

2016 GAYP World Title Match | Michele Borghetti (Italy) vs Sergio Scarpetta (Italy)
July 8-15th in Rome, Italy

(Most notes from nccheckers.org; edited by & R. Beckwith)

1st Day - Game 1 [Date "2016-07-09"] [Black "Borghetti"] [White "Scarpetta"] [Result "**Draw**"]

11-15 22-17 15-19 **(A)** 24x15 10x19 23x16 12x19 25-22 8-11 27-23 9-14 17x10 6x15 23x16
11x20 21-17 5-9 26-23 7-10 29-25 9-14 25-21 4-8 31-27 8-11 17-13 2-6 **(B)** 28-24 1-5 30-25 3-8
23-18 14x23 27x18 20x27 32x23 8-12 21-17 12-16 18-14 15-19 14x7 19x26 25-21 6-10 7-3
26-30 22-18 10-15 **Draw**

(A) The (black) Dyke, one of the oldest and most renowned openings there is. Most ideas of the opening is explained in the old classic book by Louis Ginsberg *Principles of Strategy in the Game of Checkers* which is available online: at [http://checkersusa.com/books/straight/Ginsberg_Principles_of_Strategy%20in_the_Game_of_Ch
eckers.pdf](http://checkersusa.com/books/straight/Ginsberg_Principles_of_Strategy%20in_the_Game_of_Checkers.pdf)

(B) More usual and probably an easier draw is 1-6.

Game 2 [Date "2016-07-09"] [Black "Scarpetta"] [White "Borghetti"] [Result "**Draw**"]

11-15 23-19 8-11 22-17 9-13 17-14 10x17 21x14 15-18 26-23 13-17 19-15 4-8 24-19 17-21
28-24 6-9 24-20 2-6 32-28 9-13 28-24 6-10 15x6 1x17 23x14 11-15 19x10 17-22 25x18 5-9
14x5 7x32 31-27 32x23 24-19 23x16 20x4 12-16 5-1 16-19 29-25 19-23 25-22 23-27 1-6
27-31 6-10 31-27 22-18 27-23 18-14 23-18 14-9 13-17 10-14 18-23 9-6 17-22 14-17 22-26
17-22 26-31 6-2 31-27 2-6 27-24 6-10 24-19 10-14 19-15 22-17 15-10 14x7 3x10 17-22
10-15 22-26 15-19 26-22 **(A,B) Draw**

(A) The famous classic Laird and Lady opening, a very complicated opening that is renowned for its possibility of shots and tactical surprises, all pp until the end.

(B) The game was played correctly and for a very long time followed old "published play" (i.e., theoretical book play), then both sides played the resulting ending without any mistake.

Game 3 [Date "2016-07-09"] [Black "Scarpetta"] [White "Borghetti"] [Result "**Draw**"]

11-15 23-19 8-11 22-17 11-16 **(A)** 24-20 16x23 27x11 7x16 20x11 3-7 28-24 7x16 24-20 16-19
25-22 4-8 29-25 19-24 17-14 9x18 22x15 10x19 32-28 6-10 25-22 8-11 22-18 10-14 18x9 5x14
26-23 19x26 28x19 2-6 30x23 11-15 19x10 6x15 31-26 15-18 23-19 18-23 26-22 23-26 **(B)**
Draw

(A) The Glasgow, all pp. The most popular opening in GAYP, and ppl. the best known.

(B) The whole game can be found in Databases. Both player stuck to published play and the result was a draw.

Game 4 [Date "2016-07-09"] [Black "Borghetti"] [White "Scarpetta"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 22-17 15-19 (A) 24x15 10x19 23x16 12x19 25-22 8-11 27-23 9-14 17x10 6x15 23x16
11x20 21-17 5-9 26-23 4-8 (B) 32-27 8-11 30-26 7-10 23-18 10-14 17x10 2-7 18-14 9x25 29x22
7x14 27-23 14-17 22x13 11-16 23-18 15x22 26x17 16-19 17-14 3-7 31-26 20-24 26-22
24-27 22-18 27-31 18-15 31-27 15-10 7-11 10-7 19-23 7-3 23-26 3-7 **Draw**

(A) The Dyke again

(B) Miki deviates from game one, but again Sergio is not caught by surprise. He even secures a slight plus in the ending, but Miki defends well to a hard-fought draw.

Score after day one: GM Scarpetta 0 wins, GM Borghetti 0 wins, Drawn 4 games, 20 games to go.

2nd Day - Game 5 [Date "2016-07-10"] [Black "Scarpetta"] [White "Borghetti"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 23-19 8-11 22-17 4-8 (A) 17-13 15-18 24-20 9-14 26-23 11-15 28-24 8-11 31-26 6-9 13x6
2x9 26-22 3-8 22-17 18-22 25x18 15x22 17-13 1-6 23-18 14x23 27x18 10-14 30-25 14x23
25x18 23-26 29-25 26-30 32-28 7-10 19-15 10x19 24x15 12-16 25-22 30-26 15-10 6x15
13x6 26x17 21x14 15x22 6-2 16-19 2-7 11-15 7-11 **Draw**

(A) The "Old Fourteenth", a line that goes back to the very first English written book published by Payne in 1756 about Checkers. The move was shown in that book in game 14, and so the name came very easy to it.... it is regarded as a solid opening for black, but maybe too tame to score more than a draw, and indeed, at no time the balance was disturbed even slightly and the thus logically ended in a draw.

Game 6 [Date "2016-07-10"] [Black "Scarpetta"] [White "Borghetti"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 22-17 8-11 17-14 (A) 9x18 23x14 10x17 21x14 4-8 (B) 26-23 6-9 24-19 15x24 28x19
9x18 23x14 11-16 27-23 16-20 32-27 8-11 25-22 1-6 29-25 6-10 30-26 10x17 22x13 7-10 19-16
12x19 23x7 2x11 26-22 10-15 27-24 20x27 31x24 11-16 24-20 16-19 22-17 19-23 **Draw**

(A) As black refused to "dyke" by playing 2.8-11 instead of 2.15-19, white in turn takes the opportunity to go to the "dyke square" on 14.
The opening, as you probably guessed, is called "White Dyke", and like the Black Dyke is regarded as solid.

(B) Here 12-16 is the old main line and 6-9 was fashionable not long ago, but the World Champion tries a sideline. However, it does not lead to any advantage, and as both players made no mistakes, the game ended peacefully.

Game 7 [Date "2016-07-10"] [Black "Borghetti"] [White "Scarpetta"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 22-17 15-19 **(A)** 24x15 10x19 23x16 12x19 25-22 8-11 27-23 9-14 17x10 6x15 23x16
11x20 21-17 5-9 26-23 7-10 29-25 4-8 23-18 8-11 25-21 1-5 17-13 3-8 13x6 2x9 30-26 8-12
32-27 **(B)** 9-14 18x9 5x14 26-23 11-16 27-24 20x27 31x24 16-19 23x16 12x19 21-17 14x21
Draw

(A) The Challenger on the other hand takes the first opportunity to Dyke himself.

(B) Sergio missed a win, here GM Alex Moiseyev (USA) pointed out that 26-23 or 31-27 wins:

26-23 **(C)**, 9-13 **(D)**, 31-27, 5-9, 28-24, 10-14, 23-19, 14x23, 27x18, 20x27, 19x10, 27-31, 10-6
etc White Win

(C) 31-27 also wins.

(D) 12-16, 31-27, 16-19, 21-17, 19x26, 17-14 etc White Win

Game 8 [Date "2016-07-10"] [Black "Scarpetta"] [White "Borghetti"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 23-19 8-11 22-17 9-14 25-22 11-16 24-20 16x23 27x11 7x16 20x11 3-7 11-8 **(A)** 4x11
17-13 11-16 29-25 7-11 22-17 16-19 32-27 11-15 27-24 5-9 26-23 19x26 30x23 15-19 23x16
12x19 24x15 10x19 17x10 6x15 13x6 2x9 21-17 19-23 17-13 9-14 13-9 **Draw**

(A) The opening, as we pointed out in an earlier game, is the Glasgow, and 28-24 here is the main line. However, the line with 11-8, for a long time simply regarded as inferior, has been used with very great success in his 2007 debut by GM Lubabalo Kondlo of South Africa, who won the US Nationals and then the Qualifier both held in Las Vegas in 2007 by playing this line regularly. He also played it in his 2008 match as challenger against Ron King and since then it is almost as popular as the old main line. In honor of the South African Champion the 11-8 line is now called the "African Glasgow." In this game, both players show that they know this line very well, and they don't fall for the many pitfalls it contains. The game thus ends peacefully in a draw.

Score so far: GM Scarpetta 0 wins, GM Borghetti 0 wins, Drawn 8 games, 16 games to go.

3rd Day - Game 9 [Date "2016-07-11"] [Black "Borghetti"] [White "Scarpetta"] [Result "1-0"]

11-15 22-17 15-19 24x15 10x19 23x16 12x19 25-22 8-11 27-23 6-10 23x16 11x20 22-18 1-6
17-13 4-8 29-25 7-11 25-22 8-12 32-27 12-16 27-23 3-8 28-24 20x27 31x24 16-20 22-17 **(A)**
20x27 18-14 9x18 23x7 11-15 7-3 27-31 3x12 31x22 12-16 15-18 16-20 18-23 20-24 22-18
17-14 18x9 21-17 2-7 24-19 23-27 30-25 7-10 **BW**

(A) Here 24-19 was 100% OK, move keeping game in control and even, but Sergio played 22-17?, 20x27, 18-14, 9x18, 23x7, 11-15, 7-3, 27-31 and lost.

Game 10 [Date "2016-07-11"] [Black "Scarpetta"] [White "Borghetti"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 22-17 8-11 17-14 9x18 23x14 10x17 21x14 12-16 26-23 16-19 23x16 11x20 24-19 15x24
28x19 4-8 25-22 8-11 29-25 6-10 30-26 10x17 22x13 7-10 26-23 11-15 32-28 15x24 28x19
10-14 25-21 2-6 19-16 5-9 31-26 3-7 16-12 6-10 13x6 14-18 23x14 10x17 21x14 1x17 12-8
7-10 8-3 10-14 3-7 14-18 26-23 18-22 23-18 22-26 18-14 **Draw**

Game 11 [Date "2016-07-11"] [Black "Scarpetta"] [White "Borghetti"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 22-17 15-19 24x15 10x19 23x16 12x19 25-22 8-11 27-23 11-16 29-25 4-8 31-27 9-13
17-14 6-9 22-18 8-11 27-24 11-15 18x11 9x27 32x23 16-20 24x15 7x16 25-22 5-9 15-11 1-5
21-17 2-6 30-25 6-10 25-21 10-15 23-18 16-19 17-14 13-17 22x6 15x31 14-10 31-26 6-1
26-22 1-6 19-23 11-7 23-26 7-2 26-31 2-7 3-8 6-1 8-12 7-11 31-26 10-7 12-16 28-24 20x27
11x20 **Draw**

Game 12 [Date "2016-07-11"] [Black "Borghetti"] [White "Scarpetta"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 23-19 8-11 22-17 9-14 25-22 6-9 17-13 2-6 29-25 4-8 26-23 14-17 21x14 9x18 23x14
10x26 30x23 15-18 23x14 6-9 13x6 1x17 25-22 17x26 31x22 11-15 19x10 7x14 24-19 5-9
22-18 14x23 27x18 8-11 28-24 11-16 19-15 16-19 24-20 3-7 **Draw**

Score so far: GM Borghetti 1 win, GM Scarpetta 0 wins, Drawn 11 games, 12 games to go.

4th Day - Game 13 [Date "2016-07-12"] [Black "Scarpetta"] [White "Borghetti"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 22-17 15-19 24x15 10x19 23x16 12x19 25-22 8-11 27-23 4-8 23x16 11x20 22-18 9-14
18x9 6x22 26x17 8-11 29-25 11-15 25-22 5-9 30-26 7-10 32-27 9-14 26-23 2-7 23-19 15x24
28x19 7-11 17-13 11-15 27-24 20x27 31x24 14-18 22-17 18-23 17-14 10x17 21x14 **Draw**

Game 14 [Date "2016-07-12"] [Black "Borghetti"] [White "Scarpetta"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 23-19 9-14 27-23 8-11 22-18 15x22 25x9 5x14 29-25 11-15 25-22 7-11 **Draw**

5th Day - Game 15 [Date "2016-07-13"] [Black "Borghetti"] [White "Scarpetta"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 22-18 15x22 25x18 12-16 29-25 16-20 24-19 10-14 28-24 6-10 25-22 8-11 19-16 9-13
18x9 5x14 24-19 11-15 32-28 15x24 28x19 4-8 22-18 8-11 18x9 11-15 27-24 20x27 31x24 15-
18 23x14 10x17 21x14 7-10 14x7 2x27 26-22 27-31 19-15 31-27 15-10 27-23 9-6 3-7 10x3
1x10 3-7 10-15 7-10 15-19 30-25 19-24 **Draw**

Game 16 [Date "2016-07-13"] [Black "Scarpetta"] [White "Borghetti"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 22-17 9-13 17-14 10x17 21x14 6-10 25-21 10x17 21x14 2-6 29-25 6-10 25-21 10x17
21x14 15-18 26-22 18x25 30x21 1-6 23-18 12-16 (Varies from 13-17 in Moiseyev's *Sixth*, SG-
45) 27-23 6-9 24-19 16-20 19-15 8-11 15x8 4x11 32-27 13-17 28-24 17-22 24-19 22-25 19-15
25-30 15x8 3x12 18-15 9x18 23x14 30-25 21-17 25-21 15-10 7-11 10-7 5-9 14x5 21x14 7-3

14-10 3-8 10-15 5-1 11-16 1-6 16-19 6-2 15-10 8-3 19-24 2-7 10-15 3-8 24-28 27-23 28-32
7-11 15-10 23-19 32-28 8-3 10-14 11-15 28-24 3-7 14-18 15x22 24x15 31-27 15-11 7x16
12x19 22-26 **Draw**

5th Day - Game 17 [Date "2016-07-13"] [Black "Scarpetta"] [White "Borghetti"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 22-17 15-19 24x15 10x19 23x16 12x19 25-22 9-13 17-14 6-9 29-25 9x18 22x15 5-9 **(A)**
25-22 9-14 22-18 14x23 27x18 8-12 31-27 4-8 26-22 7-11 21-17 12-16 17-14 **(B)** 2-7 **(C)** 14-9
1-5 9-6 7-10 27-24 10-14 18x9 11x25 30x21 5x14 24x15 14-18 6-2 18-23 2-6 8-11 15x8
3x12 6-10 23-26 28-24 16-20 24-19 26-31 10-15 31-26 15-18 20-24 32-28 24-27 18-23
12-16 23x30 16x23 30-25 **Draw**

(A) Now transposition from 9-13 21-17 5-9 25-21 11-16 29-25 16-19 xx 17-14 xx 6-9 same position.

(B) In view of next note, try 30-26 here to draw. rcb

(C) According to analyses by the Danish Champion Sune Thrane, here 19-23 wins, as pointed out by IM Liam Stephens (IRL) during the live stream. Sergio missed a very tough, pretty, & extremely technical "computer" win.

Game 18 [Date "2016-07-13"] [Black "Borghetti"] [White "Scarpetta"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 23-19 9-14 27-23 8-11 22-18 15x22 25x9 5x14 29-25 11-15 25-22 7-11 22-18 15x22
26x17 11-15 24-20 15x24 28x19 4-8 30-26 8-11 19-16 12x19 23x7 2x11 26-23 6-9 17-13 3-7
13x6 14-18 23x14 10x17 21x14 1x17 **Draw**

Score: GM Michele Borghetti 1 win, GM Sergio Scarpetta 0 wins, DRAWN 17 games, 6 games to go.

6th Day - Game 19 [Date "2016-07-14"] [Black "Scarpetta"] [White "Borghetti"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 22-17 15-19 24x15 10x19 23x16 12x19 25-22 9-13 27-23 5-9 23x16 8-12 16-11 7x16
30-25 3-7 32-27 7-11 17-14 9x18 22x8 4x11 21-17 13x22 25x18 6-10 29-25 1-5 18-14 10x17
25-21 17-22 26x17 5-9 17-13 11-15 13x6 2x9 21-17 16-19 17-13 9-14 13-9 14-18 31-26
12-16 9-6 **Draw**

Game 20 [Date "2016-07-14"] [Black "Borgetti"] [White "Scarpetta"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 22-17 15-19 24x15 10x19 23x16 12x19 25-22 8-11 27-23 4-8 23x16 11x20 22-18 8-11
32-27 9-14 18x9 6x22 26x17 5-9 29-25 11-15 25-22 7-10 17-13 9-14 27-23 20-24 28x19 15x24
22-18 1-5 18x9 5x14 13-9 10-15 23-19 15-18 9-5 18-23 5-1 14-18 1-5 23-27 5-9 27-32 9-14
18-23 14-17 32-27 19-15 27-32 17-22 32-28 22-26 23-27 26-23 27-32 23-19 2-7 21-17 32-27
17-13 3-8 19-16 27-32 16-19 32-27 19-16 27-32 16-19 8-12 31-26 24-27 26-22 27-31 30-25
32-27 25-21 27-24 19-23 12-16 15-11 7-10 23-27 16-20 27-23 28-32 11-7 31-27 23-18 27-23
18x27 32x23 22-17 10-15 17-14 24-19 21-17 19-16 7-2 16-11 14-10 20-24 10-7 24-27 **Draw**

Game 21 [Date "2016-07-14"] [Black "Borghetti"] [White "Scarpetta"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 22-17 15-19 24x15 10x19 23x16 12x19 25-22 8-11 30-25 4-8 22-18 9-13 18-14 13x22
25x18 8-12 29-25 11-16 27-23 16-20 23x16 12x19 31-27 3-8 27-23 19-24 28x19 20-24 25-22
24-27 19-15 8-12 15-10 6x15 18x11 7x16 23-18 27-31 18-15 1-6 14-10 6-9 15-11 9-14 11-8
14-18 22x15 31x22 15-11 22-18 8-4 16-19 4-8 18-14 10-7 19-23 7-3 23-26 11-7 2x11 8x15
26-31 15-10 14x7 3x10 5-9 10-15 9-14 **Draw**

Game 22 [Date "2016-07-14"] [Black "Scarpetta"] [White "Borghetti"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 22-17 8-11 17-14 9x18 23x14 10x17 21x14 4-8 26-23 15-19 24x15 11x18 28-24 8-11
30-26 6-9 26-22 3-8 22x15 11x18 23-19 9-13 24-20 13-17 25-22 18x25 29x13 2-6 **(A)** 13-9
6x13 19-15 1-6 27-23 13-17 20-16 **(B)** 12x26 31x13 7-11 14-10 11x18 10x1 18-23 1-6 8-11
6-10 **Draw**

(A) 1-6 draws and prevents the threat of note B, as white now has no incentive to pitch 13-9 and line up on squares 15-19-24 with the piece remaining on 2 and the 7-10 2-for-1 threat-- reb

(B) Here 23-19 or 31-27 wins.

Score: Borghetti 1 win, Scarpetta 0 wins, Drawn 21 games, 2 games to go

7th Day - Game 23 [Date "2016-07-15"] [Black "Borghetti"] [White "Scarpetta"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 22-18 15x22 25x18 12-16 29-25 10-14 24-19 16-20 25-22 06-10 28-24 08-11 19-16 09-13
18x09 05x14 22-18 14-17 21x14 10x17 18-14 17-22 26x17 13x22 23-18 02-06 24-19 04-08
16-12 06-10 14-09 20-24 27x20 10-15 19x10 07x23 09-05 11-15 31-27 08-11 27x18 22-25
30x21 15x22 21-17 22-26 17-14 26-31 14-10 31-26 10-07 03x10 12-08 10-14 08-03 14-17 03-07
11-15 07-10 15-19 32-28 17-21 20-16 21-25 10-15 **Draw**

Game 24

[Date "2016-07-15"] [Black "Scarpetta"] [White "Borghetti"] [Result "Draw"]

11-15 22-17 15-19 24x15 10x19 23x16 12x19 25-22 08-11 27-23 06-10 23x16 11x20 22-18
01-06 17-13 04-08 29-25 08-11 25-22 03-08 26-23 08-12 32-27 10-15 23-19 15x24 28x19 11-16
19-15 16-19 27-23 19x26 30x23 07-10 15-11 20-24 11-08 24-28 08-03 28-32 22-17 12-16 03-08
32-28 31-27 09-14 18x09 05x14 08-11 16-20 11-15 10x26 17x01 26-31 27-23 31-26 23-18 26-
22 18-14 28-24 14-10 24-19 10-06 02x09 13x06 19-15 06-02 15-18 01-06 20-24 06-09 24-27
02-06 27-31 06-10 22-26 09-13 26-22 10-14 18x09 13x06 **Draw**

Final Score: Borghetti 1 win, Scarpetta 0 wins, Drawn 23 games, GM Michele Borghetti is now both World Champion of both GAYP and 3-Move.