

backgammon

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BEARING IN AGAINST OPPOSITION

In this position, white has a 2-5 to play. White has not yet offered the doubling cube for fear of leaving black a single or a double shot while bearing in.

Until now, black had excellent timing and was able to hold both points in white's home board and preserve his own home board. However, on black's next roll, he may have to run with one checker from white's home board or begin to crash his home board. What is white's move?

Bearing in against opposition requires a certain amount of skill and thought. The proper move in any situation should be determined by several factors. Your opponent's timing is certainly the most important. The strength of his home board is second.

Here we have a situation where white does not want to fight bearing in and off while black maintains the 1 and 4 points.

Traditionally, breaking your furthest point and bearing in your outside checkers is common. Should white

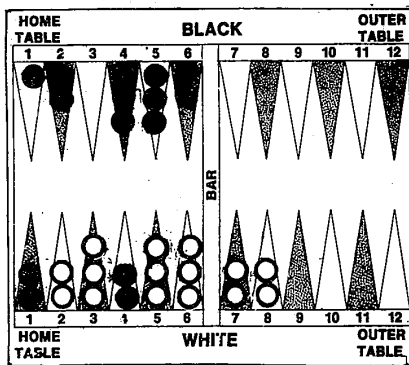
move both checkers in from the 8 point, black must vacate the 4 point with any 6 roll and possibly black may run with a 5 roll to preserve his home board. White will then have three builders to work on the 4 point — one builder each on the 5, 6 and 7 points.

The best possible play for white is to move both checkers in from the 7 point. This creates a new builder on the 2 point. In the event black runs a checker out from the 1 point, white will have four builders to hit with. White still has three builders to work on the 4 point.

Assuming black stays on the 4, this move creates several bad rolls for white (6-6, 6-4, 5-4), but it also eliminates several bad rolls (6-5, 5-5, 5-5).

However, by breaking the 7 point, white has only the 4 point to hurdle over; since black may run with one checker, white could easily double him out on the next roll.

The American Backgammon Club will hold a tournament this Sunday at the Plymouth Hilton Inn beginning at 8 p.m. For information, call the club at 455-5776.



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"Madigan" (1968), 2 p.m. Wednesday on Ch. 9. Originally 101 minutes. Don Siegel is a genre director. Many filmmakers, even some great ones, are adept at only one film style (Hitchcock, suspense, Ford, the western). But Siegel has done it all.

He capped the film noir days of the late-1940s and early-1950s with the classic, science-fiction thriller "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" (1956). Next came a series of crime films — focusing interchangeably on the criminal and the cop — that was topped off by "Madigan." Siegel's Clint Eastwood period of disquietingly composed action films included "Coogan's Bluff" (1968) and "Dirty Harry" (1972) (they also did "Escape from Alcatraz" seven years later).

"The Shootist" (1976), a laconic western about the dying days of a gun-fighter, was the perfect vehicle for the last film of John Wayne. Most recently, Siegel's "Rough Cut" (1980), starring Burt Reynolds as a jewel thief, displays all the best aspects of Hitchcock's "To Catch a Thief" or Jules Dassin's "Topkapi." Reynolds, a mediocre actor at best, was never better.



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