

PROBLEM OF THE WEEK #16 – MARCH 30, 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=-aECCbC-----a-----acabbb-A:0:0:1:31:5:2:0:7:10

○ is Double A Red
score: 2
pip: 125

7 point match

pip: 74
score: 5

● is Bdarcohen

● to play 31

THE TOURNAMENT AND THE GAME SITUATION:

For this week’s problem, I’ve taken another position from one of our weekly “For The Glory” online tournaments. This one was submitted to me by Brian “Bdarcohen” Cohen. Here, Brian is playing local hero and true gentleman, Ralph “Double A Red” D’Onofrio in a 7-point match, and Brian is leading in the match 5-2. The cube remains centered and Brian has just rolled a 31. Of course, the ace is “forced,” and then Brian must choose a play for the three.

THE QUESTION:

So, what’s Brian’s best play here?