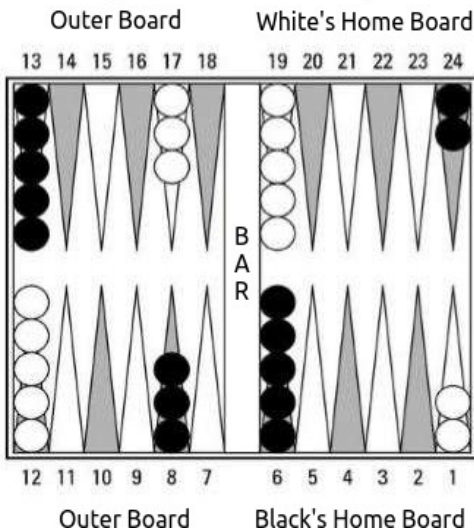


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## Opening moves, a simple list

Numbering and Rolls from Black's point of view.



### **2 - 1**

Split the back checkers (24/23) and bring one checker down (13/11).

Alternatively, if you wish to gamble, **slotting** your 5-point (6/5) and bringing one down (13/11) is another option.

### **3 - 1**

Secure your 5-point (8/5), (6/5).

### **3 - 2**

Split the back checkers (24/21) and bring a checker down from the midpoint (13/11).

### **4 - 1**

Split the back checkers (24/23) and bring one checker down from the midpoint (13/9).

### **4 - 2**

Secure your 4-point (8/4, 6/4).

### **4 - 3**

Split the back checkers (24/21) and bring one down (13/9) as a builder.

### **5 - 1**

Split the back checkers (24/23) and bring one checker down from the midpoint (13/8).

### **5 - 2**

The move (24/22, 13/8) has the best results based on the computerised rollout.

### **5 - 3**

Secure your 3-point (8/3, 6/3).

### **5 - 4**

The best option based on computerized rollouts is (24/20, 13/8).

### **6 - 1**

Secure your bar point (13/7, 8/7).

### **6 - 2**

The (24/18, 13/11) is by far the most popular move for this roll. This is because it advances checkers on both sides of the board.

### **6 - 3**

The (24/18, 13/10) is by far the most popular move for this roll. This is because it advances checkers on both sides of the board.

### **6 - 4**

Run your back checker to the 14-point (24/14) as a running play. Alternately cover the 2-point (8/2, 6/2).

### **6 - 5** (aka: Lovers Leap)

Run your back checker to the midpoint (24/18, 18/13).