

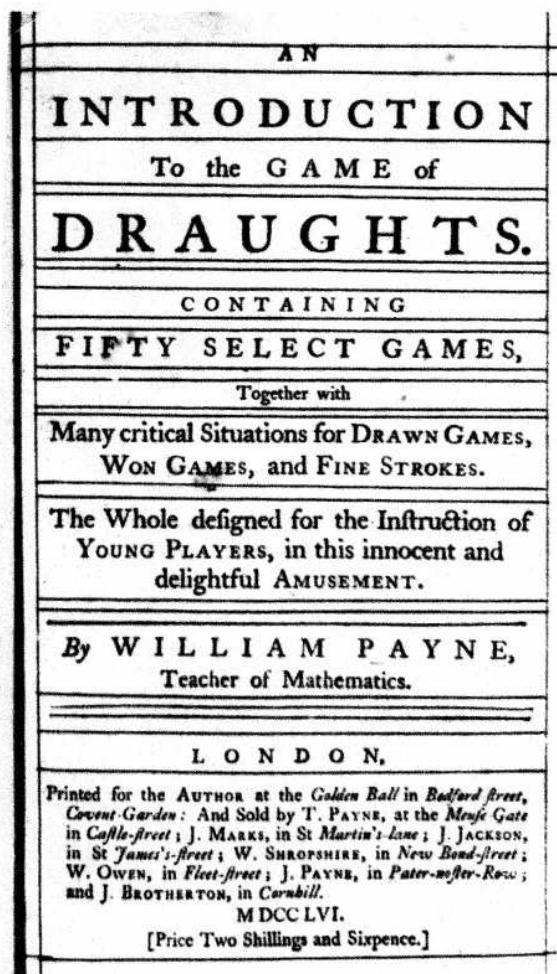


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**Tournament Results**

107th Nebraska State Open (Lloyd Mills Memorial) Tournament, Omaha, Nebraska, November 13, 2005.

1	George Stallsworth	10
2	John Pestal	9
3	John Brogan	3
4	Ryan Horner	2

Congratulations to George Stallsworth on becoming the State Champion. Submitted by George Stallsworth

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**News: Women's World GAYP Championship Confusion:** Hugh Devlin, President of WCDF issued a statement clearing up a lot of confusion. Allow me to make a long story short, at the risk of making further misstatements. The recent women's GAYP tournament in Prague, was a qualifying tournament. The two top finishers, Amangul Durdyev of Turkestan and Jan Mortimer of New Zealand, have been asked to play a match for the World Title some time in 2006. The Czech WWW site which showed the results of the tournament called it a world championship, as did several bulletin board messages. And the December *ACFB* (page 3) also called it a world championship, sorry about that. The junior tournament was indeed a world championship, to prevent the possible situation of qualifiers exceeding the age limit before a subsequent match. Shortened by Jim Loy.

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**Tournament Calendar**

**Tennessee State Open Checker Tournament** will be held March 3-5, 2006 at 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 followed by a business meeting at 3 pm Friday. 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, call Frank Davis at 1-931-552-4246

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**The 101st Illinois State Checker Tournament** will be held on April 1st and 2nd, 2006 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 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 to 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. For more information please call Gene Ellison, at 618-962-3321 or email [ellison@clearwave.com](mailto:ellison@clearwave.com)

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. Submitted by Gene Ellison.

**District 3 & Pennsylvania State** The District 3 & Pennsylvania State will be held June 11th - 12th, 2006 in Comfort Inn, Grove City, PA. More details later. Submitted By: Richard Beckwith.

**New England Dist. 1 and States Open:** Home of Freeman Frank, 22 Floral Avenue, Malden, MA 02148, Sat, June 24, 2006. Register B-10:30 a.m. BOver by 5-6 p.m. Round-Robin; No First-Move Limitations. Directions; Find the AMobil Gas Station on Main Street, Melrose, Mass. and head toward Malden. At third set of lights take left (at AGlobal Gas@) onto Forest Street. Floral Ave. is 3/4 mile on right. #22 is greenish cottage, 4th on your left. Contact me by 7 p.m., Fri, June 23, if you plan to attend. Phone (781-324-9648) or e-mail: frank87spa@comcast.net

### 2006 National Tournament in Medina, Ohio:

The 2006 National Tournament bid has gone to Medina, Ohio at ~\$6000. Preliminary dates are June 17 & 18 for the "Arthur Niederhoffer youth tournament", and June 19-23 for the National tournament (with Masters finishing on 24<sup>th</sup>). The tournament will be at the Traveler's Choice Hotel. More details will follow, including referee selection, playing rules, etc. The Traveler's Choice Hotel is located on I-71 between Columbus and Cleveland (closer to Cleveland) and is



less than a two hours drive from our 2005 Dublin venue. The hotel is located on the northeast corner of the Exit 218 interchange with state highway 18. Go east 1/4-mile, and the hotel is on the left. (Need to do some type of a U-turn at the light to get around the median.) The Traveler's Choice used to be a Best Western (I think) and has many guestrooms. Three checker events were played here in 2005 (Northern States, Moiseyev-Beckwith Ohio match, Ohio State tournament) with good reviews of the fine playing room. The manager of the hotel loved having us, and has always provided complimentary meeting rooms. They will also offer a daily complimentary breakfast, which they don't normally do for their other patrons. The rate on the sleeping rooms will be \$33.00 plus tax.

Phone number = **330-725-4571**. The hotel contains a bar and outdoor swimming pool.

**Nearby Attractions:** Many restaurants are located at this interchange, including within walking distance --Dairy Queen, Cracker Barrel, Bob Evans, Waffle House, Buffalo Wild Wings, Alexander's (a great find!), Lou's Landing Grill and more. A large antique mall is nearby. The Lodi outlet mall and Strongsville mall are both 15 minutes away by interstate. Cleveland has many attractions, including Lake Erie, Jacob's Field, Tower City, Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland Zoo, Great Lakes Science Center, Playhouse Square, Geauga Lake Amusement Park, and the John G. White chess & checker collection at the Cleveland Public Library.

Airport Transportation to Medina: [Airport Direct Transportation \(440\) 479-1515](#), \$55 (with tax) per trip from Cleveland Hopkins airport to Medina. \$65 from Akron-Canton airport to Medina. [Ace Taxi \(216\) 361-4700](#), \$54 from Cleveland Hopkins airport to Medina, or \$95 roundtrip. I also contacted Hopkins Shuttle service (in airport terminal). Medina is not on their regular route, and cost is \$80 (1-6 people) one-way. Unfortunately, the airport situation is not ideal for those who wish to fly, since Medina is in another county. I may be able to assist with rides for a few travelers who arrive on the weekend. (contact me at [beckwith24@msn.com](mailto:beckwith24@msn.com) or 34490 Ridge Road #115, Willoughby, OH 44094 and we can discuss).

Donations are most welcome and may be sent to Alan Millhone or myself. A copy of the select games will be given to contributors of at least \$10. Paypal donations can be made under ACF Store under Donations/ACF Tournament Fund Donation. Submitted by Richard Beckwith

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**2006 Canadian Checker Association Open Tournament (notice change of date!):** We will have to change the date of the 2006 Canadian Open from around July 1 to later in the summer. There is no accommodation in or around Hamilton for 3 weekends in a row. I will get information to you in a month or so in time for the April Bulletin. Submitted by Ken Shoemith.

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**Louisville Checker Tournament, every week**, (every Tuesday at 10 am right now, and updates will be added if there are any changes) by Charles Freeman at 1632 Story Ave, Louisville, Ky 40206. Phone #502-589-5690. Directions: Take I-264 to Story Ave exit, first red light take a left, next red light take a left, go to second red light take a left, go around the bend 1/2 block on the left and park in the driveway or street. E-Mail [charlesfreeman@peoplepc.com](mailto:charlesfreeman@peoplepc.com).

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**Burlington, NC Checker Club, every Thursday**, From J. R. Smith: Our local Burlington checker club meets every Thursday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 at John Robert Kernodle Activities Center, 1535 S. Melbane St. Call: Center at 222-5135 or Mike Ross 584-8652, or Bill McClintock 674-5402, or J. R. Smith 288-6620, or Lyn Oliver 534-0182 (all area codes 336).

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**No Payne, No Game!** presented by Jim Loy

I will be publishing all 50 games from Payne's classic 1756 book (250 years old, this year!), in the *ACFB*, this year. Many of these games could be played nowadays, but only five are in Lees' *Guide*, and none is in Kear's *Encyclopedia*, while two others are occasionally played, including the loss in game #9. Here you will find the original Old Fourteenth (game #14). The notation was the same as we use, except that about half of the games have White moving first. For example, game 3 begins 22-18 11-15 18-11 8-15 21-17 4-8..., requiring translation. Sturges also used that method as late as 1800, his book being a critique of Payne's book. I would like to thank the Nemesis WWW site for letting people download these games and Ian Hunt for typing and translating the games for that site. The 50 games are by Payne; unattributed play and question marks are by me.

#1: 11-15 22-18 (Single Corner) 15-22 25-18 8-11 29-25 4-8 25-22 12-16 24-20 10-15 27-24? (21-17 next game) 16-19 23-16 15-19 24-15 9-14 18-9 11-25 32-27 5-14 27-23 6-10 16-12 8-11 28-24 25-29 30-25 29-22 26-17 11-15 20-16 15-18 24-20 18-27 31-24 14-18 16-11 7-16 20-11 18-23 11-8 23-27 8-4 27-31 4-8 31-27 24-20 27-23 8-11 23-18 11-8 18-15 RW

#2: 11-15 22-18 15-22 25-18 8-11 29-25 4-8 25-22 12-16 24-20 10-15 21-17 7-10 27-24 8-12 17-13 9-14 18-9 5-14 24-19? (32-27 draw PP) 15-24 28-19 14-17 32-27 10-14 27-24 3-7 30-25 6-9 13-6 1-10 22-13 14-18 23-14 16-30 25-21 10-17 21-14 30-25 14-9 11-15 (25-22 RW, J. Sturges) 9-6 2-9 13-6 15-18 6-2 7-10 2-6 10-14 6-9 25-21 31-26 14-17 draw

#3: 11-15 22-18 15-22 25-18 8-11 29-25 4-8 25-22 10-15 24-20 12-16 21-17 7-10 17-13 8-12 28-24 10-14 (Sturges gave 9-14 as a RW, but it is now a published draw; see *KE*) 23-19 16-23 26-10 14-23 27-18 6-15 13-6 1-10 31-26 5-9 26-23 9-13 23-19 13-17 22-13 15-22 32-28 10-14 19-16 12-19 24-8 3-12 13-9 14-18 28-24 18-23 24-19 23-27 19-15 27-32 15-11 32-27 9-5 27-23 5-1 22-26 draw

#4: 11-15 22-18 15-22 25-18 12-16 29-25 16-20 25-22 8-11 24-19 4-8 28-24 10-14 19-16 6-10 16-12 11-16 22-17 8-11 (9-13 draw PP) 17-13 14-17 13-6 2-9 21-14 10-17 23-19 16-23 26-19 9-14 18-9 5-14 32-28 (19-16 is easier) 11-16 19-15 7-10 15-6 1-10 27-23 20-27 31-24 16-20 24-19 draw (continue 17-22 19-16 22-26 23-19 26-31 16-11 31-27 11-7 14-18 7-2 18-22 2-6 27-23 6-15 23-16 15-18 22-25 RW)

#5: 11-15 22-18 15-22 25-18 12-16 29-25 16-20 25-22 8-11 24-19 4-8 28-24 10-14 19-16 6-10 16-12 11-16 22-17 8-11 26-22 9-13 18-9 5-14 23-19 16-23 27-9 20-27 32-23 11-16 9-5 16-20 30-26 20-24 17-14 10-17 21-14 24-28 14-9 28-32 22-17 13-22 26-17 32-28 17-13 28-24 9-6 draw

#6: 11-15 22-18 15-22 25-18 8-11 29-25 4-8 25-22 10-15 24-20 15-19 23-16 12-19 27-23 8-12 23-16 12-19 31-27 9-14 18-9 5-14 27-23 (22-17 PP) 11-16 20-11 7-16 22-18 (22-17 PP) 1-5 18-9 5-14 32-27 (28-24 may be easier) 3-7 30-25 7-10 25-22 10-15 22-17 6-10 17-13 2-6 27-24 15-18 24-15 10-19 21-17 14-21 23-14 21-25\* draw

#7: 11-15 22-18 15-22 25-18 12-16 29-25 16-20 25-22 10-14 24-19 8-12 19-15 7-10 15-11 3-7 18-15 7-16 15-11 10-15 22-17 6-10 17-13 1-6 23-19 16-23 26-19 15-24 28-19 20-24 27-20 14-18 32-27 9-14? (18-22 may draw) 30-26 5-9 11-8? (19-15 WW) 4-11 19-15 10-19 27-23 18-27 31-8 14-18 8-3 6-10 13-6 2-9 3-7 10-15 7-11 15-19\* 21-17 18-22?? (perhaps a typo for 18-23 draw, perpetuated by J. Sturges) draw (continue 11-16 WW)

#8: 11-15 22-18 15-22 25-18 12-16 29-25 10-14 25-22 16-20 24-19 8-12 19-15 7-10 15-11 10-15 22-17 15-22 17-10 6-15 26-17 9-13 17-14 15-18 14-10 18-22 23-19 22-25 11-7 2-11 19-16 12-19 27-24 20-27 32-7 25-29 draw (this game was played in two GAYP World Championship Matches, and continued from here at some length, D. Oldbury drawing L. Levitt, 1976 and D. Lafferty beating P. Davis, 1984)

#9: 11-16 22-18 8-11 25-22 4-8 24-20 16-19 23-16 12-19 29-25 9-14 18-9 5-14 22-17 11-15 17-13 (27-23 draw?) 7-11 25-22 (Sturges gave 27-24 to draw) 3-7 27-24 14-18 22-17 8-12 17-14? (26-23 draw, PP) 10-17 21-14 1-5 32-27 18-22 26-17 19-23 27-18 15-22 31-27 11-15 RW (a half a dozen or more players have lost this middlegame)

#10: 11-15 22-17 8-11 25-22 9-13 (= Switcher) 23-18 6-9 27-23 9-14 18-9 5-14 30-25 1-6 24-19 15-24 28-19 11-15 (9-14 draw PP; 12-16 19-12 11-15 draw, N. Rubin - J. Stiles, 1934 U.S. Nat.) 32-28 15-24 28-19 7-11 (6-9 easier) 22-18 13-22 18-9 6-13 25-18 3-8 18-14 10-17 21-14 11-16 14-9 2-7 9-6 7-10 draw (W. strong)

#11: 11-15 22-17 8-11 25-22 11-16 23-18 3-8 18-11 8-15 24-19 15-24 27-11 7-16 22-18 9-14 18-9 5-14 28-24 4-8 24-19 (29-25 draw PP) 16-23 26-19 8-11 31-26 2-7 (11-15 draw, Sturges) 26-23 11-15 32-28 15-24 28-19 7-11 30-26 11-15 19-16 12-19 draw (in Lees' *Guide*)

#12: 11-15 22-17 8-11 25-22 11-16 23-18 15-19 24-15 10-19 17-13 9-14 18-9 5-14 22-17 7-10 27-24 19-23 26-19 16-23 31-26 14-18 26-19 18-22 17-14 10-17 21-14 3-7 14-9 4-8 9-5? (there are easier draws, like 19-16 12-19 23-16 7-11 30-26 22-31 15-10 draw) 8-11 32-27 6-10 27-23 (13-9 may draw) 11-15 (11-16 30-25 draws, Lees' *Guide*, continue 22-26 19-15, R. strong) 13-9 (30-25 WW Lees' *Guide*) 7-11 24-20 15-24 28-19 11-15 30-25 15-24 25-18 1-6 5-1 6-13 draw

#13: 11-16 22-18 8-11 24-20 (= Dundee) 10-15 27-24 15-22 25-18 6-10 24-19 (29-25 W. strong, B. Hinkle in Cayton's *Compilation* from 12-16 24-20 10-15, p.32C) 3-8 28-24 9-14 18-9 5-14 26-22 11-15 20-11 7-16 30-25 1-5 22-18 15-22 25-9 5-14 29-25 16-20 31-27 8-11 25-22 2-7? (2-6 draw) 22-17? (23-18 WW) 11-16 19-15 10-26 draw

#14: 11-15 22-17 8-11 17-13 4-8 23-19 (Old 14th) 15-18 24-20 11-15 28-24 8-11 26-23 9-14 31-26 6-9 13-6 2-9 26-22 9-13? (1-6 or 3-8 draw PP) 32-28? (22-17! 13-22 20-16 11-20 21-17 WW, J. Sturges) 1-6 21-17 14-21 23-14 10-26 19-1 13-17 30-23 21-30 1-6 3-8 6-2 7-10 23-19 10-14 draw

#15: 11-15 22-17 15-18 23-14 9-18 17-14 10-17 21-14 8-11 24-20 6-9\* 26-23 3-8\* 23-19 18-22 25-18 11-16 20-11 8-22 30-25 9-18 27-23 18-27 25-18 5-9 (4-8 32-23 8-11 draw, W. Hellman - D. Oldbury, 1965 WCM) 32-23 4-8 29-25 12-16 19-3 2-6 3-10 6-29 draw

#16: 11-15 22-17 8-11 23-19 4-8 17-13 9-14 25-22 14-18 29-25 11-16 26-23? (24-20 draw, J. Sturges; 21-17 draw next game) 8-11 23-14 16-23 27-18 10-26 31-22 12-16 32-27 16-20 30-26 5-9 21-17 7-10 25-21 10-14 17-10 2-7 26-23 7-14 22-17 15-22 17-10 6-15 RW

#17: 11-15 22-17 8-11 23-19 4-8 25-22 9-14 (9-13 PP) 17-13 14-18 (15-18 PP) 29-25 11-16 21-17 16-23 26-19 7-11 31-26 5-9 17-14 10-17 19-10 6-15 13-6 2-9 22-6 1-10 26-23 (25-21 draw, J. Sturges) 18-22 25-18 15-22 23-18 12-16? (11-16 draw) 30-26 22-31 24-20 31-24 28-12 10-15 18-14 15-19 14-10 11-15 20-16? (10-7 WW, J. Sturges) 15-18 10-6 8-11 16-7 3-10 6-2 10-14 2-7 14-17 7-10 17-22 draw

## 2006 BC, by Jim Loy

Recently, Joe Schwartz attributed much of his success at the 8th International Match to studying Fortman's *Basic Checkers*. In fact, many players, from beginners to Masters, study *BC* regularly. Volume one came out in 1978, and it is about time to list some corrections and additions. While *BC* is much better at giving credit than most other checker books, there are still hundreds of missing credits. I have not resolved all of the missing credits; try Kear's *Encycl. (KE)* for many of these. The more recent, difficult openings can be found in Pask's *Golden Dozen*. I haven't checked the transpositions. Most of *BC*'s long notes can be cleared up with careful reading. Except for the trunk lines, which I show below, the following lines are not necessarily recommended lines, they are merely additions and corrections. Most of the following note letters are the same as in the book:

**Op.#1: 9-13 21-17 5-9 25-21(D) 11-15(E) 29-25(F) 9-14(G) 23-18 14-23 27-11 8-15 17-14 10-17 21-14 4-8(J) 26-23 8-11 25-21 11-16 24-19 15-24 28-19 7-11(M) 22-18 16-20 19-15 11-16 15-11 13-17 30-26 1-5 11-8 16-19 23-16 12-19 32-27 3-12 26-23 draw(X)**

D) An old move is 23-18, as shown in Lees' *Guide*.

E) 9-14 22-18 13-22 18-9 6-13 26-17 13-22 30-26 draw, credit R. Stewart - S. Grover, 1905 IM.

F) 30-25 (23-18 can be found in Lees' *Guide* and *KE*) 8-11 17-14 draw, as in J. Smith - A. Jackson, 1886 match.

G) 15-19 (8-11 PP) is shown in part 6, Op.#107, p.8, note C.

J) 12-16 (recommended by Pask) 24-20 (24-19 is weak according to *KE*, although it seems to be fairly popular) 16-19 32-27 (25-21 4-8 32-27 = same) 4-8 25-21 8-12 27-24 3-8 (or 12-16 PP) 14-9 7-11 26-23 (31-27 draws, M. Tinsley - R. Fortman, 1949 Dist. 6 Open) 19-26 30-23 6-10 31-26 1-5 9-6 2-9 23-18 12-16 26-23 8-12 24-19 15-24 28-19 9-14 18-9 5-14 22-18 13-17 18-9 10-14 9-6 17-22 6-2 draw, G. Crookston and A. Schaefer is the trunk game in *KE*.

M) 16-20 32-27 7-11 22-18 13-17 draw, H. Freedman - R. Jordan, 1902 WCM.

X) Although this is called "R. Stewart - R. Jordan" in *KE*, it is R. Jordan - R. Stewart, 1897 WCM.

**Op.#2: 9-13 21-17 6-9 25-21 11-15 (9-14 = 9-14 22-17 6-9 25-22 9-13 in *BC*) 30-25 9-14(C) 24-19 15-24 28-19 5-9 32-28 7-11(G) 19-15 10-19 17-10 2-7 23-16 11-20(L) 27-23 7-14 22-17 13-22 26-10 12-16 (or 8-11 PP) 23-18 (25-22 draws, A. Long - E. Hunt, 1936 WCM) 9-13 18-15 8-12 15-11 16-19 21-17 13-22 25-18 19-23 11-7 23-27 31-24 draw, B. Case**

C) 8-11 17-14 is J. Birkenshaw - J. Wyllie, 1881 match.

G) 2-6 22-18 13-22 26-17 8-11 25-22 12-16 19-12 11-16 12-8 draw, J. Ferrie - R. Stewart, 1900 Scottish Ty.

L) 7-14? (12-19 27-23 draws PP) 16-7 3-10 27-23? (26-23 WW) WW, J. Lester - A. Cameron, 1958 U.S. Nat., but this may draw.

**Op.#3: 9-13 22-17 13-22 25-18 11-15(B) 18-11 8-15 21-17(C) 4-8(D) 23-19(E) 5-9 17-13 9-14 29-25 8-11 27-23(H) 15-18(I) 19-15 18-27 15-8 12-16 32-23 3-12 25-22 16-19 24-15 10-19 23-16 12-19 31-27 7-11 27-23 11-16 22-18 14-17 18-14 17-22 26-17 19-26 30-23 1-5 14-10 6-15 28-24 draw, A. Jordan, *KE***

B) Or 6-9 or 10-15 *KE* or others.

C) 29-25 4-8 25-22 5-9 23-18 8-11 26-23 10-14 24-19 15-24 28-19 7-10 draw, A. Jordan - T.

Harrigan, 1920 U.S. Nat. and *KE*.

D) Or 5-9 PP.

E) 17-13 15-19 (5-9 is the trunk line in *KE*) 24-15 10-19 23-16 12-19 29-25 5-9 25-22 (or 27-23 PP) 9-14 27-23 8-12 23-16 12-19 32-27 3-8 27-23 8-12 = trunk

H) 25-21 (or 26-23 14-17 25-21 17-22 = same) 14-18 26-23 18-22 21-17 6-9 13-6 2-9 17-13 1-6 (9-14 24-20, W. strong, *KE*) 24-20 15-24 28-19 11-15 27-24 7-11 32-28 9-14 30-26 15-18 26-17 18-27 19-16 draw, C. F. Barker - J. P. Reed, 1887, according to *KE*.

I) 11-16 24-20 15-24 20-11 7-16 28-19 10-15 draw, A. Jordan - J. Ferrie, *KE*.

**Op.#4: 9-13 22-18 6-9 25-22(2) 11-15(C) 18-11 8-15 24-20(D) 4-8(E) 28-24 1-6 23-19 9-14(H) 26-23 15-18(I) 22-15 7-11 30-25 11-18 32-28 13-17 31-26 17-22 26-17 6-9 17-13 3-7 13-6 2-9 25-22 18-25 29-22 7-11 22-17 9-13 19-15 10-26 17-10 draw, W. Hellman, *NCA Checker News***

C) 1-6 (more popular) 24-19(C1) 11-15 18-11 8-24 28-19 4-8 27-24 (or 23-18 PP, the trunk line in Pask's *Solid Checkers*) 8-11 24-20 11-15 19-16 12-19 23-16 7-11 16-7 2-11 31-27 10-14 draw *KE* and M. Chamblee - M. Tinsley, 1947 match.

C1) 24-20 (30-25 = op#9 trunk, lesser attacks can be found in *KE*) 10-15 28-24 (or 29-25 PP) 7-10 29-25 3-7 18-14 10-17 21-14 9-18 23-14 6-10 24-19 15-24 25-21 10-17 21-14 24-28 27-23 or 27-24 draws, PP.

D) 23-18 7-11 26-23 4-8 24-20 9-14 draw, Lees' *Guide*.

E) 1-6 23-18 7-11 28-24 12-16 26-23 WW, *KE*.

H) 7-11 30-25 12-16 19-12 15-18 22-15 10-28 26-22 6-10 27-23 9-14 31-27 2-7 22-17 13-22 25-9 5-14 23-18 "WW" M. Chamblee. According to Ed Gilbert, and his program KingsRow (with its ten-piece database), this game was a draw, all the way through.

I) 8-11 31-26 6-9 29-25 14-18 23-14 9-18 26-23 WW, W. Gardner - R. Ward, *KE* p.279, v.3

**Op.#4, part 2:** 18-14 9-18 23-14 10-17 21-14 12-16 26-22(C2) 11-15 22-18 15-22 25-18 1-6 29-25 6-10 25-21 10-17 21-14 (note G, p.13, begins as follows) 2-6 (13-17? WW is a typo for 16-20, as shown in part 7, p.58, supplement) 27-23 13-17 24-19 8-12 32-27 (an alternative to 31-26 or 18-15, which may confuse, in this long note G) 17-21 draw, P. Thompson - A. Huggins, 1936 World Mail Championship, with a WW later.

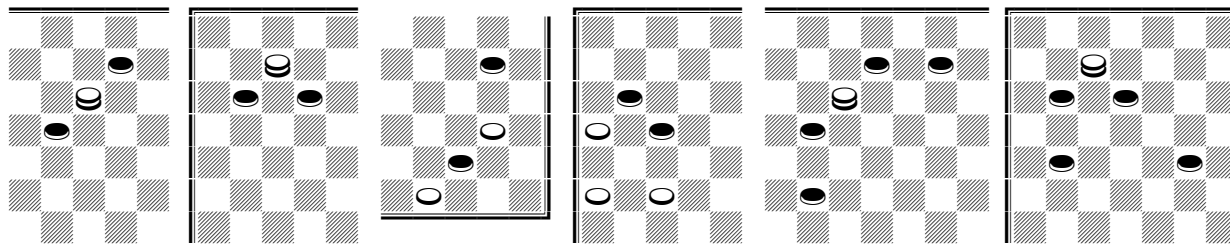
C2) 24-20 16-19 (1-6 draw, *KE*) 25-22 11-15 29-25 2-6 draw, and *BC* mentions this game, to which we may transpose:

9-13 23-18 12-16 24-20 16-19 18-14 10-17 21-14 6-10 25-21 10-17 21-14 11-15 27-23 8-12 23-16 12-19 29-25 2-6 32-27 4-8 27-23 8-12 23-16 12-19 25-21 6-10 20-16 10-17 21-14 7-11 16-7 3-17 31-27 5-9 27-23 9-14 23-16 17-21 draw, W. Hellman - D. Oldbury, 1965 WCM, g.4

### Critic' Corner

**ACFB #318, Tournament Results, 8<sup>th</sup> IM, page 2:** The fifth member of the British/Irish team was Bill Dobbins, not Brian Dobbins.

### Beginners' Page: Tactical Atoms - Double Attacks



In chess, a double attack is when you attack two pieces at once, and there is quite a variety of these (forks, pins, x-ray attacks, discovered attacks, and others). In checkers, the same idea is somewhat more limited. Double attacks occur in five main kinds, (1) breeches (1st diagram), (2) fork (2nd diagram), (3) normal double attack like 24-20 in the 3rd diagram which allow two pieces to attack two pieces, (4) double suicide like Red's 14-18 in the 4th diagram, and (5) in some big shots, two or more pieces backing up other pieces may be removed by a multiple jump.

Let me make a few more comments about the first four of these. (1) Breeches: In the 5th diagram, we see double breeches, which is sometimes the payoff of a shot. Fairly common is a kind of 1.5 breeches, in which one of these pieces is missing. (2) Fork: As you can see in the sixth diagram, a fork can imitate breeches by being a double fork, or 1.5 fork. (3) Normal double attack: We may see this one in the middle of some of the big shots. And sometimes this one may involve a jump (or just a move) to the king row to attack a piece from behind. (4) Double suicide: This kind of move need not be a gross blunder, for there are sometimes (more often than you might think) excellent reasons for throwing two pieces at once (often in the opening), to set up a fairly big shot or trade.

### Beginners' Page: Some Advice

I'm afraid it takes some work to get good at anything. In checkers, you need to study all aspects of the game, mostly openings and endings. You will see the shots and the more subtle ideas as you dig into the openings and endings. An opening book like Kear's *Encyclopedia* or *Basic Checkers* is chock full of shots and other tactical ideas; just study your favorite opening lines in there and you will begin to see some amazing ideas. Collections of tournament games (as found in the *ACFB*) are similar, you will see every kind of tactical and strategic idea, as you play through the games.

### Obituaries – My Trophies At Last I Lay Down

I regret to inform you that Steve Rodda, ACF life member, passed away on Feb. 5, 2004, after a long battle with heart disease. I apologize for the delay in sending this message. Submitted by Tom Rodda

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A - A favorite of Elbert Lowder, as mentioned in BC. B - Or 24-19 PP. C - May be new, but is not bad. D - 10-15\*!! 19-3 2-7 draw!! E - 19-16 WW

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**Variation 1****JL**

6-15 23-19(A, v.2) 16-23 26-10 7-14(B) 24-19(C) 8-11 25-22 9-13?!(D) 27-23(E) 4-8?(F) 28-24  
2-7 30-26 7-10 24-20 11-15 32-28 15-24 28-19 5-9 22-18?(G) 8-11?(H) 29-25 3-7 25-22(I) 1-5 31-  
27 14-17 21-14 10-17 19-15 17-21 WW, **John Post vs. Ken Schultz, Majors, round 7, game 4**

A – 23-18 or 21-17 are the main attacks.

B – = 10-14 23-19 11-15 19-10 6-15 22-18 15-22 26-10 7-14.

C – 25-22 in BC.

D – This may draw; 11-16 is the published draw; see various I-D tys. for 1-6?

E – 28-24 (others may be somewhat stronger) 3-7 (1-6 draw?) 30-26 7-10? (11-16 22-17 draw?) 24-  
20 2-7? (11-15 27-24 W. strong) 20-16 11-20 19-15 WW, F. Moffett – M. Long, 1993 I-D.

F – 11-16 may draw.

G – 29-25 WW.

H – 13-17! 18-15 17-22 15-6 1-10 26-17 9-13 23-18 14-23 17-14 may draw.

I – 26-22 C.R. won, M. Long – J. Loy, 1991 I-D, from the Rattlesnake opening.

**Variation 2 (off var. 1)****JL**

24-19 15-24 28-19 7-10(v.3) 25-22 8-11 22-18 3-7(A) 29-25 9-14 18-9 5-14 25-22 16-20?(B) 19-16  
12-19 23-16 11-15 22-17 7-11 16-7 2-11 17-13 1-6 26-23 4-8 31-26 11-16 26-22 WW(C), Clayton  
Nash vs. Ed Bruch, Masters, round 4, game 1

A - 9-14 PP.

B - 11-15 draws, Cayton's *Compilation*.

C - Red loses a piece or two, for now. It only takes one error to lose, sometimes.

**Variation 3 (off var. 2)****JL**

8-11 25-22 16-20(A) 22-18 11-16?(B) 29-25?(C) 1-6?(D) 21-17 4-8(E) 17-14 7-10 14-7 3-10 25-21  
9-14 18-9 6-13 26-22 8-11 22-18 10-14 18-9 5-14 30-25 13-17 23-18 14-23 27-18 16-23 21-14 2-6  
25-21 12-16 21-17 16-19 32-28 20-24 17-13 23-27 14-9 6-10 9-6 10-15 18-14 15-18 6-2 27-32 2-7  
11-16 7-11 18-22 11-27 32-23 14-9 draw(F), **Ed Bruch vs. Clayton Nash, Masters, round 4,  
game 2**

A - 7-10 = v.2.

B - 7-10 may draw, according to Nemesis.

C - 21-17 WW, according to Nemesis.

D - 7-10 may draw?

E - 3-8 also loses.

F - This is a WW. The draw must have come later.

The third game of this match (a draw) will be shown under 10-15 21-17 6-10.

### 10-14 22-18 6-10 (no. 47)

### Game 37

Jim Loy, annotator

10-14	22-17!	10-17	14-7	30-25	6-2	31-27
22-18	9-13(B)	21-14	3-10	11-16	30-25	22-18
6-10	25-22	16-20?(F)	19-16?(G)	18-15	22-18	15-10
25-22	4-8?(C)	24-19	8-12	16-23	24-28	16-19
11-15	23-18(D)	15-24	16-7	15-6	2-7	7-11
18-11	14-23	28-19	2-11	23-26	25-22	19-23
8-15	27-18	1-6	23-19	25-21	18-15	draw
29-25	12-16	26-23	20-24	26-30	12-16	
7-11?(A,v.1)	17-14(E)	6-10				

### Gerry Lopez vs. Richard Hallett, Masters, round 1, game 1

A - A near loss.

B - Others lose.

C - 1-6! 23-18 (23-19 4-8\* draws easily, W. VanLeer in *Churchill*) 14-23 27-18 3-7! 26-23 11-16 18-11 16-20 32-27 (23-18 drew, E. Lowder - H. Burton, 1998 U.S. Nat) 7-16 23-18 may draw, N. Proffitt - B. Hinkle, 9th USA - GB Mail Match.

D - 24-20 (the WW in Churchill's *Compilations*) 1-6 (others lose) 28-24 (23-18 may be strong) 12-16 (others lose) 23-18 14-23 27-18 8-12 17-14 10-17 21-14 6-10 14-7 3-10 32-28 2-6 26-23 13-17 22-13 15-22 23-18 5-9 18-15 WW *MP*, p.185R.

E - 24-20 drew, H. Koff - G. Traylor, 1952 U.S. Nat.; 26-23 draws.

F - 16-19 may draw.

G - 32-27! 5-9 (others lose) 22-17 13-22 18-15 WW.

**Variation 1****JL**

1-6 24-20(v.2) 7-11 22-17 9-13 25-22 3-7 28-24(A) 14-18 23-14 4-8 24-19 15-24 26-23(B) 24-28?(C) 23-18 6-9 27-23 10-15 14-10 7-14 17-10 9-14 18-9 5-14 21-17 14-21 31-27(D) 12-16 27-24(E) 16-19 23-7 2-11 draw(F), **Richard Hallett vs. Gerry Lopez, Masters, round 1, game 2**

A - 23-18 PP.

B - 22-18 A. Moiseyev - R. King, 2003 WCM.

C - 6-9 draw, A. Long - W. Hellman, 1962 WCM.

D - 10-7 WW, G. Lopez.

E - 10-7 WW.

F - White will regain the piece.

The above two games were lost, and were recently recovered. They were the only two games of this drawn match.

**Variation 2 (off var. 1)****JL**

23-18 14-23 27-11 7-16 22-18 4-8 24-20 8-11 28-24 9-14(A) 18-9 5-14 25-22 3-7 26-23 10-15 32-28 7-10\* 24-19(v.3) 15-24 28-19(B) 11-15 20-11 15-24 23-19(C) 24-28 22-17 14-18(D) 17-14 10-17 21-14 28-32 19-15 32-28 11-7 2-11 15-8 18-23 8-3 draw(E), **Earl Morrison vs. John Webster, Masters, round 6, game 3**

A - 3-7 25-22 9-14 18-9 5-14\* = same.

B - = 11-15 24-19 15-24 28-19 8-11 22-18 9-14 18-9 5-14 25-22 11-15 32-28 15-24 28-19 4-8 22-18 1-5 18-9 5-14 29-25 8-11 25-22 11-15 22-18 15-22 26-17 6-9 30-26 9-13 26-22 7-11 C.R., *KE*.

C - 22-17 draw, J. Alexander - R. Ward, *KE*.

D - 6-9 draw, Chinook - Colossus, 1992 practice match.

E - A clean draw.

**Variation 3 (off var. 2)****JL**

31-26 6-9 30-25 2-6\* 24-19 15-24 28-19 11-15 20-11 15-24 23-19 9-13 26-23(A) 24-27 11-8 27-32 8-3 32-28?(B) 22-18 6-9 25-22 28-32 3-7 32-27 7-11 27-31 11-15(C) 12-16 15-6 31-26 19-12 26-19 6-1 14-23 22-18 WW, **John Webster vs. Earl Morrison, Masters, round 6, game 4**

A - 11-8 24-27 8-3 27-31 26-23 31-27 PP = B.

B - 32-27 (back to PP) 22-18 (3-7 draws PP, shown in BC) 6-9 3-7 (others draw) 14-17!! draw. I make moves like this in my dreams.

C - The other scoresheet recorded this sloppy dénouement: 18-15? 12-16? (31-27 draws) 15-6 31-26

19-12 26-19 6-1 WW, a glimpse into White's thought processes before he made the correct move. The other two games of this match (one win for each player), will be found under 11-16 24-19 8-11.

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The following two games were recently rediscovered (other games on this opening were shown earlier in this series):

**9-13 24-20 11-15 (no. 25) variation 2 JL**  
 9-13 24-20 11-15 23-18(v.3) 8-11 27-23(A) 5-9(B) 28-24 10-14 23-19 14-23 19-10 7-14 26-19(C)  
 4-8(D) 30-26 14-18 22-15 11-18 26-22(E) 18-23 19-15 6-10 15-6 1-10 22-18 8-11 24-19 3-7 25-  
 22\* 23-26 22-17 13-22 18-15 11-18 29-25 22-29 31-6 9-14 6-1 7-10 draw(F), **Earl Morrison - Gerry Lopez, Masters, round 4, game 1**

A - 18-14 PP.

B - 3-8 PP.

C - Draw, Pask's *Solid Checkers*.

D - 3-7 draw *MP*.

E - 32-27 is easier.

F - White has defended well, RW later.

**Variation 3 JL**  
 22-17 13-22 25-11 8-15 21-17 5-9 17-13 9-14 29-25 4-8 25-22 14-18(A) 23-14 10-17 28-24??(B)  
 15-18(C) 22-15 6-9 13-6 1-28 RW(D), **Gerry Lopez vs. Earl Morrison, Masters, round 4, game 2**

A - 8-11 PP.

B - 27-23 8-11 28-24 PP, as shown in the earlier games of this series.

C - The following players failed to play this winning shot: R. Roudebush - R. Nealey, 1969 Florida Open (WW); P. McCarthy - R. King, 1997 match (draw); J. Caws - S. Cronin, 2001 English Open (WW); L. Edwards - K. Lovell, 2003 English Open (draw).

D - R. Howey - A. Long, ACM p.40-6.

The other two games of this match remain lost. Morrison won the match.

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10-14 22-18 7-10 (no. 47A)			Game 38	Jim Loy, annotator		
10-14	8-11	3-7	17?(B,v.1)	15-10	32-7	10-15
22-18	18-15	26-22	14-18(C)	6-15	2-11	17-14
7-10	11-18	16-19?(A)	17-13(D)	13-6	21-17	15-19
25-22	22-15	23-16	4-8	1-10	15-18	draw
11-16	10-19	12-19	30-26	27-23	25-21	
29-25	24-15	22-	7-11	18-27		

### John Webster vs. Tim Lavery, Masters, round 4, game 1

A - 9-13 draw PP.

B - 30-26 WW, D. McGrath - M. Rex, 1971 I-D.

C - 7-10 draw.

D - Others draw.

#### Variation 1

JL

31-26? 4-8?(A) 27-23?(B) 8-12 23-16 12-19 32-27 14-18 15-11 7-16 22-15 6-10 15-6 1-10 25-22 10-15?(C) 21-17 9-13 17-14 2-7 30-25 16-20 27-23 20-24 23-16 24-27 26-23 15-19 23-18 27-31 18-15 31-26 22-18 26-22 25-21 19-23 14-9 5-14 18-9 WW, Tim Lavery vs. John Webster, Masters, round 4, game 2

A - 9-13! (back to PP, and a position which Tim Lavery has been in before) 27-23 19-24 28-19 4-8 draws, PP.

B - 15-11!! 8-15 (7-16 28-24! 19-28 22-18 WW) 27-23 WW.

C - 9-14 draws.

The other game of this match, a win by Webster, will be shown under 10-15 23-19 6-10.

10-14 22-18 12-16 (no. 49A)			Game 39	Jim Loy, annotator		
10-14	25-22	17-13!(C)	20-16(E)	21-14	6-2	14-18
22-18	6-10	10-15	5-9?(F)	4-8	13-17	29-25
12-16	29-25	19-10	22-17?(G)	14-10	2-6	31-26
24-20(v.1)	11-15	12-19	9-13	8-11	17-21	16-19
16-19	22-17	25-22(D)	16-11(H)	10-6	6-10	18-14
23-16	15-24	6-15	7-16	19-23	22-25	25-29
14-23	28-19	13-6	17-14	27-18	10-14	draw(I)
26-19	2-6(B)	1-10	10-17	15-22	25-29	
8-12(A)						

### Ryan Pronk vs. Dustin Shearer, Majors, round 4, game 3

A - The White Doctor.

B - This is published to draw, as far as I know, but Nemesis calls it a loss; 4-8 draws, PP.

C - 25-22 PP.

D - 20-16! 6-15 13-6 1-10 21-17 4-8 16-12 (25-22 draw, Atkinson) 8-11 30-26 W. strong, maybe a WW. This may or may not be what Nemesis had in "mind."

E - Others draw, Atkinson.

F - 10-14 draws or 4-8 draws.

G - 21-17 WW.

H - 30-26 also draws. I suspect that either move is an attempt to win.

I - Not bad. White can leave the piece on 26, or not.

### Variation 1

**JL**

24-19?(A) 16-20 26-22(B) 8-12 22-17 7-10 30-26 9-13?(C) 18-9 13-22 25-18 5-14 18-9 6-13 19-15(D) 10-19 23-7 3-10 26-23?(E) 4-8?(F) 23-19?(G) 2-7 29-25 13-17 21-14 10-17 25-22 17-26 31-22 8-11?(H) 22-18 1-6 19-15 draw?(I), **Dustin Shearer vs. R. Pronk, Majors, round 4, game 4**

A - I play 24-20 expecting to win; call me crazy. This goes into a Paisley, a GAYP opening.

B - 18-14 PP or 25-22 PP.

C - 11-16\* PP.

D - Or 19-16 WW?

E - 29-25 WW, C. Crawford - E. Ingram, 1970 Florida Open.

F - 2-7 29-25 13-17 draw?

G - 29-25 WW.

H - 1-6 22-18 6-9 or 7-10 draws, as Red can king a third piece.

I - I don't see a draw: 11-16 15-11 7-10 11-7 6-9 7-2 10-14 18-15 9-13 2-6 14-17 6-10 17-21 10-14 13-17 (or 21-25 to same) 15-10 17-22 14-17 22-25 17-22 25-29 10-6 21-25 28-24 25-30 24-19 16-23 27-18 WW. This note was verified by Ed Gilbert's program KingsRow, with its ten piece database. This is a classic ending, and I may write a book about it some day.

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10-14 23-18 14-23 (no. 50)			Game 40	Jim Loy, annotator		
10-14	26-10	22-17	27-24	23-27	31-27	16-11
23-18	6-15	13-22	16-20	19-16	7-3	22-17
14-23	25-22	26-17	24-19	8-12	27-23	27-31
27-18	9-13(B)	7-11	15-24	16-11	3-7	3-7
12-16	17-14	29-25	28-19	27-32	23-19	12-16
22-17(v.1)	4-8	15-18	18-23	10-7	7-10	10-6?(G)
11-15	30-26	17-13	25-21	32-27	24-27	2-9
18-11	8-12	11-15	20-24	31-26(E)	11-8	RW
8-15	32-27(C)	21-17	14-9	27-31	19-16	
24-19(A)	12-16	3-8?(D)	5-14	26-22	8-3(F)	
16-23			17-10			

### Richard Hallett vs. Tim Laverty, Masters, round 8, game 3

A - New? 26-23 PP or 17-13 KE.

B - Other moves, allowing an eventual 17-13, may be strong.

C - 28-24 draws?

D - 2-7! 25-21 16-20 14-10 RW.

E - 7-3 may be easier.

F - 8-4 may be easier.

G - 13-9 draw.

### Variation 1

JL

32-27 16-20 26-23 11-16(A) 30-26(B) 9-13(C) 18-14 8-12 22-17(D) 13-22 25-18 6-9(E) 29-25 1-6(F) 25-22(G) 4-8 22-17 9-13 26-22 draw(H), **Tim Laverty vs. Richard Hallett, Masters, round 8, game 4**

A - 6-10 PP or 11-15 PP.

B - 22-17 draw.

C - 8-12 PP.

D - 22-18 draw, H. Reynolds - V. Townsend, 1920 U.S. Nat.

E - 4-8 may be better.

F - 4-8 H. Reynolds - A. Mantell, 1924 U.S. Nat. and E. Lowder - R. Hallett, 1979 Florida Open.

G - 21-17 9-13 25-21 W. strong?

H - Nice draw by Red, but I suppose he has little chance of a needed win; continue 6-9 14-10 7-14

17-10 8-11 10-6 9-14 18-9 5-14 6-1 11-15 24-19 draw, as Red was threatening 16-19.

The other games of this match (a win for each player) will be shown under 10-15 22-17 6-10.

<b>10-14 23-19 6-10 (no. 50A)</b>			<b>Game 41</b>			<b>Jim Loy, annotator</b>	
10-14	27-23	25-22	28-19(D)	22-18	22-17	20-16	
23-19	13-22(B)	7-11	3-7	1-5	7-10	8-12	
6-10	25-9	32-27(C)	20-11	18-9	30-25	16-11	
22-17	5-14	11-16	8-24	5-14	15-19	draw	
(A,v.1,2)	29-25	24-20	27-20	26-22	23-16		
9-13	11-15	15-24	4-8	10-15	12-19		

### Earl Morrison vs. Elbert Lowder, Masters, round 3, game 3

A - = 9-14 22-17 6-9 23-19.

B - = 10-14 23-19 6-10 27-23 9-14 22-18 15-22.

C - 22-17 *KE*.

D - New?; 20-11 L. Ginsberg - A. Barnes, 1914 U.S. Nat.

#### Variation 1

**JL**

19-15 10-19 24-15 11-18 22-15 7-11(v.3) 26-22(A) 11-18 22-15 14-18(B,v.4) 28-24(C) 9-14 30-26  
5-9 26-23 8-11 15-8 4-11 25-22(D) 18-25 29-22 2-7 24-19 7-10 27-24 9-13 24-20 3-7(E) 22-18 1-5  
18-9 5-14 31-26 draw, **Elbert Lowder vs. Earl Morrison, Masters, round 3, game 4**

A - 15-10? 14-18 RW? while 11-15? draws.

B - 14-17 PP or 8-11 PP.

C - 21-17 draw PP.

D - Others draw.

E - 11-15 drew, A. Scott - W. Bryden, 1893 Scottish Ty., from a double corner.

The first two games of this match (a win for each player) can be found under 9-13 23-18 5-9.

#### Variation 2

**JL**

27-23(A) 11-15(B) 22-18 15-22 25-18 8-11 29-25(v.5) 11-16(C) 25-22 16-20 18-15(D) 20-27 15-6  
1-10 31-24 7-11 22-18 11-16?(E) 19-15?(F) 10-19 24-15 16-19 23-16 12-19 26-23 19-26 30-23 9-  
13 18-9 5-14 15-10 4-8 28-24 8-11 24-19 13-17 10-7 3-10 23-18 14-23 21-7 11-16 19-12 2-11  
draw, **John Webster - Alan Millhone, Masters, round 2, game 3**

A - = 10-14 24-19 6-10 27-24.

B - = 11-15 23-19 9-14 27-23 6-9. Churchill gave 11-16 an asterisk for no apparent reason.

C - 9-13 PP may be stronger.

D - Or 31-27 draw.

E - 9-13 draw?

F - 26-22! 16-20 32-27 and 30-26 WW!

### Variation 3 (off var. 1)

**JL**

12-16?(A) 25-22 14-18(B,C,D,E) 29-25 1-6 26-23(F) 7-11 23-14 9-18?(G) 21-17 3-7 17-14 16-19 22-17(H) 11-16 25-21 7-10 14-7 2-11 17-14 6-9 14-10 18-22 27-24 11-18 24-15 22-25 10-7 draw(I), Alan Millhone vs. John Webster, Masters, round 2, game 4

A - Difficult for Red?

B - 7-11 (may be easiest) 29-25 11-18 22-15 16-19 draw PP

C - 16-19 22-17 9-13 (8-12? 17-10 7-14 27-24 WW) 17-10 7-14 27-23 (15-10 2-6 may draw) 8-12 23-16 12-19 15-11 3-8 or 3-7 draw?

D - 8-12 28-24 (22-17 14-18 draw?) 14-17! draw

E - 16-20 28-24 (22-17 7-11 draw?) 14-17! draw

F - 27-24 9-13 32-27 (15-11 draw PP) 5-9 26-23 9-14 and all of these seem to draw (now or in some combination): 15-10 or 21-17 or 24-20 or 31-26.

G - 11-18 W. strong.

H - 30-26 WW, D. McGrath - J. Williams, 1975 I-D.

I - The final position is a WW, but Webster needed only a draw.

The first two games of this match (a draw and a win by Webster) will be shown under 12-16 21-17 16-19.

### Variation 4 (off var. 1)

**JL**

8-11(A) 15-8 4-11 25-22 3-7(B,C) 28-24(D) 7-10(E) 27-23 2-7 24-20(F) 9-13(G) 22-18(H) 10-15 18-9 5-14 29-25 15-19 23-16 12-19 25-22 7-10 30-26 11-15(I) 20-16 14-18 22-17 13-22 26-17 19-23 16-11 23-26 31-22 18-25 11-7 15-18 draw, Earl Morrison vs. Alan Millhone, Masters, round 1, game 1

A - BC says that 14-17 is proper, but this is OK.

B - 9-13 (given an asterisk by K. Albrecht) 28-24 (30-26 2-7 draw or 27-23 2-7 draw, K. Albrecht) 2-7 draws, K. Albrecht (mysteriously misnamed "E. Markusic" in Churchill's

Compilations), 1980 U.S. Nat.

C - 1-6 30-26 11-15 22-17 14-18 26-23? (17-13 W. better) 12-16 23-14 9-18 28-24? 16-19 24-20 18-22 20-16 2-7 (15-18? drew, R. Little - E. Shelor, 1983 I-D) RW.

D - 22-17 PP?

E - = 10-14 23-19 7-10 19-15 10-19 24-15 11-18 22-15 3-7 28-24 7-11 26-22 11-18 22-15 8-11 15-8 4-11 25-22 6-10.

F - 22-18 draws PP and E. Morrison - E. Bruch, 1988 U.S. Nat.

G - 11-15 PP?

H - 31-26 drew, Colossus - Checkers, 1994.

I - 1-6 drew, E. Bruch - E. Morrison, 1988 U.S. Nat.

### Variation 5 (off var. 2)

**JL**

19-15 10-19 24-8 4-11 28-24 14-17(A) 21-14 11-15(B) 18-11 9-27 32-23 7-16 29-25 2-7(C) 25-22 7-10(D) 22-17(E) 16-20 23-18 20-27 31-24 12-16 24-20 16-19 26-23 19-26 30-23 3-8 18-14 10-15 14-10 5-9 10-7 8-12 7-2 9-13 17-14 15-19 23-16 12-19 2-7 13-17 7-10 19-23 10-15 23-26 draw, Alan Millhone vs. Earl Morrison, Masters, round 1, game 2

A - 7-10 KE.

B - Draw KE.

C - 1-6 drew, R. King - R. Hallett, 1994 U.S. Nat.

D - 1-6 drew, M. Fink - T. Laverty, in Churchill's *Compilations*.

E - 22-18 drew, M. Barker - T. Laverty, 1988 U.S. Nat.

These are the only two games of this match.

### 10-14 23-19 11-15 (no. 50C)

### Game 42

### Jim Loy, annotator

10-14	22-18	9-13(C)	18-9	10-17	5-1	22-26
23-19	15-22	18-9	5-14	21-14	16-19	30-23
11-15	25-18	5-14	23-18(D)	13-17	31-27	19-26
19-10	8-11	25-22	14-23	14-9	8-11	32-27
6-15	29-25	4-8	27-18	17-22	27-18	draw
26-23(v.1)	11-16	22-18	16-23	9-5	11-16	
7-10(A)	24-19(B)	1-5	18-14	12-16(E)	18-14	

### Earl Morrison vs. Gene Lindsay, Masters, round 5, game 1

A - 8-11 PP.

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