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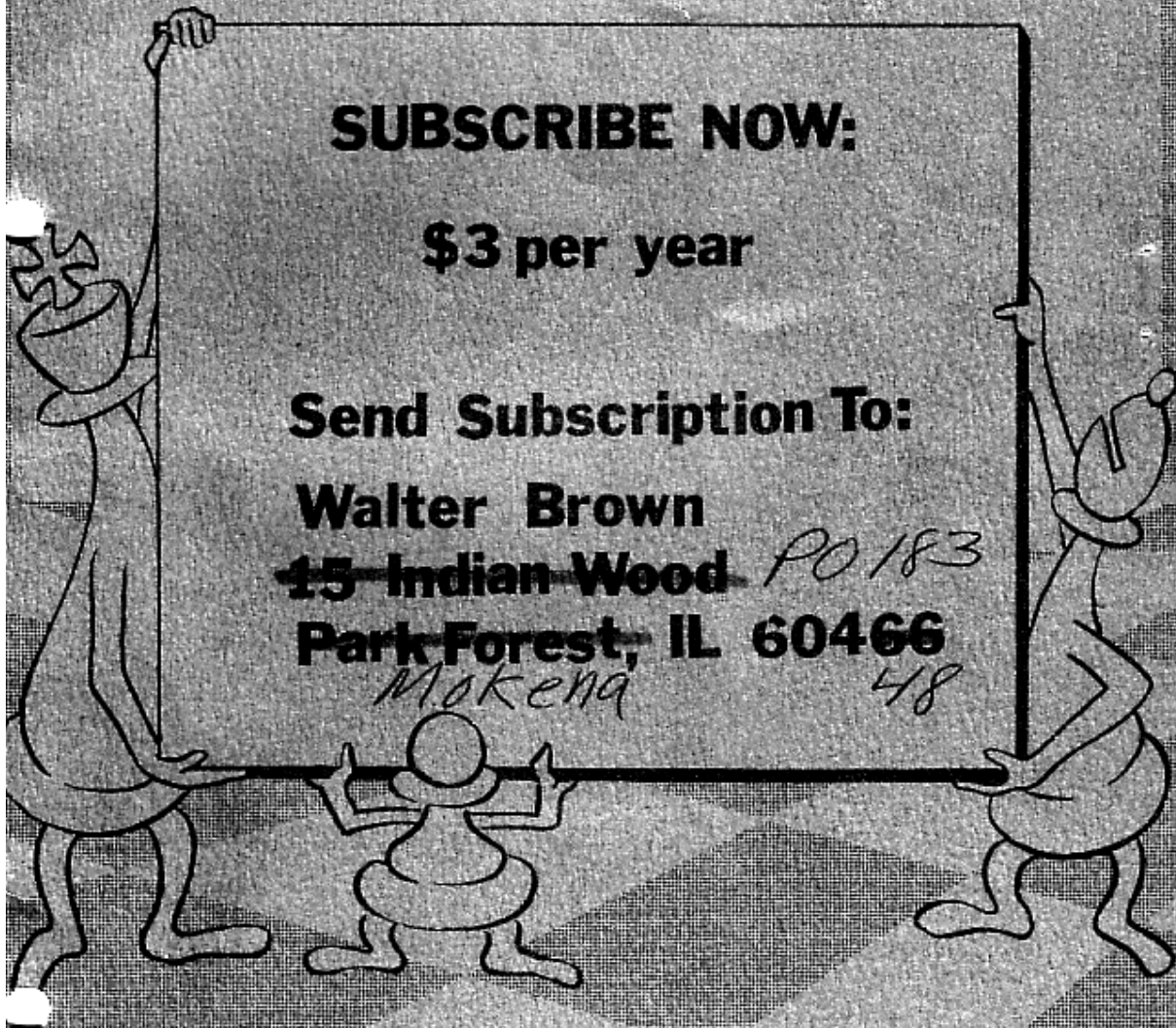
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AMERICAN NEW YEAR'S CONGRESS

New Year's Eve is a time for celebration. A time for taking joy in the good of the year ending, for meeting the future with hope and plans, for affirming optimism. It is a very appropriate time for celebrating chess, for affirming joy and faith in chess. The American New Year's Congress was conceived to do just that. Three hundred and ninety-three chess players, from forty states plus Canada and Mexico, joined in that celebration of chess. The result was an interesting, hard fought weekend of chess at the Palmer House to greet this year. A result that speaks well of the future of Illinois chess.

The American New Year's Congress was a class event run in five sections. The prize funds were identical, \$2,000 in each section: Titled Section (Expert & above), Class "A", "B", "C", "D/E" Sections. Its \$10,000 guaranteed prizes concept is the most major privately financed achievement in Illinois chess history. With the success of the American New Year's Congress, SKF Enterprises demonstrated that Illinois can successfully organize events of real national significance.

The Illinois chess players gave an extremely good account of themselves, both as supporters of chess and as real competitors for prizes. Out-of-staters in Chicago looking for some of the prize money discovered that Illinois chess players really deserve their ratings. Indeed, our players dominated the lists of winners in all sections except the Titled Section. Even so they did a respectable job in that section and helped play havoc with many ratings -- including IGM Shashkovich's. Over-all Illinois chess players gave a very impressive display of playing strength in the 1st American New Year's Congress.

In the Titled Section, Ed Friedman, David Sprenkle, and Andrew Marklins of Illinois won prize money. They played good chess. Others also played good chess in some of their games but could not equal those three for consistency. With just a little luck, Dr. Martinovsky and Dennis Waterman could have joined those three as prize winners.

Although Edward Friedman finished higher, the real surprise and moral victor from Illinois in the Titled section was David Sprenkle. He achieved an experts rating by his fine performance. David is a young, aggressive player. His solid performance in the American New Year's Congress is not an isolated example of success. He has done very well in other Illinois events and seems likely to join the ranks of Illinois Masters in the near future. Going into the last round, David Sprenkle (1989), IGM Walter Browne (2547) and IGM Anetol Lein (2552) were the only three undefeated players. David played Browne, while Dr. Martinovsky tried to stop Lein. Both games turned into time-trouble affairs.

American New Year's Congress, round 5 (final) board 2: Browne-Sprenkle
 1. d4 f5 2. c4 Nf6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. Nc3 O-O 6. Nf3 d6 7. d5 c6 8. O-O
 Qa5 9. a3 Qa6 10. Nd2 Nbd7 11. Rb1 Ne5 12. b3 Bd7 13. Bb2 Nh5 14. Nf3 f4
 15. Nd4 Rac8 16. Ne4 cd5 17. cd5 18. Nf3 Ng4 19. h3 Ngf6 20. Nf6:+ Nf6: 21.
 g4 Bg7 22. Nd4 Ne8 23. Qd2 Bh6 24. Bf3 (110) Bg5 (89) 25. Rfel Ng7 26. Kg2
 Qb6 27. Qd3 Bf6 28. Be4 Rcl: 29. Rcl: Rc8 30. Rc8: Bc8: 31. e3 fe3: 32. Qe3:
 Qc5 33. b4 Qc4 34. g5 Be5 35. f4 Qa2 36. Qc3 Bf5 37. Bf3 Bf4 38. Nc6 e5 39.
 de6: Ne6: 40. Qh8+ Kf7 41. Qf6+ ... (1-0)

Grandmaster Walter S. Browne has superb poise and aplomb in time trouble. When he made his fortieth move his flag quivered; it fell with the forty-first -- too late to save David! -- the move that ended it all. Even when the game was over, many of the spectators could not believe that he had really managed to make the time control, much less finish the game nicely!!

The cross table for the Titled Section of the American New Year's Congress shows many interesting results -- this is in final rank order.

1. IGM Walter Browne	CA 2547	w-13	w-19	w-3	d-2	w-4	4½-1½
2. IGM Anatol Lein	NY 2552	w-25	w-14	w-5	d-1	w-8	4½-1½
3. Edward Friedman	IL 2146	w-31	w-33	L-1	w-26	w-13	4-1
4. David Sprenkle	IL 1989	w-24	w-7	w-8	d-6	L-1	3½-1½
5. Fred Lindsay	MI 2276	w-30	w-23	l-2	d-14	w-9	3½-1½
6. Marty Appleberry	AL 2278	w-28	d-15	w-22	d-4	d-10	3½-1½
7. Andrew Karklins	IL 2273	w-32	l-4	d-16	w-17	w-14	3½-1½
8. Dr. Eugene Martinovsky	IL 2317	w-27	w-17	l-4	w-15	l-2	3-2
9. Walter Morris	IA 2107	d-18	w-12	d-10	w-11	l-5	3-2
10. Dennis Waterman	IL 2299	d-16	w-29	d-9	d-13	d-6	3-2
11. Steven Tennant	IL 2197	l-23	w-35	w-27	l-9	w-22	3-2
12. IGM Leonid Shamkovich	NY 2501	d-22	l-9	d-30	w-29	w-15	3-2
13. Bruce Alberston	PA 2169	L-1	w-32	w-23	d-10	l-3	2½-1½
14. Robert Ludlow	MI 2135	w-35	l-2	w-33	d-5	l-7	2½-1½
15. James E. Gwyn	NJ 2020	w-26	d-6	w-18	l-8	l-12	2½-2½
16. Paul Kuroda	AR 2083	d-10	d-18	d-7	d-22	d-20	2½-2½
17. Chad Hill	MI 2048	w-34	l-8	w-20	l-7	d-24	2½-2½
18. Elliott Winslow	MO 2320	d-9	d-16	l-15	w-28	d-21	2½-2½
19. Todd Luna	OR 2086	w-20	L-1	l-26	d-31	w-29	2½-2½
20. Ervin Middleton	NY 2315	l-19	w-24	l-17	w-30	d-16	2½-2½
21. Rodney Malpert	NE 2128	d-29	l-22	d-31	w-27	d-18	2½-2½
22. Angelo Sandrin	IL 2067	d-12	w-21	l-6	d-16	l-11	2-3
23. Bernie Rabinowitz	IL 1973	w-11	l-5	l-13	d-24	d-25	2-3
24. David Steele	NC 2133	l-4	l-20	w-32	d-23	d-17	2-3
25. David Whitehouse	MI 2089	l-2	d-31	l-29	w-33	d-23	2-3
26. Richard Verber	IL 2426	l-15	w-28	w-19	l-3	2-3
27. Erik Karklins	IL 2006	l-8	bye	l-11	l-21	w-33	2-3
28. Bernard Parham	IN 2041	l-6	l-26	w-35	l-18	bye	2-3
29. Dee Drake	OK 1920	d-21	l-10	w-25	l-12	l-19	1½-3½
30. Daniel Harger	IA 2042	l-5	d-34	d-12	l-20	d-32	1½-3½
31. Josef Friedman	WI 2019	l-3	d-25	d-21	d-19	1½-3½
32. W. John Lutes	IL 2004	l-7	l-13	l-24	w-f	d-30	1½-3½
33. Harold Sabenhagen	IL 1681	bye	l-3	l-14	l-25	l-27	l-4
34. Ross Sprauge	OH 2287	l-17	d-30	½-1½
35. Frank Bobb	IL UNR.	l-14	l-11	l-28	l-f	0-4

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The Class A Section also produced some very fine chess. This is not surprising since some of today's "A" players have been Masters in the past. Nor did once being a master assure anyone of doing well in this type of event. Class A players take special joy in upsetting masters. ICB editor John Tomas split first prize with Robert K. Johnson of Minn. by drawing him in the final round. John normally maintains an expert rating, and it is possible for him to be encouraged enough by his play to start thinking of getting and keeping the master rating he is capable of. Other Class A Section winners were Harry Kaminker (Canada), John Rowe (IA), and Tim Kras (IL); they tied for 3-5 prize with 4-1 scores.

The ninety-four Class B Section produced the only clear winner of the five sections. David Hasegawa, from Chicago, scored a perfect five points and earned the undivided \$1,000 first prize. He also achieved a solid class A rating by his performance; he should not have any trouble retaining it after earning it in that fashion. The Class B Section also had its share of players who once had more impressive ratings. There was a five-way tie for second place in the Class B Section, all with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points: Leonard Scales, III (OH); Alberto Artidello (IL); Gunnar Backstrom (IL); Michael Channey (OR); and Duane Polich (WA) shared those honors. Illinois players really dominated the Class B Section taking home 70% of the prize fund.

It was in the Class C Section that the Illinois chess players did the most impressive job of shutting out the hopes of out-of-staters; Illinois "C" players took home 87% of the Class C Section prize fund. Tibor Varga and Richard Maisiak led the 109-player field with $4\frac{1}{2}$ scores. Robert Mijou, John Lengyel, Jim Erman, Christopher Dooley (OK), Stephen Mitchell (MI), Daniel Vespo (IN), Robert Gabriel (OH), and Robert Taliaferro (MI) completed the prize list, all tied for fifth place with 4-1 scores.

The Class D/E Section was a wide open affair. Only the Titled Section results (except for IGMs Browne and Lein who did play to form) were less predictable. Larry Davis completed the pattern of Illinois players finishing on top in all the class sections. His five points shared first prize honors with Thomas Edwards (WI). Salvatore Lamartina (MD), Kenneth Pestka (WI), and Al Arellano (TX) each made $4\frac{1}{2}$ points to complete the list of prize winners.

Many players who did not share in the prizes, nevertheless turned in very creditable performances. Illinois players have established the beginning of a fine tradition by their impressive results in the American New Year's Congress. It will be a difficult standard to meet in the future, one worthy of striving to exceed.

For the future ... Planning begins now of how to make the next American New Year's Congress an even better event. Possibly one round longer, and with a deeper prize fund. The many things learned from this first tournament will provide even better American New Year's Congresses. Hope to see you there!!

national chess league

After five rounds of the 1977 National Chess League the Chicago "Prairie Dogs" are in fifth place with a 17-13 score. Although five full points behind front-running New York, Chicago is only 1 point behind 2nd place Washington and $\frac{1}{2}$ behind 3-4 Los Angeles and San Francisco. Since New York, with IGM's and IM'S through Board 6, is virtually conceded 1st place, Chicago is in good position to take one of the other three prizes.

The team has continued last year's form in remaining a study in inconsistency. The low point of the season has to be the losses to Westfield and San Francisco. The San Francisco loss was especially galling as it seemed that Winslow, who was an exchange up at move 40 and a full rook up for most of the second session, was going to win to even the match but instead he fell victim to a series of inspired cheapos.

The high point of the season is the Hartford match in which the team -- stung by their previous poor showings played the type of chess that they are capable of. Martinovsky and Minailovich played particularly attractive games.

Round 1, Chicago vs. Berwick Bay; Board 2. Pat Brown(1943)-E. Winslow(2320)

1. P-K4	P-QB4	15. N-R5	Q-R2
2. N-KB3	P-Q3	16. PxP	PxP
3. P-Q4	PxF	17. NxP	QxP
4. NxP	N-KB3	18. KR-Q1	QxQNF
5. N-QB3	P-QR3	19. NxP	QxP
6. P-QR4	P-K4	20. N-B4	QxR
7. N-N3	B-K3	21. RxQ	RxR+
8. B-K2	B-K2	22. K-B2	B-B4
9. O-O	O-O	23. P-R3	R-R5
10. J-K3	QN-Q2	24. N-Q2	R-k6
11. P-R4	Q-B2	25. N-B1	R-N1
12. P-B5	B-B5	26. Q-Q1	BxB+
13. BxB	QxB	27. NxB	R-N7+
14. Q-B3	P-QN4	28. N-B2	R-QB6

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Round 4, Chicago vs. Hartford Board 4. J. Mihajlovic (2198)-L. Norderer(2047)

1. f4	d5	17. Bc5	Rab8	33. Nc5	Bc8
2. e3	c5	18. Ra1	Rd5	34. Nd2	a5
3. Nf3	Nc6	19. Rb8:+	Qb8:	35. Qc4+	Ke7
4. Bb5	a6	20. Be7:	Qc7	36. Qd3	Kf8
5. Bc6:+	bc6:	21. Bc5	Rh5	37. Qe4	Kf7
6. Ne5	Qd6	22. Bd6	Qd7	38. Nc4	Ng8
7. b3	Nh6	23. Rb1	Rb5	39. d5	cd5:
8. O-O	fc	24. Rb3	Bf8	40. Qd5:+	Kf8
9. Nd3	c4	25. Ne4	Qf7	41. Qd6+	Qe7
10. Ba3	Qc7	26. Ncd2	Nc5	42. Qe7:+	Ke7:
11. hc4:	dc4:	27. Bf8:	Qf8:	43. Na5:	h5
12. Nb2	Re6	28. g4	Nh6	44. gh5:	gh5:
13. Qe2	g6	29. h3	Qd8	45. Kg2	Kd6
14. Nc4:	hg7	30. a4	Rb3:	46. b4	Ne7
15. d4	O-O	31. cb3:	Qc7	47. Nc4+	1-0
16. Nbd2	Rf8:	32. Ne4	Kf7		

Round 3, Chicago vs. Westfield; Board 6, E. Shapiro(2167) - I. Lipking (2159)

1. e4	c5	8. O-O-O	O-O	15. Be6:	fe6:
2. Nf3	Nc6	9. f4	h6	16. Qf2	Bf4:
3. d4	cd4:	10. Bf6:	Bf6:	17. Qf4:	Bc3:
4. Nd4:	Nf6	11. Ndb5	Qa5	18. Qf7+	Kh7
5. Nc3	d6	12. Kb1	Rd8	19. Bc3:	Qc3:
6. Bg5	e6	13. Nd6:	e5	20. Qe6:	Qb4+
7. Qd2	Be7	14. Bc4	Be6	21. Ka1	Nd4

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Round 4, Chicago vs. Hartford; Board 2, E. Martinovsky(2308)- J. Platz (EM)

1. e4	e5	11. h3	Ng6	21. Rh1	Rh1:
2. Nf3	Nc6	12. f4	Bc5+	22. Rh1:	g5
3. Bb5	Nf6	13. Kg2	Be7	23. Be3	f6
4. O-O	Ne4:	14. Nf3	h5	24. Kh8+	Kf7
5. d4	Nd6	15. f5	hg4:	25. Kh7+	Kf8
6. Be6:	dc6:	16. hg4:	Nh4+	26. Ne4	c5
7. de5:	Ng5	17. Nh4:	Rh4:	27. ef6:	Bd8
8. Qd6:+	Rd8:	18. Kg3	Rh8	28. Ng5:	Nd5
9. g4	Ne7	19. Nc3	b6	29. Rh8+	Bg8
10. Ng5	Re8	20. Bf4	Rd7	30. f7	1-0

Second City Amateur

60 rated players and 12 "non-rated Novices" braved 20-below weather January 29-30 to play in the Second City Amateur at the Playboy Towers. Not daring to beat a USCF Policy Board member, two players drew with and three lost to Harold Winston, who shared first place with Mark Marovitch and Alan Kobernat at 4-1. Allen Kornfeld was best under-1800 with 3½.

Regular readers are all too aware of the ICB's love of upsets. The major ones in the top section were both the property of Dan Fraats (1488), who defeated Gee Leong (1680) and Kalman Farkas (1695).

Richard Rostrom Sr. won the Reserve section with 4½ points; under-1400 winner was Larry Cohen at 3-2. Major upsetters in this section were Al Arellano (998), who defeated both Ron Fortunato (1252) and Dan O'Neill (1378); and Jammie Gregory (1410), who numbered Phil Jarrette (1560) and Joe Ray (1521) among his victims.

Winners of USCF memberships in the two Non-Rated Novice events were William Davis, Raymond Diaz, Phil Loeb, Chris Hoeckley, Theodore Rybka, and Daryl Thompson, each of whom scored 3-1 or 4-0.

Five father-son or husband-wife teams participated: Harold and Joan Winston, Jerome and Allen Kornfeld, Albert and Chris Hoeckley, Rob and Mimi Sillars, and Pete and Marco Rodriguez. Both Rodriguez were new to tournament play, but scored a total of 4½ out of 10 in the Reserve section. Let's hear it for relatives!

Anthony Marquez reports that he defeated Charles Franciose in the State Championship tournament last September, contrary to information reported in an earlier ICB.

-- Bill Smythe

masters

In the first of what it is hoped will be a continuing series at the Lincoln Park Chess Club, six Chicago-Area masters competed in a round-robin for \$600 in prize money the first weekend in December. Ed Formanek emerged as clear winner with 4½-½ after the exhausting three-day grind; two full points ahead of 2-3 Andrew Karklins and Dennis Waterman. Rounding out the field were Eugene Martinovsky and David Presser 2-3 and Elliott Winslow 1½-3½.

Formanek's victory was not as simple as the bare score might indicate. He was in trouble in each of the first three rounds -- against Presser, Martinovsky and Karklins and still scored 2½ points. At this point, after the Saturday rounds, Karklins was tied for the lead but whereas Formanek uncorked two positional gems to beat Waterman and Winslow on Sunday, Karklins lost to Presser and Waterman.

Dennis Waterman's lack of recent practice showed in the early rounds as he lost a very quick game to Winslow but he settled down to play very solid chess the rest of the way. David Presser was also without recent practice and it took him three rounds to play himself into shape. Gene Martinovsky has been playing very aggressive chess (not

his usual style) and his new style worked in one marvelous game against Winslow but he was fighting from difficult positions the rest of the time. Except in his first round game against Waterman Elliott Winslow was not allowed the type of positions he likes and his results showed it. Ray Socha directed the Ron Fortunato tournament for the Lincoln Park Chess Club.

GAMES

Waterman wastes time in the opening and then goes after an unimportant pawn. In the final position either the Queen goes or it's mate!

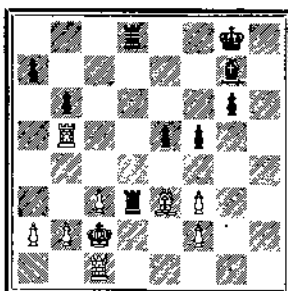
D. Waterman (2299)-E. Winslow (2320); Round 1; English Opening

1. c4	g6	10. O-O	Qd7	19. b3	Nf4
2. Nc3	d6	11. d4	Bd5:	20. Rd6:	Ne2:+
3. g3	Bg7	12. cd5:	Ne7	21. Kf1	Qd6:
4. Bg2	e5	13. Qb3	Kh8	22. Ba8:	Qd3
5. d3	Nc6	14. de5:	de5:	23. Qd2	Ng3:+
6. Rb1	f5	15. Qb7:	Rfb8	24. Kg2	Qf1+
7. e3	Nf6	16. Qa6	Ned5:	25. Kg2:	Qg1+
8. Nge2	Be6	17. Rd1	kb6		O-1
9. Nd5	O-O	18. Qa5	Rd6		

David Presser came back from a long layoff with some new ideas. Here he uses an idea of Soviet GM Kuzmin to surprise Karklins in the opening and get a superior ending. Karklins blunders in time-pressure and Presser notches the point.

A. Karklins (2308)- D.Presser (2190); Round 4; Sicilian Defense

1. P-K4	P-QB4	17. NxP	B-B4
2. N-KB3	P-Q3	18. B-KB4	Q-N3
3. P-Q4	PxP	19. B-K3	Q-B3
4. NxP	N-KB3	20. NxN+	BxN
5. N-QB3	N-QB3	21. Q-KN3+	B-N3
6. B-KN5	B-Q2	22. RxF	KR-Q1
7. Q-Q2	R-B1	23. R-QB1	B-N2
8. O-O-O	NxN	24. BxB	RPxB
9. QxN	Q-R4	25. R-KN5	P-QN3
10. B-Q2	P-KN3	26. P-QB3	Q-K5+
11. P-KR4	B-N2	27. K-R1	R-Q6
12. P-R5	FxF	28. Q-B3	QxQ
13. K-N1	Q-B2	29. FxQ	F-K3
14. B-Q3	O-O	30. R-N5	F-B4
15. P-K5	PxF	31. K-N1	P-K4
16. Q-KR4	P-K5	32. K-B2	R(1)-Q1*



33. R-KN1	K-B2	38. K-B4	RxF
34. B-Q4	RxKBP	39. R-Q5	R(N)-Q7
35. BxF	RxBP+	40. R-K5	R-(Q)-K7
36. K-N3	BxB	41. R-Q5	R(K)-Q7
37. RxB	R(1)-Q7		

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KARKLINS

C. Bassin (Mich.)- A. Karklins; U.S. Class Championships, Ruy Lopez:					
1. e4	e5	14.Nce2	Khe8	27. ed6:	Bd1:(m)
2. Nf3	Nc6	15.Bc3	Kb7(g)	28. d7+(n)	Kd7:
3. Bb5	a6	16.Rd3	Nc8	29. Kd1:	Br8?!
4. Bc6:	dc6:	17.Rhd1	Nd6	30. d4?(0)	Bb4
5. Nc3(a)	g6(b)!	18.f3	Kc8(h)	31. Re2	Re2:
6. d4	ed4:	19.b3	Nf7	32. Ke2:	c5
7. Qd4:(c)	Qd4:	20.R/3d2	Ne5(i)	33. dc5:	Bc5:
8. Nd4:	Bg7	21.Nd3*	Bh6!	34. h3	Ke6
9. Be3	Bd7	22.f4	Bg4!(j)	35. Bd8	Bd6
10. 0-0-0	0-0-0	23.g3	Nd3+!(k)	36. Kf3	Kd5
11. Nde2(e)	Ne7	24.cd3:	f5!	37. g4	b5
12. Bd4	f6	25.Bf6(1)	Kd6	38. gf5:	gf5:
13. Nf4	b6(f)	26.e5	Be2:!	0-1	

Annotations by Andrew Karklins

(a) Usual is Fischer's 5.0-0. I believe the text was recommended by Alekhine as an alternative to Lasker's 5.d4.

(b) An improvisation over the board, which (in my opinion) takes the sting out of White's 5.Nc3. Black now threatens to consolidate and take control of White's d4 with ...Bg7. White has two choices: (1) to play 6.d4 immediately (the game) or, (2) to go in for 6.Ne5: Qg5 7.Nf3 Qg2: 8.Rg1 Qh3. In either case, it seems Black gets good counterplay.

(c) If 7.Nd4 Bg7 8.Be3 Black would have excellent prospects for his Bishops in the middlegame.

(d) In Fischer's "exchange variation proper" White has good chances in similar endings because Black invariably has played weakening pawn moves (...c5) which lead to prospects for White's N's. Here, however, the ending clearly favors Black as his bishops have long ranging diagonals while White's N's really lack prospects. And, it follows that without solidly posted pieces White cannot dream of advancing his K-side pawn majority. This game is quite instructive along these lines.

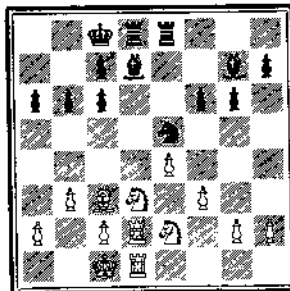
(e) Intending to either exchange Black's powerful KB (with Bd4) or to force him to close the bishops diagonal with ...f6.

(f) Black in turn threatens 14. ... c5 15.Be3 f5!, opening the game very favorably. White's next move is designed to keep his bishop on the long diagonal.

(g) Preparing the maneuver 16.Nc8-d6-c4 or b5, which could be quite embarrassing for White. Here one can notice the latent power of Black's pieces as compared to White's listless ones.

(h) Protecting the QB to free the N for its journey to a better future.

(i) Black's N is now excellently posted and he's ready to play either ... f5 or Bh6. Black keeps increasing his command of the board demonstrating the superiority of his pieces. White immediately seeks to unseat the N with Nd3 before Black gets to play Bh6. Actually, however, 21. Kbl was necessary.



- (j) Winning material by force as the bishops display their powers. White can capture Black's N three different ways but to no avail:
- (1) If 23.fe5: Be2: wins the exchange with a good position.
 - (2) If 23.Ne5: fe5: 24.Be5: (clearly exchanging rooks wouldn't help as White's N would remain hanging) 24. ...Rd2:! 25.Rd2: Be2: wins a piece (26.Re2: Re5:).
 - (3) If 23.Be5: fe5: and White has no continuation.
- (k) Not however, 23. ... Nf3? (seemingly to win the exchange) since after 24.Nf2 White wins material, not Black.
- (l) If 25.e5 g5! would take White's game apart. But the text can't save him either.
 - (m) But not 26. ... Rf6: 27.ef6: Re2: 28.Re2: Be2: 29.Re1 and 30.f7 etc. However, the text wins a pawn-- and the game in effect.
 - (n) So that at least Black's extra pawn is doubled. But Black should win the ending easily, notwithstanding, since he has a positional advantage as well.
 - (o) This, and White's following move are really tantamount to resignation. He had to play 30.Be5 to keep Black's R out as long as possible. Due to this possibility, it may have been more accurate for Black to have played ... Re3! on his previous move instead of 29. ...Bf8. Black might be excused for this lapse considering that the clock was 50/2 and he was getting a bit anxious about the clock (and thus decided to bring his bishop back into play with Bf8). In any case after the text the game is really easily won for Black.

SRENKLE, SMYTHE TOP HYDE PARK OPEN

68 players competed in rated events at the University of Chicago High School on February 6. Some came suprising distances: 2 from Champaign, 2 from Rantoul, and 5 from Rockford! A strong field in the Hyde Park Open produced many upsets -- only two of the top five players won their first round games. Robert Kaha of the U of Chicago won 3 straight then lost to David Sprenkle of Parkland College in Champaign. Top rated Sprenkle (2011) only drew Christopher Kus (1792) in round one but finished in the money by winning all his other games. Bill Smythe (1831) matched Sprenkle's score. Raphael Golb of the UCHS was top HS student with a 3-1 score. The "B" prize was shared by Paul Waldowski of Rantoul, Kus, and Lonnie Edwards, who gave Sprenkle a tough fight in round 3. Anthony Marquez snared the "C" prize (3-1), Richard Neckorcuk of St. Pats HS was top "D" (2½-1½), Maurice Bryant was best unrated (2½). Ed Chmura and Jerry Adams of Rantoul shared the D prize.

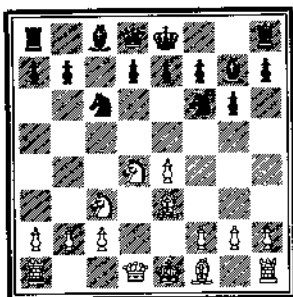
22 played in the 3 round Groundhog Swiss. The top section was won by the favorites: Martin Biskowski (1712) and Andy Katz (1540), both 2½-½. In the other 2 sections however the lowest rated player won! Jerry Feld (1264) had a perfect 3-0. In the other section 3-0 against higher rated players.

A Scholastic for players in 8th grade and below drew 20 and 3 teams. Kennedy won the team prize with 13.5 followed by Ray (9) and Komarek (8.5). Eighth grader Duane Tuula of Kennedy won the event with a perfect 4-0 score, teammate John Guth took 2nd with 3½. Paul Bock of Ray was best 7th grader (3-1) while John Blum of Komarek was top 6th grader (2½). Altogether these events brought in 11 new USCF members and 6 new ICA members. Harold Winston and Kurt Eschbach directed and Pete Tomas' cooperation was invaluable.

ACCELERATED FIANCHETTO part II

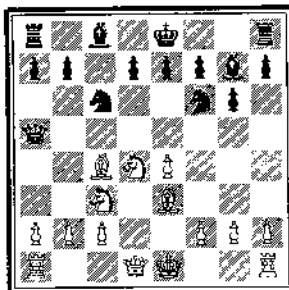
In his first installment, Jeremy Silman detailed the early struggles of this bastard stepchild of the Dragon Sicilian to escape the clutches of the arch-fiend Maroczy Bind and attain his rightful inheritance. In this, the final section of our drama, the ultimate hurdle, the Pseudo-Yugoslav is met and overcome and our hero emerges into the light of ECO.

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd4: 4. Nd4: g6 5. Nc3 Bg7 6. Be3 Nf6* A. 7. Nc6:
B. Bc4



A. 7. Nc6: bc6: 8. e5 Ng8 / Nd5!? is possible. In this position both sides strategic plans are mapped out: White must hold on to his e5 point which cramps Black's game. His moves must be sharp and aggressive to take advantage of his lead in development. Black must eventually break White's e5 stronghold by f7-f6 and/or d7-d6. If he can rid himself of this pawn he will have chances to make use of his central superiority. Black must hurry to complete his development by Ng8-h6 & 0-0 lest he fall under attack to his better developed opponent. All things considered, a sharp fight with mutual chances in store. / 9. f4 f6!? / Though most sources recommend this as best, I feel that the following pawn sacrifice, an idea of D. Krystall, is favorable to White. Best is probably 9. ... Nh6. Play could continue: 10. Qd2 0-0 11. h3 d6! 12. 0-0-0 Nf5 13. Bf2 c5 14. g4 Nd4 15. Bg2 Rb8 16. Bd4: cd4: 17. Qd4: Qa5 18. Rhe1 Be6 with a strong initiative Duckstein - Waller, Austria '69 / 10. Bc4! Qa5 / Krystall-Burstow, Lone Pine '74 finished 10. ... fe5: 11. fe5: Qa5 12. 0-0 Qe5: 13. Bf7: + Kd8 14. Qd2 Nf6 15. Rael Qh5 16. Bd4: cd4: 17. Nd5 cd5: 18. Qa5+ Ke7 19. Bg5+ 1-0 / 11. 0-0 Nh6 12. ef6: Bf6: 13. Ne4 d5 14. Nf6: ef6: 15. Bd3?! / 15. Bb3 is better for White. J. Buff-Silman, 1974 (0-1, 43) saw the Kamakazi 15. b4!?? Qb4: 16. Bd5: cd5: 17. Qd5:.. Though probably unsound, it is quite tricky and should be looked at. / 15. ... 0-0 16. c4 Be6 = D. Roy-Silman, 1974 (1/2-1/2, 27).

B. 7. Bc4 Qa5!*

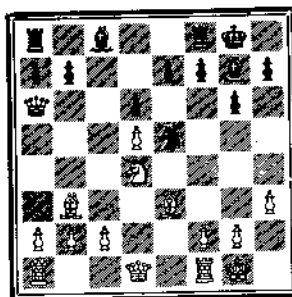


⌈ This avoids the Yugoslav Attack by forcing White to castle short ⌋
 8.0-0 ⌈ Other moves are quite bad: 8.Qd2? Ne4: 9.Nc6: Qc3:!--+; 8.f3?!
 Qb4! 9.Bb3? (9.Nc6! bc6: 10.fe4: (10.Nc6: Bc3:+ 11.bc3: Qc3:+ 12.Ke2
 dc6: 13.Bd4 e5! --+ D. Arnov-J. Silman, '73(0-1,50)) 10. ... Bd4: 11.
 Bd4: Qd4: 12.Qf3 e6! 13.a4 a6 14.h4 h5 15.Rd1 Qe5+ Matulovic-Toran,
 Palma de Mallorca '67; 8.Nb3? Qb4 9.Nd2 Qb2: 10.Na4 H.Pilnik-Silman,
 Lone Pine '75(1-0,46) and now 10. ... Qe5! is very strong. ⌋ 8. ...

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BI. 9.Bb3 & BII. 9.Nb3

BI. 9.Bb3 ⌈ Possible is 9.Nd5 Nd5: 10.ed5: Ne5 11.Bb3 d6 12.h3 Qa6! *
 Browne-Silman, 1974(½-½, 33) ⌋



9. ... d6 10.f3 ⌈ 10.h3 is more common though after 10. Bd7 11.f4 Nd4:
 12.Bd4: Bc6 13.Qd3 Rad8! 14.Rad1 Nd7 15.Bg7: Kg7: 16.Khl Nc5 = White
 gets no advantage ⌋ 10. ... Nd4: ⌈ Also good is 10. ... Bd7 11.Qe1 R
 ac8 12.Rd1 Rfd8 = Spaseky-Gurgenidze, USSR '60 ⌋ 11.Bd4: Be6 12.Nd5 ⌈
 12.Qd2 Rfc8 13.Rfd1 Nd7 14.Bg7: Kg7: 15.Qd4+ Kg8 16.h3 Qc5 17.Qc5:
 Rc5: = Gufeld-Damjanovic, Sarajevo '64 ⌋ 12. ... Bd5: 13.ed5: Nd7 14.
 Bg7: Kg7: 15.Qd4+ f6 16.Khl Qb6 17.Qe4 Rf7 18.f4 Nc5 19.Qe3 g5+
 J.Pope-Silman, '74(0-1,45)

B2. 9.Nb3 Qc7 10.f4 ⌈ 10.Bg5!? might be best ⌋ d6 ⌈ 10. ...
 b6!? immediately is possible as 11.e5 is not dangerous due to simply
 11. ... Ne8 & 12. ... d6. ⌋ 11.Be2 b6! ⌈ Black's plan is this: he will
 put pressure on the White KP by Bb7 & then play his Knight to a5.
 If White takes the knight, Black will have fine play in the form of
 open lines on the queenside. In that case White must play for a
 quick Kingside attack and avoid an exchange of queens, which would
 give Black great winning chances in the endgame. The doubled "a"
 pawns are useful as they act as battering rams (If White plays b2-b3
 Black will answer a5-B4) If White doesn't take the knight on a5 it
 will find a nice home on c4 ⌋ 12.g4 ⌈ 12.Bf3 Bb7 13.gf2 13.Nb5?! Qc8
 14.c4 Nb4 15.Nd2 Nd7 16.a3 Nc6 17.Rb1 a6 18.Nc3 Nd4+ Muhin-Baumbach,
 Primorsko '73) 13.Na5 14.Na5: ba5: 15.Bd4 Nd7 16.Nd5 Bd5: 17.ed5: Bd4:
 18.Qd4 Qc5 19.Rad1 Rab8 20.c3 Rb7! (Black's plan is clear: he will
 force White to advance his "b" pawn, then he will train his sights
 on the "c" pawn & force it to advance. When this is done he will
 play Kc5 & a5-a4. The rook on b7 and later his king on f8 will guard
 his only weak point ... the pawn on e7) 21.Kf1 Rfb8+ R.Hammie-J.
 Silman, '75(0-1,86); Also leading to nothing for White is 12.Qd2 Bb7
 13.Rad1 Na5 14.Na5: ba5: 15.Bf3 Bc6!(unclear) ⌋ 12. ... Bb7 13.g5
 ⌈ 13.Qd2? Na5 14.Na5: ba5: 15.Bf3 Bc6 16.Rab1 Rab8 17.b3 Rfc8+ K.
 Nelsen-J, Silman, '75(0-1,39). ⌋ 13. ... Nd7 14.Nd5 Qd8 15.Nd4?! ⌈
 Many sources give this line as being good for White. In my opinion
 Black has at least equal chances. Black has pressure on White's

center, play on the queenside by N_a5 or Nc5, and no weak points to defend. White has only the possibility of a kingside attack, which in my opinion, is doomed to failure. Usually I find that the only king in danger is White's ... due to his over-extended kingside pawns.

An example of the lack of understanding shown by many players toward this position is seen in V. Korchnoi's recommendation of 15. Rb1! (his exclamation) with which he says that White obtains a small edge. The only one to have an edge is Black after 15. ... e6! 16.Nc3 Bc3: 17.bc3: Ne7! 18.Bd3 d5+. 15.f5 Bb2: is also good for Black -- 16.Rb1 Be5 17.Qe1 e6 18.Qh4 ed5: 19.f6 de4: 20.Bg4 Kh8+ / 15. ... e6! / This & the following moves lead to a clear endgame advantage for Black and were found by D. Waterman / 16.Nc3 Nd4: 17.Bd4: e5! 18.Be3 ef4: 19.Bf4: Bc3: 20.bc3: Nc5 21.Qd6: Ne4: 22.Qd8: Rad8 23.Bf3 Nc5+ D.Saveride -Silman, '74(0-1,30) & P. Smith- Silman(0-1,67).

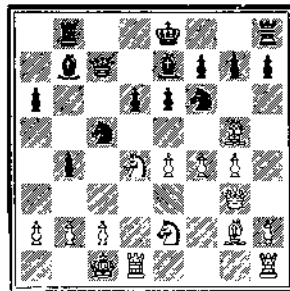
To sum: The main lines of the Accelerated Dragon give Black active play and his chances are no worse than White's. Therefore White does best to play the Maroczy bind which gives him a small but lasting edge.

forest city open

Rockford's Forest City Open drew a respectable 73 entries. The tournament was highlighted by numerous upsets, including the decisive game of the overall winner, 14th rated Denis Janky, Kewanee, IL., who finished with 4½-½. Tying for 2nd with 4-1 were David Fresser, Don Reents, Eric Burris from CA, Isadore Schwartz and Kurt Stein. Class B winners with 4-1 were Glen Gratzand Dale Kenkel. Other class winners were Joe Drennan "C"-3½; Kevin Aldrich "D"-3; John Guth, the lowest rated player, "E"-3, and Scott Haubrich "UR"-2½. A special problem solving contest presented 5 problems, of which only 4 were cracked by co-winners Don Reents and Mitch Weiss. Below is the 1st place game, with notes by Jenky.

Dan Vasto (2030)-Denis Janky (1785); Rd. 5; Sicilian Defense

1. e4	c5	6. Bg5	e6	11. Bg2(a)	Rb8(b)
2. Nf3	d6	7. f4	Be7	12. Qg3?(c)	b4!
3. d4	cd4:	8. Qf3	Qc7	13. Nce2	Bb7!(d)
4. Nd4:	Nf6	9. 0-0-0	Nbd7	14. Qh4?(e)	Nc5*
5. Nc3	e6	10. g4	b5		



15. e5(f)	Bg2:	21. c3??(j)	bc3:	27. Nc2	Rc3:
16. ef6:?(z)	gf6:!	22. f5(k)	Qb7!(1)	28. Ne4:	Qg2+
17. Bf6:	Bhl:	23. bc3:	Qhl:+	29. Kal	Qe4:
18. Rh1:	Rc8(h)	24. Kb2	Ne4	30. Qd2	Qd4
19. Qh6	Bf6:	25. Qh6	e5		0-1
20. Qf6:	Rg8(i)	26. Ng3	Qg2+		

Notes by Denis Janky:

- (a) White's last is an attempt to vary from more well-beaten paths: 11.Bf6: Nf6: 12.g5 etc. The threat is 12. e5.
- (b) ECO only considers 11. ... Bb7. I thought the text was more flexible.
- (c) Eyeing e5 and taking the queen off of the long diagonal but leaving the e4 pawn weak.
- (d) Suddenly White finds he is in danger of losing a pawn.
- (e) A bit drastic. The other try was e5, but after 14. ... Bg2: 15.ef6:?! Bhl: 16.fe7: it is doubtful if White has enough for the exchange, as he will also lose his pawn on e7 after black retreats bishop and plays ... Nf6. Also, 14.e5 Bg2: 15.Qg2: de5: 16.fe5: (Nc6? Rc8)Black can choose between the possibly risky 16. ... Ne5: or simply 16. ... Nd5 with a good game (better ending). Also 14. e5 Bg2: 15. ed6: Bd6: 16. Qg2: Nd5 is good for Black.
- (f) There was no way to defend the pawn on e4.
- (g) Vasto claimed he originally intended 16. Rg1. I would have responded with 16. ... de5: 17.fe5: Nd5.
- (h) Dave Presser claimed 18. ... Ne4 was simpler, but 19. Be7: Qe7: 20. Qe7:+ Ke7: 21. Nc6+ was not in my favor.
- (i) Black is clearly better.
- (j) Terrible!
- (k) Desperation. After 22. Nc3: (or bc3:) Ne4 is crushing.
- (l) White should have resigned here but I guess Vasto wanted to try for some cheap perpetual or something.

This is the first time I have ever beaten an expert and the first time I have ever won a large tournament. With all fairness and due respect to Vasto, I think he was obviously out of form.

MARTZ

International Master William Martz of Wisconsin has scheduled a series of FREE exhibitions at shopping centers throughout the Midwest. Each exhibition starts with 24 boards with new players seated as games finish. The five hour session will accommodate about 75 players. Prizes of books and equipment will be awarded for all wins or draws. In Illinois exhibitions are scheduled for: June 4-5 at Cherryvale Mall noon-5 pm both days Rockford June 25-26 at Southpark Mall noon- 5 pm both days Moline.

The following game determined the Illinois State Championship for 1976. When the final round began Andrew Karklins was a full point ahead of the field with $5\frac{1}{2}$ while John Tums had $4\frac{1}{2}$. Notes by the loser(!) Andy Karklins. John Tums(2189)-Andrew Karklins(2309); Round 7, Ill. Open, K.I.R.

1.N-KB3 N-KB3 2.P-KN3 P-QN4 (This is actually a perfectly playable move in response to White's plan of fianchettoing his KB. However, if one takes into account the circumstances surrounding this game, a more solid setup might well have been chosen) 3.B-N2 B-N2 4.O-O P-K3 5.P-Q3! (The best way of meeting Black's setup. A King's Indian Reversed Formation (pawns at Q3 and K4) will tend to shut out Black's QB.) 5. ... P-B4?! (Black really turns to experimentation now. He didn't like the natural 5. ... P-Q4 due to 6.P-B4! when White gets the edge. Hence he decides to not move his QP at all in order to "play around" White's pawn center by avoiding pawn contact.) 6.P-K4 N-B3 7.R-K1 Q-N3 (Black seeks to protect his QB and castle long where his K would be relatively safe (though O-O-O would still require the preparatory ...P-R3 to prevent N-N5!)) Black couldn't change his mind (about not moving his QP) since if here 7... P-Q3 8.P-QR4! P-N5 9.P-K5 would lead to a great advantage for White.) 8.P-K5! N-Q4?! (Black was already anxious about his position on the previous move -- spending a good deal of time on it. The text was played rather quickly. Probably Black's last chance was 8. ... N-N1.) 9.P-B4! N-B2 10.N-B3! (Black had only anticipated 10.PxP NxP 11.QN-Q2 with 12.N-B4 to follow. In that event, however, Black could still at least sink a N at White's Q4. After the superior text Black's position is more difficult than ever. Considering the last round fatigue and the demoralizing prospect of losing a "sure" first place, the odds against Black finding a way out were rather high.) 10. ... P-N5 11.N-K4 N-Q5 12.NxN PxN 13.B-B4 BxN (13. ... O-O-O was out of the question due to 14.N-N5. However the idea of eliminating the N is dubious. Of course, its difficult to suggest what Black really should have tried to do.) 14.BxB R-B1 (When playing 13. ... BxN?! Black thought hard about playing 14. ... O-O-O but decided against it due to 15.P-N3!(but not 15.P-QR3 P-N6! followed by ...N-R3-B4 when the Q side would be closed) followed by 16.P-QR3 (16. ... PxP 17.B-B1) Nevertheless, Black should have tried this, as staying in the center was suicidal.) 15.P-KR4 (Stronger was 15.Q-N4. Now Black desperately tries to develop his K side by knowingly castling "into it". He thought he saw some defensive resources. However White soon dispels any such notions. What follows is fairly straightforward. White plays well and wins a won game; Black's thrashing notwithstanding) 15. ... B-K2 16.Q-N4 O-O 17.Q-R5 P-N3 18.Q-R6 KR-Q1 19.P-R5 B-B1 20.Q-N5 Q-B4 21.PxP BfxP 22.K-N2 Q-K2 23.Q-N4 Q-B2 24.R-R1 P-Q4 25.PxP BxP 26.BxB RxB 27.R-R6 N-K1 28.BxP! PxB 29.RxP+? (In mutual time-pressure White misses the right way. After 29.QR-R1! Black couldn't defend. However, Black returns the compliment by not finding 29. ... K-B1! (pointed out by Tums) after which its not so clear how White should proceed, but Black automatically played...) 29. ... N-N2? 30.R-R1! R-B1 31.P-B4 Q-N2+ 32.K-N1 Q-B2 (Black had no time left but he was lost in any case) 33.Q-R5 Q-B4 34.Q-R7+ and Black resigned after the time control:1-0.

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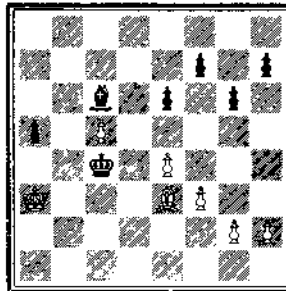
R. Mijou (1519)- L. Edwards (1670); Grunfeld Defense

1. P-Q4 N-KB3
2. P-QB4 P-KN3
3. N-QB3 P-Q4
4. PxP NxP
5. P-K4 NxN
6. PxN B-N2
7. B-QB4 P-QB4

Alekhine once said that in order to get a point from him it was necessary to win the game three times: once in the opening, once in the middlegame and once again in the ending. Lonnie Edwards opponent here isn't Alekhine but Edwards follows Alekhine's advice in playing a complete game of chess.

R. Mijou (1519)- L. Edwards; Illinois Open; Grunfeld Defense

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|-----------|-------|-------------|----------|
| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 | 20. QxQ | RxQ |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-KN3 | 21. RxP | P-QR4 |
| 3. N-QB3 | P-Q4 | 22. R(2)-N2 | P-K3 |
| 4. PxP | NxP | 23. R-N8 | R(1)-QB1 |
| 5. P-K4 | NxN | 24. RxR+ | RxR |
| 6. PxN | B-N2 | 25. R-N7 | QB-B3 |
| 7. B-QB4 | P-QB4 | 26. R-R7 | R-R1 |
| 8. N-K2 | N-B3 | 27. RxR | BxR |
| 9. B-K3 | O-O | 28. N-B3 | QB-B3 |
| 10. O-O | Q-B2 | 29. P-B3 | K-B1 |
| 11. R-B1 | R-Q1 | 30. K-B2 | K-K1 |
| 12. Q-B2? | N-R4 | 31. K-K2 | K-Q1 |
| 13. Q-Q3 | NxB | 32. K-Q2 | K-B1 |
| 14. QxN | Q-R4 | 33. K-B2 | K-N2 |
| 15. KR-Q1 | B-Q2 | 34. K-N3 | K-R3 |
| 16. R-N1 | PxP | 35. N-R4 | B-B1 |
| 17. PxP | QR-B1 | 36. N-B5+ | BxN |
| 18. Q-N4 | QxP | 37. PxB | K-N4 |
| 19. R-Q2 | Q-B5 | 38. K-R3 | K-B5 |



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|-----------|-------|----------|-------|
| 39. P-KR4 | P-KR4 | 50. B-N5 | K-N5 |
| 40. P-N4 | K-Q6 | 51. K-K3 | P-R5 |
| 41. PxP | PxP | 52. K-Q4 | P-R6 |
| 42. B-N5 | P-K4 | 53. K-K3 | P-R5 |
| 43. B-B6 | K-K6 | 54. B-B6 | F-B5+ |
| 44. BxP | KxP | 55. K-B2 | P-B6 |
| 45. B-B6 | K-K6 | 56. B-K5 | KxP |
| 46. K-N3 | K-Q4 | | |
| 47. B-K7 | P-B4 | | |
| 48. K-B3 | K-K5 | | |
| 49. K-Q2 | K-B6 | | |

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Fourty south suburban residents turned out for February's non-rated beginners tournament in Flossmoor. Eight full and three junior USCF memberships were awarded. Mike Quinlan of Park Forest was TD and Homewood Flossmoor Chess club President Bob Lauson Jr. assisted.

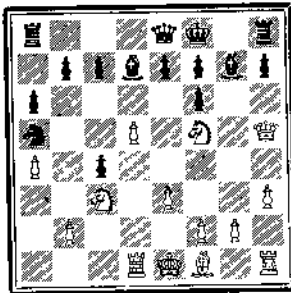
NU Software Strikes Again

David Slate's Chess 4.5 computer program, running on Cyber 170 hardware at Control Data Corporation's Minneapolis headquarters, tied for first in the Minnesota Open in February with a 5-1 record. Out-computed were Warren Stenberg (1969), Charles Fenner (2016), Gerald Ronning (1965), Rick Armagost (1947), and Robert K. Johnson (1954). Chess 4.5's only successful opponent was Walter Morris (2175) from Iowa.

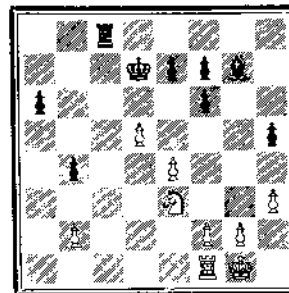
Perhaps we humans have something to learn from the computer. You may or may not think so when you see the following game, a weird variation of the Queen's Gambit Accepted in which Black throws his all into holding on to the gambit Pawn. Be warned, though -- you may find it difficult to refute Black's odd play. The ending is semi-reasonable by both players, until White blunders in a still-drawable position. Notes are by Bill Smythe, in case that isn't obvious.

W. Stenberg (1969) vs Chess 4.5 (1722); February 19, 1977.

1	P-Q4	N-KB3	21	R-B8 (e)	K-K1
2	N-KB3	P-Q4	22	O-O	Q-Q2
3	P-B4	PxP	23	RxR+	Kxk
4	N-B3	P-QR3	24	QxQ+	KxQ
5	P-QR4	N-B3	25	P-K4	R-QB1
6	B-N5	B-N5	26	N-K3	
7	P-K3	N-QR4			
8	P-B3	B-K3			
9	BxN	NPxB			
10	P-Q5	B-Q2			
11	N-Q4	B-N2			
12	Q-B5	K-B1 (a)			
13	R-Q1	Q-K1 (b)			
14	N-B5				

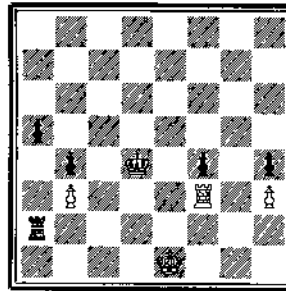


14	P-N4 (c)
15	R-Q4 (d)	BxN
16	QxB	P-N5
17	N-Q1	QxP
18	BxP	NxB
19	RxN	R-Q1
20	RxBP	P-KR4



26	P-B4!
27	P-QN3	PxP
28	N-B4	R-KN1
29	R-Q1	P-B4
30	P-Q6	P-K3
31	N-N6+	K-B3
32	N-B4 (f)	R-Q1
33	N-B5+	K-Q2
34	N-B4	B-B6
35	K-B1	R-KN1
36	N-Q2	P-B5
37	N-B4	P-B5
38	N-Q2	BxN
39	RxB	P-B6

40	PxP	PxP
41	R-Q3	R-KB1
42	K-K1	R-B5
43	K-Q2	R-B4
44	K-B2	R-B4+
45	K-N2	R-KN4
46	K-B2	R-KB4
47	R-Q4	R-B4+
48	K-N2	P-R4
49	R-Q3	R-K4
50	RxP	R-K7+
51	K-B1	KxP
52	K-Q1	R-B7
53	R-Q3+	K-B4
54	K-K1	P-K4
55	P-B4	PxP
56	R-KB3	K-Q5



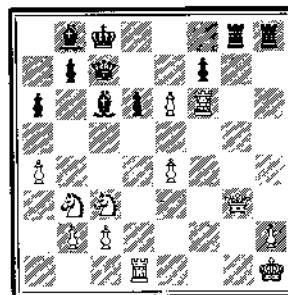
57	RxP+??	K-K6
58	Resigns	

- (a) The kibitzers at the N.U. Chess Club loved this move. It is apparently necessary to prevent N-K6.
 (b) But wait -- 12....K-B1 had an attacking point, too!
 (c) 14....BxP?!? is met by 15 R-R1 P-N4 16 BxP. The computer is no fool.
 (d) Hmm. White has ideas too.
 (e) Sound and fury, signifying only the endgame.
 (f) Not 32 P-Q7 R-Q1, and Black wins P or N.

So, Stenberg became the laughingstock of the tournament -- for a few hours. But then he was joined in the cesspool of checkmate by the computer's second opponent.

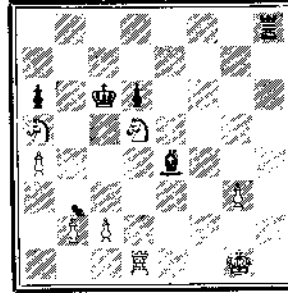
Chess 4.5 (1722) vs G. Fenner (2016); February 19, 1977.

1	P-K4	P-QB4
2	N-KB3	P-K3
3	P-Q4	PxP
4	NxP	P-QR3
5	P-QR4	N-KB3
6	B-Q3	Q-B2
7	O-O	B-B4
8	N-N3	B-R2
9	N-B3	N-B3
10	B-N5	N-K4
11	BxN	PxB
12	Q-K2	P-Q3
13	K-R1	B-Q2
14	P-B4	NxB
15	QxN	O-O-O
16	QR-Q1	B-B3
17	P-KB5!	B-N1
18	P-N3	P-KR4
19	PxP	P-R5
20	RxP	RPxP
21	QxNP	QR-N1



22	PxP?!? (a)	QxP?!? (b)
23	RxQ	RxQ
24	N-Q5 (c)	B-K1

25 N-N6+ K-Q1
 26 RxNP B-B3 (d)
 27 RxB+ K-B2
 28 R-B8+! RxR
 29 PxR BxP+
 30 K-N1 R-KR1 (e)
 31 N-Q5+ K-B3
 32 N-B5+ Resigns (f)



(final position)

- (a) Computers are never afraid of dogfights -- or Queenfights.
 (b) These !? symbols make a game look interesting to a reader who is not using a chessboard.
 (c) Black offered a draw here, but White does not speak English.
 (d) Perhaps Black sees only 27 RxB+ K-B2 28 RxR BxP mate.
 (e) Or 30....KxN 31 RxP+, where the best Black can hope for is something like 31....K-R2 32 RxP+ leaving White with four Pawns for the Exchange.
 (f) 32....K-B4 33 P-N4 mate; or 32....K-Q2 33 N-B6+.

And so it went, for 3 of the remaining 4 rounds. Now MSCA faced a constitutional crisis -- would the program be allowed to compete in the 6-player Minnesota Closed? The verdict, finally, was yes. Now the computer would get its come-uppance, as, for example, in the following game against the eventual Minnesota State Champion.

Chess 4.5 (1722) vs Peter Thompson (2142); February 26, 1977.

1	P-KB4	P-KN3	17	QxB	P-KR3
2	N-KB3	B-N2	18	Q-B4	PxP
3	P-K3	N-KB3	19	PxP	QxP
4	B-Q3	P-Q4	20	Q-Q5	N-B3
5	O-O	O-O	21	RxP	RxR
6	N-B3	P-B4	22	QxQR+	K-R2
7	P-QN3	N-K5	23	Q-Q5	Q-B5
8	B-N2	N-QB3	24	Q-B4	Q-B7+
9	N-KN5	NxKN	25	K-R1	R-B5
10	PxN	P-K4	26	Q-Q3	R-R5+
11	P-KR4	B-K3	27	Q-R3	RxQ+
12	P-K4	P-Q5	28	PxR	B-B3
13	N-R4	P-N3	29	BxP	BPxB
14	B-N5	B-Q2	30	R-KN1	B-B5
15	Q-K2	N-N1	31	R-N2	Q-B8+
16	QR-B1	BxB	32	R-N1	QxP mate

The computer's final score in the Closed: 1½-3½. Ironically, none of the players in the Closed had played the machine in the Open. Paul Shannon, writing in *North Star Chess*, calls the Closed "one of the most publicized Minnesota chess championships ever," but attributes the "tremendous spectator appeal" less to the computer than to the players' "fine fighting spirit which resulted in only two draws in the entire tournament." One of the draws was John Greene (1899) versus Chess 4.5, in which the machine "was absolutely brilliant at avoiding triple repetition and the 50 move rule." The draw was finally adjudicated, after yet another MSCA legal crisis. Look out, D. Levy, 1978 is next year!

RANTOUL

Thirty-two players competed in the Rantoul Blizzard held on 22 Jan 77 despite a conflict with a new tournament director from Urbana, IL. The conflict was the use of the same tournament date which the Rantoul Chess Club had cleared since September 1976 through the Illinois Chess Association clearing house! All things considered, it was a great success for chess in downstate IL. David Sprenkle scored the only perfect (4-0) score, smashing his first three opponents in less than 20 moves. Nine tied for second a full point behind Sprenkle: David B. Mote, Philip Ross, Richard W. Hofheimer Steven Dowd, Robert Bain, Bill Hansen, Roger Smith, Ralph Odle, and Dennis Lucas. Raymond Pope (1386) won the upset prize over Pierre Weisz(1728), which entitles him to free entry to Rantoul's next tornado on 26 Mar 77. The TD was Paul Waldowski, assisted by James E. Scott.

david sprenkle

David Sprenkle, winner of the Rantoul January tornado, is now probably the strongest downstate Illinois player, recently surpassing such stalwarts as John Lutes and Tom Mabee. This new status was signaled by his excellent result in the American New Year's Classic where he scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ defeating Gene Martinovsky and Andrew Karklins and drawing with Marty Appleberry before losing to Walter Browne in the final round. Here is his game with Martinovsky, with short comments by Sprenkle.

E. Martinovsky(2317)-D. Sprenkle(1989); Am. New Years Congress, Rd.3; Dutch
 1. d4 f5 2. c4 Nf6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. Nc3 O-O 6. Nh3 d6 7. d5 c5?! 8.Nf4
Na6 9. h4! Nc7 10. h5 g5?! 11. h6! Bh8 12. Nh5?!(12. Nh3 is more accurate
 since Black is forced to play ... g4 immediately.) Qe8 13. Qd2! g4 14. Nf4
b5? 15. a6?! (Only now did I notice 15. ... Nb5: 16. Nb5: Qb5: 17.. Ne6!)
 16. b6? (After 16.ba6: I have a "bad Benko" and should lose, but my opponent
 wanted to win more. Unfortunately, he can only do that by giving up the
 strong Knight at f4.) Nb5 17. Nb5: ab5: 18. Ne6!? (The other idea is 18.b7
Bb7: 19.Ne6, but after Qg6 20. Nf8: Kf8: Black has a lot of compenstion,
 especially if he picks off the "d" pawn with ...Qf7) Be6: 19. de6: Rb8 20. b7
Qg6! (Planning... Ne4) 21. Bc6 Ne4 22. Qd3 Bd4!? 23. Rh2!? b4? (23. ... Qe6!:
e3 d5!) 24. a3! Qf6 25. ab4: Bb2: 26. Bb2: Qb2: 27. Rb1 Qe5 28. Rh5!? Nc3
 29. Rb3 cb4:(29. ... Na2! looks good) 30. Rb4: Rf6?! 31. Hg4:+ Kh8 32. Rng4
 (Threatening 33. Rg8+! Luckily for me, my opponent only had 3 minutes for 8
 more moves) 32. ... d5! 33. Rd4?! Ne2: 34. Qe2? (34.Rd5: had to be tried. After
 34. ... Nf4+!? 35. Qe3 I haven't figured out what is going on yet!)...Qd4: (
 Threatening ...Qc3+)35. Kf1 Qc5?(Almost lets him back in the game!35. ... Qc3!
 wins easily)36. Qe5!(Oops!)Rb7:! 37. Bb7: (37. Rf5:?! is tricky, but fails after
 37. ... Rb1+ 38. Kg2 Qc1! followed by 39. ... Qh6:) 37. ... Qc1+ 38. Kg2 Qg5:
 39. Qb8+? Qg8 40. Qg8:+ White made control, but is hopelessly lost.)40. ...
Kg8: 41. Bd5: Rh6: 42. Kf3 Kg7 43. Kf4 Kf6 44. Bc4 Rh2 45. f3 Rb2 46. Bd5 Rb4+
 47. Ke3 Ke5 48. Ba2 Ra4! 49. f4+ Kd6 50. Bb1 Ke6: 51. Bd3 Ra3 52. Kd4 Rd3+ 53. Kd3:
Kd5 54. Ke3 h5 55. Kd3 e6 56. Ke3 Kc4 57. Kf3 Kd3 58. Kg2 Ke3 59. Kh3 Kf3 60. Kh4
Kg2! 0-1

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Abbreviations:

LPCC-Lincoln Park Chess Club
 CCC - Chicago Chess Club

The IHSA State Finals will be held in Hillside at Proviso West HS May 6-7
 Larry Stilwell is in charge of arrangements.

GM Arthur Bisguier will be visiting a number of colleges in northern Illinois April 30-May 6. He will also give 2 simultaneous exhibitions completely open to the public: at the Lincoln Park Chess Club Thursday evening May 5 and at Wheaton College on Saturday afternoon April 30 -- the latter sponsored by the Chicago Industrial Chess League. For info on these events phone Ron Fortunato at LPCC, 929-3035 and for the Wheaton event contact Gary Vondrasek, 759-1294.

At the National Open held in Mobile, Alabama in March David Spenkle turned in another fine performance by tying for 2nd-5th behind Sunye of Brazil. The next ICB will have more details and some scores.

Ed Formanek, who has been dominating strong events around Chicago this year, got 14/25 of his IM title with a 9-5 score good enough for 3-6 place in a tournament in Bulgaria in March. He was $\frac{1}{2}$ point short of the norm in Lone Pine with 5-5.