

PROBLEM OF THE WEEK #18 – APRIL 13, 2021

THE POSITION:

64

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=-BaBB-BBB-a----a---ccbbbC-:0:0:1:65:0:1:0:7:10

○ is KellyRae
score: 1
pip: 99

7 point match

pip: 130
score: 0

● is bdarcohen

● to play 65

THE TOURNAMENT AND THE PLAYERS:

For this week's problem, we're covering a problem submitted by the November Man of the Month, December For the Glory Circuit Winner, and February For the Glory Circuit Runner-Up, Brian "bdarcohen" Cohen. This position comes from a match he played against myself ("KellyRae") in a game from a match in the Main Bracket of the "For the Glory" online tournament circuit. Brian is playing the Black checkers in this week's problem.

THE GAME SITUATION:

It's the second game of a 7-point match, with Brian trailing 0-1 and the cube still centered. Brian is on roll, with three men trapped on the 24-point behind Bill's five-prime and trailing in the race by 31 pips. He has rolled 65, which affords him a number of possible plays. He takes his time and carefully weighs his options, aiming to find the best play.

THE QUESTION:

So, what should he do here?