025
Hoosier Backgammon Club	Spats	Indianapolis, IN	Thursday	7:00 PM	Butch Meese	317/845-8435	7620 Kilmer Lane; Indianapolis, IN 46256
Flint Area Backgammon Club	Ramada Inn	Flint, MI	Thursday	7:00 PM	Carol Joy Cole	313/232-9731	3003 Ridgecliffe Drive; Flint, MI 48532
Plymouth Backgammon Club	Box Bar & Grill	Plymouth, MI	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Dean Adamian	313/981-5706	42954 Barchester; Canton, MI 48187
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New England Backgammon Club	Sheraton Commander Hotel	Cambridge, MA	Monday	7:00 PM	"	617/262-0173	"
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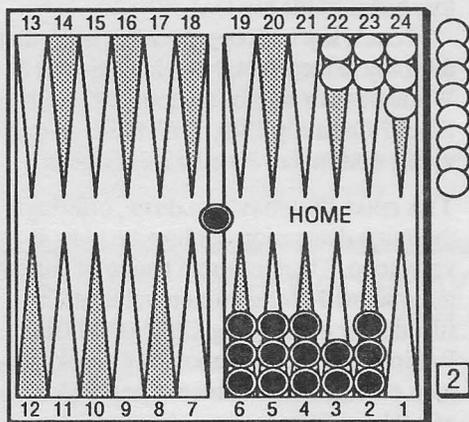
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Jackhammer's Backgammon	Jackhammer's	Scarborough, ON	Saturday	1:00 PM	Walter Hermann	416/752-2800	2300 Lawrence Ave. E., Scarborough, ON M1P 2R2; CANADA
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HASTY PLAYS



by Duane Jensen

Match to 9 points. Black leads White, 7 to 5. **BLACK TO PLAY 4-1.**



Black must do what he can to escape the gammon which would cost him the match. After entering on the 21-point, Black has the familiar choice of "which ace to play?" Should he slot his 1-point or move 21/20, advancing closer to home?

Feeling that "it's only an ace and shouldn't make any difference," Black slotted his 1-point. In fact, playing 21/20 will save more gammons for Black than the slotting play he chose. Advancing the checker escapes the gammon 68.5% while slotting the ace point is successful only 67.2% of the time.

Whenever you have a single checker left to bring home and he's still in your opponent's home board, *always* move him closer to home with an ace; *never* slot your ace point in these positions. Δ

LETTERS...

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DON'T RUB IT IN

I did not understand your inclusion in the December Point of Mel Leifer's 4-3 misplay against Gary Kay in the Bar Point Club Fall Trophy Tourney. It may have been a spectacular oversight and undoubtedly an embarrassment to him, but it is hardly of interest. I have certainly made stupid mistakes over the board (as everyone has), but have never had them published as front page news.—*Jim Painter, St. Louis, MO*

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

From the other side of the Atlantic, I send you, the contributing editors, and all readers of CHICAGO POINT my personal warmest wishes for a happy Christmas and a lucky 1993.—*Alberto Diomede, Milan, Italy*

A NEW YEAR—A NEW CLUB

I will be "semi-retired" from Melbourne Water Department this year. That should give me time to do an article on "Gamesmanship" for the POINT this year.

Please send me information on starting a backgammon club. I am not anticipating starting a formal club, but there is a Community Centre close by where card games and Mah-jongg are taught. Maybe I can get them to add backgammon.—*Jim Vanselow, Victoria, Australia*

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6. John Simon	Hong Kong	18.36
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11. Maurice Djemal	Panama	12.90
12. Mario Sequeira	Portugal	12.42
13. Alvaro Savio	Brazil	10.98
14. David Chalom	Brazil	10.84
15. Rolf Schreuder	Holland	10.71
16. Joel Silverman	USA	9.18
17. Talmadge Tinsley	USA	9.03
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19. Hans Capel	Holland	8.64
20. Michael Herbst	Denmark	8.17

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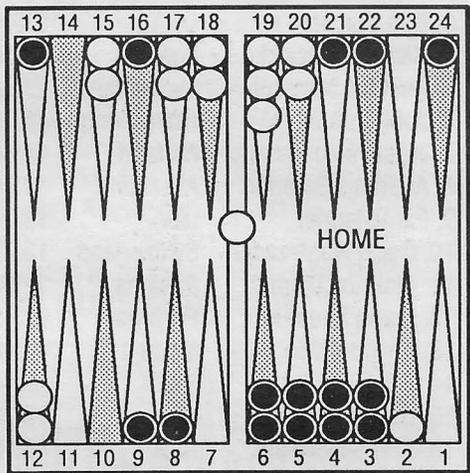
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**PROBLEM #188
SOLVED**

by Kit Woolsey

1992 Nevada State Masters Invitational semifinals. Joe Sylvester (Black) vs. Jack Kissane (White). Double match point. **BLACK TO PLAY 6-1.**



Sylvester (Black) has several possible choices in this extremely difficult position. One obvious candidate is 9/2*. The problem with this approach is that Sylvester doesn't have the ammunition to back it up. If Kissane (White) hits the blot, Black will be in a fair amount of trouble despite having the stronger board. Even if White misses, Black will pretty much have to cover the blot in order to have a large advantage. Even then, if White eventually anchors on Black's ace point, he will definitely be in the game.

Sylvester's actual play was to spring a man (22/16) thus assuring himself of outfield control. He used the ace to make the valuable 8-point (9/8). Black will pretty much be stuck on the 8-point for some time since he doesn't have any ammunition in place to improve the position. And if White can enter in a roll or two, he will be right in the game. This structure simply isn't as strong as five in a row.

My preference is the simple 13/7, 8/7. The bar point is far stronger than the eight point, particularly if White happens to enter with an ace. Black has few men up front to play with, so it is important to put them all where they belong. Five in a row is definitely what he wants most.

Springing a back man is helpful, but Black has enough flexibility with one man already out.

Numberwise, both 5s and 6s leap White's broken prime, and 2s and 3s advance the back men. So Black figures to

have little trouble playing his next few rolls. Besides, White is on the bar with only a two point board. He simply doesn't have all that many killer responses.

At the table, Sylvester took about ten minutes on this play, looking at each candidate, examining all of Kissane's possible replies and trying to weigh the resulting positions. This is certainly one way to attack a difficult position, and if you can do it successfully, it will be effective. However, it is very tiring and unless you have a tremendous aptitude for this sort of thinking, you are quite likely to make some errors in your calculations.

My personal approach is to look at what Black's primary goals should be and see how they can be accomplished. Here the primary goals are forming a strong blockade, keeping good outfield control, and escaping the back men. The second and third goals seem to have already been achieved to a great degree, so the greatest concentration should be on forming the strongest possible blockade. There is no question that making the bar point achieves this goal—that five prime will be "forever."△

Editor's note: This month's solution was taken directly from "MatchQiz" (Vol. 1), Sylvester vs. Kissane, ©1991 by Kit Woolsey and Hal Heinrich. MatchQiz is an IBM compatible computer backgammon program that allows you to experience world class backgammon with Kit Woolsey providing the analysis.

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**BACKGAMMON***in a week...*

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wreck Whites backgame..." He suggests the advanced play of 13/9, 11/9, 4/2*. "If White falls for the trap and hits a Black blot, Black will achieve his objective to lose some of his big lead..."

I can't say with complete certainty that this play is incorrect, but what happens if White *doesn't* fall for the trap of hitting Black? Certainly 13/9, 11/9, 8/6 is a very viable option that is never mentioned.

THE FINAL "SUNDAY" CHAPTER, offering a thorough discussion of chouette play, is very good. There is also a listing of current international backgammon publications (thanks for mentioning CHICAGO POINT, Robin!), information about U.K. backgammon clubs and tournaments, and a glossary of backgammon terms.

It's a shame that the author didn't elicit the help of a few expert British players to catch the numerous errors that riddle this book. Still, with the low £5.99 price tag, *Backgammon In A Week* provides more than enough controversial positions to make it a part of your backgammon library.—B.D.

AMALGAMATION

Visiting the Bar Point Club in December: Sangamon Valley Backgammon director **Mark Kaye** who won 9 out of 10 matches in his two club visits, New York writer **Dan Cox**, **Munchkin** (Los Angeles, CA), Flint Player of the Year **Danny DeRoche**, and **Frank Frigo** (Louisville, KY)... **John O'Hagan** reports seeing **Karen Davis** on C-Span television last month... **Jake Jacobs'** mother **Shirley Jacobs** can be seen as the "poster girl" in Bressler's 33 Flavors ice cream parlors... We had a nice time at the **Mark King/Christine Sullivan** wedding 31 December at the Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago. **Randall Witt**, who was Mark's college roommate, was Best Man... Vacationing in Costa Rica over the holidays: **Elaine Kehm-Tallackson** and husband **Jerry**... 1992 BPC second place finisher **Don Jayhan** will unfortunately not be able to make the Awards Night (11 Jan. at Pat's Pub) this year. As Don puts it, "I'll be taking my annual 'Wizard of Oz' vacation in Florida: I'm off to *flee the blizzard*... Some people believe that in backgammon, it's not whether you win or lose but how you place the blame. △

WINNER'S CORNER



Nov.-Dec. 1992

Circuito Del Rio De La Plata (Buenos Aires, Argentina; Mondays in Nov.)... Championship Winners: Miguel Alesandro, Gustavo Lausi, Hugo Erqueta, Santiago Hynes, Sergio Gelabert. Junior Winners: Alejandro Holzcan, Alberto Daich (2), Diego Lewi, Oscar Martin. Beginner Winners: Sol Fuentes, Mercedes Villarroel, Beatriz Kaprielian, Osvaldo Zottola, Lisandro Roman.

NY/NJ Co-op Regional (Hackensack, NJ; 8 Nov.)... Open (19): 1-Eddie Pavilonis, 2-Ralph Goldberg, 3/4-Perry Gartner / Antoinette Williams; 1C-Sid Schneider, 2C-Antoinette Williams. Intermediate (14): 1-Bob Molitor, 2-Alex Caraplis; 1C-Harry Levy.

Nordrhein-Westfalen Championships 1992 (Düsseldorf, Germany; 12-15 Nov.)... Championship: 1-Dov Melo (NL), 2-Bas van Gelderen (NL), 3/4-Mike Bodewig (GER) / Volker Sonnabend (GER); 1C-Ravenzwaay (NL), 2C-Mario Sequeira (POR); 1LC-Sigurd Karwen (GER), 2LC-Abraham Eitan (NL). Intermediate: 1-Horst Rumpfer (GER), 2-H. Lützenkirchen (GER); 1C-Arn timer Temmler, 2C-Norbert Wiebusch (GER); 1LC-Georg Rolf (NL). Beginner: 1-Oliver Lehmann (GER), 2-Georg Harzheim (GER); 1C-Kai Heinrich (GER), 2C-K.P. Seelig (GER); 1LC-Wolfgang Kunkel (GER). Warm-Up: 1-Peter Naguib (GER), 2-Wolfgang Stoetges (GER). Super Jackpot: 1-Xaver Braun (GER), 2-Wolfgang Griese (GER).

NEBC Sunday Monthly (Cambridge, MA; 15 Nov.)... Expert (25): 1-Connie Machakos, 2-Jay Guittari, 3/4-Doug Roberts / Walter Trice; 1C-Rick Barabino, 2C-Mehran Shahadi. A Div. (23): 1-Fred Millman, 2-Greg West, 3/4-Ernesto Adrienzen / Jerry Padova; 1C-Charles Stathis, 2C-Ray Mosher.

BG Co-op Fall Championships at Rocking Horse Ranch (Highland, NY; 20-22 Nov.)... Championship (18): 1-James Colen (MA), 2-Al Tesoro; 1C-Ami Tennenbaum (NJ), 2C-Dr. Bob Hill (NY). Open (12): 1-Dave Tanz, 2-Norma Gartner; 1C-Barbara Greenberg, 2C-Bob Molitor. Gunfight at the Rocking Horse Ranch (10): 1-James Colen, 2-Al Tesoro. Doubles A (4): 1-Frank Cupo & Barbara Greenberg. Doubles B (8): 1-Bob Bieder & Antoinette Williams.

BIBA Trophy Tournament #4 (Solihull,

England; 21-22 Nov.)... Open (72): 1-Neville Hyde, 2-Martin Lee, 3-Brian Lever, 4-Steve Bibby. Top Lady: Anna Michael. Better Luck Next Time: John Barron.

Springfield Series #2 (Springfield, IL; 5 Dec.)... Open (24): 1-Larry Whittenberg, 2-Gary Daniels; 1C-Randy Armstrong; 1LC-Lane O'Connor.

Racquet Club of Chicago—Van Alyea Cup (Chicago, IL; 5 Dec.)... Open (40): 1-Homer Hargrave, 2-Bill Bartholomay... The Racquet Club's Chuck Olson reports that this private prestigious event takes nearly one year to complete. In the 5 Dec. finals, Hargrave beat Bartholomay 15-9.

Bar Point Sunday (Oak Brook, IL; 6 Dec.)... Open (16): 1/2-Jeff Kane (WI) / Tim Mabee, 3/4-Fred Gehlhoff (WI) / Larry Strommen (IN); 1C/2C-David Rubin / Sarg Serges. Intermediate (13): 1/2-Jill Ferdinand-Brussel / Joann Feinstein, 3/4-Mary Franks / Richard Stawowy; 1C-Bobbie Shifrin, 2C-Harold Grote.

Sunday Monthly Tournament (New York, NY; 6 Dec.)... Open (32): 1/2-Elliott Winslow / Jay Whitehead... The New York Chess & BG Club's premiere tournament. Director Antoinette-Marie Williams informs us that first place prize money each month will be \$1,000 minimum guaranteed.

First International Turkish Championship (Istanbul, Turkey; 9-13 Dec.)... Championship: 1-Thomas Lumper (Germany)... Complete results next month.

THESE PLAYERS DESERVE RECOGNITION

The following is a partial list of national and international backgammon clubs' Player's of the Year for 1992. Congratulations to all. If we've neglected to mention your club's top player, let us know.

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- Bloomington-Normal BG Club (IL): Lane O'Conner
- Central Illinois Backgammon Club: Ed Bauder
- Chicago Bar Point Club (IL): Gary Kay
- College Park BG Club (MD): Harry Zilli ('91-'92)
- Colorado Backgammon Assn.: David Simpson
- Dallas Backgammon League (TX): Tom Wheeler
- Flint Area Backgammon Club (MI): Danny DeRoche
- Gammon Associates (CA): Azzam Masarani
- Granite State Backgammon Club (NH): Walter Trice
- Hoosier Backgammon Club (IN): Don Woods
- Milwaukee Backgammon Club (WI): Bob Holyon
- New England BG Club (MA): Evan Diamond ('91-'92)
- Pacific Northwest BG Assn. (WA): Chuck Breckenridge
- Plymouth Backgammon Club (MI): Dean Adamian
- Prime Backgammon Club (IL): Ira Hoffberg
- Pub Club (IL): V. W. Zimmicki
- Puget Sound BG Assn. (WA): Ruth Robbins
- Sangamon Valley BG Assn. (IL): Greg Tomlin
- Winnetka Backgammon Club (IL): Ed Buerger

INTERNATIONAL

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- Costa Rican Backgammon Assn: Mario Lizano
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