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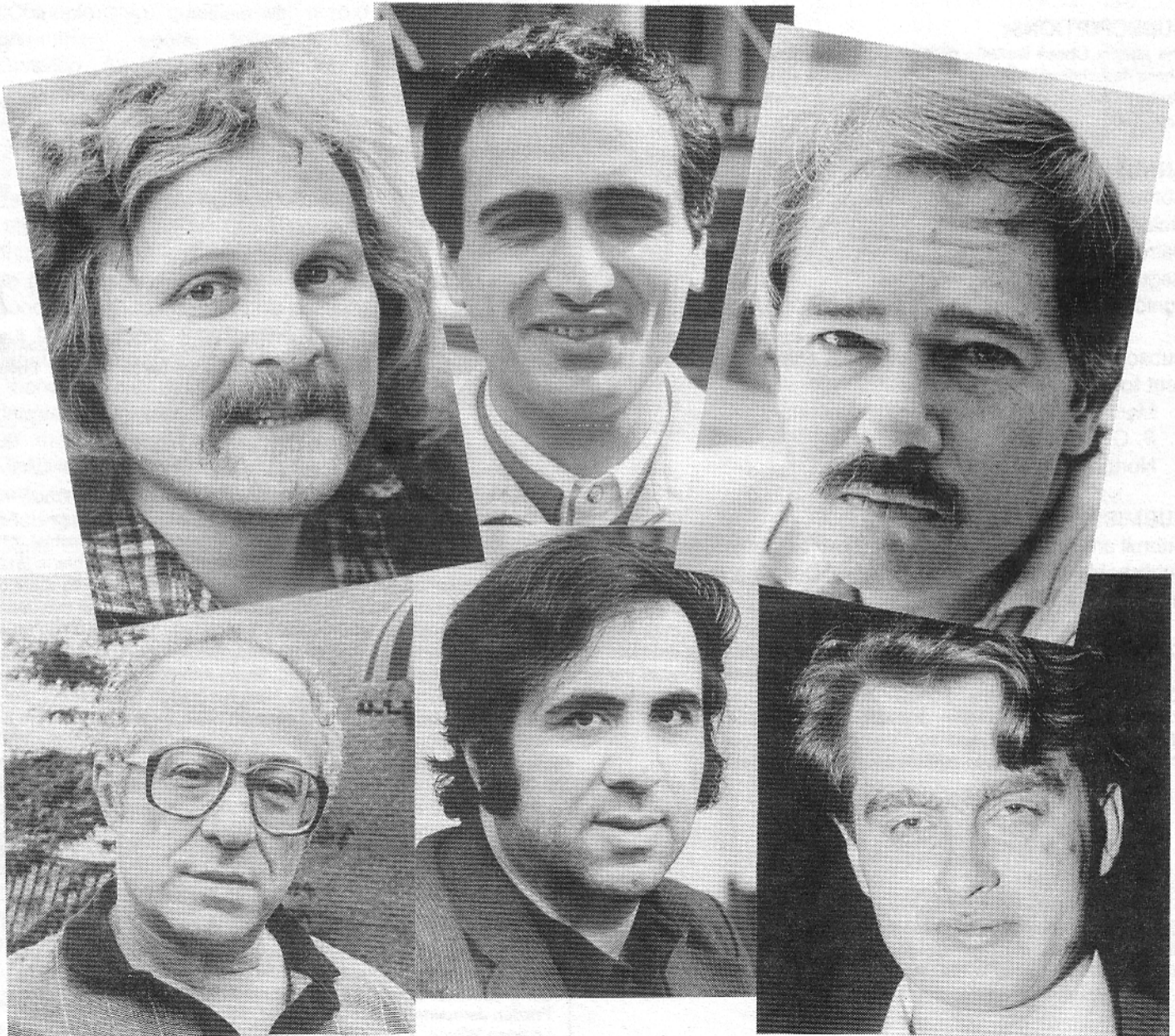
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COVER: Clockwise, from top left, GM's Miles, D. Gurevich, Browne, Kudrin, Dzindzichashvili, and Lein will all be at the National Open. Photo credits: Nigel Eddis.

From the Editor's Desk

Let's see how much can I cram into this space.... An Illinois vs. Wisconsin chess match is planned for June 16, 1991, in Milwaukee. For car pooling and other information, please contact Howard Wachtel, 445 W. Barry, Apt. 217, Chicago IL 60657; Howard's phone number is (312) 975-7970.... Last issue, I complained that Illinois didn't have its share of the nation's top junior players—seems I missed a few. I forgot that Jesse Kraai (2357), a freshman at Shimer College, is only 18—oops! Two other players may be less familiar to ICB readers: Serge Minin (1949) and Steve Arlinsky (2191) are both 15-year-old Soviet émigrés who play first and second board, respectively, for their Niles North High School team. We'll have more on Serge and Steve in our next issue, as well as a feature on Junior High champ Julie Oberweis and complete coverage of the IHSA Class A and AA Championships.... We need funds to pay Games Editor Bill Colias, who's trying to make it as a chess professional in the Big Apple. He (and I) would appreciate your help—please send contributions to Treasurer Marc Lonoff.... PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE FOR ALL COPY FOR NEXT ISSUE HAS BEEN MOVED BACK TO MAY 7!! THIS MEANS YOU!!

The Orr Community High School chess team, which beat Whitney Young Magnet High School on March 15 to take the Chicago Public League championship, made the 10:00 News on WBBM-TV. The Orr team was then featured in an article in the March 17 Chicago Tribune. Congratulations to coach Thomas Larson and team members Ricky Frazier, Jermaine Bush, Fred Tolliver, Sedrick Jones, Latasha Jones, Lorenzo Wilson, Patrick Matthew, Kobie Watkins, Michael Thomas, Jerry Faust, Vashon Siveis, Matthew Webster, and Timothy Gordon.

Albert Chow Wins 1991 Illinois Blitz Championship

Ken Marshall

Topping a 33-person field that included Grandmaster Dmitry Gurevich and seven masters, Albert Chow won the 1991 Illinois Blitz Championship, held March 10, 1991 at Rosemont's Ramada O'Hare Hotel. The "game/5 minutes," single round-robin event, rated by the World Blitz Chess Association, featured three 11-player preliminary sections. Five players from each section moved on to the finals, three in the "Championship" bracket and two (rated under 1800) in the "Reserve" bracket. Peter Pelts led the "Championship" qualifiers with a 10-0 preliminary score, followed by Gurevich (9½-½, the result of a "courtesy draw" with 1580-rated Ruth Jacobsen), Chow (9-1, with a loss to Pelts), Marc Lonoff, Fred Allsbrook, and Allen Kornfeld (all 8-2), and Keith Esses and James Fagan (both 7-3). (Mariano Acosta and Les Bale also finished 7-3, but lost out to Fagan on tie break. Larry Cohen's 6½-3½ was good enough to qualify in his section, but he could not stay for the finals.) Jacobsen and her son Mickey, Jim Oberweis and his son Jim and daughter Julie, and Garrett Scott made up the "Reserve" finalists. (Todd McAuliffe tied with Ruth Jacobsen, but had to leave without continuing.) Scoring 6-1 in the "Championship" round, Chow was undefeated, handing Pelts his only loss of the day and winning on time in a bad position against Gurevich (*though it should be noted that Chow outplayed Gurevich in the opening and came out of the middlegame with a winning advantage; he did not have a bad position until he was virtually certain to win on time—Ed.*). Gurevich and Pelts each finished 5½-1½ to share second and third. Mickey Jacobsen (4-1) took first in the "Reserve," followed by Garrett Scott (3½-1½) and Ruth Jacobsen and Jim W. Oberweis (each 3-2). Ken Marshall directed, assisted by scorekeepers Al Losoff and Chris Mueller.

Section I (Preliminaries)

	WBCA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	TOTAL
*1. Dmitry Gurevich	2621	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	9½-½
*2. Allen Kornfeld	2288	0	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8-2
*3. Lawrence Cohen	1962	0	1	x	1	½	1	0	1	1	1	0	6½-3½
4. William Brock	2135	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6-4
5. Kevin Lawson	1970	0	0	½	0	x	1	1	1	½	1	1	6-4
*6. James D. Oberweis	1692	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	0	1	1	1	4-6
7. Hoainhan Truong	2273	0	0	1	0	0	0	x	1	½	0	1	3½-6½
8. James Warren	2075	0	0	0	0	½	1	0	x	1	1	0	3½-6½
*9. Ruth Jacobsen	1580	½	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	x	1	1	3-7
#10. Todd McAuliffe	1611	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	x	1	3-7
11. Roger Allison	1831	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	x	2-8

Section II (Preliminaries)

	WBCA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	TOTAL
*1. Peter Pelts	2447	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10-0
*2. Albert Chow	2372	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9-1
*3. Keith Esses	2161	0	0	x	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	7-3
4. William Smythe	2066	0	0	0	x	½	0	1	1	1	1	1	5½-4½
5. Angelo Sandrin	2262	0	0	1	½	x	0	½	0	1	1	1	5-5
*6. Mickey Jacobson	1620	0	0	0	1	1	x	0	½	0	1	1	4½-5½
7. Pablo Diaz	1986	0	0	0	0	½	1	x	1	0	1	1	4½-5½
8. Martin Ptacek	1854	0	0	0	0	1	½	0	x	1	1	½	4-6
9. Mark Sefcheck	1961	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	x	1	1	4-6
#10. Julie Oberweis	1433	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1-9
11. Wilfredo Gapuz	1661	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	x	½-9½

Section III (Preliminaries)

	WBCA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	TOTAL
*1. Marc Lonoff	2429	x	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	8-2
*2. Fred Allsbrook	2165	1	x	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	8-2
*3. James Fagan	2066	0	0	x	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	7-3
4. Les Bale	1955	0	1	0	x	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	7-3
5. Mariano Acosta	2186	1	1	0	0	x	1	0	1	1	1	1	7-3
6. Leo Kaushansky	2380	0	0	1	1	0	x	1	0	1	1	1	6-4
7. Thomas Fineberg	1900	0	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	1	1	1	5-5
8. Howard Cohen	2050	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	1	1	4-6
*9. James W. Oberweis	1660	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	2-8
#10. Garrett Scott	1635	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1-9
11. Joseph Oberweis	1270	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0-10

Championship Final

	WBCA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL
1. Albert Chow	2372	x	1	1	1	½	1	½	1	6-1
2. Dmitry Gurevich	2621	0	x	½	1	1	1	1	1	5½-1½
3. Peter Pelts	2447	0	½	x	1	1	1	1	1	5½-1½
4. Marc Lonoff	2429	0	0	0	x	1	1	½	1	3½-3½
5. Allen Kornfeld	2288	½	0	0	0	x	0	1	1	2½-4½
6. Keith Esses	2161	0	0	0	0	1	x	1	0	2-5
7. James Fagan	2066	½	0	0	½	0	0	x	1	2-5
8. Fred Allsbrook	2165	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	x	1-6

Reserve (under 1800) Final

	WBCA	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
1. Mickey Jacobsen	1620	x	1	0	1	1	1	4-1
2. Garrett Scott	1635	0	x	1	1	1	½	3½-1½
3. James W. Oberweis	1660	1	0	x	0	1	1	3-2
4. Ruth Jacobsen	1580	0	0	1	x	1	1	3-2
5. Julie Oberweis	1433	0	0	0	0	x	1	1-4
6. James D. Oberweis	1692	0	½	0	0	0	x	½-4½

Lincolnwood and Chess Center Plus-Score Mini-Tour Tornado

Bill Smythe

Four masters, one master disguised as an unrated, six experts, and fifteen lettered players gathered in Lincolnwood on Saturday, January 26, for the first Plus-Score Tornado of the new year. The event was won by the highest-rated player, Al Chow, who has become famous for increasing his rating from just under 2400 to just over with each Plus-Score event, and dropping the points back into the rating pool in between. Chow gave up a draw to Allen Kornfeld, who tied with Steve Arlinsky for second.

The following day was Super Bowl Sunday, but that didn't keep 16 players from returning for 1991 Plus-Score Tornado #2. The wolf in unrated clothing, Camilo Pangan, walked off with this one 4-0, numbering among his victims former Illinois state champion Ricardo Szmetan and experts Dan Kamen and Roland Jordan. Szmetan and Steve Szpisjak tied for second a full point behind.

What? The Lincolnwood club is closing? Help—where do I run my February events? Oh, it's re-opening on the Northwest Side. No? A last-minute snag with the prospective landlord? Let's see, the Chess Center is about to re-open at its new location on 47th, let's give that a try. Arrangements completed. What? Les Bale found a new site after all? Well, it's a little late now. We'll go with the Chess Center and hope for 20 players Saturday, 10 Sunday.

Even with the last-minute change, and with the Chess Life and ICB ads all pointing towards Lincolnwood, a Plus-Score record thirty-four players poured into the Chess Center for its opening event on February 23. One more player and there wouldn't have been a table left for the TD. Camilo Pangan, now sporting a 2342 rating, upset grandmaster Dmitry Gurevich and won the tournament 4-0. [See Dmitry's column elsewhere this issue—Ed.] BP, which uses memory chips instead of brain cells, followed at 3½, drawing and winning against masters Jesse Kraai and George Umezina respectively. Tied for third at 3-1 were Gurevich, Kraai, Peter Pelts, David Garrett, Chris Baugh, and two 1400 players, Peter Cibulskis and Jeff Davis.

Things became more manageable on Sunday as 17 players returned for Plus-Score Tornado #4. Gurevich got his revenge on Pangan and walked away unscathed at 4-0, while Kraai avenged his draw with the computer and finished with 3-1. BP, before losing to Kraai, drew Pelts and defeated Pangan to tie for third at 2½ along with Pelts, Garrett, James Fagan, Joe White, and Illinois Open Reserve section winner Kenneth Brian Gurley.

By the time you read this, the first 1991 Plus-Score Leisure Mini-Tour, a 2-day event, will have taken place in late March at Les Bale's renamed Chicagoland Chess & Games at 3047 N Lincoln. Details next issue. Five more one-day Plus-Score Tornadoes are set, two at the end of April at the Lincoln Avenue site, and three on Memorial Day weekend at the Chess Center.

Lincolnwood Plus-Score Tornado

January 26-27, 1991

TORNADO #1	USCF										score	tour
	pre/post	W11	W10	D 2	W 4	3.5	8	M				
1 CHOW Albert	2396/2405	W11	W10	D 2	W 4	3.5	8	M				
2 KORNFELD Allen	2345/2345	W14	D 3	D 1	W 7	3	4	M				
3 ARLINSKY Steven	2127/2145	W23	D 2	D 5	W11	3	4	MX				
4 SZPISJAK Steven	2236/2245	W21	W 8	D 6	L 1	2.5	2.5M					
5 STERN Howard	2093/2099	W25	D 6	D 3	D 9	2.5	2.5MX					
6 COOPER Thomas	2241/2241	W22	D 5	D 4	D 8	2.5	2.5M					
7 MILOVANOVIC Slavko	2010/2028	D12	W13	W15	L 2	2.5	2.5MX					
8 PANGAN Camilo	2235/2230	W16	L 4	W22	D 6	2.5						
9 COHEN Larry	2033/2037	Dbye	D12	W21	D 5	2.5	2.5MX					
10 KINNAIRD Rodney	2187/2185	W17	L 1	W18	-	2	2	MX				
11 WHITE Joe	2008/2007	L 1	W24	W23	L 3	2	2	MXA				
12 PRADZINSKI Tim	1742/1783	D 7	D 9	D14	D15	2	2	MXAB				
13 SMYTHE Bill	1984/1984	W26	L 7	-	W18	2	2	MX				
14 PUKEL Bernard	1953/1953	L 2	D17	D12	W19	2	2	MXA				
15 COHEN Howard	2059/2031	Dbye	W19	L 7	D12	2	2	MXA				
16 VIGANTS Albert	1587/1617	L 8	L21	W24	W22	2	2	MXAB				
17 BEARD Glenn	1821/1827	L10	D14	W25	-	1.5	1.5MXA					
18 BALES Robert	1391/1419	Dbye	W20	L10	L13	1.5	1.5MXABC					
19 PADILLA Rudy	1583/1603	Dbye	L15	W20	L14	1.5	1.5MXABC					
20 ALLISON Roger	1825/1825	Dbye	L18	L19	W25	1.5	1.5MXA					
21 EASTER Ron	1950/1944	L 4	W16	L 9	-	1	1	MXA				
22 MARSHALL Jim	2055/2010	L 6	W25	L 8	L16	1	1	MXA				
23 FISCHER Greg	1910/1893	L 3	W26	L11	-	1	1	MXA				
24 COLLITER David	1298/1298	Dbye	L11	L16	-	0.5	0.5MXABCD					
25 BACKSTROM Orin	1488/1478	L 5	L22	L17	L20	0						
26 CIBULSKIS Peter	1437/1434	L13	L23	-	-	0						

TORNADO #2	USCF										score	tour
	pre/post	W10	W13	W 9	W 2	4 <th> <th> <th> <th> </th></th></th></th>	<th> <th> <th> </th></th></th>	<th> <th> </th></th>	<th> </th>			
1 PANGAN Camilo	2230/2259	W10	W13	W 9	W 2	4						
2 SZMETAN Ricardo	2372/2368	W14	W 7	W 3	L 1	3	4	M				
3 SZPISJAK Steven	2245/2258	W 5	W 4	L 2	W 7	3	4	M				
4 GREGORY Jammie	2105/2101	W16	L 3	W10	D 5	2.5	2.5MX					
5 ARDIZZONE Stefano	- /2150	L 3	W12	W13	D 4	2.5						
6 KALAI Adam	1579/1629	L 8	W15	W12	D 9	2.5	2.5MXABCD					
7 MILOVANOVIC Slavko	2028/2033	W15	L 2	W 8	L 3	2	2	MX				
8 WHITE Joe	2007/1999	W 6	L 9	L 7	W11	2	2	MXA				
9 KAMEN Dan	2046/2046	Dbye	W 8	L 1	D 6	2	2	MX				
10 VIGANTS Alberts	1617/1635	L 1	W16	L 4	D14	1.5	1.5MXAB					
11 BALES Robert	1419/1437	L13	Dbye	W15	L 8	1.5	1.5MXABC					
12 ALLISON Roger	1825/1825	Dbye	L 5	L 6	W15	1.5	1.5MXA					
13 JORDAN Roland	2025/2019	W11	L 1	L 5	-	1	1	MX				
14 SMYTHE Bill	1984/1984	L 2	Dbye	-	D10	1	1	MXA				
15 SOLANO Mario	1511/1472	L 7	L 6	L11	L12	0						
16 CIBULSKIS Peter	1434/1425	L 4	L10	-	-	0						

TORNADO #3	wall chart										score	tour
	W17	W25	W 6	W 3	4 <th> <th> <th> <th> <th> </th></th></th></th></th>	<th> <th> <th> <th> </th></th></th></th>	<th> <th> <th> </th></th></th>	<th> <th> </th></th>	<th> </th>			
1 PANGAN Camilo	2342	W17	W25	W 6	W 3	4	16	M				
2 COMPX BP	2122	W32	W11	D 4	W10	3½	8	MX				
3 BAUGH Chris	1934	W 8	W 7	W21	L 1	3	4	MXA				
4 KRAAI Jesse	2357	W26	W14	D 2	D 5	3	4	M				
5 PELTS Peter	2410	W19	W15	D10	D 4	3	4	M				
6 GUREVICH Dmitry	2580	W27	W12	L 1	W14	3	4	M				
7 GARRETT David	2105	W31	L 3	W22	W16	3	4	MX				
8 CIBULSKIS Peter	1437	L 3	W31	W23	W21	3	4	MXABC				
9 DAVIS Jeff	1440	L11	W32	WF	W15	3	4	MXABC				
10 UMEZINA George	2329	W20	W24	D 5	L 2	2½	2½	M				
11 MADERA Bill	1938	W 9	L 2	W20	D12	2½	2½	MXA				
12 SOCHA Ray	2091	W16	L 6	W19	D11	2½	2½	MX				
13 MC ALISTER Kelvin	1720	Dbye	L21	W31	W22	2½	2½	MXAB				
14 FAGAN James	2055	W18	L 4	W17	L 6	2	2	MX				
15 SURAK Steve	2084	W34	L 5	W26	L 9	2	2	MX				
16 PANDIS John	1612	L12	W29	W24	L 7	2	2	MXAB				
17 SINGER Rob	1737	L 1	W33	L14	W24	2	2	MXAB				

TORNADO #3 (CONTINUED)

18 FENNER Charles	1461	L14	L27	W29	W26	2	2	MXABC
19 MC CARTHY Mike	1816	L 5	W34	L12	D20	1½	1½	MXA
20 MICHALIK Phillip	1687	L10	W28	L11	D19	1½	1½	MXAB
21 WHITE Joe	1999	Dbye	W13	L 3	L 8	1½	1½	MXA
22 PADILLA Rudy	1573	Dbye	W23	L 7	L13	1½	1½	MXABC
23 ALLISON Roger	1825	Dbye	L22	L 8	W28	1½	1½	MXA
24 PUKEK Bernard	1953	W28	L10	L16	L17	1	1	MXA
25 JORDAN Roland	2025	W33	L 1	-	-	1	1	MX
26 FLORES Joshua	1767	L 4	W29	L15	L18	1	1	MXAB
27 FRAATS Daniel	1844	L 6	W18	-	-	1	1	MXA
28 REDDICK Harold Sr	1442	L24	L20	W33	L23	1	1	MXABC
29 STEWART Dan	1158	L26	L16	L18	W33	1	1	MXABCD
30 SMYTHE Bill	2009	Dbye	-	-	-	½	½	
31 KITILSEM Guy	1654	L 7	L 8	L13	-	0	0	
32 COX Paul	1667	L 2	L 9	-	-	0	0	
33 HERNANDEZ Steven	1445	L25	L17	L28	L29	0	0	
34 KNIGHT Jerry	1512	L15	L19	-	-	0	0	

TORNADO #4	wall	chart	score	tour
1 GUREVICH Dmitry	2580	W 7 W13 W 2 W 3	4	16 M
2 KRAAI Jesse	2357	W15 W 6 L 1 W 4	3	4 M
3 PELTS Peter	2410	W 8 D 4 W 5 L 1	2½	2½ M
4 COMPX BP	2122	W 9 D 3 W13 L 2	2½	2½ MX
5 FAGAN James	2055	W17 W12 L 3 D 7	2½	2½ MX
6 GARRETT David	2105	W10 L 2 D 8 W12	2½	2½ MX
7 WHITE Joe	1999	L 1 W16 W15 D 5	2½	2½ MXA
8 GURLEY Kenneth Brian	1894	L 3 W17 D 6 W15	2½	2½ MXA
9 FENNER Charles	1461	L 4 D11 D16 D10	1½	1½ MXABC
10 REDDICK Harold Sr	1442	L 6 L15 W17 D 9	1½	1½ MXABC
11 STEWART Dan	1158	L14 D 9 L12 W17	1½	1½ MXABCD
12 ALLISON Roger	1825	Dbye L 5 W11 L 6	1½	1½ MXA
13 PANGAN Camilo	2342	W14 L 1 L 4	-	1 M
14 SMYTHE Bill	2009	W11 L13	-	1 MX
15 PRADZINSKI Tim	1746	L 2 W10 L 7 L 8	1	1 MXAB
16 COULTER David	1319	Dbye L 7 D 9	-	1 MXABCD
17 CIBULSKIS Peter	1437	L 5 L 8 L10 L11	0	0

Lincolnwood Mini-Tour #1

February 9, 1991

	wall	chart	score	tour
1 COOPER Tom	2241	W 7 W 5 W 3	3	16 M
2 SZPISJAK Steven	2268	W 6 W 9 W 4	3	16 M
3 SZMETAN Ricardo	2372	W10 W 8 L 1	2	4 M
4 SMYTHE Bill	2009	W11 W13 L 2	2	4 MX
5 BEARD Glenn	1821	W14 L 1 W10	2	4 MXA
6 LUTZKE Rick	1765	L 2 W15 W 8	2	4 MXAB
7 PRADZINSKI Tim	1746	L 1 W16 W14	2	4 MXAB
8 WOODHOUSE Donald	1930	W16 L 3 L 6	1	1 MXA
9 EASTER Ron	1946	W15 L 2	-	1 MXA
10 FISCHER Gregory	1915	L 3 W11 L 5	1	1 MXA
11 GORAL Bradley	1660	L 4 L10 W16	1	1 MXAB
12 BALE Leslie	1929	- - W15	1	1 MXA
13 BALES Robert	1390	Dbye L 4 D14	1	1 MXABCD
14 IOVIN Daniel	1535	L 5 D13 L 7	½	½ MXABC
15 GERTSMAN Gennady	1564	L 9 L 6 L12	0	0
16 JENKINS M	-	L 8 L 7 L11	0	0

Lincolnwood Mini-Tour #2

February 10, 1991

	wall	chart	score	tour
1 COOPER Tom	2241	W10 W 6 W 4	3	16 M
2 SINGER Rob	1737	W 7 D 3 W 6	2½	8 MXAB
3 SZPISJAK Steven	2268	W11 D 2 W 7	2½	8 M
4 MICHALIK Philip	1687	W 5 W 9 L 1	2	4 MXAB
5 BERRY Greg	2030	L 4 W10 W 8	2	4 MX
6 SMYTHE Bill	2009	W 8 L 1 L 2	1	1 MX
7 KAMEN Dan	2066	L 2 W11 L 3	1	1 MX
8 IOVIN Daniel	1535	L 6 W 9 L 5	1	1 MXABC
9 BALES Robert	1390	Dbye L 4 L 8	½	½ MXABC
10 PRADZINSKI Tim	1746	L 1 L 5	-	0
11 JENDO Jebrail	1838	L 3 L 7	-	0

President's Page

Alan Losoff

DON'T GET MAD, GET EVEN

The last time Illinois/Wisconsin Chess Match was several years ago, and did not go well for our side. This even though we were the home team. We're going to try again, this time at the Milwaukee Botanical Gardens on June 16th. Howard Wachtel will captain our team this year, so if you want to play, watch or help out with carpools, give him a call at 312-975-7950.

HOW MANY JELLYBEANS?

No, you don't win anything for guessing the number of jellybeans in my cookie jar, but you can win big by guessing the number of players at the **1991 National Open in Chicago**. This contest, sponsored by Fred Gruenberg, is open to all ICA members, but the prizes are better if you also play in the tournament, so don't forget to count yourself! Details appear elsewhere in this issue. I'll give you a hint - guess very high.

The ICA will also be donating **additional prizes for ICA members** playing in the National Open. \$500 in catalog gift certificates will be divided among the highest scoring ICA members in each hundred point rating group.

FASTER THAN A SPEEDING PAWN

Congratulations to Al Chow, winner of the 1991 Illinois Blitz Chess Championship. Al bested a strong field for the title, including GM Dmitry Gurevich and NM Peter Pelts who tied for second. And congratulations too to Mickey Jacobsen who won the reserve section ahead of ICA vice president Garrett Scott who finished second.

WATCH OUT POLGARS

Julie Oberweis is the new Illinois Junior High Champion edging out Adrian Ingram on tiebreaks. I believe she is the first girl ever to win that title. Craig Cochran won the Primary.

OTHER KUDOS

The Orr High School Team won the Chicago Public High School Chess Championship. Garrett Scott is the highest scoring Illinois individual in the USCF membership drive contest. Helen Warren was awarded the Illinois Chess Association "Decade of Chess Excellence" award. GM Dmitry Gurevich finished third in the USCF Grand Prix. And once again, congratulations to the winners of the Illinois Chess Tour.

ARE YOU ON THE TOUR?

All you have to do is play in the ICA maxi-tour and mini-tour events listed in the tournament calendar. Maybe next year, we'll be honoring you at the ICA awards banquet.

CHESS CLINIC

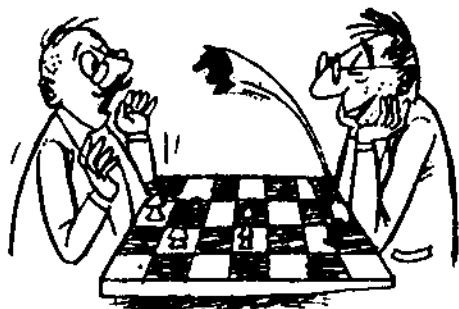
The 1991 Scholastic Chess Clinic will be held at the College of Lake County in mid-October. The program is aimed at high school students but talented junior high and grade school students may also benefit. For more information contact Tim Just at 708-244-7954.

— Three ICA Tour Mini-Events —

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Please, **NO SMOKING** at the site during the tournament.

On the Road

GM Dmitry Gurevich

EUROPE

Korchnoi-Sax Match

In the beginning of January I went to Switzerland to help Victor Korchnoi to prepare for his candidates' match against Hungarian Gyula Sax. It was the fourth time I was working with the distinguished grandmaster: the previous occasions were in 1987-88, including his brilliant victory in the Zagreb Interzonal. I considered Victor's task in this match a pretty difficult one: he is almost sixty years of age; also, Sax has been very successful against him in recent competitions. However, knowing Korchnoi's enormous strength and devotion to chess, I believed in his ability to succeed. For almost two weeks, we analyzed various opening and middlegame positions.

My contract was over on January 21st, but I still had a few days before the annual Swiss tournament in Paris, so I decided to go to Wijk-an-Zee in the Netherlands for the first games of the Korchnoi-Sax and Yusupov-Dolmatov matches. Korchnoi suggested a fast and inexpensive way: a train trip through Germany. My first surprise was at the German border: the border guard got very excited when he found out that was a professional chess player, like I was a rock star or a quarterback! (Later I saw a similar reaction at the Dutch border in Arnhem: "Professional chess player? Oh, you are probably going to Wijk-an-Zee?") A few more words about the train: it goes along the Rhine River where you can see barges with names like "Alligator." I had no idea that Germany was such an immensely beautiful country. A view on the other side of the river about ten minutes before Koblenz can only be compared to a fairy tale. It's funny that when I tried to tell my impressions to Victor Lvovich that same evening, he said laughingly, "I thought you were a chessplayer, and you turned to be a tourist!" Well, I am sure that he is at least partly right!

Four days later, when I was leaving for Paris, the score in the Korchnoi-Sax match was even (two draws), but the character of the games was very disturbing. In game one, Korchnoi didn't get advantage with White; and in game two, only a miracle saved him from losing. The whole story of the Korchnoi-Sax match cannot be included in such a short article as this, but I would like to note that Korchnoi won in spite of his being twenty years older and in spite of the fact that out of the four last games of the match he had three lost positions (the fourth one was a quick draw). If you ask me about the secret of his success, I would admit that I don't know, but Korchnoi was always concentrating much harder in bad situations.

Aubervilliers

Going from Amsterdam to Paris and changing trains in Brussels brought me a nice surprise: I saw an ad for a Bob Dylan concert. Europe is surprisingly close! For those of you who always wanted to play chess there but never

had a chance, the annual tournament in Aubervilliers (a suburb of Paris) provides an excellent opportunity. The flying time is short (only 7½ hours). There are many inexpensive hotels where you can stay for \$60 a day with breakfast included. One thousand people play simultaneously in one huge circus loft, including ten GM's (mostly from the Soviet Union. The tickets at this time of year are as cheap as those to the West Coast, so Paris is as accessible as L.A. Plan this tournament for next January vacation. The twelve-round event goes only 2 days.

This year's tournament was won by GM Anatoly Vaiser with 11½ out of 12. I was far behind with 10 points...and a small prize. If these results seem too high for you, I must add that GM's and all players over 2350 start with 5 out of 5. If you are a little bit lower, you start with 4 out of 4, and so on. The time control is short, of course, and you don't have to write down the moves, which is why I can't reconstruct my exciting last-round game against Iosif Dorfman.

BACK IN THE USA

Tuley Park

When I got home, the first tournament I played in was Tom Fineberg's '91 Tuley Park Action Swiss #1. I won with a 4-0 score, followed by Albert Chow, George Umezina, James Fagan, and Philip Michalik, all with 3 points. The surprise of the tournament was the result of the Fagan-Chow game: 1-0.

CHICAGO CHESS CENTER

On February 23-24, I played in two one-day tournaments organized by Bill Smythe and held at the Chicago Chess Center. On Saturday, February 23, I played against Ray Socha in Round 2.

Gurevich - Ray Socha

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Ne2 d5

A more common move order is 5...cxd4 6.exd4 d5, but it allows 7.c5.

6.a3

6.cxd5 is a reasonable alternative.

6...Bxc3+ 7.Nxc3 cxd4 8.exd4 dxc4 9.Bxc4 O-O 10.O-O Nc6 11.Be3 h6!

If Black had chosen the usual 11...b6, White would have had a choice between 12.Qd3 and 12.Qf3!? Bb7 13.Bd3.

12.Qd3 Ne7 13.Rad1 Bd7! 14.Ba2 Bc6 15.Bb1 Ng6 16.f3 Qd7?! 17.Qd2!? Ne7

After thinking for a short while, I decided that a piece sacrifice looked promising and played

18.Bxh6!

The variations possible after 18...gxh6 19.Qxh6 Ng6 20.h4 Qc7 (or 20...Qd6) are very unclear. For example, 21.f4 (21.h5? Qf4!) 21...Ng4 22.Qg5 Ne3 23.h5 and who

knows. But Black's next move is hard to get—Ray simply believed me and resigned. 1-0

My next game, against the Filipino player Camilo Pangan, was more exciting (especially for my opponent!). As you remember, February 23 was the first day of the ground war in the Gulf, so the following game reminded me of another one between Saddam Hussein and the Coalition in the recent Kuwait Open Championship.

Camilo Pangan - Dmitry Gurevich February 23, 1991
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.O-O-O Nxd4 9.Qxd4 O-O 10.14 Qa5

A well-known theoretical position.

11.Bb5!?

A very rare and interesting move instead of the usual 11.Bc4.

11...a6?!?

A week later, I played Mr. Pangan in a Chicagoland Chess and Games blitz tournament, where we reached the same position and I tried 11...e5!? After 12.fxex5?! dxe5 13.Qxe5? Be6, White had a very dubious position because of the threats 14...a6 and 14...Ng4. It's also worth mentioning that a few years ago I successfully tried 11...Rd8 against Ilya Gurevich. After thinking for a while about 12.e5 dxe5 13.Qxe5, I decided to try a new move.

12.e5! dxe5 13.fxex5 Nd5 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Bd3!

White is better.

15...Nc6 16.Qh4!

A pawn sac. After 16.Qe4 g6 17.Rhe1, the position is also in White's favor. So much for 11...a6?!?

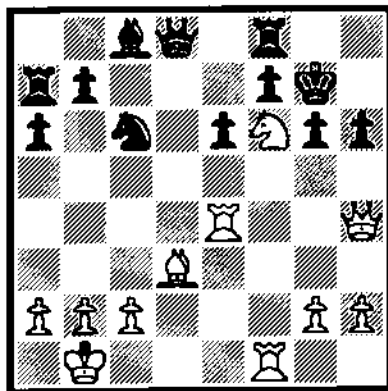
16...g6 17.Ne4 Qxe5 18.Nf6+ Kg7 19.Rhf1 h6 20.Kb1

Black has an extra pawn, but the position looks dangerous. Perhaps the best thing would be to give it back (or at least to try) with 20...Qg5 21.Qf2 e5 22.h4 Qf4.

20...Ra7?! 21.Rde1 Qd4?

And again 21...Qg5!? But I just started waking up.

22.Re4 Qd8?



After 22...Qd8?

I had no idea of what was going on—the only "legal" move was 22...Qc5.

As soon as I made my move, I realized that White could force an immediate draw—if he wants to—with 23.Qxh6+ Kxh6 24.Rh4+ Kg5 25.Rg4+. We'll come back to this position later....

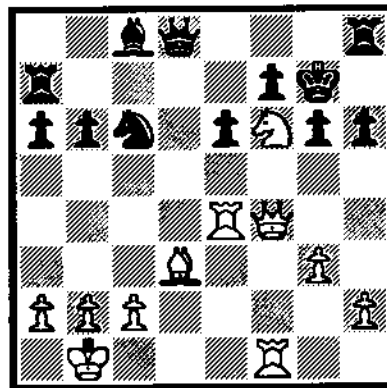
23.g3?

Very straightforward, protecting the h4 square and threatening mate in 3. But there was a better move!

23...Rh8

Now even I see it.

24.Qf4! b6?



After 24...b6?

White's last move had a threat: 24.Nh5+. So Black had a choice between 24...b6 and 24...b5. I didn't see a big difference.

25.Rc4!!

A beautiful move that makes up for his mistake on the 23rd move, with the simple idea of 26.Rxc6 and 27.Qe5. 24...b5! would have held the position for Black.

25...e5

This doesn't help.

26.Qe3 Rc7

If 26...Bd7 27.Rxc6!

27.Qxb6 Bh3 28.Rf2 Qb8?

Time pressure. 28...Bd7 was the only move (with a bad position anyway).

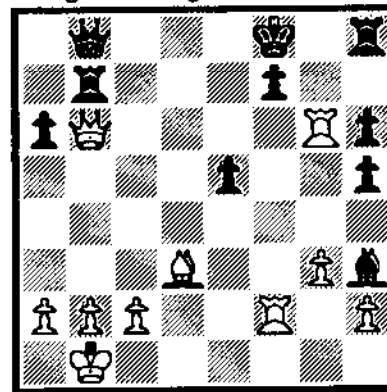
29.Rxc6 Rb7

I thought that considering the serious time pressure, I was all right.

30.Nh5+!

Well, I saw this shot and thought I was still OK.

30...gxh5 31.Rg6+ Kf8



After 31...Kf8

I really thought I had outsmarted my opponent. After 32.Qc5+, I would not play 32...Re7? because of 33.Rxf7+ Kxd7 34.Rg7+ Kxg7 35.Qxe7+ Kg8 36.Bc4+, but 32...Ke8! and then the Mother of All Battles would begin. But....

32.Rxf7+!

Surprise—the ground

war begins.

32...Kxf7 33.Qf6+

And ends.

33...Ke8

Done after some thinking.

34.Qxh8+ Kd7 35.Qh7+ 1-0

I don't remember whether this last move was played on the board or not. But after my resignation, there was more bad news for me. Let's go back to the position after 22...Qd8. After the game, my opponent told me he could have won immediately with 23.Qxh6+! Kxh6 24.Rh4+ Kg5 25.Rf4!! Neither one of us saw this move during the game. White has only two threats: 26.Ne4 and 26.Nh7, both checkmates. The only "refutation" is 25...Qxf6, when White has the very effective 26.Rf4#. Very nice! But I felt like

losing the game twice. Camilo Pangan went on to win the next game and scored 4-0 in the Saturday tournament.

I wasn't planning to play on Sunday, but for some strange reason, I woke up at 7 a.m. Soon after, I was on the el train going south, thinking about 23.Qxh6+, which didn't happen, and 25.Rc4!, which did. When I arrived at the Chicago Chess Center on 47th Street, Mr. Pangan was already there. Now we met in Round 2; I had Black again.

Camilo Pangan - Gurevich

1.e4 d6

I didn't want to be beaten twice in the same opening. It's discouraging.

2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg5!

Very active.

4...c6 5.Bd3

Provoking 5...Qb6!?

5...Nbd7

Trying to keep my temper down.

6.Qe2

But this is a pawn sacrifice (blunder?!). Now I have to play...

6...Qb6

And after the most natural...

7.O-O-O

(Otherwise 7...Qxb2.)

7...Qxd4 8.f4 Bg7 9.Nf3 Qb6

...Black is a pawn up.

After the previous day's game, however, I had no doubts that this type of position suits my opponent fine. The question was whether I made the right decision to take the "poisoned" pawn. And the answer is: yes, absolutely. I am a professional chessplayer and I should make moves which I think are right even if I just lost 100 games. If you think that you see the best move, make it, no matter what happens afterwards. It's another story when you are not sure what the best move (or plan) is. Then considerations of style (yours and your opponent's) may become primary. But such was not the case here.

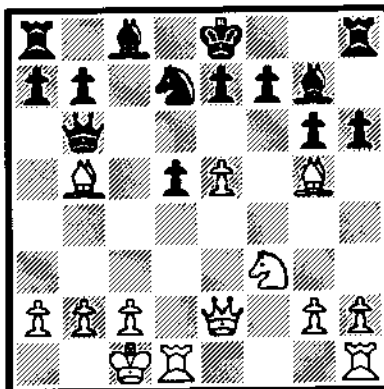
10.e5 dxe5 11.fxe5 Nd5 12.Nxd5

After 12.e6 fxe6 13.Qxe6 my opponent didn't like 13...N7f6.

12...cxd5 13.Bb5 h6

If 13...Qe6?! 14.c4! (Pangan); and if 13...e6? 14.Bf6.

Now White has several choices: after 14.Be3 Qe6, 14.Bh4 g5!?, or 14.Bf4 e6 Black is fine. After the game, my opponent suggested 14.Bf6!?, but after 14...Bxf6! 15.exf6 Qxf6, Black is also OK. For a while, I was worried about 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.Rxd5 with some initiative, but then



After 13...h6

decided it wasn't enough (even though Mikhail Tal could have beaten a few players in this position with White, especially in speed chess).

14.Rxd5

A temporary piece sac.

14...hgx5 15.Rhd1 g4! 16.Nd2

If 16.Ng5 then 16...Bh6.

16...O-O

By simply returning material, Black secures a better game.

17.Bxd7 Bxd7 18.Rxd7 Qe6!

Hitting three points in one shot: d7, a2, and e5. White can only protect two.

19.Nb3

If 19.Nc4 b5.

19...Bxe5

Threatening 20...Bf4 and 20...Bxb2. White got into time pressure at this point.

20.Kb1 b6 21.g3 a5 22.R7d5 f6 23.Qe4

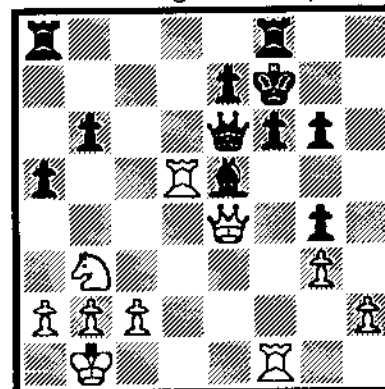
With a serious threat: 24.Qxg6.

23...Kf7

Protecting both g6 and e6.

24.Rf1?

Threatening the Bishop.



After 24.Rf1

24...Bxb2

White obviously missed this move. If 25.Qxe6+ Kxe6 attacking the Rook.

25.Qd3 Be5 26.Qe4

In time trouble, White couldn't find anything better, but now Black can steal a pawn from the other side.

26...Bxg3! 27.Qd3 Be5

No need to be

greedy, I've eaten enough.

28.c4 Rh8 29.Qe4 Bd6 30.Qd3 Rh3 31.Qd2 Qe4+ 0-1

Comparing the two games, I could say that if my opponent beat me in the style of Mikhail Tal, I played like Judith Polgar! (See the game Zapata—J. Polgar, New York Open 1989.) This style is just as effective....

Next round, my opponent was Jesse Kraai.

Gurevich - Jesse Kraai

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 b6 3.g3 Bb7 4.Bg2 c5 5.Nc3 e6 6.O-O Be7 7.d4 cxd4 8.Qxd4 d6

A famous Hedgehog position. Three years ago, I analyzed it with Korchnoi during his match with Hjartarsson in Saint John, when Korchnoi showed me the variation that he later played in his beautiful game against Greenfeld at Beersheva 1990 (see *Informant* 49).

9.b3 Nbd7 10.Nb5 d5

10...Nc5 11.Rd1 d5 is game 6 of the 1988 Korchnoi-Hjartarsson match, or 11...Nf4 12.Qxg7 is the Korchnoi-Greenfeld game mentioned above.

11.cxd5 Bxd5 12.Bb2

After the game, Jesse pointed out 12.Bf4! as a better choice, and I think he's probably right. In both cases, White is slightly better.

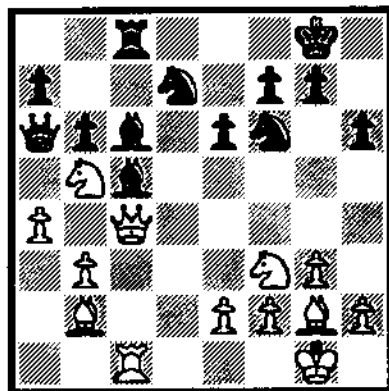
12...O-O 13.Rac1 Rc8 14.Rxc8 Qxc8 15.Rc1 Bc5 16.Qh4 Qa6 17.Nc3 Ba8 18.a4! h6 19.Nb5 Bc6

Here I had to think for a while. The main objective for White is to put his Knight on c6.

20.Qc4!

A difficult move—the Queen has to enter into the middle of the fight.

20...Rc8



After 20...Rc8

21.Nfd4!

The Queen's location on c4 only seems dangerous.

21...Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Qb7+ 23.Nf3

Temporarily retreating from the c6 square. But now the Black Rook has to leave the c-file because of the threats Nd6 and b4.

23...Rb8 24.b4 Be7

25.Nd4

I was choosing between this move and 25.Kg1 when I glanced at the clock and realized that any move had to be made quickly—we each had only two minutes left for fifteen moves.

25...Ne5 26.Qb3 Nxf3

26...Qe4!?

27.Qx13 Qe4 28.Qxe4 Nxe4 29.Nc6!

Here I had to resist a strong temptation to "end" the game with 29.Rc7 Bxb4 30.Rc4 with the idea 31.Nc6 winning because of 31...Bf8 31.Nc6? Nd6! White cannot be too greedy in this position.

29...Rb7 30.f3 Nf6 31.e4 Kf8

Black is in a difficult situation.

32.Rd1 a6 33.Be5 Ke8

After the game, Jesse told me that he didn't play 33...Rd7 because of 34.Bxf6 Rxd1 35.Bxe7+, but I am sure I would have preferred 34.Rxd7 Nxd7 35.Bxg7+ Kxg7 36.Nxe7.

Theoretically, $B + N = R + 2p$, or $B + N - R = 2p$, but in the endgame you very often would rather have just one extra pawn. [For those of you who have more interest in the topic of the changing value of the pieces, I recommend a special chapter in Rudolf Spielmann's wonderful *The Art of Sacrifice in Chess*.]

34.b5 a5

Black doesn't want to open the a-line for the White Rook.

35.g4 Rd7?

Jesse didn't see my next move—his flag was hanging.

36.Rxd7! Kxd7?

The final mistake. Better was 36...Nxd7 37.Bxg7 Nc5. **37.Bd4 Bc5 38.Bxc5 bxc5 39.Nxa5 Kc7 40.Nc4 Nd7 41.Kf2 1-0**

NEW YORK (1982)/DETROIT (1991)

This position occurred in the game Mednis—D. Gurevich in the 1982 New York International tournament. The game was adjourned here, and Black sealed 1...Ra3. A particular fact made this game especially important to me: I absolutely had to draw in order to have a chance to make my first GM norm.

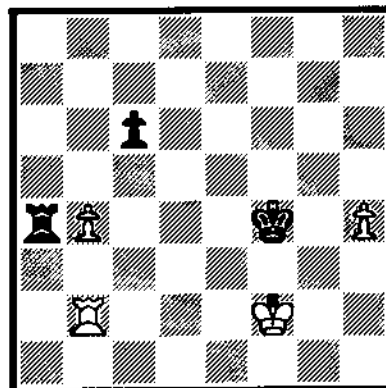


Diagram 1: Black to move

At first glance, it would seem that Black's active position should give him enough play to make a draw despite being a pawn down. But the more I looked at the position, the more uncomfortable I became. For example, after 2.Rc2 Rb3 3.Rc4+ Ke5, White will play 4.h5, and if 4...Rh3, then 5.Rxc3; or after 3...Kf5 4.Ke2, it's really unclear which way the Black King should go.

Anyhow, after a few hours of analysis, I found a forced draw.

2.Rc2 R13+! 3.Ke2

3.Kg2 Rg3+ 4.Kh2 Rg4 5.Rc4+ Kf5 6.Rxg4 Kxg4 7.Kg2 Kxh4 =.

3...Re3+ 4.Kd2 Re4 5.Kc3 Ke5 6.Rh2

6.Kb3 Kd6! 7.Rh2 c5 =.

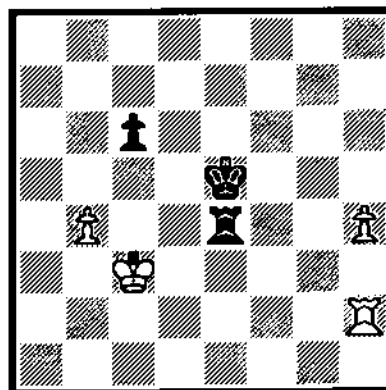


Diagram 2: after 6.Rh2

If Black could try different plans in the original position, I had no doubts that from Diagram 2, Black is allowed only one precise move order: **6...c5!! 7.b5**

After 7.bxc5, 7...Kd5 8.Kd3 Rc4! 9.Ke3 Ke5! is the clearest draw.

7...Rb4 8.Rb2! Rxh4 9.b6 Rh8 10.Kc4 Kd6 11.Kb5 Kd7!

11...Rc8 12.Rd2+ Ke5 13.b7 Rb8 14.Rd7 Ke6 15.Kc6 wins.

12.Ka6 Ra8+ 13.Kb7 Ra4!

Now if White plays 14.Rd2+, 14...Rd4 draws painlessly.

It took quite a lot of time to find all these moves. I remember that the next day, I was still analyzing the game on my problem set at the 14th Street subway station at five minutes before noon. To my great satisfaction, the game

followed my analysis until we reached the position below. At this point, Edmar Mednis chose the move I didn't have time to look at:

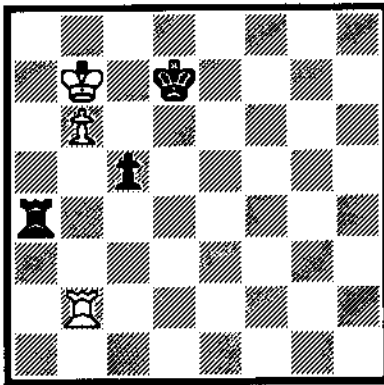


Diagram 3: after 13...Ra4!

14.Rc2!! c4

If 14...Kd6 15.Rd2+ Rd4? 16.Rxd4+ cxd4 17.Kc8 and White Queens with check; 14...Ra5 15.Rd2+ also loses.

15.Rd2+ Ke6 16.Kc6 c3

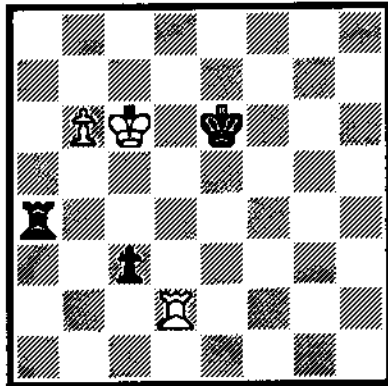


Diagram 4: after 16...c3

17.Re2+ 17...Kf5 18.b7

If 18.Kb5, Black draws with the amusing pendulum maneuver 18...Ra3 19.Kc4 Ra6!

18...Rb4 19.Rh2

The last trap (19.Kc7 Rc4 =).

19...Rxb7! 20.Kxb7 Ke4 21.Kc6 Kd3 1/2-1/2

Happy with this result, I won a nice game the same evening against

Australian IM (now GM) Ian Rogers and gained my first GM norm. Needless to say, I was very proud of my endgame against GM Mednis. I sent it with my comments to Informant 34; later it was printed in the Yugoslav **Encyclopedia of Chess Endings**. I gave it to my students to solve and showed it in my seminar at Lincolnwood (now

Chicagoland) Chess & Games. Of course, I never suspected that there was something wrong with my analysis. In March of this year, however, I went to Detroit to give lessons to a new student: 16-year-old Vadim Tsemekhman, a recent immigrant from the Soviet Union. (The lessons are sponsored by the American Chess Foundation together with the Michigan Chess Association.)

Let's go back to *Diagram 4*. In this position, instead of the "obvious" 17.Re2, Vadim suggested **17.Rc2!** Now if **17...Ra3** (17...Rc4+ 18.Kb5 Kd5 19.b7 +—; or 18...Rc8 19.b7 Rb8 20.Kc6 +—) **18.b7 Rb3 19.Re2+!** Only now, when the Rook is on the bad square b3! **19...Kf5 20.Kc7** and **White wins**, to my great surprise.

This outcome raises a few interesting points. First is our obvious intellectual conformism. We have a tendency to believe opinions that have already been established, checked, and proven in order to save our energy for something unclear. Once before, I gave a position from Averbakh's endgame collection—White to play and draw—to Alex Fishbein. He brought back a win for Black and a refutation of the published analysis, which, as Averbakh later told me, "had been going from one book to another since 1911"! (As it turned out, Alex was not the only one to find the mistake in the 1980's, but no one else had noticed it for seventy years.)

The second point is that as the number of pieces on the board are reduced, the position becomes less "logical"; the rules we follow in the opening and the middlegame are less likely to apply. Perhaps you simply have to calculate everything until the end.

Third, if you are analyzing with talented students, you are in for some surprises!

Last but not least, if the positions in *Diagrams 4, 3, and 2* seem to be lost for Black, perhaps I had a draw in *Diagram 1?*

The Soviet Union's **Vassily Ivanchuk** (2695) is the hottest player in the world. In January, he crushed Leonid Yudasin (2645) 4½-½ in their Candidates Match; then in the Category 17 supertournament in Linares, Spain, which ended March 14, Ivanchuk beat the top three players in the world (Kasparov, Karpov, and 2700-rated Boris Gelfand)! This is the first tournament in which Kasparov has failed to at least tie for first since 1981. Here are the results, courtesy of Todd Barre and Chess Phone:

1. V Ivanchuk (URS)	9½-3½=7.	A. Karpov (URS)	6½-6½
2. G. Kasparov (URS)	9-3 =9.	L. Ljubojevic (YUG)	6-7
3. A. Belyavsky (URS)	8-5 =9.	V Anand (IND)	6-7
=4. A. Yusupov (URS)	7½-5½=9.	M. Gurevich (URS)	6-7
=4. J. Speelman (ENG)	7½-5½=12.	B. Gelfand (URS)	5½-7½
6. Salov (URS)	7-6	13. J. Ehlvest (URS)	3½-9½
=7. J. Timman (NLD)	6½-6½=14.	G. Kamsky (USA)	2½-10½

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Here are the pairings for the quarterfinals: Karpov—Anand, Ivanchuk—Yusupov, Korchnoi—Timman, and Short—Gelfand.

We just got back from Peoria, where **Camilo Pangan** won the Greater Peoria Open with a very impressive 5-0 score; he beat Senior Masters Chow, Pelts, and Martinovsky in the last three rounds. Jesse Kraai finished second with 4½ points, and Albert Chow took third with 4 points. Look for a full report next issue.

Interview with USCF Past President Harold Winston

Harold Winston's three-year term as President of the United States Chess Federation came to an end last August. The Naperville resident, now nearing the end of a one-year term on the Policy Board as Immediate Past President, is also a past president of the Illinois Chess Association, the Chess Journalists of America, and the Intercollegiate Chess League of America. He has also served as ICLA Historian and former chair of the USCF Bylaws Committee. Over the board, Harold's moment of glory came in 1968, when his last-round victory clinched first place for the University of Chicago in the Pan-American Intercollegiate Chess Championship.

ICB (fumbling for a pen): Start us off, Harold.

Harold Winston: It's been a privilege to have had the duty of serving as USCF President for three years. Although there were many changes during these three years—a new Executive Director of USCF and several new editors of *Chess Life*—I think I helped to create an atmosphere conducive to promoting chess, an environment in which USCF members and USCF officers were willing to listen to each other. Any president needs the help and support of his colleagues to be successful. Every member of my Policy Board contributed, including National Vice President Harry Sabine, who gave USCF countless hours of free legal help and was always available for consultation, and Jim Rachels, who was always positive and constructive at meetings. I also benefitted particularly from Tony Cottell's financial knowledge and Bill Goichberg's imaginative ideas.

ICB: Obviously, the Executive Director has the most important job on the USCF staff. Could you fill us in a bit on how Al Lawrence came to Executive Director?

Winston: Gerry Dullea was chosen Executive Director in 1979 and served close to ten years in that office, about the same amount of time that the first Executive Director, Ed Edmondson, served in that position. In my first year in office, we had to deal with serious financial problems: the USCF ended up with a loss of over \$200,000 in fiscal 1987-88. Understandably, financial difficulties always create some tension within a business, and the Federation was no exception. To be fair to Gerry, it should be noted that some of his critics had the mistaken impression that corporate sponsorship for chess was easy to obtain, and were upset when the USCF had limited success locating sponsors. The Policy Board believed it was time for a change. In April of 1988, as a result of discussions initiated by the Policy Board, Gerry resigned.

We immediately began a nationwide search for a new replacement—a Policy Board subcommittee (Tony Cottell, Jim Rachels, and myself) narrowed the field to three finalists: a candidate with a strong background in chess

organization, one with a strong business orientation, and Al Lawrence, who had been named Interim Executive Director. We then presented the finalists to the full Policy Board.

I was very impressed with Al's accomplishments. Previously, we had lost the initial sponsor of the Grand Prix, Church's Fried Chicken. As a result, the USCF had to pay the Grand Prix expenses out of its own budget; I decided to make finding a new sponsor for the Grand Prix a top priority. Soon afterwards, while still Associate Director, Al had lined up Novag as the new sponsor. This was not his only accomplishment as Interim Director. The \$200,000 loss in fiscal 87-88 had jeopardized the 1988 U.S. Championship as well; amazingly, Al lined up two corporate sponsors, Fidelity Electronics and The Software Toolworks, in just six weeks. Because of this impressive record, it's understandable why Al had my strong backing for the position.

Al's success in securing corporate sponsors continued throughout my term and afterwards. The Novag—USCF relationship has continued to be a fruitful one: in the first three years, Novag contributed over \$85,000 to the Grand Prix. After its co-sponsorship of the 1988 U.S. Championship, The Software Toolworks was willing to sponsor the 1989 event in Long Beach, California, which enabled us to bring the Championship back to a major metropolitan area. Converse College sponsored the 1989 U.S. Women's Championship and made a substantial contribution to the 1990 Championship. Fidelity Electronics helped finance the U.S. Olympiad team's silver-medal winning effort. And Saitek sponsored Ilya Gurevich's victory in the 1990 World Junior Championship.

ICB: What about the organization of the 1990 U.S. Championship in Jacksonville?

Winston: Unfortunately, the USCF was not able to obtain corporate sponsorship last year. Using the knockout format, holding the Championship concurrently with the U.S. Open, and obtaining an official airline for the USCF helped us hold down expenses, but we obviously think that corporate sponsorship would be appropriate for future tournaments.

I believe that the U.S. Championship belongs in a major metropolitan area and that corporations are more desirable sponsors than resort hotels. Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, and Estes Park, Colorado, were both excellent sites, but it is much more difficult to get media coverage in a small resort town. The players also prefer playing in a city—there's more to do after the game.

To get back to Al Lawrence, I think his overall performance as Executive Director has been outstanding. He's an effective diplomat, a good spokesman for the USCF. In order for him to continue to be effective in courting sponsors, he's not going to be able to spend as much time in the office as he would like. This is unfortunate, but sponsorship is a top priority

now.

ICB: Since you mention New Windsor, I wonder if you like to summarize the performance of the USCF office during your term. Personally, I've always found the staff very helpful whenever I've needed something. On the other hand, I have heard complaints from more than one organizer about delays in service.

Winston: USCF makes mistakes, as any organization does, but I believe that our staff has the attitude that we are always willing to correct our mistakes. We took several steps to improve performance during my term. For example, Al and the Policy Board agreed with me that adult and open events should be rated just as quickly as scholastic events, as soon as we received them. Before, we used to hold tournament crosstables several weeks before rating them, so that they could be rated in chronological order. Now we're able to update ratings two to three weeks faster.

ICB: That makes a lot of sense. If tournament directors submit their reports promptly, events will almost always be rated in chronological order anyway, so relatively few ratings are likely to be materially affected. But what were some of the problems the USCF office has had?

Winston: We've had two difficult periods in the last eight months. First, during the World Championships, the staff had many media requests and ran the book concession at the match, so it's understandable that some of the routine work wasn't handled as quickly as usual during this period. Second, we had some layoffs recently, so the work wasn't processed as quickly as usual in January.

ICB: I would suppose the layoffs have something to do with the \$75,000 loss that the USCF is projecting for this fiscal year.

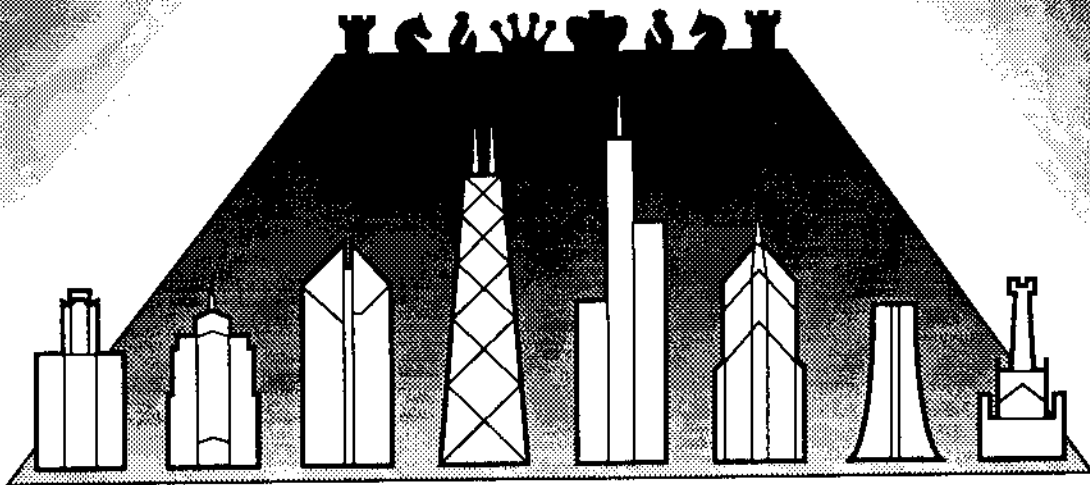
Winston: Right.

ICB: Since we just had a World Championship in New York City that stimulated interest in chess all over the U.S. and brought in several thousand new members, why is the USCF projecting a large loss for 1990-91?

Winston: It's a combination of unusual factors. First, we had increased expenses in preparing for the championship. For example, we set up an 800 number to handle inquiries from prospective members, and we brought on Jim Jordan to handle media publicity. Second, there were expenses associated with the World Championship and the membership drive. Of course, the USCF will benefit from the increased membership in the long run, but in the short run, it costs money to bring in new members. Third, our lack of a sponsor for the U.S. Championship hurt us financially. Likewise, we didn't have sponsorship for our Interzonal participants. And it's unusual to have the Olympiad and the Interzonal fall in the same year.

ICB: Only once every six years.

Winston: Right. Besides the international



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events, the U.S. Championship cost us somewhere between \$30,000 and \$35,000.

ICB: *Even in the knockout format?*

Winston: Yes, and we're lucky it didn't cost more. We could have been killed on the airmiles if American Airlines, our official airline, hadn't helped us out. Finally, the U.S. Open, which is usually a money-maker for the USCF, lost money in 1990.

ICB: *Not a lucky year financially! Let's talk about Chess Life a bit. There have been several different editors in the past few years—could you tell us some of the story behind these changes?*

Winston: In 1984, Larry Parr was chosen as Editor, and I was a member of the Policy Board that made that decision. During his tenure, **Chess Life** was readable and exciting. Unfortunately, there were serious problems in the office. The Editor has to be able to work with his or her supervisor, the Executive Director; Larry Parr and Gerry Dullea had a poor working relationship. A number of Policy Board members felt the time had come to change editors, and by October of 1987, we had worked out an agreement for what we hoped would be an amicable separation—Parr wanted to stay on to cover the World Championship, and we felt that was reasonable.

Fairfield Hoban served as our interim editor for one month, then we hired Don Maddox. Although Don didn't have as diverse chess background as some previous editors, he was an efficient manager and a solid editor. After serving one year, Don felt it was time to move on, at which time we decided to hire Boris Baczynskyj. It turned out that Boris's first issue was the Golden Anniversary issue [August 1989—Ed.] It was a very demanding issue, as it reviewed the entire history of the USCF. Because Assistant Editor Julie Anne Desch had fallen ill, Boris had an even more difficult task. Yet Boris did an outstanding job under the circumstances, and I'm extremely proud of the Golden Anniversary issue. Afterwards, however, we were surprised by Boris's request to step aside. He actually served as Assistant Editor for Julie Desch's first few issues as Interim Editor.

Julie's first issues improved steadily. One major improvement that Julie made was to return grandmaster annotations to **Chess Life**.

ICB: *Absolutely; I thought her last several issues were superb.*

Winston: I think that her last six issues can be favorably compared to any others in the history of **Chess Life**.

ICB: *Even the issues of the Hochberg years?*

Winston: I agree that these magazines had a very high level of technical analysis, but I still prefer Julie's later issues.

ICB: *Why did Desch leave?*

Winston: Last summer, she had asked for a leave of absence for personal reasons, and I authorized a leave of six months. Subsequently, because there was concern about not having a full staff on board during the World Championships, Julie agreed to

shorten her leave to four months. Finally, she felt it best to resign for personal reasons. It's unfortunate, because she was doing a wonderful job. I'm proud to have hired the first woman editor of **Chess Life**—of course, the fact that she was a woman has no relevance to her qualifications for the job—and I'm proud of the job that she did. I wish we could have kept her.

Glenn Petersen, a highly qualified replacement who had edited **Atlantic Chess News**, stepped in as Interim Editor during Julie's leave and was subsequently hired as Editor.

ICB: *I understand that money for Chess Life contributions was one of the items slashed in the budget. Given the improvements that Desch made, I think it's really unfortunate that the current staff isn't being given funds for grandmaster annotations.*

Winston: I agree. I tried to obtain more funds for magazine contributors last April and was narrowly unsuccessful. It was the budgetary cut I felt worst about—even before the reduction, we had underbudgeted for contributions. I think it's important to have U.S. Grandmasters contributing to **Chess Life**.

Grandmaster articles don't have to be overly technical. I like Soltis's column, for example, because it's readable, it's got the human interest angle, and it's fun. We want to serve diverse audiences—both high-rated players and C-players—and it's not easy. Personally, I'd like to see more historical material in **Chess Life** similar to the articles in the Golden Anniversary issue.

ICB: *Let's talk about the American chess scene. Gata Kamsky isn't having a very good tournament in Linares right now. Nevertheless, he certainly seems to be the best American World Championship hope at the moment. Is the USCF supporting him at the level his talent deserves?*

Winston: I would have liked to have seen Gata at the Olympiad and at the U.S. Championship; unfortunately, I've had little direct contact with him. When Gata was at the 1989 U.S. Open in Chicago, Carol treated him for a minor illness [Harold's wife, Carol Weinberg, is a physician—Ed.]. Although his father has undoubtedly helped him, it must be difficult to have such a strong personality with such decided ideas about the future of his son's career for a father.

The U.S. is not the U.S.S.R.; we don't have direct government support for chessplayers. We're not a wealthy Federation, and we don't have special funds available unless and until a player succeeds at a very high level. When that happens, though, we're able to find the money. For example, when Seirawan qualified for the Candidates, we were able to offer substantial financial support. Gata will receive similar support when he reaches Seirawan's level of achievement by qualifying for the Candidates.

ICB: *But hasn't a sixteen-year-old who's ranked in the top ten in the world reached a similar level of achievement?*

Winston: Perhaps, but it should also be

noted that Gata is receiving financial support from the American Chess Foundation.

ICB: *What can be done to bring more international events to the U.S.?*

Winston: First, I think we should note the numerous international events that we managed to hold in the U.S. in the past few years. For example, I was very pleased that Seattle was selected to hold the Karpov—Hjartarson Candidates Match. The credit goes to a Seattle group related to Ted Turner's Goodwill Games—Yasser Seirawan played an instrumental role in bringing the match to the U.S. Attendance at the match was excellent.

The Harvard Chess Club has recently hosted exhibitions by both Kasparov and Karpov. I was sorry not to see more Illinois players visiting the World Youth Chess Festival in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, an event for which Don Schultz deserves much credit. The USCF contributed \$5,000 to the Festival.

ICB: *Closer to home, what are your thoughts on the Illinois chess scene?*

Winston: I'm glad to see that Illinois organizers are holding more national events. Helen Warren did a fantastic job organizing the Midwest Masters, the 1989 U.S. Open, and the 1990 U.S. Masters. Garrett Scott will be bringing the U.S. Junior Closed to Bloomington for the second consecutive year; this time, the U.S. Junior Open will be held simultaneously. Fred Gruenberg of Chicago has set attendance records with his Las Vegas National Opens, and Al Losoff is bringing the National Open to Chicago in May. Given the excellent track record of these organizers, I would like to see even more national events in Illinois.

ICB: *In 1994, five years will have passed since the 1989 U.S. Open. Why couldn't Chicago host the U.S. Open again?*

Winston: Are you interested in organizing it?

ICB: *No, just floating an idea.*

Winston: Well, Michigan has the 1992 U.S. Open, so the Midwest wouldn't normally be due for the tournament in 1994; we like to have geographic rotation. Besides, the bid would be due this June. But I don't see any reason why Illinois organizers couldn't bid on the 1995 U.S. Open. Chicago has been a successful site; there's no reason it couldn't be held here more often than once a decade.

ICB: *Any other comments on local chess?*

Winston: I think we're fortunate to have a solid state publication like the ICB with an outstanding tradition of editors like Helen Warren, David Sprenkle, Bill Smythe, Ken Marshall, and Bill Brock, among others. Not many state organizations have a means of publicizing their affiliates' events similar to Chess Phone, initiated by Fred Gruenberg and continued by Todd Barre. I would like to see better coordination between the ICA and the IHSA, but I think Erv Sedlock has the ability to bring this about. Judge George Leighton hasn't received all the credit he deserves for raising over \$10,000 to cover Dick Verber's shortfall on the 1988 North American Class

Championship.

ICB: *A great job, but imagine if that money could had been raised to sponsor a major tournament in Chicago...*

Winston: On the other hand, the important thing is that all the prizewinners in that tournament were eventually paid. It hurt us in the short term because one organizer's financial problems were associated with all Illinois organizers. I think we would have had at least fifty more entries at the 1989 U.S. Open if all the North American Class prizewinners had been paid before the tournament.

ICB: *How do think the USCF handled the scheduling conflict between the IBM/Visa match and the U.S. Masters?*

Winston: In retrospect, I wish I had fought harder for a date that did not conflict. In the process of scheduling the Iceland match, three different dates had been announced. The first date did not conflict with the U.S. Masters at all, the second date was close to the U.S. Masters, but did not directly conflict. The USCF did not initiate any of these date changes, and we did not realize that the conflict existed until after the third switch. Once we realized the problem, we believed that the conflict, though unfortunate, would "only" cost the U.S. Masters three or four top players. As compensation, we offered money to bring replacement players to the tournament. Now I see that the damage to the U.S. Masters was more than four players—Helen Warren, as well as many others, believe that the importance of the tournament was diminished by the conflict, which was never USCF's intention. I wish we could have avoided the conflict.

ICB: *When Ken Marshall interviewed you soon after the beginning of your term (see October-November 1987 ICB), you said "scholastic chess is my key concern." What scholastic chess projects did you undertake during your term, and how successful were they?*

Winston: If you remember my old Hyde Park tournaments, you know that I always tried to run scholastic events concurrently with adult tournaments. I've always believed that scholastic chess is our future. When I began my term, I had two goals for scholastic chess. First, I wanted a full-time scholastic coordinator.

Unfortunately, this goal has only been partly realized—because of budgetary constraints, Bob Nasiff is only able to spend half of his time on scholastic chess. But it's a step in the right direction. Second, I wanted to produce a booklet that was aimed at school boards and administrators. That booklet, **Chess in the Schools**, was issued during the second year of my term. Over 10,000 copies have been circulated to school boards and administrators; it's a great tool for selling scholastic chess. I also directed that USCF representatives attend education conventions—for example, we've been to the NEA convention twice to talk to teachers and administrators about the possibilities for chess in the schools.

We've had several concrete accomplishments in scholastic chess. First, we've begun a fine new publication written for a younger audience than **Chess Life** called **School Mates**. It started at four issues per year, and now is being published bimonthly. Young players enjoy it—at the ICA Banquet, Jim Oberweis, Jr., told me how pleased he was with the magazine. **School Mates** is received by the Scholastic members of USCF, a membership category that came into existence in 1987. They pay only \$7; there are now 4,500 Scholastic members. The good news is that the new Scholastic memberships haven't taken away from the standard Junior membership. There are still some 4,500 Junior members, so the Scholastic membership has roughly doubled our youth membership receiving a magazine.

There was a third class of junior "members" established in 1987; the Junior Tournament Player, or JTP. Scholastic coaches could sign up their players as JTP's free of charge; the idea was to make it easy to have scholastic games USCF-rated. At some point, the USCF office began counting the JTP's as members. I thought it was wrong to artificially inflate the membership this way, even though it made us look better. At one point, we were claiming we had 58,000 members; when we stopped counting JTP's, it was clear we only had 52,000.

ICB: *So the decision to count JTP's as members was not a management decision?*

Winston: As far as I know, it was an

administrative decision, but the Policy Board agreed with me that we should stop counting JTP's as members.

ICB: *I know you want to talk about the success of the national scholastic tournaments.*

Winston: Before my term, we had never had more than 2,000 players combined in the three major scholastic tournaments (National High School, National Junior High School, and National Elementary). During my term, the total entry of these three tournaments broke 2,000 every year, and one year the total topped 2,500. This year, the National High School in Kansas City topped 900 players. Obviously, the credit for this increased participation has to go to the many dedicated coaches and parents all over the country, as well as to our hard-working Scholastic Committee and its past chairs, Pete Nixon and Mike Nolan, and to the Policy Board's past scholastic liaison, Harry Sabine.

ICB: *Has this momentum carried on into your successor's administration?*

Winston: As USCF President, Max Dlugy has been an enthusiastic supporter of scholastic programs.

When a candidate is up for an office, he or she often chooses to run "against" the previous administration. This doesn't mean that people on opposite sides of an election can't work together effectively once the election is over. For example, when I defeated Yasser Seirawan in 1987, I appreciated the fact that Yasser was more than willing to work in concert with the Federation on several projects. It's well known that I supported Max's opponent in the election, Harry Sabine. Since Max's election, however, we've been able to work together as colleagues. Max has been a positive force in the Federation's relations with Garri Kasparov. During the New York stage of the World Championship match, Kasparov even took twenty minutes on an off day to address the Policy Board. Their personal relationship makes it easier to bring the World Champion to the U.S. The USCF needs his new ideas on recruiting members. I am pleased by Max's recruiting members for a new USCF Marketing Committee.

ICB: *Thanks for taking the time to talk to us.*

Winston: You're very welcome.

A. Karklins Wins Michigan Masters

David Moody

The 1991 Michigan Masters/Experts Championship, held January 26-27 in Flint, Michigan, was won by Chicagoan **Andrew Karklins** in dramatic fashion with a score of 3½-½. Half a point behind were 16-year-old SM Vadim Tsemekhman, Robert Avery (champion of this event in 1985 and 1990), NM Philip Laren, and James Owens. Tsemekhman had the best tiebreaks of the highest-scoring Michigan residents and was awarded the title of Masters/Experts Champion.

Karklins really earned the victory; he played for nearly ten hours on Sunday, until 5:00 a.m.

Monday morning, to squeeze out the crucial point!

After round 2, the only perfect scores were Tsemekhman, Karklins, NM David Hahn, and Avery. Round three saw the top board, Tsemekhman—Hahn, last 81 moves and eight hours before finishing in a draw at 6:00 p.m., two hours after the scheduled start of the last round. At this point, Avery—Karklins was also on move 81 and still going strong, so it was adjourned. Kashdan adjournment pairings were used, which resulted in Karklins being paired as a win, Avery as a draw.

(Theoretically, the position was probably drawn.)

In Round 4, Karklins—Tsemekhman went on until 2:45 a.m., when Vadim finally conceded a draw after pressing for most of the 103 moves. At 3:00 a.m., the adjournment was finally begun. Avery was able to establish a drawn position, but a blunder on move 100 at about 4:30 a.m. gave Karklins the winning full point after 107 moves at 5:00 a.m. And they tell me Karklins drove back to Chicago, and went to work. If that's what it takes to be a Senior Master, count me out!

There is Always Time to Take Time for Chess

Richard Kujoth

In Illinois, as I suspect in most states, a school psychologist is primarily concerned with evaluation. Developing an extra-curricular activity that would soften the image of the school psychologist as a person solely dedicated to evaluation intrigued me. With the thought that students relax and concentrate better when they are less threatened, I proposed a chess program to the primary school counselor in Prophetstown, Illinois.

The counselor, Jim Casson, was also looking for a new angle in helping the students he counseled, and a chess program proved to be part of the answer. He established a simple and inexpensive program that attracted the wider audience he was seeking. Jim established "free time" from 2:30 to 2:50 p.m. twice a week as time out for chess...with a few strings attached. All students could choose this chess option, but they would attend the sessions only if they did their classroom work satisfactorily.

Teachers liked the program at once, as competent but lethargic students now assiduously vied for the privilege of leaving the classroom to go to the counselor's office. They did not want to miss out on the fun.

The United States Chess Federation's article "Chess Makes Kids Smart" describes how chess provides exercises in concentration and problem solving, as well as precise thinking. I loaned Jim a videotape I made based on my experience as Wisconsin State Chess Champion and former chess teacher on Milwaukee playgrounds. This tape allowed Jim to implement a program with almost no knowledge of chess himself. He learned along with his students.

A very popular grade school chess program developed which benefitted many students. One such student was Walt, who found schoolwork easy when he was in the mood to do it. Although tests showed Walt to be above average in ability, he was in danger of failing his fifth grade class due to lack of effort. He viewed school as a place to have a good time. Chess fit into that predisposition. The chess option was a place to have a good time, and Walt's grades improved, and he passed his grade level.

Another student, Bill, was perceived by others as being slow. . . but when he came down for chess, he beat most other students. Soon Bill was viewed as a winner. He no longer gets left out of baseball games when it comes time to choose teams.

A major benefit to the counselor and the students is that the counselor's office is no longer viewed as a place for losers. The average student feels as free to visit as the student in trouble. For the school psychologist, the benefits were:

- a very friendly and receptive teaching and administrative staff,
- students who were at ease during evaluation, and
- positive impact on students that could be perceived in the course of the school year.

This was accomplished at a low cost—\$32 for boards and sets.

Because Jim is also the high school basketball coach, he was initially reluctant to begin the program. However, he found the program takes relatively little time and energy. In fact, he reported that playing informal "skittles" games is a relaxing diversion from the many required school tasks. Begun with sixth graders, the program has been extended to include fifth graders, with plans to include fourth graders. Parents have been very supportive of the program. Jim discovered that over 50 percent of the students involved received chess sets for Christmas.

While chess may not solve all learning problems, it is a means to encourage critical thinking and a way for students to feel good without drugs or alcohol.

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On February 9, Douglas VanBuskirk (2227) and Robert Reynolds (2097) tied for first in the top section of the Springfield Snowshoe Open with a score of 2½-½; J. Kevin French claimed third place with 2 points.

In the second section, Thomas Warfield (1768) and David Shane (1675) tied for first and second with 2½-½; Eric Koester and Jack Heller (1383) split third with a 2-1 score.

John Long - Cameron Feltner (1843)

Ruy Lopez

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 O-O 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.Nbd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Bd7 14.Nf1 Rac8 15.Ne3 Rf8 16.Bd2 Bf8 17.Rc1 Qb6 18.dxe5 dxe5 19.Bc3 Qc7 20.Qd2 Nc6 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.exd5 b4 23.dxc6 bxc3 24.Qxd7 cxb2 25.Rb1 Qb8 26.Rxe5 Rxe5 27.Nxe5 Rc7 28.Qd4 Ba3 29.Qd3 Qf8 30.Qxh7+ 1-0

Several students at Sangamon State University have formed the Sangamon Subterranean Chess Club. During the current semester, the club will meet each Tuesday evening in the Brookens Library concourse. All are welcome to stop by and play. Thomas Knoedler, one of SSU's programmer/analysts, is the staff adviser to the club.

The last time the National Open was in Rosemont, Steve Surak put on a tactical show:

Paul Hjoim-Hanson - Steve Surak

1988 National Open

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.exd5

The Exchange Variation helps Black equalize in 3 or 4 moves—normally, this takes Black 20 moves.

4...exd5 5.Nf3 Ne7 6.Be2 Nbc6 7.O-O Bf5 8.a3 Bxc3

So much for pawn symmetry.

9.bxc3 Qd7

I wanted to keep my opponent guessing, but castling Queenside would give him something to do—9...O-O should be played here.

10.Nd2

I guess White is trying too hard here. If you don't have a plan, at least improve the position of your pieces. 10.c4 looks best.

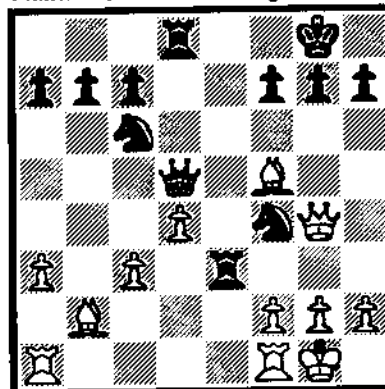
10...O-O 11.Bb2 Ng6 12.c4

Perhaps 12.g4 Be6 13.f4 f5 14.g5.

12...dxc4 13.Nxc4 Rad8 14.c3

White should first play 14.Ne3.

14...Nf4 15.Ne3 Rf8 16.Bg4 Rxe3 17.Bxf5 Qd5 18.Qg4



After 18.Qg4

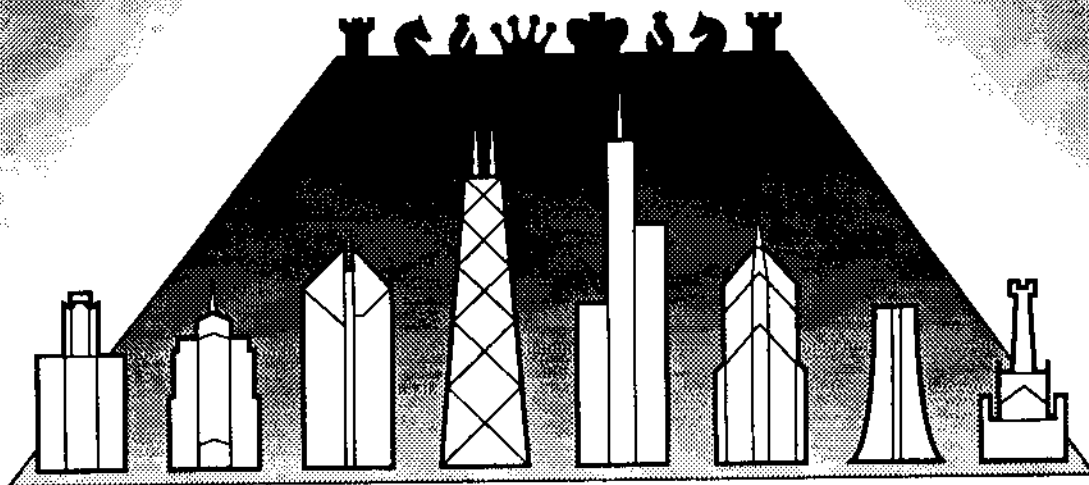
18...Rg3 [!-Ed.] 19.Qxg3 Ne2+

This combination has similarities to Marshall's famous combination (*versus Lewitsky, Breslau 1912-Ed.*). There are some differences: 1) Marshall was already a piece ahead, while I was not; 2) Marshall was supposedly showered with gold pieces; I received \$200 for a seven-way tie in the Expert class.

20.Kh1 Nxc3+ 21.fxc3 Na5
Now that I'm winning, I play second-rate moves: either 22...Qb3 or 22...Rc8 seem obvious now. White's aggressive moves wake me

up, and I realize I still have to win the "won" game.
22.Rae1 Qb3 23.Rf2 Nc4 24.Bc1 Qxc3 25.Rfe2 Nd6 26.Bf4 Rf8 27.Bb1 Qxa3 28.Bg5 Qc3 29.d5 Qc5 30.Rd1 Re8 31.Rxe8+ Nxe8 32.Be4 Nd6 33.Bf3 Qb6 34.h3 a5 35.Rc1 f6 36.Bd2 a4 37.Bc3 Qe3 38.Rc2 a3 (0-1, 43 moves)

[Annotated by Steve Surak]



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Rules: 1. ONLY ONE ENTRY PER PERSON. ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE ICA MEMBERS as of May 15, 1991. 2. The entry form below (or facsimile) must be used. All entries must be postmarked by May 15, 1991, and received at the address below by May 25, 1991. 3. The number of players in the National Open is defined as the number of total players listed on the tournament crosstables for both sections combined. If a person is paired for any round and appears on the tournament crosstables, he or she will be included in the count of total players. Computers shall be considered players for contest purposes. 4. Hotel room prize is for one person and assumes double occupancy. Airfare prize is only valid for roundtrips originating within the Continental U.S. 5. The contest judges shall be the sole determinants of the number of players and reserve the right to modify the contest rules without notice. 6. Void where prohibited. 7. Prizes guaranteed by the organizers of the 1992 National Open.

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ICA Banquet Honors Tour Winners, Helen Warren Ken Marshall

Fifty-one people attended the 1991 Illinois Chess Association Awards Banquet at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont on March 10, 1991. Following an excellent dinner, prize checks and certificates were presented to the 1990 Illinois Tour winners. (All winners were listed on page 32 of the March-April ICB.) Long-time organizer Helen Warren received a special "Decade of Chess Excellence" award in recognition of her lengthy and distinguished service to Illinois chess. Fred Gruenberg announced a contest for ICA members to guess the number of players who will compete in the 1991 National Open. (Full contest details appear in the opposite column.)

Bradley Winter Action

January 26, 1991

	rank	score	tour
1 BOURGERIE Dennis	1905	D 8 W10 W 4 W 2 W 3	4.5 8 XA
2 SMIT Tom	1955	W 9 W 7 W 3 L 1 W 6	4 4 XA
3 BELLMAN Robert	1893	W 5 W11 L 2 W 7 L 1	3 3 XA
4 ZIMMERLE Wayne	1725	L11 W 5 L 1 W 8 W 9	3 3 XAB
5 INGRAM Randy	1685	L 3 L 4 W10 W11 W 7	3 3 XAB
6 REYNOLDS Robert	2106	D10 L 8 W12 W 9 L 2	2.5 2.5X
7 VERO Carl	1798	W12 L 2 W 8 L 3 L 5	2 2 XAB
8 LEALI Michael	1686	D 1 W 6 L 7 L 4 D10	2 2 XAB
9 ELDER Dale	1707	L 2 W12 W11 L 6 L 4	2 2 XAB
10 WARFIELD Thomas	1721	D 6 L 1 L 5 W12 D 8	2 2 XAB
11 KIRKPATRICK Donald	1491	W 4 L 3 L 9 L 5 D12	1.5 1.5XABC
12 DREBENSTEDT James	1620	L 7 L 9 L 6 L10 D11	0.5 0.5XAB

Oak Park-Forest Park Chess Club News

Ken Marshall

January 12: Albert Chow Group Chess Lesson. This event attracted 15 people; each got more than his or her \$5 worth as Senior Master Chow spent more than two hours going over several of the games of the 1990 Karpov-Kasparov World Championship Match and asking and answering questions as he analyzed.

February 5 and 12: WRC Tournament. Greg Bungoscored 3½-½ to finish clear first in this eight-player, "game/30" event, sanctioned and rated by Grandmaster Yasser Seirawan's international Chess Federation (FIDE)-affiliated World Rapid [Action] Chess organization. Jim McNamara and Tim Pradzinski shared second and third, as well as top 1999-1700 honors, at 2½-1½. Splitting the 1600/below prize money were Rich Riis and Jim Hodina with 2 points each.

March 5, 1991: Team Speed (Blitz) Tournament. Eight three-man teams competed in this single round-robin "game/5" tournament. Jay Porter, Greg Minnis, and Don Winsauer won on tiebreak over Fred Allsbrook, Art LaFrana, and Mark Stamatakos; both teams finished 5½-1½.

Twin City CC

Dennis Bourgerie

Kevin French (1960) and **Tom Warfield** (1768) scored 3½-½ to take top honors at the February Frost Open, held February 16th at Normal. Keith Gardner (1658), Scott Caldwell (1777), and Martin Miller (1700) went 3-1 to tie for the B prize, with Gardner taking the trophy on tiebreak. Steve Lebo (1570) won the C prize with a 2½-1½ score, and Reynaldo Limberg took the unrated prize with a 2½-1½ score. Dennis Bourgerie directed for the Twin City Chess Club.

Minutes (abridged) of ICA Board Meeting

February 10, 1991—Lincolnwood Chess and Games, 3518 Devon Ave., Lincolnwood, IL 60659.

Call to order 1:10 p.m. by President A. Losoff. Present: T. Fineberg, M. Lonoff, K. Marshall, B. Brock, T. Just, H. Warren, J. Warren, D. Grant, L. Bale, F. Gruenberg, D. Gurevich, T. Barre, H. Winston, B. Smythe, E. Sedlock, A. Sandrin, three guests.

1. Minutes of the the 10/21/90 meeting approved as published in November/December 1990 ICB.

2. President A. Losoff: ICA in good shape financially and now has nearly 600 members.

3. Metro VP T. Fineberg report on Tournament Clearinghouse; Discussion: L. Bale: Some TDs not using clearinghouse—problems with conflicts, especially scholastic events; E. Sedlock: There is separate clearinghouse for scholastic tournaments; T. Barre: clearinghouse director must be aggressive, sending out notices and soliciting tournament dates; H. Warren: ICA must face problem with scholastic organizers; H. Winston: ICA, scholastic CHs should be merged; E. Sedlock: future grade school events will be listed with ICA; F. Gruenberg and T. Barre: clearinghouse has no teeth, nothing can be done to prevent conflicts; A. Losoff: clearinghouse advisory only.

4. ICB Editor B. Brock report: Budget problems; postage and printing cost increases, etc.—printing close to \$1000 for 36-page issue; need new printer or need to cut pages; Cramer magazine grant will help [One clarification: although the ICB plans to apply for a Cramer grant, it is not assured of receiving one—Ed.]; may have to reduce or eliminate Game Editor payments; need more advertising revenue; cover date on last issue made March-April rather than January-February 1991 so ICB will be "ahead," as is Chess Life and most magazines. Thanks to D. Gurevich and M. Lonoff for contributions. Discussion: must cut pages to stay within budget; T. Barre: why are events of non-ICA affiliates listed in ICB? Brock: all USCF events are listed, but not non-USCF events run by non-ICA affiliates; K. Marshall: expired affiliates should not be listed as affiliates in ICB; A. Losoff: expired affiliates get two issues grace, as do ICA Patrons, and most renew; T. Just and L. Bale: Thanks to B. Brock for work; A. Losoff: need volunteer for new ICB editor to work with B. Brock over next four issues; help available for new editor, he need not do everything himself.

5. Treasurer M. Lonoff report: For 1990, ICA had total revenue of \$13,176.62 (which included \$420 donated by ICB editor B. Brock), total expenditures of \$12,593.19, for net profit of \$583.43; fund balance as of 12/31/90 was \$9,950.35; Discussion of various expenses.

6. A. Losoff: ICA Tour Prizes: winners as listed in March-April 1990 ICB, except 2nd Expert was from Iowa and not ICA member, so 2nd Expert prize goes to 3rd place finisher; prizes to be presented at 3/10/91 ICA Awards Banquet.

7. A. Losoff: 1991 National Open (5/31-6/2/91 at Ramada O'Hare in Rosemont): preparation going well; at least 7 GMs will play; hotel site best in Chicago area; TD staff: T. Barre Chief TD of Open, T. Just Chief TD of Reserve; Carol Jarecki Chief Arbiter; need volunteers for registration, etc.; looking at computer programs for pairing; WBCA Blitz tournament on 5/30/91; GM D. Gurevich volunteers to give free simul at a school to promote tournament. 8. A. Losoff: 1991 Illinois Open (8/31-9/1/91): Bids taken until 3/10/91; if no bids, ICA will probably organize at Ramada O'Hare.

9. A. Losoff: 1991 Illinois Class (11/23-24/91): Bids taken until 4/10/91; if no bids, ICA will probably organize at Morgan Park Academy.

10. H. Winston: report on latest USCF Board meeting: projected loss of \$75,000 for USCF present year; possible dues increase to \$40 per year. 1990 U.S. Open in Los Angeles—possible appearance by World Champion Kasparov. Various other USCF matters discussed.

11. New Business: ICA Promotional Memberships discussed—4 months, 2 ICBs a possibility. Committee Assignments—E. Sedlock will head Scholastic Committee; T. Just: what about Illinois Junior and Scholastic Clinic? probably will have Clinic in fall; need high school mailing list to promote; A. Losoff: rated beginners opens may help get new USCF and ICA members. T. Barre: discusses upcoming Midwest Amateur Team Tournament. T. Barre: if lull in tournaments or other chess news, can promote ICA affiliates on Chess Phone. L. Bale: will be forming corporation within next year to purchase building to house chess club.

12. Adjournment: 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Marshall, ICA Secretary

ILLINOIS CHESS ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND FUND BALANCE (CASH BASIS) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1990

FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1989	\$9,366.92
REVENUES	
Advertising	306.67
Donations	420.00
Interest	382.10
1990 Illinois Open	636.10
1990 Illinois Class	754.23
Memberships:	
Affiliates	345.00
Century Club	1,000.00
Gold Card	900.00
Junior	150.00
Patron	1,600.00
Regular	4,160.00
Total Memberships	8,155.00
SASP Funds	1,506.38
Illinois Chess Tour Fees	985.00
Other income	31.23
TOTAL REVENUES	13,176.62
EXPENDITURES	
Deposits	250.00
Awards	41.53
Banquet	109.50
Scholastic Clinic	242.63
Chess Phone	208.83
Illinois Chess Bulletin:	
Printing	4,921.41
Editorial	2,810.00
Postage	1,007.72
Other	379.26
Total ICB	9,118.39
Illinois Junior	200.00
Meetings	50.00
Miscellaneous	90.70
Office Supplies	92.58
Banking & Postage	138.00
Promotional Mailings	751.03
1989 Tour Prizes	1,300.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	12,593.19
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	583.43
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1990	\$9,950.35

The Chicago Industrial Chess League has 27 teams participating this year. Motorola (4-1) leads the North Division, followed by Northrop (3-1). In the East Division, Chicago Post Office (4-1) is in front, with Alumni Second Stringers (3-1) close behind. The Argonne Knights (6-0) lead the Near West Division, with the Bell Labs Dragons (5-1) in second. In the Far West Division, Fermilab has a perfect 4-0 score, trailed by the Bell Labs Indians (3-1).

The annual CICL banquet is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 7, at Harvey's Prime Rib in Westmont. Call CICL Bulletin editor Marty Franek 708/636-3714 (home) or 312/353-1123 for more info.

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

by Howard Wachtel

The Midwest Masters tournament has been a unique benefit of relocating to the Chicago area. Rarely do I have an opportunity to play in an event where I find myself near the bottom of the chart instead of near the top! However, in my three Midwest Masters events I have had an unusually large number of heartbreaking losses--the "I had a won game, but..." type. Here is my first encounter ever in a Midwest Masters:

White: Howard Wachtel (2170)

Black: David Levine (2307)

Midwest Masters VI, March 1988, Round 1

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nf3 cd4 4.Nxd4 e5

An aggressive line of play which has developed a solid reputation.

5.Nb5 d5 6.cd5 Bc5

Black cannot capture on d5, of course; his idea is to sacrifice the pawn for rapid development. (Does anybody know the name of this gambit?)

7 Be3!?

A novelty, as far as I know. I have never much liked the main lines of this gambit with 7 N5c3 O-O 8 e3 e4 in which Black gets a central wedge and potential K-side pressure in return for his pawn. But the main lines are apparently White's only try for advantage; at any rate, my seventh gives Black no trouble in equalizing.

7...Bxe3 8 fe3 O-O

Both the text and the immediate 8...Qb6 9 Qc1 Na6 10 N5c3 Ng4 11 Nd1 are adequate to give Black equality.

9 N5c3 Ng4 10 Qd2

Perhaps the more active 10 Qd3 would be a bit better.

10...Qb6 11 Nd1 f5

Black wants to prevent 12 e4, which was threatened (as the N at d1 covers f2). 11...Bf5 is a good alternative.

12 Na3

a) 12 Nbc3 Qh6!? 13 e4 14 with K-side counterplay (Δ ...Qh4+)

b) 12 g3, discouraging ...Qh6, is passive; Black should not hurry with 12...f4 or 12...g5, but build up more slowly with 12...Bd7 or 12...Na6. (Maybe even 12...Qh6!? anyway!)

12...Rd8

Logical, but 12...Qh6! is a possibility I overlooked, provoking White to weaken his K-side with 13 h4, for if 13 g3 Nxh2! with complications favoring Black after either 14 Nf2 Nxf1! or 14 Bg2 Qg5 (Δ ...Qxg3+) breaking the pin.

13 Rc1

If 13 h3 Nf6! 14 Nc3 Qc5 15 Rd1 Be6 =+.

13...Be6

Piling up on d5. Also worth considering is 13...Nc6!?

14 Nc4 Qb5 15 d6 Be6 =+.

14 Nc4

The pin on the d-file is binding: 14 de6?? Rxd2 15 Rc8+ Rd8, so there's no back-rank mate with the Black

Queen guarding d8. But as soon as the Queen takes her eye off that square, Black has to worry about the back-rank mate possibility.

14...Qa6

Where should the Queen go? It's not an easy decision:

a) 14...Qc5 15 Nxe5 Qxd5

26 Qxd5 Rxd5 =.

b) 14...Qb5! and now:

b1) 15 Nxe5 (so that if

15...Nxe5 16 de6! because of the back-rank check on c8)

Rxd5! 16 Nd3 (Δ Nc3 fork)

Rd6 17 Nc3 Qa5 =+.

b2) 15 e4 fe4 16 Nce3 Nf6

(16...Nxe3 17 Nxe3 Bxd5? 18

Rd1) 17 Nc3 (again not 17

de6?? Rxd2 18 Rc8+ Ne8)

Qa5 =+ with central pressure

for Black.

c) 14...Qc7! and now:

c1) 15 Na3 Qe7! 16 Nc3 Nf6 and the d-pawn is in trouble;

c2) 15 Nxe5 Qxe5 16 de6 Nc6! =+

c3) 15 Na5 Qd7 16 Nc3 Bxd5 (16...b6!? 17 Rd1 ∞) 17 Nxd5 Qxd5 18 Qxd5 Rxd5 19 Rc8+ Kf7 20 Nxb7 Nxe3 21 Nd8+ Kf6 22 Nc6 Rb5 (or 22...Rd1+ 23 Kf2 Ng4+ 24 K any Ne3 with a draw by repetition) 23 b3 Rb6 =/+.

c4) 15 d6 Qc5 (also good is 15...Qf7 16 b3 Nc6 =+) 16 b4 Qb5 17 Ndb2 Nc6 =+.

15 e4!

The best way to safeguard d5, making e3 available for the Knights. If instead 15 Nxe5 Nxe5 (not 15...Rxd5?? 16 Qxd5 +; the back-rank mate on c8 strikes again) 16 de6 (the Queen is immune) Nbc6 17 Qc2 Qxa2 with lots of play for Black. (If 18 Qxf5 Qa5+ followed by ...Nd3+)

15...fe4 16 Nce3

On 16 Nde3 Nxe3 17 Nxe3 Qxa2. The text sets a little trap, which Black sees through, but still does not find the best reply.

16...Qb6?

a) Correct is 16...Qd6! maintaining the balance. 17 Nxf4 Bxf4 18 Nc3=. After the text move White obtains a lasting advantage.

b) The trap I had in mind is 16...Nxe3?? 17 de6! Qb6 (taking the Queen again allows the mate, and on other moves I just play 18 Qxe3) 18 e7! +- (even stronger than the immediate 18 Qxe3 Rxd1+? 19 Rxd1)

c) Also weak is 16...Nc6? 17 Nxf4 Bxf4 18 Qg5!

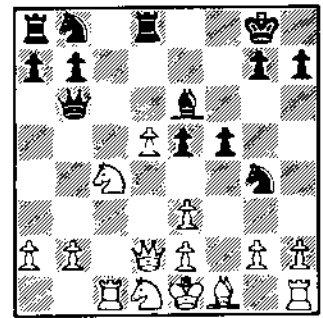
17 Nxf4 Bxf4 18 Qg5 Bd7 19 Qxe5 Qa5+

No better is the immediate 19...Re8 20 Qc7 Qb4+ 21 Rc3 Rc8 22 Qe5 \pm .

20 Nc3 Re8 21 Qd6!?

Again, where to put the Queen? Probably 21 Qf4 is best (21...e3 22 g3 \pm), but 21 Qd4 looks fine also.

21...Qd8



Probably 21...e3 is better, after which White would develop with g3, Bg2, and Rf1. White has a pawn plus and a clear superiority.

22 e3 Qg5 23 Qf4

23 Qg3 is a good alternative--if Black exchanges Queens the ending should be an easy win for White.

23...Qg6 24 Rc2??!

I wanted to guard the g-pawn and free the Bishop for development, but this Rook maneuver is too clumsy. Better is the immediate 24 Qc7! Qg5 (what else? 24...Bc8 25 Bb5 Rf8 [even worse is 25...Qxg2? 26 Rf1 +-] 26 Rf1 completes White's development with a big advantage) 25 Qxb7 Qxe3+ (or 25...Bg4 26 Kd2 Nd7 27 Bb5 maintaining the two pawns plus, despite giving Black some counterplay) 26 Ne2 (so that if 26...Bg4 27 Rc3 +-) Qb6! 27 Qxa8 Na6 28 Qxe8+ Bxe8 29 Rc8 Kf7 30 Nc3 ∞/±.

24...Rf8 25 Qe5

Not 25 Qxe4?? Bf5, but again White can play 25 Qc7 as in the previous note.

25...b5?

A desperate attempt for counterplay, or just a bluff? Correct is 25...Qb6, after which White can try the simple 26 Qg3 (best, I think), or the tricky 26 Be2!? Qxe3 27 Nxe4 Re8 (27...Qb6 28 Rf1 Qa5+ 29 Rc3 ±) 28 Rc8! (forced) Qc1+ (also forced--not 28...Rxc8?? 29 Nf6+) 29 Rxc1 Rxe5 30 Nc3 Bg4 +=/±.

26 Rf2?

Time was becoming a factor, and I was afraid to take the b-pawn because of the double attack with 26...Qb6.

No problem, however:

a) 26 Bxb5! Qb6 27 Be2 Qxe3 28 Nxe4 Re8 29 Rc8! is just like the previous note, except that Black's b-pawn is gone, hence a much bigger advantage for White.

b) Also playable is 26 Nxb5 Qb6 (26...Rxf1+? 27 Rxf1 Bxb5? 28 Rc8+ mates, or 26...Bxb5 27 Bxb5 Qb6 28 Qe6+ +-) 27 Qd4 or 27 Nd4.

26...Rxf2 27 Kxf2 Na6 28 Qxe4

Now Black has good counterplay, particularly on the f-file, and White has to be careful despite his material advantage.

28...Rf8+ 29 Ke1 Bf5

Black has to keep up the pressure before White can consolidate. I think that 29...Qf6 is a bit better, after which White would defend by offering a pawn for a Queen trade with 30 Qf4 or Qf3.

30 Qd4

White can create some threats of his own with 30 Qe7 (Δ d6 or Qxa7) b4 (30...Re8 31 Qxa7) 31 d6 (Δ Bc4+ or Bxa6) Nc5 (31...Re8 32 Nd5!) 32 Bc4+ Be6 33 d7!

30...b4! 31 Nd1

Or 31 Ne2 Bg4 (Δ...Qb1+), but not 31 e4? Re8.

31...Bc2 32 d6

Also possible is 32 Nf2 Qf5 33 e4 (not 33 Nd3? Nc5!) Re8 34 d6! (Δ d7, Qc4+, Bxa6)

32...Bxd1 33 Qxd1! Kh8?

33...Nc5 was mandatory; then if 34 Qd5+ Ne6 with threat of ...Qb1+. After the text move I should have grabbed the Knight, but...

34 d7?

In the time pressure I incorrectly believed that I must keep g2 guarded, but simply 34 Bxa6 Qxg2 35 Rf1! wins.

34...Qf6

I believe 34...Rd8 is better, but still White maintains a substantial plus.

35 Qd2?!

Better 35 Qc2 or 35 Qd5, keeping the Black Knight from getting into the act via c5. The situation becomes precarious once the Knight joins the fray!

35...Nc5 36 Bb5 Ne4?!

a) Also inadequate is 36...a6 37 Rf1 Qh4+ 38 g3 Rxf1+ 39 Bxf1 Qd8 40 Qxb4 +-.

b) Objectively best is the immediate 36...Qh4+ 37 g3 Qe4 38 Rf1 Qb1+ (forced--not 38...Rxf1+? 39 Bxf1 Nxd7 [or 39...Qb1+ 40 Ke2 Nxd7 41 Qxd7 Qxb2+ 42 Qd2 +-] 40 Qxd7 Qxe3+ 41 Kd1 Qf3+ 42 Be2 Qh1+ 43 Kd2 +-) 39 Qd1 Qxd1+ 40 Kxd1 Rxf1+ 41 Bxf1 Nxd7 and White still has some work to do to win the pawn-plus ending. The text move is the best practical chance in a time scramble, hoping for a blunder, and I obliged.

37 Qc2??

The clock nails me with very little time left for the last 3 moves. I still thought I needed to keep the Queen covering the second rank. White wins with 37 Qxb4! and now:

a) 37...Qf2+ 38 Kd1 Qf5 39 Rf1 Nf2+ (39...Qd5+ 40 Kc2 Rxf1 41 Bxf1 Qa8 42 Qb7! +-) 40 Kc1 Rg8 (40...Rb8 is answered by either 41 Qh4 or Qe7, +-) 41 Qe7 Qxb5 42 Rxf2 Qc4+ 43 Kd1! Qd3+ (43...Qa4+ 44 b3 Qa5 45 Rf8 +-) 44 Ke1 Qb1+ 45 Ke2 Qxb2+ (there's no perpetual with 45...Qc2+ 46 Kf3 Qf5+ 47 Kg3 Qg6+ 48 Kf4 Qh6+ 49 Kg4 Qg6+ 50 Qg5 Qe6+ 51 Qf5 +-) 46 Kf3 Qb8 47 Kg4 (Δ Rf7) +-.

b) 37...Qd8 38 Qxe4 Qa5+ 39 b4 Qxb5 40 Qe7 Qb8 41 Rf1 Rg8 42 Rf7 (Δ Rxd7) +

In the tournament book, Keith Hayward gives 37 Qd4, which (although a lot better than what I did!) I think is not as strong as 37 Qxb4, e.g. 37 Qd4 Qe7 38 Rf1 Rd8 39 Rf4 Nc5 (perhaps 39...Nd6!?), and although White is much better, I don't see a clear win here.

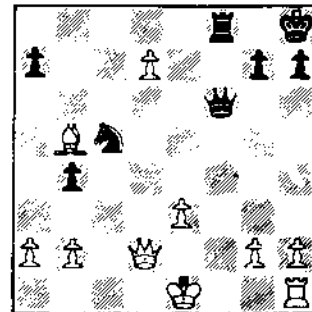
37...Qh4+ 38 g3 Nxd3

Now completely bewildered, if not completely lost, I forfeited on time here with two moves to go.

a) A reasonable try would be 39 d8Q!? Rxd8 40 Qf2, but it fails to 40...Qe4! +- with threats on b1 as well as h1.

b) Also inadequate is 39 Rg1 Nf1+ 40 Rg3 (40 Ke2? Rf2+) Nxd3 and Black wins.

c) White's best is 39 hg3 Qxh1+ 40 Kd2 Qg2+ 41 Be2 Qxg3 with substantial advantage to Black.



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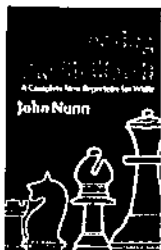
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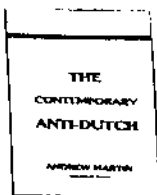
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Tim Just's Winter Open VIII

Tim Just

Tim Just's Winter Open is traditionally the first Maxi-Tour event of the Illinois Chess Tour. On January 19-20, 1991, sixty-six wood pushers continued the \$1,725 tradition in the heart of Caveman Chess country, the College of Lake County campus in Grayslake, Illinois.

There were four masters listed on the twenty-four player Open Section wallchart. Destiny would provide only one of them with enough victories to claim a share of the prize fund. St. Louis's David Heurung at 2299 was ranked second among Senior Master Al Chow (2406), Steve Szpisjak (2269), and Caveman Ken Wallach (2261). However, when the final scores were tallied, Heurung's 4½-½ put him clearly on top. Dave's third-round bye and his victories over Hector Hernandez (1977), Wisconsinite Len Jasiuwienas (2055), Kevin "Caveman" Bachler (2190), and Caveman Club member Rodney Kinnard (2104) were enough to take home the \$225 first place prize money. Chow's withdrawal, coupled with Szpisjak's and Wallach's 3-2 scores left the field wide open for the Experts to lay claim to their part of the pot. Experts Kevin "Caveman" Bachler and Wisconsinite Greg Knutson (2143) scored 4-1 each to tie for both second place in the event and first place in Expert. With his best efforts in some time, Bachler posted victories against Szpisjak and Wallach on his way to a \$137.50 paycheck. Knutson earned his \$137.50 by beating Al Chow and drawing with Ken Wallach. Expert Rodney Kinnard was awarded third place money of \$100 in the event on the strength of his 3½-1½ effort. A four-way tie for second place Expert money of \$25 each among Robert Sax, Wisconsinites Len Jasiuwienas, Bill Arvola, and Bill Olk was assured by their 2½-2½ performance.

First place money of \$125 in Class A went to James Marshall, who scored 3½-1½. Ellis Jones moved from Tennessee, joined the Caveman Chess club, and took home the \$100 second place Class A prize by scoring 3-2.

The last round of the forty-four player Reserve Section saw a dramatic finish on board one. Though over seventy years old and ranked tenth on the wallchart, Illinois tournament veteran Victor Swanson (1695) set down at board one in the final round with only four victories under his belt. His opponent Kelvin McAllister (1714), was young, ranked 9th on the wallchart, but had only 3½ points after four games. Playing the black pieces, Swanson needed only a draw to elevate himself to the top. McAllister took home the point, and the \$225 first place prize money. With a 4-1 score, Swanson tied with top-ranked Greg Lukor (1794) and Caveman Dave Shiner (1717) for split second and third place and \$83.34 apiece.

Perennial Class C tour winner Rudy Padilla scored 3½-1½ to gain his \$112.50 equal share of the 1st-2nd Class C prize with Scott Wiens. With a score of 3-2, Joe Cima and Pat Maurer took home \$50 each for top D/E/Unr.

The event was directed by Tim Just with assistance from Dennis Grant and Dave Shiner. Just organized the tournament with help from longtime Caveman tournament sponsor Don Martin.

Tim Just Winter Open

January 19-20, 1991

OPEN SECTION	wall chart	score	tour
1 HEURUNG David	2299 W22 W11 Dbye W 2 W 4	4½ 16	M
2 BACHLER Kevin	2190 W17 W14 W 7 L 1 W 6	4 8	MX
3 KNUTSON Greg	2143 D 9 W23 W11 D 6 W 8	4 8	MX
4 KINNAIRD Rodney	2104 W20 W10 Dbye W 7 L 1	3½ 4	MX
5 MARSHALL James	1942 L 6 W15 D13 W17 W10	3½ 4	MXA
6 WALLACH Ken	2261 W 5 W12 Dbye D 3 L 2	3 3	M
7 SZPISJAK Steve	2268 W 8 W21 L 2 L 4 W14	3 3	M
8 JONES Ellis	1945 L 7 W24 W12 W 9 L 3	3 3	MXA
9 MADERA Bill	1886 D 3 W13 D10 L 8 D11	2½ 2½	MXA
10 ARVOH Bill	2022 W18 L 4 D 9 W14 L 5	2½ 2½	MX
11 JASIUIENAS Len	2055 W19 L 1 L 3 W18 D 9	2½ 2½	MX
12 SAX Robert	2044 W15 L 6 L 8 D13 W16	2½ 2½	MX
13 OLK Bill	2016 D23 L 9 D 5 D12 W17	2½ 2½	MX
14 MARQUEZ Anthony	2053 W16 L 2 W22 L10 L 7	2 2	MX
15 AUGSBURGER Len	1817 L12 L 5 Dbye D24 W18	2 2	MXA
16 ROCKWELL David	1846 L14 L17 Wbye W20 L12	2 2	MXA
17 BUTTNY Bill	1937 L 2 W16 Dbye L 5 L13	1½ 1½	MXA
18 MC CARTHY Mike	1752 L10 W20 Dbye L11 L15	1½ 1½	MXAB
19 FRAATS Dan	1858 L11 L22 W24 Dbye -	1½ 1½	MXA
20 ALLISON Roger	1874 L 4 L18 Dbye L16 W24	1½ 1½	MXA
21 GORDON Wallace	2062 W24 L 7 - - -	1 1	MX
22 HERNANDEZ Hector	1977 L 1 W19 L14 - - -	1 1	MXA
23 CHOW Albert	2406 D13 L 3 - - -	½ ½	M
24 GRAVES Bill	1863 L21 L 8 L19 D15 L20	½ ½	MXA

RESERVE SECTION	wall chart	score	tour
1 MC ALISTER Kelvin	1714 W13 W31 Dbye W18 W 2	4½ 16	B
2 SWANSON Vic	1695 W12 W29 W 3 W10 L 1	4 8	B
3 LUKER Greg	1794 W 9 W20 L 2 W22 W11	4 8	B
4 SHINER David	1717 W34 D22 W 8 D 5 W12	4 8	B
5 WIENS Scott	1537 W40 W 7 D18 D 4 D 6	3½ 4	BC
6 PRADZINSKI Tim	1746 D24 D19 W25 W13 D 5	3½ 4	B
7 DITSWORTH Todd	1753 W28 L 5 D20 W15 W10	3½ 4	B
8 KITTSLY Scott	1603 W16 Dbye L 4 W29 W19	3½ 4	B
9 PADILLA Rudy	1556 L 3 W39 Dbye W31 W20	3½ 4	BC
10 CIMA Joe	1386 W42 W14 W11 L 2 L 7	3 3	BCD
11 FULTON Steve	1740 W21 W30 L10 W24 L 3	3 3	B
12 CARDINALE Mike	1446 L 2 W40 W26 W23 L 4	3 3	BC
13 BROOKS Amy	1457 L 1 W41 W14 L 6 W23	3 3	BC
14 GIERTZ Charles	1684 W33 L10 L13 W37 W24	3 3	B
15 DUDNICK Steve	1426 D27 W36 Dbye L 7 W32	3 3	BC
16 HENDERSON Dale	1408 L 8 Dbye D38 W25 W26	3 3	BC
17 MAURER Pat	1327 Dbye L24 D37 W39 W22	3 3	BCD
18 OWIECKI Roger	1786 W37 W25 D 5 L 1 -	2½ 2½	B
19 KIRSCH Gabriel	- W38 D 6 L23 W28 L 8	2½	
20 ZELINSKY Daryl	1626 W35 L 3 D 7 W30 L 9	2½ 2½	B
21 SANCHEZ Ignacio	1492 L11 L26 W36 D32 W33	2½ 2½	BC
22 RAIMO Robert	1515 W39 D 4 Dbye L 3 L17	2 2	BC
23 BYRNES Randy	1790 L25 W34 W19 L12 L13	2 2	B
24 PENA Waldo	1510 D 6 W17 Dbye L11 L14	2 2	BC
25 CLARK Wayne	1552 W23 L18 L 6 L16 W30	2 2	BC
26 VIGANTS Albert	1630 L29 W21 L12 W35 L16	2 2	B
27 YODER Harley	1495 D15 W33 - - -	1½ 1½	BC
28 BRODDE Jeff	1521 L 7 W42 D32 L19 -	1½ 1½	BC
29 BIEZYNSKI Stan	1429 W26 L 2 Dbye L 8 -	1½ 1½	BC
30 JOSEPHS Steven	1425 W32 L11 Dbye L20 L25	1½ 1½	BC
31 CALIENDO Anthony	1409 W41 L 1 Dbye L 9 -	1½ 1½	BC
32 GRANT Dennis	1638 L30 D37 D28 D21 L15	1½ 1½	B
33 CAIN Dennis	1431 L14 L27 W34 Dbye L21	1½ 1½	BC
34 WALLER Ron	1463 L 4 L23 L33 W36 D35	1½ 1½	BC
35 BALES Robert	1422 L20 D38 Dbye L26 D34	1½ 1½	BC
36 DUPEE Arthur	1165 Dbye L15 L21 L34 W39	1½ 1½	BCD
37 GASIECKI Al	1537 L18 D32 D17 L14 -	1 1	BC
38 HICKS Charles	1563 L19 D35 D16 - -	1 1	BC
39 GIBBS Morris	1169 L22 L 9 Dbye L17 L36	½ ½	BCD
40 LUTZKE Rick	1765 L 5 L12 - - -	0	
41 GORDON Steve	1604 L31 L13 - - -	0	
42 LESTER Mike	1596 L10 L28 - - -	0	

Kevin Bachler (2190) - Steve Szpizjak (2269)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be3 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 Qa5 8.O-O O-O 9.Bb3 d6 10.h3 Bd7 11.Nd5 Nae4 12.Nbc6 bxc6 13.Nae7+ Kh8 14.Bd4 Nd2 15.Bxg7+ Kxg7 16.Re1 Nxb3 17.axb3 Qc5 18.Qd2 a5 19.Ra4 d5 20.Rh4 h5 21.Rxh5 Rh8 22.Rhe5 f6 23.Nxg6 Kxg6

23...fxe5 24.Qg5 and the threat of 25.Ne5+ mates or wins both Rooks—Bachler.

24.Re7

24.Qd3+? Kf7!—Bachler.

24...Qd6 25.Qd3+ Bf5 26.Qf3 Rh4 27.g4 Bd7 28.Qd3+ f5 29.gxf5+ Kf6 30.R1e6+ Bxe6 31.Rxe6+ Qxe6 32.fxe6 Rg8+ 33.Kh2 Kxe6

A Queen plus two connected passed pawns supported by the King is a win, so I play for that ending—Bachler.

34.Qa6 Rgh8 35.Qxc6+ Ke5 36.Qc3+ Kd6 37.f4 R8h5 38.b4 axb4 39.Qxb4+ Ke6 40.Qe1+ Kd7 41.Qg3 Rh7 42.Kg2 R4h6 43.f5 Rf7 44.Qe5 Rhf6 45.Qxd5+ Ke8 46.Qa8+ Kd7 47.Kf3 Rxf5+ 48.Ke3 Rh5 49.b4 Rh7 50.Kd2 Rxh3 51.Kc1 R7h4 52.Qd5+ Kc7 53.Qc5+ Kb7 54.Kb2 Rh6 55.Qd4 Kc6 56.c3 R6h5 57.Kb3 Rh2 58.Qf6+ Kb7 59.c4 Rh1 60.c5 Rh6 61.Qg7+ Kc6 62.Qg2+ Kc7 63.Kc4 R6h4+ 64.Kb5 Rh6 65.Qg7+ 1-0

Kevin Bachler (2190) - Anthony Marquez (2053)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bb6 5.a4 a6 6.a5 Ba7 7.Nc3 d6 8.Nd5 Nge7 9.d3 Nxd5 10.exd5 Ne7 11.O-O O-O 12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 Ng6 14.Bb2 Nf4 15.Ra3 h5 16.Rg3 Qf6

16...h4? 17.Rxg7+

—Bachler.

17.Ba1 Bg4 18.Qd2 Qh6

Threat: 19...Nh3+

—Bachler.

19.Qc3 g5?

Doesn't meet the threat of 20.Nf5—Bachler.

20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.Rxg5+ Bg6 22.Qf6 Nxg2

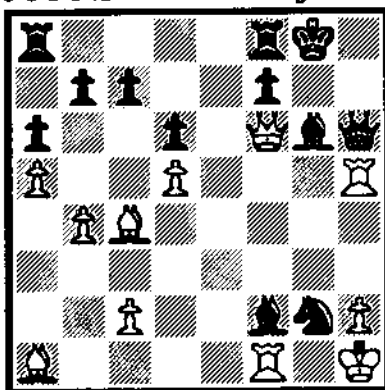
22...Rae8 23.Qxf4 Re4

24.Qf6 Rxc4 25.Rxh5—Bachler.

23.Rxh5 Bxf2+ 24.Kh1 1-0

If 24...Be4 threatening

25...Nf4 mate, then 25.Qh8 mates first.



Black (to play) resigns

Kevin Bachler (2190) - Ken Wallach (2261)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bc4 Be7 7.Bb3 O-O 8.Be3 Nc6 9.Qe2 Na5 10.g4 Nxb3 11.axb3 Bd7 12.g5 Ne8 13.Rg1 Qc8 14.Qh5 Nc7 15.Nde2

With the idea of e5 followed by Rg3-h3—Bachler.

15...e5 16.Rxa7 Rxa7 17.Bxa7 Be6 18.Bb6 d5 19.Bxc7 Qxc7 20.exd5 Bf5 21.Kd2

Before the game, Wallach had said, "When you castle, I will get you." So I made the only possible response—Bachler.

21...Rd8 22.Qf3 Bg6 23.h4 e4 24.Qf4 Qa5 25.Kc1 Qa1+ 26.Nb1 Rxd5 27.Qb8+ Rd8 28.Qxb7 Kf8 29.Nf4 Bf5 30.Nd5 Bc5 31.Ne3 Be6 32.Qc7 Be7 33.Rd1 Rc8 34.Qb7 f5 35.Nc4 Bc5 36.Rd7 Bxd7 37.Qxd7 Qa6 38.Qxf5+ Kg8 39.Qd5+ Kh8 40.Qe4 Bxf2 41.Nba3 Bg3 42.Kb1 Qc6 43.Qg4 Bb8 44.h5 Rf8 45.b4 Qa4 46.b5 Qb4 47.b6 Bf4 48.g6 Bc1 49.Qd4 Bg5 50.Qd3 Bf6 51.Qd6 Qe1+ 52.Ka2 Rd8 53.b7? Qe8

I intended 53...Rxd6 54.Nxd6 Qe6+ 55.Nac4 Qg8 56.Nf7+, but 54...Qb4! holds, so 54.b8Q+ is necessary, with an equal position.—Bachler
54.Qc7 Qg8 55.b3 Rd1 56.Nb1 Bd8 57.Qf7 1-0

David Heurung (2299) - Hector Hernandez (1977)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 c5 5.O-O Nc6 6.c4 Be7 7.Nc3 O-O 8.dxc5 dxc4 9.Qa4 Qa5 10.Qxc4 Qxc5 11.Qxc5 Bxc5 12.e4 e5 13.Bg5 Nd7 14.Nd5 h6 15.Bd2 Ne7 16.Bc3 Nxd5 17.exd5 f6 18.Rac1 Bd6 19.Nd2 a5 20.a3 Nc5 21.Bxa5 Nd3 22.Bc7 Nc1 23.Bxd6 Ne2+ 24.Kh1 Re8 25.Nc4 Bf5 26.Nb6 Ra5 27.Bb4 Ra6 28.Nc4 Rd8 29.Rd1 Kf7 30.Ne3 Bd7 31.Bf1 Bb5 32.Nf5 Bc4 33.Rd2 Bxd5+ 34.Rxd5 Rxd5 35.Bxe2 Rc6 36.Bf3 Rc1+ 37.Kg2 Rd7 38.Nd6+ Kg8 39.Nxb7 Rb1 40.Bc3 Rd3 41.Be4 Rxc3 42.Bxb1 Rc7 43.Na5 Kf8 44.Be4 Ke7 45.Kf3 f5 46.Bxf5 Rc5 47.Nb3 Rb5 48.Bc2 Rb8 49.Ke4 Rc8

50.Bd3 Rf8 51.f3 Rb8 52.Bc4 Kd6 53.h4 Rc8 54.Nd2 Rb8 55.Bd5 g5 56.Nc4+ Ke7 57.hxg5 hxg5 58.Kxe5 1-0

Leonard Jasleulenas (2055) - David Heurung (2299)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nbc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 O-O 8.Ne2 Qd7 9.O-O b6 10.Ba3 Bb7 11.Qc2 Nc6 12.Rad1 Rac8 13.Ng3 Rfd8 14.Be2 Na5 15.Bb4 Bc6 16.Qd3 Ba4 17.Rd2 Nb7 18.Qa6 c5 19.Ba3 cxd4 20.Qxa7 Qc6 21.Ba6 Rd7 22.Rb1 Nc5 23.Qxb6 Nxa6 24.cxd4 Bxd4 25.Qxe6 Rxc6 26.Bxe7 Bxf2+ 27.Kxf2 0-1

Rodney Kinnaird (2104) - David Heurung (2299)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ gxf6 6.Nf3 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Qe2 Nd7 9.Bd2 Bg6 10.O-O-O Qc7 11.Kb1 O-O-O 12.g4 Bd6 13.h4 c5 14.Bc3 Bxd3 15.Rxd3 e4 16.Rdd1 Bf4 17.Qe4 Nb6 18.Be5 Rd5 19.Bxb6 axb6 20.Ne1 f5 21.gxf5 Rxf5 22.c3 Bh6 23.Qe2 Rg8 24.Nc2 Rg2 25.Rd1 Qc6 26.Rhg1 Rxf2 27.Rxg2 Rxg2 28.Qe1 f5 29.Na3 b5 30.Rf2 Qe4+ 31.Qxe4 Rg1+ 32.Kc2 Rc1+ 0-1

David Heurung - Kevin Bachler (2190)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 O-O 5.O-O d6 6.c4 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5 8.e4 c6 9.h3 Qb6 10.d5 Nc5 11.Qe2 cxd5 12.cxd5 Bd7 13.Be3 a5 14.Rfc1 Rfc8 15.Bf1 a4 16.Nd2 Qa5 17.Nc4 Qa6

18.b4 axb3 19.axb3 Qxa1 20.Rxa1 Rxa1 21.Nxd6 Bxh3 22.Nxc8 Bxf1 23.Qb2 Nxb3 24.Qxa1?

White is winning after 24.f3! Bc4+ 25.Kf2!, according to Heurung's notes in the Winter 1991 Missouri Chess Bulletin.

24...Nxa1 25.Kxf1 Nd7?

25...Bf8 =—Heurung

26.Nd6 Nc2? 27.Ba7 Nd4 28.Nxb7 f5 29.Nc5 Nxc5 30.Bxc5 Nb3 31.Bb4 Kf7 32.Nb5 fxe4 33.Nd6+

33...Ke7??

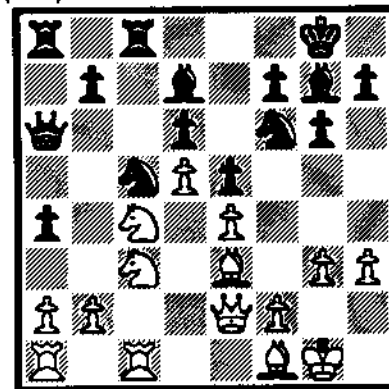
After the forced 33...Kg8 34.Nxe4, White stands better—Heurung.

34.Nf5+ + 1-0

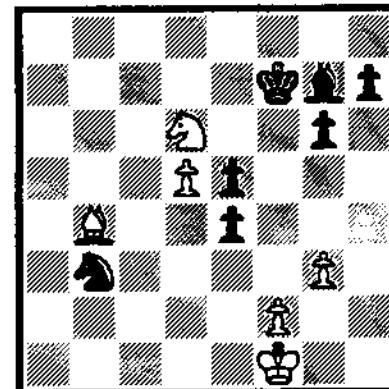
Because of the variation 34...Kf7 35.Nxg7 Kxg7 36.d6 Nd4 37.d7 Nc6 38.Be7 Kf7 3 9 . d 8 Q N x d 8 40.Bxd8—Heurung.

Roger Owiecki (1786) - Kelvin McAllister (1714)

1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Be2 Nf6 5.d4 Bg4 6.Nc3 e6 7.O-O Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 O-O 11.Ne2 Rc8 12.c3 Na5 13.Qd3 Nc4 14.b3 Nd6 15.Ng3 Qc7 16.Rac1 b5 17.Bf4 a6 18.Be5 Rfe8 19.Nh5 Nxb5 20.Bxb5 Bf8 21.Qf3 Qd7 22.Qe2 Rc6 23.f4 Rec8 24.Qd3 Ne4 25.c4 bxc4 26.bxc4 Rxc4 27.Rxc4 Rxc4 28.Bf3 Ng3 29.Bxd5 Qxd5 30.Qxg3 Qb5 31.f5 exf5 32.Rxf5 Rc1+ 33.Kh2 Qb1 34.Qf3 Rh1+ 35.Kg3 Qe1+ 36.Kg4 Qb1 37.d5 Re1 38.Kg3 Rxe5 39.Rxe5 Bd6 40.Qe3 Qa1 41.Kf4 f6 42.Kf5 fxe5 43.Ke6 Qd4 44.Qf3 Qb6 45.Qf7+ Kh8 46.Qe8+ Bf8+ 47.Qc6 Qb8 48.Qxa6 Qe8+ 49.Kf5 e4 50.Kf4 e3 51.Kf3 Bc5 52.Qe6 Qf8+ 53.Kg4 Qf2 54.d6 Qxg2+ 55.Kh4 g5+ 56.Kh5 Qf3+ 57.Kxg5 Qg3+ 58.Kh5 Qg6+ 59.Qxg6 hxg6+ 60.Kxg6 Bxd6 0-1



After 17...Qa6



After 33.Nd6+

Steve Dudnick (1426) - Harley Yoder (1495)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Be2 Nf6 4.d3 Nc6 5.c3 e5 6.O-O Be7 7.h3 h6 8.Nh2 Qc7
9.Ng4 b5 10.f4 Be6 11.f5 Bd7 12.Na3 a6 13.Nc2 Qb6 14.Be3 Qb7 15.Nxf6+
Bxf6 16.Bf3 a5 17.Bd2 b4 18.Ne3 Ne7 19.Nc4 Qc7 20.Rc1 Bb5 21.a4
bxa3ep 22.bxa3 Bxc4 23.Qa4+ Nc6 24.Qxc4 O-O 25.Rb1 Rfb8 26.Qa2 Rxb1
27.Rxb1 Rb8 28.Bh5 Rxb1+
29.Qxb1 Qb8 30.Qxb8+ Nxb8
31.Bd1 Bd8 32.Be4 f6 33.Kf2
Kf8 34.Bb5!

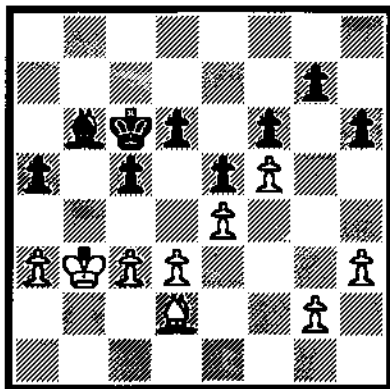
Black's Knight has no moves, and White's Bishop on d2 is much better than the Black Bishop.

34...Bb6 35.Ke2 Ke7 36.Kd1
Kd8 37.Kc2 Kc7 38.Kb3 Nc6
39.Bxc6 Kxc6

See diagram

40.Ka4

Perhaps White should fix the Black pawns—e.g., 40.c4 Kb7 41.Ka4 Ka6 42.g4 Bc7 43.h4 Bd8 44.Bc1 Be7 45.Be3



After 39...Kc6

Bd8 46.Bd2 (Zugzwang!?) 46...Bc7 47.g5 hxg5 48.hxg5 Bd8 49.g6.

40...d5 41.c4 dxe4 42.dxe4 Bc7 43.Bxa5 Bb6 44.Bxb6 Kxb6 45.g3 Ka6
46.Kb3 Ka5 47.g4 Ka6 48.h4 Ka5 49.a4 Ka6 50.a5 Kxa5 51.Ka3 Ka6 52.Ka4
Kb6 1/2-1/2

Art Dupee (1165) - Steve Dudnick (1426)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d3 Bc5 4.g3 d6 5.Bg2 Nge7 6.O-O O-O 7.Nbd2 f5 8.c3
f4 9.a4 a6 10.Nc4 fvg3 11.hxg3 Bg4 12.b4 Ba7 13.Qb3 Kh8 14.b5 axb5
15.axb5 Bxf2+ 16.Kxf2 Rxa1 17.bxc6 bxc6 18.d4 exd4 19.cxd4 Qb8 20.Nd2
Qa7 21.Bb2 Rb8 22.Qf7

22...Qxb8+ Qxb8 23.Bxa1 might improve.

22...Rxf1+ 23.Bxf1 Ng6 24.Bc3 Bxf3 25.Kxf3 Rf8 0-1

Scott Wens (1537) - Dave Shiner (1717)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.c4 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 h6 8.O-O
Ne7 9.a3 Ba5 10.b4 Bb6 11.Re1 Bg4 12.Ne4 O-O 13.Nd6 Nf5 14.Nxf5 Bxf5
15.h3 a5 16.Be3 Na6 17.Qd2 axb4 18.axb4 Nc7 19.Fxa8 Qxa8 20.Nh2 Nd5
21.Bxh6 gxh6 22.Qxh6 Qd8 23.Ng4 Bxd4 24.Bxd5 Bxg4 25.Be4 Bf5 26.Bxf5
exf5 27.Rd1 Bxf2+ 28.Kxf2 Qxd1 29.Qg5+ Kh7 30.Qxf5+ Kh6 31.Qf6+ Kh7
32.Qh4+ Kg6 33.Qf6+ Kh7 34.Qh4+ Kg6 35.Qf6+ 1/2-1/2

1991 PEORIA TORNADO

AN ICA MINI-TOUR EVENT

WHEN: Saturday, June 8, 1991.

WHERE: Garrett Center, 824 N. University, Peoria, IL 61606

ENTRY FEE: \$11 advance, \$13 at the door (checks payable to Murrel Rhodes)

WHAT: Four Round Swiss System. **TIME LIMIT:** 30/60; 10/20; 10/20

MEMBERSHIPS REQUIRED: USCF & ICA (\$14 Regular. \$8 Junior)

GUARANTEED CASH PRIZES: \$75 First, \$50 Second.

CLASS PRIZES: Classes A, B, C/under \$25 each (based on 6 entrants per class)

REGISTRATION: 8:00-8:45 A.M. **ROUND TIMES:** 9:00, 12:00, 3:00, 6:00.

NO SMOKING ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING. PLEASE BRING SETS, BOARDS, AND CLOCKS.

ADVANCE ENTRIES: Murrel Rhodes; 1116 N. Parkside Dr.; Peoria, IL 61606.
Phone: (309) 676-0951

MAY 30 NATIONAL OPEN BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP

Illinois Tournament Calendar

NATIONAL EVENTS

May 30: WBCA National Open Blitz Championship. Ramada O'Hare Hotel, 6600 N. Mannheim, Rosemont, IL. **\$1,000 guaranteed minimum in prizes.** Round Robin Blitz Tournament. WBCA-rated Blitz Tournament in two divisions, each with preliminary and final round-robin sections. Championship division: \$350-150-100. Reserve division (under 1800): \$200-150-50. EF: \$15, WBCA membership required. Free entry to GMs and others with WBCA rating over 2600. REG: 5-6:30 p.m. Play starts at 7 p.m. No advance entries. Special \$8 membership for new WBCA members; save \$4. Free entry to the 1992 National Open Blitz Championship for each perfect score. A National Open T-Shirt to the winner of each preliminary section. Free issue of *Blitz Chess* or *Illinois Chess Bulletin* for every entrant. Information: Al Losoff, 708/966-5559, or Ken Marshall, 708/932-1455.

May 31-June 2: 1991 National Open. 6-SS, 45/2, 25/1, 15/30. The Ramada O'Hare Hotel, 6600 N. Mannheim, Rosemont IL 60018. **\$20,000 IN GUARANTEED PRIZES!!** In 2 sections: **Championship**, open to all. EF \$68 if postmarked by 5/22, free EF to GMs. \$\$G: 4000-2250-1250-750-500-250, winner receives replica of Edmondson Cup, Master (below 2400) 750-400-250-100, X 750-400-250-100, A 750-400-250-100. **Reserve**, open to Under 1800. EF \$64. \$\$G: 1500-800-500-200-100-100, C 700-350-150-100, D/E 700-350-150-100, Unr. \$500-200. All sections: 1/2-point bye available in any one of the first four rounds. Add 50 cents to EF for first-round bye. All entries \$11 more at site. CCA ratings will be used if higher than latest USCF supplement. RDS: 12:30-7:30, 9:30-5:30, 9:30-5:30. REG: 5/30 6-9 p.m., 5/31 8:30-11 a.m. Many FREE EXTRAS including FREE raffles, FREE ride from airport, FREE crosstables and souvenir booklet. Plus free entry to the 1992 National Open in Las Vegas and 1-year subscription to *Inside Chess* for all perfect scores. Unrated players are eligible only for the unrated prize in the Reserve section or the top prizes in the Championship section. Chess sets provided; please bring chess clocks. HR: \$59 single or double; reservations 708/827-5131. Special airfare: American Airlines 800/433-1790, ask for STAR file no. 0151BZ. 5% below any promotional fare but tickets must be purchased 7 days before departure. Organizer: Alan Losoff, PO Box 157, Morton Grove IL 60053; 708/966-5559. ENT: USCF National Open Entries, 186 Route 9W, New Windsor, NY 12553; 914/562-8350. NS, W.

June 18-21, 24-26: 1991 U.S. Junior Closed Championship. Bloomington IL. Garrett Scott, 309/452-8116.

June 21-23: 1991 U.S. Junior Open. Bloomington IL. Garrett Scott, 309/452-8116.

Call Chess Phone, (708) 832-5222, for up-to-date tournament results, as well as announcements of tournaments that may not be listed in *Chess Life* or the ICB. The ICA Chess Phone voice is Todd Barre. Unless otherwise noted, all tournaments require USCF membership. Illinois Tour events also require ICA membership.

July 28-August 9: 1991 U.S. Open. Los Angeles CA.

August 2-14, 1992: 1992 U.S. Open. Dearborn MI.

ILLINOIS TOUR EVENTS

April 20: Pawn Showers Action Chess & ICA Mini-Tour Open 1/4 K. 5-SS, G/30. Springfield CC, Washington Park Pavilion, North of intersection of Park Ave. and South Grand Ave., West, Springfield IL. EF: \$16 by 4/11, \$18 at site (\$2 off to SCC members). \$\$ 100 1st guaranteed; other prizes b/entries. REG: 8:15-9:15 a.m. RDS: 9:40-11-1-2:20-3:40. ENT: Thomas B. Knoedler, 2104 S. Fourth St., Springfield IL 62703; 217/523-7265 after 6 p.m. NS, NC, W.

April 20: Hammond Spring Open. 4-SS, 30/60, SD/60. Hammond Public Library, James A. Howard Branch, 171st & Grand Ave., Hammond, IN 46323. EF: \$15, \$12 to HCC members. \$\$350 b/30: 85-60-45, A 40, B 35, C 25, D/E/Unr 20, Jr. 20, Upset 20. REG: 8-8:30 a.m. RDS: 9-12-3-6. ENT: J. A. Enochs, 6436 Jefferson Ave., Hammond IN 46324; 219/932-1437. NS, NC, W.

April 27: Chicagoland Plus-Score Mini-Tour Tornado #3.

April 28: Chicagoland Plus-Score Mini-Tour Tornado #4. Two one-day events. 4-SS, 40/1, 20/30, Chicagoland Chess & Games, 3047 N. Lincoln, Chicago IL 60657; 312/472-4377. EF: \$12 by 4/21, \$15 at site. \$\$ according to score: 4, \$100; 3 1/2, \$50; 3, \$25; 2 1/2, \$12. REG: Closes at 9:30 a.m. RDS: 10-12:30-3-5:30 each day. 1/2-point bye available in either round 1 or round 2. ENT: Bill Smythe, 6045 N. Ashland #F-3, Chicago IL 60626; 312/761-2455. NS, W.

May 25: May Chess Center Plus-Score Mini-Tour Tornado #1.

May 26: May Chess Center Plus-Score Mini-Tour Tornado #2.

May 27: May Chess Center Plus-Score Mini-Tour Tornado #3. Three one-day events. 4-SS, 40/1, 20/30, Chicago Chess Center, 1921 W. 47th St., Chicago IL 60609. EF: \$12 by 4/21, \$15 at site. \$\$ according to score: 4, \$100; 3 1/2, \$50; 3, \$25; 2 1/2, \$12. REG: Closes at 9:30 a.m. RDS: 10-12:30-3-5:30 each day. 1/2-point bye available in either round 1 or round 2. ENT: Bill Smythe, 6045 N. Ashland #F-3, Chicago IL 60626; 312/761-2455. NS, W.

June 8: 1991 Peoria Tornado. 4-SS, 30/1, 10/20, Garrett Center, 824 N. University, Peoria IL 61606. EF: \$11 in advance, \$13 at site (cks. payable to Murrel Rhodes). \$\$125 guaranteed: 75-50; also \$25 each for classes A, B, C/under (b/6 entries per class). REG: 8-8:45 a.m. RDS: 9-12-3-6. ENT: Murrel Rhodes, 1116 N. Parkside Dr., Peoria IL 61606; 309/676-0951.

June 21-23: Master Challenge XIII (MAXI-TOUR). 5-SS, 40/100, 25/60, Mohr Community Center, 7640 Jackson Blvd. (Jackson & Desplaines), Forest Park IL. EF: \$36 if rec'd by 7/18, \$7 more at site. OP-FPCC members \$3 off EF. **\$\$\$3,000 guaranteed!** 700-450-230-120, X 250-120-65, A 240-115-55, B 220-105-50, C/D/E 160-70-25, Unr. 25. REG: 6-7 p.m. 6/21 or 8-8:45 a.m. 6/22. RDS: 7:30, 9-2-7, 10-4. Split 1st round, player chooses to play either Fri. night or Sat. morning (specify which round). One 1/2-point bye available in any of first three rounds if requested at time of registration. ENT: Ken Marshall, 357 W. Grove, Lombard IL 60148; 708/932-1455. NS, NC, W.

June 21-23: Maurice Irvin Open (MAXI-TOUR). Bloomington, IL. Garrett Scott, 309/452-8116.

August 10-11 (tentative): St. Charles Open (MAXI-TOUR?). St. Charles. Erv Sedlock, 708/377-7995.

August 31-September 2: 1991 Illinois Open (MAXI-TOUR). Illinois Chess Association. TBA.

November 16-17 (tentative): 1991 Illinois Class Championships (MAXI-TOUR). Illinois Chess Association. TBA.

OTHER EVENTS

April 13: Illinois Chess League Playoffs. Info not available at presstime.

April 20: Pawn Showers Action Chess & ICA Mini-Tour Open. Springfield IL. See Illinois Tour listings.

April 20: Hammond Spring Open. Hammond IN. See Illinois Tour listings.

April 20: World Rapid Chess. 5-SS, G/30, Chicagoland Chess and Games, 3047 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago IL 60618. EF: \$15. WRC membership required; not USCF rated. 70% of entries returned as prizes. REG: 12:00. ENT: Les Bale, 312/472-4377.

April 26-May 10: Orland Spring 30/1. 3-SS, 30/60, 15/30, Orland Park CC, George Brown Commons, 15045 West Ave. (1 block west of Lagrange—Rt. 45—96th Ave.), Orland Park IL. EF: \$5. One round each Friday. REG: 7:30 p.m. NS, NC.

April 27-28: Cerebral Palsy Open. 5-SS, 40/90, SD/1, Franciscan Medical Center, 2701 17th St., Rock Island. EF: \$20 by 4/21, \$23 at site; high school & under: \$10 by 4/21, \$13 at site. **\$\$\$ 800 guaranteed:** 250-150, A, B, C, D/E/Unr each 100. REG: 8:30-9:45 a.m. RDS: 10-2:30-7, 10-3. Prize fund donated by RI Noon Lions Club, proceeds above exp. donated to C.P. ENT: Bob Ratcliff, 2336 25th St., Rock Island IL 61201; 309/786-8104. Cks. to Illowa C.C. NS, NC, W.

April 27: Chicagoland Plus-Score Mini-Tour Tornado #3.

April 28: Chicagoland Plus-Score Mini-Tour Tornado #4. Chicago IL. See Illinois Tour listings.

April 27-28: Oak Park—Forest Park Chess Club Spring Open. 5-SS, 40/90, 15/30, Mohr Community Center, 7640 Jackson Blvd. (Jackson & Desplaines), Forest Park IL. EF: \$15 if recd by 4/24, \$20 at site. OP-FPCC members \$2 off EF. \$265 b/30: 100-50-25, A, B, C each 25, D/E/Unr each 15. REG: 8:15-9 a.m., RDS: 9-2:30-6, 10-2:30. One 1/2-point bye available in any of first three rounds if requested before round 1. ENT: Ken Marshall, 357 W. Grove, Lombard IL 60148; 708/932-1455. NS, NC, W.

April 30: Rockford Spring Fever. 4-SS, 40/1, 20/30, Burpee Center—Grace Roper Lounge, Rockford College, 5050 E. State St. (Bus. US20), Rockford IL. EF: \$12 if recd by 4/17, \$15 at site. \$150 b/20: 30-20, 25 for each of four sections based on ratings. RDS: 9:15 & as available. ENT: Gary Noel Sargent, 2764 Panorama Dr., Rockford IL 61109; 397-9186. LS, W.

May 4: Chicagoland Chess and Games Game/60. 3-SS, G/60, Chicagoland Chess and Games, 3047 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago IL 60618. EF: \$10. 75% of entries returned in merchandise. REG: 10-11:00. Round 1 at 11:00 a.m. ENT: Les Bale, 312/472-4377.

May 4: Peoria Novice/Tornado. 3-SS, 30/1, 10/20 (Tornado); 4-SS, 30/45, 10/15 (Novice), Garrett Center, 824 N. University, Peoria IL 61606. EF: \$5 (\$4 jrs.) in advance, \$7 (\$6 jrs.) at site. Two sections: Tornado (over 1500) and Novice (under 1500). Each section: \$30 1st; \$30 in other prizes (distributed per entries). REG: 8-8:45 a.m. RDS: 9-12:15-3:30 (Tornado); 9-11-1:30-4. ENT: Bill Wilkinson, 905 N. Rebecca Pl., Peoria IL 61606; 309/673-9455.

May 4-5: 1991 Oberweis Dairy Class Championships. Prisco Community Center (McCullough Park), Route 31 (Lake St.) at Illinois Ave., Aurora IL 60506. 3 Sections. **Open:** 4-SS, 30/90. EF: \$25. \$\$ (b/10): 125-50, U2200 50-25. REG: 9-9:45 a.m. RDS: 10-3 each day. **Class A/B:** 5-SS, 40/80. EF: \$20. \$\$ Class A, U1800 each 25%-10% of paid entries. REG: 8:30-9 a.m. RDS: 9:30-1:30-5:30, 10-2:30. **Class C/D/Unr:** 5-SS, 40/80. EF: \$15. Unr free. \$\$ Class C, U1400 each 25%-10% of paid entries, trophy to 1st Unr. REG: 8:30-9 a.m. RDS: 9-1:30-5:30, 1-2:30. **All sections:** EF \$2.50 more after 5/1. Free Oberweis Sundae to all winners, 1st each class. ENT: Steve Meyers, 1516 Ada Lane, Naperville IL 60540. 708/355-4915. NS, NC, W.

May 11: '91 Tuley Park Action Swiss #4. 4-SS, G/30 (full k), 501 E. 90th Place, Chicago. EF: \$12. 80% of EF returned as prizes: 30% first, 20% second, 15% best in middle third by ratings, 15% best in lowest third. REG: 11-11:45 a.m. RDS: 12-1:12-2:24-3:36. Tom Fineberg: 312/721-3979.

May 11-12: National Open Warmup. 5-SS, 40/90, 25/60, Chicagoland Chess and Games, 3047 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago IL 60618. EF: \$20 if recd by 5/5, \$25 at site. \$350 b/25. REG: 9:00-10:00. Round 1 at 10:00 a.m. ENT: Les Bale, 312/472-4377.

May 18: May Tornado. 4-SS, 40/60, G/30, Chicagoland Chess and Games, 3047 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago IL 60618. EF: \$12 if recd by 5/11; \$15 at site. 70% of entries returned as prizes. REG: 9:00-10:00. ENT: Les Bale, 312/472-4377.

May 18-19: Grand Hammond Open. 4-SS, 40/90, SD/60, Hammond Public Library, James A. Howard Branch, 171st & Grand Ave., Hammond, IN 46323. EF: \$20, \$15 to HCC members. \$500 b/30. REG: 8-8:30 a.m. RDS: 9-1:30-7, 10-3. ENT: J. A. Enochs, 6436 Jefferson Ave., Hammond IN 46324; 219/932-1437. NS, NC, W.

May 25: World Rapid Chess. 5-SS, G/30, Chicagoland Chess and Games, 3047 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago IL 60618. EF: \$15. WRC membership required; not USCF rated. 70% of entries returned as prizes. REG: 12:00. ENT: Les Bale, 312/472-4377.

May 25: May Chess Center Plus-Score Mini-Tour Tornado #1.

May 26: May Chess Center Plus-Score Mini-Tour Tornado #2. See Illinois Tour listings.

May 26: Southern Illinois Chess League Class Championships. 3-SS, 30/70, 40/60, Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon IL; 618/244-3670. EF: \$15 if recd one day in advance, \$20 at site. \$2 off to SICL members; \$1 off to ICA members. 3 sections: 2000+, 1600-1999, below 1600. \$3 for each section (b/10 per class): 50-30-20. REG: 8-9:15 a.m. RDS: 9:30-1-5. Mark Oestreich, 1252 N. Poplar, Centralia IL 62801; 618/532-5733. NS, NC.

May 27: May Chess Center Plus-Score Mini-Tour Tornado #3. See Illinois Tour listings.

May 30
WBCA National Open Blitz Championship.
Ramada O'Hare Hotel
Rosemont
\$1,000 guaranteed minimum
in prizes!
See National Events

June 7-28: Korchnoi Shoulda Been Champ. 4-SS, 30/60, 15/30, Orland Park CC. George Brown Commons, 15045 West Ave. (1 block west of Lagrange—Rt. 45—96th Ave.), Orland Park IL. EF: \$5. \$\$ One round each Friday. REG: 7:30 p.m. NS, NC.

June 8: 1991 Peoria Tornado. See Illinois Tour listings.

June 8: The Warm Knight Open. Springfield IL. Thomas B. Knoedler, 217/523-7265.



THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION AND THE ILLINOIS CHESS ASSOCIATION PRESENT

THE 1991 NATIONAL OPEN IN CHICAGO

May 31 - June 2, two rounds per day. \$20,000 guaranteed prize fund. Six Round Swiss 45/2, 25/1 15/30. Registration Thursday May 30, 6-9pm, Friday May 31, 8:30-11am. Rounds Friday 12:30-7:30, Saturday 9:30-5:30, Sunday 9:30-5:30. 1/2 point bye available in any 1 of rounds 1-4 if requested in advance. Entry Fee \$68 Championship, \$64 reserve. Each \$11 more at site. Add 50 cents to EF for first round bye. Send advanced registration postmarked by 5/22 to USCF, 186 Rt 9W, New Windsor, NY 12553. (914) 562-8350. Visa, Mastercard, and American Express accepted for advance entries only. Discounts American Airlines (800) 433-1790, Star File Number 0151BZ. Currie Car Rental (708) 297-2800. Tournament Directors Todd Barre, Carol Jorecki, Michael Gosselin, Guy Hoffman, Tim Just, Dave Kuhns, Erv Sedlock, Dave Shiner, Bill Smythe, and Jeff Wiewel. Extra Prizes including meals, golf passes, books, equipment, and a round trip airline ticket good anywhere in the US. \$1,000 National Open Blitz Tournament Thursday May 30. WBCA rated. Chess Books and Equipment sold by American Chess Promotions. Largest selection ever at any National Open. Over a Dozen Restaurants within a short walk include the Portico (gourmet Italian), Snack Time (open 24 hours), Pine Grove Family Restaurant, and McDonald's. Ramada O'Hare Hotel 6600 N. Mannheim, Rosemont, IL 60018. (708) 827-5131. The resort-style facilities include a 9-hole lighted golf course, tennis courts, two pools, and a free health club with whirlpool, sauna, solarium, and exercise equipment. The \$59 single/double, \$69 triple/quod rates are the best in the area. Organizer Alan Losoff, PO Box 157, Morton Grove, IL 60053. (708) 966-5559.

June 8: '91 Tuley Park Action Swiss #5. 4-SS, G/30 (full k), 501 E. 90th Place, Chicago. EF: \$12. 80% of EF returned as prizes: 30% first, 20% second, 15% best in middle third by ratings, 15% best in lowest third. REG: 11-11:45 a.m. RDS: 12-1:12-2:24-3:36. Tom Fineberg: 312/721-3979.

June 15: Hammond Summer Open. 4-SS, 30/60, SD/60, Hammond Public Library, James A. Howard Branch, 171st & Grand Ave., Hammond, IN 46323. EF: \$15. \$12 to HCC members. An Indiana Tour Event—ISCA membership required for all Indiana residents. \$\$\$300 b/30. REG: 8-8:30 a.m. RDS: 9-12-3-6. ENT: J. A. Enochs, 6436 Jefferson Ave., Hammond IN 46324; 219/932-1437. NS, NC, W.

June 17-23: Maurice Irvin Chess Festival Camp. Bloomington, IL. Garrett Scott, 309/452-8116.

June 21-23: Master Challenge XIII (MAXI-TOUR). Forest Park IL. See Illinois Tour listings.

June 21-23: Maurice Irvin Open (MAXI-TOUR). Bloomington IL. Garrett Scott, 309/452-8116.

June 21-23: U.S. Junior Open. Bloomington IL. Garrett Scott, 309/452-8116.

July 14: Mt. Vernon Open Championship. Mt. Vernon IL. Mark Oestreich, 618/532-5733.

July 28-August 9: 1991 U.S. Open. Los Angeles CA.

August 10-11 (tentative): St. Charles Open (MAXI-TOUR?). St. Charles. Erv Sedlock, 708/377-7995.

August 17: The Springfield Sauna Open. Springfield. Thomas B. Knoedler, 217/523-7265.

August 31-September 2: 1991 Illinois Open (MAXI-TOUR). Illinois Chess Association. Location TBA.

September 15: Open Championship IX. Mt. Vernon IL. Mark Oestreich, 618/532-5733.

October 12: The Harvest of Pawns Open. Springfield. Thomas B. Knoedler, 217/523-7265.

October 18 (tentative): Illinois Chess Coaches Association Clinic (IHSA). Downers Grove South HS. Mike Mayfield, 708/852-7223.

October 26 (tentative): High School Team Event (IHSA). Proviso West HS, Hillside. George Marino, 708/420-8152.

November 16-17 (tentative): 1991 Illinois Class Championships (MAXI-TOUR). Location TBA.

November 24: King City Swiss. Mt. Vernon IL. Mark Oestreich, 618/532-5733.

December 14: The Chilly Knight Open. Springfield. Thomas B. Knoedler, 217/523-7265.

January 18, 1992 (tentative): Illini Union Classic (IHSA). University HS, Urbana. Chris Butler, 217/398-3574.

February 15, 1992 (tentative): Fresh-Soph "State" Tourney (IHSA). Oak Lawn Community HS. Ed Olson, 708/257-5537.

March 27-28, 1992 (tentative): IHSA State Team Tourneys. TBA. Michael Zacate, 708/479-9380.

April 24-25, 1992 (tentative): IHSA State Individual Tourneys. TBA. Michael Zacate, 708/479-9380.

1991 Illinois Chess Association Tour Standings

Bill Smythe

This list reflects all Tour events held so far in 1991: the Tim Just Winter Open (MAXI), the Bradley Action, Plus-Score Tornadoes 1 through 4, and the Lincolnwood Mini-Tours 1 & 2. For players with fewer than three events, the number of events (1 or 2) is given in parentheses. All players must have played in at least three Tour events by year-end in order to be eligible for Tour prizes.

Upcoming ICA Tour events in April and May include the Pawn Showers Action, April 20 in Springfield; the Hammond Spring Open, April 20 in Hammond; Plus-Score Tornadoes 5 & 6, April 27 & 28 at

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Please note a correction to the list of 1990 ICA Tour prizewinners published last issue. The previously announced winner of the second Expert prize was ruled ineligible, as he was an out-of-state player who elected not to join ICA at the time of his tournaments. Third-place finisher Robert Sax has been awarded the \$75.00 second Expert prize.

Master Tour Points:	GARRETT David (2) 6½	ZIMMERLE Wayne (1) 3	GIERTZ Charles (1) 3	DUDNICK Steve (1) 3
COOPER Tom 34½	KINNAIRD Rodney (2) 6	FRAATS Dan (2) 2½	HENDERSON Dale (1) 3	HENDERSON Dale (1) 3
SZPISJAK Steven 33½	BEARD Glenn (2) 5½	GURLEY Kenneth B (1) 2½	INGRAM Randy (1) 3	MAURER Pat (1) 3
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PANGAN Camilo 17	MADERA Bill (2) 5	MC ALISTER Kelvi (2) 2½	ZIMMERLE Wayne (1) 3	REDDICK Harold S (2) 2½
HEURING David (1) 16	MARSHALL James (2) 5	REDDICK Harold S (2) 2½	KALAI Adam (1) 2½	SANCHEZ Ignacio (1) 2½
COMPX BP (2) 10½	Class A Tour Points:	STEWART Dan (2) 2½	OWIECKI Roger (1) 2½	STEWART Dan (2) 2½
SINGER Rob (2) 10	SINGER Rob (2) 10	Class B Tour Points:	REDDICK Harold S (2) 2½	CLARK Wayne (1) 2
SMYTHE Bill 9	BOURGERIE Dennis (1) 8	MC ALISTER Kelvi (2) 18½	SANCHEZ Ignacio (1) 2½	PENA Waldo (1) 2
CHOW Albert (2) 8½	WHITE Joe 8	PRADZINSKI Tim 11	STEWART Dan (2) 2½	RAIMO Robert (1) 2
BACHLER Kevin (1) 8	ALLISON Roger 7½	SINGER Rob (2) 10	ZELINSKY Daryl (1) 2½	BIEZYNSKI Stan (1) 1½
KNUTSON Greg (1) 8	PRADZINSKI Tim 7	LUKER Greg (1) 8	BYRNES Randy (1) 2	BRODDE Jeff (1) 1½
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GARRETT David (2) 6½	BAUGH Chris (1) 4	VIGANTS Alberts 5½	RAIMO Robert (1) 2	JOSEPHS Steven (1) 1½
PELTS Peter (2) 6½	CIBULSKIS Peter 4	CIBULSKIS Peter 4	VERO Carl (1) 2	KIRKPATRICK Dona (1) 1½
KINNAIRD Rodney (2) 6	DAVIS Jeff (1) 4	DAVIS Jeff (1) 4	WARFIELD Thomas (1) 2	WALLER Ron (1) 1½
Expert Tour Points:	LUTZKE Rick (2) 4	DITSWORTH Todd (1) 4	Class C Tour Points:	YODER Harley (1) 1½
COMPX BP (2) 10½	SMIT Tom (1) 4	KITTSLEY Scott (1) 4	PADILLA Rudy 7	Class D Tour Points:
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WHITE Joe 8	MC CARTHY Mike (2) 3	CIMA Joe (1) 3	BROOKS Amy (1) 3	COULTER David (2) 1½
ALLISON Roger 7½	PADILLA Rudy 3	DUDNICK Steve (1) 3	CARDINALE Mike (1) 3	DUPEE Arthur (1) 1½
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