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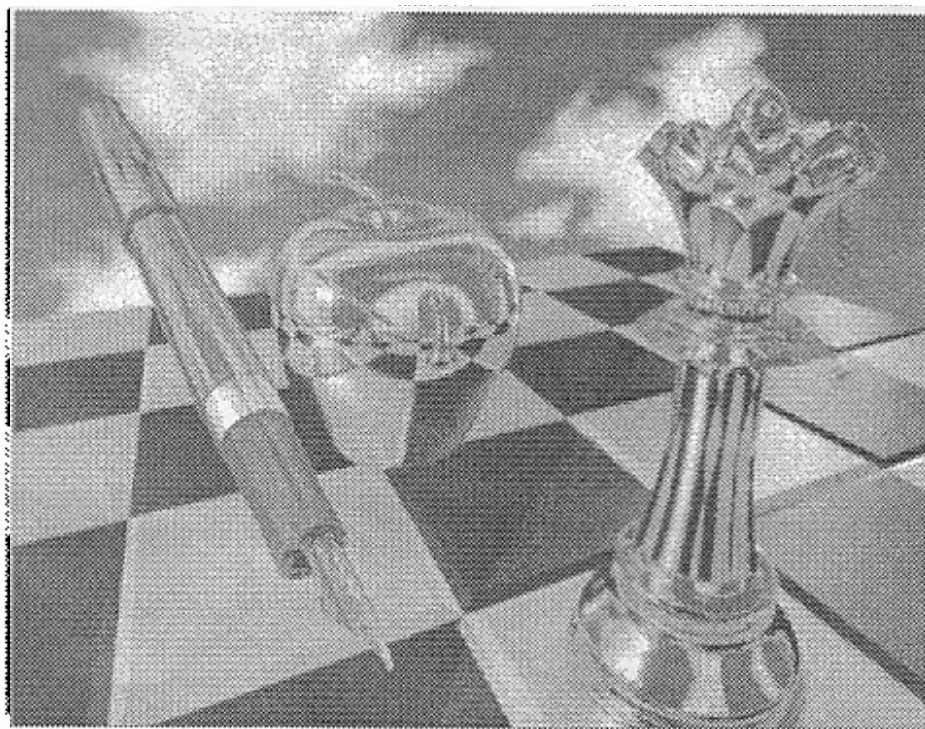
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**OAK PARK - RIVER
FOREST CHESS CLUB
NEWS**

By Ken Marshall

Club Open Championship: Marty Ptacek finished 4.5-5 to take first place in this 24 player, five round Swiss and become the 1995 OP-RF CC Open Champion. Runner up honors went to Peter Kuhn, Mark Stamatakos, and Mark Engelen, all of whom ended up 4-1. Mark Sefcheck and John Van Petten each followed at 3.5-1.5. These six players advanced to the Club Closed Championship.

Second 1995 Match versus Chicago Industrial Chess League: Although outrated on 11 of the 14 boards, the OP-RF CC obtained revenge for its March defeat by winning this June 13 confrontation by an 8-6 score. Club victors included Ray Satterlee (Board 2), Bob Hansen (3), Peter Dudkowski (4), Marty Ptacek (6), Mario Bartocci [rated 1625, he beat an opponent with an 1849 rating] (8), Andy Schiller (10), and Joe Cygan (14). Mark Marovitch (1) and Bill Barker (7) drew.

Match versus Hillside Chess Club: This eighth annual contest, which this year consisted of 11 boards and took place on June 8, ended up a 5.5-5.5 draw. As in the CICL match, the opposition had the ratings edge (this time in 7 of the 11 games), and several upsets enabled the OP-RF CC to avoid defeat. Bob Hansen (Board 2), Peter Dudkowski (3), Andy Schiller (7), and Joe Cygan (11) won, while Bill Barker (4), Wlad Boguslowicz (6), and Butch Thomas (8) drew.

Blitz (Game/5) Tournament: Mike Lukasik scored a perfect 10-0 to lead the six player field in this double round robin on July 11 ahead of

Marty Ptacek (5.5-4.5), Chris Johnson and Joe Cygan (each 4.5-5.5).

Albert Chow Group Chess Lesson: This July 18 presentation attracted 20 people. Senior Master Chow provided over two and a half hours of instruction and analysis.

USCF "Game/10" Tournament: Albert Chow won this 16 player, five round Swiss System tourney on August 1 with a 4.5-5 score. Bob Hansen and Ray Satterlee (who drew Chow), each 3.5-1.5, followed. Marty Ptacek, Jack Bishop, Roger Birkeland, and Joe Stevens all went 3-2 to tie for the Under 1800 money. OP-RF CC President Ken Marshall directed.

World Blitz Chess Association Tournament: Twelve players competed in this August 8 "Game/5", single round robin, WBCA-rated event. Albert Chow took first with a 10-1 result, losing only to Andrew Groeger. Robert Stoltz was second at 8-3, while Wlad Boguslowicz's 7-4 result was good for third. Mike Lukasik garnered Under 1800 honors at 6-5.

1995 Club Closed Championship: Mark Stamatakos and Mark Engelen shared first and second places in this round robin event to become the OP-RF CC Closed Co-Champions. They finished ahead of Peter Kuhn and Marty Ptacek. (Mark Sefcheck and John Van Petten were also in the Closed, but withdrew.)

OP-RF CC Fall Open: A 4-1 result earned Mark Jutovsky top honors in this five round Swiss. Catalino Reyes and Ralph Wakerly were runners up with 3.5-1.5 scores.

**RUDY LOZANO CHESS
CLUB CHESS CLINIC
AND TOURNAMENT**

Hector Hernandez - Head Librarian of the Rudy Lozano Branch of the Chicago Public Library and Chess Club Coordinator - managed to put together all his experiences and skills to create a fun-filled week of chess activities for many.

With funding and support from Blue Skies for Library Kids a Grant from the Chicago Community Trust through the Chicago Public Library Foundation, Mr. Auturo Saavedra from the Mexican Cultural & Educational Institute of Chicago - a department of the Mexican Consulate, Tres Americas Books, Nuevo Leon Restaurant, Del Rey Tortillas, Paraiso Bakery, Citizens for Medrano, Sherry Rontos, Joshua Flores, Jose & Maria Rodriguez, Julie Torres, Robin Willard, and the ICA/Warren Junior Program, Mr. Hernandez was able to invite two of Mexico's premier chessmasters to participate in a chess clinic and tournament to be held at Rudy Lozano Library.

28 year-old International Master Roberto Martin Del Campo is Mexico's National Open Champion for the past two years and the country's second highest rated player. His resume is an impressive list of titles and achievements spanning across a decade of professional chess playing. Starting with a 1985 Junior Champion Title through his current victory, he has earned respect and admiration in his chosen profession. Besides playing, IM Martin Del Campo holds a chess teaching position at the National University of Mexico

Yadira Hernandez, 24 years old and a woman master, has been playing since the age of eight, though she didn't become serious with the game until the age of fifteen. At the age of 17 she won the first of four National Women Champion of Mexico titles. At a FIDE rating of 2150, she has been at the top of Mexico's Women players list for the past seven years. Her resume also is a checklist of impressive accomplishments and honors, including playing on the Mexican team in several Olympiads, placing in male dominated tournaments, and representing Mexico in Events abroad. She teaches chess at a Primary school in her home state of San Luis Potosi.

Hector Co-ordinated the invitations through Mr. Saavedra. He sweetened the Masters agenda by moving the Third Annual Chicago Latino Chess Championship, which would have been traditionally held on the first Saturday of October, to the second Saturday of September. This maneuver allowed the visitors to participate in the Illinois Open and meet players of their own caliber. For both, the invitation and the Open presented their first opportunity to visit and play in the US. And what better to place to be at than our beautiful state and fair city?

After acceptance of the invitations and travel plans arranged, Lozano's Chess Clinic became a reality. Now the real work began.

LOZANO'S CHESS CLINIC - DAY ONE:

Wednesday, September 6th came quickly after a months of planning. Hector Hernandez, Anne Ayres - Lozano's Children's Librarian and Blue Skies Grant Manager, Joshua Flores, Jose Montoya, and IM Martin Del Campo set up the Library's auditorium for the afternoon's events

By 2:00 p.m. twenty-eight sets arranged in a circle were ready for action, the stage was set with a demo board and a black board. The excitement waiting for us was becoming evident, as a steady stream of participants began trickling into the auditorium, buzzing with questions, and playing skittles with an almost overpowering energy.

By 3:15, not one set lacked a player - some sets having to be doubled up with eager students. Some people preferred to join without the benefit of a board - sitting in the back where a few chairs were set out. Despite the fact that the lectures and class were to be held in Spanish, a few just English speaking people were there, thus providing evidence that chess is truly an international language. The few times translations were needed, volunteers, children and adults, were readily available.

3:30 p.m. Yadira Hernandez gave a lecture on chess opening, covering the ideas behind King Pawn. She also briefly talked about some of the common defenses. After the talk, the participants were allowed to play with each other for an hour, practicing what they had just heard. Ms Hernandez walked around the room, fielding questions, pointing out errors, suggesting moves, and providing guidance to over 30 players.

After a supper break, the clinic re-convened at 6:30, with IM Roberto Martin Del Campo. IM Martin Del Campo lectured on chess in Mexico. He mentioned how the environment in Mexico is not nurturing to the development of chess and chessplayers. So much so, that only three GrandMasters have been produced by his country. IM Martin Del Campo demonstrated two of GM Carlos Torre's games - one of which

was the famous Torre-Em. Lasker game, Moscow 1925.

At 7:25, IM Martin Del Campo played a simultaneous exhibition against 30 opponents. In an hour and 30 minutes, he successfully completed all games with a perfect 30-0.

LOZANO'S CHESS CLINIC - DAY TWO:

Thursday, September 7th and the excitement level didn't diminish. Though the day was rainy and cold, 28 partook of the day's events.

IM Martin Del Campo started the day out with a bang. He talked about middle game ideas and strategies and finished with basic endings. With practical examples from his games, and those of other strong players, he demonstrated strategies, tactics, and ideas to gain the advantage in otherwise deceptively equal positions. With each new position, he allowed the group to study and decide the best course of action, steering the class with poignant questions to the correct line of analysis and execution. He finished his segment with a quick (refresher for some, new material for others) talk on basic endings.

Ms. Hernandez picked-up the baton at 6:30, speaking on prominent women in chess. She spoke of some of the difficulties women face in playing chess, regarding acceptance and support and the how that is changing with the work of the Polgar sisters. With more and more women players insisting on playing in male dominated tournaments, she feels that eventually equal numbers and competition from woman players can't be far behind. She talked of some of the accomplishments of the Polgars, of herself, and of other strong women players. She then topped off the evening by showing 28 people Simultaneously her skills as a master player. She finished by

scoring 25 wins, 1 draw, and 2 losses.

*DAY THREE - THE CHICAGO LATINO
CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP III*

The third annual Chicago Latino Chess Championship was held on Saturday, September 9th. With Joshua Flores directing and Hector Hernandez hosting, 41 players participated. This year, a new format was tried. The tournament had been traditionally divided by age and unrated, since most players were not USCF members. Since many of Lozano's and McKinley Park Chess Club members were also USCF members, and a lot of publicity was done through chess and non-chess channels, it was decided to make two rated sections based on age and one reserve section for non USCF members with no age or membership requirements.

The 15 & Over Section had ten participants. The highest rated player being IM Roberto Martin Del Campo (2500). In a four round Swiss, IM Roberto mowed down all opposition - including country woman Yadira Hernandez in the third round. (For those of you watching Channel 5 news that weekend, this was the game shown.) IM Martin Del Campo was declared 1995 Chicago Latino Champion in the Over 15 category and took home a handsome trophy to prove it.

Two players ended up with a 3-1 performance, Yadira Hernandez (2200) and Fernando Montoya (1343). Having his only loss to Yadira in the tournament, Fernando upset her in a 5-minute tie break game, therefore taking second place. Ms. Hernandez had to be content with 3rd.

Taking clear fourth was Cipriano Menendez (1636) with 2.5-1.5. Fifth

place was another tie, this one between Jose Montoya (1098) and Pete Rodriguez (1288). Pete had already left for home when this was discovered, so Jose was awarded the fifth place trophy without having to fight.

In the Under 15 division, again 10 players participated. Jorge Reyes (996), last year's returning champion, successfully defended his title by repeating his perfect performance. With a 4-0, Jorge took home another first place trophy.

The youngest player in the section at six years old, Jose A. (Tony) Rodriguez Jr. finished 3-1, losing only to Jorge, to come in 2nd. Tony had took fourth place last year. So watch out next year Jorge!

Third place was earned by Ivan Cisneros with a 2.5-1.5 score. Fourth & fifth trophies were given to Marisol H. Finch and Alexis Aprim, respectively - each scoring 2-2. Marisol managed to beat Alexis in a 5-minute playoff.

In the reserve section, children and adults combined to make the field 21 strong. First ended in a two way tie, with Steve Carrington defeating Christopher Williams in a 5-minute playoff. Both players had scored a perfect 4-0, which means that they did not meet during regular play. Christopher had to settle for second place. 3rd - 5th place ended in a five way tie between Antonio Aranda, Ramon Ocasio, Alejandro Zacarias, Manuel Mendez, and Guadalupe Gutierrez. A five player 5-minute round robin playoff eliminated A. Zacarias, with Guadalupe Gutierrez dropping with conventional tie-breaking systems deployed due to lack of time.

The 3rd place trophy went to Antonio Aranda, 4th to Ramon Ocasio, and 5th to Manuel Mendez.

In all, the tournament was a success, and all had fun. Snacks and treats were provided throughout the day and a skittles area was available. The format used this year seems to have deterred some players, and diluted the playing strength of the sections. Next year may see the return of old unrated tournament division.

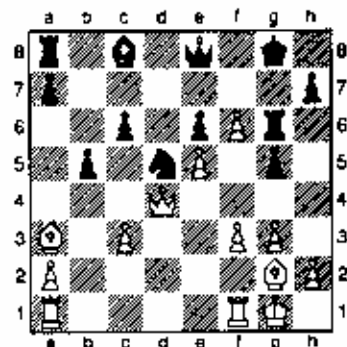
The clinic, the events, the classes, the Simuls, the Tournaments, were all around a great success! Hopefully we will see father and similiar events scheduled in the coming years. Hats off to all involved!

TACTICAL SEMINAR

By GM Dmitry Gurevich

In October and November I played in two tournaments. There were a few games which required tactical solutions. The following position occurred in the first round of the Midwest Class Championship.

Gurevich, D. - Yavory
Midwest Class
Championship, 1995
[D. Gurevich]



White to move

1.f4! gxf4 2.♖xd5 cxd5 3.f7+!

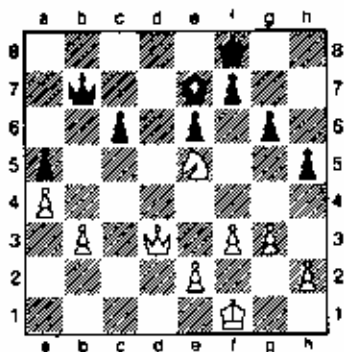
An important in-between move. The object of the attack is the f8 square.

3...♗xf7 4.♞xf4 ♕c7 5.♗b4 ♖b7
6.♞f8+ ♖g7 7.♞xa8 ♗b6+ 8.♖f1!

If now bxa8 then 9. ♗f8 mate, so Black resigned.

Sometimes the winning of a small pawn could be as decisive as the winning of a rook.

**Gurevich, D. - Chow, A.
Midwest Chess
Championship, 1995
[D. Gurevich]**



White to move

Both opponents were in time pressure and White played 1. ♗c4? Instead it was much stronger to put the Queen on the a1-h8 diagonal.

1. ♗c3!

For example 1...c5 2. ♖c6 with the threat of ♗xh5 or ♗h8 mate. The main line occurs after...

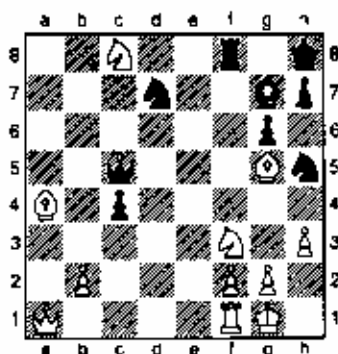
1...♖f8 2. ♗xg6+ ♖g7 3. ♖e5 ♗c7
4.f4

White is winning. It took White another 2 hours of play and

Albert's mistake in sudden death time control to achieve the same result.

Often the shock of an unexpected move causes you to make mistakes. The next position clearly demonstrates what cool thinking (that is not to say that Dmitry was shocked!) and a clear mind can do when confronted with a tactical shot [EDITOR].

**Gurevich, D. - Tate, E.
Midwest Class
Championship, 1995
[D. Gurevich]**



Black to move

After 1...♗xc8 White has an extra pawn but Black has chance to survive. But Black plays....

1...♞xf3?

Emory's tactical shot.

2. ♖e7!

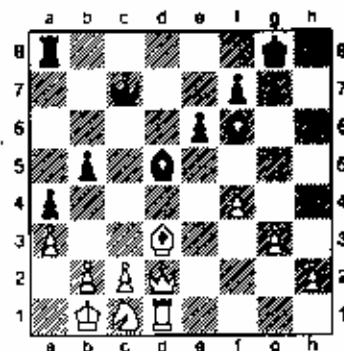
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A counter punch and now White is winning because of 2...♗xc8 3. ♖xd7 ♗xd7 4. ♗a8! ♖f8 5. ♗xf8. Tate had to play 2...♗d5 but lost in 10 more moves.

The next few examples are from the Paris PCA Action (G/25) tournament held November 4-5 against two young French masters.

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Paris Action (G/25), 1996
[D. Gurevich]**

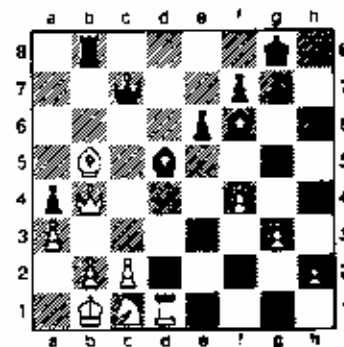


Black to move

1...b4! 2. ♗xb4

If 2. axb4 a3 (a strong response) 3. c3 axb2 4. ♖xb2 ♗a7 and Black is winning.

2...♞b8 3. ♖b5



What should Black do now?

3...♖c4! 4. ♗xc4 ♗xc4 5. ♖xc4?

White could have played ♞d8 and put up more resistance.

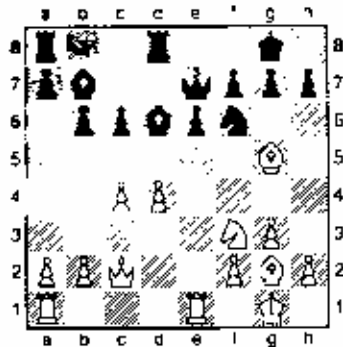
5... ♜xb2+ 6. ♞a1 ♞xc2+ 7. ♞b1 ♞b2+

A famous motive called the "Mill".

8. ♞a1 ♞d2+ 9. ♞b1 ♞xd1
10. ♞c2 ♞d8 0-1.

In this next game watch how Dmitry punishes his opponent for an inaccurate opening move [EDITOR]

**Gurevich, D. - Unknown
Paris Action (G/25), 1995
[D. Gurevich]**



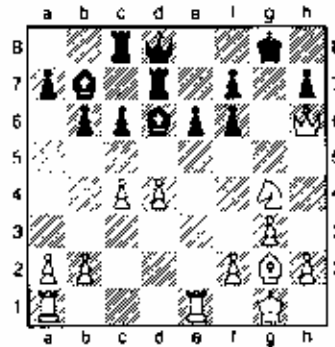
White to move

Black's last move ♞f8-d8? was not an accurate one. White's attack is developing too fast! Black's last move ♞f8-d8? was not an accurate one. White's attack is developing too fast!

1. ♞e5 ♞ac8 2. ♞g4 ♞d7

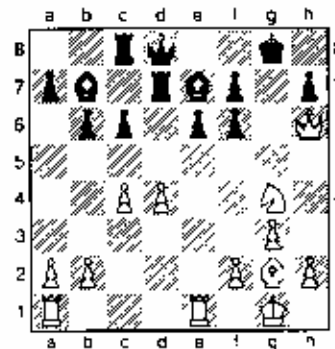
With the idea of ♞d8 and then ♞e7 .

3. ♞c1 ♞d8 4. ♞xf6 gxf6 5. ♞h6



White is winning. Black played 5... f5? and resigned after 6. ♞f6 . It would have been more interesting if he had played....

5... ♞e7



White wins in an elegant way.

6. ♞e4 f5 7. ♞xf5! exf5 8. ♞xe7! fxg4

If 8... ♞xe7 then 9. ♞f6! 9. ♞g5+ ♞f8 10. ♞f6! ♞xe7 11. ♞h8#

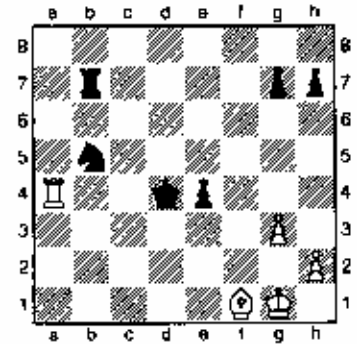
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**Gurevich, D. - Oll
Paris Action G/25, 1995
[D. Gurevich]**



Black to move

My opponent figure out that the game was a draw so he played...

1. ♞e5

He was expecting now 2. ♞xe4 ♞xe4 3. Bg2+ Ke3 4. ♞xb7 however White's response was.....

2. ♞a5

Winning a knight! Black resigned in a few moves. 1-0

**INTEL-PCA
WORLD CHESS
CHAMPIONSHIP**

By Jason Luchan

Editor's Note: Jason was the ICA's official on-site chess reporter! Complete with our press pass! I hope you will enjoy his account of this important chess event!

By a sudden turn of events this summer, New York found itself hosting the Intel-PCA World Championship match between Garry Kasparov and Viswanathan Anand. The event was originally to be held in Cologne, Germany, but the PCA backed out of their arrangements there and switched the venue to New York after receiving an invitation from New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani. The mayor had been impressed with recent chess events in the city, such as the Chessathon and the Intel Grand Prix, and wanted to add another chess extravaganza to the calendar. Perhaps he was also looking to make up for the loss of the New York Open, which relocated to New Jersey earlier in the year. Well, perhaps not.

The match was scheduled to run a maximum of 20 games from September 11 through October 13. To win the match and the title, 10.5 points were needed. In the event of a drawn match, the \$1.35 million prize fund would be split evenly and Kasparov would retain his title. The prize fund had been reduced from \$1.5 million to pay for production costs of the match.

Four games were scheduled each week with no time-outs and no adjournments. The games were played on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The time control was 2 hours for 40 moves, 1 hour for the next 20 moves, and sudden death in a half hour. Each game was to start at 3 PM and could therefore finish no later than 10 PM. This brisk pace certainly affected the match strategy of both players. In prior matches a schedule of three games per week was standard. The extra game per week meant one day less for preparation and one extra game to prepare for. The elimination of time-outs meant that a loss would become a bigger burden. Under the

old system, a player would use a time-out to regroup after a loss. Without this option, the players had even more reason to play cautiously and avoid losing. Psychological toughness after a defeat became an even more significant factor for this match.

These changes in championship match rules were devised over the last few years to make the games more appealing to the general public and, in particular, the television and print media. Whether these changes are good or bad for the game of chess itself remains to be seen.

By now you should know that Kasparov won this match and retained his title by the score of 10.5-7.5, winning a tidy \$900,000 and a crystal trophy for his efforts. Anand received the loser's share of \$450,000.

My intent in this article is to present you with some personal insights of this special event. I attended 15 of the 18 games played in this match. Regrettably, I was unable to attend Games 9, 10 and 14, which were all decisive and exciting.

Intel and the Internet

The Intel Corporation deserves a great deal of credit for its sponsorship of chess. Their backing has led to an exciting Grand Prix Circuit and greater television coverage for chess, in particular an unprecedented series of programs on ESPN. Why do they do it? Intel gave the following explanation in a press release:

Golf, tennis and Formula 1 Racing could all justifiably have been selected as the sponsorship vehicle. In the end, however, Intel recognized that the ancient sport of chess could meet all of its marketing objectives. As the world's greatest

mind sport, chess crosses all language barriers and is played by millions of people in 150 countries all around the globe. Furthermore, chess requires immense skills of logic and precise calculation at speed—qualities similar to those exhibited by Intel's micro-processors. This was justification enough for a sponsorship, but what also excited the corporation was the belief that its investment in chess would lead to new break-throughs for the sport. Intel was convinced that with an injection of capital and with technical assistance, chess could move into the twenty-first century.

A very big step toward this goal was taken with innovative coverage of the match on the Internet. The Internet Chess Club (ICC), an electronic chess club with members all over the world, was a major force in this respect. Each game was transmitted move-by-move over the Internet by the ICC with contemporaneous commentary provided by a number of GM's and IM's.

The game could also be followed on Intel's World Wide Web page. The Web page was configured to allow users with the appropriate software to stay logged in and view the game on a graphical chessboard that was automatically updated with each new move. Intel reported that in the beginning of the match the Web page was averaging 2500 "hits" per day, a "hit" representing one computer accessing the page. In the last weeks of the match, that number reached 8000 "hits" per day. Over the course of the match, Intel's Web page registered 252,000 "hits." Other Internet sites accessed the free information available at the Intel site and propagated the chess news across the Internet. Intel reported approximately 50 Internet sites featuring news of the match.

The Site

The Observation Deck of the World Trade Center was a unique place to hold a World Championship match. Located on the 107th floor of Two World Trade Center, the Deck showcases a panoramic view of the New York metropolitan area. It takes about a minute to get from the Mezzanine level of the building to reach the Deck via express elevators that reaches a top speed of about 30 miles per hour. Two more short (by comparison) escalator rides put you on the Rooftop Promenade, the highest open-air observation platform in the world at an altitude of 1,377 feet. The normal \$6 admission price for the Observation Deck was increased to \$15 for the duration of the match.

By holding the match in this type of public venue, the organizers were seeking to expose the non-chess public to the match. Of course, some sightseers were put off by the higher admission price, so they stayed away.

Others lacked that flexibility. One group of Japanese tourists showed up on a day when the visibility was zero.

You could barely see an inch past the window. Yet their schedule called for them to visit the Observation Deck, so they had no choice.

Midway through the match, probably when someone realized that the higher chess price was hurting business, a change was made to encourage more tourists to visit. The \$15 ticket price stayed in effect only until 5 PM, when the rate went back to the usual \$6.

The sightseers typically wandered around the Deck, looking out the windows and taking photos. I saw very few of these people spend more than a few moments watching the match. The presence of these

momentary spectators made it difficult to get a true estimate of the number of chess fans in attendance. Frequently, attendance numbers as high as a thousand were bandied about by the organizers. I'm just skeptical. The Observation Deck boasts that it hosts 1.8 million visitors per year, or close to 5,000 per day who come just for the view. My best guesstimate of the biggest crowd is 500 people, give or take a hundred. That's still a good sized crowd considering the timing of the games. This number surely would have been bigger had the games started after normal business hours or been played on the weekend.

The players played in a 10-by-20 foot, glass-enclosed room, which itself was located inside a bigger room. This bigger room was set up as a small theater and called the King Room. It had seating for 40-50 people, including six seats specially reserved for representatives of the players. The other seats in the room were open to the press or spectators with VIP tickets.

Probably every other account of this match will describe the playing room as soundproof. I won't, because it wasn't. Loud noise from outside the room could be heard inside. This became a significant problem later in the match. As early as Game 1, the commentators were told to turn down their microphones because the sound was penetrating into the playing room.

Next to the King Room was the main seating area for spectators. There were enough chairs to seat perhaps 200 people. In front of this area were a number of big television screens as well as a demo chess board.

The organizers omitted one of the most useful recent innovations for chess spectators, an "intelligent chess

display." This is an electronic display that shows the current chess position, a list of the most recent moves, and, most important, is automatically updated when a move is made by either player. This type of display was used at both Grand Prix events held in New York as well as at the New York leg of the 1990 Kasparov-Karpov match. Spectators who attended these prior events were surprised by the absence of the display here.

The lack of an "intelligent" display made it harder to determine the actual position or the moves that led up to it.

The only accurate source for the game position was the television screen showing the actual board sitting between Kasparov and Anand.

A three dimensional computer graphic board displayed on one of the TV screens was supposed to be a substitute for the intelligent display but it was lacking in several respects.

First, a 3D representation on a 2D screen is very hard to follow. While it may have been a technical feat to rotate this 3D display every so often, it was annoying and distracting. Second, there was a lag between the time a move was played and when it was displayed. Finally, the graphic board was missing the game score.

These inadequacies led to several mistakes in the game score for some of the games. Though the mistakes were caught and corrected in the official press bulletin, some publications did not verify their game scores before publishing them.

The principal commentators for the main spectator area were IM Maurice Ashley and GM Daniel King. Other commentators were rotated in to give the spectators a different perspective on the games, and the commentators a breather. There were two other locations on the Observation Deck

where GM commentary was available. In addition to Ashley and King, the commentary staff consisted of the following GM's: Joel Benjamin, Walter Browne, Larry Christiansen, Nick deFirmuan, Roman Dzindzichashvili, Ilya Gurevich, Michael Rohde, John Fedorowicz and Yasser Seirawan. They all did a splendid job.

The Skyline Cafe snack bar featured standard fast food fare at appropriately sky-high prices. At \$3 for a slice of pizza and \$5 for a hot dog (don't even ask the price of a hamburger), the exorbitant rates induced most rational people to take the elevator ride back down to the basement where the street-level prices, as well as the food, were more palatable.

The Press Conferences

A relatively recent innovation in World Championship matches is the post-game press conference, held immediately after each game. This helped reveal some of the mysteries of chess at this level, and gave the players a chance to give their immediate impressions of what went right or wrong. Of course, neither player was very forthcoming when a question concerned opening preparation.

For this match, the rules required only one player to attend: either the victor or, in case of a draw, the player with black. Probably the idea was to protect the disappointed player from unpleasant questions. For purposes of publicity, a better idea would be a joint press conference by both players, giving the players a chance to interact and analyze together. This was accomplished without incident, for example, at the Fischer-Spassky match in 1992.

At the press conferences, Kasparov often tried to demonstrate how much he saw during the game. He rattled off variations in a rapid fire delivery, so that only the 2400+ journalists could follow his analysis. He was always confident in his opinions. The phrase "sometimes wrong, but never in doubt" comes to mind. Kasparov's certitude seemed to motivate the press room GM's to find flaws in his post-game comments, and they did find a few.

In contrast, Anand was more modest, even admitting after the draw in Game 6 that "neither of us had a clue what was happening" in the final position. When Kasparov had his chance to comment on the same game two days later, rather than admit he was clueless, he said the draw offer slipped out of his mouth accidentally, a verbal feeler that he instantly regretted. There were many opportunities for humor. After Game 2 Anand was asked about the tension of the match. He said: "It's not exactly rock and roll, but it's OK."

While the general run of questions were the usual questions you'd expect after a game of chess, one journalist searched for the deeper, psychological ramifications of chess. Kasparov had to answer the following questions, and as you can see, he did a nice job dancing around the answers.

Q: Do libidinal energies contribute or distract from your chess?

A: Excuse me?

Q: Do libidinal energies contribute to your chess?

A: That's beyond my knowledge.

..

Q: Is it easier to play chess when you're in love or when you're not?

A: Depends, you know. I have played chess in many quite different moods concerning, you know, my relations with woman and I can't tell you exactly what's the best because sometimes it works and sometimes it didn't work and it probably depends on some other ingredients of this combination, but there's no precise answer.

Midway through the match these post-game press conferences were broadcast to the television monitors in the main spectator area. After several of the shorter draws, the players also took the time to directly address the spectators after the game.

A Very Slow Start

The match began with eight consecutive draws. Both players shared responsibility for the low level of fighting spirit. Kasparov approached his opponent very cautiously, using a different opening for each of his first four games with white. In retrospect, it seems that his early strategy was to find out what repertoire Anand had prepared for this match and then to attack it at its weakest point.

Anand also began the match with great caution, which was understandable in his first world championship match. He clearly did not want to repeat the strategy of all-out assault that failed so miserably for Nigel Short against Kasparov in 1993. Anand chose to combat Kasparov's Najdorf Sicilian with the tame 6 Be2. This was the same restrained strategy used by Anatoly Karpov in his first two matches with Kasparov. Yet Karpov had failed to win a single game in either match with this line and ultimately gave up trying to beat Kasparov with 1 e4. So it was curious that Anand chose to resurrect this variation.

Anand's strategy almost paid off in Game 3, when Kasparov engaged in a dubious regrouping of his pieces away from the defense of his king. Anand found several key attacking moves, but then, at the critical moment chose to exploit his advantage by positional means when a direct kingside attack looked crushing. Anand avoided further risk in this game, which petered out to a draw.

Some of the draws in this series had reporters searching for synonyms for the expression "petered out." One suggestion, "fizzled", was rejected, because the game in question never really fizzled. GM Dzindzichashvili queried during Game 5 whether "either player is in any danger of winning this game."

A curious fact is that Kasparov was making almost all the draw offers. Later in the match, Anand remarked that he hadn't made a single draw offer. In fact, he offered the draw in Game 2. Perhaps this will some day make it into a book on chess trivia.

Kasparov's came closest to winning Game 6. It was a very unclear game where Anand made a forced exchange sacrifice, giving him two connected passed queenside pawns. During the game analysts couldn't decide which player was winning, and the least likely result was a draw. Both clocks counted down to the time control as a very exciting finish loomed. Just then, at a moment of great tension . . . DRAW! Spectators booed. Later, Anand called it "absolutely the right moment to offer a draw" as neither player could be sure of the outcome. The next day Yasser Seirawan described the draw offer by Kasparov as "horrible, weak-kneed and chicken." Analysis later showed that Kasparov had good winning chances in the final position.

The position in that game was reminiscent of a critical game from Kasparov's candidates match with Viktor Korchnoi in 1983. In that game, also a sixth match game, Kasparov was down an exchange but had a menacing pair of passed pawns on the queenside. The position was probably balanced, but Korchnoi pressed on in the endgame and ultimately lost. That loss was the beginning of the end for Korchnoi. Going into the game he led Kasparov by a point, but he could not win another game, and went on to lose the match. Perhaps Kasparov did not want to make Korchnoi's mistake.

Anand Wins

In Game 9, Anand finally showed that his tame treatment against the Sicilian had some poison. He developed a queenside initiative, very much in the style of Karpov, and slowly crushed the life out of Kasparov's position. Kasparov sealed his fate by accepting an exchange sacrifice that gave Anand a powerful central pawn roller. It was a nice victory by Anand, but Kasparov's resistance was weak. The next game was critical.

The Turning Point

Kasparov showed up for Game 10 "literally furious" according to arbiter Carol Jarecki. His anger was not directed at his opponent, but at himself for losing Game 9. In response to Anand's Open Ruy Lopez, Kasparov went straight for a complicated line involving a very sharp rook sacrifice. Kasparov spent virtually no time in the opening, playing his first 21 moves in 6 minutes. But Anand was riveted to the board, spending 45 minutes on move 15. By the time Kasparov left his home analysis, it was clear his position was already winning. It was the most devastating piece of home-

cooking ever served up in a championship match.

In the press conference after the game, Kasparov described how he and his team had spent an entire weekend preparing the sacrificial idea in this game. In his opinion, Anand did not resist well in this game, but he refused to elaborate. Kasparov believed the rook sacrifice in this game was completely original, but a number of amateurs independently found an earlier game in their databases. It was the game Berg-Nevesteit, correspondence 1990. Both players were asked whether they knew of this game. Neither one did. It's curious that these two professionals with a world championship at stake were unaware of a game that was uncovered effortlessly by a bunch of amateurs.

Enter The Dragon

In Game 11, Kasparov chose to defend the black side of the Sicilian Dragon (1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6), an opening he had never used before in serious play.

Previously, the prevailing view was that the Dragon was too sharp for the championship level, particularly after the discovery of the Yugoslav Attack (6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 0-0 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 Be4). Indeed, the only match to feature the Dragon was Botvinnik-Smyslov 1958. But in that match, Botvinnik avoided the sharpest lines by a move order transposition (1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Be2 g6).

The Dragon was also seen once in the Karpov-Korchnoi candidates final in 1974, which became a de facto championship match after Bobby Fischer resigned his title in 1975. But Korchnoi was crushed so badly in that game that he rarely ever used the Dragon again.

Anand did not betray any surprise after 5...g6 and headed straight for the main line of the Yugoslav Attack.

But he avoided the sharp attacking lines and made several moves to safeguard his king and neutralize black's counterattack. On move 19, Anand offered the exchange of queens, which Kasparov accepted. Instead of playing the automatic and forced recapture, Anand paused to think. It was obvious that Kasparov had just offered a draw

In the press room, bulletin editor John Donaldson sat watching the TV monitor, chanting quietly "just say no." The last thing anyone wanted was a return to the short draws that characterized the first two weeks of the match. Anand finally recaptured the queen and the game continued. At move 26, GM Miguel Najdorf was predicting a draw, because the position was in his words "a little better White" but "you need something more."

The position didn't seem to hold much promise for excitement. GM Larry Christiansen was diligently analyzing the possibilities, when he discovered a trap hidden in the seemingly quiet position. And Anand walked right into it, playing the blunder 30 Nb6. Anand spent just one minute on the move, although he had ample time on his clock. The entire press corps surrounded the TV monitor to watch the unpleasant finish. Kasparov played the crusher 31 Rc2 and left the room, glancing back at his helpless opponent with great relish. Anand spent two minutes looking for a way out, but there was none. When Kasparov returned, Anand extended his hand in resignation.

How does a world-class grandmaster with phenomenal tactical vision miss such a trap? An examination of some of Anand's prior defeats would reveal his occasional tendency to analyze

superficially. These two examples are quite revealing:

Zapata,A-Anand,V

Biel, 1988

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Ne5 d6 4 Nf3 Ne4 5 Nc3 Bf5?? 6 Qe2 1-0

Kasparov,G-Anand,V

Dortmund (2), 1992

1 Nf3 d5 2 e4 c6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nc3 de4 5 a4 Bf5 6 e3 c6 7 Bc4 Bb4 8 0-0 0-0 9 Qc2 Nbd7 10 Ne5 Re8 11 Rd1 Qc7 12 Nd7 Qd7 13 f3 Nd5 14 Na2 Bf8 15 e4 Bg6 16 Qe1 f5?? 17 cd5 1-0

After the game, Kasparov explained that after Anand rejected his draw offer, he thought back to Game 47 from his first match with Karpov. In that game, Karpov had rejected a draw offer and went on to lose. As Kasparov said after the game, "That's why playing this endgame I was always looking for a little trick and eventually I found it and I was surprised that Anand fell into it without much thinking." He also had a psychological explanation for Anand's oversight: Anand had played so many games as white with his king safely on h1 that he wasn't prepared for the more vulnerable position of his king in the Dragon.

IM Vitaly Zaltsman summed up the sudden turn of events in this game best: "What a drama! What a drama!"

Kasparov went on to use the Dragon in Games 13, 15, and 17, scoring 2 wins and 2 draws. After Game 17, Kasparov revealed his rationale for choosing this dangerous variation for such an important occasion. First, he thought Anand's play as White against the Dragon was not very convincing. Second, none of Anand's seconds were Dragon experts. Third, it wouldn't be easy for Anand to prepare the Dragon during the match.

Finally, Anand wouldn't expect it from talking to Kasparov's former seconds--the Dragon was not on the agenda for any of Kasparov's previous title matches.

While Kasparov may not have been expected to resort to the Dragon, it surely was Anand's responsibility to be prepared for it. There was no doubt that Anand did work on the Dragon during his pre-match preparation. After the match I asked Anand how much time he spent preparing for the Dragon. His reply was succinct: "Not enough."

The next several games saw Anand in a tailspin, barely holding on for a draw in Game 12, and failing again to the Dragon in Game 13. In Game 13, Anand tried an offbeat plan against the Dragon, but his play was stale and he soon found himself in an inferior position. Kasparov played the attack creatively, while Anand's resistance was uninspired. The resulting Black victory was unusual for a Dragon, because White never got his king out of the center. After the game Kasparov said he was certain the blunder in Game 11 was still weighing heavily on Anand.

Anand's chances for victory in this match were bleak after Game 13. Game 14 eliminated all doubts. Anand chose to defend with the Center Counter Defense, an excellent choice because Kasparov had never faced the opening. Kasparov fell into an inferior position right out of the opening and offered a draw. Anand declined, but he was not ready for a struggle. Kasparov saw a chance to exploit Anand's lack of confidence by offering an unclear piece sacrifice, a brilliant psychological decision. Rather than plunge into complications, Anand chose a safe move, but it was a serious error. Another factor affected the decision in this game: crowd noise. With both

players in time pressure, the crowd became excited. Anand was particularly disturbed as he had less time than Kasparov, and the crowd was noisier on his thinking time. Anand could not hold the position. A great tragedy.

At the post-game press conference, Kasparov was not happy to have won under these circumstances. Here are some of his statements from the press conference:

I think that the commentators did not tell the public that the booth is not soundproof ... It's a shock for the players because we just realized that we're not separated from the public. ... He had to defend a position with many, many weaknesses and he was also behind on time. After the game he (Anand) complained that it was not fair just to play under these conditions. I had to agree.

The next two games were drawn quickly. Kasparov had no reason to risk his 3-point lead and Anand needed some draws to regain his confidence.

Anand's last chance was Game 17. He didn't realistically think he could still win the match, but he wanted to fight one last game with White. He had had an entire weekend to recover from the disasters of the prior week. Again Kasparov defended with the Dragon. Anand chose a positional treatment but, unlike his prior efforts, this line was testing. Anand steered the game into a superior ending, but missed some good winning chances. The players played out the ending until a position with bare kings was forced. With this draw, Kasparov retained his title.

The next day Kasparov needed only a draw to win the match. With Black,

Anand lacked the mood and the color to offer any resistance. He acquiesced to a draw in 12 moves. As the saying goes, the match ended not with a bang, but with a whimper.

SCHOLASTIC NEWS

By Ken Lewandowski

This issue of the ICB reflects the continuing efforts of all sectors of the Illinois Chess Community to work together to promote quality chess. The Illinois Chess Coaches Association and the Illinois Chess Association have agreed to offer joint membership to the high school coaches throughout the state. This agreement will automatically make every coach who joins the ICCA a member of the ICA. The advantages of this partnership is that the Illinois Chess Bulletin will be sent to all member coaches and will feature articles, results and news from the high school chess arena. The high school teams will also become more aware of ICA sponsored events and be given more opportunities to play in individual tournaments. Both organizations are looking forward to this partnership as a definite win-win agreement!

The information about the high school programs should not be considered just for the coaches. We hope the entire chess community reads about our young players. Check out the tournament schedule, call the organizers to offer help if you are free. Many schools would enjoy having adult players join their clubs for practices and instruction. We will try to highlight the various leagues around state in upcoming issues so that you know who the active schools

are. My club always plays more seriously and at a higher level against adults.

For the coaches, it will be very important to read these articles each issue. Not only will results be posted (so you can scout out future opponents) but also this will be the primary medium to communicate IHSA rule changes, ICCA election information and the tournament calendar.

Articles, news, information and results pertaining to high school chess can be submitted to

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To the Coaches

A newsletter covering the fall meeting in detail, was sent out in early November. If you did not get one and would like one, call Lew. The following is a summary of the important items for everyone's information.

ICCA Elections will be held on the Friday of the IHSA State Tournament in the future. A ballot will be handed out at registration. The results will be collected and tabulated before the annual coaches meeting on Saturday. Methods of nomination will appear in the next issue of the ICB. There will also be information about voting for "Coach of the Year" and a "ICCA All State Chess Team" in the next issue. At the coach's clinic, the following were elected to serve as officers until next spring's election:

President

Mike Zacate (St. Barbara's)

Secretary/Treasurer

Mike Mayfield (Downer's Grove South)

Tournament Coordinator

Jim Boyer (Auburn, Rockford)

Downstate Voice

Kent Hieronomous

ICB News Editor

Ken Lewandowski (Evanston)

As high school editor, I ask that all tournament directors and league secretaries send me results whenever possible. Even if your league is not over yet, others would like to see the partial results. Also be on the lookout for interesting games by your players. Give them a chance to go over their games and write down their analysis. We are interested in publishing several each month. Be sure to let your team's know that any article written about high school chess will be considered, especially one written by the players themselves.

Highlighted this Month

*North Suburban Chess League
Coordinator, Ken Lewandowski*

This league has been around for a long time but has changed a great deal. Ten years ago there were 8 schools playing and today we have grown to 19. The league includes recent state contenders Evanston, New Trier and Niles North as well as many new and developing teams, both public and private. Several State Individual Champions have come from this league as well. (Soren Dayton, Evanston '94, Max Steissel Buffalo Grove). The schools are divided into two division based on the previous year's results. This gives the division a different make up each year and the coaches get to see new opponents. We try to keep the playing schedule to 5-7 scheduled matches. The addition of 4 new schools this year may cause us to split into 3 or 4 divisions for next year. Each team consists of 8 players following the format of the IHSA State tournament. First board is worth 12 points, 2nd os

worth 11 etc. The maximum point total for any match is 68 points.

School	Coach
Buffalo Grove	Ken Inneck
Deerfield	Ken Williams
Elk Grove	Richard O'Brien
Evanston	Ken Lewandowski
Friend	Guyla Szabo
Glenbrook North	Beth Napanatak
Glenbrook South	Dan Hicks
Highland Park	Barb Stuart
Lake Forest	Phil Woodruff
Loyola Academy	Joe Darr
Maine South	Ruth Jacobson
New Trier	Bud Szal
Niles West	David Edwards
Niles North	Frank Gurdula
North Ridge Prep	Warren Diet
Peoplet	Dan Bishop
Rolling Meadows	Art Puzek
St. Steven's	Scott Oliver
Waukegan	Pat Grogg

Results so Far

Evanston	53	Glenbrook Youth	9
Evanston	66	Rolling Meadows	9
Rolling Meadows	41	Waukegan	31
Niles North	38	Buffalo Grove	33
Highland Park	44	Buffalo Grove	24
New Trier	68	Glenbrook North	7
Niles North	49	North Ridge	13

Fall Individual Tournament Results Junior/Senior Division (top 5 received trophies)

1. Miguel Sotera	Evanston	4-1-1
2. Luke Goy	Evanston	3-1-1
3. Martin Wauk	North Ridge Pp	4-1-1
4. Rob Laikin	New Trier	4-1-2
5. Ben Cho-Kung	New Trier	4-1-2
6. Pierce Rouston	Maine South	3-1-1
7. Yvonne Fernandez	Evanston	3-1-1
8. Miriam Robinson	Niles North	3-1-1
9. Frank Shin	New Trier	3-1-1
10. Alexander Pavlov	Rolling Meadows	3-1-1

Freshman/Sophomore Division (top 4 received trophies)

1. Ben Loh	Maine South	3-1-0	1,174
2. Ben Miller	New Trier	3-1-0	915
3. Art Blagoff	Niles North	4-1-1	1,277
4. Max Velenchik	Stevenson	3-1-1	1,286
5. Marty Kaplanukly	Niles North	3-1-1	1,507
6. Ben Brucker	New Trier	3-0-1	1,174
7. Ben Allen	Evanston	2-1-1	1,060
8. Tony Kim	Stevenson	2-1-1	1,282
9. Mike Kaiser	Evanston	2-1-1	815
10. Greg Cukler	Maine South	2-1-1	1,223
11. Joe Clark	Rolling Meadows	2-0-2	915
12. Dan Aleksa	Rolling Meadows	2-0-2	740
13. David Sommers	Lake Forest	2-0-2	815
14. Will Graham	Evanston	2-0-2	1,083
15. Pat Seidel	Lake Forest	2-0-2	715

16. Jerry Mann	New Trier	2-0-2	6
17. Necker Jim	Maine South	0-0-2	
18. Keith Lohengren	Lake Forest	1-1-2	7
19. Michelle Mendola	Maine South	1-1-2	959
20. Ho-Chen Liu	Maine South	1-1-2	5.5
21. Anshu Chaturakatti	North Ridge Ep	1-0-3	6.5
22. Amy Byrge	Maine South	1-0-3	988
23. Thomas Lechner	North Ridge Ep	1-0-3	713
24. Sarah McKnight	Lake Forest	1-0-3	
25. Emma Taylor-Smith	Lake Forest	0-1-3	
26. John Fahrenbach	Maine South	0-1-3 (w/d)	
27. Bill Martin	Friend	0-0-3 (w/d)	

9 of the 18 league schools were represented!

The Illinois Chess Coaches Association voted to create an award to promote high school chess in memory of Larry Stillwell. Larry was very instrumental in getting the chess program going in Illinois and coached the Proviso West team to many early State Championships. The ICCA is currently looking for suggestions for this award. We would like it to be determined by clear criteria (ie: no judging or essays) and work to promote high school chess. The award could be money, equipment, scholarship or a combination.

Three suggestions so far are to award it to the ICCA State Individual Champion, their supporting school, or the ICCA Frosh/Soph First Board Champion. In the second two cases, the award would support high school chess for a few years instead of going to a graduating senior.

The ICCA voted to start this fund with \$1,000. Comments and donations may be directed to Mike Mayfield, Downers Grove South 1436 Norfolk, Downer's Grove, IL 60516.

Eurysis Annual Open

By Mark Brodie

The first Eurysis Annual Open was held in Urbana-Champaign over the weekend of October 21-22. Eurysis, a computer consulting company founded by University of Illinois graduate Bart Basi, stepped in to fill the sponsorship gap left by the withdrawal of Micro Resales from the Illinois tournament circuit.

A total of 53 players entered the Open and Reserve sections. The field was strong, headed by IM Vivek Rao (2564), a U of I graduate student in Physics. He was followed by Indiana's Emory Tate (2480), Wisconsin's Josh Manion (2446), and Al Chow (2338) from Chicago. 7 of the 24 entrants in the Open section were masters.

Rao needed a half-point bye in Round 1 so that he could take the GMAT exam on Saturday morning. (Apparently neither Physics nor Chess is sufficiently lucrative; a job on Wall Street perhaps?) The major upsets of the opening round were Bill Wolf (1919) using his favorite Najdorf to draw Chow, and U of I graduate Tim Ritter (1735) defeating U of I professor Bob Ash (2078).

Vasik Rajlich (2220) also took a half-point bye in Round 1, and as a "reward" was paired with Rao in Round 2! Rao won an interesting King's Indian. Josh Manion was somewhat fortunate to beat St Louis' Paul Yavari (2117) on time. In a clash of local players, Ron Torregrossa (2261) was held to a draw by Steve Wagner (2026). Thus after round 2 only 4 players had full points: Tate, Manion, and U of I

graduate students Eric Chapa (2239) and Mark Brodie (2196).

In Round 3 Brodie quietly drew Tate on Board 1. Manion took the sole lead by beating Chapa, though he was extremely lucky to win after being completely busted until Chapa made an unfortunate mistake in time-trouble. Rao stayed within half-a-point by winning a tough Gruenfeld against Chow. Steve Wagner also reached 2.5/3 by defeating Phil Bossaers (2114) Bill Wolf got his second draw against a master, though he should probably have won against Torregrossa. Thus Saturday's play ended in the following situation:

Scores after Round 3

Manion 3; Rao, Tate, Brodie,
Wagner 2.5.

On Sunday Manion maintained his lead by winning the top-board clash with Tate. Rao kept pace by using his favorite Gruenfeld to demolish Brodie on board 2. On board 3 Chapa got back into the hunt by besting Wagner, while Yavari beat Wolf to join Chapa on 3/4

Scores after Round 4: Manion 4;
Rao 3.5, Chapa, Yavari 3.

So the final round had Rao with White in a must-win clash with Manion IM Rao proved stronger than IM-hopeful Manion; the full game is given below. The victory gave Rao an impressive 4.5/5 and clear first place. Manion was joined in 2nd by Chapa, who easily defeated Yavari. Brodie lost his second successive game, as did Steve Wagner (and Bill Wolf too!) Chow and Tate were joined on 3.5 by local master Ron Torregrossa and U of I graduate student Kiran Manne (1834), who by drawing with Torregrossa and beating Bossaers demonstrated (yet again!) that he is

vastly underrated. Mention should also be made of 10 (?) year old Matthew Leali, who had good games against a number of higher rated players; he is clearly a few hundred points stronger than his 1516 rating and shows great promise.

Final Results Rao 4.5 (\$270);
Manion, Chapa 4 (\$135 each); Tate,
Chow, Torregrossa, Manne (\$90 U-
2000 prize) 3.5.

The Reserve Section was won by Mark Engelen (1723) with a clean sweep 5-0. Top seed Alex Rozman (1782) gave up 2 draws to finish in a tie for 2nd place with Rudy Padilla (1600), who lost to Engelen, and U of I student Julie Oberweis (1735), whose only loss occurred to Padilla after a moment of midnight madness late on Saturday night.

The tournament was organized by the Illini Chess Club, most of the work being done by Kyle Camarda. He was ably assisted by Mark Brodie, Karen Camarda, Kiran Manne, Phil Bossaers and Tim Ritter and, of course, Tournament Director Chris Merli. A noticeable feature of the tournament site was the free buffet lunch after Round 1 which was enjoyed by most of the players.

Rao was clearly in a class of his own in this tournament. After his half-point bye he comfortably defeated a Senior Master and 3 Masters and was never in difficulty in any of his games. Here are 2 of his efforts, including the decisive last round game:

**IM Vivek Rao (2564) -
Vasik Rajlich (2220)
King's Indian
[Vasik Rajlich]**

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6
5 Nf3 0-0 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0 Nc6 8 d5

Ne7 9 Ne1 Nd7 10 Be3 f5 11 f3 f4
12 Bf2 g5

In the post-mortem, my opponent was surprised that I had had to think here. I had in fact seen this position before but was not convinced that I had my lines straight. Black would like to keep his KN on d7 as long as it prevents white from playing c4-c5 but must be careful about Nb5. For instance, after 12 .. g5 13 Nb5 a6 14 Na7 (the drawback of a Nd7 is that black's vital QB is trapped) Rxa7 ("allowing the capture of the bishop on c8 would amount to positional surrender" - "The Complete King's Indian") 15 Bxa7 b6, several grandmaster trials have shown that white can extricate his bishop and obtain an advantage. Nor is 13 .. Nf6 14 Nxa7 Bd7 without drawbacks, as black's QB obstructs the black queen's defense of d6 and is vulnerable to a white Bb5. Fortunately for black, however, 13 Nb5 is adequately met with 13 .. b6, followed by 14 .. a6. Thus, he can afford to, and should, keep his KN on d7 for at least his twelfth move.

13 a4

How the theory of the King's Indian changes! Nunn's "The Classical King's Indian", published in 1990, gives 13 b4 as the "most dangerous" move, 13 Nb5 and the tame 13 Nd3 as the main alternatives, and relegates 13 a4 to sidenote status with: "Another of Korchnoi's ideas..." Keene & Jacobs' "The Complete King's Indian", published in 1992, give one game each to 13 b4 and 13 a4, noting that "Kasparov dealt 13 b4 a hefty blow with his innovation against Piket, and white needs an improvement here". (i.e. 13 a4 is the main

line) 13 a4 has two points: one is that white subsequently threatens 14 Nb5, since 14 .. a6 is again answered with 15 Na7, while 14 .. b6 is answered with 15 a5, when 15 .. a6 fails to kick the knight after 16 axb6. The other point of 13 a4 is that white will eventually play c5, cxd6, and, assuming black's ..cxd6, Nb5, when .. a6 is met with Bb6 and Nc7.

13 .. Rf7

Usual is 13 .. Ng6, since it prevents 14 Nb5 due to following piece of brutality: 14 Nb5 Nf6 15 Nxa7 g4! 16 Nxc8 g3 17 hxg3 Nh5 18 gxf4 exf4, "with counterplay". (to say the least!) My 13 .. Rf7 was played in Ivanov-Hebden, Hastings 1984. That game continued 14 a5 Bf8 15 b4 ("15 Nb5 Nf6 16 Nxa7 Bd7 would win a pawn at the cost of some time ...") Ng6 .. and white had a small edge.

14 Nb5!?

The most vigorous reply to black's failure to prevent this move with 13 .. Ng6. Before playing this move, my opponent thought for a large amount of time.

14 .. Nf6

Necessary. After 14 .. a6 15 Na7 Rxa7 16 Bxa6 b6, we transpose to a variation similar to the 13 Nb5 a6 line (which was good for white) with white having made a useful move for extricating his bishop while black has not; while, after 14 .. b6 15 a5, black cannot kick white's QN with 15 .. a6 and thus has weakened his queenside without the compensation in gain of time

that he obtains in the 13 Nb5 b6 14 a4 a6 line.

15 Nxa7 Bd7 16 c5!?

For purposes of comparison, Benjamin-Nunn, Hastings 1987, went 13 Nb5 Nf6 14 Nxa7 Bd7 15 c5! ("an imaginative idea, but the critical line is probably the simple 15 Nb5" - Nunn) Rxa7 16 cd Nc8 17 dc Qxc7 18 Bxa7 .., with "rough equality". Korchnoi-Hellers went 13 .. h5 14 Nb5 Nf6 15 Nxa7 Bd7 16 Nb5 .. Of the five or so GM games that I have available with a Nb5 Nf6 Nxa7 Bd7 sequence, only one (Benjamin-Nunn) continued with c5. Probably, 16 Nb5 is more accurate, since after the subsequent c5, black will have a problem defending d6.

16 .. Rxa7 17 c6!?

In the above-mentioned game, Benjamin preferred cxd6, leading to equality. One critical line for the assessment of 17 c6 is 17 .. bxc6 18 Bxa7 cxd5, when black has a pawn, a strong central pawn formation, and potential play against white's stray bishop in return for the exchange. In the post-mortem, Vivek and I looked at this position extensively, without conclusion. (This indicates that the chances must be roughly balanced). The other critical line of the 17 c6 variation is the game continuation 17 .. bxc6 18 Bxa7 c5.

17 .. bxc6 18 Bxa7

Black would have the advantage after 18 dxc6 Nxc6 19 Bxa7 Nxa7 20 Bc4.

18 .. c5?!

Black locks the center - a prerequisite for the launching of

his kingside attack. During the game, I was not sure that I was worse here; in the postmortem, I was certain that I had been, since white has in fact made a sizeable infiltration on the queenside and will soon start decoying black from his kingside attack; now, however, I have found an improvement for black which again makes this line playable.

Is my improvement enough to not make the position after 18 .. c5 significantly better for white? That's tough to say. The preface to "The Classical King's Indian" contains the following disclaimer: "The trademark of the modern interpretation of the KID is that, at the slightest excuse, black will make a sacrifice of a pawn, an exchange, or even a piece ... The traditional textbook evaluations 'slightly better for white', 'equal', 'unclear', or 'compensation for sacrificed material' virtually meld into one composite description which is germane to so many KID situations." That sounds good: after 18 .. c5, the position gets a composite assessment. Nevertheless, an attempt at an evaluation can be made, and I would guess that white is better, since he is himself quite close to ripping open the queenside with b4. As mentioned above, 18 .. cxd5 led to a complicated and roughly equal position.

19 Qb3 g4 20 Qb8 Nc8?

Automatic given black's mindset of pressing his kingside attack while sealing off the queenside as much as possible, but far stronger is 20 .. Rf8!. 21 Qxd8 loses the QB; thus, white must play 21 Qb7, after which black will have a far stronger kingside

attack than he had in the game. Most importantly, after 20 .. Nc8, black's QN cannot participate in black's kingside attack, and its absence from h4 is devastating. Furthermore, black's back-rank problems eventually compel black to spend his own time on .. Rf7-f8. Finally, after 20 .. Rf8 21 Qb7, white's potential Bb5 is ineffective on account of .. Bc8. After 20 .. Nc8, black's attack is visibly ineffective, and black has a positionally lost game.

21 Ba6 g3 22 h3 Rf8

Very unpleasant but necessary to free black's queen.

23 Bb5 Nxa7 24 Qxa7 Bc8 25 b4

Black's position has become quite desperate. Nevertheless, as any stubborn KID player who has resolved to never defend on the queenside would do, he goes down "swinging".

25 .. Nh5 26 bxc5 Qh5 27 cxd6 Bxh3 28 gxh3 Qxh3 29 Ra2 g2 30 Rxg2 Ng3 31 Rh1 1-0

IM Vivek Rao (2584) -
Manion, Josh (2446)
Queen's Gambit
[Vivek Rao]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 b6

6...c5 is the main line, which Kasparov likes to meet with the sharp variation 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Qc2 Nc6 9.a3 Qa5 10.0-0-0.

7.Rc1

I avoided 7.cxd5 because of the pawn sacrifice 7...Nxd5 8.Nxd5 Qxd5, but after 9.Bxc7 Bb4+

(9...Bb7 10.a3) 10.Nd2 Na6 11.Bg3 Bb7 12.a3 Be7 13.f3 Black has insufficient compensation.

7...c5 8.cxd5 exd5

8...Nxd5 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.Bd3 Nd7 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Qc2 g6 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.Rfd1 Nf6 15.Bh6 was clearly better for White in Agdestein-Spassky, Gjovik 1983.

9.Be2

9.Bd3 is also good, but I did not want to obstruct the d-file.

9...Nc6

The knight may be better placed on d7 to support the pawn on c5.

10.0-0 Be6?!

Although the Bishop has little scope on b7, it is needed there to defend the queen side.

11.Qa4!

Immediately taking advantage of the absent bishop.

11...Bd7 12.Bb5 Qe8

After 12...Nb4 threatening ...Nd3 13.Ne5! Bxb5 14.Qxb5 the Black knight on b4 is misplaced: 14...Qe8 (14...a6 15.Qe2 a5 16.a3 Na6 17.Nc6 Qd7 18.Qb5 and White will win the pawn on b6) 15.a3 Qxb5 16.Nxb5 Na6 17.Nc6.

13.Rfd1!

Forcing play with 13.Ne5 gets nowhere, so White increases the pressure on d5; 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Bxb5 15.Qxb5

Qxb5 16.Nxb5 Nh5 17.Bg3 (17.Nc7?! Nxf4 18.exf4 Rad8 and Black has a better pawn structure) 17...Nxc3 18.hxc3 Rfd8 19.Rfd1 threatening Nc7 19...Rd7! =

13...a6

Now 14.Ne5 was a threat, since the d5 pawn falls after 14...Nxe5 15.dxe5

14.Bxc6 Bxc6 15.Qb3 b5

Black loses a pawn after 15...Qd8 16.Ne5 Rc8 (or 16...Bb7 17.Na4) 17.dxc5 Bxc5 18.Nxc6 Rxc6 19.Nxd5.

16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Bg5?!

17.Ne5, suggested by Manion after the game, wins a pawn while allowing less counterplay: A) 17...b4 18.Nxc6 bxc3 19.Ne5 Bd6 20.Qxc3 g5 (20...Ne4 21.Qd4 g5 22.Ng4) 21.Ng4! Nxc4 22.Bxd6 wins;

B) 17...Bb7 18.Nxb5; C) 17...Rd8 18.Nxc6 Qxc6 19.Be5 intending 20.Bxf6 and 21.Nxd5.

17...Ne4 18.Nxd5

Intending 19.Ne7+ Bxe7 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Rxc6

18...Rc8

Black's two bishops have come to life and make it difficult for White to realize the pawn plus.

19.Bf4

19.Bh4 may be better to meet 19...Qe6 with 20.Ne7+ Bxe7 21.Qxe6 fxe6 22.Bxe7.

19...Qe6! 20.Nc7 Qf5?!

Keeps queens on the board, but Black does not have enough compensation for the two pawns; 20...Qxb3 21.axb3 Bb7 is better, leaving the Nc7 misplaced.

21.Nxa6 Bb6 22.Nb4 Bb7

Black threatens 23...Nxf2 24.Kxf2 Qxf4.

23.Bg3 h5!

23...Nxc3 24.hxc3 Bxf3 25.gxf3 Qxf3 26.Nd5 is much better for White.

24.a3

Pointless. I had 5 minutes to get to move 40 and wanted to make a 'safe' move.

24...g5 25.Nd3 h4 26.Be5 h3 27.Qxb5 hxg2?

27...Nxf2! 28.Nxf2 (28.Qxb6 Bxf3) 28...Bxf3 29.gxf3 Qxf3 30.Qf1 Rxc1 31.Rxc1 Bxe3 32.Re1 Re8 33.Bg3 f5 intending ...f4 is unclear

28.Qxb6 Qxf3 29.Qxb7 Rxc1 30.Rxc1

Black is down a piece for nothing, but we are both in severe time pressure now, which explains the ensuing silliness.

30...g4 31.Bg3 Re8 32.Ne1 Qf5 33.Kxg2 Ng5 34.Rc4 Qh7 35.Rxg4? Qh3+ 36.Kg1 Qxg4 37.Kg2 Qh3+ 38.Kg1 Re6 39.Nf3 Nxf3+ 40.Qxf3 Rb6 41.Qd1 Rxb2??

Returning the favor. We did not know time control had been made and continued to blitz.

42.Be5!

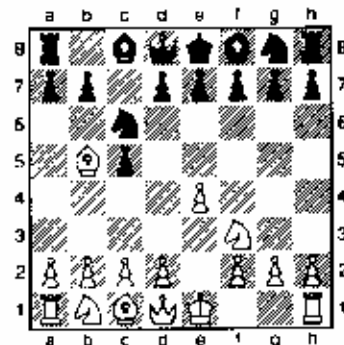
Black cannot defend the rook and meet the threat of Qd8+ and Qh8+. 1-0

READER'S SHOWCASE

Dunne, A 2373 -
Stein, P 2208
World Open (1), 1995
[Stein, P]

I was really at a loss as to what was coming. Without the opportunity to prepare for this particular opponent I had nothing but vague memories of some postal games. I did however make a mental note that he tended to play speculatively against lower rated opponents. If I played solidly in this game I might get off on the right track.

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5



One of 2 Rossolimos I would face in this tournament. Thanks to some drubbings dealt out by SM Verber at the Fox Valley Chess Club, I decided to take a serious look at black continuations.

3...g6

A big improvement over the Larsen line Qb6 which I used to play. I'm now firmly convinced

that Qb6 is dubious. White can get a substantial advantage against that by making nothing more than simple developing moves. My database has turned up many games which have turned out well for black when g6 was played. I followed this discovery up by purchasing GM Gallagher's excellent book "Beating the Anti-Sicilians" which has an entire chapter devoted to g6.

4.0-0 ♖g7 5.♗e1 ♘f6 6.c3 0-0
7.d4 cxd4 8.e5

This isn't that common. White usually recaptures with the c pawn and answers black's subsequent d5 with e5. The drawback of e5 on move 8 is that it chases the knight to d5 where it is well placed.

8...♘d5 9.cxd4 a6

Not quite precise. d6, immediately chipping away at the center pawns is much more to the point. 10.♗b3?! Much better was Bc4 tapping the knight. The queen is awkwardly placed here and can become a target.

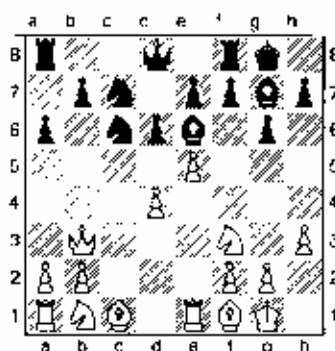
10...♘c7

Inviting ♖c6 which would leave white with a positional liability.

11.♖f1

A bit passive, better was ♖d3.

11...d6 12.h3 ♖e6!



Black now gets a potent initiative. The black b pawn is taboo since ♖d5 wins the queen. ♘d5 also threatens to remove one of the defenders of the center pawns.

13.♗a3 ♖d5 14.exd6 ♗xd6
15.♗xd6 exd6

Black doesn't mind the exchange of ♗s since the active minors will most likely coax white to cough up some material.

16.♖f4

White realizing that the d ♗ is lost strives for active play which he hopes will introduce complications.

16...♖xf3 17.♖xd6 ♗fc8

The simple ♗fe8 was even stronger.

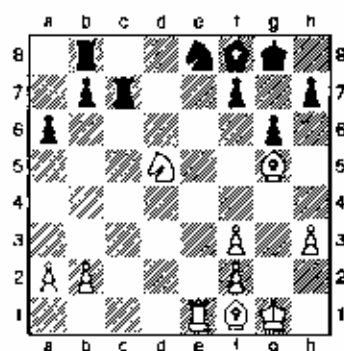
18.gxf3 ♗xd4+ 19.♗d2 ♗e8

♖c2 is more clear.

20.♖a3 ♗c2 21.♗c4? ♗xe1?
♗a3! 22.♗xe1 ♗c7 23.♗b6 ♗d8
24.♖e7 ♗b8?!

♗d4 was playable and strong, but I was paranoid about the back rank.

25.♖g5 ♖f8 26.♗d5



♖f4 doesn't cut it on account of ♗d6 when white doesn't win 2 minors for the rook because of ♗c6. ♗d3 did seem slightly better as white must do something to activate this ♖.

26...♗c6 27.b3 ♗e6 28.♗xe6
♗xe6 29.♗b6 h6 30.♗d7 ♗c8
31.♗xf8 ♗xf8 32.♖xh6+ ♖f7

At the expense of a ♗ black has further simplified the game. White's queen side ♗s will be pressured.

33.♖f4 ♗c2

♖d3 was called for.

34.a4 ♗c3 35.b4 ♗xf3 ♗f8!
♗d5 36.♖e3 ♗g7 37.♖g2 ♗f7
38.♖d4+ ♗f6 39.b5 axb5 ♗d7
40.axb5 ♗d7 41.♖e5 ♗f7
42.♗h2 ♗d5 43.♗g3 ♗d8
44.♗g4 ♗c8 45.♖f1 ♗f6+ 46.♗f4
♗d7 47.♖d4

White obligingly falls for a cheapo which hastens his demise.

47...e5+ → 48.♖xe5 g5+
49.♗e4 ♗e8

This is easily winning, but ♗c1 was even better. White struggled on for another 10 moves before 0-1.

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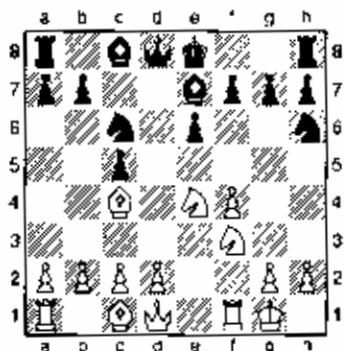
1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 e6 3.f4

I've had some success with the Grand Prix against Albert before. If it aint broke don't fix it.

3...d5 4.♙f3 dxe4 5.♘xe4 ♖e7
6.♙c4 ♘c6

We are following Minasian-Kharlov, Tal Memorial 1992.

7.0-0 ♘h6



A nice finesse. This ♘ would contribute to control of the center very well from f5. The only drawback is the g4 kick, but white is weary of making the a8-h1 diagonal sensitive. So the g4 kick would have to be well prepared.

8.d3 0-0 9.c3 b6 10.♙e2

Two other alternatives are ♘e5 and ♖e3, but I opted for ♙e2 because it keeps the most tension and keeps the queen ♖ on the c1-h6 diagonal.

10...♙f5 11.♘d2 ♖b7

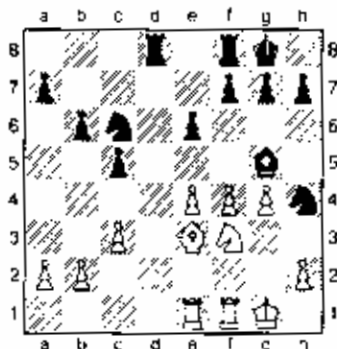
I thought the game was even at this point. My pieces are well placed, but black has no

structural defects and I have to keep an eye on the d ♘.

12.♙ae1

Trying to set up combinational possibilities involving e6 & f7.

12...♘a5 13.♖b5 ♖c6 14.♖xc6
♘xc6 15.♙eg5?! ♘e5 15...♙d5
16.♙e4 ♙ad8 17.g4 ♙xe4
18.dxe4 ♘h4 19.♙e3 ♖xg5



I was relieved to see this move. Black seemed to have tangible pull after ♙f3

20. ♙f3 ♙d3. 20.♖xg5 h6
21.♘h3 f5

♙d3 was still possible, but white seems to be ok after 22. ♙f2. Obviously not 22. ♙f2?? ♙f3+.

22.gxf5 exf5 23.e5 ♖f7

I thought g5 was an interesting try. Undermining my pawns is not that simple though because black will be incurring weaknesses to achieve that.

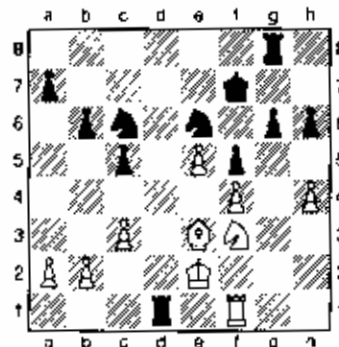
24.♙f2

Both forced and good. Covers f3 and allows a rook to g1 or h1. The ♘ on h4 is beginning to not look so good anymore. White will be happy to wheel his ♘ round to f3.

24...♘g6 25.♘g1 ♙g8 26.♙f3
♙f8?!

e6 is a good square for the ♘, but white gets to contest the d file.

27.♙d1 ♖e6 28.h4 g6 29.♙e2
♙xd1



At about this point mild time pressure started to set in for both of us. Albert told me after the game that he felt he was better due to my bad bishop. While this has some merit I didn't really agree because my bishop is keeping an eye on the queen side pawns and I can now effectively contest the d file. I was expecting the game to conclude a draw.

30.♙xd1 ♙d8 31.♙g1?!

More to the point was ♙d6.

31...b5?! 32.h5 ♘gh 33.♙h1
32...♙e7 33.♙h1 ♙h8 34.♙d1
gxh5 35.♙d7 a6 36.♘h4

Albert's time pressure was getting more serious and the position was getting more precarious.

36...♘g7??

This blunder effectively ends the game, but it is difficult to see how black can hold.

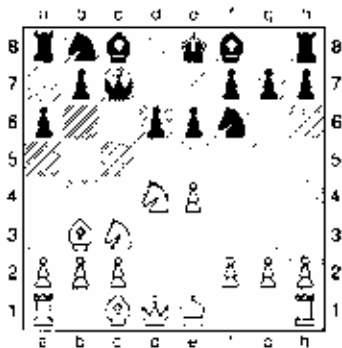
37.♙xe7+! ♙xe7 38.♘g6+ ♙f7
39.♘xh8+ ♙e6 40.♘g6 c4
41.♘h4 1-0

Hurchalla, David(2007) -
Getz, Barney(1604)
Eurysis Open, 1995
[Watson]

1.e4

Bill Naff of Peoria recently sent me this game played by thirteen year old Barney Getz. All you mid-state Experts had best take heed of this young fellow, he's up and coming!

1...c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4
4.♗xd4 ♖f6 5.♙c3 d6 6.♙c4 a6
7.♗b3 ♗c7

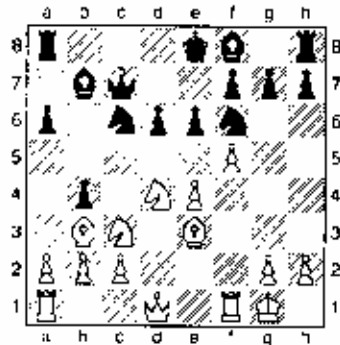


This move does not serve an immediate function now that the White bishop has already voluntarily dropped back to b3; therefore better was 7...♙c6 8.0-0 ♖a5 with balanced play. As the game proceeds, both players fail to appreciate the serious dangers of Black's decision to forgo Kingside development.

8.f4 ♗c6 9.0-0 b5 10.♙e3
♗b7?!

Releasing the protection of e6 is extremely risky. Better was [10...♖a5 11.f5 ♗xb3 12.axb3 b4 13.♖a4 e5 14.♗e2 ♗b8 15.♙g3 h5 16.h4 ♙g4 17.♙f3 ♗xe3 18.♗xe3 ♙e7+ Onoprienko,V-Van Laatum, Groningen (10) 1993

11.f5!? b4?

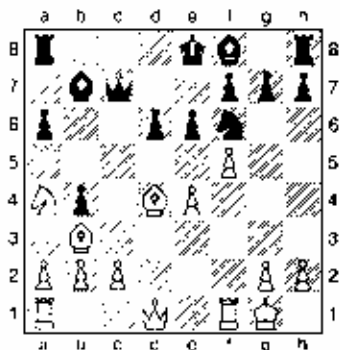


Black shows that he's not about to back down against his much higher-rated opponent but unknowingly risks a serious disadvantage if his opponent can find the best moves.

12.♗a4!?

Interesting at this critical moment is the speculative: 12.fxex6!? bxc3 13.exf7+ ♗e7 14.bxc3=

12...♗xd4 13.♙xd4?



This innocent-looking capture appears to be the losing move. Necessary to maintain a White advantage was: 13.♗xd4! e5 14.♗xb4 ♗xe4 15.♗b6! ♗d8 16.♗d5+-

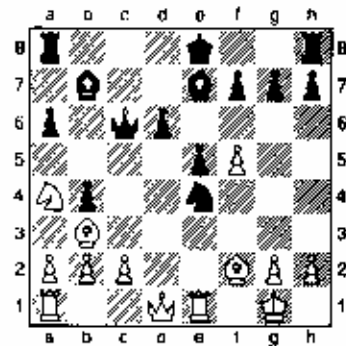
13...e5 14.♗b6 ♗c6 15.♗e1
♗e7!?

15...♗Xe4!

16.♙f2?

White is lost after this natural move. Resourceful defense dictated that 16.♗d2! had to be played after which there might have continued 16...a5 17.♗ad1 ♗xe4 18.♗d5! with a surprising advantage.

16...♗xe4



White has an extremely difficult game but miscalculates the following exchanges to hand his opponent an easy win. Congratulations, Barney!

17.♗b6? ♗xf2! 18.♙a4 ♗xd1
19.♙xc6+ ♙xc6 20.♗xa8 ♙xa8
21.♗axd1 0-0 22.♗d3 e4
23.♗g3?? ♙h4 0-1

ASSORTED ANNOTATED GAMES FROM RECENT EVENTS

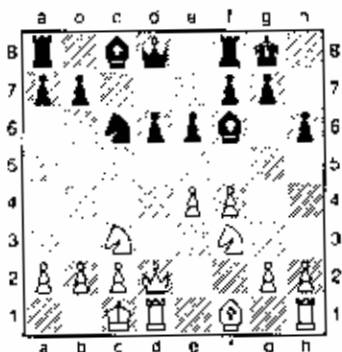
Rajlich, V(2220) -
Gurevich, D(2655)
Midwest Class M/E (2), 1995
[Watson]

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.♗xd4 ♖f6 5.♙c3 ♗c6 6.♙g5

e6 7.♗d2 ♖e7 8.0-0-0 0-0 9.f4
h6 10.♙xf6

Ceding such a powerful bishop is not a good idea unless White can exact compensation in the form of a superior pawn structure. More common in this position are both 10.♙h4 and the wild 10.h4!?

10...♙xf6 11.♗f3?

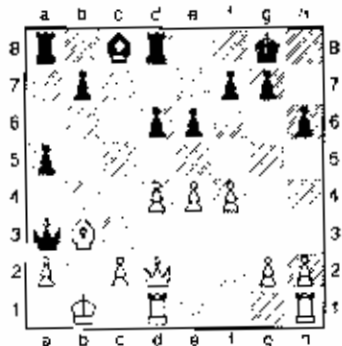


This inaccurate move deviates from the narrow path White must follow in order to maintain balanced play. Necessary was: 11.♗db5! e5 12.g3 ♕g4 13.♙e2 ♙xe2 14.♙xe2 ♗c7 15.fxe5 ♙xe5 16.♗d5 ♕g5+ 17.♙b1 a6 18.♗d4 ♗e8 19.♗f5 g6 20.h4 gxf5 21.hxg5 ♕g4 22.gxh6 ♗xe4 23.♗d2 ♗c8= Tatai,S-Bernard,C/Cannes Open 1992;

11.♙xc6?!

Winning a pawn like this has been long recognized as inferior. 11...bxc6 12.♙xd6 ♙b6 13.♗d2 (13.e5 ♗d8 14.♙a3 ♙e3+ 15.♙b1 ♗xd1+ 16.♙xd1 ♙xa3 17.bxa3 ♙e7= Grguri,A-Pavlovic,D/Kladovo 1991) 13...♙b8 14.b3 ♗d8 15.♗d3=]

11...♙a5= 12.♙c4 ♙b4 13.♙b3 ♙xc3 14.bxc3 ♙a3+ 15.♙b1 ♗d8 16.♗d4 ♙xd4 17.cxd4 a5!



This unexpected flank advance accompanied by the development of Black's queen's-rook to a6/b6 finally reveals the insidious side to Dmitry's play. Even larger concessions will now be required in the defense of White's King.

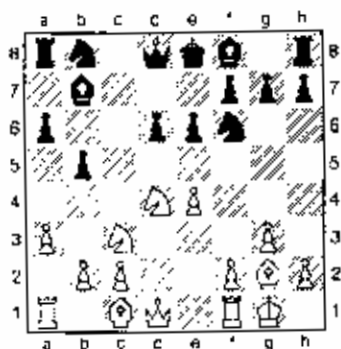
18.♙c1 ♙b4 19.a3 ♙b5 20.♙b2 d5 21.e5 ♗a6 22.♗d3 ♗b6 23.♙a1

The final error, White is dead lost. Necessary, but leaving Black with a strong advantage was: 23.a4 ♙b4 24.♙a2 ♗d7 25.c3 ♙e7 26.♙a3=

23...a4 24.♗b1 ♗d7 0-1

Kaushansky,L(2437)-
Gurevic,D(2655)
Midwest Class M/E (4), 1995
[Watson]

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4
4.♙xd4 a6 5.♗c3 d6 6.g3 b5
7.♕g2 ♙b7 8.0-0 ♗f6 9.a3

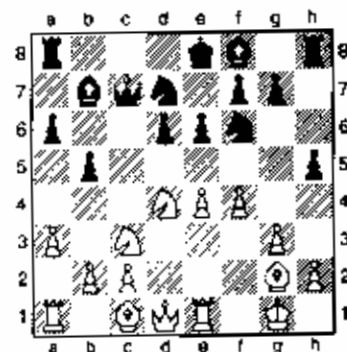


It is possible that this tempo is not necessary and White may be able to act more aggressively with: 9.♗e1!? ♙c7 10.♙g5 ♙bd7 11.♗d5! exd5 12.exd5+ ♙d8 13.♗c6+ ♙xc6 14.dxc6 ♙c5 15.b4 ♗e6 16.♙xf6+ gxf6 17.a4 ♗a7 18.♗d3 bxa4 19.♗xa4 ♕g7 20.c4 ♙e7 21.f4= Siebold-Kunert/Corr 1931.

9...♙bd7 10.♗e1 ♙c7 11.f4?!

11.g4 h6 12.f4 g6 13.♙h1 ♙e7 14.h3 ♙b6 15.♗d3 ♗c8 16.e5 ♙xg2+ 17.♙xg2 dxe5 18.fxe5 ♙fd7 19.♙f4 ♙c4 20.♗d1 g5 21.♕g3 ♙cxe5= Perez,F-Reshevsky,S/Amsterdam Interzonal 1964

11...h5



Dmitry reasons that his secure control of the center will allow him the luxury of such a flank attack and therefore sounds the cavalry charge against White's weakened Kingside.

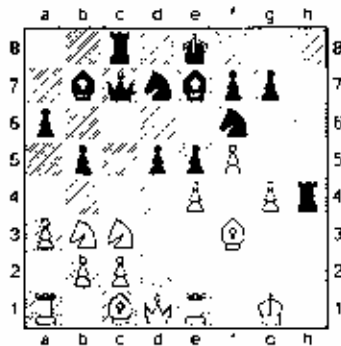
12.f5 e5 13.♙b3 ♙e7 14.h3 ♗c8

Notice how harmoniously Dmitry's pieces cooperate together in relationship to the placement of both side's forces.



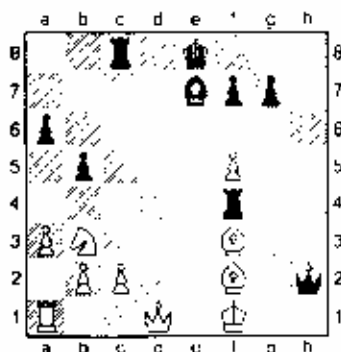
Surely the same can not be said of those of Lenoid, since his appear hemmed-in by his own pawns.

15.g4 hxg4 16.hxg4 ♖h4 17.♙f3 d5!



A classic central break in order to release the pent-up energy of the Black pieces. Also notice how drafty the position of White's King is becoming.

18.exd5 e4! 19.♗xe4 ♙xd5
20.♙xf6+ ♗xf6 21.♙xd5 ♖g3+
22.♙f1 ♗xg4 23.♗e3 ♖h3+
24.♙e2 ♖h2+ 25.♗f2 ♗f4 26.♙f3
♙e4 27.♗f1 ♖g3+ 28.♙e1 ♙xf1
29.♙xf1



One of the largest unspoken elements of tactics lies in the concept of double-attack. Black already has a large advantage which will not become evident for several moves. Can you discover his idea and then see how it relates to "double attack?"

29...♖h3+ 30.♙g2 ♖xf5

Here we are! White cannot adequately meet the dual threats against c2 and f2 and will thus lose additional material. This is a sparkling demonstration of Dmitry's imagination and talent.

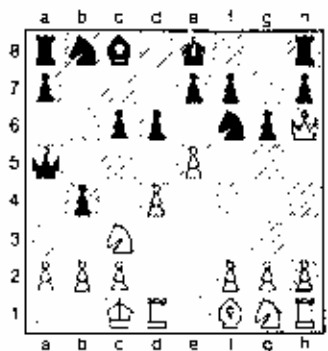
31.♙e2 ♗xc2 32.♙d2 ♗xf2+ 0-1

**Tate, E(2480) -
Pangan, C(2243)
Midwest Class M/E (3), 1995
[Watson]**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♗f6 3.♙c3 g6
4.♙g5 ♙g7 5.♙d2 c6 6.♙h6
♙xh6 7.♗xh6 ♗a5 8.0-0-0!

Tate eschews the standard 8.♙d2 and 8.♙d3 ♖b4 9.♙ge2 ♗xb2 10.♗b1 in place of something a bit more tricky.

8...b5 9.e5 b4?!

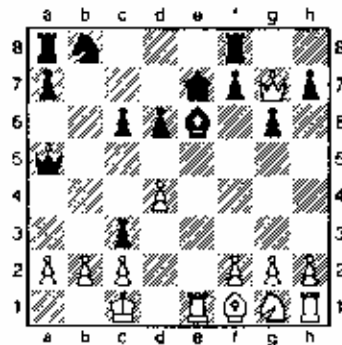


When two eminent tacticians meet anything can happen. This was one of the most watched games of the tournament and reminds me of a shootout from the wild-west movies. Unfortunately for Pangan, he barely gets his gun out of the holster before being hit right between the eyes! Safer, in retrospect seems 9...♖bd7 to restrain White's central ambitions.

10.♙g7 ♗f8

10...♗g8?? 11.exf6! ♗xg7
12.fxg7 and this fearless pawn cannot be prevented from queening.

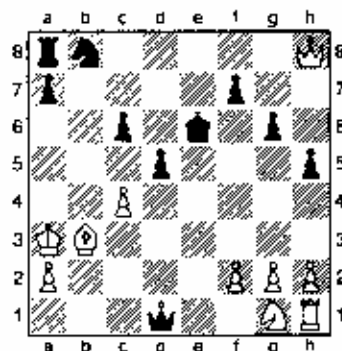
11.exf6! bxc3 12.fxe7 ♖xe7
13.♗e1+ ♙e6



14.♗xe6+!! ♖xe6 15.♙c4+ d5??

Staggering from the unexpected and repeated blows to his position, Pangan misses the more stubborn 15...♙e7! 16.♙f3 cxb2+ 17.♙b1 ♙d7 18.♗e1 ♙d8 unclear.

16.♙xf8 cxb2+ 17.♙xb2 ♖b6+
18.♙b3 ♖xd4+ 19.♙a3 ♙d1
20.♙h8 h5 21.c4



Tate continues to rip and claw at Black's position in order to expose the king even further. 20.Qh8 had a more sinister purpose than menacing the h-pawn. Can you discover it?

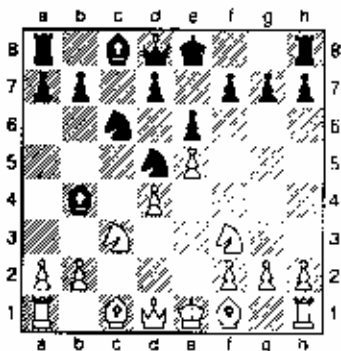
21...♖f1 22.cxd5+ cxd5
23.♗e5+! ♖d7

23...♗xe5 24.♕f3+ ♖d6
25.♞xf1±

24.♗xd5+ 1-0

**Ronneberg, E(2243) -
Karanfilovski, B(2300)
Midwest Class M/X (5), 1995
[Watson]**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 ♗f6 3.e5 ♖d5
4.♗f3 c5 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 ♖c6
7.♗c3 ♖b4?!



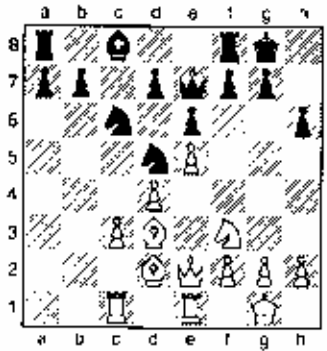
The game has now transposed into the a Sicilian variation occurring after the moves 1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♗f6 3.e5 ♖d5 4.d4 cxd4 5.♗f3 e6 6.cxd4 ♖c6 7.♗c3 (7.a3!? is a modern idea.) As it is very dangerous to exchange such an important bishop so early, recommended instead would be 7...♗xc3 8.bxc3 d6 with a balanced game.

8.♖d2 ♗a5 9.♞c1 ♖xc3 10.bxc3 ♗xa2?!

Greed, pure and simple. However, White's advantages in development, space, and the bishop pair far outweigh this

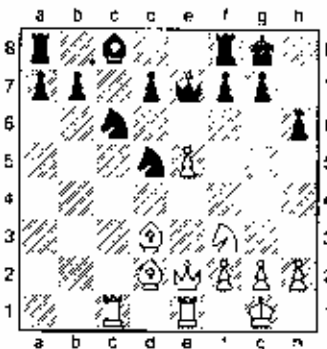
minor investment of a pawn; and the dividends are not long in coming.

11.♖d3 ♗a3 12.0-0 h6 13.♗e2
♗e7 14.♞fe1 0-0??



How can such a natural move as castling into safety (Ha, ha!) be wrong you say? Look below!

15.c4! ♖c7 16.d5! exd5 17.cxd5 ♖xd5

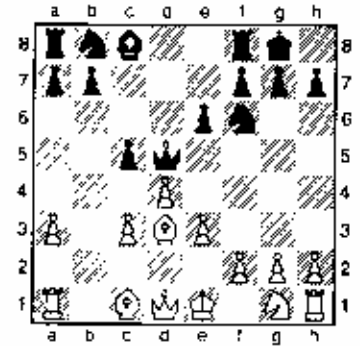


18.♗e4! f5 19.♗xd5+ ♖h8
20.♖d4 ♖xd4 21.♗xd4 1-0

**Levit, R(2372) -
Marshall, J(2120)
Midwest Class M/X (3), 1995
[Watson]**

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♖b4
4.e3 0-0 5.♖d3 c5 6.a3 ♖xc3+
7.bxc3 d5 8.cxd5 ♗xd5?!

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This move in place of the normal 8...exd5 or 8...♗xd5 appears to be a novelty. However, the queen does not appear comfortable here and will only be later driven away with loss of time.

9.♗f3!?

9.♗f3 ♖c6 10.♗c2∞

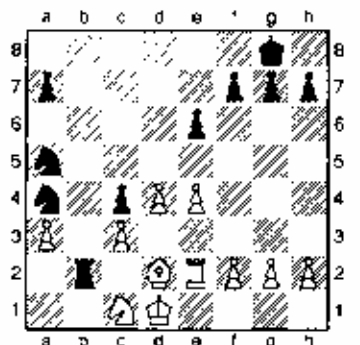
9...♖c6 10.♗xd5 ♖xd5 11.♖e2
♖d7 12.♖d2 ♖a5 13.♞b1 c4
14.♖c2 ♖b6 15.♞b4 ♖d5
16.♞b2 ♖b6 17.♗c1?!

It would be better for White to go on about his own business with 17.0-0.

17...♖a4 18.♖xa4 ♖xa4 19.♞b5
b6 20.♞b4 b5 21.♞xb5 ♖c6
22.e4 ♞fb8 23.♞xb8+ ♞xb8
24.♖d1

24.♖e2 ♞b1 25.♞e1 ♞a1
26.d5±

24...♞b2 25.♞e1 ♖a5 26.♞e2



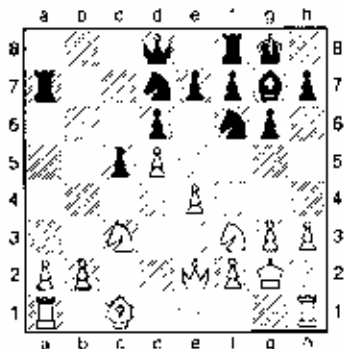
Interesting instead is 26.d5 with counterplay. Black appears to have the advantage after the move played in the game.

26...♖b3 27.♙e1 ♖b1→ 28.♖c2 ♖b2+ 29.♙e2 ♖xc1+ 30.♙e3 ♖b3 31.♙d2 ♙d1+ 32.♙e2 ♖xd2 33.♙xd2 ♖xf2 34.♙e3 ♖g4+ 35.♙f4 ♖f6 36.♖e2 ♖b3 37.♖c2 ♖f8 38.♙e5 ♙e7 39.d5 ♙d7+ 40.♙d4 ♖b6 41.♖a2 exd5 42.exd5 ♖b5

Congratulations on a fine game against a very strong opponent, Jim, and welcome back to Illinois. 0-1

Acosta, M(2222) - Manion, J(2446)
Midwest Class M/X (3), 1995
[Watson]

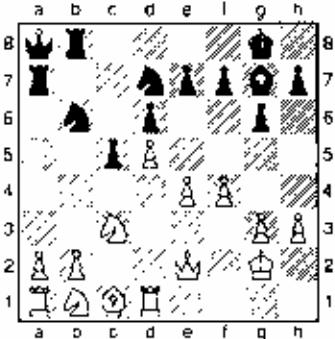
1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.♙c3 ♖xa6 7.e4 ♖xf1 8.♙xf1 d6 9.♙f3 ♖g7 10.g3 0-0 11.♙g2 ♙bd7 12.h3 ♖a7 13.♙e2



Black's initiative in this variation of the Benko Gambit is very persistent and dangerous. Here, though, Mariano begins to stray from the narrow path that will leave him with a playable game and soon finds himself in a difficult position. A more accurate defense was seen in the game Eckert, D-Manion, J/Chicago Open 1993 which continued 13.♖e1 ♙a8

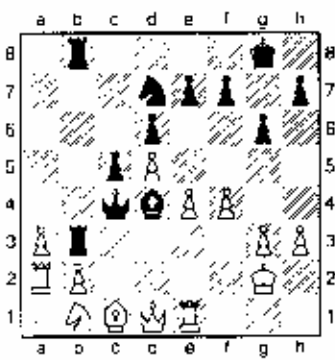
14.♖e2 ♖fb8 15.♖c2 ♖b6 16.♙e2 ♙a4 17.♙h2 ♖b4 18.♙d2 ♙d7 19.a3 ♖b8 20.♖b1 ♖ab7 21.♙xa4 ♙xa4 22.b3 ♙a7 23.a4 =

13...♙a8 14.♖d1 ♖b8 15.♙d2 ♖b6 16.♙db1 ♙fd7 17.f4?



Unnecessarily loosening. Advisable was 17.b3 followed by 18.♙b2, but here also Black has good play.

17...♙a4 18.♙xa4 ♖xa4 19.♙c3 ♖ab4 20.a3 ♖b3 21.♖a2 ♙a5 22.♙b1 ♙a4 23.♖e1 ♙d4 24.♙d1 ♙c4



Look how Josh has skillfully

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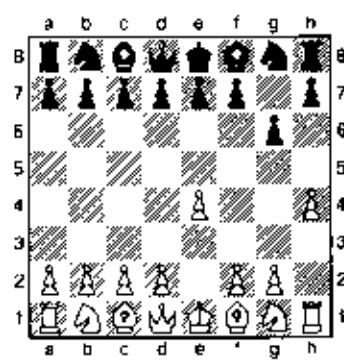
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made use of White's strategical errors to slowly infiltrate the weakened squares in his camp. With such activity, a decisive moment cannot be far away.

25.♙d2 ♖xg3+ 26.♙xg3 ♙xa2 27.b3 ♖f6 28.b4 cxb4 29.axb4 ♖xb4 30.e5 dxе5 31.fxe5 ♙h5+ 32.♙h2 ♖f2 0-1

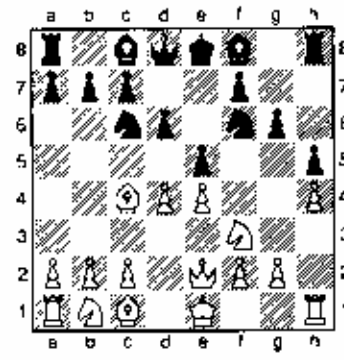
Tate, E(2456) - Cohen, H(1987)
Illinois Open (1), 1995
[Watson]

1.e4 g6 2.h4



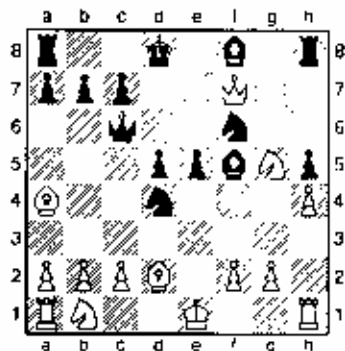
This is the real Caveman chess that would even make someone like Tim Just proud proud! This game has the makings of a classic battle from move 2; and neither player disappoints us!

2...h5 3.d4 d6 4.♙c4 ♖f6 5.♙e2 ♖c6 6.♙f3 e5



White would have an enduring advantage after the sensible continuation 7.dxe5 ♖xe5 8.♖xe5 dxe5 8...♙g5 ♙g7 9.♖c3, but this is not enough for a player of Tate's temperament.

7.♙g5!? ♖xd4 8.♙xf7+ ♔e7
9.♖d3 ♖xe4 10.♖d5! ♖f6
11.♖xg6 ♖e8 12.♙f7 ♖c6
13.♖b3 d5 14.♖d2 ♖f5 15.♖f7+
♔d8 16.♙a4!?



16...♙a6?!

Howard would have secured excellent play by instead capturing this impudent bishop: 16...♖xa4! 17.♖xf6+ ♔d7 18.♖xh8 ♖xc2+ 19.♖f1 ♖xa1 20.♖c3 ♖c2±

17.♖c3 ♙h6 18.♖b5 ♖xb5
19.♖xb5 ♖d6 20.♖d3 ♖d7

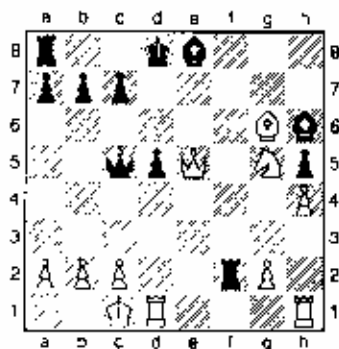
20...♙f8! 21.♖xf5 ♖xg5!?

21.♖g6 ♖e8 22.♖f5 ♖d7 23.0-0 ♖c5?

Although this move loses a pawn, in fact it is difficult to find anything better. Emory takes charge from here on, but Howard should be congratulated for playing such an interesting game.

24.♖b4! ♙f8 25.♖xc5 ♖xc5
26.♖xe5 ♙xf2?! 27.♖g6!

**Don't miss an issue.
Renew Now!**



Tate's finest games are dripping-wet with the fat and grease of tactics just like those Italian Beef sandwiches we all enjoy so much.

27...♖xc5+ 28.♖xg5+ ♖c8
29.♙xd5! ♖xd5 30.♖xd5 ♖xg6
31.♖g8+ ♔d7 32.♙d1+ ♖c6
33.♖xg6+ ♖c5 34.b4+ ♖b5
35.a4+?

Not that it matters much, Tate misses the Mate in four moves that was available after 35.♖xh5+!

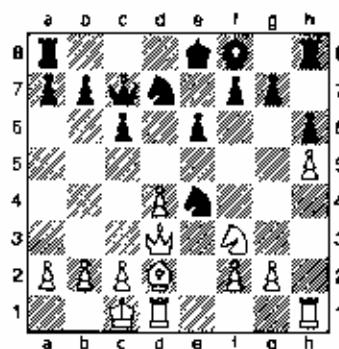
35...♖xa4 36.♖d3 ♙xg2 37.♖c4
♙f8 38.♖b2 ♙ff2 39.♙a1# 1-0

**Kramer,C(2317) -
Warren,J(2045)
Illinois Open (2), 1995
[Watson]**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♖c3 dxe4
4.♖xe4 ♖f5

This classical variation had for a while been superseded by the more modern 4...♖d7, but is now undergoing a modest revival. Be sure to keep all those MCO's and opening manuals; at some point in the future all those old lines will come back into style.

5.♖g3 ♖g6 6.h4 h6 7.♖f3 ♖d7
8.h5 ♖h7 9.♖d3 ♖xd3 10.♖xd3
♖c7 11.♖d2 ♖gf6 12.0-0-0 e6
13.♖e4 ♖xe4?!

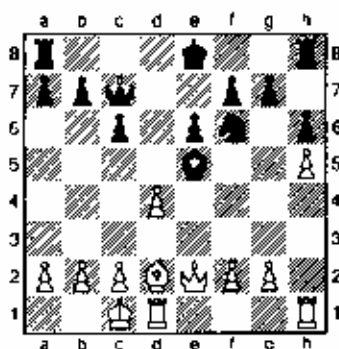


This seemingly natural move is already a slight error on Black's part and signals the careless pattern of exchanges which will ultimately cost the game. Rather than losing time and ceding control of e5 with this and the next move, better was 13...0-0-0 continuing down the well-traveled complex of main lines.

14.♖xe4 ♖f6 15.♖e2 ♖d6

15...0-0-0 16.g3 ♙d5 17.♖f4
♖d6 18.♖e5 (18.♖xd6 ♙xd6
19.♖e5 ♙hd8 20.c3 c5= Stein-
Korchnoi, Soussie izt 1967)
18...♖d7 (18...♖xe5 19.♖xe5
♖a5 20.♖b1 ♙hd8 21.g4±)
19.♙he1 ♙d8 20.c4 ♙a5
21.♖b1 ♖xe5 22.dxe5 ♖b4
23.♙xd8+ ♖xd8 24.♙d1+ ♖e8
25.a3± Cople-Vinagre, Corr
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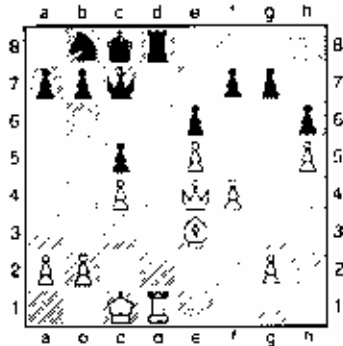
16.♖e5 ♖xe5?!



Another careless move after which the free ranging power of White's bishop remains super to

Black's knight despite the central pawns being fixed on dark square. 16...0-0-0 is again more flexible.

17.dxe5 ♖d7 18.f4± 0-0-0
19.c4 c5 20.♗e4 ♖b8 21.♙e3
♜xd1+ 22.♜xd1 ♜d8??



This final example of Black's over-eagerness to exchange pieces loses a pawn due to his inability to defend the denuded Kingside.

23.♜xd8+ ♗xd8 24.♗h7 ♗a5
25.♗g8+ ♗c7 26.♗xf7+ ♖d7
27.♖d2 ♗a6

27...♗xa2 28.♗xe6+-

28.b3 ♗a3+ 29.♖b1 ♗a6 30.f5
♗c6 31.fxe6 ♗e4+ 32.♗c1 ♗xe5
33.♗f4 1-0

Cohen, L(1953) -
Cooper, T(2204)
Illinois Open (3), 1995
[Watson]

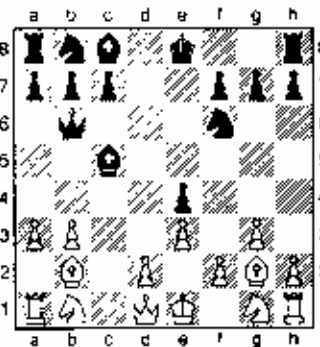
1.c4 e5 2.g3!?

Larry unknowingly steps right into one of the pet lines Tom has studied and specialized in for years. He has a difficult time finding the correct moves and soon ends up with an inferior game.

2...d5 3.cxd5 ♗xd5 4.♖f3 ♖b4!
5.♙g2?! e4 6.♖g1 ♖f6 7.a3

7.♖c3 ♗xc3 8.bxc3 0-0 9.♗b3
♙e6 10.♗xd5 ♗xd5 11.♙a3
♜e8 12.♖h3 e3! 13.♗xd5
exd2+ 14.♖xd2 ♗xd5 15.♖f4
♗xf4 16.gxf4 ♖c6 17.e3 ♙a5
18.♖c2 ♜ad8± Schultz-Cooper,
US Amateur Team, Midwest
1993

7...♗a5 8.b3 ♗c5 9.♙b2 ♗b6
10.e3

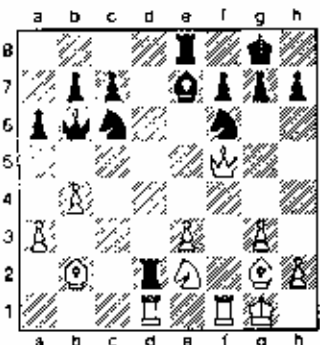


White's position leaves an odd impression, but I bet Larry was happy anyway, since this is the type of English setup he strives for regardless of what his opponents do!

10...♙e7 11.♖c3 ♙f5 12.♖ge2
♖c6 13.0-0 ♜d8 14.♗c2 0-0
15.b4 a6 16.♜ad1 ♜fe8 17.f3?

This is based on faulty analysis which is exposed just two moves later. Can you see what Larry failed to?

17...exf3 18.♗xf5 fxe2 19.♖xe2
♜xd2!



This is the drop of poison that was missed when calculating 17.f3 a couple moves ago. White's position now crumbles into dust very rapidly.

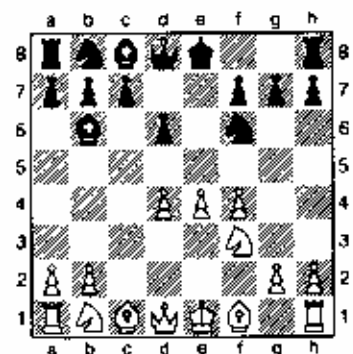
20.♖d4 ♗xd4 21.♖xd4 ♜xd1
22.♜xd1 c5 23.bxc5 ♗xc5
24.♜b1 ♗d6 25.♗g5 ♜xe3
26.♖f5 ♜e1# 0-1

Leali, M(1933) -
Martinovsky, E(2332)
Illinois Open (4), 1995
[Watson]

1.e4 e5 2.f4 ♗c5 3.♙f3 d6 4.c3
♙f6

A less than satisfactory innovation by the Good Dr. was [4...♗e7?! 5.b4 ♗b6 6.a4 a6 7.fxe5 dxe5 8.♙c4 ♗e6 9.♙a3 ♖d7 10.♗e2 ♖gf6 11.d3 a5? 12.bxa5 ♙xa5 13.0-0 ♖b6+ 14.♖h1 ♜xa4 15.♖xe5!± Giles-Martinovsky, Prairie State Invitational 1985]

5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 ♖b6!



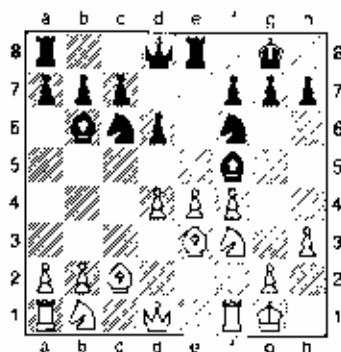
It is extremely risky to play against White's center pawns with [6...♖b4+ 7.♖d2 ♗xd2+ 8.♖bxd2 0-0 (8...♖g4 9.♖d3 ♗c6 10.h3 ♗xf3 11.♖xf3 ♗e7 12.0-0 0-0 13.e5 dxe5 14.dxe5 ♖d7 15.♖xh7+!± Chow, A-Wong, B St. Charles Open (5) 1993) 9.♖d3 ♜c8 10.0-0 c5 11.d5 c4 12.♖xc4 ♖xe4 13.♗c2 ♖f6 14.♜ac1± Giles-

Martinovsky, Illinois Tournament
Of Champions 1987

7.♖d3

7.♖c3 0-0 8.♗d3 ♖g4 9.♖c2
♞e8 10.♗d2 ♗xe4 11.♖xe4
d5+

7...0-0 8.0-0 ♖g4 9.♖e3 ♗c6
10.♖c2 ♞e8 11.h3 ♖f5

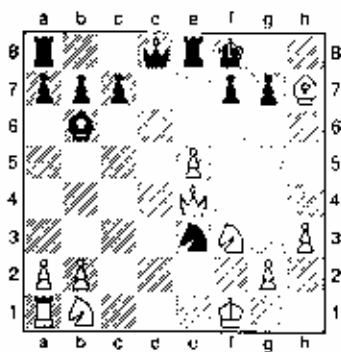


This and the next move demonstrate the Dr's deep calculations and keen understanding of these positions. With all this pressure against the White center, something must soon crack.

12.e5 ♗d5+ 13.♖xf5 ♗xe3
14.♖xh7+ ♖f8!

Less decisive is [14...♖xh7
15.♗d3+ ♖g8 16.♗xe3 ♗xd4!+]

15.♗d3 ♗xf1 16.♗xf1 dxe5
17.d5 ♗b4 18.♗e4 ♗xd5
19.fxe5 ♗e3+



White's once-proud center has disintegrated and now cannot even shelter the King.

20.♖f2 ♗d1 21.♖g3 ♗e2
22.♗h4

It's Checkmate in 5 moves from this position. Can you solve it?

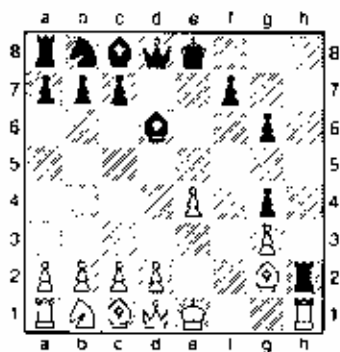
22...♖f1+ 23.♖f4 ♖e3+ 0-1

Craddock, J(1606) -
Hubbell, R(1438)
Illinois Open Reserve (4), 1995
[Watson]

1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.♖f3 dxe5
4.♗xe5 ♖d6 5.♖f3 g5! 6.g3 g4
7.♗h4 ♗e7 8.e4 ♗g6 9.♗xg6?

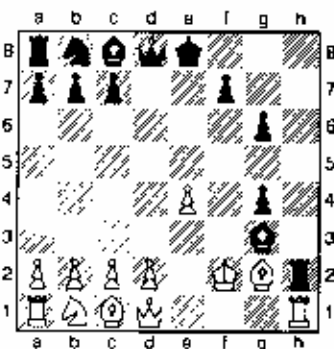
9.♗g2!?, 9.♖f5 ♖xf5 10.exf5
♗e7+! 11.♗e2 ♗e5 12.♖g2
♗bc6 13.c3 0-0-0 14.d4 ♗d3+
15.♖d2 ♗xc1 16.♗xg4 h5
17.f6+ hxg4 18.fxe7 ♖xe7
19.♗xc1 ♖g5+ 20.♖c2 ♞he8+

9...hxg6 10.♖g2 ♞xh2!



White should be extremely proud of finding this great move at the board, but, believe it or not this has all been played before! Jacobsen-Peterson, Denmark now continued 10.0-0 (Hubbell shows why capturing the rook is bad!) ♖xg3 11.d4 ♞g7 12.♗d3 ♗h4 13.♞d1 ♖f2+ 14.♖f1 g3 15.♗b5+ ♗c66 16.♗c3 ♗h22 17.♖g5 ♖g4! 18.♗e2 ♗xg2+! 19.♖xg2 ♞h2+ 20.♖f1 ♖h3 Mate!

11.♖f2 ♖xg3+!!



A superb continuation from someone at this level and a sure sign that Hubbell is rapidly moving up. Class A and Expert players had better watch out!

12.♖xg3 ♗h4+ 13.♖f4 ♗f2+
14.♖f3 g5+ 15.♖xg5 ♗h4+
16.♖f4 gxf3+ 17.♗e3 ♞xh1

Our congratulations are offered for a highly entertaining and well played game! 0-1

St. Charles Chess Club News

By Dan Pradt

The St Charles Chess Club has decided to revive an esteemed and venerable tradition in the Chicago area. With the permission of the Oak Park-River Forest Chess Club, St. Charles will sponsor Master Challenge IV in 1996. The last Master Challenge took place in 1991, when the OP-RF Club leadership decided that they could no longer underwrite the continuing losses.

The St Charles Club, with a safe balance in its treasury, is committed to sponsoring Master Challenge for at least two years, regardless of the attendance the first year. While big money tournaments have put locally organized and financed tournaments on the endangered species list, Master Challenge is too much a part of Chicago history to be allowed to expire without further effort. June 21 1996. Master Challenge will rise again.

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Call Chess Phone, (708) 832-5222, for up-to-date tournament results, and 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.

Organizers - remember it is ICA policy that an event must be published in the ICA bulletin and Chess Life marked as a tour event in order to be a tour event. Please send your tournament notices to: Bob Renaut, 1255 Oakton Lane, Naperville, IL 60540-0310 or call 708-983-0934.

Jan 3, Action Chess, Chicago, IL, 3-SS, G/29, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W. Lunt, EF\$: \$12, jrs and CCC mbrs \$10, Reg ends 7:00 pm. Rd 1 7:15, 70% of EF as PF, 312-761-5050

Jan 4, Quick Chess, Chicago, IL, 4-SS, G/20 Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W. Lunt, EF\$: \$12, jrs and CCC mbrs \$10, Reg ends 7:00 pm. Rd 1 7:15, 70% of EF as PF, 312-761-5050

Jan 6, Holy Angels Scholastic, Aurora, D. McDonald, 708-897-0033

Jan 6-7, Two Day Plus Score, Chicago, IL, 4-SS, G/20 Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W. Lunt, EF\$: \$30, jrs and CCC mbrs \$25, Reg ends 12:30 pm. Rds: 1:00-5:00, PF by score 4=\$200, 3.5=\$100, 3=\$50, 2.5=\$20, 312-761-5050

Jan 13, 96 Tuley Park QC#1, Chicago, IL, 501 E. 90th Place, EF: \$12, under 19 \$6. Reg 11:00-11:45, 1st Rd at 12. Prizes \$200 (b20) \$120G, \$70-\$50 best from middle 3rd \$45, best from lowest 3rd \$35. Time controls: If 14 of

less; 4SS, G/25, if 14 to 20: 5SS Rds 1&2 G/15, rds 3,4,5 G/25. If 22 players or more: 6SS, rds 1-3: G/15, rds 4-6 G/20, Info: Tom Finberg 721-3979

Jan 13, Evanston - Scholastic, 5 board teams, K. Lewandowski - 708 492-7932

Jan 14, Sunday Plus Score - Quick, Chicago, IL, 6-SS, G/29 Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W. Lunt, EF\$: \$15, jrs and CCC mbrs \$12, Reg ends 12:30 pm. Rds 1: 1:00, PF by score 6=\$100, 5.5=\$60, 5=\$35, 4.5=\$20, 4=\$12, 3.5=\$5, 312-761-5050

Jan 20, 1996 Peoria Tornado, Peoria, IL, 4-SS, G/80, Garrett Center, 824 N. Duryea Place, EF: \$11 if by 1/18 or \$15 at site, PF - \$75-\$50, chess book to Top A, B, C&D. Reg: 8-8:45, Rds. 9, 12, 2,45 and 5:30. 1/2 bye is available in any round (limit 1). Entries. Bill Naff, 212 Vail Ct. Peoria, IL 61614, 309-691-4524, mm.

Jan 20, Saturday Plus Score Mini tour, Chicago, IL, 4-SS, G/60 Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W. Lunt, EF\$: \$15, jrs and CCC mbrs \$12, Reg ends 12:30 pm. Rds 1: 1:00, PF by score 4=\$100, 3.5=\$50, 3=\$25, 2.5=\$5, 312-761-5050, mini

Jan 20 Illini Classic - Scholastic, 5 board team, Chris Butler, 217-333-2870

Jan 21, Northwest Scholastic, Schaumburg, Richard Whitman, 708-885-9228

Jan 21, Sunday Plus Score Mini tour, Chicago, IL, 4-SS, G/60 Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W. Lunt, EF\$: \$15, jrs and CCC mbrs \$12, Reg ends 12:30 pm. Rds 1: 1:00, PF by score 4=\$100, 3.5=\$50, 3=\$25, 2.5=\$5, 312-761-5050, mini

Jan 27 Chessterton Chess, Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana, Chesterton, IN, 4-SS, G/90. PF\$: \$310 based on 30 entries. \$100, \$50, U2000 \$45, U1800 \$40, U1600 \$35, U1400 \$25, U1200 \$15, Rds. 9,30, 12:00, 3:00,

6:00, Reg: 8:30-9:15 a.m. (all time is Chicago time!), EF\$: \$15, \$10 for High School or below. Info: Randy Pals, 1233 Morningside Dr., Chesterton, IN 46304. 219-926-2266.

Jan 27, Ottawa Scholastic, 5 board, Craig Smoch, 815 433-1323

Jan 27-28, Tim Just Winter Open, MAXI, see ad on page 0

Feb 3, 96 Tuley Park QC#2, Chicago, IL, 501 E. 90th Place, EF: \$12, under 19 \$6. Reg. 11:00-11:45, 1st Rd at 12, . If 16, Prizes \$200 (b20) \$120G, \$70-\$50 best from middle 3rd \$45, best from lowest 3rd \$35. Time controls: If 14 of less; 4SS, G/25, if 14 to 20: 5SS Rds 1&2 G/15, rds 3,4,5 G/25. If 22 players or more: 6SS, rds 1-3: G/15, rds 4-6: G/20, Info: Tom Finberg 721-3979

Feb 3, Lincoln Cultural Center, Kankakee, scholastic, Mac Lyons, 815-937-4613

Feb 3, Chicago Mid-West All Grade, Scholastic, Dick Verber, 708 978-1380

Feb 4, Sunday Plus Score Mini Tour, Chicago, IL, 4-SS, G/60 Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W. Lunt, EF\$: \$15, jrs and CCC mbrs \$12, Reg ends 12:30 pm. Rds 1: 1:00, PF by score 4=\$100, 3.5=\$50, 3=\$25, 2.5=\$5, 312-761-5050, mini

Feb 10, Saturday Plus Score, Mini Tour, Chicago, IL, 4-SS, G/60 Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W. Lunt, EF\$: \$15, jrs and CCC mbrs \$12, Reg ends 12:30 pm. Rds 1: 1:00, PF by score 4=\$100, 3.5=\$50, 3=\$25, 2.5=\$5, 312-761-5050, mini

Feb 10 Bloom Trial Frosh/Soph Scholastic, 5 board, Don Deakin 708 758-7000.

Feb 11, Sunday Plus Score - Quick, Chicago, IL, 6-SS, G/29 Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W. Lunt, EF\$: \$15, jrs and CCC mbrs \$12, Reg ends 12:30 pm. Rds 1: 1:00, PF by score 6=\$100,

5.5=\$60, 5=\$35, 4.5=\$20, 4=\$12, 3.5=\$5, 312-761-5050

Feb 16, (QC) Illinois Illinois Quick Chess Championship, 6-SS, G/10. Clarion Hotel, 6810 North Mannheim Road, Rosemont, 60018. **SS 1,500 Guaranteed Prize fund will not be reduced.** In 2 sections: **Open, \$\$ 250-125, 2200-2299 100, 2100-2199 100, 2000-2099 90, 1900-1999 90, under 1900 90.** EF \$20 by 2/5, \$25 at site. **Reserve, open to U1800 and Unrated, \$\$ 125-75, 1600-1699 75, 1500-1599 60, 1400-1499 60, 1300-1399 50, 1200-1299 50, 1100-1199 40, 1000-1099 40, under 1000 40, unrated 40.** EF \$18 by 2/5, \$20 at site. **Both, ICA membership required for Illinois residents. Unrated may only win the unrated prize in the reserve or top prizes in the open.** Reg 6-7:30 p.m. Rd 1 8 p.m. Hr 59-59-69-69. (708) 297-8464 or 297-1234. Ent & Info: Walt Brown, 811 Elrose Court, Crest Hill, IL 60435 (815) 723-9453 or check out our WEB page at <http://www.mcs.net/~alan/chess/usatm.w.html>. NS. NC. W.

Feb 17-18, US Amateur Team Championship, Rosemont, IL 50/2, SD/1 (rds 1 & 2 45/90, SD/30) Clarion Hotel, 6810 North Mannheim Road, Rosemont, IL 60018. Open to 4 player teams with one optional alternate. Team average (4 highest ratings as of the 1995 annual list) must be under 2200 and board 4 may not be more than 1000 points below board 3. EF \$80 if postmarked by 2/9, \$95 at the site. Plaque plus 4 USCF GameTimer digital clocks to top team, plaque plus 4 BHB clocks to 2nd & 3rd place teams. 4 BHB clocks each to top teams with average rating below 2000, below 1800, below 1600, below 1400 and below 1200. Trophies to top team in each state with 4 or more teams entered and in each of the following categories with 4 or more teams entered. company, college, high school (9-12), middle school (6-9), elementary school (K-6), junior (under age 20), and senior (over age 50). Scholastic teams must be from the same school if local or from the same city if traveling more than 50 miles. USCF GameTimer digital clock for top player on each board 1 to 4. Special prize for best team name. Reg 7-8 p.m. Friday, 8-

9 a.m. Saturday. Roster changes after 8 p.m. Friday will require a \$15 late fee. Players may register as individuals for \$25 and form teams at the site. You must be here by 8:30 to be guaranteed a team assignment. Rds 10-2-7, 10-4, Hr 59-59-69-69. (708) 297-8464, 297-1234. For more information or help in forming teams call Walt Brown (815) 723-9453 or check out our WEB page at <http://www.mcs.net/~alan/chess/usatm.w.html>. Ent: U.S. Chess Federation, 186 Route 9W, New Windsor, NY 12553, Attention U.S. Amateur Team Midwest. (914) 562-8350 or 1-800-388-KING. NS. NC. W.

Feb 24, 96 Tuley Park QC#1, Chicago, IL., 501 E, 90th Place, EF \$12, under 19 \$6. Reg. 11:00-11:45, 1st Rd at 12. Prizes \$200 (b20) \$120G, \$70-\$50 best from middle 3rd \$45, best from lowest 3rd \$35. Time controls: If 14 or less; 4SS, G/25, if 14 to 20 5SS Rds 1&2 G/15, rds 3,4,5 G/25. If 22 players or more: 6SS, rds 1-3: G/15, rds 4-6: G20, Info: Tom Fineberg 721-3979

Feb 24, Glen Ellyn Semi-Class, Glen Ellyn, scholastic, Mike Miele, 708-469-3630

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Feb 24, Rock Island, Scholastic, 5 board, Bob Smith 309 793-5950.

Feb 25, ICA AWARDS BANQUET, Buckingham Restaurant, Plainfield & Madison St., Willowbrook Sec ad.

Mar 1-3, IL State Scholastic Chess Championship, Hoffman Estates, Michael Schleich, 708-882-2359

Mar 7-10, 1996 U.S. Masters, Oak Brook, IL, 7-SS, 40/2, 20/1, SD 1, Open to players rated 2200 and over and all who have ever been so rated, plus six invited juniors. EF\$75 if by 2/25, \$90

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Mar 9, West Suburban Conference Tournament, Scholastic

Mar 9 Roanoke-Benson, Scholastic, 8 board, Greg Rasmuson 309 923-8401

March 15-17 or March 16-17, Mid-America Class Championships in Chicago. 5-SS, 40/2, 25/1, SD/30 (2-day schedule rounds 1 and 2 Game/90). Ramada Hotel O'Hare, 6600 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont 60018 (less than one mile from O'Hare Airport with free Ramada pick up service). **\$\$ 15,000 Prize fund is fully guaranteed and will not be reduced.** In eight sections. **Master: \$\$G 2,000-1,000-500-300-200.** Under 2400: 500-200. Under 2300: 300-100. **Expert: \$\$G 1,000-500-250.** Under 2100: 250. **Class A: \$\$G 1,000-500-250.** Under 1900: 250. **Class B: \$\$G 1,000-500-250** Under 1700 250. **Class C: \$\$G 1,000-500-250.** Under 1500: 250 **Class D: \$\$G 500-250.** Under 1300: 150. **Class E: \$\$G 300-200.** Under 1100: 100. Under 1000: 100. **Unrated: \$\$G 200-100.** All: EF \$70 if postmarked by 3/7, \$10 more at the door. USCF juniors play for \$30 if paid in advance only. Entry fee for the unrated section is \$25. Unrated players joining USCF and ICA pay no entry fee to play in the unrated section. Team discount: if four entries are sent together in advance, the player with the lowest entry fee plays free. Add \$1 to any entry fee for 2-day schedule. Unrateds may play in the master section or in the unrated section, not in any class section. Half point byes available in rounds 1-4 if requested in advance. Add 50¢ to advance entry for first round bye only. ICA membership (\$14 adults, \$8 juniors under 20) is required of all Illinois residents. This is an **ICA MAXI-TOUR EVENT.** You may play up one section higher than your rating for \$5

additional. CCA ratings may be used if higher than USCF February supplement. Reg 4-7 p.m. on Friday, 3/15, 8-9 a.m. on Saturday 3/16 Rds 3-day schedule 8, 10-5, 10-5, 2-day schedule rds 1 & 2 at 10-1:30, then merges with 3-day for rd 3 at 5 p.m. HR 63-63-68-68 (708) 827-5131. Make your reservation by 3/1 to be assured a room. Be sure to ask for the Chess Rates. Special airfare discounts from Classic Travel 1-800-488-6080. ENT & INFO: Walter Brown, 811 Elrose Court, Crest Hill, Illinois 60435. (815) 723-9453 Visa & MasterCard accepted Check out our WEB page at <http://www.mcs.net/~alan1/chess/MidAmerica.html>. NS. W. FIDE.

Mar 15-16 IHSA State Team Tournament, Scholastic, Bone Center, IHSA Normal, 8 board, 309 663-6377

Mar 23, 96 Tuley Park QC#4, Chicago, IL., 501 E, 90th Place, EF: \$12, under 19 \$6. Reg. 11:00-11:45, 1st Rd at 12. Prizes \$200 (b20) \$120G, \$70-\$50 best from middle 3rd \$45, best from lowest 3rd \$35. Time controls: If 14 or less, 4SS, G/25, if 14 to 20: 5SS Rds 1&2 G/15, rds 3,4,5 G/25 If 22 players or more: 6SS, rds 1-3: G/15, rds 4-6: G20, Info: Tom Fineberg 721-3979

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Apr 5-7, Heathen Open

Apr 13, 96 Tuley Park QC#5, Chicago, IL., 501 E, 90th Place, EF: \$12, under 19 \$6. Reg. 11:00-11:45, 1st Rd at 12. Prizes \$200 (b20) \$120G, \$70-\$50 best from middle 3rd \$45, best from lowest 3rd \$35. Time controls: If 14 or less, 4SS, G/25, if 14 to 20: 5SS Rds 1&2 G/15, rds 3,4,5 G/25. If 22 players or more: 6SS, rds 1-3: G/15, rds 4-6: G20, Info: Tom Fineberg 721-3979

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Entries: Bill Naff, 212 Vail Ct, Peoria, IL 61614 309 691-4624

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Rounds: Sat. 10, 2:30, 7

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EN GARDE! HERE COME THE JUNIORS! ICA-WARREN JUNIOR PROGRAM UNDER WAY FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 1995-1996

By Helen Warren

Be careful! That kid sitting across from you in round three could be your worst chess nightmare.

The most significant and hopeful aspect of junior chess in our state is that it has left the classroom and invaded the tournament hall. The kids are here to stay, they have become part of the tournament chess world. They're getting better and more of them are adopting chess as a potential lifetime sport.

The Illinois Open was a good testimonial. Both the Open and Reserve sections had a healthy number of juniors who had excellent results. Most of them are products of the ICA-Warren Junior Program, either in their respective schools where masters regularly teach or in the tutorial program where one-on-one teaching of youngsters on USCF's Top Fifty by Age groups has begun to show solid results.

This article will serve as a short report on schools, Top Fifty kids, and patrons of the junior program in our state, a summary of the early academic year.

Following are Illinois youngsters who are or will receive individual lessons from master teachers. Their names appear on USCF's Top Fifty by Age lists. In a few cases we documented current ratings with a call to USCF's office to confirm up-to-the-minute tournament results.

Top Age 15-16		Top Age 9-10		Top Age 8 & Under	
Josh Riddell	1958	Robert Riddle	1548	Daniel Leung	1276
Justin Sadauskas	1859	Matt Leali	1516	Andrew Hubbard	1128
Kim Goodwin	1828	Mark Rokita	1425	Erin Strauts	1083
		John Piargalski	1403		
Top Age 11-12		Edward Mueller	1339		
Brian Wong	1616	Robert Rasmussen	1322		
Chris Hayes	1555	William Bielski	1311		
Barney Getz	1608				

Several other kids are on the Top Fifty by Age list in Illinois who have declined tutorials: Chuck Cadman, 18, 2134; Kengas Sukcharoenphon, 17, 1948; Anna Zemlinsky, 16, 1982.

Schools participating in the program include:

Baker Demonstration School (Evanston)	Rudy Lozano Public Library CC (Chicago)
Franklin School (Park Ridge)	Benjamin Middle School
Waubonsie Valley (Aurora)	Forest Glen School (Glen Ellyn)
IL Math & Science Academy (Aurora)	Evergreen School
Ben Franklin School (Glen Ellyn)	Glenbard East High School

These are very early starters (Sept.-early October). At least a dozen other participating schools will begin instruction during the month of November or starting with the 1996 semester.

Teachers in the program include:

GM Dmitry Gurevich
IM Vivek Rao
SM Richard Verber

NM Ken Wallach
NM Nouredine Zaine
NM Kevin Bachler

NM Tom Cooper
NM John Tomas
Murrell Rhodes

A FOND GOODBYE...



The ICA-Warren Program will lose one of its most active and dedicated teachers when Tom Cooper leaves the area and moves to Georgia this month.

We'll certainly miss Tom; he's been a mainstay of our youth program. We know he'll find fertile pastures for chess development in Georgia. We hope he'll come north to visit us, play in our tournaments, and win some prize money! Every good wish to Tom and his wife as they settle in the Peach State. The youngsters and schools in the Warren Program will miss him.

The ICA Awards Banquet in February will feature many of our Top Fifty kids. We hope you'll make a special effort to attend and participate in recognizing individuals whose contributions make chess possible in our state. We will present the second Billy Colias Excellence in Teaching Award at that time to one of our outstanding teachers. Parents of juniors in the ICA-Warren Program are especially invited. We're planning special recognition for Top Fifty Kids who will be there as Team Illinois.

Our thanks to the following chess patrons who have been generous in their contribution to the ICA-Warren Junior Program:

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ILLINOIS CHESS ASSOCIATION TOUR STANDINGS

This list reflects the following 1995
Tour events

Tim Just Winter Open, Grayslake
MAXI Jan 7-8
Peoria Tornado mini Jan 15
Greater Peoria Open MAXI Mar 4-5
Mid-America Class Championship,
O'Hare MAXI Mar 24-26
Fox Valley Low Cost Open #9,
Aurora mini Apr 15
Peoria Tornado mini Apr 22
Chicago Open, Oak Brook
MAXI May 26-29
Peoria Tornado mini Jun 24
Midway Amateur Class, Oak Lawn
MAXI Jul 22-23
Chicago CC Plus-Score Half-K
mini Aug 6
Bradley Summer Open, Peoria
mini Aug 19
Illinois Open, Aurora
MAXI Sep 2-4
Eurytis Annual Open, Champaign
MAXI Oct 21-22
Peoria Tornado
mini Oct 28
Tuley Park Action Half-K, Chicago
mini Nov 4

UPCOMING 1996 TOUR EVENTS:

Jan 20, 1996 Peoria Tornado
Jan 20, Sat. Plus Score Mini tour
Jan 21, Sunday Plus Score Mini tour
Jan 27-28, Tim Just Winter Open,
MAXI

Other Tour tournaments will be
added to the schedule as the year
progresses. Check the Illinois Chess
Bulletin, Chess Life, and Tour
listings posted at tournaments

For players with fewer than three
1995 Tour events, the number of
events (1 or 2) is shown in
parentheses. A player must have
played in at least three Tour events
during 1995 to be eligible for year-
end Tour prizes.

NOTE: ICA membership is required for all
Illinois residents playing in ICA Tour events.
Residents of other states are not required to
join ICA if they are members of their home
state chess associations. However, Tour
points earned by out-of-staters do not count
unless they are ICA members.

We have attempted to remove the names of
out-of-state non-members from the following
list. Because the membership records are
separate from the Tour records, the names of
some non-members may remain.
Membership checks will be performed at
year-end to determine prize eligibility.

Master Tour Points:

CHOW Albert C	57
VAN BUSKIRK Douglas	45.5
COHEN Lawrence S	36
PANGAN Camilo C	35.5
MANION Josh	35
FAGAN James B	26
LEALI Michael E	23.5
NAFF William A	22.5
STEIN Peter	22
GETZ Barney	20

Expert Tour Points:

SZPISJAK Steven J	47
COHEN Lawrence S	36
FAGAN James B	33
NAFF William A	30
ALSBERRY Melvin (2)	28
KINNAIRD Rodney M	28
SHERNOFF Leon	28
LEALI Michael E	26
SAX Robert D	26
GOODWIN Kimberly	24
BOLITHO Thomas G	23

Class A Tour Points:

COHEN Lawrence S	53
LEALI Michael E	37
BOLITHO Thomas G	35
COHEN Howard	29
OBERWEIS James D 9r	28
SUKCHAROENPHON K (2)	28
GOODWIN Kimberly	24
CERMINARO J P	23
AMUNDSEN Steve (2)	22
GETZ Barney	22

Class B Tour Points:

ENGELEN Mark	76
SCHNEIDER Boris	48
BYRNES Randy Mich	43
PADILLA Rudy R	36
TOWNSEND Chester	35.5
JASAREVIC Eran	34
MITCHELL Gary	32.5
DELAY Joe	32
GETZ Barney	32
GROEGER Andrew	30.5
OBERWEIS Julie	30

Class C Tour Points:

MIRANDA Edgardo (2)	39
STEVENS Joseph M	38
LAUGER Stephen C	36
GLAWE Chris	35.5
IOFFE Gennady	35
BAUMGARTNER Chris	32
GETZ Barney	29
LEALI Matthew	27.5
MITCHELL Gary	27.5
ROBLEDO Mark Sr	26
MEYERS Fred C	23
PAULSEN David W (2)	22
BARTHEL Jim	21.5

Class D Tour Points:

CAMARGO Miguel	34
KLEIN John (2)	33
GIAMPA Michael A (2)	32
MOORE Joseph K (1)	32
MONTOYA Fernando	29
GAST Bryan	28
SCHWARTZ Josh	23.5
CYGAN Joseph	23
ROBLEDO Mark Jr	22
WISHNER Michael	22
GASUNAS Anthony C	20.5
LE GRAND Mike (2)	20

Class E Tour Points:

SCHWARTZ Josh	23.5
CYGAN Joseph	23
GASUNAS Anthony C	16.5
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WONG Kevin D	15
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KHORSHID Ibraheem (2)	12

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