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NO RESPECT!!

Many people think that checkers is a child's game because checkers is often taught early to children to teach them to think. Most people don't know that checkers rivals chess among the most difficult mental games in the world. Chess gets all the credit for being difficult. One often hears remarks such as "We're talking about chess, not checkers" to indicate that it's rocket science not something ordinary. The movies, commercials, magazines, TV, etc. all propagate the myth that checkers is a child's game or an old man's game and that chess is in a class by itself when it comes to thinking. Players who know both games well are of a different opinion. Marion Tinsley knew plenty about both games and he said that checkers is immeasurably harder than chess. Newell Banks who was a master at both games also said that checkers was harder. The reason they and others thought that way was because one wrong move in checkers is usually curtains in the master class. Weaker moves are often not punished in chess as they are in checkers. One big reason that chess commands respect is that its prize funds are so much larger than in checkers. A couple of years ago, the winner of the U.S. championship received a first prize of \$1,000. That kind of a prize is often given out in events of little or no significance. My chess acquaintances sneered with disdain when they learned of that prize. There is one thing checker players can do right away to improve the image of our game. That thing is for each player to contribute at least \$10 a year to the National Tourney Fund. The ACF knows of at least 1,000 active players. Of those 1,000 active players, only 10%, yes, only 10% give anything for the national prize fund. If the 1,000 active players contribute \$10 each, we'd have \$10,000 going to the prize fund. There are players who contribute more than \$10 and we'd probably have \$15,000 due to their generosity. If we add about \$5,000 or so from the ACF treasury we'd wind up with at least a \$20,000 prize fund. That figure doesn't look so pitiful. Just \$10 from each player will change the way people look at us and our game. Maybe some day checkers will get the sponsorship support for a more sizeable prize fund and finally the respect that it deserves! ----Alan Millhone, ACF Pres.

Call for Nominations for ACF Election: The deadline to submit nominations for the 2005 election is March 12. We will elect ACF members to fill the following offices: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Representative, and all nine district managers. The ballot will be published in the April issue. The members of the Nomination and Election Committee will count the votes and report the results, and those elected will take office in May.

To run for office, you must be nominated, be at least 18 years old, have been an ACF member for at least one year, and be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. If you run for district manager, you must be a resident of that district.

To nominate someone for office, please send the person's name, the office for which you want to nominate that person, and, if possible, a phone number or e-mail address for the nominee to Matthew Clark at mrclark@mindspring.com or to the following address: Matthew Clark, ACF Secretary, 8060 Preservation Road, Tallahassee FL 32312

!!!News!!!

Please pay your membership dues! If you have not paid already, send \$25 to Alan Millhone (President, P. O. Box 1, Belpre, OH 45714-0001) or Anthony Bishop (Treasurer, 1948 Grace Lane, College Grove, TN 37046).

The International Checkers Hall of Fame has been discontinued!! Read Charles' letter on the inside back cover.

Draughts Razoo has been discontinued! Back issues of the magazine are still available at the ACF Online Store, for \$6, on a limited basis.

Dick Fortman is recovering from an illness. **Al Darrow** has been in the hospital, and is home now.

THE U.S.S. STARSHIP CHECKERPRISE -- MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! See inside back cover.

Tournament Results (Directors: Please report prize money distribution)

District 4, November 11-13, 2004, Wingate Inn, **Mooreville, NC**, results from J. R. Smith.

1.	Alex Moiseyev (OH)	22	8.	Larry Michael	13-76
2.	Gene Lindsay (TN)	21	9.	J. R. Smith (NC)	13-74
3.	Mike Ross (NC)	16	10.	Alan Millhone (OH)	12-95
4.	Jan Bulstra	15-103	11.	Ben Jones	12-91
5.	Ken Shultz	15-90	12.	Paul Dinger (NC)	12-74
6.	Teal Stanley (NC)	15-89	13.	Clint Pickard	10
7.	Bill McClintock (NC)	14	14.	Bill Stanley	5

Mike Ross becomes the Dist. 4 Champ.

Sedalia, Missouri, Open Tournament -- November 13, 2004, submitted by Wilma Wolverton.

1..	Howard Steiner (MO)	14	6..	Gayle Helterbrand (MO)	8
2..	George Cook (MO)	11	7..	John Maasen (MO)	6
3..	Bob Couch (MO)	10	8..	Gary Hinerman (MO)	5
4..	Chris Weiland (MO)	9-35	9..	Richard Brownfield (MO)	4-33
5..	Wayne Miller (MO)	9-26	10..	Wilma Wolverton (MO)	4-28

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All entrants were from Missouri. Congratulations to Howard Steiner on winning the tournament. The public schools in Sedalia were involved in their own tournament - 95 students in all!

2004 Lloyd Mills Memorial - Nebraska State Open, Omaha, November 21, 2004

1. John Pestal (NE) 12
2. Vince Schaben (IA) 6
3. George Stallsworth (NE) 5
4. John Brogan (NE) 1

Congratulations to John Pestal who is now Nebraska State champion (from Missouri Newsletter)

Checkers Calendar

2005 U.S. Annual Mail Tournament. This year the I-D Mail Ty. becomes the U.S. Annual Mail Ty. Any paid-up ACF member (from anywhere) can play in it. Entry fee \$25 to Earl Hangen, 839 Delta Ave., Northmont, Reading, PA 19605. Email replies allowed if both players agree. Prizes will be awarded to about half entered. Players may use computers. There is added prize money from the ACF and contributors. No entry deadline yet.

Florida Tourney, Feb. 19 & 20, at Pat Quartucci's house, 3909 W. Park Rd., Hollywood, FL 33021. Prize money will be over \$1000.00. Donations will be appreciated. For information, call 954-961-6031. Tourney will begin at 10 AM, Sat. This announcement is from the ACF website.

The Children's Checkers Tournament will be held February 26th , 2005 in Weekes Branch Library, 27300 Patric Avenue, Hayward, California . Children from Kindergarten to 5th grade play in the morning from 10 AM - 12:30 PM and 6th to 9th play from 1PM until 4:30PM. There is no charge for the tournament. We will award medals to the top three players in each of the three divisions. For more information please contact Richard Osorio at (510)-666-0140. This announcement is from the ACF website.

The Tennessee State Open Checker Tournament will be held March 4th - 6th , 2005 in the Best Western Executive Inn in Lebanon, TN. . The Inn is located on Highway 231, near I-40 (take exit 238 North). The tournament consists of three divisions. Two rounds will be played Friday, four Saturday, and two Sunday. Registration begins Friday at 1:00 pm. Play will start 4:00 pm Friday and end Sunday at 1:00 pm. For reservations, call 1-615-444-0505 and tell them you are a checker player. For more information please contact Frank Davis at 1-931-552-4246. This announcement is from the ACF website.

2 NYC open District 2 Tourneys, March 18-20, 2005, submitted by Francesco La Rocca.

Three Move

March 18-19, 6 rounds, Friday: registration 2 PM to 4 PM, 1st rd. 4 to 6 PM, 2nd rd. 6:15 to 8 PM, 3rd rd. 9 PM to 11 PM; Saturday: 4th rd. 9 AM to 11 AM, 5th rd. 11:15 AM to 1:15 PM, last rd. 2 PM to 4 PM

GAYP (go-as-you-please)

March 19-20, 6 rounds, Saturday: registration 3 PM to 5 PM, 1st rd. 5 PM to 7 PM, 2nd rd. 7 PM to 9 PM (then all evening free to visit New York); Sunday 3rd rd. 9 AM to 11 AM, 4th rd. 11:15 AM to 1:15 PM, 5th rd. 2 PM to 4 PM, last rd. 4 PM to 6 PM

Entry fee: Masters and Majors \$20*, Minors \$15*, Beginners \$10*

* add \$20 to be ACF member and get ACF Bulletin (ACF membership required to get official title and trophies, not required to get prizes)

Location: Children of Light, 2672 Broadway corner with 102 nd. street (link to: www.childrenoflight.com), tel. 212 9329433

How to get there: look on: www.superpages.com and put on "business name" and enter "children of light" to get directions from your place.

Note: Each round is two games. You can participate in one tourney or both tourneys (up to you). At end we will give prizes, trophies, gifts, etc.

My personal expectation: there will be 4 divisions: masters and majors (required clock and record of the games), minors, and beginners (so anyone will be welcome even if he/she has never played)

How it will work: Swiss system with 2 points for win, 1 for draw, and 0 for loss, with honor points in case of people with same points

Contact: Francesco La Rocca, 392 15th street, Brooklyn, NY 11215, tel. 718 8323221 or Francolr@hotmail.com

The place where people can stay for the night is : www.hinewyork.org located on 891 Amsterdam avenue (between 103 street and 104) and contact personal Katrina Schultz at 212 9322300 extension 117, and mention that you there for checkers tourney, to get a rate of \$27 a night (tax included) or \$30.50 with breakfast included (4 people for each room) but rooms for 2 also available (\$120 a night). Lunch is available also for "just" \$ 6.50. Deadline for reservation and receive the checkers rate is February 18, 2005. How to get there : link here http://www.hinewyork.org/find_us.htm (or look on internet again on the superpages link)

Also other places available in the area is: www.centralparkhostel.com (103 rd street between manhattan avenue and central park west with phone 212 6780491) with rates for double of \$129 or \$99 a night (must reserve on time) or \$25 a night per person (6 people per room).

The area is mostly free parking on the streets (just read signs about cleaning street)

There are also many garages in the area: Yorkshire (212 8652314) on 108 st with rate of \$15/\$20 for 24 hrs > Icon (212 8648901) with 2 locations on 95 street (between broadway and amsterdam av.) and 97 street (between colombus av. and central park west) with rates of \$9/\$11 for 12 hrs > Rapid (212 8648605) on 101 street (between broadway and amsterdam av.) with rate of \$25 for 24 hrs > Oliantha on 107 street (between amsterdam av. and colombus av.) with rate of \$18 for 24 hrs.

The 100th Illinois State Checker Tournament will be held April 2nd - 3rd , 2005 in Illinois Centre Mall, Marion, Illinois . The 100th Illinois State Checker Tournament will be held on April 2nd & 3rd, 2005 at the Illinois Centre Mall, which is located near the intersection of 57 and State Highway 13 (Exit 54B), Marion, Illinois. Registration on Saturday is from 8:00-9:00 a.m. with

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the business meeting at 9:00 a.m. and playing beginning at 9:45 a.m. There will be four rounds on Saturday and three on Sunday. I hope to have enough players for a "C" division to attract beginners. The entry fee will be \$10.00.

A recommended motel is the Super 8 in Marion, Illinois. Phone number for the Super 8 is 618-993-5577. This is a newly renovated and very clean motel. Room rates are \$32.88 plus tax. Directions: Super 8 is located to the left off the first stop light West of Exit 54 B. The mall is located at the 3-rd stop light west of the same exit. Turn right at this third light and go to the back of the mall toward the Target parking lot. Park in the lot before Target and the door will lead to the food court where we will be playing.

The American Checker Federation requires membership (\$25.00) for all participants at ACF-sanctioned tournament. All Class "A" players must have ACF membership to play. Class "B" player will not be required to have ACF or Associate membership to play this year. Again this year we will be providing a free room to the World champion or the highest rated checker player at this year's tournament.

For more information please contact Gene Ellison at 618-962-3321 or email ellisong@shawneelink.net. This announcement is from the ACF website.

Mississippi State Tournament will be held May 28 -29 (Memorial Day Weekend), in Tupelo, MS, 7 rounds (4 Sat., 3 Sun.), 3-Move, more details later. Submitted by Clayton Nash.

The Pennsylvania State Tournament will be held June 11th - 12th , 2005 in Grove City, Pennsylvania . This tournament will be held in the same place as last year. More information to come. This announcement is from the ACF website.

2005 GAYP Nationals in Dublin Ohio, June 20-24th 2005. Dublin Community Recreation Center, see www.dublinvisit.org. More details later.

Louisville Checker Tournament, every week, call 502-589-5690 or email charlesfreeman@peoplepc.com.

Burlington, NC Checker Club, every Thursday, call Mike Ross 584-8652 or others.

Eighth International Match (Las Vegas, Sep. 26 - Sep. 30): See the late new item on page 10.

Checkers Market Place

Editors Note: the ACF does not charge fees for advertising, but will accept donations.

ID BOOKLETS. Our mail play director, Earl Hangen, has the ID Booklets for 1990 through 2003 for sale at \$5 each. Send orders to him at 839 Delta Ave., Northmont, Reading PA 19605. These booklets are a fine source of play on the new openings.

THOUSANDS OF CHECKER BOOKS. The Estate of the late Don Goodwin wishes to sell the extensive library of Don Goodwin, estimated to be worth 1 million dollars. The asking price is \$250,000. Individual books are still offered for sale. Write Evelyn Micallif, 16 Romac Drive, Scarboro, Ontario, MIC 4V6, Canada. Email dgoodw9616@rogers.com or call 416-287-9616.

FINE SELECTION OF CHECKER BOOKS. For list send SASE to Becky's Books on the Square, 3520 Hillcrest, Apt. 4, Dubuque, IA 52002.(or email us: checkers21@hotmail.com.)

CHECKERS THE TINSLEY WAY and WORLD CLASS CHECKERS. Two indispensable books for your library. \$20 each. Buy both for only 30.00. Order from Dr. Robert L. Shuffett, Box E, Greensburg, KY 42743.

ACF JEWELRY WANTED. Particularly the tie-tac that Clayton Beebee once sold. Send a description of items for sale with price including shipping. F. Alan Millhone, P. O. Box 1, Belpre, OH 45714.

ONLINE STORE: Check out the items on this feature of www.usacheckers.com.

If anybody has complete runs of the following magazines for sale, I'd be very interested to hear from you: The American Checker Monthly, The Draught-Board, The Draughts Review, The Draughts World, The Draughts Players Quarterly Review, The Canadian Checker Journal, The British Draughts Journal, The American Checkerist. Please contact Mike Truran on mike@mtruran.fsnet.co.uk if you can help.

My Trophies At Last I Lay Down

Obituary for Luther Stubblefield: From Wayne Gover on the CSi Checkers BBS: Probably several on the BBS have played and met Luther Stubblefield over the years. I had a call from Roy Little letting me know Luther passed away today. He was many times Oklahoma State champ and several times Dist. 8 champion.

From Allan Millhone: Recently I had received a letter from Roy telling me that Mr. Stubblefield was not well. A couple of days ago I had sent him a 'get well' card..... I am now sad to learn of his passing. I got to meet him at the ACF Nationals in Las Vegas a couple of years back. He will be missed by all.

From Jim Loy: I have played Mr. Stubblefield by mail once. He took third in the 1977 I-D, first in the 1990 I-D (on tiebreak over Ed King), and played in several other I-D's. I see that he is the current Oklahoma State Champ.

Nick McBride's Father passed away after an illness. From Lisle Comier on the CSi Checkers BBS.

William B. Pitts went to be with the Lord, December 24th, 2004. He was 83 years of age. The exact time was 5 minutes before midnight of our Lord's earthly birthday. He leaves his dear friends Pauline, Tammie, Brittany, Kimberly, and all his checker buddies. We will miss and remember him always. William Pitts served his country in the Coast Guard and Navy. He was an exceptional baseball and basketball player. Mr. Pitts was respected by all who met him. He was a good man. A better friend no one could have. Mr. Pitts loved to play checkers and he was a very good player. In most all games there is a time when its difficult to determine the best move. Mr. Pitts favorite saying was, what now george. He would smile and usually make the best move. Mr. Pitts was a great sport. He did not gloat when he won and he did not make excuses when he lost. Farewell my good friend: At last my trophies I lay down. Submitted by Bill Parker

Earl's Mail Room

To join ladders (free) or buy 1990 thru 2003 I-D booklets (\$5 each), write to Earl Hangen, Natl. Mail Director, 839 Delta Ave., Northmont, Reading, PA 19605 USA

Wood's Ladder (Jan. 1, 2005)

Rung Rating	Top Bracket	Challenges
1. S-1314-1	N. Proffitt	3,10
2. S-930-5	B. Vanderpool	15
3. W-787-8	C. L. McKinley	5,14
4. S-1136-2	W. C. Carter	7
5. S-1085-3	T. D. John	6
6. W-603-16	J. F. Jones	9
7. W-875-6	J. Kerr	11
8. N-946-4	N. Wenberg	
9. N-676-11	O. Crowe	16,17
10. N-662-12	S. L. Green	17
Rung Rating	Lower Bracket	Challenges
11. N-838-7	Gordon Peach	
12. N-513-18	Paul Heringer	
13. N-561-17	Leon Kwiatkowski	
14. N-633-14	Dan Novak	18

15. N-753-9	Charles MacIntyre
16. N-606-15	Dave Nemschick
17. N-635-13	Earl Hangen
18. 700-10	C. W. Nuss

Recent results, since Nov. 2004 (Won - Lost)
 MacIntyre - Nemschick 4-0-2
 Proffitt - Miller forfeit
 Vanderpool - Miller forfeit
 McKinley - Miller forfeit
 Crowe - Hill forfeit
 Carter - Hill forfeit
 T.D. John - N. Proffitt 0-0-6 (draw)

Ladder letter ratings are: S - strong computer program, W - weak program, N - no program, X - no comment or reply, blank - didn't ask.

PSCA Ladder (Jan. 1, 2005)

Rung Rating	Top Bracket	Challenges
1. S-966-2	W. C. Carter	2
2. S-909-3	N. Proffitt	4,5
3. N-871-4	J. Schmidt	9
4. W-998-1	J. Kerr	11
5. W-854-5	C. L. McKinley	6
6. N-607-10	O. Crowe	7,8
7. W-466-12	J. F. Jones	10
8. N-618-9	Paul Heringer	
9. S-788-6	B. Vanderpool	
10. N-573-11	Earl Hangen	

Rung Rating	Lower Bracket	Challenges
11. N-724-7	K. Sutton	
12. N-700-8	Leon Kwiatkowski	

Recent results (won-lost), since Nov. 2004
 Schmidt - Jones 5-0-1
 Vanderpool - Sutton 1-0-5

Hall of Fame Ladder (Nov. 7, 2004)

Rung Rating	Ladder Positions	Challenges
1. 888	Nigel Proffitt	4,7
2. 704	George Miller	2,4
3. 902	William Carter	5,11
4. 800	Dilwyn John	1,2,8
5. 706	Earl Hangen	3,6
6. 600	C. L. McKinley	2,5
7. 644	Charles MacIntyre	1,8
8. 746	Paul Heringer	4,7
9. 600	J. F. Jones	10,11,12
10. 650	Mark Buckentin	9,11,12
11. 650	David Menschick	3,9,10

12. 650 S. L. Green 9,10

To join, write Director William Carter, P.O.
 Box 701, Port aux Basques, Newfoundland,
 Canada AOM 1CO

Recent results (Won - Lost)
 Proffitt - Miller 1-0-6
 Carter - MacIntyre 2-1-5
 John - Hangen 4-4-0
 McKinley - Smithson 6-0-0

PSCA Ladder (Dec. 1, 2004)

Rung	Ladder Positions	Challenges
1.	Nigel Proffitt	2,4,7
2.	William Carter	1,5
3.	Paul Heringer	8,9
4.	Earl Hangen	1,5,6
5.	C. L. McKinley	2,4,7
6.	Mark Buckentin	4,7,10
7.	Charles MacIntyre	1,5,6
8.	James Jones	3,10
9.	Floyd Hayes	3
10.	S. L. Green	6,8

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Recent results (Won - Lost)
 Heringer - Buckentin 4-1-1
 MacIntyre - Jones 3-0-3
 Hangen - Jones 3-1-2

Critics' Corner

Richard L. Fortman, Dec. 2004 ACFB (#312): Here are the typos, which I mentioned, in the Dec ACFB: Page 10. Notes P Q and R missing: Note P should read: "This now serves as a

back-up piece for the White king.” Note Q “Or 22-25 (but not 24-19? 23-26 drs.) 31-26 24-27 26-30 27-18 30-21 18-22 WW.” Note R “If 23-27 32-23 28-32 White walks away with 24-19.” On Page 14, the names were reversed, Alan playing White. Col 7, change to "White Wins."

Harry Meadows, Dec. 2003 ACFB (#306), p.61: 10-15 21-17 15-18 22-15 11-18 23-14 9-18 17-13(A,B) 5-9 24-20 9-14 26-23 8-11 25-21 11-15 29-25 4-8 28-24 7-10 31-26 (C) 3-7 23-19 6-9 13-6 2-9 20-16(D) 8-11 26-23 11-20 21-17 14-21 23-5 15-18 32-28 10-14 19-15 14-17 24-19 17-22 27-23 18-27 25-18 27-31 18-14 31-27 30-26 21-25 26-22 25-30 14-9 30-26 - Red wins. Richard Hallett Vs Jack Francis.

(A) -- 24-19(A-1) 8-11 17-13, now the position is the same as - 10-14 24-19 14-18 23-14 9-18 22-15 11-18 21-17!

(A-1) -- 24-20, (position now the same as - 10-14 24-20 14-18 23-14 9-18 22-15 11-18 21-17! 8-11 17-13 7-10 25-21 10-14 28-24 11-15 29-25 3-7 26-22 4-8 32-28 7-11 30-26 5-9 26-23 2-7 24-19 15-24 22-25 22-15 11-18 28-19 7-10 31-26 10-15 19-10 6-15 13-6 1-10 20-16 12-19 23-16 15-19 16-12 8-11 12-8 10-16 26-22 11-16 8-3 16-20*(A-2) 3-7 19-24 7-10 24-31 10-19 18-23 19-26 14-18 22-15 - Drawn.

(A-2) -- Basil Case in (*Big League Checkers* p.182) points out this is the only move to draw! and that Ed Steve lost to Grover in the Calif. State Tourney by - 19-23 27-24 16-20(A-3) 3-7 20-27 7-10, White wins.

(A-3) -- BUT THIS MOVE DOESN'T LOSE! - 19-23 27-24 and now 16-19! 24-20 23-27 22-17 27-31 17-10 31-26 3-7 26-22 7-11 22-29 11-16 19-23 10-7 29-25 7-2 23-26 2-6 18-23 6-9 25-22 9-13 15-19 21-17 22-18 and Drawn!

(B) -- 25-21 8-11 29-25 5-9 17-13 9-14 26-23 11-15 24-20 12-16 20-11 7-16 28-24 16-20 30-26 4-8 26-22 2-7 32-28 8-12 24-19 15-24 22-15 3-8 28-19 7-11 31-26 11-18 19-16 12-19 23-16 - Drawn. Hellman vs Ryan. WCC p.68.

(C) From the text, it appears, this move is the one that lost but IT SEEMS TO BE SOUND.

(D) -- Surely this is the LOSER! Instead, 26-23 drs, continue - 9-13(D-1) 30-26 13-17 32-28 8-11(D-2) 19-16 12-19 23-26 1-6 16-12 6-9 27-23 18-27 25-22 9-13 12-8 27-31 8-3 31-27 3-8 14-18 21-14 10-17 8-3 18-25 3-19 27-23 19-16 etc. - Drawn.

(D-1) -- I-5 30-26 9-13 26-22 5-9 32-28 7-11 21-17 14-30 23-7 15-8 etc. - Drawn

(D-2) -- 1-6 26-22 17-26 21-17 14-30 23-14 10-17 19-3 8-11 24-19 6-10 27-24 11-18 3-7 10-14 19-10 etc. - Drawn.

Jim Loy, ACFB #302: P.15, g.4 is about half scrambled, but I have no correction until I get to see the score sheet. P.21, g.6, col.3, 5th move, 24-19? loses, 24-20 draws.

ACFB #303: P.25, var. 2, cross out the first column. P.31, g.17, last column, cross out the first move (30-26). G.18, first column, "(1)" should be attached to the last move in the column (21-17) instead of the earlier 22-17. P.32, g.19, col. 6, 2nd move, 28-24 should be 18-14. Var. 1, col. 4, "11-18 22-15" should be "10-19 24-15."

ACFB #304: Says "#303" at the top of the pages. P.34, g.21, note B, "9-5 20-25 23-9" should be "9-5 10-15 13-9," and later "9-5" should be "14-9." Var. 2, col. 5, 5th move, "22-26" should be "11-7." Col. 7, 4th move, "27-32," should be "23-32." P.35, g.23, the final position is a WW.

P.36, var. 1, col. 5, 9th move, “7-1” should be “7-11.” Last col., delete last two moves. P.37, first var. 1, delete last move. P.39, g.28, attach “(A)” to the end of the game. Var. 1, col. 4, 2nd move, “11-15” should be “10-15.” Var. 2, col. 6, 3rd move, “26-19” should be “23-19.” P.40, g.30, col. 5, 4th and 5th moves, “20-24 31-27” should be “20-27 31-24.”

ACFB #305: P. 43, var. 1, at end, continue 1-5! 9-6 2-9 13-6 3-8 6-2 7-11 RW, J. Loy. P.45, var. 1, attach note C to the top of col. 5 (31-26). Note C, delete the first two moves, as they are redundant. P.305, last col., after 2nd move (19-16) insert “13-17.” P.47, g.35, last move “10-14” should be “10-15.” Note B, last move (24-28), does 1-6 draw? G.36, col. 2, 5th move 22-18, attach note A here. P.49, var. 1, col. 5, last move “23-19” should be “19-16.” P.51, g.41, col. 2, delete 4th move (5-14). P.54, var. 2, col. 4, 2nd move “26-30” should be “26-31.” Var. 3, col. 3, after 4th move (15-8) insert “14-18.” Col. 5, last move “16-19” should be “14-18.” Col. 6, last move “6-9” should be “16-19.” P.53, g.42, final position is a WW. P.54, var. 1, col. 5, at 3rd move (4-8?), 10-14* draws, J. Loy.

ACFB #306: P.55, vars. 5 and 6 missing; here they are, with some of Mac’s comments:

10-14 24-19 11-16 22-18 8-11 25-22 16-20 22-17 9-13 (This skirmish is seen in a number of openings, notably the Glasgow. For that reason, I call it the Glasgow Reduction, M. Banks) 17-10 6-22 26-17 13-22 30-26 5-9 26-17 9-14? (A published loss. 9-13 is correct. Gardner defeated Jewitt in KE, and Long won over Banks in game 17 of their match... M. Banks) 17-10 7-14 31-26 3-7 19-16 12-19 23-16 11-15 29-25 1-6 25-22 6-10 16-12 14-18 22-17 18-22 26-23 22-26 28-24 26-30 23-19 15-18 17-14 10-17 21-14 30-26 14-9 2-6 9-2 26-23 2-11 23-7 24-19 18-22 27-24 20-27 32-23 22-26 19-15 26-31 23-18 31-26 RW, J. Walcott - C. Olsen, Round 3, Game 2

10-14 24-19 11-16 22-17 7-10 (Commonly reached by 10-14 24-19 7-10 22-17 11-16, M. Banks) 28-24 9-13 26-22 16-20 22-18 13-22 18-9 5-14 25-9 6-13 29-25 8-11 25-22 11-15 30-26 1-5 22-17 13-22 26-17 5-9 17-14 9-18 23-7 3-10 27-23 20-27 31-24 2-6 21-17 6-9 17-13 9-14 13-9 14-17 9-6 17-21 6-2 4-8 2-6 21-25 23-18 15-22 6-15 25-30 15-10 22-26 10-15 26-31 24-20 30-26 32-28 26-22 19-16 12-19 15-24 22-18 20-16 8-12 16-11 18-15 11-7 15-10 7-2 31-26 24-19 26-22 19-23 22-17 28-24 draw, C. Olsen - J. Walcott, Round 3, Game 1

P.56, var. 1, col. 6, at first move (25-21?), 25-21 is a WW (PP?). P.57, g.48, last col., at first move (11-7?) 11-8* WW, J. Loy. At second move same col. (13-17?) 28-24* draws, J. Loy. P.59, col. 7, next to last move, “31-23” should be “32-23.” P.62, top, note B, line 3, 4th move “32-18” should be “32-28.” I haven’t figured out note C yet, it may be in the wrong place.

ACFB #307: P.64, var. 2, final position, W. is strong, J. Loy. P.66, var. 1, col. 3, 5th move, “13-22” should be “20-27.” Col. 4, at first move (6-10?), 6-9 draws, J. Loy. P.70, var. 2, first move, “27-24” should be “29-25.” P.71, var. 1, col. 4, after 3rd move (2-7) insert “31-27.” Col. 6, after 2nd move (19-23) insert “26-19.” P.72, col. 5, last move “14-7” should be “14-17.”

ACFB #308: P.73, g.65, about half the game is scrambled, and I haven’t figured it out yet. Var. 1, final position is a RW. The last move may have been 19-15* draw. Switch the names, this should be “Burton - Hallett.” G.66, delete the last move. P.75, g.66, make this game #66.5, as there is another game #66. Col. 2, last move (26-23), attach note C here. Var. 1, col. 1, last move (5-9), attach note A here. Col. 3, 3rd move (6-13), attach note B here. Col. 4, 4th move (2-

6), attach note C here. Col. 6, last move “30-6” should be “31-6.” Last col, at first move (8-12?), 14-18 draws, J. Loy.

ACFB #309: P.79, g.69, col. 4, delete the fifth move (5-14). P.80, g.70, after 5th move (10-17) insert “22-13.” Var. 1, col. 4, after 2nd move (17-22) insert “7-2.” P.82, var. 4, I don’t know who the two players were. P.84, g.73, col. 5, delete last two moves and first four moves of next col. (32-28 through 6-9).

ACFB #310: P.91, var. 4, last col. 2nd and 3rd moves “15-24 28-19” should be “16-23 26-19.”

Intro to Dublin Ohio (by Jim Loy): Dublin (site of this year’s GAYP National) is a green shamrock in the middle of Ohio, well it is on my map. Actually, Dublin is at the northwest corner of Columbus Ohio. Columbus (home of the famous Columbus Zoo) is surrounded by I-270 (a circular Interstate loop). My car once broke down on I-270; it was very pleasant. All of the major Dublin hotels are just a short distance off I-270. And these hotels are a relatively short distance (5 minutes) from the Dublin Community Recreation Center, where the checker tournament will be played. Here are a few details about the hotels (including the free shuttle service to and from the tournament site):

hotel	reservations	rate	shuttle	breakfast	
Clarion Dublin	800-996-3426	\$89	yes	yes	www.wyndham.com
Courtyard by Marriott	800-321-2211	\$79	no	no	www.courtyard.com
Cross Country Inn	800-621-1429	\$50.99	no	no	www.crosscountryinns.com
Embassy Suites	800-362-2779	\$109	yes	yes	www.embassysuites.com
Extended Stay America	800-398-7829		no		www.extstay.com
Hampton Inn	800-426-7866	\$75	yes	yes	www.hamton-inn.com
Hilton Garden Inn	800-600-1550	\$99	yes	yes	www.columbusdublin.gardeninn.com
Homewood Suites by Hilton	800-225-5426	\$99	no	no	www.homewood-suites.com
Marriott NW	800-228-9290	\$119	no	no	www.marriottnorthwest.com
Quality Inn & Suites	800-780-7234		no		www.bestwestern.com
Red Roof Inn	800-843-7663	\$49.99	no	no	www.redroof.com
Residence Inn by Marriott	800-331-3131	\$89	yes	no	www.residenceinn.com
Wellesley Inn & Suites	800-444-8888	\$59	yes	yes	www.wellesleyinnandsuites.com
Woodfin Suites Hotel	888-433-9408	\$99	yes	yes	www.woofinsuitehotels.com

Late News Item:

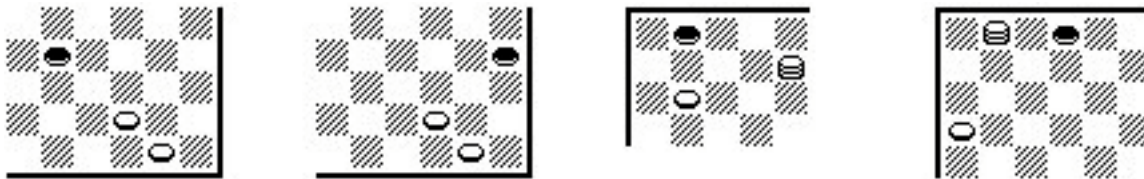
Eighth International Match: This year the United States will be playing the United Kingdom for the 8th time in exactly one hundred years; the First International Match took place in Boston in 1905. The top twelve players in the U.S. will be contending against the top 12 of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. The event will take place in **Las Vegas from September 26 thru September 30**. The hotel has not been chosen yet. The centennial year of the International Match coincides with the centennial year of the founding of Las Vegas. Patricia Breen, the Women's World Champion will probably play on the U.K. team. Checker players are welcome to attend the event. The U.K. team hosted the U.S. team in the 7th International in England. Donations will be needed to host the U.K. this year. All donations will be credited in the ACF Bulletin. A book of all the games of the match is being planned with photos, diagrams,

annotations, etc. A numbered copy of the book will be given to all those who contribute \$100 for the event. Please send your donations to the match promoter, Gerry Lopez, 41858 Corte Selva, Temecula, Ca. 92591. Please mention that the donation is for the International Match. Thanks for your support! - Alan Millhone, ACF Pres.

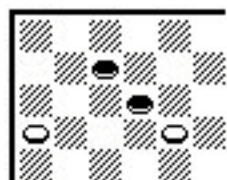
Beginners' Page: Tactical Atoms, Part I (Trades)

Atoms are those tiny things out of which everything is made. Well, here are some checkers atoms, out of which bigger tactical ideas are made. Of course these atoms can be combined into complicated shots (for example, a trade followed by a two for one). The possibilities are endless for such combinations, and I will try to show some of them in a later article. But the main use of these atoms is to help you see into the future. We can all execute a simple trade or shot, but we must also see them coming up several moves from now. That is one of the marks of a Master. They don't just do clever things, but they see these clever things before their opponents do. For example, let's pretend that you are a Master studying a position during a game. You are looking into the future: "Ah, he might go there, and then there is a simple trade. Looks even. Is there any problem? Ah, he gets a two-for-one, and I don't get the piece back. So that's no good." And you reject that line without having to calculate each move; you saw the trade and shot coming up. You may later decide to calculate it more exactly, but mostly you have saved a lot of effort by recognizing these atoms well in advance.

In most cases, I will just show part of the board, to emphasize that there are probably other pieces on the hidden parts of the board. It is White's turn to move, unless specified otherwise. Let's start with the easy stuff.

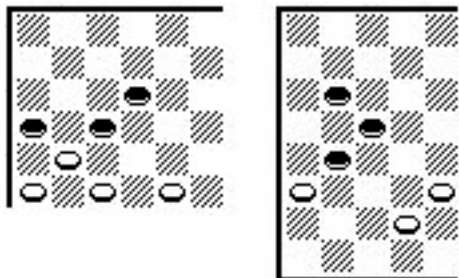
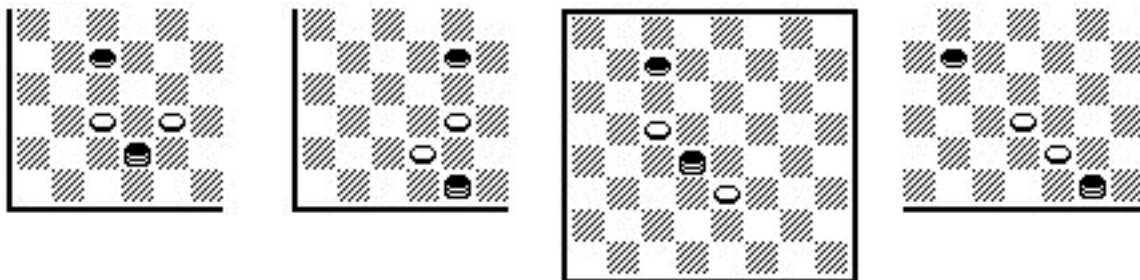


Trade #1: This first kind of trade is a simple one-for-one trade. In the first three diagrams, it is accomplished by 27-23, 27-24, 9-6, and 1-6, respectively. The fourth one is a popular way to create more room in the double corner, and may save White's game, depending on the state of the whole board. I drew these to show four different versions; there are others. And they are all pretty easy. But maybe some are easier to overlook than others. Perhaps the most important feature of this trade is that it changes the move. You can find info on the move in many books and a few WWW sites.



Trade #2: With this one, White can trade with 13-9, if he/she so chooses. This trade also works if the two White pieces are back on their home row (in a bridge position), but in that case Red doesn't have an option of which of the two pieces to capture. This trade does not change the move, whichever piece Red chooses to capture.

Trade #3: The following four diagrams may not be the same trade, but they leave a similar impression, because Red's king (in these cases) attacks the pieces from behind. In the first diagram, White merely trades by moving 22-18, not changing the move. In the second diagram, White can either move 26-22 and maybe get the previous diagram (which doesn't change the move), or trade with an immediate 23-18, which does change the move. Depending on the situation on the whole board, the move may help you determine whether to trade or not. The third diagram comes up in endings now and then. Red has foolishly gone for Breetches with 22-18, to win the piece, but 14-10 or 14-9 turns the loss into a draw. Instead of 22-18, Red could have won the piece with 22-17. In the fourth diagram, 23-18 is a common variation of the trade in the second diagram (below). Also in this fourth diagram, if it is Red's turn to move, 14-18 is a variation of trade #2, above.



Trade #4: 22-18 is a trade that doesn't change the move, and it is a trade that we often see in the opening.

Trade #5: This diagram shows a very popular version of the simple two-for-two: 23-18. Also, any kind of two-for-one followed by the regain of the piece may be called a two-for-two.

There are many other kinds of trades, and I will show you

some of them at a later time.

More Critics' Corner

ACFB #311: P.97, var. 2, switch the names, this was apparently ?V. Habgood - J. Morrison."

Var. 3 is missing; here is that game:

12-16 21-17 9-14 25-21 16-20 22-18 8-12 18-9 5-14 29-25 11-15 25-22 7-11 17-13 4-8 22-17 15-18 30-25 11-16 26-22? (Loses!, 24-19 is necessary to draw, M. Banks) 2-7 22-15 10-26 17-10 6-15 31-22 7-10 22-17 15-18 17-14 10-17 21-14 3-7 13-9 8-11 9-5 11-15 24-19

RW, J. Morrison - V. Habgood, Round 1, Game 2

P.98, var. 2, col. 2, at 2nd move (27-24?), 29-25 may draw, J. Loy. Final position is a RW.

Message from Jim Loy: I would like to thank everyone who has helped me put this Bulletin together, in particular, Alan Millhone, Mac Banks, the tournament organizers, and the people who submitted articles: Harry Meadows, Alex Moiseyev, Bob Murr, Gerry Lopez, Brian Hinkle, Richard Fortman, and others.

ACF 44th 3-Move National Tournament 2004, August 1 - 6 , 2004

Masters

Rank	Name	Pts	HP	Prizes etc.	Rank	Name	Pts	HP	Prizes etc.
1	Alex Moiseyev (OH)	28	--	\$1800	8	Tim Laverty (NC)	16	114	
2	Richard Hallett (FL)	22	--	\$750	9	John Webster (NC)	16	110	
3	Elbert Lowder (USA)	20	--	\$325	10	Earl Morrison (CAN)	14	126	
4	Ed Bruch (NY)	18	138	\$170	11	Gene Lindsay (TN)	14	118	
5	Rich Beckwith (OH)	18	136	\$170	12	Gerry Lopez (CA)	14	106	
6	Jim Morrison (KY)	18	130	\$170	13	Alan Millhone (OH)	10	--	
7	Clayton Nash (MS)	16	122	Youth Trophy					

Mac Banks paid his entry fee but was unable to play.

Majors

Rank	Name	Pts	HP	Prizes etc.	Rank	Name	Pts	HP	Prizes etc.
1	Joe Schwartz (FL)	30	--	\$500	9	Bob Murr (CO)	14	--	
2	Clint Olsen (CAN)	24	--	\$275	10	Roy Reed (KS)	14	81	
3	Ryan Pronk (MN)	22	--	\$225	11	Ken Schultz (TN)	14	79	
4	Larry Jordan (AR)	18	100	\$175	12	Wade Holder (NC)	12	--	
5	Phil Schwartzberg (NY)	18	84	\$175	13	Paul Lyons (CA)	10	--	
6	Larry Atwood (ND)	16	--	\$100	14	Doug Hughson (MI)	10	--	
7	John Post (AR)	16	--	Youngest player	15	Mike Heckert (CAN)	8	--	
8	Johnny Barham (AR)	16	--		16	Dustin Shearer (MN)	16	--	Withdrew

John Post received a copy of Charles Walker's 2003 Checkers Annual for being the youngest player in the tourney.

Minors

Rank	Name	Pts	HP	Prizes etc.	Rank	Name	Pts	HP	Prizes etc.
1	Dennis Cayton (VA)	26	146	\$200	10	Dallas Ramsey (AL)	16	110	
2	Andy Metze (SC)	26	142	\$200	11	Francesco La Rocca (NY)	14	124	
3	Jaden Pretzlaw (CAN)	24	--	\$100	12	Wilma Wolverton (MO)	14	112	
4	Teal Stanley (NC)	22	--	\$75	13	George Stallworth (NE)	14	98	
5	Jason Solan (PA)	20	--	\$60	14	Patrick Parker (LA)	14	92	
6	John Gibson (CA)	18	--	\$50	15	Michael Fly (MS)	8	--	
7	Paul Dinger (NC)	16	144		16	Jen Kelton (IL)	6	--	
8	Warren Meacham (CA)	16	128		17	Kevin Shearer (MN)	14	--	Withdrew
9	Gayle Helterbrand (MO)	16	124		18	Bobby Smith (IL)	--	--	Withdrew

Wilma Wolverton and Jen Kelton qualified to enter the WCDF Women's Three-Move Tourney.

The above standings were kindly provided by the ACF website (www.usacheckers.com).

9-13 21-17 5-9 (No. 1)			Game 1		Jim Loy, annotator	
9-13	13-22	8-11	10-15	1-5(D)	25-30	22-25
21-17	18-9	22-18	17-13	9-6	6-9	17-21
5-9	6-13	2-6	15-18	5-9	22-25	25-29
25-21	26-17	18-15	14-9	7-11	9-14	32-28
11-15(A)	13-22	11-18	6-10	16-20	25-29	WW
30-25(v.1)	25-18	23-7	9-6	11-15	19-23	
9-14(B)	11-15	3-10	10-14	17-21	29-25?(E)	
24-19	18-11	21-17	6-2	6-1	31-26	
15-24	7-16	16-23	14-17	21-25	25-22	
28-19	29-25	27-18	2-7	1-6	26-17	
8-11(C)	4-8	12-16	18-22	9-13	13-22	
22-18!	25-22	18-14	13-9	15-19	14-17	

Alan Millhone - Gene Lindsay, Round 4, Game 3, Masters, 44th Nat.

A - 9-14 30-25 (22-18 PP) 11-15(A1) (= trunk) 24-19 15-24 28-19 6-9 22-18 13-22 26-17 8-11 17-13 2-6 25-22 11-16 22-17 7-11 27-24 16-20 "draw agreed" M. Long - R. Munzinger, 1970 U.S. National, and the position is a RW. Some annotators use "draw agreed" if the players agreed to a draw when there is a win, or nearly a win (and I would hope that they would further clarify the situation); others do not.

A1 - 6-9 22-18 13-22 26-17 11-15 18-11 8-15 17-13 2-6 24-19 15-24 28-19 1-5 23-18 14-23 27-18 10-14 31-27 14-23 27-18 7-11 21-17 3-7 17-14 6-10 13-6 10-17 19-15 17-21 15-8 21-30 8-3 7-10 3-7 10-14 18-9 5-14 7-11 14-18 6-2 30-26 (18-22* draw, not mentioned by B. Case, the annotator) 29-25 26-23 11-15 4-8 WW, J. Starr - D. McGrath, 1958 U.S. National.

B - Or 8-11 PP.

C - It would seem that this weak move gives White full equality. The well-known 6-9 is much better, and = 9-13 21-17 6-9 25-21 11-15 30-25 9-14 24-19 15-24 28-19 5-9.

D - 17-21 (seems easier) 7-10 21-25 9-6 25-30 6-2 22-25 10-14 25-29 14-18 29-25 18-23 25-22 2-7 30-25 7-11 16-20 32-28 draw, J. Sprague - R. Gould, 1954 U.S. National.

E - 30-25* 31-26 (23-26 25-22 draw) 25-21* 32-28 (23-27 29-25 draw) 29-25 draw. I suppose the Red ending is still not easy, but the piece on 13 should be able to advance soon.

Variation 1

23-18(A) 12-16(F) 18-11 8-15 24-19?(B) 16-23 27-11 7-16 26-23(C) 4-8 28-24(D) 16-20 31-27 8-11 23-18 2-7 draw(E), **Gene Lindsay - Alan Millhone, Round 4, Game 4, Masters, 44th Nat.**

JL

A - This is the move shown in Lees' *Guide*. Instead 29-25 (most popular) 15-19(**A1**) 24-15 10-19 23-16 12-19 17-14 9-18 22-15, and the 1984 National shows 5-9, which is a typo, and should be 6-9.

A1 - 9-14 23-18 14-23 27-11 8-15 17-14 10-17 21-14 12-16 (4-8 PP) 24-19 (24-20 PP) 16-23 26-10 6-15 30-26 4-8 28-24 8-11 24-20 3-8 25-21 15-18 22-15 11-18 26-23 18-27 32-23 8-11 23-19 1-6 (missing from the game record) 19-16 31-26 (White has just made two consecutive moves, and then the game plays out correctly to the end, but only if two consecutive White moves were made) 6-10 26-23 10-17 21-14 13-17 23-18 17-21 19-15 11-16 draw, N. Wexler - W. Fraser, 1958 U.S. National. I've noticed this a half a dozen times over the years, where an illegal move is recorded, and left without comment by the annotator, but the only way that the game can run up correctly is that the illegal move must have been made.

B - A loss, but popular in 2004 for some reason; 24-20 (draws in Lees' *Guide*, Kear's *Encycl.*, and elsewhere) 24-20 9-14? (16-19 PP) 20-11 7-16 26-23 15-18 22-15 10-26 17-10 6-15 30-23 16-20 29-25 4-8 25-22 8-11 23-18 2-6 27-23 1-5 23-19 15-24 28-19 20-24 19-15 3-8 21-17 24-28 31-27 6-9 27-24 9-14 17-10 5-9 10-7 9-14 18-9 11-25 7-3 8-12 24-20 (24-19* WW) 25-30 3-7 30-26 7-10 13-17 10-15 26-23 9-6 17-22 6-2 22-26? (23-18* draw) 2-7 26-31 7-10 23-26 15-19 26-30 20-16 WW, G. Lindsay - K. Albrecht, 1988 U.S. National.

C - 28-24 also lost, L. Jordan - D. Hughson, 2004 National, Majors, which will be shown from the 11-15 21-17 9-13 opening.

D - 23-18 1-5 30-26 9-14 18-9 5-14 26-23 8-11 28-24 (32-27 6-9 27-24 16-20 24-19 to the same RW) 16-20 24-19 20-24 32-28 6-9 RW, J. Morrison - E. Lowder, 2004 GAYP National from 11-15 21-17 9-13.

E - A RW, but Red needed a draw to win the match 2-1-1. For the first two games of this match, see the next opening.

F - 1-5 PP

9-13 22-18 10-14 (No. 4A)

Game 2

Jim Loy, annotator

9-13	24-19(B)	11-16(D)	19-15	23-14	21-17	17-13
22-18	15-24	26-22(E,v.1)	11-18	2-18	12-16	9-14
10-14(G)	28-19	4-8(F)	22-15	27-24	15-11	WW
18-9	8-11?(C,v.2)	18-15	1-5	20-27	7-10	
5-14	22-18	16-20	10-6	32-14	14-7	
25-22(A)	6-9	15-10	14-17	13-17	3-10	
11-15	29-25	8-11	21-14	25-21	11-7	
			9-18	17-22	5-9	

Gene Lindsay - Alan Millhone, Round 4, Game 1, Masters, 44th Nat.

A - A. Moiseyev showed 26-22 in the April 2004 ACFB, p.9.

B - Or other attacks. Concerning the 22-18 attack, Brian Hinkle analyzed this in an email to Dick Fortman: 22-18 15-22 26-10 7-14 29-25 8-11 [Red holds back 6-10 as white commits to an attack. This gives red more options at move 7-10 or 6-9 (instead of 6-10), B. Hinkle] 25-22 1-5 31-26 3-7 24-20(**B1**) 7-10 (instead of 6-10 here or earlier) 27-24 11. 4-8 22-18 10-15 18-9 5-14 24-19 15-24 28-19 6-10 26-22 11-15 32-28 15-24 28-19 2-7 22-18 7-11... Into the Jackson Position shown in *Famous Positions* p. 183, draw, B. Hinkle. And he deduces that White cannot force Petterson's Drawbridge, as he once thought.

B1 - 23-18 14-23 27-18 6-9 26-23 11-16 18-15 16-20 32-27 9-14 15-10 7-11 10-7 11-15 7-3 12-16 21-17 14-21 23-18 5-9 18-11 9-14 30-26 21-25 26-23 25-30 3-7 30-26 22-18 26-19 18-9 13-17 24-15 4-8 11-4 2-18 28-24 1/2-1/2, B. Hinkle.

C - Apparently, this loses. Several mail players probably knew this already.

D - 7-10 25-22 WW according to Nemesis, instead of 19-15 to draw in the 1998 I-D booklet.

E - "A very good move by the Ohio Master. Normally 25-22 is played at this point" (M. Banks). See var. 1 for 25-22 and a subsequent improvement to PP.

F - 1-5 or 7-11 or 16-20 probably lose.

G - The Inferno, one of the new, difficult openings, and has been used often in mail play.

Variation 1

JL

25-22 4-8 18-15 16-20 15-10?(**A**) 8-11 19-16 12-19 23-16 11-15 26-23?(**B**) 15-19 22-18 19-26 30-23 1-5?(**C**) 16-12 7-11 10-6 WW, **Alan Millhone - Gene Lindsay, Round 4, Game 2, Masters, 44th Nat.**

A - 22-17! (An improvement to PP; 22-18 drew, B. Vanderpool - J. Loy, 1998 I-D; or maybe 23-18 WW?) 13-22 26-10 7-14 30-26 2-6 (other moves lose, too) 26-22 9-13 22-18 6-9 15-10 8-11 31-26 13-17 19-16 12-19 23-7 14-30 21-5 30-26 7-2 26-22 27-24 20-27 32-23 22-26 23-18! (23-19 also wins) 26-22 2-6* 22-15 6-2 15-6 2-9 3-8 9-14 8-12 14-18 12-16 18-23 16-20 23-19 1-6 5-1 6-10 1-6 10-14 6-9 14-17 9-14 17-22 14-18 WW, Jesse Priest - whitey1939, itsyourturn.com, USA vs. World 2004, as shown on my WWW pages.

B - 27-23 draws, and may be the only safe move.

C - 2-6!! (M. Banks) 18-15 1-5! 10-1 7-11 RW.

Variation 2

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6-10*(**A**) 30-25(**B,v.3**) 1-5 22-17(**C**) 13-22 25-9 5-14 26-22 8-11 22-18 14-17 21-14 10-17 19-15?(**D**) 17-22 15-8 4-11 18-14 2-6!(**E**) 27-24 11-16 23-18 7-11 32-27 16-20 24-19 6-10 14-7 3-10 27-24 20-27 31-24 RW, **Clint Olsen - Ryan Pronk, Round 3, Game 1, Majors, 44th Nat.** (Ryan Pronk is the Journalist for the ACF website)

A - An improvement by G.I. Miller - W. Wilkins, 1997 World Mail Ty.

B - = 9-13 24-19 10-14 22-18 6-10 18-9 5-14 25-22 11-15 30-25 15-24 28-19.

C - 22-18 drew, F. Moffett - R. Bailey, 1980 I-D, from the 9-13 24-19 10-14 opening.

D - 18-15 draws rather easily.

E - Improves 7-10? draw, S. Tribble - W. Savage, 1988 I-D, from the 9-13 24-19 10-14 transposition shown in note B.

Variation 3, off var. 2

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22-18(A) 1-5(B) 18-9 5-14 29-25(C) 8-11(D) 25-22 11-15 32-28 15-24 28-19 4-8?(E) 22-18 14-17 21-14 10-17 18-14 8-11 14-9 11-16 9-5 7-10 27-24 10-14 24-20 3-7 20-11 7-16 5-1 17-21 19-15 16-20 1-5 14-17 5-9 17-22 26-17 13-22 9-14 20-24 14-18 22-25 15-11 24-28 23-19 28-32 11-8 32-28 18-15(F) 25-29 15-11 29-25 8-3 25-22 3-8 2-6 11-15 6-9 15-11 draw, **Ryan Pronk - Clint Olsen, Round 3, Game 2, Majors, 44th Nat.**

A - The most popular attack. 29-25 8-11 22-18 1-5 (14-17? transposes to the W. Schumann - J. Loy game in note B) to same.

B - 14-17? lost, W. Schumann - J. Loy, 1999 I-D, page 8, note B.

C - 23-18 14-23 27-18 10-15 (8-11? 26-23 13-17 21-14 10-17 31-26 11-16 29-25 17-21 18-14 16-20 25-22 WW, T. Sheehan - B. Podoff, 2000 Dist. 2 mail play) 19-10 7-23 26-19 8-11 29-25 3-7 25-22 7-10 22-18 11-16 31-26 16-23 26-19 4-8 draw, C. Marshall - J. Loy, 1998 I-D.

D - = 10-14 24-19 6-10 22-18 9-13 18-9 5-14 25-22 11-15 29-25 15-24 28-19 8-11 22-18 1-5 18-9 5-14 (J. Ferrie - J. Wyllie, 1894 WCM, g.53).

E - 14-17 is called a draw by Nemesis (evaluation = 0 from Nemesis' opening book).

F - 8-3 25-29 19-15 or 18-22 W. strong, and maybe a WW? A ten-piece database would clear up that mystery.

9-13 22-18 10-15 (No. 5)

Game 3

Jim Loy, annotator

9-13	15-24	5-9	13-22	30-26	23-19?(H)	11-15
22-18	28-19	25-22(D)	25-9	7-3?(G)	15-11	6-10
10-15	7-10(B)	9-14	5-14	11-16	19-23	15-18(K)
18-14(v.2)	14-7	31-27(E)	29-25	24-20	3-8?(I)	draw
6-9(A,v.1)	3-10	8-11	15-18	16-23	2-7?(J)	
24-19	26-23(C)	30-25	21-17(F)	27-18	11-2	
9-18	11-15	1-5	14-30	26-23	4-11	
23-14	27-24	22-17	23-7	18-15	2-6	

Alex Moiseyev - Elbert Lowder, Round 8, Game 1, Masters, 44th Nat.

A - This is a move the champion likes! In 2002 at Stonehaven, Alex. challenged the Wyllie Pro Computer program and this position arose from the opening (M. Banks):

10-15 22-17 9-13 17-14 6-9 (same as above) 24-19 15-24 28-19 9-18 23-14 1-6 (varies from the trunk at note B) 25-22 11-16 26-23 6-9 22-18 8-11 29-25 4-8 31-26 16-20 19-15 11-16 23-19 16-23 26-19 7-11 25-22 11-16 14-10 16-23 15-11 8-15 18-11 12-16 27-18 9-14 18-9 5-14 32-27 14-18 22-15 16-19 27-23 19-26 30-23 20-24 11-8 3-12 15-11 drawn! A. Moiseyev - Wyllie program, 2002 practice match.

B - For 1-6, see the game in note A.

C - Or others PP.

D - = 10-15 21-17 9-13 17-14 6-9 24-19 15-24 28-19 9-18 23-14 7-10 14-7 3-10 25-21 11-15 27-24 5-9 26-23.

E - 30-25 PP.

F - 32-28 draws, M. Banks.

G - 24-20! 26-31 27-24 31-26 7-3 26-23 3-7 23-16 7-10 draw.

H - 23-18* (M. Banks) 15-11 18-14* 32-27 [3-7 12-16* 7-3 14-10* 32-28 (3-8 2-7* RW) 16-19 20-16 10-15 RW] 14-18* 27-24 (3-8 2-7 RW or 3-7 4-8 RW) 3-8 15-10 8-3 2-7 RW.

I - 3-7* (M. Banks) and 7-10 next draws.

J - 23-18* (M. Banks) 8-3 = Note H.

K - Alex. allows the North Carolina Master to escape in this game, but had enough points to win the tourney, and had begun celebrating before this round started (M. Banks).

Variation 1

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15-19(A) 24-15 11-18 26-22(B) 12-16?(C,D) 22-15 7-10 14-7 3-26 30-23 6-10?(E) 28-24 1-6(F) 24-20 8-11 27-24 4-8 24-19 8-12 25-22 10-14 22-18 13-17 18-9 5-14 29-25 6-9 25-22 17-26 31-22 9-13 22-18 13-17 18-9 17-22 32-27 22-26 9-6 2-9 19-15 11-18 23-5 WW(G), **Elbert Lowder - Alex. Moiseyev, Round 8, Game 2, Masters, 44th Nat.**

A - This (which is recommended in Kear's *Encycl.*) is no longer as popular as 11-16. 11-16 23-19 16-23 26-10 6-15 30-26 8-11 26-23 15-18 23-19 (24-20 draw?) 11-16 19-15 (shown as 15-19 in the ACFB) 16-20? (4-8 RW) 24-19 1-6 28-24 12-16 19-12 7-10 14-7 3-28 31-26 2-7 26-22 20-24 27-20 18-23 22-17 13-22 25-18 7-10 21-17 6-9 17-13 9-14 18-9 5-14 13-9 14-18 9-6 10-14 6-2 23-27 draw, A. Long - R. Hallett, 1984 U.S. National.

B - More popular than 28-24 or others.

C - Kear's *Encycl.* called this "little tenable," which sounds strange but ominous. I would say that there may be draws after this, but Red is in serious danger.

D - 7-11 22-15 11-18 14-10 (26-22 7-11 22-15 11-18 28-24 8-11 30-26 3-7 24-20 6-9 32-28 draws, although it is called a "WW" in Kear's *Encycl.*) 6-15 23-14 8-11 30-26 4-8 28-24 15-18 24-19 1-6 25-22 18-25 29-22 11-16 26-23 6-10 14-7 3-10 22-18 10-14 18-9 5-14 19-15 16-19 23-16 12-19 15-10 8-12 31-26 12-16 27-23 19-24 26-22 13-17 22-13 24-27 10-6 2-9 13-6 27-31 6-2 31-26 2-6 26-19 draw, J. Ferrie - A. Jackson, 1894 Scottish Tourney.

E - 8-11 is a draw in Lees' Guide appendices, but it may lose, J. Loy. M. Banks says that 8-12 is best here. From the opening

10-15 22-17 9-13 17-14 15-19 24-15 11-18 26-22 12-16 22-15 7-10 14-7 3-26 30-23 8-12 (instead of 6-10 at note E) continue: 25-22 6-10 28-24 1-6 (4-8 draw?, J. Loy) 24-19 (One might guess that WCC has analyzed a draw against 24-20!, but it looks strong for White, J. Loy) 2-7 22-18 (29-25 draw?, J. Loy) 13-17 21-14 10-17 19-15 7-11 15-8 4-11 18-15 (18-14 draw, J. Loy) 11-18 23-14 Drawn, WCC-KingsRow, Banks Ladder 2002, Game 17 (M. Banks).

F - 8-12 was given as a draw in Lees' Guide, but was corrected to a WW in the later appendices.

G - See the 10-15 23-19 11-16 opening for games 3 and 4 of this drawn (1-1-2) match.

Variation 2

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24-19(A) 15-24(G) 28-19(B) 11-15 19-10 6-22 25-18(C) 8-11 23-19 11-16 26-23 4-8 18-14 8-11(D) 29-25 2-6?(E) 23-18(F) 16-23 14-9 5-14 18-2 WW, **John Gibson - Jaden Pretzlaw, Round ?, game 3, Minors, 44th Nat.**

A - 25-22 (the most popular) 6-10 23-19 11-16 18-11 16-23 27-18 8-15 18-11 7-16 22-18 4-8 18-15 (or other) 10-19 24-15 3-7 29-25 1-6 28-24 16-20 24-19 7-11 26-22 11-18 22-15 5-9 30-26 9-14 26-22 2-7 31-27 7-11 32-28 11-18 22-15 14-18 28-24 6-9 15-11 8-15 19-10 9-14 10-6 13-17 6-2 17-22 2-6 22-29 6-10 29-25 10-17 25-30 17-14 18-22 14-18 (this draws) 22-26 18-23 26-31 23-19? (21-17* draw) 30-26 21-17 26-22 17-13 22-18 13-9 31-26? (18-14* RW) 9-6 18-14 6-1? (19-15* draw) 14-10 1-5 10-7 19-15 12-16 15-11 16-19 24-15 7-16 15-10 16-19 RW, H. Freyer - E. Morrison, 1986 U.S. National.

B - = 10-15 24-19 15-24 28-19 9-13 22-18, also played in this ty.

C - Or 26-17 should have drawn, W. McCormick - A. Smart, 1948 British Open.

D - The same position (and a similar shot) came up in this game:

11-15 24-19 15-24 28-19 8-11 22-18 11-16 25-22 10-14 22-17 4-8 17-10 6-22 26-17 9-13 17-14 (same as var. 2) 1-6 (instead of 8-11 at D) 23-18 16-23 14-9 5-14 18-9 13-17 21-14 6-13 27-18 7-10 14-7 3-10 29-25 8-11 25-21 12-16? (2-6! draw) 18-14 10-17 21-14 WW, J. Crawford - J. Moore, 1909 Scottish Ty.

E - 1-6 draws?

F - This trap can come up in all kinds of Dykes.

G - 15-22 PP.

9-13 22-18 11-15 (No. 6)**Game 4****Jim Loy, annotator**

9-13	5-9(C)	7-11(F)	12-19	15-18	10-15	26-31
22-18	23-18(D)	15-8	20-16	11-7	31-27	2-6
11-15	15-19?(E)	4-11	14-18	19-23	3-7	WW
18-11	29-25	25-22	22-17	7-2	13-9	
8-15(A)	2-7	9-14	13-22	1-5	7-10	
24-20(B)	18-15	27-23	26-17	2-9	9-6	
7-11*	11-18	11-15	18-22	5-14	22-26	
25-22(v.1)	22-15	23-16	16-11	17-13	6-2	

Rich Beckwith - Elbert Lowder, Round 4, Game 3, Masters, 44th Nat.

A - 7-16? 25-22 (others may also win?) 16-20 22-18 (a PP win, but 24-19 may be a more reliable win, according to Nemesis' opening book) 12-16 29-25 8-12 25-22 4-8 18-15 10-19 24-15 3-7 23-18 7-11 21-17 2-7 27-23 7-10 23-19 16-23 26-19 6-9 15-6 1-10 19-16? (31-27! 9-14 18-9 5-21 19-16 WW) 12-19 17-14 10-26 30-7 "WW," E. Ingram - J. Gibson, 1978 U.S. National, but this final position is a draw.

B - 21-17 13-22 25-11 7-16 24-20(B1) 3-8 20-11 8-15 28-24 4-8 24-20 8-11 29-25 5-9 25-21 1-5 27-24 9-14 26-22 5-9 32-28 9-13 30-26 6-9 24-19 (= Lees' Guide, p.29, trunk) 15-24 28-19 11-15 19-16 12-19 23-16 14-18 22-17 13-22 26-17 9-13 17-14 10-17 21-14 (= J. Wyllie - R. Martins, 1867 WCM, g.26) draw, E. Lowder - C. Crawford, 1976 U.S. National.

B1 - 29-25 5-9 25-22 4-8 24-20 8-11 28-24 3-7 24-19 9-14 22-18 1-5 18-9 6-13 26-22 10-14 30-25 7-10 25-21 2-7 22-18 13-17 18-9 5-14 19-15 10-26 31-13 16-19 32-28 14-18 27-24 19-23 13-9 23-27 9-6 27-32 6-2 18-22 21-17 32-27 17-14 27-23 2-6 23-18 6-9 22-26 9-5 18-9 5-14 26-30? (12-16 or 11-15 draw) 24-19 30-25 19-15? (28-24* 25-21 19-15 WW) 11-18 14-23 25-22 23-19 7-10 20-16 draw, H. Owen - L. Balderson, 1972 U.S. National.

C - Given a star in Ryan's Modern Encycl., but 4-8 draws PP.

D - Or 27-24 or others PP.

E - Very weak! 4-8(E1) best. Continue: 26-23 10-14 23-19 15-24 28-19 14-23 27-18 6-10 31-27 2-6 29-25 10-15 19-10 6-15 21-17 3-7 30-26 7-10 26-23 1-5 18-14 9-18 23-7 15-18 22-15 13-29 15-10 29-25 7-2 25-22 2-6 11-15 10-7 15-19 7-3 8-11 27-24 19-28 6-10 5-9 3-8 11-16 20-11 12-16 10-15 9-14 8-12 16-20 12-16 22-26 16-19 20-24 draw, A. Long - M. Tinsley, practice game, 1947 (M. Banks).

E1 - 2-7? 27-24? (28-24 WW according to Nemesis' opening book) 10-14 26-23 4-8 24-19 15-24 28-19 7-10 31-27 13-17 22-13 10-15 19-10 6-22 13-6 1-10 23-18 14-23 27-18 12-16 21-17 16-19 20-16 11-20 18-15 8-12 15-6 12-16 17-14 22-26 30-23 19-26 29-25 26-30 25-21 draw, E. Lowder - R. Burroughs, 1975 Lakeside.

F - About here, and for many moves afterwards, Nemesis starts miscalculating the position, thinking that Red has an almost even position. But it recommends no improvements to Red's play.

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