



backgammon

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LEAVING YOUR ANCHOR

Todd of Plymouth writes: I've been following your backgammon column for almost a full year and look forward to reading it every week. Most often I'm able to select a good move by way of analyses and percentage computations. However, the enclosed game situation has puzzled me to no end, which has prompted me to write. With my opponent holding the cube at 2, 1, as white, now roll a 4-1.

I thought it best to leave the black 5 point now, since black could hardly hit with a 3 and cover with a 3, 5 or 6 (five out of 35 chances). My opponent then rolled double 2s — which I never considered. He hit my open blot on the 5 point, covered the blot on the 1 point and split the checkers in my home board.

After I failed to re-enter, the open blot on the 10 point was hit. Unfortunately, I was gammoned, I would like your opinion on the 4-1 move in this position.

There is a proper time to leave your anchor. Sometimes it is forced, but most often it is voluntary. You chose to leave since black had no capped blot. But did you ask yourself why? If you were hit, would you really want to hit black on the 1 point?

This would be helping black recirculate a checker and preserve his timing. Having a third black checker in white's home board could be dangerous since black will try to capture the 4 point and also have the free runner to do with as he pleases.

One learns through experience never to leave your anchor prematurely (unless absolutely necessary), even if it appears to be somewhat safe. Freak accidents and lucky disaster rolls can be

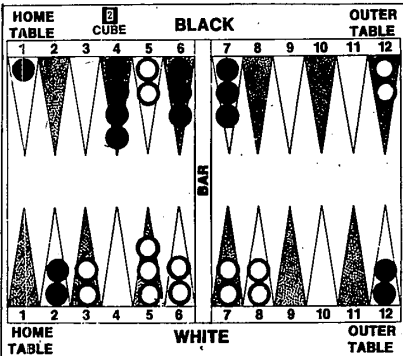
avoided to a degree. Remember, hold big masses or vice.

There are really several good moves. All have merit. For the conservative player, moving both checkers off the 7 point creates two more holders. Should black escape with one checker, four holders aimed at the 2 point give him little hope of surviving. I don't favor this move since black could escape with 5s. But I find little else wrong with it.

An aggressive move that could either clinch the game or lose it would be for white to move a checker from the 8 and 5 point, closing the 4 point. This move duplicates the 6s black needs to hit and cover. Since white could easily cover the 8 point blot on the next roll if not hit, this move could become an instant winner or loser.

The last viable option, which is neither too conservative or aggressive, is to bring a checker down from the 12 point to the 8, leaving a simple direct 1 shot. This move allows white to keep his prime intact, maintain the 5 point anchor, create one builder and still control the outer boards. I prefer this move since it accomplishes much and only leaves black one chance to hit, with 1-1 as the only disaster roll.

For more information, contact the American Backgammon Club at 459-5776 or write to Box 599, Plymouth MI 48170.



Karl Bartos (left), Ralf Hutter, Florian Schneider and Wolfgang Flür, the members of Kraftwerk, will perform their electronic style of rock at Nitro's on Saturday.

Kraftwerk to perform

German rock band Kraftwerk has combined its love of music with mankind's intrigue with machines to create "Computer World," the group's fifth album.

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