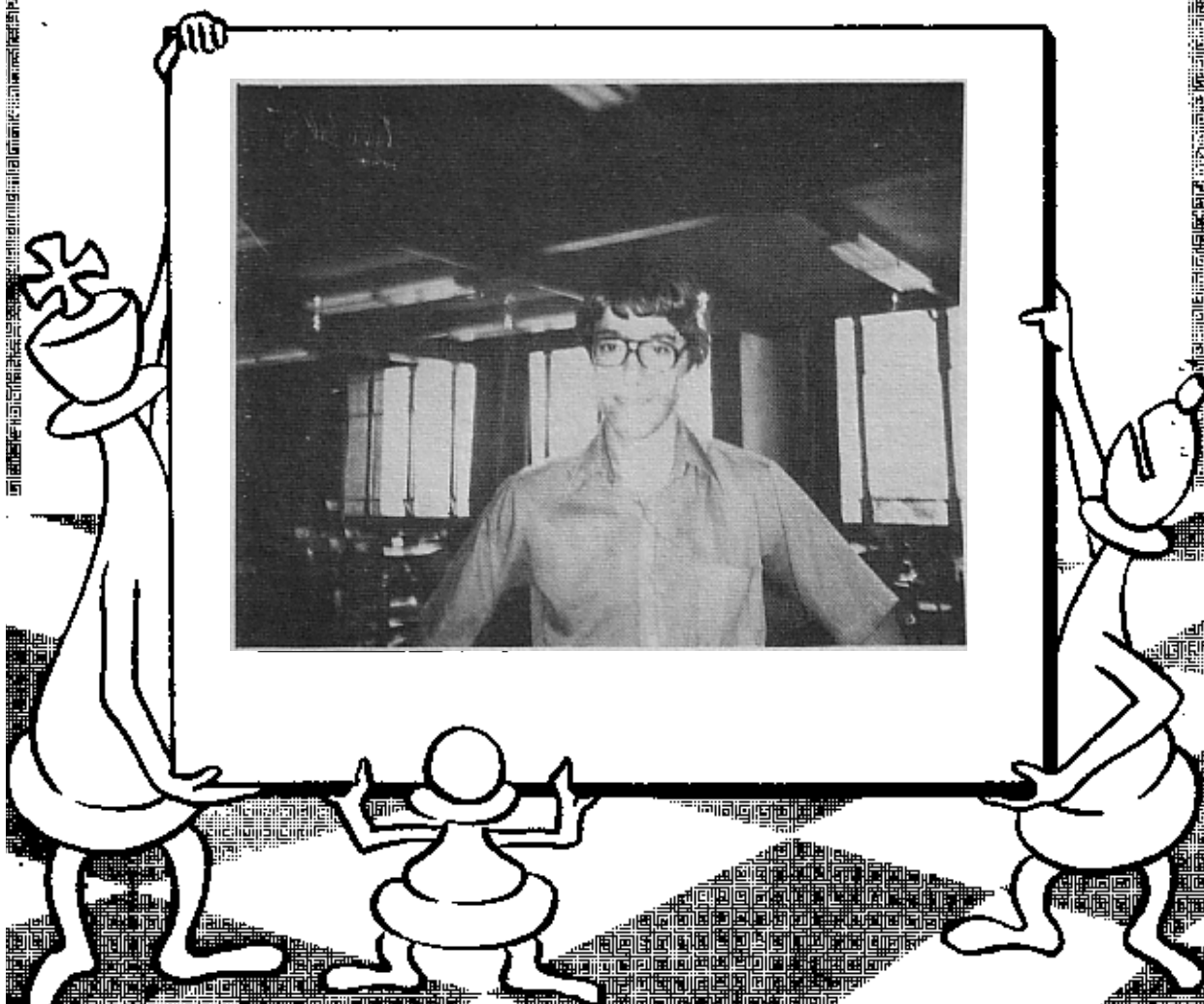
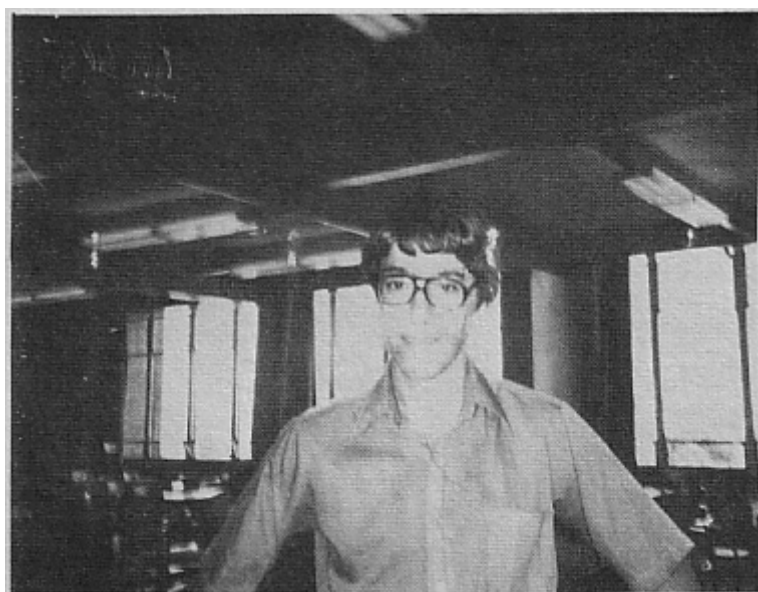


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# David Sprenkle

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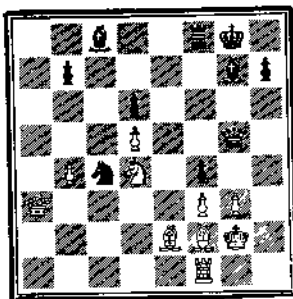
For the first time in years a downstater has attained the coveted master rating: in the June, 1977 supplement David Sprenkle was listed with 2215.

Born April 11, 1958, Sprenkle learned chess 9 and played his first rated game at 11. In 1975 he notched a tournament draw with Craig Chellstorp in Cleveland. This year he has had a steady stream of successes.

Entering the American New Year's Congress as a Class A player (1989) he successively defeated David Steele (2133), Andrew Karklins (2273), and Dr. Eugene Martinovsky (2317) and then drew Marty Appleberry (2278). Losing only to GM Walter Browne in the finale, Sprenkle placed fourth. He followed that triumph by winning 3 straight Rantoul Tornados, scoring 12-0 total and tying for 1st in the Hyde Park Open in Chicago. In March, Sprenkle traveled down south to the National Open in Mobile, Alabama and tied for 2nd place behind Brazilian master Sunye. This July at Rockford, Sprenkle shared 1st place in the Forest City Open. Currently listed as the 25th highest Junior in the nation with a 2181 rating, Sprenkle should soon regain his master title. A graduate of Parkland College, Sprenkle lives in Urbana and is currently a Junior at the University of Illinois majoring in Political Science. If you happen to be in St. Louis December 26-30 you can probably find him playing Bd. 1 for the U of I team at the Pan Am.

Here's one of Sprenkle's better games from the recently concluded U.S. Open at Columbus. His Opponent, James Harkins, is a well-known Ohio player who took the A prize at Columbus. Short notes after verbal comments by Sprenkle.

J. Harkins - D. Sprenkle; U.S. Open 1977; Sicilian Defense.  
 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. d4 cd4: 5. Nd4: e5 6. Ndb5 d6  
 7. Nd5 Nd5: 8. ed5: Nb8 9. c4 (Δ c5 this whole line is critical for the Sveshnikov variation) a6 10. Nc3 g6 (Be??!) 11. Be3 Nd7 12. Be2 Bg7 13. 0-0 0-0 14. b4 (Rc1!) f5 15. f3 a5 (...e4?! , 16. Bd4!) 16. a3 ab4: 17. ab4: Ra1: 18. Qa1: e4! (=) 19. Qa3 (f4!) f4 20. Bf2 ef3: 21. gf3: (21. Bf3, Ne5! -+) Ne5 (ΔBh3, Qg5) 22. Kh1 g5 23. Nb5 (Ne4! ? Δ Bf5 Nd2) g4 24. Nd4 g3 25. hg3: Qg5 26. Kg2 Nc4: !\*



27. Bc4: Bd4: 28. g4 Bf2: (...Bg4?! 29. Rg1! =) 29. Bf2: h5 30. Re2  
 31. fg4: Bg4: 32. Bg4: Qg4: 33. Kf1 Qd1+ 34. Kg2 Qd5+ 35. Ke1  
 36. Kh2 f3! 37. Qe3 Qd5 38. Kh1 Rf5 39. Qe8+ Kg7 40. Qe7+ Kg6  
 41. Ke5 42. Qe7+ Kf4 0-1

# Industrial League

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The Chicago Industrial Chess League ended its 20th year of successful team competition with its June Annual Awards Banquet held at Lancers Restaurant in Schaumburg.

Of the 34 six-man teams that competed during the nine month season, 8 emerged as division champions or runners-up and received trophies. They were as follows:

## CENTRAL

1. 1st National Bank
2. Sears #1

## FAR WEST

- Bell Telephone Lab Dragons
- ANL Bishops

## NEAR WEST

- ANL Knights
- Western Electric King's Indians

## NORTH

- Motorola
- International Telephone and Telegraph

These teams competed in a 3 round Swiss with the Knights of Argonne National Lab winning the League Championship trophy with 3 match points and 10 1/2 game points. The Knights were led by team captain George Kinsella. Team members included Charles Young, Greg Berry (the President of the CICL) Bruce Nelson, Charles Ward, Kostas Burba, William Keig and Henry Karplus. Sears #1 took second place with 2 match points and 10 1/2 game points. The defending champions, Sears #1, included Cpt. Terry Andersen., Division MVP Reuben Reyes, B. Morton, Steve Schwartz, T. Campbell, H. Chan, L. Liddell, and M. Stone.

The League's most valuable player was Roy Benedek of the ANL Rocks; he topped Division MVPs Reyes, Frank Tegel, and Jim Warren. The Most Improved Player went to Myron Swederski of Western Electric's Chargers.

## GAMES

Bell Telephone Labs vs. Argonne National Labs  
J. Sobun vs. D. Baurac; Colle System

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	9. BxB	NxB
2. N-KB3	P-QN3	10. R-K1	O-O
3. P-K3	P-K3	11. N-K4	P-Q4
4. B-Q3	B-N2	12. N(K4)-N5	N-B2
5. <del>QN-Q2</del>	P-QB4	13. N-K5	Q-K1
6. P-QB3	BPxP	14. R-K3	N-R4
7. KPxP	E-K2	15. QxN	BxN
8. O-O	B-R3	16. R-KR3	I-O

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Rd. I	<u>Chicago</u> 5	Berwick Bay 1	
Rd. II	Chicago 2	San Francisco 4	
Rd. III	Chicago 1 1/2	Westfield 4 1/2	
Rd. IV	<u>Chicago</u> 5 1/2	Hartford 1 1/2	
Rd. V	Chicago 3	Philadelphia 3	
Rd. VI	Chicago 2	Cleveland 4	
Rd. VII	Chicago 1 1/2	Washington 4 1/2	
Rd. VIII	Chicago 5	Atlanta 1	

William Martz IM	2446	1.0	3	1 1/2-1 1/2	(1-1-1)
Richard Verber	2391	1.5	7	2 1/2-4 1/2	(1-3-3)
Ed. Formanek IM	2399	2.3	6	3 - 3	(2-2-2)
Gene Martinovsky	2184	3.5	5	2 1/2- 2 1/2	(2-2-1)
Elliott Winslow	2148	3.6	7	5 - 2	(5-2-0)
Dennis Waterman	2264	4.0	2	1 - 1	(1-1-0)
Ed. Friedman	2170	4.0	1	0 - 1	(0-1-0)
Jova Mihailovich	2198	4.6	3	2 1/2- 1/2	(2-0-1)
David Presser	2194	5.0	5	2 1/2-2 1/2	(2-2-1)
Larry Lipking	2165	5.8	6	4 - 2	(4-2-0)
Angelo Sandarin	2140	6.0	2	1 - 1	(1-1-0)
John Tomas	2040	6.0	1	0 - 1	(0-1-0)

Chicago's last second surge of 5 points against lowly Atlanta was not enough to lift it past Boston to snare 8th place and free entry into next year's National Chess League. Our score of 25.5-22.5 was a slight improvement on 1976's 23-25 but any comparison of the scores must suggest that the 1976 result was far more impressive than the 1977 outcome.

All the 1976 points came against master-level teams but Chicago's 1977 record shows a combined score of 10-20 or 33% against the 5 master teams encountered in spite of fielding 3 Senior Masters on the top boards. The illusion of respectability was maintained only with the aid of an overwhelming 15.5-2.5 score against the 3 non-master teams we faced. In fact we were "in" only 2 matches against masters. Playing San Francisco, Winslow's blunders in the 2nd session turned a draw into a loss, while facing Philadelphia, Mihailovich's 60th move, made with less than 5 seconds left, turned a win into a draw. All in all the result seems quite reasonable. Chicago is clearly superior to non-master teams, and just as clearly inferior to master-level teams. If this evaluation angers you perhaps you will help find the money (\$800) needed for a Chicago entry into the 1978 NCL.

Three players deserve special mention. Richard Verber, though clearly off-form and short of money, managed to play in all matches but one. With a little more practice and confidence he could have had a far better score. Elliott Winslow recovered from horrendous play last year and scored 5-2 with a 2350+ performance rating. Larry Lipking, on a leave of absence from Princeton to study at the Newberry Library, scored 4-2 and made every match before his return to New Jersey. Often he was called only hours before matches. Harold Winston, Wes Suzuki, Miloslav Nekvasil, and Kurt Eschbach generously donated their time as runners and phone operators.

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Arguably Chicago-Philadelphia was Chicago's best match. Winslow, generally a good barometer of how the team was doing, held a sizable positional advantage against the stronger of the two Costigan's, Lipking was an exchange ahead and, except for Presser who had lost his way early, the rest of the games seemed about even. Formanek and Taylor played an opening out of the last century.

E. Formanek (2335) - T. Taylor (2340); Vienna Game; Bd. 1; 03-02-77

- |           |       |            |          |
|-----------|-------|------------|----------|
| 1. P-K4   | P-K4  | 21. QxR    | R-Q1     |
| 2. N-QB3  | B-B4  | 22. Q-K1   | Q-B5     |
| 3. B-B4   | N-KB3 | 23. Q-R5   | QxP      |
| 4. P-Q3   | N-B3  | 24. QxBP   | R-K1     |
| 5. N-B3   | P-Q3  | 25. NxP    | Q-Q5+    |
| 6. N-QR4  | Q-K2  | 26. K-R3   | R-QB1    |
| 7. NxB    | PxN   | 27. N-B3   | QxKBP(a) |
| 8. P-KR3  | O-O   | 28. Q-B4   | P-QR4    |
| 9. B-KN5  | P-KR3 | 29. K-N2   | R-B4     |
| 10. B-R4  | N-QR4 | 30. Q-Q6   | P-R5     |
| 11. B-QN3 | P-B5  | 31. N-Q4   | R-KN4    |
| 12. BxN   | QxB   | 32. R-KB3  | Q-N7     |
| 13. BxP   | NxB   | 33. NxB(b) | QxR      |
| 14. PxN   | B-K3  | 34. Q-Q8+  | K-R2     |
| 15. Q-K2  | Q-N3  | 35. N-B8+  | K-N1     |
| 16. P-QN3 | QxNP  | 36. N-Q7+  | K-R2     |
| 17. O-O-O | Q-N3  | 37. P-R4   | R-N6     |
| 18. KR-N1 | Q-B3  | 38. N-B8+  | K-N1     |
| 19. R-N3  | KR-Q1 | 39. N-K6+  | K-R2     |
| 20. K-N2  | RxR   | 40. N-B8+  | Drawn    |

(a) Conventional wisdom dictates an exchange of Queens here since Black's Bishop can operate on both flanks. Taylor sees that in fact White's Knight, with its unassailable central post is actually the stronger minor piece and so stays in the middle-game.

(b) After the game 33. Q-N8+ was suggested to Formanek with the possible continuation ...K-R2 34. QxNP! since there is no obvious way to profit from the pin on the White rook.

M. Shahade (2113) - L. Lipking (2165); Sicilian Defense; Bd. 6; 03-02

- |          |      |          |       |          |      |
|----------|------|----------|-------|----------|------|
| 1. e4    | c5   | 15. Rf6: | gf6:  | 29. Be4  | Nd4: |
| 2. Nf3   | Nc6  | 16. Bd3  | Ne5   | 30. cd4: | Rc8  |
| 3. d4    | cd4; | 17. Nd4  | Kh8   | 31. Ke3  | Kf8  |
| 4. Nd4;  | Nf6  | 18. Bf5  | Rg8   | 32. d5   | Rc4  |
| 5. Nc3   | d6   | 19. g3   | Bf3!  | 33. Rd4  | Rd4: |
| 6. Be2   | e5   | 20. Nf3: | Qd1:+ | 34. Kd4: | Ke7  |
| 7. Nb3   | Be7  | 21. Rd1: | Nf3+  | 35. Bf5  | Rd8  |
| 8. O-O   | Q-O  | 22. Kf2  | Ne5   | 36. Kc4  | Kd6  |
| 9. Be3   | Be6  | 23. a4   | b6    | 37. Kb5  | Re8  |
| 10. f4   | ef4; | 24. Bd4  | Rad8  | 38. Ka6  | Re7  |
| 11. Rf4: | d5   | 25. c3   | Kg7   | 39. Bc8  | Kd5: |
| 12. ed5: | Nd5; | 26. g4   | h6    | 40. b4   | Kc4  |
| 13. Nd5: | Bd5; | 27. h4   | Nc6   | 41. a5   | b5!  |
| 14. Rf1  | Bf6  | 28. Kf3  | Rd6   | 42. O-O  |      |

The Cleveland match went much the same way as the Philadelphia match. Formanek and Winslow established early advantages on the top boards while Verber seemed to have a defensible position. Matters were not going so well on the lower boards however. Friedman dropped an early pawn in his favorite Goring Gambit and Sandrin was on the defensive from the opening on.

E. Formanek (2353) - C. Blocker (2308); French Defense; Bd.2; 04-06

1. e4	e6	13. Bh3	Na5	25. Qf5:+	Kb8
2. d4	d5	14. O-O	Be7	26. Qh3	Qh6
3. e5	c5	15. Re1	Bd7	27. Nf3	Rg3
4. c3	Nc6	16. Qe2	Rde8	28. Qh2	Qe6
5. Nf3	Qb6	17. f4	f6	29. f5	Qf5:
6. a3	c4	18. ef6:	gf6:	30. Bh6	R(8)g8
7. Nbd2	Bd7	19. Ne6:	f5	31. Rael	Bd8
8. h4	O-O-O	20. gf5:	Bh4:	32. Ngl	Qd3
9. Ng5	Be8	21. Rf1	Rhg8	33. Rf3	Qf3:
10. Qf3	Nh6	22. Kh1	Nf5:	34. Nf3:	Be7
11. g3	Nf5	23. Bf5:	Be6:	35. Re7	Bd6
12. g4	Nh6	24. Qh5	Bf5:	36. Rd7	1-0

Ross Sprague (2291) - Elliott Winslow (2257); Bd 3; Sicilian Defense

1. e4	c5	13. ef5:	gf5:	25. Re1:	Bf5:
2. Nc3	d6	14. Qf2	Rae8	26. Bf5:	Rf5:
3. g3	Nc6	15. Rael	Nd4	27. gf5:	Qf5:
4. Bg2	g6	16. Bd4:	cd4:	28. Nd4:	Qd3:
5. d3	Bg7	17. Ne2	h6	29. Qe4	Qg3+
6. f4	f5	18. Nf3	e5	30. Kh1	Qh3:
7. Nf3	Nf6	19. Nh4	Bh7	31. Kgl	Rg8
8. O-O	O-O	20. fe5:	de5:	32. Nf5	Bf6
9. h3	Kh8	21. Nf5:	Nd5:	33. Kf2	Qh2+
10. Be3	Be6	22. Be4	Ne3	34. Re3	Bg5+
11. Qe1	Bg8	23. g4	Nc2:	35. Kf3	Bf4
12. Ng5	Bg8	24. Qh4	Ne1:	36. O-1	Time

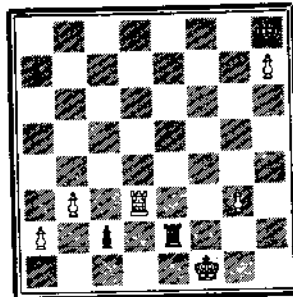
The Washington match was a repeat of last year's fiasco with the exception that this year Chicago scored .5 points more. The match started inauspiciously when it was learned that Winslow had been trapped in St. Louis by adverse weather conditions. Since Lipking had left town that meant I had to take 6th board and that against Bob Eberlein, high scorer in the league last year. It was, in fact, on the bottom three boards that Chicago made its best effort. Presser quickly established a winning position that he allowed the adjudicators to win for him while Martinovsky seemed to have the better game against Powell and I had decent chances against Eberlein. In the end it made no difference. Martinovsky overestimated his position, I missed the draw on the last move of the first time-control and Formanek and Verber went down in time-pressure. Only Martz held on to draw with the new World Junior Champion Mark Diesen.

This left Chicago with only one realistic goal -- 8th place and a free entry in the 1978 edition of the National Chess League. Fortunately we were paired with lowly Atlanta which had upset a much stronger Lincoln team in the previous round. Before play started I cautioned that we needed 6 or at worst, 5.5 points to give us a realistic chance at 8th place. As the play went it seemed that we would be lucky to get half that. Verber and Winslow established early winning positions but Formanek and Martz were just as clearly in lots of trouble, while Martinovsky and Mihailovich had no advantage. In the end we could manage only the dangerous 5 points in spite of Mihailovich's courageous play for a win while a pawn down.

R. Shocron(2195) - W. Martz(2410); Grunfeld Defense, Bd. 1

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1. P-QB4	N-KB3	20. K-B1!	N-B3
2. N-KB3	P-KN3	21. P-K6	N-K4
3. N-B3	P-Q4	22. Q-B4	B-N2
4. P-Q4	B-N2	23. R-K1	Q-B2
5. B-B4	O-O	24. P-R5	P-B4
6. R-B1	P-B3	25. P-R6	B-B3
7. P-K3	B-N5	26. P-R7+	K-R1
8. B-K2	BxN	27. BxP	PxB
9. BxB	PxP	28. R-R6	B-N2
10. P-K4	P-QN4	29. R-N6	P-Q6
11. Q-Q2	P-K3	30. RxB	QxR
12. P-KR4	P-KR4	31. RxN	Q-N5
13. B-N5	Q-N3	32. QxQ	PxQ
14. P-K5	N-Q4	33. RxP	R-K1
15. P-KN4	PxP	34. RxNP	RxP
16. BxP	P-QB4	35. R-Q5	R-K7
17. NxN	PxN	36. P-N3	P-N6!
18. B-K7	PxP!	37. PxNP	P-B6
19. BxR	BxB	38. RxP	P-B7*



39. R-QB3?(a) R-Q7  
40. K-K1 R-Q8+

41. K-K2 P-B8(Q)  
42. RxQ RxR

0-1

(a) As Martz asked after the game; "How does Black make progress after 39. KxR! P-B8(Q)?? White seems to hold the draw easily."

R. Verber (2391) - B. Scott (1993); Bd. 2; Sicilian Defense

1. P-K4	P-QB4	21. N-K4	NxN
2. N-KB3	P-Q3	22. PxN	QR-K1
3. P-QB3	N-KB3	23. B-K3	R-K3
4. B-Q3	N-QB3	24. B-Q1	R-K2
5. P-KR3	P-K4	25. B-N4	Q-B2
6. O-O	B-K2	26. QR-Q1	R-Q1
7. B-B2	Q-N3	27. R-Q5	N-R4
8. N-R3	B-K3	28. Q-K2	R(2)-K1
9. N-KN5	P-Q4	29. R(1)-Q1	P-QN3
10. P-Q3	R-Q1	30. QxRP	B-K2
11. Q-K2	O-O	31. B-Q7	R-KB1
12. PxP	BxP	32. Q-K2	N-B3
13. N-B4	Q-B2	33. Q-R5	N-N1
14. N-K3	P-KR3	34. B-QN5	N-B3
15. NxN	NxN	35. BxRP!	PxB
16. N-B3	B-Q3	36. QxRP+	K-N1
17. Q-K4	N-B3	37. BxN	RxR
18. Q-QB4	P-QR3	38. BxR	Q-B1
19. P-QR4	Q-B1	39. R-Q3	1-0
20. N-Q2	K-R1		



## ILLINOIS CHESS VIEWS

7.

by ICA President Harold Winston

All of the ICA officers are very pleased that Helen Warren of Western Springs has agreed to become the new ICB editor effective with the next issue. Helen is currently President of the US Postal Chess Union, editor of the attractive monthly APCT NEWS BULLETIN, and TD for American Postal Chess Tournaments. She is a member of both the Association of US Chess Journalists and the International Chess Presse (AIPE) and has also been listed among the top women chessplayers in the nation. You should receive the first ICB by Helen about 2 months after you receive this issue.

Remember to watch your ICB label for your expiration date in case you lose your membership card. Send your dues or requests for new cards to either Harold Winston or Walt Brown.

As autumn starts club activity is increasing in the Chicago area. An Illinois Chess League is being set up, thanks to work by Earl Russell, Paul Ilosvay, Larry Stilwell, Mike Zacate, and others. Lincoln Park Chess Club at 2526 N. Lincoln has been shown on TV news spots twice recently and has several events scheduled for October. If you have never visited this very attractive club it's well worth a trip. The Chicago Chess and Backgammon Shop at 1126 N. State is resuming its Friday night speed tournaments now under the sole proprietorship of Ron Washington. You can find many of the city's strongest players in the speed events. The Chicago Chess Club is now renovated in its new home on 25 N. Franklin, 4th floor between Washington and Madison. Gompers Park Chess Club has a new President, Sheldon Gelbart and on October 9 they are hosting the Illinois Speed Championship and the ICA meeting. All players are welcome at their regular Friday night meetings at 4224 W. Foster. In the west suburbs the Hillside Chess Club at the Hillside Baptist Church also meets Fridays as does the Homewood-Flossmoor Chess Club in the south, at 18350 Harwood in Homewood starting 8 pm. Larry Stilwell is the leader of the Hillside group and Bob Lauson and Mike Quinlan are in charge of H-F.

Jules Stein has opened the Chicago Chess Center, 2666 N. Halsted with both indoor and outdoor playing space. Play chess and at the same time admire Jules' paintings which decorate the walls. The Center began holding rated events in August, so far Norman Vorne has been their TD. Speed chess events on Saturdays.

In Central Illinois it is clear that the Springfield Chess Club is humming with activity. It has been meeting Wednesday nights at the Lincoln Park Pavilion. Our thanks to Josette Donnelly who for the 2nd straight year obtained a proclamation from our Governor for Chess Day in Illinois, October 8.

Did you know one of our grade school clubs has their own newsletter? Komarek School does, thanks to Dick Temple.

## SPRENKLE, BROWN WIN FOREST CITY OPEN

The 1977 Forest City Open, held July 16-17 at Rockford drew 83 players including 1 master (David Sprenkle) and 3 experts (Jim Ellis, Walter M. Brown, and Kurt Stein). Sprenkle won 4 straight games before being held to a draw in the finale by Ellis. Brown granted a draw in round 2 to Curt Maurer (1770) but won all his other games including a last round victory over the 1976 tournament winner Dennis Janky. Ellis who took 3rd on tiebreak had to give a draw to Steve Taylor (1777). Steve Bea (1764) was 4th, upsetting Stein who also scored 4-1. Bea, Tom Blade, Paul Fambro, and Thad Rohde all tied for Class B money while Peter Vesely was top C with a fine 4-1 score. Other top class finishers were David Stoy and Tom Bearrows (D), Robert Noel and R. P. Warrington (E), and Neil Knutsen, Thomas Bridson, and James Cooper (U). Once again directed and organized by Dave Brown, the Forest City Open has established itself as one of the most important summer events in the state.

## TENNANT TOPS GREATER PEORIA OPEN

The 12th annual Greater Peoria Open drew a strong field of 45 players last April topped by masters Elliott Winslow of Missouri and Charles Maddigan of Indiana. Also high on the wallcharts were former master Dr. Steve Tennant of Palos Heights and rising star David Sprenkle of Urbana. Scott Kaplan (1724) knocked off Winslow in round 2 and had a perfect 3-0 score before losing to Sprenkle in round 4. Tennant, who had drawn Steve Dowd (1878) downed Tom Mabee (1968) in the finale while Maddigan held Sprenkle to a draw. Dale Kenkel of Dubuque, Iowa (1822) had a result class A players dream about. He tied for 1st with Tennant and Sprenkle at  $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$  the hard way-- by drawing Maddigan (2208) and upsetting Winslow (2257) in the last round. The 3 winners each took home \$167 but Tennant took the title on tiebreak. Class prize winners were Paul Waldowski of Rantoul (A), David Mote and John McNabb (B), Duane Lemke (C), Mack Lyons (D/E), Larry Hensley (U). Ron Millard directed and Murrel Rhodes organized this event for the Greater Peoria Chess Federation.

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GRANDMASTER BISGUIER VISITS ILLINOIS ...  
AND THE MEDIA TAKES NOTICE!

9.

by Harold Winston

Last winter, after USCF announced that Arthur Bisguier, would be touring the midwest in May to primarily visit colleges, as part of the Grandmaster-in-Residence program, I contacted the GM who suggested I set up a schedule of visits for him in Illinois. After a number of phone calls and letters a series of appearances was arranged to include some high schools and grade schools as well as colleges. It was a rugged schedule that tested the patience of "America's most popular GM" and involved a lot of driving as well as lecturing and playing. But Bisguier survived and a number of local organizers were able to get good media coverage.

What was the schedule? It started Sat. April 30 with a visit to the IHSA Districts event at Glenbard East HS in Lombard followed by a 53 board simuls that took 7½ hours at Wheaton College, sponsored by the Chicago Industrial Chess League. Sunday morning Bisguier appeared at Stateville prison at 8:30 am, drove to Rolling Meadows for lunch, then to Harper College in Palatine for a lecture-simuls. Monday he reached Komarek School in No. Riverside before classes began, played about 100 games there by his count, before going to IIT for lunch and another simuls. In the evening he "relaxed" by playing 29 boards at the University of Chicago. Tuesday it was Chicago State U. on the south side followed by Northwestern U. in the north suburbs. Wednesday was driving a day--first north to U of Wisconsin at Milwaukee then southwest to Rockford University. Thursday Bisguier had 4 stops: Morris Kennedy Middle School in Rockford to start the day, followed by Triton College in River Grove, next Proviso West HS in Hillside and finally Lincoln Park Chess Club in the evening. He was happy to go to Indiana State Prison Friday and continue with an easier schedule in Indiana and Ohio.

Bisguier's visit helped chess in two ways. Hundreds of players had the chance to play a GM and talk with him. Not only that but the visit put chess back into the news. Three of our organizers especially did a fine job convincing the media to cover the visit: Gary Vondrasek of the CICL, Joe Drennan of Rockford, and Dick Temple of Komarek School. Gary worked with the Suburban Tribune, a supplement to the regular Trib, and got advance notices in the paper plus a multipage spread with photos on the Wheaton simuls. Reporter Randy Meline played in the simuls too. Two articles on Bisguier's visit appeared in the Rockford papers plus TV coverage of the GM's visit to Kennedy School. And the papers also mentioned the fine achievements of the Kennedy Chess Team. Dick Temple hit the jackpot; he worked hard to persuade TV stations and newspaper reporters that Bisguier's visit to the Komarek grade school was a good human interest story and his work paid off. Not only did he get page one coverage in the West Cook County Suburban Trib. but also a good article in the Chicago Sun-Times plus coverage by 2 TV stations. One mentioned the chess spot in its newspaper ads! If our organizers try as Temple, Vondrasek, and Drennan did to make direct contact with the local media it will be a real help to chess.

## ALL AROUND THE STATE

compiled by Harold Winston

- SPRINGFIELD** ... The Springfield Chess Club has had an active year. Club President Don Townsend who puts out a monthly newsletter also directed the Bob Quinn Memorial August 6. Charles Van Buskirk (2084) won the event with a perfect 4-0 score while Jim Ottersbach took 2nd on tiebreak. Allen Mohr (1346) and Larry Kittrell (Unr) also scored 3-1, tying for 2nd and leading their classes. John Donnelly took the Bob Quinn Memorial trophy as the best Class D from the Springfield CC. Bob Quinn was a former club treasurer who died this year. In June the Greg Camille Tornado drew 34 players. Benji Henson of Bunker Hill HS won the Board 1 prize in the Class A IHSA finals, Charles Van Buskirk, Springfield's star player, had a fine 5-2 score at the 1977 Western Open in Milwaukee. Club Vice President Josette Donnelly obtained a proclamation of October 8 as Chess Day in Illinois from Gov. Thompson. The next open event in Springfield will be Dec. 3.
- PEORIA:** New officers are now running the Greater Peoria Chess Federation. Bill Wilkinson is GPCF President, Jim Davies and Chuck Conlin are VPs, and Mike Bromley is new editor of CHESSMATE. The Bradley Summer Open was held September 17-18.
- PALATINE:** Charles Stephens organized and directed the Harper Summer Swiss July 30-31 which drew 55 players. Three strong A players tied for 1st: Marvin Rogan, Steven Dowd, and Peter Gilruth, all  $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ . Gee Leon, Ray Doyle Satterlee, and Matthew Morris shared the B prize. Cliff Wallach and Scott Parker were top Cs while Ray Pope took D/E and Michael Fossell led unrateds.
- RANTOUL:** David Sprenkle captured the Winter Tornado with 4-0 while Wayne Christensen of Kankakee and Pierre Weisz of Champaign tied for 2nd in the field of 34. The Spring Tornado also drew 34 and again Sprenkle went 4-0 but was tied for 1st by Roger Covey. Steve Snider (1047) not only won the E prize but scored the biggest upset, downing David Mote (1706). Gerhard Lueschen led 9 unrateds and Brian Hulse was top C. Paul Waldowski and Jim Scott organized and directed these events.
- CHICAGO:** A record 87 entries came to Hyde Park on May 14 for the 4th U-High Student Open and Spring Swiss. Steve Layson led the Collegiate-Adult section with  $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ , Bob Kahn, U Chicago CC Pres., was 2nd with  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . Jammie Gregory and Keith Kienker shared the C money. In the Spring Swiss (24 players) sectional winners were J.A. Miller ( $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ ), George Theodule (3-0), and Marvin Johnson ( $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ ). 5 unrateds tied for 2nd in their sections: Syed Kazi, Edward Robinson, Tearched Scott, Gregory Golden, and Thomas Harris. See Scholastic and HS News for other results. Harold Winston & John Quigley directed.

## HIGH SCHOOL CHESS

On May 6-7 a total of 226 players came to Proviso West HS in Hillside for the Illinois High School Association State Finals. Lane Tech of Chicago outscored 21 other teams to win the AA Division for the second straight year with a perfect 5-0 match score and 99½ out of 125 individual points. Three schools shared 2nd place in the AA Class: St. Patricks of Chicago, New Trier West, and Downers Grove South. St. Pats had the most individual points (80) followed by New Trier (74) and Downers Grove (70). Lane Tech's team consisted of Ken Mohr, Fred Rhine, Jeff Bozzelli, Lance Ogasawara, Larry Davis, John Schulz, Robert Buchner, and Mark Plusa. H.L. Heath was their coach. The 4 highest boards for St. Pat's (coached by Bro. Dominic Everett) were Richard Neckorcuk, John Avramidis, Richard Smiley, and Mike Paleczny. Steve Levenson played Bd. 1 for New Trier while Bill White led Downers Grove.

In the Class A finals (10 teams) Harvard HS also won its 2nd straight title, also with a 5-0 score. Georgetown took 2n with 4-1. Harvard's lineup was: Glen Gratz, Ken Witscher, Mark Campbell, Lloyd Smith, and Ted Siwek. Loren Ingram coached Harvard. Georgetown, coached by P. Justin Trabor had Joe Snyder, Larry Hall, Steve Snyder, Ted Hart, and Clay Call. Larry Stilwell was Chief Steward, Mike Zacate served as Scorer, Walt Brown was Tournament Director assisted by Gregory Bungo, Helmar Ehrke, George Marino, Doyle Satterlee, Dick Temple, and E. E. Westbrook.

Mike Zacate reports that for 1978 there may be a new way of conducting the IHSA events. If the traditional format is followed the Districts events will be held the weekend of April 29 and the State Finals May 5-6 at Homewood Flossmoor HS. An alternative being considered is for the Class AA Finals to be in the Chicago metropolitan area and the Class A Finals downstate, probably at Roanoke-Benson HS, both all day Friday April 28 and Sat. April 29 open to all teams. If the new plan is adopted there could also be an individual event separately.

John Zube of Shepherd HS won the U-High Student Open HS Section on May 14 with a 4-0 sweep. He upset top rated Richard Dumerer of West Leyden in the last round. Larry Whitlow of Shepherd with a fine 3½-½ took 2nd and the D prize while Bob Behnke of W. Leyden was top E. Shepherd HS took the team prize.

## INDIVIDUAL MEDAL WINNERS IN STATE FINALS AA SECTION

- Bd. 1 Ken Mohr Lane Tech 4½-½  
 2 John Freeman Ottawa, Peter Schultz Lincolnway 4½-½  
 3 Richard Smiley St Pats 5-0  
 4 Steve Cieslewicz Evergreen Park 5-0  
 5 John Zube Shepherd 5-0  
 6 Joe Szwedo Glenbard East, John Schulz Lane Tech 5-0  
 7 Robert Buchner Lane Tech 5-0  
 8 Mark Plusa Lane Tech 4½-½

by Harold Winston

Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago will host an intercollegiate team event Saturday October 22. The entry fee will be \$16 per team of 4; cash prizes will be awarded the top 2 teams and best team with average rating under 1600. On site registration starts at 9 AM at Hermann Hall, Round 1 begins 9:30 AM. For details contact Norman Vorne, 3123 N. Lotus, Chicago 60641 (phone 312-545-6280).

The big college event of the year, the Pan American Intercollegiate Team Championship will be in nearby St. Louis, December 26-30. The \$5000 guaranteed prize fund includes cash prizes to the top 10 teams and the top 2 teams in each 100 point rating category as well as top 2 year college and top small college. No active college club in the state should miss this opportunity to compete against the best college players in the US and Canada. Housing at the Breckenridge Pavilion Hotel is \$26 for a double, \$29 for a triple, \$32 for a quad. Entry fee is \$50 per team before 12/16, \$10 more later, \$10 less for extra teams from a school. Contact Robert F Sutter Jr., 2412 Caverhill Drive, St. Louis MO 63136. University of Chicago has won this tournament more times than any other college!

Illinoisans dominated the 2 ACU-I Regional events in 1977. Marvin Dandridge of Eastern Illinois University, formerly a stalwart for the Chicago Vocational HS team won the Region IX event and placed 11th in the national playoffs upsetting Paul Jacklyn (2188) in the finals. In Region VIII (Northern Illinois & Wisconsin) Bernard Vecerek of IIT and Kevin Bachler of Lake County College tied for 1st, each scoring 4-1. Vecerek placed 15th in the national finals at Whitewater, Wisconsin. Ron Henley of So. Florida won the national ACU title.

#### SCHOLASTIC CHESS

Jean Harrow of Glencoe won the 41 player scholastic section of the 4th U-High Student Open held on May 14. She scored successive wins over 2 of the top players, John Blum of Komarek and Jerry Jackson of Kennedy, to capture first on tiebreak ahead of Duane Tuula and John Guth, both of Kennedy. All 3 had perfect 4-0 scores. Ajit Naidu of Glen Ellyn was best 6th grader and Jeff Marshall of Park Forest top 7th grader. In team standings a strong Morris Kennedy Middle School group from Rockford, coached by Joe Drennan took 1st while Deer Creek JHS was 2nd. Jean Harrow is the oldest of 3 chessplaying sisters from Glencoe, their father Martin Harrow was very active as a tournament player in the past.

The key scholastic event of the autumn will be the Illinois Scholastic Team Tournament at Proviso West HS in Hillside, November 12. Interested players and coaches should contact Larry Stilwell, 14 Ashbel Ave., Hillside 60162 (449-9364).

Danny Ceralde - Jean Harrow; Illinois Grade School; 3/5/77; French Defense

1. P-K4	P-K3	19. Q-KN3	N-K5
2. Q-B3	P-Q4	20. Q-N4	N/2-B3
3. N-KR3	N-KB3	21. Q-B3?	N-Q7!
4. N-R3?	BxN	22. Q-KN3	NxR
5. PxB	NxP	23. KxN	Q-K2
6. P-Q3	N-KB3	24. PxP	PxP?(a)
7. B-N2	QN-Q2	25. N-B4	P-Q5
8. P-QR4	O-O	26. P-QR5	QR-N1
9. P-Q4	P-QN3	27. P-QR4	BxP+
10. B-Q3	Q-K1	28. QxB	RxB
11. N-N5	P-KR3	29. R-QB1	RxQBP!
12. N-R3	P-K4!	30. R-Q1(b)	R-K7!
13. O-O?	P-K5!	31. N-Q3	P-B5!
14. Q-N3	PxB	32. K-N1(c)	PxN
15. QxQP	B-N2	33. P-KR4	R-K8+
16. KR-K1	Q-Q1	34. RxR	QxR+
17. P-R3	R-K1		
18. R-KB1	P-QB4		Black eventually won.

Notes by Jean Harrow

(a) Better for Black was 24. ... Q-K7+ 25. K-N1 Q-K8+ or 24. ... B-R3+ 25. K-N1 Q-K8+ (b)

(b) If 30. RxR Q-K8 mate

(c) If 32. N-B4 R-K8+

(d) Editor's note. If you don't recognize the name: Jean Harrow is the daughter of former Illinois co-champion Martin Harrow. Obviously she is intent on making a name for herself!

Ray Socha is better known around the area for his tournament direction, which is both efficient and fair. Recently, however he has found more and more time for tournament play himself and improved his rating dramatically. His recent draw with Formanek proved that he is not to be taken too lightly. Walter Milbratz finds this out the hard way from a recent LPCC Tuesday-Thursday Swiss.

Ray Socha (1758) - W. Milbratz (1911); Rd. 2; Sicilian Defense

1. e4	c5	11. Nc2	Bd5:	21. Qc7:+	Kc7:
2. Nf3	Nc6	12. Bf6:	Qf6:	22. Rc6+	Kb8
3. d4	cd4:	13. Qd5:	Qd8	23. O-O	Rc6:
4. Nd4:	Nf6	14. a4	Qb6	24. Bc6:	Be7
5. Nc3	e5	15. ab5:	Ne7	25. Ra1	Rc8
6. Ndb5	d6	16. Qb3	ab5:	26. Nb4!	Kc7
7. Na3	a6	17. Bb5:+	Kd8	27. Ra7+	Kb6
8. Bg5	b5	18. Ra6	Qc5	28. Rb7+	Kc5
9. Nd5	Be6	19. Qb4	Ng6	29. Nd5!	Ra8
10. c3	Rc8	20. Qa5+	Qc7	30. Na6+	1-0

Northwestern's Chess 4.6 recently won the the World Computer Chess championship, beating out Moscow's highly regarded Kaissa. The two did not, in fact play, since Kaissa was upset in round two by Duke's Duchess. However interest in the two programs was so high that a challenge match was held immediately after the formal tournament. It seems superfluous to comment on the quality of the play except to remark that one might expect a higher level of endgame play from a program that has both Botvinnik and Averbach working on it.

Kaiissa (IBM 370/168) vs. Chess 4.6 (Cyber 176)

1. e4	Nc6	16. d5	ed5:	31. g5	Kg8
2. Nf3	e6	17. Nd5:	gf4:	32. Nf4:	Rf2:+
3. d4	d5	18. Ne7:+	Ne7:	33. Kg3	Rf4:
4. Bd3	de4:	19. Qd7:	Ng6:	34. Rf4:	Nf4:
5. Be4:	Bd7	20. Qf7:+	Rf7:	35. Kf4:	Kf7
6. O-O	Nf6	21. g4	Rd7	36. b4	Ke6
7. Re1	Ne4:	22. Rad1	Rgd8	37. Ke4	a6
8. Re4:	Be7	23. Rd7:	Rd7:	38. Kf4	Kd6
9. c4	f5	24. Kg2	Kg7	39. Ke4	c5
10. Re1	O-O	25. Ng5	Rd2	40. bc5:+	Kc5:
11. Nc3	f4	26. Rb1	Rc2	41. Kd3	a5
12. Qd3	Qe8	27. b3	Ne5	42. Kc3	a4
13. g3	fg3:	28. Rh1	Ra2:	43. Kd3	Kb4
14. hg3:	Qf7	29. Rh4	Nd3	44. Kc2	Kc4:
15. Bf4	g5	30. Nh3	Rb2		O-1

And now, for something that I hope resembles a real game, here is my own (your beloved editor's) third round game from the American New Year's Congress.

John Tomas (1931)- Urquhart (1887); Alekhine's Defense

1. e4	Nf6	12. fe5:	e6(f)	23. Nh4:	Kh7
2. e5	Nd5	13. h3	Bf3:	24. Rf8:	Bf8:
3. d4	d6	14. Nf3:	Nc6?!(g)	25. Rf1	Bg7
4. Nf3(a)	g6(b)	15. c3	Nc8?(h)	26. Rf6!(n)	Bf6:
5. Bc4	Nb6(c)	16. Bc2	Qe8	27. ef6:	Nf5
6. Bb3	Bg7	17. Qe1(i)	Nce7	28. gf5:	Nh4:
7. Ng5	d5	18. g4!	h6!(j)	29. fe6:+	Qg6+(o)
8. f4(d)	O-O	19. Be3!	g5(k)	30. Qg6:+	Ng6:
9. O-O	f6	20. Qd2(l)	Ng6	31. e7!!(p)*Kg8(q)	
10. Nf3	Bg4(e)	21. Qd3	Nce7	32. Bg6:	1-0
11. Nbd2	fe5:	22. h4!	gh4:(m)		

Notes by John Tomas

(a) If you remember three or four year's back you'll remember many more Alekhine's than you see now in tournaments. In my opinion that fashion was eliminated not by the Four Pawn's attack but by the simple, unpretentious lines.

(b) I think that this offers Black less play than the lines with Bg4.

(c) ...c6 is possible but White maintains a useful spatial advantage.

(d) This is the proper order of moves. If White castles at once, as Karpov once did than ...f6! avoids any f4.

(e) This really isn't the most accurate way to play this line. More chances are offered by Mikenas' idea 10. ... a5 11. c3 Bf5 whereupon 12. Bc2! avoids the 12. Be3 a4! 13. Bc2 Bc2: 14. Qc2: Nc4 15. Bf2?! (Qe2!) Bn6! with a slight pull for Black.

(f) I subjected these positions to some study in 1973-74 and came to the conclusion that White has a clear advantage. Black has eliminated the central tension too soon and, coupled with White's obvious spatial edge, this dooms him to passivity.

(g) Seems much too slow to me. Why not simply ...c5 immediately? After the game we looked at 14. ... c5 15. dc5: Nbd7? 16. Nd5:!! +- . Instead Black should retreat the Knight to c8 and White cannot hold the c pawn. His best is probably 15. c3 with play similar to the game except that Black has more play.

(h) A logical consequence of his last move but this simply gives up any hope of saving the game.



The idea is to play Ne7, Nf5 and then the other Knight to e7 to support the Kingside but White can cut across the whole plan simply by g4! Black does not have the space or flexibility to organize a successful defence if White has nothing to divert him. Thus Na5 followed by ... c5 is essential.

(i) In retrospect 19. Be3 is more flexible.

(j) After 20 minutes thought. Black is willing to give up a pawn after 19. Qh4 g5 20. Bg5: Ng6! 21. Qh5!(21. Bg6: Qg6: 22. Bd2 Qd3! is unclear) Nf4 22. Qe8: Rae8:(...Nh3:+ 23. Kh2 Rae8: 24. Bh6:!! winning) 23. Bf4: Rf4: when Black can still resist. Formanek would probably just take the pawn but I felt that my position was worth more than a pawn.

(k) I thought that this was inevitable but in fact Black can avoid it for some time ...Kh7 20. Qd2 Nd8 21. Rf2! Rc8 22. Raf1 b6 23. Rg2! c5 24. h4+- but he has no play at all.

(l) As Verber pointed out 20. h4! causes the immediate collapse of Black's position.

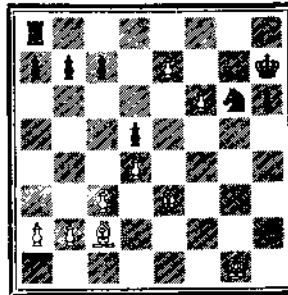
(m) One variation I looked at was ...Nf4 23. Qh7+ Kf7 24. Bf4: gf4: 25. Ng5!+ hg5: 26. Qh5+ and mate in two.

(n) My original plan was 26. Ng2 followed in due time by Nf4, Nh5, Nf6 but the text wins immediately. I'm especially proud of this move because recently my play has suffered from an excessively technical approach. Here however I seize my tactical opportunity as it presents itself.

(o) I didn't see this until after I played the sacrifice! It didn't make any difference this time but it might have.

(p) Nimzovitch would have loved this idea! Actually 31. f7! is an even more sarcastic win ... Kg7 32. Bg6: Kg6: 33. Bh6:!! and White makes two Queens.

(q) After 25 minutes thought although to this day I can't figure out what he was thinking about since even ...Kh8 32. Bg6: Rg8 33. f7 also nets White two new Queens.



USCF NEWS

Harold Winston

The USCF annual meetings in Columbus, Ohio in August saw adoption of a new regional structure. Illinois is now in a new region VII with Missouri and Iowa. While Wisconsin and Minnesota and the Dakotas are now separated in Region VI, we expect to have joint Region VI-VII meetings, probably in Milwaukee over Thanksgiving weekend. No change in the Jr. dues structure was made. Mike Zacate's letter supporting retaining Participating Juniors clearly had an effect. If another dues raise is to be avoided organizers and members alike must do their part in the USCF membership drive. Tony Cottell was elected to the USCF Policy Board, while Joe Lux was second in the six person race. The new Tournament Direction package printed in the summer Policy Board Newsletter was adopted and takes effect January 1. Tournament Life will now carry 1 full and 1 partial announcement in place of the two full announcements permitted in the past.

The 1978 US Open and annual meetings will be at Phoenix Arizona in a plush Regency Hyatt House at very reasonable room rates. The 1977 US Championship starts in Mentor, Ohio at the end of September.

Illinois was fully represented at Columbus. Frank Skoff, Harold Winston, Paul Ilosvay, Mike Zacate, Walter Brown, Randy Pacetti, Jim Brotsos, and Dick Verber attended as Delegates and alternates Helen Warren and Joan Winston represented Illinois at several workshops.

#### PROBLEM SECTION

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#### Solutions:

#12, Fink and Stimson. Set: 1. ... Sxc6 2. Rxd7. 1. ... Pxc6 2. Rxd7  
Solution: 1. Rc8 waiting. 1. ... pd6 2. Pe6 1.... Pxc6 2. Rd8 1.... Pe6 2. Qe4 etc. The other five black self-block moves are 1. ... Pxe5, 1.... Sxc6 1. ... Sc5, 1. ... Sd4, and 1. ... Rd4.

#13, Barry. 1. Qg5, waiting. 1. ... Qd2 2. Qe5. 1. ... Qd3 2. Sd5.  
1. ... Qd4 2. Rf3 1. ... Qe2 2. Sxf1. 1. ... Qf3 2. Re4 A mate in which white opens a white line is known as a battery mate. In several of the foregoing mates a white line is opened to check the black king (a direct battery), but 2. Sd5 opens a white line of guard on a black king potential "flight" square (an indirect battery).

#14, Tuxen. 1. Qf3, waiting. 1. ... Pel=Q 2. Rd8. 1. ... Pel=S 2. Se4.  
1. ... Pxd1=Q 2. Qe3. 1. ... Pxd1=S 2. Re2. 1. ... Pc3 2. Qe2.

#15, Marble. 1. Be4, threat 2. Qxd5. 1. ... Qxe4 2. Rc2. 1. ... eRxe4  
2. Rcl. 1. ... fRxe4 2. Sf5. etc.

#16, Isayev/ 1. Qg7, threat 2. Qxf7. 1. ... Sc5 2. Se7. 1. ... Pc5  
2. Rd6. 1. ... Pc6 2. Sf6. 1. ... bSd4 2. Pe4. 1. ... cSd4 2. Be4 (the pin of the e2 pawn prevents 2. Pe4). 1. ... Pe4 2. Sf4.

#17, Scheel. 1. Bh4, threat 2. Sf7. 1. ... Pd6 2. Qf1+ Ke5 3. Sc6. 1.  
... Rd4 2. Qf1+ Ke5 3. Sf7. 1. ... Bd4 2. Bxh7 Ke5 3. Qg3. 1. ... Bf6  
2. Bg3+ Kg5 3. Sf7. 1. ... Re4 2. Qg3+ Kf5 3. Qg5. 1. ... Ke5 2. Sf7+

We have dealt with the black selfblock, in which Black blocks his king from moving. A related and very important element of strategy is the black interference, in which a black move closes a black line of White's benefit. For example, in #12 in the preceding section, the strategy in 1. ... Pc3 includes the closing of the d3 rook's guard on b3 so that the rook cannot stop the mate, 2. Rxb3.

In #18 there are no fewer than nine such interference moves. To start off, 1. ... Rb6 closes line a5 ... d8 permitting 2. Kd8. The interference moves 1.... Bg7 and 1. ... Sg7 release the white queen from pin instead of removing black guards; such interference unpins will be taken up again later. In #19 the d5 knight makes eight defensive moves, seven of them interferences. The black queen in #20 is interfered with by seven black moves. In #21 two interferences permit White to move a white piece away

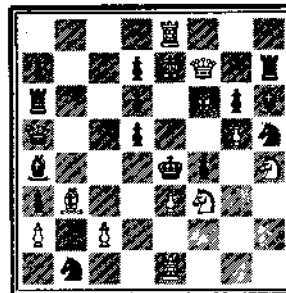
from its pinning position (the Gamage theme). Related to the Gamage theme is the Goethardt theme, the difference being that in the latter the permitted unpinning of Black is effected by interposal. The two Goethardt variations in #22 are 1. ... Bf7 2. Sf5 (unpinning the black queen) and 1. ... Pd4 2. Sf3 (unpinning the c3 bishop). Both of these problems have interesting additional play.

In three-movers, interferences can prevent potential black guards, etc. In #23, the d2 knight makes six such anticipatory interferences on the black queen. For example, 1. ... Sbl allows 2. Ka7 since Black no longer has 2. ... Qal+ available. And 1. ... Se4 permits Fe7 since black's 2. ... Qel is now ineffective in stopping the white promotion to knight on e8. The Russian Loshinski, who died recently at the age of 63, is regarded by many as the best all-round problem composer who has lived.

Note: the diagram of #11 (Nov. '75-Jan '76) was printed in reverse, as some readers probably realized. Thus, the white king should be on c2, the white pawn on e3, etc.

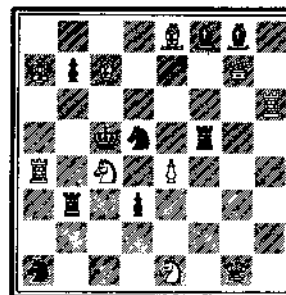
#18  
 Herbert W. Gant  
 First Prize  
 British Chess Fed.  
 1966-67

Mate in 2

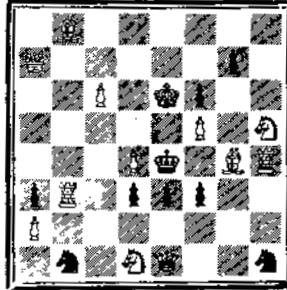


#19  
 William A. Beers  
 "Atlanta Journal"  
 1934

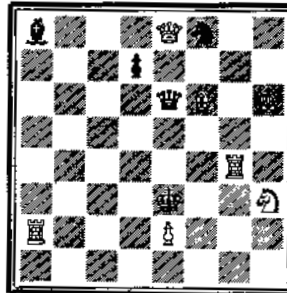
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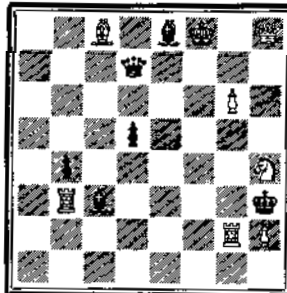
Jan Hartong  
Mate in 2 "The Problemist"  
1958



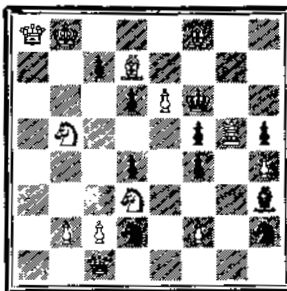
#21  
Alain White (Version R.Cabral)  
First Prize  
Mate in 2 Good Companions  
1918



#22  
Ellis and Brian Harley  
Mate in 2 "The Observer" (London)  
1926



#23  
Lev Loshinski  
Mate in 3 "Schachmaty v SSSR"  
1948



Ed Formanek topped his best year with a 6-4 score in the Lloyds' International Chess Congress in London to obtain his International Master's title. He actually obtained the title after only 8 rounds when he was tied for second with a 6-2 score and then could afford the luxury of losing his last two games (to titled players). He defeated IM Vranesic, drawing with IM's Pritchett and Hartston as well as GM Quinteros before losing to Nunn and Torre.

## LINCOLN PARK MASTERS AND CANDIDATES

Ron Fortunado's Lincoln Park Chess Club has made virtually the only efforts, on a local basis, to cater to top rank chess in the greater Chicago area. Last December he sponsored the LPCC Masters Invitational which offered reasonable prizes and a chance to play at the usual international time-control of 40/150. He followed these events with two tournaments open only to "A" players and above. Both of these tournaments also offered prize funds designed to attract master level players (\$300 1st, \$200 2nd, \$100 3rd, with \$100 for the "A" prize.) and thus provide much needed strong opposition to Chicago's young experts and "A" players.

It would be nice to report that the tournaments were successes; that Chicago's young players supported the tournament and gained much useful experience, and that Ron broke even on his generous prize fund. Such was not the case, however. The tournaments drew a total of only 38 players. The situation was so bad for the second tournament that Ron had to allow several "B" players to enter to try to break even. Excuses have been made for this neglect ( the June tournament had only 13 players above 1900 ) but the fact remains that if Eugene Martinovsky, with a demanding practice to maintain can find time to play in two of the stronger tournaments in the area, most of the younger players could to -- if they were seriously interested in improving.

For the record: Elliott Winslow and Ed Formanek split 1st place in the January event, drawing with each other and beating Gene Martinovsky and Andrew Karklins respectively in the final round. Stevanovic and David Lee split the "A" prize with 2.5-2.5 each. The January event was marked by the participation of the soon to be masters Walter Morris of Iowa, Rodney Malpert of Nebraska and Curtis Carlson of Colorado.

The June event was dominated by the masters. Gene Martinovsky took the \$300 first prize with 4.5-.5, drawing an inferior endgame against Formanek for his winning margin. Ed Formanek took second by virtue of an extra draw against Curtis Carlson of Colorado. Carlson was a clear third losing only to Martinovsky from a position that many thought he should have won. Allen Kornfeld took the "A" prize scoring 2-1 against 3 experts.

EDITORIAL

John Tomas

As the previous story should indicate I am not happy with the way chess is moving, either in Illinois or the United States as a whole. Symptomatic of the malaise which grips Chicago chess is the total neglect by lower rated, but presumably improving players of strong open tournaments. Compare the fields of the upper division of the Chicago Summer Congress with those of the two tournaments reported above. Where were all those "A" players when a chance came to play real players?

In the final round of the recently concluded Illinois Open had T drawn with W, S lost to D and B beaten Br. there could very well have come about a situation where the Illinois Champion, a Life Master could have gone home with \$30 for his efforts. As it was, because of the # of rounds, and the ridiculous prize fund which rewards "B,C,D" players better than the top players, one Life Master, who tries to make a living out of chess, went home with less than his expenses. This attitude, rewarding mediocrity better than excellence, and refusing to compete on an equal basis pervades the country. It must be eradicated and the place to start is the Illinois Open.

ILLINOIS TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

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OCT 1977-FEB 1978

OCTOBER

19-Nov 16: Lincoln Park Weds Swiss LPCC  
22: Beginners Tournament Homewood-Flossmoor, Intercollegiate at IIT  
22-23: Harper College , Rockford  
27: 87 St. CC  
29-30: Lincoln Park A/B Open LPCC, Peoria  
30: Blue Island

NOVEMBER

12: 5th Illinois HS Events, ILL Scholastic Team, Proviso Octagon at Hillside  
13: Hammond Indiana  
19-20: 3rd Homewood Flossmoor Open  
19: 87 St CC  
24-27: North Central Open in Milwaukee (Region VI-VII Meeting)

DECEMBER

3-4 Springfield  
4 Homewood-Flossmoor  
10-11 Peoria  
18 Tuley Park  
24 DeKalb  
26-30 Pan American Intercollegiate at St. Louis  
30-Jan 2 either SKF or Lincoln Park CC may have a major event

JANUARY 1978

22 Blue Island  
28-29 Quad Cities

FEBRUARY

5 Hyde Park Open, Scholastic & Groundhog Swiss at U of Chicago HS  
25 Illinois Frosh-Soph TEAM, Grade School Champ at Hillside

Blue Island has tentatively reserved April 23

contact Paul Ilosvay or Randy Pacetti with calendar info.

87 at Chicago Summer Congress

Miomir Stevanovic, Peter Gilruth, and Steve Budrys shared 1st place with 4-1 scores in the major section of the Congress at the Essex Inn on July 16-17. Both Stevanovic and Budrys downed top rated Ruben Reyes. John Siadak, John Dotson, and Gerald Johnson shared B money. In the intermediate section (under 1700) 4 players tied for 1st: Erik Dizon, Antonio Sanchez, Hale Chan, and Kenneth Walter. In his first rated event, Todor Tersic scored 5-0 to cleanly win the 42 player minor section (below 1400). Gary Schimmel took 2nd while Randy Robinson was 3rd. Julius Holloway and Jean Harrow shared the under 1200 prize. Robert A. Karch and Les Smith directed for the American Chess Service.