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MIKE COLGAN DERAILS EXPERTS

Nora Luna Is Advanced Champ

The finest group of backgammon players ever to assemble in Chicago—land gathered at the Oak Brook Marriott Hotel 24–26 March. The occasion was “Roll 66,” The 1995 Midwest Backgammon Championships. With Ballard, Goulding, Kazaross, Sylvester, Senkiewicz, Snellings, Ring, Russell, Woolsey, Trice, Malcolm Davis, Muench, Markowitz and reigning World Champ Frank Frigo in the field, there would be no easy path to victory.

Enter Mike Colgan. Well known as an on-the-air news reporter for KCBS radio in San Francisco (he interviewed President Clinton 8 April), Colgan’s only prior achievement was winning the 146-player Caesars Tahoe Intermediate tourney in 1989.

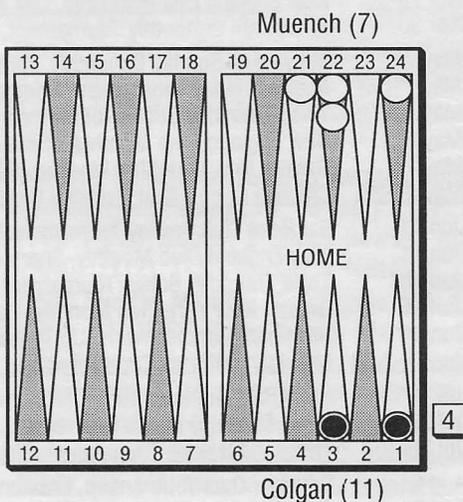
One-by-one, Colgan (KG rating 1549) took apart the experts. Tak Morioka (1675) fell, then Yamin Yamin (1593). Next Milwaukee’s Bob Holyon (1732) was wiped out. In the semifinals, Dean Muench (1719) bit the dust.

Mike’s opponent in the finals was Arnold Zousmer of San Diego, CA. Although relatively unknown, Zousmer is currently 4th all-time on the 3-year-old American Backgammon Tour. To reach the finals, Arnold had upset former World Champion Joe Russell, Pittsburgh champ Abbas Zaltash, and Nevada Masters champ Howard Ring.

The Colgan-Zousmer 15-point finals matchup was all Colgan. Mike jumped out to a 9–1 lead and never looked back. The final score was 15–4. Mike won close to \$5,000 and a beautiful 1:18 scale 1957 Corvette trophy.

“I don’t think anybody scored more than seven points off me all weekend,” recalled Mike. “Dean Muench (in the semifinals) was my toughest match. I beat him 13–7, but there was one potentially dangerous position shown above:

13-point semifinals. Mike Colgan (Black) leads Dean Muench (White) 11–7. **BLACK TO ROLL.**



“I rolled a 2-1, but when Dean failed to roll the double, the match was mine.”

Colgan was reflective after his victory. “My game has improved for a couple of reasons. One of them is “JellyFish.” You can really learn from that program. And the other is FIBS (First Internet Backgammon Server). Being able to watch experts like Kit Woolsey really helps you.”

“A lot of Chicago players including Marcy [Sloan], Barry [Miller], Stu [Katz], Andy [Krenitz] on FIBS talked me into coming. I had been playing them for months on FIBS and they said, “Why don’t you come out?” so I did. I think FIBS will really draw a lot of new players to backgammon.”

THE ELIGIBILITY PANEL knew something when they voted Chicago’s David Rubin as “too good” to play in the Advanced division. The 2300+ chess master promptly went on to capture the Open Tournament by defeating Jack Takala (MI) two straight matches in the double elimination format.

In the Intermediate division, Boston’s red hot Nora Luna was unstoppable. She played with great intensity and concentration throughout the weekend. Her semifinal match against Jim Muirhead (MI) went double match-point. And the finals was also close with Nora edging out a 13–9

victory over Milad Doueichi (IL) in a wild last game that could have gone either way.

This year’s Limited division tournament was the biggest in the country—49 players. Congratulations to Indiana’s John Smulders who bested Lee Pflugrad (WI) in a hard-fought finals.

In the other events, it was Doug Roberts & Wanda delaBarre (MA) capturing the 32-team doubles. Phil Laak topped Jon Vietor in the Blitz. Kit Woolsey beat Lou Salzman in the Nackgammon. And David Wells raced past Drew Giovanis in the 32-player Speed-Gammon.

Backgammon clocks were mandatory for the semifinals and finals of the Intermediate and Championship division. The

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1995 MIDWEST BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHAMPIONSHIP (64): 1-Mike Colgan (CA), 2-Arnold Zousmer (CA), 3/4-Dean Muench (IL) / Howard Ring (IL); 1C-Walter Trice (IL), 2C-Abbas Zaltash (PA); 1LC-Joe Sylvester (MI)

\$125 OPEN (25): 1-David Rubin (IL), 2-Jack Takala (MI), 3-John Jennings (IL)

ADVANCED (64): 1-Nora Luna (MA), 2-Milad Doueichi (IL), 3/4-Jim Muirhead (MI) / Patti Beadles (OR); 1C-Martin Lee (ENG), 2C-Ed Buerger (IL); 1LC-Bill Rudd (KY)

LIMITED (49): 1-John Smulders (IN), 2-Lee Pflugrad (WI), 3/4-Keith Hvamsted (MN) / Harold Roberson (MN); 1C-Glenn Swanson (IL), 2C-Gary Tong (MI); 1LC-Mary Kuchenbrod (KY)

MIDWEST DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP (32): 1-Doug Roberts & Wanda delaBarre (MA), 2-John O’Hagan (IN) & Drew Giovanis (FL), 3/4-Butch & Mary Ann Meese (IN) / Linda Woods & John Jennings (IL)

SATELLITE DOUBLES (8): 1/2-Andy Krenitz (IL) & Samra Hadden (GA) / Kurt Schurecht (IL) & Bob Ebbeler (CA)

BLITZ (128): 1-Phil Laak (CA)

NACKGAMMON (32): 1-Kit Woolsey (CA), 2-Lou Salzman (IL), 3/4-Bob Glass (CA) / Bob Holyon (WI)

SPEED-GAMMON (32): 1-David Wells (MA), 2-Drew Giovanis (FL), 3/4-Phil Laak (CA) / John Meyers (WI)

“TOUR AMERICA” TOURNEY (16): 1-Kit Woolsey (CA)

PIG ROLLING: 1-Irving Achtenberg (MO)

STACK’EM DICE: 1-Tim Johnson (IL)

CUBE GOLF: 1-Lucky Nelson (IL)

BG WHEEL OF FORTUNE: 1-Wilcox Snellings (NV)

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PRAISE FOR JAKE

Jake Jacobs' account of the Illinois State Challenge Cup ("Our Cup Runneth Over") in the March POINT was outstanding. For pure enjoyment and fun, there is no better writer than our own Jake Jacobs.—Don Jayhan, Carol Stream, IL

DISAGREEMENT WITH DANNY

I disagree with Danny Kleinman's answer for the Question 2 situation in "The Rulings Contest 2" (March 1995 POINT). I think that the correct answer should be (A), Judy wins one point, based on the explanation Danny gives in his December 1990 "Shades of Gray" column.

Judy said that Steve chortled. This is only a subjective opinion. The fact is that she offered a double and not a redouble.—Claudio Salamone, Tournament Director, Argentina Backgammon Association

Danny Kleinman replies: All rulings must be based on the facts as stated or inferred.

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coming attractions

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NATIONAL

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Apr 19	RSCARDS Spring 1995 Computer Modem Tournament, GENie	800/638-9636
Apr 20	Third Thursday Bonus Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Apr 22	Springfield Series Grand Finale, Parker's Sports Bar, Springfield, IL	217/528-0117
Apr 23*	Greater New York Club Monthly, Ramada Inn, Woodbury, NY	718/341-3779
Apr 23	New England Club Monthly, Sheraton-Commander, Cambridge, MA	617/643-8154
Apr 28-30	<u>Spring Gran Prix, Embassy Suites Hotel, La Jolla, CA</u>	<u>619/294-2007</u>
Apr 28-30	<u>New England Championship, Oak & Spruce Center, South Lee, MA</u>	<u>603/863-4711</u>
Apr 30*	Pittsburgh Bimonthly Tournament, Greentree Marriott, Pittsburgh, PA	412/823-7500
May 7*	Milwaukee Sunday Bimonthly, John Hawks Pub, Milwaukee, WI	414/463-2498
May 7*	Austin Sunday Tournament, Bombay Bicycle Club, Austin, TX	512/261-8518
May 18	Third Thursday Bonus Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
May 21	New England Club Monthly, Sheraton-Commander, Cambridge, MA	617/643-8154
May 21	Greater New York Club Monthly, Ramada Inn, Woodbury, NY	718/341-3779
May 26-29	<u>Chicago Open, Hyatt Regency Woodfield, Schaumburg, IL</u>	<u>708/674-0120</u>
Jun 11	Bar Point Club Sunday Tournament, Braxton Seafood Grill, Oak Brook, IL	312/252-7755
Jun 11	New England Club Monthly, Sheraton-Commander, Cambridge, MA	617/643-8154
Jun 15*	Third Thursday Bonus Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Jun 25	Greater New York Club Monthly, Ramada Inn, Woodbury, NY	718/341-3779
Jun 29*	Michigan Summer Warm-Up Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Jun 30-Jul 3	<u>Michigan Summer Championships, Novi Hilton, Novi, MI</u>	<u>810/232-9731</u>
Jul 19*	RSCARDS Summer 1995 Computer Modem Tournament, GENie	800/638-9636
Jul 20*	Third Thursday Bonus Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Jul 28-30	<u>Thousand Islands Tournament, Pine Tree Point, Alexandria Bay, NY</u>	<u>716/442-8221</u>
Aug 6*	Summer Cool Tournament, Braxton Seafood Grill, Oak Brook, IL	312/252-7755
Aug 11-13	34th G/A Invitational, Grand Slam Bridge Club, Woodland Hills, CA	818/901-0464
Aug 16-20	Las Vegas Open, Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV	702/893-6025
Sep 1-4	<u>43rd Indiana Open, Ramada Inn East, Indianapolis, IN</u>	<u>317/845-8435</u>
Sep 29-Oct 1	<u>Towpath Inn Tournament, Towpath Inn, Turin, NY</u>	<u>716/442-8221</u>
Oct 6-8	<u>Nation's Capital Fall Championships, Promenade, Bethesda, MD</u>	<u>301/530-0603</u>
Oct 11-15	<u>5th Illinois Champs/America Cup, Location to be announced, IL</u>	<u>708/945-7801</u>
Oct 27-29	<u>Autumn Gran Prix, Embassy Suites Hotel, La Jolla, CA</u>	<u>619/294-2007</u>
Nov 3-5	<u>35th G/A Invitational, Grand Slam Bridge Club, Woodland Hills, CA</u>	<u>818/901-0464</u>
Nov 3-5	<u>Backgammon In The Berkshires, Oak & Spruce Center, South Lee, MA</u>	<u>603/863-4711</u>
Nov 10-12	<u>NY/NJ BG CO-OP Big Apple Series, Oritani Hotel, Hackensack, NJ</u>	<u>201/833-2915</u>

OUTSIDE USA

Apr 14-17	Nordic "Wide" Open, SAS Scandinavia Hotel, Copenhagen, Denmark	4539-400 607
Apr 19-23	4th Tournament of the Americas, Herradura Hotel, San José, Costa Rica	312/252-7755
Apr 28-May 1*	European Backgammon News Labour Day Tournament, Almeria, Spain	3468-438349
May 1	Hong Kong Monthly Tournament, Ladies Recreation Club	852-846 1923
May 6	Hamburg-Cup, Martins, Hamburg-Altona, Germany	4940-439 0044
May 27-28*	County Cups Trophy Tournament #2, George Hotel, Solihull, England	4452-546993
Jun 5*	Hong Kong Monthly Tournament, Ladies Recreation Club	852-846 1923
Jun 9-11	1995 Swedish Open, Arvi Hotel, Farsta Stockholm, Sweden	468-605 3600
Jun 15-18	7th International Tournament City of Venice, Casino Municipale, Italy	3941-521 1029
Jun 17-18*	Wansbeck Trophy Tourney, Buccaneer Pub, Newcastle, England	44670-812787
Jun 29-Jul 2	1st Kaiserbrunnen Cup, Bielefeld, Germany	49521-643 14
Jul 3*	Hong Kong Monthly Tournament, Ladies Recreation Club	852-846 1923
Jul 8-9*	Hilton Trophy Tournament, Hilton Hotel, Coventry, England	44522-546993
Jul 7-9	Monte Carlo Warm-up, Loews Hotel, Monte Carlo, Monaco	305/527-4033
Jul 10-16	World Backgammon Championship, Loews Hotel, Monte Carlo, Monaco	3392-162133
Jul 20-23	Riviera's Cup Championship, Hotel Martinez, Cannes, France	33141-050259
Aug 26-27*	Studio Anne Carlton Trophy Tournament #3, George Hotel, Solihull, Eng.	44522-546993
Sep 1-3	5th Mitteleuropa Tournament, Casino Park Nova Gorica, Slovenia	392-48019343
Oct 1-6*	2nd German Open, Bielefeld, Germany	0521-64314
Oct 6-8*	Asian Championships, Ladies Recreation Club, Hong Kong	852-846 1923
Oct 14-15*	Sandy Osborne Memorial Trophy, Hilton Hotel, East Midlands, England	44522-546993
Oct 14-15*	Åbne Fynsmesterskaber, Odense, Denmark	4539-400607
Nov 3-5*	1st Japan Open, Japanese Backgammon League, Tokyo, Japan	813-3373 3814
Nov 18-19*	Solihull Trophy Tournament #4, George Hotel, Solihull, England	44522-546993

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Rulings Contest 2 Question 2 says "Steve chortles"—not "Judy said that Steve chortled." How does the director know that Steve chortled? It does not say. Perhaps from Steve's own admission; perhaps from a report of a reliable witness. Given the facts as stated, I stand by (B): Steve passed a redouble and Judy wins two points.

Suppose, however, that Steve had not given the show away by chortling, or that it could not be established to the director's satisfaction that he had. Then, in the absence of any indication that either player had been aware of Steve's earlier double, I would no longer favor (B). Here the posing of alternatives which allow the game to be continued implies that the position is intact or can be restored. That would make it fair

to put Judy on roll owning a 2-cube (C).

Note also that Question 2 says, "As they are scoring the game, Judy notices the big 2-cube on her side of the board." This too is stated as fact. Again, how the fact was established does not concern us here, but surely there are mannerisms that might indicate to an opponent or witness whether Judy was aware of Steve's earlier double.

Suppose the facts were different, e.g. a reliable witness had reported, "Before Judy picked up the stray cube and turned it to 2, I saw her glance at the 2-cube already on her side of the board." Then, even if the position could be restored, I would rule that Judy wins only one point (A). To do otherwise might give Judy a free shot in (admittedly rare) positions where Steve has a proper pass of a double but a take of a redouble.

You are very alert to notice the resemblance to the December 1990 rulings

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AMERICAN BACKGAMMON TOUR ★ 1995

Compiled through 2 April 1995 after 4 tournaments
(Upcoming: Spring Gran Prix, New England Champs, Chicago Open)



Mike Colgan	22.88	Joe Sylvester	6.40	John Jennings	3.75	Paul Paris	1.54
Abbas Zaltash	22.80	Martin Lee	5.60	Bill Rudd	3.20	Jim Roston	1.54
Odis Chenault	20.83	Judy Brown	5.58	Troy Longman	2.79	Mary Kuchenbrod	1.23
David Rubin	13.75	Bob Green	5.58	Pete Ryder	2.79	Edward Heiman	1.14
Jim Muirhead	13.25	Milad Doueihi	5.20	Ed Buerger	2.40	Randy Douthat	1.06
Nora Luna	11.44	Richard Armbruster	4.56	David DeVries	2.14	Johnnie Roberts	1.06
Walter Trice	11.20	Dorn Bishop	4.56	Glenn Swanson	2.14	Gary Tong	0.92
Arnold Zousmer	10.40	William Counts	4.50	Patti Beadles	2.08	Jessica Brandlin	0.86
Clarine	9.03	Bob Koca	4.50	Steve Baksic	2.08	Gayle Wolf	0.86
Ray Fogerlund	9.03	Doug Roberts	4.40	James Kasarjian	2.00	Keith Hvamsted	0.80
Dean Adamian	9.00	John Smulders	4.38	Lee Pflugrad	1.99	Harold Roberson	0.80
Blake Sorem	9.00	Dean Muench	4.16	Elijah Miller	1.77	Mark Damish	0.78
Jack Takala	7.50	Howard Ring	4.16	Wayne King	1.60		

PRIME CLUB FINDS 'PRIME' LOCATION AT THE BELDEN

More than two dozen players attended the Prime Backgammon Club of Chicago's grand opening tournament Friday, 17 March at the Belden North Restaurant, 7572 N. Western Avenue in Chicago. Prime players are very happy with the new accommodations. The Belden North offers good parking, food and drink and backgammon play until 2:00 a.m. For more info, contact director Joann Feinstein at 708/674-0120.



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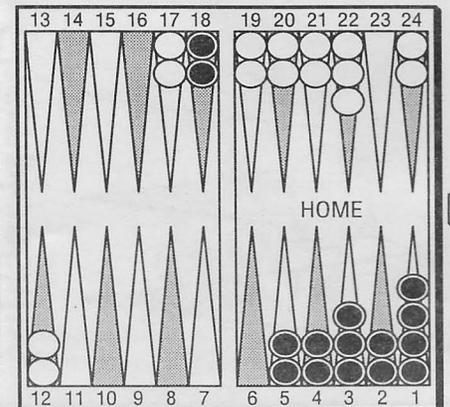
Neil Kazaross	10.56	Jolie Rubin	2.60	Georgina Flanagan	1.52	David Rockwell	0.64
Harry Cohn	8.72	Paul Friedman	2.58	Mojie Shishineh	1.52	Jay Ward	0.64
Jake Jacobs	5.80	Phyllis Smolinski	2.56	Frankie Farjood	1.28	Phil Simborg	0.64
John Demian	5.32	Bill Keefe	2.56	Jon Hartman	1.28	Barbara Levinson	0.48
Herb Roman	4.52	Harold Seif	2.56	Alex Itkin	1.12	Leslie Lockett	0.48
Arline Levy	4.48	Nora Luna	2.56	Alan Zimmerman	0.88	René Wojtysiak	0.44
Gary Kay	4.48	Yamin Yamin	2.40	Joann Feinstein	0.88	Andy Bittman	0.40
Tak Morioka	4.48	Amy Trudeau	2.24	Nan Feiber	0.88	Monica Miller	0.40
Richard Lloyd	4.16	Ralph Levy	1.92	Roland Dieter	0.88	Elaine Kehm	0.36
Tim Mabee	4.16	Sarg Serges	1.92	Wilcox Snellings	0.88	Mark Murray	0.34
Reggie Porter	3.52	Paul Ruterman	1.80	Don Jayhan	0.80	Mark Zoll	0.32
Paul Franks	3.44	Bobbie Shifrin	1.72	John Brussel	0.76	Patrick Desmond	0.32
Paul Klein	3.36	Stu Katz	1.68	Jill Ferdinand	0.72	Willie Franklin	0.32
Jeff Kane	3.04	Bill Davis	1.64	John O'Hagan	0.72	Ken Bond	0.24
Mary Franks	3.00	Peter Kalba	1.60	John Stryker	0.72	Tom Fahland	0.24
Alice Kay	2.92	Ed Buerger	1.52	Norma Shyer	0.72	Tim Carroll	0.16
David Rubin	2.60	Elijah Miller	1.52	Ali Morovati	0.64		

Congratulations to **GARY KAY** who earned 2.96 points and March Player of the Month honors. Harold Seif and Boston's Nora Luna were runner's-up with 2.56 points each.

your move

PROBLEM #213

23-pt. 1995 Reno Masters finals. Howard Ring (Black) leads Mike Senkiewicz (White) 8 to 6. **BLACK TO PLAY 5-2.**



DEAR MISS LONELYBLOTS



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THE ULTIMATE REMEDY

Dear Miss Lonelyblots: My wife, my mistress, my secretary and my masseuse accompanied me to a recent tournament. They gathered round to watch me play Hollis Beery in the first round. At an 8-8 score in a 13-point match, I found myself up about a zillion pips in the race with Hollis anchored on my bar-point. I doubled, and Hollis scooped up the cube as if I had no chance of clearing the midpoint safely. I did leave a shot, but when Hollis missed, I converted to a pure race and won handily.

After I bore my last man off, we set up the board for the next game, restored the cube to the center, and entered the score. Soon afterwards, I happened to glance at Hollis's scoresheet and noticed a "9-8" score.

"It's TEN-eight, Hollis," I remarked.

"10-8, hell!" cried Hollis. "We were tied at 8 and you won a point. Director!"

Director Libby Bloodhart answered his call. When she arrived, there was an empty Coca-Cola bottle on my side of the table next to the board; on the other side, five empty Carlsberg bottles and a sixth about two-thirds full. My wife, mistress, secretary and masseuse all swore that I doubled and

Hollis took. On a nearby board, I set up the position of the double and the take.

"He never doubled me, Libby," shouted Hollis. "I wondered why he didn't turn the cube after I missed my shot."

"Did you announce '10-8' between games, Saul?" asked Libby.

"No, I did not." I replied.

"Then I'll have to rule in favor of your opponent. I cannot penalized the player already behind in the match."

Is that fair? All signs—bottles, kibitzers and reconstructed position—pointed in the same direction. Anyone but Libby Bloodhart would have ruled in my favor.—Saul Softdrink

DEAR SAUL: Suppose the signs conflicted—or worse, pointed in the other direction. Suppose the beer bottles were on your side of the table, Hollis had brought his wife, mistress, masseuse and secretary to watch the match, and all vehemently denied your version of the reconstructed position. Should Hollis then be allowed to get away with his cheating? For that's exactly what it is—if deliberate.

I disagree with Libby's ruling. There's no reason to favor the trailer against the leader. Though it's a good idea to call out the score for clarity after each game, it's not a requirement. Besides, why should the burden of verifying the score fall more on you than Hollis?

Furthermore, calling out the score would not keep Hollis from disputing it: he

could dispute it earlier, or claim 10-8 in his favor. Neither can other aids to clarity (such as announcing the level to which you turn the cube or counting your moves orally while playing doublets) stop a determined cheater.

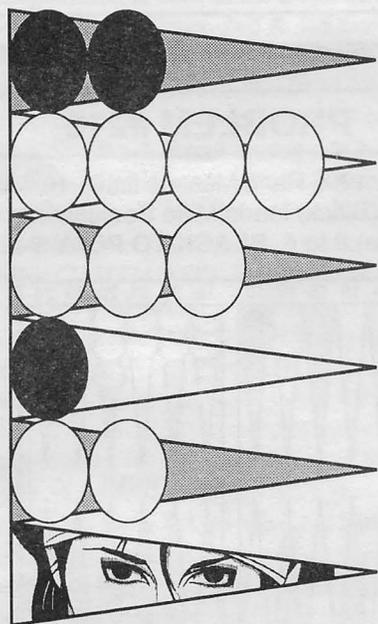
Though I believe firmly in a government of "law, not men," no set of procedures is foolproof. We must still rely on human judgment to administer laws. It was up to Libby to judge your dispute with Hollis not only by what she saw at the table and heard from the witnesses, but by everything else she knew.

Alas, a director's lot is not an 'appy one. Even directors fairer than Libby will sometimes err, and "rolling for it"—the usual solution when one player's word contradicts another's—lets a cheater succeed about half the time.

Cheer up. No thief steals from only one victim. If Libby—or some other director—assigns a disinterested monitor to observe Hollis surreptitiously, he will soon become known for what he is and barred from backgammon, where as in contract bridge, "Ostracism is the ultimate remedy for intentional offenses."—Miss Lonelyblots Δ

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problem. In that problem, however, there are hints that White was taking a shot. No facts are given to indicate anything which drew White's attention to her errant cube-turn, which suggests that she might have known she owned a 2-cube. But it does say that she rolled and played "a 6-3 (a moderately favorable number)" and then sought to continue the game with Black owning a 4-cube. What if she'd rolled a poor number? Would she then have asked for her 2-cube back? That, though superficially like (C) in Question 2 of Rulings Contest 2, would give her a free shot.

What would White do if not seeking a free shot? Acknowledge her mistake without trying to profit from it, e.g., "The cube I turned was a stray cube, not the game cube which I owned at 2. I intended to redouble you to 4. So please consider whether you want to pass or take my redouble. And if you decide to take and want to cancel my 6-3, I'll be happy to reroll."

Yes, problems can be posed in which the facts themselves are unclear or incapable of establishment (look no further than Saul Softdrink's letter to Miss Lonelyblots on page 4 of this issue). It is partly for this reason that I insisted on changing Bill Davis's proposed rulings column title from "Kleinman Rules" to "Shades of Gray."—Danny Kleinman, Los Angeles, CA

1995 MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

On behalf of us at The Anti-Cruelty Society, thank you so much for this year's \$1,655 donation and the continued support that the Midwest Championships provides. We are very grateful to your players each year in remembering the animals in our shelter.—Jane M. Stern, Executive Director, The Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago

Congratulations to you and your staff on a great job at the 1995 Midwest Backgammon Championships. I still can't believe the outstanding field you attracted—along with so many new faces. Backgammon is alive in '95.—Arnold Zousmer, Rancho Santa Fe, CA

BACKGAMMON EXPERIENCE A PLUS

I am sending you an article, "They Play To Win," from the 13 March 1995 *Forbes* magazine. Very interesting. It seems that we should now add "backgammon player" to our résumés.—Nora Luna, Jamaica Plain, MA

This is must reading for gamers, Nora! Here is the opening of Philip E. Ross's fine article:

Which looks better on a résumé?

- (a) An undergraduate degree in marketing,
- (b) An M.B.A. from a decent business school,
- (c) A victory at an important bridge, poker, backgammon or chess tournament.

If you chose (c), you may be on to something. Successful games players are thick on the ground in the upper echelons of business, and often like to hire people with similar aptitudes.

"Give me a choice between 100 bridge players or 100 college grads, and I'll take the bridge players in a second—they're used to always being dealt a new hand," says Norman Weinstein, an international chess master and member at Odyssey Partners, the big hedge fund. "Backgammon's even better: You start from the same position, but the dice require you to play differently each time."

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MIKE COLGAN...

[Continued from page 1]

Open division finals also chose to use a clock. Most reaction was positive. Championship winner Mike Colgan said: "I would generally be in favor of it. I'm a relatively fast player so it didn't effect me at all even though it was the first time I ever used it. Once you get the hang of it, there's really no problem."

Intermediate victor Nora Luna went a step further. "It really helped me to totally get into the game. I'd like to see clocks in use for all matches."

But Champion runner-up Arnold Zousmer had a negative reaction towards the clock. "They were distracting, and I don't think they were necessary." [Editor's note: see Amalgamation for information on obtaining the new Backgammon Clock Rules.]

IN THE FUN SIDE EVENTS, 79-year-old Irving Achtenberg (MO) won the "battle of the bacon" to claim Pig-rolling top honors. With his victory, Irving joins his wife Gail (1988 winner) in the Pig-rolling "Hog of Fame." Tim Johnson (IL) was tops in Stack'Em Dice. Lucky Nelson won a \$100 bill in Cube Golf.

Kit Woolsey first predicted how many 6s would be rolled when a giant jar of dice was emptied by Amy Trudeau on Saturday afternoon. Then he won an unusual "Tour America" backgammon game down Route 66. And Wilcox Snellings captured the BG Wheel of Fortune event and 1/4 ounce of gold for solving the following puzzle: "What St. Patrick said to Robinson Crusoe one role prior to turning the cube." The answer: "I'm just a castaway from Dublin."

The Midwest Championships staff of Bill Davis, Peter Kalba, Carol Joy Cole, John & Dru Heggen and Amy Trudeau had great fun dressing in 50s clothing for the Saturday Charity Calcutta Auction. (See photos on page 7.) Peter "Big Daddy" Kalba did a great job raising nearly \$1300 for the Anti-Cruelty Society of Chicago. When all the money was totalled (including contributions from Arnold Zousmer and Judy Field), the final donation was \$1655.

Special thanks to those who assisted in the production of the Midwest Championships: Rudy Rodriguez (Chicago Tribune), John Petergal (Fast Track Printing) and Jeff Henry (Jim Henry Trophies). And a special thanks to those who attended. The 202 main event players was a record crowd for event—the 12th time we've broken an attendance record in as many years. Δ



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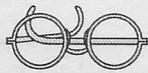
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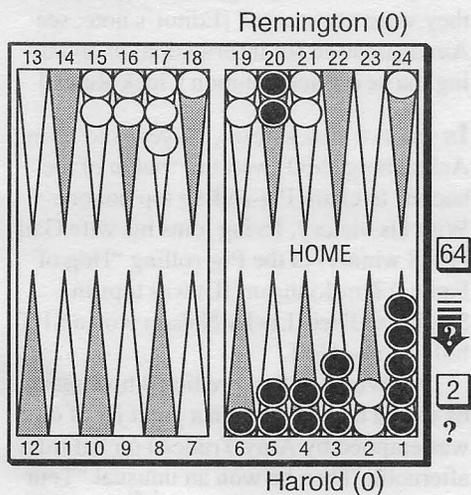
HAROLD'S VIEW



by Harold Branch

I, Harold Hardhead, the better to resist the introduction of knowledge, make an "imperfect" decision sometimes. Great errors lead to great embarrassment. How can I inoculate myself against embarrassment? (No, I'm not going to try to flush myself away.) My new approach: I definitely point out the error in some detail at the top of my voice, then . . . I try to laugh louder than anyone else.

Match to 9 points. No score.



In my latest adventure, I was playing a casual match against Remington Riflefire, the Fastest Gun in the East. Game 1—no score. In the preceding position, Rem (White) said "Double."

I grieved over my shabby position for a moment, put myself through that hazy mental turmoil that passes for thinking, and . . . gave up! (?)

Rem looked startled. "What are you doing, Harold? It's a very easy take!"

He was right, of course. His error in doubling with a negative expectation was rewarded by his opponent passing with a positive expectation. A sorry exhibition.

Do you remember Casey Stengel, surrounded by his expansion team, the New York Mets of the 1960s? Casey looked around at his dismal collection of castoffs and hopefuls and asked, "Does anyone here know how to play this game?"

That extended outfield prime is brittle and a bit weakish, as any player of experience* knows. And speed has a strength of its own.

Look at these numbers for 200 sample rollouts—especially the gammons. After Black takes, White, the doubler, won 80 plain and 10 gammons. Black won 92 plain, 16 gammons and 2 backgammons! 120 net points to Black (!)—not White. Don't say anything, Casey!

**Experience: That body of recollections that help us recognize a mistake when we make it again.*

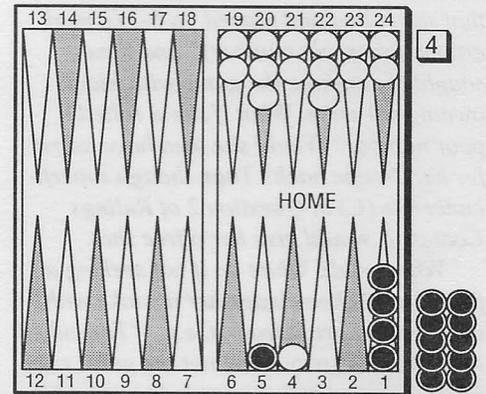
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HASTY PLAYS



by Duane Jensen

9 point match. White leads Black, 7 to 1. **BLACK TO PLAY 1-1.**



Black played 5/1 (hitting), leaving himself a strong favorite in the match. A better play is to bear off four men, leaving the blot on the 5-point. The risk of being hit and losing the match is quite small—only about 2%. On the plus side, Black wins gammons (worth 8 points) 59% of the time and 4 point wins 39%.

Playing 5/1 yields only 43% 8 point gammons and 57% 4 point wins. A look at the match equities of the two plays shows the superiority of bearing off four checkers.

Bear Off 4 Checkers

- Win 8 pts. (gammon) 59%
- Win 4 pts. 39%
- Lose 4 pts. 2%

Match Equity

- 59% x 100% (Score 9-7) = 0.59
- 39% x 36% (Score 5-7) = 0.14
- 2% x 0% (Score 1-11) = 0.00
- 73%**

Play 5/1 (hitting)

- Win 8 pts. (gammon) 43%
- Win 4 pts. 57%

Match Equity

- 43% x 100% (Score 9-7) = 0.43
- 57% x 36% (Score 5-7) = 0.21
- 64% Δ**

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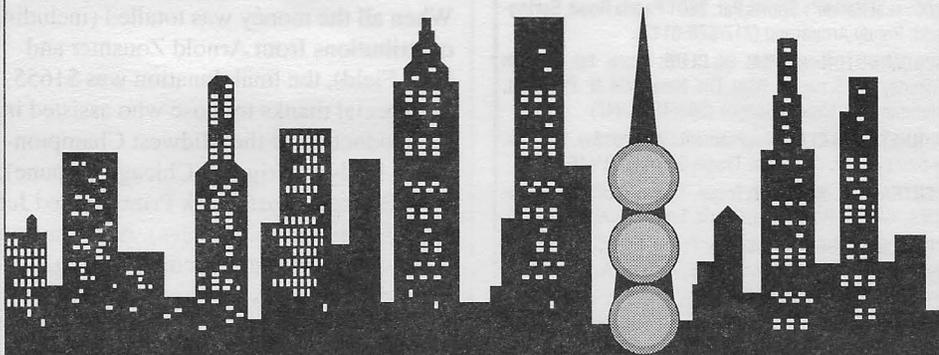
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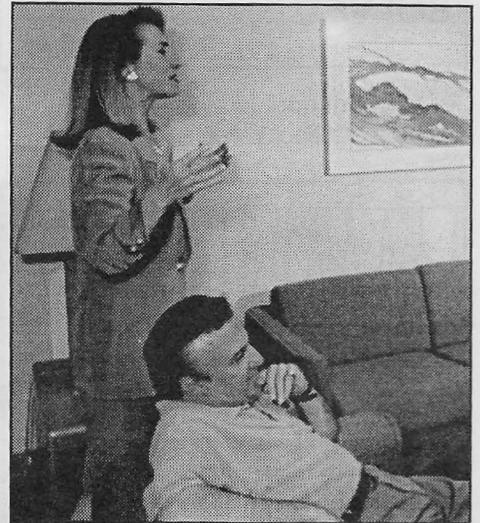
The 1995 Midwest Backgammon Championships



The 1995 Midwest Championships staff: Bill "Willie D." Davis, Amy "Angel" Trudeau, "Big Daddy" Peter Kalba, Carol "Bootsie" Cole, Dru "Chick with the Pigs" Heggen, John "Johnny Be Good" Heggen.



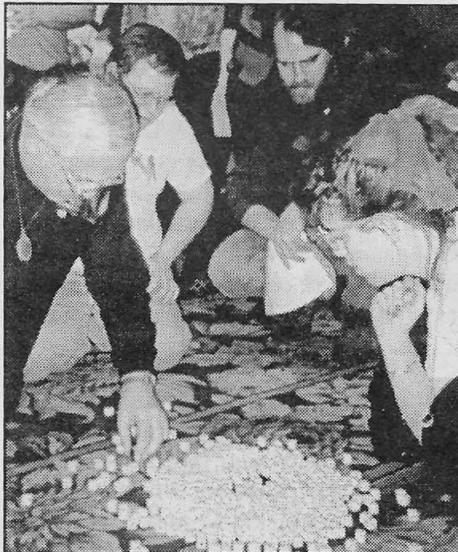
Doubles champions Wanda delaBarre and Doug Roberts ponder a move.



Midwest Champ Mike Colgan (a reporter for KCBS) with First Lady Hillary Clinton.



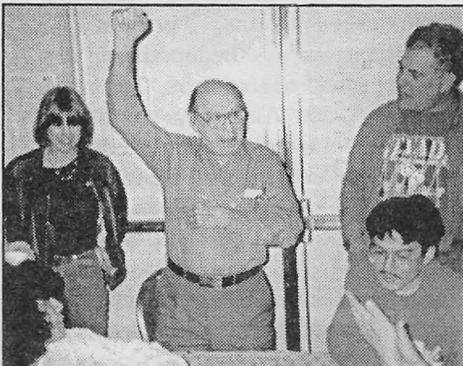
Mike Colgan displays his 1:18 scale 1957 Corvette Champ trophy as runner-up Arnold Zousmer looks on.



Peter Kalba and Amy Trudeau get the count of 6s rolled (94 out of 543 dice) after a giant jar of dice was emptied on Saturday.



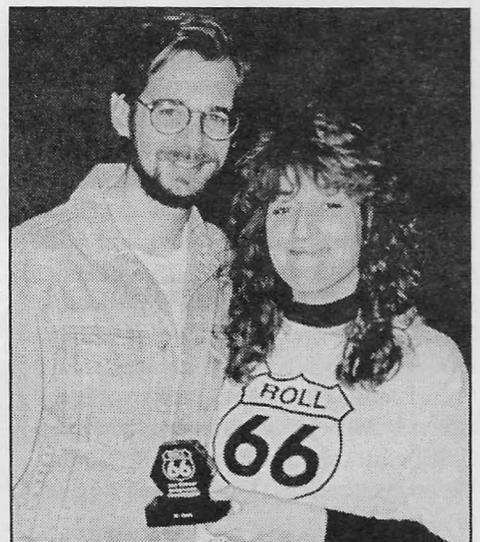
Limited player John Smulders wins big.



Pig-Rolling champion Irving Achtenberg.



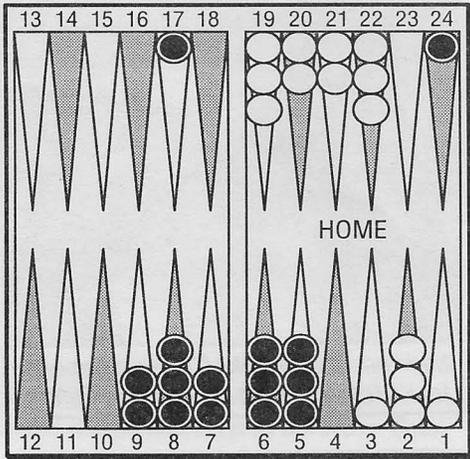
Nackgammon and "Tour America" champ Kit Woolsey with stepson Phillip Nutting.



Open champion David Rubin shares his victory with wife Jolie.

**PROBLEM #212
SOLVED**

by Kit Woolsey

Tournament double match-point.
BLACK TO PLAY 4-4.

Black has rolled an awkward number and now must choose the proper approach. While there are several conceivable plays, they basically fall into two categories: attacking and priming. Which should it be?

In order to answer this question, we

must consider the positive and negative aspects of both players' positions. Rather than playing into White's strength, Black's goal must be to make the play that accentuates his own advantages.

White's strengths are a good 4-point board and an anchor. She would not mind a blot-hitting contest, since she already has several men back, an anchor, and a good inner board.

Black's solid 5-prime is his big asset. In addition, he appears to have the timing edge.

What are Black's weaknesses? He has fewer inner board points, and a back checker stuck behind White's blockade. If Black can force White to bust her board, Black's game will become much easier.

From this discussion, it becomes clear that Black's high priority is to maintain his solid 5-prime. Plays such as 8/4(2), 7/3(2)* (probably the best of the attacking plays) sacrifice Black's main advantage. Such a move plays into White's hands, giving her a chance to turn the entire game around with a lucky fly shot from the bar. If Black instead retains his prime, White is under pressure to escape now or commence crumbling his board.

Now that we have formulated Black's best game plan, we must choose between the plays which carry out that plan. There are only two such plays: 17/1*, and 17/5, 8/4.

17/5, 8/4 has the advantage of forcing White to play her full roll next turn, which could be important if White rolls large numbers. The downside is that it places a checker on the point White needs to get. If White hits the blot (which she will do most of the time), she will then be poised to escape. Black will be stuck on the bar, and White's board is so strong that Black will be unable to do much. In addition, by moving from the 8-point, Black will have taken away his most flexible spare checker, so that once he enters, his next rolls may be difficult to play.

17/1* has the disadvantage of hitting and putting a checker out of play. Otherwise, it is clearly better. Black remains poised with three builders to pounce on any checker which White is able to get to Black's 4-point. Black won't mind being hit back so much, unless White is able to hit and advance to the 4-point at the same time. In addition, Black retains the previously-mentioned crucial spare on the 8-point. Putting it all together, it looks like 17/1* is the best play.

This problem is much easier because of the double match-point conditions. If gammons were important, a lot could be said for 8/4(2), 7/3(2)*. However, under the actual conditions, Black must maintain his advantageous prime. Δ

AMALGAMATION

Here are four club updates: **Harold Branch** (502/458-7468) tells us that Louisville Backgammon is back at the Delta Lounge, 434 W. Market Street, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. The Pacific NW Backgammon Assn. now meets at Venue, 10833 NE 8th Street, Bellevue, WA Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Call **Chuck Breckenridge** at 206/778-8181. The Houston (Bayou) Backgammon Club meets Tuesdays at the Rock Bottom Brewery on Richman Street. **Jack Butler** (713/774-9439) has the details. San Francisco backgammon has moved from the Golden Gate Grill down the street to the Baja Cantina, 3154 Fillmore on Wednesdays. Call **Todd Berger** at the Cantina for more info (415/885-2252)... Condolences to **Paul Franks** (IL) on the passing of his father 31 March... Central Backgammon Club codirectors **Ed Bauder** and **Linda Woods** have started publishing a 3-page newsletter. Four issues per year are promised. Those wishing to gain insight into running a friendly backgammon club should send \$2.00 (\$4.00 overseas) for all

four issues to: Central Illinois BG Club; 1115 E. McClure; Peoria, IL 61603-2007... Visiting the Bar Point Club in March: **Jon Viotor** (CA), **Nora Luna** (MA) and **Wilcox Snellings** (NV)... Congratulations to MBC staffer **Amy Trudeau** and **Hugo Valerio** on their marriage 8 April in Niles, IL. Bar Point Clubbers **Bill Davis**, **Peter Kalba** and **Georgina Flanagan** attended. The couple will honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico... Is anyone who attended the Midwest Championships missing an imitation Mont Blanc pen? **Carol Joy Cole** (313/232-9731) found one... We can't say enough about the new backgammon program that's sweeping the world: Jellyfish Tutor 1.2 and Analyser 1.0. It's a truly tough competitor that will have you talking to yourself. If you can win more than half of the matches you play against it, you're ready for the Championship division. Simple as that. To order, telephone **Larry Strommen** at 317/545-0224 or **Carol Joy Cole** at 810/232-9731... **Odis Chenault** (CA) really wanted to see **Michael Jordan**'s triumphant Chicago return to Bulls Basketball on Friday, 24 March. So instead of playing the Doubles tourney at the Midwest Champs, he traveled from Oak Brook to the United

Center where he bought a \$15 standing room ticket at the scalped price of \$115. When you factor in the limousine rides, refreshments and souvenirs, the evening cost him \$250. "And it was worth every penny!" said Odis... Condolences on the passing of Californian **Al Demirjian**. The 74-year-old Demirjian lost his battle with prostate cancer on 11 March. He is survived by his wife Lucy and two children... We apologize to **Ed Bauder** and **Scott Richardson** (IN) who were 1st and 2nd in last year's Midwest Champs Open division. Although they weren't credited with their earned master points (9.34 and 4.46 respectively), the points are now included in the all-time totals... For a copy of the new Backgammon Clock Rules (a joint effort of **Bill Davis**, **Nack Ballard**, **Danny Kleinman** and **Kent Goulding** used successfully at the Midwest Champs), send a stamped, self-addressed envelope (or \$1 overseas) to: CHICAGO POINT; 2726 W. Lunt Ave.; Chicago, IL 60645-3039. After 24 April, mail it to our new address: CHICAGO POINT, c/o Bill Davis; 3940 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 504; Chicago, IL 60659. With your request, we'll throw in the revised Speed-Gammon rules. Δ

WINNER'S CORNER



Jan.-Apr. 1995

BIBA'S Interesting Birthday Adventure (Leeds, England; 6-8 Jan.)... OPEN (61): 1-Mustafa manav (TUR), 2-John Broomfield, 3/4-Martin Lee / Derek Matheson; 1C-Matthew Fisher, 2C-Simon Jones; 1LC-Jeff Ellis, 2LC-Rick Janowski. FRIDAY KO (26): 1-Rick Janowski, 2-Neil Webb. DOUBLES: 1/2-Mark Adkins & Steve Bibby / Jeff Ellis & Jim Moore. SUICIDE! (44): 1-Steve Bibby, 2-Peter Fallows... *Congratulations to Michael Crane, Jim Moore and all the British Isle Backgammon Association members on their 5th birthday. In honor of the celebration, Donald Hatt baked a large fruit cake in the shape of a backgammon board.*

GNYBC Monthly Tournament (Woodbury, NY; 22 Jan.)... OPEN: 1-Karen Davis, 2-Anton Rusin; 1C-Bob Bishop. INTERMEDIATE: 1-David Morenberg, 2-Marc Simon; 1C-Donny Lomuto.

Atlanta Club Championship (Atlanta, GA; 28 Jan.)... CHAMPIONSHIP: 1-Dave Cardwell, 2-Jim Hickey, 3/4-Roy Dixon / Larry Taylor. ATLANTA MONTHLY: 1-Dave Cardwell, 2-Bob Joiner; 1C-Roy Dixon, 2C-Alan Epstein... *In order to participate in the Club Championship, you either had to be a Player of the Month, or be listed in the Atlanta Top-10 for 1994.*

Gammon Associates Tournament of Champions (Woodland Hills, CA; 5 Feb.)... CHAMPIONSHIP (16): 1-Ray Foglerlund, 2-Patrick Gibson.

6th French Open (Paris, France; 9-12 Feb.)... CHAMPIONSHIP: 1-Gérard Duguét-Grasser (FRA), 2-Evert Van Eijck (NL), 3/4-Marc Klein (FRA) / Freddy Narboni (SWZ); 1C-Jurek Sarzynski (GER), 2C-James Colen (USA); 1LC-Markus Rindisbacher (SWZ). INTERMEDIATE: 1-Valentin Loukov (BUL), 2-Andrea Sirch (ITA), 3/4-Bernard Chetrit (FRA) / Fritschy (GER); 1C-Sandy de Bruin (FRA), 2C-Peter Gittins (GB); 1LC-Christine Mochon (FRA). SUPER JACKPOT: 1-James Colen (USA), 2-Giancarlo Bizzaro (BRZ). TEAM EVENT: 1-Estoril (POR): Manuel Capucho & Jorge Figueiredo, 2-Les Gendarmes (USA): James Colen & Bill Robertie.

Jarvis Trophy Ranking Tournament #1 (Solihull, England; 11-12 Feb.)... OPEN (108): 1-Stephen Turner, 2-Steve Halley, 3-Shahid Baig, 4-Jim Johnson, 5-Uldis Lapikens, 6-Paul Lamford. TOP LADY: Monica Beckerson. BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME: Sue Milnor. FRIDAY NIGHT KO (26): 1-Don O'Neal, 2-Rich Janowski.

Hong Kong Monthly (Hong Kong; 13 Feb.)... OPEN: 1-Jonathan Barnes, 2-Klaus Paatsch; 1C-Andre Hoffman, 2C-Ian Boyce. CHAMPIONSHIP: 1-Ed Cartledge, 2-Peter Wong; 1C-John Schneeberger, 2C-Chris Roberts.

Ninth International Games Festival (Cannes, France; 16-19 Feb.)... CHAMPIONSHIP: 1-Matthias Körner (GER), 2-Bruno LeMilinaire (FRA), 3/4-Gérard Galuppo (FRA) / Stephanie Riso (FRA); 1C-Alberto Rossi (ITA), Lucien Orsini (FRA); 1LC-Andrea Sirch (ITA). INTERMEDIATE: 1-Flavio Fossati (FRA), 2-Parvis Daroudi (FRA), 3/4-Bambi De Bruin (SPA) / Patrizia Rossi (ITA); 1LC-Jean-Philippe Rohr (FRA). WARM-UP: 1-Freddy Narboni (SWZ), 2-Matthias Körner (GER).

Hoosier Backgammon Club Awards Tournament (Indianapolis, IN; 19 Feb.)... OPEN (11): 1-Don Woods, 2-Chuck Bower. ADVANCED (12): 1-Jan Gurvitz, 2-Neil Ezell.

NIBC Sunday Monthly (Cambridge, MA; 19 Feb.)... EXPERT (21): 1-John Mansey, 2-Rich Sweetman (NH), 3/4-Ivan Birn / Marty Storer (NH); 1C-Igor Sheyn, 2C-Walter Trice. A DIV. (10): 1-Dennis Malkowski, 2-Larry Yeager; 1C-Ming Lee, 2C-Joe Moore. B DIV. (4): 1-Al Mason; 1C-Paul Sciaraffa.

GNYBC Monthly Tournament (Woodbury, NY; 26 Feb.)... OPEN: 1-Steve Keats, 2-Larry Liebster; 1C-Cosmo Tamada

RSCARDS Winter 1995 Tournament: (GENie computer service, Feb.-Mar.)... OPEN (15): 1-John Jennings (IL), 2-Dan Shirley (NY), 3/4-Rudolph Silich (MI) / Steven Pleva (CT), 5/8-Scott Deakins (UT) / Richard Gilliam (FL) / Greg Tomlin (IL) / Randy Forsyth (MB).

1995 Argentine Championship (Buenos Aires, Argentina; Mondays in Mar.)... CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS: Daniel Buzzella, Paula Estacolchic, Rafael Dana. JUNIOR WINNERS: Gustavo Ferdandez, Fernando Morrone, Eduardo Goyhman. BEGINNER WINNERS: Eli Aguero, Carlos Eder, Adrián Medel... *200 Argentina Backgammon Association members attend every Monday at the Hotel Regente in Buenos Aires.*

Hong Kong Monthly (Hong Kong; 6 Mar.)... OPEN: 1-Jerry Godsey, 2-Don Rae; 1C-Steve Nelson, 2C-Jonathan Barnes. CHAMPIONSHIP: 1-Chris Roberts, 2-Lorenzo Andriolo; 1C-Henry Donne, 2C-Lelsey McFarlane.

Gammon Assoc. 33rd Invitational—ABT (Woodland Hills, CA; 10-12 Mar.)... OPEN (48): 1-Odis Chenault, 2-Ray Foglerlund, 3-Dorn Bishop; 1C-Clarine, 2C-Richard Armbruster. LIMITED (17): 1-David DeVries, 2-Johnnie Roberts; 1C-Randy Douthat. SPECIAL 16: 1-Kit Woolsey, 2-Joe Russell. SPECIAL 11: 1-Mike Fujita. DOUBLES I (16): 1-Patti Beadles & Ed

Bybak, 2-Ron Coffin & Norm Wiggins. SPEED-GAMMON WINNERS: #1-Dick Farran, #2-Phil Laak/Steve Sax, #3-Art Benjamin/Odis Chenault, #4-Ray Foglerlund... *Patrick and Carla Gibson attribute the rise in attendance to the American Backgammon Tour and FIBS, but we think their friendly directing skills have a lot to do with it.*

Milwaukee Sunday BiMonthly (Milwaukee, WI; 12 Mar.)... OPEN (12): 1-Jeff Kane, 2-Bob Holyon; 1C-Peter Kalba (IL). INTERMEDIATE (11): 1/2-Barbara Levinson (IL) / Reggie Porter (IL); 1C-Dennis Hajewski.

2nd Hong Kong Invitational (Hong Kong; 17-18 Mar.)... OPEN (19): 1-Marc Mostacci, 2-Jonathan Barnes; 1C-Andre Hoffman. CHAMPIONSHIP (12)

Rio de Janeiro Tournament (Rio, Brazil; 23-26 Mar.)... OPEN: 1-Paul Weaver, 2-Sergio Gelabert (Arg), 3/4-Ian McFarlane / Armando Balbi, 5-Christian Toth, 6-Alex Drummond.

U.S./Canadian Open & Vermont State Championship—ABT (Stratton Mt., VT; 2 Apr.)... *U.S./Canadian Open*—OPEN: 1-Wayne King (NJ), 2-Oliver Baksic (CAN). INTERMEDIATE: 1-Bob Lumbra (VT), 2-Larry Liebster (NJ). BEGINNER: 1-Steve Baksic (CAN), 2-Al Mason (MA). *Vermont State (ABT)*—OPEN (8): 1-Doug Roberts (MA), 2-James Kasarjian (MA); 1C-Wayne King (NJ). INTERMEDIATE (8): 1-Steve Baksic (CAN), 2-Edward Heiman; 1C-Mark Damish (MA).

Nation's Capital Spring Open (Bethesda, MD; 1-2 Apr.)... OPEN (27): 1-Chen-Fu Yu, 2-Barry Steinberg; 1 Cons.-David Montgomery; 4-Ed O'Laughlin, 5-Ed Maslansky, 6-Dennis Culpepper; 1LC-Herb Avram. JACKPOT: 1-Neil Berkman.

Bar Point Sunday (Oak Brook, IL; 9 Apr.)... OPEN (15): 1-Paul Franks, 2-John Meyers (WI), 3/4-Yamin Yamin / Tak Morioka; 1C/2C-Harry Cohn / Jeff Kane (WI). ADVANCED (12): 1/2-Frankie Farjood / Mary Franks, 3/4-Alice Kay / Elaine Kehm; 1C/2C-Reggie Porter / Stan Kucharz. Δ

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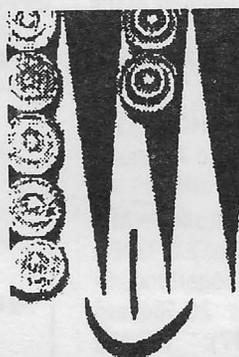
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