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AGAIN: HOW MANY MOVES TO THE RULE?

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[The Editors, in publishing this letter, do neither endorse nor oppose Mr. Dane's proposal, which is mainly being published because it exhibits the great variety of feasible n -move rules.]

I feel that the 50-move rule modifications as detailed on page 192 of the September, 1989 issue of the *ICCA Journal* should be changed as follows:

"The number of 50 moves mentioned in article 10.8 will be extended to

90 moves for the following positions:

- (a) King and two Knights versus King and a Pawn
- (b) King and Queen versus King and two Knights
- (c) King and two Bishops versus King and a Knight

75 moves for the following positions:

- (a) King, Queen and a Pawn one square from promotion versus King and Queen
- (b) King, Rook, Pawn on a2 versus King, black Bishop, Pawn on a3 (and reflected positions)

100 moves for the following positions:

- (a) King and Queen versus King and two Bishops

If the position of a King, Rook and Bishop vs. King and Rook is to be played, the position is to be adjudicated by an endgame database after 50 moves of play; the player with the Bishop (assumed to be White) gets a 50-move extension if the following conditions are met:

- (1) the position is a win;
- (2) at least 30 of the previous 50 WTM positions were a win;
- (3) White has made progress (in distance to mate), at least equal to the number of won positions in the previous 50 moves."

My proposed rules, I think, give sufficient leeway for less than optimal technique but conform to the spirit of the original race.