

PROBLEM OF THE WEEK #11 – FEBRUARY 24, 2021

THE POSITION:

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13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

XGID=--ACBCC-A-----b--Bba-bdd-:0:0:1:41:6:6:0:7:10

○ is Tuna
score: 6
pip: 55

7 point match

● is KellyRae
pip: 96
score: 6

● to play 41

THE TOURNAMENT AND THE PLAYERS:

For this week's problem, I've taken another position from one of my matches in our weekly online tournament. This position comes from this Monday's weekly tournament (February 22, 2021). I ("KellyRae") am playing the Black checkers in the main tournament against Mark "Tuna" Moskal, who is playing the White checkers.

THE GAME SITUATION:

It's the final game of our 7-point match, with the match score being tied, 6-6 – *i.e.*, we are at Double Match Point. It's win or lose and gammons and backgammons don't matter in the slightest. I am in a tough spot here, down in the race by over 40 pips, and not having an ideal amount of contact, with my anchor on the 18-point being the last line of defense to hold off Mark's last two remaining outside checkers, which are stationed on the 15-point, a mere three pips away from my anchor.

THE QUESTION:

I've just rolled 41. What's my best play?