

CHECK THIS OUT!

What to shoot when you have Only one dart in hand



By Steve Brown

PREVIOUSLY we've looked at this one-shot strategy shooting at 101 through 120. Now we'll finish it out through 155. Once again these are *last dart* situations where the primary target is usually the triple 20, triple 19 or double bull. But by shooting strategically, we'll allow for a miss into any of those respective singles to still provide us with the maximum opportunity to finish on our next turn.

Before we get into shot details, there are a couple of points that apply to outshots in general that I'd like to reiterate.

Two darts in the same triple (on a finish) is theoretically easier than two darts in different triples. Of course, if you are blocked or the dart is only barely hanging in there, switching to another number would be a smart move. Also, you don't necessarily need to switch from odd to even or vice versa when setting up a finish. Just because you are on an even number doesn't mean that you have to stay on even numbers. Two odds make an even as well. Likewise, if you are left on an odd number, it doesn't mean that you have to take the shot at an odd one yet. It may not be the best percentage shot.

I know this has been covered previously, but it is important not to forget these axioms. They are critical when it comes to certain outs—and are no less critical when it comes to setting them up. Let me give you a quick example of this last point. Here 131 is left to finish. Whatever strategy you decide, you are required to hit two triples (and different ones at that). What makes it such a tacky

number is the fact that it is the lowest out that *needs* two triples. To make matters worse, it is sandwiched between two numbers that need only one triple—130 (t20, s20, db) and 132 (sb, t19, db).

One hundred twenty-one. This is a beautiful shot: bull for 96. Any other single, and you are depriving yourself of a chance of two darts at a double.

One hundred twenty-two. Same as above: bull for 97 (another clean two-dart out).

One hundred twenty-three. You may not fancy a crack at the bull, but

98 is still a two-dart out.

One hundred twenty-four. Not bull (that nasty 99 is too close). Better to hammer one into the t20.

One hundred twenty-five. Bull is the shot to set up a straight 100.

One hundred twenty-six, 'seven and 'eight. Twenties are best.

One hundred twenty-nine. Either s19 for 110 or sbull for 104 (next turn 4 x 16, d20).

One hundred thirty through 'thirty-seven. Top of the dartboard here will provide your best options.

One hundred thirty-eight. The last dart option here favors s18 to leave 120 over shooting at the 20s.

Shot Strategies: 3 darts vs. 1 dart

Score remaining	3 darts to shoot	1 dart to shoot	Score remaining	3 darts to shoot	1 dart to shoot
121	t20	d25	139	t19	t19
122	t20	d25	140	t20	t20
123	t19	d25	141	t20	d25
124	t16	t20	142	t20	d25
125	t20	d25	143	t20	d25
126	t20	t20	144	t20	d25
127	t19	t20	145	t20	d25
128	t16	t20	146	t20	t20
129	t19	t19	147	t20	t20
130	t19	t20	148	t20	t18
131	t19	t20	149	t20	t19
132	t18	t20	150	t20	t20
133	t19	t20	151	t20	d25
134	t20	t20	152	t20	t20
135	t19	t20	153	t20	d25
136	t19	t20	154	t20	t19
137	t20	t20	155	t20	d25
138	t18	t18			

One hundred thirty-nine. Same logic as above: 19s for 120.

One hundred forty-one through forty-five. Bull is best, as it leaves a triple, single and conventional double out versus the triple, single and *double bull* finish. So we're looking at 116 (141), 117 (142), 118 (143), 119 (144), 120 (145).

One hundred forty-six. Staying on the 20s will leave 126.

One hundred forty-seven. Again on the 20s (127).

One hundred forty-eight. Go over to s18 to leave 130. A shot at sbull will leave 123 with dbull working well on a 98.

One hundred forty-nine. Downstairs on the 19s (130) is optimum, with the triple leaving 92. Avoid using the bull shot here since dbull will produce a 99.

One hundred fifty-one. The nasty 131 I spoke about pops up here if you target on the 20s. Better to shoot s19 (132) and the best shot here is at sbull (126). Actually what

I dislike most about 131 (requiring two triples to finish) is that not only are there shot below requiring only one triple (130, etc.), but also boave it (132 and 135).

One hundred fifty-two. 20s leave 132 or shoot the bull for 127.


One hundred fifty-three. Single 18 for 135 is best, but here again you may wish to try the bull for 128.

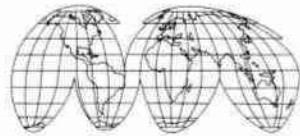
One hundred fifty-four. This is the same kind of situation as above. Because it's even, you probably wouldn't think of leaving it odd. It just so happens, though, that a s19 is the best option. A s20 leaves 134, requiring two triple and a double, whereas s19 gives a nice 135—only one triple required! A single bull is okay, leaving 129, but personally I'd stick with the 19s.

One hundred fifty-five. Just because it's an odd number, don't worry about trying to get even with your last dart. Sure a t19 will give you a 98 but a single leaves 136. And you'll need two triples for that.

A single 20 is not a bad choice giving 135, but a last dart on the bull will leave a much tidier 130.

WELL, that's about it. I certainly hope that this column has helped a few of you out there. Actually, I know of several players who have benefitted and used the shots *against* myself.

One event that immediately springs to mind is the '92 Savannah Open. Darrell Ensor took Britt Whitley and me out of the 501 doubles with a 132 finish incorporating sbull, t19, dbull. He then thanked me for showing him the shot a few months earlier. Well, you win some, you lose some! 



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