

CHECKER MASTERS

1978

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Matches Results

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLAYERS</u>	<u>GAMES PLAYED</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>DRAW</u>
Dec. 3-4, 1977	VLADIMIR KAPLAN	14	3	0	11
	ELTON WILLIAMS	14	0	3	11
Mar. 25, 1978	VLADIMIR KAPLAN	14	5	0	9
	CARL "Buster" Smith	14	0	5	9
Apr. 1, 1978	"Eastpoint" BARNETTE	?	8	3	?
	"Bill" LANGLEY	"	3	8	?
Apr. 2, 1978	"Buster" SMITH	14	1	1	12
	ELTON WILLIAMS	14	1	1	12
MAY 13, 1978	"Eastpoint" BARNETT	?	3	0	?
	"Bill" LANGLEY	?	0	3	?
May 28, 1978	ELTON WILLIAMS	10	4	0	6
	GEORGE ROBINSON	10	0	4	6

The Three Giants

There are several players in the A.P.C.A. Top Masters Division who play strong enough to take ten men and play the average "Ham" King row he win.

Three of those players are Carl "Buster" Smith of Chicago, Illinois, Elton Williams of Flint, Michigan and Vladimir Kaplan of Utica, New York.

KAPLAN, a former Russian Grandmaster is also author of several books on how to and how not to play checkers. Kaplan won the A.P.C.A. National Championship in 1977, in Atlanta. He has played and won four or five matches since being here in the U. S.

The name "BUSTER" has been heard by almost all checker players from coast to coast one time or another. He won the A.P.C.A. National Championship seven times, five consecutively. "Buster" who rarely loses a checker game, if ever, has played matches with just about all of the "Who's is Who in American Pool Checkers." He is the only top Master Player that will play anyone, anytime, and will play just like he is playing for a World Championship, that even goes for hams, women and children. And this you can believe, he will not lose or throw a game as many other top players will do when playing lesser players

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Three Giants

ELTON is the only modern day players to start at the beginning and reach the top in American Pool Checkers in a very short time. He won four National Divisional Championships in a row, starting in 1970 by winning the Blue Ribbon Crown. Then the Gold Bar in 1971, Junior Masters in 1972, and the Masters Championship in 1973. Playing in the Top Masters Division in 1974 Elton finished in eighth place, and seventh place in 1976, second place in 1977. Since climbing to the top, the twenty-three years old Elton has played about twelve or fifteen matches with different Top Master Players, losing only three, one to Kaplan and two to George Sykes.

Elton and Kaplan played a checker match which turned out to be match #1 in Flint, Michigan on December 3rd & 4th, 1977. "Buster" and Kaplan played Match #3 in Brooklyn, N.Y. on March 25, 1978. Match #3 was played by "Buster" and Elton in Detroit, Mich., April 2, 1978.

So those of you who did not see these historic matches in person, here is your chance to see them just as they were played again and again and again, in the privacy of your home. Now then, snatch out your board, settle back and enjoy the checker scenery as I take you down some fascinating, Pool Checker Highways.

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JOHN OATIS - The first A.P.C.A. President.

KAPLAN vs ELTON

Match #1

GAME #1

VLADIMIR KAPLAN.....Utica, New York.....Black
 ELTON WILLIAMS.....Flint, Michigan.....White

11-16	22-17	10-15	23-19	16-23	26-10	6-15
17-13	12-16	13-6	1-10	25-22	10-14	22-17
7-10	17-13	16-19	29-25	3-7	27-23	19-26
30-23	5-9	13-6	2-9	25-22	9-13	24-19
15-24	28-19	8-11	31-26	4-8	22-18	8-12
18-9	13-6	23-18	6-9	21-17	9-13	26-22
11-16	18-15	16-23	15-6 ****	Draws	23-26	22-31
13-22	6-2	7-11	2-20	22-25	20-11	25-30
DRAW						

GAME #2

ELTON WILLIAMS.....BLACK
 VLADIMIR KAPLAN.....WHITE

11-15	23-19	8-11	27-23	11-16	24-20	15-24
20-27	4-8	21-17	9-14	17-13	16-19	23-16
12-19	25-21	7-11	22-17	8-12	27-24	11-16
24-15	10-19	17-10	6-15	29-25	3-7	25-22
5-9	13-6	2-9	31-27	9-13	27-24	15-18
22-15	19-10	24-20	7-11	28-24	1-6	30-25
10-14	25-22	6-10	26-23	13-17	22-13	10-15
32-28	15-18	13-9	18-27	24-31	14-5	28-24
5-9	21-17	16-19	24-8	12-3	20-16	3-7
31-26	7-10	16-11	9-14	11-8	14-21	4-8

Kaplan wins.

MATCH #1

GAME #3						
VLADIMIR KAPLAN.....BLACK				ELTON WILLIAMS.....WHITE		
11-15	22-17	8-11	17-13	11-16	25-22	15-19
24-15	10-19	22-18	16-20	23-16	20-11	26-23
12-16	28-24	16-20	29-25	4-8	25-22	8-12
24-19	7-10	30-26	11-16	18-15	9-14	22-17
3-8	26-22	14-18	23-7	2-25	21-30	16-23
27-18	8-11	31-27	12-16	30-26	11-15	18-11
16-7	26-23	7-11	23-18	11-16	27-24	20-27
32-23	6-9	Draw	****	13-6	1-10	18-14
10-15	17-13	15-18	13-9	18-27	9-6	Draw

GAME #4						
ELTON WILLIAMS.....BLACK				VLADIMIR KAPLAN.....WHITE		
11-15	23-19	8-11	27-23	11-16	24-20	15-24
20-27	4-8	21-17	9-14	17-13	16-19	23-16
12-19	25-21	8-11	22-17	10-15	17-10	7-14
29-25	6-9	13-6	1-10	25-22	5-9	22-17
3-8	17-13	8-12	13-6	10-1	26-22	1-6
30-26	6-10	22-17	11-16	26-22	16-20	17-13
2-6	22-17	12-16	31-26	15-18	27-23	18-27
32-23	20-24	26-22	19-26	28-12	26-30	Draw

L. A. THWEET - The only A.P.C.A. Official to attend all APCA
National Tournaments

MATCH #1

GAME #5 VLADIMIR KAPLAN.....BLACK
 WILLIAMSWHITE

11-15	22-17	8-11	17-13	11-16	25-22	15-19
24-15	10-19	22-18	9-14	18-9	5-14	29-25
16-20	23-16	20-11	25-22	11-15	26-23	7-10
23-18	14-23	27-11	3-8	11-7	10-3	22-18
8-11	30-26	3-8	28-24	11-15	18-11	8-15
26-23	4-8	32-28	15-19	Draw		

GAME #6 ELTON WILLIAMS.....BLACK
 VLADIMIR KAPLAN.....WHITE

11-16	22-18	10-14	24-20	6-10	20-11	8-22
26-17	4-8	17-13	1-6	28-24	8-11	30-26
12-16	25-22	14-17	21-14	9-25	29-22	10-14
24-20	16-19	23-16	11-15	27-24	14-18	24-19
15-24	22-15	7-10	20-27	10-12	27-23	3-7
26-22	7-10	23-19	10-14	32-27	2-7	27-23
7-11	31-26	6-10	22-18	12-16	19-12	10-15
18-9	5-14	Draw				

"Boss Bill" LANGLEY- The first to win an A.P.C.A. National Tournament game from Freddie Owens.

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MATCH #1

GAME #7 Vladimir Kaplan.....Black
 Elton Williams.....White

10-15	21-17	9-13	23-18	6-10	25-21	1-6
24-20	12-16	27-23	8-12	32-27	6-9	17-14
10-17	21-14	16-19	23-16	12-19	27-24	4-8
30-25	8-12	22-17	15-22	24-8	9-18	26-23
18-27	25-18	13-15	31-24	15-19	24-15	12-16
20-11	3-12	28-24	7-16	15-10	5-9	29-25
9-13	25-22	Draw	****16-20	24-19	12-16	19-12
20-24	12-8	24-27	22-18	27-31	Draw.	

GAME #8 Elton Williams.....Black
 Vladimir Kaplan.....White

11-16	22-18	10-14	24-20	6-10	20-11	8-22
26-17	4-8	28-24	8-11	17-13	1-6	30-26
11-15	24-20	3-8?	23-18!	14-30	20-16	12-19
31-26	30-23	27-4	9-14	4-15	19-23	15-28
7-11	28-24	11-15	24-31	15-19	25-22	23-26
32-27	26-17	13-22	10-15	21-17!	14-21	22-17
21-14	27-23	19-26	31-19	Elton resigns.		

CARL "Buster" SMITH - The only player to attend all thirteen
 A.P.C.A. National Tournaments

MATCH #1

GAME #9 VLADIMIR KAPLAN.....Black
 ELTON WILLIAMS.....White

10-15	21-17	9-13	23-18	6-10	25-21	1-6
24-20	15-19	27-24	10-15	17-14	6-9	30-25
12-16	32-27	8-12	21-17	7-10	14-7	3-10
18-14	9-18	17-14	10-17	25-21	18-25	29-22
2-6	21-14	6-9	14-10	15-6	24-8	4-11
27-23	6-10	28-24	9-14	Elton resigns.	****	22-18
13-17	18-9	5-14	31-27	10-15	White loses or	
22-18	13-17	18-9	5-14	24-19	14-18	White
loses.						

GAME #10 ELTON WILLIAMS.....BLACK
 VLADIMIR KAPLAN.....WHITE

9-14	24-20	11-15	22-18	15-22	25-9	5-14
23-19	8-11	29-25	6-9	25-22	11-16	20-11
7-23	26-19	4-8	28-24	8-11	27-23	9-13
30-26	3-7	22-17	13-22	26-17	11-15	24-20
15-24	20-27	7-11	31-26	11-15	27-24	2-7
32-28	15-18	24-19	18-27	28-24	27-20	19-15
10-19	17-3	20-24	3-14	1-6	14-32	24-28
21-17	19-24	26-22	24-27	Draw		

"FLOWERMAN" JOHNSON - The first player to seek book knowledge on Pool Checkers

LAWYER"JAMES R. WILLIAMS - The first in organized checkers to win a game from "Buster"Smith

MATCH #1

GAME #11 VLADIMIR KAPLAN.....BLACK
 ELTON WILLIAMS.....WHITE

11-15	22-17	8-11	23-19	11-16	24-20	16-23
27-11	7-16	20-11	3-8	28-24	8-15	24-20
4-8	17-13	10-14	31-27	8-11	25-22	14-17
21-14	9-25	29-22	5-9	27-24	9-14	26-23
6-10	32-28	2-6	24-19	15-24	28-19	11-15
20-16	15-24	22-18	12-26	18-2	26-31	2-6
Draw.						

GAME #12 ELTON WILLIAMS.....Black
 VLADIMIR KAPLAN.....White

11-15	23-19	8-11	27-23	11-16	24-20	15-24
20-27	4-8	22-17	16-19	23-16	12-19	25-22
7-11	17-13	11-16	29-25	8-12	27-24	3-7
24-15	10-19	22-17	7-10	25-22	10-15	31-27
2-7	26-23	19-26	30-23	15-19	23-18	7-10
18-15	19-23	27-18	10-19	17-14	19-24	28-19
16-23	18-27	9-25	21-30	6-10	27-24	12-16
32-27	10-15	24-20	16-19	27-23	19-26	30-23
1-6	20-16	15-19	16-11	Draw.		

Ollie Howard - The first A.P.C.A. Match Champion. He has held the title since 1972. All this time no one dared Challenge him.

MATCH #1

GAME #13

 VLADIMIR KAPLAN.....BLACK
 ELTON WILLIAMS.....WHITE

11-16	22-17	8-11	17-13	16-20	25-22	9-14
24-19	11-15	29-25	15-24	28-19	14-17	21-14
10-17	22-18	17-21	25-22	4-8	32-28	8-11
27-24	20-27	31-24	11-16	18-15	16-20	22-18
20-27	23-32	3-8	28-24	7-11	24-20	5-9
18-14	9-18	15-22	11-15	19-10	6-15	13-9
2-6	9-2	8-11	2-16	12-19	32-28	1-6
22-17	21-14	26-23	Draw			

GAME #14

 ELTON WILLIAMS.....BLACK
 VLADIMIR KAPLAN.....WHITE

11-15	23-19	8-11	26-23	9-14	22-17	6-9
17-13	1-6	30-26	3-8	25-22	11-16	22-18
15-22	26-17	14-18	23-14	9-18	29-25	16-23
25-22	18-25	21-30	5-9	27-18	10-15	18-11
8-15	24-19	15-24	28-19	7-10	30-25	4-8
31-26	8-11	26-22	9-14	25-21	2-7	32-27
11-15	27-23	15-24	22-18	24-28	18-11	28-32
23-19	Draw					

OLLIE HOWARD - The first to holler "Shotgun" in a A.P.C.A.
 National Tournament

KAPLAN vs 'BUSTER'

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Match #11

Game #1

		Carl "BUSTER" Smith.....Black					Vladimir Kaplan.....White	
11-16	22-18	10-14	24-20	16-19	23-16	12-19		
27-24	14-23	24-15	7-11	26-19	11-18	28-24		
9-14	19-16	5-9	30-26	6-10	25-22	18-25		
21-30	9-13	16-12	10-15A	24-19	15-24	20-27		
1-6	29-25	6-10	25-22	8-11	27-23	14-17		
32-28	2-6	28-24	6-9	24-20	9-14	31-27		
17-21	27-24	4-8B	24-19	11-15	20-16!	15-24		
23-18	14-23	26-28	10-14	28-24	13-17	22-13		
14-18	24-19	18-22	19-15	21-25	30-21	22-26		
16-11	26-31	11-4	31-24	15-11	24-20	11-7		
20-12	4-15	Kaplan wins.						

Game #2

		KAPLAN.....Black					"BUSTER".....White	
11-16	22-18	10-14	25-22	16-20	22-17	8-11		
17-10	7-14	24-19	11-16	26-22	4-8	30-25		
6-10	18-15	1-6	23-18	14-23	27-18	16-14		
22-17	10-19	17-1	3-7	1-24	20-27	32-23		
7-10	25-22	8-11	29-25?A	11-16!	31-26	9-14		
28-24B	10-15	24-20	16-19	23-16	12-19	22-17		
15-18!C	17-10	18-23	26-22	23-27	21-17	27-32		
10-6	2-9	17-14	9-18	22-24	32-18	KAPLAN		
Wins.								

Lots of pool checker matches are being played in the world, but none has a name nor title. They are all just simply matches. Matches, Matches, Matches, no names nor titles.

MATCH # 11

Game #3

 "BUSTER".....Black
 KAPLAN.....White

11-16	22-18	8-11	18-14	9-13	23-14	10-17
21-14	16-20	25-22	11-16	29-25	4-8	22-17
16-19	24-15	6-9	15-11	8-15	25-23	9-18
23-14	7-10	14-7	3-10	25-21	5-9	17-14
9-18	21-17	20-24	28-19	15-24	27-20	1-6
31-27	10-15	27-24	12-16	20-11	15-8	24-19
2-7	30-25	8-12	32-27	6-10	27-24	7-11
24-20	11-15	25-21	15-24	20-27	12-16	27-24
Draw.						

Game #4

 KAPLAN.....Black
 "BUSTER".....White

11-16	24-19	8-11	22-17	11-15	25-22	15-24
27-11	7-16	31-27	4-8	23-18	9-14	18-9
5-14	29-25	8-11A	26-23	3-8B	17-13	10-15
22-17	6-10	25-22	2-6	23-18	14-23	27-18
15-19	18-14	16-23	14-7	11-2	17-14	16-19C
22-18	1-5	18-27	6-9	13-6	2-18	21-17
19-23	28-24	8-11	17-14	18-9	27-18	12-16
32-27	9-14	Draw.				

CARL "Buster" SMITH - The first to win five consecutive
 A.P.C.A. National Championships.

Match #11

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GAME #5

"BUSTER".....Black
KAPLAN.....White

10-14	22-17	14-18	23-14	9-18	24-19	11-16
17-13	16-23	26-19	7-11	30-26	11-15	19-10
6-15	26-23	1-6	23-14	6-9	13-6	2-18
31-26	8-11	25-22	18-25	29-22	3-7	27-24
12-16	21-17	4-8	24-20	5-9	17-13A	9-14B
13-9	14-5	22-18	15-31	32-27	31-24	28-10
Draw.						

GAME #6

KAPLAN.....Black
"BUSTER".....White

11-15	23-19	8-11	22-17	11-16	24-20	16-23
27-11	7-16	20-11	3-8	28-24	8-15	24-20
4-8	25-22	15-18	22-15	10-19	17-13	9-14
29-25	8-11	32-28	6-9	13-6	1-10	26-23
19-26	30-23	5-9	25-22	2-7	28-24	9-13
22-18	10-15	18-9	13-6	31-26	7-10	26-22
12-16	24-19	15-24	20-27	6-9	22-18	9-13
18-14	10-17	21-14	11-15	22-24	Draw	

J. MYRICK FRAZIER - The first to record and publish games played in A.P.C.A. National Tournaments.

MATCH # 11

GAME #7

"BUSTER".....Black

KAPLAN.....White

11-15	23-19	8-11	27-23	11-16	24-20	15-24
20-27	4-8	21-17	9-14	17-13	16-19	23-16
12-19	25-21	14-17	21-14	10-17	27-23	8-12
23-16	12-19	31-27	3-8	27-23	8-11	23-16
11-20	22-18	17-21	26-23	6-91A	13-6	1-10
29-25	10-15	18-11	7-16	32-27	16-19	23-16
20-11	27-23	5-9	25-22	2-7	22-18	7-10
23-19	10-14	19-15	Draw.			

GAME #8

KAPLAN.....Black

"BUSTER".....White

11-16	24-19	9-13	27-24	16-20	23-18	20-27
32-23	8-11	18-14	10-17	21-14	11-16	23-18
16-23	18-27	4-8	22-18	7-10	14-7	3-10
27-24	8-11	25-22	6-9	29-25	9-14	18-9
13-6	24-20	10-15	31-27	6-10	26-23	5-9
27-24	9-14	25-21	1-6	30-26A	6-9	24-19
15-24	28-19	11-15	19-16	12-19	23-16	2-7
22-17	9-13	26-22	14-18	16-12	18-25	21-30
13-22	12-8	15-18	8-3	18-23	20-16	22-26
Draw.						

NATE LEACH - JOHN OATIS - The first to organize Pool
Checker players

Match #11

GAME #9

 "BUSTER".....Black
 KAPLAN.....White

11-15	23-19	8-11	27-23	11-16	24-20	15-24
20-27	4-8	21-17	16-19	23-16	12-19	17-13
8-12	25-21	10-15	22-17	7-10A	27-24	9-14
31-27	3-7	27-23	12-16	26-22	19-26	22-31
6-9	13-6	2-9	30-26	15-18	32-27	16-20BC
26-22	18-25	29-22	9-13	24-19	14-18	22-6
18-22	6-2	7-11	2-16	20-11	27-24	5-9
24-20	9-14	19-16	11-15	16-12	14-17	21-14
22-25	12-8	25-29	8-3	29-25	3-12	25-29
12-30	Kaplan wins.					

GAME #10

 KAPLAN.....Black
 "BUSTER".....White

11-16	23-18	16-20	24-19	10-15	19-10	7-23
26-19	8-11	27-24	20-27	32-23	11-16	22-18
6-10	25-22	4-8	28-24	8-11	24-20	9-13
29-25	5-9	21-17	11-15	18-11	16-7	25-21
7-11	30-26	2-7	19-16	12-19	23-16	10-15
26-23	15-19	23-18	19-12	17-14	1-5	31-27
3-8	21-17	12-16	27-23	8-12	18-15	11-27
20-2	9-25	2-20	13-22	20-13	25-29	
Kaplan Wins						

OLLIE HOWARD - VICTOR KRAFFT - The first A.P.C.A. Co-Champions

MATCH # 11

GAME #11

 "BUSTER".....Black
 KAPLAN.....White

11-15	22-17	9-13	24-20	13-22	25-11	8-15
21-17	5-9	17-13	4-8	29-25	9-14	25-21
8-11	27-24	15-18	23-19	11-15	31-27	6-9A
13-6	2-9	27-23	18-27	24-31	15-24	28-19
9-13	26-22	14-17	21-14	10-26	31-22	1-6
22-18	6-9	32-27	3-8	27-23	8-11	19-15
9-14	15-8	12-3	18-9	13-6	23-18	7-11
30-26	6-9	26-23	Draw.			

GAME #12

 KAPLAN.....Black
 "BUSTER".....White

11-15	23-18	8-11	18-14	9-18	24-19	15-24
22-8	4-11	27-20	5-9	28-24	9-13	32-28
6-9	21-17	13-22	25-18	2-6	29-25	10-15
25-22	7-10	24-19A	15-24	20-27	9-13	27-24
6-9	26-23	11-16	30-25B	3-8	25-21	9-14
18-9	13-6	22-18	16-19	24-15	10-26	31-22
12-16	28-24	8-11	22-17	6-9	17-13	DRAW

GEORGE RAMSEY — The first to play two players simultaneously in a A.P.C.A. National Tourney.

MATCH #1

GAME #13

"BUSTER".....Black
KAPLAN.....White

11-15	22-17	15-19	24-15	10-19	23-16	12-19
17-14	9-18	27-24	19-23	26-19	5-9	24-20
9-14	28-24	6-9	19-16	1-5	30-26	8-11
25-22	18-25	21-30	4-8	16-12	11-15	24-19
15-24	20-27	14-18	29-25	9-14	27-24	5-9
26-22	7-11	22-15	11-18	31-26	2-7?A	24-19
9-13B	32-27	7-10C	26-22	8-11	22-8	10-15
19-17	13-29	8-4	3-7	12-8	29-18	8-3

KAPLAN wins.

GAME #14

KAPLAN.....Black
"BUSTER".....White

10-15	23-19	6-10	22-17	9-13	17-14	10-17
21-14	12-16	19-12	15-19	24-15	11-9	25-22
1-6	29-25	6-10	28-24	8-11	24-20	4-8
27-23	10-15	31-27	2-6	27-24	15-18	22-15
11-27	24-31	6-10	25-22	9-14	31-27	14-17
27-23	8-11	32-28	17-21A	23-19B	5-9	26-23
9-14	12-8C	3-12	22-18	14-17	18-14	21-25
30-21	17-22	23-18	22-24	28-19	10-17	21-14

Draw.

GEORGE SYKES - The first A.P.C.A. National Champion

ELTON vs BUSTER

MATCH # 111

GAME #1

ELTON WILLIAMS....Flint, Michigan.....Black
CARL "Buster" SMITHWhite

11-15	23-19	8-11	22-17	11-16	24-20	16-23
27-11	7-16	20-11	3-8	28-24	8-15	24-20
9-14	17-13	2-7	31-27	5-9	27-24	14-18
24-19	15-24	20-27	4-8	25-22	18-25	29-25
10-15	26-23	15-19	23-16	12-19	27-23	19-17
21-5	7-10	30-26	8-11	26-23	10-15	32-28
11-16	28-24	16-20	13-9	6-13	23-19	DRAW

GAME #2

Carl "Buster" Smith.....BLACK
Elton William.....White

11-16	22-17	16-19	24-10	10-19	23-16	12-19
17-14	9-18	27-24	19-23	26-19	5-9	19-16
9-14	30-26	8-11	24-20	6-9	28-24	1-5
32-28	4-8	16-12	9-13	26-22	5-9	22-15
11-18	24-19	13-17	25-22	17-26	31-15	9-13
29-25	8-11	15-8	7-11	8-15	3-8	12-3
2-6	3-17	13-29	DRAW			

ELTON WILLIAMS - The first player to win four different A.P.C.A.
National Championships in four consecutive
years.

MATCH # 111

GAME #3

 ELTON WILLIAMS.....Black
 CARL "Buster" SMITH.....White

11-15	23-19	8-11	27-23	11-16	24-20	15-24
20-27	4-8	22-18	10-14	28-24	16-20	26-22
12-16	22-17	16-19	24-15	7-10	30-26	10-19
17-10	6-22	25-18	9-14	18-9	5-14	23-16
20-11	29-25	3-7	25-22	2-8	26-23	7-10
32-28	10-15	23-19	15-24	28-19	8-12	27-23
6-10	31-26	12-16	19-12	10-15	Draw.	

GAME #4

 CARL "Buster" SMITH.....Black
 Elton Williams.....White

10-14	22-17	14-18	23-14	9-18	24-19	11-16
28-24	16-23	26-19	7-11	19-15	18-23	27-18
12-16	24-20	16-19	15-24	11-16	20-11	8-13
30-26	4-8	21-17	13-22	25-18	8-11	29-25
6-10	26-22	2-7	31-27	5-9	24-19	9-13
27-23	10-14	18-9	13-6	23-18	6-10	18-15
11-18	22-6	1-10	25-22	10-14	19-16	7-11
DRAW						

FREDDIE OWENS - The first player to finish second in four consecutive A.P.C.A. National Tournaments

MATCH # 111

GAME #5 ELTON WILLIAMS.....Black
 Carl "Buster" SMITH.....White

11-15	22-17	15-19	24-15	10-19	23-16	12-19				
17-13	9-14	25-22	8-11	22-17	7-10	26-23				
19-26	30-23	4-8	28-24	8-12	24-20	11-15				
31-26	3-8	29-25	15-19	23-16	12-19	27-23				
8-12	23-16	12-19	25-22	2-7	26-23	19-26				
22-31	7-11	31-27	They stopped playing right here							
with "Buster" extending his hand as a handshake. A possible										
draw. From my vantage point, the recorder, I can see a Draw										
which would continue like so: 14-18 as any other move										
would loose. 20-16 11-20 27-24 20-27 32-7										
6-9	13-6	1-3	DRAW.							

GAME #6 CARL "Buster" SMITH.....Black
 Elton Williams.....White

11-15	23-19	9-13	27-23	6-9	24-20	15-24
20-27	12-16	22-17	13-22	25-18	10-14	28-24
16-20	26-22	8-12	30-25	4-8	22-17	8-11
17-10	7-14	25-22	3-7	24-19	7-10	29-25
9-13	18-9	13-6	23-18	11-16	27-23	5-9
32-27	1-5	31-26	9-14	18-9	5-14	22-18
6-9	26-22	2-7	18-15	9-13	15-6	7-10
6-15	14-18	23-14	16-32	15-10	32-5	10-7
20-24	7-2	5-27	22-18	27-14	2-11	13-17
11-20	24-28	20-31	28-32	31-13	14-18	21-17
18-29	13-2	29-15	2-20	32-9	20-7	9-13
17-14	13-2	7-3	15-1	Elton Resigns		

GAMES most talked about since the A.P.C.A. 19 77 National Tournament are those played between "DOG" GREEN and VLADIMIR KAPLAN and KAPLAN and ROOSEVELT LEE.

MATCH # 111

GAME #7

 ELTON WILLIAMS.....Black
 Carl "Buster" Smith.....White

11-16	23-18	16-20	24-19	10-14	26-23	8-11
22-17	11-16	17-10	7-14	25-22	4-8	30-25
6-10	18-15	1-6	23-18	14-23	27-18	16-14
22-17	10-19	17-1	9-14	1-24	20-27	32-23
8-11	25-22	3-7	29-25	7-10	22-18	11-16
18-9	5-14	25-22	16-19	23-16	12-19	31-26
10-15	22-17	14-18	17-13	18-23	26-22	23-27
13-9	27-32	9-5	2-6	Buster looks a	little	

while, smiles and RESIGNS.

GAME #8

 CARL "Buster" SMITH.....Black
 Elton WilliamsWhite

11-15	22-17	9-13	24-20	13-22	25-11	7-16
20-11	8-15	28-24	5-9	23-19	9-14	29-25
4-8	27-23	8-11	25-22	6-9	24-20	15-24
20-27	3-7	27-24	9-13	31-27	1-5	23-18
14-23	27-18	2-6	24-19	11-16	26-23	7-11
30-26	6-9	19-15!	10-19	21-17	19-24	32-28
24-27	23-32	16-20	17-14	11-15!	18-11	9-25
26-22	25-18	28-24	20-27	32-14	DRAW	

THERE are no CITY MATCH CHAMPIONS, STATE MATCH CHAMPIONS,
 DISTRICT MATCH CHAMPIONS nor REGIONAL MATCH
 CHAMPIONS in Pool Checker Circles. Why not?

MATCH # 111

GAME #9

ELTON WILLIAMS.....Black
CARL "Buster" SMITH.....White

11-16	24-19	8-11	22-17	11-15	25-22	15-24
27-11	7-16	29-25	16-20	23-18	9-14	18-9
5-14	31-27	3-8	17-13	10-15	26-23	8-11
22-17	6-10	25-22	4-8	22-18	15-22	17-26
11-15	26-22	8-11	28-24	1-6	23-19	6-9
13-6	2-9	30-26	14-18	21-17	18-25	27-23
20-18	17-13	15-24	13-29	Draw.		

GAME #10

CARL "Buster" SMITH.....Black
Elton Williams.....White

11-15	22-17	9-13	24-20	13-22	25-11	8-15
21-17	5-9	17-13	4-8	29-25	9-14	25-21
8-11	27-24	15-18	23-19	11-15	31-27	6-9
13-6	2-9	27-23	18-27	24-31	15-24	28-19
9-13	26-22	14-17	21-14	10-26	31-22	1-6
32-27	7-11	27-23	6-10	23-18	3-7	30-26
10-14	18-9	13-6	22-18	7-10	26-22	6-9
22-17	DRAW					

 "BOSS BILL" LANGLEY-The first to win an A.P.C.A. National
 Tournament game from FREDDIE OWENS.

MATCH # 111

GAME #11

ELTON WILLIAMSBlack

Carl "Buster" Smith.....White

11-16	22-17	16-19	24-15	10-19	23-16	12-19
17-14	9-18	27-24	19-23	26-19	5-9	19-16
9-14	30-26	8-11	24-20	6-10	28-24	1-6
25-22	18-25	21-30	10-15	29-25	4-8	16-12
15-19	24-15	11-18	25-21	6-9	30-25	9-13
25-22	18-25	21-30	8-11	26-22	7-10	32-27
2-7	30-25	14-17	25-21	17-26	31-22	10-14
27-23	11-15	23-19	15-24	20-27	7-10	27-24
10-15	24-20	14-18	20-16	18-25	21-30	13-17
30-26	15-18	16-11	18-22	DRAW		

GAME #12

CARL "BUSTER" SMITH.....Black

Elton Williams.....White

11-16	22-18	10-14	26-22	16-20	22-17	12-16
17-10	7-14	25-22	8-12	24-19	4-8	30-25
6-10	22-17	9-13	18-9	13-6	17-13	5-9
21-17	9-14	25-21	8-11	29-25	3-8	25-22
11-15	23-18	15-24	18-9	1-5	28-19	16-23
27-18	5-23	31-27	20-24	27-18	8-11	18-14
11-15	14-7	2-11	17-14	24-27	32-23	6-10
DRAW						

NO one A.P.C.A. CLUB sponsors one JUVENILE to A.P.C.A.
National Tournaments. How then, can the A.P.C.A.
Survive?????

MATCH # 111

GAME #13

ELTON WILLIAMS.....Black

Carl "Buster" Smith.....White

11-15	23-19	8-11	27-23	11-16	24-20	15-24
20-27	4-8	22-18	10-14	28-24	16-20	26-22
12-16	22-17	16-19	24-15	7-10	17-13	10-26
30-23	8-12	27-24	20-27	31-24	12-16	18-15
16-20	23-19	20-27	32-23	2-7	15-11	7-16
19-12	14-18	23-14	9-18	25-22	18-25	29-22
6-9	13-9	1-10	22-17	5-9	17-13	DRAW

GAME #14

CARL "BUSTER" SMITH.....Black

Elton Williams.....White

11-16	22-17	16-20	24-19	9-14	25-22	8-11
17-13	11-15	29-25	15-24	28-19	4-8	32-28
14-17	21-14	10-17	22-18	17-21	25-22	8-11
27-24	20-27	31-24	5-9	24-20	3-8	22-17
21-14	30-25	6-10	13-15	1-5	18-9	11-27
28-24	5-14	24-31	14-18	to a	Draw	

Signs !!!

Signs that the top echelon of Pool Checker Players is being threaten by a new breed are: 1. for the first time in nine years Victor Krafft failed to finish in the A.P.C.A. Top Ten in 1977: 2. for the first time in nine years "Buster" Smith finished third in A.P.C.A. Top Ten in 1977: 3. "Bill" Langley loss two matches to "Eastpoint" Barnette: 4. "Buster" is held to a tie match by Elton Williams, and finally: 5. "Buster" loss a match to Vladimir Kaplan.

Notes !!

GAME #1 A 8-11 Better.
 B 11-15 20-16 3-7 24-20 W W.

GAME #2 A 22-17 Better.
 B 22-18 16-19 18-9 5-14 23-16
 12-19 25-22 2-7! 22-17 14-18
 26-22 18-25 21-30 19-23 28-24
 7-11 17-13 10-14 30-25 23-26
 25-22 26-17 13-22 11-15 B W.
 C 14-18 25-22 18-25 21-30 15-18
 17-14 18-9 26-23 Draw.

GAME #4 A 16-20 27-23! Now, if BLACK move 8-11
 or 3-7 or 6-9 or 1-5, WHITE must move 28-24
 to win.
 B 3-7 28-24 16-20 24-19 11-15
 27-24 20-18 30-26 15-24 22-15
 10-19 17-3 W W.
 C 8-11 22-18 23-26 30-23 6-10
 14-7 16-20 7-16 12-26 28-24
 20-27 32-30 W W.

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Notes !!

GAME #5	A	26-23	9-13	23-18	15-19!	28-24
		19-28	18-15	11-25	20-2	13-22
		2-13	Draw.			
	B	7-10	13-6	10-1	22-18	15-31
		32-27	31-24	28-3	W W.	
GAME #7	A	7-11	23-19	6-9	13-6	1-10
		29-25	10-14	18-9	5-14	25-22
		2-7	22-17	7-10	19-16	W W.
GAME #8	A	22-17	15-18	23-19	11-15	30-25??
		18-23	19-26	12-16	20-9	6-29
		B W.				
GAME #9	A	9-14	Better.			
	B	7-11	26-22	18-25	21-30	14-21
		30-25	21-30	27-23	30-19	24-8
		W W.				
	C	1-6	17-13	16-20	29-25	7-11
		26-23	18-22	25-18	10-15	24-19
GAME #11		15-22	19-16	11-15	31-26	W W.
	A	7-11	21-17!	14-21	19-16	12-19
		27-23	18-27	32-14	3-8?	26-23
		W.W.				

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Notes !!

GAME #12	A	26-23?	9-14!	18-2	10-14	2-16
		12-17	BLACK BEST.			
	B	24-20	16-19	23-16	12-19	18-15
		19-23	B.W.			
GAME #13	A	8-11	Better.			
	B	18-23	19-16	8-11	26-19	11-20
		19-15	14-17	32-27	9-14	27-23
		W.W.				
	C	13-17	26-22	17-26	30-23	7-10
		19-16	10-15	16-11	W.W.	
GAME #14	A	5-9?	20-16	11-20	28-24	20-25
		30-5	W.W.			
	B	28-24	5-9	24-19	9-14	22-18
		13-17	18-9	17-22	26-17	21-5
		30-26	5-9	26-22	10-15	19-10
		7-14	B.W.			
	C	19-16	14-17	30-26	21-25	22-29
		17-22	26-17	13-22	28-24	10-14
		24-19	14-17	B.W.		

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The Pitch

During the A.P.C.A. 1976 Tournament, which was held in Memphis, Elton Williams got up enough nerve to Pitch and Squeeze the Great George Robinson of Toledo, Ohio. At that time Robby engineered his men into a innocent looking position and shot Little Elton for a spectacular win.

Elton took the loss gracefully, but secretly vowed to get even with Robby one day. So, he practiced and studied all the games and variations on the pitch and squeeze he could find, while biding his time waiting for the day when they meet again.

Well, that day came last Sunday, May 29, 1978, when Sam Walters, President of the Ohio Buckeye Pool Checker Club invited the two Top Masters to play a ten game match in Cleveland's Fairfax Recreation Center.

Robinson began the eighth game with his world's famous 11-15 opening, while Elton countered with 22-17. George hit the spot and Elton "Pitched and Squeezed" him once more. Now, their "Pitch and Squeeze" series shows one win for Robinson and one for Elton.

The "Pitch and Squeeze" games that Robinson and Elton won follows:

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The Pitch

GEORGE ROBINSON - Black

ELTON WILLIAMS - White

11-15	22-17	15-19	23-16	12-19	24-15	10-19
17-14	9-18	27-24	19-23	26-19	5-9	19-16
9-14	30-26	8-11	24-20	6-10	28-24	1-6
25-22	18-25	21-30	10-15	16-12	4-8	24-19
15-24	20-27	11-15	29-25	6-9	25-22	7-11
22-18	15-22	26-10	2-7	27-23	7-14	23-19
9-13	32-27	13-17	31-26	17-21	27-23	14-17
23-18	3-7	12-10	11-15	18-11	17-22	26-17
21-23	ROBINSON WINS					

GEORGE ROBINSON-Black

ELTON WILLIAMS-White

11-15	22-17	15-19	24-15	10-19	23-16	12-19
17-14	9-18	27-24	19-23	26-19	5-9	19-16
9-14	30-26	8-11	24-20	6-10	32-27	1-6
16-12	6-9	25-22	18-25	29-22	9-13	27-23
14-17	21-14	10-17	23-18	2-6	31-27	17-21
27-23	13-17	22-13	21-25	23-19	4-8	26-23
6-9	13-6	7-10	6-15	25-29	15-10	29-1
23-18	ELTON WINS					

1978 WINNERS

"Flowerman" Johnson was the first Pool Checker Player to visit libraries seeking book knowledge on Pool Checkers. He knows all the Top Masters and is a shrewd evaluator of their playing strengths. He predicts the 1978 winners will be:

1. VLADIMIR KAPLAN
2. ELTON WILLIAMS
3. FREDDIE OWENS
4. CARL "Buster" SMITH
5. OLLIE HOWARD
6. WILLIAM LANGLEY
7. CHARLIE BROWN
8. GEORGE RAMSEY
9. "Eastpoint" BARNETTE
10. MAMADU FALLS

POOL CHECKER MASTERS predicts that the A.P.C.A. Top Ten for 1978 will be:

1. FREDDIE OWENS
2. ELTON WILLIAMS
3. "Eastpoint" BARNETTE
4. CARL "Buster" Smith
5. VLADIMIR KAPLAN
6. PAUL PARKER
7. WILLIAM "Bill" LANGLEY
8. OLLIE HOWARD
9. TONY RIVERS
10. MAMADU FALLS

BIG FIVE

The Five Top Master Winners at the A.P.C.A.
1974 Tournament - St. Louis, Missouri

1. CARL "Buster" SMITH
2. FREDDIE "Hawk" OWENS
3. GEORGE "Little George" RAMSEY
4. VICTOR KRAFFT
5. OLLIE "Shotgun" HOWARD

The Five Top Master Winners at the A.P.C.A.
1975 Tournament - Chicago, Illinois

1. CARL "Buster" SMITH
2. FREDDIE "Hawk" OWENS
3. WILLIAM "Bill" LANGLEY
4. CHARLIE "Great Charlie" BROWN
5. TONY RIVERS

The Five Top Master Winners at the A.P.C.A.
1976 Tournament - Memphis, Tennessee

1. CARL "Buster" SMITH
2. FREDDIE "Hawk" OWENS
3. PAUL PARKER
4. WILLIAM "Bill" LANGLEY
5. OLLIE "Shotgun" HOWARD

The Five Top Master Winners at the A.P.C.A.
1977 Tournament - Atlanta, Georgia

1. VLADIMIR KAPLAN
2. ETON WILLIAMS
3. CARL "Buster" SMITH
4. OLLIE "Shotgun" HOWARD
5. GEORGE ROBINSON

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