

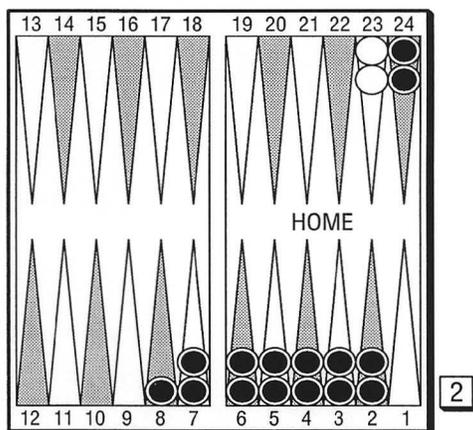
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### HASTY PLAYS



by Duane Jensen

Money game. **BLACK TO PLAY 4-1.**



Realistically, Black is just trying to cut his losses in this money game. He was hoping to run out (at the least) one man in hopes of avoiding the backgammon, but he rolled a puny 4-1 which limps out only part way.

Black played 24/19, running as far as he could. This accomplishes nothing. If

White rolls an ace, she'll hit the checker on her 1-point. Then Black will need double 3s or better to escape the backgammon, whether he's anchored on the ace or he's run a man to the 6-point. Therefore Black should keep the anchor on the 1-point and thereby prevent White's double 1s from playing.

As simple as this choice may be, I've made this hasty play myself and seen others do it as well. Δ

### UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Information: 773/583-6464

- Feb. 9 2nd Bar Point Doubles Club Championship; Champs Bar, 17 W. 517 Roosevelt Rd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL
- Feb. 22 Springfield Series #4; Peoria Pizza Works; Peoria, IL
- Feb. 22 23rd Illinois State Challenge Cup, Peoria Pizza Works, Peoria, IL
- Mar. 8 Springfield Series #5, Wildlife Sports Bar, Springfield, IL
- Mar. 22-24 2003 Midwest Backgammon Championships 20th Anniversary Edition, Wyndham Lisle; Lisle, IL
- May 23-26 24th Chicago Open, Oakbrook Hills Resort, Oakbrook, IL

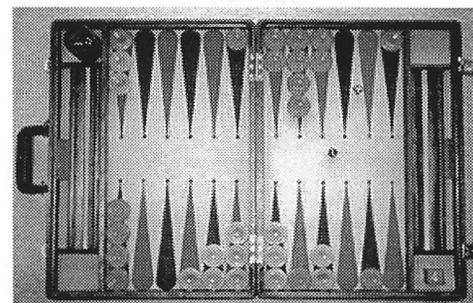
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## 2003 BPC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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|                   |      |                   |      |                 |      |
|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Bob Zavoral       | 4.08 | Georgina Flanagan | 1.80 | Royal Robinson  | 0.88 |
| Michael Peters    | 3.92 | Mark Murray       | 1.80 | Elaine Andrews  | 0.72 |
| Tak Morioka       | 3.18 | Barbara Levinson  | 1.76 | Carter Mattig   | 0.72 |
| Tim Carroll       | 2.80 | Bob Steen         | 1.48 | Doug Rodgers    | 0.64 |
| Joe Wollick       | 2.52 | Lucky Nelson      | 1.44 | Don Jayhan      | 0.64 |
| Bill Keefe        | 2.48 | Tim Serges        | 1.38 | Herb Roman      | 0.60 |
| Phyllis Smolinski | 2.00 | Val Zimnicki      | 1.24 | Paul Baraz      | 0.60 |
| Eric Johnson      | 1.92 | Roger Hickman     | 1.20 | Joann Feinstein | 0.48 |
| David Rockwell    | 1.92 | Rory Pascar       | 1.08 | Bobbie Ivanova  | 0.48 |
| Peter Kalba       | 1.92 | Arline Levy       | 0.96 |                 |      |

**BOB ZAVORAL** grabbed the early lead in the 2003 BPC 2003 points race splitting first in the Masters bracket three weeks in a row to earn 4.08 points. Michael Peters was a close second with 3.92 points and Tak Morioka placed third with 3.18.

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**Sunday Bimonthly, 12:00 NOON** at Champs Sports Bar, 17 W. 517 Roosevelt Rd., Oakbrook Terrace; 630/691-1888.

**PUB CLUB:** Tourn. Mon., 7:00 P.M. at Danny's Grill and Bar, 345 W. North Ave., Villa Park. Joe Wollick (847/942-2068).

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**T/P BACKGAMMON CLUB:** Tournaments Wednesday, 6:30 P.M. at Java Oasis; 2240 S. Michigan, Chicago. J.A. Miller (312/719-1245). Phone ahead to verify location.

**PEORIA BACKGAMMON CLUB:** Tourn. Thurs., 6:30 P.M. at Peoria Pizza Works, 3921 Prospect, Peoria. Ed Zell (309/674-0557).