

backgammon

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MORE FROM THE ANNUAL WORLD AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP ELMPTON CUP TOURNAMENT

Having observed the entire 19-point finals match between Russell Sands of Los Angeles and Wayne Drogseth of Las Vegas, there were several games and positions of great interest.

When playing tournament match play, you need to consider each game on its own merit. When a game is going your way, capitalize on it — turn the cube, especially if you are behind. The doubling cube becomes a very important tool. Too often, I've seen players wait too long to turn the cube.

In the example, black is on roll. Should black double? Should white accept?

Drogseth, black, did not double and rolled a 3-2. His timing being much better than white's, Drogseth moved both checkers from the 12 point.

Sands, white, has an 8-1 lead in the 19-point finals match. Black should have doubled and white should have passed. Why?

Barring double fives and fours, there

is no way white will get safely past black on the 7 point. To avoid the inevitable, white would have passed, assuring black of a one-point win.

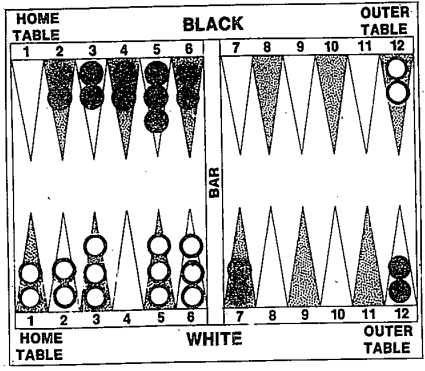
White soon rolled a 2-5. Black rolled a six to hit white then doubled the cube after white did not leave the bar. White then resigned the cube and game, taking a one-point loss and making the score 3-2.

What if black would have missed? Then he would have had no double and no game. This is why he should have doubled two rolls earlier, before the hit came along.

Another good opportunity to double the cube would have been when black had the direct six shot. The pressure exerted on white at that moment would have forced him out.

Black was fortunate to hit. But had he missed white, he would have lost the game when perhaps he would have won without testing his luck.

For more information, contact the American Backgammon Club at Box 399, Plymouth MI 48170, or call 459-5776.



second runs

Tom Panzenhagen

WELCOME, DELEGATES

"Medium Cool" (1969), 7:30 and 10 p.m. Friday, and "America is Hard to See" (1970), 7:30 and 10 p.m. Saturday, both at the Cass City Cinema in the First Unitarian Church, corner of Cass and Forest on the Wayne State Univ. city campus, \$2 (\$1 for seniors and kids under 12), phone 832-6309.

"America is Hard to See" is a film by Emille DeAntonio that focuses on the '68 campaign of Minnesota's "Clean Gene" McCarthy. The documentary examines the influence of young people on the McCarthy campaign and the campaign's influence on the youths, and it takes a few swipes at the presidential bid of Bobby Kennedy along the way.

The Cass Cinema folks are bidding the Republicans hello with a series of political entries this week and next. Keynoting the series is "Medium Cool," a Haskell Wexler film about a TV cameraman during the riotous 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago. The style is a mix of fiction and actual film footage from the convention marred by police riots.

Next week's entries go more directly for the GOP's jugular, starting with another DeAntonio film, "Millhouse, a White Comedy," on July 18. The 1971 film — a documentary made with "most profane contempt!" — may be the only reference to the deposed president made by anybody during the convention. Certainly the Republicans won't be name dropping.

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