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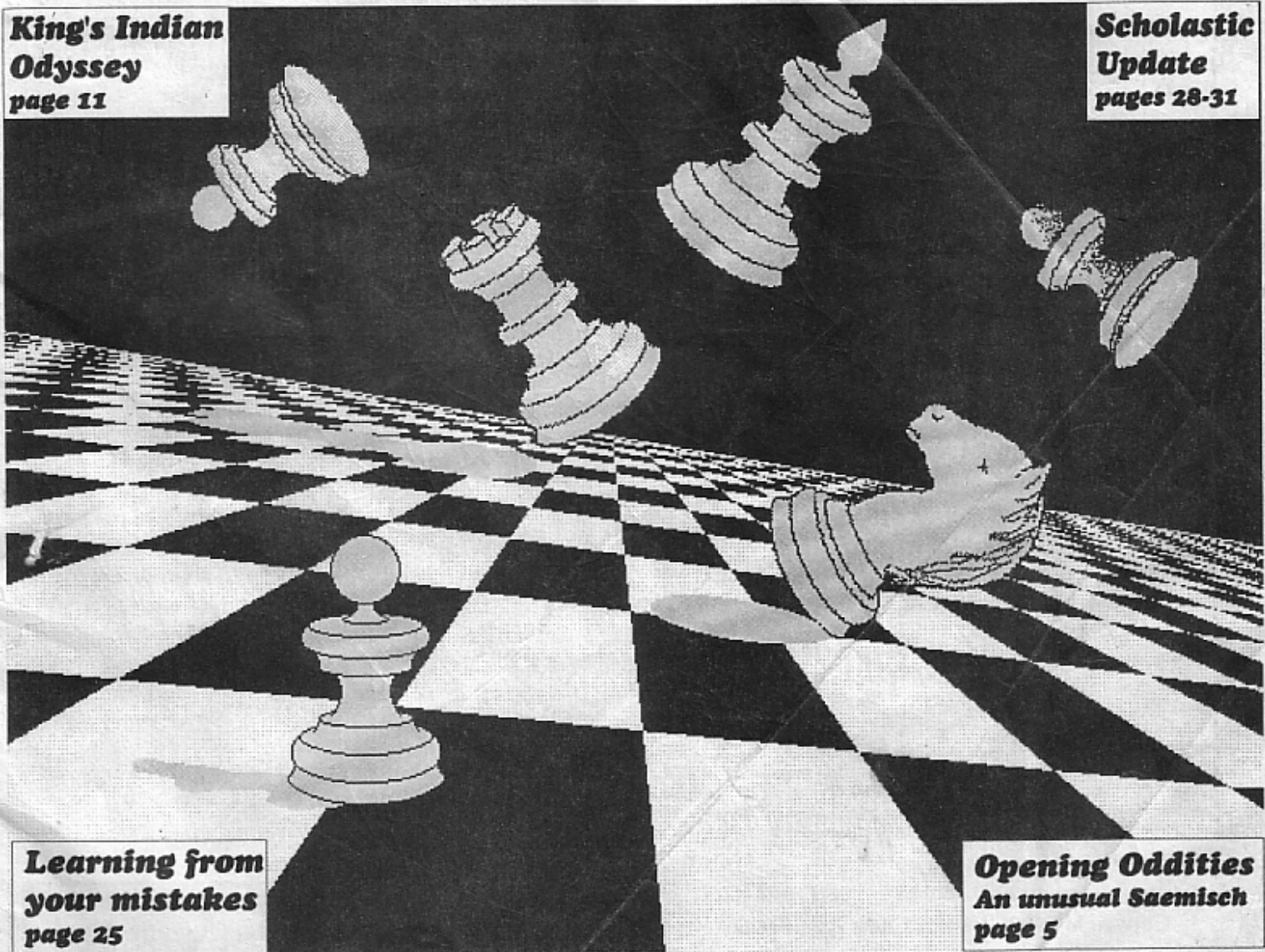
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PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

I would like to welcome Illinois' newest and youngest Senior Master, Josh Manion, who recently moved to Champaign from Janesville, Wisconsin. To be a Senior Master and only 19 years old ... wouldn't it be great? Welcome to Illinois, Josh. Actually, some chess players have accused me of recruiting Josh for Illinois chess, but I had absolutely nothing to do with it. Honest! But maybe some member of my family may have discussed how wonderful Illinois is ...

The Illinois Chess Bulletin now is providing more coverage of Illinois scholastic chess (see pages 28 to 31 of this issue). We hope this coverage will help scholastic players and coaches become more aware of what is going on in Illinois chess while the rest of us have a better chance to learn what is going on in scholastic chess. And there's plenty going on in Illinois. Yes, we do hope to find some future Senior Masters among our scholastic players. If you have any scholastic news, please submit it to Ken Lewandowski, 1600 Dodge, Evanston, IL. You can also reach him at 847-492-7932. We hope this magazine can become an effective communication piece to scholastic coaches and players alike.

Our games editor, NM Alan Watson, needs more games. He analyzes games almost as fast as I analyze stocks. But he constantly needs new material. So please help him out by submitting interesting games. Submit your interesting stock ideas to me. TDs could be especially helpful if they would submit 50 or 100 games from each tournament.

Just a reminder - there are exciting, fun events coming almost every weekend in Illinois Chess starting with the Illinois State Scholastic Championship March 1st, the U.S. Masters March 7th, the Mid America Class Championships (\$15,000 guaranteed) and the Illinois High School Association State Team Tournament March 15th, Tuley Park and Chesterton Chess on March 23rd, and the Maxi Tour "Heathen Open" on April 5th. All this before you even have to file your tax return!

— Jim Oberweis

CHOW REPEATS AS ILLINOIS TOUR CHAMPION

By ICA Tour statistician Bill Smythe

It's starting to sound like a broken record, but one which Albert Chow gleefully plays on his turntable annually. Again in 1995 he has finished clear first in the ICA Tour, beating his nearest rival, Josh Manion, by 23 Tour points. Grandmaster Dmitry Gurevich, another perennial winner, is third this year.

The Expert class was won by a pair of impostors, one from the Master class and one from Class A. Steve Szpisjak had to collect all of his Expert points during the first eight months of the year, as after that he became a Master and could garner no further Expert points. Lawrence Cohen, of heathen fame, tried it the other way around by taking second in both Expert and Class A.

Class A was once again won by ICA president Jim Oberweis, whom we fully expect will soon receive a CCA minimum rating of 2000. While Jim sometimes ignores advice to play up a class, nobody can doubt his strategies when it comes to winning Tour prizes. Second in A goes to Mike Leali, as the above-mentioned Cohen is ineligible for prizes in two classes.

One other winner, Joe Stevens, deserves mention as a role model. Last year, he finished first in Class D; this year, in Class C. This is exactly what class winners should be doing -- going for the gold in one higher class each year.

The complete list of winners appears below. Awards were handed out at the annual ICA Banquet, on February 25 in Willowbrook.

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	2nd: \$250	Josh Manion
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R.D. Laing, renowned psychologist, once described the primary fear of schizophrenics as "fear of implosion," or invasion and possession by others.

There is a curse on the men of the Fairchild family, and the curse is paranoid schizophrenia. Martin is unaware of this, just as he is unaware of the fact that his personality is gradually being invaded and overtaken.

Enter the vampire Monique.

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Opening Oddities: An unusual Saemisch

National Master Alan Watson and Chess Enterprises Inc. have kindly given permission for the ICB to publish the following extract from the forthcoming book "Alekhine's Anti-Guenfeld Attack, a Repertoire against the Indian Defenses" focusing on the opening 1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 and its various transpositions into the Gruenfeld, King's Indian, Benoni and Benko Gambit. For further information or orders please contact Bob Dudley at: 107 Crosstree Rdl, Moon TWP, PA 15108.

Polgar,Zsu - Hoi,C
Vejstrup, 1989

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 ♗g7

It becomes evident at this point that the player of the Black pieces regularly favors the King's Indian Defense and is now relishing the opportunity to transpose into his favorite variation of the Saemisch Attack. For players using 3.f3 merely as a transpositional device to increase the likelihood of reaching the King's Indian, Saemisch Attack, all is well. However, for those wishing to journey down less-traveled paths, I heartily recommend 4.c4 d6 5.♗c3!?. An unusual game developed after the following sequence of moves:

3...d6 4.c4 e5 5.d5 ♖h5 6.♗c3 ♗e7!?. (A unique feature of this move order!) 7.♗d2 f5 8.exf5 gxf5 9.♗e2 ♗h4+ 10.g3 f4!? 11.♗f2 ♗g5 12.♗c2 e4!? (An unsound attack.) 13.♗xc4+ ♗f7 14.♖xb3 ♗g7 15.♗c2 ♗f5 16.♗c4 ♖c8 17.♗f4 and Black's attack proved insufficient in the

game. See Gheorghiu,F-Blocker,C /New York 1985, Game 1 on page 7.

4.e4 d6 5.♗c3!?...



(Diagram after 5...♗c3!?)

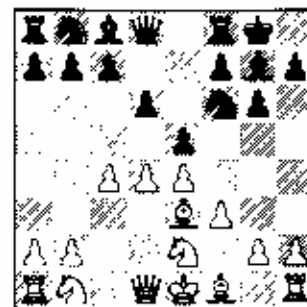
Basically, White delays the move ♖b1-c3 for as long as possible in order to first ascertain Black's strategy and then develop this knight where it may be most suitably placed, such as a3 or d2. Indeed, the following examples show that many strong players are attracted to this idea and continue to score well with it. Alternatives at this early stage are as follows:

a) 5.♗d3 0-0 6.♗e2 While this is noted as interesting by Larsen, it is not clear to me how White can successfully avoid directly transposing to the main lines of the Saemisch

b) 5.♗e2 (Reserving development of the ♗c1.) 0-0 6.♗ec3 (6.♗g5 e5 7.d5 e6 8.♗cc3 exd5 9.exd5 a6 10.a4 ♖c8 11.♗e2 ♖bd7 12.0-0 h6 13.♗c3 b6 14.♗a3 h5 15.♗c4 ♗e5 16.♗xe5 ♖xc5 17.♗d2 ♖e8 18.♖ab1 +- Arencibia,W-Gavilanes,A S. /Spiritus ch-CU (09) 1989, Game 2) ♗c6 7.d5 ♗e5 8.♗e2 e5 (8...c6 9.♗c3 a6 10.a4 ♗a5 11.♗d2 c6 12.♗b3 b5 13.dxc6 b4 14.♗d5!? exd5 15.exd5 ♗d8 16.a5 with an unclear position in Varga-Grigore/Odorheiu Secuiesc 1992,

Game 3) 9.0-0 ♗e8 10.f4 ♗d7 11.♗d2 ♗c7 12.♗f3 b5!? 13.♗xb5 ♗xb5 14.cxb5 a6 15.♖e1 ♗b6 16.bxa6 with a position strongly reminiscent of the Benko Gambit = Arencibia,W-Alonso,R /Linares NL 1992, Game 4

5...0-0 6.♗e2 e5



(Diagram after 6...e5)

a) 6...c6 7.♗d2 a6 8.a4 a5 9.♗a3 ♗a6 10.♗c3 ♗d7 11.♗e2 e5 12.♖d1 ♖b8 13.0-0 ♗e7 14.♗c2 f5 =+ Barreras,A-Becerra,J/Havana Open 1992, Game 5

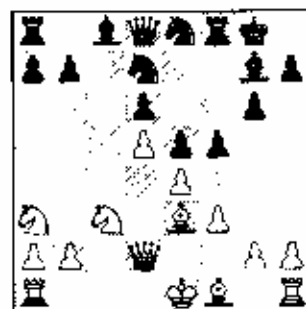
b) 6...♖bd7 7.♗d2 (7.♗ec3 a6 8.♗d2 e5 9.d5 e6! [Quite acceptable now that the ♗d2 obstructs the White queen's pressure on the d-file.] 10.a4 ♗c8 11.dxc6 fxe6 12.♖b3 ♗h6 13.♗d2 ♗xc3 14.♗xc3 ♗b6 15.♖a3 ♗e5 16.♗d3 ♗d7 17.0-0 ♗f6 18.♗e2 ♗c6 = Jakobsen,O-Nicevski,R/ Naleczow 1979, Game 6) e5 8.d5 ♗c5 9.♗a3 a6 10.♗c3 ♖h5 11.♗e2 e6 12.dxc6 (Forced as White is unable to play a4 restraining the Black Queenside.) fxe6 13.0-0 ♗c6 14.f4! ♗d4 (14...♗f6?! 15.c5!) 15.♗xh5 gxh5 16.♗e2 e5 17.f5 ♗d7 18.♗d5 and Black's broken kingside pawns proved a serious liability. =+ Gurevich,D-Mazuchowski,T/ Pillsbury Memorial 1980, Game 7

c) 6...dxc6 7.♘d2 (7.d5!? ♖e5 8.♖ec3 c5 9.♗c2 c6 10.0-0 ♖e8 11.a4 exd5 12.cxd5 h5 13.♖a3 ♖h7 14.♘d2 f5 15.♖c2 ♗f6 16.a5 += **Huerta,R-Gavilanes,A/ Capablanca Memorial 1990, Game 8**) a6 (7...e5 8.d5 ♖c7 9.♖ec3 ♖d7 10.♗d3 f5 11.exf5 gxf5 12.♖a3 f4!? 13.♗f2 ♖g6 14.0-0-0 a5 15.♖e4 b6 16.♗b1 ♖c5 17.♖xc5 bxc5 18.♗c2 ♗f6 19.♖b5 ♖f7 20.♖c3 with the better game for White in **Milanesi,B-Poletto,D/ Corsico Principale 1992, Game 9**) 8.♖a3 e5 (Black has varied at this point with both 8...♗d7 9.h4 h5 10.♗h6 ♗xh6 11.♗xh6 e5 12.d5 ♖b4 13.♘d2 a5 14.♖c3 ♖h7 15.♗h6 ♗f6 16.0-0-0 ♗g7 17.♗c3 f5 = **Popov,V-Fedorov,V/ St. Petersburg Open 1994, Game 10**, and 8...♖b8!? 9.♖c3 e5 10.d5 ♖d4 11.♖c2 [Bad is 11.♗xd4? exd4 12.♗xd4 ♖xc4! -+] e5 12.dxc6 ♖xc2+ 13.♗xc2 bxc6 14.0-0-0 with a complicated game in which Black's attacking chances seem preferable. **Liardet,F-Pupo,E/ Santiago Wch-jr 1990, Game 11**) 9.d5 ♖e7 10.c5 ♖e8 (10...dxc5 11.♗xc5 ♖d7 12.♗f2 b5 13.♖c2 a5 14.b4 ♗a6 15.♖c3 c6 16.dxc6 ♖xc6 17.♖xb5 and White was unable to convert his material advantage into a win. **Alzate,D-Paneque,P/Cali zt (07) 1990, Game 12**) 11.♖c3 f5 12.♗c2 f4 13.♗f2 g5 14.0-0-0! (By accelerating Queenside play and deferring castling, the White monarch has avoided Black's dangerous attack.) ♖g6 15.♖c4 dxc5 16.♗xc5 ♖d6 17.♗b1 ♖f7 18.♖xd6 cxd6 19.♗f2 b5 20.♖cl += **Azmaiparashvili,Z-Van Wely,L /Amsterdam OHRA-B 1989, Game 13**

7.d5...

7.♘d2 (White desires a fluid center and so does not advance d5 or capture on c5.) ♖bd7 8.♖a3 a6 9.g4?! (Undue arrogance against a venerable opponent!) exd4! 10.♖xd4 ♖e5 11.♗c2 ♗xg4! (This excellent sacrifice rips open the center to expose the uncastled White king.) 12.fxg4 ♖xe4 13.♗c2 ♗h4+ 14.♗d1 ♖xg4 15.♗xg4 ♗xg4+ 16.♗e2 ♗xc2 17.♗xc2 e5! 18.♖dc2 ♗xb2 -+ Black conducted a model demonstration of how to refute a premature attack. **Letelier-Pachman/ Mar del Plata 1959 Game 14**

7...c6 8.♘d2 cxd5 9.cxd5 ♖bd7 10.♖a3! ♖e8 11.♖c3 f5



(Diagram after 11...f5)

11...a6 12.0-0-0 b5 13.♖c2 ♖b6 14.♗b1 ♗d7 15.♖cl ♖c8 16.h4 ♖c4 17.♗xc4 ♖xc4 18.h5 b4 19.♖d1 a5 20.g4 f5 21.b3 ♖c8 22.hxg6 hxg6 23.gxf5 gxf5 24.♖b2 += **Barreras,A- Beharry,X/Havana Open 1992, Game 15**

12.♗e2 a6

12...♖df6?! (This knight was needed to guard sensitive squares on the Queenside. Black's pieces now remain tangled and gasping for breath.) 13.0-0 [xe4?! 14.fxc4 ♖g4? (Soliciting freedom through exchanges, but the price is too high.)

15.♗xg4 ♗xg4 16.♖xf8+ ♗xf8 17.♖f1 ♗e7 18.♗f2 b6 (The final error.) 19.♗f7+ ♗h8 20.♗h6 1-0 **Colias,B-Sax,R/Winter Open, Chicago 1992, Game 16**

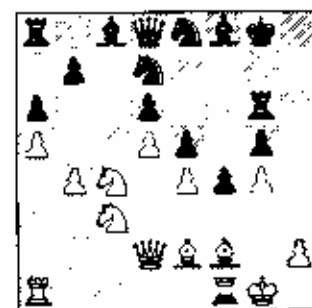
13.0-0..

To be seriously considered was 13.exf5 gxf5 14.0-0 eliminating the threat of a Black kingside pawnstorm and planning later play against the weakened pawns. In either case, however, Black secures excellent counter play.

13...f4 14.♗f2 g5 15.b4...

Another approach is 15.♖cl h5 16.b4 b5 17.♖c2 ♖b6 18.a4 ♖c4 19.♗xc4 bxc4 20.♖a3 g4 21.♖xc4 ♗g5 22.♗f1 h4 23.♖b6 ♖b8 24.♖xc8 ♖xc8 (As frequently happens in positions such as these, the exchange of the ♖c8 eliminates all vestiges of Black's attack.) 25.h3 += **Azmaiparashvili,Z-Vogt,L/La Habana 1988, Game 17**

15...h5 16.♖c4 ♖f6 17.a4 ♖g6 18.g4! hxg4 19.fxg4 ♗f8 20.a5 +=



(Diagram after 20.a5)

Illustrative Games

(1) Gheorghiu, F-Blocker, C

New York, 1985

1.d4 f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 d6 4.e4
e5 5.d5 h5 6.c3 c7 7.d2
f5 8.exf5 gxf5 9.e2 h4+
10.g3 f4 11.f2 g5 12.c2 c4
13.xc4+ f7 14.bxc3 g7
15.c2 f5 16.c4 e8
17.xf4 d7 18.c2 xc4
19.fxc4 f6 20.g2 g4 21.0-
0 g8 22.b3 f6 23.h3 xf2
24.xf2 h6 25.f4 f6
26.d1 b6 27.h2 h8
28.dfl d4 29.f3 g8
30.d1 xb2 31.d3 d4
32.f2 c5 33.g4 g5
34.f7 h5 35.f6 g8 36.f5
1-0

(2) Arencibia, W-Gavilanes, A

S. Spiritus ch-CU (09), 1989

1.d4 f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 g7 4.e4
d6 5.e2 0-0 6.g5 c5 7.d5 e6
8.cc3 cxd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.a4
e8 11.e2 bd7 12.0-0 h6
13.c3 b6 14.a3 h5 15.c4
e5 16.xc5 xc5 17.d2
c8 18.abl d7 19.g5 f6
20.xf6 xf6 21.hl h4
22.bc1 b7 23.f4 d4
24.c2 f6 25.d1 ac8
26.xd4 cxd4 27.f3 dxc3
28.bxc3 c5 29.d3 h3
30.gxh3 xe4 31.c4 f5 32.d4
f7 33.bl b5 34.axb5 axb5
35.xb5 xb5 36.cxb5 f6
37.b6 c1+ 38.g2 xd5
39.xd5+ xd5 40.xd6 d1
41.d7+ f6 42.c6+ g7
43.b6 1-0

(3) Varga-Grigore

Odorheiu Secuiesc, S, 1992

1.d4 f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 g7 4.e4
d6 5.c2 0-0 6.cc3 c6 7.d5
e5 8.e2 c6 9.e3 a6 10.a4
a5 11.d2 c6 12.b3 b5
13.dxc6 b4 14.d5 cxd5 15.cxd5
d8 16.a5 h5 17.g3 h3

18.g1 f5 19.0-0-0 xa5 20.f4
f7 21.c4 d8 22.exf5 f6
23.fxg6 h6 24.b6 e7
25.g:c1 f:c8 26.xb4 xd5
27.gxh7+ h8 28.xd5 c4
29.dd1 f5 30.d3 xc6
31.xd6 a4 32.d4 xd3
33.xg7+ xg7 34.d4+
xh7 35.xd3+ h8 36.b1
f7 37.e5 xe5 38.xc5
xe5 39.fxc5 b8 40.c6 g8
41.g6+ h8 42.d7 xb2+
43.xb2 b4+ 44.c2 c4+
45.d2 b4+ 46.c3 c1+
47.f3 f1+ 48.g4 1-0

(4) Arencibia, W-Alonso, R

Linares NL, 1992

1.d4 f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 g7 4.e4
d6 5.e2 0-0 6.cc3 c6 7.d5
c5 8.c2 c5 9.0-0 e8 10.f4
d7 11.d2 c7 12.f3 b5
13.xb5 xb5 14.cxb5 a6
15.e1 b6 16.bxa6 c4+
17.hl xa6 18.bl f6
19.d2 f:c8 20.f1 ab8
21.f3 a5 22.a3 d7 23.f2
a4 24.f3 c5 25.e5 b7
26.e6 f5 27.h4 xd5
28.xc7 c4 29.e3 b7
30.h4 xe6 31.d4 xd4
32.xd4 d5 33.h3 a7
34.ed1 c3 35.bxc3 xc3
36.xb7 xb7 37.c1 b2
38.e1 c5 39.c8+ g7
40.c7+ g8 41.e8+ g7
42.e7+ g8 43.e6 xe6
44.xc6+ g7 45.c7+ g8
46.c1 c4 47.c4+ xc4
48.e6+ g7 49.xc4 xa3
50.d4+ h6 51.e3 xe3
52.xe3 g5 53.fxg5+ xg5
54.h2 f4 55.f3+ c5
56.g4 fxg4 57.hxg4 d5 58.f5+
e6 59.g2 f6 60.f4 h6
61.f3 d7 62.f5 e5+
63.f4 g6+ 64.c3 c5
65.f4 g6 66.f1 e5
67.f4 g6 68.a4 f6
69.f3 g5 70.a5 c7 Draw

(5) Bareras, A-Becerra, J

Havana Open C, 1992

1.d4 f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 g7 4.e4
0-0 5.c3 d6 6.d2 c6 7.e2
a6 8.a4 a5 9.a3 a6 10.c3
d7 11.c2 c5 12.d1 b8
13.0-0 e7 14.c2 f5 15.dxc5
dxc5 16.exf5 gxf5 17.f4 c4
18.d6 xd6 19.xd6 dc5
20.fd1 f6 21.d4 xd4+
22.xd4 b4 23.g3 a8
24.f2 bd3+ 25.c3 xb2
26.a1 cd3 27.xd3 exd3
28.h6 c8+ 29.d2 d8
30.bl xc4+ 31.xd3 g7
32.h5 a3 33.b3 c5
34.xa3 xd4+ 35.c2 h6
36.b5 xc4+ 37.c3 xc3+
38.xc3 g6 39.h4 d7
40.c4 b6 41.h3 e8 0-1

(6) Jakobsen, O-Nicevski, R

Naleczow, 1979

1.d4 f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 g7 4.e4
d6 5.c2 a6 6.cc3 0-0 7.e3
bd7 8.d2 c5 9.d5 e6 10.a4
c8 11.dxc6 fxc6 12.b3 h6
13.d2 xc3 14.xc3 b6
15.a3 e5 16.d3 d7 17.0-0
f6 18.e2 c6 19.d1 e8
20.a5 d8 21.d2 f6 22.f1
d8 23.e2 c5 24.c3 e6
25.d5 f7 26.a1 f6
27.c2 xd5 28.cxd5 d4
29.xd4 cxd4 30.aal c8
31.acl d7 32.xc8 Draw

(7) Gurevich, D-Mazuchowski, T

Pillsbury Memorial, , 1990

1.d4 f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 g7 4.e4
d6 5.e3 0-0 6.e2 bd7
7.d2 c5 8.d5 e5 9.a3 a6
10.c3 h5 11.c2 c6 12.dxc6
fxe6 13.0-0 c6 14.f4 d4
15.xh5 gxh5 16.c2 e5 17.f5
d7 18.d5 f6 19.h6 f7
20.d1 xc2 21.xc2 g5
22.xg5 xg5 23.f3 h8
24.f2 c6 25.g3 h6
26.f1 xd5 27.cxd5 g8

28. Bxg8+ Qxg8 29. f6 Qf8
 30. Wf5 Wc3+ 31. Qh1 Qg8
 32. Wc8+ Bf8 33. We6+ Bf7
 34. We8+ Bf8 35. Wc7 Wh6
 36. Wxd6 Wg5 37. Wc7 h6 38. d6
 1-0

(8) Huerta, R-Gavilanes, A
Capablanca Memorial, 1990

1. d4 Qf6 2. c4 g6 3. f3 Qg7 4. e4
 d6 5. Qc2 0-0 6. Qc3 Qc6 7. d5
 Qc5 8. Qcc3 c5 9. Qe2 e6 10. 0-0
 Be8 11. a4 exd5 12. cxd5 h5
 13. Qa3 Qh7 14. Wd2 f5 15. Qc2
 Wf6 16. a5 Bf8 17. exf5 gxf5
 18. Ba4 a6 19. h3 Qd7 20. f4 Qf7
 21. Ba3 Wg6 22. Bb3 Qc8
 23. Bb6 Qf6 24. Wd1 Qh7
 25. Qh1 Bg8 26. Bg1 Qf8 27. g3
 Qe7 28. Bb3 Qd8 29. Ba3 Qd7
 30. Bg2 Qc7 31. Wg1 Bge8
 32. Qe1 Qe4 33. Qxc4 fxc4
 34. g4 hxg4 35. hxg4 Qg7
 36. Bg3 Bh8+ 37. Qg2 Wf6
 38. Qd2 kg8 39. Bab3 Qc8
 40. Qc2 Wg7 41. Qc3 Wg6
 42. Qxh8 Qxh8 43. Wd1 Wf7
 44. Wd2 Qg6 45. f5 Qh4+
 46. Qg1 Wg7 47. Wf4 Qxa5
 48. f6 Wf7 49. Wh6 Qg6 50. g5
 Qf4 51. g6 1-0

(9) Milanesi, B-Poletto, D

Corsico (principale), 1992
 1. d4 Qf6 2. c4 g6 3. f3 Qg7 4. e4
 d6 5. Qe2 0-0 6. Qcc3 c5 7. Qc3
 Qc6 8. d5 Qc7 9. Wd2 Qd7
 10. Qd3 f5 11. exf5 gxf5 12. Qa3
 f4 13. Qf2 Qg6 14. 0-0-0 a5
 15. Qc4 b6 16. Qb1 Qc5 17. Qxc5
 bxc5 18. Wc2 Wf6 19. Qb5 Bf7
 20. Qc3 Qf5 21. Qc4 We7
 22. Qxc5 Qxd3 23. Qxd3 e4
 24. fxc4 Wxc4 25. Qe1 Wxc2+
 26. Qxc2 Qc5 27. Qa3 Bb8
 28. Qd4 Qg4 29. Qxg7 Qxg7
 30. Bd4 Qc3 31. Bg1 Qh8
 32. Qc2 Qxc2 33. Qxc2 Bg8
 34. Bd2 f3 35. g3 h5 36. Bf2 h4
 37. g4 Bf4 38. Qc3 Bc8 39. b3

a4 40. h3 axb3 41. axb3 Bc3+
 42. Qb4 Bd4 43. Bb1 Bdd3
 44. Qb5 Bc2 45. Bb2 Bxb3+
 46. Bxb3 Bxf2 47. Qc6 Bc2
 48. Qxc7 Bxc4+ 49. Qxd6 Bf4
 50. Bb1 f2 51. Bf1 Bf3 52. Qe5
 Bxh3 53. Bxf2 Bg3 54. d6 h3
 55. d7 Bd3 56. Bf8+ Qg7
 57. d8/ W Bxd8 58. Bxd8 1-0

(10) Popov, V-Fedorov, V

St. Petersburg Open, 1994
 1. d4 Qf6 2. c4 g6 3. f3 Qg7 4. c4
 0-0 5. Qc2 d6 6. Qc3 a6 7. Qa3
 Qc6 8. Wd2 Qd7 9. h4 h5
 10. Qh6 Qxh6 11. Wxh6 c5 12. d5
 Qb4 13. Wd2 a5 14. Qc3 Qh7
 15. Wh6 Wf6 16. 0-0-0 Wg7
 17. We3 f5 18. Qab5 Qa6
 19. Qd3 Qf6 20. a3 Bf7 21. Qc2
 Baf8 22. cxf5 Qxf5 23. Bd2 Qc5
 24. Qb1 Qxc2+ 23. Bd2 Qc5
 24. Qb1 Qxc2+ 25. Bxc2 a4
 26. Bh3 Qh7 27. Qa2 Wh6
 28. Wg1 Wf4 29. Qc2 Wf5
 30. Wh1 Wd7 31. Bg3 Qg8
 32. Bd2 Qh6 33. Bg5 Bf5
 34. Qg3 Bxg5 35. hxg5 Qf7
 36. Wh1 Qg7 37. Wh4 We7
 38. Wxh5 gxh5 39. Qf5+ Qg6
 40. Qxe7+ Qxg5 41. g4 hxg4
 42. fxg4 Qh6 43. Bh2 Qxg4
 44. Bh7 c4 45. Bg7+ Qf6
 46. Bxg4 Qxe7 47. Bg7+ Qf6
 48. Bg1 Qc5 49. Qxc7 c3 50. Bc1
 Bf3 51. Qb1 Qd3 0-1

(11) Liardet, F-Pupo, E

Santiago Wch-jr, 1990
 1. d4 Qf6 2. c4 g6 3. f3 Qg7 4. c4
 d6 5. c3 0-0 6. Qe2 Qc6 7. Wd2
 a6 8. Qa3 Bb8 9. Qc3 c5 10. d5
 Qd4 11. Qc2 c5 12. dxc6 Qxc2+
 13. Wxc2 bxc6 14. 0-0-0 Qe6
 15. Qc2 Wc7 16. Bd2 Bf8
 17. Bhdl h6 18. g4 Qf8 19. h4
 Wh7 20. Qa4 Bd7 21. Qb6 Bdd8
 22. Waa4 Qd7 23. Qxd7 Bxd7
 24. c5 dxc5 25. Qxa6 Wb6
 26. Qc4 Ba7 27. Wc2 Bxa2

28. Qxa2 Qxa2 29. b4 Wxb4
 30. Wxa2 Wc3+ 31. Bc2 Wxe3+
 32. Bdd2 c4 33. Wxc4 We1+ 0-1

(12) Alzate, D-Paneque, P

Cali zt (07), 1990
 1. d4 Qf6 2. c4 g6 3. f3 Qg7 4. c4
 d6 5. Qe2 0-0 6. Qc3 Qc6
 7. Wd2 a6 8. Qa3 e5 9. d5 Qc7
 10. c5 dxc5 11. Qxc5 Qd7 12. Qf2
 b5 13. Qc2 a5 14. b4 Qa6 15. Qc3
 c6 16. dxc6 Qxc6 17. Qxb5 axb4
 18. Qxb4 Qh6 19. Wc3 Qxb5
 20. Qxb5 Qd4 21. Qxd7 Wxd7
 22. Qxd4 exd4 23. Wd3 Wd6
 24. Bb1 Qc3 25. Qd5 Ba3
 26. Bb3 Bxb3 27. axb3 Bc8
 28. Qxc3 Bc3 29. Wd2 Bxc3+
 30. Qf2 Bxb3 31. Bdl d3 32. We3
 Bb2+ 33. Qg1 d2 34. e5 Wd7
 35. Qf2 h5 36. Wc3 Ba2 37. Qe3
 Wa7+ 38. Qe2 Ba3 39. Wb4
 Wc3+ 40. Qf1 Wd3+ 41. Qf2
 We3+ 42. Qf1 Bc3 43. We4 Wg5
 44. h4 Wd8 45. Qe2 Bc5 46. c6
 f5 47. e7 We8 48. We6+ Qh7
 Draw

(13) Azmaiparashvili, Z-Van

Wely, L
Amsterdam II, 1989
 1. d4 Qf6 2. c4 g6 3. f3 Qg7 4. e4
 0-0 5. Qc3 d6 6. Qc2 Qc6
 7. Wd2 a6 8. Qa3 c5 9. d5 Qc7
 10. c5 Qc8 11. Qc3 f5 12. Qc2 f4
 13. Qf2 g5 14. 0-0-0 Qg6 15. Qc4
 dxc5 16. Qxc5 Qd6 17. Qb1 Bf7
 18. Qxd6 cxd6 19. Qf2 b5 20. Bc1
 Draw

(14) Letelier-Pachman

Mar del Plata, 1959
 1. d4 Qf6 2. c4 g6 3. f3 Qg7 4. e4
 0-0 5. Qc3 d6 6. Wd2 e5 7. Qc2
 Qbd7 8. Qa3 a6 9. g4 cxd4
 10. Qxd4 Qe5 11. Qc2 Qxg4
 12. fxg4 Qxc4 13. Wc2 Wh4+
 14. Qd1 Qxg4 15. Qxg4 Wxg4+
 16. We2 Wxc2+ 17. Qxe2 c5
 18. Qc2 Qxb2 19. Babl Qc3+

20.♟f3 ♖xb1 21.♞xb1 ♕e5
 22.h3 ♗g7 23.♞b6 f5 24.♖b1
 ♜f7 25.a4 ♞b8 26.♞b3 ♟f6
 27.h4 f4 28.♕g1 ♟f5 29.♖d2
 h6 30.♖e4 g5 31.♖f2 ♜g7
 32.♖g4 h5 33.♖h6+ ♗g6
 34.hxg5 ♗xg5 35.♖e3 fxc3
 36.♕xc3+ ♟f6 37.♗e4 ♞h8
 38.♗d5 ♜g3 0-1

**(15) Barreras,A-Beharry,X
 Havana Open, 1992**

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 ♗g7 4.e4
 d6 5.e3 0-0 6.♖e2 e5 7.d5 c6
 8.♗d2 cxd5 9.cxd5 ♖bd7
 10.♖a3 a6 11.♖c3 ♖e8 12.0-0-0
 b5 13.♖e2 ♖b6 14.♟b1 ♕d7
 15.♞c1 ♞e8 16.h4 ♖c4 17.♕xc4
 ♞xc4 18.h5 b4 19.♖d1 a5 20.g4
 f5 21.b3 ♞c8 22.hxg6 hxg6
 23.gxf5 gxf5 24.♖b2 f4 25.♕f2
 ♕b5 26.♕h4 ♗d7 27.♞c1 ♞c3
 28.♗h2 a4 29.bxa4 ♕xa4
 30.♖xa4 ♗xa4 31.♕e7 b3
 32.♗h8+ ♟f7 33.♞xg7+ ♖xg7
 34.♗xf8+ ♗g6 35. ♗f6 Mate

**(16) Colias,B-Sax,R
 Winter Open, Chicago, 1992**

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 ♗g7 4.e4
 d6 5.♕c3 0-0 6.♖e2 e5 7.d5 c6
 8.♗d2 cxd5 9.cxd5 ♖bd7
 10.♖a3 ♖c8 11.♖c3 f5 12.♕c2
 ♖df6 13.0-0 fxc4 14.fxc4 ♖g4
 15.♕xg4 ♕xg4 16.♞xf8+ ♕xf8
 17.♞f1 ♕c7 18.♗f2 b6 19.♗f7+
 ♟h8 20.♕h6 1-0

**(17) Azmaiparashvili,Z-Vogt,L
 La Habana, 1988**

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 ♗g7 4.e4
 0-0 5.♕c3 d6 6.♖e2 e5 7.d5 c6
 8.♗d2 cxd5 9.cxd5 ♖bd7
 10.♖a3 ♖c8 11.♖c3 f5 12.♕c2
 a6 13.0-0 f4 14.♕f2 g5 15.♞fc1
 h5 16.b4 b5 17.♖e2 ♖b6 18.a4
 ♖c4 19.♕xc4 bxc4 20.♖a3 g4
 21.♖xc4 ♗g5 22.♟f1 h4
 23.♖b6 ♞b8 24.♖xc8 ♞xc8
 25.h3 Draw

**(18) Polgar,Zsu-Hoi,C
 Vejstrup, 1989**

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 ♗g7 4.e4
 0-0 5.♕c3 d6 6.♖e2 e5 7.d5 c6
 8.♗d2 cxd5 9.cxd5 ♖bd7
 10.♖a3! ♖c8 11.♖c3 f5 12.♕c2
 a6 13.0-0 f4?! 14.♕f2 g5 15.b4
 h5 16.♖e4 ♞f6 17.a4 ♜g6
 18.g4! hxg4 19.fxg4 ♕f8 20.a5
 ♗e7 21.♗g2 ♞h6 22.h3 ♗h7
 23.♞h1 ♕e7 24.♕f3 ♕d8
 25.♗d3 ♖df6 26.b5! axb5
 27.♖xb5 ♗e7 28.♖a7! ♕d7
 29.♞ab1 ♞b8 30.♖b6?! ♕xb6
 31.♞xb6 ♗h7 32.♗e2? ♕c8?
 33.a6 ♗e7 34.♖xc8 ♗xc8
 35.♗b2 ♞h7 36.♞c1 ♗d7
 37.♞b1 ♗a4 38.a7! ♞a8
 39.♞b4 ♗a6 40.♞a1 ♗d3 1-0

My Life as a Pawn

By Raymond Dixon

I spent my first few weeks in a plastic bag, stuck in a box, crammed in with the other black pieces. Let me tell you, it was pretty uncomfortable, especially when I had a hoof stuck in my back. The rest of the pawns and I got plenty tired of listening to the King trying to order everyone around.

There was nowhere to go. We were trapped in the bag, and besides, it was dark all the time.

Finally, the box opened and our bag was taken out. It was so bright. We were all squinting while we were shaken around. Suddenly the bag opened, and we all tumbled onto a large, checkered board. I landed okay. No nicks. It felt good to stretch out and see the world for the first time.

We hardly had time to see what was going on before a giant man began putting us on individual squares. And whaddya know, I got a front row seat! It was way over on the edge in front of one of those silent, gloomy Rooks, but it was still the front row. Even the royal couple were in the row behind me. I wasn't sure what was going to happen next, but whatever it was, I would have a good view.

Right next to me were a pair of clocks that looked four stories high. With a smooth gesture, the man on my side pressed a button on the clock and things began to happen. A white pawn jumped out to the middle of the board. One of my pawn buddies down the line got right in his face. He had a lot of guts. None of us knew what would happen to him. Another white pawn came out and it was two against one! I'm telling you, that made the rest of us pretty angry. We weren't going to let our friend be pushed around.

The King shouted out to one of the Knights, "Attack!" The closest Knight reared his horse up, and with a sudden rush, jumped right over the pawn next to me. I'm lucky he didn't split my head open, the hooves of his horse passed inches from me! Wow, this was gonna be an exciting battle.

I watched for hours. The Bishops finally stopped arguing about religion and got down to business. They put pressure on the white pieces. Of course, they did it from long range. They're not brave like the Knights are. Through it all, our King moved around on the back rank shouting out orders. Now and then I shuffled forward a square or two.

By the time I got to the sixth rank, most of the pieces were gone from the

board. I was relieved to see that they were okay. They were all gathered at the other end of the table, talking amongst themselves, reliving their individual battles. None of them were paying much attention to me until one of the pawns said, "Hey, it's down to a Rook and pawn game, it's all up to the rook pawn." That was me. I wasn't sure what to do. Then my teammates all began to motion that I should come their way. I came forward one more square. They all began to shout, "Come on rook pawn, you can make it, come on!" I wasn't so sure. The white King and Rook were all over the 8th rank. Then a surprising thing happened. The gloomy Rook behind me began to move. He had sat throughout most of the game, just watching, not doing much of anything. Now he moved with energy and confidence. I didn't understand it all. Sometimes he was far away, then suddenly he'd be right up close to me, and I could feel the coolness of his stone walls, a soothing relief from the heat of battle. Before I could relax though, he was far away again.

The King began to approach me. Was I in trouble? Did I do something wrong? I couldn't believe that royalty cared about a little pawn like me, except maybe to yell at me. I wasn't sure how to handle all this. When he was right next to me, he leaned down and whispered in my ear, "Don't worry, you're doing fine. The Rook and I will get you to the 8th rank." He must've known what he was doing... he was the King.



There were a few more odd moves by the Rook and then I saw what was going to happen. The King was ordering the Rook to sacrifice himself so that I could make it to the 8th. It was so noble! Getting to the 8th must be really important. I straightened myself up, held my chin high, and prepared to move in.

The Rook made his bold play and the white King looked puzzled, and then disappointed. He captured the Rook and I was in!

When I slid onto the 8th rank, all of the other black pieces went wild! They were yelling and jumping around like it was New Year's eve in Times square. What a commotion! I was just starting to enjoy all of the attention, when I was suddenly swept off the board! Then the black crowd parted and our lovely Queen stepped forth. One of the Knights offered his hand and helped her up onto the board. She took my place. Now things began to happen fast. The white King's disappointment turned to fear. But when he looked up at the giant clock, he saw that the black flag was about to fall. He began to run like he was at the Olympics. The giant players started banging the clocks like they were trying to break them! Everyone could hear the loud ticking. We hadn't paid much attention during most of the game, but now it seemed that only two or three ticks would come off a clock before one of the giants slammed his sweaty hand on the button.

The white King was fast, but our Queen was faster. She snapped off his last Rook and then ran him down to the corner, where he couldn't get away. He looked around for help, but there was none. Then he stood up straight, adjusted his crown, and with

imperial grace, bowed low before the black Queen.

It was over! The giants shook hands while the black pieces congratulated each other and sang out together, "Long live the Queen!"

King's Indian Odyssey,

**One Master's Journey
Through the Saemisch**

By NM Alan Watson

Chris Baumgartner sent me the following interesting game in which he held his own in a complicated variation despite his opponent's vastly superior knowledge. He eventually did succumb, but not without a fierce battle. Kevin Bachler was generous enough to share his game scores and analysis with ICB readers several years ago, and I hope he will find this "revisitation" interesting.

Baumgartner, Chris	(1588)
Bachler, Kevin	(2191)
Tim Just Beat Your Norm G/60, 1995	

1.d4 ♘f6 2.e4 g6 3.♗c3 ♖g7 4.e4 d6
5.f3 c6 6.♗e3 a6



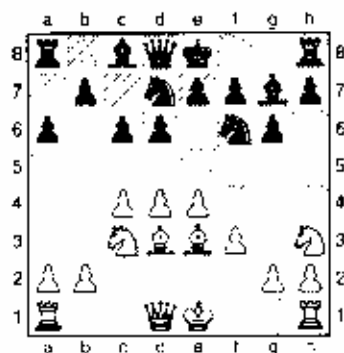
Dr. Steve Tennant is also fond of this unique variation, and has had perhaps

even more experience with it than Kevin! Black's purpose of a6 and c6 is to discourage White from castling queenside by preparing rapid play beginning with b5.

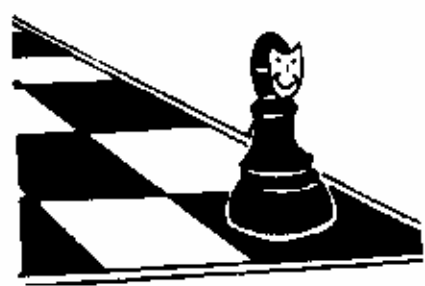
7.♖d2

I have always preferred 7.c5!? in order to gain a central majority by exchanging my c-pawn for the opponents d-pawn. Play is still balanced, however. Before continuing, let us examine Kevin's experiences with the rich play that occurs after 7.♖d3 ♖b1??! (Inferior to the straight-forward 8...0-0, as after 9.a4 a5, for instance, this knight would prefer to settle on a6.) when White must decide among the following alternatives:

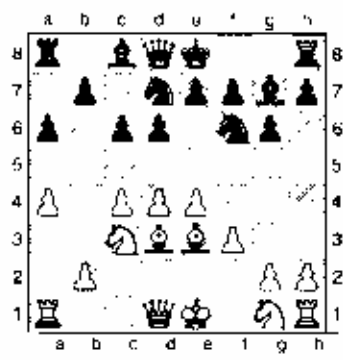
A) 8.♖h3



8...b5 9.♖g5 0-0 10.h4 bxc4 11.♖xc4 d5 12.♖b3 h6 13.c5 hxg5 14.exf6 exf6 15.g4 ♖c8 16.♖d2 gxh4 17.0-0-0 g5 18.♖c2 ♖b8 19.♖a4 ♖b6 0-1 Nicks, J-Bachler, K/Correspondence 1983



B) 8.a4!?

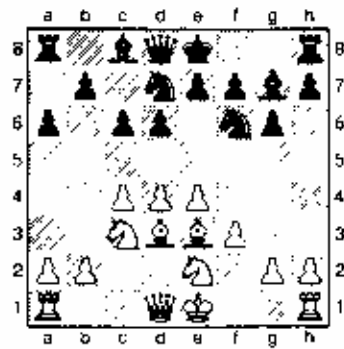


B1) 8...0 0 9.♖ge2 e5 10.d5 ♖h5 11.g4 (11.♖b1 ♖f4 12.♖xf4 exf4 13.♖xf4 ♖e5 14.♖e3? f5 15.exf5 ♖xd3+ 16.♖xd3 ♖xf5 17.♖d2 ♖h4+ 18.g3 ♖xc4 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.♖f2 d5 21.♖hd1 d4 ♖ Chow, A-Bachler, K/Lake County Open XII Action 1989) 11...♖f4 12.♖xf4 exf4 13.♖xf4 ♖e5 14.a5 h5! 15.g5 h4 16.♖c2 ♖h3 17.♖g1 b5 18.♖e3 bxc4 19.dxc6 ♖b8 20.♖d5 ♖xc6 21.♖b6 ♖xb6 22.axb6 ♖b4 23.♖f6+ ♖xf6 24.gxf6 ♖xb6 25.♖g5 ♖d3+ 26.♖xd3 ♖c3+ 27.♖e2 ♖xg5 28.♖d4 ♖f4 29.♖xa6 ♖d8 30.♖xc4 ♖xh3 31.♖a7 ♖h1+ 32.♖d2 ♖xh2+ 33.♖e1 Wallach, K-Bachler, K /1987 Personal Match, Game 4 1987/0-1 (44)

B2) 8...e5 9.d5 cxd5 10.cxd5 0-0 11.♖ge2 ♖a5 (11...♖h5 12.g4 ♖f4 13.♖xf4 exf4 14.♖xf4 ♖e5 15.a5! f5 16.exf5 gxh5 17.g5 ♖g6 18.♖d2 ♖h4 19.f4 h6 20.♖h5 ♖e8+ 21.♖f1 ♖g6 22.h4 hxa5 23.♖d1 ♖b6 24.♖f3 ♖d4 25.h5 ♖e7 26.♖xa5 ♖b7 27.♖c3 ♖xd5 28.♖xd5 ♖xd5 29.♖xd5+ ♖xd5 30.♖c4 1-0 Wallach, K- Bachler, K /1987 Personal Match, Game 2 1987) 12.0-0 ♖h5 13.♖b1 f5 14.b4 ♖c7 15.a5 ♖f4 16.♖c1 ♖xd3 17.♖xd3 ♖d8 18.♖a4 ♖h4 19.♖d2 fxe4 20.♖g5 e3 21.♖xe3 ♖d8 22.♖g3 ♖f6 23.♖b6 ♖b8 24.♖xc8 ♖xc8 25.♖xc8 ♖xc8 26.♖c1 ♖d7 27.♖e4 ♖xe4 28.fxc4 ♖g4 29.♖c2 h5 = Wallach, K-

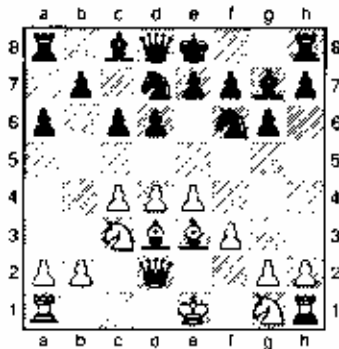
Bachler, K /1985 Personal Match, Game 2 1985/½-½ (43)

C) 8.♖ge2



8...b5 9.cxb5 (9.a3 0-0 10.0-0 ♖b8 11.b4 e5 12.♖b1 ♖c7 13.cxb5 cxb5 14.♖c1 ♖d8 15.♖b3 ♖e7 16.♖fd1 ♖b7 17.♖b1 exd4 18.♖xd4 ♖e5 19.♖a2 ♖fd8 20.♖e3?! d5! 21.♖c5 ♖e8 22.cxd5 ♖c4 23.d6 ♖f8 24.♖e1 ♖xd6 25.♖d4 ♖g4! 26.♖g3 ♖c6 27.♖cd1 ♖e5 28.♖xe5 ♖gxe5 - Wachtel, H-Bachler/Janesville Chess Ass. Anniversary Open 1982: 9.0-0 e5 10.d5 cxd5 11.♖xd5?! ♖xd5! 12.cxd5 0-0 13.b4 f5 14.a4 bxa4 15.♖xa4 ♖b7 16.♖f1 ♖f6 17.♖a2 fxe4 18.fxe4 ♖g4 19.♖d2 ♖b6+ 0-1 Cohen, S-Bachler, K/Correspondence 1983) 9...axb5 10.b4 0 0 11.a4 bxa4 12.♖xa4 ♖b8 13.0-0 e5 14.♖d2 cxd4 (14...d5 15.dxe5 ♖xe5 16.♖d4 dxe4 17.♖xe4 ♖xe4 18.fxe4 ♖xd3 19.♖xd3 ♖d6 20.♖c4 ♖d7 21.♖f3 ♖e6 22.♖c5 ♖d3 23.♖f4 ♖bc8 24.♖e1 ♖h3 25.♖a6 ♖c3 26.♖c1 ♖xb4 27.♖d4 ♖fd8 28.♖a1 ♖c5+ 29.♖h1 ♖f8 30.♖d4 ♖xd4 31.♖xd4 c5 32.♖c3 ♖h7 33.♖a4 c4 34.♖f3 e3 35.♖e5 ♖h6 36.♖f6 ♖f6 37.♖d4 ♖d7 38.♖h8+ ♖e7 39.♖d6+ 1-0 Tennant, S-Bachler, K /Orland Park Master Invitational 1992) 15.♖xd4 ♖c7 16.♖fal ♖b6 17.♖a7 ♖b7 18.♖xb7 ♖xb7 19.♖c1 d5 20.cxd5 ♖bxd5 21.♖xd5 ♖xd5 22.♖f2 ♖d6 = Tennant, S-Bachler, K /Chicago Chess Center Masters 1978

D) 8.♖d2



After 8...b5 9.♗g2 there is the further division:

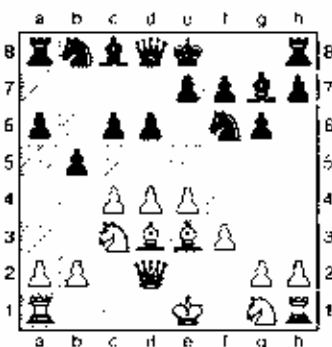
D1) 9...e5 10.0-0-0 (10.d5 cxd5 11.cxd5 0-0 12.g4 ♖b7 13.♗g3 ♗c5 14.♗c2 b4 15.♗a4 ♗xa4 16.♗xa4 a5 17.h4 ♖e7 18.h5 ♗fc8 19.♗f2 ♗d7 20.♗a1 ♗c5 21.♗xc5 ♗xc5 22.♗xc5 dxc5 23.d6 ♖f6 24.♗d1 ♗d8 25.♖c2 ♗xd6 26.♖xc5 ♗xd1 27.♗xd1 ♗f8 28.♖xa5 ♖d6 29.♖b3 ♖d4+ 30.♗g2 ♖xb2+ 31.♗h3 ♖c3 32.hxg6 hxg6 33.♖b6 ♖c6 34.♖xc6 ♗xc6=+
Buerger, E-Bachler, K /US Open 02 (CHICAGO) 1994/0-1 (47)
 10...♖a5 11.♖c2 0-0 12.♗b1 b4 13.♗a4 cxd4! 14.♗xd4 ♖b7 15.b3 c5 16.♗c2 ♗c6 17.♗b2 ♖c7 18.♖d2 ♗fd8 19.♗f4 ♗b6 20.♗d5 ♗fxd5 21.cxd5 ♗e8 22.♗h6 ♗c3 23.♖c1 ♗h8 24.h4 a5 25.h5 a4 26.hxg6 fxg6 27.♖f4 ♗f7 28.♖h4 axb3 29.axb3 ♖a7 ½-½
Warren, J-Bachler, K /Correspondence 1983

D2) 9...0-0 10.0-0 (10.♖c1 e5 11.d5 cxd5 12.cxd5 b4 13.♗d1 a5 14.g4 h5 15.♗f2 ♗c5 16.h3 ♗xd3+ 17.♗xd3 ♗e8 ½-½ **Warren, J-Bachler, K/ Correspondence 1983**) 10...e5 (10...♖a5? 11.a3 bxc4 12.♗xc4 ♖b7 13.♗a2 e5 14.dxc5 ♖xc5 15.♗d1 d5 16.cxd5 cxd5 17.♗d4 ♖d6 18.♖f4 ♖c6 19.♗xd5 ♗xd5 20.♗xd5 ♗xd4+ 21.♖xd4 ♖xd5 22.♖xd5 ♗xd5 23.♗xd5 ♗b6 24.♗d4 ♗ac8 25.♖c1 ♗xc1+ 26.♗xc1 ♗c8 27.♗d3 ♖c2

28.♗d6 ♗c4 29.♖c6 ♗xa3 30.♗xc2 ♗xc2 = **Moore, T-Bachler, K/Racine Open 1982**) 11.d5?! cxd5 12.cxd5 b4 13.♗a4 a5 14.♗ac1 ♗c8 15.g4 ♖b7 16.♗g3 ♗c7 17.♗b6 ♖b8 18.♗xd7 ♖xd7 19.♖b6 ♗b5 20.♗xa5 ♗xd5 21.♗xb4 ♗xa2 22.♗c4 ♗xc4 23.♗xc4 ♗d4 24.♗g2 ♖bc8 25.♗xc8 ♗xc8 26.♖c1 ♖b8 27.♖b1 ♗h6 28.♖xh6 ♗xb4 29.♗f1 ♖b5; 7.a4 a5 8.♗d3 (8.♗ge2 0-0 9.♖d2 ♗a6 10.♗c1 ♖c7 11.♗e2 e5 12.d5 ♗d7 13.♗d3 f5 14.g3 ♗b4 15.0 0 ♗f7 16.f4! ♗xd3 17.♗xd3 ♗c5 18.♗xc5? dxc5 19.♗d1 exf4 20.gxf4 fxe4 21.♗xe4 ♗h3 22.♗g5! ♗xf1 23.♖xf1 ♗d4+ 24.♗h1 cxd5! 25.♗xf7 ♖xf7 26.f5 dxc4! 27.♗e4 ♗f8 28.♖g2 ♗h8 29.♗d5 ♖f6 30.♗xc4 gxf5 31.♗d3 ♖g7 32.b3 ♖d7 33.h3 f4 34.♗c4 ♖f5 35.♗d5 h6 36.♖f3 ♖f6 37.♖e1 ♖d7 38.♗c6? ♖xc6 39.♖xc6 ♗xc6 40.♖e8+ ♗g7 0-1 **Servi, L-Bachler, K/ Illinois 1986**) 8...♗a6 9.♖c1 ♗b4 10.♖b1 0-0 11.♗ge2 ♗d7 12.0-0 e5 13.f4 ♗b6 14.b3 exf4 15.♗xf4 f5 16.♖d2 fxe4 17.♗xe4 d5 18.♗g5 ♖c7 19.♖xf8+ ♗xf8 20.♖f1+ ♗g8 21.♗f6+ ♗xf6 22.♖xf6 dxc4 23.♗h6 ♗g4 24.♖g5 ♗d5 25.♗xg6 ♗xf6 26.♗e8+ 1-0 **Chow, A-Bachler, K /Caveman Futurity (4) 1986**

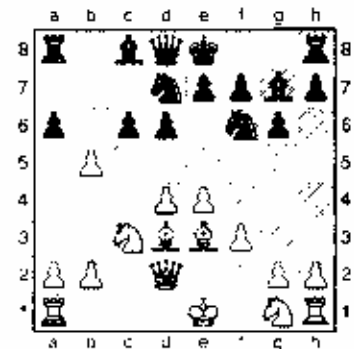
After such a lengthy historical diversion, let us now return to the game at hand:

7...b5 8.♗d3



If instead, 8.b3 ♗bd7 9.♗h3 (9.♗d3 e5 10.d5 cxd5 11.cxd5 0-0 12.♗ge2 ♗h5 13.0 0 ♖b7 14.♗ac1 f5 15.♖c2 b4 16.♗a4 fxe4 17.♗xe4 a5 18.♖fe1 ♖c8 19.♖xc8 ♗xc8 20.♗d3 ♖b7 21.♖b5 ♗df6 22.♗c6 ♖a8 23.♗b6 ♖b8 24.g4 ♗f4 25.♗xf4 exf4 26.♗d4 ♗h8 27.g5 ♗h5 28.♗d7 ♖d8 29.♗xf8 ♖xg5+ 30.♗h1 ♗xd4 31.♖xd4+ ♗g8 32.♗e6 ♖h4 33.♗xb7 ♗g3+ 34.♗g2 ♗f5 35.♖xf4 1-0 **Hong, E-Bachler, K /Illinois Open (2) 1993**) 9...0-0 10.♗f2 e5 11.d5 cxd5 12.cxd5 ♗h5 13.♖c1 ♖a5 14.♗d3 ♖b7 15.b4 ♖d8 16.a4 bxa4 17.♗xa4 f5 18.♗dc5 dxc5 19.bxc5 fxe4 20.c6 exf3 21.cxb7 fxg2 22.bxa8 ♖gxh1 ♖ 23.♖xa6 ♖h4+ 24.♗f2 ♖1c4- 0-1 **Monatelli, Bachler, K-/Winter Open (Illinois Open) 1983**

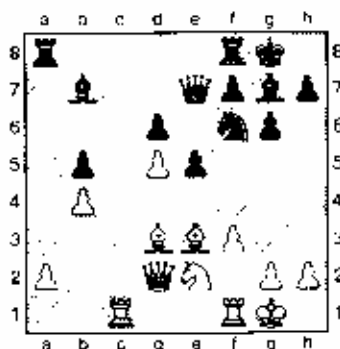
8...♗hd7 9.cxb5



This is somewhat unusual. Tournament praxis has instead seen: 9.♗ge2 0 0 10.0-0 (An amazingly brief game resulted after 10.h4 e5 11.h5 ♗ch5? 12.g4 ♗hf6 13. ♗h6 cxd4 14. ♗xg7 ♗xg7 15. ♖h6+ ♗g8 16. ♗xd4 ♗e5 17. ♗c6! ♗xd3- 18. ♗d2 1 0 **Hort, V-Byrne, R/Varna Ol 1962**) 10...bxc4 11.♗xc4 ♗b6 12.♖b3 a5 13.♗a4 ♗fd7 14.♖fe1 ♗a6 15.♗f4 c5 16.♗xb6 ♖xb6 17.e5 cxd4 18.♗xd4 ♖b4 19.♖xb4 axb4 20.♗e6! fxc6 21.♗xc6+ ♗h8 22.♗xd7 dxe5 23.♗c5 e4 Draw **Vranesic-Bednarski, Havana Ol. 1966**

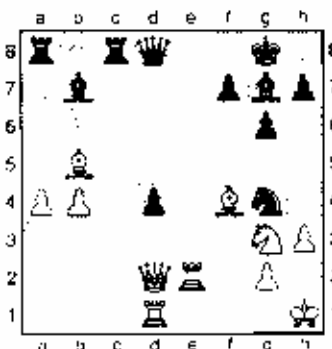
9...axb5 10.ϕge2 0-0 11.0-0 e5
 To be considered was 11...b4 12. ϕd1
 c5 13. ϕf2 ♖b6 14. ♜f1 ♚b7 15. ♚c4
 ♜f8 16.dxc5 ♚xc5 17.ϕd3 +/- as in
 Kuzmin-Arnaudov, Ybbs Student
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12.b4 ♚b7 13.♞ac1 ♜e7 14.d5?!
 exd5 15.ϕxd5 ϕxd5 16.exd5 ϕf6



This shows White's play to be
 positionally suspect, for Black's
 powerful pawn-duo in the center is
 likely to be much stronger than
 White's on the queenside.

17.ϕxb5 ♚xd5 18.a4 ♜f8 19.ϕc3
 ♚h7 20.ϕg5 ♜e6 21.♞f1 d5 22.ϕh1
 d4 23.ϕe2 ♖d6 24.f4 ♖d5 25.ϕg3
 exf4 26.ϕxf4 ♜c8 27.♞d1 ϕg4
 28.♞e2 ♖d8 29.h3?!

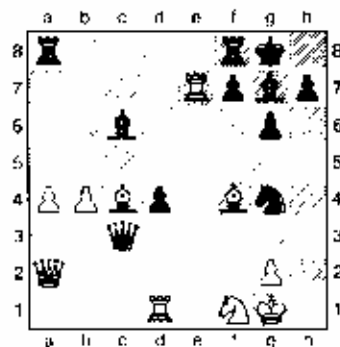


Much better was the direct 29.♞e8+!
 ♜xe8 30.ϕxe8 ♜xc8 31.♞e1-

29...♖h4! 30.ϕf1 ♖xh3+ 31.ϕg1 ♜c3
 32.♞e7?!

Possible was 32.ϕd7!? d3 33.♜xd3
 ♜c4+

32...♚e6 33.♜a2 ♜f8 34.ϕc4?

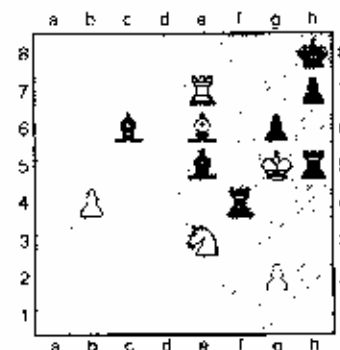


A terrible error after such a valiant
 struggle. Black's queen appears to
 have a great deal of mobility but
 could have been trapped with
 34.ϕd2! ♚xb5 35.ϕxc3 dxc3 36.a5+-

34...♞xa4+ 35.ϕxf7+ ♚h8 36.♜e6
 ♜c2 37.♞d2 ♖f5 38.♞xd4?!

This final blunder was perhaps made
 in time pressure. White's last
 opportunity to unsettle his opponent
 was with 38.♜xc6! ♜xf4 39.♜xa4
 ♞xf7 40.♞x7 ♖xf7 41.♖a8±± after
 which Black would be struggling for
 a draw. Kevin decisively takes
 charge from here on.

38...ϕxd4+ 39.ϕe3 ♚xe3 40.ϕxe3
 ♞a1+ 41.ϕh2 ♜xe6 42.ϕxe6 ♚e5+
 43.ϕh3 ♞h1+ 44.ϕg4 ♜f4+ 45.ϕg5
 ♞h5#



A unique mating position. 0-1

Chess Away from the beaten path: The life and nightmares of a bulletin editor

by T.M. Alan L. Watson

One of the most important things I
 miss when playing at large events is
 an overall view of what's going on
 about me. Like most other chess
 players, once the clocks begin I sit
 with my head buried in my hands for
 endless hours while focusing upon
 those microscopic sixty-four squares
 in front of me. I may glance around
 between washroom visits, but never
 really know more about what
 happened to anyone else other than
 what the wall-chart or idle rumor in
 the skittles room dictate. Reviewing a
 crosstable several months after-the-
 fact isn't nearly as dramatic as rising
 early each day, picking up a bulletin
 from the bookstore and reliving all
 the suspense and drama that
 enveloped scores of battles the day
 before.

This past year, I have had the
 privilege of being the bulletin editor
 at several large tournaments spanning
 the breadth of our country: 1994 US
 Open Chicago, 1995 National Open
 Las Vegas, 1995 World Open
 Philadelphia, and 1995 American
 Open Los Angeles. My emphasis on
 producing these bulletins has been to
 provide as many important scores as
 possible within the shortest amount of
 time. By the following morning, my
 Bulletin readers are enlightened to the
 drama and excitement of many games
 played around them the day before;
 whether they be by friends and
 acquaintances, enemies, or idols. I'm
 happy with the quality and quantity

of the work I've done, and feel proud to have this recognized to the extent that there are now more requests for my services than I am capable of fulfilling. In the following paragraphs, I'll cover the various tools and abilities which allow me to do my work along with anecdotes and cautions for you would-be imitators.

The first necessity is having the proper equipment; and for this purpose I carry along my trusty Compac laptop computer and newly purchased HP DeskJet 320 inkjet printer. These are always carried on the plane with me, and the only minor hassle is having them hand-searched upon entering the terminal in order to prevent damage from X-rays. Next up comes software and the invaluable knowledge of how to use it properly. ChessBase or Chess Assistant are best for entering games because of their ability to export text files in RTF format, but both have severe limitations which necessitate the use of subprograms to sort, classify, or otherwise manipulate the data. Windows-based word-processors such as Microsoft Word and Word Perfect are excellent for importing and handling the RTF files and graphics

Needless to say, a deep understanding of the game is also essential. As the myriad of score sheets come flooding in during the round, it is essential for economizing one's time that very abrupt judgments be made about which games are to be included. Certainly, those of the tournament leaders are welcomed regardless of artistic merit, but so also are games featuring recognizable players, interesting openings, and large upsets. While focusing on the Master section, I try to include other contests as well

so that all levels and sections are represented.

Have you ever read Spanish notation, or French, Hungarian, Russian, Icelandic or that of other unusual systems? Well I have! Ever tried to reconstruct a game where two move-pairs were missing and the handwriting during time pressure had been reduced to scribbles? Don't even think about searching for the opponent's copy ... possessing two legible score sheets of an interesting game is a luxury I seldom encounter! Still, despite my best efforts, there are those whose handwriting I and all experts of mystifying ciphers will never be able to fathom ... Eduard Gufeld, Igor and Alexander Ivanov, and a host of others come rapidly to mind. At the American Open in 1995 it was so important to get the score of Balinas-Gufeld (The only occasion during the tournament when 2 Grandmasters were to be paired), that I asked the spectators to record the game for me. I had my doubts about whether or not this would work, but shortly after the game had concluded I found the same paper in the box by the pairings ... in several sets of handwriting with the final comment "I hope we recorded it correctly for you!"

What are the worst things that can happen? To list a few, I was ... a) Threatened with a knife at 2:00 in the morning at the US Open b) Required to set up shop in locations full of distractions such as the middle of a hallway (US Open) or the corner of the room where pairings are posted (World Open). At times, it was so difficult to concentrate in Philadelphia, that during the middle of the night I relocated to a lecture room and used my belt to secure the door shut' c) Arrived in Los Angeles

the evening before the tournament was to begin only to discover that no one had ordered carbon score sheets. The tournament director Randy Hough even had the gall to suggest I should have brought them with me! Thank God for Kinko's 24 hour service, but even so, two rounds later nobody thought about placing them out for the players and I had to scramble for games!

Lest anyone still think this is easy, I hasten to add that I work roughly twelve to sixteen hours per day! My normal procedure is the following: I begin each round by requesting a copy of the pairings so that I can enter all names and ratings correctly as I follow and mark off those games that have been received. I begin entering games the minute they are completed and generally finish up the morning round a couple hours before the next is to begin, then this process repeats itself once more. At midnight, the last games of the day have been received and I will continue entering them until 2:00 a.m. at which point I must begin preparing the bulletin.

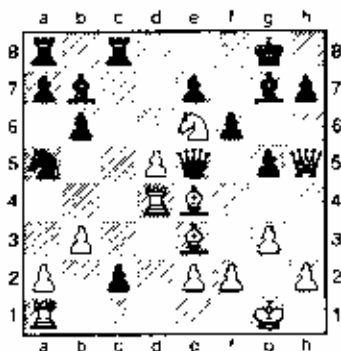
I start by combining the games from both rounds into a single file, run one utility to add ECO codes and another to sort, and then export to an RTF file to bring them into my word processor. At 4:00 a.m. I'm heading off to the printer to have my photocopies made so that I can get them back to the bookstore in time for the early risers. After a little rest and a light breakfast, I'm ready for the next day.

All in all, I haven't gotten rich in terms of money, but have been amply rewarded by traveling to locales I would not have otherwise seen and meeting famous players I've only read about in magazines. Guess I'll

hang around for just a little while longer. I'll conclude this article with a few games from the American Open won by IM Igor Ivanov during the Thanksgiving holiday in Los Angeles.

Acia,U	(2029)
Zilberberg,A	(2306)
[A38] English: symmetrical variation	
American Open (1), 017, 1995	

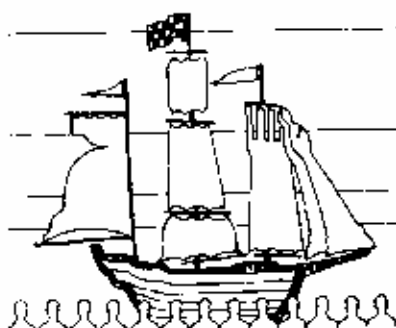
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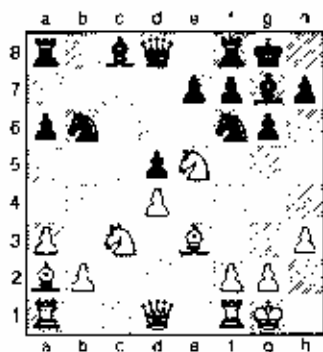
21...f5 22.♖xg5 fxe4 23.♗xh7+ ♖f8 24.♖e6+ ♖f7 25.♖xg7 ♗xg7 26.♗xe4 ♙a6 27.♗c1 ♖h7 28.♗e6+ ♖e8 29.♗g4 ♗f8 30.♗g8 ♖c5 31.♗xh8+ ♖xh8 32.♙xc5 ♗xc5 33.♗f5+ ♖e8 34.♗xc2 ♗ac8 35.♗d2 ♗d8 36.h4 ♗d6 37.e4 ♗c1+ 38.♖h2 ♙c8 39.♗h5+ ♖d8 40.e5 [A nice game played against an OTB 2300 player who happens to be a Correspondence GM!] 1-0

Watson,J	(2448)
Gufeld,E	(2602)
[E90] King's Indian	
American Open (3), 001, 1995	

1.d4 [After having met the man in person, I can honestly say that the

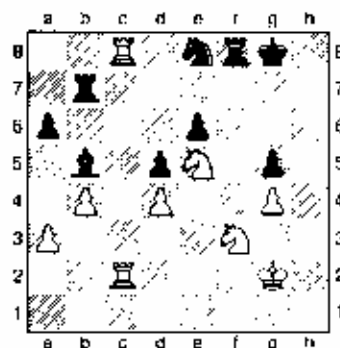


facial similarity between John Watson (No relation!) and Larry Cohen is alarming! Has anyone else noticed this??) 1...♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.♖c3 ♙g7 4.e4 0-0 5.♖f3 d6 6.h3 a6 7.♙e3 c6 8.♙e2 [To give the reader an idea of the longevity and breadth of experience GM Gufeld has had with these positions, consider the game Book,E-Gufeld,E, Tallinn 1969 which continued 8.♙d3 b5 9.0-0 ♖bd7 10.♗c1 e5 11.d5 bxc4 12.♙xc4 c5 13.♖d2 ♖c8 14.♗c2 f5 15.f4! 0-1, 34.] 8...b5 9.a3 ♖bd7 10.0-0 bxc4 11.♙xc4 d5 12.exd5 ♖b6 13.♙a2 cxd5 14.♖e5



[The game seems fairly level at this point, and there now begins a complicated strategical middlegame where White nurses several small advantages into a large plus in activity.] 14...♙e6 15.♗e2 ♖e8 16.♖d3 ♙e8 17.♖c5 e6 18.♗fd1 ♖d6 19.♙f4 ♖bc4 20.♙xc4 ♖xc4 21.h3 ♖d6 22.♙e5 ♖h6 23.♗f3 ♖f5 24.♗a2 ♖h4 25.♗f6 ♗xh6 26.♙xf6 ♖f5 27.g4 ♙g7 28.♙xg7 ♖xg7 29.♖g2 f6 30.b4 h5 31.f3 hxg4 32.hxg4 ♗a7 33.♗h1 f5 34.♖d3 fxg4 35.fxg4 ♗c7 36.♖e2

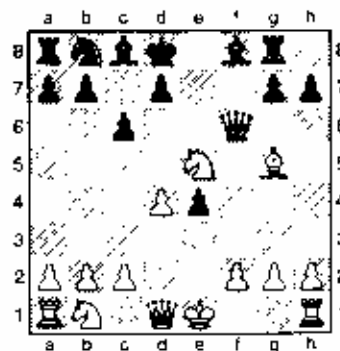
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42...♗g7 43.♗d8 ♖f6 44.♗xh8+ ♖xh8 45.♗c8+ ♙e8 46.♗a8 ♖e4 47.♖d3 ♖e7 48.♗xa6 ♖f6 49.♗a8 ♖b5 50.♖c5 ♖xc5 51.hxc5 ♗d3 52.♖e5 ♙e4+ 53.♖f2 ♗b7 54.e6 ♗b2+ 55.♖c3 ♗b3+ 56.♖d2 ♗b2+ 57.♖c3 ♗c2+ 58.♖b3 ♖e7 59.♗a7+ ♖e8 60.c7 1-0

Anderson,R	(2331)
Cornellson,P	(2117)
[C40] Latvian counter-gambit	
American Open (3), 010, 1995	

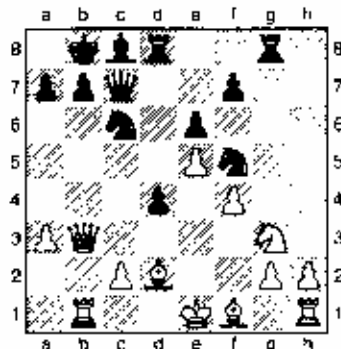
1.e4 e5 2.♖f3 f5 3.d4 fxe4 4.♖xe5 ♗f6?! [This unusual move doesn't inspire confidence, take notice Andrew!] 5.♙c4!± c6 6.♙f7+ ♖d8 7.♙xg8 ♗xg8 8.♙g5



[Just like this, Black is lost after only 8 moves!] 8...d6 9.♙xf6+ gxh6 10.♖e4 d5 11.♖e3 ♖a6 12.♖d2 ♖c7 13.♗h5 ♗g7 14.0-0-0 ♖e6 15.g3 ♙d7 16.f3 ♙e8 17.♗h4 ♙e7 18.♖f5 1-0

Peters, J (2572)
Watson, J (2448)
 [C18] French: Winawer
 American Open (4), 001, 1995

1.e4 e6 [This game is theoretically interesting due to Watson's expertise with the French.] 2.d4 d5 3.♖c3 ♖h4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 ♖e7 7.♗g4 ♗c7 8.♗xg7 ♗g8 9.♗xh7 cxd4 10.♖e2 ♖bc6 11.f4 ♗d7 12.♗d3 dxc3 13.♗xc3 0-0-0 14.♗d2 ♖h8 15.♖h1 ♗c8 16.♖g3 d4 17.♗h3 ♖f5

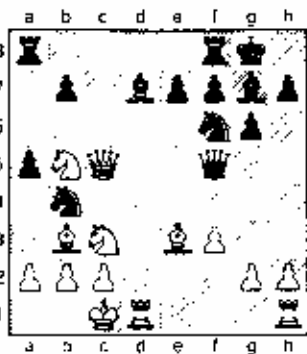


18.♖xf5 exf5 19.♗d3 ♗e6 20.♗g1 f6 21.exf6 ♗h7 22.h3 ♗d5 23.g3 ♗ge8+ 24.♖f2 ♗e6 25.g4 ♗xf6 26.gxf5 ♗xf5 27.♗g7 ♗xg7 28.♗xf5 ♗g8 29.♗xd5 ♗g1+ 30.♖e2 d3+ 31.♗xd3 ♖d4+ 32.♖d1 ♗g3 33.♗a6 b6 34.♗h4 ♖f5 35.♖e1 ♗f3 36.♖h2 [Now that the White King has slithered out of Black's reach, the end looms near.] 36...♗d4+ 37.♖a2 ♗e4 38.♗d3 1-0

Peters, J (2572)
Donaldson, J (2542)
 [B35] Sicilian: accelerated fianchetto
 American Open (5), 001, 1995
 [Peters & Donaldson]

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 ♖c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♖xd4 g6 5.♖c3 ♗g7 6.♗e3 ♖f6 7.♗c4 0-0 [7...♗a5 is Silman's move, but he's not playing! Donaldson.] 8.♗h3 a5 9.f3 d5!? 10.exd5 ♖b4 11.d6!? ♗xd6 12.♖dh5N ♗e5 [Don't want to exchange queens because I would have lost the dynamics of my

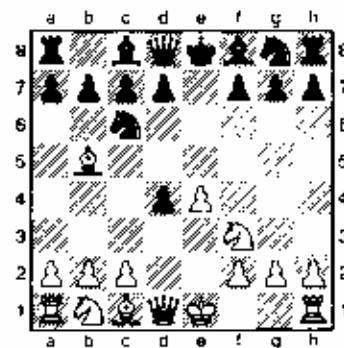
position and he would be able to play against my structural weaknesses. Donaldson.] 13.♗d4 ♗f5 14.0-0-0 ♗d7 [In this variation prepared by Peters, 14...♗d7 was not considered and changes the opinion from slightly better for White to slightly better for Black. Donaldson.] 15.♗c5?



[White must play 15.♗f4 ♗xf4 16.♗xf4 a4 17.♗c4 ♗fc8 18.♖a3. Maybe 15...♗xb5!? 16.♗xf5 gxf5 17.♖xb5 a4 18.♗c4 ♗fc8 19.♖a3 ♖xc2!? 20.♖xc2 b5 21.♖xb5 ♗xc4+ favors Black. Peters] 15...a4?? [Black wins by 15...♗h6!! 16.♖b1 a4! 17.♗xf5 ♗xf5 18.♗xh6 axb3 → Peters] 16.♗xf7+! [I overlooked this very basic move. Donaldson] 16...♗xf7 17.♗xb4 ♗ff8 18.♗he1 ♗fc8 19.g4 1-0

Schiller, E (2289)
Bisguier, A (2443)
 [C44] Scotch
 American Open (5), 013, 1995

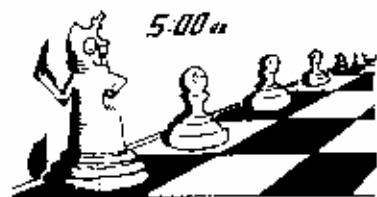
1.e4 [This game has interesting story which indicates the depths to which some people sink. Art started his opponent's clock at the beginning of the round and walked away. Shortly thereafter Schiller arrived and there was no clock at the board ... someone had taken it!] 1...e5 2.♖f3 ♖c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♗h5!?

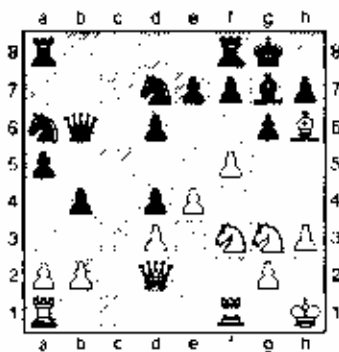


[This is the Relfsson Gambit which Schiller believes is much better than its reputation.] 4...a6 5.♗a4 ♗c5 6.0-0 ♖ge7 7.b4 ♗a7 8.♗h2 0-0 9.♖xd4 ♖xd4 10.♗d4 ♗xd4 11.♗xd4 d5 12.exd5 ♗xd5 13.♗d1 ♗xd4 14.♗xd4 ♖f5 15.♗d3 ♗e6 16.♖c3 ♗fd8 17.♗ad1 ♗xd3 18.♗xd3 ♖f8 19.♖d5 ♗c8 20.♗b3 c5 21.bxc5 ♗xc5 22.♖f1 ♗c6 23.♖e1 ♗d6 24.♖f4 ♗xd3 25.♖xd3 ♖d4 26.♖c5 ♗c8 27.♖d2 ♖xb3+ 28.cxb3 ♖e7 29.♖c3 ♖d6 30.♖d4 h6 31.♖e4+ ♖c6 32.♖g3 ♖b5 33.♖e4 ♖c6 34.♖g3 a5 35.♖h5 g6 36.♖f4 b5 37.♖d3 ♗e6 38.h4 axb4 39.♖xb4+ ♖b6 40.a3 ♖a5 41.♖c3 ♖a4 42.♖b2 ♗c4 43.♖c6 ♗d5 44.♖e5 h4 45.axb4 ♖xb4 46.f3 ½-½

Lee, D (2383)
Nocon, H (2220)
 [B09] Pirc: Austrian attack
 American Open (6), 011, 1995

1.e4 [Dan Lee briefly lived in Chicago perhaps five years ago.] 1...d6 2.d4 ♖f6 3.♖c3 g6 4.f4 c6 5.♖f3 ♗g7 6.♗d3 0-0 7.0-0 h5 8.♖h1 h4 9.♖e2 ♗a6 10.♗e3 ♗xd3 11.exd3 a5 12.♗d2 ♖a6 13.♖g3 ♖g4 14.♗g1 c5 15.h3 ♖f6 16.f5 ♖d7 17.♗e3 cxd4 18.♗h6 ♗h6





Acosta, M. (2222)
 Jezierska, I. (2146)
 [E60] King's Indian defence

18...g4 19.♗xg4 ♖xg4 20.♜xg4 ♜g5
 21.♜xg5 hxg5 22.♜f3 ♜f8 23.♜e2
 ♜xe4 24.♜d2 ♜xd2 25.♜xd2 e4
 26.♜e3 ♜e8 27.♜b1 b6 28.b3 ♜f7
 29.♜h1 ♜b2 30.h4 gxh4 31.♜xh4
 ♜a3 32.♜f1+ ♜g8 33.♜f6 ♜f8 34.♜e2
 ♜e5 35.g4 ♜f7 36.♜f5 ♜h7 37.♜h4
 ♜d7 38.♜f6 ♜g7 39.♜f4 e3 40.♜e4
 ♜g8 41.♜e8+ ♜h7 42.♜e7 ♜xe7
 43.♜xe7 ♜h6 44.♜d8 ♜g6 45.♜f3 ♜f7
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 ♜g6 49.♜e4 ♜e7 50.a4 ♜f8

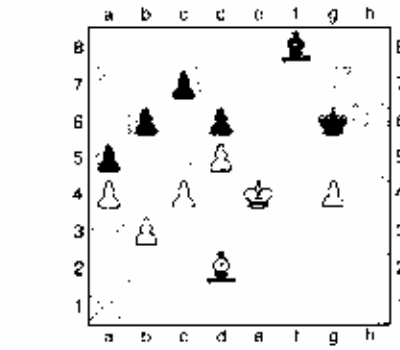
[White now concludes the game with a decisive attack.] 19.♜h5! ♜xh6
 20.♜xh6 gxh5 21.♜g5 ♜f6 22.♜f3
 ♜e5 23.♜xh7 ♜c5 24.♜xf6 exf6
 25.g4 h4 26.g5 1-0

Peters, J. (2572)
 Ivanov, I. (2572)
 [C16] French: Winawer
 American Open (7), 001, 1995

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♜b4 4.e5 ♗e7
 5.a3 ♜xc3+ 6.bxc3 b6 7.♜g4 ♜g6
 8.♜b5+ c6 9.♜d3 ♜a6 10.h4 ♜xd3
 11.exd3 h5 12.♜g3 c5 13.♜e2 ♗c6
 14.♜e3 cxd4 15.♜xd4 ♜e8 16.f4
 ♗ce7 17.♜f3 ♗f5 18.g3 ♜ge7 19.0-0
 ♜c6 20.♜f2 f6 21.exf6 ♜xf6 22.c4
 dxc4 23.dxc4 ♜g6 24.♜h2 0-0
 25.♜fd1

1.d4 (Since winning \$10,000 at last years World Open, Mariano seems to be doing some travelling, and for a while is staying in California. His opponent here is a Polish woman IM who also has taken up residence in the Los Angeles area.) 1...g6 2.c4
 ♗f6 3.♜f3 ♜g7 4.e3 d6 5.♜c2 0-0
 6.0-0 ♗bd7 7.♜c3 e5 8.h4 a5 9.b5
 ♜e8 10.a4 e4 11.♜d2 h5 12.♜a3 b6
 13.♜c1 ♜b7 14.♜h3 ♜f8 15.♜d2 ♜h7
 16.♜fd1 ♜g5 17.e5 ♜f3+ 18.♜xf3
 exf3 19.e6 ♜g5 20.g3 ♜g4 21.♜d3 h4
 22.exb7 hxg3 23.fxg3 ♜ah8 24.♜f1
 ♜f6 25.♜d2 ♜h3 26.♜xf3 ♜g4 27.♜f1
 ♜h6 28.♜e1 ♜xb7 29.♜c1 ♜g5
 30.♜e4 ♜h6 31.♜f2 ♜h5 32.♜xg4
 ♜vg4 33.♜g2 d5 34.h3 ♜d7 35.♜a3
 f5 36.♜c1 ♜e4 37.♜c6 ♜f7 38.♜c1
 ♜e8 39.♜c2 ♜e4 40.g4 ♜h7 41.♜g3
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 44.♜e5 ♜c8 45.♜e6 1-0

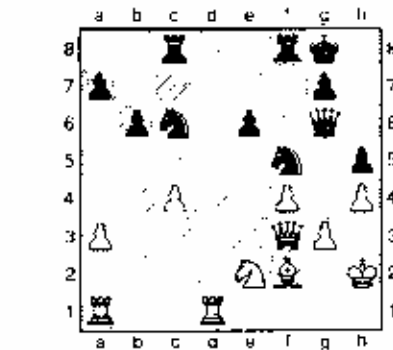
Ivanov, I. (2572)
 Watson, J. (2448)
 [E90] King's Indian



51.e5!! dxc5 52.♜f4 ♜d6 53.♜xd6
 cxd6 54.♜f4 ♜f6 55.g5+ ♜e7 56.♜e4
 ♜d7 57.♜d3 1-0

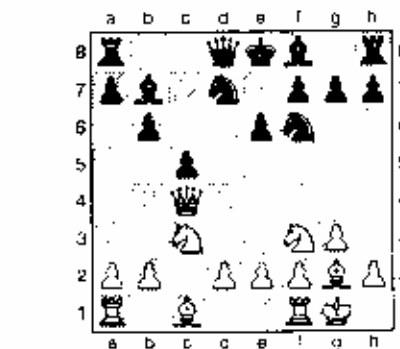
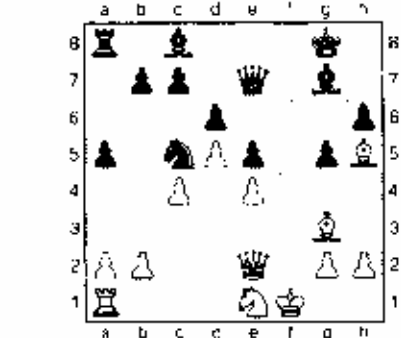
Gufeld, E. (2602)
 Peters, J. (2572)
 [A05] Reti opening
 American Open (8), 002, 1995

1.♜f3 ♗f6 2.g3 h6 3.♜g2 ♜b7 4.0-0
 d5 5.c4 dxc4 6.♜a4+ ♗hd7 7.♜xc4
 e6 8.♜c3 c5



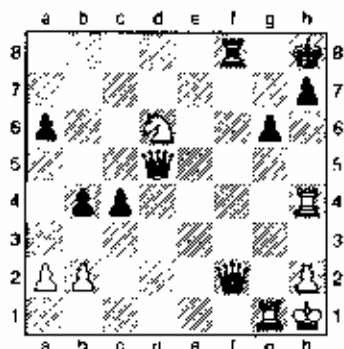
25...e5 26.♜d7 ♜ce8 27.♜ad1 e4
 28.♜g2 ♜e6 29.♜c7 ♜g4 30.♜c3 e3
 31.♜xc6 ♜xc6 32.♜xc6 exf2 33.♜d5+
 ♜h8 34.♜d3 ♜xg3 35.♜xg3 ♜xd1
 0-1

1.d4 [Here is the all-important last round game which earned Igor the championship.] 1...♜f6 2.c4 g6 3.♜c3
 ♜g7 4.e4 d6 5.♜f3 0-0 6.♜e2 e5 7.d5
 a5 8.♜g5 h6 9.♜h4 ♜a6 10.0-0 ♜e8
 11.♜e1 g5 12.♜g3 ♜xe4 13.♜xe4 f5
 14.♜h5 ♜e7 15.f3 fxe4 16.fxe4
 ♜xf1+ 17.♜xf1 ♜c5 18.♜e2

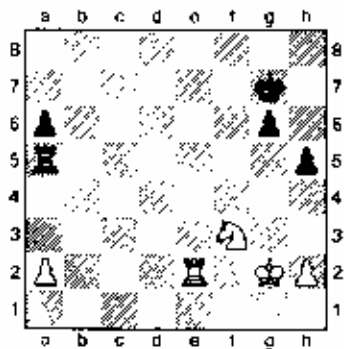


[From a rather tame start, the game now erupts into a slugfest with both

players delivering their share of punches. Who says draws are stodgy boring affairs?) 9.e4 Qe7 10.0-0 11.d4 a6 12.Hd1 b5 13.d5 b4 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.e5 Qd5 16.Qe4 Qb6 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.Qexg5 Hf5 19.Hac1 Ha8 20.Qe4 Qxe5 21.Qh4 Qf4 22.gxf4 Hxf4 23.Qd6 Qxg2 24.Qxe5 Qh3 25.Hd3 c4 26.Hxh3 Qxh2+ 27.Qh1 Hxh4 28.Hg1 g6 29.Qxe6+ Qh8 30.Qe5+ Qg8 31.Qd5+ Qh8 32.Hxh4?



[Peters pointed out that Gufeld could have won the game here with 32.Qc4. Other chances were missed later.] 32...Qxh4 33.Qxc4 Hf5 34.Qe5 Qf6 35.Qa8+ Qg7 36.Qb7+ Qh8 37.Qc8+ Qg7 38.Qd7+ Qh8 39.Qe8+ Qg7 40.Qd7+ Qh8 41.Qg4 Qxb2 42.He1 Hf8 43.Qe7 Qg7 44.Qxb4 h5 45.Qe5 Hf6 46.Qe4 Hf5 47.Qf3 Qf7 48.Qe8+ Qxe8 49.Hxe8+ Qg7 50.Qg2 Ha5 51.Hc2



51...Qg5 52.Qd4 Qf6 53.Qf3 Ha3+ 54.Qe4 Qg6 55.Qd5 g4 56.Qc5 h4 57.Qb4 Hd3 58.Qc4 Ha3 59.Qd5 Qg5

60.Qe4 h3 61.Hc2 g3 62.Qf3+ Qg4 63.Qe5+ Qg5 64.hxg3 Hxg3 65.Hc8 Ha3 66.Hh8 Hxa2 67.Hxh3 [At this point, the game continued at blitz pace for perhaps 15 moves. When it became clear to Gufeld that his win had disappeared, he allowed triple repetition of the position and then angrily offered his hand for a draw. The crowd cheers only infuriated him more, and in loud tones he proclaimed to the audience that "this is not chess!" Bisguier asked that he be silenced so that his game could continue, and then Gufeld rapidly collected his pieces and stormed out. As Lasker used to say, "There is no hypocrisy in chess!" Gufeld had a chance to prove the position a win and failed. The rest is for posterity.] 1/2-1/2

Nocon,H	(2220)
Small,G	(2330)
[D27] Queens Gambit Accepted American Open (8), 015, 1995	

1.d4 [To long-time Chicago players, former Illinois resident [and now California physician!] Greg will always be remembered as the person who simultaneously played off two adjournments against masters and drew both!] 1...d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Qc3 Qf6 4.e3 e6 5.Qxc4 c5 6.Qf3 a6 7.a4 Qc6 8.0-0 Qe7 9.h3 0-0 10.Qb2 cxd4 11.exd4 Qb4 12.Qd2 b6 13.Had1 Qb7 14.Qe3 Qbd5 15.Qxd5 Qxd5 16.Qe5 b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Qxb5 Qxg2 19.Qc6 Qxc6 20.Qxc6 Qd5 21.Qf3 Hb8 22.Qc1 Qd6 23.Qxd5 exd5 24.Hd3 Qh4 25.Qg2 Hfe8 26.Qg5 Qe4 27.Qxe4 dxe4 28.Hc3 f5 29.Hc6 He6 30.Qh1 Hg6 0-1



Overcoming Intimidation

By Raymond Dixon

Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed when you're paired with a much higher rated player? Do you ever become discouraged during a rating mismatch and feel your energy dissolve to the point where you have no enthusiasm for the rest of the game?

GM Maxim Dlugy taught me how to deal with this problem when I recently played him in a simul. Although we didn't exchange many words, our over the board play was a silent conversation about the power of strong moves, good strategy and the give and take of an artfully played game.

I wish this was a story about a stunning upset, but it isn't. This story is about following the classic principles of good play without any consideration for ratings.

GM Dlugy put me at ease with his gentle manner and soft spoken directions. He made me feel like I could call him Max. Watching his beautiful play helped me see some essential chess truths. Many of these well known principles of good play became extra clear to me during our game. This experience has forever altered my playing style.

Strong Moves Win

This sounds almost too simple to mention. But it is important. Ratings don't win games. Reputations don't win games, strong moves do. Everyone can learn how to recognize and play strong moves. This is a simple idea that somehow had eluded

me for years. I had a vague notion that GMs had some type of magical power that enabled them to easily beat amateurs. This is not so.

At one point in our game I moved my knight and threatened to fork his rooks. He had to respond. At that moment I was directing the course of the game. I forced him to temporarily abandon his attack while he defended against my threat

Watching a GM respond to my strong move made me feel powerful and confident. A strong move from an amateur's hand works exactly the same way as it does when it comes from a GM's hand.

Complete Development Means a Lot

I frequently get into trouble when I play weaker players because I don't complete my development in the opening. When I faced a GM, I made a solemn promise to myself that I would castle early and complete my development before I pursued any other goals.

This really paid off. Having every piece in play did a lot to limit Max's attacking possibilities. He didn't blow me away with a brilliant combination. I had a lot of defensive resources at hand because I had every piece in play. His winning attack had to be carefully built and patiently carried out. In fact, at some points he spent so much time at my board that he kneeled down to rest his feet. Of course I told all of my friends that I brought a GM to his knees!

Don't underestimate the power of complete development.

Play the Bold Plan

Sometimes I shy away from bold play. I am afraid that I won't be able to handle the complexities. That's a mistake. I encourage you to be bold.

Resisting the urge to make bold moves will drain the life out of your games and ultimately make you question why you even bother to play.

Boldness can lead to a bitter defeat. But it can also lead to a spectacular win. You cannot fully appreciate the joy of a boldly conceived and fearlessly executed attack until your soul has been tempered by the burning pain of a failed effort. Experiencing the highs and lows of the game are good for your circulation. Plodding along with lifeless pawn maneuvering and tedious endgames leads to hardening of the creative arteries.

Play Defense When Necessary

Initially I played a decent defense and prevented my early exit from the simul. Max paused during his attack to defend against the simple pressures that I put on him. When his attack resumed, I made the strategic error of thinking if I attacked again, it would force him to play defense. Wrong! He correctly calculated that he would checkmate me before I could break through. I should have paid more attention to defense. Playing boldly is one thing, being irresponsible about defense is another.

Moving back and forth between attack and defense is an invigorating and entertaining experience. Prior to this game I had viewed myself as a defensive player and played all of my games with a defensive mindset. I didn't attack until I had an overwhelming advantage. As a result

of this overly passive point of view I ended up losing lots of games where I never made a single attacking move. Boring!

Playing Strength vs. Self Worth

Your worth as a human being has nothing to do with your ability to play chess. Don't let powerful personal feelings interfere with your logical analysis of chess positions. Chess is a game to be played for enjoyment. It is not meant to be a grueling test of your character. Leave that heavy psychological stress for professionals to deal with. You'll be a lot happier in the long run.

Improvement Always Involves Upsets

Every strong chess player was once weak. Climbing the ratings ladder always involves upsets. It happens every day. If you keep these simple truths in mind, you will become stronger, your rating will grow and intimidation will become your opponent's problem.

Annotated Games from the Illinois Class Championships

By National Master Alan Watson

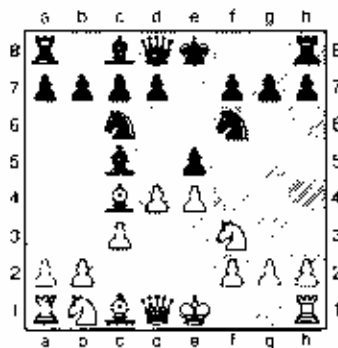
Suarez, E – Hayes, C

[C54]

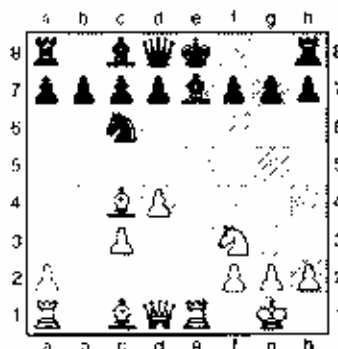
Giucco Piano

Illinois Class (1), B, 1995

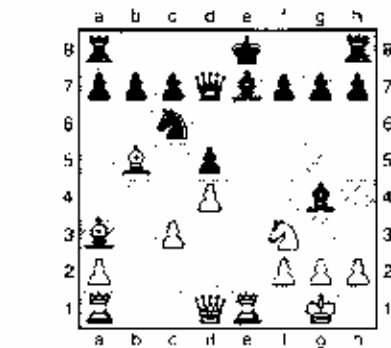
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗e5 4.c3
♗ff6 5.d4!?



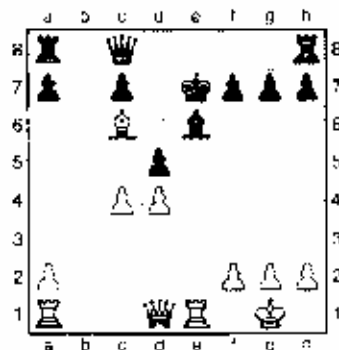
[This begins a sharp fight for the center first considered by Gioachino Greco back in the early to mid 1600's!] 5...exd4 6.cxd4 ♖b4+ 7.♗c3 ♗xc4 8.0-0 ♗xc3?! [The only move considered by Greco, and now regarded as more dangerous than 8...♗xc3!] 9.bxc3 ♗e7 10.♗e1?!



[Imprecise. Again going far back, Steinitz gave as best 10.d5 ♗a5 11.d6], when there may follow 11...exd6 12.♗xf7+ ♗xf7 13.♗d5- and 14.♗g5 with a quick kill.] 10...d5 11.♗d3 ♗g4? [At a point such as this, there should be a soft nagging voice that keeps repeating in our ears ... what about castling.] 12.♗a3 ♗d7 13.♗b5



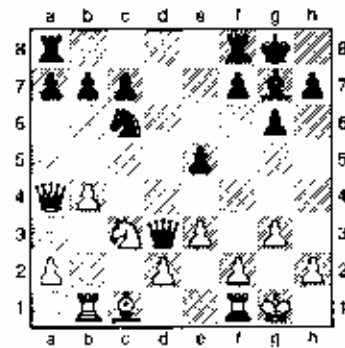
13...♗e6 14.♗e5 ♗c8 15.♗xc6 bxc6 16.♗xc6+ ♗f8 17.♗xc7+ ♗xe7 18.c4!



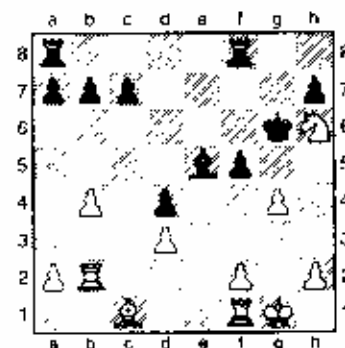
[Black is not to be allowed a moments rest for which to consolidate!] 18...♗b8 19.cxd5 ♗d6 20.♗c2 ♗e7 21.dxe6 fxe6 22.d5 ♗d8 23.♗xe6+ ♗f7 24.♗f5+ ♗g8 25.♗e8+ [This works, but even faster is the unexpected 25.d6! Check it out.] 25...♗xe8 26.♗xe8 ♗xe8 27.♗f1 h6 28.♗e1 ♗xe1+ 29.♗xe1 a6 30.♗c8+ ♗h7 31.♗xc7 1-0

Cohen, L - Pangan, C
[A16] English Neo-Catalan declined
Illinois Class (1), MX, 1995

1.c4 ♗f6 2.g3 g6 3.♗g2 ♗g7 4.♗c3 0-0 5.c3 c5 6.♗ge2 ♗c6 7.0-0 d6 8.♗b1 ♗e6 9.♗a4 d5 10.cxd5 ♗xd5 11.♗xd5 ♗xd5 12.♗xd5 ♗xd5 13.♗c3 ♗d3 14.b4



[Black is doing well at this point, and should play a solid move such as 14...♗fd8 to maintain his advantage. Instead, Pangan's personal nature of "Always do something forceful!" spells his doom by tempting the following incorrect sacrifice.] 14...♗d4? 15.exd4 exd4 16.♗b5! [The only move, and a good find by Larry!] 16...♗c2 17.♗b2 ♗f5 18.♗xf5 gxf5 19.♗d5 ♗e5 20.♗e7+ ♗g7 21.♗xf5+ ♗f6 22.♗h6 ♗g6 23.d3 f5 24.g4



[More precise for White is 24.♗e2 increasing the rook's mobility, when Black must retreat his bishop and allow 25.♗e6+ since the pin which would occur after 24...♗ac8 25.♗fe1 is even more unacceptable.] 24...fxg4 25.♗xg4 ♗d6 26.f4 h5 27.♗e5+ ♗f5 28.♗g2 ♗g8 29.♗f3 c5 30.bxc5 ♗xc5 31.♗h4+ ♗f6 32.♗b2 [32.♗g5!] 32...♗xg2+ 33.♗xg2 ♗d8 34.♗f3 ♗f5 35.♗e5 a5 36.♗f3 a4 37.♗g1 a3 38.♗g5+ ♗c6 39.♗g6+ ♗d5 40.♗c1 ♗c8 41.♗d7 h5 42.♗g5+ ♗d6 43.♗xc5 b4 44.♗d2 1-0

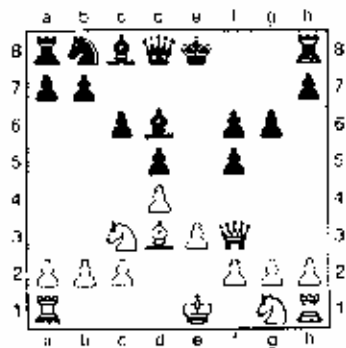
Wagner,S – Tutush,D

[A80]

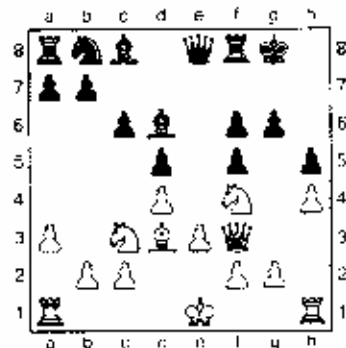
Dutch

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1.d4 f5 2.♗e3 ♘f6 [2...d5 is much more common in this variation dubbed the "Queen's knight attack" by Bellin.] 3.♙g5 d5 4.♗xf6 exf6 5.e3 c6 6.♗d3 ♗d6 7.♞f3 g6



8.♗ge2 [8.h3! ♞c7 9.♗ge2 ♗a6!= Christiansen,I.–Gurevich,D/USA Ch. 1986] 8...0-0 9.h4 h5 10.♙f4 ♞e8 11.a3?



[Tactical carelessness has just cost White a pawn and may well be blamed for losing the game. 11.♗exd5! would have won the d-pawn due to the combination of Black's exposed king and the unprotected bishop at d6.] 11...♗h7 12.0-0? [Castling on this side of the board makes no strategical sense following the combination of White's earlier moves. The remaining moves further illustrate White's confused state of affairs and requires no



additional explanation.] 12...♗h6 13.♗ce2?? g5 14.hxg5+ fxg5 15.♗xd5 g4 0-1

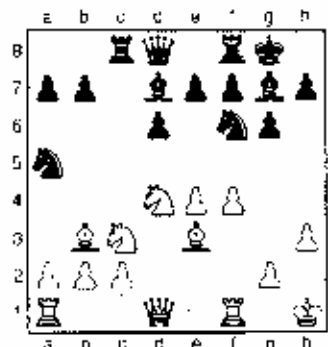
Cadman,C – Wallach,K

[B70]

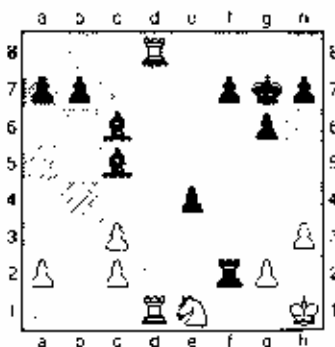
Sicilian

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1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 g6 6.♙e4 ♙g7 7.0-0 0-0 8.♗h1 ♗c6 9.h3 ♗d7 10.♗e3 ♞c8 11.♗b3 ♗a5 12.f4



[White has spent valuable tempi on preventative moves such as 8.♗h1 and 9.h3, and as a result, his play is developing much more slowly than normal. Black capitalizes on this with the following brave positional sacrifice which destroys White's center and plays havoc with the coordination of his pieces.] 12...♗xc3!! 13.bxc3 ♗xe4 14.♞e1 ♞c7 15.♗d2 ♗xd2 16.♗xd2 ♞c8 17.♞f3 ♗c4 18.♞e2 e5 19.♗xc4 ♞xc4 20.♞xe4 ♞xc4 21.♗e2 ♙c6 22.♞d3 ♞e4 23.♙g1 ♗xf4 24.♗xd6 ♞f2 25.♞d8+ ♗f8 26.♗f3 ♙g7 27.♗e1 e4 28.♞ad1 ♗c5



[Wallach has followed up his sacrifice well and now demonstrates that the bishop pair in combination with a passed pawn are in fact stronger than the rook pair!] 29.♞d2 ♗f1+ 30.♗h2 ♗a4 31.g3 e3 32.♗d3 e2 33.♞e1 ♙g1+ 0-1

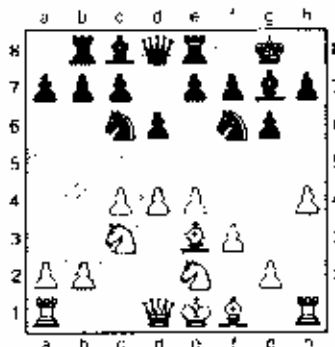
Chow,A – Manion,J

[E84] King's Indian: Saemisch,

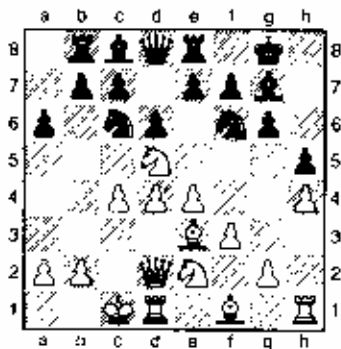
Panno main line

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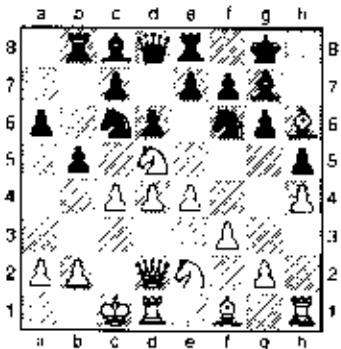
1.d4 ♗f6 2.e4 g6 3.♗c3 ♙g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.♙e3 ♗c6 7.♞ge2 ♗b8 8.h4 ♞e8



[Joe Gallagher relates in his book on the Saemisch that Raymond Keene believes ♞e8 too slow when White is trying to deliver checkmate with h4, but as we shall see, all is not so simple. What can be deduced, however, is that 8.h4 may signal White's intentions just a bit early and should be superseded by 8.♞d2.] 9.♞d2 h5 10.0-0-0 a6 11.♗d5!



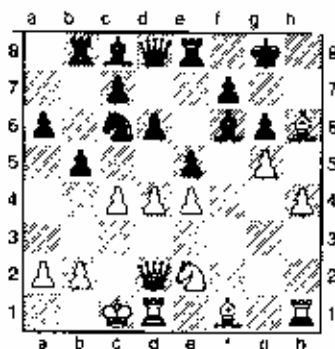
[Given an exclamation point by Tirabassi, Falchetta, and Curtacci. The idea is to free White's development while exchanging away one of Black's Kingside defenders that restrains g4.] 11...b5 12.♖h6?!



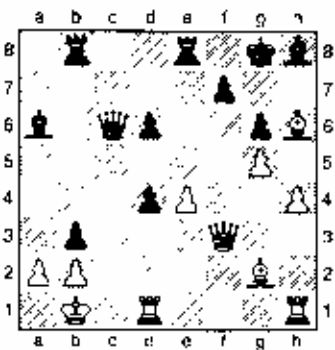
[Perhaps already a significant strategic error since d4 now seems a soft point in White's camp. Theory prefers 12.♗xf6+ exf6 (12...♗xf6 13.g4! hxg4 14.h5 gxh5 15.♖xh5 e5 16.d5 ♖e7 17.fxg4 +/- Lautier) 13.g4! hxg4 14.h5 gxf3 15.♗g3 ♖e7 16.♖h2! ♖a5 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.♖b7+ ♗f7 19.♗h6 ♖f5 20.♗xf5 gxf5 21.♖g6 ♖g8 22.♗h6 ♖f8 23.♗h3 f2 24.♖f6! +/- as in Lautier-Schlösser, Sochi 1989.) 12...e6 13.♗xf6+?! ♗xf6 14.g4 hxg4 15.fxg4 e5 16.g5?

SEIZE the outpost K5 with your knight and you can go to sleep. Checkmate will come by itself

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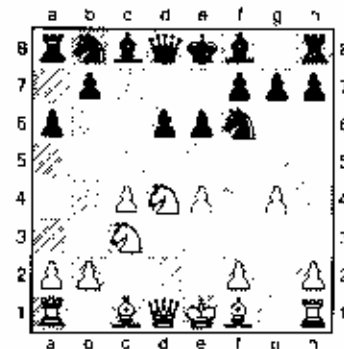
[This final error sealing White's dark-squared bishop out of play will continue to haunt Chow for the remainder of the game. Better was 16.d5! ♗d4 17.cxb5 axb5 18.♗xd4 exd4 19.♖f4 with rough equality.] 16...♗h8 17.d5 ♗d4! 18.cxb5 axb5 19.♗h3 [It would be very dangerous for White to lengthen the ♗h8's reach along the dark diagonal by exchanging knights on d4. Black's goal is now to open as many lines against the White king as possible, since, in effect, Chow is playing a piece down!] 19...c6! 20.dxc6 ♖b6 21.♗b1 ♖xc6 22.♖d3 ♖a6 23.♗xd4 exd4 24.♗g2 b4 25.♖f3 b3!



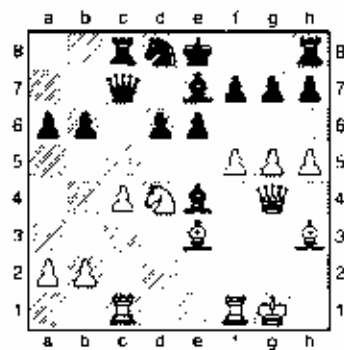
[The final point, after which there is no shelter and salvation for the White monarch. This game represents an exemplary display of Black's strategic ideas in the King's Indian Defense by Josh Manion.] 26.axb3 d3 27.♖xd3 ♗xd3+ 28.♖xd3 ♖b5 29.♖h3 ♖a5 0-1

Tate, E – Kramer, C
[B41] Sicilian: Kan variation
Illinois Class (2), MX, 1995

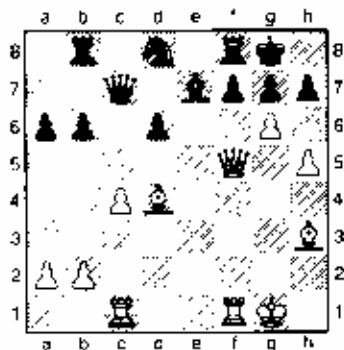
1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 e6 3.d4 exd4 4.♗xd4 a6 5.c4 ♗f6 6.♗c3 d6 7.g4



[As far as I can tell, this is another Tate specialty well in keeping within his style of "blatant aggressiveness." Objectively, however, one gets the feeling that it is premature and should be refuted.] 7...♗c6 8.g5 ♗d7 9.♗e3 ♗de5?! [Perhaps the straightforward 9...♗e7 followed by castling is better than this contorted reply which loses time in the hope of playing this knight to c6 after an exchange of pieces on d4.] 10.♗c2! ♗e7 11.f4 ♗d7 12.h4 b6 13.♖g4 ♖c7 14.♖c1 ♗b7 15.h5 ♖c8 [15...0-0 0?!] 16.♗h3 ♗d8 17.♗d4 ♗c5 18.0-0 ♗xe4 19.♗xe4 ♗xe4 20.f5!



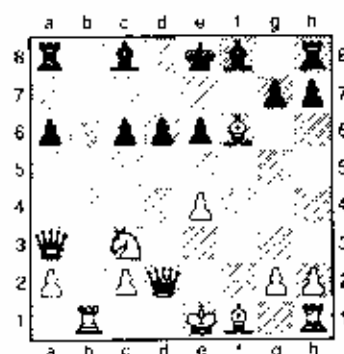
20...exf5 21.♗xf5 ♗xf5 22.♖xf5 ♖b8 23.♗d4 0-0 24.g6!



[Tate continues to claw open the position to Black's King.] 24...fxg6 25.♖d5+ ♔h8 26.h6 ♕f6 27.hxg7+ ♔xg7 28.♞xf6 ♞xf6 29.♞f1 1-0

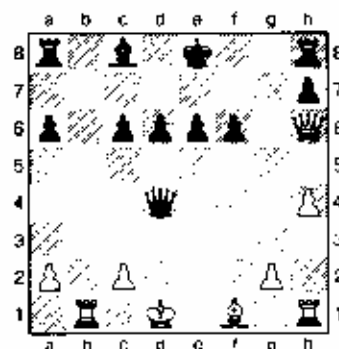
Rajlich, V – Cadman, C
[B97] Sicilian: Najdorf
Illinois Class (3), MX, 1995

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.♗xd4 ♕f6 5.♗c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♖b6 8.♖d2 ♗xb2 [The Poisoned Pawn Variation of the Najdorf Sicilian is a rare visitor in tournament practice these days, but always good for an exciting and brief game ... one way or the other!] 9.♞b1 ♖a3 10.f5 ♗c6 11.fxex6 ♞xe6 12.♗xe6 bxc6 13.♗xf6!?

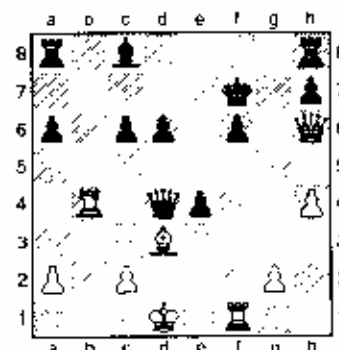


[This variation does not yield any advantage to White in the event that Black plays correctly. Modern attention remains focused on 13.♗e2!? and perhaps even the older 13.c5.] 13...gxf6 14.e5? ♕h6! [The correct book response, after which Black possesses a material advantage

at the expense of an insecure King. Unfortunately for Cadman, he has no idea how to proceed.] 15.♗xh6 ♖xc3+ 16.♔d1 ♖xe5 17.h4 ♖d4+



[A mis step which only aids White's development. One possible way for Black to drive the White queen away from her dominating position is 17...f5 followed by ♔e7/♗f6.] 18.♗d3 e5 19.♞e1 ♔f7 20.♞f1 e4? [20...♖g4+! 21.♞f3 ♖g7!±] 21.♞h4!



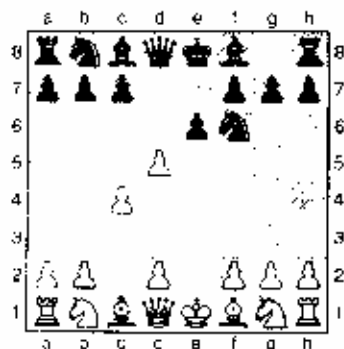
[This resourceful shot turns the tide of the game to White's favor.] 21...♕g4+ 22.♔c1 ♖c3 23.♞h7+ ♔e6 24.♖g7 ♕h5 25.♖e7+ [Good enough for a win, but missing the mate in three which was possible after 25.♗c4+!] 25...♗d5 26.♞f5+ ♖e5 27.♖xf6 exd3 28.♞xe5+ dxe5 29.♞d7+ 1-0



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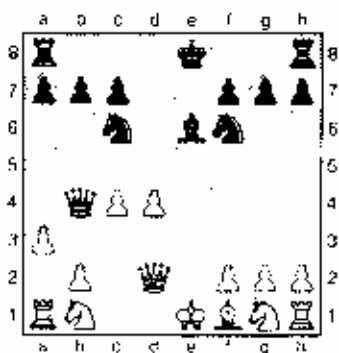
Roychowdhury, A (1395)
Groeger, A (1626)
[B01] Scandinavian
Euryasis Open, Champaign, 1995
[Groeger]

1.e4 [I would like to submit to the Illinois Chess Bulletin the following game from the Euryasis Open held in Champaign, Illinois over the weekend of October 21-22. It was played in the reserve section, but the ratings of the two chess combatants should not deter higher-rated chess fans from realizing the complications that can develop when it appears your opponent is more familiar with an opening scheme than you. Also, the idea of getting "compensation" is clearly detailed during the course of the struggle as Black fights for a lead in development at the cost of a pawn.] 1...d5 2.exd5 ♗f6 [With 2...♖xd5, Black gets his pawn back immediately at the cost of tempo after 3.♗c3 with the possibility of gaining more by flushing the queen from a5 later. After 2...♗f6, Black is truly gambitting a pawn in the opening with hopes of compensation lying in quick development. The success of my rapid development in this game is a key factor in achieving a "won position" out of the opening.] 3.e4 [An aggressive continuation to hold the pawn. Major White alternatives, probably a matter of style, include 3.d4 giving the pawn back for development and central space, and 3.♗b5+ intending to keep the extra pawn or force disharmony in Black's camp. Fischer played this against 2...♗f6. 'Nuf said.] 3...e6!?

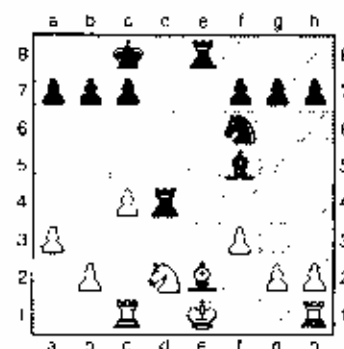


[The Icelandic Gambit, popularized in the mid-eighties after Speelman's victory over Sokolov, Madrid 1988. After 3...c6, White can transpose to the Panov Botvinnik Attack of the Caro-Kann Defense with 4.d4.] **4.dxe6 Qxe6 5.d4 Qb4+** [Developing again with check! Boy, it feels good to play a move like that with Black! It is here that White might be advised to prepare the d-pawn push with 5.f3, which quite possibly cuts down on the flexibility of Black's setup by casting an eye on the d4 and e5 squares as well as doing a little development of it's own. A possible continuation might be: 5.f3 Qc6 6.d4 Qb4+ 7.Qc3 Qe4 (7...Qe7 led to 8.Qe3 0-0-0 9.Qd3 Qg4 10.0 and if Black tries to win his pawn back with 10...Qf3 then 11.Qxf3 Qxd4 12.Qxd4 Qxd4 13.Qb5 with a home-field advantage for White in S. Arkell-D. Olafsson, Reykjavik 1988) 8.Qd2 Qxd2 9.Qxd2 Qe7 10.0-0-0 and White is fine.] **6.Qd2** [White had a reasonable alternative in 6.Qc3, after which Black may continue with either 6...Qc4 7.a3 Qxc3 8.Qb3 Qa5, or 6...Qc7 7.Qc3 Qg4 8.Qf3 Qc6 9.Qd3 0-0-0 10.Qge2 Qcc5 11.dxe5 Qxc5 12.Qg3 Qxd3 13.Qf1 Qxc4 14.Qg1 Qxb2 Brito-Bellon, Benidorm, 1988.] **6...Qe7** [A key move in my B-class mind, but one that is multi-purpose: Develops another piece and threatens discovered check. This fact almost forces White to exchange on b4.]

7.Qxb4 Qxb4+ 8.Qd2 Qc6 [Just developing, don't mind me! After 9.d5?!, Black has 9...0-0-0!] **9.a3?**



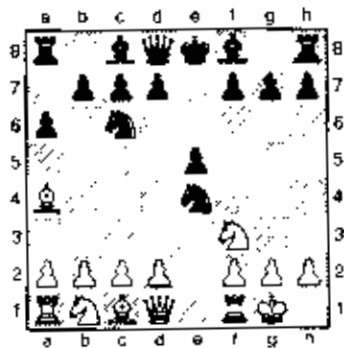
[White's first deviation from "theory," and his first mistake (not counting 1.e4). Surprisingly, White had spent 30 minutes on these opening moves and found a "book" move each time. Just when I was starting to think I was up against a "natural" a la Capablanca, he loses his way and a pawn to boot. After 9.Qc3 0-0-0 10.d5 Qg4 11.f3 Qhc8+ 12.Qe2 Qf5 13.0-0-0 Qa5, Black was driving the bus in Kuijff-Hodgson, Wijk aan Zee, 1989.] **9...Qxd2+ 10.Qxd2 Qxd4** [Black regains his gambitted pawn with a strong centralized steed and the threat of Qc2+, fork you very much. The single wasted tempo of White's a-pawn push only heightens this advantage.] **11.Qc1 0-0-0** [Thematic, and the quickest way for Black to complete his development. Castling Kingside would take 3 tempi to bring Black rooks to the open e- and d- files whereas this consumes only 2!] **12.Qg3 Qhe8 13.Qxd4 Qxd4 14.Qe2 Qf5!** [Pinning White's king-bishop and preventing him from castling. Black controls the board.] **15.f3?**



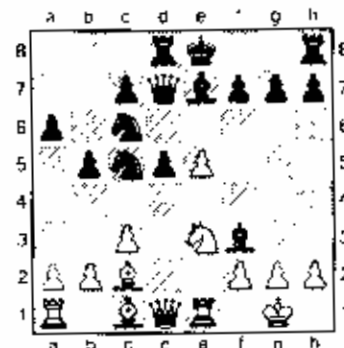
[White's second and fatal mistake. The idea was probably Qf2, Qc1 but this plan entirely overlooks Black's next move. A more valiant try for White would probably be 15.Qf1 Qg4 1.Qg3 Qd3 17.h3 Qf6 18.Qd1 c5 19.f3 Qxc2 20.Qxe2 Qxc4 when he is only a pawn down.] **15...Qd3! 16.Qe4 Qxe4 17.Qxd3** [Creative, but insufficient. At least it's better than 17.fxe4 Qxe4 which is a tremendous position for Black. 17.Qxd3 allows a discovered check, something that has been hovering over the board like a vulture since Black's 12th move. At this point, the rare opportunity to devise the most beautiful win for Black is available. I spent several minutes working out the following options: A) 17...Qxd3 18.fxe4 Qxe4+ 19.Qf1 Qd2 20.b4 Qa2 and Black might soon be up 2 pawns, or B) 17...Qg3- 18.Qd2 Qxh1 19.Qc3 Qxd3+! 20.Qxd3 Qf3+ 21.Qc3 which looks good, but I was not sure I'd be able to get my extra knight out from behind the White pawns. Therefore ...] **17...Qc5+! 18.Qe2** [I was expecting 18.Qe4, when after 18...Qd3+ 19.Qd2 Qxc1 20.Qxc1 Qxc4- 21.Qb1 I would be up a pawn and the exchange.] **18...Qd3+!!** [My opponent resigned in view of 19.Qd2 Qxc1- 20.Qxc1 Qxe2 with Black a piece up and no sign of his attack slowing down. A fine example of chess opening preparation.] **0-1**

Kramer, C – Johnson
 [C80] Roy Lopez – Open
 Memorial Day Tournament, Atlanta,
 1995
[Kramer]

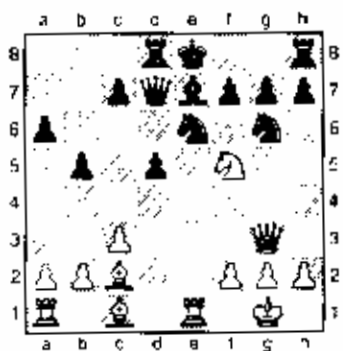
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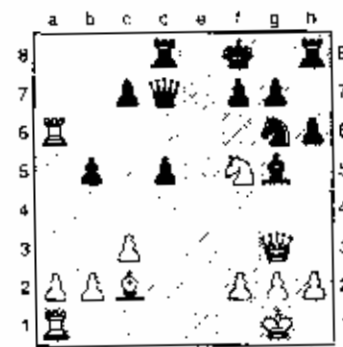
[The Open Lopez is becoming quite fashionable again.] 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3
 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.♗hd2 [Karpov and his staff turned this quiet move into a fearsome weapon. Even Kasparov used it against Anand in their recent World Championship match.]
 9...♗e5 10.c3 ♗e7 11.♗c2 ♗g4
 12.♗e1 ♖d7 13.♗f1 ♗d8 14.♗e3 ♗xf3



[Usual is 14...♗h5. Black snipes a pawn in exchange for allowing White a dangerous initiative.]
 15.♖xf3 ♗xe5 [This is the first time I have ever seen anyone actually grab the pawn.]
 16.♖g3 ♗g6 17.♗f5 ♗e6

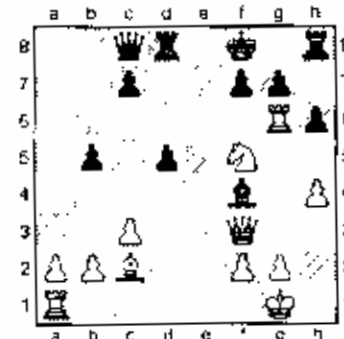


[Played to avoid 17...0-0?? 18.♗xe7! 1-0 as occurred in the game Wilker-Bergmanolson, Cr SVE/K tm 1980 ALW] [How should White continue? 18.♗xe6 fxe6 19.♗xg7+ ♖f7 is unclear while 18.f4 ♗c5+ and 19...0-0 seems fine for Black. It turns out that the strongest move is also the easiest to understand! Before undertaking complex operations, always complete your development! 18.♗g5! [I have no knowledge of his position, but without this move Black may be able to hold.] 18...♗f8 [This is the best practical chance.] [18...♗xg5 19.♗xg7+ ♖f8 20.♗xe6+ fxe6 21.♖xg5 and the Black king is very unhappy.; 18...0-0? 19.♗xc7! ♗xc7 20.♗xh7+ ♗xh7 (20...♗h8 21.♖h4 ♗xg5 22.♗f5+-) 21.♖h4+ ♗g8 22.♗xe7+-] 19.♗xe6 ♗xg5 [19...fxe6 20.♗xc7+!-- ♗xc7 21.♖xg7+-] 20.♗xa6 h6



[This protects the ♗g5 and makes luft for the king on h7. However, it also weakens g6.] 21.h4 ♗f4 22.♖f3 ♖c8? [Better is 22...♗c5 when Black

is still squirming. As White threatens h4-h5 and numerous shots on the f-file, Black attempts to chase the ♗a6 ... but it's too late!] 23.♗xg6!



[I am ashamed to admit it took me quite a long time to find this obvious shot.] 23...fxg6 24.♖xf4 gxf5 25.♗xf5 ♗a6 26.♗e6+ [26.♗g6+ and 26.♗c8+ both fail to 26...♖f6.] 26...♗e7 27.♗e1 [This is the cleanest kill.] 27...♖xe6 28.♖xc7+ ♗d7 29.♖c5+ ♗d6 30.♗xe6+ ♗xe6 31.♖xb5 ♗hd8 32.a4 d4 33.exd4 ♗xd4 34.g3 [The White pawns are just too strong.] 1-0

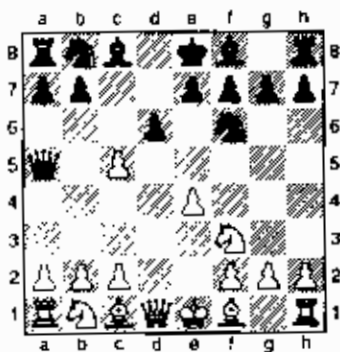
Learning From Your Mistakes

by GM Dmitry Gurevich

The following game was played in round 6 of the U.S. Championship held in Modesto (Nov-Dec 95), CA. My opponent was GM Gregory Kaidanov from Lexington, KY. I met Gregory almost twenty years ago in Russia, when we both were students of the Moscow School of Railroad Engineers. We became close friends since then. Our tournament games, however, are always a fierce fight and the one I am about to present is no exception.

Kaidanov, G. (2500)
Gurevich, D. (2500)
[B53] – Sicilian
 US Championship (6), 1995
 [D. Gurevich]

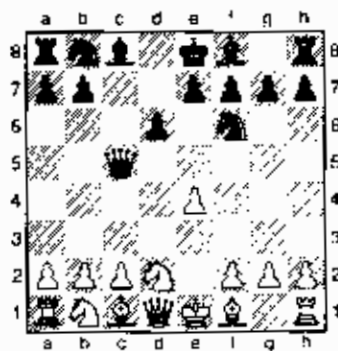
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 ♖f6 [Usually Black plays 3...cxd4 which allows White to take on d4 with the ♗. It is no more dangerous for Black than the common 4.♗xd4. It is simply a matter of taste and concrete preparation which opening position in the particular tournament you would prefer to play.] 4.dxc5 [If 4.♗c3 then 4...cxd4 5.♗xd4 leads to normal open Sicilians since 5. ♗xd4 would lose its point (e2-c4 is a possibility).] 4...♗a5+



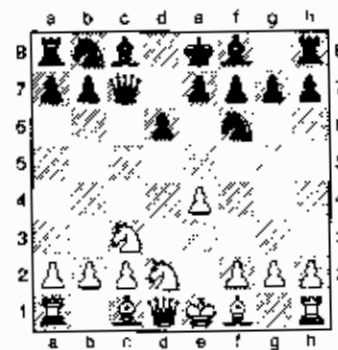
[4...♗xe4 was also played in this position before, but I was very impressed by the quick win of Gregory over GM Nick DeFirmian in the Chicago Memorial Day tournament last May.] 5.♗fd2!? [A very interesting innovation already on move 5! It is also Gregory's strong point. He makes his opponents think for themselves from the very beginning of the game.]



5...♗xc5

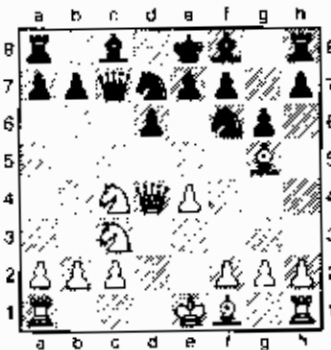


[Another choice 5...♗xc4 was played by Nick DeFirmian against Gregory two rounds later. After 5...♗xc4 6.exd6 ♗xd6 7.♗c3 ♗c6 8.♗b3 ♗c5+ 9.♗e2 ♗g4 10.f3 0-0-0 11.0-0 ♗b5 12.♗d3 ♗xc3 13.bxc3 ♗f5 14.♗e1 ♗f6 15.♗c3 ♗xd3 16.exd3 ♗xc3 a very sharp position arose on the board. At some point White overpressed and Nick took revenge for their Chicago encounter.] 6.♗c3 ♗c7?

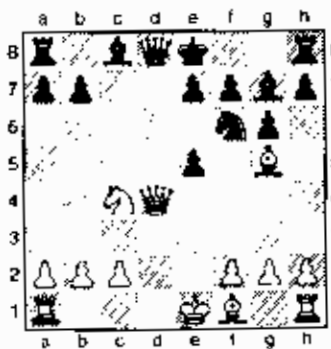


[Kaidanov's opening strategy pays him dividends. Black's 6th move is

a serious opening mistake. Black would be alright if I had played 6...g6 7.♗b3 ♗c7 8.♗g5 ♗bd7.] 7.♗c4! [Now White's ♗ does not have to go to b3.] 7...♗bd7 8.♗g5 ♗g6 9.♗d4?!



[Another interesting moment during the game. White's ninth move seemed very dangerous. However, he simply could have played; 9.♗e2! ♗g7 10.f4! and it is difficult to give Black any good advice.] 9...♗g7 10.♗d5 10...♗d8 11.♗xf6+ ♗xf6 12.e5 dxe5?!



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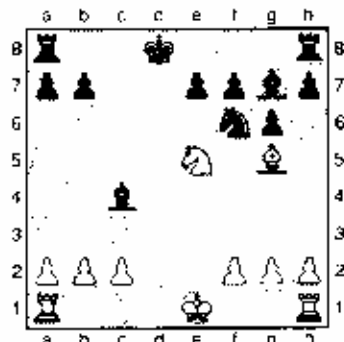
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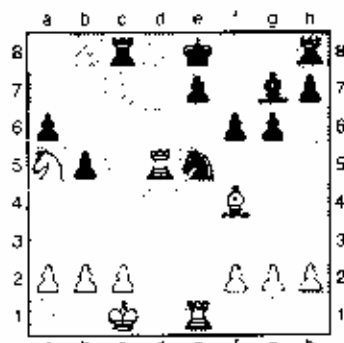
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[It was better to play 12.g4 when the active position of the ♖ on d4 back fires on White. For example, 13.♖xd6? ♖xd6. I simply forgot that after 12.g4 and 13.0-0-0 Black doesn't have to take the pawn 13...♖xe5? 14.f4, but could castle himself with 13...0-0! 14.f4 f6! with an equal position.] 13.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 14.♖xe5 ♖e6 15.♖e4 ♖xc4?

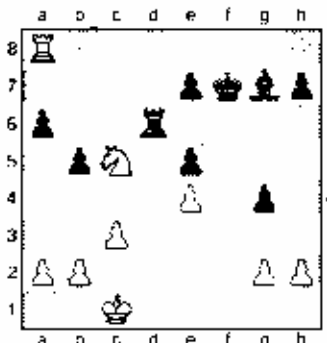


[This natural move was a big mistake by Black. He could have played 15...♖e4! 16.♖d1- ♖c7?! 17.♖f4 ♖xc4 18.♖xc4+ ♖c6 19.♖a5+ ♖b6 with an unclear position.] 16.♖xc4 ♖c8 17.0-0-0+ ♖e8 18.♖d4! [With the idea of ♖e1 and ♖d6. White is much better once again.] 18...b5 19.♖a5 ♖d7 20.♖d5 a6 21.♖e1 f6 22.♖f4 ♖e5!

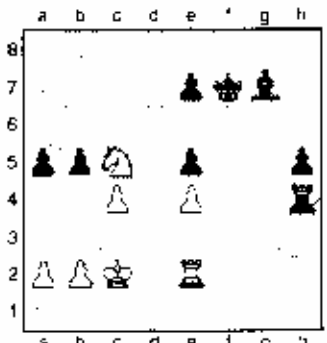


[The only way not to lose the A on a6 or e7, which would lead to a totally lost position.] 23.♖xe5 fxe5 24.♖h3 ♖f8 25.f3 ♖f4! [Both sides were in time pressure. This was the main reason I was able to survive

this position, with such a poor pawn structure.] 26.♖c5 ♖d8 27.c3 g5 28.♖e4 ♖xe4 29.fxe4 ♖d3 30.♖c8+ ♖f7 31.♖c5 ♖d6 32.♖a8 g4!



[Turning the tables! If now 33.♖xa6 ♖h6+ 34.♖c2 ♖d2! 35.♖b3 ♖c3! 33.♖c2 ♖h6! 34.h3 gxh3 35.gxh3 ♖xh3 [Now Black has a dangerous passed pawn. Gregory decides to come back with his rook right away instead of taking on a6 and losing time.] 36.♖d8 h5 37.♖d3 ♖h1 38.♖d1 ♖h2+ 39.♖d2 ♖h4 40.♖e2 a5 41.c4!



[A temporary sacrifice of a second A!] 41...bxc4 42.♖c3 ♖h1? [I think the previous events in this game psychologically wore me out. Once again, I made the most obvious move without even trying to get into the position. The key square is e3! Black had to play 42...♖h6 43.♖xc4 ♖f4 44.♖d3 ♖g3+-. One thing is clear. The position after 43.Kc3 is crucial and required a lot of thought.] 43.♖xc4 h4 44.♖h5 h3 45.♖xa5 ♖g1

46.♖h2 ♖g3 47.a4 ♖h6 48.♖b5 ♖e3 49.a5 ♖g1? [Black doesn't realize how bad his position is. I think White didn't have to give me this chance, which I had to grab 49...♖g2! 50.♖xh3 ♖xb2+ 51.♖c6 ♖xc5 52.♖xc5 ♖a2 53.♖b4 ♖e2 with drawing chances.] 50.♖h1 h2 51.a6 ♖g2 52.h4 ♖a2 53.♖c6 ♖a1 54.♖c7 e6 55.♖b8 ♖xc5 56.♖xa1 ♖g1 57.a7 h1♖ 58.a8♖ ♖g6 59.♖c6 ♖h8+ 60.♖c8 Black resigns. 1-0 After the game, I realized, I still have a lot to learn about chess.

Fox Valley Chess Club Crowns New Champion

The 1995 Fox Valley Chess Club crowned a new champion this year, Larry Petroff! Larry, playing with draw odds, earned the title by drawing the reigning champion, Jim Oberweis in the final round. He earned his title by playing his famed "Petroff Defense" in the final round. The game was actually a French Defense, but Larry didn't give Jim any chances. His stubborn defense turned back all of Jim's threats.

The closed championship is the crown jewel of the year long club ladder tournament. 1995 saw over 50 different players participate in the ladder event.

The top eight finishers are invited to play in the closed championship. The final eight in order of finish were: Larry Petroff 6-1, Jim Oberweis 5.5-1.5, Larry Cohen 5.5-1.5, T.V. Weber 4-3, Eric Ortega 2.5-4.5, Ted Craig 2.5-4.5 and Joe DeCort 0-7.

The 1996 Ladder Tournament is underway Stop by on the 1st, 2nd or 4th Monday of any month to join in the fun. See you there!

A One-Two Punch

Franklin Elementary Takes Two Firsts in First Tournament of the Year

By Kevin L. Bachler

The 1995-96 Elementary and Junior High School season got off to an early start this year with 302 players in the first tournament sponsored by Franklin Elementary School in Park Ridge. This first tournament, the Tri-State Scholastic Championship, was held On October 7th at Mame East High School. As is common with elementary school tournaments, this tournament combined individual and team play by adding the scores of the top five players to get the team score.

Last year, the Franklin Elementary "Cavemen" team took the state championship in the K-3 section, and finished fifth in the national championship — both in their first year of play. The Franklin team picked up where they left off in the first tournament of the year, the Tri-State Scholastic, where they finished first in the Primary (K-3) section and first in the Elementary (4-5) Section

In grade school tournaments, prizes are typically given to the top individuals in each section, which are usually Primary (K-3), Elementary (4-5) and Junior High (6-8). In addition, prizes are awarded to the top players in each grade who do not win a section prize. Ties are generally broken by tie-break points so that trophies may be awarded. In addition a biggest upset or outstanding performance trophy may also be awarded. And, of course, prizes are awarded to the top teams in each section.

Primary (K-3) Section

In the Primary Section, Franklin was paced by third grader and last year's Primary co-champion Daniel Leung. Currently ranked 10th in the nation for players age 8 and under with a rating of 1276, Daniel scored a perfect 5-0 to take first place in this section. Joining Daniel in first place, but taking the second place trophy on tie-break, was second grader William Ferguson, also of the Franklin team. Rounding out the trophy winners in the Primary section were:

Place	Name	Score	School
1 st	Daniel Leung	5-0	Franklin Elementary, Park Ridge
2 nd	William Ferguson	5-0	Franklin Elementary, Park Ridge
3 rd	Jonathan Bussa	4-1	MacArthur, Hoffman Estates
4 th	Mark Dikopt	4-1	Willow Grove, Buffalo Grove
5 th	Michael Page	4-1	Immanuel Lutheran, Elmhurst
6 th	David Holmes	4-1	Oakton, Evanston
7 th	Brian Weller	4-1	Washington, Rockford

Grade prize winners			
Kindergarten/Preschool			
1 st	Luke Horve	2.5-2.5	Homeschool, Indiana
2 nd	Robert Mosche	2.5-2.5	Prichett, Deerfield
3 rd	Kevin Lessner	0.5-4.5	MacArthur, Hoffman Estates
First Grade			
1 st	Peter Klimkow	3.0-1.5	Oakton, Evanston
2 nd	Jose Rodriguez	3.0-2.0	Rudy Lazano Library, Chicago
3 rd	Joshua Bauer	2.5-2.5	Ravenna, Highland Park
Second Grade			
1 st	Winston Huang	4-1	Brink Forest, Oak Brook
2 nd	Warren Leutz	3.5-1.5	Home Schooled, IL
3 rd	Danny Laspinia	3.5-1.5	Avery County, Downers Grove
Third Grade			
1 st	Gregory Richardson	4-1	Maple Brook, Naperville
2 nd	John Saran	4-1	Avery County, Downers Grove
3 rd	Jesse Niesky	4-1	Newberry, Chicago
H/M	David Strand	4-1	Washington, Rockford

Team Standings (Top five scores compose team score)	Score
1 st	Franklin Elementary, Park Ridge
2 nd	Oakton, Evanston
3 rd	MacArthur, Hoffman Estates
4 th	Avery County, Downers Grove
5 th	Lancelwood, Evanston
6 th	Avery West, Glenview
7 th	Maple Brook, Naperville

In addition, the biggest upset went to Bryan Rose, rated 670, for his upset win over an 1187 player in round 3.

Elementary Section (4th-5th grades)

In the Elementary Section, the Franklin Elementary team led all schools, again taking 18 out of 25 possible points. Once again, Oakton of Evanston was second, again scoring 16.5. Individually, third-grader Andrew Hubbard of Abe Lincoln Elementary in Glen Ellyn played up and took first place, with a perfect 5-0 score. Oakton of Evanston put on a strong showing as fourth-grader Christopher Holmes and fifth-grader Tyler Drendel who each scored 4.5-.5. They were joined at 4.5-1.5 by Brian Egerton of Parkview School in Glen Ellyn. Here is a full list of the prize winners in the elementary section:

Place	Name	Score	School
1 st	Andrew Hubbard	5-0	Abe Lincoln Elementary, Glen Ellyn
2 nd	Christopher Holmes	4.5-.5	Oakton, Evanston
3 rd	Tyler Drendel	4.5-.5	Oakton, Evanston
4 th	Brian Egerton	4.5-.5	Parkview, Glen Ellyn
5 th	Alex Yuen	4-1	McKinley, Appleton, WI
6 th	William Bielski	4-1	Franklin, Park Ridge
7 th	Matthew Leish	4-1	Father Sweeney, Peoria

Grade prize winners

Fourth Grade			
1 st	Dan Suong	4-1	Avery West, Glenview
2 nd	Conor McCartney	3.5-1.5	St. James, Madison, WI
3 rd	Robert Kasantzen	3.5-1.5	Franklin Elementary, Park Ridge
Fifth Grade			
1 st	Gregory Bosta	4-1	Holy Angels, Aurora
2 nd	Ryan Carey	4-1	MacArthur, Hoffman Estates
3 rd	Daniel Weller	4-1	Washington, Rockford
H/M	Eric Wang	4-1	Parkview, Glen Ellyn

Team Standings (Top five scores comprise team score)	Score
1 st Franklin Elementary, Park Ridge	18.0
2 nd Oakton, Evanston	16.5
3 rd Parkview, Glen Ellyn	15.5
4 th MacArthur, Hoffman Estates	15.0
5 th Father Sweeny, Peoria	14.5
6 th Avery Coonley, Downers Grove	14.5
7 th Churchill School, Glen Ellyn	11.5

In addition, Jamaal Johnson of Lincolnwood in Evanston, rated 564, took the upset prize with a win over a 1421 player.

Junior High (6th - 8th)

Father Sweeny school of Peoria narrowly took the first place team prize in this section, scoring 15.5 out of 20 in the four round event. Finishing hot on their heels was MacArthur of Hoffman Estates, with a total of 15. The tournament was even closer in the individual honors for first place. Five players each finished with a perfect 4-0 score, with the first place trophy being decided on tie-break. Taking first place was Barney Getz, of Father Sweeny of Peoria. Rounding out the prize winners:

Place	Name	Score	School
1 st	Barney Getz	4-0	Father Sweeny, Peoria
2 nd	Christopher Hayes	4-0	Deerpeth Middle School, Lake Forest
3 rd	Pete Karagiannis	4-0	Father Sweeny, Peoria
4 th	Glen Moore	4-0	MacArthur, Hoffman Estates
5 th	Eric Morse	4-0	Woodrow Wilson, Terra Haute, In.
6 th	Alan Rose	3.5- .5	MacArthur, Hoffman Estates
7 th	Gregory Bobak	3.5- .5	Avery Coonley, Downers Grove

Grade prize winners

Sixth Grade

1 st	Alex Polhorski	3-1	Old Orchard, Skokie
2 nd	Jack Williams	3-1	Chute Middle School, Evanston
3 rd	Matthew McDonald	3-1	Holy Angels, Aurora

Seventh Grade

1 st	Eric Strand	3-1	Bloomington Jr. High, Bloomington
2 nd	Chad Spruck	3-1	Indian Prairie, Lake in the Hills
3 rd	Kevin Farrell	3-1	Washington, Rockford

Eighth Grade

1 st	Michael Barkdoll	3.5- .5	Hallem Junior High, Loves Park
2 nd	Craig Cochran	3.0-1.0	North Junior High, Crystal Lake
3 rd	Steve Voss	3.0-1.0	Timothy Christian, Elmhurst

Team Standings (Top five scores comprise team score)

Place	Score
1 st Father Sweeny, Peoria	15.5
2 nd MacArthur, Hoffman Estates	15.0
3 rd Avery Coonley, Downers Grove	13.5
4 th Oakton, Evanston	13.0
5 th Halley Junior High, Glen Ellyn	12.5
6 th Franklin Elementary School, Park Ridge	11.5
7 th University School, Milwaukee	11.5

Nicholas McConnell of Deerpeth in Lake Forest, rated 766, won the upset prize with a win over a 1300 player. The Franklin Elementary Chess Club would like to thank the businesses and individuals that volunteered time and supplies to help make this effort successful.

All Grades State Championship in Monticello

Two hundred and seventy seven chessplayers traveled to Monticello for the K-8 sections of the All Grades Scholastic Championships held November 2nd. This tournament differs from other scholastic tournaments held in Illinois, in that participants play only opponents within their own grade, and prizes are awarded by grade. Team scores consist of the top three individual scores in each grade. The tournament is open from kindergarten through high school grades.

The results from this year's tournament shows that no one school is dominant at all grade levels. Following are the team and individual standings in each grade.

Grade	Place	Individual Standings (Player, School, City, Score)	Team Standings (School, City, Score)	
K	1	Kevin Lerner	2-0	
	2	Ned Phelps	2-0	
	3	Avery Russo	2-0	
1	1	Patric Kling, W. Oakton, Elmhurst	4-0	Oakton, Evanston 6.5
	2	James Blair, DuSmetwood, Highland Park	3-1	Deerpeth School, Schaumburg 4.0
	3	Conor Henderson, Patterson, Naperville	3-1	Hill, Normal 3.0
2	1	William Burgess, Franklin, Park Ridge	4-0	Franklin, Park Ridge 6.5
	2	Michael McNally, Franklin, Park Ridge	4-0	Oakton, Evanston 6.0
3	1	Kenneth Wynn, Hill, Normal	4-0	Maple Brook, Naperville 6.0
	2	Greg Richardson, Maple Brook, Naperville	4-0	St. Clare, Bloomington 7.5
4	1	Matthew Lech, Father Sweeny, Peoria	4-0	Franklin, Park Ridge 10.0
	2	William Biesak, Franklin, Park Ridge	4-0	Oakton, Evanston 8.5
5	1	Tyler Drandel, Oakton, Evanston	4-0	Oakton, Bloomington 10.0
	2	David Schaefer, Oakton, Bloomington	4-0	Hill, Normal 9.0
6	1	Jeffrey Fucci, MacArthur, Hoffman Estates	4-0	MacArthur, Hoffman Estates 12.0
	2	Alan Rose, MacArthur, Hoffman Estates	4-0	Bloomington Jr., Bloomington 8.0
7	1	Jon McElwainey, St. Clare, Bloomington	3.5	Avery Coonley, Downers Grove 7.5
	2	St. Paul, Avery Coonley, Downers Grove	3.5	Bloomington Jr. H., Bloomington 8.0
8	1	Barney Getz, Father Sweeny, Peoria	4-0	Halley, Glen Ellyn 8.0
	2	Kris Nowgatz, Bloomington Jr., Barrington	3-0	Chubbuck, Peoria 7.0

How Do We Rank Thee?

By *ME Jacate*

IHSA Advisory Chess Chairman

The Ides of March are approaching and this year will also bring the 1996 edition of the IHSA Chess Championship (March 15/16). While all teams begin the tournament equal (in points), they will not start the tournament equal in rank. The pairing numbers are assigned with the purpose of having the best teams with low numbers and those deemed least likely to win the championship with the highest numbers. Unlike USCF tournaments where Elo ratings are used to rank participants in absolute order, insufficient information is available to meaningfully rank high school teams. One of the best indicators is the success a team has earlier in the school year playing against other schools and results in tournaments. This, in part, is the reason for the qualifying requirement that schools must participate in 6 events to participate in the IHSA Chess Championship.

Before the results of the team earlier in the year can be of any value in ranking a school, the information must be available to the Ranking Committee that meets a few weeks

before the tournament weekend. The Ranking Committee uses the information required to be submitted by each participating school. Any school that does not send in that information should expect to be given a high rank number. The team data to be used includes: conference match results and conference standings, non-conference match results, invitational results, and overall team record for the current school year.

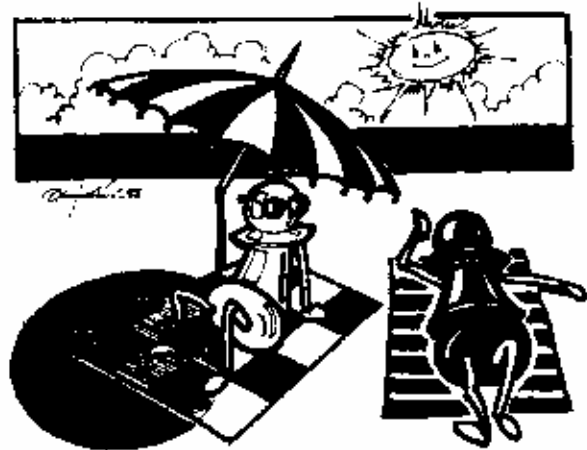
Using the team data submitted, the following procedure is used in assigning pairing numbers.

1. All teams entered are placed into eight ranked playing groups. (ie. If there are 72 teams, there will be 8 groups of 9 teams each consisting of the top 9 teams, the second 9 etc.)
2. In each playing group, teams are drawn by lot for ranking within the group with adjustments made to avoid teams from the same conference being paired in the first round. (Any such adjustment being made by moving the lower ranked team up.)
3. The teams in the first 2 groups (or top 1/4) are paired to play teams in the third and fourth groups (second 1/4). With 64 teams, 1 will play 16, team 2 vs 17 etc.
4. The teams in the fifth and sixth (3rd 1/4) are paired to play the teams in the seventh and eighth (bottom 1/4). Team 33 will play team 49, 34 vs 50 etc.

Tournament organizers and conference statisticians are requested to send results to either

Ola Bundy (IHSA office) or Mike Zacate
 2715 McGraw Dr. 9401 Birch
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Such information is needed to properly evaluate the information submitted on the team data sheets.



Auburn

This annual event features many teams from Northern Illinois area and also usually draws the top teams from the Chicago area. It is one of the few tournaments that uses the IHSA 8 player format so it is a good indicator of success at the State Team Tournament. There was also an open section (G/45) for teams having extra players. The seeding was by USCF Average. First round pairings avoided conference match ups.

Auburn (Rockford) Pinnacle Chess Tournament Dec 9 G/60

Seed	Team	1-1	1-2	2-1	1-1	2-1	Rank
1	IMSA	W 10	W 5	W 5	W 5	4-1	1st
2	WEST TERTON	W 9	W 4	W 4	W 5	1-1	2nd
3	EVANSTON	W 10	W 5	W 7	W 5	1-1	3rd
4	ELK GROVE	W 11	W 10	W 11	W 7	1-1	4th
5	DEERFIELD	W 7	W 4	W 4	W 4	1-1	5th
6	DEERFIELD	W 7	W 5	W 5	W 5	1-1	6th
7	CARROLL GROVE	W 11	W 7	W 7	W 7	1-1	7th
8	ST. JOHN'S	W 11	W 10	W 10	W 11	1-1	8th
9	ST. JOHN'S	W 11	W 11	W 11	W 11	1-1	9th
10	ST. JOHN'S	W 11	W 11	W 11	W 11	1-1	10th
11	ST. JOHN'S	W 11	W 11	W 11	W 11	1-1	11th
12	ST. JOHN'S	W 11	W 11	W 11	W 11	1-1	12th
13	ST. JOHN'S	W 11	W 11	W 11	W 11	1-1	13th
14	ST. JOHN'S	W 11	W 11	W 11	W 11	1-1	14th

Team tie breaks via IHSA Method. Individual tie breaks, cumulative score

Rank	Team	1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2
1	IMSA	10	5	5	5	4	1
2	WEST TERTON	9	4	4	4	1	1
3	EVANSTON	10	5	7	5	1	1
4	ELK GROVE	11	10	11	7	1	1
5	DEERFIELD	7	4	4	4	1	1
6	DEERFIELD	7	5	5	5	1	1
7	CARROLL GROVE	11	7	7	7	1	1
8	ST. JOHN'S	11	10	10	11	1	1
9	ST. JOHN'S	11	11	11	11	1	1
10	ST. JOHN'S	11	11	11	11	1	1
11	ST. JOHN'S	11	11	11	11	1	1
12	ST. JOHN'S	11	11	11	11	1	1
13	ST. JOHN'S	11	11	11	11	1	1
14	ST. JOHN'S	11	11	11	11	1	1

Results from the North Suburban Chess League, January 1996. Each team will play a total of 8 matches. The top 2 teams in each division will play off in February for the championship.

Division A	Division B
6-0-0 New Trier	6-0-0 Evanston
4-0-0 Maine South	2-0-1 Glenbrook South
3-0-1 Deerfield	3-0-2 Niles North
2-0-2 Glenbrook North	2-1-2 North Ridge Prep
1-0-1 Niles West	2-0-2 Highland Park
0-0-2 Elk Grove	1-1-2 Buffalo Grove
0-0-2 Stevenson	1-0-1 Rolling Meadows
0-0-3 Loyola	1-0-4 Waukegan
0-0-3 Fremd	0-0-4 Lake Forest

EVANSTON

The Evanston Chess Tournament (Jan 13) has grown to be one of the biggest of the year. The requirement that each school must play 6 matches has brought many new schools to this event recently. This year 29 schools participated (not counting the 6 who canceled at the last minute). The tournament is a 5 player team with Varsity and JV sections. There is also an Open section for any extra players. This year there were 26 Varsity, 16 JV teams and 26 additional players in the open section. To save time, the initial seedings are based on the last year's IHSA finishing place. This tournament, along with the Auburn Pinnacle Tournament, requires each player to be a USCF member and both are rated events. Over 50 new high school memberships were sent in from these two events this year! The extra paper work is worth it to get these young players active in the national organization.

Evanston Tournament Varsity Team Results

Team	#	Opponent	Result	Opponent	Result	Opponent	Result	Opponent	Result	Total
West Chicago	1	8	1	1	0	7	3	2	4	4
IMSA	2	9	1	1	1	24	3	1	3	3
New Trier	3	11	1	1	1	16	3	4	3.5	3.5
ETHS #1	4	5	0	10	1	26	2	3	1.5	1.5
Down Grove Lab	5	4	1	1	1	19	2	1	3	3
Auburn	6	13	1	3	1	19	2	10	3	3
Naperville N	7	14	1	2	1	1	2	13	1	1
St Rita	8	1	0	7	1	21	1	14	1	1
Marion of Deerfield	9	2	0	13	1	23	2	16	1	1
ETHS #2	10	12	1	1	1	15	1	6	2	2
Clemente	11	7	1	10	1	18	1	19	1	1
Jefferson	12	4	1	10	0	20	1	5	1	2
Lake Tech	13	6	1	12	1	22	1	7	2	2
Niles North	14	7	1	21	0	11	3	12	1	1
Oak Park R.F.	15	11	1	7	1	18	1	20	1	1
Aurora West	16	20	1	11	1	3	2	9	2	2
Deerfield	17	23	1	13	1	5	1	21	2	2
Quincy	18	24	1	22	0	11	0	14	0	0
Aurora East	19	25	1	6	1	6	1	11	1	1
Rock Island	20	26	1	11	1	9	1	15	1	1
Buffalo Grove	21	25	1	11	0	14	1	17	1	1
Waukegan	22	17	1	17	0.5	17	0.5	23	1.5	1.5
Rich South	23	19	0	14	1	9	1	22	1	1
Foreman	24	29	1	14	1	2	2	8	3	3
Taft	25	16	1	11	0.5	10	0.5	26	0.5	0.5
South Troy	26	28	0	21	1	10	1	25	1	1

J V Team	#	Opponent	Result	Opponent	Result	Opponent	Result	Opponent	Result
IMSA	1	8	1	3	1	4	2	3	4
New Trier	2	9	1	1	1	12	2	6	3
Auburn A	3	11	1	13	0	5	3	1	3
Auburn B	4	21	1	10	0	1	0	0	0.5
Naperville North A	5	12	1	11	1	3	2	12	2
Naperville North B	6	13	0	11	1	9	2	7	2
St Rita	7	14	0	11	1	19	1	11	2
Jefferson	8	1	0	18	1	6	1	12	1
Downers Grove N	9	1	1	1	1	15	1	4	1.5
Rock Island	10	3	0	2	0	7	0	bye	0
Ottawa	11	4	1	6	0	bye	1	7	1
Foreman	12	1	0	7	1	2	1	6	1
Lake Forest	13	6	1	2	1	14	3	5	3
Prospect	14	7	1	5	1	11	1	15	2
Evanston	15	16	1	1	1	3	1	14	1
Mundelein	16	13	0	8	0	W/D	..	W/D	0

Coaches Forum

This year, the spring ICCA meeting will include elections of officers for the coming year. This year's officers were elected at the fall meeting and are:

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)

We hope to distribute a ballot early during the IHSA State Team Tournament and report the results at the coaches meeting. Any coach

wishing to nominate themselves or any other coach should contact Ken Lewandowski (1600 Dodge, Evanston, IL 847-492-7932). We will accept self-nominations and will verify any 2nd party nominations. Be sure to send school information for all nominations.

Nominations for the Coach of the Year are also being solicited. Please sketch out the qualifications for your nomination and send it along to Lew so a ballot can be prepared.

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Free Food and Punch on April 6

Battle in Burr Ridge

By Larry Cohen

On Sunday December 3rd, 25 people turned out to play in DEC OUT YOUR PIECES. As expected, the top two players battled it out for first place in the final round. Pete Stein had a winning attack going, but a move order error allowed Sam Sheynin to win. He posted the only perfect score. Peter Connor was second with 3.5, as he beat up on the brothers Cohen in the last two rounds. The biggest upset occurred in round one when Bob Hale beat Jim Condron. Condron then won his last three games to take the expert prize. After the upset Hale had a draw, a bye, and a draw against Jim Oberweis to take the honors in the B class. All of the A players were turning up with at least a draw and a loss. The exception to this was Daniel Sajkowski whose only loss was to Pete Stein. Thus, his three wins were good enough for the A prize. The tournament site is only about ten minutes from the Indiana border. Steve Emery was one of the three Indiana players to make this short journey. His score of a win and two draws garnered the C prize.

Throughout the tournament there were a number of games where time played an important factor. This was notable in the last round game between C player Roger Birkeland and D player Darwin Nyberg. In a king and pawn endgame Birkeland made a claim of no losing chances. However, at that point it was clear that a C player could not hold against a master. Ten moves later his flag fell giving Darwin Nyberg a total of two points and the D/E/U prize. Many players commented on the convenience of the site, and several

more tournaments will be held at the Best Western in Burr Ridge in 1996.

OAK PARK - RIVER FOREST CHESS CLUB NEWS

By Ken Marshall

USCF "Game/15" Tournament: Bob Stoltz won this 14 player, five round Swiss System tourney on October 10 with a 4-1 score. Bob Hansen, Catalino Reyes, and Paul Madey, each 3.5-1.5, followed. Jim Kelly's 3-2 result was good for Under 1800 honors.

OP-RF CC - Hillside CC Return Match: Only seven players showed up to represent the OP-RF CC on October 13 at the Hillside CC. The event consisted of two "Game/30" matches on each board. Although outrated on five of the seven boards, the Club fought hard but lost 9.5-4.5. OP-RF CC members who scored points include Bob Hansen (1 point), Ken Marshall (1), Ralph Wakerly (1), Rod Garrett (1), and Marty Ptacek (.5).

USCF "Game/10" Tournament: Brad Crawford ended up a perfect 5-0 to top this October 24 Swiss. Second place in the 12 man field went to Catalino Reyes at 3.5-1.5. Jason Rasmussen and John Van Petten each finished 3-2 to share third place and Under 1800 money.

Speed/Blitz Speed Championship: Paul Prause posted a 6-1 result to become the 1995 OP-RF CC Blitz/Speed Chess Champion on November 7. Prause lost only to Bob Hansen, whose 5-2 result tied him for second and third with Catalino Reyes. Wlad Boguslowicz's 4-3 score earned the Under 1800 prize.

USCF "Game/15" Tournament: Drawing only with each other, Ray Satterlee and Catalino Reyes finished 4.5-5 to tie for the first two places in this November 24, 9 player Swiss. Third place and Under 1800 money was split by Gregory Witek and Bill Barker, both going 3-2.

"Lightning" Tournament - Mark Marovitch topped this 10 second per move round robin, scoring 8-1 to outdistance the remainder of the ten player field on November 28. Bob Hansen, who defeated Marovitch, tallied 7.5-1.5 to take clear second. Butch Allen's 5.5-3.5 result was good for third. Wlad Boguslowicz took home the 1999-1700 prize with his 4-5 score, while Gregory Witek's 5-4 finish was best among those rated 1699-Below.

USCF "Action Chess" Tournament: Bob Stoltz (1847) and Butch Allen (1760), the players rated first and second on the wall chart, each scored 3-1 and shared top honors in the six man field in this December 5 and 12 four round "Game/30" event. Ken Marshall (1600) was third at 2.5-1.5, followed by Jack Bishop (1600) with a 2-2 result.

TRADITION CONTINUES

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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

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

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

Mar 1-3, IL State Scholastic Chess Championship, Hoffman Estates, Michael Schleif, 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 till 3/2 (postmark). NO DOOR ENTRIES. \$16,000 guaranteed. PFS \$5000, \$3000, \$2000, \$1000, \$800, \$500, 2499-2400 \$500-\$300, 2399-2300 \$500-\$300, 2299-2200 \$400-\$200. Top non-master junior \$500 in point prizes. Ent. & queries to Helen Warren, Midwest Chess Assn, P.O. Box 305, Western Springs, IL 60558-0305, (708) 663-0688 or (708) 663-0689 (FAX)

Mar 9, West Suburban Conference Tournament, Scholastic

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

Mar 12, Simultaneous Exhibition, see ad on page

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 50c to**

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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 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: G20, Info: Tom Fineberg 721-3979

Mar 23 Chessterton Chess, Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana, Chesterton, IN, 4-SS, G/90. PFS: \$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!). EFS: \$15, \$10 for High School or below. Info: Randy Pals, 1233 Morningside Dr., Chesterton, IN 46304. 219-926-2266.

Mar 30, Saturday Plus Score Mini Tour, Chicago. 4-SS. G/30. Chicago Chess Club, 147 W Lunt. EF: \$17. juniors and CCC mbrs \$14. Reg ends 12:30 pm. Rd 1- 1pm. Prizes based on score. 4 -\$100, 3 1/2 -\$50, 3 -\$25, 2 1/2 -\$12. (312) 761-5050. **mini**

Apr 5-7, Heathen Open, See ad on page 32. MAXI

Apr 13, 96 Tuley Park QC#5, Chicago, IL. 501 E. 90th Place. EF \$12, under 19 \$6. Reg. 11:00-11:50. 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: G20. Info: Tom Fineberg 721-3979

Apr 19-20, Bloom Trail ICCA "State" Individual Champion - Scholastic

Chicago Chess Club Spring Open, Chicago. 5-SS, 40/90, 40/60, S/30. Chicago Chess Club, 147 W Lunt, Chicago. EF \$30. \$25 juniors & CCC mbrs. Reg end 9:30. Rds 10, 2:30, 7 and then 11, 4. Prizes (b30). \$200-150-100, under 2000 \$80-40, under 1600 \$60-30. (312) 761-5050, **mini**

Apr 19-21, USCF National Junior High School Championship. Orlando, FL

Apr 26-28, National Open, Las Vegas, NV.

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Apr 27 Chessterton Chess, IN. Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana, Chesterton, IN. 4-SS. G/90. PFS: \$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!). EFS: \$15, \$10 for High School or below. Info: Randy Pals, 1233 Morningside Dr., Chesterton, IN 46304. 219-926-2266.

Apr 26-28, USCF National Elementary School Championship, Tuscon, AZ

May 4 Tuley Park QC#6, Chicago, IL. 501 E. 90th Place. EF \$12, under 19 \$6. Reg. 11:00-11:50. 1st Rd at 12. Prizes \$200 (b24) \$120G. \$60-\$40-\$30 best from middle 3rd \$40, best from lowest 3rd \$30. 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: G20. Info: Tom Fineberg 721-3979

May 25, Chessterton Chess, Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana, Chesterton, IN. 3-SS in 8-12 person sections by rating, time controls 25/60, SD/60. Prizes \$60-30 each section; increased in large sections. Rds: 9:30, 1:30. Info: Randy Pals, 1233 Morningside Dr., Chesterton, IN 46304 219-926-2266.

Jun 1, 96 Tuley Park BIG QC#1, Chicago, IL. 501 E. 90th Place. EF: \$12, under 19 \$6. Reg. 11:00-11:50.

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Jun 22, 96 Tuley Park QC#8, Chicago, IL. 501 E. 90th Place. EF: \$12, under 19 \$6. Reg. 11:00-11:50. 1st Rd at 12. Prizes \$200 (b24) \$120G. \$60-\$40-\$30 best from middle 3rd \$40, best from lowest 3rd \$30. 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: G20. Info: Tom Fineberg 721-3979

Jun 21-23, Master Challenge, St. Charles. Info: Ery Sedlock. 708-377-7995. **MAXI**

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Jul 6-7, All American Class Championship

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Jul 13, 96 Tuley Park QC#9, Chicago, 501 E. 90th Place, EF: \$12, under 19 \$6. Reg. 11:00-11:50, 1st Rd at 12. Prizes \$200 (b24) \$120G, \$60-\$40-\$30 best from middle 3rd \$40, best from lowest 3rd \$30. 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

Aug 3, 96 Tuley Park BIG QC#2, Chicago, 501 E, 90th Place, EF: \$12, under 19 \$6. Reg. 11:00-11:50, 1st Rd at 12. Prizes \$300 (b22) \$100.

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Aug 3-4, 1996 Midway Amateur Class Championships, MAXI

Aug 4-16, 1996 U.S. Open, Alexandria, VA

Aug 24, 96 Tuley Park QC#11,

Aug 31-Sep 2, Illinois Open, MAXI

Sep 21, 96 Tuley Park QC#12,

Sep 28 Chessterton Chess.

Oct 19, 96 Tuley Park QC#13,

Oct 26 Chessterton Chess, IN,

Nov 9, Tuley Park Action Mini

Nov 22-24, 1996 U.S. Class Championships (incorporating the Illinois Class Championships), Rosemont, is Class Championships, MAXI

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 Illinois Class
 Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score

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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.

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PANGAN Camilo C	43.5
FAGAN James Bryant	33.5
MARTINOVSKY Eugene	31
LEALI Michael E	23.5

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COHEN Lawrence S	44
FAGAN James Bryant	43.5
SAX Robert D	38
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BUTTNY William P	25

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COVIC Mehmed	50
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GROEGER Andrew	36.5
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OBERWEIS Julie	36
JASAREVIC Ersan	34
DELAY Joe	32
GETZ Barney	32

Class C Tour Points:

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GLAWE Chris	43.5
KIRZHNER Mikhail	42
LAUGER Stephen C	39
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ROBLEDO Mark Sr	39
BAUMGARTNER Chris	37.5
IOFFE Gennady	35
SHOCKLEY Robert	32
GETZ Barney	29

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MOORE Joseph K (1)	32
WISHNER Michael	31.5
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SCHWARTZ Josh	27.5
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