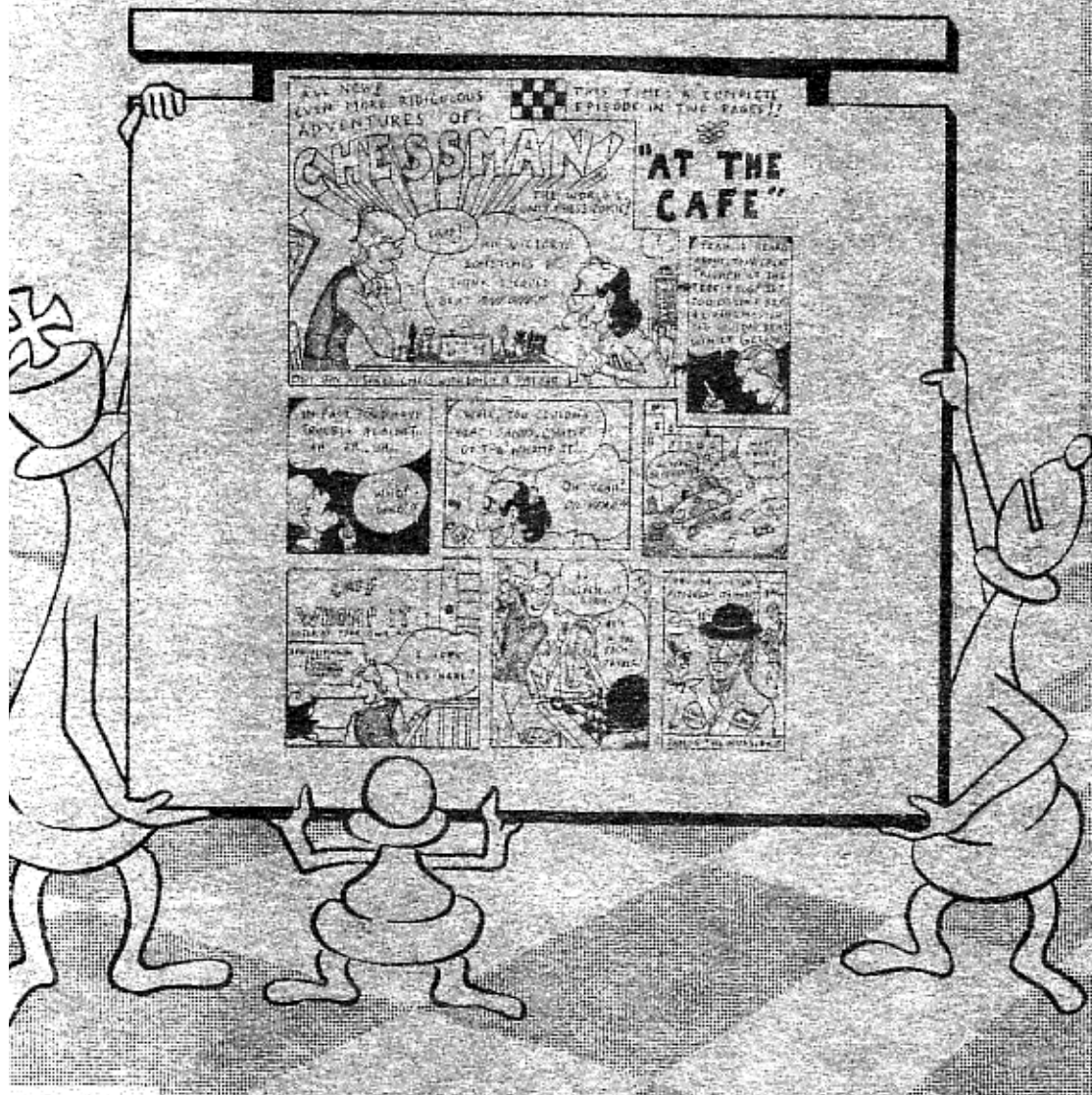


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ILLINOIS CHESS NEWS

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Here, finally, after a delay of many months, is your ILLINOIS CHESS BULLETIN. Since April I have been asking ICB editors John Tomas and Bill Smythe for the material which we could ready for the printers, but there has been one problem after another. John Tomas injured his arm and was unable to use his typewriter for a time. Bill Smythe took on a job during the summer and couldn't work on the ICB. And so on, and so forth. With this issue we hope to return to a more normalized schedule and you should be receiving another issue of the ICB within a month or so. Anyone willing to help with editing the BULLETIN is urged to phone John Tomas at 735-0914.

The U.S. Class Championship, June 18-20, at the Palmer House in Chicago was a huge success drawing a total entry of 521. Almost half the players came from out-of-state, presumably attracted by the \$6000 prize fund which made this the biggest tournament since the 1973 U.S. Open in Chicago. In the top section Chicago "expert" Andrew Karklins breezed thru a field that included a number of recent masters-turned-experts. Andrew also won the 1976 Illinois State Championship over the Labor Day Weekend, so it appears that he is regaining his top form again. His USCF rating is up around 2350 again and rising. Congratulations to Andrew on his recovery!

At the beginning of September the Chicago Chess Club moved to the Gaslight Corner, 2860 N. Halsted, in Chicago. The \$500-plus rent at the St. Clair Hotel was more than the Club could afford in these post-Fischer-Boom days. The Chicago Chess Club will be open four days a week, Thursday thru Sunday and the new telephone number is 477-0770, an easy number to remember. The Chicago Chess Club will continue to hold its bigger tournaments at the Palmer House Hotel in the Loop. Activities at the Gaslight will include Thursday Swisses each Thurs., blitz chess Friday evenings at 7 P.M., and weekend swisses every second or third week. Call Ray Socha or Dennis Keen at 477-0770 for a more detailed schedule of events.

THE BIG NEWS IN CHICAGO CHESS is Dennis Keen's \$\$\$10,000 Class Championship over the New Year's Weekend at the Palmer House. Dennis and friends Al Francik and Dick Stawowy have formed an organization called SFK Enterprises to promote major tournaments with big cash prizes on a regular basis in Chicago. This first \$10,000 tournament deserves everyone's support: if this first event is an unqualified success Dennis and his patrons may be encouraged to hold an annual \$15,000-\$20,000 WORLD CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP in Chicago each June. Such a tournament here in Chicago seems justified on the basis of the 521 entries at the U.S. Class.

Congratulations to Harold Winston on his August election to the USCF Policy Board. Chicago now has two members on the Policy Board since Past-USCF President Frank Skoff was already a member of the Board. This year's USCF elections saw one of the most heated arguments in USCF history, as candidates Arnold Denker and Fred Cramer blamed USCF Executive Director Edmondson for USCF's declining membership and financial problems. Cramer, Denker, and Chicago's Frank Skoff accused Edmondson of bad management and called for his removal. Goichberg and most Eastern Delegates supported Edmondson in the battle that became too partisan.

WINSLOW IN ILLINOIS

A dilemma faces the professional artist, (whether writer, musician, dramatist, etc.) how to reconcile the desire to create with the need to produce. how to siphon one's inspiration into seven-day packets. "If only you understood, you'd buy my stuff." I don't wish to debate whether chess is an art form or not; let's just say a similar phenomenon takes place. I trust everybody who plays does so to win, more or less. Yet I have discovered, and repeatedly verified in my own games another, perhaps stronger motivation. Let's not be philosophical about it -- I want to have fun! I enjoy playing and playing over games where the pieces really dance with each other. And if I can win every game like this -- Eureka! But it's hardly that simple! One small "flinch" when you have three pieces hanging can be fatal, and you can find (especially in my games) innumerable examples of otherwise masterpieces lost through shoddy endgame play. Hard to even go for an ending when you can still play for checkmate. Even a doubtful checkmate sometimes!

So now I hope you can see my problem. (I'm too lazy to study endgames?!) And instead of just giving a few of my "greatest" games let me take you through my tournaments in Illinois this year (this is after all the Illinois Chess Bulletin!) showing my successes, both sound, not-so-sound, and also an out and out failure or two. (None for a while though-- I won the first three tournaments 15-0!)

East St. Louis Open 6-7 March, Rd. 2. Bw. - John Ready (1752)
1.e4.Nf6;2.e5.Nd5;3.d4.d6;4.c4.Nb6;5.f4 (When I started to play 1.e4 just a few years ago, I decided to "refute" Alekhine's Defense with the Four Pawn's Attack. I still wonder!) de5;6.fe5;7.Nc3.e6;8.Nf3.Nc6;9.Be3.Nb4 (9...Be7; leads to the really crazy lines, for example 10.d5!;ed5;11.cd5;Nb4;12.Nd4,Bd7;13.e6,fe6;14.de6;Bc6;15.Qg4,Bh4+;16.g3,Bh1;17.O-O-O,Qf6;18.gh4,O-O;19.Be2,Qe5;20.Bg5,c5!;21.e7!,cd4;22.af8!(Q)+,Rf8;23.Qd4;Qd4;24.Rd4; with a slight but persistent plus for white (EW-Kraft, Oklahoma '75), and 19.Bb5! may be objectively better. Of course you have to know a lot to play these lines, but even all the theory doesn't make it any less scary.)
10.Rd1,c5;11.Bg5! (The usual plan is 11.a3,cd4;12.Nd4;Rc6;13.Nf5; or Nc6; either here or after 11.de2,Be7 and maybe 12.O-O,O-O too.)
 11.Bg5 had, I thought, never been played, but now I find a game in Informant #20 with 11...f6;12.ef6;gf6;13.Be3!,Bg4!;14.d5!?)Qd7?!
12.e3?! (12.d5!?,ed5;13.cd5;N6d5??;14.Bb5 wins, but 13....,c4!;14.d6! is the critical position. I figured I was a move to the good now on the normal lines, but look further...) cd4;13.Nd4,Nc6;14.hc6;Qc6? (14....,Qd1+!;15.Rd1;bc6: is good. White can't play c5, and when Black plays ...Be7 white loses a move by either retreating or exchanging. I hadn't looked at this much at all, and neither had he.)
15.e5!,Nd7(forced!)16.Bb5,Qc7;17.Qe4! (I still hadn't looked very closely, so I didn't know what would be necessary)Qe5?!+(17...Be7;18.Be7;Ke7;19.Bd7;Qd7;20.Qd7;Kd7;21.Nb5 with the idea of Kd6 should favor me while 18.Rf4 or 18.Rd1 doesn't work.)18.Ne2!,Qc7;19.Rf1! (not 19.O-O, allowing check)Be7;(19...f6 is the same)20.Rf5!(preventing e5)ef5;21.Bf4!,Qc8;22.c6!(He can't play...Kd8 now)bc6;23.Rc6,2b7;24.Rc7,Qe4;25.Bd7+;Kf8;26.Qe4,fe4;27.Bc6,Rb8;28.Ra7;Rc8;27.Be4,1-0.He could have put up better resistance.

Rd.5; Steve Spencer (2787)-Ed. 1.d4,d6;2.e4,hf6;3.hc3,g6;4.Br5.
Bg7;5.e5!?(The nice thing about playing Steve is that I don't have
to worry about a quiet game!)de5;(Actually this, with the Q-exchange
is more complicated than leaving them on with Nfd7)6.de5;Ng4!?(I
need my king around to watch my e-pawn, so why get his rook in play?
Actually it's a very difficult choice--consult the recent Encyclopedia
of Chess Openings (B07 notel24))7.Qd8!+,Kd8!;8.Rd1+(8.Nf3,Raaste-
Parma,Nice74 is perhaps more accurate)9.Nf3(9.f4,h6!;10.Bh4,g5!
is Keene and Botterill's original analysis but 9e6!7 always bothers
me)Ne5(Note that 8.Nf3,Ne5--Parma played 8...Be6--9.0-0-0+! since
f2 is cool now.)10.Ne5;de5!;11.Bc4,Ke8!7(Actually 11...h6!,12.Bh4,
g5;13.Bg3,Bg3!;14.hg3;e6; is clearly in my favor, even after 15.Ke2,
Ke7;16.Rb5,Bc6;17.f3,Nd7;18.Rdhl,g4!;19.Rh6!;Rh6!;20.Rh6!;gf3!;21.gf3
Bf3:+! Easy to see now, but during the game I was in some sort of
shock, not having done all the opening research till later.)12.0-0,
(12.f4!7,h6;13.fe5;hg5!;14.e6 is too strange for ANYBODY!)h6;(Better
late than never)13.Bh4,g5;14.Bg3,Bg3!;15.hg3!e6(15...Bc6 seems
best answered by 16.f4,gf4!;17.gf4: heading directly for f5 to tie
my king and e and f pawns down, on 17...Nd7;18.Nd5,Bd5!;19.Bd5!;
causes trouble on b7 or f7)16.f4!;Kf8!;(For which I took 29 minutes,
but only today have I finally penetrated this positions depths. His
threat is 17.f5, and,if allowed,18.f6. It took me a while to realize
I couldn't allow that(I was even looking at his doubling rooks on
the -h- file!). To have any resiliency in my game I would have to
play 17...ef5!;so 16...gf5!;17.gf5: is out, as then that capture is
absurd. And if then 17...f5;18.Rfel,Ke7;19.Nd5+;18...Kf7;19.Nd7:+!
Nd7!;20.Be6!+,Ke7;21.Bf5+ followed by 22.Rd1. Meanwhile 16...Nc6;
17.f5,ef5!;18.Bf7:+ wins; even 16...Nc6;17.f5,ef5!;18.Nd5+;Kd8;19.
Nf6 is at least a draw(19...Ke7?) and probably worse for black.
And 16...e6!17.Ne4--d6xb7 or f7. So by simple deduction, my move is
obvious although my thinking during the game was hardly this clear!
In fact, 17.f5 still leaves great doubt as to the outcome of the game.
In my notebook,entered a month after the game, I have 17...ef5!;18.
Nd5,Be6;19.Nc7!;Bc4!;20.Rf5!;Na6!;21.Na8!;Kg7 as winning but 20.Rd8+
Kg7;21.Rh8!;Kh8!;22.Rf5!;Be6;23.Rf3,b6;24.Na8!;Bd5;25.Rd3 wins
easily--for White!! I noticed this two days ago, immediately went to
sleep(to dream about this game!) and woke up with 18...Nc6!7;19.Nc7,
Rd8;19.Nb6,cb6!;20.Rd7!;Ne5;21.Rc7,Nc4;22.Rc4,Re8!;(Easier than 22.
...Kg7;23.Rc7,Kg6;24.Rb7,Rhc8;25.c3,Re6) and today 19.Nf6!7;Bc8!!(19.
...Be6?1;20.Be6!;fa6!;21.Nd7,Ne7?;22.Rc7,b6;23.g4!;Kf7;24.Nd7?;Rnc8
25.Rb7,Rc2!+;24.Ne4!+-;21...Rc8!;22.Nh7+ perpetual)20.Nd7+;Bd7!;
(20...Kg7;21.Rf5!;Nd8!7 may be better)21.Rd7,Re5;22.Rc7!;Nc4!;23.Rc4!
Rc8;24.Rf5!;Ke7 is certainly slightly favorable for Black, and perhaps
a practical endgame to try to win, while 20.g4,Kg7;21.Nh5!+;Kg6;22.
Bd3,Ne5! resolves. And also 19.Ne3(just noticed it!!)Ne5;20.Bd3,Nd3;
21.Rd3!;Be6;22.Be6 or 19.Nd8;20.Nf5!;Bf5!;21.Rd8+;Nd8;22.Rf5!;Ke7;
when 23...f6 should slowly untangle. But I've nearly forgotten the
main improvement!! 18.Nb5!!(or 17.Kb5,Bb5!;18.Bb5!;c6?1;19.Bc4,b5
when not 20.Bb3?7,Ke7;21.f5,Nd7!;22.Rdel,Nc5 or 19.Rd8+;Kg7;20.Kh8!;
Kh8!;21.Bc4,Kg7 but 20.Rd8+!;Kg7;21.Rh8!;Kh8!;22.Be2,Kg7;23.Rdl! is
a lot of play, so 18...Kg7;19.f5,ef5!; see 16.Nb5)a6?1;19.Nc7,Ra7;
20.Nd5,b5;21.Bd3,Nc6;22.Bf5!;Kg7 unclear, while 16...Bb5!;19.Bb5!;20.
Rf5!;Rf8;21.Rf1,a6;22.Bc4,f6;23.Rel,Nc6;24.Re6,(24.Bd5,Ne5!?)Rad8;
25.Bd5,Nd4;26.Re7+;Kg6;27.Be4,lif5;28.g4,Rf7! wins. 22.Ba4! is more

subtle, but 22...f6!;23.Rel,Kg6!;24.g4,b5;25.Bb3,Kd7 actually even develops. Gadzooks! Can all this be sound? If only I'd known what I was getting into when I started to annotate this game! At least I remember being surprised when after only 5 minutes he played --)17.fg5;h5;18.Ke4 (18.Rd7;Nd7;19.Be6;Ne5;20.Kd5, Re8;21.Nc7;Re7; now Rg8 and Rh5 fail to Nf6, but I have an incredible follow up to 16...Kf8)Ke7!!;19.Ng5,Be8!!(Obvious, really) 20.Nf3(He offered a draw here; I knew I had all the chances and continued)Rg8(against g4-g5)21.Kf2,Nd7!(I can't seem to stay out of my own way this game, but it's O.K.!)22.Rfel,Nf6;23.Ne5,Kg5; 24.Rd4?!(I really only expected 24.Nf3)c5;25.Nf3(25.Rf4,Rh5;26. Kf3,Rd8 is a bind, or 25...b5;26.Bd3,Kd8;or,25...Nd5)Rg7(25... Be8!;25...cd4!?)26.Rf4?(26.Rh4,Be6 followed by 27...Rag8 or, perhaps 26...b5 first)Rd8?(26...wins a pawn and the game. We each had ten or fifteen minutes left to get to move 50, hardly time pressure to two hard-core weekend swiss survivors, but we were still a bit blown away by what had just transpired and were just moving.)27.Rhl,Bo6;28.Bd3,Kd8;29.Rh3,b6;(Some other annotator would call this "spineless". However it immediately becomes reminiscent of some of Larsen's (and others') most typical games, and also of some forms of martial arts, where you suddenly don't threaten anything, and the opponent falls into the gap.)20.Ne5, Bb7;31.e3 (He chooses a modest casket...)Nd5;32.Na4?!(jumps in..)a5;33.c4??(and pulls the lid shut!!)33.Rah4 was unclear, to try to dredge up compensation here would be nearly impossible (not to mention with two minutes on my clock!)Nf6;34.b4,Re8(Heat huh? Well, let me risk losing anyone who's still with me by showing you Wm.Hart's(2406)-EW;Bl Paso Open'76 just three weeks before; 1.d4,Nf6 2.Kf3,g6 3.b3,Bg7 4.Bb2,0-0 5.e3,d6 6.Be2,Kbd7 7.Nbd2?!, Re8 8.Nc4,b6 9.0-0,Bb7 10.Ne1?!,e5 11.de5;de5; 12.Nf3,e4(12... Nd5?!) 13.Nfe5;Ne5; 14.Ne5;Kd5 15.Nc4,Nc3(15...Bb2!?)16.Qe1, Ne2:+ 17.Qe2,Ba6 18.Rfd1,(Bb2!?)Qe7 19.Bg7;Kg7; 20.Qd2,Qf6 21. Qd4,Qd4; 22.Rd4;Bc4;23.Rc4!?(bc4!);c5 24.a4 and now he thought 24...a5 would have won, but had to admit that the "technical difficulties" were too great.(I played 24...Rad8! 25.a5,Re5 26. ab6;ab6; 27.b4,Rd2 28.bc5; when 28...Rc5!! would have won; I missed improvements later also, 7-7,49)But no difficulties in our game.)35.bc5;bc5;36.Rhl,Ne4+;37.Be4;(37.Ke3,No3)Be4;38.Rd1 38.Rel,Rg5and Be6 Bc2;39.Rd7+,Ke8;40.Rc7,Ba4;41.Rc5;Rc5;42.Kf3, f6;43.Nd3,Bd1+;44.Kf4,Rd8;45.Rc6,Rd3;46.Re6+;Kf7;47.Rel,Rd4+;48. Kf5,Rg3;49.Rd1,Rd1;50.Kf4,Rg2; 0-1;No flag.

To close this installment let me give my first round game from the Chicago City Championship; 19-21 March. Most interesting is the fact that White was willing to permit Black a slight initiative if pieces could be exchanged, while Black was willing to exchange for a slight initiative.

Herbert Krakau(1750)-EW;1.e4,c5 2.c3 I've gotten a fair amount of this lately. e6 3.d4,d5 4.ed5; 4.e5 was M. Stevanovic-EW, Rd.3. ed5; 5.Kf3,Nc6 6.Bb5 6.Be3,c4 7.b3,b5! 8.a4,Na5 9.Nfd2!,b4?! 10. bc4;bc3; 11.Nc3;dc4; 12.Nc4; (12.Bc4!);Bb4 13.Kcl?(13.Bd2),Nf6 14.Bd3,Bg4 15.f3,Kc8 16.fg4;Nc4; 17.Bf2,Kd6 18.0-0,Rc3; 19.Qe1+ Kd7 20.Rc3;Qa5 21.Rc5,Bel; 22.Bel;Qa4;0-1,W.G.Haines-EW,1975

Bd6 7.0-0.Ne7 8.dc5;Hc5: 9.Nbd2,0-0 10.Nb3,Bl6; 10...Ba6 11.Nbd4
 would be a full one-fourth of the 24 Karpov-Korchnoi match games,
 by transposition. However, here (with ..Bb6) the move c3 is
 considered rather passive. Ordinarily in this position I develop
 stabilize the center, and attack K-side, but here I find the board
 getting very sparse, and very quickly! 11.Nfd4 11.Nbd4,Bg4;12.Be2
Re8;13.Re1,Rc8 14.Be3,Bc7 15.Qd2,Ng6 16.Rad1,Bb8 17.h3,Bd7 18.Bf1
a6 19.Nc6;Bc6: 20.Kd3,Qd6 21.Bg6;hg6: 22.Bd4,f6 23.Re8:+,Re8:
 24.Re1,Re4 25.Re3,g5! 0-1,35, D.Dustin-BW,National Open '76 is
 more typical, at least for me! Ng4; 11...a6 12.Be2,Qd6, Fischer
Filip,Stockholm'62 is more like me. But why am I making excuses?
12.Nd4;Kf5 13.Nf5:; 13.Bd3,Nd6!?(13...Bd4;14.Bf5;! dead= and
13.Qd3,Bd4;! 14.cd4;Nd6 or 14...Qb6 give me a slight advantage
 (very slight). Bf5; 14.Bd3 14.Re1,Bf2:+ in spite of the dreaded
 Bishops of Opposite Colors! Be4! 15.Be4: 15.Re1,Re8 16.Kh1,Re8
17.f3,Bd3: 18.Qd3;:d4! and Black has quite a lead in development.
de4: 16.Qd8;:Rad8: 17.Bf4,Rd5 18.Rad1,Rfd8 19.Rd5;:Rd5: Where
 did it all go? I wasn't even watching. 20.Re1,g5 21.Bcl,Kf5 22.
Re2?! 22.Be3!?,Be3: 23.Re3;:Rd5 24.g4!?,Rd2 25.b3!,Ra2: 26.Re4=;
 23...Rb5 24.b3,f5 25.gf5;:fg5: 26.Re4,h5 27.Re7 should perhaps
 even favor White. It would be ridiculous to try to find "where
 I blew it" since there was probably nothing to blow, but perhaps
 20...f5 was objectively a trifle better(21.Kf1,Kf7 22.Ke2,Ra5
 23.a3,Rb5 24.f3). It should be mentioned that he used 15 of his
 remaining 34 minutes here. Kg7 23.Kf1,Kg6 24.Be3,Be3: 25.Re3:
Re5 26.Re2?! 26.g4,f5 27.gf5:+,Kf5: 28.f3,Kf4 leads to one of
 those incalculable King-and-Pawn endgames (especially with that
 fast K-side majority!?) Kf6 27.Ra2,Ke7 phew! 28.Ke2?! e2 hasn't
 been his luckiest square this game! 28.Rd4 could well be better.
f5 29.Ke3 with 10 minutes left he doesn't find a good defense.
 Or are there other improvements? f4+ 30.Ke2?! again? 30.Kd4 is
 more likely(8 min. left). Kb5 31.h3,Ke6 32.c4,Rb6 33.h3,Rd6!!
34.Rd6:+ (with 2 mins. left) Kd6 35.Kd2,Ke5 36.Kc3,h5 37.b4,g4!!
38.hg4: 38.h4,e3! 39.fg3;:f3! 40.gf3;:g3! h4! 39.Kd2,f3 40.gf3:
h3, 0-1 If someone finds a draw for white in the K+P ending (or,
 say, after 34.b4,Rd2+ etc. please let me know, via Verber or Tomas.

NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND IN CHICAGO -- \$10,000 IN PRIZES!!

December 31, January 1 & 2 -- at the Chicago Palmer House in Downtown Chgo.

Dennis Keen & his newly-formed SFK Enterprises are sponsoring the biggest chess tournament in Chicago since the 1973 U.S. Open which drew 775 players. The tournament will be a 5-section class championship with a \$1000 first prize in each division: master-expert, A, B, C, D-E-Unr. See the October CHESS LIFE & REVIEW for details.

Chicago Intercollegiate—Past and Present

It all started on a park bench in the spring of 1968. Larry Goch of Northeastern Illinois University, George Martin and Bill Smythe of Northwestern, Jim Stamm of Chicago Circle, and Harold Winston of University of Chicago met and drew up plans for a Chicago Intercollegiate League. The first league event was held at Circle that year and won by Chicago's A team. For the next five years a number of Chicago area colleges participated in league events. For three years a series of matches determined the league champion; then the format switched to 3-4 tournaments a year, most USCF-rated. Loop College hosted the "swift" -- a team event played at a fast rate of 30 minutes per player per game (non-rated, of course). Many of Chicago's strongest players have competed for their colleges including Craig Chellstorp, Dick Verber, Andrew Karkline, and others.

In 1974-75, however, no league events were held. This writer organized meetings last spring and this autumn to revive intercollegiate activity. The first result was the Triton College Invitational, held Saturday, November 22, at River Grove. Miloslav Nekvasil, Jeff Corey, and Eric Schiller all scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ to lead 24 players from six Chicago area colleges. Nekvasil and Schiller led the University of Chicago to a team victory with 12½ points ahead of Loop (10) and Harper College (9). Jeff Corey upset the tournament's strongest player, Ed Friedman of UC in the last round to earn his tie for first while tournament leaders Nekvasil and Schiller quickly drew. Other top individuals, all with 3-1 records were Scott Kaplan of Loop, Gene Scott of Loop, Kurt Eschbach of UC, and Cliff Peterson of Loop. Tom DeFranco was high scorer for host Triton College with two points. Walter Pokatiloff of Loop was elected League President for 1975-76.

Eight teams and 30 players came to the League's second 1975-76 event, the Chicago Winter Intercollegiate on February 14 at Loop College. After two rounds, many adjourned games had piled up, and the tournament itself adjourned to the Chicago campus of Northwestern University for the finale. The top rated teams, Chicago A and Northwestern, needed the help of luck to escape last round upsets at the hands of the two Loop teams. Finally, earlier incomplete matches were finished and Robert Kahn of Chicago A won a difficult endgame from Kevin Crozen of Northwestern to clinch first place for the Maroons. Tournament directors were Harold Winston and Walter Pokatiloff.

-- Harold Winston

Rockford

The Forest City Booster drew 56 players to Rockford Jan. 31 - Feb. 1. The event, for players rated below 1800, was won by James Egerton at 5-0. Eight players followed at 4-1, including the four C winners: Dan Giamesin, David Brown, Donald Behn, and Paul Fambro. Mark Richman was best D, Dan Stockwell and Dan Wiener topped the E class, and Bryce Engelhart was the Unrated winner. Bill Thompson directed for the Winnebago County Chess Association.

Champaign

The 4th Champaign Open drew 64 players on February 7-8. Winning \$100 each were Paul Waldowski and Walter Morris, each scoring 4½-N. John Sindak and Bruce Kreisman shared the B prize, while best C was Duane Catania. Robert Sah and Arthur Moore shared the D/E, and best unrated was Ronald Zimet. Jeff Hyland and Randy Pacetti directed.

1976 ILLINOIS OPEN flash !

John Tums' last round upset of front-running Andrew Karklins threw the 1976 Illinois State Championship wide open. When all the results were in there was a six (!) way tie for first between A. Karklins, J. Tums, Ed Friedman, Mark Conner, Kurt Stein all with 5½ points.

The Reserve section was won jointly by Bruce McNeill and rapidly improving Lonnie Harris. Details, crosstables and games next issue!

Chicago — Playboy

107 players appeared at Playboy's Towers Hotel in Chicago to vie for \$1500 in cash prizes at the Illinois Chess Classic. The top players soon found their ranks ravaged by money- and rating-hungry A and B players. Andrew Karklins (2220) drew Miosir Stevanovic (1930) in round 1 and later lost to Kurt Stein (1859). Stevanovic also held Dr. Steven Tennant (2269) to a draw, as did Charles Van Buskirk (1977). Peter Gilruth (1959) did Stevanovic and Van Buskirk one better by beating Tennant in round 4. Not to be outdone, Van Buskirk then proceeded to upset Peter Dorman (2198), a feat also accomplished by Phillip Ross (1759). This was not Ross's only accomplishment; he defeated Chad Hill (1980) and drew Ed Formanek (2318), but finally was pulled out of Cloud Nine by David Presser (2269) in the final round. Presser did not emerge unscathed either; John Piwowarczyk (1985) upset him in round 2. Ruben Reyes (2122) also took a beating, losing to James Van Buskirk (1853), Peter Berrie (1826), and Craig Hartigan (1763). Of the 52 players in the Classic section, the top 26 finished with an average score of 2.8 out of 5. There was one "expected" result: Formanek won the \$500 first prize with 4½ points. Presser, Erik Karklins, Charles Van Buskirk, and Norbert Leopoldi each scored 4-1.

The Reserve section had its share of upsets too, as three of the top seven were 0-2 after two rounds. First prize was shared by Vytautas Omilijonas and Steve Levenson at 4½-½; following at 4-1 were Frank Leben, Allen Kornfeld, Russ Branning, Arthur Moore, and Marvin Johnson.

Three players won the negative prize of a \$5 fine for forfeiting without notice: Chan Hill, Slavko Kostov, and Stephen Dempsey.

The Illinois Chess Classic was sponsored by the Great Lakes Chess Association and directed by Bill Smythe. The Towers Hotel will be the site of this year's Illinois State Championship, September 4-6, 1976.

Peter Dorman is listed above as one of the upsettees. To avenge his loss to one of the Van Buskirks, he has submitted his win against the other. The copious notes are Dorman's.

Peter Dorman (2198) vs James Van Buskirk (1853).

1	d4	d5				16	Qg3	Nf7?(a)
2	c4	e6	9	e4	c5	17	Ne4	Bd4
3	Nd3	c6	10	d5	c4?	18	Rd1	O-O(b)
4	Nf3	Nf6	11	de	fe	19	Qh4+(c)	h6
5	e3	bNd7	12	Bc2	Bc5?	20	N:f6+	B:f6
6	Bd3	dc	13	O-O	Bb7	21	Qe4	Nd6
7	B:c4	b5	14	e5!	B:f3	22	Q:e6+	1-0
8	Bd3	a6	15	Q:f3	N:e5			

(a) 16....Nd3

(b) 18....N:e4 19 B:e4 B:f2+? 20 K:f2 Q:d1 21 B:a8 O-O 22 Bf3+-

(c) +-

The Chicago Winter Open, held a month after the Illinois Classic in the same hotel, drew only 49 players. Andrew Karklins returned to his usual form, scoring $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ and winning first place. Tom Crispin of Michigan placed second at 4-1, while $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ was the score achieved by Peter Gilruth, Miodir Stevanovic, Fred Allsbrook, Phil Cobert, and Jim Marfia. The Reserve section was won by Gilbert Escobar (playing in his first tournament) and Allen Kornfeld, each scoring $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Bill Smythe again directed.

NATIONAL CHESS LEAGUE

The aptly named Chicago Prairie Dogs ended the 1976 season with a very disappointing 3-5 match record with 23-25 game points. Although the team actually performed better than its ratings would have indicated, nobody has reason to be satisfied with their performance.

Richard Verber's 3-5 record on first board was both better than expected, and worse than hoped. His opposition included three GM's and two IM's so any score would have been acceptable, but the actual run of play should have given him at least three more wins.

Gene Martinofsky was also unlucky not to score somewhat better. Although he handled the time-limit much better than some of the others, he still made some tactical mistakes in superior positions which cost a couple of wins.

Elliott Winslow was the big disappointment of the season. Imported for the Los Angeles match, he played even more aggressively than usual and suffered the usual penalty. Even his draw against Benko should have been a win.

Ed Formanek handled his time better than anyone else but was unlucky not to convert some superior endings. His loss to Mednis in the New York match from a vastly superior position was probably the killing blow to the Chicago spirit.

David Presser showed the effects of his long layoff. Most of his time was spent on the opening and although he did get good positions, he had consistent problems in the middle games.

Andrew Karklins has been suffering through a prolonged period of poor form. Although he said that he couldn't handle the time limit, he had only minor problems with the clock and his over-the-board game seems to have profited from the fact that he simply didn't have time to not have confidence!

Chicago suffered from the unavailability of several of its stronger players. Greg DeFotis was understandably unwilling to play first board without practice under this time limit but also unwilling were Craig Chellstorp, Steve Tennant

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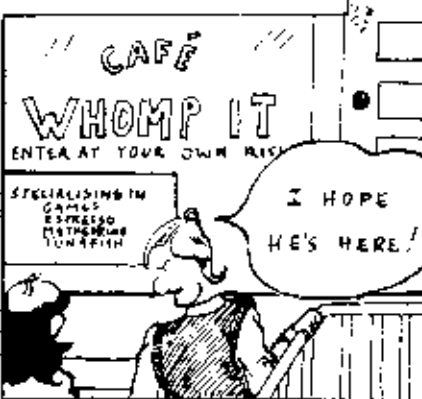
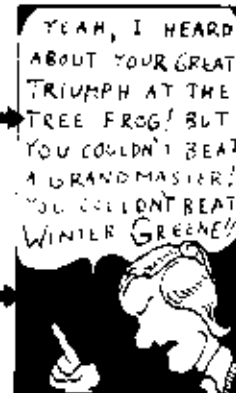


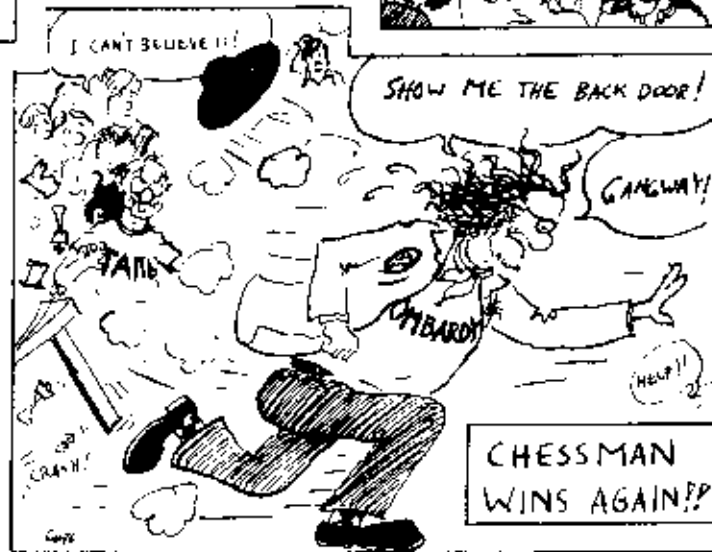
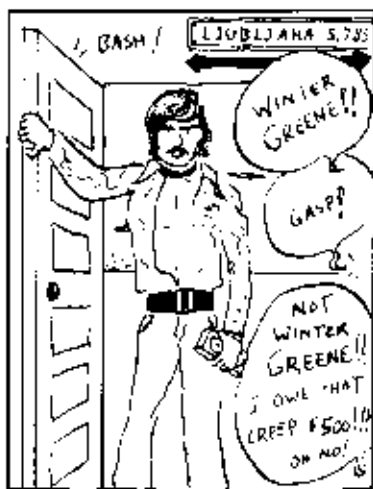
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WESTERN OPEN

Wisconsin's annual Western Open, July 2-5 in Milwaukee, was won by a quartet of non-Wisconites. Tied for first at 6-1 were two Illinoisians, Craig Chelatorp and David Lee (?), plus Curt Brasket of Minnesota and Ross Sprague of Ohio. Altogether, 29 of the 121 participants were from Illinois. Milwaukee's NTD and FIDE arbiter Pearle Mann directed.

For David Lee, the crucial game was the following round 6 encounter with a master. David promises that, by reading his notes, you will learn nothing you ever wanted to know about an A player's mind.

Robert Holyon (2221) vs David Lee (1988).

1	e4	e5				
2	Nc3	Nf6				
3	g3(a)	d5				
4	ed	N:d5		15	Nf6?!(g)gf	
5	Bg2	N:c3(b)		16	Qe4	Ne7
6	bo	Nc6		17	Bh6	Re8
7	Qe2	Bd6		18	Qh4	Nf5
8	Nf3	O-O		19	Qg4+	Kh8
9	O-O(c)	Bg4		20	Be4	N:h6
10	Qb5(d)	Rb8		21	Qh4	Bf8
11	d3	Qd7		22	O-1	
12	Nd2	Be6!?(e)				
13	Re4?	a6(f)				
14	Qh4??	b5				

- (a) The positional continuation, aiming to control d5. Therefore, Black plays....
- (b) 5....Be6 is also worth considering.
- (c) Here I was afraid of 9 h4 with the typical A-player's nightmare of an undeveloped opponent throwing everything at his King-side. But masters never play so anti-positionally.
- (d) An interesting psychological trap. Black is sorely tempted to sac his b-Pawn, with continuations such asRe8 followed bye4 and swinging the Rook to h5, orQd7 followed by trading off White's Bishop on g2. But even A players have flights of reality, and these ideas are not merely garbage, but absolute junk.
- (e) Originally I had intendedBh3 followed byCharge!! But that seemed like an A player's plan, and seeing my game on the wallboard produced a sense of responsibility. I asked myself, "What would Chelatorp play?" and soon developed a headache from the exertion. The move played has two points: (1) cut off White's Queen; (2) playf5 without allowing checks. Besides, if a master had allowedBh3, could it be that good?
- (f) Forcing White's Queen to a dumb square like b2 or b1, after which Black stands better.
- (g) I saw this coming, and was scared out of my wits. I sat on my hands, so that when the blunders travelled from brain to fingers, the worst I could do is pinch myself. Of course, if 15 Q:a6, thenRb6 is nirvana.

DAMN MACHINE!

David Slate's national champion computer program, Chess 4.5, travelled to California July 24-25 to try its luck against humans in the annual Paul Masson Class Championships. The program ran on a new super-fast Cyber computer in Minneapolis, rather than on its usual, slower hardware at Northwestern University's Vogelback computing center.

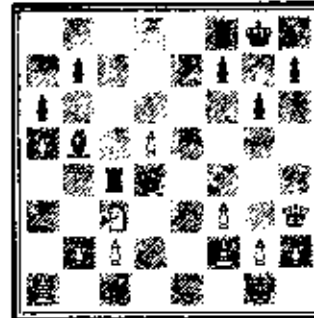
The computer's published rating is 1572, based on a disastrous performance in 1970 and a much better result in a 1974 event. Thus, Chess 4.5 was eligible for class C, but Slate got talked into entering it in the B section. More of a test, and all that jazz. The result: A 5-0 score, a 2135 performance rating, and a new over-all rating of 1720 based on 19 games.

We should add here that, by prior agreement between Slate and TD Martin Morrison, none of the prize money went to the program or its authors.

If there is any lesson to be learned from the computer's games, it is that positional play is appropriate against a machine. This idea dawned on only one of the program's opponents (see the second game below), and only for the first half of the game.

Chess 4.5 vs Neil Regan (1693). Round 1.

1	P-K4	P-QB4		
2	N-KB3	N-QB3	24	R-B2
3	P-Q4	PxP	25	Q-R3
4	NxP	P-KN3		R-B3
5	N-QB3	B-N2		R-B5
6	B-K3	N-B3		
7	B-QB4	Q-R4		
8	O-O	O-O		
9	N-N3	Q-B2		
10	P-B3	P-Q3		
11	N-N5	Q-N7		
12	Q-K2	P-QR3		
13	N-B3	B-Q2		
14	P-QR4	N-QN5		
15	B-N6	Q-B1		
16	N-B5	N-B3		
17	NxN	QxN	26	R-Q1
18	P-B5	QR-B1?	27	RxQ
19	B-Q5	NxB	28	R-B1
20	PxN	Q-B5	29	KxB
21	QxP	B-N4	30	K-B2
22	QxQP	B-Q5+	31	PxR
23	BxB	QxB+		Resigns

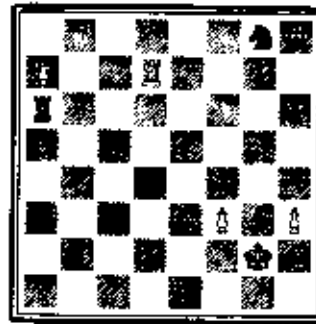


- (a) Never try to out-tactical a computer -- at least not this computer. It looks ahead about 3½ moves on the average, and much farther when there is a long series of captures or checks.

The first half of the following game demonstrates what happens when the computer is obliged to play positionally (16. ...P-QR4...?!). But the human opponent soon forgets himself, and goes for unsound tactics. In the ending, the machine shows sure-footed, if not always fast, technique.

Igor Buljan (1751) vs. Chess 4.5. Round 3.

1. P-Q4 P-Q4
 2. P-K3 N-KB3
 3. B-Q3 P-B4
 4. P-QB3 N-B3
 5. P-KB4 B-N5
 6. N-B3 P-K3
 7. QN-Q2 B-Q3
 8. O-O P-B5
 9. B-B2 O-O
 10. Q-K1 Q-B2
 11. N-K5 K-R1
 12. Q-R4 B-KB4
 13. BxB PxB
 14. R-B3 N-K2
 15. R-R3 P-KR3
 16. N/2-B3 P-QR5
 17. NxP+? RxN
 18. N-N5 N-N3(a)
 19. NxR+ QxN
 20. Q-N5 N-K5
 21. Q-R5 R-K1
 22. R-B3 P-R5
 23. P-KR3 N-B3
 24. QxBP N-R5
 25. Q-B2 NxR+
 26. PxN P-R6
 27. PxP R-R1
 28. R-N1 BxRP
 29. BxB RxB
 30. R-N6 Q-K1
 31. RxP QxP+
 32. K-N2 RxBP
 33. R-N8+ N-N1
 34. Q-B2 QxBP/5
 35. R-N2 R-Q6
 36. P-QR4 QxQP
 37. QxQ RxQ
 38. K-B2 R-Q8
 39. R-R2 P-Q5
 40. P-R5 R-KRB
 41. K-N2 R-K8
 42. P-R6 R-K1
 43. R-R4 P-Q6
 44. RxP P-Q7
 45. R-Q4 R-K3
 46. P-R7 R-R3
 47. R-Q7



47. RxP
 48. RxQP R-R5
 49. R-Q8 X-R2
 50. R-Q6 N-B3
 51. R-N6 N-R4
 52. R-QB6 R-R7+
 53. K-N1 N-B5
 54. P-R4 R-N7+
 55. K-R1 R-N6
 56. R-B3 K-N3
 57. K-R2 R-R6+
 58. K-N1 RxRP
 59. K-B2 R-R7+
 60. K-B1 P-R4
 61. R-B4 N-Q6
 62. K-N1 RxRP
 63. K-N2 RxP!
 64. R-B6+ R-B3
 65. R-B3 N-B5+
 66. K-R2 P-R5
 67. R-B5 K-R3
 68. R-QR5 P-N4
 69. R-N5 P-N5
 70. R-N8 P-N6+
 71. K-N1 R-B3
 72. R-N1 P-R6
 73. R-R1 R-B3
 74. R-Q1 N-K7+
 75. K-R1 K-R1
 76. R-Q6(b) P-N7+
 77. K-R2 P-N8(Q)+
 78. KxP Q-R8 Mate!

- (a) The move White overlooked on his 17th. But even the planned continuation, 18...KR-B1 19 N-K6 etc., is better for Black.
 (b) Nice try, but the machine's not that dumb.

Games (cont.)

Most games aren't won by flights of genius or insane tactical play. Instead, the player who understands the nature of the opening, and feels at home in the middle games that it leads to most often wins. Some players call this boring, anti-romantic chess but the fact remains that this type of chess demands just as much work and judgement as the tactician. I judge the talent of the lower rated player on the degree of control he exhibits against his contemporaries. So here with Louie Harris. He won this game and the tournament in which it was played and just recently the Illinois Open reserve section with the calm positional play that some Chicago "A" players should envy.

C. Laskowski- L. Edwards (1461); Palmer House Open; Sicilian Defense

1. P-Q4	P-QB4	23. NcN	BcN
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	24. B-B3	B-KB3
3. P-Q4	PxP	25. BxB	Qx3
4. NcP	N-KB3	26. P-B3	R-N1
5. N-QB3	P-Q3	27. B-Q2	B-Q2
6. P-QR3(a)	B-Q2	28. Q-K3	RxP
7. B-QB4	Q-N3!(b)	29. RxR	QxR
8. N-N3	P-K3	30. P-KN4	B-Q1
9. B-K3	Q-E2	31. K-N2	B-N3
10. N-N5(c)	Q-N1	32. Q-K1	Q-B7
11. P-B3	P-QR3	33. Q-K1	QxQ
12. N-B3	P-QN4	34. RxQ	R-N1
13. B-K2	B-K2	35. R-QN1	B-R2
14. O-O	O-O	36. R-N4	RxR
15. P-B4	Q-E2(d)	37. BxR(f)	K-B1
16. N-Q2	QR-B1	38. B-B3	P-B3
17. B-Q3	N-QR4	39. K-B3	K-K2
18. Q-B3	N-B5	40. P-KN4	P-Q4
19. NcN	PxN	41. P-KN5	P-Q5
20. B-K2	Q-K2	42. B-Q2	P-B6
21. QR-N1(e)	B-B3	43. B-B1	P-Q6
22. Q-N3		44. RxP+	PxP

Region VI News

by Harold Winston
Region VI Vice-President

All chess organizers should start thinking about National Chess Day on October 9, 1976. Its success is up to us. What kinds of activities should clubs organize? Chairman Bill Dodgen suggests a quick quad or Swiss at 40/40 followed by chess lessons, a simul, and informal play. Let's use National Chess Day to make more people aware that playing in chess events and visiting chess clubs can be fun. This is a fine chance to reach out to prospective new members. Let me know what your plans are.

To save money USCF has reduced its rating supplements to every two months. CL&R mailing label ratings appear every month but are "unofficial" (marked UNOF) in alternate months. USCF's address changed April 1 to 186 Route 9W, New Windsor NY 12550. CL&R has a new special listing for "non-rated beginners tournaments" giving USCF memberships as prizes. Details can be obtained from USCF at the address above. The standard format for such events will be a 4-round Swiss, time limit 40/1 or faster, with USCF memberships awarded to all players scoring 3-1 or better. These events will be open to all players rated under 1200 or unrated. USCF suggests a one-day event on Saturday or Sunday, but will also agree to list events which have two rounds on each of two weeknights a week apart, for example.

Wisconsin now boasts two new national titles. Ric Kaner, a senior at Washington High School in Two Rivers, won the National High School Championship in Cleveland with a 7½ - 2½ score. His team also placed first in a field of 40 schools. The Milwaukee Journal of May 30 did a good feature story on the Two Rivers players. The Journal also runs a very fine chess column by Pierre-Rene Noth. Wisconsin and Illinois hope to arrange a 25-board match in the fall.

Chicago's "Prairie Dogs" suffered a number of heartbreaking 3½ - 2½ defeats in their final matches and finished out of the money in the National Chess League. Bill Martz hopes to organize a Wisconsin team in next year's League.

A recent phone match between Great Falls, Montana and the University of Chicago chess club gave class players a chance to experience telephone chess at a fast 30-30 rate. Chicago won 4-2 but Great Falls would like to play other clubs by phone, splitting expenses. Contact Bob McKinnon. Montana has been actively reorganizing, now has a USCF state affiliate, and is having its first rated state championship this year.

The Governors Cup match generated considerable publicity in the Dakotas. Bismarck beat Pierre 7½ - 2½ in the double round robin. Next November the second match will be held in Pierre. Gary Wallace writes that some funds for chess promotion were obtained through a South Dakota state development fund. George Tiers of Minnesota has added organizing bicentennial US - Canada matches to his other duties.

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GAMES

Did you ever wonder why book moves are in the book? That question is answered very nicely by Ed Formanek in the following Berlin variation of the Ruy Lopez. National Chess League, Chicago-Houston. (Oh, yes. Book is 9. ... , n6;)

Ed Formanek (2319)- David Babcock (2229); Ruy Lopez

1.e4	e5	9. Nc3	Be7	16.Nf7:	Khe8
2.Nf3	Nc6	10.Bg5	Bc5:	17.g4	Nh4
3.Bb5	f6	11.Ng5:	Ke7	18.f4	h5
4.O-O	Ke4:	12.Rad1	b6	19.f5+	Kh7
5.d4	Nd6	13.Rfe1	Bb7	20.hfg5+	Kh8
6.Bc6:	dc6:	14.e6!	hf6	21.h3	Bc8
7.ccb:	Nf5	15.Nce4+	kg6	22.Kf2	1-0
8.Qd8:+	Rd8:				The Knight must fall.

Andy Karklins' opponents in the recently concluded inaugural season of the National Chess League probably got a shock when they saw his rating! They weren't shocked by his chess though as Karklins conjures a mating attack out of three very active pieces.

A. Karklins (2184)- R. Hammis (2279) San Francisco

1.e4	e5	15.h4	O-O-O	29.Kd5!	Be3
2.Nf3	d6	16.f5	d5	30.Rf5	df8
3.d4	cd4:	17.ed5:	ed5:	31.Rf6(c)Re8	
4.Nd4:	Nf6	18.f6	gf6:	32.Rf7:	h6
5.Nc3	a6	19.gf6:	Bfd	33.Nc6+	Kc8
6.Bg5	e6	20.Qf5+	Kb8	34.Bh3+	Ke6
7.f4	Be7	21.hd5:	Qg3	35.Ne7+	Kd8
8.Qf3	Qc7	22.he7	Rd4(b)	36.Nd5	Bc5
9.O-O-O	hbd7	23.Bb7:	Qf4+	37.b4	Bf8
10.g4	b5	24.f4+:	af4:	38.Be6:	1-0
11.Bf6:	Nf6:	25.gg2	Bh6	(a) Karklins' own line	
12.Bg2(=)	bb7	26.Kb1	Rf6:	(b) If 22...Q or Bg2:,23.Qc5:	
13.g5	Nd7	27.Rhf1	Rf4	and Black's K will be easy prey.	
14.a3	Kc5	28.Rf4:	Bf4:	(c) The mating attack decides.	

Each year the University of Chicago Chess Club holds its "Fish Fry" to decide who will play the final two boards on its "A" team. This year Miloslav Neuvlasil, a freshman from Washington won the event with 5½-2½. Here, however, Bob Felt teaches him a thing about the Sicilian Dragon.

Robert Felt(1860)- Miloslav Neuvlasil(1936); Sicilian Defense

1.e4	e5	13.Qe2(a)	Ke3:(b)	25.Qe4:	Ka8
2.Nf3	d6	14.Qe3:	h5	26.Qf4	Re1+
3.d4	cd4:	15.g4!	hg4:	27.Rd1	Bb2+:
4.Nd4:	Nc6	16.h5!	gh5:	28.Kb2:	Rd1:
5.Nc3	g6	17.Qg5	e6	29.Qg5+	Kh7
6.Be3	Bg7	18.fg4:	Qc5	30.Qh5+	Kg7
7.Qd2	Nf6	19.lf5!	ef5:	31.g5	Rf1
8.f3	O-O	20.Nd5	Nd5:	32.Qh6+	Kg8
9.Nc4	Bd7	21.Nd5:	Qf2	33.g6	Re8
10.O-O-O	Qc7?	22.Nd2	Qf3	34.gf :+	Rf7:
11.Bb3	Ne5	23.Qh5:	Qh1+:	35.Qg6+	Kh8
12.h4	Kc4	24.Qh1:	fe4:	36.Bf7:	1-0

(a) After 13.Bc4: White is winning.
 (b) This is bad. Better is Kfc6! followed by a6 and b5.

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The 1976 Chess Mates club championship was won by Dennis Bourgerie with a score of 3½-½, followed by Larry Goch at 3-1. The world of business prevented 1975 Champion Steve Budrys and runner-up John Holmes from participating. Keeping the Northwestern University computers humming also held up a strong challenge from expert David Slate. Bourgerie allowed only a ½ point slip to Floyd Cousins of Evanston. Jim Bozzelli directed.

At Northwestern University in March, Tim Perdian of Wisconsin walked away with \$100 in the Plus-Score Open. As the name of the tournament implies, prizes were awarded according to score instead of place. Nobody took advantage of the \$65 prize offered to players scoring 4½, but Phil Cobert scored 4-1 and took home \$40. Winning \$25 for a 3½ score were Kurt Snaveley and Mike Frithiof, followed by a quintet of 3-2 scorers winning \$15 each. Bill Snythe directed for the N.U. Chess Club.

On April 3, it was time for the Evanston chess crowd to move south again to Chess Mates. David Slate won the Evanston Open Tornado with a 4-0 record, followed by Allen Kornfeld at 3½ and Gee Leong at 3. Jim Bozzelli directed, and also won the \$10 women's prize.

Then it was back north for the Northwestern Hex-Quad and Tornado on April 10-11. Phil Cobert and Ruy Hein won their two-day Hex sections, while Bruce Fortado and Donald Nicholson were Saturday Quad winners. On Sunday, the Tornado was won by David Sprenkle at 4-0, followed by Steven Dowd, Paul Waldowski, Bill Hansen, and Robert Gerber at 3-1. Richard Rostrom Sr. won the C prize; Bill Snythe directed.

Other Evanston news: (1) Chess Mates won the 1975-76 North Shore Chess League season, a double round-robin for eight-person teams. (2) The Evanston Chess Club has moved from 808 Sherman Avenue to 903 Main Street. The new address, like the old, is near the Main Street CTA and C&NW stations.

Notes

(Laskowski-Edwards)

- (a) Actually not a bad move. The idea is to hide the bishop on QR2 and has been played by Bronstein and Korchnoi.
- (b) Normally this forces the knight back to N3 but if the knight goes back to N3 in this position P-QR3 is seen to be a waste of time.
- (c) This is normally a waste of time in this type of position since the Queen does not stand badly on QN1 and Black regains the tempo with P-QR3.
- (d) This is somewhat stereotyped. Better is Q-N2 followed by NxN and B-B3 with greater pressure in the center and the Q- side.
- (e) P-K5 is the only real chance for survival.
- (f) Even though the position is lost there is no reason to commit suicide. This move, and others like it, are bad because it gives Black a passed pawn.

Illinois at the Pan Am - Part 2

by Harold Winston

There were a number of noteworthy performances by Illinois players at Columbus in December. Downstate chess was well represented by four teams: Northern Illinois, Illinois State, U of I, and Illinois Valley. Northern made a fine showing and just missed a team class prize. Rated 1611 they managed to tie Missouri B (1830) in the third round and to win a crucial last round match against Herbert Lehman (1897). John McNabb led the team with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ on board three and Jim Egerton scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ on second board. ISU had the handicap of a three player squad but still managed to have an even score as their top two boards racked up the points. Facing the strong players, Tom Taylor had a fine $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ while Kevin French did even better with 6-2. The team from the main campus of the University of Illinois had only three players for seven out of eight matches. Denis Jankx played a solid first board for them and finished with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$. Illinois Valley Community College entered a team for the fifth straight year -- a record few Illinois colleges can match! Despite an average team rating of 1341 they upset Marietta College (1515) and Missouri C (1538), led by Tim Whalen's $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ score on first board.

A number of other good individual results should be noted as well. Miloslav Nekvasil led Chicago B with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ on top board, losing only to players with 2300+ ratings (Danny Kopec and Charles Powell). A freshman at UC, he now has an expert rating. John Quigley (1737) reached Class A by scoring 6-2 on second board for Chicago C. James Stevenson (1480) picked up a lot of rating points with a $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ record on fourth board for Chicago D. Jeff Friedman led Governors State B with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ and Steven Amundsen topped DuPage with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$. OSU B, by the way, played two of the toughest teams, Nebraska and Toronto, and, like Northern Illinois, also upset Herbert Lehman. Loop College fielded two teams but had bad luck. Their A team had a number of talented players including Scott Kaplan, Gene Scott, Cliff Peterson, and John Dotson but none played up to par. Kaplan and Dotson are veterans of the Loop team that placed in the top ten in December, 1970.

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ICA Minutes

February 15, 1976. The meeting was called to order at 3:45 PM by President Richard Verber. Also present were Larry Stilwell, Paul Ilosvay, Walter Brown Jr., Harold Winston, Bill Smythe, Jim Brotsos, Randy Pacetti, George Martin and Mike Zacate. Non-Directors present at the meeting were Kurt Stein, Earl Russell, Dennis Bourgerie, Jim Bozzelli, Ray Socha, and Wiley Clements.

A Treasurer's report was given by Jim Brotsos. While the membership has risen to 461, the expense of the Illinois Chess Bulletin has risen so much that it is eating up the funds of the organization. A lengthy discussion was held concerning dues and other means to maintain a financial balance. Advisory votes were held to determine the sentiment of those present on the issues discussed. The results were:

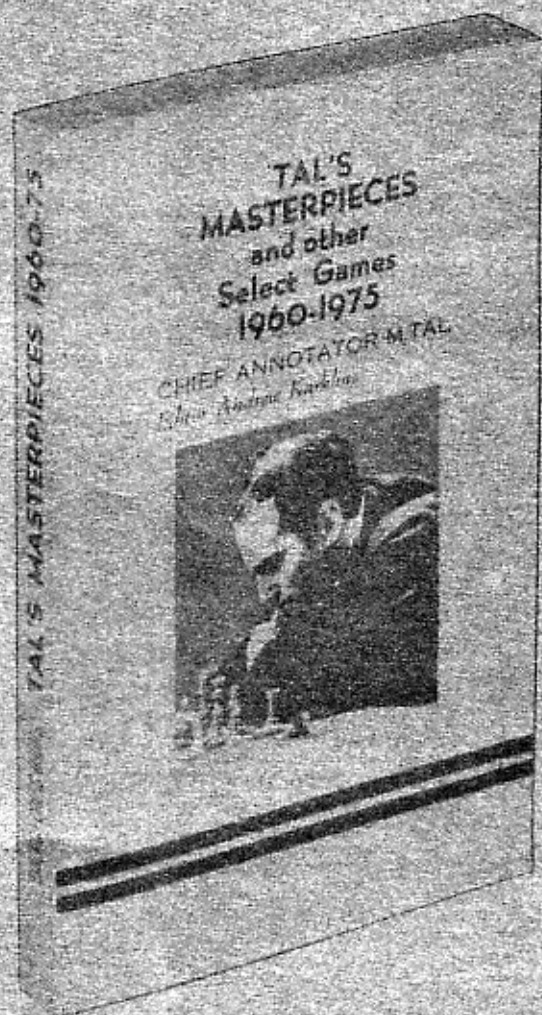
Require ICA membership to participate in tournaments	5 yes	4 no
Raise dues to \$3.50	7 yes	3 no
Reduce to 4 issues of ICB/year	6 yes	3 no
Reduce to 5 issues of ICB/year	8 yes	1 no

Larry Stilwell moved to continue old policy of having 4 issues of ICB per year. Seconded by Paul Ilosvay. Motion carried 6-4.

The Treasurer's report stated that total income in 1975 had been \$1149. At present the ICA has a balance on hand of \$505.79.

It was moved by Harold Winston and seconded by Larry Stilwell to add to Article 8, section B that "If Illinois USCF Voting Members are absent from a Board of Directors meeting, the highest ranking Illinois USCF alternates present shall fill their places at the meeting." A vote on the motion will be held at the next meeting.

A discussion concerning the letting of bids for the Illinois State Championship traditionally held over the Labor Day week-end was held. Several areas which a bidder might state in submitting a bid were listed by various delegates. The Secretary was instructed to compose a letter to organizations which might be interested in submitted bids to the ICA for the tournament and to mail to same. It was felt most appropriate to send the invitations for bids to clubs affiliated with the ICA.



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