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monte-carlo world championship

## WORLD TITLE IS 'PASSED' TO BEN-ZION

Joe Sylvester Wins Super-Jackpot

The Monte Carlo World Championship is always an intriguing backgammon tournament and this year's 20th anniversary edition, held 10-16 July at Loews Monte Carlo Hotel, did not disappoint. The Principality of Monaco is the most glamorous venue in the world, which, along with a constant flow of big money, is enough to seduce participation from the best backgammon players on the planet.

The Championship field was huge with attendance in the mid-200s. After four intense days of battle, two Israeli players were left standing: Josef Tissona and David Ben-Zion. Tissona has been around backgammon for many years. His brother, Ezra, was written up in the Winter 1980 *Gammon* magazine as "...arguably the best backgammon player in the world." Yet before this event, Tissona had never played in a Kent Goulding (KG) internationally-rated tournament.

Ben-Zion is a strong money player with little organized tournament experience as well. As of December 1994, he had played just 70 KG-rated matches, winning 40 of them. Only a lack of experience points kept his 1683 rating out of the top 100.

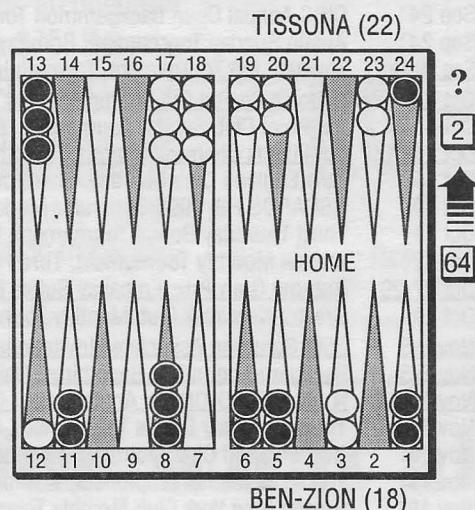
Having two players from the same country in the finals made for less cheering in the closed circuit viewing room and this, coupled with the organizer's refusal to pay for any commentary, held spectator attendance to around 100.

*Backgammon Magazin* editor Harald Johanni described the pace of play thusly: "They played fast, very fast. Boom, boom, boom, boom, boom." This seems to be an apt description for a match with a final score of 25-23 that was finished in less than two hours.

The SpeedGammon-paced match was competitive throughout. Then, with Tissona ahead 22-18, and needing only three points to become 1995 World Champion, a funny thing happened. Tissona

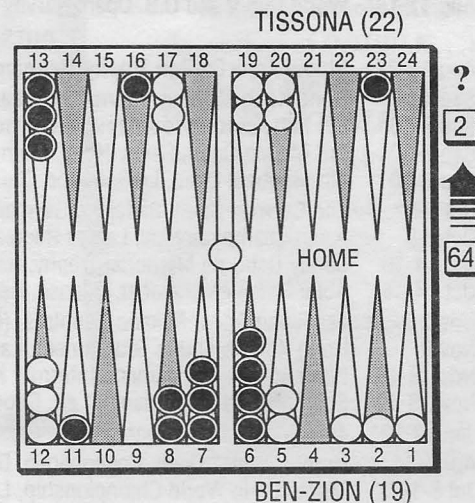
shifted into "passing gear." Take a look at the following five positions recorded by Johanni in which Tissona passed to his countryman. All of them are takes according to 2592 JellyFish rollouts. Position #4 is a money beaver:

**POSITION #1.** 25-point finals. Tissona (White) leads Ben-Zion (Black) 22-18. Black doubles. **SHOULD WHITE TAKE?**



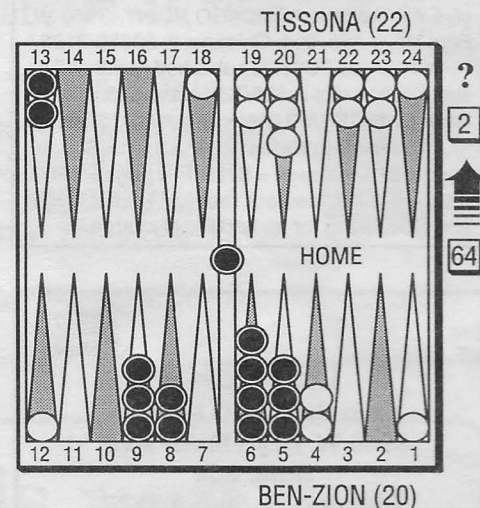
**#1 JellyFish findings:** White wins 45.6 games (11.1 gammons). Black wins 54.4 games (9.3 gammons). White's match equity if he takes = 77%. If he drops = 72%.

**POSITION #2.** 25-point finals. Tissona (White) leads Ben-Zion (Black) 22-19. Black doubles. **SHOULD WHITE TAKE?**



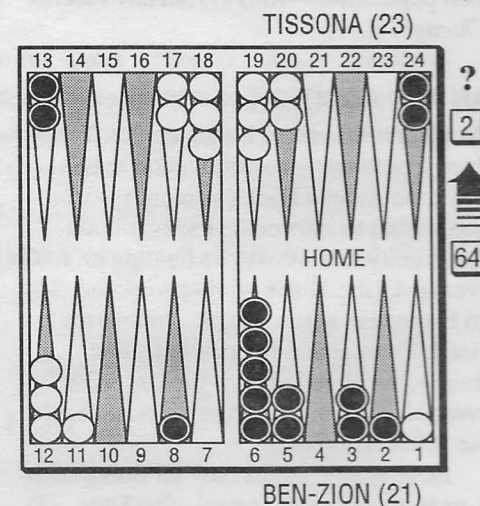
**#2 JellyFish findings:** White wins 43.0 games (8.4 gammons). Black wins 57.0 games (24.9 gammons). White's match equity if he takes = 70%. If he drops = 65%.

**POSITION #3.** 25-point finals. Tissona (White) leads Ben-Zion (Black) 22-20. Black doubles. **SHOULD WHITE TAKE?**



**#3 JellyFish findings:** White wins 44.6 games (15.5 gammons). Black wins 55.4 games (14.7 gammons). White's match equity if he takes = 65%. If he drops = 58%.

**POSITION #4.** 25-point finals. Tissona (White) leads Ben-Zion (Black) 23-21. **CUBE ACTIONS?**



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## LETTERS

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## WE'RE IN THE DOG HOUSE

I was very disappointed with your "It's A Dog's Life" caption contest. I feel it showed a tasteless and demeaning attitude towards women. Knowing you as well as I do, I was really shocked at the lack of consideration towards the female backgammon population.—Amy (Trudeau) Valerio, Chicago, IL

## AN ABT ADDITION

As per the American Backgammon Tour's three month advance notification regulations, the Atlanta Backgammon Association wishes to inform the backgammon community that we will be holding an ABT event over the Thanksgiving weekend, 24-26 November at the Atlanta Doubletree Hotel. Tournament flyers will follow shortly. As of now, this is the last ABT event of 1995 and as a result, could decide the 1995 champion.

Incidentally, take a bow for doing such a great job with your newsletter. The

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coming attractions

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BACKGAMMON														
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

by Carol Joy Cole  
810/232-9731

\* Denotes new or revised listing

American Backgammon Tour events underlined.

## NATIONAL

Aug 11-13	34th Gammon Associates Invitational, Holiday Inn, Woodland Hills, CA	818/901-0464
Aug 13*	Steve Hast's 3rd Annual Tournament & Cookout, Pittsburgh, PA	412/823-7500
Aug 16-20	Las Vegas Open, Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV	702/893-6025
Aug 20	Greater New York Club Monthly Tournament, Ramada Inn, Woodbury, NY	718/341-3779
Aug 20*	Northern Ohio Club Monthly, Boulevard Sports Café, Cuyahoga Falls, OH	216/966-2811
Aug 23-27	Backgammon Vacation Tournament, Stratton Mt. Inn, VT	305/527-4033
Aug 24*	Special Thursday Bonus Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Aug 27	Atlanta Monthly Tournament, Three Dollar Cafe, Buckhead, GA	770/441-2074
Sep 1-4	<u>43rd Indiana Open, Ramada Inn East, Indianapolis, IN</u>	<u>317/845-8435</u>
Sep 10	New England Club Monthly, Sheraton-Commander, Cambridge, MA	617/643-8154
Sep 10*	Sunday Bimonthly Tournament, John Hawks Pub, Milwaukee, WI	414/463-2498
Sep 17	Greater New York Club Monthly Tournament, Ramada Inn, Woodbury, NY	718/341-3779
Sep 21	Third Thursday Bonus Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Sep 22*	1995 FIBS Fall Tournament, via computer modem on Internet e-mail: <a href="mailto:davide@sco.com">davide@sco.com</a>	
Sep 24*	Atlanta Monthly Tournament, Three Dollar Cafe, Buckhead, GA	770/441-2074
Sep 24*	CIBC Annual Open Backgammon Tournament, Sly Fox Pub, Lacon, IL	309/686-6662
Sep 24*	Austin Sunday Tournament, Bombay Bicycle Club, Austin, TX	512/261-8518
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 8	Bar Point Club Sunday Tournament, Braxton Seafood Grill, Oak Brook, IL	312/252-7755
Oct 11-15	<u>5th Illinois Champs/America Cup, Sheraton North Shore, Northbrook, IL</u>	<u>708/945-7801</u>
Oct 15	New England Club Monthly, Sheraton-Commander, Cambridge, MA	617/643-8154
Oct 18	RSCARDS Fall 1995 Computer Modem Tournament, GENie	800/638-9636
Oct 19	Third Thursday Bonus Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Oct 22	Atlanta Monthly Tournament, Three Dollar Cafe, Buckhead, GA	770/441-2074
Oct 27-29	<u>Autumn Gran Prix, Embassy Suites Hotel, La Jolla, CA</u>	<u>619/294-2007</u>
Oct 29	Greater New York Club Monthly Tournament, Ramada Inn, Woodbury, NY	718/341-3779
Nov 3-5	<u>35th Gammon Associates Invitational, Holiday Inn, Woodland Hills, CA</u>	<u>818/901-0464</u>
Nov 3-5	<u>Backgammon In The Berkshires, Oak &amp; 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>
Nov 16	Third Thursday Bonus Tournament, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Nov 19	New England Club Monthly, Sheraton-Commander, Cambridge, MA	617/643-8154
Nov 19	Flint Area Club Championships, Ramada Inn, Flint, MI	810/232-9731
Nov 19*	Greater New York Club Monthly Tournament, Ramada Inn, Woodbury, NY	718/341-3779
Nov 24-26*	<u>Georgia Backgammon Championships, Doubletree Hotel, Atlanta, GA</u>	<u>770/441-2074</u>
Nov 25	Northern Ohio Tournament, Boulevard Sports Café, Cuyahoga Falls, OH	216/966-2811
Dec 3	Bar Point Club Sunday Tournament, Braxton Seafood Grill, Oak Brook, IL	312/252-7755
Dec 3	Beltway Club Jackpot Tournament, Promenade Cardroom, Bethesda, MD	301/530-0604
Dec 17	New England Club Monthly, Sheraton-Commander, Cambridge, MA	617/643-8154
Dec 17	Atlanta Monthly Tournament, Three Dollar Cafe, Buckhead, GA	770/441-2074
Jan 19-22	Backgammon On Board III, Miami to Key West cruise tourney on NCL	312/252-7755
Jan 27	Hawthorne Backgammon Classic, Hawthorne Race Course, Cicero, IL	312/583-6464
Feb 16-18	<u>18th Pittsburgh Championships, Greentree Marriott, Pittsburgh, PA</u>	<u>412/823-7500</u>
Mar 22-24	<u>1996 Midwest Championships, The Drake Oakbrook, Oak Brook, IL</u>	<u>312/583-6464</u>
Aug 11-18*	World Cup V and U.S. Open, Harvey's Hotel Addison, Dallas, TX	301/299-8265

## OUTSIDE USA

Aug 26-27	Studio Anne Carlton Trophy Tournament #3, George Hotel, Solihull, Eng.	44522-546993
Sep 4	Hong Kong Monthly Tournament, Ladies Recreation Club, Hong Kong	852-846 1923
Sep 8-10	5th Mitteleuropa Tournament, Casino Park Nova Gorica, Slovenia	392-4007 4658
Sep 8-10	3rd Malmö Open, Savoy Hotel, Malmö, Sweden	4640-300340
Sep 8-10	4th Montreal Open, Le Gammon Chess & BG Club, Montreal, QB, Canada	514/845-8370
Oct 1-5	2nd German Open, Bielefeld, Germany	49521-64314
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, Nakano Sunplaza, (Hotel undetermined) Tokyo, Japan	813-3373 3814
Nov 6	Hong Kong Monthly Tournament, Ladies Recreation Club, Hong Kong	852-846 1923
Nov 16-19	International Tournament, Intermar Kurhotel Bad Segeberg, Germany	4930-461 9624
Nov 18-19	Solihull Trophy Tournament #4, George Hotel, Solihull, England	44522-546993
Jan 19-22*	4th Turkish Open, Conrad Hotel Istanbul, Turkey Eitan Telefax: 9723-544 5347	
Apr 5-8*	Nordic "Wide" Open, Copenhagen, Denmark	4539-400 607
Jul 8-14*	Monte Carlo World Championship, Loews Monte Carlo Hotel, Monaco	3392-16 21 33



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coverage given to the "Atlanta Assassin," Homer Hector in your last issue was greatly appreciated. Homer may have supplied all the incentive some of the "big

boys" need to make the trip down here in November.—David B. Cardwell, Director, Atlanta Backgammon Association

## WELCOME BACK DUANE

I'm glad Duane Jensen is back. I haven't been able to work this morning thinking

about the puzzle. I tried 4-1, 6-3 and 5-2. Maybe I can solve it later at home with a board. I can't cheat on the solution because I can never see those stereograms.—Mario Madrigal, President, Costa Rican Backgammon Association

See page four for the solution to the "Mystery Roll" puzzle.—Ed.



## AMERICAN BACKGAMMON TOUR ★ 1995

Compiled through 30 July 1995 after 9 tournaments  
(Next event: Nat'l Labor Day Tournament 1-4 Sept.)



Harry Cohn	29.00	Peter Kalba	7.77	Paul Symington	3.90	Lee Pflugrad	1.99
Mike Colgan	22.88	Jack Takala	7.50	John Jennings	3.75	Cecilia Pedroza	1.85
Abbas Zaltash	22.80	Toni Wuersch	7.25	Alan Steffen	3.75	Elijah Miller	1.77
Walter Trice	21.69	Jake Jacobs	7.25	Wally Watson	3.75	Wayne King	1.60
Joe Russell	21.01	Bruce Pollack	6.47	Bill Davis	3.63	Austin Healy	1.56
Odis Chenault	20.83	Joe Sylvester	6.40	Frank Talbot	3.63	Janice Newman	1.56
David Rubin	19.91	Wally Wolf	6.16	Mike Friedman	3.63	Takis Sakkalis	1.56
Dave Williams	18.90	Richard Armbruster	6.12	Jeff Kane	3.51	Jim Roston	1.54
Doug Roberts	18.52	Herb Gurland	5.78	Frank Dickerson	3.32	Paul Paris	1.54
Bob Paris	16.50	Mike Pettigrew	5.75	Bill Rudd	3.20	Priscilla Sullivan	1.41
Homer Hector	14.50	Martin Lee	5.60	Mike Rezaei	3.06	Beverly Banowitz	1.41
Paul Magriel	14.50	Bob Green	5.58	Pete Ryder	2.79	Mary Kuchenbrod	1.23
Maurice Barie	14.24	Milad Doueihy	5.20	Troy Longman	2.79	Al Mason	1.17
Jim Muirhead	13.25	Ed Johnson	5.00	Airan Friedman	2.76	Gayle Wolf	1.15
Todd Doucet	12.31	Jim Forbes	4.95	Jolie Rubin	2.60	Edward Heiman	1.14
Judy Brown	12.18	Pat Gibson	4.94	Jerry Smith	2.60	Johnnie Roberts	1.06
Gene Entel	11.73	Dorn Bishop	4.56	Ed Buerger	2.40	Fred Bement	1.02
Nora Luna	11.44	Bob Koca	4.50	Bob Lumbr	2.35	Gary Tong	0.92
Arnold Zousmer	10.40	William Counts	4.50	Art Benjamin	2.26	Jessica Brandlin	0.86
Paul Stebbing	9.90	Kit Woolsey	4.50	David DeVries	2.14	Harold Roberson	0.80
Hal Heinrich	9.45	Joe Freedman	4.49	Glenn Swanson	2.14	Keith Hvamsted	0.80
Clarine	9.03	John Smulders	4.38	Lou Florio	2.13	Mark Damish	0.78
Ray Fogelund	9.03	Dean Muench	4.16	Patti Beadles	2.08	Bernadine Shelbourne	0.68
Blake Sorem	9.00	Howard Ring	4.16	Steve Baksic	2.08	Lourdes Tarrago	0.29
Dean Adamian	9.00	Randy Douthat	4.12	James Kasarjian	2.00		



## CHICAGO BAR POINT CLUB 1995 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

COMPILED  
THRU 31 JULY

Harry Cohn	21.32	Jeff Kane	4.56	Dean Muench	1.92	John Brussel	0.76
Neil Kazaross	16.32	Peter Kalba	4.32	Nan Feiber	1.76	René Wojtysiak	0.76
Tak Morioka	11.60	Bobbie Shifrin	4.20	Stu Katz	1.68	John O'Hagan	0.72
Tim Mabee	10.28	Alan Zimmerman	4.16	Marcy Sloan	1.68	John Meyers	0.64
Jake Jacobs	9.72	Phyllis Smolinski	4.08	John Stryker	1.60	Ali Morovati	0.64
Paul Franks	9.28	Reggie Porter	3.94	Elijah Miller	1.52	David Rockwell	0.64
Herb Roman	9.24	Georgina Flanagan	3.76	Mojie Shishineh	1.52	Jay Ward	0.64
Richard Lloyd	9.20	Bill Davis	3.56	Elaine Kehm	1.48	Larry Strommen	0.56
John Demian	9.16	Mary Franks	3.52	Jon Hartman	1.28	Jerry Smith	0.54
David Rubin	7.92	Jolie Rubin	3.48	Alex Itkin	1.12	Barbara Levinson	0.48
Gary Kay	7.72	Amy Valerio	3.28	Jerry Brooks	1.04	Stuart Thomson	0.48
Arline Levy	7.52	Paul Friedman	2.82	Jill Ferdinand	1.00	Tom Fahland	0.40
Alice Kay	6.66	Yamin Yamin	2.80	Marty Tatosian	0.96	Monica Miller	0.40
Frankie Farjood	6.44	Ralph Levy	2.80	Bruce Pollack	0.96	Mark Murray	0.34
Harold Seif	6.40	Sarg Serges	2.80	Andy Bittman	0.96	Mark Zoll	0.32
Paul Klein	6.24	Nora Luna	2.56	Roland Dieter	0.88	Patrick Desmond	0.32
Bill Keefe	5.84	Norma Shyer	2.48	Wilcox Snellings	0.88	Willie Franklin	0.32
Joann Feinstein	5.60	Ken Bond	2.40	Richard Stawowy	0.88	Arlynne Simon	0.24
Ed Buerger	5.60	Leslie Lockett	2.08	Gregg Westrick	0.88	Kurt Warning	0.24
Phil Simborg	5.36	Paul Ruterma	2.08	Earl Risch	0.88	Stan Kucharz	0.18
Don Jayhan	4.88	Roz Ferris	2.00	Mitch Pomper	0.88	Tim Carroll	0.16

July's Player of the Month is **HARRY COHN**. Although this is only Harry's second such honor of the year, his current total is on a record pace since 1988 when the Bar Point Club disbanded twice-a-week play. Ed Buerger (2.56) and Tim Mabee (2.28) finished second and third.

## DIFFICULT SITUATION IN MONTE CARLO

At the last World Backgammon Championship in Monte Carlo, the following incredible story happened to me. I lost in the semifinals of the Last Chance Intermediate tournament to an individual who had reached the semifinals of the Main tournament and won a money prize.

Reporting this to the tournament director, he answered that it was not possible. But the results posted on the wall spoke for themselves. The director then said a committee would be formed to research the matter.

The committee decided to leave the results as they were, meaning that one individual won two money prizes in different brackets of the same division . . . unheard of!

When I later questioned a director, he defended the ruling, saying it was totally proper.

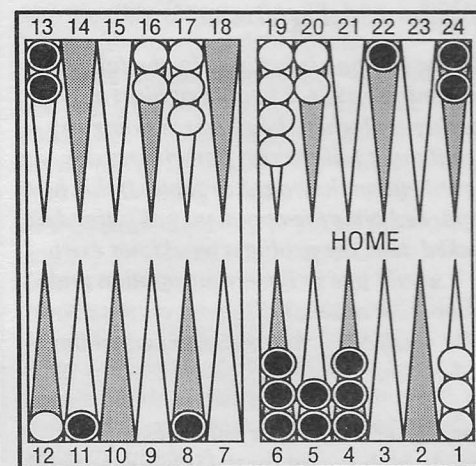
Finally, the funniest and cruelest story of all occurred during the Awards Ceremony. I was called up to the stage twice to receive a trophy as Last Chance runner-up! Ten minutes later, a member of the organizing

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your move

## PROBLEM #216

Match to 9 points. White leads Black, 8 to 6 Crawford. **BLACK TO PLAY 6-4.**



# SHADES OF GRAY

## A RULES AND RULINGS COLUMN

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### PROPOSED RULE ADJUNCTS

**D**ear Danny: The Swedish Backgammon Federation has experienced disputes when both players fail to keep score and/or compare their scores after every game. To better ensure score verification, our Federation has formulated a rule stating that in match play, players shall share one official scorecard. At the completion of every game, a player writes only his own score on the card and then passes it to his opponent who does the same. Perhaps this rule should be adopted internationally.

Here are six additional rules that we think should also become an addendum to the international rules:

1. If after rolling the dice, you can only play one die and there is a choice, you must play the higher number.
2. Only one hand may be used to move the checkers.
3. It is not allowed to double or redouble after rolling cocked dice.
4. An error in setup can be corrected by either player if it is discovered before the respective player has completed his first move.
5. A player is not allowed to look for the best play by moving the checkers to various positions. Should this infraction occur, the opponent may call an official who can issue a warning or penalty point.  
The player is recommended to place the checker(s) 2 cm [about 3/4 inch] above any checker(s) on the point that may become the destination point.
6. On questions regarding cocked dice, a player shall consult his opponent and await verbal agreement.

The last one is justified by the following incident: One die is cocked against a checker and when the player is going to pick it up, it falls to rest flat without any movement on the board or table. If this had happened after the opponent has agreed to cocked dice, the problem would not exist.

I would like to have your opinion and the opinion of other directors on the above rules.—Ulf Ring, Swedish Backgammon Federation

**DEAR ULF:** Your letter enhances my already high regard for the intelligence and

common sense of Scandinavian backgammon players.

Your proposal for just one scorecard in a match has merit, but suffers from a defect: one of the players must look at the score upside down, or both must look at it sideways. The problem you address, of players violating procedure by failing to confirm the score after each game, is better solved by placing the responsibility on a specific player. (Shared duties often go unfulfilled.) Thus: "Both players shall keep score. After each game, the *loser* shall confirm the new score with the winner."

As far as I know, there are no generally accepted international rules. Each sponsoring organization uses its own set of rules. Until 1989, this was true in the United States as well. As far back as the mid 1970s, I drew up a set of "New Backgammon Rules" (published in *Vision Laughs At Counting*) for money play [N]. In the late 1980s, I wrote "Madison Backgammon Club Tournament Rules and Procedures" (published in ...*But Only the Hogs Win Backgammons*) [M]. Then in 1989, a committee of U.S. Directors formulated "U.S. Backgammon Tournament Rules & Procedures" [U]. It was revised in March 1990 and that version is used by most U.S. directors today.

With regard to your six addenda:

1. Playing the higher number is required explicitly by N(C15) and M(19). U(1.2) incorporates it by reference to "commonly accepted" rules of backgammon.
2. Moving with one hand is specified by N(C15), M(19) and U(4.3).
3. No cube-turn after cocked dice is an accepted interpretation of the commonly accepted requirement to double before rolling. U(5.4) states this explicitly.
4. N(C14) allows correction of improper set-up prior to the third roll. The more liberal M(23) allows correction prior to the fifth roll. The U.S. Rules, which borrow heavily from "Madison" formulations, incorporate this in U(4.7).
5. Many, familiar with chess rules, have urged "touch move" for backgammon. This is not a bad idea, but it requires substantial habit change, and therefore has met with great resistance. C(16) and M(19) suggest procedures for minimizing the risks of errors and disputes without imposing "touch-move" rigidity upon players who insist on thinking with their hands instead of their heads.
6. It's a good idea to have your opponent agree that a die is cocked before lifting it. But must this be specified as a

"rule"? I think not.

My hero James Madison (yes, it is he for whom I named the "Madison" Backgammon Rules, not the city of Madison, Wisconsin), when arguing with our nation's other founding fathers against details they wanted to include in the U.S. Constitution, often reminded them that it was a *constitution* they were writing, not a set of ordinary laws. This principle has been ignored frequently by those who have cluttered the California Constitution. Let's not make the same mistake with backgammon rules. Instead, I simply advise, as a general principle obviating the need for special rules:

TO PREVENT DISPUTES, OBTAIN  
AGREEMENT AS TO THE FACTS  
WHILE STILL VERIFIABLE.

—Yours, Danny

*Have you ever been involved in a questionable ruling? Get Danny Kleinman's opinion. Write to: Shades of Gray; c/o CHICAGO POINT; 2726 W. Lunt Avenue; Chicago, IL 60645-3039.*

## Professor Parenthesis and the Mystery Roll

### July Puzzler Solved

by Duane Jensen

You'll recall that Professor Parenthesis has a unique way of recording backgammon games, only remarking on the play, never noting the dice roll. In the following game, both players rolled the same number every time:

#### Recorded Game between Bob and Steve:

BOB	STEVE
Roll 1 (creative move)	Roll 1 (obvious move)
Roll 2 (forced move)	Roll 2 (aggressive move)
Roll 3 (forced move)	Roll 3 (forced move)
Double (too early)	Drop (too stupid)

Bob's "forced move" on roll 2 requires that he had two men on the bar. The same is true of the forced moves for both players on roll 3. The only roll which satisfies these conditions is 4-3. Here's a possible game:

BOB	STEVE
Roll 1 8/5, 24/20	Roll 1 1/5*, 17/20*
Roll 2 Bar/21, Bar/22	Roll 2 17/21*, 19/22*
Roll 3 Bar/21*, Bar/22*	Roll 3 Bar/4, Bar/3
Double (too early)	Drop (too stupid)

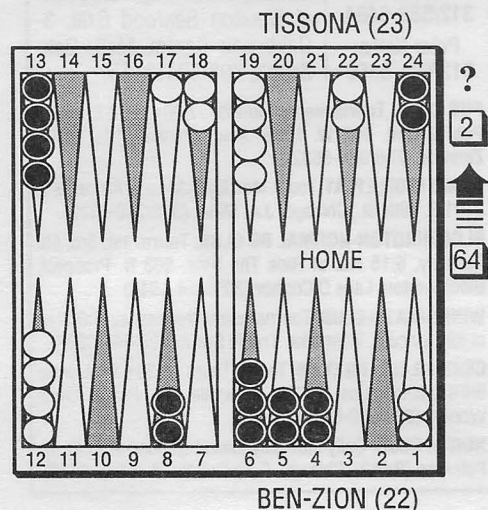


## MONTE CARLO...

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#4 JellyFish findings: White wins 57.1 games (15.2 gammons). Black wins 42.9 games (20.4 gammons). White's match equity if he takes = 74%. If he drops = 60%.

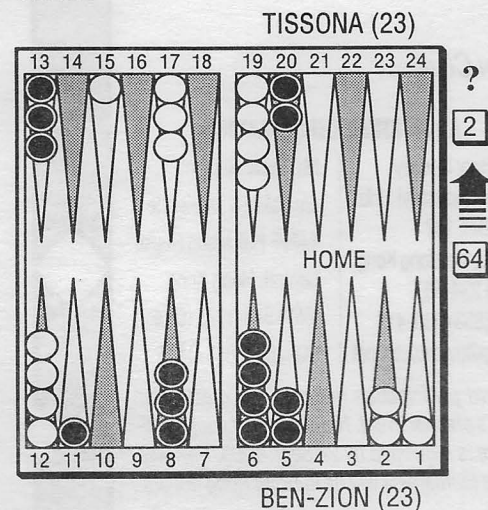
POSITION #5. 25-point finals. Tissona (White) leads Ben-Zion (Black) 23-22. Black doubles. **SHOULD WHITE TAKE?**



#5 JellyFish findings: White wins 36.4 games (11.3 gammons). Black wins 63.6 games (21.4 gammons). White's match equity if he takes = 51%. If he drops = 50%.

FINALLY, AT 23-ALL, Ben-Zion got Tissona to take a cube and ironically, JellyFish rated the position as a small drop!

POSITION #6. 25-point finals. Tissona (White) and Ben-Zion (Black) are tied at 23-all. Black doubles. **SHOULD WHITE TAKE?**



#5 JellyFish findings: White wins 29.5 games (5.2 gammons). Black wins 70.5

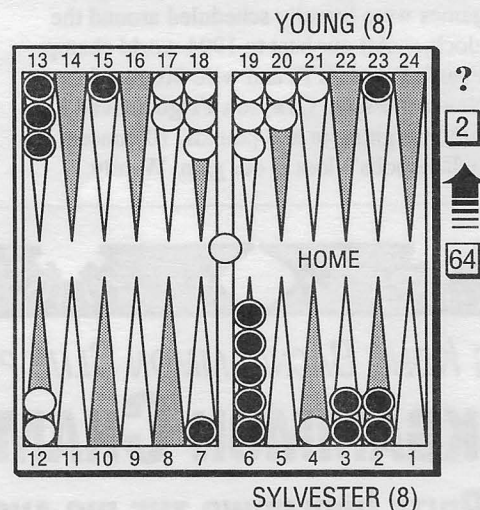
games (24.4 gammons). White's match equity if he takes = 29.5%. If he drops = 30%.

CONGRATULATIONS to the new World Champion David Ben-Zion who now has sufficient KG experience points to be rated in the world's top-20. Evidently, his barrage of doubles caused the less-experienced Tissona to buckle under pressure. We hope to have a photograph of Ben-Zion in the September CHICAGO POINT.

### SUPER JOE

The Super Jackpot proved to be a bright spot for the United States. Michigan's Joe Sylvester defeated Neil Young of New York in the big-money finals. With the score tied at 8-all playing to 13 points, Joe flipped over a well-timed cube:

POSITION #7. 13-point Super Jackpot finals. Sylvester (Black) and Young (White) are tied at 8-all. **CUBE ACTIONS?**



Harald Johanni and JellyFish believe that Neil made the right decision taking the double. Unfortunately for Neil, the "right decision" got him gammoned.

But Joe was not yet home free. Ahead 12-10 and holding a 2-cube, Joe found himself in the unenviable position of having two checkers on the bar vs. Neil's four point board. But Sylvester rolled out of the danger to win the match 13-10. A good match by both.

### IN OTHER RESULTS

...Germany (like Israel in the Championship) swept first and second place in the Intermediate division with Matthias Wagner besting Saki Lagopatis. Kevin McDonough of Phoenix, Arizona won the Intermediate 1st Consolation.

The Beginner title went to D. Maglakelidzen of Georgia (Russia). And Brazil (led by Ian MacFarlane) topped

Germany (Rainer Birkle, Matthias Körner, Peter Schneider) in the team tournament. Complete results courtesy of Harald Johanni are shown below. Δ:

### MONTE CARLO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

CHAMPIONSHIP: 1-David Ben-Zion (ISR), 2-Josef Tissona (ISR), 3/4-Fredrik Reinholdson (SWE) / Ricardo Spinola (BRZ); 1CONS#1-Juan-Carlos Bizarro (ARG), 2CONS#1-Abraham Eitan (ISR), 3/4CONS#1-Dennis Culpepper (USA) / François Tardieu (FRA); 1CONS#2-Henrik Bodholdt (DEN), 2CONS#2-Wolfgang Griese (GER), 3/4CONS#2-Armando Balbi (BRZ) / George Velando (DEN); 1LC-Toma Vahab (ISR), 2LC-Patrice Hattu (FRA); LADIES PRIZE-Martine Oules (FRA).

INTERMEDIATE: 1-Matthias Wagner (GER), 2-Saki Lagopatis (GER), 3/4-B. MacDonald (AUS) / K. Kurtanidze (GEOR); 1CONS#1-Kevin McDonough (USA), 2CONS#1-P. Ward-Ackland (ENG), 3/4CONS#1-I. Belchior (BRZ) / A. Nadjar (FRA); 1CONS#2-Thies Molt (DEN), 2CONS#2-A. Rainer (GER), 3/4CONS#2-Andreas Born (GER) / A. Rainer (GER); 1LC-Brian MacDonald (AUS), 2LC-Pierre Zakia [Editor's note: See "Letters," page 3.]; LADIES PRIZE-Annette Wenkens (DEN).

BEGINNER: 1-D. Maglakelidzen (GEOR), 2-S. Levy (FRA), 3/4-Cosmo Tamada (JPN) / A. Zakari (FRA); 1CONS#1-H. Knudsen (DEN), 1CONS#2-G. Pogolian (ARMEN), 3/4CONS#1-I. Kuusniemi (FIN) / J. Rasmussen (DEN); 1CONS#2-T. Aste (LEB), 2CONS#2-I. Kamalian (ARMEN), 3/4CONS#2-P. Winkler (AUS) / D. Schelhove (GER); 1LC-H. Tiralgin (TUR), 2LC-G. Hehmann (GER); LADIES PRIZE - Piradete Magalhaes (BRZ).

SUPER JACKPOT: 1-Joe Sylvester (USA), 2-Neil Young (USA).

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: 1-Brazil (Ian MacFarlane & two unknown), 2-Germany (Rainer Birkle, Matthias Körner, Peter Schneider).

PAST CHAMPIONS TOURNAMENT: 1-Bill Robertie (USA).

TEAM TENNIS TOURNAMENT: Men's Doubles: 1-Forster & Terence Robinson (CAN), 2-Schneider & Valpiani. Mixed Doubles: 1-Isaura & Carlos, 2-Ewers & Aste.

GOLF: 1-Cyrus Vafa, 2-Cosmo Tamada (JPN).

COURTESY TROPHY: Narissa Ferrer,

TRAVEL TROPHY: Ned Marootians (AUS), FIDELITY TROPHY: Aram Kouleyan (USA), CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY:

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TROPHY: Marcus Rindisbacher (SWZ),

WOMEN'S ELEGANCE TROPHY: Kasuko

Numizawa (JPN).

## AMALGAMATION

The Atlanta Backgammon Association has a new weekly meeting location: Thursdays at Scores Sports Club at 6600 Roswell Road in Atlanta. For more info, contact **David Cardwell** at 770/441-2074... **Mike Fujita** (CA) interrupted his Hawaiian vacation to inform us that San Diego backgammon is alive and well on alternate Wednesdays at Il Forno in La Jolla. Mike's SDBC Hotline is 619/294-2007... September 15 is the reservation deadline for Backgammon On Board III: Miami to Key West. Reserve with \$100 now for the 19-22 January cruise tourney (with **Bill Davis**, **Peter Kalba** and **Amy Trudeau Valerio**) and you have full refund cancellation privileges until December 1. Football fans note that this is the "dead" weekend prior to the Super Bowl. Call "The Cruise Consultants" at 800/478-0433 today... Recent Bar Point Club visitors include **Stuart Thomson** (Canada) and **Fiona Hall** (Ireland)... Thank you to **Laura Kopen** (IL) who included us in this year's *Chicago Singles Guide*. You can buy it for \$7 from **Gail Prince** at 708/475-7709... Good luck to **Linda Woods** (IL) who becomes sole director of Peoria's Central

Illinois Backgammon Club (Thursdays at 6:30 P.M. at Uncle Bill's Smokehouse). Last month, past CIBC codirector **Ed Bauder** (IL) returned to Chicagoland. Welcome back, Ed!... **Diana Sulimirski** (U.K.) reports that **Brendan McInerney** (U.K.) is the London Double Five Backgammon Club league champion for 1995... Returning home following a win at the 9 July Milwaukee backgammon tournament, **Neil Kazaross** (IL) had car trouble. As Neil unscrewed the radiator cap, scalding water exploded on his arm resulting in 2nd and 3rd degree burns. **Harry Cohn** (IL) who was traveling with Neil, accompanied him to the hospital. "I've seen Neil with a hot arm at the backgammon table, but this was a totally different thing."... **Leslie Lockett** (IL) was tired, but very proud to watch her daughter **Keri** play softball at 4:00 A.M. last month. Keri's team qualified for the Girl's National Softball Association World Series in Florida and when Hurricane Erin rains wiped out the first few days of play, games were literally scheduled around the clock.... All our best to 1994 world champ **Frank Frigo** (KY) and wife **Stephanie**. New son **Pieter Grayson Frigo** arrived 1 July, weighing in at 8 pounds, 10 ounces... Indianapolis's loss is our gain. **Wendy**

**Kaplan** moves from Indy to Chicagoland at the end of the month... Finally, these words of advice from **George Bernard Shaw**: "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."△



## ILLINOIS ACTION



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10:00 P.M. Main Event 1st Round

#### Saturday, 7 October

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2:00 P.M. Main Event 2nd Round. Consolation starts  
6-7:30 P.M. Dinner break  
7:30 P.M. Play continues through semifinals

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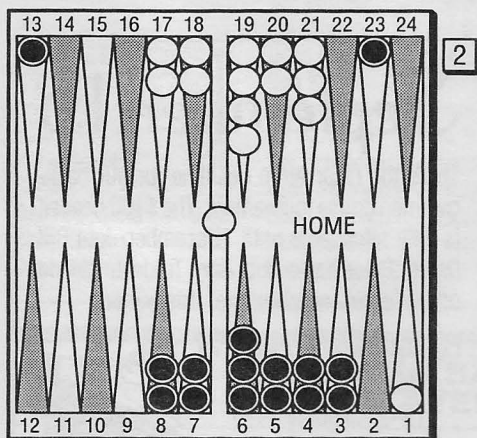
# 1 Primary Responsibility

by Jake Jacobs

An issue or two ago, the editor promised (warned?) CHICAGO POINT readers that I would be coming back from Asia with lots of juicy stories. True, but the stories have nothing to do with backgammon. ("That's never stopped you before," they cried!)

I did spend some time teaching a friend to play. I predict a bright future for him since he has already mastered advanced techniques like *steaming* and *whining*, but so far he doesn't play well enough to make really interesting mistakes. Fortunately I have good friends here in Chicago ever ready to supply me with terrible plays to write about. This one came up earlier this month:

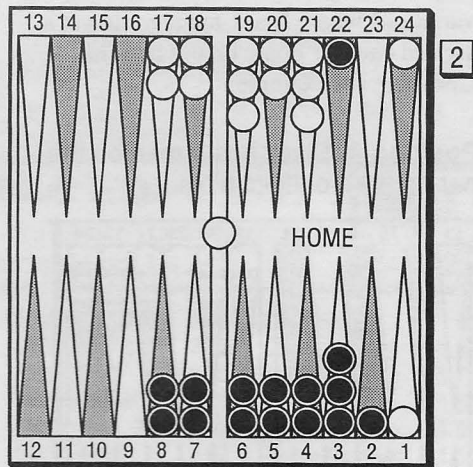
Money game. **BLACK TO PLAY 6-4.**



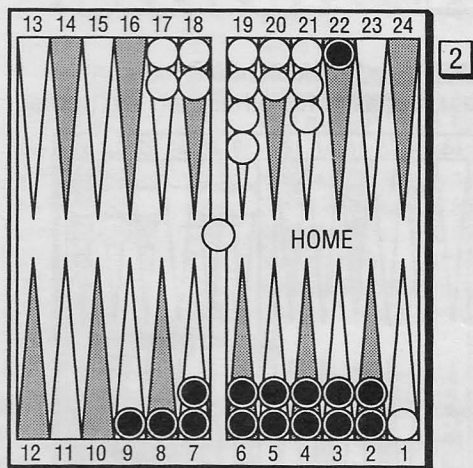
I voted for making the deuce-point. My friends were adamant that 13/3 was correct. This sort of position turns up in problems often enough that *everyone knows* that the game plan in prime vs. prime positions is to crack the opponent. It would seem that closing inner board points is antithetical to that premise. How was I to revise, to "upgrade" my friend's way of viewing these position?

One point to consider is that when most play problems find their way into print, Black is in some sort of trouble, and needs to find an extreme play to rescue himself. Here, Black is the favorite. Solid positions are maintained with solid plays. By playing 13/3, Black does more to shorten his own timing than to shorten White's. Let's suppose that the next two rolls are 2-5 for White and 1-4 for Black. Then look at them after each of Black's 6-4 shakes.

**POSITION #1.** Following 6-4 for Black (played 13/3), White rolls 2-5, then Black rolls 1-4.



**POSITION #2.** Following 6-4 for Black (played 8/2, 6/2), White rolls 2-5, then Black rolls 1-4.



Even though White's roll of 2-5 was one of the numbers that Black's 13/3 was supposed to cater to, it should be apparent that Black's setup in Position #2 is preferable to Position #1. Parenthetically, it should also be apparent that in the first position, stepping up with the ace was much better than covering.

If there is an underlying principle at work (I think there is), it would seem to be this: *Concentrate on your own position.* Just as our goal is to crack our opponent, it is his goal to crack us. By making anti-positional plays, we are doing his work for him. We can't guarantee that he will roll an awkward number, but we can foist an awkward position on ourself.

It would be nice to tell you that in real life, we made the right play, that it worked like a charm, and that we gammoned our opponent. So I will. We did, it did, and they were. So there. Δ

who did what

## WINNER'S CORNER



June-Aug. 1995

**1995 Swedish Open** (Stockholm, Sweden; 8-11 June)... **CHAMPIONSHIP:** 1-Ted Rosenberg, 2-Frederick Wrang; 1C-Jerry Grandell, 2C-Ulf Ring. **INTERMEDIATE:** 1-Börje Sundbom, 2-Per-Ola Valfridsson; 1C-Johnny Blacklund, 2C-Jon Karlsson; 1LC-Lennart Grundh.

**Greater NY Club Monthly** (Woodbury, NY; 25 June)... **OPEN:** 1-Irwin Zamore, 2-Al Lee; 1C-Dr. Bob Hill.

**Van Alyea Cup** (Chicago, IL; June-July)... **OPEN (60):** 1-Ten Nield, 2-Keen Addington ... *Jeff Durkes tells us this Racquet Club of Chicago members-only event is named in honor of one of the original club members.*

**1995 Argentine Championship** (Buenos Aires, Argentina; Mondays in July)... **CHAMPIONSHIP:** Rafael Dana, Diego Heindenreich (2), Marcelo Belaustegui, Isaac Poteraica. **JUNIOR:** Oscar Portolán, Mario Escandarani, Carlos Naveira, Tonino Rossi, Basilio Theocharidis. **BEGINNER:** María Jaeggli, Victor Fraiz, Norma Bennun, Jorge Morda, Mindla Fajtlowicz.

**Hong Kong Monthly** (Hong Kong; 3 July)... **OPEN:** 1-Marc Mostacci, 2-Avry Ben-Zeev; 1C-Jerry Godsey, 2C-Melody Rae. **CHAMPIONSHIP:** 1-Kenneth Wong, 2-Pearl Liu; 1C-Bodo Sprungk, 2C-Glen de Guzman.

**Hilton Trophy Tourney** (E. Midlands, England; 8-9 July)... **OPEN (44):** 1-Paul Lamford, 2-R. Beagarie; 1C-Arthur Musgrove, 2C-Kam Verma; 1LC-Jim Hohnson. **FRIDAY K.O.:** 1-Bill Spiers, 2-Jim Moore. **DOUBLES (15):** 1/2-Alan & Monica Beckerson / Judith & Arthur Musgrove. **SUICIDE! (28):** 1-Cliff Connick, 2-Michael Crane.

**Sunday Bimonthly** (Milwaukee, WI; 9 July)... **OPEN (6):** 1-Neil Kazaross (IL). **LIMITED (5):** 1/2-Joann Feinstein (IL) / Bruce Russell.

**BBC Summer Open** (Bethesda, MD; 15-16 July)... **OPEN (20):** 1-Mark Davis, 2-Mel Leifer, 3 (1st Cons.)-Gary Fries, 4-William Wilner, 5/6-Ed Maslansky / Bill Pow, 7/8-Keith Meinelt / Sam Orandle; 1LC-Bob Williamson. **JACKPOT (8):** 1-Ed Maslansky, 2-Bruce Hall.

**ABA Monthly** (Atlanta, GA; 23 July)... **OPEN:** 1-Larry Strommen, 2-Alan Epstein.

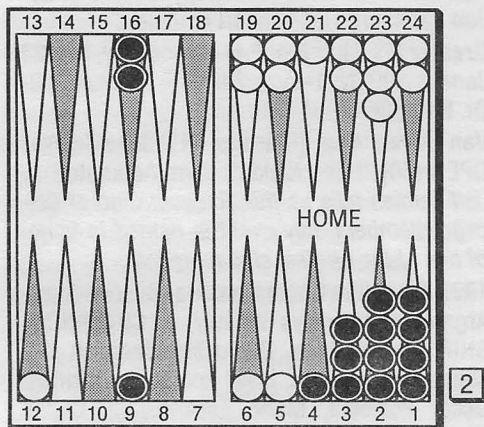
**Thousand Islands Tournament—ABT** (Alexandria Bay, NY; 28-30 July)... **OPEN (33):** 1-Bob Paris (FL), 2-Paul Stebbing (CAN), 3-Judy Brown (NY). **DOUBLES (12):** 1-Mike & Airan Friedman (CAN), Jill & Bruce Brown (NY).

**BPC Summer Cool Tourney** (Oak Brook, IL; 6 Aug.)... **OPEN (28):** 1/2-Harry Cohn / Dave Cramer, 3/4-John Demian / Howard Ring; 1C/2C-John Brussel / Andy Krenitz. **INTERMEDIATE (18):** 1-Mike Flohr, 2-Alice Kay, 3/4-Vinton Knarr / Amy Valerio; 1C/2C-Joann Feinstein / Bobbie Shifrin... *Harry Cohn remains hot. He defeated Dave Cramer in a one point match to claim the trophy.* Δ

## PROBLEM #215 SOLVED

by Walter Trice

1995 Michigan Summer Championships 13-point match. Paul Magriel (White) and Doug Mayfield (Black) are tied at 6-all. **BLACK TO PLAY 2-2.**

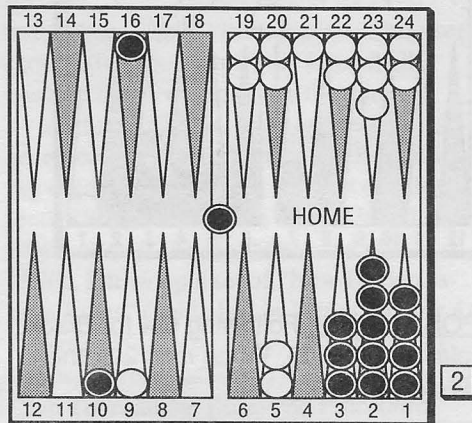


**B**old play is usually wrong when you have a big lead in the race and a weak position. Problem #215 is anything but an exception. Correct is 9/5\*/3, 4/2 (Play A), leaving no blots. Alternatives are suicidal.

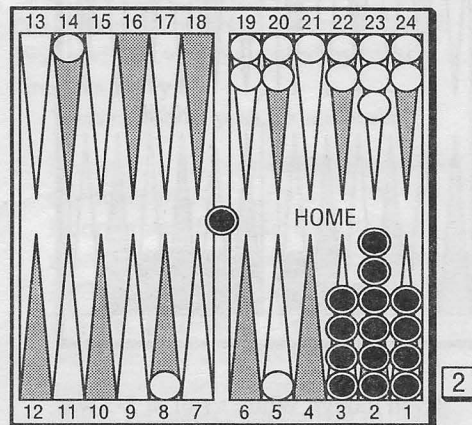
Black has a few other choices, but we'll just look at one: 16/12\*/10, 4/2 (Play B). This play leaves three blots in the outfield and gives White 14 numbers to hit one of them immediately. Black's ideas are (1) to get his checkers moving when White is on the bar, (2) to give himself opportunities to make a new point in his home board, and (3) to gain time with "pick-and-pass" hits next roll. These are reasonable objectives, but the risks are too high.

First of all, getting hit when Black has two more vulnerable blots around is worse than any later hit could be after the safe play. The contrast is most marked in the variations where Black manages to get a second checker home before he is hit. Consider, for example:

**Position A.** Black has a man on the bar and two outfield blots.



**Position B.** Black has a man on the bar, but all of his other men are home.



Black's extra blots in Position 1 are hard to clean up even if he comes in with an immediate 4, and they tend to get him gammoned when he doesn't. White's equity in Position 1 is about 1.8—nearly the value of the cube. In Position 2 however, Black on shake is about even money!

Secondly, Play B doesn't gain all that much when it works. If White fans after Play A, Black is already a big favorite. Black will be better off on a dance having made Play B, but he will still have three rolls worth of continuing jeopardy before he gets his outfield men home. Black can redouble after Play B/fan but I believe that White can still take.

Finally, Play A is simply the best play for not getting hit. Black will be about a 2-to-1 favorite to get hit sometime, but there is nothing he can do about it except try to minimize the damage potential and hope he gets lucky. Volunteering 14 shots as in Play B would be reasonable if it solved the problem, but actually Black is *more* likely to get hit at some point with this move than with correct Play A. Δ

## September 15

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## LETTERS...

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committee came to me and took back the trophy saying: "We are sorry. It was all a mistake. You are not the runner-up."

What's your opinion of this mess?—  
Pierre Zakia, Pau, France

Although the situation is very unfortunate (especially the erroneous trophy presentation), we agree with the directors' ruling. Here's why.

Let's say that following your loss, they had forfeited your opponent in the semifinals, thus permitting you to advance. Then what about the individuals your opponent had defeated in earlier rounds? Wouldn't they

also be entitled to forfeit victories as well?

Had you discovered the error prior to your match, it would have been a different story; but once you lost the match and (we assume) the result was posted, there's little that could be done about it.

We wonder if the directors let the Main Flight semifinalist play the Last Chance finals after you made them aware of their mistake.—Ed.

### 1995 EUROPEAN WBF CHAMPION

The 7th International City of Venice tournament (15-18 June), valid for the Official 1995 European Worldwide Backgammon Federation Title was a big success. Evert Van Eijck was the winner. I hope next year to repeat the Olympiad in

Venice and to do the Olympiad for the year 2000 in Athens.—Alberto da Pra, President, Worldwide Backgammon Federation, Switzerland

### OUR PLEASURE

Add my name to the list of those who say to you and your contributing editors, "great job."—Jim Allen, Reno, NV

### ECONOMIC WOES DOWN SOUTH

I don't know at this time if there will a big October tournament in Buenos Aires this year. The economy in Argentina is not well. I will let your CHICAGO POINT readers know as soon as possible.—  
Claudio Salamone, Argentina Backgammon Association Δ

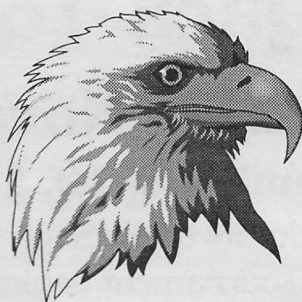


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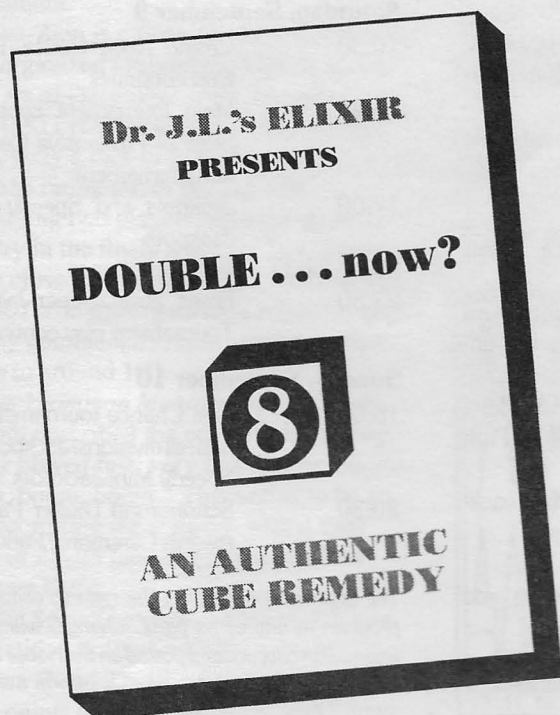
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## PROGRAM

#### Monday, September 4

19:30–20:00 Registration (Black-jack and  
Backgammon) at Park Hotel  
22:30 Slovenian Blitz; Jackpots and  
Speedy Mini-Jackpots

#### Tuesday, September 5

10:30 Excursion  
19:30–20:00 Registration at Park Hotel  
22:00 Black-jack tournament at the  
Casino

#### Wednesday, September 6

10:30 Excursion  
19:30–20:00 Registration at Park Hotel  
22:00 Black-jack tournament at the  
Casino

#### Thursday, September 7

10:30 Casino Nova Gorica Tennis  
Cup for players and friends  
17:00 Public draw for Warm-up (free  
of charge)

18:00–21:00 Start of play Warm-up, Jack-  
pots and Speedy Mini-Jack-  
pots  
21:30 Black-jack Tournament at the  
Casino: Finals

#### Friday, September 8

10:30 Casino Nova Gorica Tennis  
Cup continues  
17:00 Warm-up, Jackpots and  
Speedy Mini-Jackpots con-  
tinue  
19:00–20:00 Registration at the Park Hotel  
20:00 Welcoming cocktail in Park  
Hotel lounge  
21:30–22:00 Final registration: Main back-  
gammon tournament  
22:00 Public draw  
23:00 Start of play. Jackpots and  
Speedy Mini-Jackpots

#### Saturday, September 9

10:30 Casino Nova Gorica Tennis  
Cup continues  
16:00 Main tournament continues.  
Start of Progressive Consola-  
tion tournament  
17:00 Jackpots and Speedy Mini-  
Jackpots  
20:00–22:30 Break for dinner  
22:30 Franz Josef Super-Jackpot.  
Tournament play continues

#### Sunday, September 10

15:00 Last Chance tournament. Fi-  
nals: all divisions. Jackpots and  
Speedy Mini-Jackpots  
20:30 Schönbrenn Dinner Party &  
Awards Ceremony: Park Hotel

The organization reserves the right to change the  
program in any of its parts. Changes will be an-  
nounced in advance and posted on the Notice Board.

The Park Hotel has agreed to offer two nights free of charge in the Hotel for players who stay one full week (arrival date Sept. 4, departure date Sept. 11, 1995) . . . 100% return of the entry fees . . . Trophies to be awarded in all three divisions and the Blackjack tournament . . . Nova Gorica is in the country renowned for good food and wine. Air temperature in Sept. is 15 to 23° C.