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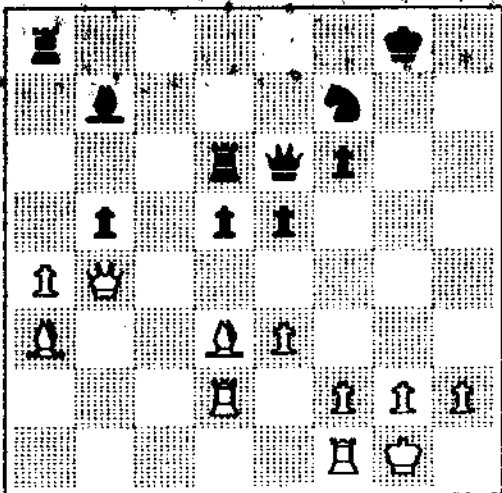
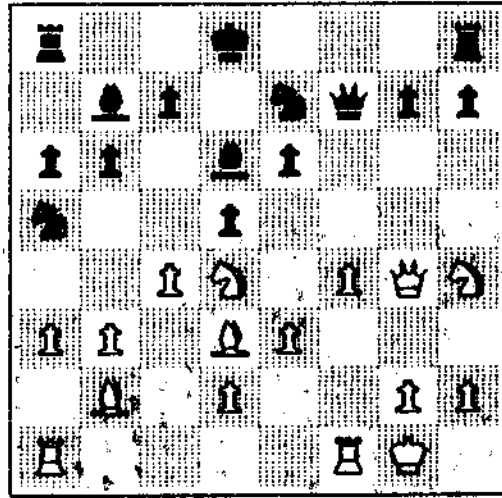
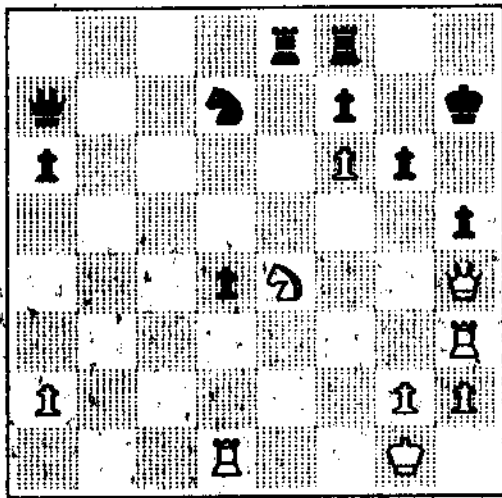
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IN THIS ISSUE...

Did I say, last issue, that there might be fewer games under my editorship? I must have been fibbing; this issue contains almost 20 for you to pick apart.

We also have the usual assortment of articles, crosstables, letters, and other material both bizarre and mundane. I'll let you guess which is which as we preview the contents:

The usual listing of affiliates and their activities is on page 4.

We show in an editorial how opinionated we are about digital chess clocks. As usual, letters from readers on this topic, or any chess topic of general interest, are welcome. The editorial is on page 4.

Speaking of letters, there are three in this issue: Raymond Ditricks on Schiller's analysis, Lester VanMeter on team tournaments, and Jules Stein on ChessPhone. Page 5.

Miscellaneous ideas from Walter Brown and from USCF appear on page 6.

That's a paid ad for Cavean Chess you see on page 7.

A wrap-up of the 1985 Illinois Tour appears on page 8. This is followed by an explanation of the 1986 Tour, along with a brief article and crosstable for the first 1986 Tour event, on page 9.

Extensive coverage of the Midwest Team Championship, including crosstable and games, begins on page 10.

Lester VanMeter continues our Midwest Team coverage with some in-depth analysis beginning on page 16.

A review of 1985's last event, the Last Chance Mini-Tour Tornado, begins on page 19.

Former editor David Sprenkle has agreed to resume one of our favorite features, the Ask Miroseg column. Be sure to write in with questions, so that this column can continue. Page 22.

A couple of interesting tactical games are presented on page 23.

Wayne Palquist reports Illinois Chess League playoff activity on page 24.

Tim Just and Kevin Bachler tell us about their 40th club championship tournament. Page 25.

Helen Warren's postal page expands to 2 pages this issue, with some nice analysis by Mitch Weiss. Page 26.

The tournament calendar appears at its usual place on the back cover.

===== WHERE TO PLAY CHESS =====

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of ICA affiliates*



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EDITORIAL

Digital Si, Kaisha No

by Bill Smythe

In 1981, the USCF Catalog listed a new gizmo called the Kaisha Digital Electronic Chess Clock. Five years later, digital clocks of any description are mysteriously missing from the USCF catalog. What gives? Did digital clock makers go out of business? Did a giant FIDE flyswatter strike New Windsor? Were there payoffs from mechanical clock manufacturers?

None of the above. Player complaints about the Kaisha were so loud and so numerous that USCF felt it could no longer endorse the product. Stung, the Federation removed all digital clocks, regardless of design, from its catalog. Today you can buy the electronic Master Quartz, but it is of analog design with hands.

USCF seems confused. Complaints about the Kaisha are being viewed as complaints about digital timekeeping per se. Yet many players, anxious to know how many seconds remain in their time trouble, would flock to a well designed digital clock.

USCF should reverse its timidity and take another look at digital clocks. Most important, it should set standards for them. A digital clock should:

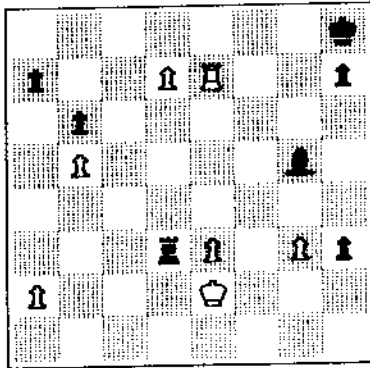
1. Be controlled by movable buttons which can be seen from across the tournament room. These buttons should be sturdy and should come as standard equipment built into the clock.
2. Display 5 digits at all times: hours, minutes, and seconds (0:00:00) or hundreds of minutes, minutes, and seconds (000:00). Preferably, the last two digits should be smaller than the first three.
3. Stand vertical, or nearly vertical, so that overhead light will be reflected downward rather than back into the players' eyes.
4. Have large, high-contrast digits which are far enough away from the edges of the display so that each digit can be seen in its entirety from a typical tournament sitting position.
5. Enable the second and third time controls to be set before the game begins. For example, if the second time control is 15/30, the clock would reset automatically to 0:30:00 when it reaches 0:00:00.

I have a few other druthers, too. Each face should have a sixth digit, separated from the first five, which would give the time control number (1st, 2nd, etc). I'd like the second

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LETTERS...

I received the Illinois Chess Bulletin today, printed in holiday colors, and could not resist browsing through it. Among the things that I discovered was that my ICA membership lapsed last month. That has just been remedied. Then looking at the game John Schwartz vs Eric Schiller, it seems that John, during play, and Eric, while annotating, missed a saving check for White near the very end.



Instead of the immediate 34 Re5, White should interpose 34 Re8+. Then

34 Re8+ Kg7
35 Re5 h2

What else? On 35...Rxe3+ 36 Rxe3 h2, the Rook returns: 37 Re5. Neither does 35...Rxd7 36 Rxd7 Kh8 win. For example, 37 Rg4 Rd5 38 Rh4+ Rh5 39 Rxd5+ Kxh5 40 Kf2 Kg4 41 e4 h5 42 e5 Kf5 43 Kg1 etc.

36 Rxd7 Kh8
37 Kxd3 h2
38 Kd2 Qa8
39 Rg4

followed by 40 Rd4 holds nicely.

Sincerely,
Raymond Ditrichs

[Hmm, nice analysis. Defending a Queen-vs-Rook ending would make most players nervous, but Black's Queen can never leave d8. All White has to do is move his King back and forth between e2 and d3. -- Editor.]

It is only natural that one enjoys most what one grew up with. When I first began playing chess with some seriousness nobody I knew was a USCF member, and we would meet at a barber shop. The key element of competition was when our club would play the others in matches. No ratings, and if there was a question of board order then let's play and find out who should be where.

Our high school also arranged matches against other schools and clubs. Throughout it was always the same -- our best board matched up with your best board, and so on down the line. There were no restrictions to "make the teams equal." One could win a moral victory by doing better than expected from match to match, even if in reality the matches were being lost.

Nowadays I still immensely enjoy team playing. The camaraderie and fun of it all is extremely pleasurable. But what seems to be the trend today? I see all of these restrictions -- keep that average rating below a certain figure.

To me that is something sad, and it is my opinion that such restrictions keep players from playing by making things so complicated. Simply open a tournament up to any team, regardless of rating. Such events have been held and have been successful.

The Indiana State Team Championship has never had a restriction, and players don't complain about the "powerhouse" teams. In Ohio they have had an Open team championship every year since 1963. MOTCF (Midwest Open Team Chess Festival) is great fun. One year there was no Chess Life ad, but no problem, there were still 200+ players despite bitter cold weather.

And we might add that powerhouses don't always win. One year I was on board three (at that time our team was the strongest ever, but that since has changed) at MOTCF and our team scored 17.5 out of 20 game points. BUT we dropped all 2.5 in one match and thus didn't win. And the team that beat us? Well, they were the traditional powerhouse, but after beating us they had an emotional drop-off the next round and thus they didn't win either. The two giants had knocked each other out.

I always like to see individual tournaments organized and run to foster quality and reward excellence. I would like to see team events organized in the same manner.

Lester VanMeter

[We agree. Team tournaments should not impose an upper limit on the average team rating, nor on individual ratings. -- Editor.]

I listened and had others listen to your promotion [Fred Gruenberg's announcement on ChessPhone] of two events on December 15th:

The Hammond Indiana event, a terrific event, we're having some of the highest Illinois masters playing, I'm playing and best of all the entry money will be given back, so come, we'll provide transportation, cars, planes, helicopters, covered wagons, pony express but get there it will be fantastic.

Incidentally if you can't get to Hammond there is a guaranteed tournament at the Chicago Chess Center if you can't get to Hammond.

I'll have to admit we all had difficulty in perceiving which event you wanted players to attend.

You're an officer of the ICA, we're an affiliate of the ICA. Our tournament was listed in Chess Life and in your official

state magazine. Our event was an Illinois affiliate guaranteed event. Their event was unlisted, not advertised, not guaranteed, not in the state of Illinois but in Hammond, Indiana.

I'm sure you'll have some rationale about our magazine article [Art & Chess, December ICB] and the publicity it's giving this club, but I personally can't help but wonder in the long run which of your good will acts has greater effect.

P.S. Fred, this instrument is your toy, you can play any tune you want, but it doesn't mean I have to be pleased by the melody.

Jules Stein
Chicago Chess Center

[Needless to say, Jules's paraphrase of the ChessPhone announcement contains several embellishments, one of which is the addition of the word "incidentally". Still, having heard the original announcement, I'd have to agree that Jules's parody is a good one.

What is missing here is the big picture. Fred's generous contributions of time, money, and energy to organized chess, including the Chicago Chess Center, are legion. ChessPhone, which is not an official ICA organ, is among these contributions. Fred's motive in supporting the Hammond organization is simply to help an unusually player-oriented organizer run a top-notch club virtually in Fred's backyard, the far south side of Chicago.

Relations between Jules and Fred have usually been good, and probably will continue to be, despite occasional short-lived disputes. I, for one, would like to see both of them continue their efforts for chess for years to come. -- Editor.]

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time control to be 1 hour if the operator doesn't specify otherwise. The third time control should be the same as the second if not specified otherwise. I would like the clock NOT to count moves; rather, the second time control should begin for each player when the first time control reaches 0:00:00.

For simplicity, the operator should be able to set both clocks simultaneously. But there must also be a way to set the two faces independently, for odds chess or other special situations. It should be possible to set seconds, as well as minutes and hours. Finally, there should be a numeric keypad on the back to accomplish all of this naturally -- even an editor should be able to set the thing without reading the instructions.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by ICA President Walter M Brown Jr

Illinois will have an invitational tournament to select the representative for the high school tournament that will be held during the U.S. Open. This year's Open will be in New Jersey, during the usual month of August. The invitational is being scheduled for April 5th and 6th at the Oak Park - Forest Park Chess Club.

The 1986 high school clinic is scheduled for the Morgan Park Methodist Church during October. Details will be forthcoming.

Also, a very different sort of tournament may be scheduled at Morgan Park for July 4-5. Details will be available after the site is confirmed.

From USCF

Gary Kasparov has agreed to play a summer rematch with Anatoly Karpov. The decision is an apparent about-face by Kasparov, who had earlier indicated he would not play a rematch. This announcement sets the stage for a new test of wills with FIDE president Campomanes, who had already announced a March date for the rematch.

Ilya Gurevich of Massachusetts and Michael Adams of England have played to a 3-3 tie in a match set up by famed chess teacher Jack Collins. Gurevich, 13, and Adams, 14, are apparently the world's two top-rated players in their age group. Both have aggressive styles; all 6 games were decisive, with White winning every game.

The National Open returns to the Imperial Palace Hotel in Las Vegas March 14-16. Last year's event attracted 654 players; organizer Fred Gruenberg expects another record turnout this year. Among the participants will be grandmasters Arthur Bisguier, Dmitry Gurevich, and Sergey Kudrin, and international masters Joel Benjamin and 16-year-old Zsuzsa Polgar of Hungary.

Locally

Be sure to tune in to ChessPhone (233-8500) for updates on Kasparov-Karpov, as well as local tournament results and announcements of upcoming events.

The following unsolicited letter was sent to CLC Chess Club President Kevin L. Bachler from class A player Mark Siwek. It is reprinted here with his permission.

October 30, 1985

Dear Kevin,

I was pleasantly surprised when I received your postcard reminding me of the 40th CLC Chess Club Championship.

Unfortunately however, due to my profession (I'm an actuary), I am unable to play much chess in April/May and October/November. Thus, I will not be able to participate.

Nevertheless, I just wanted to send a quick little note to you and the other members of the CLC Chess Club to thank everyone for the hospitality I was shown during the recent CLC Friday Night Swiss. The players were very friendly and cordial, and though I'm not a member, they made me feel very welcome. In addition, they made me work for my points, which is the reason I decided to play in the first place! In all honesty, if I didn't live so far away, I would seriously consider joining your chess club; it's a good one.

Because of my experience at the CLC Friday Night Swiss, I'm going to keep my eyes open for future CLC Chess Club-sponsored events and tourneys, and I'm sure you'll see me sometime in the future when I'm able to play. In fact, the only regret I have about the CLC Friday Night Swiss--besides not winning!--is that due to time considerations, I was not able to stick around so you and I could go over our last round game. I have no doubt I would have found such a post-mortem interesting, and probably also very beneficial.

Finally, please feel free to share this letter with the other members of the CLC Chess Club; I enjoyed meeting them, and again would like to express my thanks for their hospitality.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Siwek

Mark S. Siwek

P.S. Since I suspected midway through the CLC Friday Night Swiss that you and I might be paired in the last round, I dug up several back issues of the Illinois Chess Bulletin and played through your games and commentary. As I told you during one of the earlier rounds, I really enjoyed your column, and found it to be one of the most entertaining and perhaps the most instructive feature of the ICB. The above exercise only confirmed this. While I don't know why you discontinued the column, I for one would be delighted to see it return.

We think you will enjoy the CLC Chess club too. The Central Lake County/College of Lake County Chess Club meets on Friday nights (Thursdays in the summer) at 7:15 pm. The club meets in building one at the College of Lake County, 19351 W. Washington St., Grayslake, Illinois. We hold weekly tournaments, lectures, simuls and special events at our club meetings, and will be holding a weekend tournament March 1-2, Tim Just's/College of Lake County Open Reserve. Watch Chess Life and the ICB for details. Call Dennis Grant at (312) 336-5188 or Tim Just at (312) 244-7954 for details on the club and tournaments.



HOME OF CAVEMAN CHESS

CHOW WINS ICA TOUR

by Walter Brown

History has repeated itself as Al Chow has again won the Illinois Tour. He added to his Tour point total by tying for first in the Last Chance Mini-Tour Tornado at the Chicago Chess Center in December. His point total of 112.5 is twice that of second place finisher Morris Giles. Bruce Gardner played in his third Tour event and scored a few Tour points to finish in 3rd place. Peter Pelts moved to 4th by tying for first in the Last Chance tournament. With two events to go, Peter had no points, but tying for first twice in a row earned him 27.5 points.

Steve Surak was top Expert on the Tour, and finished 5th overall. Florentino Inumerable won some Expert points at the Last Chance and finished 2nd in that class on the Tour. The

Tour standings for 1st and 2nd places in classes A and B were not affected by the Last Chance tournament. In A, George Umezina and Tim McEntee finished 1st and 2nd respectively; however, Tim was edged out for 2nd Expert. Todd Schremsler won class B while Jeff Britt was 2nd. Jeff placed second in his class in the final tournament, not quite good enough to catch Todd. However, he also tied for 2nd in class C.

Glenn Panner won the class C Tour going away by winning class C at the tournament. Brenda Lawrence moved into a tie for 2nd with Jeff Britt at the final tournament.

Bruce Chenoweth tied for the D/E prize at the Last Chance and edged out Myron Cannell for the Tour prize in that class, 17 to 16.

The final Tour standings are shown below. Only the top several finishers in each section are listed. A number in parentheses is the number of Tour events, if less than 3, in which the player participated. This number is given only for players who would have won a prize if they had played in the necessary three events.

PLACE:	POINTS:
1 Al Chow	112.5
2 Morris Giles	52.5
3 Bruce Gardner	32.5 (2)
4 Peter Pelts	32.05
5 Steve Surak	30 (1)
Bob Gruchacz	27.5
Florentino Inumerable	22.5
Ken Wallach	20 (1)
Erik Karklins	19.2
Tim Sage	15
Warren Kreckler	15

EXPERT:	POINTS:
1 Steve Surak	42
2 Florentino Inumerable	35
Tim McEntee	27.71
Ray Satterlee	24
Bruce Gardner	24
Eric Schiller	24
William Brock	21
Mark Marovitch	18
Larry Chachere	16.71
John Gotz	16

CLASS A:	POINTS:
1 George Umezina	25
2 Tim McEntee	20
E.D. Sollano	20 (1)
John Popovich	17.5
Bill Seythe	12.58
Craig Sandford	11.11
John Gotz	10
Tim Stapay	10
Stacy Van Petten	10
Berno Skiara	10
Peter Vesely	10

CLASS B:	POINTS:
1 Todd Schremsler	26
2 Jeff Britt	22.4
Phil Bossaers	16
Mark Hansel	16
Robert Johnson	15.43
Tim Just	8
Steve Ashby	8
James Enochs	8
William Gaudry	8
L.O. Paragan	8

CLASS C:	POINTS:
1 Glenn Panner	30.5
2 Jeff Britt	12
Brenda Lawrence	12
Chris Land	12 (2)
Henderson Johnson	12 (2)
Randy Fronck	12 (1)
Jim Froehlich	9.5
Ray Dixon	9

CLASS D/E:	POINTS:
1 Bruce Chenoweth	17
2 Myron Cannell	16
Glenn Panner	11
Joseph Baxter	8.86
Andrew Payne	6
Jerry Callahan	6
John Hoar	4
Paul Windsor	4
Jason Betts	4
Steve Reedy	4

1986 TOUR

by Walter Brown

The 1986 Illinois Tour began with the Tim Just Winter Open. The Tour will have the same prize fund as last year, \$1850:

Championship:	1st:	\$300
	2nd:	\$200
	3rd:	\$150
	4th:	\$100
	5th:	\$ 50
Expert:	1st:	\$150
	2nd:	\$100
Class A:	1st:	\$150
	2nd:	\$100
Class B:	1st:	\$140
	2nd:	\$ 70
Class C:	1st:	\$130
	2nd:	\$ 60
Class D/E:	1st:	\$100
	2nd:	\$ 50

Points will be awarded the same way as last year. Points in Maxi events and Mini events are awarded as follows:

Championship:	Maxi:	Mini:
1st	30	15
2nd	20	10
3rd	10	5
Expert:	Maxi:	Mini:
1st	24	12
2nd	12	6
Class A:	Maxi:	Mini:
1st	20	10
2nd	10	5
Class B:	Maxi:	Mini:
1st	16	8
2nd	8	4
Class C:	Maxi:	Mini:
1st	12	6
2nd	6	3
Class D/E:	Maxi:	Mini:
1st	8	4
2nd	4	2

Championship points and Class points are separate. If you are an Expert and win a Maxi event, you earn 30 points in the Championship section and 24 points in the Expert section. Class points earned can be carried up with you if you earn points in a higher class, but cannot be carried down. They carry up only if you win points in a higher class.

Example: If a player wins the B section in a Maxi event, he earns 16 points. If his new rating puts him in class A, and he wins 2nd in class A in a Mini event, he earns 5 points for his effort and now has 16 points in B and 21 points in A. If his rating later drops down to B again, and he wins more points in B, they are added to his B total but not to his A total. The new points would be added to his A points only when he again wins A points.

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TIM JUST WINTER OPEN

Lawrence Chachere is off to a flying start in the 1986 Illinois Tour, winning clear first in the Tim Just Winter Open in early January. Prize winners were as follows:

		Cash	ICA Tour Points
Top:	Lawrence Chachere	100.00	15.0
	Scott Zingheim	32.50	3.0
	Ken Wallach	32.50	3.0
Exp:	Ray Satterlee	32.50	3.0 plus 9.00 X
	Ramsey Forbush	32.50	3.0 plus 9.00 X
A:	Robert Sax	50.00	3.0 plus 10.00 A
	Dave Monatelli		1.67 A
	Michael Selig		1.67 A
	Phil Jarrette		1.67 A
B:	Victor Swanson	22.50	6.00 B
	David Kurfman	22.50	6.00 B
C:	Glenn Panner	13.33	3.00 C
	Bill Parker	13.33	3.00 C
	Robert Kempner	13.33	3.00 C
D:	Mike Ginsburg		4.00 D
	David Andrews		1.00 D
	Guy Gruenberg		1.00 D
Unr:	Edgardo Zablotzky	17.50	
	Carlos Vegh	17.50	

At press time we had not yet received the crosstable from USCF. Ratings shown below are those from the wallchart.

1	CHACHERE Lawrence	2215	W23	W 8	D 4	W11	W 2	4.5
2	ZINGHEIM Scott	2288	W28	W34	W 7	W 3	L 1	4
3	SATTERLEE Ray	2155	W40	W14	W12	L 2	W10	4
4	WALLACH Ken	2229	W15	W24	D 1	D 5	W 8	4
5	FORBUSH Ramsey	2113	W38	W35	D22	D 4	W 7	4
6	SAX Robert	1856	W42	L20	W27	W22	W 9	4
7	BUNGO Greg	2206	W33	W10	L 2	W24	L 5	3
8	BARRE Todd	2019	W18	L 1	W33	W19	L 4	3
9	SURAK Steve	2131	W29	L12	W14	W13	L 6	3
10	WALLACH Cliff	2061	W16	L 7	W28	W12	L 3	3
11	SMITH Charles	2012	D25	W31	W17	L 1	D22	3
12	MONATELLI Dave	1816	W43	W 9	L 3	L10	W41	3
13	SELIG Michael	1819	D39	D25	W41	L 9	W27	3
14	JARRETTE Phil	1910	W46	L 3	L 9	W38	W26	3
15	KURFMAN David	1726	L 4	W46	W34	L17	W24	3
16	VEGH Carlos	-	L10	D29	W40	W32	D17	3
17	ZABELL Sandy	2157	Dbye	W26	L11	W15	D16	3
18	ZABLOTSKY Edgardo	-	L 8	L27	W46	W33	W28	3
19	SWANSON Victor	1769	L35	W38	WF	L 8	W25	3
20	SCHMUGGEROW Kevin	2154	W27	W 6	Dbye	-	-	2.5
21	BALE Leslie	1846	W31	W39	Dbye	-	-	2.5
22	ELGER Bill	2181	D26	W32	D 5	L 6	D11	2.5
23	GRUENBERG Fred	1711	L 1	D42	D29	D30	W32	2.5
24	SANDFORD Craig	1961	W30	L 4	W42	L 7	L15	2
25	PARKER Bill	1474	D11	D13	D32	D26	L19	2
26	VANCE Alex	1683	D22	L17	W39	D25	L14	2
27	MAYWORM Barry	1609	L20	W18	L 6	W34	L13	2
28	NDRE Eric	1735	L 2	W30	L10	W29	L18	2
29	PANNER Glenn	1585	L 9	D16	D23	L28	W38	2
30	KEMPNER Robert	1409	L24	L28	W43	D23	D33	2
31	GINSBURG Mike	1289	L21	L11	L38	W43	W42	2
32	JUST Tim	1786	W41	L22	D25	L16	L23	1.5
33	KITTSLEY Scott	1701	L 7	W43	L 8	L18	D30	1.5
34	HAUBRICH Scott	2077	W36	L 2	L15	L27	-	1
35	GILES Morris	2389	W19	L 5	-	-	-	1
36	BEASLEY Leonard	-	L34	W40	LF	-	-	1
37	MARTIN Donald	1808	-	W41	-	-	-	1
38	YACHAN George	1578	L 5	L19	W31	L14	L29	1
39	ANDREWSKI David	1279	D13	L21	L26	L40	D43	1
40	ROBINSON Harrison	1641	L 3	L36	L16	W39	-	1
41	GRUENBERG Guy	1154	L32	L37	L13	W42	L12	1
42	HENDERSON Dale	1342	L 6	D23	L24	L41	L31	0.5
43	BIEZVNSKI Stan	1230	L12	L33	L30	L31	D39	0.5
44	LONOFF Marc	2302	Dbye	-	-	-	-	0.5
45	BACHLER Kevin	2243	Dbye	-	-	-	-	0.5
46	BAXTER Joe	1360	L14	L15	L18	-	-	0

MIDWEST TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Thirteen 4- and 5-player teams appeared at the Mohr Community Center on Saturday, December 7, to participate in the 2nd Midwest Team Championship in Forest Park. Some teams, through planning and foresight by their captains, were well organized in advance; others were formed at the site or by phone through the skillful bargaining power, diplomacy, and coercion of chief TD Todd Barre.

Players who returned to the site on Sunday did so only because they missed the repeated announcements on Saturday that, due to a previous commitment by the Mohr Center, the tournament was being moved to a park district site a few blocks away. The quaint alternate site featured south windows without shades or curtains and a squeaky, uncarpeted floor which generated a steady background noise of footsteps coming from everywhere. The latter proved useful in blocking out the more annoying sounds of whispering and talking that invariably plague any tournament held in a large room.

The \$225 first prize was won by The Chess "We Don't Need No Stinkin' Badges" Bandits, headed by three masters and rounded out by an

under-rated A player to keep the average team rating below the 2200 limit. Second and third were shared by The Hoosier King Demolition Service and Sex, Chess, and Rock and Roll. The under-2000 prize was won outright by Monsters of the Midway, while under-1800 was split by Tuley Pirc Chess Club and Chessmen Against Pawnography.

Board prizes were distributed democratically, with no team winning more than one:

Top 1st Board: Lester VanMeter,
The Hoosier King Demolition Service

Top 2nd Board: Cliff Wallach,
Unchecked Frenzy

Top 3rd Board: Paul Szustowski,
Sex, Chess, and Rock and Roll

Top 4th Board: Todd Schremsler,
Monsters of the Midway

The crosstable appears below. Ratings are the official pre- and post-tournament ratings from USCF.



The tournament began with a semi-upset on Board 1, as the highest-rated team and eventual tournament winner was held to a drawn match by a team headed by ICA president Walter M. Brown Jr. In that match, Walter scored the following nice victory over a master:

White: Peter Pelts (2320)
"We Don't Need No
Stinkin' Badges"

Black: Walter Brown (2086)
Monsters of the Midway

Round 1. Annotated by editor.

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	Nf6
4	Bg5	Be7
5	e5	fNd7
6	Bxe7	Qxe7
7	Nf3	O-O
8	Be2	c5
9	Nb5	Nc6
10	c3	f6
11	exf6	Qxf6
12	O-O	a6
13	Na3	cxd4
14	cxd4	e5!?
15	dxe5	dNxe5
16	Nxe5	

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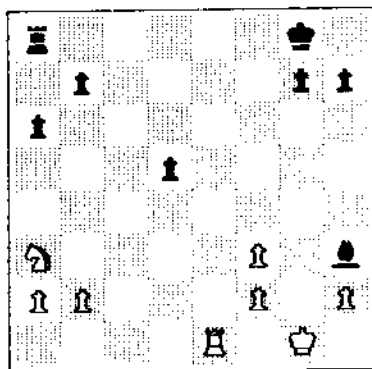
1 THE CHESS "WE DON'T NEED NO STINKIN' BADGES" BANDITS										
average team rating 2194										
	D 7	W B	W 5	W 6	D 3					4.0
1a	PELTS Peter	2320	2307	L 7a	W 8a	W 5a	W 6a	L 3a		3.0
1b	SANDRIN Angelo	2243	2211	-	L 8b	L 5b	W 6b	D 3b		1.5
1c	KRECKLER Warren	2239	2246	W 7b	D 8c	W 5c	W 6c	D 3c		4.0
1d	READ Rhys	1974	1984	D 7c	W 8d	D 5d	L 6d	W 3d		3.0
1e	MINNIS Gregory	1804	1808	D 7e	-	-	-	-		0.5
2 SEX, CHESS, AND ROCK AND ROLL										
average team rating 2016										
	W12	D 3	L 6	W10	W 9					3.5
2a	ZINSHEIM Scott	2254	2263	W12a	D 3a	W 6a	L10a	W 9a		3.5
2b	VESELEY Peter	2058	2047	W12c	D 3b	L 6b	W10b	-		2.5
2c	SZUSTOWSKI Paul	1872	1964	W12d	W 3c	-	W10c	W 9b		4.0
2d	COFFEY Allen	1881	1866	D12e	L 3d	L 6c	W10d	W 9c		2.5
2e	WILLARD Gary	1854	1845	-	-	D 6d	-	L 9d		0.5
3 THE HOOSIER KING DEMOLITION SERVICE										
average team rating 2178										
	W 8	D 2	D 9	W 4	D 1					3.5
3a	VAN METER Lester	2278	2300	D 8a	D 2a	W 9a	W 4a	W 1a		4.0
3b	HILLS James Jr	2221	2217	W 8b	D 2b	W 9b	L 4b	D 1b		3.0
3c	ADAMS Nick	2156	2123	W 8c	L 2c	L 9c	D 4c	D 1c		2.0
3d	HARRIS Thomas	2055	2043	W 8d	W 2d	L 9d	W 4d	L 1d		3.0
4 UNCHECKED FRENZY										
average team rating 2002										
	W11	L 5	W 7	L 3	W10					3.0
4a	GOTZ Jon	2065	2099	W11a	D 5a	W 7b	L 3a	W10a		3.5
4b	WALLACH Cliff	2085	2111	W11b	L 5b	W 7c	W 3b	W10b		4.0
4c	SERVI Larry	1895	1906	W11c	L 5c	W 7d	D 3c	W10c		3.5
4d	SANDFORD Craig	1961	1944	W11d	W 5d	L 7e	L 3d	W10d		3.0
5 UNITED NATIONS										
average team rating 2008										
	W13	W 4	L 1	D 9	D 6					3.0
5a	DANDLES Job	2229	2134	W13a	D 4a	L 1a	L 9a	L 6a		1.5
5b	STERN Howard	2063	2091	W13b	W 4b	W 1b	L 9b	D 6b		3.5
5c	MACHUCA Virgilio	1871	1934	W13c	W 4c	L 1c	W 9c	D 6c		3.5
5d	FORRO Virgilio	1869	1901	W13d	L 4d	D 1d	W 9d	W 6d		3.5
6 PURDUE "A"										
average team rating 2010										
	W10	D 9	W 2	L 1	D 5					3.0
6a	PARHAM Bernard	2226	2224	W10a	D 9a	L 2a	L 1a	W 5a		2.5
6b	SWIATEK Richard	1893	1921	W10b	L 9b	W 2b	L 1b	D 5b		2.5
6c	MC DANIEL Keith	1986	1997	W10c	D 9c	W 2d	L 1c	D 5c		3.0
6d	KVAKOVSKY George	1933	1945	W10d	W 9d	D 2e	W 1d	L 5d		3.5

(Pelts-Brown, continued)

Apparently White fears the counterplay in lines such as 16 Qxd5+ Be6 17 Qd2 [apparently forced, to avoid the discomforts ofNxf3+ followed byQxb2] Rd8.

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16 .... Qxe5
17 Bf3 Nd4
18 Re1 Nxf3+!
19 Qxf3 Qxe1+
20 Rxe1 Rxf3
21 gxf3 Bh3
  
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Hmm. Things could get a mite uncomfortable for White.

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22 f4 Rc8
I dare you to play 23 Re3.
23 f3 Kf7
24 Kf2 g6
25 Re2 Bf5
26 b4? Rc3
27 Re3 d4
28 Rxc3 dxc3
29 Ke2
  
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It seems as though White should get his Knight out while he still can. White's a-Pawn would fall but there would be counterplay: 29 Nc4 Be6 30 Nd6+ Ke7 31 Nxb7.

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29 .... b5
30 Kd1 Ke6
  
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The untouchable c-Pawn will win. This is why beginners' books tell the player who is winning to place Pawns on the opposite color of the Bishop.

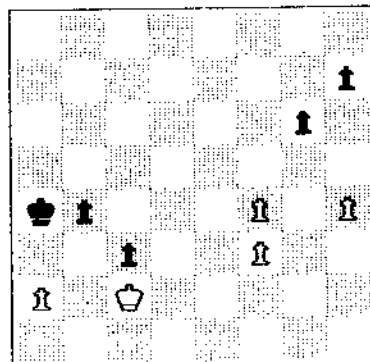
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31 Ke2 Kd5
32 Ke3 Kc6
33 h4 Kb6
  
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Black could probably trya5 right away but, when you have a simple win, win simply.

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34 Ke2 a5
35 bxa5+ Kxa5
36 Kd1 Ka4
37 Nc2 Bxc2+
38 Kxc2 b4
  
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39 f5 gxf5
40 0-1
  
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An amusing possible finish is something like 40 h5 Ka3 41 Kbl c2+ 42 Kxc2 Kxa2 and the b-file is Interstate 90.

7 MONSTERS OF THE MIDWAY

average team rating 1991		D 1	W13	L 4	D 8	W11	3.0
7a	BROWN Walter 2086 2114	W 1a	D13a	-	W 8a	W11a	3.5
7b	SCHROEDER Anthony 2079 2023	L 1c	W13b	L 4a	L 8b	L11b	1.0
7c	MUSGRAVE Chris 1982 1976	D 1d	W13c	L 4b	D 8c	W11c	3.0
7d	PLUHAR Jeff 1818 1818	-	-	LF	-	-	0.0
7e	SCHREMSER Todd 1889 1908	D 1e	W13d	W 4d	D 8d	W11d	4.0

8 ROCKY IV

average team rating 1965		L 3	L 1	W13	D 7	Wbye	2.5
8a	KAMEN Dan 2079 2072	D 3a	L 1a	W13a	L 7a	Wbye	2.5
8b	LORING Steve 1981 2049	L 3b	W 1b	W13b	W 7b	Wbye	4.0
8c	KIRBY Kenneth 1901 1905	L 3c	D 1c	D13c	D 7c	Wbye	2.5
8d	BAUMANN Herbert 1899 1878	L 3d	L 1d	W13d	D 7e	Wbye	2.5

9 PAWN TO INFINITY

average team rating 2004		WF	D 6	D 3	D 5	L 2	2.5
9a	BUNGO Gregory 2238 2224	WF	D 6a	L 3a	W 5a	L 2a	2.5
9b	SURAK Steve 2143 2134	WF	W 6b	L 3b	W 5b	L 2c	3.0
9c	SEFCHECK Mark 1922 1924	WF	D 6c	W 3c	L 5c	L 2d	2.5
9d	BARSTAD John 1714 1750	WF	L 6d	W 3d	L 5d	W 2e	3.0

10 TULEY PIRC CHESS CLUB

average team rating 1695		L 6	W12	W11	L 2	L 4	2.0
10a	KENNEDY Greg 2137 2133	L 6a	W12a	W11a	W 2a	L 4a	3.0
10b	FINEBERG Thomas 1678 1685	L 6b	W12c	D11b	L 2b	L 4b	1.5
10c	CLARK Lawrence 1605 1619	L 6c	W12d	W11c	L 2c	L 4c	2.0
10d	KNIGHT Jerry 1360 1382	L 6d	W12e	W11d	L 2d	L 4d	2.0

11 CHESSMEN AGAINST PAWNOGRAPHY

average team rating 1566		L 4	Wbye	L10	W12	L 7	2.0
11a	MURDUCK James 1602 1620	L 4a	Wbye	L10a	W12a	L 7a	2.0
11b	SPIEGEL Leonard 1650 1702	L 4b	Wbye	D10b	W12b	W 7b	3.5
11c	HENSLEY Harvey 1531 1527	L 4c	Wbye	L10c	W12d	L 7c	2.0
11d	GARINO Gerard - 1256	L 4d	Wbye	L10d	L12e	L 7e	1.0

12 FIGHTING ROYALTY

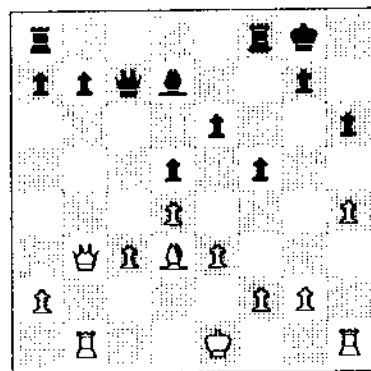
average team rating 1600		L 2	L10	Wbye	L11	D13	1.5
12a	SWANSON Victor 1769 1728	L 2a	L10a	Wbye	L11a	L13a	1.0
12b	MAYWORM Barry 1609 1631	-	-	Wbye	L11b	W13b	2.0
12c	WYNKOOP Walker 1523 1512	L 2b	L10b	-	-	-	0.0
12d	ZEMGULYS Joe 1499 1467	L 2c	L10c	Wbye	L11c	L13c	1.0
12e	BLAZIE Joseph - 1465	D 2d	L10d	Wbye	W11d	WF	3.5

13 ONE QUEEN AND THREE KNIGHTS IN BANGKOK

average team rating 1702		L 5	L 7	L 8	Wbye	D12	1.5
13a	SMYTHE Bill 1848 1855	L 5a	D 7a	L 8a	D13c	W12a	2.0
13b	GAPUZ Wilfredo 1837 1793	L 5b	L 7b	L 8b	Wbye	L12b	1.0
13c	SCHMUCKER Vivian 1771 1774	L 5c	L 7c	D 8c	D13a	W12d	2.0
13d	VEENEMAN Joel 1352 1402	L 5d	L 7e	L 8d	LF	LF	0.0



The following position also comes from the top pairing in round 1. Rhys Read, playing White against Chris Musgrave, draws boos and hisses from the audience by playing 18 0-0.



Much more crowd-pleasing would have been 18 Qxb7 Qxc3+ 19 Ke2 aRb8 20 Qxd7 Rb2+ 21 Rxb2 Qxb2+ 22 Kf3 and then perhapsf4. Come on, guys, you have a responsibility to your fans.

White: Job Damocles (2229)
United Nations

Black: Peter Felts (2320)
"We Don't Need No Stinkin' Badges"

Round 3. Annotated by the editor.

1	c4	g6
2	Nc3	c5
3	Nf3	Bg7
4	g3	Nc6
5	Bg2	e6
6	d3	gNe7
7	O-O	d5
8	Bd2	O-O
9	Qc1	b6
10	Bf4	d4
11	Nb5	a6
12	Nd6	Bd7
13	Ne4	

Now Black has gained some important tempi. If the Knight was heading for e4, it seems it should have gone there on move 11.

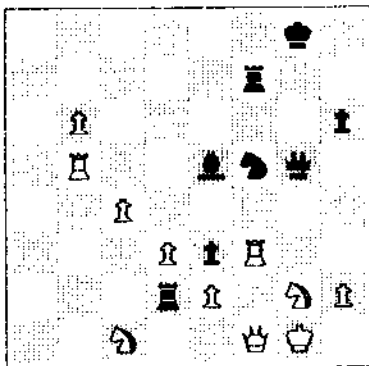
13	....	f5
14	eNd2	e5
15	Bg5	h6
16	Bxe7	Nxe7
17	Rb1	a5
18	a3	Bc6
19	b4	axb4
20	axb4	e4
21	Ne1	e3
22	fxe3	dxex3
23	Nb3	f4
24	gxf4	Bxg2
25	Nxg2	Nf5
26	bxex5	

26 Nxe3 drops a piece; for exampleBd4
27 Nxd4 Qxd4 28 Kf2 Re8. There are other Pawns loose, but Black is sacrificing them for an attack.

26	....	Ra2
27	Qd1	g5
28	cxex6	gxex4
29	Rxf4	Qg5
30	Qf1	Be5

Can Black's attack overcome White's three extra connected passed Pawns?

31	Rf3	Rf7
32	Nc1	Rd2
33	Rb5	



33	....	Nh4!!
34	Rxf7	Rd1!
35	Rf8+	Kg7
36	Rf7+	Kg6
37	Rf6+	Qxf6
38	Qxd1	Qf2+
39	O-O	

White: Chris Musgrave (1982)
Monsters of the Midway

Black: Cliff Wallach (2085)
Unchecked Frenzy

Round 3. Annotated by the editor.

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bc4	Nf6
4	Ng5	d5
5	exd5	Na5
6	Bb5+	c6
7	dxex6	bxex6
8	Be2	h6
9	Nf3	e4
10	Ne5	Bd6
11	f4	exf3
12	Nxf3	O-O
13	O-O	c5
14	b3	Re8
15	Bb2	Nc6
16	Na3	Nd4!?
17	Nxd4	cxex4
18	Bf3	

18 Bxd4 Bxh2+.

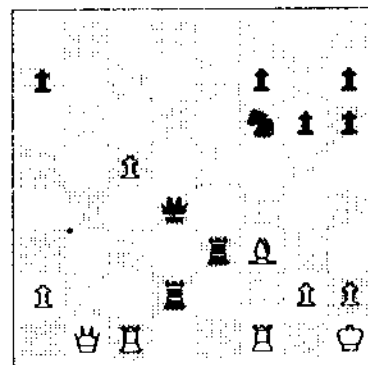
18	....	Rb8
19	Nc4	Bc5
20	Ba3	Bxa3
21	Nxa3	Ba6
22	Nc4?!	

Evidently White would rather have his Pawns doubled than worry about how to free his Knight.

22	....	Bxc4
23	bxex4	d3
24	cxex3	Qxd3
25	Rc1	Rb2
26	c5	Rxd2
27	Qb3	Qd4+
28	Kh1	Re3

Now THIS is audience chess. Which is more fearsome, White's protected passer or Black's heavy artillery?

29	Qb8+	Kh7
30	Qb1+	g6



31	c6	Ng4
32	Qb7?	

32 c7 was probably better. White should keep the Queen on the first rank for defense, and sac the Exchange at f2 in the event of a check.

32	....	Rxf3!
33	O-O	

33 gxex3 Rxf2 mate, or 33 Rxf3 Rd1+ 34 Rf1 Nf2+ 35 Kg1 Nh3+ 36 Kh1 Qg1+ 37 Rxf1 Nf2 mate (that old chestnut again).

White: Chris Musgrave (1982)
Monsters of the Midway

Black: Ken Kirby (1901)
Rocky IV

Round 4. Annotated by the editor.

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1 e4 g6
2 d4 Bg7
3 f4 d6
4 Nf3 Nd7
5 Bc4 c6
6 O-O e6
7 Bd2 d5
8 exd5 cxd5
9 Bb5 Nf6
10 Bb4

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Hum. Better do something about these buzzing bees....

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10 .... a6
11 Bxd7+ Bxd7
12 Ne5 b5
13 Nd2 Ng8

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Well, how else do I castle?

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14 Nb3 a5
15 Bxa5

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Might be better to hold on to the minor pieces and post one of them at c5.

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15 .... Rxa5
16 Nxa5 Bxe5?

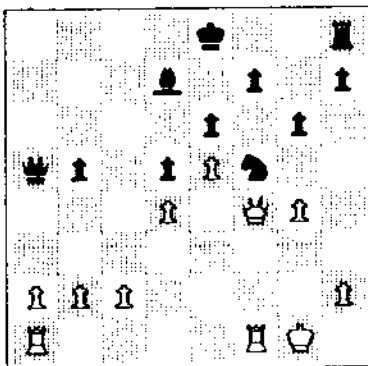
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Black trades his good Bishop just to hang on to his castling privilege. He need not fear 16...Qxa5 17 Nxd7 Kxd7; in fact, he should pray for it. Now he's busted on the f-file.

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17 fxe5 Qxa5
18 Qf3 Nh6
19 Qf4 Nf5
20 g4

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What valiant attempt will Black come up with here?

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20 .... g5?!
21 Qf2

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This is much better than grabbing the Pawn. There is still pressure on the f-file; for example 21...Nh6?? 22 Qf6.

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21 .... Ne7
22 Qxf7+ Kd8
23 Qg7 Rg8
24 Rf8+ Rxf8
25 Qxf8+ Be8
26 c3 b4
27 Qf3 Bg6
28 a3 b3
29 Qf8+ Kd7
30 Qb8 Qa6

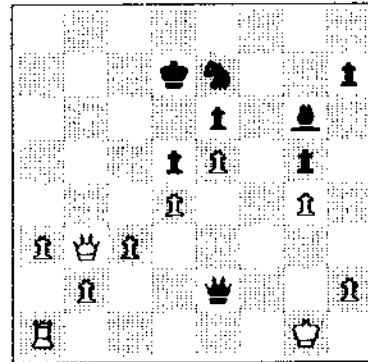
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Much better to let the b-Pawn go than the

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e-Pawn: 30...Qa4? 31 Qd6+.
31 Qxb3 Qe2

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Black thinks maybe he can get a little play of his own.

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32 Qb7+ Kd8
33 Qb6+ Kd7
34 Qd6+ Kc8
35 Qxe6+

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35 Qxe7 gives Black at least a perpet. White has no better anyway, but he might as well try a few things first.

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35 .... Kd8
36 Rf1 Qe3+
37 Rf2 Qe1+
38 Rf1 Draw

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38 Kg2?? Be4+ 39 Kg3 Qg1+ 40 Kh3 and Black has time to take the Rook without fear of a perpet.



White: Vivian Schmuicker (1771)
One Queen versus....

Black: Bill Smythe (1848)
....One Knight in Bangkok

Round 4. Annotated by Smythe.

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1 d4 b5

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Black normally prefers 1...c5 2 d5 b5, but White has a nasty habit of not cooperating at move 2.

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2 e4 Ba6

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Why not? White invariably plays a4 in this opening anyway, so the Bishop will become good or get traded off.

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3 c3 c5
4 Nf3 g6
5 a4 b4
6 Bxa6 Nxa6
7 dxc5 Nf6

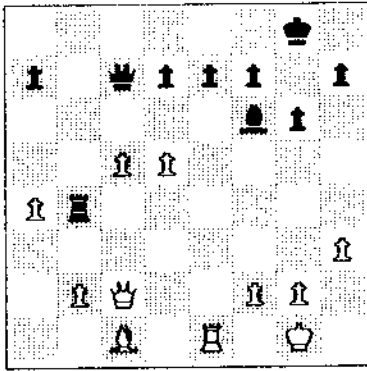
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Tempting was 7...Nxc5 8 Qd4 Ne6 9 Qxh8 Nf6.

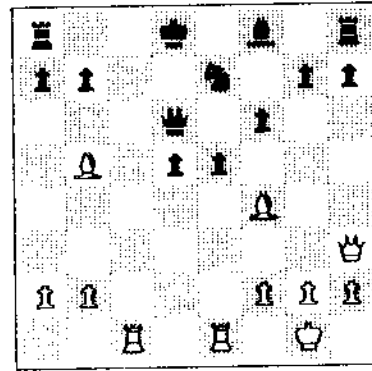
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8 cxb4 Nxb4
9 O-O Bg7
10 Re1 O-O
11 Ra3 Qc7
12 Nc3 Ng4
13 h3 Ne5
14 Nxe5 Bxe5
15 Nd5 Nxd5
16 exd5 aRb8
17 Qc2 Rb4
18 aRe3 Bf6
19 Re4 fRb8
20 Rxb4 Rxb4

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16 Bxb5+ Kd8
17 Qh3! Qd6



21 Rd1
21 d6 might have been a crusher. For example 21...exd6 22 Re8+ Kg7 Bh6+ Kxh6 23 Qd2+.

21 Qb8
22 Rd2 Bg4
23 Re2 Bxc1
24 Qxc1 Rxa4
25 Rxe7 Qd8
26 Qe1

26 d6 was much stronger. Now Black has a saving move:

26 Ra1
27 Qxa1 Qxe7
28 c6 dxc6
29 dxc6 Qc5
30 Qa6 Qc1+
31 Kh2 Qf4+
32 Kg1 Qc1+
33 Kh2 Qf4+
34 Kg1 Qc1+
35 Kh2 Qf4+
36 Draw

18 Rxe5!! d4
Taking is little better, as the Queen and King are both trapped: 18...fxe5 19 Bxe5!
19 Rd5! 1-0
19...Qxd5 20 Bc7 mate.



White: Rhys Read (1974)
"We Don't Need No Stinkin' Badges"

Black: Thomas Harris (2055)
The Hoosier King Demolition Service

Round 5. Annotated by Read.

1 d4 Nf6
2 c4 c5
3 d5 d6
4 Nc3 g6
5 e4 Bg7
6 Nf3 O-O
7 Be2 e6

I always like playing against this variation of the King's Indian. The d-Pawn is weak, and Black has little counterplay.

8 O-O Na6
9 h3 Re8
10 Be3 Nc7
11 Qd2 exd5
12 exd5 Bf5
13 fRe1 Rb8
14 a4

This stops Black's Queenside expansion, but leaves a lot of holes in White's Queenside. Black now tries to exploit these.

14 Na6
15 Bg5 Nb4
16 aRc1 a6?

Locking the Knight at b4 out of play for the rest of the game. Better isQa5 followed byNe4.

17 Nh4 Bd7
18 Bf1 Qc7
19 b3 b6
20 g4

To preventNh5 and allow Qf4 with pressure on d6 and f6.

20 Rxe1
21 Rxe1 Re8
22 Nf3 Qd8
23 Qf4?

White: Walter Brown (2086)
Monsters of the Midway

Black: James Murduck (1602)
Chessmen Against Pawnography

Round 4. Annotated by the editor.

1 e4 e6
2 d4 d5
3 e5 c5
4 c3 Nc6
5 Nf3 Ne7
6 Bd3 cxd4
7 cxd4 Bd7
8 O-O Qb6
9 Nc3 Nxd4

White is playing thematically here, sacking this Pawn for counterplay.

10 Nxd4 Qxd4
11 Nb5 Qxe5

Usually Black cannot get away with this second Pawn snatch. This game proves to be no exceptions:

12 Re1 Qb8
13 Qf3

Threatening 14 Bf4 winning the Queen [14...Qd8 15 Bc7 Qc8 16 Nd6+].

13 f6
14 Bf4 e5
15 aRc1 Bxb5

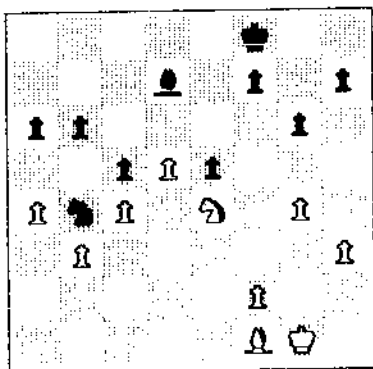
Black would have preferred 15...exf4 16 Nc7+ if he had seen what's coming!

23 Rxe8 Qxe8 24 Qf4 Qe7 25 Nd2 would have saved me a tempo or two.

23 Rxe1
24 Nxe1 Qe7
25 Nf3 Kf8?

25....Nc2 followed byNa1 orNd4 eventually would have brought the Knight back into play and put pressure on my weak b-Pawn.

26 Nd2 Qe5
27 cNe4 Nxe4
28 Nxe4 Qxf4
29 Bxf4 Be5
30 Bxe5 dxe5



31 a5!

This gives me two connected passed Pawns, and I should have a won game here.

31 bxa5
32 Nxc5 Bc8
33 Nd3 f6

33....e4 followed byf5 would have given Black more counterplay.

34 Nxb4 axb4
35 c5 Ke7
36 Bc4 f5
37 f3 Kd7
38 Kf2 Kc7
39 Ke3 Bd7?

The gift Pawn makes the win pretty easy.

40 Bxa6 h5
41 gxh5 gxh5
42 f4 e4
43 h4 Be8
44 Kd4 Bf7
45 Bc4 Bg6
46 Ke5 Be8
47 Kxf5 1-0

White: George Kvakovszky (1933)
Furdue "A"

Black: Rhys Read (1974)
"We Don't Need No Stinkin' Badges"

Round 4.

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	d5
4	cxd5	exd5
5	Bg5	c6
6	e3	Bf5
7	Bd3	Bxd3
8	Qxd3	Be7
9	Nf3	bNd7
10	O-O	O-O
11	aRb1	h6
12	Bf4	Nh5

White calls this game "a textbook example of how to play the Exchange variation of the QGD" and claims Black is probably already lost after this move. He suggests 12....a5 to slow down the minority attack.

13	b4	Nxf4
14	exf4	Re8
15	b5	Nf8
16	bxc6	bxc6
17	Ne5	Qc8
18	fRc1	Ne6
19	Nxd5	cxd5
20	Rxc8	aRxc8
21	f5	Nf4
22	Qf3	Bg5
23	h4	Rc3
24	Qg4	f6
25	hxg5	fxe5
26	gxh6	1-0

Two more games from the tournament appear in Lester VanMeter's article on the next page.

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VANMETER ANNOTATES....

by Lester VanMeter

I have always enjoyed team tournaments, and have often played extremely well at them. On several occasions I have copped the board prize. The recent Midwest Team Championship in Chicago was quite enjoyable, and history repeated itself. For the third time in a row I have won the Board 1 prize, and my team with a chance for first place has fizzled on Board 1 in the final round. Let's look at a key game of mine, and then an interesting ending. Clock times are shown in square brackets.

1	d4	[3:59]	Nf6	[3:59]
2	c4	[3:59]	e6	[3:59]
3	Nc3	[3:59]	c5	[3:59]

Surprisingly, no Nimzo-Indian Defense.

4	d5	[3:59]	exd5	[3:59]
5	cxd5	[3:59]	d6	[3:59]
6	Nf3	[4:00]	g6	[4:01]
7	Nd2	[4:00]		

This is the original idea of Nimzovitch when confronted by Marshall at New York, 1927.

7	a6!?	[4:01]
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The two most common continuations are 7....bNd7 and 7....Bg7. The former tries to take the sting out of White's upcoming Nc4 while the latter ignores White's plan in favor of going ahead with Black's own play. 7....a6 might be a bit dubious here because it takes that square away from the Bishop. An often played idea for Black is an eventualb6,Ba6, andBxc4 after White has played Nc4. That is now ruled out.

8	a4	[4:03]	Bg7	[4:02]
9	Nc4	[4:04]	O-O	[4:08]
10	Bf4	[4:05]		

In this variation White must choose between the text which attacks d6, and Bg5 which tries to provoke a weakness at h6 before the Bishop is played to f4. But once Black plays an earlya6, the Bg5 line is no longer effective because b5 is not available to the Knight at c3.

10	Ne8	[4:12]
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To gambit the d-Pawn in this setting is not very promising. At other times it can be very effective for Black.

11	e3?!	[4:05]
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Subtleties abound. Again this move is often good in similar positions, but is out of place here. White could get an edge by playing another typical idea, 11 Qd2 to control the c1-h6 diagonal.

11	b6	[4:14]
12	Be2?	[4:11]	

Instead of this I seriously considered 12 Qb3 aiming at b6. I rejected it because I thought my King might get into trouble in the center. In addition, I felt I didn't need to rush anything. However, while he was thinking I noticed that he could playg5. The question was, would he notice it. Naturally, he did.

12	g5!	[4:24]	
13	Bg3	[4:14]	f5	[4:24]

The whole scene has flipped. Black, no longer facing difficulties, now seems better.

14	Qd2	[4:14]	Bh6!?	[4:34]
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Forcing matters too soon. I am going to be forced to push to f4 before he does, but the key point is that I can now trade the dark-square Bishops. I was much more afraid of a slower build-up by him. In particular he could set up aRa8-a7-and-across maneuver.

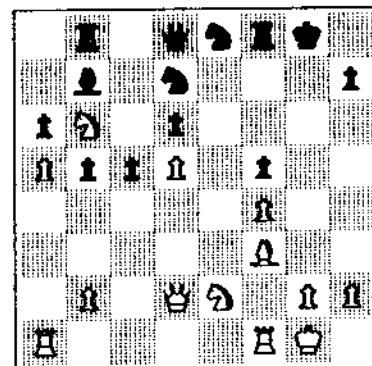
15	f4	[4:16]	gxf4	[4:35]
16	Bxf4	[4:16]	Bxf4	[4:35]
17	exf4	[4:16]	Nd7	[4:37]
18	O-O	[4:17]	dNf6	[4:47]
19	Bf3	[4:20]	Rb8	[4:49]
20	a5!?	[4:21]		

White's game is not to be envied. This attempt at blockade on the Queenside was borne out of concern for my d-Pawn. A Black build-up on it with three minors and a Queen cannot be prevented.

Our team needed to win this match. All four of our opponents were on move at this point, and all four seemed to stand better. Where would our wins come from? The best candidate for us seemed to be Board 3.

As for this game, 20 Ne2 might have been better.

20	....	b5	[4:51]	
21	Nb6	[4:21]	Bb7	[4:52]
22	Ne2	[4:25]	Nd7!	[4:56]



It was only illusory that the Knight at b6 was "canceling out" the Bishop at b7. I spent time trying to make the Pawn sac at b6 work. Nothing even remotely promising came to light, so for the good of the team I decided to bite the bullet and try to hold on.

23 Nxd7 [4:39] Qxd7 [4:56]
 24 b4 [4:39]

Although this commits White, it forces Black to make some concrete decisions. Does he push or trade? In either case he will have a protected passer. He takes an intermediate step before deciding:

24 Nf6 [4:56]
 25 aRc1 [4:41] aRc1 [4:59]
 26 Ng3 [4:43] cxb4 [5:12]

He rejectedc4 because my Knight could then head for e6 via e2 and d4.

27 Qxb4 [4:46] Rxc1 [5:13]
 28 Rxc1 [4:46] Bxd5 [5:18]

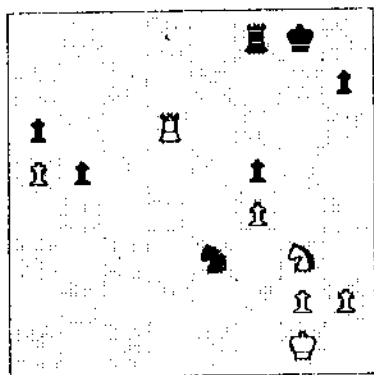
Cashing in, perhaps prematurely. In the match, Board 4 was looking decidedly worse for us, Board 2 was not looking winnable, and on 3 they were thinking of calling it a draw. In such a situation my opponent might have been thinking, draw this and we have first place. I was again frightened of his building up before cashing in.

29 Bxd5 [4:48] Nxd5 [5:18]
 30 Qd4 [4:49] Qe6 [5:23]

This had never entered my calculations. Why give back the Pawn? I was hoping for counterplay by attacking d6 and a6. It seemed to me that he could chooseNf6 orNc7, and I wasn't exactly thrilled at my prospects.

In view of the match situation, it should be noted that this forces a Queen trade. It is commonly thought that to trade Queens is to make positions more drawish -- another of those fables, like Knights before Bishops, which is often true but not always.

31 Rd1 [4:53] Qe3+ [5:29]
 32 Qxe3 [4:54] Nxe3 [5:29]
 33 Rxd6 [4:57]



34 Rxa6 [5:02] Rc8? [5:34]

The worm has turned yet again! Five moves ago I was looking at being a Pawn down, hoping for counterplay, and now I am a Pawn up.

I figured his 33rd might have been a drawing attempt, in place of the passive 33....Ra8. However, 33....Ra8 may have forced me to play for a draw as I had not yet solved 33....Ra8 34 Kf2 Nc4 35 Rd7 Nxa5, after which 36 Nh5, trying immediately for the Rook-Knight perpetual, could be answered by 36....Rc6. Or, on 36 Nxf5 the f-Pawn may not be quick enough to defeat the Black army, but 37 Nh6+ would set up another perpet [37....Kh8 38 Nf7+ Kg8 39 Nh6+ etc, as 39....Kf8? 40 Kxb7 would be too dangerous].

34 Ng4 [5:45]

I could feel the thread of the game slipping away from him, and his getting into time trouble was not going to help. 34....Rc2 immediately, trying for the perpet 35....Rng2+ 36 Kh1 Rc2 37 Kg1 etc, is to be considered here. [Editor's note: Why couldn't White play 37 h3 instead?] The text's mate threat helps me get my King out of the corner and hangs his f-Pawn.

35 Kf1 [5:04] Rc2 [5:47]
 36 Nxf5 [5:05]

Not simply grabbing a Pawn, but also guarding e3 to prevent perpetual ideas. In addition I have taken precautions against 36....Rf2+ 37 Ke1 Rxf4 which is what I now thought he was playing for. My threat is 37 Ra8+ and 38 Nd6+ picking up the b-Pawn.

36 Nxf2+ [5:52]

He offered a draw here, but there could be no question of acceptance. Board 3 had agreed to a draw and Board 4 was losing, so we needed a win here. Fortunately I was now dealing from a position of strength. The only question was, which ending would it be?

By playing 37 Kg1 Ng4 38 Nh6+ Nxf6 39 Rxf6 I would get Rook and 3 Pawns vs Rook and 2. But I also have the option of keeping the Knights on. To do that I need to give back a Pawn or two, but my a-Pawn is going to cost him something. The Knight at h2 will have a hard time getting back, so it will probably be his Rook that goes.

I liked the idea of being a Rook ahead, and that is what I was contemplating for the next twelve minutes. I couldn't find a good defense for him.

37 Ke1 [5:17] Rxf2 [5:57]

My last also had a secondary threat, 38 Ne3 trapping his Knight.

38 Ra8+ [5:18] Kf7 [5:57]
 39 Nd6+ [5:18] Ke6 [5:57]
 40 Nxb5 [5:19] Nf3+ [5:58]
 41 Kd1 [5:23]

Avoiding 41 Kf1? which allows the standard Rook-Knight perpet afterRc2. The game ends abruptly as he panics, no doubt due to the time pressure. His last hope had been to get his h-Pawn rolling, and to try to get my Knight for it. But even that would fall short as long as I play Rh8 at the right moment.

41 Rb2 [5:58]
 42 Rb8 [5:23] Ra2 [5:58]
 43 a6! [5:24] Nd4 [5:58]
 44 Nxd4+ [5:26] 1-0

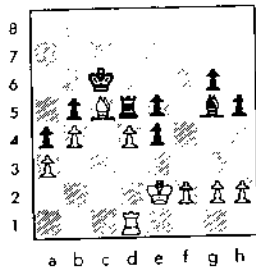
His 43rd was a good try to indirectly trade his Knight for the a-Pawn, but he realizes too late thatKd5 does not change the trick of the Knight fork at c7 after Nb5. Thus, my a-Pawn does super work and gets both Rook and Knight! Naturally enough he resigns here. Certainly a hard-fought and instructive encounter.

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This position is from our round 3 match. At this point our team was trailing 2-0, so again only a victory would do. My last move was 39....g6, removing my last Pawn from dark squares. White had earlier erred by allowing his Queenside Pawns to be blocked on dark squares. Ever since, I had been trying to figure out how I could trade Rooks and get a pure Bishop ending where I would hold the advantage. White should avoid that and strive for a Rook ending.



My problem is soon solved, because White now decides to offer the trade of Rooks! It costs me a Pawn, but it is well worth it:

40 dxe5 Rxd1

Naturally my 39th prevented me from 41....Rxe5 42 Rd6+ etc.

41 Kxd1 Kd5
42 Bd6

White's extra Pawn isn't dangerous, and to hold it simply ties down his Bishop. Meanwhile his King is tied down to keeping the Bishop off the a-Pawn. Black has a great advantage, as his Bishop is mobile and there are targets at a3 and f2.

42 Be8!
43 Kc2 g5!

If I have given the impression that this ending will be easily won, then it is time to take a closer look. Black cannot force his way to the a-Pawn; he must go after the f-Pawn, and the way to do that is from b6. This explains Black's 42nd.

44 Kc3

Dealing with the Kingside Pawns is more important.

44 g4
45 h3?

A definite error. Now I can make progress in the Bishop ending without needing to calculate possible Queen endings.

45 gxh3
46 gxh3 Bg5

I wished to force his King back before playingBh4.

47 Kc2 Bh4
48 Bc5 Kxe5

Back to material equality, and I still hope to take advantage of the targets that are left. That will come after I invade with my King. Before I start that, I take care of a small matter: locking out the White King:

49 Kc3 Kd5
50 Be3 Bf6+

Time control, and the win is in sight. At move 52, Bc5 might be more tenacious.

51 Kc2 Kc4
52 Bf4 Bd4

This completes the shutting out of the King. 53 Be3 leads to a simple King and Pawn ending.

53 Bg3 Kd5
54 Bh4 Ke5
55 Bg3+ Kf5
56 Kbl Kg5

His choice was to allow me access to f3. The result is always the same: the f-Pawn falls.

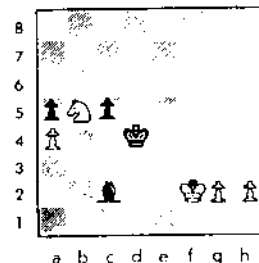
57 Kc2 h4
58 Bd6 Bxf2
59 Bc5 Bg3

It was possible to playBxc5, but I had already planned the thematic ending.

60 Kd2 Bf4+
61 Ke2 Kf5
62 Be7 Bg5
63 Bc5 Bc1
64 0-1



One final key point for our team came in round 2, Board 2. With the match tied at 1.5 we could certainly use a victory. Teammate James Mills had been losing, trying valiantly to hold. This had gotten him into time trouble, but his opponent had weakened. Now Mills even had a chance for victory: 1....Kd3! 2 Nd6 Bxa4 3 Nb7 c4 4 Nxa5 c3. However, he played 1....Kc4? and after 2 Na3+ Kd3 3 Nxc2 Kxc2 he still had to struggle to hold the draw, which he finally did.



SOLUTIONS TO POSTAL PUZZLES ON FRONT COVER

TOP LEFT (Fawbush-Peterson, 84-1):
1 Qg5 and White threatens 2 Rxh5+ Kg8 3 Rh8+ etc. There is no defense; for example 1....Nxf6 2 Nxf6+ Kg7 3 Nxf5+ K-any 4 Nf6+ followed by 5 Rh7 mate. Therefore 1....1-0.

TOP RIGHT (Bethal-Stotler, 84-2):
1 Qxg7 Qxg7 (or 1....Qe8 or 1....Qg8) 2 Nxe6+ leaves White two Pawns up.

BOTTOM LEFT (Sandford-Walhout, 83-5):
1 Oh4 wins the Exchange: 1....e4 2 Bxd6.

Our thanks to Tim Just for submitting these positions.

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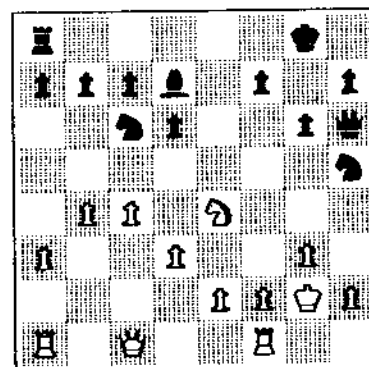
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Erik Ronneberg	3
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Kim Pindak	3
Ethelbert Gazmen	3
B: L.O. Paroan	8
Jeffery Britt	4
C: Glenn Panner	6
Brenda Lawrence	3
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White: Bruce Kreisman (1754).
Black: Tom Mayka (2069).
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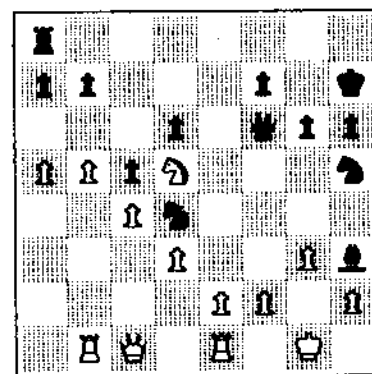
1	Nf3	Nf6
2	g3	g6
3	b4	
Well, at least it keeps things interesting.		
3	Bg7
4	Bb2	O-O
5	Bg2	d6
6	O-O	e5
7	d3	Nc6
8	a3	Bd7
9	bNd2	Nh5
10	c4	e4
Oops. Oh well, two pieces for a Rook isn't that bad (maybe).		
11	Bxg7	exf3
12	Bxf8	fxg2
13	Kxg2	Qxf8
14	Ne4	Qh6
15	Qc1	



15 Bh3+!
16 Kg1
Aw, come on. The audience wants blood: 16 Kxh3 Nf4+ 17 Kg4 f5+ 18 Kf6 Nd4+ 19 Ke3 fNxe2+. In fact, Black would be booed if he went thusly for the Queen instead of the King.

16 Qg7
Black cannot win the Exchanges: 16....Bxf1?? 17 Qxh6 or 16....Qxc1 fRxc1.

17	Re1	h6
18	Nc3	Nd4
19	Rb1	c6
20	b5	c5
21	a4	Kh7
22	a5	Qf6
23	Nd5	



23 Nxe2+!
24 Rxe2 Qf3
25 Ne3 Qxe2
25....Re8, threatening 26....Rxe3, doesn't quite work because of 26 Qe1 Rxe3 27 fxe3. Another tempting idea is 25....f5, but complicating in a winning position is asking for trouble.

26	Qc3	Re8
27	Re1	Qf3
28	Qd2	f5
29	Qd1	Rxe3!
30	O-1	

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	pre	post					
1 CHOW Albert	2431	2436	W14	W 9	W 7	3	
2 PELTS Peter	2307	2317	W27	W10	W 6	3	
3 BROCK William	2088	2103	W29	W12	D 4	2.5	
4 GARDNER Bruce	2255	2255	W24	W19	D 3	2.5	
5 INUMERABLE Floren	2196	2197	W17	D16	W 8	2.5	
6 SURAK Steve	2105	2108	W21	W13	L 2	2	
7 SANDRIN Angelo	2207	2210	W30	W11	L 1	2	
8 MAYKA Tom	2069	2064	W28	W26	L 5	2	
9 SMITH Charles	2012	2035	W15	L 1	W21	2	
10 BERNAL Luis	1967	1979	W20	L 2	W16	2	
11 RONNEBERG Erik	2029	2027	W18	L 7	W20	2	
12 PINDAK Kim	1822	1827	W25	L 3	W22	2	
13 SMYTHE Bill	1891	1897	W22	L 6	W23	2	
14 GAZMEN Ethelbert	1820	1834	L 1	W28	W25	2	
15 PARADAN L O	1655	1719	L 9	W27	W19	2	
16 BAUMANN Herbert	1878	1880	W31	D 5	L10	1.5	
17 BRITT Jeffery	1753	1747	L 5	D18	W26	1.5	
18 PANNER Glenn	1651	1677	L11	D17	W27	1.5	
19 READ Rhys	1984	1971	W23	L 4	L15	1	
20 POPE Raymond	1638	1652	L10	W24	L11	1	
21 MC CARTHY Jim	1762	1757	L 6	W31	L 9	1	
22 DONOVAN John	-	1670	L13	W29	L12	1	
23 MAYWORM Barry	1631	1645	L19	W30	L13	1	
24 DOBRZYNSKI Witold	1767	1748	L 4	L20	W31	1	
25 CHENOWETH Bruce	1325	1322	L12	Wbye	L14	1	
26 BALES Robert	1200	1198	Wbye	L 8	L17	1	
27 ALLISON Roger	1851	1818	L 2	L15	L18	0	
28 KREISHAN Bruce	1754	1736	L 8	L14	-	0	
29 GRUENBERG Fred	1695	1675	L 3	L22	-	0	
30 GAUDRY William	1819	1792	L 7	L23	-	0	
31 LAWRENCE Brenda	1460	1448	L16	L21	L24	0	

White: Steve Surak (2105).
 Black: Bill Smythe (1891).
 Round 2.

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1  Nf3      Nf6
2  c4       c5
3  Nc3     Nc6
4  e3      d6
5  d4      cxd4
6  exd4    Bf5
7  Bd3     Bxd3
8  Qxd3    Nb4
9  Qe2     g6
10 O-O     Bg7
11 Re1    O-O?!
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This gives up the e-Pawn, but not immediately because of the fork at c2.

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12 a3      Nc6
13 d5      Ne5
14 Nxe5    dxe5
15 Be3
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Pure bluff. White could easily have taken the e-Pawn.

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15 ....    Qc8
16 b4      Ng4
17 Bd2     f5
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What to do with a crippled center? Push it!

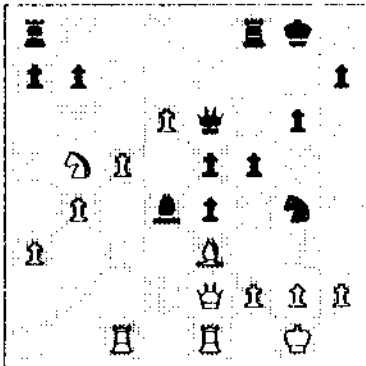
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18 c5      e4
19 aRc1    Bd4
20 Be3     e5
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Let's make this double-edged, at least.

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21 d6      Qe6
22 Nb5
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Simply 22....Bxe3 is called for, but not as much fun.

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23 Bxd4    exd4
24 Nxd4
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You're no fun at all. At least give the fans their money's worth with 24 Nc7.

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24 ....    Qf6
25 Qxg4    Qxd4
26 Qe6+   Kg7
27 Qxe4    Qb2
28 Qe5+   Qxe5
29 Rxe5    a5
30 b5     Kf6
31 Re7    b6
```

If I open enough files, maybe I can back-rank him.

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32 c6      fRd8
33 Rxh7    Rxd6
34 Rb7     aRd8
35 Kf1
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Darn. This guy sees everything.

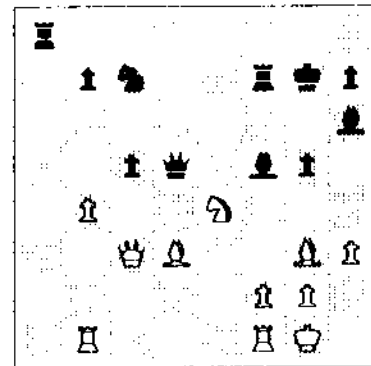
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35 ....    f3
36 gxf3    Kf5
37 c7     1-0
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White: Florentino Inumerable (2196).
 Black: Tom Mayka (2069).
 Round 3.

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1  d4       Nf6
2  c4       g6
3  Nc3     Bg7
4  e4      d6
5  Nf3     O-O
6  Be2     e5
7  d5      bNd7
8  Be3     Ng4
9  Bg5     f6
10 Bh4    Nh6
11 Qd2    Nf7
12 h3     a5
13 O-O    Bh6
14 Qc2    Nc5
15 b3     Kg7
16 a3     Qe8
17 b4     Na6
18 aRb1   axb4
19 axb4   f5
20 exf5   Bxf5
21 Ne4    g5
22 Bg3    c5
23 dxc6   Qxc6
24 Bd3    Nc7
25 c5!    dxc5
26 Nxe5   Qd5
27 Nxf7   Rx47
28 Qc3+
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28....Kf8 might be worth a try, especially if it leads to such crowd-pleasing continuations as 29 Rd6+ Ke8 30 Qh8+ Kd7 31 Nf6+ Kxd6 32 Qxa8 Nxa8 33 Nxd5 Bxd3.

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28 ....    Kg8??
29 Nf6+   Rxf6
30 Bc4     Bxb1
31 Bxc7    Ba2
32 Bxd5+  Bxd5
33 Qxf6    Bg7
34 Qxg5    Bc4
35 Ba5     1-0
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White: Glenn Panner (1651).
 Black: Roger Allison (1851).
 Round 3.

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1  d4       Nf6
2  c4       e6
3  Nc3     Bb4
4  Qc2     d5
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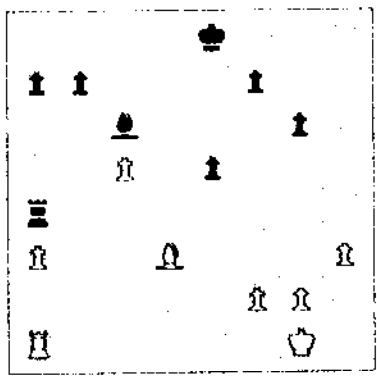
5	Bg5	c5
6	a3	Qa5
7	Bxf6	Bxc3+
8	bxc3	gxf6
9	e3	cxd5
10	exd5	dxg4
11	Bxc4	Qg5
12	Bf1	Bd7
13	Nf3	Qg6
14	Oxg6	hxg6

Black likes to fly his Pawns in T-formation.

15	Rb1	Bc6
16	Be2	Nd7
17	c4	Nb6
18	O-O	Rd8
19	fRd1	Rh5
20	Rd2	Ra5

These Rooks really seem to get around.

21	Ra1	Ra4
22	c5	Nc4
23	Rd3	e5
24	dxg5	Rxd3
25	Bxd3	Nxe5
26	Nxe5	fxe5
27	h3	



27	....	e5
28	Be2	f5
29	f3	exf3
30	Bxf3	Bxf3
31	gxf3	Rc4
32	Rb1	

Black can win the Pawn anytime with ...Ra5, but if he doesn't do it pretty soon White might beat him to the counterplay with Rb1 intending Bb5.

Obviously, Black would have been better off with the Bishops still on the board.

32	....	Rxc5
33	Rxb7	Ra5
34	Rg7	Ra6
35	Kg2	Kf8
36	Rb7	Rxa3
37	Rc7	1-0

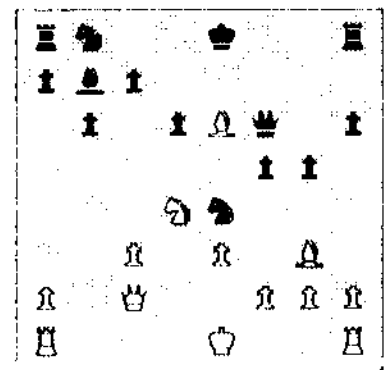
At this point Black picked up his Rook and his flag fell. White should be able to draw the position simply by leaving his King and Pawns where they are and sliding his Rook up and down the a-file behind the advancing Pawn. Black can get to a2 but no farther.



The following is the kind of game that keeps us A players in constant awe of senior masters. Except for 1 and 2 supplied by the winner, the game was received without notes. If you were lucky, you were in the skittles room during the two-hour post-mortem. We weren't, but we'll do the best we can.

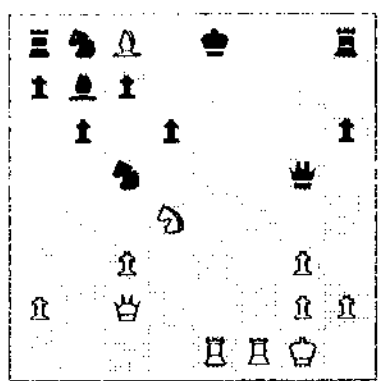
White: Al Chow (2431).
Black: Angela Sandrin (2207).
Round 5.

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	Nf3	b6
5	Bg5	h6
6	Bh4	Bb7
7	e3	g5
8	Bg3	Ne4
9	Qc2	Bxc3+
10	bxc3	d6
11	Bd3	f5
12	d5!	exd5?!
13	Nd4	dxg4?
14	Bxc4	Qf6
15	Be6!	



Evidently 15...c5 is met by 16 Nb5, or possibly even 16 Nxf5.

16	exf4	gxf4
17	O-O	fxg3
18	fxg3	Qg5
19	aKe1!	Nc5?
20	Bc8+	



20....Kd8 is even worse: 21 Bxb7 and if 21....Nxb7 then 22 Ne6+.

The Queen's not going anywhere anyway.

21	....	Nxb7
22	Rxe5	dxg5
23	Qg6+	Kd8
24	Qf6+	Kd7
25	Qe6+	Kd8
26	Rf7	Re8
27	Nc6+	1-0

A typical Chow tactical finish.

ASK MIROSEG

by David Sprenkle

I thought that Miroseg Zog, ex-Albanian team analyst and father of the "ZCO" opening series, had passed from my life forever. But late one night the phone rang. It was Zog, and he had been sipping a bit too much of the old plum brandy.

"Dave, my comradinsky," he sobbed. "My life is miserable. I can no concentrate on chess no more. Ivanov always beat me, so no chicken point for Miroseg. Poor Miroseg. U.S. team already have team analyst. No student want to pay to learn chess good from Miroseg. Nobody want simal from Miroseg. Government no pay Miroseg to be chess legend. And girls no like when Miroseg ask if they want to mate."

"Oh, Miro-baby," I blurted out. "Chess isn't king in America like it is in Albania. And you need a better line if you want to pick up girls. I bet you still wear that black and white checked necktie. That's a real turn-off."

Miroseg started to blubber and threatened to do something drastic. I begged him not to, but there was no reasoning with the anguished Albanian.

"Dave, I make decision. I can no go on with life like this."

"No, wait! There must be another way."

"You no can stop me Dave! I'm going to do it now. I'm going to give up chess and get real job. I'm going to chiropractor school and make big...."

I hung up.

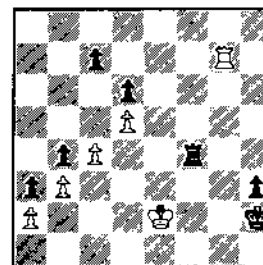
A couple weeks later Miroseg came down to visit. He sported a big grin on his face, and a big lady on his arm. "I go to Shoblinsk Spinal School now Dave, and learn to be big-shot doctor. Sophie secretary there."

"Oh, isn't his accent adorable?" Sophie squealed. "And he's a Count too! I'm a sucker for a title."

Miroseg winked. I'll give him credit for being a quick learner.

Miroseg did stick around long enough to see some of the action at the Paul Keres Memorial Tornado. The game between Larry Spelts and Ron Torregrossa particularly interested him.

Torregrossa



Spelts

We agreed that Black couldn't win because he couldn't work his Rook to the 8th rank to playRg1 and free his King. Ron went into a deep think and then played 1....Rxc4. The spectators gasped. Miroseg chuckled. I grabbed his arm and dragged him to an empty board.

"Is funny," he said. "It seem Black can only draw or win. But now he lose."

"We'll just check that out if it's all the same to you," I said. He just shrugged as I set up the position.

"White must take of course," Miroseg said as he played 2 bxc4, "and Black idea is 2....b3. Now you see?"

"I see White loses after 3 axb3 a2. But maybe he draws after 3 Rf7 b2 4 Rf1 Kg2 5 Rf2+ Kg3 6 Rf3+ Kg4 7 Rf1....?"

Miroseg shook his head. "Herring-brain! Must everything I spell out? Play 3 Kf2! Then 3....b2 [or 3....bxa2 or 3....Kh1, no matter] 4 Rg1, and what Black in?"

I wasn't slow on the uptake. "Hey, all Black's moves stink. He's in Zugzwang, and he's going to lose. Let's see how the game is going."

I raced back to the game in time to see Larry shake Ron's hand. Larry had played 2 Kd2 and had to resign a few moves later. Ron looked happy.

"Hey Ron. You should have lost! Look what we found!"

I heard Miroseg mumble "we?" but I ignored him. Ron was frowning. But we soon convinced him.

"You see, Miroseg? You've still got your wonderful analytical powers," I told him later. "Let me revive your column in the ICB. The chessplayers of Illinois need you."

Miroseg blushed. "Is OK, but I still learn to be doctor. I only chess legend in spare time."

So we struck a deal. Write to the Animal of the Adriatic at:

Ask Miroseg, c/o
David Sprenkle
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Urbana IL 61801

OTHER GAMES....

There is nothing so dangerous as an opponent who is merely trying to have fun, as White almost finds out the hard way in the following game from a tornado in Hammond, Indiana.

White: Richard Verber (2350)
Black: Fred Gruenberg (1711)

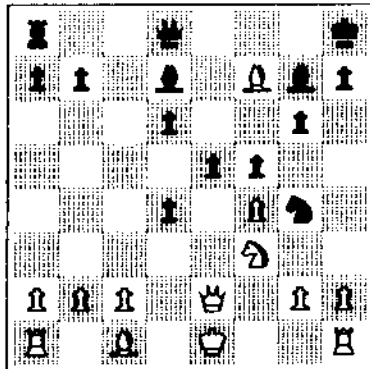
1	e4	d6
2	d4	Nf6
3	Nc3	g6
4	f4	Bg7
5	Nf3	O-O
6	Bd3	bNd7
7	e5	Ng4
8	Qe2	c5
9	e6	cxd4??!

So what if it drops a piece -- let's have some fun!

10	exd7	Bxd7
11	Ne4	f5
12	eNg5	e5?!

While we're at it, let's throw in the Exchange as well.

13	Bc4+	Kh1
14	Nf7+	Rxf7
15	Bxf7	



15	....	exf4!
16	O-O	

16 Bxf4 might be a little uncomfortable:
16....Qf6 17 Qc4 (not 17 Bd5?? Re8) Qe7+
18 Kf1 Ne3+ etc.

16	....	Qf6
17	Bd5	Re8
18	Qd3	Ne3

Yikes!! Surely Black doesn't have compensation for a full Rook!

19	Bxe3	fxe3
20	fRe1	a6
21	aRd1	Bb5
22	Bc4	Bc6
23	Nxd4	Qg5
24	Nxc6	bxc6
25	Qxd6	

This seems just a bit grabby.

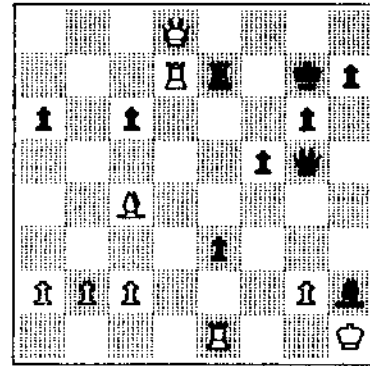
25	....	Be5
26	Qd7	

At this point Black is only a Rook down. This will never do, so....

26	....	Bxh2+!
27	Kh1	

Considering the rating difference and the extra Rook, White doesn't want a draw by repetition.

27	....	Re7
28	Qd8+	Kg7
29	Rd7	



29	....	Bd6!
30	Rxe7+	Bxe7
31	Qd4+	Bf6
32	Qa7+	1-0

Not 32 Qxe3?? Qh4+ winning the house. Black resigns, as after 32...Kh6 33 Qxe3 the fun is over, or 32...Kh8 33 Qb8+ followed by 34 Qh2 ditto, although in the latter line Black might hope for 33...Kg7 34 Qg8+? which could get White's Queen out of play. In fact, at various points Black had been eyeing a King march to g3 to aid in the mate.

White: Al Chow (2421)
Black: Bill Colias (2359)

Annotated by Chow.

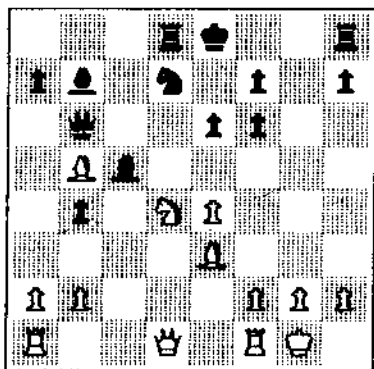
Recently one of my students asked me, "Is it a good idea to castle?" When I answered "Yes" he said, "But why? There are other things I want to do first."

The center of the board is an important battle zone. When enemy pieces meet in combat there, the position can suddenly explode. When that happens, the King must have safe shelter!

1	d4	d5
2	c4	c6
3	Nf3	Nf6
4	Nc3	e6
5	e3	bNd7
6	Bd3	dxc4
7	Bxc4	b5
8	Bd3	Bb7
9	O-O	b4
10	Ne4	c5?
11	Nxf6	gxf6
12	e4	cxd4
13	Nxd4	Bc5
14	Be3	Qb6?
15	Bb5	Rd8?

(continued)

(CHOW-COLIAS, continued)



- 16 Nxe6!! fxe6
- 17 Bxd7+ Ke7!
- 18 Bxc5 Qxc5
- 19 Qg4! Kxd7
- 20 Qg7+ Qe7
- 21 fRd1+ Bd5
- 22 Qg3 hRg8
- 23 Qf3 Ke8
- 24 exd5 e5
- 25 aRc1 Rg5
- 26 h4 e4
- 27 Qb3 Rg4
- 28 d6 Qf7
- 29 d7+ Kf8
- 30 Rc8 Qxb3
- 31 Rxd8+ Ke7
- 32 Rxb8+ Kf7
- 33 axb3 1-0

Tournaments expected to be on the Tour are the following:

- April: Greater Peoria Open
- June: Master Challenge
- July: Greater Chicago Open
- August: Tim Just Open/Reserve
- September: Illinois Open
- September: Lake County Open
- November: Illinois Class

Also, several Officers' Tornadoes will be held during the year.

RULES FOR THE 1986 ILLINOIS TOUR

1. ICA membership is required of Illinois residents to play in a Tour tournament. Players from other states may play without joining ICA if they belong to their own state organizations. They do not, however, accumulate points unless they join ICA.
2. You must play in three Tour tournaments during the year to win a prize.
3. You can win only one class prize. You may win a class prize AND a championship prize. If you qualify for two class prizes, you are awarded the prize that pays more.
4. Points are divided if there is a tie. Example: If there is a 3-way tie for 1st in class A, the points for 1st and 2nd are added and divided 3 ways.

Special rule for playing out of your class: Playing out of your class is defined as playing in a class tournament or split-section tournament in a section higher than your published rating. For example, a B player is playing out of his class if he plays in the A section of a class tournament, or in the upper section of a 2-section tournament where the lower section rating limit is 1799. Any Tour points earned by a player playing out of his class will count only in the higher class. Any points previously earned in the lower class will be carried up ONLY if the player earns Tour points in the current tournament.

LEAGUE PLAYOFF RESULTS

reported by Wayne Palmquist

The Illinois Chess League held its Reserve Section playoffs on January 12 at Freedom Hall in Park Forest. The Chicago Bears were playing the Los Angeles Rams during round 2 and several televisions were on in the skittles room with players jumping up and down on both battlefields. Several players wanted to know why the leagues in both sports would schedule their playoffs at the same time. Who would have thought the Bears would have made it that far when the room was reserved 4 months ago? History was not on the Bears' side!

With the exception of the Lithuanian club which was prevented from playing because of several 11th-hour complications, the matches went smoothly and the atmosphere was pleasant. What better way to spend a Sunday than with sacs, sacks, forks, and interceptions?

1	Park Forest A	-	1/2	1	1F	2.5	\$75
2	Baker House Irregulars (St Charles)	1/2	-	1/2	1F	2.0	\$25
3	Doctor's Pawns (Oak Park)	0	1/2	-	1F	1.5	
4	Lithuanian	OF	OF	OF	-	0.0	

PARK FOREST A	-----	BAKER HOUSE
Palmquist 2024	1/2-1/2	Wiewel 2090
Wien 2013	0-1	Splinter 1992
Middleton 1947	0-1	Gensler 1960
Moose 1913	1-0	Henry 1832
Virijevich 1792	1-0	Barstad 1751
Stapay 1669	1/2-1/2	Barstad 1728
TOTAL	3.0-3.0	

BAKER HOUSE	-----	DOCTOR'S PAWNS
Wiewel 2090	1/2-1/2	Surak 2120
Splinter 1992	0-1	McNamara 1855
Gensler 1960	1-0	Buttany 1829
Henry 1832	1-0	Sefcheck 1807
Barstad 1751	1/2-1/2	Forbis 1763
Barstad 1728	0-1	Ryan 1716
TOTAL	3.0-3.0	

DOCTOR'S PAWNS	-----	PARK FOREST A
Surak 2120	0-1	Palmquist 2024
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Ryan 1716	0-1	Stapay 1669
TOTAL	1.5-4.5	

40TH CLC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

by Tim Just and Kevin Bachler

After a two year layoff, Master Kevin Bachler returned to win the Central Lake County/College of Lake County Chess Club Championship with a score of 4½-½. By winning this year's event, Bachler appears to have become only the second player in the club's 39 year history to have won the event four times. Bachler also holds the record for the only perfect score in a club championship by scoring 9-0 in 1980, and also tied the record for consecutive club championships by winning his third in 1982.

This year's tournament was a swiss-system event, continuing the club's trend away from a round robin club championship over the past few years. Twenty players participated in this year's tournament. While this is down from the 30 player events held three to seven years ago, it is a considerable improvement over the thirteen player event the club held last year.

Other prizewinners were:

Class A: Ed Vonesh
 Class B: Wallace Norin
 Class C: Bill Parker
 Class D/E: Dale Henderson
 Biggest Upset: Richard Keyes
 Clock Door Prize: Mike Dennis

Here is Bachler's last round draw against expert Cliff Wallach. A win by Wallach would have tied him for first, while Bachler needed only a draw.

C. Wallach-Bachler, Central Lake County Chess Club Championship, Round 5, Board 1, King's Indian Defense:

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1 c4 Nf6
2 Nc3 g6
3 e4 d6
4 d4 Bg7
5 Be2 O0
6 Nf3 Nbd7
7 O0 e5
8 Be3 Ng4
  
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Not best. The useful waiting move 8...a5 is better. Why? Because if White plays d5, closing the center, then on the move sequence ...Ng4; Bg5 f6; Bh4 Black will want to play h5. But the move h5 is too loosening without the center closed, so it is a good idea to wait and see if White will close the center. In addition, the move ...a5 allows Black to put a Knight on c5, either after White closes the center, or after an eventual exd4.

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9 Bg5 f6
10 Bh4 Nh6
11 Qc2 Nf7
12 Rfd1 ....
  
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This is the wrong Rook. Better is 12 Rad1 leaving the King Rook to defend the k-side!

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12 .... a5
13 dxe5 Nfxe5
14 Nxe5 Nxe5
15 f4 Nc6
  
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White has a big center, but Black has flanking blows against the center and k-side. White should consolidate his center and build-up with his pieces. One idea is to bring the Bishops to g3 and f3, and the

Rooks to e1 and d1, or peraps doubled on the d-file. White however, goes for a direct knockout, but his center isn't ready for that. Notice also, the first move of this direct approach allows Black to work quickly on dismantling White's center.

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16 c5?! g5!
17 Bf2 gxf4
  
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Black's last move is not intended to win a pawn. It is just a move to weaken White's center.

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18 cxd6 cxd6
19 Nd5 f5
20 Nxf4 fxe4
21 Bc4+ Kh8
  
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For his lack of development, Black has pawn. White has lost his center, but certainly feels that he has achieved open lines for his pieces. But now White regains his pawn, and Black uses these open lines to develop.

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22 Qxe4 Qf6
23 Bg3
  
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White intends to eye the d-pawn, but this move leaves d4 weak.

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23 .... Bf5
24 Qd5 Qxb2
25 Racl
  
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Not 25 Qxd6? Qb6+ 26 Kh1 Bxal 27 Rxa1 Qd4.

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25 .... Bd4+?
  
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Black hallucinates-and thinks he sees a combination that nets an exchange. Instead, Wallach pointed out that Rae8 with the simple threat of Be4 seems to leave Black much better.

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26 Kh1 Be3
27 Ral Bg4
  
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Black had thought this won an exchange, since 28 Rf1 Bxf4 wins a piece-29 Bxf4 Rxf4. He had completely overlooked White's simple-and forced-reply:

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28 Rab1 Qg7
29 Ne6 Bxe6
30 Qxe6 Rae8
31 Qh3 Bf4
32 Rb3 Re4
  
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Both players are now in severe time pressure, with under two minutes to reach move 40.

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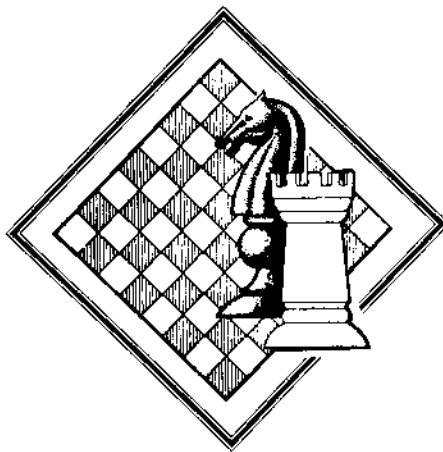
33 Bd3 Rd4
34 Bel Be5
35 Rdbl Nb4?!
  
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35...Rdf4 offered better chances: 36 Bd2 R4f6 and now not 37 Rxb7? Qxb7 38 Rxb7 Rf1+ leads to mate. But Black would still find it hard to negotiate more than a draw.

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36 Bxb4 axb4
37 a3 Rff4
38 Qc8+ Rf8
39 Qh3
  
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With 11 seconds left on his clock, White offered a draw. Black had about 30 seconds left and searched the position to see if any reasonable winning try could be found, but finally accepted the draw offer with 1 second on his clock. This was an exciting game with an exciting finish.



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TOURNAMENT NOTES....

We have just assigned the 1985 Region VII Postal Championship, five seven-player sections. Lineups are given below:

85-1

DAVE HINTERLONG (IL)
RL ANDERSON (NE)
DAVE TAYLOR (IL)
SYL SCORZA (IA)
DON FIELD (IA)
MARK JONES (IL)
ERIC EWALT (MO)

85-2

JIM FOLEY (IL)
GEORGE FAWBUSH (MO)
VIC JABLOKOW (IL)
WALTER MILBRATZ (CA)
DAVID STEVENSON (NE)
PETER WALHOUT (IL)
TIM CROUSE (IA)

85-3

DONALD WALHOUT (IL)
CHRIS URGENA (IL)
VINCENT BOOZELL (IA)
DENNIS GLASCOCK (OK)
JIM O'HEARN (OR)
TIM JUST (IL)
FRED BENDER (WI)

85-4

PAUL PETERSON (IL)
JIM WARREN (IL)
KEVIN BACHLER (IL)
DAVID WHITE (MO)
CRAIG COLLISTER (IA)
RON CHANEY (IA)
BRENDA LAWRENCE (IL)

85-5

GEORGE FAWBUSH (MO)
AVELINO BUSTAMANTE (IL)
RICHARD STOTLER (IL)
RANDALL SMITH (NE)
MARK THOMPSON (IA)
NATE HOBSON (IL)
(to be assigned)

The 1984 event looks like it will produce its qualifiers within a matter of a few months. Assured of advancing are: Max Zavarelli and George Fawbush from 84-1; Andy Amelung from 84-2. Adam Lief's unfinished games in 84-3 prevent absolute resolution of the issue, but Adam, Don Field, and Don Walhout are all in the race for the two spots. Possibly all three will advance depending upon the outcome of critical contests. Dave Taylor is a likely qualifier in 84-2 pending outcome of his game with P Walhout. So, this Finals will be a six or seven player section.

The 1983 Finals is much too young for comment except to mention that in 83F-2 Eric Vanderlinden has withdrawn, thus giving all opponents the free game point.

As promised in our last issue we're delighted that the new (1982) Region VII Postal Champion, National Master Mitch Weiss of Mason City, IA, has submitted games from the tournament with accompanying biographical notes.

"A product of the 'Fischer Boom', I became serious about the game relatively late. Now as I am already 'pushing thirty' I have found less time for OTB chess. Although I have played postal as long as I have played OTB, the values associated with the quality of my game has changed. Formerly it was necessity that made me take to the mall, as there were few chessplayers liv-

ing here in the 'sticks'. Now each game is a life-or-death struggle! Actually, postal chess is much tougher than OTB as there are no excuses for losing. (There are usually several to be found for an OTB loss.) Having completed 250+ postal games since 1973, I am now a 'veteran' and play all events only to win."

"I am very proud to bring the first Region VII Championship to Iowa! It was an extremely tough event with some very high-rated (OTB) participants. The road for these inexperienced postal players was not easy however as many of them lost quickly, making superficial judgements in constantly critical positions. I know of one OTB master that was crushed in nine moves, and an expert resigning in twelve! Of course there were many very good games also. My most critical game was played against Walter Milbratz, now in California, and once an undefeated winner of a Golden Knights' tournament."

W: M. Weiss

B: W. Milbratz French Advance

1.e4,e6 2.d4,d5 3.e5,b6

Black plays a line I have employed myself. It can lead to a lot of closed maneuvering. Very popular with French advocates!

4.Nf3,Qd7 5.c4!?

A double-edged idea. It strives to open the center and expose black's self-weakened light squares. If black exchanges on c4 white will also have e4 to post a knight on. Everything has a price however. White deprives d4 of it's natural defender and gives black a juicy target on his half-open d-file! It was for psychological reasons the move was played however. It alters the type of game French players are used to. I know as I faced this idea with uncertainty once myself!

5...Bb4+ 6.Bd2,Bd2+ 7.Qd2,Ne7 8.Nc3,dc 9.Rc4,Ba6 10.Ba6,Na6 11.O-O,Rd8 12.Rad1

Both sides play thematically. White centralizes, anticipating a strong center which will restrict counter measures and later support a kingside attack. Black blockades on d5 and tries to consolidate his king position.

12...Nb4 13.Rfc1,Nhd5 14.Ne4,Nf5!?

Black takes the first chance. He is placed rather passively for the moment and did not relish 14...0-0? 15.Nag5 with a powerful attack, for example 15...h6 16.Qd3,hg 17.Ng5,g6 18.Qh3. So he tries to get white to overextend himself.

15-g4,Nfe7!

If 15...Nh6? 16.Qg5,Kf8 (...0-0? 17.Nf6+ winning) 17.h3!Qe7 18.Qd2 and white can attack at his leisure with his f-pawn.

16.Ng3,0-0! 17.g5!?

On the intended 17.Nh5 black can consider a plan with ...f6! exposing white's kingside. So I take the next chance. I intend h4-h5-h6,Ne4. This 'ugly' move gives up control of f5 of course, but if you are trying to win at all costs?!

17...Qc6!

Black reacts energetically. I believe this move must have been difficult to find. With a plan involving ...f6 deterred by white's g5,e5 pawn duo, black intends to strike at white's center with ...c5, which in view of white's weak squares on the kingside could give black the advantage. To prepare this he doubles rooks on the d-file and posts his Q on b7, where it has veiled threats against the Nf3. I fail to grasp the entirety of this idea for a single move, and the initiative passes to black.

18.Rc1,Qb7 19.h4!,Rd7! 20.h5,Nb4! 21.Ne4,c5 22.h6

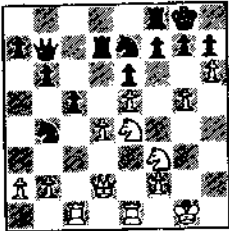
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GLASCOCK, D (OK)	851	TAYLOR, K (IL)	861
GOTZ, J (IL)	930	THOMPSON, M (IA)	800
GUSTAFSON, G (IL)	853	URGANA, C (IL)	800
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HERNANDEZ, H (IL)	724	WERNER, L (IL)	838
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KLAUS, J (IA)	893		
LAWRENCE, B (IL)	800		
LEGG, J (IL)	773		
LENKE, D (IA)	770		
LEWIS, S (MO)	742		
LIEF, A (CA)	1008		
MARTIN, D (IL)	765		
MARTINDALE, J (IL)	895		
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(Diagram) The critical position. For my many weaknesses I have attacking chances. (In OTB it's called 'grease'!)



22...Rf8?

It's hard to believe such a logical looking move could be so bad, but it is based on a miscalculation on move 26. Best was the cold-blooded 22...Nf5! 23.hg,Kg7 and it is unclear how white continues

After 22-h6

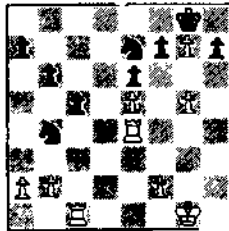
the attack. 24.Rc5 is refuted by ..Nd4. 24.Oe2,Nd4 25.Nd4,Rd4 26.Nf6 is stopped by ..Rh4. Perhaps best is 24.Qf4,Nd4 25.Qf6+,Kg8 26.Qh6,Nf3+ 27.Kf1,f5! 28.Nf6+,Rf6 29.e1,Qe6+ and black wins a piece.

23.hg,Rd4 24.Nd4,Rd4 25.Qe2,Qe4

Black thought he had Ng6-f4 but white has 26.Qf3! threatening Nf6+.

26.Qe4,Re4 27.Re4 (Diagram)

Now a very interesting end-game has arisen! I do not recall ever being up a double exchange before.



After 27.Re4

27...a5 28.a3,Nbd5 29.Kg2

Evaluating the position at this point is not difficult. White has a double-exchange, but black is very solid. The Ph7 is black's weakest point but it is very difficult to double rooks on the h-file, due to all the squares the black knights can control. So the winning plan consists of three stages.

- 1) Get the king to the queenside.
 - 2) Keep the N's tied down by threatening to exchange into won K&P endings.
 - 3) Get a passed pawn.
- In the end it looks easy but it took a long time to clarify the move order.

29...Ng6 30.Rd1,Kg7 31.Kf3,h6 32.gh+,Kh6 33.Rg1,Kg7 34.Ke2,Kf8 35.Rg6!,fg 36.Kd3,Kg7 37.Kc4,g5 38.Re2,Kg6 39.Rd2,Nf4 40.Kb5,Kf5 41.Kb6,Ke5 42.Ka5,Ke4 43.Kb5,Kf3 44.a4,g4 45.a5,e5 46.a6

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W: J.D. Johnson

B: M. Weiss Ruy Lopez - Bird

I anticipated a tough struggle against John as he once outplayed me in a R&P ending to gain a draw in an Iowa Postal Championship game. In this R&P ending I have just enough to win.

1.e4,Nc6 2.Nf3,e5 3.Bb5,Nd4 4.Nd4,ed 5.O-O,c6 6.Ba4,Nf6 7.d3,d5 8.Bg5,de 9.de,Be7 10.e5,Nd5 11.Be7,Ne7 12.Bb3,Be6 13.Be6,fe 14.Qg4,Nf5 15.Nd2,Qd5 16.Qe4,O-O 17.Rfe1,g5 18.Qd5,Rd5 19.Ne4,h6 20.Rad1,Kc7 21.Kf1,Re5 22.g4,Nh5 23.Nf6,Re5 24.Re6,Ra2 25.Re7+,Kc8 26.Rd4,Rb2 27.Ne8,a6 28.Nd6,Kb8 29.Nf7,Rf8 30.Ne5,Nf3 31.Nf3, Rf3 32.Rc4,Rf4 33.Rf4,gf 34.Rf7,e5 35.Rf4,b5 36.h4,a4 37g5 hg 38.hg,a3 39.g6,a2 40.g7,a1(Q) 41.Kg2,Qa2 42.Rf8,Kc7 43.g8(Q),Qg8 44.Rg8,Rc2 45.Kg3,b4 46.f4,b3 47.Rg7, Kb6 48.Rg8,b2 49.Rb8,Kc7 50.Rb3,c5 51.f5,c4

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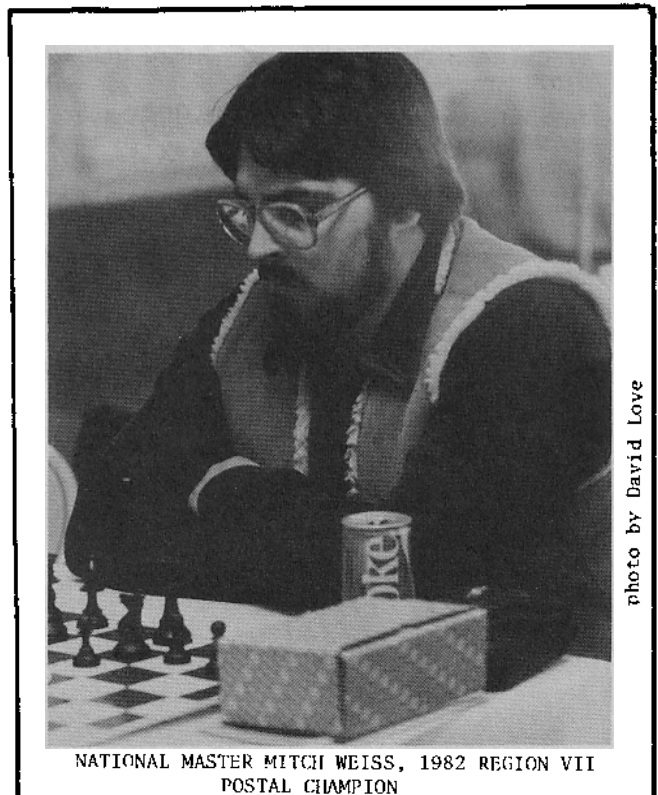
W: M. Weiss

B: Peter Connor Sicilian Dragon

As his ending became more and more difficult he chose to stop replying and was forfeited.

1.e4,c5 2.Nf3,d6 3.d4,cd 4.Nd4,Nf6 5.Nc3,g6 6.Be3, Bg7 7.f3,O-O 8.Qd2,Nc6 9.g4,Be6 10.O-O-O,Nd4 11.Bd4,Qe5 12.a3,Rfc8 13.h4,Rab8 14.Nd5,Qd2 15.Rd2,Nd5 16.Bg7,Kg7 17.ed,Bd7 18.Be2,h6 19.f4,b5 20.Rd4,Rc7 21.Kd2,e5 22.Re1,b4 23.ab,ab 24.Bd1,Kf8 25.Re3,Re5 26.Rb3, Rb5 27.g5,h5 28.c3,bc 29.Kc3,Rc8 30.Kd2,Rcb8 31.Rb5,Rb5 32.b4,Rb7 33.Kc3,Ke8 34.Be2 forfeit

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