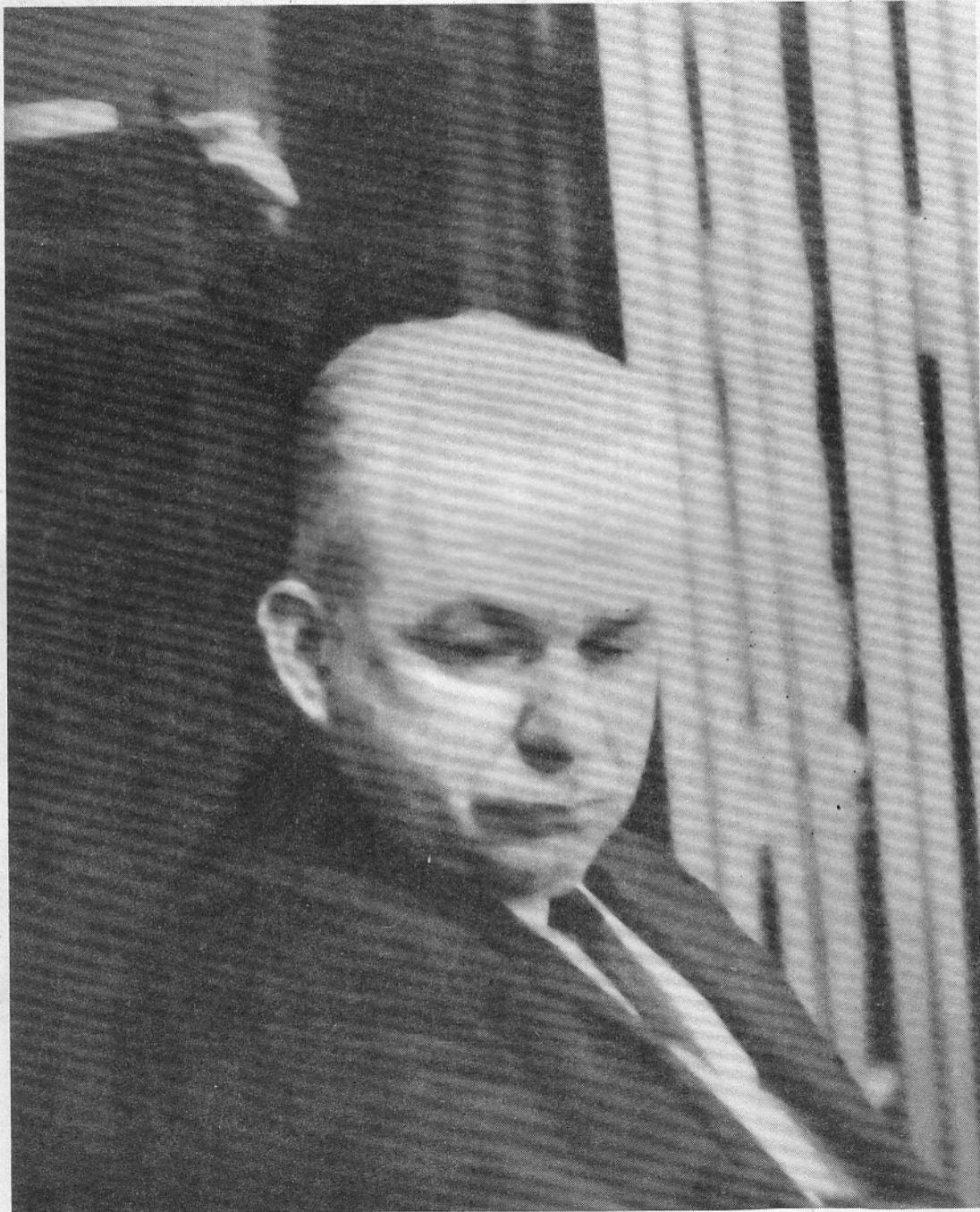


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CLEARINGHOUSE POLICY...

USCF recommended policy on clearinghouse practice is clear. It is also the policy of the ICA adopted by motion last year by the ICA Board of Directors: "The submission of a Tournament Life announcement should be the last step in the process of scheduling a tournament--after the date has been coordinated with the dates of other organizers through the clearinghouse..." This sentence appears in almost every issue of CHESSE LIFE as part of the Tournament Clearinghouse section. No one is talking about the legalities of scheduling a tournament whenever an organizer wishes; nothing can be done "legally". We are talking here about the implementation of a just, workable, and reasonable practice among organizers.

This clearinghouse representative is hell-bent on making the clearinghouse work. Our experience indicates that the great majority of organizers are willing, even eager, to cooperate. We are again imploring for a decent approach to securing tournament dates. In the last month we have received announcements for events AFTER they were sent to the USCF for listing in TL. When the organizer was reminded that this procedure was the cart before the horse, he pleaded, "Too late!"

We cannot force organizers to cooperate with the clearinghouse; we can, however, try to convince them that it is to their advantage to do so. The clearinghouse will identify conflicting events (those within geographical proximity where a conflict is real), labeling those received in accordance with ICA policy--or those not complying. Should this fail to solve the problem, we will introduce measures which will remove such events from inclusion in the ICA calendar.

from the editor

Helen Warren

This issue belongs to Paul Tautvaisas. His death at age 64 is mourned by the Chicago and Illinois chess community in a manner reserved for few. He was city and state champion many times; his dynamic chess style, especially during the fifties and sixties, was admired and held in awesome respect by the Young Turks--Chellstorp, DeFotis, Formanek, Verber and Karklins. He was unique not merely because he was so strong at the board, but because he endeared himself to his friends, even to his casual chess acquaintances, with the sheer power of his guileless charm and goodness. My own memories of Paul date back to the fall of 1958 when I played one of sixteen boards at a simultaneous exhibition he gave at the old Oak Park Chess Club. Paul's zest for the game, his effusive wit as he moved from board to board, his spontaneity will remain with me always.

No one knew Paul better outside the circle of his Lithuanian compatriots than Frank Skoff. Frank directed him in the early days many times. When I asked Frank to do a tribute-article for Paul Tautvaisas, he was immediate in his acceptance of the task. As you read this feature you will appreciate the depth and scope of Frank's research in its preparation. We are especially indebted to one of Paul's dearest friends, Aleksander Zujus, for his rich contribution to material for this tribute.

Newton Berry is a practiced writer by profession. This issue he starts a new series for the ICB, a kind of *deja vu*. He has chosen as the name for his column that of his now defunct chess feature which appeared in the south suburban newspaper, The Star. Berry will concentrate on chess personalities in "Of Pawns and Kings".

Welcome to David Brown of Rockford as Problem Editor! I can now say that I have worked with three of the best in the problem field: Edgar Holladay, Newman Guttman with the APCT NEWS BULLETIN, and David. Hermann Holms made no bones about it: he considered a chess magazine barely mediocre without a strong problem page. We are fortunate in Illinois to have one of the best in the field.

Patron Memberships for \$25 are still welcome! We would like to include you on our honor roll of PMs published in each issue. Show your support for chess in Illinois by becoming a Patron Member, or renewing your existing Patron Membership.

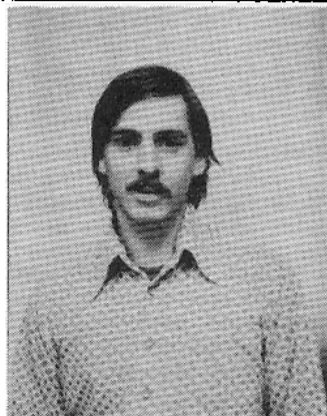
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Larry Christiansen doesn't often write for state or regional publications. I hope you'll share my delight with his piece on the Malta Olympiad. Larry represented the U.S. at Malta along with Albur, Seirawan, Tarjan, Shamkovich and DeFirmian. Although the U.S. team took no gold--or any medal for that matter--it's encouraging that we placed fourth with a bright future ahead for many young American players. Welcome to the ICB, GM Christiansen!

There is good news for Illinois chessplayers: the USCF has instituted a special category of tournament for events which have been run for twenty-five years or longer. There are many tournaments--dozens--throughout the country that will eventually be granted such honored status. But the very first such distinction was awarded just last month to THE GREATER CHICAGO OPEN, now in its twenty-ninth running. This year holds added significance for this prestigious championship: it will be a Heritage Tournament dedicated to the memory of Paul Tautvaisas who himself won this event many times. May we invite you all to play in this great tournament and to be a part of its special tribute to a giant figure in the history of Illinois chess. The dates are April 4-5.

We have received no report from the committee entrusted with the task of ballot counting for the last ICA election. Since offices were not contested, we assume all nominees were elected. ICA's new president for a two year term is Chris Musgrave. He extends presidential greetings to all ICA members and looks forward to seeing many of you at tournaments throughout the state.



ICA PRESIDENT CHRIS MUSGRAVE

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What's new

ILL Class Champ.

LEONID KAUSHANSKY paced a field of eleven in the top section of the Illinois Class Championships held at Oak Park-Forest Park Chess Club over the Thanksgiving week-end. To earn first and top prize of \$200 he had to beat Senior Master Leonid Bass. Bass finished 2nd and took home the \$125 cash prize. Top Experts were KEN MOHR and CHRIS SIUPIK.

Other champions in the 155 player event were LARRY DRIPPS in Category I, JOHN NETROUR in Category II, ESTER MILLER and EDWIN WALKER tied for Category III honors. Category IV honors went to RON STRICKER; in Category V and VI ANDRE HINTON and T PRADZINSKI were high scorers. The Unrated Prize was taken by Lucy Guysinsky. This highly successful event paid out some \$1875 in prizes. Organizer was Chris Musgrave and TD was Tim Redman.

Crosstables for the Illinois Class appear elsewhere in this issue.

ILLINOIS chess league

by Harold Winston, ICL Director

The autumn, 1980 version of the Illinois Chess League was not set up until October, giving clubs little time to organize their teams. Two divisions of eight teams each were finally agreed upon with each division taking two of last year's finalists. The West-North Division may have been stronger on paper than, but judging from results, the two divisions were balanced.

Two of the three favorites in the West-North Division survived: Hillside A and Chessmates. But the Chicago Chess Club, plagued by missing players, failed to qualify. Hillside A piled up a remarkable 22½-1½ total points and dominated play in their division. KURT STEIN (3-0), PETER GILRUTH (3½-½), GREG BUNCO (4-0), and SHELDON GELBART (3-1) paced Hillside A. Meanwhile, the other qualifier, Chessmates, produced solid results, with ALBERT CHOW (3-0), MARIO SPINOSA (4-0) and captain ED PERELMUTER (2-0) leading the way.

The South was the section of surprises. Average team ratings ranged from H-F(A) at 2174 to Oak Park B at 1839. Hillside D, with an average rating of 1847, had no experts or masters on its roster, yet they refused to be overawed by higher ratings. Hillside D put on their dogged best: in their match vs a strong H-F (A) team, FRANK TEGEL held Steve Tennant to a draw on first board, while PAUL ILOSVAY trimmed Tim Kras. Hillside D came away 4½-1½ winners. In their final match of the season, Hillside D again had their upset shoes on: TEGEL defeated William Harris and thereby clinched a qualifying spot for a feisty Hillside D troupe. Homewood-Flossmoor C team had a solid season. PETE STEIN (3-1), RAY KOUSANEK (2-0), and captain BOB BAIN (2-1) delivered important game points. The H-F C team, starting the season ranked fifth in its division, had turned in an impressive upset to lead its division.

There were some other significant individual and team performances during the season: RAY SATTERLEE turned in

a perfect 4-0 score for Hillside B, Oak Park A was the top team rated under 1800 and Hillside D has to be regarded as the success story of a vigorous season.

So the stage is set for the Finals in March, with HILLSIDE A, CHESSMATES HOMEWOOD FLOSSMOOR C, and HILLSIDE D due to square off at Oak Park. The ICL Director wants to thank Sheldon Gelbart, ICL Associate Director, and Chris Musgrave, last year's director, for their help in getting through the season. Following are final tabulations. The first column represents total points, calculated by totaling game points with a two point bonus for winning match (or one point for tying a match). The second column indicates match points. Each match was contested on four boards.

WEST-NORTH DIVISION			SOUTH DIVISION		
1 Hillside A	22.5	4-0	1 Home.-Floss. C	17	3.5
2 Chess Mates	20	3.5	2 Hillside D	16.5	3
3 Oak Park A	10.5	1.5	3 U of Chicago B	14.5	2.5
4 Hillside B	10	1.5	4 U of Chicago A	14	2.5
5 Hillside C	10	1.5	5 Home.-Floss. A	13	2
6 Chicago CC	9.5	1.5	6 Home.-Floss. B	9.5	1.5
7 Oak Park C	8.5	1.5	7 Tuley Park	7.5	1
8 Oak Park D	4	.5	8 Oak Park B	4	0

Heraldica draws 197

by Richard Verber

Although publicity was hardly massive or effective, and at an entry fee that strained the upper limits, still, 197 players at the Palmer House Dec. 26-28 made Jose Cuchi's Heraldica a success. Some excellent chess was played; in those terms, the event was a gigantic success.

LEONID BASS was in his best form. He scored a perfect 5-0 to take the Master-Expert section of 36 players to take top money. Illinois State Champion DAVID SPRENKLE, JIM ELLIS, and ALBERT CHAO from IN scored 4-1 in this strong field. In 5-7th at 3½ were JOHN TOMAS, ALEX ANGOS, AND S BERCHENKO.

Bass strung successive victories over impressive opposition: Tomas, Kudelman, Sprenkle, and Sergy Berchenko, a master from Ohio, and only vs Sprenkle was the Indiana Senior Master ever in trouble. Bass is a college student living in Michigan City, IN and has been turning in solid performances in Chicago. Jim Ellis, long a familiar face in Illinois tournaments as well as in his native Wisconsin, has been improving steadily over the years and this was his very first Chicago success as a master. Although John Tomas, ICB Associate Editor, lost to Bass, his 3½ points (including a last round win over Springfield master Charles VanBuskirk) will put him back into master class. Congratulations, John!

36 players in the Class A (Category I) section saw a 5-way tie among LARRY DRIPPS, BILLY COLIAS, MELVIN ALSBERRY, JONATHAN SILVERMAN, and RICHARD SWIATEK, all with 4-1 scores. Perhaps the most important game was Larry Dripps' 4th round win against talented Billy Colias, a 14-year old star from Indiana. It is likely that we can expect a

bright chess future for both youngsters Dripps and Colias.

The Class B section was the largest with 53 players. Kentucky DON IPILL was clear first with 4½ and a gang-up in 2-5th had MARTIN FRANEK, HERB BAUMANN, RICHARD RATEIKE, and ANTONIO SANCHEZ sharing prize money.

Class C honors went to CATALINO REYES who swept his opposition 5-0. JEFF SILAS from Minnesota and ESTER MILLER shared 2-3 with 4-1. (Reyes defeated Silas in the last round!) 32 players were in the Class C group.

28 players in Class D battled for Category IV honors; TIM MCGARRY from Wisconsin and TONY HENDRIX of Capron, IL finished with 4½-½, drawing in the last round. In 3rd-5th places were JIM SMOLUCKA, PAUL MADEY, and SCOTT AMTTHEW, all with 4-1.

The Unrated Section of 12 resulted in a tie for top spot. RON STRICKER and YFOW CHOO scored 4-1.

My thanks to Jose Cuchi and Heraldica Imports for once again financing this tournament. Although Mr Cuchi lost more than \$1000 on this event (and \$3000 last year!), many players expressed their gratitude to Jose and our Chicago staff. My own appreciation to fellow TD staff, Tim Redman, Mike Zacate, Walter Brown, and Chris Musgrave.

As announced elsewhere in the ICB, the next Palmer Hs. tournament will be the Greater Chicago City Championship on April 4-5, an event which gains added distinction since the USCF has just granted this event the status of HERITAGE TOURNAMENT, the first such award bestowed by USCF.

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U OF C CLUB NOTES....

CSU, fresh from its victory over Northwestern, beat U of Chicago 3½-½ in November. U of C hosted Northwestern in January and turned the tables, taking the match convincingly 7-1.

Freshman IL HYUN, formerly of Lane Tech, won the U of C Autumn Swiss with a perfect 4-0 score. Rex Sinquefeld was second. Harold Winston directed.



CHICAGO CHESS CENTER...

The CCC had its best turnout ever when 60 players entered Randall's New Year Chess and Chow. Master ALLEN KORNFIELD won with a 5-0 score followed by ex-ICA President Tim Redman with 4½-½. This event gave players a choice of playing any three of the first five rounds. Randal Nalborczyk directed and Jules Stein was the organizer.



CICL NEWS...

As of mid-December DONALD GRAFT's CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE BULLETIN reports close races shaping up. In the NEAR WEST DIVISION, BELL TELEPHONE leads the pack with 3½-½; right behind them are the WESTERN ELECTRIC CHARGERS with 3. The NORTH DIVISION leaders are the EXCALIBURS with 4 points and MOTOROLA with 3, but results are not comparable with an unreported match. The FAR WEST DIVISION has leaders in the ARGONNE NATIONAL LAB ROOKS and BELL TELEPHONE LAB ROYALS, both with 3½. SEARS paces the EAST DIVISION with 2½.

Kudos goes to CICL Editor DONALD GRAFT who has performed admirably in a difficult post. He has persisted in his efforts to raise the quality of his publication, and its timeliness is an added feature of its new look.

The CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE, now in its 24th year of service to the chess community, is composed of thirty teams in four divisions. Hundreds of players compete in CICL matches throughout the year, culminating in playoffs. If you have a company team, commercial or industrial, and are interested in participation in the CICL, contact DON GRAFT, Wescom, #245 Lemont Rd., Downers Grove IL 60516.

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- CHICAGO CHESS ASSOCIATION, 724 W Cornelia, R Verber (935-8316)
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- 87th STREET CHESS CLUB, Tuley Park, Sat. afternoons, c/o T Fineberg (721-3979)
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- SPRINGFIELD CHESS CLUB, Washington Park, Wed. PM, Josette Donnelly (529-7261)
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news briefs

CHESSMATES ran a November three-rounder which drew 28 players. KEN WALLACH, JOHN SULLIVAN, TIMOTHY HACEJAK, all tied with perfect 3-0 scores.

FRED GRUENBERG organized a unique--and successful--event at Kennedy Park this fall, a five round Swiss tournament over a ten week period, allowing for players to meet other commitments and still play their full schedule of five games. Prizes were donated by Fred Gruenberg of RAE Products. First place finisher was MARVIN COX; he won theatre tickets and dinner for two! Second place and Drury Lane theatre tickets for two went to DAVID MISHLOVE. If you or your club want a sponsor for similar tournaments send details and requests to FRED GRUENBERG, c/o ICA, Box 70, Western Spqs., IL 60558.

FOURTH ANNUAL MICHIGAN JUNIOR CHESS CAMP JULY 9-17....

Enthusiastic young players from ages 10 to 17 will gather at the campus of Michigan State University for a summer of group instruction, individual tutoring, and tournament play under the direction of GM William Lombardy, IMs Sal Matera and Jack Peters, and Expert Shane O'Neill. Last year campers came from 12 states for the event cosponsored by the Michigan Chess Association and Michigan State's Lifelong Education Program. Some campers return each year, but most are newcomers. After a round-robin tournament held the first evening, instructors assign campers to appropriate groups. Campers meet for formal instructions in the morning and evening sessions with the instructors rotating among the groups. Popular lectures include openings traps and King and Pawn endings. Informal afternoon sessions provide individual tutoring and the chance to play with instructors or with other campers.

The \$250 camp fee includes tuition, room and board. Enrollment is limited. For more information, contact the office of Marc VanWormer, 47 Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824.

KEITH ESSES won the 1980 Northwestern University Fall Swiss with a perfect 6-0. Freshman phenom WAYNE WHEELER was second with 4½-1½.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS IN JOHN TOMAS' WORLD VIEW ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE...

NEWS FROM PEORIA...

DAVE SPRENKLE loves Peoria. He took the Autumn Tornado on Oct. 1! and followed with another first in the Late Autumn Tornado in November. He duplicated his 4-0 score in the second event and won top prize in each--\$100. Mark Zvilius, Bill Raff, Hugh Myers, J Krause, J Soswell, and Smith all had 3-1 in the October event to tie for 2nd-7th while the November tourney saw Mark Zvilius and Manne tie for 2-3.. There were 30 players in the first and 34 players in the second events

Peorian JERRY STAFFORD led the field in the FOURTH QUARTER NOVICE ahead of Safrang and Walters--the first time a local player has won in a long while! Peoria's next novice event is scheduled for Feb. 21; the rating qualification for this tourney has been raised to 1499--so your rating must be below that figure to qualify for entry.

Thirty-five players competed in the Peoria Winter Quad--well for some it was a "quint". The first two groups were five players deep, while groups 3-7 had four. The last section reverted to five--to make it all come out nicely even. This proved to be a most successful format. Quad winners were ALEXOPOULOS, STEELE, DEKEYSER, SCHLENKER, DORAN, STAFFORD THOMPSON, AND BRADFORD.

The PEORIA CHESS LEAGUE was heading for a photo-finish as round four saw Peoria Date ahead with 3½ over Northern Regional Lab with 3. T/S points, however, were at 68 each. Manufacturing Development and Super X of Morton were 3rd and 4th with 2½, followed by Bear's Head, 11. Furniture, Caterpillar, and the Lariat Club.

NEW AMERICAN TITLES AWARDED AT MALTA...

The U.S. team finished a respectable 4th behind Yugoslavia (3rd), Hungary (2nd), and USSR (1st) in Malta led by a stunning performance by our new GM YASSER SEIRAWAN. In addition to this satisfactory showing, the U.S. came away with several titles granted to its players. The GM title was awarded to Edmar Mednis and Andrew Soltis of New York as well as to Seirawan. Not mentioned in the USCF press release is the startling fact that Mednis' application was presented by Puerto Rico, not by the U.S.!! It's barely possible that the OS FIDE representative might have some explanation for this bizarre happening. New IM titles were presented to Joel Benjamin, Karl Burger, Larry D Evans (yes some of you may remember him as a youngster at Goppers Park!), Robert Gruchacz, Ronald Henley, Larry Kaufman, Sergey Kudrin, Eugene Meyer, Steven Odendahl, Michael Valvo, and Mikhail Zlotnikov.

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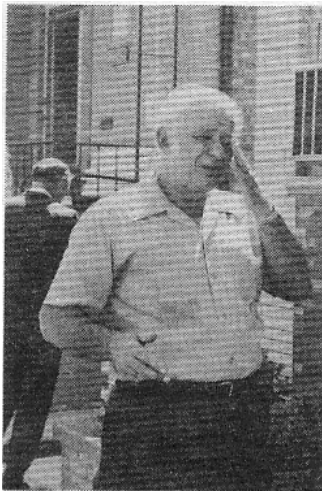
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PAUL TAUTVAISAS

1916-1980

by Frank Skoff



"...he believed chess to be more of a struggle than an exercise in abstract logic and he found joy in playing it..."

Those of us who knew Paul will certainly treasure in or memories the tall, genial man who brightened the Chicago scene for many years. I recall the 1964 Illinois Open when he showed up on crutches, a somewhat pitiable-looking cripple, hobbling as best he could to his board for each round. The year before, he had ruptured a main tendon in one heel while diving into a swimming pool necessitating surgery; a subsequent auto accident again forced his hospitalization, requiring over a half dozen stitches in his head. "I entered the Open," he quipped, "to see if my brains hadn't been mixed up, to see if they would still work as before." Paul swept the opposition 8-0 but said he had played well in only two of his games, being lucky in the rest.

He believed chess to be more of a struggle than an exercise in abstract logic and he found joy in playing it. Such joy was never more evident than in his persistent use of the Schliemann Defense to the Ruy (questionable say the books) against his fellow masters.

Paul's own notes to the following game bring him back before us, in his natural exuberance, irony, and genial good humor. The game is from the last round of the Masters' Invitational at Minneapolis, June, 1965.

CURT BRASKET	PAUL TAUTVAISAS
1 P-K4	P-K4
2 N-KB3	N-QB3
3 B-N5	P-B4

This somewhat overambitious gambit has lost its attraction lately. There are several refutations of it, published and undersigned by men of great authority. I use it quite consistently; it is a great temptation to give an opponent an opportunity to select a wrong refutation!

4 N-B3

The best! The authorities are almost unanimous on this. It must be pointed out, however, that 4 P-Q4 or even the "tame" 4 P-Q3 are on the same level. For example, (A) 4 P-Q4 PxBP 5 NXP NxBN 6 PxBN P-B3 7 N-R3? PxB2! 8 NxBP P-Q4 9 PXP e.p. N-B3 10 Q-Q4!! The experience with this line in the USSR has been definitely in White's favor. Therefore, Black is practically forced to be satisfied with the modest 7...P-Q4 (instead of 7...PxB) but after 8 PXP ep N-B3 9 B-QB4 BXP 10 B-KN5! White still keeps the initiative. (B) 4 P-Q3 PXP 5 PXP N-B3 6 O-O P-Q3 7 N-B3 B-K2 and now Barden's 8 Q-Q3 can be adequately met by 8...B-N5 9 Q-B4 BxN! 10 BxN+ PxB 11 QXP+ Q-Q2, etc., but instead of 8 Q-Q3 White has the forceful 8 N-Q5 Q-O 9 N-N5! with the deadly threat 10 B-QB4 at hand. A highly important sequence!

4... N-Q5

4...PXP is slightly better here, but it has been played and analyzed too much recently.

5 B-R4

5 PXP is stronger perhaps; I had a most unpleasant experience with John Tums in the Illinois Open, 1964. No comment at this time. I know my rights and there is the handy Fifth Amendment--I prefer an over-the-board cross-examination! The text move, however, is not to be condemned. On the contrary, it requires a most precise handling on Black's part.

5... P-B3
6 PXP Q-R4

most unusual build-up! The Queen protects the KP, attacks the Bishop in case of 7 NxBN PxBN and, finally, clears the way for an escape for the Black Majesty.

7 O-O P-Q3
8 R-K1 K-Q1!

This is the key move of Black's defense! The alternatives 8...NxBN+ 9 QxN or 8...NxBP 9 P-Q4 are not attractive.

9 P-QN4!?

An ingenious attempt to proceed with the attack. It opens the QN file and brings White's QR and QB a tempo into the action; still, it develops a drawback--the "hanging" Bishops on the QR file.

9 . QXP
10 R-N1 Q-R4
11 B-R3 N-B3

11...P-QN4? would be encountered by the effective 12 NxBP!

12 N-KN5 K-B2
13 P-B4

In the game Milich-Minev, Zagreb, 1955, there followed 13 B-N4 Q-R3 14 P-B4 P-QN4 with a complicated position.

13... PXP

Again, 13...P-QN4 had to be postponed: 14 PXP! PXP 15 BxB RxB 16 RxBP Q-N3 17 K-R1 with a plus for White.

14 R-N4 NXP/4
15 RxBP P-N4!

Finally Black makes the "collect call" on the Bishops: see remark at 9th move for White.

16 N-B7

It is remarkable that White is unable to capitalize on the exposed position of Black's King. The important sequence that had to be calculated at Black's last move was 16 BxBN PxB 17 RxN BxR 18 Q-B3 P-N5 (not 18...B-Q2? because of 19 QxR QxB 20 N-K6! BxN 21 NxBP+) and wins.

16... R-KN1
17 P-N4

This questionable move is the only way to save the piece. Again, 17 NxBP PxB 18 RxN BxR 19 Q-B3 fails, this time because of 19...B-Q2 20 QxR QxB 21 Q-Q8+ K-N2, etc.

17... PxB
18 PxBN P-N3!

This brings about a complete change of scenery. With most of his pieces still on the first rank, it is now Black who attacks!

19 RxP PxB+
20 K-B2 Q-N3+
21 P-Q4 N-N5+
22 K-K2 R-N2

22 .B-QR3+ 23 K-Q2 N-R3 was most tempting here, yet 24 Q-R5! R-N3 25 N-KN5 keeps White still breathing.

23 Q-Q3

It does not save the game; nevertheless, White surely deserves recognition for this "Queen-catching" idea.

23... RxN

Black could have proceeded with 23...P-QR4 24 NxP BxN
25 BxB+ KxB 26 Q-N3+ K-Q2. However, he prefers to walk
into the trap.

24 R-QN1

Thus the Black Queen has no place to go. Paradoxically
enough, it keeps that unequal opposition until the cur-
tain falls!

24... R-K2+
25 K-B1 R-K6
26 Q-Q2 B-KR3

The clincher! 27...R-B6+ is threatened and then it would
be White's Queen who has nowhere to go.

27 Q-Q1 RxN
28 Q-K1 B-R3+
29 Resigns

White has had enough. He would not let me demonstrate
lines like 29 K-N1 (or 29 K-N2 RxP+) B-K6+ 30 K-R1 N-B7+
31 K-N2 R-N1+ 32 K-B3 B-Q7+ etc.

The younger generation of local masters was beating at
the gates for a number of years, analyzing the favorite
defense of the "Old Fox", as he became affectionately
known in some circles. For a number of years, in spite
of their analysis, the veteran scored well with what had
become his happy hallmark, although eventually it too had
to bow down before the inevitable.

Following is a game from the 1964 Illinois Open.

J TUMS-TAUTVAISAS

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-B4 4 N-B3 N-Q5
5 PxP NxB 6 NxN P-K5 7 N/3-Q4 N-B3 8 P-Q3 P-QR3

9 QN-B3 PxP 10 QxP B-K2 11 O-O O-O 12 P-KR3 P-B4
13 N/4-K2 P-Q4 14 P-KN4 P-Q5 15 N-K4 N-Q4 16 P-QB3
B-Q2 17 PxP B-N4 18 Q-Q1 PxP 19 P-QR4 BxN 20 QxB
R-B1 21 R-Q1 N-N5 22 Q-B3 N-B7 23 R-N1 K-R1 24 Q-QN3
B-N5 25 B-N5 Q-B2 26 QR-B1 P-QR4 27 N-B3 N-K6 28 RxP
NxBP 29 PxN RxP 30 P-R4 Q-K4 31 R-K4 RxB+ 32 K-B1
Q-R7 33 PxR Q-R8+ 34 K-K2 QxR 35 Q-K6 QxNP+ 36 K-B1
QxN and White resigned, a victim of time pressure.

Having won a Schliemann in the 1962 Illinois Open from a
young Chicago master, Tautvaisas tried it again a year lat-
ter against the same player...

R VERBER-TAUTVAISAS

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-B4 4 N-B3 N-Q5
5 B-QB4 P-QB3 6 O-O P-Q3 7 R-K1 NxN+ 8 QxN P-B5
9 P-KN3 Q-B3 10 PxP QxP 11 QxQ PxQ 12 N-K2 P-KN4
13 N-Q4 N-K2 14 N-K6 BxN 15 BxB B-N2 16 P-QB3 N-N3
17 P-Q4 K-K2 18 B-N4 P-KR4 19 B-Q1 P-KN5 20 P-KR3 P-B6
21 B-QB2 B-R3 22 P-K5 BxB 23 BxN B-Q7 24 PxP+ KxP
25 R-K5 PxP 26 K-R1 KR-KN1 27 BxP QR-KB1 28 QR-KN1
R-N7 29 BxP RxR+ 30 KxR RxB 31 Resigns

J FUNDY-TAUTVAISAS, IL Open, 1963

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-B4 4 N-B3 N-Q5
5 PxP Q-B3 6 O-O P-B3 7 B-K2 P-Q4 8 R-K1 NxN+ 9 BxN
BxP 10 P-Q4 P-K5 11 B-B4 B-Q3 12 BxB QxB 13 B-N4
P-KN3 14 B-K2 N-B3 15 Q-Q2 O-O 16 N-Q1 QR-K1 17 N-K3
B-Q2 18 P-QB4 Q-B5 19 KR-Q1 K-N2 20 QR-B1 R-B2
21 P-QR4 R/1-KB1 22 P-QN4 P-KR4 23 P-N5 P R5 24 R-B2
P-R6 25 P-N3 Q-Q3 26 P-R5 N-R2 27 R-KB1 B-K3 28 P-N6
PxNP 29 PxNP PxP 30 BxP N-N4 31 B-K2 QR-Q1 32 R Q1
B-N6 33 N-R4 Q-R3 34 R-KB1 BxN 35 RxB N-B6+ 36 K-R1
NxQ and wins

THE EUROPEAN CHESS CAREER OF PAUL TAUTVAISAS

- 1935 - 1st prize in the championship of Kaunas
- 1936 - Represented Lithuania in the World Chess Olympiad in Munich.
- 1937 - Represented the Lithuanian Students in the SELL (Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) Olympiad in Riga, Latvia.
- 1937 - awarded the title of Master in Lithuania.
- 1938 - Played in the SELL Olympiad in Tartu (Estonia)
- 1939 - Represented Lithuania in SELL in Helsinki
- 1939 - Played for Lithuania in Olympiad in Buenos Aires
- 1945 - 2nd prize in the International Tournament at Blomberg, Germany.
- 1947 - 1st and 2nd prize in the Championship for Displaced Person Chess Masters in Schleissheim Germany.
- 1947 - 1st Prize in the championship held for Lithuanians in Germany at Kempten.
- 1948 - 1st Prize in the International Chess Tournament at Oldenburg, Germany

As World War I broke out, Paul's father, a doctor, fled with his family along with thousands of refugees into Russia and settled in Rychov where Paul was born in 1916. After the October Revolution the family returned to their homeland. At the age of ten Paul was taught to play chess by his mother and uncle.

When he arrived in the U.S. in 1949, Paul wrote a one-page chess autobiography for the "Massachusetts State Chess Association Yearbook, 1949". A photocopy of this article was sent to me through the courtesy of E.T. Anglin of Chicago.

Following is one of Paul's early games from this period played in Kassel, Germany in 1948.

Notes are by Tautvaisas.

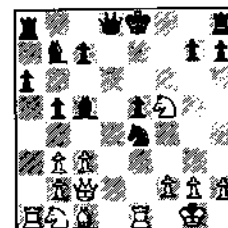
NIEPHAUS-TAUTVAISAS

Ruy Lopez

1 P-K4 P-K4 14 NxP/B4
2 N-KB3 N-QB3 or 14 N-K6 Q-Q2
3 B-N5 P-QR3 15 NxP+ K-B2
4 B-R4 N-B3
5 O-O P-Q3 14... B-B4! *
6 R-K1 P-QN4 15 B-K3 O-O
7 B-N3 N-QR4 16 BxN NxR
8 P-B3 17 RxP?
Better is 8 P-Q4 NxR
9 RxP B-N2 10 B-N5!
A mistake, but White's
position was bad. For
example: 17 N-N3 Q-Q4
or 17 N-K3 B-K5 or 17
N-Q2 Q-B3.
8... NxB
9 PxR B-N2
10 P-Q4 NxP
11 Q-B2 P-KB4 17... RxN
12 PxP B-K2 18 RxR B-K5
13 N-Q4 PxP! 19 Q-K2 BxR

20 N-Q2 Q-Q2
21 N-B3 R-K1
22 N-K5 N-Q6
23 QxN RxN
24 Q-B3 Q-K2
25 Q-Q1 B-B1
26 K-B1 B-N2
27 P-B3 R-Q4
28 Q-R2 Q-Q2
29 K-K2 P-B4
30 P-QB4 R-N4
31 K-B1 BxP!
Resigns

TAUTVAISAS



NIEPHAUS

Position after 14...B-B4



He dominated Chicago chess in the fifties and sixties. The Young Turks honed their teeth on the "Old Fox", but they never really cracked his Schliemann...

The table below lists those events in which Tautvaisas placed at least third, including ties and ignoring any tie-break. (To place a player whose score shows he tied for 3rd in 8th place, for example, because of a tie-break does not give a truer picture of his achievement.) Any omissions merely reflect that the sources I consulted (mainly magazines) were not always truly informative. Corrections and additions from ICB readers are welcome.

Various tie-break systems flourished during the period starting roughly with 1950, resulting in the employment of miniscule differences to naively determine first place, etc. Truly it was an era when decimal worship reached its frenzied peak as the great god t/b ruled the land. Fortunately, around 1968 the Chicago Chess Foundation and the ICA decided that co-champions made more sense than any such system, whose only function then became to present players numerically without thereby asserting any intrinsic value to such numbering.

As an aid to further understanding, some elucidation of recent murky history is needed. The old ISCA (Ill. State Chess Assoc.) apparently expired around 1956 or so since I could not find any state championship held by that body

for that year and afterward. Before then, there were several tourneys called the Illinois Open, but it was only the state championship events of the ISCA, usually held in Chicago, that conferred the title. After a few years, only the Open events were held, thus making it difficult to speak of a state champion in an official sense, although some might argue that, in the absence of specific state championship tourneys, the Open winner should be considered the title-holder. (This view was adopted by the various chess media which treated subsequent official tourneys for the state title.)

In any case, the new ICA was formed in the fall of 1961, when the first Illinois Open was held under its auspices, and, from then on, an event with that name officially determined the state champion.

A glance at the following statistics will show graphically that Paul Tautvaisas dominated Chicago area chess in the decade of the fifties and even the sixties in a way no other player approached.

He leaves for his friends a legacy of games. And for some of us a wealth of warm recollections of a vigorous and fruitful period in Chicago chess.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE U.S. CHESS CAREER OF PAUL TAUTVAISAS

YEAR	EVENT	ENTRIES	SCORE	PLACE	REMARKS
1949	Boston City Chp.	8	7-0	1st	
1950	Mass. State Chp.	12	6½-1½	2nd	Swiss
	Factor Memorial T.	8	5-2	1st	No losses; beat K Nedved in plaoff
1951	Chicago City Chp.	20	17-2	1st	No losses
	Illinois Open, Decatur	27	5½-½	1st	First Ill. Open
1952	Illinois Open, Decatur	37	5½-½	1st	
1953	29th Trans-Mississippi	75	6½-½	1st	
	Illinois Chp., Chicago	60	6-1	1st	No losses
	ISCA Chicago City Chp.	12	9-2	2nd	Final section
1954	Illinois Chp., Peoria	43	5½-1½	3rd	
1955	Trans Mississippi	86	6-1	1st	1st on t/b over Turiansky; no losses
	Chicago City Chp.	10	7½-1½	1st	1st with Al Sandrin; playoff planned, but no record available
	Illinois Chp., Peoria	24	5-1	2nd	2nd on t/b to Al Sandrin, no losses
1956	32nd Trans-Mississippi	62	5-1	1st	1st on t/b over K Jakstas
	Greater Chicago Open			1st	1st GCO, U of C
	North Central Open, Milw.	106	5½-1½	3rd	Tie with four others
1957	Illinois Open, Chicago	44	7-0	1st	
	Greater Chgo Open	52	6-2	3rd	3rd on t/b over Jakstas
1958	Greater Chgo Open	33	5½-2½	3rd	Tie with two others
1959	Greater Chgo Open	53	7-1	1st	No losses
	Illinois State Chp., Chgo	64	5½-½	1st	
1960	Greater Chgo Open	54	7½-½	1st	
1961	Indiana Open, Loqansport	50	5-0	1st	1st on t/b over Popel
	Illinois Open Chp	76	6-2	3rd	3rd tie with 5 others
1962	Chicago Open	114	6-1	1st	Tie for 1st with Verber, Brasket, Weldon, & Sweig
1963	Illinois Open Chp.	98	7-1	1st	No losses
1964	Illinois Open Chp.	148	8-0	1st	
	Greater Chgo Open	154	6½-1½	3rd	Tie with three others
1965	Greater Chgo Open	191	7-1	1st	Tie with Formanek & Al Sandrin
	Fox Valley Open, Aurora	77	4½-½	2nd	
	Masters' Open, Minn.	14	3½-1½	2nd	Tie with Bisquier & Rivera
1966	Illinois Open Chp.	201	6½-½	1st	Tie with Verber & Pundy
1967	Metro Open, Chgo.	42	5-0	1st	
	1st Wamsley Cup	45	4-1	3rd	Tie: Angelo Sandrin, Pyne, & Sprague
	2nd " "	29	3½-1½	3rd	
	3rd " "	35	4½-½	2nd	
	4th " "	18	4½-½	1st	Tie with S Tennant
	5th " "	21	5-0	1st	
	*NOTE: Five Wamsley Cup events were held during the year; the best score in all five won the Cup. Tautvaisas won easily, his combined score being 19-1-5.				
	Greater Chgo Open	163	6½-1½	2nd	Tie with six others
	First Mid-America O	37	4-1	3rd	Tie with two others
1968	1st Wamsley Cup	48	4½-½	3rd	Tie with 5 others
	Illinois Open Chp.	164	6-1	1st	Tie with six others; co-champions
1970	Feb. Wamsley Cup	74	4½-½	1st	Tie with three others
	March " "	113	5-0	1st	
1971	Illowa Open, Moline	39		3rd	Tie with D Harger
	No. American Lithuanian Chp.	20		1st	

TRIBUTES TO THE "OLD FOX", PAUL TAUTVAISAS

The news of the sudden death of chess master Paul Tautvaisas shocked not only his fellow chessplayers, but also all his friends and admirers. On November 17, 1980 the Evans Funeral Home was crowded with relatives and friends, even complete strangers. They all came to say their last farewell to Paul

Inc. Kostas Burba, Paul's friend from their youth emphasized the noble features of Paul's personality and the scope of his cultural interests. Paul was devoted not only to chess; he also showed a vigorous interest in art, music, literature, politics, and sport. He was an avid swimmer and enjoyed tennis. He was skilled in mathematics, liked playful humor and was very sociable. In general, Mr. Burba depicted Paul as a human being.

My task was easier. I tried in my eulogy to show Paul as a chessplayer. Certainly, chess (since invented by human beings) inevitably reveals human characteristics: ambition, persistence, endurance, the ability for abstract thought, self-indignation, even grief and despair. Not without reason, as the familiar adage has it, the hardest thing is to accept defeat with grace, especially when one commits a blunder in a good position. If it happened that Paul lost to a "patzer" (very seldom!), he never tried to the show that the victory was undeserved.

Paul earned the master's title in Lithuania in 1937. He played well in his native land and in Germany before coming to the U.S. He achieved his U.S. Master's rating after coming to Chicago and the highest rating he achieved was 2363. Because he played hundreds of games over the years, he was awarded the title of Life Master.

Paul had achieved excellent results in Germany before coming to the U.S. He placed second in an international tournament in Blomberg in 1945 and in Augsburg he tied for 3rd with the German IM Saemisch. In 1947 he shared first place with the Russian master Seleznev in a tournament for displaced persons. In 1948 he took clear first in an international event with eighteen masters. He helped the Lithuanian team win the East Wuertenberg tournament that year and the same year he was first in Boston.

Paul was many-time champion of Chicago and Illinois. His compatriot Paul Vaitonis was Canadian champion twice and another Lithuanian master, Arlauskas, was champion of Australia, yet, in my opinion, neither approached the impressive achievements of Paul Tautvaisas

At the wake were Angelo Sandrin, James Warren, and Helen Warren, editor of the Illinois Chess Bulletin. Helen Warren gave the English language eulogy and spoke warmly of her recollections of Paul. It is always a sad duty to say farewell for eternity. In this case it was still more mournful when I, almost ten years older, was forced to say, "Rest in peace, dear Paul."

Aleksandras Zujus

Being from downstate Illinois, and out of the country for quite a few years, I didn't see Povilas (I didn't get used to calling him Paul) very often, but we knew each other for a long time, meeting in tournaments from 1951 until 1975. I'm glad to set one thing straight: in one of my books I said that I was one game up on him. Later I found out that our lifetime result was 2½-2½ and I'm proud of that record.

Tautvaisas was a hardworking man, not one who gave all of his time to chess, but he was a better player than many who did. It was unfair that he wasn't invited to participate in the U.S. Championship tournaments. Ratings are unimportant compared to winning the championships of Chicago and Illinois as often as he did.

It's hard to accept that Tautvaisas is gone. Besides his big smile and constant good humor, the impression I'm most left with is that of his physical strength. That strength was no doubt an important reason for his consistent success in Swiss system tournaments in the 1950's and 1960's. I wish that young players of today could have known him then. Lessons that could have been learned from Tautvaisas are that good physical conditioning helps to score points, and that a friendly attitude towards other players does hurt at all.

Hugh Myers

The 1959 Illinois Open was held at the Irving Park YMCA on December 4-6, a six round Swiss with 64, including four masters, 14 experts and a host of A players. Eric Gutmanis was the director. Tautvaisas successfully defended his title, winning five and yielding a third-round draw to Victor Palciauskas. The exciting game in the penultimate round against Henin is given here.

HENIN	TAUTVAISAS	Reti-Catalan		
1 N-KB3	P-Q4	23 N-Q3	P-B3	
2 P-KN3	B-N5	24 P-B4	B-K1	
3 B-N2	N-Q2	25 RxB	KxR	
4 P-KR3	B-R4	26 PXP	Q-B5	
5 P-B4	PXP	27 PXP+	PXP	
6 Q-R4	P-QB3	28 P-K5	B-N3	45 N-B4 R-R7
7 QxRP/5	P-K4	29 P-N3	Q-Q5	46 N-K3 K-K4
8 O-O	KN-R3	30 Q-KR6	PXP	47 N-B2 K-B5
9 P-Q3	B-Q3	31 Q-N7+	K-K3	48 P-K3+ K-N6
10 N-B3	O-O	32 QxNP	R-Q1	49 B-B1 B-B2
11 N-K4	NxN	33 QxP+	Q-Q3	50 K-B1 B-N6
12 PxN	B-K2	34 Q-B4+	K-K2	0-1
13 B-K3	Q-R4	35 N-N4	P-K5+	
14 KR-Q1	KR-Q1	36 K-N1	R-QR1	
15 N-K1	N-N3	37 N-Q5+	K-Q1	
16 Q-B2	RxR	38 Q-Q4	Q-QB4	
17 RxR	QxRP	39 QxQ	PxQ	
18 P-KN4	B-N3	40 K-B2	R-R6	
19 BxN	PxR	41 K-K3	RxP+	
20 R-Q7	Q-R8	42 K-Q2	K-Q2	
21 Q-Q2	K-B1	43 N-K3	R-N7+	
22 K-R2	Q-R3	44 K-Q1	K-K3	

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Illinois at the Pan Am

by Harold Winston

A tough University of Toronto team scored 7½-½ to win the Pan Am Intercollegiate in Atlanta, December 26-30, topping a field of 53 teams and 230 players. Ohio State University A scored 6-2 and took 2nd place and the U.S. title on tiebreak, followed by Florida, Michigan State and Massachusetts. Illinois sent seven teams from five colleges, the most of any state in the nation. Illinois also brought home six prizes, the most of any state in the nation.

The highest ranked Illinois teams were University of Chicago A and Triton College. U of C featured ex-masters Ed Friedman and Ken Larsen; Alabama state champion Steve Hudson was also on the UC squad. Triton was led by US Amateur Co-Champion Kurt Stein. UC A and Triton, ranked 9th and 10th at start of play, got off to a good start by winning their first two matches. Round three was another story. UC A was toppled by top-ranked Toronto 3-1 while Triton came close to upsetting third ranked Berkeley. On top board Stein had master Jon Frankle on the ropes, but let him escape, resulting in a 2½-1½ loss for Triton.

Triton followed with strong performances against Rutgers and Ohio State B succumbing only to Ohio State A in the next round. After a solid victory over Rhode Island Triton entered the last round tied for 4th. Their final round opponent: the Lions from Morningside Heights--Columbia. Triton edged to a lead after Gilruth won on Bd 2, while John Marconnet drew his game. On Board 1 Kurt Stein had IM Sergey Kudrin in horrible time trouble, was ahead in material with a superior position. Inexplicably, Kudrin turned the tables on Stein and recued the point while Coffey lost, giving the match to Columbia. Had Triton been able to hold in the last round, they would have finished tied for 2nd. Yet, their performance earned them top prize for two year college teams and \$100. Peter Gilruth paced Triton with a fine 6-2 score on Board 2.

Meanwhile, the U of C A was having its problems. A drawn match vs Purdue was followed by a win over North Carolina. But Baruch College crushed UC A 3½-½; next came a squeaker win over Cincinnati. The final round saw U of C facing Boston Univ. The match was a tie, leaving UC with a 5-3 final score and a tie for 9-10th places.

Steve Hudson was high individual scorer with 6-2, followed by Ken Larsen with 5-3 who fought very hard in every game. Ed Friedman closed his long Pan-Am career (dating back to December, 1968 when he played for Brown University) at 4-4 and Todd Barre had 3-5.

The first half of the Pan-Am was the hour of glory for Chicago State University. At the start Marvin Dandridge beat defending champion Florida's top player Steve Schonhaut who had gone undefeated the year before. CSU then knocked off Vassar and tied Mass. Then came the big upset. A match with higher rated Boston University turned into a 4-0 rout with Dandridge scoring the point against Jim "Rizz the Whizz" Rizzitano (2355). The rest of the tournament proved an anticlimax for CSU, but by holding an higher ranked RPI team to a tie in the finale, they won the prize for top team rated in the 1800s. Gene Scott and Raheem Ali each scored 5-3 while Dandridge had 4½-2½ and his rating will soar over 2100. Angelo Armistead was 3½-4½.

Northwestern University drove all the way to Atlanta and won the trophy for the best team rated in the 1700s. Their key win was a semifinal victory over higher-rated Ohio State B.

Following is a list of all Illinois Prizewinners:

- Top Two-Year College: Triton College
- Share of 9-10 places: University of Chicago A
- Top team in 1800s: Chicago State University
- Top Team in 1700s: Northwestern University
- Share of 2nd in 1700s: University of Chicago B
- Top team in 1600s: Illinois Valley Community College.

Thad Rogers served as both organizer and chief TD, Harry Sabine of Tennessee was Chief Assistant TD, and Mike Decker and Harold Wilson were the other ATDs. This was one of the strongest PanAms ever with 17 masters and 50 experts.

GAMES FROM RECENT EVENTS...

Illinois chessplayers know Marvin Dandridge is a very dangerous attacking tactician. At the Pan Am that lesson was learned nationwide.

DANDRIDGE (2040) J RIZZITANO (2355)
Chgo State Boston Univ.

1 e4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 c3 d6 4 f4 Nf6 5 Bd3 e5 6 Nf3
7 Bf4 0-0 8 0-0 Re8 9 Nbd2 c5 10 d5 Nh5 11 Bg5
Qc7 12 Nh4 h6 13 Be3 Nf6 14 Qe1 Nbd2 15 Bc2 Ng4
16 h3 Ne3 17 Qe3 Ne5 18 Ndf3 Qe7 19 Ne5 Qe5 20 Qf2
Re7 21 Rael Bd7 22 Nf3 Qf4 23 g3 Qf6 24 Qg2 R7e8
25.e5! de 26 Ne5 Qd6 27 Nf7 Qb6 28 Re8+ Re8 29 d6
c4+ 30 Kh2 Qb2 31 Rf2 Qc3 32 Qd5 Qd4 33 Nh6+ Kh7
34 Qf7 Qd6 35 Ng4! Bg4 36 Qe8 Bd1 37 Be4 c3 38 Rf4
Bh5 39 Rh4 Qd2+ 40 Bg6+ Bg6 41 Rh6+ Kh6 43 Qe3+ Kh7
44 Qa7 c2 45 Qa3 b5 46 g4 Be5+ 47 Kgl b4 48 Qc1
Bh6 49 g5 Bg7 50 Kf2 Kg6 51 Kc3 Bf5 52 Kf4 Bf8
53 Qd2 b3 54 h4!! (An usual position which drew lots
of spectators; Black will have two pawns on the 7th
and two bishops against a Queen, but White has the
attack.) 54...ba 55 h5+ Kg7 56 Qc3+ Kf7 57 Kf5 Bg7
58 Qc7+ and Black resigns

This crucial game from the Christmas Heraldica helped determine the Category I champ...

COLIAS DRIPPS

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6
6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Qc7 8 Qf3 b5 9 Bcf6 gxf6 10 Rd3 Qb6

11 Nc2 Nc6 12 Nxc6 Qxc6 13 0-0 Bb7 14 Kh1 h5 15 Rael h4
16 Kc3 Be7 17 Qe2 0-0-0 18 Nd5 exd5 19 ed Qxd5 20 Qg4+
Kh8 21 Be4 Qxc4 22 Rxe4 Bxe4 23 Qe2 f5 24 h3 Rdg8 25
Rf3 Rg6 26 g4 hq 27 Qc3 Rxb3+ 28 Kgl Bd8 29 c4 Bxf3 30
Qxf3 Bb6+ 31 Kfl g2+ 32 Qxg2 Rxc2 33 Kxg2 Rd3 and White
resigned 0-1

Also from the holiday Heraldica at the Palmer House...

ANGELO SANDRIN D SPRENKLE

1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 q3 e6 4 Bg2 Nf6 5 d3 d5 6 f4 Be7
7 Bd2 0-0 8 Nf3 Qb6 9 Rb1 dxc4 10 dxe4 Rd8 11 Qe2 Nd4
12 Nxd4 cxd4 13 Nd1 Bd7 14 e5 Bb5 15 exf6 Bxc2 16 fxe7
Re8 17 Kxe2 Qa6+ 18 Kf2 Qxa2 19 Rcl Rxc7 20 Rel Rxc8 21
Rc5 b6 22 Bd5! Qa4 23 Bb3 (23 b3! Qd7 24 Bb4! Ree8 25 Bc4
Rcd8) 23...Qc6 24 Bb4? (Kgl!) Rec7 25 Kgl a5 26 Bd2 a4
27 Ra2 QE3 28 c3 Rc5 29 Rxc5 Rxc5 30 Nf2 dxc3 31 Bxc3
a3 32 Rd1 Rc8 33 Rd3 Qe2 34 Rd2 Qe1+ 35 Kq2 Qcl 36 Ne4
h6 37 Bb1?? Qxb1 0-1

BASS HONDARI Holiday Heraldica

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 c5 3 d5 e6 4 Nc3 ed 5 cd d6 6 Nf3 g6
7 e4 Bg7 8 Bb5 Nfd7 9 Bf4 Qe7 10 0-0 0-0 11 Bd3 Na6
12 Bg5 f6 13 Bh4 Ne5 14 Ne5 de 15 d6 Qd8 16 Ba6 ba
17 Qd5 Be6 18 Qe6 Kh8 19 Nd5 Re8 20 Ne7 g5 21 Bg3 Qb6
22 h4 Rad8 23 Rad1 1-0

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World View

by JOHN TOMAS, Assoc. Ed.

KORCHNOI ADVANCES TO CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS...

Viktor Korchnoi qualified to meet Anatoly Karpov for the World Championship with a 4½-3½ victory over Robert Hubner. Two adjourned games, the eighth and ninth, were abandoned when Hubner suddenly resigned the match.

This is not the first time Hubner has withdrawn from a FIDE sponsored event. In the 1965 World Junior in Barcelona, tired by a series of long games, he withdrew. In 1971-72 he twice withdrew after disputes with organizers -- in his match with Petrosian and at Teeside.

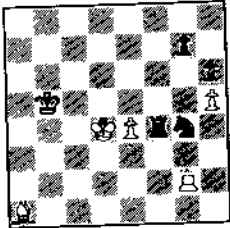
The match had started auspiciously for Hubner as he made use of Korchnoi's inexact opening play to score a resounding victory. Comments following the game score are from the AIPE NEWSLETTER.

Hubner + Korchnoi (1)

1. e4, e6 2. d4, d5 3. Nd2, cxd4
4. Nxe4, Bf5 5. Ng3, Bg6 6. Nf3, e5
7. Nf3, Nf6 8. Nc4, Bc7 9. Bg3, bxd3
10. Qxd3, a6 11. Bc2, Qc7 12. f3-f4, Nc6
13. Bc4, Re7 14. Kf1, e5 15. Nxf4,
Nxe3 16. Bxg3, fxe3 17. Qe2, e4 18
19. Ne3, Bf4 20. Qd3, Bg5 21. g4, Rf6
22. Bc2, Bc3 23. Nxd7, Bx1 24. Bc3,
Bx1 25. Bx1, Bxg2 26. fxe3, Qe2
27. Bc4, e4 28. g4, fxe3 29. Bxg3,
Rc7 30. Qd3, e4 31. Bc4, Bf1 32. Bc4,
Qe2 33. Bxe4, Bxg3 34. Qd3, Qd4 35.
Qd4, Kf7 36. Q3, Bb6 37. Bc5 1-0.

Big applause from the audience, in which you could find Hart after all (the seconds of Korchnoi are GM Steen and GM Seirawan and Ieta Leuwerik is giving her interviews as usual), but a surprisingly weak performance by Korchnoi, the probably decisive error being 25... Bc2 1-0, bdd1, and may be the game was not hopeless with 31... Qe4 instead of 31... Qd4.

Although Korchnoi evened the score in the second game, Hubner held the initiative and went ahead by winning the 4th game as Black. He remained ahead until the 7th game, when after pressing hard throughout the game, he reached the following position.



Hubner now blundered with 63 Kd5?? losing immediately to ...Ne3+ 64 Ke5 0-1. No doubt he wanted to force the draw and didn't notice that Korchnoi's rook was protected after Ng2. At any rate, Korchnoi made use of his good fortune by winning the 8th game in classic style to take a 4½-3½ lead.

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Brilliance prizes often have a suspect quality to them, but the two awarded in the Malta Olypics, one to Veroci of Hungary in the women's group and the other to England's Mestel are certainly worthy of the distinction.

Brilliance prize women

Veroci (H) + Glaz (U).
1. e4, Nf3 e6 2. d4, cxd4 3. Nxd4
4. Nf3, Nc5 5. Bb4, b6 6. e5 Nc5 7. Qc4 Kf8 8.
9. Bf4 10. 0-0 Nxc3 10. bxc3 Bxc3 11.
11. Nf1 dxe5 12. Nb5 Bb5 13. Ra3 Kf8 14.
15. Rf1 16. 15. Nf6 Bc7 16. Rxb7 Bb6 17.
18. Qxf7 19. Kh1 h5 19. Qg5 Qe2 20.
21. Rf3 Qxf7 21. Nxf7 e4 22. Rcl Qd3 23.
24. Qx3 24. Rcf Qf8 25. Rxf8 Kxf8
26. Nf6 Kf8 27. Rxf4 1-0.

Brilliance prize men

Mestel (ENG) + Resman (S).
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Re2 dx
e4 5. B3 Bc7 6. Nxe4 Nf6 7. Qd3 Nbd7
8. Bf4 9. 0-0 9. 0-0-0 Nxe4 10. Qxe4 c5
11. Nc3 Nf6 12. Qel cxd4 13. Be5 Qa5
14. Rxd4 Rf8 14. Rxf4 Qb6 16. Rxf4 Rf7
17. Bc3 e6 18. g4 d8 19. g5 Nf5 20.
21. Rf1 g6 21. Rf4 Bxg5 22. Rxf5 Qxg3 23.
24. Qe7 24. Rxf5 f6 25. Qgl Rxd3 26.
27. cxd3 fxe5 27. fxe5 Qg7 28. Rg5 Bc7 29.
30. Rf4 Rf8 30. Kbl Bb5 31. Nf6 Kh8 32.
33. Qc7 33. Rg2 Qc6 34. Rf2 Qh1 35.
36. Kc2 Rcl 36. Qh6 Ral 37. Kf3 Qd1 38.
39. Kf4 Qa4 39. Kc5 b6 40. Kxb6 Qd4 41.
42. Kf7 1-0.

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The Malta Olympiad was the occasion for submission of an appeal from Boris Gulko of the USSR and his wife claiming that they have been excluded from playing in tournaments and dismissed from their chess playing jobs. They had submitted requests for emigration eighteen months ago and have yet to hear from authorities. The Soviet Chess Federation spokesman Sevastianov was asked about their appeal at Malta and his reply indicated that Gulko's case would probably be considered in Moscow after the Olympiad was finished.

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by Larry Christiansen

Christiansen at the Malta Olympiad

The Soviet Union's team of Karpov, Tal, Geller, Balashov and Kasparov squeaked to victory by only one Sonnenborn-Berger tiebreak point over a Hungarian team led by Portisch, Ribli, Sax, and Csom. The Hungarians led throughout the tournament and at around the tenth round it was felt they had a near lock on first place. But, much like a football team that resorts to a conservative offense when comfortably ahead, the Hungarians began to play safe. Particularly puzzling was their 2-2 4-board draw with the weaker Czech team. At any rate, the Soviets began to catch up until they caught the Hungarians going into round 13. In the critical 13th round the Soviets were paired with a larsenless Denmark while the Hungarians faced Iceland, with both captains nervously pacing between the two playing areas, scanning the fortunes of their rivals.

The Soviets were fortunate: Karpov was the last player to finish and his opponent Ole Jacobsen played a blunder in a possibly drawn R + P ending, giving the Soviets a 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ trouncing over Denmark--identical to the Hungarian score over Iceland.



Attention then focused on an obscure match between Greece and Scotland. In the end, the Greeks won which was helpful to the Soviets. They took first by the thinnest of margins.

Yugoslavia came in a distant third. They seemed destined for this spot throughout the tournament. Solid troopers Sarma and Ivkov proved to be their mainstays.

The USA team finished a point behind the Yugoslavs, but in some ways our result was satisfactory. After all, we came minus Browne and Kavalek, and there was a lot of pressure on the players to prove themselves.

Yasser Seirawan did quite well on board two, defeating Tal and Smejkal en route to a silver medal with a score of 8-3. Lev Alburt, facing the toughest opposition (Karpov, Portisch) scored 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$.



Jim Tarjan and I played respectably and notched 7-4 each. Jim is an incredibly hair-raising player to watch in the fifth hour of play. Invariably in time pressure, Jim could always command an audience of thrill-seekers for his "two-minute drills". Of particular note was his win over Rubineti that looked lost.

I scored four wins, 1 loss, and 6 draws. I wasn't satisfied with my play since I had seven Whites out of my eleven games and was expected to deliver more power on board three. This was one tournament in which my sacrifices backfired. I sacrificed pieces against Csom (Hungary), Plachetlbi, and Mescarinas (Philippines), but came away with two draws and a loss.

Our two reserves Shamkovich and DeFirmian did not have good results, but problems away from the board might explain that. Shamkovich cut himself badly by falling through a glass door while DeFirmian became wretchedly ill with bronchitis.

Of considerable satisfaction was that we finished ahead of the heralded British team. We shot down their hopes by beating them 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in the last round.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank the USCF and the American Chess Foundation for their support, plus the solid work and support of our team captain, Pal Renko.

Here are some games from the Malta Olympiad.



Geller-Ciocaltea

1e4 d6 2d4 Nf6 3Nc3 g6 4Nf3 Bg7 5Be2
0-0 60-0 c6 7h3 Na6 8Re1 Nc7 9Bf1 d5
10e5 Nfe8 11Ne2 Ne6 12Nf4 N8c7 13Nd3
f5 14exf6 exf6 15a4 a5 16b3 Re8 17Ba
3 Bf8 18Bxf8 Rxf8 19Qd2 Qd6 20Rad1 b6
21Qc1 Ba6 22c4 Qd7 23Nf4 Nxf4 24Qxf4
Rad8 25Re3 Ne6 26Rxe6 Qxe6 27cxd5 Qc8
28Bxa6 Qxa6 29dxc6 g5 30Qc1 Rd6 31d5
Rfd8 32Qc4+ Kh8 33Kh2 Nd5 34Bxd5 Qc6
35Rxd5 Qc6 36Rxf5 gxf5 37Qh4 1-0

Kasparov-Ligterink

1d4 Nf6 2c4 e6 3Nf3 b6 4g3 Bb7 5Bg2 B
e7 6Nc3 Ne4 7Bd2 Bf6 80-0 0-0 9Rc1 c5
10d5 exd5 11cxd5 Nxd2 12Nxd2 d6 13Nd6
4 Re8 14Qd2 a6 15b4 Be7 16bxc5 bxc5 17
Qf4 Qc7 18Na4 Qa5 19Rb1 Bxd5 20Nb6 Bx
e4 21Bxe4 Ra7 22Nc8 Nc6 23Nxa7 Nxa7 24
Bd5 1-0

Polugaevsky-Stein

1d4 Nf6 2c4 e6 3Nf3 b6 4g3 Bb7 5Bg2 Be7
60-0 0-0 7d5!7 exd5 8Nh4 c6 9cxd5 Nxd5
10Nf5 Nf6! 11e4 d5 12Nc3 dxe4 13Bx5 h6
14Bxh6?! gxxh6 15Qc1 Bc8 16Nxxh6+ Kh8 17
Rd1 Qc7 18Re1 Qe5 19Nxe4 Nxe4 20Rxe4 Q
g5 21Nxf7+ Rxf7 22Qxg5 Bxg5 23Rc8+ Kc7
24Rxc8 Rf8 25Rc7+ Rf7 26Rc8 Rf8 27Rc7+
Rf7 1-0

Van der Weil-Balashov

1e4 c6 2d4 d5 3Nd2 dxe4 4Nxe4 Nd7 5Bc4
Nf6 6Ng5 e6 7Qe2 Nb6 8Bd3 h6 9N5f3 c5
10dxc5 Nbd7 11b4 b6 12Nd4 Nd5 13Bb2 Nx
b4 14Be4 Ba6 15Qf3 Nxc5 16Bxa8 Nxc2+
17Nxc2 Nd3+ 18Kd2 Nxb2+ 19Kc1 Nd3+ 20K
b1 Bc5 21Nh3 0-0 22Be4 Ne5 23Qc3 Qd6 2
4f4 Nc4 25Bd3 Na3+ 26Nxa3 Bxd3+ 27Nc2
Bb4 28Qb3 Rc8 29Rd1 Rc3 30Nf2 Rxb3+ 31
axb3 Bxc2+ 32Kxc2 Qc5+ 0-1

Shamkovich-Kasparov

1c4 Nf6 2Nc3 c5 3Nf3 e6 4e3 Nc6 5d4 d5
6a3 cxd4 7exd4 Be7 8Bg5 0-0 9Bd3 dxc4
10Bxc4 Nd5 11Bxe7 Ncxc7 12Nxd5 Nxd5 13
0-0b6 14Qa4 Nf4 15Qc6 Rb8 16Qe4 Qf6 17
Bd3 Nxd3 18Qxd3 Bb7 19Ne5 Rfd8 20Rad1
Qf5 21Qg3 Qxf3 22hxg3 Rbc8 23Kd2 f6 24
Nf3 Rc4 25Rd1 h5 26Ne1 Be4 27f3 Bf5
28Kf2 Rd5 29Ke3 g5 30Ra1 Rb5 31b4 Rd5
32Raa2 Rc3+ 33Ke2 Bb1 34Rab2 Bg6 35Nc2
Rd7 36Ra2 Rc4 37b5 Kg7 38Ke3 Rd5 39Rb2
Be8 40Kf2 Rxb5 41Rxb5 Bxb5 42d5 exd5 43
Ne3 Rc5 44Nxd5 Bc4 45Nc3 Be6 46Ne4 Ra5
47Rd3 Bf5 48Ke3 Ra4 49Kc3 Bxe4 50fxe4
Kf7 51Rd3 b5 52Kf3 Ke6 53Rc3 Rc4 54Rd3
Rc2 0-1

Seirawan-Tal

1c4 e5 2Nc3 Nf6 3Nf3 Nc6 4g3 d5 5cxd5
Nxd5 6d3 Be7 7Bg2 Be6 80-0 0-0 9a3 Qd7
10Bd2 f6 11Rc1(11Nxd5 Bxd5 12Qa4) Rfd8
12b4 Nxc3 13Bxc3 Bd5 14Qc2 a5 15b5 Nd4
16Bxd4 exd4 17Qb2 c6 18bxc6 bxc6 19a4
c5 20Qc2 Rab8 21Nd2 Be6 22Rb1 Rb4 23R
xb4 cxb4 24Rc1 Qd6 25Qb2 Rc8 26Rxc8+
Bxc8 27Nb3 Qe5 28f4 Qe3+ 29Kf1 g5?? 30
Nxa5 Be6 31Nc6 Bc5 32Nxb4 gxf4 33Nd5
Bxd5 34Bxd5+ Kg7 35Qb7+ Be7 36Be4 Kf8
37Qc8+ Kg7 38Qg4+ Kf8 39Bxh7 Bd6 40gx
f4 Bxf4 41Kg2 Bd6 42Be4 Qd2 43h4 Be5
44h5 Ke7 45Bf3 Kd6 46Qg6 Qf4 47h6 Qh2+
48Kf1 Qh3+ 49Bg2 Qc8 50Kf2! Qc1 51Bf3
1-0

Geller-Skalkotas(Greece)

1e4 e6 2d4 d5 3Nd2 a6 4Nf3 c5 5exd5
exd5 6Be2 c4 70-0 Bd6 8b3 cxb3 9axb3
Ne7 10Re1 Nbc6 11Nf1 0-0 12Ne3 h6 13c3
Be6 14Bd3 Qd7 15Ba3 Rfd8 16Bxd6 Qxd6 17
Ra2 Qf4 18Rae2 Qf6 19Qa1 Ng6 20Bxg6 Qx
g6 21Qa3 Qd3 22Qb2 a5 23Rd2 Qb5 24h3 R
d7 25Ra1 f6 26Ne1 Ne7 27Nd3 b6 28Re1 B
f7 29Nf4 Rc8 30Rde2 Qc6 31Qb1 Qxc3??
32Rc2 Qxd4 33Nf5! 1-0

Kasparov-Natsis(Greece)

1d4 Nf6 2c4 g6 3Nc3 d5 4cxd5 Nxd5 5e4
Nxc3 6bxc3 Bg7 7Nf3 c5 8Rb1 0-0 9Be2
Nc6 10d5 Bxc3+ 11Bd2 Bxd2+ 12Qxd2 Nd4
13Nxd4 cxd4 14Qxd4 Qa5+ 15Qd2 Qxd2+ 16
Kxd2 Rd8 17Ke3 b6 18Rbc1 e6 19Bc4 e5
20Bb3 Bd7 21Rc7 a5 22d6 b5 23f4 exf4+
24Kxf4 Ra6 25e5 a4 26Bd5 a3 27Rf1 Ra4+
28Ke3 Be6 29Bxe6 fxe6 30R1f7 Rh4 31Rg7
Kh8 32Rge7 1-0

Karpov-Jacobsen(Den.)

1d4 d5 2c4 e6 3Nc3 Be7 4Nf3 Nf6 5Bf5
0-0 6e3 Nbd7 7Rc1 a6 8c5 Ne4 9Nxe4 dx
e4 10Bxe7 Qxe7 11Nd2 Nf6 12Nc4 Bd7 13
Ne5 Qe8 14 Bc4 Bc6 150-0 Bxc4 160-0 B
xc4 17Nxc4 Qc6 18Ne5 Qd5 19b3 Rad8 20
Qe2 c6 21Nc4 Ne8 22Qc2 Qf5 23Rcd1 h6
24a4 Qh7 25b4 f5 26Qb3 Nc7 27f3 f4 28
exf4 Rxf4 29Nd6 exf3 30Rxf3 Nd5 31Rxf4
Nxf4 32Rf1 Qd3 33Qxd3 Nxd3 34a5 Rd7 35
Rb1 Nf4 36Kf2 Nd5 37Rb3 Ne7 38Re3 Nf5
39Rxe6 Nxd4 40Re8+ Kh7 41Re4 Nb5 42Nxb
5 axb5 43Ke3 Rd1 44Rd4 Re1+ 45Kf4 Kg6?
(45...Kg8!) 46a6 bxa6 47Rd6+ Kh5 48Rx
e6 Rb1 49Rxa6 Rxb4+ 50Ke5 Rb2 51c6 Rx
g2 52c7 Rg5 53Kd4 Rg4+ 54Kd5 Rg5+ 55K
c6 Rg2 56Kb7!-0

Karpov-Hort

1e4 c6 2d4 d5 3exd5 cxd5 4c4 e6 5Nf3
Nf6 6Nc3 Be7 7cxd5 Nxd5 8Bd3 Nc6 90-0
0-0 10Re1 Nf6 11a3 Qd6 12Be3 Rd8 13Qc
2 Bd7 14Rad1 Rac8 15Bg5 h6 16Bh4 Qb8 1
17Qe2 Be8 18Bb1 Nd5 19Qd3 g6 20Bg3 Bd6
21Nxd5 exd5 22Ne5 Qc7 23Qe3 Qb6 24Nxb6
Nxe5 25dxe5 Bf8 26Qg5 Qe6 27Ba2 Bb5 28
h3 Rd7 29Qe3 b6 30Qf4 Bc4 31Bb1 Bb3 32
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h7 51f3 b5 52Kg3 Qd7 53Bxg7 Kxg7 54Qf6
+ Kg8 55h4 Qe8 56h5 Bc4 57h6 Qf8 58Bxg
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1-0

Karpov-Alburt

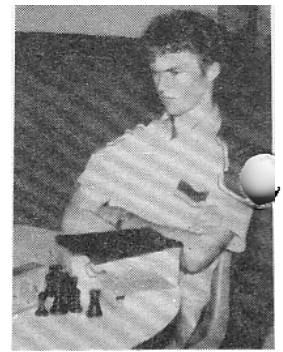
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Ng4 14Nf3 Qf6 15Re1 0-0-0 16a4 a5? 17
Qd2 Bg7 18h3 Rde8 19Bf1 Nh6 20Qxa5 Nf5
21Rd1 Kb8 22Ra3 Re4 23Qb5 Nc8 24Rb3 b6
25a5 Qe7 26Qa6 Rhe8 27c5 dxc5 28Bb5 c6
29Bxc6 Bd4+ 30Nxd4 Nxd4 31axb6 Nf3+ 32
Rxf3 Re1+ 33Rxe1 1-0

Nunn-Balashov

1e4 e5 2Nf3 Nf6 3d4 Nxe4 4Bd3 d5 5Nxe5
Nd7 6Nxf7 Kxf7 7Qh5+ Ke7 8Qe2 Kf7 9Qh5+
Ke7 10Qe2 1-0

SCHOLASTIC CHESS

William Harris



THE 6th 11. HIGH SCHOOL CHESS EVENTS tournament was held in the Proviso West cafeteria on November 15. BRUCE GARDNER and TIM ESPOSITO tied for first place with 4 points. Gardner won the first place trophy on tiebreak and Esposito chose the first Junior trophy. Next with 3½ points were MIKE ADLER and KEN HOUSH; Adler took the 2nd place trophy on tiebreaks and Housh took the third place trophy. Following is a list of the remaining class prize winners; first and second in each class got trophies and the others received ribbons.

SENIOR: 1 Koprevic (3) 2 Berry (3) 3 Damore (3)
4 Pradzinski (3) 5 McCarthy (3)

JUNIOR: Esposito (4) 2 Williams (3) 3 Hayman (3)
4 DiMarco (3) 5 Chiu (3)

SOPHOMORE: 1 Tsugawa (3) 2 Gordon (3) 3 Gossler (4)
4 Pachi (2½) 5 Michalak (2½)

FRESHMAN: 1 Ohr (3) 2 LaFleur (3) 3 Maurizen (3)
4 Frost (3) 5 Halasek (2½)

Proviso West and Hinsdale South tied for the top team with 14½ points. Proviso took the first place trophy by a hair, winning it by ¼ tiebreaking point. Close behind the two winners was Crete-Monee with 14, Riverside was 4th with 12½, and West Aurora was 5th with 12 points.

Only one factor prevented this event from being an overwhelming success: its lateness. I've been to many tournaments, but few have been more behind schedule than this one. The third round did not start until after five, and the fourth round did not get under way until after nine o'clock, FOUR HOURS LATE. The last prize was awarded shortly before one in the morning.

The delay was due to a combination of factors: TD Larry Stilwell's accelerated pairings and Eric Vann's computerized tournament system. The computer was not able to handle the combined systems efficiently, losing an average of forty-five minutes per round. If they had foreseen the unusual difficulties they experienced, undoubtedly they would have paired the entire tournament entirely by hand or entirely by computer. In fact, I was told that the March tournament would have entirely computerized ratings. This should eliminate much of the delay.

BRADLEY-BOURBONNAIS won the varsity section of a tournament held in Ottawa on December 13. This tournament was a true team event, with five-player teams opposing each other in five-on-five matches. Bradley started in poor form, conceding a draw in the first round to the host Ottawa team, and winning a close match against Aurora. But then they proceeded to trounce the eventual second and third place teams to win first place by half a point. SHERRARD and MARYION MILITARY ACADEMY lost only to Bradley, finishing with three points; Sherrard took second on tiebreak.

The individual board winners follow:

BOARD 1: 1 Bill Myers (N Boone) 3½
2 Dennis DeCoste (Bradley) 3
3 Jim Montamos (Ottawa) 3

BOARD 2: 1 John Kasum (Lincoln Way) 3½
2 Jack Leiby (Rock Island) 3
3 Freddie Lee (W Aurora) 3

BOARD 3: 1 Kzi Lung Lui (W Leyden) 3½
2 Paul Ruby (W Aurora) 3½
3 Tony Thompson (Sherrard) 3

BOARD 4: 1 Rich McClain (Bradley) 4
2 Jack Carren (Sherrard) 3
3 Bill Bogg (Lincoln Way) 3

BOARD 5: 1 Rob Kaptonak (Lincoln Way) 4
2 Dennis Mann (Sherrard) 3
3 Mike McClain (Bradley) 3

For a while, it looked like Bradley-Bourbonnais would win the Junior Varsity section, too. But West Aurora put an end to that by winning their last round match against Bradley and taking first place on tiebreak over Rock Island #1 in the process. Both teams finished with 3½ points. Bradley took third with 3 points.

First place individual junior varsity winners:

BOARD 1: Manfield (Lincoln Way) BOARD 2: F Maurea (Brad.)

BOARD 3: J Pinrell (Rock Island) BOARD 4: F Remora (Illwa)

BOARD 5: F Taylor (W Aurora)

First place in the junior varsity section was decided in the last round when the Bradley first board failed to claim a draw by repetition properly. The rules of the tournament required that players claiming draws by repetition had to get a steward to verify their claim. Thus, in the last round when Bradley's first board said to his coach, "Draw by repetition?", his coach could not reply. He failed to seek out a steward to verify his claim, and eventually lost on time. I relate this not to show how my old chess team "could have won...", but to remind team coaches to make sure their players understand the special tournament rules perfectly! This kind of error is one of the most common errors in team play. In fact, an error like this may have cost Lane Tech last year's high school State Championship. Certainly, if (as related by Slupik in the June '80 ICB) a steward had been called to the crucial first board Slupik-Chow game, Proviso would not have become state champions! As a general rule of thumb, in any case requiring the repositioning of the board or in any case in which the opponent does not agree about some legal claim (as a three-fold repetition), do not punch your clock! Do not make a move! If you have a valid claim, go get a tournament director before doing anything! And if in doubt, don't be afraid to ask a tournament official. But once a game is over, any claim you might have had is gone.

It looks like there will be more high school chess than ever in the coming months:

FEBRUARY 8: Hyde Park Scholastic (H Winston)

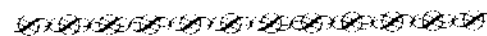
21: Fresh-Soph HS tourney (M Zacate)

28: Rock Island (tentative)

MARCH 14: Illinois High School, grade school championships at Proviso (L Stilwell)

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Master Sheldon Gelbart

This month we have several fine games from the National Open held here in October. Our first offering is a contest between the past and the future. Al Sandrin was one of the strongest players in the Midwest in the fifties; he won the U.S. Open in 1949. Unfortunately, progressive sight loss impaired his climb to the very top ranks on the national level. Al Kornfeld at age twenty shows great promise of becoming the strongest player in the Midwest. He already has a rating over 2300 and a FIDE performance of 2500 at the Chicago International in 1979.

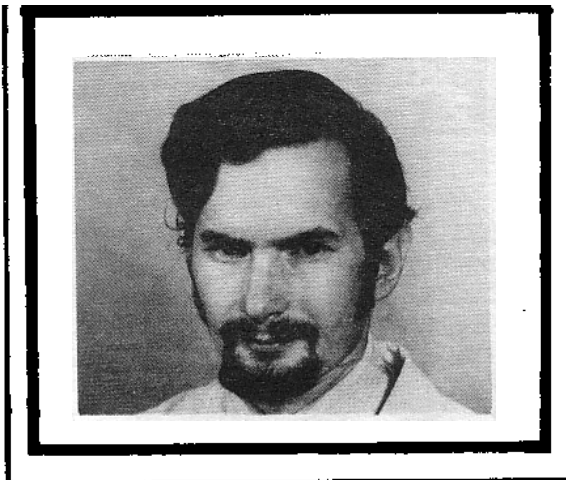
KORNFELD-AL SANDRIN Symmetrical English

1 N-KB3 N-KB3 2 P-B4 P-B4 3 P-KN3 P-KN3 4 B-N2 B-N2 5 O-O O-O 6 N-B3 N-B3 7 P-Q4 (Breaking symmetry. If P-K3 P-K3 8 P-Q4 P-P 9 N-P N-P 10 P-R4 P-Q4!) 7...PXP 8 NXP NXP (Here P-Q4 loses a pawn) 9 QXN P-Q3 (Black waits to uncover his B attacking the Q since he has no good B move. If now 10 B-K3 N-N5) 10 Q-Q3 (I prefer B-N5 intending Q-Q2, but the text is also considered good.) 10...Q-R4? (This is the correct move against Q-Q2 formations, but not here. Better is N-Q1! intending N-B4 and P-QR4.) 11 B-Q2 B-B4 (Provoking T-K4 to shut in the Bishop.) 12 P-K4 B-K3 (We now have a position known as Maroczy's Bind, characterized by pawns at K4 and QB4 vs pawns at K2 and Q3. White has a space advantage, but Black can obtain equality by playing P-QN4 after adequate preparation or by blockading the QR4 as explained earlier, or by playing P-KB4 to eliminate the KP and try for P-Q4.) 13 N-Q5 Q-Q1 14 QR-B1 R-B1 (Here Black is prevented from trying any of the aforementioned plans.) 15 P-QN4! Q-Q2 16 R-B2 BxN (If 16...R-B3 17 NxN and 18 P-K5) 17 KPxN (Extending the diagonal of the KR threatening P-B5) 17...R-B2 18 KR B R-B1 19 P-B5 PXP! (Offers the exchange which White first decides to accept, but then correctly refuses!) 20 B-B4 P-B5 21 RXP (Q-Q1 P-QN4! is more than Black deserves.) 21...RxB 22 RxB RxB 23 QxR N-K1 24 Q-B5 (White's two Bishops and Queen dominate. The rest is technique.) 24...P-QR3 (If...P-N3 25 Q-R6 Q-Q1 26 F-N5 N-Q3 27 P-QR4 and Black has no counterplay since he cannot allow further penetration of the Q.) 25 B-KB1 N-Q3 26 Q-R7 Q-QB1 27 P-QR4 P-R3 28 Q-B5 Q-Q2 (If QxQ 29 P-Q N-K1 etc.) 29 P-N5 N-K5 30 Q-B4 N-B6 (Praying for 31 PXP PXP 32 QxP QxRP with a probable draw since the two Bishops are not as dominating with all the pawns on the same side of the board.) 31 P-Q6! KXP 32 PXP PXP 33 P-R5 (The point. White now wins the QR, obtaining an unstoppable passed pawn.) 33...N-N4 34 Q-Q5 N-Q5 (If B-B1 35 Q-R8) 35 BxQRP P-N4 36 B-K3 Q-R5 37 B-QB4 Q-QR+ 38 K-N2 K-R1 39 P-R6 P-N5 40 P-R7 Resigns

Martin Biskowski is a product of Dick Temple's Komarek Grade School chess program. He distinguished himself as Riverside-Brookfield High School's first board, but never quite made it out of Class A ranks. He has now! His performance of 3½-1½ against masters earned him a rating around 2100. Here are two examples of his play

MILSON-BOSKOWSKI QP Opening

1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 N-KB3 P-KN3 3 N-QB3 P-Q4 4 B-B4 B-N2 5 Q-Q2 O-O 6 B-R6 N-K5! (Black has stopped P-K4 permanently. White has lost any initiative from the opening.) 7 NxN Pxn 8 BxB KxB 9 N-N5 Q-Q4 10 P-KR4 P-KR3 11 N-R3 N-QB3 12 P-K3 P-K4 13 P-QB4 Q-R4 14 QxQ NxQ 15 PXP? (A positional blunder leaving himself nothing but positional weaknesses. Correct was P-Q5, e.g., 15 P-Q5 P-N3 16 P-QN4 N-N2 17 R-B1 planning N-N1-K2-QB3, B-Q1-N3 and K-Q2. Although Black



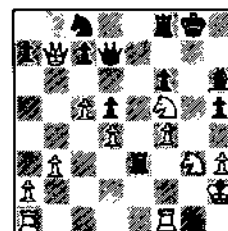
can make the situation sticky with a timely P-QR4, White should have reasonable prospects largely due to his extra Q-side pawn.) 15...N-B3 16 R-KB4 PXP 17 PXP NXP 18 B-K2 B-K3 19 P-N3 QR-Q1 (Black's control of the Q-side leaves White helpless.) 20 N-B4 B-B4 21 N-Q5 P-QB3 22 N-K7 B-Q6! (Preparing to win the wandering Knight.) 23 P-B4 BxB 24 KxB N-N5 25 P-R5! QR-K1 (Wrong Rook! There is no need to vacate the Q file.) 26 QR-KN1 NXP! (N-B3 allows 27 N-NF obtaining two connected passed pawns for the piece.) 27 KxN RxB+ 28 K-Q3 (If Marty had played KR-K1 this move would not be possible. Black would be able to force R-Q7+ winning at least two pawns, e.g., 28 K-B3 R-Q6+ 29 K-B2 R-Q7+ etc. If here 29 K-N4? T-B4+ 30 K-R4 P-N4+ 31 PxF R-K5 mates!) 28...R-Q1+ 29 K-B2 R-K5 (or R-K7+ intending R/1-Q7) 30 PXP PXP 31 R-N4 P-KN4 32 R-KB1 R/5-Q5 (R/1-Q5 looks quicker.) 33 R-K1 RxBBP and Black soon won because 34 RxB PxB 35 R-K7+ K-N3 36 RxBP P-B6 and Queens. White played 34 R-N2 and the two passed pawns of Black were unstoppable.

In the next game Biskowski is clearly outplayed, but swindles his higher-rated opponent. Who says there is no luck in chess?

FISHBEIN-BISKOWSKI Alekhine's Def.

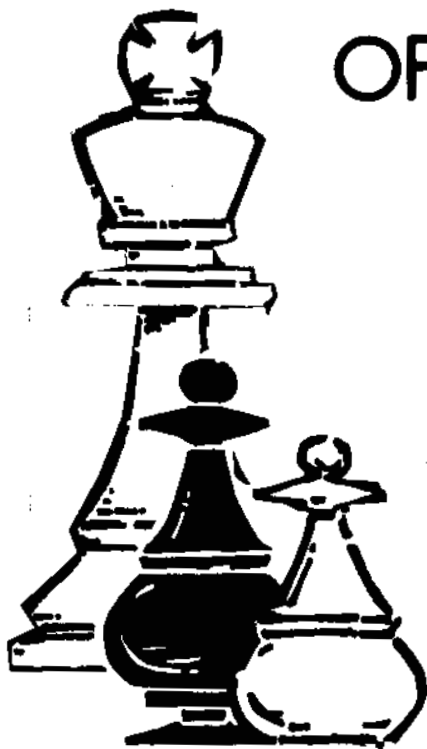
1 P-K4 N-KB3 2 P-K5 N-Q4 3 P-Q4 P-Q3 4 P-QB4 N-N3 5 PXP KXP (I prefer PxF.) 6 N-QB3 B-K2 7 B-K3 N-B3 8 N-B3 B-N5 9 P-QN3 (The center is unassailable and Black has a very cramped game.) 9...O-O 10 R-K2 B-K3 11 O-O P-Q4 12 P-B5 N-B1 (The Black Knight must be redeployed to the K-side.) 13 P-KR3 B-K3 14 B-Q3 N/1-K2 15 N-N5 B-B4 (If BxN 16 BxB NxF 17 Q-R5 P-KN3 18 Q-R4 [intending Q or RxB] N/5-B4 19 BxN/5 etc., or 18...N/5-B3 19 B R6 intending Q-R6 and mates) 16 N-K2 (Now the QP was en prise) 16...P-KN3 17 P-KN4 BxB 18 QxB Q-Q2 19 P-B4 QR-K1 20 K-R2 B-N2 21 N-B3 N-B1 (Black is so cramped that he is powerless to do anything except increase the scope of his pieces.) 22 N-N3 N-N5 23 Q-Q2 RxB!? (To stop N-K5 and force exchanges, but it loses a pawn.) 24 QxN! (Now QxR N-B7 etc.) 24...P-KB3 25 QXP (Looks safe enough. If now 26...KR K1 26 R-B2 or 25...B-R3 26 P-N5.) 25...P-KR4! 26 PXP B-R3 Now we see the point of P-KR4. White can't play P-N5) 27 N-R4 PXP 28 N/4-R5 (Now what? 28...RxB? 29 RxB and White has an exchange to go with his pawns.)

BISKOWSKI



FISHBEIN

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A NEW FEATURE..... by

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SURPRISE CHAMPION IN ICL SOUTH: HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR "C"

When I saw the Illinois Chess League schedule for the 1980-81 season, I told Bob Bain that his Homewood-Flossmoor "C" team stood a good chance of going undefeated. That proved to be my most accurate prediction.

Our club's grand strategy had been to field three strong teams, rather than put all our best players on one or two. That way we expected to put more than one major obstacle in the path of our chief opposition, the University of Chicago "A" team. Of course, our own "A" team figured to be the primary beneficiary. Like the UC "A" unit, it was six deep in masters and candidate masters.

The H-F plan worked to perfection in Round 1, as our "B" team upset US "A" 4½-1½. David Taylor held Ken Larsen to a draw, William Harris, Jr. outplayed Ed Friedman, and Dave Rubin topped Steve Hudson. Our only loss came on Board 4, where Jeff Wien fell to Robert Felt. That same night our "C" squad did in UC "B" by an identical score. Chuck Kramer, Jr. suffered the only HF loss, to Rick Lindholm. Pete Stein and Bain rolled Andrew Kolbert and Rex Siquefield, while John Zube drew Paul Lanzkron.

When H-F "A" routed Tuley Park 5½-½ the next day, we began to flirt with the idea that all three H-F teams might go undefeated. In that match, Ed Vano drew Marvin Dandridge, while Dan Vasto, Walt Brown, and Billy Colias defeated Melvin Alsberry, Angelo Armistead, and Darren Bolden respectively.

The pipe dream evaporated quickly in Round 2. Our "A" and "B" teams suffered upsets at the hands of Hillside "D" and University of Chicago "B" respectively. The only H-F team that remained unbeaten was our "C" squad. Bain lost to Steve Surak, and Marvin Cox had to settle for a draw with Darius Murauskas. But Stein took the measure of J Moore and Jim Michalak handled Bill Buttny as we ran up another 4½-1½ win.

In Round 3, the division's two strongest, H-F "A" and UC "A" fought to be a 3-3 standoff, as did Tuley Park and H-F "B". But H-F "C" rolled on, flattening the only other undefeated contender, Hillside "D", easily 5-1. Stein topped Frank Teqel, Bain beat George Willard, and Ray Kousanek got the better of Paul Ilosvay. Only Zube's loss to Maryin Franek prevented a white-wash.

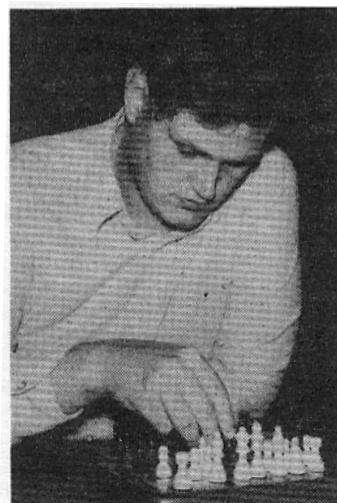
Going into the final round, all three H-F teams, both UC units, and Hillside "D" still had shots at a playoff berth. Anticipating that UC "A" might bounce Oak Park "B" 6-0, our "A" squad decided it had to pitch a similar shutout against UC "B" to maintain our half-point edge. Insetad we managed only a 3-3 draw. And when UC "A" failed to ring up 5½ points in its win over Oak Park "B", our own "B" team discovered it still had life. With a 6-0 victory against Hillside "D", H-F "B" could tie with UC "B", forcing a rematch at H-F. A lesser H-F "B" win would put UC "B" in the playoffs. And a loss would give the berth to Hillside "D".

Unfortunately two H-F "B" players had personal emergencies just hours before the match, and Rubin could find no last-minute replacements. Hillside "D" refused to reschedule the match--even with a 30 minute penalty on every board--and thus backed into a playoff berth via the two forfeited boards.

H-F "C" had only to avoid total disaster the next day at Tuley Park to win the South Division crown. A 3-3 showing accomplished this. Stein and Zube dropped their games against Dandridge and Alsberry, but Kousanek and Cox outplayed Roger Hickman and Bolden to preserve the division's only untarnished record.

Captain of the new South Division champions is BOB BAIN, a 29 year-old Orland Park price analyst, whose other hobby is the study of military history. Homewood-Flossmoor's Club secretary and our most active TD, Bob is one

of the south suburbs' leading chess activists. He's also one of the area's better chess players. In the past couple of years, he has finished first in tournaments at Homewood (five times), Bloomington (3), Romeoville (2), Rantoul, Decatur, Lombard, and Chicago (a U.S. Open Quad at the Palmer House). He's also finished second and/or won class prizes at the Greater Peoria Open (three times), Kankakee, Morgan Park, Rantoul, Harper Community College, Romeoville, Park Forest and Hahn Air Base in Germany.



BOB BAIN

Bain learned how the pieces move at age seven, but didn't take the game up seriously until he joined the USCF in 1972. His first rating was 1373, and he's been gaining almost a hundred points per year. Currently rated 1956, his top mark has been 1999. His forte is the endgame, which he plays like a master. He's one of the few players I know who has gone all the way through Fine's Basic Chess Endings and Keres' Practical Chess Endings. And I've seen him win level endgames--and even inferior endings--with uncanny regularity.

Bain also cites Nimzovich (My System and Chess Praxis) and Kotov (Think Like a Grandmaster) as major influences on

his game. "It wasn't that I didn't know I needed a plan," Bob explained. "They told me the kind of things to look for." He follows Kotov's advice on self-analysis scrupulously: "I have almost every game I've played written down and annotated at least casually, with ex-claims and question marks."

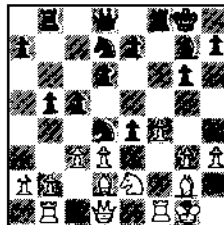
Numbered among Bain's victims are Lester VanMeter, Dan Vasto, and William Harris, Jr. He's drawn with Hugh Myers, Harvey Bradlow, and David Sprengle (three times). His win over Harris came in the H-F Saturday Tornado last November 22nd and helped him to tie for first with Chuck Kramer, Jr. ahead of a strong field (average rating was 1882). Here is the score of the game with notes by the winner!

BAIN (1956)	HARRIS (2153)		
1 e4	c5	34 Rf3	Rf7
2 Nc3	Nc6	35 Kg2	Kg8? (j)
3 g3	g6	36 Q:e3	Qc2+
4 Bg2	Bg7	37 Kq3	R:f3+
5 d3	Nf6	38 Q:f3	h6
6 f4	d6	39 Qd5+	Kh8
7 Nf3	O-O	40 B:b4	Q:b2
8 O-O	Bg4 (a)	41 Qd8+	Kh7
9 h3	R:f3	42 Qd3+	Kh8
10 B:f3 (b)	Nd7	43 a3	Qe5+
11 Bd2	Nd4	44 Kq2	Qb2+
12 Bg2	Rb8	45 Qd2	Qe5
13 Rb1	b5 (c)	46 Qd8+	Kh7
14 Ne2	f5 (d)	47 Qd3+	Kh8
15 c3	f:c4 (e)	48 c5 (k)	Qb2+
	(see diagram)	49 Qd2	Qf6
16 R:e4	N:e2+	50 Qf2	Qe6
17 Q:e2	c6 (f)	51 Qf3	Qa2+
18 Rbc1	e5	52 Kq3	Rc5+
19 f5	q:f5 (g)	53 Kh4	Qq8
20 B:f5	Nf6	54 Qf5	Qd8+
21 q4	Qe8	55 Kh5	Rf6
22 Rf2	Kh8	56 Qq6? (l)	Bq7
23 Rfe1	d5? (h)	57 c6	Qd5+
24 Bg5	Nq8	58 Kh4	Qe5
25 Bh4	b4	59 Qf5	Rf6+
26 Bq3	Rb7	60 Kh5	Qe8+
27 Kh1	Nh6	61 Qh6	Qe5+
28 e4?	d:c4	62 Qf5	Qe8+
29 d:c4	e4? (i)	63 K:b6 (m)	Bq7+
30 Bd6	N:f5	64 Kq5	Q:c6
31 R:f5	R:f5	65 Kh4	Qh6? (n)
32 R:f5	e3	66 Qh5	Rf6
33 R:c5	Qe4+	67 Kq1	Q:h5

and Black resigned at move 86.

- (a) To this point, it's been all book in a Closed Sicilian. I don't like this move for Black. He will either lose a tempo or relinquish a B or N.
- (b) Objectively White probably stands better because of his two Bishops, but I don't handle Bishops as well as Knights.
- (c) Getting in Black's traditional Q-side swipe.
- (d) An interesting attempt to disrupt White's K-side plan by breaking open the center.
- (e) Black offers a very strong Knight sacrifice that White is wise to decline.

HARRIS



BAIN

From the diagrammed position, 16 c:d4 e:d3 17 Nc1 B:d4+ 18 Kh1 c4 gives Black three pawns for the piece, including a protected passed pawn on d3 that leaves White's position tied in knots. Harris thought five minutes before offering the sacrifice; I pondered it seven minutes before declining. Then he studied the position another eight minutes before making his next move.

- (f) This seems to create a vulnerable pawn. Black's next move indicates second thoughts about this one.
- (g) Appears to open up the Black King too much, but he seems to get away with it.
- (h) This weakens Black's pawns.
- (i) This drops a pawn.
- (j) Better here was B:b2.
- (k) The point of my repeated checks is to try to gain one tempo to push the e-pawn.
- (l) I should have taken the h-pawn here, though I do get it later; there's little Black can do about it.
- (m) Now I'm clear two connected passed pawns.
- (n) This permits me to force the exchange of Queens, after which it's all over.



GELBART, cont'd.

28...R-K7+! 29 NxR2! (This allows the queen in. Safer to K-B1! Intending Q-R8 and bringing the Queen back. If here RR. R-R2 30 Q-R6 R-Q7 [Kf-K1 to met by Q-N2] 31 QR-Q1 Rxf 32 Rxf R-Rc 33 Rxf Rf 34 N/4-Bh R-Kc 35 Q-K6+ etc.) 29...QxN (Now Black has dangerous counter play.) 30 R-K1+ K-R1 31 QxRP! (Setting a nice trap. If instead 31 N-N3! R-K1 32 R-Nc R-Nc! 33 Rxf Rxf+ 34 Rxf Rxf+ 35 K-N2 etc and Black is no longer losing.) 31...R-K1 32 R-N2! N-K2 (Was?? allow Q-Q8+ and Black is mated by Q-N8.) 33 N-N3? (Disappointed that Black did not fall for his trap, White blunders outright. I meant was P-RB1 and then 33...N-N3 34 N-N3 Rxf 35 Rxf Rxf 36 QxQ Nxf 37 R-KB1 with an easily won R and P exchange.) 33...BxP 34 K-N1 BxQ 35 NxQ NxN (Now that the smoke has cleared Black has a probable won endgame. He has two pieces for R and P and his pieces are well situated, especially the Knight.) 36 R-N6 (White tries to toe down the black pieces, but he is powerless. R-Zh for Black will soon prove decisive. If 36 R-Q1 N-N6 [not R-K6, R-K1 pinning] 37 R/Q-Q2 K-N1. Black will bring his King over to Q2 to stop the White pawns and

then play B-Pb to K6 and win the QP. If 36 R-B3 B-N1+ 37 N-B1 R-N6+ 38 K-K1 B-P4+ 39 K-Q1 N-N8 40 R-B1 R-N7 etc. Note that White's King moves are forced because of impending Knight forks!) 36...R-Q1 37 R-KB1 K-R2! 38 R-N2 NXP 39 R-Q1 (Now when the Knight moves he will win two pawns, but...) 39...R-K5 40 K-B1? (To prepare R-Q2 overlooking...) 40...N-B4! (Don't you just love the way the Knight moves!) 41 R-B1 N-K6+ 42 K-B2 NXR 43 KxN P-Q5 44 P-B6 B-B2 45 R-B5 R-K4 46 R-B4 R-Q4 47 K-R3 P-B4 48 K-K2 P-Q6+ 49 K-Q1 K-N3 50 R-QR4 P-R4 51 R-QB4 K-R3 52 P-R3 P-B5 53 R-K4 R-QB4 54 K-Q2 RXP 55 KXP B-K4 56 K-Q2 K-B4 and white resigned 10 moves later.

The following two short games illustrate tactical motifs involving Knights. BERMAN-BERIONES Sicilian Def. 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 P-K3 3 P-Q4 PXP 4 NXP N-QB3 5 N-QB3 B-N4 6 B-K3 Q-N3 7 N/4-N5 BxB 8 N-Q6+ K-K2 9 PxB QxP+ 10 B-K2 P-QR3?? (Q-B4+) 11 N-B5+! Resigns
 DECMAN-AL SANDRIN Sicilian Def. 1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-R3 P-Q4 4 PXP QXP 5 P-Q4 B-N5 6 B-K2 P-K3 7 N-R3 PXP 8 PxF B-N5+ 9 K-B1 BxN/R6 10 PxB N/1-K2 11 B-N2 O-O 12 R-B1 KR-Q1 13 R-B2 QR-B1 14 P-R3 BxN 15 BxB Q-KB4 16 R-Q2 N-Q4 17 B-K2?? N-K6+ 18 Resigns

POSTAL CHESS NEWS

Helen Warren

NOTES ON THE 1980 TCA POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP...

All sections have a full contingent of seven players. In 80ICA-6 MARK LaROSE of Ellis Grove, IL. replaces Fred Jesse Smith.

RESULTS: 80ICA-2 Fawbush, Musgrave 1 Ladd
80ICA-3 Berry ½ D Taylor
80ICA-5 Just 1 Sogin

A few early games...

BERRY-TAYLOR 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PXP
4 B-QH4 N-B3 5 O-O NXP 6 R-K1 P-Q4 7 BXP QXB 8 N-B3
Q-QR4 9 NKN B-K3 10 R-Q2 Q-Q4 11 B-N5 B-Q3 12 B-B6
O-O 13 NXP NXN 14 QXN QXQ Drawn ½-½

LADD-FAWBUSH 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-N5 P-QR3
4 B-R4 N-B3 5 O-O NXP 6 P-Q4 P-QN4 7 B-N3 P-Q4 8 PXP
B-K3 9 P-B3 N-B4 10 N-Q4 NXP 11 P-KH4 N/K4-Q6 12
NXB PKN 13 P-B5 Q-R5 14 PXP B-Q3 15 P-N3 BXP 16 PXB
QXP+ 17 K-R1 N-K5 18 B-K3 Q-R6+ 19 K-N1 QXB+ Resigns
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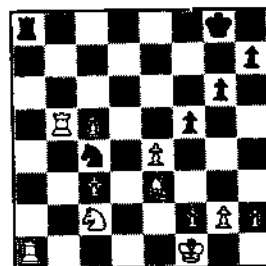
MAX ZAVANEHLI (who has been out of OTB activity for a couple of years now) writes that he continues with an active postal schedule. Included is his participation in the USCF's 1980 ABSOLUTE P.C. CHAMPIONSHIP. This is a formidable tournament indeed. It is composed of 13 of the strongest postal players in the U.S.--FOUR from Illinois: STEVE TENNANT (Palos Heights), FRANK KARGOL (Hannover Park), N ERIC PEDERSEN (Chicago) and Max.

Tim Bogan has sent us another game from the ICCF World Cup competition.

T.J. Bogan-B. Friesheim, World Cup IV, Group 5 Gruenfeld

These last mistakes can be slippery, and I'm not sure I've put my finger on it in this game. Still, all the positions after 23...P-K4 seem favorable to White, even if a forced win is not demonstrable. The advance of the QBP became an obsession with me, the idea occurring as early as 19 Q-B4.

1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 N-KB3 P-KN3 3 P-QB4 B-N2 4 N-B3 P-Q4
5 P-K3 (I chose this simple move because I am not familiar with the sharper, more committal lines available to White vs the Gruenfeld, e.g., the Exchange Variation. Even at chess by mail it is not possible to discover all the subtleties of complex openings, and one is permitted to aim for a rich middlegame. I did not--as Tal describes Nezhmetdinov--"try for a theoretical advantage". I was "more interested in getting a tense and interesting position in which one could just play chess.") 5...P-QR3 (This wastes time and weakens the Q-side pawns. 5...O-O is a healthy move.) 6 Q-N3 P-K3
7 B-K2 PXP 8 BXP P-QN4 9 B-K2 (Has White lost time? Yes, but the weakening of the Q-side pawns is much more serious.)
9...QN-Q2 10 P-QR4 (By attacking the weak pawns I can isolate two of them, emphasizing their weakness. If 10...P-B3 11 PXP BXP 12 NXP R-QN1 13 N-Q6+ followed by 14 Q-R3; or 11...Q-QN1 12 P-N6 and the pawns are broken up all the same. 10...PXP 11 NXP O-O 12 O-O N-K5 13 N-B3 NXN 14 PKN R-K1 15 P-K4 Q-QB4 16 B-K3 Q-B2 17 KR-N1 P-QR4 (The QBP is slightly less vulnerable here, and Black's QF3 is opened for the QR. But new weaknesses have appeared on the light squares, and it cost me much hard thought to devise a plan to attack the weak pawns on the dark squares from the light squares made available to me.) 18 B-QN5 B-R3 19 Q-B4 (This move involves no lengthy calculations, but was difficult for me to find. In THINK LIKE A GRANDMASTER Kotov describes the difficulty of seeing what he calls "creeping" moves, and though he offers no concrete definition, all four examples are Queen moves, three of them one square only. The idea of 19 Q-B4 is obvious: double attack on the Black QB and QBP.)
19...N-N3 20 QXBP QXQ 21 PXP BXB 22 RxB N-B5 (Now 22...BXP seems to work. After 23 R-QR1 N-R5 I could find no way to take advantage of Black's seemingly awkwardly placed minor pieces (24 B-Q2 KR-N1!) 23 N-Q4 (At this point I imagined the 'sacrifice' of the open G-file and the seventh rank. I believe 23...NxB+ was Black's best move, but apparently he did not want to trade off a defender of the QRP.) 23...P-K4 24 N-B2 KR-Q1 25 K-B1 (White's back row is safe now, and at the same time I am able to make the harmless Knight check enticing. 25...R-Q6 looks strong, but after 26 N-N4! RXP 27 N-Q6 White's pieces are ideally placed to support the advance of the passed pawn.) 25...P-B4



26 R-R4 (White's pieces work together very smoothly now and the QBP soon starts rolling. I did not worry myself about the loss of my KP.) 26...N-Q7+ 27 BKN RxB 28 N-K3 PXP
29 P-B6 R-KB1 30 P-R7 (White can afford to 'sacrifice' the seventh rank absolute--Black declines.) 30...R/7XP+ 31 K-K1
R/7-B2 32 R-B4 R-B1 33 R-N8 and Black resigns

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6	TEMPLE, DICK	II	3.0
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PROBLEM SECTION

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SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS #97-104:



- No. 97 Brown. 1 Be5, threat 2 Qc7. 1...Sd6 2 Sxc7. 1...Qxc5 2 Bd4. 1...Qa3 2 Bc3. 1...Kxe5 2 Sxc7. 1...Rxg7 2 Sxg7.
- No. 98 Brown. Set play 1...Bd3 2 Qxd3. Solution 1 Qxc6, threat 2 Qc6 1...Sf6 2 Qf5. 1...Sd6 2 Qd5. 1...Bd3+ 2 eSc4. 1...Pd3 2 Sc6. 1...Sxf3 2 Sxf3. 1...Pxe3 2 Rf4.
- No. 99 Brown. Tries 1 Rc2?, threats 2 Qc4/Be4. 1...Sd2! 1 dSc2?, threats 2 Qc4/Be4. 1...Sd2 2 Sxb4. 1...Sc6! 1 hc2?, threats 2 Qc4/Qf5. 1...Se3! Solution 1 aSc2, threats 2 Ra5/Be4. 1...Sc6 2 Qxc6.
- No. 100 Morse and Holladay. Set play 1...Sd6/Kg8 2 Pxf8=Q. 1...Qc7/Qd6 2 Pg8=Q. 1...Qh8=S. 1...Qxg7+ 2 Rxg7. Solution 1 Qxh7, threat 2 Pxf8=Q. 1...Rxd5 2 Pxf8=S. 1...Qe7/Qd6 2 Pg8=Q. 1...Qh8 2 Pxh8=Q. 1...Qxg7+ 2 Qxg7. 1...Qg8 2 Qg6. 1...Kxf6 2 Rxf3 (Qa6?)
- No. 101 Taffs. 1 Bh4+, Kq1 2 Rh6 Kh1 3 Bf2. 1...Ke2 2 Rc6 Kd2 3 Rc2.
- No. 102 Buchwald. 1 Bd5, waiting. 1...Se4 2 Qf6+ Sxf6 3 Rg5. 1...Sxd5 2 Qb1+ Ke5 3 Pd4. 1...Pd6 2 Qf1+ Kxg6 3 Qf7. 1...Kxg6 2 Qg1+ Kf6 2 Qq5 2...Kh7 2 Qg8. 1...Ke5 2 Qxc3+.
- No. 103 Crasemann. 1 Bd6, threat 2 Sb8 mate. 1...Sc5+ 2 Kf5+ Se4+ 3 Rf4. 1...Pb5 2 Ke5+ 1...Kxd6 2 Se5+.
- No. 104 Brown. Tries 1 Rd8? Rxe5! 2 Re8 Sd4 3 Pc4+ Rxc4 4 Rc5+ Pxc5! 1 Re7? Sd4! 2 Rd7 Sxf3/Sf5! Solution 1 Rc8 Sd4 2 Rd8 Rxe5 3 Pc4+ Rxc4 4 Rc5+ Rxc5 5 Sb4; 2...Sxf3 3 Bxf3+ Ke6 4 Rxd6+; 2...Sf5 3 Bxf5 Rxe5 4 Re4+.

All readers are welcome to participate in the ladder competition. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF SOLUTIONS:

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Solutions should be sent to Problem Editor David L. Brown at the above address.

LADDER SOLVING TOURNEY REPORT:

Eric Hassberg finishes the leg of the ladder with the highest score and is awarded a one year ICA membership. He begins again at the bottom of the ladder. Congratulations to Eric and all others who are progressing in this competition! Scores through Problem #96, listed in alphabetical order, are:

William L Barclay.....24	Fred Mihalek.....41
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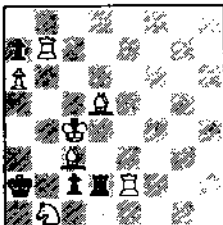
PROBLEMS IN THIS ISSUE.....

The White King in chess problems is frequently a purposeless commodity, appearing on the board simply because it has to be there. Without glamour it often guards against the opposing King and in light-weight longer problems it performs tempo and closing-in tactics. In non-moving roles, however, it is sometimes very dynamic in pin-unpin play, adding its special vicarious function to augment meaning within the overall play. But in his more expressive moments he moves as tempting bait, coaxing checks, or boldly steps out in battery firings.

This month's selections show active movement of the WK, or a high involvement in the thematic structure. Here he is a little stronger and more useful than the timid goldbricker we're accustomed to. There's a wide variety of difficulty.

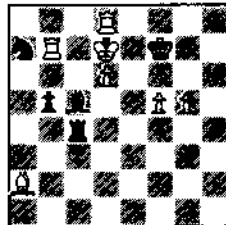
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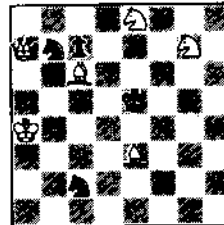
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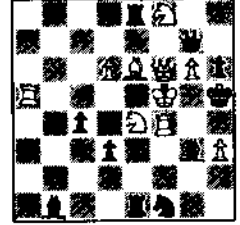
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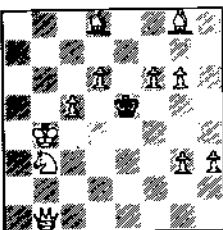
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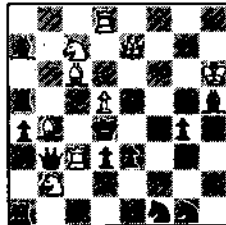
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- e) Wke2
- f) Wkf2
- g) Wkh4
- h) Wkh7



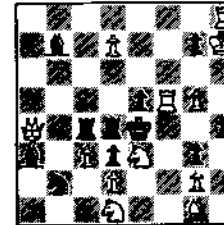
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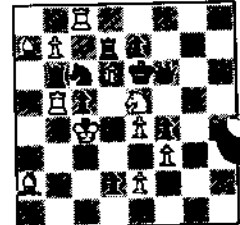
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MATE IN FOUR



BOOK REVIEW

NIMZO-INDIAN 4 e3: NIMZOWITSCH, HUBNER & TAIMANOV VARIATIONS
by Craig Pritchett; B T Batsford Ltd. (London) 1980;
178 pages; 120 diagrams; Algebraic notation. \$19.95 (HB)

Reviewed by JOHN L WATSON, International Master

Craig Pritchett is Scotland's leading player. He is also an International Master. But to the average tournament participant he is better known as the author of The Sicilian Scheveningen. Now, years after its publication, that book remains easily the best and most readable coverage of a complex, topical variation.

With Nimzo-Indian 4 e3 Pritchett has revived many of the best features of The Scheveningen. His new work gives us thorough research, intelligent commentary, and a grandmasterly feel for the merit of each line treated. Nimzo-Indian 4 e3 concerns three "hypermodern" systems of the Nimzo-Indian Defence: the moves (after 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3) 4...b6, 4...c5, (Hubner System), and 4...Nc6. I read the 4...b6 section (about half the book) in some detail, and skimmed through the other two parts. Because of the inherent solidarity of the Nimzo-Indian (exasperating for players of White!) one finds a surprising number of perfectly playable side-lines within each system. According to Pritchett's analysis, many of these have simply not been thoroughly investigated due to the rise of more fashionable alternatives. One moral of this book, in fact, is that the Nimzo-Indian is a sound defence, in my opinion incontrovertibly so. What it lacks in dynamism by comparison, say, with the King's Indian or Benoni Defences, it more than makes up for in reliability.

The book is organized, like The Scheveningen, around complete main games (10 of them), but less successfully than that volume was. It would have been better to employ a conventional breakdown of variations and sub-variations because, in this case, the variety of strategic ideas was simply too great to be unified by a

"main" game. As a result, the reader often finds one half-move of the key game with 4 to 6 pages of notes and sub-notes appended to it, followed at last by a half-move reply and, again, several pages of notes. These notes are packed with partial examples, often far afield of the main game under consideration. Such a format can become tedious, especially as the exemplary games chosen are nowhere near as critical or lively as those in the The Scheveningen. Happily, Pritchett's analysis and comments help the reader orient himself in what would otherwise be a morass of game excerpts. Moreover, his extensive personal playing experience with the Nimzo allows him to break the monotony with useful generalizations.

Who will be interested in Nimzo-Indian 4 e3? Strong players, for the most part, and any serious student who has already used the Nimzo-Indian regularly in tournaments. The beginner or inexperienced Nimzo-player may tend to get lost in the technical density of the book, but of course he too can find much of value given time and patience. A feature to be considered is the book's probable longevity. Although new Nimzo-Indian games are constantly being played, the strategic themes and most basic variations tend to remain unchanged, a fact we may again attribute to this opening's essential stability.

In conclusion, I feel that Nimzo-Indian 4 e3 offers considerably more in the way of research, insight, and solid analysis than most opening manuals (e.g. The Encyclopedia). My reservations about format notwithstanding, this is a fine book.

GRANDMASTERS OF CHESS (Revised and Updated) by Harold C Schonberg, W W Norton & Co., 345 Pages; Index and bibliography \$17.95. (HB)

Reviewed by Jim Marfin

Mr. Schonberg has written a popular history of the greatest chessplayers of all time. Prior to the first publication of Grandmasters of Chess in 1972, he had authored three books in a similar vein, but on musical

themes: The Great Pianists, The Great Conductors, and The Lives of the Great Composers. (Mr. Schonberg served as the NY Times' senior music critic from 1960-1980, and won a Pulitzer for his criticism in 1971. He never reached the master rank at chess, but New York chessplayers know him as a dedicated aficionado, who no doubt wasted the flower of his youth at the 42nd Street Chess and Checker.

I read the first edition of Grandmasters about 1975. Like most dedicated young players, I had already heard the anecdotes in Mr. Schonberg's book many times before. But I was taken, not only by his engaging, professional style (a rare thing in chess literature), but by his unique ability to select the proper anecdotes about each grandmaster to highlight his character. In other words, I had heard a lot of stories about chessmasters, but it was Mr. Schonberg's selection and treatment of those stories that made them history. The ability to write engagingly, and yet accurately, about history is a rare gift to be found among writers, and almost unheard of in this field.

Grandmasters of Chess grows a little murky near the end, but this is only to be expected. The last three chapters deal with the phenomenon of Bobby Fischer and the Reykjavik match, events which had barely left the headlines at the time the book was being readied for publication. And despite the immediacy of those events, Mr. Schomberg, from his vantage as the NY Times' correspondent for the match,

nevertheless managed to find a certain coherence, even in Fischer's wildest inconsistencies. His is the most entertaining account of the match I have read. The mix of the writing leans more toward the journalistic than the historical, but there is enough rumination mixed with the reportage to keep the tone of the book as a whole.

Which brings us to the "revised and updated" edition. Compared with the first edition, it's a major disappointment. For one thing, there was no "revising" done: 302

pages, or the first 21 chapters, were simply copied, page by page line by line from the first edition. The typeface and page size were reduced, yes, to make the book smaller, but I'd hardly call that "revision".

What makes this a new edition is the addition of three more chapters. These cover a period roughly from 1973 (Fischer's disappearance) to 1978 (Karpov-Korchnoi in Baguio). Apart from raising speculation on whether Mr. Schonberg intends to continue "updating" his book every five years in this fashion (why not just issue "appendices" as one U.S. chess publisher does for its opening manuals?), these chapters are of a decidedly different, and lower, quality from the remainder of the book.

In the "new" part, Mr. Schonberg makes no attempt to scan, study or investigate either the events he is describing or the chessplayers who instigated them. He merely reports; and while his reporting is quite good, it has nothing to do with why I would want to buy Grandmasters of Chess, which is history. Reporting I can get from the papers!

I suggest that you might also be taken with Mr. Schonberg's style of writing about chessplayers. If so, take my advice, and try to get a copy of the first edition. That sold for \$10 originally, and you can probably get it for less now. The new edition contains exactly what the old edition had, plus an illfitting, unwelcome coda: three chapters of material you've read already elsewhere --and it costs \$17.95.

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