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ICA-WARREN JUNIOR PROGRAM OFF & RUNNING

by Helen Warren

The Illinois Open this past month was a good litmus test for the Junior Program; youngsters swelled the entries to surpass the best attended state championship in recent memory. Making the transition from the classroom to the tournament hall is the foundation of our efforts. Organizers will certainly appreciate what this program means when they count heads in their club events, week-end swisses, and larger money tournaments. And you'll see it again in November when the U.S. and Illinois Class Championships will show a junior participation up to the 20% or higher level.

That's why most Illinois organizers are also this Program's biggest boosters: they know that these kids will ultimately be paying their entry fees in their events, assuring their success. Some even go a step further; they see the advantage of recognizing young talent. These are the players who will become the mainstay of their chess promotions.

Individuals who have made their appearance on USCF's Top Fifty by age groups include the following (from the August and October rating supplements):

Anna Zemlinsky	17	2039	Daniel Leung	9	1464
Miguel Santana	18	1958	Robert Riddle	10	1400
Justin Sadauskas	15	1846	Robert Rasmussen	10	1310
Josh Riddell	16	2028	Andrew Hubbard	9	1303
Mikhail Kirzhner	13	1843	William Ferguson	8	1196
Brian Wong	13	1773	Michael McNally	8	1060
Matt Leali	10	1501			

Lessons are in progress for seven of the above youngsters; others will start when matching funds are in place.

We have filled our full complement of elementary schools receiving in-school lessons. They include:

Baker Demonstration School Maple Brook School Ben Franklin School
Churchill School Forest Glen School

We await start of lessons in high schools which generally get off the ground in October. Filling the gap left by NM Nouredine Ziane who moved to a chess scholarship in Texas are Expert Joe Splinter and Les Bale. GM Dmitry Gurevich, SM Richard Verber, SM Albert Chow, NM Ken Wallach, and NM Kevin Bachler continue teaching assignments in the program.

A BIG THANK-YOU TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS!

Jim Oberweis' \$3500 contribution, coupled with a matching challenge potential donation of another \$1500, provided a much-needed infusion of funds. We salute Jim and the following patrons:

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We have raised \$4240 to match Jim Oberweis' \$3500 + \$1500, or \$740 on the plus side, half-way toward the bonus \$1500. Jim gave us an Oct. 15 deadline, but I have an idea he'll extend it until readers receive this *ICB*. Checks should be made payable to the ICA-Warren Junior Fund, and sent to ICA Treasurer Todd Barre, 418 Poplar, Elmhurst, IL 60126. Sending them to me will only delay deposit since our new 501(c)(3) status obliges us to funnel funds through the ICA. Our thanks to all who have made this investment in junior chess in Illinois!

President's Podium

CHESS IS HOTTER STILL

You and I have loved chess forever, but guess what is quickly becoming the hottest management training tool for today's Executive? That's right. Chess. You almost can't pick up a Fortune, Forbes, or Money Magazine without a story or picture referring to chess. Tomorrow's MBAs are learning that the principles of chess - strategic thinking, planning ahead, and anticipating the moves of your opponent - are precisely the skills needed to succeed in today's competitive business world. What could be better than teaching today's students important skills for business success, while having fun playing chess?

The current ICA election is in full swing. The candidates are Hector Hernandez for President, Josh Manion for Metro Vice-President, Mike Leali for Downstate Vice-President, Howard Cohen for Treasurer, and Josh Flores for Secretary. They are running unopposed which makes the contest easy. They all deserve our thanks for being willing to contribute their time to serve the needs of chess in our state. I hope that the desire to serve will grow so strong that in the future there will be contested elections for those positions. I hope even more strongly that if there are contested elections, the participants will conduct themselves in a positive manner leading to a constructive improvement in our organization. We must all work together to improve the opportunities for chess in Illinois rather than fighting amongst ourselves over how we improve chess in Illinois. The wagon moves much easier and further when the horses are pulling in the same direction!

When I started my two year term as President, I discussed three goals that our board hoped to achieve. The first was to stop what I termed the "range wars" and infighting going on in Illinois and nationally for approximately the last decade. I believe we were partially, but not completely, successful in that regard. Secondly, our board hoped to attract "new blood" to Illinois chess leadership. I believe we have been very successful in that regard. The new officers, while all long term chess players, have not always been active in chess leadership positions. Hector Hernandez and Josh Flores have been very active in recent years in teaching students in the schools and libraries, and, in Josh's case, with the revitalized Fox Valley Chess Club. Josh Manion is our young new International Master who has been running chess camps in Illinois and Wisconsin, giving chess lessons, and providing our young players with a great role model. Howard Cohen, along with his brother, Larry, has been organizing and playing in Illinois chess events for years. Mike Leali, along with his son and a large downstate contingent, are hosting great national events, including an upcoming national scholastic event. Together, our new board has lots of varied experience and plenty of new ideas. But they will welcome your help and ideas, so please offer to help. My third goal was to shorten the long board meetings and there I claim victory!

It has been a pleasure serving as your president for the ~~last~~ two years. It is an honor I shall long treasure!

-Jim Oberweis



Where the Editor Puts Forth His Unmasked-for Opinions

High entry fees!!! Whatever happened to the days when chess tournaments were for entertainment or good-natured competition? I often shake my head when I read the advertisements for upcoming tournaments. Is the only way to draw in players is to have (now let's be honest) a ridiculously high prizefund? Now please don't misunderstand, the top prizes should be as high as possible. There are people out there who are trying to make a living at playing chess and the best deserve to be rewarded for their excellent play and hard work. But why is it necessary to have to award hundreds of dollars to a class-player? Is that the only way anyone will show up to play? I really hope not. There's a lot of concern as to how to draw in scholastic players into the USCF mainstream as they mature and rightly so. I wholeheartedly support developing young chessplayers, they tend to play for the right reasons. All those kids at the scholastic nationals aren't there to make money (just look at the prizes given out - no money!). They are there to enjoy playing chess. And those tournaments are HUGE despite that a player's parent has to lug the whole family along.

Who says a chess tournament (for adults) has to be a lottery? Let's really be honest about it. You pay your fee and you hope you're lucky. Ever heard anyone talk about what they would do if they won that \$1000 Class D prize? It sounds exactly the same as what I hear when someone is buying a Lotto ticket in line ahead of me. If you were really head and shoulders above the other people in your class so that winning that class prize was a sure thing, you'd already be rated one or two classes higher. Am I missing something here? When I was in school there was no way I could afford \$60 or more for an entry fee followed by the expenses of a multi-day tournament. Even \$25 seemed pretty high then! How many junior, beginner, or "casual" players are we cutting out of the picture by doing this? The most hotly-contested tournaments I remember had entry fees of \$7 or \$10. First place was \$100 and a class prize was often \$20-\$40. And those prizes mean more to me than the bigger ones I've won where the entry fee was much higher. By the way, have you ever seen someone "win" \$10 as a split class-prize after paying an entry fee of \$50?

As you go through this issue one thought might spring to mind, "What's with all this Karpov material?" Well, I am a big fan of Anatoly Karpov. Then again I'm a fan of all the really great chessplayers. And Karpov has of late really begun to do a lot of chess promotions that I can't see making lots of money for him. He is doing quite a bit of promotion with children and I have to applaud that. Of course, he's made enough in the past that money shouldn't be an issue any more. So, when a good opportunity comes along it's hard to pass up. How can I say no to material from the FIDE champion when you won't see it anywhere else? It's quality stuff. Like everything you'll find here, it's well worth reading. Of course, I may be biased, but I look at the content of the ICB with a scrutinizing eye. I maintain subscriptions to a variety of chess magazines around the world and I'll openly admit I look for new ideas to use here. The hope is that we'll keep heading towards more and more quality. Expect to see a guest GM's article each issue.

Where is the ICB heading and what is the goal? The goal is to create a magazine that you'll want to read cover to cover. High quality instruction, that's palatable, short and concise, and local news, coverage, and interest, that's the ideal. While some material may be geared towards beginners or juniors, others will be geared for the aspiring Class A, Expert, or even Master. All things to all people. Impossible? We'll see.

Finally, no more promises about what you'll see next issue. It never fails that one gremlin or another will forestall the best of plans. Likewise, what I hope were big (and pleasant) surprises for you this issue, were not even an idea when the last issue went to press. So let's leave future issues as a surprise for you since they are for me, too. As I put out each issue I think it's reached a peak. Then a month later when the next one starts up... I guess there's always room for improvement. Until next issue...

- Tim Williams



Dear Editor:

When I was a young a typical tournament had a time control of 50 moves in two hours. A fast tournament would run at a pace of 40 moves in an hour and a half. Gradually those time controls faded, to be replaced by Game/60, or perhaps G/90. Even Grandmaster chess speeded up, going from forty moves in two and a half hours, to forty moves on two hours, with sudden death time controls sometimes following. I think the long time controls favor humans over computers, because chess computers have no idea of how to use the extra time. Human beings actually think, whereas chess computers crunch numbers until it reaches its horizon. Why have time controls speeded up? I think its because there are no more controversial adjournments. But for every player who speeds up his play, there is at least one more who quits because there isn't enough time to think. As for myself, I've waited ten plus years for a tournament that allows me to think. I can't go to New York, Philadelphia, or even Chicago, because I don't have the money for hotel rooms, or even travel expenses. So for me its local tournaments or nothing at all. If I had my preference, players would be grouped in units of ten, and then would play a round robin. The round robin chess tournament is the reason why Europe (and especially the USSR) has produced so many great chess players.

I am not adamantly opposed to sudden death time controls. There is a fundamental difference between amateur and professional. But is there no way of bridging the gap? Why not G/2-1/2? There would be no more adjournments and both sides would have plenty of time to think. In fact, more time would be allotted for play than, say, under the 50 moves in two hours scenario. I think the longest games I ever played ran from six hours to six and a half hours. Anyway, these are my thoughts on playing chess.

Sincerely yours,
Dan Elliott
Belleville, IL

I remember when I first starting playing tournament chess (quite a while back), a popular time control then was 40/60. Yes, the old Tornado tournaments! Everyone then looked on those time controls as fast, i.e. not serious chess. But they did allow for four rounds in one day. Now that I'm older I can't get enough time on my clock. I'm certainly no proponent of fast time controls. They're OK but they really drop the quality of play. A little too random for me. But back to the old tornado tournaments, the thing I think is really missing is the spirit of play. I

won't rehash it here but look to my editorial for my views. Anyone else have comments concerning time controls?

(The following letters were sent to ICA Secretary Alan Losoff who was kind enough to forward them on to me.)

The chess magazine is quite impressive. It must rank as the best in the U.S. Watch out Chess Life!

Tom McCormack
Dallas, TX

Short but to the point. When people from other states begin sending compliments, you know you're getting somewhere.

The ICB is a quality chess publication; and I like the many games I replay in each issue. A well-played game of chess gives me aesthetic pleasure. And we have a lot of talented chess players here in Illinois.

I would like to see a chess match between Dr. Steven Tennant and Dr. Eugene Martinovsky. I would pay to attend such a match, and I think it would boost interest in the royal game of kings. Perhaps "good" ole Fred Gruenberg (gentleman and chess promoter) could arrange the match.

Also, to really increase membership in the ICA, we should think of ways to get women interested in our game of chess! (Just my humble opinion)

John Popovich
Evergreen Park, IL

I, too, would like to see some matches set-up between the top local players. Would I be willing to pay to watch? Sure, why not? History seems to show that if two topical players are paired against each other that spectators will turn out. The hardest part would be the organizing. Any reply from the people mentioned?

There were also phone calls in addition to the above positive letters. Once again, I thank all of you for your comments. They are the fuel for creating the best state chess magazine.

I encourage all readers to send in comments or questions, and I'll respond in this section. Let me know what you like or dislike. Like always, this is your magazine. Contact me on the internet at: twill19@starnetinc.com

Chess in Illinois and Grade School Scholastic Chess Players

An Open Commentary to Illinois Organizers and Chessplayers

By Kevin "Caveman" Bachler

Over the last few years, Illinois has had the good fortune to develop a strong scholastic chess program at the grade school level. This has happened for several reasons, which include the Helen Warren/ICA Junior Program, the movie *Searching for Bobby Fischer*, and the devotion of many volunteers who are willing to work with their students to teach them chess on a weekly basis. Nearly 800 chessplayers participated in the Illinois Grade School Championship last March held at the Ameritech corporate center in Hoffman Estates. I can only assume that this is the largest state championship of any type ever held in Illinois. Recently, several juniors participated in the Illinois Open. Although I don't have the exact numbers, I heard that of the approximately 170 players, roughly 50 were juniors.

All of this bodes well for the future of Illinois chess. *If we don't blow it.* Although I am focused on the issue of elementary school chess players, much of my commentary applies to high school students as well, and, dare I say it, applies also to attracting more women to the chess playing public. The general point that I am trying to make in this article is that we have a very good opportunity, *today*, to attract more players to tournaments. This will only serve to strengthen chess and increase prizefunds. However, to take full advantage of the opportunity, we must make certain that we *market* chess effectively, that we make "adult" chess tournaments appealing to scholastic aged players *and to their parents.*

Chess coaches have come to realize that for their players to become better, they must face adult opponents. It is simply too difficult to become a stronger chess player when sloppy play is rewarded with a victory. Because of this, coaches encourage their students to play in "adult" tournaments. Most typically, class tournaments are seen as one of the better ways to do this, since the players will face opponents close to their own strength. One day Saturday tournaments are also strongly encouraged, since the format of these tournaments is the most similar to the scholastic format that grade school and junior high school players are used to.

Why should the average chessplayer care about junior chessplayers, especially those in grades K-8? Junior chess

players bring a lot to chess. Future growth, the ability of the sport to continue, and current dollars in entry fees that contribute to today's prize funds. It seems like it is in everyone's interest to have as many junior players as possible participate in "adult" tournaments.

Many of the adult players that encounter my students encounter are very sportsmanlike. They like to see these students entering the chess world, and they would like to do everything they can to help these students develop into strong chessplayers.

There are, however, elements to many of our current chess tournaments that impede the progress of our juniors. I believe that as organizers and as chessplayers who want to see our sport grow and thrive, it is time that we aggressively address some of these issues.

For junior chessplayers, particularly young juniors, to thrive in the tournament environment, we must create a *family-oriented* environment. Already, I have several promising juniors, rated 1200 - 1400 at 8 to 11 years of age, *who are not allowed to attend adult tournaments because of the environment there.* Now, I am not saying that all tournaments have these problems, or that all have them to the same degree, but clearly, these problems exist. This does not mean this is a rampant situation, but clearly, it only takes one bad situation to turn off a number of juniors and their parents for a significant period of time, if not forever.

Those of you who know me know that I'm no prude, but still, to effectively market chess to children and to their parents, the environment needs to be clean and wholesome. *Many parents encourage their children to participate in chess because they believe the experience will help their children learn to think, plan, and concentrate effectively.* So, what's so bad about the environment? How about if I list a few of the things that I've witnessed at tournaments in the playing room, the skittles room, and in adjacent hallways, over the past year. Ask yourself if you would like to raise your children in this type of an environment:

- Tournament conditions that do not encourage juniors to participate
- Un-"professional" appearance
- Large amounts of smoking
- Extreme vulgarity on a regular basis
- Drinking alcohol (this even occurs in the tournament room)
- Use of illicit drugs (primarily marijuana)

Let me take just a short bit to address each of these issues. First, tournament organizers can attract more juniors by structuring entry fees that would attract these players. Certainly, this will seem, at first, to be something that could stir some controversy. Why should a junior player pay a lower entry fee than any other player? Why should their maybe be an even lower entry fee for grade school chess players than for high school players?

Well, the reality is that the grade school players would have minimal chance of winning a prize in a tournament, even a class tournament. The round by round grind is more than the vast majority of them can bear. Even if they play well, they cannot play well round after round. Therefore, the majority of the moneys collected in entry fee from junior players are marginal dollars that the organizer would have not collected at all without the enticement of a lower entry fee. The organizer has not "left dollars on the table" by charging less, the organizer has picked up dollars that would otherwise have been missed entirely.

Scholastic players are usually accompanied by their parents to tournaments. In fact, it is often the case that the whole family may attend the tournament. In several cases I know of, this had led the parents to become involved in tournaments as well. But the point is this: if the tournament or surrounding area offers attractions for the rest of the family, certainly it would be a more attractive tournament to scholastic players.

Another important factor to scholastic players is the schedule. Recently, a class tournament was held where the time control for all sections was very slow, something in the range of 45/2, followed by 25/1 thereafter. This was true for all classes. While, as a "part-time" master, I personally like this time control, it is very daunting to scholastic players and their families. Rounds may run long, children become restless, and the weekend becomes a very unenjoyable experience. Worse yet, from the point of view of a coach, the child may become turned off by the tournament experience. To the extent that sudden death time controls can be used (particularly as secondary controls) the tournament will be significantly more attractive to scholastic players and their families. In the case of a class tournament, one solution may be to have shorter time controls for lower rated sections.

A clean and well organized tournament site is also important. Remember, this is a place where the whole family will be, and brother and sister may be playing in the skittles rooms between rounds. To this end, it is important that the skittles rooms be situated so that a parent can be near their chess-playing youngster, while simultaneously be close to their nonchess-playing siblings. Another idea is to consider coordinating other events with the tournaments. Often at scholastic tournaments, the organizer will run videos all day. Another alternative may be to situate tournaments near other sources of entertainment, for example a pool or a miniature golf course.

Scholastic chessplayers require a significant amount of support to participate effectively in "adult" tournaments. Because of this, and because they are used to playing as part of a team in scholastic tournaments, they often travel to tournaments in groups. Attract one player to your tournament, and you may attract four to ten more with ease. This means that the skittles area will function better if it allows groups of parents and chessplayers to effectively "camp-out" during the days rounds.

The last point is rewards...any rewards. Scholastic players are unlikely to win prizes in adult tournaments. While junior prizes of at least some nominal amount are nice, a more effective reward might be a trophy, with chess medals (typically about \$3 apiece) to those who tie for a trophy, or who win at least one game, etc. These rewards mean a great deal to a junior, and help develop a sense of accomplishment. This could go a long way to encouraging juniors to participate in adult tournaments.

Another issue for tournament organizers and tournament players is their appearance. Like many players, I have grown to prefer playing while wearing a comfortable tee shirt or sweatshirt, and blue jeans. Often, to help encourage my students, I'll attend tournaments in a Caveman tee shirt. However, I am beginning to rethink this, to help raise the level of professionalism at tournaments. I am considering attending tournaments only in what has become known as "business casual", which is typically a sweater or collared shirt, perhaps a polo shirt, and khaki pants. Whether organizers should consider enforcing a dress code to this extreme is an interesting question. It would, clearly, make chess tournaments appear to be of higher quality, and higher caliber.

At the least however, I think organizers do need to have a dress code which prohibits clothing that is torn or dirty. Furthermore, clothing should not be allowed to carry vulgar, obscene, or overly suggestive material.

While many chess tournaments do not allow smoking in the tournament room, often smoking is allowed in the skittles room. I often find that when I play at one Chicago area chess club, I develop severe headaches and smell strongly of smoke by the end of the tournament. Most parents want to discourage their children from smoking, and don't want their children around it. The Illinois Open seemed to make a nice compromise, by having a smoking skittles room and a nonsmoking skittles room. Unfortunately, on several occasions players would smoke in the nonsmoking room, and when asked to extinguish their cigarettes would refuse until asked by their friends. This kind of lack of common courtesy will certainly NOT endear chessplayers to parents, and may encourage parents to keep their children away from chessplayers. As a former smoker, I understand that players want to smoke during their games, but this is simply not acceptable when children enter the equation.

This is also the case when it comes to vulgarity at the tournament. Again, at a local Chicagoland chess club, one can hear the chessplayers boasting as they square off in blitz, Siamese, etc., and the language is horrible. I am ashamed to have my son there, and certainly can't recommend that anyone else take their children there to play. How sad, since this is exactly the kind of experience these children need to develop into strong chessplayers. But this doesn't just happen at chess clubs. The language in the skittles rooms of most tournaments is frightfully bad.

Sadly, the question of behavior in the skittles room and in the tournament room extends to the use of alcohol at chess tournaments. Now, don't get me wrong, I enjoy the appropriate use of alcohol. But once again, there is a certain family environment that is needed to attract scholastic chessplayers. Last February, a Wisconsin chess team pulled out glasses of beer at the first round of the U.S. Amateur Team, as they played (as I recall) a scholastic team. Now, in an entirely adult setting, I can see the fun and the humor of this, although I don't agree that it is appropriate. I used to enjoy referring to one of the players on this team as "Special Expert". But a chess tournament IS NOT an entirely adult setting. Some members of this team suggested a delegates motion at the USCF national meeting, to require organizers to put an NA in their Tournament Life announcements if "No Alcohol" is allowed during a game. This is, of course, absurd. How did it ever become assumed that chess tournaments would routinely allow alcohol to be consumed during the games? Again, and not to pick on the organizers of the Illinois Open, who I think did a very good job, but the fact that players were drinking beer in the skittles rooms was an issue for many parents, and simply wasn't appropriate in

the setting. Now, I can understand that after a tough game a player might have a taste for a beer, I've often wanted a beer after a game myself. But the skittles room is NOT an appropriate place for this type of relaxing after the game, especially when there is a bar or a restaurant near the playing site that serves alcohol.

As much of an issue as the above items are, they are issues open to differences of opinion. However, the use of drugs at a tournament is illegal and something that no organizer should condone. Yet, once again at a particular Chicagoland chess club, I have played in tournaments where there were players smoking marijuana in the bathroom and around the tournament site. This is totally unacceptable.

If chessplayers and organizers really want to grow chess in Illinois, and encourage more K-8 scholastic players to participate in the tournaments, then these tournaments MUST be attractive place for these players to participate, and they must be appealing to parents as well. While I believe that it is in the best interests of players and organizers to do this voluntarily, I also believe that it is generally in the interest of the Illinois Chess Association, which represents all chessplayers in Illinois. To this end, I suggest that the Illinois Chess Association consider adopting rules for tour tournaments that would encourage their atmosphere to be one appropriate to a family environment. This would include the elimination of smoking from all tour tournaments (both in the tournament room and in all skittles rooms), and an adoption of a code of ethics for players in a tour tournament. While this may seem to be a radical idea, I think it reflects the wishes of a large portion of Illinois' chess playing public, and would assist in helping to better market chess to the players in Illinois.

ICA OFFICIAL BALLOT

Any individual member whose ICA membership was current as of Oct 1, 1996 is eligible to vote.

1. Clip or copy this ballot and mark your choices.
2. Print your name and address as it appears on your mailing label on the outside of an envelope
3. Sign the envelope flap to validate the ballot.
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5. Mail to ICA ELECTIONS, PO BOX 157, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053-0157.

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A Blow by Blow Account



By NM Alan Watson

From August 31 through September 2 a large number of Illinois' finest players gathered at the O'Hare Ramada to match wits with their peers at the Illinois Open Chess Championship. What now follows is a round by round summary so that ICB readers may gain a true grasp of the drama and excitement that built day by day. In each case, the top three boards have been presented regardless of merit plus a number of other contests I thought you might find interesting. Enjoy the action!

ROUND 1

The tournament's top players barely broke a sweat in their first round games against mere "A" players. The only unanticipated result was Cronin holding Szpisjak to a draw on board 6.

□ Vakil, B (1930)
 ■ DelCampo, M (2495)
 Illinois Open (1), 1996

1.e4 c5 2.♁f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♁xd4 ♁f6 5.♁c3 a6 6.♁g5 ♁e6 7.♁d2 e6 8.0-0-0 ♁d7 9.f4 h6 10.♁xf6 ♁xf6 11.♁f3 ♁d8 12.g4 ♁c7 13.f5 ♁e7 14.♁b1 0-0-0 15.♁g2 ♁b8 16.h4 ♁e5 17.♁xe5 dxe5 18.fxe6 fxe6 19.♁e2 ♁h8 20.♁d1 ♁b4 21.♁h3 ♁b6 22.♁e3 ♁xe3 23.♁xe3 ♁xc3 24.♁xc3 ♁xf1+ 25.♁xf1 ♁c6 26.♁d3 ♁f8 27.♁h3 ♁xe4 28.♁e3 ♁f4 29.b3 ♁c7 30.♁b2 ♁d6 31.c3 ♁f2+ 32.♁c1 ♁h7 33.a4 e4 34.♁d1 ♁e5 35.♁e2 ♁f3 36.♁g2 ♁xc3 37.♁b2 ♁g3 38.h4 ♁g4 39.b5 ♁xb4 40.bxa6 bxa6 41.♁f1 ♁h1 42.♁c2 e3 43.♁b3 ♁d4 0-1

□ Sevillano, E (2550)
 ■ Smythe, B (1931)
 Illinois Open (1), 1996

1.d4 c5 2.dxc5 e6 3.♁f3 ♁xc5 4.e3 d5 5.♁e2 ♁f6 6.0-0 ♁c6 7.a3 ♁d7 8.c4

dxc4 9.♁xc4 0-0 10.b4 ♁b6 11.♁b2 ♁c8 12.♁bd2 ♁e7 13.♁d3 ♁f8 14.♁c1 ♁c7 15.b5 ♁b8 16.♁a4 a6 17.♁h4 h6 18.a4 ♁d5 19.♁xe7 ♁xe7 20.♁d4 ♁d5 21.♁e4 ♁e8 22.♁c5 h6 23.♁h7 ♁d7 24.bxa6 ♁b4 25.♁b5 ♁xa6 26.♁xb6 ♁xh2+ 27.♁xh2 ♁xc1 28.♁xd7 ♁xf1 29.♁xe8 ♁xf2 30.♁d8 ♁d5 31.♁d4 ♁de7 32.♁xf7+ ♁f8 33.♁g6 ♁a2 34.♁e5 ♁xa4 35.♁dc6 ♁d5 36.♁f7 ♁e7 37.♁d8 1-0

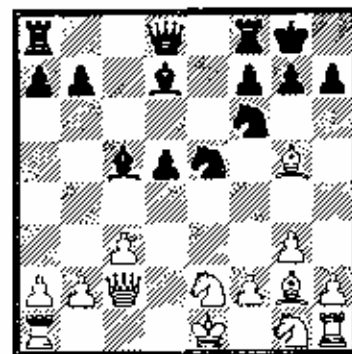
□ Mantlon, J (2438)
 ■ Riddell, J (1924)
 Illinois Open (1), 1996

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♁c3 ♁f6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.♁g5 ♁bd7 6.e3 c6 7.♁d3 ♁e7 8.♁c2 h6 9.♁h4 0-0 10.♁ge2 ♁e8 11.0-0 ♁b6 12.f3 ♁d7 13.e4 dxe4 14.fxe4 ♁g4 15.♁f2 ♁c8 16.h3 ♁xe2 17.♁xe2 ♁f8 18.♁f3 ♁h7 19.♁e3 ♁c7 20.a4 ♁g5 21.♁f2 ♁e8 22.h4 ♁e6 23.d5 cxd5 24.♁xd5 ♁d6 25.♁xc7 ♁xc7 26.♁ac1 ♁e7 27.g3 b6 28.e5 ♁c5 29.♁a6 ♁f8 30.♁xc5 bxc5 31.♁c4 ♁d8 32.e6 ♁xe6 33.♁xe6 ♁xe6 34.♁xc5 ♁xc5+ 35.♁xc5 ♁b6 36.a5 ♁a4 37.♁c8+ ♁h7 38.h3 1-0

□ Sajkowski, D (1914)
 ■ Chow, A (2396)
 Illinois Open (1), 1996

1.e4 c5 2.♁c3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.exd5 exd5 5.d4!? [Gary Lane note that this method of combating the early advance of Black's d-pawn is quite sound despite its infrequent appearance. It does sharpen the game considerably, however, and might not be a wise choice unless one is very well-prepared.] 5...cxd4 6.♁xd4 ♁f6 7.♁g2 [7.♁g5 ♁c7 8.0-0-0 ♁c6 9.♁a4 ♁c6 10.♁g2 (10.♁ge2 a6 11.♁d4 ♁d7 12.♁g2 ♁a5 13.♁xf6?! ♁xa4 14.♁xe7 ♁xe7 15.♁he1+ ♁f8 16.♁xa4 and although better, Black went on to lose in Rogan-Benedek, 1978 Illinois Open) 10...0-0 11.♁xf6 ♁xf6 12.♁xd5 ♁xc3 13.bxc3 ♁xd5 14.c4 ♁xh1 15.♁xd8 ♁axd8 16.♁e2 ♁fe8 17.♁f4 ♁d4 18.♁d5 b5! 19.♁xa7 ♁c2+ 20.♁b2

bxc4 21.♁b6 c3+ Reimann-Paulson, Leipzig 1879 This just shows that nothing in chess is really new!] 7...♁c6 8.♁a4 [8.♁d1 d4 9.♁ce2 ♁c5+] 8...♁d7 9.♁ce2?! [This passive retreat signals White's lack of understanding in this system's subtleties. The game would remain dynamically balanced after 9.♁g5 with play against d5.] 9...♁e5 10.c3 0-0 11.♁g5 ♁e5 [The immediate 11...♁xf2+ 12.♁xf2 ♁g4+ fails to 13.♁xg4!] 12.♁c2



12...♁xf2+ 13.♁f1 [13.♁xf2 ♁fg4+ 14.♁c1 ♁xg5+] 13...h6 14.♁f4 ♁fg4! 15.♁f3 [15.♁xd5 ♁c6! 16.♁xc6 bxc6 17.♁d1 ♁a5+] 15...♁c4 16.♁d3 ♁f5 [Black's minor pieces have combined to create absolute havoc with White's position. The White queen will now be lost!] 0-1

□ Tate, E (2431)
 ■ Cohen, L (1937)
 Illinois Open (1), 1996

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♁c3 g6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.♁b3 e6 6.e4! [This tactic is also well known after 4...♁c6?! 5.e4! ♁f6 (5...dxe4 6.d5!) 6.e5 ♁e4 7.♁d3 ♁xc3 8.bxc3 when White maintains a nagging advantage.] 6...dxe4 7.♁f4 ♁d6?! [7...♁xd4! 8.♁xb8! e3 (3...♁xb8 9.♁d1!+) 9.♁b5+ ♁d7 10.♁g3 exf2+ 11.♁xf2 ♁e5+ 12.♁ge2+-; 7...♁c6!? 8.d5 exd5 9.♁xd5 ♁e6 10.♁c4 ♁xd5 11.♁xd5 ♁b4+ 12.♁f1 ♁c7 13.a3 ♁c5 14.♁c3+] 8.♁xd6 ♁xd6 9.♁b5 ♁e7 10.d5 ♁a6 11.d6 ♁f6?! 12.d7+ ♁xd7? [12...♁xd7!? 13.♁d1+ ♁e8 14.♁d6+ ♁f8 15.♁xb7 e3 16.fxe3 ♁h4+ 17.g3

Wb4+e] 13.ϕd6+ ϕd8 14.ϕxb7+ ϕe8
15.ϕxa6 1-0

ROUND 2

Experts moved up to the demo boards for their challenge, but the result was still a 3-0 sweep for the "big guys." Chow followed up his kill in round 1 with a nice positional battle which left him with a good knight vs. bad bishop. Perennial favorite Eugene Martinovsky played a combination in severe time trouble which he believed would lead to checkmate, but missed a gaping hole and was left substantially down in material.

□ Satterlee, R (2048)
■ Sevillano, E (2550)
Illinois Open (2), 1996

1.e4 c5 2.ϕf3 ϕc6 3.d4 exd4 4.ϕxd4 ϕf6 5.ϕc3 e5 6.ϕdb5 d6 7.ϕg5 a6 8.ϕa3 b5 9.ϕd5 ϕe7 10.ϕre7 ϕre7 11.ϕd3 ϕb7 12.ϕe2 ϕd7 13.0-0 0-0 14.c3 f6 15.ϕh4 ϕc5 16.ϕad1 ϕc7 17.ϕb1 ϕad8 18.f3 d5 19.exd5 ϕxd5 20.c4 bxc4 21.ϕxc4 ϕe6 22.ϕc3 ϕf4 23.ϕc2 ϕrc2 24.ϕxc2 ϕra2 25.ϕrd8 ϕrd8 26.ϕa1 ϕed5 27.ϕrd5 ϕrd5 28.ϕra6 ϕb8 29.ϕd6 ϕrb2 30.ϕd8+ ϕf7 31.ϕrb7 ϕrg2+ 32.ϕf1 ϕrh2 33.ϕh8 g5 34.ϕxg5 ϕc4+ 35.ϕe1 ϕe2+ 36.ϕd1 ϕh3+ 37.ϕc1 ϕrg5 38.ϕe4 g4 39.ϕb8 g3 40.ϕrb3 g2 0-1

□ DelCampo, M (2495)
■ Marema, D (2041)
Illinois Open (2), 1996

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ϕf6 3.ϕc3 g6 4.f4 ϕg7 5.ϕf3 0-0 6.e5 dxe5 7.dxe5 ϕxd1+ 8.ϕxd1 ϕd8+ 9.ϕe1 ϕe8 10.ϕe3 ϕc6 11.ϕc4 b6 12.ϕf2 e6 13.h4 ϕb7 14.h5 ϕe7 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.ϕg5 ϕd5 17.ϕce4 ϕre3 18.ϕxe3 ϕxe4 19.ϕxe4 c5 20.ϕh3 ϕc7 21.ϕah1 b5 22.ϕe2 ϕd5+ 23.ϕf3 c4 24.g4 f6 25.exf6 ϕxf6 26.ϕc5 ϕf7 27.g5 ϕd5 28.ϕh7 ϕh8 29.ϕc4 ϕrh7 30.ϕrh7 ϕh8 31.ϕrg7+ ϕrg7 32.ϕxe6+ ϕf7 33.ϕxd5 ϕh2 34.ϕd4 ϕr2 35.ϕe5 1-0

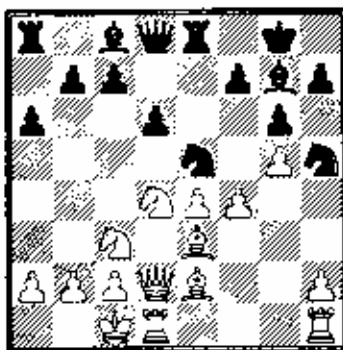
□ Warren, J (2032)
■ Manion, J (2438)
Illinois Open (2), 1996

1.d4 ϕf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 g6 6.e4 d6 7.a4 ϕg7 8.a5 axb5 9.ϕxb5+ ϕd7 10.ϕa4 0-0 11.ϕc2

ϕxb5 12.ϕrb5 ϕa6 13.ϕd2 ϕc7 14.ϕc3 ϕf8 15.ϕc4 ϕb4 16.ϕxb4 ϕxb4 17.ϕc2 ϕra5 18.ϕa3 ϕrd5 19.ϕbc3 ϕre3 20.bxc3 ϕra3 21.cxb4 ϕa7 22.bxc5 ϕa1+ 23.ϕc1 ϕh6 24.0-0 ϕe3+ 0-1

□ Reich, R (1891)
■ Shernoff, L (2104)
Illinois Open (2), 1996

1.e4 e5 2.ϕf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.ϕxd4 g6 5.ϕc3 ϕg7 6.ϕe3 ϕf6 7.f3 0-0 8.ϕd2 [A slight inaccuracy which potentially allows Black an active game full of opportunities. Better is 8.0-0-0.] 8...ϕe8 [8...d5! 9.e5!? (9.0-0-0 ϕe8 may transpose to the actual game) 9...ϕh5!? 10.g4 c5∞] 9.0-0-0 ϕc6 10.g4 ϕe5 11.ϕe2 a6 12.g5 ϕh5 13.f4



[13.ϕhg1 b5 Larsen] 13...ϕd7?? [13...ϕg4! 14.ϕg1 c5 15.ϕb3 ϕxc3! 16.bxc3 ϕxe4 17.h3 (17.ϕxc5 ϕxe2!) 17...ϕg3 18.ϕxg4 ϕxg4 19.hxg4 ϕxh1 20.ϕg2 ϕe7 21.ϕxh1 ϕe8 is Bent Larsen's analyses from the 1971 booklet entitled "Why not the Philidor Defense?" The game continuation is much too passive, as a result Black is now pushed off the board!] 14.f5! ϕe5 15.f6 [There is no need yet for White to cede his light-squared bishop.] 15...ϕxf6? Unnecessary panic! [15...ϕf8 16.ϕxh5 gxh5 17.ϕf4 ϕg4 18.ϕdf1 ϕd7?] 16.gxf6 ϕxf6± 17.ϕdf1 ϕg7 18.ϕg5 f6 19.ϕe3 c5 20.ϕb3 b5 21.ϕd1 ϕc4 22.ϕxc4+ bxc4 23.ϕxc5! ϕg4 24.ϕd5+ ϕb8 25.ϕb7 ϕc7 26.ϕxd6 ϕf8 27.ϕd2 b5 28.ϕxc4 1-0

ROUND 3

Sevillano and Chow are both held to draws by virtue of nice games by James Fagan and Gene Scott, respectively. Tate-Sax was a tactical

battle in every sense of the word, and is featured as an opening theoretical in another section of this issue of the ICB.

□ Sevillano, E (2550)
■ Fagan, J (2079)
Illinois Open (3), 1996

1.d4 ϕf6 2.c4 e6 3.ϕc3 ϕh4 4.ϕc2 0-0 5.ϕf3 c5 6.e3 d5 7.a3 ϕxc3+ 8.bxc3 dxc4 9.ϕxc4 cxd4 10.exd4 h6 11.ϕg5 ϕhd7 12.0-0 ϕb7 13.ϕfe1 ϕc7 14.ϕa2 ϕg4 15.ϕb1 g6 16.h3 ϕxf3 17.hxg4 ϕxg4 18.ϕd2 ϕfe8 19.ϕd3 e5 20.ϕb5 ϕd6 21.f3 a6 22.ϕd3 ϕe6 23.ϕe4 ϕac8 24.ϕh7 ϕb8 25.ϕc4 ϕbc8 26.dxe5 ϕc5+ 27.ϕf2 ϕxf2+ 28.ϕxf2 ϕxc3 29.f4 ϕc5 30.ϕf6 ϕre4+ 31.ϕxe4 ϕc2+ 32.ϕe2 ϕxe2+ 33.ϕre2 ϕc8 34.ϕc3 ϕf8 35.ϕd1 ϕe8 36.ϕd6 ϕh8 37.ϕd4 b5 38.ϕc3 a5 39.a4 ϕd7 40.ϕb3 ϕe6+ 41.ϕa3 ϕd7 42.g3 ϕe6 1/2-1/2

□ Innumerable, F (2132)
■ DelCampo, M (2495)
Illinois Open (3), 1996

1.d4 ϕf6 2.c4 g6 3.ϕc3 ϕg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.ϕe3 e5 7.ϕge2 c6 8.ϕd2 ϕhd7 9.0-0-0 a6 10.g4 b5 11.ϕg3 ϕa5 12.h4 exd4 13.ϕxd4 ϕe5 14.ϕxe5 dxe5 15.h5 ϕe6 16.g5 b4 17.ϕb1 ϕfd8 18.ϕd3 ϕd7 19.b3 ϕc5 20.ϕc2 ϕd4 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.ϕf5 gxf5 23.exf5 ϕxd3+ 24.ϕxd3 ϕxf5 0-1

□ Manion, J (2438)
■ Yavari, P (2122)
Illinois Open (3), 1996

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 ϕf6 4.ϕg2 ϕb4+ 5.ϕd2 d5 6.ϕg3 c6 7.0-0 0-0 8.ϕc2 ϕd6 9.b3 a5 10.ϕb2 ϕd7 11.ϕe5 ϕe4 12.ϕxe4 fxe4 13.f3 ϕxe5 14.dxe5 exf3 15.exf3 ϕe8 16.c5 ϕg6 17.ϕf2 ϕa6 18.a3 ϕe7 19.ϕac1 ϕfd8 20.f4 a4 21.b4 ϕc7 22.g4 ϕf8 23.ϕe3 ϕf7 24.ϕf2 ϕaf8 25.ϕcf1 ϕb4 26.f5 d4 27.ϕxd4 ϕd5 28.ϕxd5 cxd5 29.ϕg3 ϕxg3+ 30.hxg3 exf5 31.e6 ϕe7 32.gxf5 ϕh5 1-0

ROUND 4

DelCampo can't handle the pressure on board one a drops a tactical affair vs. Tate on time despite clawing his way back from an inferior game. John Burke also sends Josh Manion

packing for home on board two by gobbling a pawn that looks as if it shouldn't be taken, then holding on to it for dear life.

□ DelCampo, M (2495)
 ■ Tate, E (2431)
 Illinois Open (4), 1996

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.♗xd4
 ♗f6 5.♗c3 g6 6.g3 ♗g4 7.f3 ♗d7 8.♗e3
 ♗g7 9.♗d2 ♗c6 10.0-0-0 h5 11.h3
 ♗b8 12.♗g1 b5 13.♗b1 ♗e5 14.f4 b4
 15.♗d5 ♗xe4 16.♗g2 f5 17.fxe5 dxe5
 18.♗b3 e6 19.♗xa7 ♗b7 20.♗b6 ♗xb6
 21.♗xb6 ♗xb6 22.♗e2 ♗c6 23.♗f3 g5
 24.g4 ♗f6 25.♗e2 ♗e7 26.gxf5 exf5
 27.♗xe4 ♗xe4 28.♗d2 ♗d5 29.♗d3
 ♗d4 30.♗xd4 exd4 31.♗d1 ♗e6
 32.♗b3 ♗d6 33.♗d1 ♗xb3 34.exb3 f4
 35.♗c2 ♗e6 36.♗d3 ♗f5 37.♗c1 ♗e8
 38.♗c5+ ♗g6 39.♗xg5+ ♗xg5 40.h4
 [White's flag had fallen.] 0-1

□ Burke, J (2294)
 ■ Manion, J (2438)
 Illinois Open (4), 1996

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6
 5.f3 0-0 6.♗e3 ♗c6 7.♗e2 ♗b8 8.♗d2
 ♗e8 9.h4 h5 10.0-0-0 a6 11.♗b1 h5
 12.exb5 axb5 13.d5 ♗e5 14.♗d4 h4
 15.♗cb5 ♗d7 16.♗c1 ♗b7 17.♗xb4 e6
 18.♗c6 ♗a8 19.♗xc5 dxe5 20.dxe6
 ♗xe6 21.♗a3 ♗b8 22.♗a7 ♗d8 23.♗e2
 ♗d7 24.♗hd1 ♗a8 25.♗xd7 ♗xd7
 26.♗xc7 ♗f8 27.♗e3 ♗c8 28.♗xc8
 ♗xc8 29.a4 ♗c6 30.b3 ♗f6 31.♗c4
 ♗b4 32.♗g5 ♗d7 33.♗xg6+ ♗f8
 34.♗h6+ ♗e7 35.♗c3 ♗d8 36.♗g5 ♗e7
 37.♗h8+ ♗e8 38.♗xe5 f6 39.♗h8+
 ♗c8 40.♗b6+ ♗c7 41.♗f4 1-0

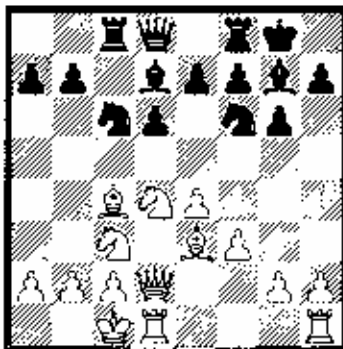
□ Sevillano, E (2550)
 ■ Flaga, K (2134)
 Illinois Open (4), 1996

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 ♗xd5 4.d4 e6
 5.♗f3 ♗c6 6.♗e2 ♗f6 7.0-0 ♗e7 8.♗e3
 exd4 9.exd4 0-0 10.♗c3 ♗d8 11.a3
 a6 12.♗c1 ♗d5 13.b4 ♗xc3 14.♗xc3
 ♗f6 15.♗b3 ♗e7 16.♗e5 ♗d5 17.♗c2
 ♗d6 18.♗c4 ♗d8 19.♗f3 ♗d7 20.♗a5
 ♗c8 21.♗f1 ♗e8 22.♗c5 ♗e7 23.♗rd5
 exd5 24.♗rd5 ♗d6 25.♗b5 g6 26.♗g5
 ♗f6 27.♗c4 ♗e6?! [27...♗xc3! 28.fxc3
 ♗xh2+ 29.♗xh2 ♗xg5?] 28.d5 ♗f4
 29.dxe6 ♗xg5 30.♗xg5 ♗xg5 31.exf7+
 ♗xf7 32.f4 ♗e7 33.♗b6+ ♗g7 34.♗c3+
 ♗g8 35.♗c4+ ♗f8 36.♗xa8 ♗xa8
 37.♗d4 ♗f7 38.♗d5+ ♗f8 39.♗d4 ♗f7
 40.♗c4+ ♗f8 41.♗c3 ♗f7 42.♗e1 ♗d6

43.♗c4+ ♗f6 44.♗c4 ♗b8 45.h3 h5
 46.♗h1 ♗g7 47.f5 g5 48.♗f3 h4
 49.♗e6 ♗d2 50.♗h2 ♗f4+ 51.♗xf4
 gxf4 52.♗b6 ♗d8 53.♗g1 f3 54.gxf3
 ♗d7 55.♗f2 ♗f7 56.a4 ♗e7 57.f4 ♗c7
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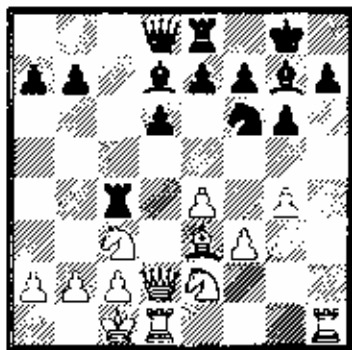
□ Sax, R (2000)
 ■ Bachler, K (2210)
 Illinois Open (4), 1996

1.e4 c5 [Rob explained to me after the game that his contests with Kevin were always exciting affairs because both had aggressive styles. He's sure right about that, and ICB readers are about to be treated to a slugfest.]
 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3
 g6 6.♗c3 ♗g7 7.f3 0-0 8.♗d2 ♗c6
 9.♗c4 ♗d7 10.0-0-0 ♗c8

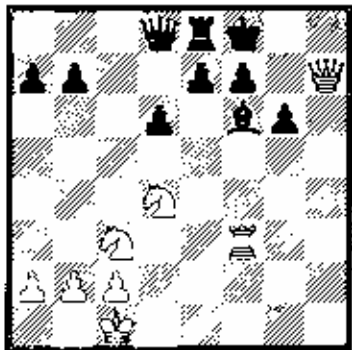


[This move initiates the older main lines of the Yugoslav Attack which were, for a while, superseded by the popular 10...♗a5 followed by 11...♗fc8.] 11.♗b3 ♗e5 12.h4 [A typical Dragon exchange sacrifice follows the ill-advised exchange of dark squared bishops with 12.♗b6?! ♗xh6 13.♗xh6 ♗xc3!] 12...♗c4 13.♗xc4 ♗xc4 14.h5 ♗xh5 15.g4 ♗f6 16.♗de2?! [First made popular through Karpov's use against Korchnoi in the 1974 World Championship Candidates' Final, analysis shortly after the game revealed its inadequacies and it has been little seen since.] 16...♗e8!

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17.c5 ♗xg4 18.fxg4 ♗xe5? [Both Dragon expert Chris Ward and Sapi & Schneider prefer 18...♗xg4! and believe that Black stands slightly better. Instead, the move played risks losing the game!] 19.♗d4! ♗d4 20.♗xd4 ♗xg4 21.♗h6! ♗xd1 22.♗xh7+ ♗f8 23.♗f1 ♗f3 24.♗xf3 ♗f6



25.♗e4? [I was amazed to discover that the game was still in book at this point, but here a moment's reflection would have revealed to Rob that 24.♗xf6! exf6 25.♗d5 won immediately. Instead, perhaps by playing quickly he also errs.] 25...♗a5 26.♗e6+ ♗xe6 27.♗h8+ ♗f7 28.♗xf6+?? [White's last but most critical oversight, after which there is no longer a win. Mate could have been forced with the clever 28.♗xd6+ exd6 20.♗h7+ ♗f8 30.♗xf6#] 28...exf6 29.♗xf6+ ♗g8 30.♗xg6+ ♗f8 31.♗f6+ ½-½

ROUND 5

Burke proves no match for Tate on board one and is shot down in flames after 31 moves. Having moved up to board 2, Chow has revenge in his heart against Sevillano and comes close to winning although he can't quite pull it off. Del Campo wins the battle of the Mexican Nationals against female star Yadira, and

Martinovsky, Szpisjak, and Bachler have their prize aspirations dimmed by draws against stubborn opponents.

□ Tate, E (2431)
 ■ Burke, J (2294)
 Illinois Open (5), 1996

1.e4 c5 2.ϕf3 ϕc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.ϕxd4 e6 5.ϕc3 a6 6.ϕe3 ϕc7 7.f4 ϕb4 8.ϕd3 ϕf6 9.ϕf3 d5 10.e5 ϕd7 11.0-0 ϕxd4 12.ϕxd4 ϕe5 13.ϕe2 b6 14.c3 g6 15.b4 ϕe7 16.a4 a5 17.ϕfc1 ϕb7 18.ϕb5 ϕc6 19.c4 ϕxb5 20.axb5 ϕb7 21.cxd5 ϕxd5 22.ϕxd5 exd5 23.bxa5 bxa5 24.b6 0-0 25.ϕc7 ϕfd8 26.b7 ϕab8 27.ϕxa5 ϕb4 28.ϕxd5 ϕc5 29.ϕxd8+ ϕxd8 30.ϕxc5 ϕd1+ 31.ϕf2 1-0

□ Chow, A (2396)
 ■ Sevillano, E (2550)
 Illinois Open (5), 1996

1.d4 c5 2.d5 e6 3.c4 exd5 4.cxd5 d6 5.ϕc3 g6 6.ϕf3 ϕf6 7.e4 ϕg7 8.h3 0-0 9.ϕd3 a6 10.a4 ϕbd7 11.0-0 ϕc7 12.ϕf4 c4 13.ϕc2 ϕb8 14.ϕe1 ϕe8 15.ϕd2 ϕb5 16.ϕh2 h6 17.g4 ϕhf6 18.ϕf4 ϕe5 19.ϕxe5 dxe5 20.ϕd2 g5 21.b3 cxb3 22.ϕxb3 ϕf8 23.ϕec1 ϕd8 24.ϕg2 ϕd6 25.f3 ϕd7 26.h4 ϕf6 27.hxg5 hxg5 28.ϕg1 ϕf8 29.ϕe3 ϕe7 30.d6 ϕg6 31.ϕh1 ϕxd6 32.ϕxd6 ϕxd6 33.ϕxg5 ϕe6 34.ϕd5 ϕxd5 35.ϕxd5 ϕe7 36.ϕe3 ϕec8 37.ϕhc1 ϕxc1 38.ϕxc1 b5 39.axb5 axb5 40.ϕf2 ϕg7 41.ϕe2 b4 42.ϕb3 ϕa8 43.ϕd3 ϕa3 44.ϕc4 ϕh4 45.ϕf1 ϕa8 46.ϕd2 ϕd8 47.ϕc1 ϕg2 48.ϕg1 ϕf4 49.ϕg3 ϕc8+ 50.ϕb5 ϕc5+ 51.ϕa4 ϕe2 52.ϕg2 ϕc3+ 53.ϕxb4 ϕc6+ 54.ϕa5 ϕd8+ 55.ϕb4 1/2-1/2

□ DelCampo, M (2495)
 ■ Hernandez, Y (2290)
 Illinois Open (5), 1996

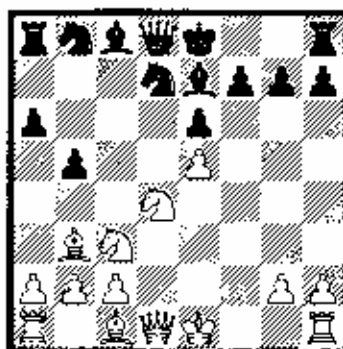
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□ Fagan, J (2079)
 ■ Klirzhner, M (1817)
 Illinois Open (5), 1996

1.d4 e6 2.c4 ϕf6 3.ϕf3 b6 4.g3 ϕb7 5.ϕg2 ϕe7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d5! [An interesting sacrifice by which White seeks to gain space and retard his opponent's development by taking advantage of the unprotected ϕb7.] 7...exd5 8.ϕh4 ϕe4?! [A weak move which places no obstacles in White's path. Resolute defense by 8...c6 9.cxd5 ϕxd5 10.ϕf5 ϕc7, ϕe6 is more thematic and forces the first player to actively seek compensation for his material deficit.] 9.cxd5 ϕxh4 [9...ϕd6!? Larsen] 10.ϕxe4 f5!? [10...ϕf6 11.ϕc2 h6 12.d6! ϕxc4 13.ϕxc4 ϕc6 14.dxc7 ϕxc7 15.ϕf4±] 11.ϕf3 ϕg5 12.ϕc2 ϕa6 13.e4?! [13.d6! ϕxf3 14.ϕxg5! ϕxg5 15.ϕc4+! ϕh8 16.exf3 ϕc5 17.dxc7 ϕac8 18.ϕc3±] 13...fxe4 [13...ϕxc1 14.ϕxc1 ϕg5 leaves Black with play against White's kingside.] 14.ϕxe4 b6 15.ϕc3 ϕc5 16.ϕh7+ ϕh8 17.h4 ϕa6 18.a3 c5 19.dxc6 dxc6 20.ϕb2 c5 21.ϕd5?? [An incorrect sacrifice of two pieces after which the mirage of White's planned checkmate is revealed to be an illusion. Equal play was still possible by capturing on e5 then bringing a rook to the d-file.] [21.bxc5 ϕxc5] 21...ϕxd5 22.ϕxg7+ ϕxg7 23.ϕg6+ ϕh8 0-1

□ Klein, J (1476)
 ■ Gorski, M (1601)
 Illinois Open (5), 1996

1.e4 c5 2.ϕf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.ϕxd4 ϕf6 5.ϕc3 a6 6.ϕc4 e6 7.ϕb3 ϕe7 8.f4 b5?! [Nunn reports that this move is widely given as bad, but adds matters are not so clear. Safer play follows 8...0-0 and 8.ϕc6 transposing to the Sozin.] 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 ϕfd7



11.ϕxe6! [Virtually forced in order to maintain the initiative, as White would otherwise experience problems with the defense of his ϕc5.] 11...fxe6? [11...ϕxe5! 12.ϕxc8 (12.ϕd5 ϕa7 13.ϕf4 ϕd6e; 12.ϕf4 fxe6 13.ϕxe5 0-0 14.ϕg4 ϕh4+ 15.g3 ϕf6 16.ϕe4 ϕxe5 17.ϕxe5 ϕb7) 12...ϕxc8 13.ϕf4 ϕbc6 14.ϕxc6 ϕxc6 15.0-0 0-0± Sax-Nunn, London 1980] 12.ϕxe6 ϕb6 13.ϕd5!+ ϕb4+ 14.c3 ϕxc3+ 15.bxc3 ϕc6 16.ϕdc7+ ϕf7 17.0-0+ ϕg8 18.ϕh5! [Black now finds it impossible to prevent checkmate in four moves. Mr. Klein has played an excellent game following his opponent's theoretical mistake.] 18...g6 19.ϕh6 1-0

ROUND 6

The rubber meets the road today, and Sevillano clearly shows why consistency is a much superior asset than dangerous but erratic play. Chow claims a share of first with effortless play against Innumerable in a theoretical Semi-Slav. In the underdog story of the tournament, 2118 rated Benesa upsets Burke on board 4 to claim a share of first and be named Illinois co-champion along with the like of Senior Masters Chow and Sevillano! In other games, Szpisjak survived a scare against Stein as the latter missed a forced mate in 3, and Yadira Hernandez produced perhaps the finest game of the tournament with her snappy sacrifice versus Chuck Cadman.

□ Sevillano, E (2550)
 ■ Tate, E (2431)
 Illinois Open (6), 1996

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ϕg7 3.ϕc3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.ϕf3 ϕf6 6.ϕe2 ϕa6 7.0-0 ϕd7 8.a4 0-0 9.h3 ϕa5 10.ϕd2 ϕb4 11.ϕe1 e5 12.dxc6 ϕxe6 13.ϕg5 ϕad8 14.ϕxe6 fxe6 15.ϕf3 ϕb6 16.a5 ϕc7 17.ϕb5 ϕd7 18.ϕxb4 ϕxb5 19.ϕc3 ϕb8 20.ϕa3 e5 21.ϕd2 ϕc6 22.ϕc1 h6 23.ϕd2 ϕh7 24.c4 ϕe8 25.ϕd1 ϕd7 26.ϕa4 ϕf7 27.ϕf3 ϕf6 28.ϕd1 ϕd7 29.ϕb3 ϕc6 30.ϕc2 ϕf7 31.ϕg3 ϕfd8 32.f4 ϕe7 33.f5 gxf5 34.exf5 ϕd7 35.ϕf1 d5 36.cxd5 ϕxd5 37.ϕe3 ϕc8 38.ϕg6 ϕc4 39.ϕc1 ϕd5 40.ϕxh6 ϕf4 41.ϕxf4 exf4 42.ϕc2 ϕd4+ 43.ϕh1 ϕf6 44.ϕg4 [44.ϕxf4 ϕxf4! 45.ϕxf4

♖c1+ 46.♗h2 ♕e5] 44...♞e2 45.♞gxf4
 ♖d2 46.♗xd2 ♞d2 47.♞4f2 ♞cd8
 48.b3 ♖g7 49.g3 ♕g5 50.♕e4 ♖f6
 51.♕xb7 ♕e3 52.♞f3 ♞d4 53.b4 ♞a2
 54.g4 c4 55.bxc4 ♞e8 56.g5+ ♖g7
 57.f6+ ♖g6 58.♞f4 ♞c3 59.♕e4+ ♖f7
 60.g6+ ♖e6 61.♖f5+ ♖e5 62.♖g4 1-0

□ Wallach, K (2248)

■ DelCampo, M (2495)

Illinois Open (6), 1996

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.♕c3 ♕g7 4.e4 d6
 5.f3 0-0 6.♕g5 ♖c6 7.♕ge2 a6 8.♖d2
 ♞b8 9.0-0-0 ♞d7 10.♖h6 b5 11.h4 e5
 12.♕xg7 ♖xg7 13.h5 ♞e7 14.g4 ♖g8
 15.♞h6 exd4 16.♖d5 ♖xd5 17.cxd5
 ♕e5 18.♖xd4 g5 19.f4 ♖xg4 20.♞xg5+
 ♞xg5 21.fxg5 ♖f2 22.♞h4 ♖xd1
 23.♖xd1 ♞be8 24.♞f4 ♞e5 25.♖f3 ♞e7
 26.♖d2 ♞fe8 27.♖d3 ♖h8 28.♖c3 ♞g8
 29.♖b4 a5+ 30.♖c3 b4+ 31.♖d4 ♖h3
 32.g6 fxg6 33.♕g5 ♕g2 34.♖f7+ ♞xf7
 35.♞xf7 gxh5 36.e5 ♞g4+ 37.♖e3
 ♞g3+ 38.♖d2 dxe5 39.♞xh7+ ♖g8
 40.♞xh5 e4 41.♕e2 ♖g7 42.a3 bxa3
 43.bxa3 ♖f6 44.♞h7 ♞xa3 45.♕c4 e3+
 46.♕e2 ♞c3 47.♖d3 a4 48.♞h6+ ♖e5
 49.♞e6+ ♖d4 50.♞a6 ♖f1+ 51.♖xf1
 ♖xd3 52.♞xa4 ♞c1+ 53.♖g2 e2 0-1

□ Innumerable, F (2132)

■ Chow, A (2396)

Illinois Open (6), 1996

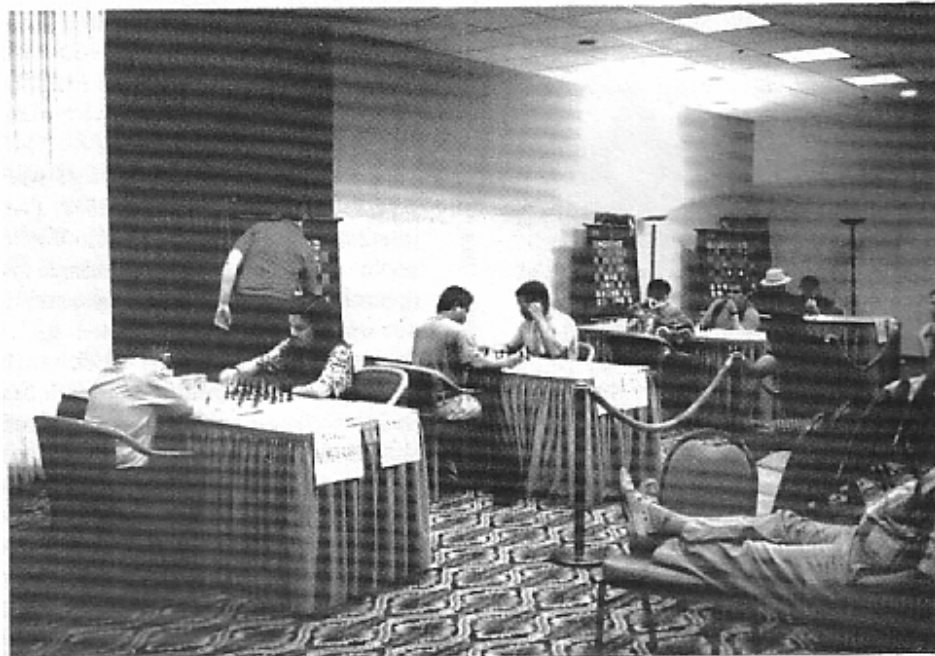
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 5.e3 ♖bd7 6.♖d3 dxc4 7.♕xc4 b5
 8.♖d3 a6 9.0-0 ♖b7 10.e4 c5 11.d5
 c4 12.dxc6 fxe6 13.♕c2 ♖c7 14.e5?!
 ♖ne5 15.♖xc5 ♖xc5 16.♞e1 ♖d6
 17.♖xd6 ♖xd6 18.♞xc6+ ♖d7 19.♖f5
 ♖c7 20.♕g5 [20. ♖h6 gxh6 21. ♞xf6
 ♞af8 =/+ Herb-Speelman, French
 League 1992] ♕e8 21.♞xd6 ♖xd6
 22.♞d1+ ♖e7 23.♕e4 ♞a7 24.♖d5+
 ♖f7 25.♖x16 gx16 26.♕e3 ♞e7 27.♖f3
 h5 28.h3 ♖b7 29.♕e2 h4 30.♞d4 ♞g8
 31.♖f1 ♕e4 32.a4 f5 33.♞xb5 ♞xb5
 34.♖d2 ♞a7 35.♖f4 ♞a1 36.g3 ♖d3
 37.♞xd3 cxd3 38.♖g2 ♞d8 0-1

□ Hernandez, Y (2290)

■ Cadman, C (2064)

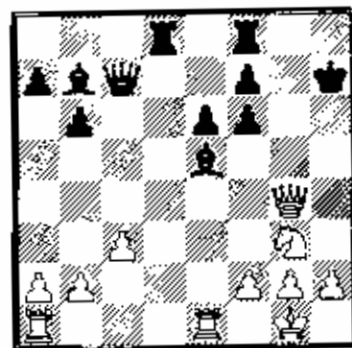
Illinois Open (6), 1996

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♕c3 dxe4 4.♖xe4
 ♖d7 [The 4...Nd7 variation of the
 Caro-Kann underwent tremendous
 growth and scrutiny in the mid 1980's
 after frequent use by English GM
 Jonathon Speelman and many of the
 world's top players. Perceived as a



more dynamic than the heavily
 analyzed 4.♖f5 and less risky than
 the double-edged 4...♖f6, Black
 nonetheless prepares a challenge to
 white's dominant ♕c4.] 5.♖f3 ♖g6
 6.♕g3 e6 7.♖d3 ♖d6?! [More
 common are 7...c5. The text move is
 inaccurate because a) White may in
 the future gain a tempo on this piece
 after either ♖f5 or ♖c4 and b) Black
 cannot enforce e6-c5, therefore since
 this square is a natural outpost for a
 White knight Black will be faced with
 the unappetizing decision of allowing
 it to remain or else trading off his
 good bishop so as not to allow a fork
 after dxe5.] 8.0-0 0-0 9.♞e1 [9.b3
 (As can be seen from previous
 tournament practice, the queenside
 fianchetto is a typical idea in these
 variations. Yadira has something else
 in mind, though.) 9...♖c7 10.♖b2 b6
 Wolff-Hodgson, London 1990] 9...
 ♖c7 10.c3 [10.b3 c5 11.dxc5 dxc5
 12.♕c4 b6 13.♖b2 ♖b7 14.♕xf6
 gx16 15.♖h5!↑ Ciric-Rodriguez, Lugano
 1968] 10...b6 11.♖c2 ♖b7 12.♕e5
 ♞ad8 13.♕g5 [The threat of 11.♖xd7
 followed by doubling the kingside
 pawns illustrates another deficiency
 of 7...♖d6 and provokes a minor
 crisis.] 13...♖xe5 14.♕xf6! [Now
 forced in view of the unprotected
 nature of White's ♖d3 after 14.dxe5
 ♖xe5! 15.♖xe5 (15.♖xh7+? ♖xh7
 16.♖xe5 ♖xe5 17.♞xe5 f6 →)
 15...♖xe5 16.♞xe5 ♞xd3. However,
 the talented Mexican Senorita has
 prepared a surprise to demonstrate
 why she's one of the best female

players in her country.] 14...gx16
 15.dxe5 ♖xe5 [It is much worse to
 capture with the f-pawn: (15...fxe5
 16.♖xh7+ ♖h8 <16...♖xh7 17.♖h5+
 ♖g7 18.♖g5+ ♖h8 19.♖f6+ ♖h7
 20.♞e4+ → 17.♖h5 ♖g7 18.♖g5+ ♖h8
 19.♖f6+ ♖xh7 20.♞e4+)] 16.♖xh7+
 ♖xh7?! [A greedy move perhaps
 overlooking White's subsequent fine
 sacrifice on move 19. After 16...♖h8
 17.♖h5 ♖g7 there is no mate and
 Yadira might even have considered
 repeating moves with 18.♖g4+ ♖h8
 since the open kingside lines in
 combination with both bishops may
 grant Black play against her King!] 17.
 ♖h5+ ♖g7 18.♖g4+ ♖h7



19.♖f5! [A magnificent rejoinder for
 this knight who once appeared to rest
 passively on g3. The 3rd rank is now
 cleared for occupation by a White
 rook and Mate or loss of material are
 now unavoidable.] 19...exf5
 20.♖xf5+ ♖g7 21.♖g4+ ♖h7 22.♞e3
 ♖xh2+ 23.♖h1 ♖f4? [Acquiescing to a
 quick painless death rather than
 endure prolonged suffering after

23...Bg3 24.Bxg3 Bxg3 25.Wxg3.]
24.Bh3+ Bh6 25.Wh4 1-0

□ Bachler, K (2210)
■ Bogan, T (1949)
Illinois Open (6), 1996

1.e4 e5 2.f3 d6 3.c4 c5 4.b4!?
Qxb4 5.c3 Qa5 6.d4 d6!
[Recommended by Alapin and Lasker
towards the end of the 19th century,
Black offers to return the pawn so as
to induce exchanges.] 7.Bb3 Bd7
8.dxe5 Qb6! [A suggestion by former
world champion Max Euwe in order
to avoid the dangers associated with
trapping Black's king in the center
with 8...dxe5 9.Qa3!. Both players
appear very well prepared so far in
this antiquated opening!] 9.Qbd2
Qh6!? [9...Qa5?! 10.Wc2! Qxc4
11.Qxc4 dxe5 12.Qfxe5 W6 13.Qa3
Qf6 14.0-0-0 Qd7 15.Wb3! Qd8
16.Qd6!! cxd6 17.Qxd6+- is
analysis by Bernard Cafferty which
was first published in 1970.] 10.exd6
Wxd6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qa3!? [12.Qd5!?
Qa5 13.Wb4 Wg6 14.Qc5 Wh5 15.Qdf3
c6 16.Qa3?! (16.Qb3oo) 16...Re8
17.Qb3 c5 18.Wb5 Rxe5 19.Qxe5 Wxe5
20.Qd5 c4? (20...We7?) 21.Qb4! Qe6
22.Qxa5 Qg4 23.g3 Qxd5 24.cxd5
Qxf2+ 25.Rxf2 Qxf2 26.Qxf2 Wf5+
27.Qg1 1-0 Alexander-Taylor,
Hastings 1935-36] 12...Qc5 13.e5?!
[A miscalculation or downright
Chutzpah!? Kevin perhaps planned
that 13...Qxe5 14.Qc4 forking queen
and knight loses to 14...Qxf3+

15.gxf3 Wg6+. From now on, its a
difficult uphill battle to equalize.]
13...Qxe5 14.Qxe5 Wxe5 15.Qf3 Wh5
[Black shows that he too is thinking
about ways to attack, but White
squashes these by accurate defense.]
16.Wb5! b6 17.Qxc5 Wxc5 18.Wxc5
bxc5 [We've reached a delicate
endgame where White's more active
pieces outweigh Black's extra but
doubled pawn. Black must even be
very careful not to lose!] 19.Qxb1 Qf5
20.Qb7 Qe4 21.Rxc7 Rfc8 22.Qe7 Qe8
23.Rxe4!? [A simplifying
combination to eliminate Black's
annoyingly active bishop and aim for
a minor piece ending where White's
greater centralization should prove
decisive.] 23...Rxe4 24.Qd5 Qae8
25.Qxe4 Rxe4 26.Qe1 [The necessary
complement to White's previous play
in order to exchange Black's rook
before it becomes more active than
his own. Now, its a race to the center
with king and knight.] 26...Rxe1+
27.Qxe1 Qf5 28.Qd3 c4 29.Qb2 Qd6
30.f3 Qb5?! [30...f5 31.Qf2 f4! 32.g3
g5±] 31.Qd1 [Worth consideration
was 31.Qxc4!? Qxc3 32.a3 when
White's king would still gain the high
ground much more quickly than
Black's.] 31...f6 32.Qf2 Qf7 33.Qe3
Qe6 34.a4 Qd6 35.Qd4 Qf5+ 36.Qxc4
[Certainly the position White was
aiming for; now all he needs to do is
safely usher his c-pawn forward
while delaying Black long enough on
the kingside for his efforts to be
meaningless.] 36...Qh4 37.Qe3 f5

38.Qc5?! [38.f4! g5 39.fxg5 f4 40.Qc2
Qxg2 41.Qd4+ Qe5 42.Qd3±] 38...f4
39.Qc2 Qxg2 40.Qc6 Qe3 41.Qd4+
Qe5 42.a5 g5 43.h3 h5! [Black must
react quickly to create a distraction,
and now its White who has a long
think.] 44.Qb7 Qf5! 45.Qxf5
[45.Qc6+? (A bad idea which allows
Black to queen first.) 45...Qd5
46.Qxa7 g4+] 45...Qxf5 46.c4 g4
47.hxg4+ hxg4 48.fxg4+ Qg5 49.c5
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53.Qxa7 Wxa5+ 1/2-1/2

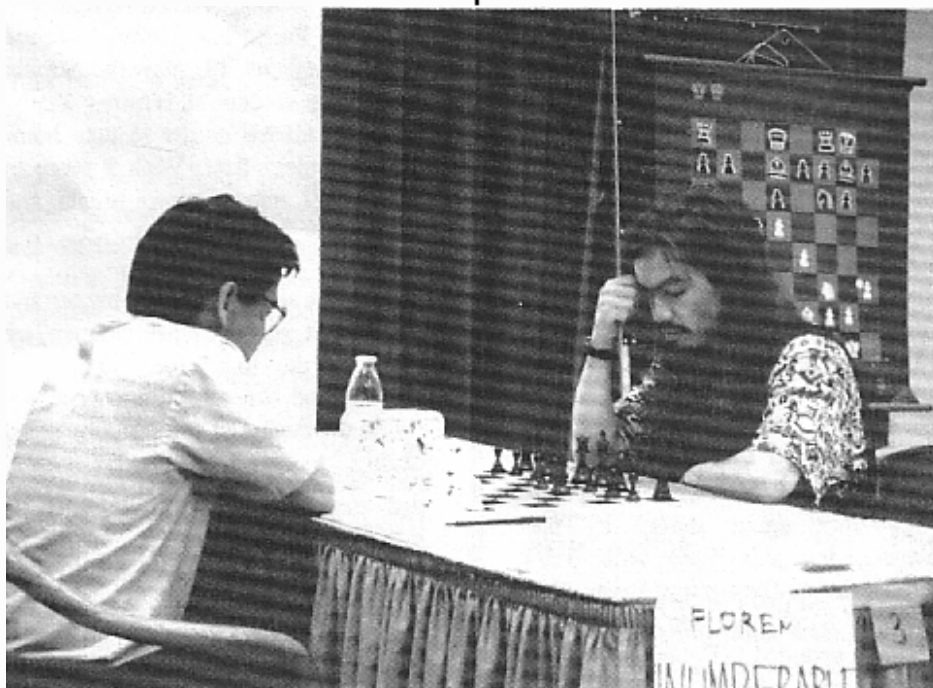
1996 Illinois Open Tournament Prizewinners

OPEN

1st - 5th	Enrico Sevillano	\$48
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	Emory Tate	\$48
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	Albert Chow	\$48
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	Martin Del Campo	\$48
		0
(+Exp)	Arnulfo Bencsa	\$48
		0
2200-2299	Yadira Hernandez	\$30
		0
Expert, 2- 3	Gene Scott	\$ 75
	Krzysztof Flaga	\$ 75
"A", 1-8	Howard Cohen	\$ 56
	Timothy Bogan	\$ 56
	Bill Smythe	\$ 56
	Joshua Riddell	\$ 56
	Kiran Manne	\$ 56
	Steven Amundsen	\$ 56
	Mikhail Kiurzner	\$ 56
	Mark Robeldo	\$ 56

RESERVE

< 1800	Vincent Hart	\$500
"C", 1-2	Paul Garofalo	\$225
"C", 1-2	Jeffrey Cobia	\$225
"C", 3	John Klein	\$100
"D", 1-2	Ben Chu-Kung	\$ 60
"D", 1-2	Foster Boone	\$ 60
"E", 1-5	Salar Jahedi	\$ 75
	Larry Blum	\$ 75
	Bruce Gilruth	\$ 75
	Boris Tse	\$ 75
	Thomas Johnson	\$ 75
1st Unrtd	Brian Marsolais	\$100





The News From Around the State

Reports from TD's Thomas Knoedler and Joshua Flores

On August 24, 1996, the Evan Gresen Summer Sectional was held at the Ramada Inn South in Springfield, Illinois. There was a total attendance of 29 players: 11 in the Open section and 18 in the Reserve, or Under 1600 section. The time control was Game/80 for both sections, as were the round starting times. The organizers and TDs had assumed that Dr. Richard Kujoth and local masters David Mote and Douglas Van Buskirk would dominate the open section with a three way tie for first. It was a complete surprise when **Paul Mechem** trounced Van Buskirk for sole possession of first place in the Open section. Locked into a three way tie for second were Van Buskirk, Mote and David Long. The Reserve section was won by **Donald Butcher** with a four way tie for second between William Hopkins, Andrew Skaar, Vernon Smith and Dr. Anthony Tucker.

The superb playing conditions at the Ramada Inn South were provided by Mr. Donald Townsley, a scholastic chess sponsor and Evan Gresen's father. This tournament was the first regular Springfield tournament to be paired with the use of a computer, prior to this tournament, only scholastic tournaments had been paired with a computer. Anthony Skaar and Thomas Knoedler served as the tournament directors.

The second installment of what is becoming a classic Chicagoland event, the **Midway Amateur Class Tournament** was held once again at the Oak Lawn Hilton over August 2nd and 3rd. Organizer Hector Hernandez raised the prize fund slightly to create a new separate section for unrated players. With \$3100 guaranteed, a

luxurious playing site, extra space, and familiar tournament directors Josh Flores and Tim Just at the helm, this event has kept its promise for the second year to be the Premier Chicago Tournament for the chess amateur.

This 4-round, 40/2 SD/60 affair attracted 126 players to compete for the gold. The field of competition included players from Central and Southern Illinois, as well as Missouri and Wisconsin. The juniors were well represented again this year, more than 40 participated. Judging by comments and opinions expressed to Hector and Josh, everyone had a great time and lots of fun. 32 walked away with money. Not a bad return as one out of every four players was a winner!

In the 17 player Expert Class, **Miron Zinytch** took clear first and a check for \$300 with an impressive score of 3.5/4. Tied for 2nd through 4th and taking \$116 each were: Daniel Smith, Eric Beckman (MO), and Aniruddha Deshpande (WI) with 3.0/4. The 13 player A Class also had a clear first place and 3.5/4 scorer. Winning \$300 was winner **Valdis Tums**. Second and third place money was shared by 3.0/4 scorers Steven Loring and Paul Prause, each receiving \$150. That left a fourth place prize to be shared by three players scoring 2.5/4: Williams Buttny, Steve Amundson, and James Hilton. They split the \$50 for a prize of \$16.67 each. Class B had 23 players and the first perfect score. **Mehmed Covic** took \$300 with a 4/4 performance. Second and third prizes were once again shared by two players, but this time with 3.5/4 scores. Randy Byrnes and Bryan Gast received \$150 each for their effort. \$50 was awarded to the only 3/4 score by Charles Giertz. 19 Players

competed in Class C, four came out winners. **Mark Robledo Jr.** and **James Smutniak** each tallied 3.5/4 and split 1st and 2nd for checks of \$250. John Klein and Fernando Montoya chalked up 3/4 for 3rd-4th places and \$75 each.

The largest section for the second year in a row, this year with 41 players, Class D/E has caused Hector Hernandez into considering splitting this section next time. With so many players, I was surprised no one took clear first, nor did anyone score 4/4! This should be a warning to those in higher classes, these players are out for blood! Totaling 3.5/4 to win \$150 each were **Aaron Larson** and **James Endler**. Nine players tied for third and fourth (this happened last year too!) netting each a WHOPPING check for \$11.11. The fortunate nine were: Miguel Camargo, Benjamin Chu-kung, Carl Reid, David Buck, Micheal Wishner, Ross Peterson, Kenneth Huang, Aaron Chen, and Williams Park. The Unrated section had a total of 13 players. **Martin Szafran**, a student at Whitney Young HS, won all his games to take home \$60 and clear first. With a score of 3/4: Shay Larson, Devarg Mehta, and Danny Yagan took \$13.33.

This event should be even bigger and better next year as more changes are made to the tournament format by Hector, and the event returns to the original timeslot of the third weekend of July.

[Games from this event will be appear next issue. -Ed.]

LAST ROUND BATTLES



By GM Anatoly Karpov, FIDE World Champion

Almost immediately after my tough match against Gata Kamsky, I was scheduled to compete in two very strong grandmaster events in Biel (Switzerland), and Vienna (Austria). In each of these tournaments, I found myself in the situation of needing to win to have a chance at sharing first prize, and in this article, I would like to present these two last round battles. During the event in Biel, Swiss TV arranged for me to take an airplane ride in a three-seater through the Swiss Alps - quite likely one of the most unusual interviews I have ever conducted! The whole joyride was taped by Swiss TV and we'll include the footage on one of my forthcoming video projects with R&D Publishing.

An exciting situation had developed in the last round at Biel 1996, as the three leaders (Ehlvest, Milov, and I) all had the White pieces. It was therefore clear that everyone would fight for the full point.

□ Anatoly Karpov
 ■ Oleg Romanishin
 Biel 1996

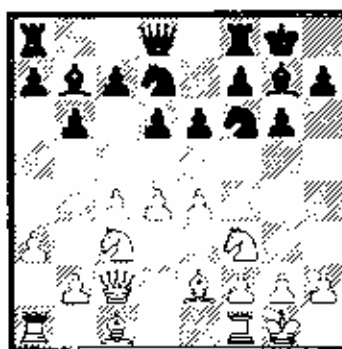
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3. ♘f3 b6 4.a3 ♘b7
 5. ♗c3 g6

For the last several years, this has been Romanishin's only choice against the Petrosian Variation of the Queen's Indian Defense. When I prepared for this game, I paid attention to Oleg's game with GM Miso Cebalo, in which White played a rare line with 6. ♖d3. It pleased me that there is not so much theory on this line. I must say that Romanishin is a player who tries to create new ideas over the board, and therefore, long theoretical variations are not to his taste.

6. ♖d3 ♗g7 7.e4 d6

Against Cebalo, Romanishin preferred 7...d5 which leads to completely different types of positions. Oleg has vast knowledge of this system, and it did not take him long to decide on the text.

8. ♗c2 0-0 9.0-0 ♗b7 10. ♗c2



It looks strange to first play ♖d1-d3 and then voluntarily retreat to c2, without being attacked. One could ask why I didn't immediately play my queen to c2 to support the e2-e4 pawn advance? Although this would save time, there is a known variation where Black plays ♗b7xf3, doubling White's f-pawns. Black could then play for a blocked position with two knights against two bishops. It is clear that Black must undertake some central activity, but I could not know which pawn he would advance. For example on 10...d5, I can respond 11.exd5 exd5 12.e5 ♗e4 13. ♗xc4 dxe4 (without a tempo!) 14. ♗g5 with initiative. Note that on 10. ♖d1 (Trying to prevent e7-c5) 10...c5 11.e5 dxe5 12.dxe5 which seems to be winning, but... 12... ♗xf3! 13.exf6 Bxe2 14. ♖xd7 ♗xd1 and White still has no tempo for f6xg7.

10...c5 11.d5 e5

This really a question of taste, as Oleg likes closed positions with a lot of maneuvering. However, according to Tarrasch, "Cramped positions carry

within them the germ of defeat." In the type of symmetrical Benoni pawn structure that comes about after 11...exd5 12.exd5, White has made three not so useful moves (♖d3, ♗c2 and a3), and Black only two (...b6, and ... ♗b7). However, in this structure, Black needs to first develop his light-squared bishop and then his queen's knight. It is clear that Black will have to spend considerable time on regrouping his queenside minor pieces, and even then their future is not so bright.

12.g3

This is a standard positional treatment of the King's Indian pawn structure.

12... ♗b5 13. ♗e1

Of course not 13. ♗h4 which allows the thematic response 13... ♗f4 with counterplay.

13... ♗df6

The two black knights immediately reminded me of the cavalry of Grushe (one of Napoleon's generals in the battle of Waterloo). In attempting to sneak into the battle, he lost his way in the ravines. By the time he arrived the battle was over. Without his best cavalry, Napoleon lost the battle he could have won.

14. ♗g2

This knight fianchetto serves a dual purpose. First, I threaten to win a pawn immediately with 15.g4 ♗f4 16. ♗xf4 etc, and secondly, should the ♗f6 stray, I am ready to play against the doubled pawns with ♗e2xh5, and my knight on g2 is controlling the h4-square.

14... ♗c8

This is necessary to stop g3-g4.

15. b4 ♖d7

This is very ambitious, and committal as it is now clear that the Black queen is going to h3. After abandoning the queenside like this Black must be willing to sacrifice pieces and play all out to attack the White king.

16. bxc5 bxc5 17. ♖b1

Comparisons to the Classical King's Indian (5. ♖e2/6. ♖f3/9. ♖d2) are clearly in White's favor. Black has not even advanced f7-f5, while White has opened the b-file and taken prophylactic measures on the kingside.

17... ♖h3

Continuing with his plan of attacking White's kingside on the light squares. What Romanishin failed to realize is not only is the queen on h3 an attacking piece, she is also a target. Oleg saw tactical ideas for Black but didn't see the tactics from the White side of the board.

18. ♖b5! ♗d7

This retreat is not a disaster as the White knight will have to eventually retreat from b5. Probably Oleg had counted on the tactical trick 18... ♖xe4 as 19. ♗xe4 allows 19... ♖f5 winning the rook on b1. Instead White responds 19. ♖b3! introducing the tactical threat of 20.g4 winning a piece. Now if 19... ♖f5 (19... ♗f5? 20.g4) 20. ♗d1! and the threat of 21.g4 is decisive. Also if 18... ♖e8 then 19. ♖b3! is strong.

19. ♖d2 a6

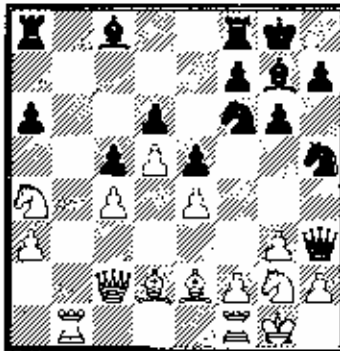
Of course this weakens the b6-square and gives my pieces a useful infiltration point later on, but White was threatening 20. ♖a5, followed by 21. ♖c7.

20. ♖c3 ♖h3

She's back! We can now see one advantage of the connected Black

knights, as White would normally play f2-f3, followed by ♖c3-d1-f2 and repel the Black forces. However, 21.f3 would allow 21... ♖xg3 22.hxg3 ♖h5 with attacking prospects. In such a case the knight on g2 is a weak defensive piece.

21. ♖a4



Threatening 22. ♖b6, eliminating the enemy light-squared bishop. White also threatens 22. ♖b3, again with the idea of winning material with g3-g4.

21... ♖g4 22. ♖xg4 ♖xg4 23.f3 ♖f6!

With the simple threat of 24... ♖xf3 25. ♖xf3 ♖g4, which illustrates a disadvantage of having the knight on g2.

24. ♖g5

This is necessary so my queen can laterally defend the h2-pawn. Due to the threat of 25. ♖xf6 and 26.fxg4, Black is forced to retreat.

24... ♖d7 25. ♖b6

After 25. ♖b6 ♖ab8 26. ♖b3 ♖b7 27. ♖fb1 ♖fb8, White is better, but Black is holding on. The rook invasion tickles the weak Black pawns on a6 and d6.

25... ♖ab8!

Better than passive defense of the d6-pawn.

26. ♖fb1

Here I prefer to keep everything under control. Instead 26. ♖xd6?! ♖xa4 27.

♖xa4 ♖b2 28. ♖f2 ♖fb8 allows Black counterplay.

26... ♖xb6 27. ♖xb6

This is better than 27. ♖xb6?! ♖h5 28. ♖xf6 ♖xf6 29. ♖xd6 ♖xa4 30. ♖xa4 ♖xf3 31. ♖c2 ♖g5 with good play for Black.

27... ♖b8 28. ♖b3

Preparing to meet 28... ♖e8? with 29. ♖xf6 ♖xf6 30. ♖d7! winning material.

28... ♖e8 29. ♖e1!

Threatening ♖d3-f2 driving the Black queen away from the defense of the ♖d7. 29.g4 doesn't work because of the Exchange sacrifice 29... ♖xb6 30. ♖xb6 ♖xf3.

29... ♖b7

If 29... ♖f6? 30. ♖xd7 ♖xb3 31. ♖xf6+ and White wins.

30. ♖d3 ♖h5 31. ♖xd7 ♖xd7

After this the win is quick and effective. The alternative 31... ♖xb3 32. ♖xb3 ♖xg5 also has problems after 33. ♖b8 ♖e7 34. ♖c8 ♖h6 35. ♖b8 ♖f8 36. ♖xa6! (preventing 36... ♖f6 due to 37. ♖c7.) 36... ♖a7 (hoping to escape via b6 with the queen.) 37. ♖c6 and Black's pieces remain "in the box."

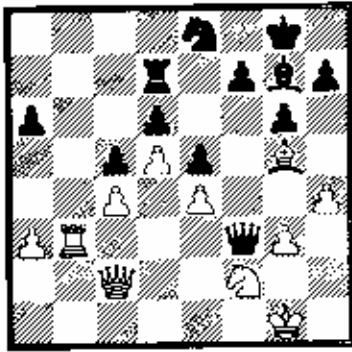
32.h4!

Threatening 33.g4.

32... ♖xf3

If 32... f5 33. ♖f2 ♖f6 34. exf5 gxf5 35. ♖b8+ ♖f7 36. ♖xf5, and White wins.

33. ♖f2!



Snaring the Black queen, as after 33... Wh5 34.g4 the trap snaps shut. A victory that was instrumental in my reaching tournament/match win #139 for my career.

Black Resigned (1-0)

In the Vienna 1996 tournament, I found myself in the situation of needing a win in the last round with the Black pieces to have a chance at finishing with a first place tie in the standings. This game is important for Caro-Kann theory.

□ Alexei Shirov
 ■ Anatoly Karpov
 Vienna 1996

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Qf5 4. Qf3 e6 5. Qe2 Qc7

This, followed by 6...c5 is a new order of moves.

6.0-0 e5

As a result of my move sequence, Shirov was thinking for 20 minutes.

7.c4

This represents the strongest challenge to Black's opening idea. White wants to open the position and take advantage of his lead in development. White has approximately three tempi to work with as Black must move his Qc7, then his Qf8, before he can castle.

7... Qbc6 8. Qc3 dxc4

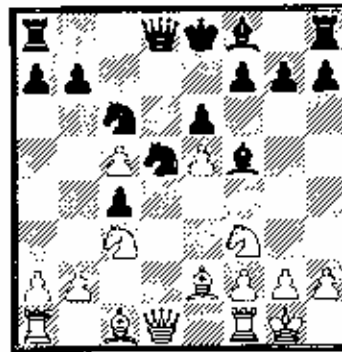
Compare the situation with that in Gelfand-Karpov, Sanghi Nagar (m/2)

1995 where the White queen's knight travelled via a3 to recapture on c4, which led to a nice initiative for White.

9.dxc5

Usually in these positions, White bolsters his center with Qc1-e3, followed by recapturing on d4 with his knight, and then continuing with a knight jump to b5. In this exact case, White spent one tempo to castle, and as a result Black has just enough time to make all the necessary prophylactic moves on the queenside. For example: 9. Qg5 a6, or 9. Qe3 cxd4 10. Qxd4 Qxd4 11. Qxd4 Qc6 and Black's timing is perfect.

9... Qd5!



I thought for a long time, and this was the best move I could find. In case of 9... Qxd1 10. Qxd1 a6 (preventing Qb5-d6+, or Qb5-c7+) 11. Qc3 Qg6 12. Qd4 Qgxe5 13. Qxf5 exf5 14. Qd5, White obtains an unpleasant initiative. Another problem variation for Black is 9... Qg6 10. Qa4 Qxc5 11. Qxc4 and both Black bishops are vulnerable.

10. Qd4

Black is fine after 10. Qxd5 Qxd5, or 10. Qa4 Qxc3 11. bxc3 Qxc5 12. Qxc4 Qd5.

10... Qxc3 11. bxc3 Qxc5 12. Qxf5

After 12. Qxc6 bxc6 13. Qa4 0-0, Black obtains a slight edge.

12... exf5 13. Qxc4

Most probably Shirov did not see Black's reply, as otherwise he would have considered exchanging queens on d8 with a fairly equal position. Other alternatives favor Black: 13.c6 fxc6 14. Qxc4 Qxd1 15. Qxd1 e5, or 13. Qa4 0-0 14. Qxc4 Qe7 and White's c-pawn feels a chill.

13... Qxf2+! 14. Qb1

If instead 14. Qxf2 Qh4+ 15. Qg1 Qxc4 16. Qa3 Qxc3 and White cannot avoid Qc3-d4+ exchanging queens.

14... Qxd1 15. Qxd1 Qxe5 16. Qb5+

Suddenly White has some compensation for the pawns. The irony is that Shirov was racking his brains in the opening trying to blow open the Black position so he could demonstrate his renowned attacking prowess. Now by virtue of having "allowed" 13... Qxf2+! he has achieved exactly the kind of position he excels in!

16... Qc6

I would have liked to keep my king behind my pawn mass on the kingside, but strangely it does not work: 16... Qc7 17. Qa3+ Qf6 18. Qd6+ Qg5 19. Qc1+ f4 20. g3 Qc3 21. gxf4+ Qxf4 22. Qxf4+ Qxf4 23. Qf1+ and White has at least a perpetual check.

17. Qa3

This was the moment when I had to think for a long time. My original intention was 17...f4, but after 18. Qab1, with the idea of Qb5-a4 and Qb1xb7, I could see no way to defend the Black position, for example if 18... Qb6, then 19.c4 with the initiative (but not 19. Qe1+ Qc3 20. Qxc6+ bxc6 21. Qb7 0-0-0 22. Qxf7 Qd7 with advantage to Black). After 18... Qd8, White would win with 19. Qxc6+ bxc6 20. Qxd8+ Qxd8 21. Qb8+.

17...f6

This allows my king to migrate to the kingside, and gives my knight an

outpost on e5. 17... **Ed8** 18. **Ef1 Qb6** 19. **Eac1+** would send my king to the queenside, where I absolutely did not want to go. For example, 19... **Qd7** 20. **Exf5 f6** 21. **Ec7+ Qc8** 22. **Evg7 Ed1+** 23. **Qf1** and the position is unclear.

18. **Eab1**

Surprised by this less dangerous looking continuation, and being short of time, I forgot about my intention to play 18... **Qb6**, which is probably better than the game continuation. The alternative 18. **Qc4** looked very unpleasant as the bishop is coming to e6, and my king is trapped. But I discovered the following resource: 18... **Qe5** 19. **Qe6 g6**, followed by **b7-b6** and **Ea8-d8** and nothing terrible will happen to Black. If 18. **Ef1 Qb6** and Black is threatening to castle queenside, so after 19. **Eac1+ Qf7** the Black king gets to go where I want him to go.

18... **Qf7**

Black cannot play 18... **Ed8?** 19. **Qxc6+ bxc6** 20. **Exd8+ Qxd8** 21. **Eb8+**, etc.

19. **Ed7+!**

The exclamation mark is not for the move itself, as any chess player would consider placing a rook on the seventh rank with check. Instead it is for the precise order of moves chosen by Shirov which allows him to place his other rook on f1, which is far more threatening to my king. Other less precise continuations give Black good chances of retaining an extra pawn, for example 19. **Qc4+ Qg6** 20. **Exb7 Qe5**.

19... **Qg6** 20. **Ef1! Qe3**

Forced.

21. **Qd3**

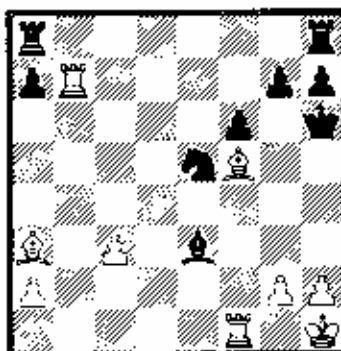
This allows White to recover both of his pawns. As this game was in progress, the tournament situation had clarified. Gelfand and Topalov had agreed a draw so a win for me in this last round game would secure a

first place tie for me. Both Shirov and I had approached this game with a "must win" attitude.

21... **Qe5**

Black cannot save a pawn without losing his king: 21... **b6?** 22. **Exf5 Qh6** 23. **Ef3**.

22. **Qxf5+ Qh6** 23. **Exb7**



Probably now I should play 23... **Ed8** and 24... **Ed2** without any danger for Black, but already I had little time left.

23... **Eab8** 24. **Ec7!? g6**

But not 24... **Ehd8** 25. **Qe7 Ed2?** 26. **Qxf6 gxf6** 27. **Evh7+ Qg5** 28. **h4** mate.

25. **Qc2 f5**

At this stage, with Shirov down to 12 minutes and myself down to about 7 minutes, both of us were playing quickly, mindful of the tournament standings.

26. **Qd6 Ebe8!** 27. **Ee1 f4** 28. **c4 g5!**

I expose my own king, but I begin to weave a mating net around the White king. This came as a surprise to Shirov who underestimated my threats. White soon finds himself in a very dangerous situation.

29. **h3?!**

It is natural for the White king to want some back rank relief, but now Black has a serious advantage.

29... **Qg6!**

This move opens the e-file, blocks the c2-h7 diagonal and incidentally covers the e7-square making more difficult for White to block the e-file with **Qd6-e7**.

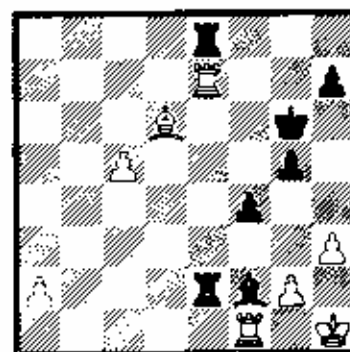
30. **c5 Qf2** 31. **Ef1 Ee2**

Threatening the simple but powerful 32... **Ehe8**, followed by 33... **Ee1**, mating the White king.

32. **Qxg6**

Seeing no other way to defend the position, Shirov plays for the win of a pawn, after which he did not imagine he could ever lose.

32... **Qxg6** 33. **Eva7 Ehe8** 34. **Ee7**



This was the tactical resource that Shirov thought would be his saving grace.

34... **E8re7** 35. **Qxe7 Exa2**

The White king is "in the box," and as a result, once the c-pawn is eliminated, all bishop endings will be lost for White.

36. **c6 Ec2** 37. **Ed1 h6** 38. **Qa3 Qe3** 39. **Ed7 h5** 40. **Ed1 g4**

White Resigned (0-1)

Because after 41. **Ed6+ Qf5** 42. **Ed5+ Qe4** 43. **Evh5 g3!** Black has two crushing threats: 44... **f3**, and 44... **Ea2**. With this victory I reached tournament/match win #140 for my career.

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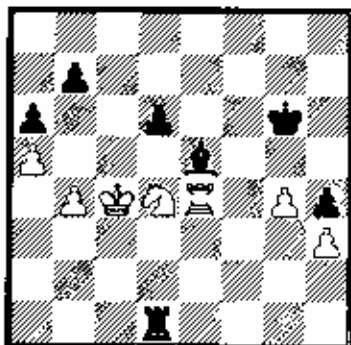


By GM Dmitry Gurevich and Timothy Williams

(Dmitry Gurevich's schedule is becoming so busy that there hardly seems enough hours in the day for him to find the time to write, but the desire to help teach his fellow ICA members is very strong indeed. This new column consists of material dictated to me by GM Gurevich, at speeds non-GM's would find daunting (thankfully, my tape recorder had new batteries so no details were lost), hence the name of this new column. The results of these one-on-one dissertations begin with this issue. I have added some details, referenced games and a few explanations or additional comments when I thought further explanation was needed for newer players. The final result is both entertaining and educational. I think you will find this a wonderful new asset for the ICB. -Ed.)

This issue we will be looking at some of GM Gurevich's games from the recent US Championship. These are the games he thought most interesting and he shares his thoughts and analysis.

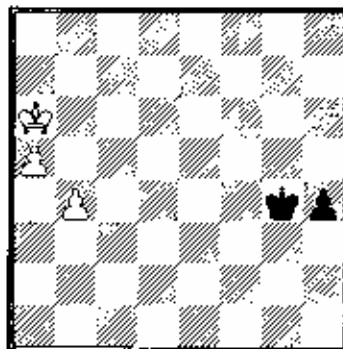
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White appears to be in zugzwang. If moves the knight he loses the rook, and if he moves the rook he loses the knight. Does White have a saving move?

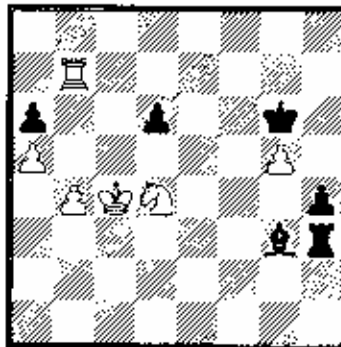
54.g5! ♖h5

[54... ♠xd4+ 55. ♠xd4 ♚xd4 56. ♜xd4 ♜xg5 57. ♜d5 ♜f4 58. ♜xd6 ♜g3 59. ♜c7 ♜xh3 60. ♜xb7 ♜g4 best 61. ♜xa6!]



(61.b5?? axb5 62.a6 h3 63.a7 h2 64.a8 ♖ h1 ♖+ 65. ♜a7 ♜xa8+ 66. ♜xa8 b4→) 61...h3 62.b5 h2 63.b6 h1 ♖ 64.b7 ♖c6+ 65. ♜a7 ♖c7 (65... ♖c5+ 66. ♜a6 ♖c7 67.b8 ♖ ♜xb8) 66.a6 ♖c5+ 67. ♜a8 ♖c6 68. ♜a7 ♖ (68.a7?? ♖d5 69. ♜b8 ♖d8#);

54... ♚g3! Dmitry was very concerned about this move, but in time pressure he did not have much of a chance to consider all the possibilities. 55. ♠c7 ♠h1 56. ♠xb7 ♠xh3



White appears to have drawing chances but Black is still better. In the Modesto Chess Championship, Gurevich had a similar ending (but with the black pieces) against Gregory Kaidinov. In that game black

lost, so the ending is not so easy.; 54... ♜xg5 55. ♠f3+]

55. ♠g4

[55.g6 ♠g] 56. ♠xh4+ ♜xh4 57. ♠f3+]

55... ♠c1+ 56. ♜d5 ♠c3 57.g6 ♠g3 58. ♠xh4+?

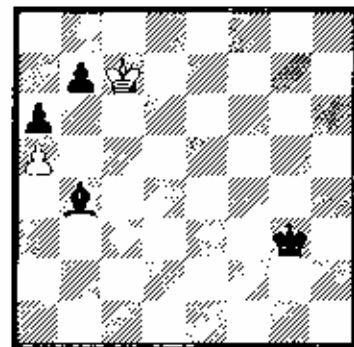
[58. ♠f5 ♠xg4 59.hxg4+ ♜xg4 60.g7 ♚xg7 61. ♠xg7??]

58... ♜xh4 59. ♠f5+ ♜xh3 60. ♠xg3 ♜xg3 61.g7 ♚xg7 62. ♜xd6 ½-½

[62... ♚f8+ 63. ♜c7 ♜xb4 (see diagram below) 64. ♜xb7 ♚xa5 65. ♜xa6]

SIDE-NOTE

Here is an interesting situation. The above draw is possible by only one tempo. This is a good example of the necessity of accurately calculating variations and evaluating the final positions correctly. When the move is changed from one side to the other, the draw is no longer possible.

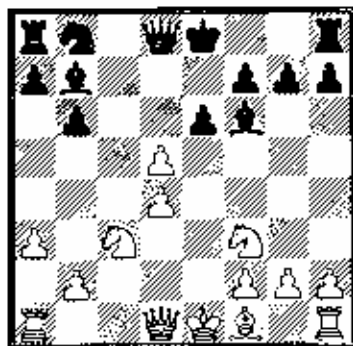


Position is won if Black has the move.

1... b5 2.axb6 a5 3.b7 Bd2 4.b8(Q) Bf4+ 5.Kb7 Bxb8 6.Kxb8 a4 and Black wins.

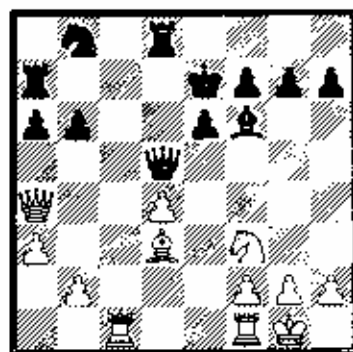
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1.c4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♙c3 b6 4.e3 e6
 5.d4 exd4 6.exd4 ♙b7 7.♗3 d5 8.♙g5
 ♙e7 9.♙xf6 ♙xf6 10.cxd5



White is repeating the game Dzindzichashvili - Gurevich which had taken place just a few rounds earlier. In that game, Black got the better game and pushed for the win, but only after a mistake by White.

10...♙d5 11.♙xd5 ♖xd5 12.♖a4+ ♙e7 13.♙c1 ♙d8 14.♙d3 ♗6 15.0-0 ♙a7



This position is already good for black.

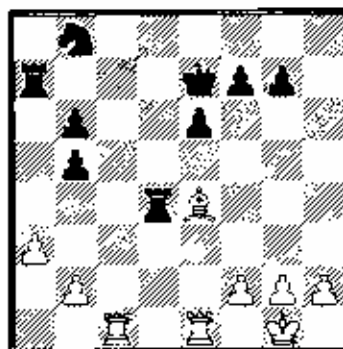
16.♙f1 ♙xd4!

This move looks obvious, but in fact it is not. Now Black has an advantage.

17.♙xh7 ♖b5

Offering White an endgame he can not avoid because the pawn on b2 is also hanging.

18.♖xb5 axb5 19.♙xd4 ♙xd4 20.♙c4



The position looks even. Black is better; what is the reason for that? The Black pieces are a little more active, he has better pawn structure, and most importantly he has a tactical way of attacking White's pawn immediately.

20...b4 21.♙e3

White doesn't want to take on b4 and leave the b2 pawn weak. It is obvious that Black is a little better, but it is not obvious that Black can do much with this position.

21...♙d7 22.g3 ♙e5!

From the beginning, everyone watching this game was sure that the knight would go to e5 in this position. However, Ne5 is a better move.

23.♗xb4 ♙xb4 24.♙c2 ♙a5!

The black rooks appear to come from nowhere!

25.♙b3 ♙ab5 26.♙cc3 ♙d4 27.h3

[27.h4 would be better.]

27...g5

The problem for White is that he has too many things he has to hold.

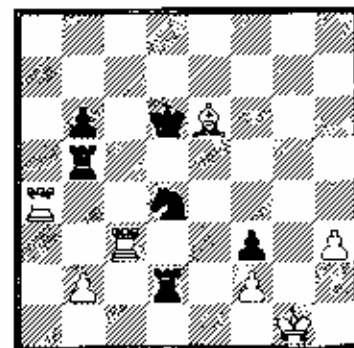
28.♙f1 f5 29.♙c7+

Keeping the center. This move is very dangerous for White.

29...♙d6 30.♙a7 f4 31.gxf4 gxf4 32.♙c3 ♙d2 33.♙a4 f3 34.♙g1 ♙c6

A good way to finish off the position. Black sets up a little combination.

35.♙e6 ♙d4



Now White is forced to give up an exchange, so the position becomes technical.

36.♙xd4+ ♙xd4 37.♙g4 ♙xh2 38.♙xf3

The black b-pawn is more dangerous than the two white pawns. However, Larry helps a little at the end, too.

38...b5 39.♙g2 b4 40.♙f6+ ♙c5 41.♙f5+ ♙c4 42.♙f8 b3 43.♙c8+ ♙b4 44.♙g3 ♙c2 45.♙b8+ ♙c3 46.♙f5 ♙c1 47.h4

Finally, White manages to push his pawn.

47...♙g1+ 48.♙h2 ♙g7

By no means is this position winning by itself. Black has to play very exact moves all the time.

49.♙h3 b2 50.h5 ♙g5 51.♙g6 ♙b4! 0-1

The threat is not only Rxc6 but also Rxc5. White has no way out. ♔



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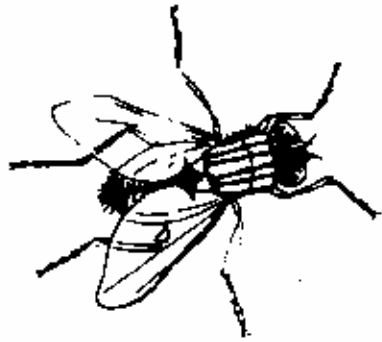
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By NM Alan Watson



Several months ago I heard a country song who's refrain includes the prophetic words I've used to entitle this article. With it, I hope to drive home two separate but distinct points: a) Dull positional chess is ultimately no more successful than sharp attacking games, and b) Even top level players are not immune from losing quickly every now and then.

While I fail to be convinced that a person playing long, dull, drawn out chess will win a larger percentage of the time than if he played aggressive but interesting games, I'm absolutely certain that the long games for the most part aren't as fun! Much of the enjoyment we derive from chess comes from the uncertainty of the result and acceptance of risks. Remember how exciting it was the last time you sacrificed a piece against a strong player ... and won!? It's absolutely great to be standing toe to toe against an opponent while challenging them to consistently find the best moves in a position where a single error may spell immediate downfall. For those games ended in a blunder, I can demonstrate just as many concluded by a dazzling sacrifice, brilliant attack, or downright devious trap!

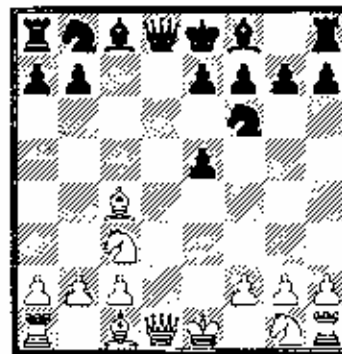
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Open held in Philadelphia over the 4th of July holiday. These represent the twenty-one shortest games of the tournament, and nearly all were played by Masters and above! Most strong players have long understood that the only way to be successful was study hard, trust in themselves, and imbalance the game so as to force each player to think independently. While such an approach may result in an occasional loss, a players' true strength will emerge over the long run, and the vast majority of games will ultimately be won.

This first battle was over in about five minutes, before I even had a chance to turn on my computer!

□ Mayers, D (2079)
 ■ Stephano, P (1660)
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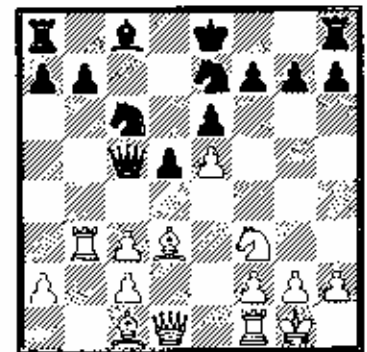
1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.♗xc3 d6 5.♗c4 ♠f6? [5...e6 is necessary to restrict the activity of White's bishop along the a2-g8 diagonal. Remember the following tactic well!] 6.e5 dxe5??



[This additional mistake is responsible for producing the shortest game of the tournament ... and there were 1300 players and nine rounds!] 7.♗xf7+ 1-0

□ Curdo, J (2399)
 ■ Rabinowitz, S (2203)
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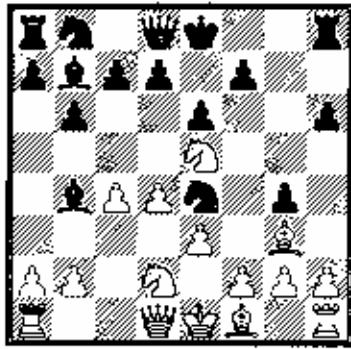
1.e4 ♠c6 2.♗c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.♠f3 ♗b4 5.e5 ♗ce7 [An unusual variation of the Nimzovitch Defense by which Black falls seriously behind in development. Theory considers 5...f5 and 5...♗d7 as superior.] 6.♗d3 e5 7.dxc5 ♗xc3+ 8.bxc3 ♗a5 9.0-0 ♗xc5 10.♠b1 ♠c6 11.♠b3 [This simple-looking move contains more venom that is apparent at first sight. In addition to protecting the c-pawn, it also eyes 12.♗a3 and something else that Black misses.] 11...♗ge7?



12.♠b5 [The queen is lost after 12...♗xc3 13.♗b2.] 1-0

□ Jarod, B (2287)
 ■ Shabalov, A (2269)
 World Open 2, 1996

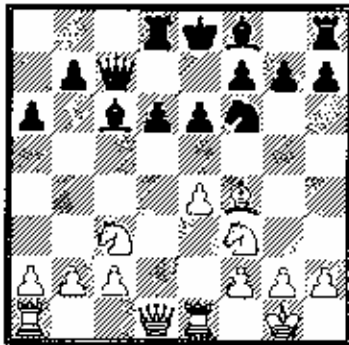
1.♠f3 ♠f6 2.d4 b6 3.c4 e6 4.♗g5 ♗h7 5.c3 b6 6.♗h4 ♗b4+ 7.♗bd2 [A serious error overlooking the following three forcing moves by Black. Such play demonstrates that even strong players are prone to occasional blindness in standard opening positions. Normal is 7.♗c3 g5 8.♗g3 ♠c4 9.♗c2 ♗xc3+ 10.bxc3 d6 which is considered fairly equal.] 7...g5 8.♗g3 g4 9.♗e5 ♠e4



[Only now has the significance of 7.♖bd2 been made apparent; no additional reinforcements are available.] 10.♖g4 ♖xd2+ 11.♖d1 ♖g5 12.a3 d6 13.♖h4 dxe5 0-1

□ Karklins, A (2377)
 ■ Dean, J (2210)
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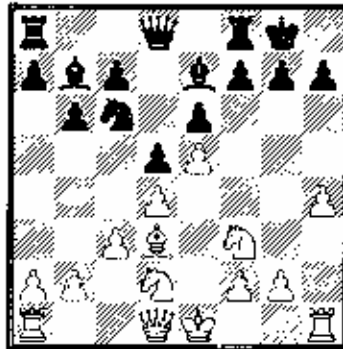
1.e4 [Chicago's own Andrew Karklins joins this elite winners club with a snappy 15-move performance against rapidly improving Indiana junior Jim Dean.] 1...c5 2.♖f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♖xd4 ♖f6 5.♖c3 ♖c6 6.♖b5!? [This little analyzed alternative to the standard 6.♖g5 (Richter Rauzer) has become a dangerous specialty of Andrew's.] 6...♖d7 7.0-0 e6 8.♖e1 ♖e7 9.♖f3 ♖d8 10.♖f4 a6 11.♖xc6 ♖xc6



12.♖d5! ♖a5? 13.♖d2 ♖a4 14.b3 ♖a3 15.♖b4 [True that Black's queen is not lost, but after 15...♖b2 16.♖c3 ♖a3 17.♖xf6+ gxf6 18.♖xf6 the long diagonal yields an additional exchange and bug guts are strewn all over the windshield!] 1-0

□ Gonzalez, J
 ■ Glass, A
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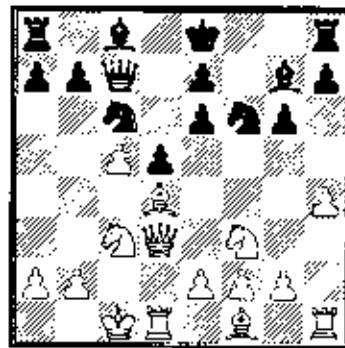
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11.♖xh7+ [The authors of this delicious little brevity came from the under-1600 section!] 11...♖xh7 12.♖g5+ ♖g8 13.♖h5 ♖xg5 14.hxg5 f6 15.g6 1-0

□ Kobas, A (2344)
 ■ Shabalov, A (2619)
 World Open 4, 1996

1.e4 d5 2.♖c3 ♖f6 3.e5 ♖fd7 4.e6 [It takes a special person to roll Shabalov off the board, and Kobas is about to find out that he's not that person this game. The result is interesting nonetheless, and Shabalov's second entry into our top-10.] 4...fxe6 5.d4 c5 6.♖xc5 ♖c6 7.♖f3 a6 8.♖e3 ♖f6 9.♖d4? [9.♖g5! ♖c7 10.g3± Burgess] 9...♖c7 10.♖d3 g6! [10...c5 11.♖xe5 ♖xe5 12.♖g3=] 11.0-0-0 ♖g7 12.h4

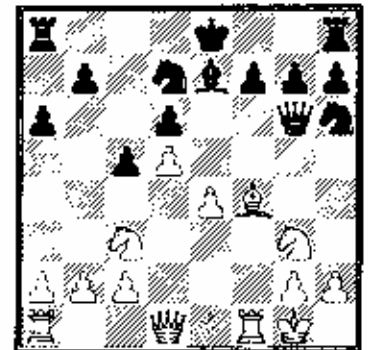


[White has misplayed his pieces in the belief that this position is similar to the one considered at move 10, but he's in for a rude shock!] 12...e5 13.♖xe5 ♖xe5 14.♖g3 ♖e4 {Vive la

differance!] 15.♖xe4 dxe4 16.♖e1 ♖d3+ 0-1

□ Adams, N (2278)
 ■ Kreitner, A (2200)
 World Open G/40, 1996

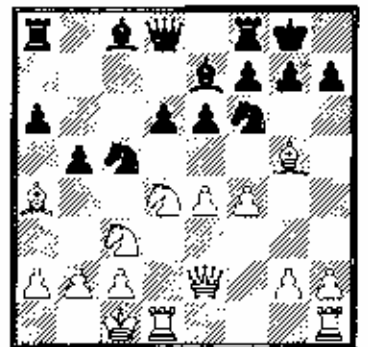
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12.♖f5! ♖d8 [12...♖xf5 13.exf5 ♖f6 14.♖e4±] 13.♖f3 ♖e5 14.♖g3 ♖h4 15.♖xe5 ♖h5 16.♖xg7+ 1-0

□ Cooper, K (1706)
 ■ Cloos, W (1600)
 World Open 5, 1996

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♖rd4 ♖f6 5.♖c3 e6 6.♖g5 [6.♖b5+ ♖bd7 7.♖g5 ♖e7 is a suggestion by Vitolins which transposes to the text.] 6...♖e7 7.♖b5+ ♖hd7 8.♖e2 a6 9.♖a4 0-0 10.0-0-0 ♖c5 11.f4 b5

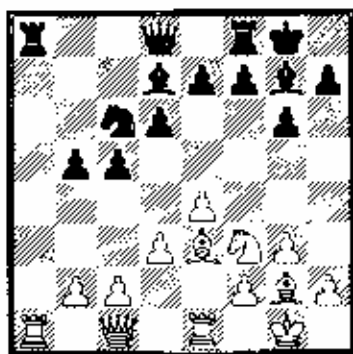


12.e5! [An excellent riposte, highlighting the superiority of White's development in conjunction with weakness incurred as a result of the ill advised 11...b5? Oddly, however, both players seem deficient in their calculating ability, and the game is

only concluded after a number of serious oversights.] 12... $\text{\textcircled{f}d7}$? [12... $\text{\textcircled{b}xa4}$ was necessary. Now there is no hope.] 13. $\text{\textcircled{d}xe7}$? [13. $\text{\textcircled{d}c6}$!+] 13... $\text{\textcircled{d}xe7}$ 14. $\text{\textcircled{d}c6}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}e8}$ 15. $\text{\textcircled{d}e4}$?? [15. $\text{\textcircled{d}b3}$ =] 15... $\text{\textcircled{d}5}$?? [15... $\text{\textcircled{d}xe4}$ 16. $\text{\textcircled{d}xe4}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}5}$ -+] 16. $\text{\textcircled{d}d6}$ - [Finally, and there's no wiggling out of this!] 16... $\text{\textcircled{d}xa4}$ 1-0

□ **Fayvinov, Z** (2311)
 ■ **Friedman, J** (2268)
 World Open 4, 1996

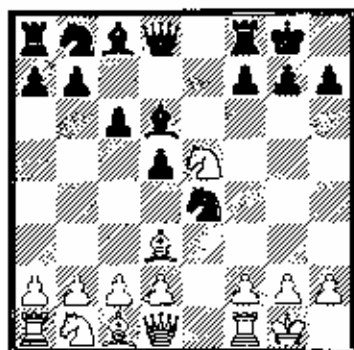
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16. $\text{\textcircled{h6}}$?? [A horrendous tactical oversight which loses a piece to 16... $\text{\textcircled{e}a1}$.] 0-1

□ **Anderson, R** (2353)
 ■ **Gunnarson, J** (2209)
 World Open 4, 1996

1. $\text{\textcircled{e4}}$ $\text{\textcircled{e5}}$ 2. $\text{\textcircled{f}3}$ $\text{\textcircled{f6}}$ 3. $\text{\textcircled{d4}}$ $\text{\textcircled{dxe4}}$ 4. $\text{\textcircled{d}3}$ $\text{\textcircled{d5}}$ 5. $\text{\textcircled{d}xe5}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}d6}$ 6.0-0-0 7. $\text{\textcircled{c4}}$ $\text{\textcircled{c6}}$?

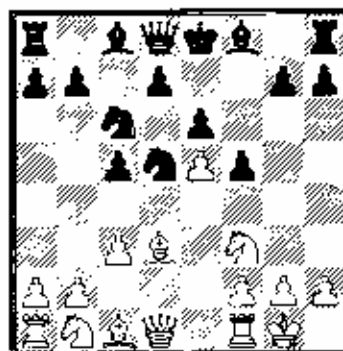


Theory considers this move too

passive and instead prefers 7... $\text{\textcircled{d}xe5}$! $\text{\textcircled{d}xe5}$ $\text{\textcircled{Nc6}}$ with interesting play. Note how White's activity continues to grow from here without any further errors on Black's part!] 8. $\text{\textcircled{d}c3}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}xc3}$ 9. $\text{\textcircled{bxc3}}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}xe5}$ [9... $\text{\textcircled{d}d7}$ 10. $\text{\textcircled{f4}}$ $\text{\textcircled{f}6}$ 11. $\text{\textcircled{d}c2}$ $\text{\textcircled{dxc4}}$ 12. $\text{\textcircled{d}xc4}$ $\text{\textcircled{e6}}$ 13. $\text{\textcircled{d}xd6}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}xd6}$ 14. $\text{\textcircled{f5}}$] 10. $\text{\textcircled{d}xe5}$ $\text{\textcircled{dxc4}}$ 11. $\text{\textcircled{d}xc4}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}e7}$ 12. $\text{\textcircled{e}1}$ [Forintos considers only 13. $\text{\textcircled{a4}}$ and 13. $\text{\textcircled{d}h5}$! in his 1983 work on the Petroff, but White has a powerful game in any case due to his bishop pair and more active development.] 12... $\text{\textcircled{f}d8}$ 13. $\text{\textcircled{d}h5}$ $\text{\textcircled{g6}}$ 14. $\text{\textcircled{d}h6}$ $\text{\textcircled{f}f8}$ 15. $\text{\textcircled{d}h4}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}e6}$ 16. $\text{\textcircled{d}h6}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}e8}$ 17. $\text{\textcircled{d}f6}$ 1-0

□ **Dzindzichashvili, R** (2628)
 ■ **Tate, E** (2401)
 World Open G/40, 1996

1. $\text{\textcircled{d4}}$ $\text{\textcircled{f6}}$ 2. $\text{\textcircled{f}3}$ $\text{\textcircled{e5}}$ 3. $\text{\textcircled{c3}}$ $\text{\textcircled{b6}}$?! [A slight error which allows White to establish the superior center by virtue of Black's weakness along the a8-h1 diagonal.] 4. $\text{\textcircled{dxc5}}$ $\text{\textcircled{bxc5}}$ 5. $\text{\textcircled{e4}}$ $\text{\textcircled{e6}}$ 6. $\text{\textcircled{e5}}$ $\text{\textcircled{d5}}$ 7. $\text{\textcircled{d3}}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}c6}$ 8.0-0 $\text{\textcircled{f5}}$?

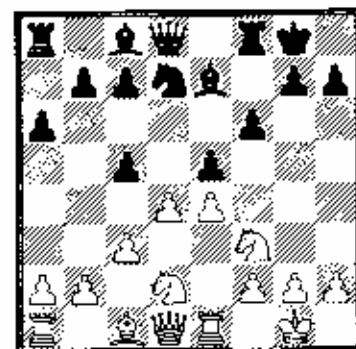


9. $\text{\textcircled{dxf5}}$! $\text{\textcircled{d}xc3}$ 10. $\text{\textcircled{d}xh7}$!+- [This capture is far more deadly than 9. $\text{\textcircled{d}xf5}$, and was probably missed by Tate. Checkmate follows 10... $\text{\textcircled{d}xd1}$ 11. $\text{\textcircled{d}g6}$ + $\text{\textcircled{d}e7}$ 12. $\text{\textcircled{d}g5}$! Behind in development and with his kingside in tatters, Black does his best to complicate the game, but to no avail.] 10... $\text{\textcircled{d}xh7}$ 11. $\text{\textcircled{d}xc3}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}e7}$? [This further inaccuracy costs additional material.] 12. $\text{\textcircled{d}g5}$! $\text{\textcircled{h}4}$ 13. $\text{\textcircled{d}f3}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}f5}$ 14. $\text{\textcircled{d}xa8}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}e7}$ 15. $\text{\textcircled{d}d1}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}d4}$ 16. $\text{\textcircled{d}f3}$ $\text{\textcircled{g4}}$ 17. $\text{\textcircled{h3}}$ 1-0

□ **Dunne, A** (2407)
 ■ **Fenster, D** (2207)
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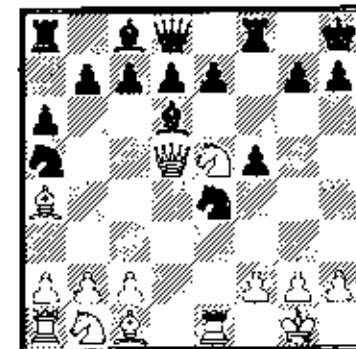
or DERLD, for short.] 6... $\text{\textcircled{d}xc6}$ 7. $\text{\textcircled{e}1}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}d7}$ 8. $\text{\textcircled{d4}}$ $\text{\textcircled{f6}}$ [8... $\text{\textcircled{exd4}}$ 9. $\text{\textcircled{d}xd4}$ 0-0 10. $\text{\textcircled{d}c3}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}e5}$ 11. $\text{\textcircled{d}xd8}$ $\text{\textcircled{f}xd8}$ 12. $\text{\textcircled{d}g5}$ $\text{\textcircled{f6}}$ 13. $\text{\textcircled{d}e3}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}e6}$ 14. $\text{\textcircled{d}ed1}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}d7}$ = Trifunovic-Rossolimo, Amsterdam 1950] 9. $\text{\textcircled{c3}}$ 0-0 10. $\text{\textcircled{d}bd2}$ $\text{\textcircled{c5}}$?



[While it's often a good strategic idea to eliminate a pawn which is doubled, such a course fails here because White is left with a passed d-pawn and solid center.] 11. $\text{\textcircled{d5}}$ $\text{\textcircled{b5}}$ 12. $\text{\textcircled{a4}}$! $\text{\textcircled{d}b7}$ 13. $\text{\textcircled{c4}}$! [Another strong move by which White strengthens his position in the center and on the queenside while excluding Black from any hope of counterplay.] 13... $\text{\textcircled{b4}}$ 14. $\text{\textcircled{d}f1}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}b6}$ 15. $\text{\textcircled{d}e3}$ $\text{\textcircled{c6}}$ 16. $\text{\textcircled{d}f5}$ $\text{\textcircled{d}xc4}$?? [16... $\text{\textcircled{cxd5}}$] 17. $\text{\textcircled{d}xc6}$!+- $\text{\textcircled{d}c8}$ 18. $\text{\textcircled{d}d5}$ + 1-0

□ **Rajlich, V** (2231)
 ■ **Bouzoukis, C** (2333)
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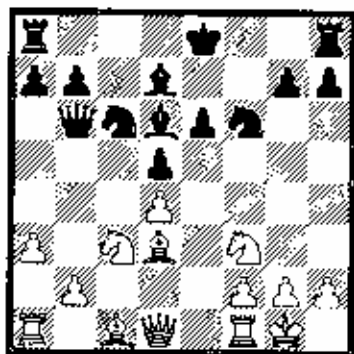
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12. ♖xa5? [12. ♖f7+ ♖xf7 13. ♗xf7 ♖xh2+ 14. ♖f1 b5 15. ♖b3 ♖xb3 16. axb3 ♖b7= Planinc-Parma, Banjaluka 1976] 12...b5! [Putting White's queen out of play just long enough to conduct a dark-square blitzkrieg against the kingside.] 13. f3 [13. ♖xb5? ♖xe5 14. ♖d3 ♖xh2+!] 13...♖xe5 14. fxe4 ♖h4 15. g3 ♖xg3 [Completing the dark-square demolition.] 16. hxxg3 ♖xg3+ 17. ♖b1 fxe4 18. ♖c3 c3 0-1

□ Nolting, A (2200)
 ■ Murthy, P (2231)
 World Open 8, 1996

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ♖d2 ♖f6 4. e5 ♖fd7 5. ♖d3 c5 6. c3 ♖c6 7. ♖e2 cxd4 8. cxd4 ♖b6 9. ♖f3 f6 10. exf6 ♖xf6 11. 0-0 ♖d6 12. ♖c3 ♖d7 13. a3!?

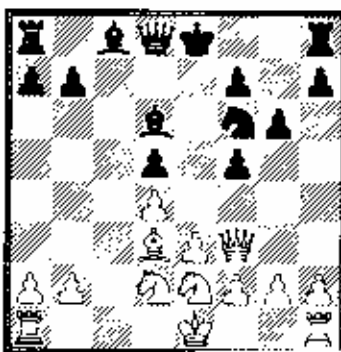


[Daring Black to capture the d-pawn!] 13...♖xd4 14. ♖xd4 ♖xd4 15. ♖g6+? [White continues the tactical sequence he planned before essaying 13.a3, but falls victim to the dreaded "Horizon Effect." This occurs when a player stops analyzing dramatically changes the evaluation of the combination, such as ♖xh2+, ♖e5+, ♖xd4 here. Better than 15. ♖g6+, however, is 15. ♖b5! ♖e5 16. g3 ♖xb5 17. ♖xb5+ ♖e7 (17...♖f7!?) which John Watson regards as unclear and suggests might be worth exploring.] 15...hxxg6 16. ♖xd4 ♖xh2+ 17. ♖h1 ♖e5+ 18. ♖g1 ♖xd4 [Oops!] 0-1

□ Prochaska, P (2200)
 ■ Ortega, A (2255)
 World Open 5, 1996

1. d4 ♖f6 2. ♖g5 d5 3. ♖xf6 exf6 4. e3 c6 5. ♖d3 ♖d6 6. ♖d2?! [This already represents a slight error if White is

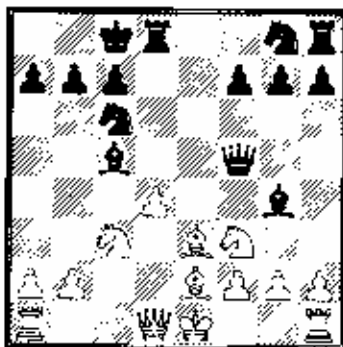
seriously contemplating a future e4. In that eventuality, the knight would rest more comfortably at c3.] 6...f5 7. ♖f3 g6 8. ♖e2 ♖d7 9. e4 ♖f6 10. cxd5 cxd5



[While developed, White's pieces are somewhat congested and lack full scope. Prochaska, however, fails to realize the danger until after Black's next. Correct is 11. ♖c3.] 11. 0-0? ♖e4 12. ♖b5+ [12. ♖b3 ♖g5+ and the queen is trapped!] 12...♖f8!→ 13. ♖h3 ♖xd2 14. ♖fd1 ♖e4 15. f3 ♖g5 16. ♖h6+ ♖g8 17. h4 ♖e6 18. e4 f4 0-1

□ Garcia, F (2209)
 ■ Sagalchik, G (2556)
 World Open G/40, 1996

1. e4 e5 2. d4 exd4 3. c3! [Showing no regard for his opponent's title!] 3...d5 4. exd5 ♖xd5 5. exd4 ♖c6 6. ♖f3 ♖g4 7. ♖e2 0-0-0 8. ♖c3 ♖f5?! [Perhaps a dubious novelty?] [8...♖a5 9. ♖c3 ♖f6 10. h3 ♖h5 11. 0-0 ♖b4 12. ♖c1±; 8...♖b4 9. 0-0 ♖d7 10. ♖e3 ♖f6 11. ♖a4±; 8...♖d7 9. ♖e3 ♖xf3 10. ♖xf3 exd4 11. ♖d5=] 9. ♖e3 ♖c5?

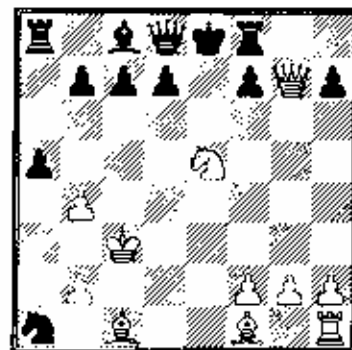


[Even Grandmasters are not immune from errors! The exposed position of Black's queen on f5 allows White a surprising decentralization which moves his queen off the d-file with gain of tempo, after which the bishop can be taken with immunity.]

10. ♖h4!→ ♖xe2 11. ♖xe2 ♖f6 12. ♖g4+ ♖d7 13. dxc5 ♖e5 14. ♖m4 ♖d3+ 15. ♖e2 ♖e7 16. ♖hd1 ♖hd8 17. ♖f3 ♖xb2 18. ♖xa7 1-0

□ Jakslund, T (2220)
 ■ Bouzoukis, C (2333)
 World Open 8, 1996

1. e4 e5 2. ♖c3 ♖f6 3. ♖f3 ♖c6 4. d4 ♖b4 [An unusual continuation used by those wishing to avoid the Scotch or Belgrade Gambit.] 5. ♖xe5 ♖xe4! [This game serves as an excellent example that those choosing to live by the sword (i.e. play sharp openings) will often perish by it as well, for nearly the entire game is given as analysis by John Nunn in his book "New Ideas in the Four Knights!" 6. ♖g4 ♖xc3 7. ♖xg7 ♖f8 8. a3 ♖xd4?! [The sharpest line, but perhaps not the best. Instead, 8...♖a5 9. ♖xc6 dxc6 10. ♖e5+ ♖e7 [1. ♖e7+ ♖xe7 12. ♖d2 ♖f5 has yielded superior results.] 9. axb4 ♖xe2+ 10. ♖d2 ♖xa1 11. ♖xc3 a5



12. ♖c4! [Whereas 12. ♖g5 results in a forced draw, this offers good winning chances.] 12...axb4+ 13. ♖d2! d5 14. ♖b5+ ♖e7 [14...c6 15. ♖e1 ♖e6 16. ♖xc6 bxc6 17. ♖xc6+! ♖d7 18. ♖xc6 ♖e7 19. ♖d1 ♖ab8 20. ♖f4 1-0 Plovodin Rutman, Leningrad 1978] 15. ♖d1! [A delicate but powerful move freeing White's remaining forces for immediate action.] 15...♖d6 16. ♖d3!→ ♖g4+ 17. ♖xg4 f5 18. ♖g7 1-0

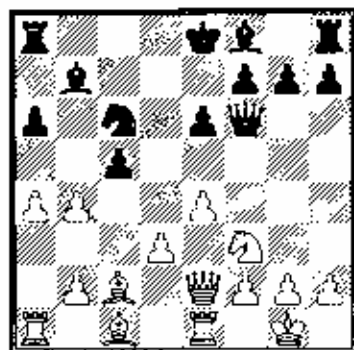
□ Sherzer, A (2561)
 ■ Dean, J (2210)
 World Open G/40, 1996

1. e4 e5 2. ♖f3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♖xd4 ♖f6 5. ♖c3 ♖c6 6. ♖e3 c5 7. ♖f3 h6 8. ♖c4 ♖e7 9. 0-0 0-0 10. ♖e2 ♖e6!?

[10...♖a5 11.♗b3 ♖xb3 12.axb3 a6 13.♠f1 ♔d7 14.♗d2 b5 15.♗f1± Kapengut-Lukin, USSR 1977] 11.♠f1 ♗c7 12.♗b3 a6 13.♗h4! ♖xe4 14.♖xe4 ♗xb4? [An impetuous move by which Dean overlooks the power of White's following play against his broken position.] [14...♗b3! 15.axb3 ♗xh4 16.♖xd6 ♠f1d8 17.♗f5±] 15.♗xe6! ♖xe6 16.♠xd6 ♠ad8 [16...♗e7 17.♠xe6! ♠ad8 18.♗g4+] 17.♠xd8 ♗xd8 18.♠d1 ♗e8 19.♗g4 1-0

□ Blocker, C (2561)
 ■ Castaneda, N (2342)
 World Open 3, 1996

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♖c6 3.♗b5 [This variation of the Sicilian Defense has an extremely long history; being first written about by Cozio (1715-1780), played by Bird and Williams in London 1851, favored by Steinitz (1836-1900) and Nimzovitch (1886-1935), and finally reintroduced to modern play around 1940 by French/American Grandmaster Nicolas Rossolimo. It's intention is to contest control of d4 with c3,d4 while establishing piece pressure similar to the Ruy Lopez.] 3...e6 4.0-0 ♗ge7 5.c3 a6 6.♗a4 b5 7.♗c2 ♗b7 8.a4 d5 9.♠e2 h4 10.♠e1 d4 [While not especially desirable, this move is necessary for Black to complete the development of his queenside.] 11.cxd4 ♖xd4 12.♖xd4 ♗xd4 13.d3 ♖c6 14.♗d2 ♗f6 15.♗f3

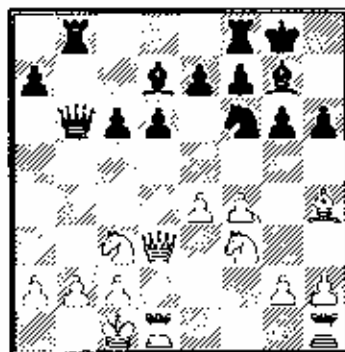


15...♗d4? 16.♖xd4 cxd4 17.a5! [Threatening a disruption along the a4-e8 diagonal before the Black king can scurry away to safety. The looseness of Black's central and queenside expansion is now being felt!] 17...♗c5? [17...♗c6 18.♗d2 ♗d6 19.♠ecl± (19.e5 ♗g6=)] 18.♗a4+ ♗e7?? [The final tactical error,

overlooking the double threat presented by White's next move.] 19.♗h5 1-0

□ Dean, J (2210)
 ■ Fang, J (2375)
 World Open 5, 1996

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 ♖f6 4.♖c3 cxd4 5.♖xd4 g6 6.♗g5 [Those readers scanning this list of games carefully will no doubt notice that the name Jim Dean appears three separate times ... all losses! This just goes to show that the possession of an aggressive style may often be more dangerous to oneself than one's opponents.] 6...♗g7 7.♗b5+ ♗d7 8.♠e2 ♖c6 9.0-0-0 h6 [IM Chris Ward cites only 9...♠c8!? in his book "Winning With the Dragon," with the game Ghinda-Sax, Malta 1980 continuing 10.♗xc6 bxc6 11.f4 0-0 12.e5 dxe5 13.fxe5 ♗d5 14.♖xd5 cxd5 15.e6? ♖xe6 16.♖xe6 ♗b6! 17.♖xg7 ♠f2! +] 10.♗b4 ♠c8 11.♗xc6 bxc6 12.f4 0-0 13.♗d3 ♗b6 14.♗f3 ♠b8

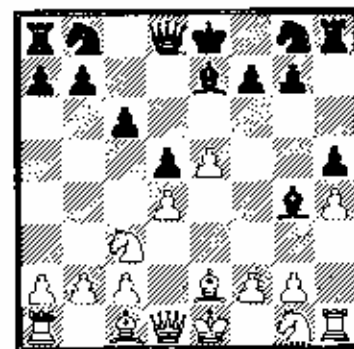


[Black's threats materialize quite rapidly after this move, with the resulting dark-square weakness proving fatal to White.] 15.b3 ♠fe8 16.♖a4 ♗h4 17.♗d2 ♗a3+ 18.♖b2 ♗xa2 19.♗d4 ♖xe4 [19...♖xc4 20.♗xe4 ♗c3!+] 0-1

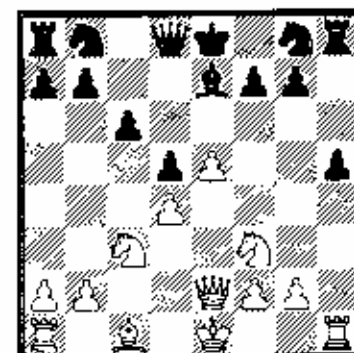
□ Ivanov, A (2659)
 ■ Zarembo, A (1920)
 World Open 5, 1996

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 c6 [5...♗xb1?! 6.♠xb1 c6 7.a3 ♗d7 8.♗f3 g6 9.♗g5± Spassky-Seirawan, London 1982] 6.♖c3 ♗e7 7.cxd5 [7.♗b3! ♗b6 8.e5 ♗c7 9.♗g5 as in Mokry-Solmundarsson, Borgarnes 1985 is regarded as better so as not to allow Black's ♖b8 access to c6. Black's next move, however, renders

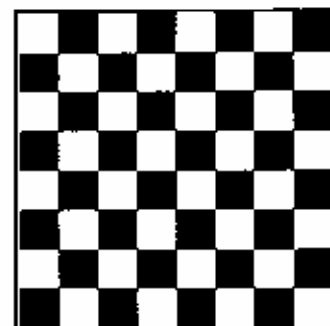
this point moot.] 7...cxd5?! 8.♗d3 ♗g4 9.♗e2!



[Once Black recaptures in the center with cxd5, the ♗c5 becomes free to advance rendering the exchange of light-squared bishops favorable for White. The same idea would not have been correct after the proper 7...cxd5!] 9...♗xe2 10.♗xe2 ♗xh4 11.♗f3 ♗e7



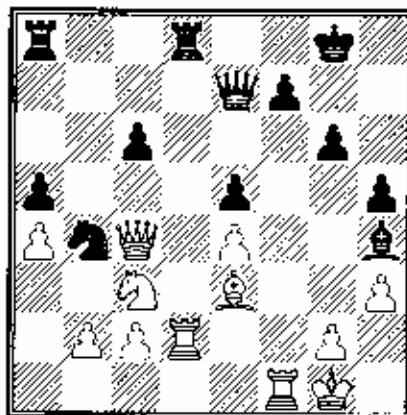
12.e6! ♖f6? [Strategic capitulation. While the certainty of a win after 12...♖xe6 cannot be proven, Black would have nonetheless faced the grim defensive task of trying to cover all his weakness with no opportunity for active play.] 13.♗d3+ ♗f8 14.♖h4 ♗d6 15.♗g6+ ♗e8 16.♖xb8 ♗xe6+ 17.♗f1 f5 18.♠xb5 g6 19.♠h3 1-0 ♗





Systematic Position Analysis

By GM Gabriel Schwartzman, 1996 US Open Champion



White to move.

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[Editor's Note: I hope you found last issue's lesson worth the read. From the above quote you can see that I'm apparently not the only person who thinks so. This issue presents what I think is a truly outstanding lesson and, honestly, it is coincidence that it centers on Karpov. Regardless of your individual opinion about him, there's a lot to learn from his play. I encourage you to take full advantage of Gabriel's easy-to-read teaching style. The time spent with his material will pay for itself in short order. Once again, I wholeheartedly endorse the Internet Chess Academy. If your hungry for still more of these lessons than are carried here then see the advertisement at the end for more information on becoming a full member. Imagine receiving this quality instruction on a recurring basis for a truly small fee! Now, enjoy the Internet Chess Academy courtesy of GM Schwartzman and the ICB.]

Your task in the position above was to find the best move for white. You have I hope you have enjoyed this difficult, but beautiful example of Karpovian playing style. Yes, this position comes from a well-known game Karpov - Spassky, played in the candidates matches in Leningrad, 1974, one year before Karpov became world champion by default.

I would like to start this lecture by telling you a few things about Karpov's method of analyzing the position, or at least the method he has presented in his books. He has developed a systematic way of approaching the position analysis, using seven categories: material, immediate threats, king safety, open files & diagonals, pawn structure, center & space, position of the pieces. I think this is a great puzzle to start getting used to this method of analysis!

Material: It doesn't take a GM to see that there is material equality on the board.

Immediate threats: Neither side has immediate threats.

King safety: This is one important category! Well, what can we say about

the white king? That it is pretty well protected, but also that it stays on the open diagonal a7-g1, and even though it is currently controlled by our bishop, we have to be aware of possible checks on this diagonal. The black king, too, stays on an important diagonal: a2-h7. And even though this is not an open diagonal, I am sure he can feel the heat from the white queen...

Open files & diagonals: There is only one completely open file, 'd', and it is controlled by both sides. White, however, can double his rooks first... Another very important file is of course, the 'f' one, and fortunately, it is under our control. Our queen also adds her contribution by controlling the 'c' file. Black could gain control of the semi-open 'b' file, but that doesn't look very scary. Moving on to ranks, white's rook on d2 is in charge of the 2nd rank, while black's queen is responsible for the 7th rank. Finally, a few very important diagonals: a2-g8 controlled by our queen, a7-g1 and c1-h6 by our bishop, and h4-e1 by the black bishop.

Pawn structure: White's structure looks definitely better. Nevertheless, we can point out a weak pawn on c2 under attack by the black knight, and

an isolated pawn on e4. Black has much more to worry about: the pawn on f7 was left behind and is pinned and under heavy attack. The pawn on c6 is isolated and under attack, and last but not least a weak pawn on a5, which could become a great liability. Also under this category we have to fit strong and weak squares. In this case it looks like white has some weak dark squares on the king side, which is actually matched by black. Black also has most of the dark squares on the queen side weak, with the notable exception of b4 and d4, which are currently his strongest squares.

Center & space: The center is semi-closed, since only one file is open, and both sides share its control. It is also very hard to decide which side has more space...

Position of the pieces: There are lots of things that can be said in this category. Let's start with our queen: apart from the fact that she has a very active position, we also have to mention that she is in a fork position with the rook on f1, which means that a knight taking on e3 would be very unpleasant... That is also about the only thing we can say about the rook on f1. If black has a light squared bishop we would have also been obliged to mention the fact that the queen and rook are on the same diagonal, but right now that is secondary...

The rook on d2 is a little more interesting, since it is attacked by black's rook and only defended by the bishop, which inherently means that we can't move our bishop without being careful... Our last piece, the knight, is not very active on c3... It can only go to d1, e2 and b1, and those aren't really great offensive squares either... We might also observe that the knight is blocking our weakness on c2.

Moving over to black, I think it would be important to notice that black's queen on c7 lies on the same diagonal with the bishop and rook, and also with the knight on b4. Since we do have the dark-squares bishop, this

could become important... The rook on a8 is not very active yet, and the rook on d8 is of course chatting with our rook. Also, if taken it would happen with check, plus the fact that it is on the same diagonal with the pawn on a5... The bishop, meanwhile, enjoys the h4 square, while the knight loves its position on b4. And this about concludes the position analysis...

I hope you saw how easy this was. All the things mentioned above can be noticed by a class D player, but they are actually very, very important. Most of them might seem like things we notice even without trying, but believe me, we don't... Analyzing the position in this way, in order to get acquainted with its most hidden secrets, is a vital part of finding the right continuation.

Now comes the more difficult part of selecting the things that we want to change. In this case it didn't take Karpov long to realize that most problems are caused by our own knight. The knight itself is wasting its time, but it is also blocking the pawn on c2, and thus allows the black knight to enjoy the active lifestyle on b4. I am sure he also thought of different ideas such as doubling rooks

on the d file, or playing 1.Bc5, but he quickly noticed that the f file is more important, because of black's weak pawn on f7. And 1.Bc5 doesn't cause that much trouble after 1...Qb7, either...

So, what does Karpov do? He plays 1.Nb1!

The idea of this move is not very hard to explain. First of all, it opens the path for the c pawn, thus allowing c2-c3 which will of course chase the black knight, and weaken black's c6 pawn even more. At the same time, moving the knight opened the horizon of the queen on c4 a little more, so that the pawn on c2 is now finally defended. And if the above reasons were not enough, here is one more: the white knight is preparing a long journey which after d2 will take it to either f3 or b3-c5 or e4, and in any of those spots it will do definitely more than on c3...

This is definitely the kind of move that has allowed Karpov to reach and maintain his level for so long... ♔

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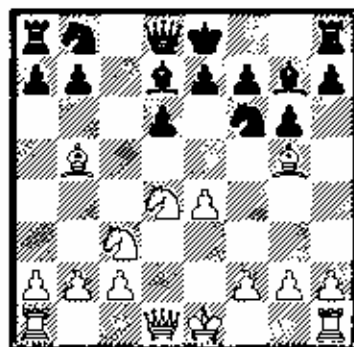


By NM Alan Watson

Since witnessing strong Midwestern players such as Martin Oleson and Emory Tate circumventing the bulk of their opponent's theoretical knowledge with a unique anti-Dragon idea, it occurred to me there might be more to this poorly regarded variation than appears at first sight. In spite of, or perhaps because of the lack of theoretical material, this sharp system actually scores quite well! White's primary strategy is to combine rapid development with a pawn push down the center before Black has the opportunity of coordinating his forces. The disadvantage, however, is that both bishops are exposed and may require exchange, thereby ceding important long term disadvantages.

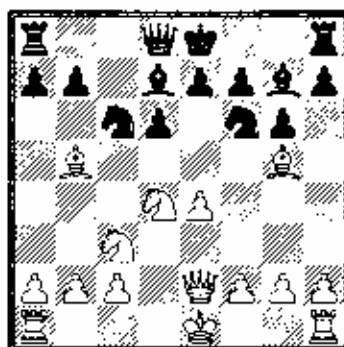
- Tate, E (2431)
- Sax, R (2000)
- Illinois Open (3), 1996

1.e4 c5 2.♁f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♁xd4
 ♁f6 5.♁c3 g6 6.♁g5 [The initial move
 of the idea now under consideration.]
 6...♁g7 7.♁b5+ ♁d7



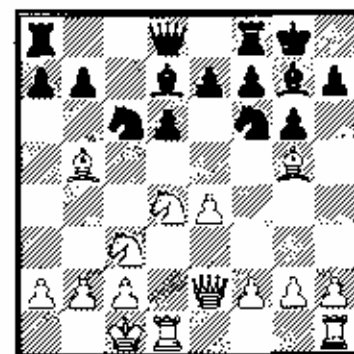
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 ♁ac8 16.♁he1 ♁c5 17.e5 dxe5 18.♁xf6
 ♁xf5 19.♁e4 ♁c7 20.f5 ♁g7 21.♁f1 ♁f8
 22.g4 ♁b6 23.h4 ♁c6 24.♁d2 b5
 25.♁h1 h6 26.♁f1 h4 27.♁d2 ♁d8
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 31.♁f7+ ♁h8 32.g5 ♁xe4 33.♁c1 ♁f8

34.♁xf3+ ♁xf3 35.♁xh8+ ♁g7 36.♁e8
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 Horvath, T-Sievers, S/Hamburg HSK
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 ♁f:8 13.♁g7 ♁xg7 14.0-0-0 ♁c4
 15.h5 ♁g8 16.hxg6 fxg6 17.♁b3 ♁c7
 18.e5 ♁xc3 19.exf6 ♁c4 20.♁h6 ♁xc2+
 21.♁b1 exf6 22.♁xh7+ ♁f8 23.♁de1
 ♁f5 24.♁h8+ ♁f7 25.♁h7# 1-0
 D.Ronneland-V. Johansson/Borlange
 JSM (05) 1992) 9...♁c7 10.0-0 b5
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 14.♁fe1 ♁f6 15.♁f3 0-0 16.♁xb4
 ♁xd5 17.♁xd5 ♁xd5 18.♁xe7 ♁fb8
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 f6 22.♁d6 ♁c8 23.♁a3 ♁b7 24.♁ad1
 ♁d7 25.♁e7 ♁xe7 26.♁xe7 ♁e4 27.f3
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 30.♁d8 f5 31.♁f1 ♁e8 32.♁f6 ♁xf6
 33.♁xf6 a5 34.♁a6 ♁c5 35.♁a7 h6 ½-
 ½ Fleck, J-Miles, A/BRD 35/273
 1983) 8.♁e2 [8.0-0 0-0 9.♁xd7
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 ½-½ Gomez, Julio-Cuenca, C/EQ GC
 1989] 8...♁c6!?



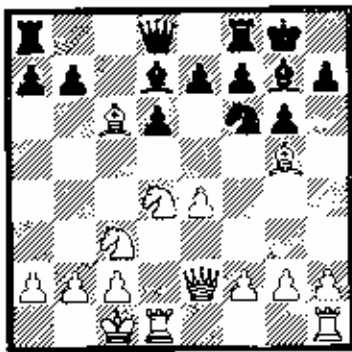
[Regarded as best by Chris Ward in
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 ♁xd4 23.♁xd4 ♁c5 24.♁d3 ♁c7 25.f5
 ♁g7 26.fxg6 f6 27.♁e4 ♁f2 28.♁e2
 ♁f4+ 29.♁b1 ♁g5 30.♁he1 ♁xg6 ½-½
 Lendvai, N-Lakos, N/HUN-chW
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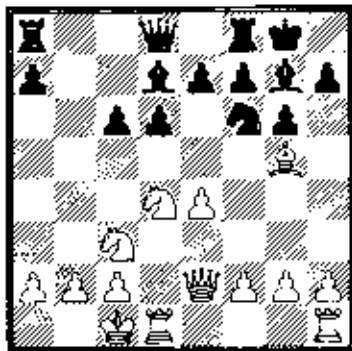


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 16.♁he1 ♁a3+ 17.♁d2 ♁a5+ 18.♁c1
 ♁a3+ 19.♁d2 ♁a5+ 20.♁c1 ♁a3+ ½-
 ½ Kwiatkowski, F-Ward, C/Lloyds
 Bank 1992) 11.♁xd4 g5 12.e5 gxh4
 13.exf6 ♁xf6 14.♁xd6 1-0 Bus, M-
 Hansen, SuB/ Copenhagen Unibank
 (05) 1991; 9...♁xd4 10.♁xd4 ♁b6
 11.e5 ♁xb5 12.♁xb5+ ♁xb5 13.♁xb5
 dxe5 14.♁c7+ ♁f8 15.♁b4 ♁b8
 (15...♁c8 16.♁xb7 a5 17.♁d1 ♁e4
 18.♁e3 ♁d6 19.♁a7 ♁c4 20.♁c5 ♁h6+
 21.♁b1 ♁g7 22.♁xe7 ♁b8 23.♁e6+
 ♁g8 24.♁d8+ ♁d8 25.♁xd8 ♁g7
 26.♁e6+ 1-0 Vitolinsh, A-Yurtaev
 ,L/URS-FL Frunze 1979) 16.♁a6 ♁d5
 17.♁b5 ♁c8 18.♁xb7 f6 19.♁d1 ♁c6
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 ♁e8 23.♁e5 ♁f8 24.♁xa7 ♁xa7
 25.♁xa7 ♁e6 26.c4 c4 27.a4 ♁d8
 28.♁c2 f5 29.a5 h5 30.a6 ♁h6
 31.♁xe7+ ♁f6 32.♁b7; 9...♁c8!?
 10.♁xc6 bxc6 11.f4 0-0 12.e5 dxe5
 13.fxe5 ♁d5 14.♁xd5 cxd5 15.e6 fxe6
 16.♁xe6 ♁b6 17.♁xg7 ♁f2 18.♁d3
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 Sax, Gyula/Malta ol (12) 1980]

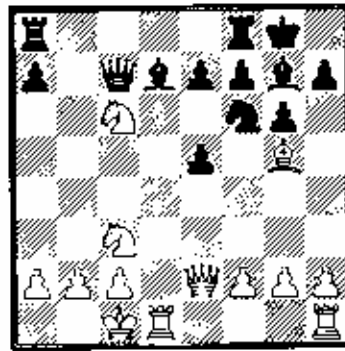
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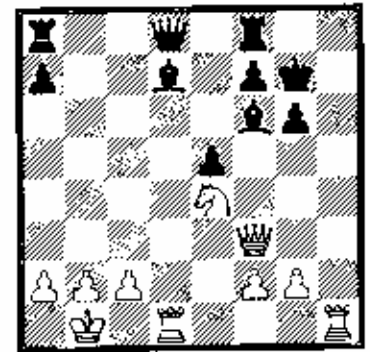
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[10... dxc6 11. h4 h6 12. d4 d7 13. e5 h5 14. e2 dxe5 15. dxe5 e8 16. b3 e8 17. g4 dxe5 18. e5 e7 19. e5 f6 20. e3 b6 21. d7 e3+ 22. fxe3 e8 23. e2 e7 24. d2 e8 25. b5 a6 26. e3 b5 27. a4 f5 28. e5 b4 29. d5 a5 30. e7+ 1-0 Nikolaidis, K - Henning, W / Agios Nikolaos open (4) 1995] 11. e5 dxe5 12. dxc6 e7?



[Black's main alternative has yielded only slightly better results: 12... e8 13. dxe5 e6 and now there are two alternatives; A) 14. b1 e8 15. f4 e8 16. d3 e5 17. e3 e4 18. d5 e2+ 19. e2 e2+ 20. dxc2 e3+ 21. e3 f6 22. d7 e8+ 23. b1 e8 24. d6+ e6 25. e4 e3 26. d1 f5 27. e1 e2 28. e2 e2 0-1 Ermenkov, E-Sosonko, G/Tunis izt (17) 1985; and B) 14. e1 e8 (14... e8 15. f3 e8 16. d3 e7 17. b3 e6 18. g4 b4 19. d2 e3+ 20. b1 a5 21. e1 b4 22. d2 e5 23. e4 b5 24. e3 e5 25. e4 b5 26. e3 d5 27. f4 e4 28. e3 f6 29. d6 g6 30. e6 d5 31. e2 f5 32. e6 b5 33. e8+ e8 34. e4 e5 35. e5 e5 36. e5 e2 37. a3 e2+ 38. e1 e2+ 39. d1 e3 40. b4 e1+ 41. e2 e2+ 42. d3 e6 43. g5 e3 44. e3 1-0 Kiss, A-Wukits, R/Donau op (02) 1992) 15. e6 e7 (15... e5 16. f4 e8 17. d2 e8 18. e1 h6 19. e4 e4 20. dxe4 e4 21. d3 e6 22. e3 e5 23. e1 e4 24. e4 e6 25. dxe7 f4 26. g3 b8 27. c3 h5 28. d5 e6 29. d6 e6 30. e7+ e7 31. d6 e3+ 32. d1 e4+ 33. e2 d6 34. d6 e2+ 35. e2 1-0 Hamdouchi, H - Garcia Lopez, LM / Alicante op. (02) 1992) 16. b5 e5 17. d4 d5 18. b3 e3 19. a3 b8 20. dxe6 e6 21. d7 e3 22. d6+ e6 23. e2 e8 24. e8+ e8 25. e8+ e8 26. e3 e8 27. e2 e6 28. b4 e6 29. e6 fxe6 30. d3 e7 31. e4 d6 32. f4 h6 33. h4 h5 34. b5 e5 35. e5+ fxe5 36. b4 e6 37. e5 e5 38. d5 e4 39. d4 e4 40. b6 a6 41. b5 0-1 Vitolinsh, A - Mortensen, E /Riga 32/276 1981] 13. dxe7+ e8 14. dxf6 e6 15. d5 e5+ 16. b1 e8 17. h4! [Preparing to pry open the h-file with gain of tempo.] 17... e6 18. h5 e7 19. h6 g6 20. f3 e5 [20... f6 21. e6+] 21. e4 d8 22. d6 e6

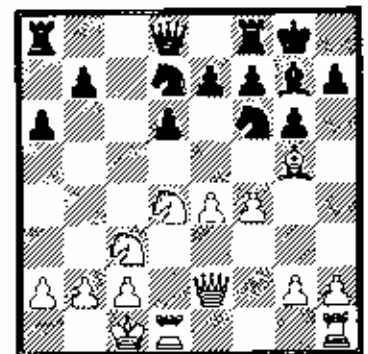


23. d6 [23. d7! would have been more thematic in keeping with with Tate's sharp tactics. This works equally well, however!] 23... e6 24. e7+ 1-0

ILLUSTRATIVE GAME #1

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 ■ West, G
 Tapolca 1990

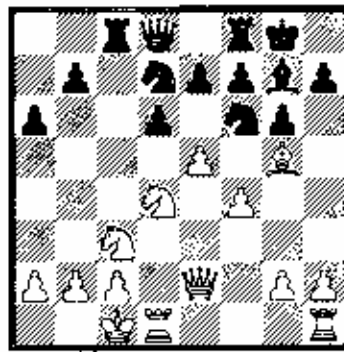
1. e4 c5 2. d3 d6 3. d4 e4 4. d4 e6 5. e3 g6 6. e5 e7 7. e5+ d7 8. e2 0-0 a6 9. d7+ e7 10. 0-0



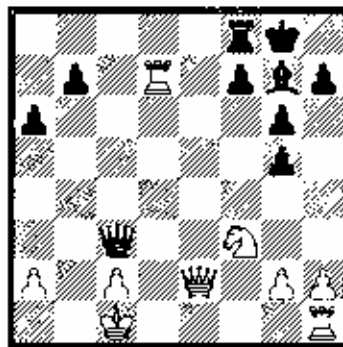
[10. h4 e8 (10... h6 11. d6 e6 12. 0-0-0 e5 13. f4 e8 14. e5 dxe5 15. fxe5 d5 16. g4 e3 17. b3 e7 18. bxc3 e3 19. d4 0-0 20. h5 e5 21. d2 e5 22. d3 g5 23. a4 e4 24. e1 e7 25. d4 e6 26. e4 e8 27. e3 h5 28. a6 b5 29. e6 a6 30. b4 e6 31. e2 e8 32. b3 e3 33. e2 e3 34. b1 b6 35. d3 f5 36. e2 b4 37. b2 bxc3+ 0-1 Giaccio, Alfredo-Hoffman, Alejandro/ Buenos Aires PRENAJ (08) 1993) 11. e3 h5 12. 0-0-0 0-0 13. b1 e6 (13... b5 14. d5 e8 15. c3 e6 16. d6 e6 17. f3 e4 18. e1 e5 19. b3 e8 20. f4 a5 21. g4 e5 22. f3 b4 23. e4 a6 24. e1 g4 25. f4 e2 26. e2 f5 27. b1 e4 28. f3 e8 29. gxf5 gxf5 30. f6+ 1-0 Schula, Michal-Masin, L/ Czech tt

(06) 1993) 14.♖b3 ♖c6 15.f4 ♖c7
16.♖hd3 b5 17.a3 ♖c8 18.♖ld2 ♖b8
19.♖dl b4 20.axb4 ♖xb4 21.e5 ♖e8
22.♖f3 ♖b6 23.♖d8 ♖d7 24.♖xb6
♖xb6 25.g4 hxg4 26.♖xg4 ♖e7 27.h5
dxe5 28.hxg6 f5 29.♖e2 exf4 30.♖d5
♖g5 31.♖xb6 ♖xb6 32.♖f2 ♖b7 33.♖f3
♖b8 34.♖c6 ♖xg6 35.♖d8 ♖xd8
36.♖xd8 ♖h7 37.♖xc8 ♖g1+ 38.♖a2
e5 39.♖d7 ♖g5 40.♖xe5 1-0
Frolov, Artur-Palkovi, Jozsef/Slofok

(02) 1990) 10...0-0 [Alternatives are
A) 10...♖c8 11.♖d5 h6 12.♖h4 ♖a5
13.♖b1 ♖xd5 14.exd5 ♖f6 15.♖b3 ♖c7
♠ Ulibin, M-Ivanchuk, V/USSR 40/
(115) 1985; B) 10...♖a5 11.f4 h6
12.♖b3 ♖d8 13.♖xf6 ♖xf6 14.e5 dxe5
15.♖c5 ♖xc5 16.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 17.fxe5
♖g5+ 18.♖b1 0-0 19.h4 ♖d2 20.♖c4
♖xc4 21.♖xe4 ♖b8 22.c3 h5 23.g4
hxg4 24.♖xg4 e6 25.h5 g5 26.h6
♖d8 27.h7+ ♖h8 28.♖h5 ♖f4 29.♖h6
♖xe5 30.♖xg5 f6 31.♖g6 ♖d7 32.a3
♖g7 33.♖d3 ♖e8 34.♖a2 ♖c7 35.♖h6
♖e5 36.a4 ♖ge7 37.♖c4 ♖g7 38.♖b3
♖d8 39.♖c4 ♖e8 40.♖a2 ♖d7 41.♖e4
½-½ Mauro-Sapi/Forli (05) 1989]
11.f4 [11.h4 ♖c8 12.♖h3 b5 13.♖d5
♖c4 14.♖xf6+ exf6 15.♖e3 ♖e8 16.h5
♖xe4 17.♖b3 ♖c7 18.♖d3 f5 19.♖b1 f4
20.♖c1 ♖e6 21.♖d1 ♖c5 22.♖xc5
dxc5 23.hxg6 hxg6 24.♖h7 ♖ce4
25.a4 c4 26.♖h3 ♖c5 27.axb5 axb5
28.♖a3 ♖e8 29.♖a7 b4 30.g3 ♖e1
31.♖xe1 ♖xe1 32.♖xg7+ ♖xg7
33.gxf4 ♖d8 34.♖c5 ♖d1 35.♖e5+
♖xe5 36.fxe5 ♖f1 37.f4 e3 38.bxc3
bxc3 39.f5 gxf5 40.e6 fxe6 0-1
Southam, David-Kiviahio, Bob/
Ontario Closed (09) 1992] 11...♖c8!?
[11...h6 12.♖h4 e5 ½-½ Rivera, D-
Charpentier, W/Dubai olm (09) 1986;
11...♖c7 12.♖f3 e5 13.♖d2 ♖c5
14.♖he1 ♖e6 15.♖xf6 ♖xf6 16.♖d5
♖d8 17.f5 ♖c5 18.g4 ♖h4 19.♖h6 ♖f6
20.♖xf6+ ♖xf6 21.♖xd6 ♖g7 22.♖c3
♖fc8 23.♖d5 ♖f8 24.f6 ♖c7 25.♖ed1
♖ac8 26.♖xe5 ♖c6 27.♖ld2 h6 28.♖d7
♖xd7 29.♖xd7 ♖b4 30.♖xf7 ♖a4
31.♖xh6+ ♖h8 32.♖d2 ♖xa2 33.c3
♖a1+ 34.♖c2 ♖c5 35.♖f7+ ♖g8
36.♖d6 ♖a4 37.f7+ ♖h7 38.♖xc8 1-0
Magem Badals, J-Jonsson, B/EU-chJ
Groningen (11) 1983] 12.e5



[12.♖b3 ♖xc3 13.bxc3 ♖c7 14.♖d3 e6
15.f5 ♖c5 16.♖h3 exf5 17.exf5 ♖c8
18.♖d1 ♖c6 19.♖xf6 ♖xf6 20.♖f2 a5
21.fxg6 ♖g5+ 22.♖b1 hxg6 23.♖d4 a4
24.♖d2 ♖b5+ 25.♖a1 a3 26.♖b1 ♖e2
27.♖c4 ♖c7 28.♖xd6 ♖d8 29.♖e4 ♖xe4
30.♖xe4 f5 31.♖f2 ♖d2 32.♖d3 ♖f6
33.♖xe5 ♖xe5 34.♖xb7 ♖xg2 35.♖e3
♖g1+ 36.♖b1 ♖xb1+ 37.♖xb1 ♖xh2
Vitolinsh, A-Altman, B/URS-ch T
1988 /1-0 (62)] 12...dxe5 [12...♖xc3
13.exf6 exf6 14.♖xf6 ♖xf6 15.bxc3
♖a5 16.♖c4 ♖e4 17.♖b2 b5 18.♖b4
♖c7 19.♖he1 d5 20.♖d3 ♖c8 21.♖ee3
♖c5 22.♖b3 ♖a4+ 23.♖c1 ♖xc3
24.♖a5 ♖xf4 25.♖d2 ♖xh2 26.♖xc3
♖g1+ 27.♖f1 ♖xf1+ 28.♖b2 ♖c4 29.a3
0-1 Dean, J-Rodriguez, L/Chicago
Open 4, G/45 1996] 13.fxe5 ♖a5
14.♖f3 [14.♖xf6!? exf6 15.♖b3 ♖d8!
16.e6 fxe6 17.♖xc6+ ♖f7♠] 14...♖xc3
15.exf6 exf6 16.♖xd7 [16.♖d2??
♖xa2N] 16...fxg5 17.bxc3 ♖xc3

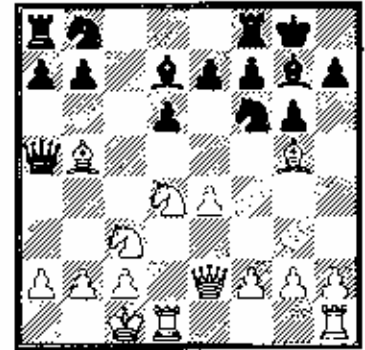


18.♖xb7?? [18.♖e1=] 18...♖a1+!
19.♖b1 [19.♖d2 ♖d8+N] 19...♖b2+
20.♖d2 ♖d8+ 21.♖d4 [21.♖c3
♖d4+N!] 21...♖xd4+ 22.♖c3 ♖xa2N
23.♖f2 [23.g3 ♖e6+ 24.♖f2 ♖f5+;
23.♖he1 ♖e4+!] 23...♖f4+ 24.♖g3
♖a3+ 25.♖d3 ♖d4! 26.♖h3 [26.h3
♖d6; 26.♖xa3 ♖f2+] 26...g4+ 27.♖h4
♖e7+ 28.♖g3 ♖f2+! 29.♖xf4 ♖f6+
30.♖xg4 h5+ 0-1

ILLUSTRATIVE GAME #2

♠ Vitolinsh, A
♠ Smirln, I
Kuldiga Baltic cb 1987

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.♖xd4
♖f6 5.♖c3 g6 6.♖g5 ♖g7 7.♖b5+ ♖d7
8.♖e2 0-0 ♖a5 9.0-0-0



9... ♖a5 [With the major alternatives
A) 9...♖xb5 10.♖dxb5 (10.♖xb5 ♖bd7
11.f4 ♖b6 12.♖he1 ♖xb5 13.♖dxb5 a6
14.♖c7 ♖ac8 15.♖d7d5 ♖fe8 16.e5 dxe5
17.fxe5 ♖d5 18.♖xd5 ♖f8 19.e6 ♖f6
20.♖b6 ♖cd8 21.♖d7 ♖xd7 22.exd7
♖d8 23.♖f4 ♖xd7 24.♖xd7+ ♖xd7
Vitolinsh, A A-Irkis, B/T 1983) ½-½
(61)] 10...♖a5 11.f4 ♖c6 12.♖b1 ♖fc8
13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 ♖e8 15.♖d5 a6
16.♖a3 b5 17.c6 f6 18.♖h4 ♖ab8
19.♖hf1 b4 20.♖c4 ♖b5 21.♖fe1 a5
22.♖f2 f5 23.♖cb6 ♖xe2 24.♖xc2 ♖d8
25.♖ed2 ♖d6 26.♖g3 ♖xc6 27.♖xb8
♖xb8 28.♖c4 ♖c6 29.g3 ♖f7 30.b3
♖c4 31.a4 bxa3 32.♖xa3 ♖b4 33.♖c4
♖xd5 34.♖xd5 a4 35.♖d7 axb3
36.cxb3 ♖c2 37.♖ld2 ♖e1+ 38.♖c2 b5
39.b4 1-0 Ermenkov, E-
Glienko/Berlin op 1987; B) 9...a6
10.♖c4!? (To avoid further loss of
time White normally continues here
10.♖xd7 Nbx7 11.f4 ♖c7 12.Nf3
Nb6 when 13.Rhe1 is suggested by
Sapi and Schneider as yielding a
slight advantage. The text offers
Black tempos for his attack.) 10...♖c6
10...b5!? 11.♖xc6 bxc6 12.h3 ♖a5
(Black prepares to initiate his own
dangerous counter-attack against the
White King.) 13.e5 ♖d5 Not
13...dxe5? 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Rxd7
(losing a piece.) 14.♖xd5 cxd5
15.♖xe7 ♖fc8 16.♖xd6 ♖h6+ 17.♖b1
♖xc3! (This move initiates what
appears to be a very dangerous
attack. In reality, however, White has
(Continued on page 36)

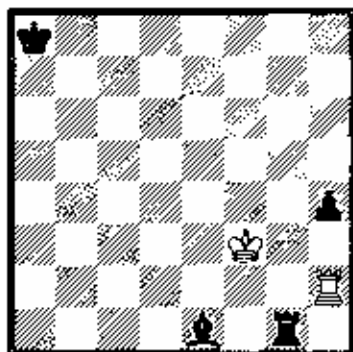


The Wrong Bishop Revisited

By Timothy Williams

To be honest this isn't the column I planned on publishing this month. As you may remember from last month I was going to look at some of the endgames from the FIDE Championship match between Karpov-Kamsky, but... It seems the topic of the wrong bishop is not ready to be put to bed yet. In the "Bizarre Chess" column the subject is tackled in a roundabout way. Additionally, while arranging to get material from GM Dmitry Gurevich, he expressed his interest in my column and gave me two more examples to present. So one more time we tackle the difficult question of how to handle the rook pawn and wrong bishop ending.

Let's deal with Dmitry's examples first and then I'll make a slight adjustment to his second one and we'll be on our way.



White to move and draw

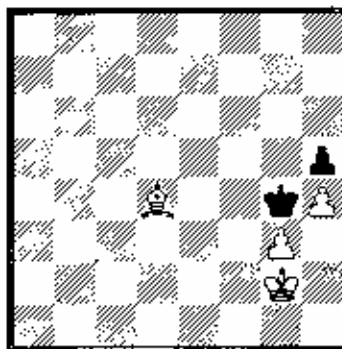
An interesting position with a sharp move for White to save the game. The topic of the column gives a real big hint as to the position you should be aiming for. White needs to find a way to eliminate the rooks and reach the drawn ending.

1.♠h1!! ♠xh1 2.♠g2 Draw

Black is forced to let the White king take his rook and then the White king will park himself on h1 and wait for

the draw. The point is to take your knowledge from one position and apply it to another. After last month's column, White's goal should have been obvious to you.

Sometimes the goal may be obvious, but the path to get there is not so obvious. Dmitry's second position is a good example of how tricky a "simple" ending can be.



White to move and draw

White's goal is the same as the previous examples, get the king to the queening square and wait out the game. In this case, White's pawns do not offer any winning chances for him. In fact, they offer the opportunity to easily go astray.

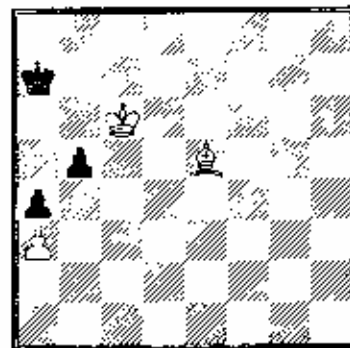
1.♠h2

The only move to hold the draw. The move 1.♠f1?? loses after 1... ♠xg3 2.♠e2 ♠xh4 3.♠f1 (3.♠f3 ♠h3 4.♠f4 h4 5.♠f3 ♠h2 6.♠g4 h3 7.♠f3 ♠g1 8.♠g3 h2) 3...♠g3+; and the "obvious" 1.♠h1?? also spells defeat after 1...♠h3! 2.g4 hxg4 3.h5 g3 4.h6 g2#

1...♠f3 2.♠h1! Draw

2.♠h3?? drops the point when White is ready to snare the draw. 1...♠g1! 3.g4 hxg4# After the mainline white cannot make any progress. It wouldn't hurt to take a minute or two and prove it to yourself.

At this point we'll move on to a slightly different version of the same ending and the result of this slight change may surprise you.



Horwitz, 1885

Don't let the change of colors fool you, this is the same position we just looked at but with all the pawns pushed back one rank. Surely this doesn't change anything, but, yes it does! Strangely enough one of the "hidden" features of Dmitry's second position was that the g-pawn provided shelter for the defending king from the diagonal control of the attacking bishop. When I look at the above diagram it has a very familiar look to me. I'm not sure I've actually played it in a game but it certainly looks to be an ending I could see in real life. I think now the connection between the previous "this will never happen to me endings" and these studies will start to become clear if they haven't already.

White starts by getting his king and bishop organized. Obviously, taking the pawns with the king now will yield a draw. So a little patience will have to be practiced.

1.♠c6 ♠a8

Moving the king up is a quick disaster. 1...♠a6 2.♠e3 ♠a5 3.♠e5 ♠a6 4.♠b6 b4 5.axb4 a3 6.b5#

2.♔b6!

Of course not 2.♔xb5?? with a draw. By now this mistake should be obvious to you.

2...b4 3.axb4 a3 4.b5 a2 5.♖e5 a1♙
6.♖xa1 ♔b8 7.♖e5+ ♔a8 8.♔c7 ♔a7
9.b6+ 1-0

A pretty nifty study by Horwitz, certainly a technique to remember. But if you kept your eyes open you'll have noticed a possible improvement in the solution. I doubt that I'm the first to find it, but my copy of the above study did not make any mention of it. Not believing everything I read I looked at the position a little more and found the following improvement for White:

2.♖c7!!

Why settle for queening the pawn when you can force mate just as fast?

2...♔a7

Other tries do nothing to hinder the oncoming mate. 2...b4 3.axb4 a3 4.b5 a2 5.b6 a1♙ 6.b7+ ♔a7 7.b8♙+ ♔a6 8.♙b6#.

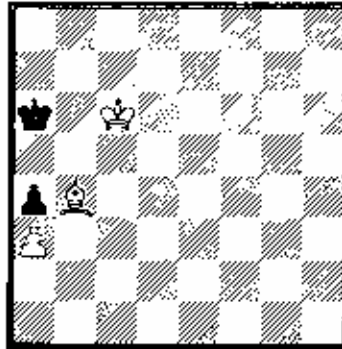
3.♖e3+

And now White mates regardless of which choice Black makes.

A) 3...♔a6 4.♖c6 ♔a5 (4...b4 5.axb4 a3 6.♖b6 a2 7.b5#) 5.♖d4 ♔a6 6.♖b6 b4 7.axb4 a3 8.b5#; or

B) 3...♔a8 4.♖c5 b4 5.axb4 a3 6.b5 a2 7.b6 a1♙ 8.b7#.

One last "real-looking" study before giving up this subject.



Horwitz and Kling, 1851

This time Black is not saddled with the "traitorous" b-pawn, but that doesn't mean his troubles have come to an end. White just needs to be a little more crafty about how to squeeze this one out. Last issue's

examples can be your guideposts as to White's proper path here. Now we see the culmination of all of the previous studies. Black will want to get to a8 and White will try to stop that from happening while getting the black a-pawn in the process.

1.♖c5

Forcing the Black king away from a8.

1...♔a5 2.♔b7

Of course! The White king will have to go here in order to send the Black king running off into the wrong part of the board.

2...♔b5 3.♖b6! ♔c4 4.♖c6 ♔b3

Trying a different route by Black doesn't prove any more useful. 4...♔d3 5.♔b5 ♔e4 6.♔xa4 ♔d5 7.♔b5 ♔d6 8.♔a6 ♔c6 9.a4 ♔d7 10.♔b7 wins.

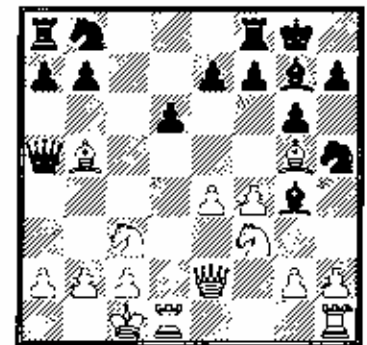
5.♖c5 ♔c4 6.♖d6 ♔d4 7.♔b5 ♔d5 8.♖h2 ♔e6 9.♔xa4 ♔d7 10.♔b5 ♔c8 11.♖c6 1-0

And that closes the chapter on "wrong bishop" endings. Next issue we will try to move on to another subject. ♔

Opening Theory Corner (continued from page 34)

forseen all and with extremely accurate moves repulses all threats and transposes into a winning ending.) 18.bxc3 ♖b5 (This move seeks to place the bishop on c4 but fails to accurate play by White. Black's best opportunity appears to have been the immediate exchange of the Bd6 by 18...Bf8. That bishop is the glue that holds White's position together.) 19.♖xd5! ♖a4 20.♖xb5!! axb5 21.a3! (This queenside barricade forms an important link in White's defensive plan. If only Black can eliminate the powerful d6 bishop perhaps he can make progress!?) 21...♖f8 22.♖g4! b4 23.♖xb4! ♖a7C 24.♖d1! ♖xd6 25.cxd6 ♖b8 26.d7! 1-0 Olesen, Martin-Dejmek, MW/US Amateur Team Midwest (4) 1994] 10.f4 [10.♔b1 a6 11.♖xd7 (11.♖xf6 axb5 12.♔b3 ♖a7 13.♖xg7 ♖xg7 14.a3 b4 15.axb4 ♖c6 16.♖d5 ♖fc8 17.♖)

11...♖xg5 12.h4! ♖a5 (12...♖e5 13.♖h3 ♖c6 14.♔b3 b5 15.g3 b4 16.f4 ♖h5 17.g4 ♖xh4 18.♖a4 ♖fd8 19.♖dg1 ♖d7 20.♖e3 e5 21.f5 h6 22.g5 hxg5 23.♖g4 ♖d4 24.♖xh4 gxh4 25.fxg6 1-0 Schula, Michal-Fiedler, B/Czech tt (07) 1993] 13.♖h3± (13.♖h3 ♖c6 14.♔b3 ♖c7 15.f4 h5 16.♖d5 ♖xd5 17.exd5 ♖a5 18.♖xa5 ♖xa5 19.♖d2 ♖xd2 20.♖xd2 ½-½ Blodstein, A-Fedorov, A/ Voskresensk 2 1993] 10...♖g4 [10...a6 11.♖xd7 ♖bxd7 12.♖he1 ♖ac8 13.♔b3 ♖b4 14.e5 ♖xc3 15.bxc3 ♖a3+ 16.♔b1 ♖b6 17.♖d4 ♖fd5 18.♖d2 ♖c8 19.e4 ♖xc4 20.♖xc4 ♖xc4 21.♖d4 b5 22.♖a1 ♖d2+ 0-1 Grigorov, J-Kovacevic, A/ Beograd open (03) 1989] 11.♖f3 ♖h5



12.♔b1 ♖c6 13.♖d5 e6 14.♖xc6 bxc6 15.♖e7+ ♔h8 16.e5 h6 17.♖h4 ♖xf4 18.♖c4 ♖xf3 19.♖xf3 dxe5 20.♖d7 ♖d5 21.♖xd5 cxd5 22.♖f6 ♖b5 23.♖e7 ♖ab8 24.b3 ♖b7 25.a4 ♖a6 26.♖xb7 ♖xb7 27.♖f1 ♖c7 28.♖xg7+ ♖xg7 29.♖f6+ ♖g8 30.h4 ♖d8 31.♖xc5 ♖xh4 32.♖c7 ♖d4 33.♖f4 ♖e3 34.♔b2 d4 35.♖f3 ♖d2 36.♖xa7 ♖xg2 0-1(52) ♔

Rodriguez Big Winner at US Junior Open: New Season About to Begin



Submissions from: Ken Lewandowski

[Starting this issue I am including a spotlight on an outstanding scholastic player. If you know of a student who deserves special recognition please forward all the vital information to me (a photo is usable, too). Likewise, I'll showcase winning teams and successful programs when such material is submitted. It's time to start giving some real recognition to our juniors and let everyone see what great talent is coming up in the ranks. Also, for scholastic oriented people, be sure to check the Tournament Calendar for upcoming scholastic events. -Editor]

The annual fall meeting of the Illinois Chess Coaches Association (ICCA) was held at Downers Grove South High School Tuesday September 24. Twenty coaches attended this information / business meeting. Complete notes about IHSA rules changes and ICCA business will be sent to each coach but there were several items that should be of interest to the larger Illinois chess community.

Proviso West High School has served as the location for a player's clinic early each season. This year the clinic is scheduled for November 2. This is a day where all scholastic players can hear several Masters discuss chess in the morning and then try their skills in an Action Tournament in the afternoon. This clinic is open to all chess players K-12 and there is a rated adult section as well. The ICCA annually supports this event by donating funds to pay for 2 of the Masters. The ICA donates additional funds to keep the per player cost as low as possible.

There have been several different plans over the last few years about how to determine the Illinois Denker Champion. This entitles a single high

school player to play in a national tournament with one player from each state. The Denker qualifier also wins the financial support of the Illinois Chess Association. Starting next year, the ICCA will contribute up to an additional \$75 for this trip (based on post tournament receipts and expenses).

These two action demonstrates the growing bond between the various chess communities in Illinois and can only work to strengthen the overall quality of play.

SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOLASTIC TALENT

Miguel Santana (1956) represented Illinois at the Denker Tournament of Champions last summer in Alexandria, Virginia. He earned this honor by winning the ICA Qualifier. This tournament brings together the best Illinois high school players. Although he only posted a 2-3 record, it was noted that this was one of the strongest Denker Tournament ever. Only 2 of his opponents were under 2000 and one of those was a recent European immigrant who should be over 2000. Another contributing factor was that the Denker was played in the morning. Miguel complicated his life in Alexandria by also playing in the US Open every evening. Though this tired him out for the morning matches, he earned 7.5 out of 12 to tie for third in Class A overall.

Miguel came to Evanston just over a year ago from Boston. He learned to play chess there at the late age of 14. As with many young players, he accredits one of his teachers there, Mr. deAngeles, a Japanese Language teacher, with teaching and

encouraging him with chess. They played at several clubs in the Boston area and Miguel met several masters informally at Copley Square. His losses really got his interest going and focused on learning enough to eventually beat them.

After his mother took a job in the Chicago area, he transferred to Evanston Township High School and was please to learn they offer Chess as an activity. Coach 'Lew' can recall getting a phone call from him in the first week of school trying to find out about their team. He quickly demonstrated his ability and led the team to the North Suburban League Championship (their 8th in 9 years). His interest and ability spilled over onto the other players in the club. If they are not playing challenge matches with each other, they gather around him as he goes over tactics and games. The Evanston team placed Third at the Illinois High School Association Team Tournament last spring, one draw away from First). This was their highest finish in 10 years under Coach Lewandowski.

His leadership has also reached into the larger Evanston community where Miguel tutors many local elementary players. Nearly every school in the district has a parent run chess program going. Miguel started working with a few kids and his enthusiasm and skill became known to other parents. He now tutors 3 days a week after school and on weekends when not playing in tournaments.

Through adult tournaments, many local players are aware of him now and wait to see his growth during the his last year of high school chess and many years of adult participation. The following two games were selected by Miguel as two of his best up to now.

They show some of the talent that this strong high schooler has.

□ Brown, Tony
■ Santana, Miguel
Auburn, 1995

1.e4 d5 2.d3 d6 3.g3 g6 4.f3 g7
5.g2 f6 6.0-0 0-0 7.f3 c6
8.f3 e8 9.f2 e5 10.f6 f8
11.g5 f7 12.f4 a5 13.f4 f8
14.e5 d6 15.f5 e6 16.f5 g4
17.f4 f5 18.f4 b5 19.f6 f7
20.f4 f5 21.f4 f5 22.f6
23.f4 f5 24.f4 f5 25.f4
26.f4 f5 27.f4 f5 28.f4
29.f4 f5 30.f4 f5 31.f4
32.f4 f5 33.f4 f5 34.f4
35.f4 f5 36.f4 f5 37.f4
38.f4 f5 39.f4 f5 40.f4
41.f4 f5 42.f4 f5 43.f4
44.f4 f5 45.f4 f5 46.f4
47.f4 f5 48.f4 f5 49.f4
50.f4 f5 51.f4 f5 52.f4
53.f4 f5 54.f4 f5 55.f4
f5 0-1

□ Krietner, Han (2200)
■ Santana, Miguel (1945)
US Open, 1996

1.e4 e5 2.f3 d6 3.d4 e4 4.f4
f6 5.f3 a6 6.f3 e6 7.f3 e5
8.0-0 e7 9.f3 e6 10.f3 b5 11.f3
0-0 12.f3 d5 13.f4 f5
14.f4 e5 15.f3 f5 16.f4 e6
17.f2 f6 18.f1 f6 19.f1 e8
20.f1 f6 21.f1 f4 22.f2 a5
23.f4 d4 24.f4 e4 25.f2
f8 26.f2 g6 27.f4 f8 28.f4
f5 29.f1 f4 30.f1 f5 31.f4
e5 32.f4 f5 33.f2 e6
34.f5 f7 35.f1 f4 36.f3

f8 37.f1 g6 38.f4 f7 39.f4
f2 40.f3 g3+ 41.f1 e1 0-1

Books for Juniors

In an effort to give coaches ideas and suggestions to help improve chess, I would like to start a book review section in each issue. These represent books that have been used by local coaches with their clubs and teams. Anyone wishing to submit a review of their favorite teaching book should send copy to the scholastic editor, Ken Lewandowski or Tim Williams (see addresses in cover.)

"Winning Chess Tactics for Juniors"

Edited by Lou Hayes
Hayes Publishing, Dallas Texas
ISBN 1-880673-93-2
\$10.00

Reviewed by Ken Lewandowski
(USCF 1505), Coach at Evanston
Township High School

I have only found that only a few of my players have the time to do a lot of serious chess reading and study. The books I have been using lately contain less text and many puzzles. This book is a great collection of theme puzzles. It is broken down into 10 chapters based on themes, Discovery, Knight Fork, Diversion etc. Each chapter begins with a very short description of the tactic and then provides about 60 puzzles utilizing that theme. The puzzles are practical because they are not "Mate in two's"

where one side is so far ahead anyway it is only a matter of time. These situations are nearly equal in material.

I use them in teaching by having a "Theme Day". The meeting would start with a general discussion of the tactic and then show the first few puzzles as samples. The players would then be given several more puzzles to work through, individually or in groups, before beginning game play for that day. The book is set up with a complete set of answers so even inexperienced coaches can provide assistance.

Another suggestion from the book is to constantly review the puzzles and their solutions. There are 3 check lines next to each puzzle. The idea is to check the puzzle each time you work through it. If you have already gone over it twice, you should strive to remember the solution on your own instead of "looking it up."

The quality and quantity of puzzles should train your players at any level to learn what these tactics are and to start looking for them during play. For more advanced players, this book is based on "Combination Challenge!" which is similar but with more difficult puzzles.



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New Season Begins With A Bang



"Founded 1957"

By Timothy Williams

The new season has begun in the Chicago Industrial Chess League. This year promises to be as exciting as ever and marks the start of the league's 40th season. And there is no sign of age either. While there are still a few "old-timers" around who can recall the very beginnings of the organization, at the same time new players are coming in to replenish the ranks. The following results come from the CICL Results website currently being handled by Dave Baurac of the Argonne Rooks. The site can be seen at www.anl.gov/OPA/chess/anlchess. Also, the CICL ratings list is updated once per month and these ratings can be found here as well.

1996-97 Standings and Results

Near West Division Standings

Fermilab	2-0-0
Lucent Royals	1-0-0
Argonne Rooks	1-0-0
Lucent Tyros	0-1-0
Lucent Dragons	0-1-0
Wheaton College	0-2-0

Far West Division Standings

Argonne Knights	2-0-0
Case	1-1-0
CCDOC	1-1-0
Lucent Chargers	0-1-0
Pawns	0-1-0

East Division Standings

Columbia College	3-0-0
Alumni East	2-0-0
CRT	1-0-0
Bank of America	0-2-0
CTA	0-3-0
Post Office	0-1-0
Amoco	0-0-0

North Division Standings

Motorola	2-0-0
Northrop	1-1-0
Exemplars	0-0-1
UOP	0-0-1
Kemper	0-1-0
Sears	0-1-0

Results

Round 1:

- Fermilab 4.5, Lucent Dragons 1.5 (10-9-96)
- Argonne Knights 3.5, Case 2.5 (10-2-96)
- Argonne Rooks 3.5, Lucent Tyros 2.5 (9-26-96)
- Lucent Royals 5, Wheaton College 1 (9-26-96)
- CCDOC 4, Lucent Chargers 2 (9-24-96)
- Pawns-bye
- CRT 5, CTA 1 (9-19-96)
- Columbia College 4, Bank of America 2 (9-17-96)
- Alumni East-bye
- Northrop 5, Kemper 1 (10-10-96)
- UOP 3, Exemplars 3 (10-8-96)
- Motorola 5, Sears 1 (9-26-96)

Round 2:

- Fermilab 5.5, Wheaton College 0.5 (10-16-96)
- Argonne Knights 4, Pawns 2 (10-15-96)
- Case 4.5, CCDOC 1.5 (10-14-96)
- Lucent Chargers-bye
- Columbia College 4, CTA 2 (10-3-96)
- Alumni East 3.5, Bank of America 2.5 (9-25-96)
- Amoco-bye
- Motorola 3.5, Northrop 2.5 (10-17-96)

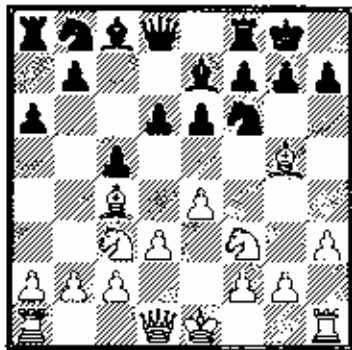
Round 3:

- Columbia College 3.5, Post Office 2.5 (10-17-96)

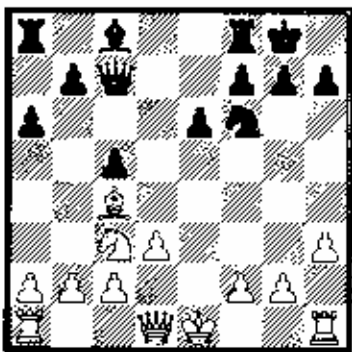
Selected Games

□ Azcuna, L (Wheaton)
 ■ Dobrovolny, C (Royals)
 Wheaton @ Royals, 1996

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 5.♁g5 ♁e7 6.♁c3 0-0 7.h3 a6



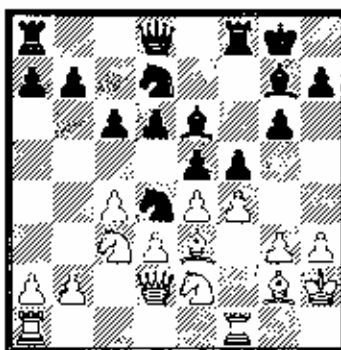
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 11.♁g4 ♁d7 12.♁xf6+ ♁xf6



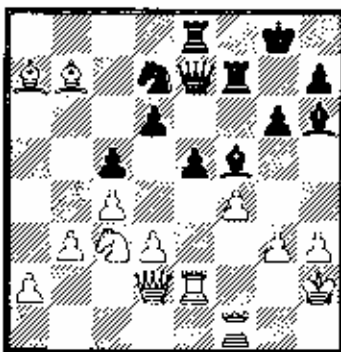
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 16.fxg3 ♁xg2 17.♁g1 ♁xh3 18.a4 b4
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 22.♁xd5 exd5 23.0-0-0 ♁fc8 24.♁e1
 ♁e7 25.♁d2 ♁ae8 26.b3 f6 27.♁f2 ♁f7
 28.♁h2 ♁xe2+ 29.♁xe2 ♁xe2+
 30.♁xe2 ♁xe2 31.♁xe2 h5 32.♁e3 g5
 33.d4 c4 34.bxc4 dxc4 35.d5 h4
 36.gxh4 gxh4 37.♁d4 h3 38.d6 h2
 39.♁e5 h1♁ 40.♁b6 ♁a8 41.♁c7 ♁a7+
 42.♁d8 ♁e6 43.♁e8 ♁d7+ 44.♁f8 ♁f7#
 0-1

□ Dorff, M (Sears)
 ■ Morris, R (Motorola)
 Sears @ Motorola, 1996

1.e4 ♁f6 2.♁c3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.g3 ♁g7
 5.♁g2 0-0 6.♁ge2 e5 7.h3 ♁c6 8.0-0
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 12.♁h2 f5 13.f4



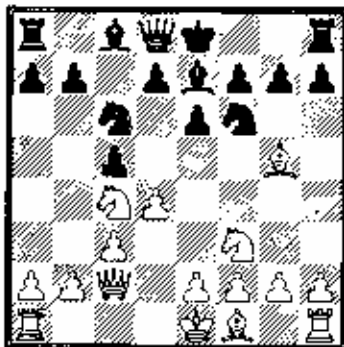
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 16.♁xe2 ♁f7 17.♁f1 ♁h6 18.♁xf5 ♁xf5
 19.♁xa7 c5 20.♁xb7



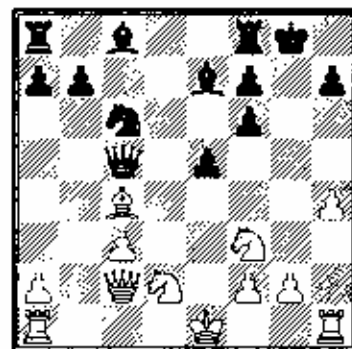
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□ Hill, R (Knights)
 ■ Kale, S (CASE)
 Knights @ CASE, 1996
 [Williams, T]

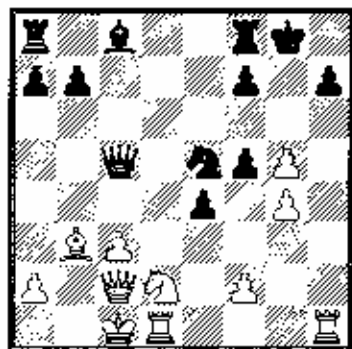
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 5.♁c2 ♁e7 6.♁hd2 ♁c6 7.♁c4 ♁d8



8.♁xf6 gxf6 9.e3 d5 10.♁cd2 0-0
 11.h4 e5 12.e4 exd4 13.exd5 dxc3
 14.bxc3 ♁xd5 15.♁c4 ♁c5



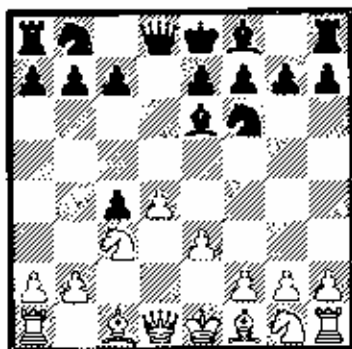
16.♁g5?! This is a hard move to put a sign to. Black has established a better position so White is looking for a tactical fix. The mate threat at h7 isn't so quite right. 16...f5?! Black buys off on the threat, but after 16...fxg5 17.hxg5 e4! 18.♁xc4 (18.♁xe4 ♁f5 19.♁xc5 ♁xc2 20.♁xb7 ♁xg5+) 18...♁f5+ the game is over. 17.g4 ♁g5 18.hxg5 e4 19.0-0-0 The open h-file appears to loom ominously for Black. 19...♁e5! 20.♁b3



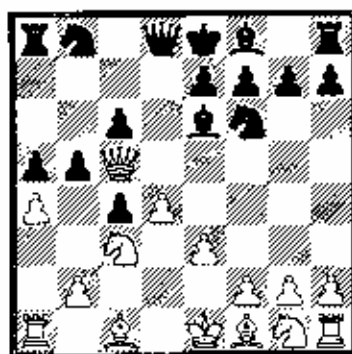
20...♁d3+ This will take care of any monkey business by White. Losing a rook will put an end to any threats on the h-file. Also notice how Black has jammed the b1-h7 diagonals with his pawns. 21.♁b1 ♁xf2 22.♁h4 ♁xd1 23.♁d1 ♁xc3 24.♁h1 ♁g7 Even more direct was [24...♁xd2 25.♁xh7 ♁d3+ 26.♁c2 ♁d4] 25.gxf5 ♁xf5 26.♁xe4 ♁xe4+ 27.♁xe4 ♁ae8 28.♁h4 ♁e5 29.♁xb7 ♁e1+ 30.♁c2 ♁e2+ 0-1

□ Stamm, V (Chargers)
 ■ Hall, A (CCDOC)
 Chargers @ CCDOC, 1996
 [Williams, T]

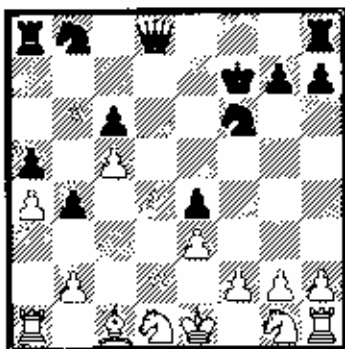
1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxc4 3.♁c3 ♁f6 4.e3 ♁c6?!



You won't see this in your typical opening book; it has to be dubious. On the other hand, White goes all out to punish Black and ends up getting himself in trouble! 5.♖a4+ c6 6.♗b4 b5 7.a4 a5! 8.♗e5?



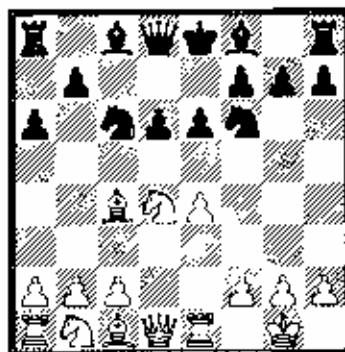
Not wanting to put the queen on a3 White moves forward. But now Black shows his side to suddenly be better. 8...b4!! 9.♗d1 ♖d5 Say good-bye to the White queen. 10.♗xc4 e5 11.♗xd5 ♗xc5 12.♗xf7+ ♗xf7 13.dxc5 e4



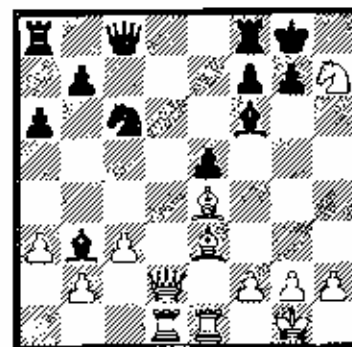
The rest is a slaughter but the more sadistic of you may enjoy the finish. 14.♗e2 ♗d3 15.♗f4 ♗a6 16.♗d2 ♗bd7 17.b3 ♗xc5 18.♗b1 ♗d5 19.♗e2 ♗d3+ 20.♗f1 ♗h8 21.♗b2 ♗c3 22.♗xc3 ♗xc3 23.♗c4 c2 24.♗a1 ♗g8 25.♗c1 ♗f2+ 26.♗g1 ♗a8 27.♗d3 exd3 28.h3 d2 0-1

□ Green,D
 ■ Stoltz,B
 Rooks @ Tyros, 1996
 [Williams,T]

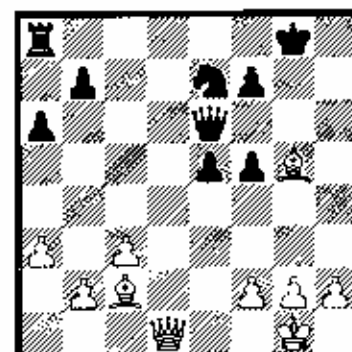
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 5.0-0 ♗f6 6.♗e1 ♗c6 7.♗xd4 a6



8.♗c3 ♗e7 9.♗e3 ♗d7 10.a3 ♗xe4
 11.♗xe4 d5 12.♗d3 dxe4 13.♗xe4 ♗c8
 14.c3 ♗f6 15.♗d2 0-0 16.♗ad1 e5
 17.♗f3 ♗e6 18.♗g5 ♗b3 19.♗xb7!?



19...♗d8 20.♗xf6+ gxf6 21.♗e2 ♗xd1
 22.♗xd1 ♗d1+ 23.♗xd1 f5 24.♗c2
 ♗e7 25.♗g5 ♗e6?



[25...♗g6 26.♗d5±] 26.♗b3!+- ♗b6
 27.♗xe7 ♗c8 28.♗h4 ♗c8 29.♗xf7+
 [29.♗h5! ♗c7 (29...♗xb3? 30.♗f6!)
 30.♗d8] 29...♗xf7 30.♗d7+ ♗g6
 31.♗xc8 ♗xb2 32.♗g8+ ♗h5 33.♗g5#
 1-0

What's the Chicago Industrial Chess League?

The CICL comprises chess teams from Chicago-area industrial, educational and government organizations. The league is divided into four divisions – North, East, Near West and Far West. During a season that lasts roughly from Labor Day to Memorial Day, six-person teams play about 10 intra- and interdivisional matches. To end the season, the top two teams in each division enter an eight-team Swiss-system tournament to determine the league champion. The final two playoff rounds are generally played on the third Saturday in May.

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ST. CHARLES CC

August 8 Jim Marshall (2062 Blitz) has his speed game in high gear, as he cruised to the Club 10 minute championship, 5-0. Three players tied for 2nd at 4-1; Erv Sedlock (1833), Jim Oberweiss (1771), and Blair Machaj (1667). Jeff Wiewel (2008) lost his last round game to Marshall to finish with 3.5. Seven came in at 3-2; Kevin Schmuggercrow (2114), who lost to Marshall and Machaj in the last two rounds, Helio Da Motta (2000), Carl Staples (1314) and three up and coming juniors, Mark Robledo Jr. (1426), Kevin Brewer (1375), and Eddie Patel (1324).

Sept 26 With one qualifying round of our ever more popular ladder tournament to go, the line ups for the Knight's and Squire's cups are as follows: Knight's Cup; Jim Marshall 18.5 points, Ray Satterlee 17, Kevin Schmuggercrow 17, Jeff Wiewel 16.5, Joe Splinter 16, Jim Oberweiss 15.5, Joe Amundsen 15, and Mark Robledo Sr. 14.5; Squire's Cup; Erv Sedlock 14, Roger Allison 14, Blair Macaj 14, Helio Da Motta 13.5, Chuck Gertz 13, Dan Pradt 13, Bill Buttny 12.5, Wally Alberts 12.5, Mark Robledo Jr. 12.5, and Eddie Patel 12.

Several records are set this year for our Club. We have had over 40 players show up for the final weeks of the ladder tournament, breaking all attendance records (We can still squeeze in a few more players in our meeting room—we welcome new members). Our Knight's cup round robin will have an average rating of over 2000, and our Squire's over 1700. We may have 5 octagonal round robins, instead of last year's record four.

CHICAGO CC

With as many as four rated tournaments each week (often one each on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday), the Chicago Chess Club has become the watering hole for thirsty area chess players. One of the more regular regulars is expert Sam Sheynin, who often wins the weeknight events and performs well on weekends as well. Among his recent victims are masters Marvin Dandridge (twice) and Chris Von Krogh.

Another club fixture is Mark Jutovsky, an A player with wins over Dandridge, Gene Scott, and Miron Zinytch to his credit. Not to be outdone, youngster Brian Wong (1749) has racked up wins over experts Bill Brock and Peter Connor, and numerous draws (and a win) against Bill Smythe. Bob Hale (1669) every so often upsets some of the weeknight regulars, including the aforementioned Jutovsky.

High school coach Chris Janus and two of his charges, Ben Hron and Michael Levin, have become regulars, with Ben and Michael garnering draws versus Albert Chow and Steve Szpisjak, respectively, in the Chicago Chess Club Summer Open. Ben is now in college in Minnesota, and won't be able to darken our doorsteps again until December.

Organizer and expert Hector Hernandez popped in for a **Sunday Plus-Score** just after Labor Day, bringing with him none other than South American IM Roberto Martin Del Campo. Club players showed

neither of them any respect, however, as Sophia Gates defeated Hernandez, while Martin Del Campo lost to newcomer Mindaugas Slivinskas and drew Emory Tate and rising star Chuck Cadman.

Another club giant killer has been C player (but not for long) Gianluca Montalti, who has been known to crack such experts as Gene Scott and Rob Sax, and recently nicked master Steve Szpisjak for a draw.

The **Plus-Score** format, the most common weekend format at the Club, tends to attract top-heavy fields, as one might expect from such a prize structure. The masters often get a rude awakening when they get paired against each other early and often. One September weekend, Enrico Sevillano (2548) had to take on Albert Chow (2396), Steve Szpisjak (2300), and Mindaugas Slivinskas in consecutive rounds. Slivinskas, unrated in this country but fresh from his 2500 performance rating three weeks earlier, finished out of the money with a break-even score after losing to Sevillano and Chow and drawing Szpisjak. Sevillano himself was held to a draw by Szpisjak in the final round, saving the club \$55.00 in prize money.

Finally, let's not forget the **Friday Night Blitz**. Played as a game/7 round robin each week, these events feature many of the same players that grace our weekend events, plus a few speed specialists seldom seen elsewhere. Club events, whether USCF-rated, Quick-rated, or club blitz-rated, present an opportunity for the stronger players to really earn their keep, and the lettered players the chance to occasionally bag a big one.

OAK PARK - RIVER FOREST CC

USCF "Game/45" Tournament: Vince Hart scored a perfect 4-0 to win this 12 player, four round Swiss System tourney held on July 30 and August 6. Hart, whose 1565 rating placed him eighth on the wall chart, showed the form which would win him the Illinois Open Reserve Championship a month later as he defeated Catalino Reyes (1900) and Bob Stoltz (1830) on his way to victory. Reyes finished second at 3-1, while Ray Satterlee, Paul Prause, Stoltz, Ralph Wakerly, Dmitri Giannokopoulos, and Craig Vicregg all ended up 2-2.

1996 Club Closed Championship: Catalino Reyes took first place in this round robin event to become the OP-RF CC Closed Champion. He finished ahead of Mark Maravitch (who withdrew when tied with Reyes), Marty Ptacek, and Jerome Downey. (Tim Williams and Joe Craddock also qualified for the Closed Championship, but did not play.)

OP-RF CC Fall Open: This 10 player, five round Swiss System

tournament saw Ralph Wakerly earn top honors with an unblemished 5-0 result. Eric Ortega, Andy Schiller, and Roy Nyberg were runners up with 3-2 scores. (An OP-RF CC "regular" at age 76, Schiller, rated 1556, counted the 1751 rated Ortega among his victims.)

World Blitz Chess Association Tournament: Six players competed in this September 24 "Game/5", double round robin, WBCA-rated event. Albert Chow took first with a 9.5-5 result, yielding a draw to Ray Satterlee. Sam Sheynin, who won all of his games except his two with Chow, was second at 8-2. Satterlee's 5.5-4.5 result was good for third. Wlad Boguslawicz garnered 1999 1700 honors at 3-7, while Marty Ptacek scored 4-6 to take home the Below 1700 money.

ELMHURST CC

The new Elmhurst Chess Club opened its first season in September. With dues of only \$10 a year (\$8 juniors & seniors), a great location with plenty of free parking, a pleasant, well-lit room, a unique Sunday evening

meeting time, and a full schedule of USCF tournaments, the club attracted more than 25 members during its first month. Seven new USCF members were enrolled in one night!

The club's first USCF event was a **Game/20 Quick Chess Tournament** held on September 22. Eleven players took part in this 5-round Swiss. Although veteran Les Bale emerged the clear winner with 4.5, the surprise of the tournament was 11 year old Aaron Chen, who tied for second with 3.5. Aaron, playing in his first Quick Play event, has a regular rating of 1162. After a first round half point bye and a victory over Ed Ledesma (1452) in round 2, Aaron shocked Catalino Reyes, number one on the wall chart at 1977, in the third round. After a fourth round loss to Bale, Aaron finished with a win over Roger Birkeland (1597). Aaron studies with Richard Verber. Also tying for second at 3.5 were Mathew Joseph and newcomer Alex Pronove, playing in his first USCF tournament, although he has had considerable experience playing in the Philippines. Thanks to Ken Marshall for directing.

NEW CHESS BOOK RELEASES

[This listing is to make our readers aware of new titles on the market. The ICB has not reviewed these titles, so no implication of quality or recommendation should be inferred. -Ed.]

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- Jan. 12, Game/29 Quad. EF: \$11 ECC members, \$16 non-members. \$40 1st each Quad. Reg. 6:00-6:50 PM, round 1 at 7:00.
- Jan. 19, 4 Round G/60 Winter Swiss. EF: \$15 ECC members, \$20 non-members. 90% of entry fees returned as prizes. Reg. Noon-12:45. Rounds at 1:00, 3:00, 5:30 & 7:30.
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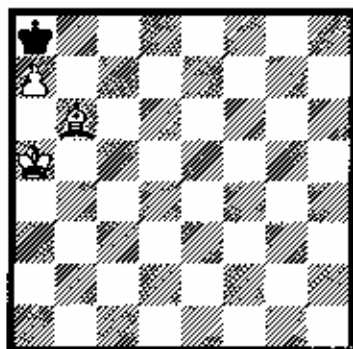
REMARKS CORNER



by Bill Smythe

[This column will appear whenever the author is feeling silly enough to write it, and the editor is desperate enough for material to publish it.]

Black had had a long round. The time control was 40/2, it was White's 55th move, and the next round was due to start in twenty minutes. By sacking his Bishop for White's second-last Pawn, Black had succeeded in reaching the following position:



But White would not concede the draw. He either had never read an endings book or was stalling, taking advantage of Black's impatience.

"Look," Black pleaded, exasperated. "I could draw this with my eyes closed. All I have to do is stay in the corner."

White remained unimpressed. "Okay, close your eyes then. But if you don't know where I'm moving my pieces, how do you know you're making legal moves?"

"Well, you'll have to tell me. If I make an illegal move, I get to take it back and try another."

"Humph. As long as you're making silly proposals, why don't I just play your moves for you? I'd have to make legal moves, of course, and I wouldn't be allowed to resign for you."

"You drive a hard bargain. Obviously, there would have to be limits, or you'd just send my King to the opposite edge of the board. But I have a counteroffer: I will move my King to a8 whenever that is legal. This includes capturing on a8. Whenever ...Ka8 is not legal, I'll move to a7 or b8, your choice. If all three are illegal, I'll move to b7."

"I'll think about it," came the annoyed reply, as White tried to turn his attention back to the board.

But Black would not be so easily silenced. "I'll sweeten the offer. I'll move ...Ka8 whenever it's legal -- including captures -- and whenever it's illegal, you can choose any legal move for me."

"Well, perhaps it's my turn to make a proposal. I will always choose the square for your King, except that it must always be a8, a7, b8, or b7. If none of these is legal, you may choose your own square."

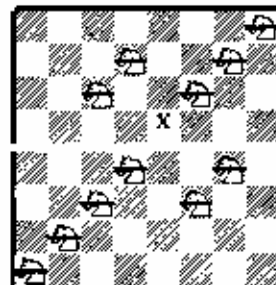
"Offer accepted," Black replied, satisfied at last. "Now you'll find out just how drawn this position is." And with that, the game resumed.

Question 1. Can Black still draw? Or did he give away too much? Answer at the end of this article.

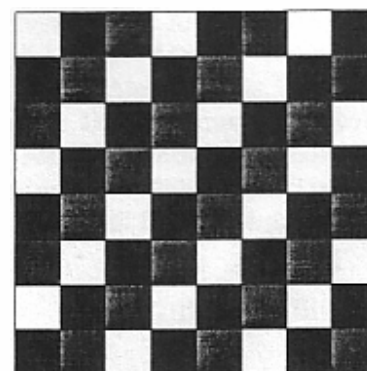
Question 2. White has thirty-two white-square Bishops and a King. Black has one black-square Bishop and a King. What is the correct result, with best play by both sides? Answer in a future issue.

Question 3. White has two white squared Bishops and a Rook, but no King. Can he force checkmate against Black's lone King, with best play by Black? Answer in a future issue.

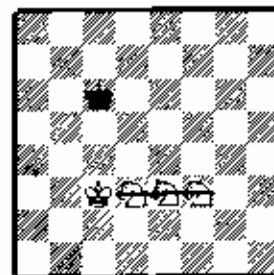
Question 4. A Knishop, ♘, is a piece that moves northeast and southwest like a Bishop, but northwest and southeast like a Knight. For example, a Knishop on e5 controls the a1-h8 diagonal and the squares d7, c6, g4, and f3:



Note that, on a tri-colored board (e.g. red, white, and blue) a Knishop always stays on its own color, just like a regular Bishop on a standard board:



Can three Knishops, each on a different color, and a King force mate against lone King? Answer in a future issue.



Answer to question 1: Black has gone too far. White wins by placing Black's King on b7, then promoting to a Bishop with check, and answering the check with ...Kb8.

Readers' Showcase



By NM Alan Watson

The following games have been submitted by you, the ICB readers. This is your magazine, and any material you wish to share is always welcome!

Care for a walk, anyone?

Our first game from Bill Smythe features a gambit he is becoming well-known for and labels as the "Pennsylvania Dutch." Both sides ravage their opponent's undeveloped pieces, but in the end it is Black's King that is forced to take a stroll into the arms of its pursuers.

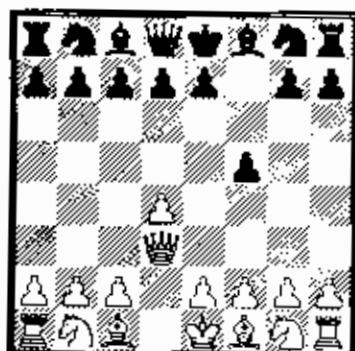
□ Smythe, B(1873)

■ Kleban, Y(1886)

CCC Plus Score Quick, 08/10, 1996

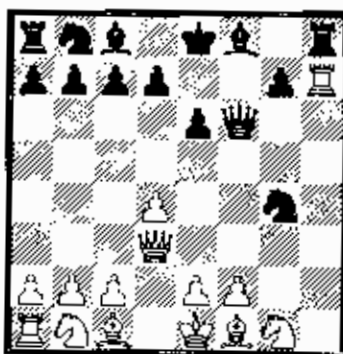
[Alan Watson]

1.d4 f5 2.♖d3!?



[Bill remains a loyal supporter of the gambit play initiated by this unusual move and has many exciting games similar to the present one of which he can be quite proud. From the very beginning, his opponents are immediately thrust into unfamiliar territory where even the most minor of mis-steps may result in disaster.] 2...e6?! [A timid move offering little resistance to White's intended play. 2...d5! is more combative and offers the second player good opportunities for balanced play.] 3.g4!? f×g4 [3...d5!? 4.g5?! e5 5.♖f3 ♖c6 6.♖f4?! ♖b6? Schiller-Pavlovic, New York 1979] 4.h3 [An important key to the entire system, by which White seeks to rip open kingside lines while

accelerating his development.] 4...♖h4!? 5.♖g2 ♖c6 6.c3 g3 7.f×g3 ♖e7 8.♖f3 ♖f6= Schiller-Chubinsky, New York 1972; 4...g×h3! 5.♖xh3 ♖f6 6.♖g5! ♖e7!? (6...g6? 7.♖xh7!! ♖xh7 8.♖xg6+ ♖e7 9.♖f7+ ♖d6 10.♖g2 and mate soon follows!) 7.♖xh7! ♖xh7 8.♖g6+ ♖d8 9.♖f7+ ♖c8 10.♖d6+ ♖d8 11.♖f7+ ♖e8 12.♖g5+ ♖d8 13.♖xh7 ♖c8 14.♖g5 ♖f7 15.♖xh8 ♖xh8 16.e4± Day-Douthwaite, Ontario Open 1976] 5.h×g4 ♖xg4?! [5...♖c6 6.c3 d5 7.g5 ♖c4 8.f4±] 6.♖xh7 ♖f6



7.♖xb8 ♖xf2+ 8.♖d2 ♖xg1 9.♖g6+ ♖e7 10.♖c3! ♖xf1 11.♖xg4 ♖xc1 12.♖f3! [Winning the defenseless ♖f8 while driving Black's king further into the open.] 12...e5 13.♖xf8+ ♖e6 14.♖e8+ ♖f6 [14...♖d5 15.♖xe5+ ♖e6 16.♖e5#; 14...♖d6 15.♖xe5+ ♖e6 16.♖c5#] 15.d×e5+ ♖f5 16.♖h5+ ♖e4 17.♖d2+ 1-0

Can't find the "Knock Out"

Game number two, submitted by Dan Sajkowski, shows him getting the worse of the opening but gradually outplaying an opponent who is aggressive but can't quite seem to find the one knockout punch that will put White away.

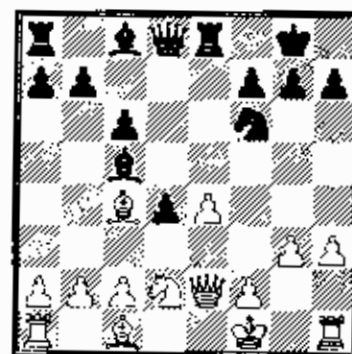
□ Dan Sajkowski (1910)

■ Josh Flores (1755)

Burr Ridge, Rating Wars, 1996

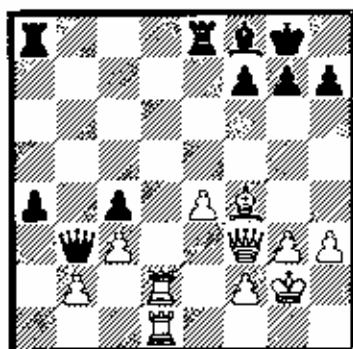
[D. Sajkowski]

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.♖d2 [Heading towards a King's Indian Attack.] 3...♖f6 4.♖g3 ♖c6 [Unfamiliar to me, but covered as the main line by Psakhis in "The Complete French." The opening goes to Black.] 5.g3 [5.e5 ♖d7 6.d4 f6 Psakhis; 5.♖e2 d×c4 6.d×e4 ♖c5 7.0-0 0-0 8.c3 e5 9.♖c2 a5 10.♖c4 ♖e7 11.♖g5 ♖e6= Radulov-Mednis, Siegen 1970; 5.c3 is also possible] 5...d×e4 6.d×e4 e5 [The point of Black's play ... this loss of a tempo is compensated by White's awkward development.] 7.♖b5 [White is trying to untangle his pieces, but things gets worse before they get better.] 7...♖c5 8.h3 0-0 9.♖e2 ♖d4 10.♖xd4 exd4 11.♖f1 c6 12.♖c4 ♖e8

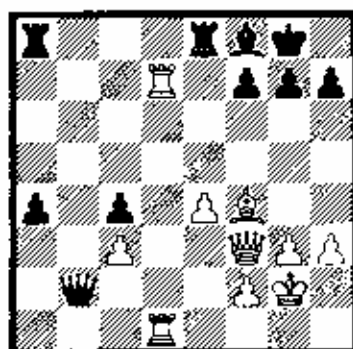


[13.♖xf7+ ♖xf7 14.♖c4+ ♖c6 15.♖xc5 wins a pawn and was probably better, but I was concerned about my backward development.] 13.♖d3 b5 14.♖b3 a5 15.a3 a4 16.♖a2 ♖a6 17.♖f3 b4+ 18.♖g2 d3?! [Black has probably become too aggressive with his play on the queenside.] 19.♖xb4 ♖xb4 20.c3 [Now White can play against the weak pawn at d3.] 20...♖f8 21.♖e1 [It was probably better to go after the pawn right saway with 21.♖b1 ♖d7 22.♖xa4 (22.♖xd3? ♖e5!)] 21...c5 22.♖c4 ♖xc4 23.♖xc4 ♖d5?! [23...♖d7! is

better, but Black has to notice that 24.♖b6 is countered by 24...d2! 24.♗d1 ♖b6 25.♗xd3 ♖c7 26.♗f4 ♖b7 27.♗xb6 ♖xb6 28.♗d2 c4 [28...♖c6 29.♗c1 a3 30.bxa3 ♗xa3] 29.♗d1 ♖b3



[White is a pawn up although Black may still be able to defend with careful play. Instead, Black overextends himself on the queenside while neglecting his king.] 30.♗d7 ♖xb2



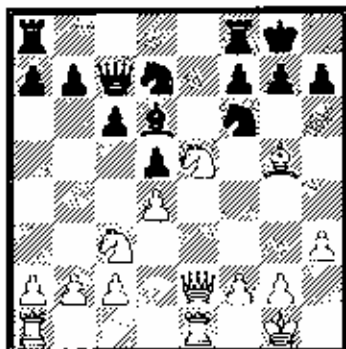
[30...♗e7 31.♗xe7 ♖xc7 32.♗d7 ♗c8 (32...♖f8 33.♖h6!) 33.♖d6 ♖f6 34.♖h5] 31.♗c1 [31.♗f7? (Also interesting, but not better than Dan's move. ALW) 31...♖c2 (31...♖xf7?? 32.♗c1+!+-) 32.♖d6 ♖xd6 (32...♖xe4?? 33.♗f8+!+-) 33.♗xd6 ♗xe4 (33...♖xe4 34.♗f8+!+-) 34.♗g7+!+-] 31...♖b3 [31...♖c2 is better due to the attack on e4, but White still maintains an advantage after 32.♖xf7+ ♖h8 33.♗c1 ♖xc3 34.♖d2 ♖f6 35.♖xc4 +/-] 32.♖xf7+ ♖h8 33.♖h6 ♖xc3 34.♗d4! [Blocking the critical diagonal so Black's queen can't assist in defense.] 34...♗e7 [34...♖xd4 35.♗xd4 ♗e7 (35...gxf6 36.♗d7+-) 36.♖d5 ♗e8 37.♖d2 a3 38.♖c3+-] 35.♖g7+ ♖g7 36.♗d8+ 1-0

The following game was submitted by Joe Guth, one of a number of

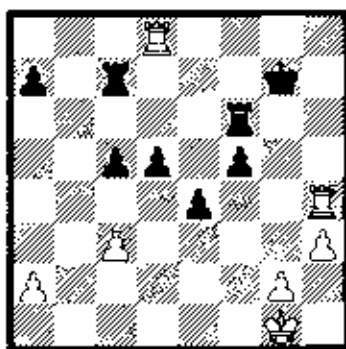
rapidly improving players in Illinois. This game is from round 4 of the Rockford Chess Association Spring Open. A win would allow Joe to finish in at least 2nd place.

□ Greg Fisher(1800)
 ■ Joe Guth(1615)
 Rockford Chess Association Spring
 Open 3/9/96

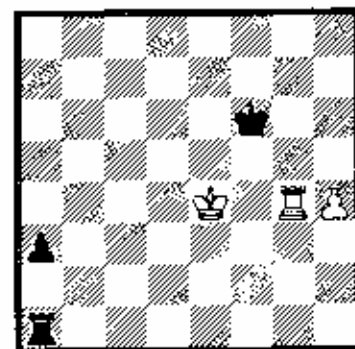
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14.♖g4 ♖xg4 15.♖g4 f5 16.♖h4 ♖f6 17.♗e6 ♖e4 18.♖xe4 fxe4 19.♖e7 ♖xe7 20.♗xe7 ♖b6 21.♖g4 ♗f7 22.♖e6 ♗e8 23.c3 ♖xb2 24.♗d1 ♖xf2+ 25.♖h1 ♖f6 26.♖xf6 gxf6 27.♗e6 ♖g7 28.♗f1 f5 29.♗f4 ♗f6 30.♗e7+ ♗g7 31.♗e8 ♖c7 32.♗h4 h6 33.♖g1 c5 34.♖xc5 bxc5 35.♗d8



35...d4 36.cxd4 cxd4 37.♗xd4 ♗c1+ 38.♖f2 ♗c2+ 39.♖e3 ♗xa2 40.♗d7+ ♗f7 41.♗xh7+ ♖xb7 42.♗xf7+ ♖g6 43.♗f8 a5 44.♗g8+ ♖f7 45.♗g5 ♖f6 46.h4 a4 47.♗g8 a3 48.g4 fxg4 49.♖xe4 ♗a1 50.♗g4



50...a2 51.h5 ♗c1+ 52.♖f4 a1♗ 53.♗g6+ ♖f7 54.♗d6 ♖e5+ 55.♖f3 ♖xd6 56.h6 ♖f6+ 57.♖g2 ♗e5 0-1

County Seat Chess Fever II

By Tom Knoedler

On Monday September 30, 1996, around noon, I received a phone call at my office from Robert Feldstein who stated that he wanted to play a game of chess with me that day. It wasn't until we actually met later that evening that I began to understand that he was on a combination scavenger hunt/chess exhibition marathon that required him to zig-zag around Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois, playing whichever chess player he could find in every county seat along the way. My major regret is that I wish I could have had a couple of days advance notice so that I could have provided Mr. Feldstein with a setting that was more conducive to serious chess playing. We played the following game at about 8:30 PM at the Perkins restaurant in the Parkway Pointe shopping center on the southwest side of Springfield, Illinois. The game was played under Action Chess rules (Game/30).

Mr. Feldstein (rating of 2000) was White.

1. e4 e6 2. c4 c5 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. f4 Nd4 5. Nb5 Nf6 6. e5 Ne4 7. g3 Nxb5 8. cb d5 9. Bd3 Qb6 10. Qe2 c4 11. Bxe4 de 12. a4 Qd4 13. Nh3 Bc5 14. Ng5 e3 15. de Bb4+ 16. Kf2 Qd5 17. Qf3 Qd3 18. Rd1 Qc2+

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Tim Just's Winter Open/Reserve XII

Jan 4-5, 1997

College of Lake County (Main Bldg.)
19351 W. Washington at Route 45
Grayslake, IL

\$2000

(based on 70)

Open:

\$250-175-150
X 125-100
A/below 125-100
Unr qualify for top prizes only

Reserve (U1800):

\$250-175-150
C 125-100
D/E 100
Unr 75 (Unr \$ total limit = \$75)

ENTRY:

\$30 if mailed by 12/30/96; \$35 site/phone; \$5 discount to juniors.

REGISTRATION:

1/4/96, 8-8:40 am

ROUNDS:

Saturday. 9-1:30-6, Sunday: 10-2:30

TIME:

40/90, G/30

ICA MAXI-TOUR EVENT

Tim Just
37165 Willow
Gurnee, IL 60031. (847) 244-7954

Tournament Results



Reported By Bill Smythe

Midway Amateur Class, August 3-4, 1996

EXPERT

1	ZINYTCH Miron	2102	W12	W13	W4	D2	3.5	15 X
2	SMITH Daniel	2150	W11	D10	W5	D1	3	8 X
3	BECKMAN Eric	2108	D17	W6	W10	D7	3	8 X
4	DESHPANDE Aniruddha M	2102	W15	W14	L1	W8	3	8 X
5	INUMERABLE Florentino	2132	D6	W16	L2	W12	2.5	5 X
6	SCOTT Gene	2082	D5	L3	W17	W10	2.5	5 X
7	FAGAN James	2079	L13	W9	W16	D3	2.5	5 X
8	BOSSAERS Phil	2055	L14	W15	W13	L4	2	4 X
9	SAX Robert	2000	L10	L7	W15	W13	2	4 X
10	KARKLINS Erik	2105	W9	D2	L3	L6	1.5	3 X
11	AHMED Jahangir	2085	L2	W17	D12	-	1.5	3 X
12	SMYTHE Bill	1931	L1	W18	D11	L5	1.5	3 XA
13	JORDAN Roland	2119	W7	L1	L8	L9	1	2 X
14	STEIN Peter	2115	W8	L4	-	-	1	2 X
15	MARQUEZ Anthony	2000	L4	L8	L9	W19	1	2 X
16	RUTERMAN Keith	1903	B	L5	L7	-	1	2 XA
17	HERNANDEZ Hector	2000	D3	L11	L6	-	0.5	1 X
18	HRON Ben	1726	-	L12	-	-	0	
19	SILVERMAN Scott	1606	-	-	-	L15	0	

Midway Amateur Class, August 3-4, 1996

CLASS A

1	TUMS Valdis M	1936	W10	W2	W4	D3	3.5	15 A
2	LORING Steven	1900	W11	L1	W8	W7	3	8 A
3	PRAUSE Paul	1800	D8	W9	W10	D1	3	8 A
4	BUTTNY William	1900	W12	W7	L1	D6	2.5	5 A
5	AMUNDSEN Steve	1839	L7	D6	W9	W8	2.5	5 A
6	HILTON James	1605	D9	D5	W15	D4	2.5	5 AB
7	LEVIN Michael A	1644	W5	L4	W11	L2	2	4 AB
8	MARKOVIC Arandel	1900	D3	W15	L2	L5	1.5	3 A
9	HENDERSON S E Jr	1837	D6	L3	L5	W15	1.5	3 A
10	IOFFE Gennady	1810	L1	W12	L3	D11	1.5	3 A
11	HRON Ben	1726	L2	B	L7	D10	1.5	3 AB
12	ALLISON Roger	1801	L4	L10	B	-	1	2 A
13	HALE Lea	1858	-	-	-	W16	1	
14	SANTANA Miguel	1942	W17	-	-	-	1	
15	JOHNSON Eric	1712	H	L8	L6	L9	0.5	1 AB
16	PEREZ Javier	-	-	-	-	L13	0	
17	RUTERMAN Keith	1903	L14	-	-	-	0	

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CLASS B

1	COVIC Mehmed	1643	W17	W16	W10	W4	4	28 B
2	BYRNPS Randy	1780	W6	W19	D3	W10	3.5	15 B
3	GAST Bryan	1664	W20	W9	D2	W12	3.5	15 B
4	GIERTZ Charles	1600	W23	W11	W5	L1	3	8 B
5	ELLICE Wayne	1700	D8	W21	L4	W16	2.5	5 B
6	COCHRAN Craig	1654	L2	X	D16	W17	2.5	5 B
7	WAKERLY Ralph	1616	W22	L10	W20	D8	2.5	5 B
8	GROEGER Andrew	1616	D5	D12	W17	D7	2.5	5 B
9	ROBLEDO Mark Sr	1602	W13	L3	W18	D11	2.5	5 B
10	MIRABAL Bob	1790	W14	W7	L1	L2	2	4 B
11	DELAY Joe	1740	D21	L4	W15	D9	2	4 B
12	SHMUTS Sergey	1676	D15	D8	W19	L3	2	4 B
13	L.E. Allen	1673	L9	L20	X	W18	2	4 B

14	JOHNSON Henderson	1639	L10	L18	W25	W19	2	4 B
15	SILVERMAN Scott	1606	D12	L17	L11	B	1.5	3 B
16	GORSKI Mariusz	1601	W24	L1	D6	L5	1.5	3 B
17	GANT Thomas A	1743	L1	W15	L8	L6	1	2 B
18	TOWNSEND Chet	1700	L19	W14	L9	L13	1	2 B
19	FROELICH Jim	1607	W18	L2	L12	L14	1	2 B
20	WALKER Barry	1564	L3	W13	L7	-	1	2 BC
21	SHOCKLEY Robert	1627	D11	L5	F	-	0.5	1 B
22	JOHNSON Eric	1712	L7	-	-	-	0	
23	HALE Bob	1665	L4	F	-	-	0	
24	BALTAZAR Mark	1480	L16	-	-	-	0	
25	JONES James	1286	-	-	L14	-	0	

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CLASS C

1	ROBLEDO Mark Jr	1544	W10	D6	W13	W3	3.5	15 C
2	SMUTNIAK James	1427	W7	D8	W14	W5	3.5	15 C
3	KLEIN John P	1476	W15	W14	W11	L1	3	8 C
4	MONTOYA Fernando	1438	L14	W12	W16	W10	3	8 C
5	MEYER Fred	1469	W16	D13	W6	L2	2.5	5 C
6	BALTAZAR Mark	1460	B	D1	L5	W13	2.5	5 C
7	STEVENS Joe	1529	L2	D17	D8	W15	2	4 C
8	BLANCAFLOR Mamerto	1516	L11	D2	D7	W16	2	4 C
9	LAUGER Stephan	1496	W12	L11	L10	X	2	4 C
10	GRAN Bryan	1433	L1	W15	W9	L4	2	4 C
11	STUBBLEFIELD Bill Jr	1425	W8	W9	L3	-	2	4 C
12	LOBRACO Michael	1310	L9	L4	W17	B	2	4 CD
13	CHEN Yong	1509	W17	D5	L1	L6	1.5	3 C
14	OLSEN David J	1551	W4	L3	L2	F	1	2 C
15	JONES James	1286	L3	L10	B	L7	1	2 CD
16	RODRIGUEZ Jose A Sr	1068	L5	W18	L4	L8	1	2 CDE
17	SHELLHAMER Ted	1406	L13	D7	L12	-	0.5	1 C
18	KEMPNER Alex	-	-	L16	-	-	0	

Midway Amateur Class, August 3-4, 1996

CLASSES D-E

1	LARSON Aaron	1319	W28	D10	W20	W9	3.5	15 D
2	ENDLER James	1217	W34	W3	D6	W14	3.5	15 D
3	CAMARGO Miguel	1378	W21	L2	W23	W15	3	8 D
4	CHU-KUNG Benjamin	1370	L23	W37	W24	W19	3	8 D
5	REID Carl S	1307	W24	L16	W25	W20	3	8 D
6	BUCK David	1269	W25	W27	D2	D11	3	8 D
7	WISHNER Michael	1250	L33	W32	W30	W21	3	8 D
8	PETERSON Ross	1248	D17	W36	D10	W22	3	8 D
9	HUANG Kenneth	1247	W30	W33	W16	L1	3	8 D
10	CHEN Aaron	1162	W38	D1	D8	W18	3	8 DE
11	PARK William	1141	W39	D13	X	D6	3	8 DE
12	BOONE Foster	1396	W31	L15	H	W29	2.5	5 D
13	SEGRETO Tom	1286	W29	D11	D19	D16	2.5	5 D
14	FREITAG Todd	1257	W32	W23	D15	L2	2.5	5 D
15	HENDRICKSON William	1202	W35	W12	D14	L3	2.5	5 D
16	BODEPUDI Gau	1156	W26	W5	L9	D13	2.5	5 DE
17	HUANG Winston	919	D8	L19	W37	W27	2.5	5 DE
18	KUNG Harold	1346	W22	L20	W28	L10	2	4 D
19	GASUNAS Anthony	1214	H	W17	D13	L4	2	4 D
20	TSE Boris	1196	X	W18	L1	L5	2	4 DE
21	KOEBELE Tom	1113	L3	W34	W36	L7	2	4 DE
22	MONTOYA Jose	1095	L18	W35	W33	L8	2	4 DE
23	TAYLOR Kevin	1052	W4	L14	L3	W35	2	4 DE
24	HOWELLS Edward	1019	L5	W26	L4	W36	2	4 DE
25	BLANCOFLOR Carlo	931	L6	W40	L5	W31	2	4 DE
26	VEGA Juan	584	L16	L24	W32	W37	2	4 DE
27	FAZEKAS Joshua	1136	W40	L6	D29	L17	1.5	3 DE
28	LEWIS Richard	1049	L1	W38	L18	D30	1.5	3 DE
29	CLOUGH Patrick	1001	L13	W39	D27	L12	1.5	3 DE
30	RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr	949	L9	W31	L7	D28	1.5	3 DE
31	COVARRUBIAS Sofia	1129	L12	L30	W38	L25	1	2 DE
32	DURAN Lorena	929	L14	L7	L26	W38	1	2 DE
33	FERRELL Stewart	926	W7	L9	L22	-	1	2 DE
34	CISNEROS Ivan	875	L2	L21	F	W39	1	2 DE
35	GARDUNO Ricky	853	L15	L22	W39	L23	1	2 DE
36	CAMARGO Martha	544	W41	L8	L21	L24	1	2 DE
37	TAKI Sonia	900	H	L4	L17	L26	0.5	1 DE

38	FINCH Marisol	697	L10	L28	L31	L32	0
39	ORTEGA Ulises	572	L11	L29	L35	L34	0
40	ORTEGA Erick	550	L27	L25	F	-	0
41	YAGAN Danny	L36	-	-	-	0	

Midway Amateur Class, August 3-4, 1996
UNRATED

1	SZAFRAN Martin	W 8	W 3	W 6	W 2	4	
2	LARSON Shay	W12	X	W 5	L 1	3	
3	MEHTA Devang	W 9	L 1	W11	X	3	
4	YAGAN Danny	B	-	W13	W10	3	
5	MUNOZ Juan	D10	W 8	L 2	W11	2.5	
6	GRUSENMEYER David A	W11	W 7	L 1	-	2	
7	ZABONIK John	W13	L 6	W12	F	2	
8	GONZALEZ Ulises	L 1	L 5	D 9	W12	1.5	
9	GARCIA Alonso	L 3	L12	D 8	W13	1.5	
10	PEREZ Javier	D 5	L11	B	L 4	1.5	
11	GONZALEZ Jesus	L 6	W10	L 3	L 5	1	
12	MEDINA Sergio	L 2	W 9	L 7	L 8	1	
13	KAMPNER Alex	L 7	B	L 4	L 9	1	

Rating Wars, 8-10-96

1	SPLINTER Joseph	2110	W20	W 9	W 2	W 3	4	14 X
2	SAJKOWSKI Dan	1914	W17	W10	L 1	W 6	3	4 XA
3	CRONIN Mike	1910	W15	W 8	W 5	L 1	3	4 XA
4	TSE Boris	1196	L13	W21	W10	W12	3	4 XABCDE
5	COHEN Howard	1971	H	W12	L 3	W17	2.5	2.5XA
6	FLORES Joshua	1757	W21	D13	W 7	L 2	2.5	2.5XAB
7	PADILLA Rudy	1658	H	W19	L 6	W18	2.5	2.5XAB
8	COHEN Lawrence	1937	W11	L 3	W14	-	2	2 XA
9	BALE Leslie	1858	W18	L 1	W11	-	2	2 XA
10	BISHOP Doug	1422	W22	L 2	L 4	W20	2	2 XABC
11	HUANG Kenneth	1247	L 8	W15	L 9	W21	2	2 XABCD
12	SZAFRAN Martin		W14	L 5	W16	L 4	2	
13	FRANEK Martin	1917	W 4	D 6	-	-	1.5	1.5XA
14	LOBRACO Michael	1310	L12	W16	L 8	D15	1.5	1.5XABCD
15	RENAUER Daniel	1114	L 3	L11	W22	D14	1.5	1.5XABCDE
16	HUANG Winston	919	D19	L14	L12	W22	1.5	1.5XABCDE
17	MEHTA DeVang		L 2	W22	D19	L 5	1.5	
18	MATTHEW Joseph		L 9	W20	H	L 7	1.5	
19	SILVERMAN Scott	1606	D16	L 7	D17	-	1	1 XAB
20	JAHEDI Salar		L 1	L18	W21	L10	1	
21	LOPEZ Monica	1004	L 6	L 4	L20	L11	0	
22	LOPEZ Arianna	630	L10	L17	L15	L16	0	

Bradley Summer Open, August 17, 1996

1	VAN HUSKIRK Douglas	IL	2227	W10	W15	W 3	D 4	3.5	7.5M
2	NAFF William	IL	2100	W19	W17	W 8	H	3.5	7.5MX
3	LEALI Michael E	IL	2013	W12	W 7	L 1	W13	3	4 MX
4	MECHEM Paul	IL	1969	H	W 6	W 9	D 1	3	4 MXA
5	BOHANNON Ted	IA	1752	L13	W11	W18	W12	3	4 MXAB
6	LONG David	NY	1877	D11	L 4	W21	W15	2.5	2.5MXA
7	WILDMAN Eric	IL	1566	W21	L 3	W20	H	2.5	2.5MXABC
8	WONG Brian	IL	1749	X22	W18	L 2	-	2	2 MXAB
9	TOWNSEND Chester	IL	1700	W20	D13	L 4	D10	2	2 MXAB
10	LEALI Matthew	IL	1488	L 1	D21	W16	D 9	2	2 MXABC
11	KELLY James R	IL	1385	D 6	L 5	D19	W21	2	2 MXABCD
12	KACH Asher	IL	1377	L 3	W14	W17	L 5	2	2 MXABCD
13	LEUNG Daniel Y	IL	1370	W 5	D 9	D15	L 3	2	2 MXABCD
14	HELM Brett R	IL		L15	L12	W23	W19	2	2 M
15	GETZ Barney	IL	1698	W14	L 1	D13	L 6	1.5	1.5MXAB
16	LARSON Shay	IL		L17	D19	L10	W23	1.5	1.5M
17	ZIMMERLY R Wayne	IL	1635	W16	L 2	L12	-	1	1 MXAB
18	BANKS Jeremy	IL	1552	W23	L 8	L 5	-	1	1 MXABC
19	ANDERSON Richard	IL	1400	L 2	D16	D11	L14	1	1 MXABC
20	WONG Kevin D	IL	1311	L 9	W23	L 7	-	1	1 MXABCD
21	LIU Michael Y	IL	1177	L 7	D10	L 6	L11	0.5	0.5MXABCDE
22	TUCKER Anthony	IL	1245	F 8	-	-	-	0	
23	KENNEL Earl	IL		L18	L20	L14	L16	0	

Illinois Open, August 31 - September 2, 1996
OPEN

1	SEVILLANO Enrico	IL	2550	W27	W35	D43	W 9	D 4	W 3	5	15 M
2	MARTIN DEL CAMPO Robert	FR	2495	W56	W23	W13	L 3	W 8	W12	5	15 M
3	TATE Emory A	IN	2431	W38	W74	W24	W 2	W11	L 1	5	15 M
4	CHOW Albert C	IL	2396	W75	W45	D10	W31	D 1	W13	5	15 M
5	BENESA Arnulfo	IL	2118	L40	W39	W75	W26	W17	W11	5	15 MX
6	MARTINOVSKY Eugene	IL	2362	W57	L24	W36	W43	D19	W20	4.5	10 M
7	SZPISTAK Steven J	IL	2300	D46	W70	D16	W44	D21	W19	4.5	10 M
8	HERNANDEZ Yadira	FR	2290	W47	W73	D31	W10	L 2	W21	4.5	10 M
9	FLAGA Krzysztof	IL	2134	D49	W50	W15	L 1	W24	W31	4.5	10 MX
10	SCOTT Gene G	IL	2082	W53	W41	D 4	L 8	W30	W15	4.5	10 MX
11	BURKE John F	IL	2294	W29	W37	W58	W33	L 3	L 5	4	8 M
12	WALLACH Kenneth T	IL	2248	H	H	W38	W35	W18	L 2	4	8 M
13	INUMERABLE Florentino	IL	2132	W51	W30	L 2	W58	W14	L 4	4	8 MX
14	SPLINTER Joseph C	IL	2110	W60	W66	H	H	L13	W40	4	8 MX
15	PANGAN Camilo C	IL	2280	H	W46	L 9	W32	W36	L10	3.5	7 M
16	BACHLER Kevin L	IL	2210	W48	D36	D 7	D24	D37	D26	3.5	7 M
17	MARSHALL James A	IL	2154	W39	L58	W27	W56	L 5	D28	3.5	7 MX
18	YAVARI Paul	MO	2122	W80	W40	L33	W45	L12	D29	3.5	7 MX
19	STEIN Peter	IL	2115	W52	L31	W28	W61	D 6	L 7	3.5	7 MX
20	GAZMEN Eitelbert	IL	2100	L66	W64	W59	H	W25	L 6	3.5	7 MX
21	CADMAN Chuck	IL	2064	L31	W89	W51	W55	D 7	L 8	3.5	7 MX
22	FORD Samuel M	IL	2044	L72	D52	W50	L30	W41	W48	3.5	7 MX
23	MAREMA David B	IL	2041	W67	L 2	D30	D48	W58	D32	3.5	7 MX
24	SAX Robert D	IL	2000	W78	W 6	L 3	D16	L 9	W50	3.5	7 MX
25	COHEN Howard	IL	1971	L41	W53	D54	W70	L20	W55	3.5	7 MXA
26	BOGAN Timothy J	IL	1949	D34	D65	W41	L 5	W61	D16	3.5	7 MXA
27	SMYTHE Bill	IL	1931	L 1	W76	L17	W66	D55	W53	3.5	7 MXA
28	RIDDELL Joshua S	IL	1924	L33	W62	L19	W77	W42	D17	3.5	7 MXA
29	MANNE Kiran K	IL	1906	L11	D78	D52	W69	W35	D18	3.5	7 MXA
30	AMUNDSEN Steven A	IL	1889	W71	L13	D23	W22	L10	W45	3.5	7 MXA
31	KIRZHNER Michael	IL	1817	W21	W19	D 8	L 4	W43	L 9	3.5	7 MXA
32	ROBLEDO Mark	IL	1602	W63	L43	W74	L15	W56	D23	3.5	7 MXAB
33	MANION Josh	IL	2438	W28	W44	W18	L11	-	-	3	6 M
34	HENDERSON Scott	IL	2099	D26	D49	H	H	W57	-	3	6 MX
35	SATTERLEE Ray Doyle	IL	2048	W62	L 1	W49	L12	L29	W59	3	6 MX
36	WAGNER Steven J	IL	2012	W77	D16	L 6	W65	L15	D39	3	6 MX
37	ROGAN Marvin	IL	2000	W68	L11	W66	H	D16	-	3	6 MX
38	COHEN Lawrence S	IL	1937	L 3	W60	L12	W52	L40	W62	3	6 MXA
39	CORYEA Daniel J	MO	1900	L17	L 5	D53	W67	W54	D36	3	6 MXA
40	EGERTON James	IL	1863	W 5	L18	L44	W74	W38	L14	3	6 MXA
41	GERTZ Charles E	IL	1600	W25	L10	L26	W59	L22	W58	3	6 MXAB
42	SHERNOFF Leon	IL	2104	L61	L51	W68	W54	L28	D52	2.5	5 MX
43	FAGAN James B	IL	2079	W76	W32	D 1	L 6	L31	-	2.5	5 MX
44	WARREN James E	IL	2032	W54	L33	W40	L 7	D48	-	2.5	5 MX
45	MARQUEZ Anthony	IL	2000	W55	L 4	W69	L18	D51	L30	2.5	5 MX
46	CRONIN Mike	IL	1910	D 7	L15	L48	L53	W79	W64	2.5	5 MXA
47	LORING Steven W	IL	1906	L 8	L55	H	W60	W64	-	2.5	5 MXA
48	BUTTNY William P	IL	1900	L16	H	W46	D23	D44	L22	2.5	5 MXA
49	DOTSON John B	IL	1900	D 9	D34	L35	H	L53	W70	2.5	5 MXA
50	MARKOVIC Anand	IL	1900	H	L 9	L22	W68	W63	L24	2.5	5 MXA
51	REICH Richard M	WI	1891	L13	W42	L21	W79	D45	-	2.5	5 MXA
52	WILLARD Gary D	IL	1854	L19	D22	D29	L38	W77	D42	2.5	5 MXA
53	OODDARD Paul J	IL	1829	L10	L25	D39	W46	W49	L27	2.5	5 MXA
54	WONG Brian	IL	1749	L44	W57	D25	L42	L39	X63	2.5	5 MXAB
55	GETZ Barney	IL	1698	L45	W47	W73	L21	T27	L25	2.5	5 MXAB
56	VAKIL Behrooz M	MO	1930	L 2	W67	X71	L17	L32	-	2	4 MXA
57	MC NAMARA James	IL	1911	L 6	L54	W76	W78	L34	-	2	4 MXA
58	KAMBER George W	IN	1903	X	W17	L11	L13	L23	L41	2	4 MXA
59	MENGELIS Ams	IL	1900	H	H	L20	L41	W70	L35	2	4 MXA
60	CAGILL Ananne	IL	1834	L14	L38	D67	L47	D68	W77	2	4 MXA
61	STOLTZ Robert M	IL	1830	W42	H	H	L19	L26	-	2	4 MXA
62	FISCHER Gregory A	IL	1805	L35	L28	L64	W72	W74	L38	2	4 MXA
63	MICHALIK Philip	IL	1983	L32	H	H	D64	L50	F54	1.5	3 MXA
64	PORTER John	IL	1891	L74	L20	W62	D63	L47	L46	1.5	3 MXA
65	OBERWEIS James D Sr	IL	1867	H	D26	H	L36	-	-	1.5	3 MXA
66	SADAUSKAS Justin	IL	1830	W20	L14	L37	L27	D69	-	1.5	3 MXA
67	HENDERSON S E	IL	1804	L23	L56	D60	L39	D76	L68	1.5	3 MXA
68	HALE Bob Lloyd	IL	1663	L37	H	L42	L50	D60	D67	1.5	3 MXAB
69	MACHAJ Blair L	IL	1664	L73	W72	L45	L29	D66	-	1.5	3 MXAB
70	STERIEV Larry	IL	1310	B	L 7	H	L25	L59	L49	1.5	3 MXABCD
71	TOMAS John S	IL	2128	L30	W79	F56	-	-	-	1	2 MX
72	HERNANDEZ Hector	IL	2045	W22	L69	-	L62	-	-	1	2 MX
73	COX William G	IL	1987	W69	L 8	L55	-	-	-	1	2 MXA
74	MECHEM Paul	IL	1969	W64	L 3	L32	L40	L62	-	1	2 MXA
75	SAJKOWSKI Daniel	IL	1914	L 4	W77	L 5	-	-	-	1	2 MXA
76	SEFCHECK Mark M	IL	1825	L43	L27	L57	H	D67	-	1	2 MXA
77	JOHNSON Eric L	IL	1712	L36	L75	B	L28	L52	L60	1	2 MXAB
78	PINDAK Kim C	IL	1700	L24	D29	H	L57	-	-	1	2 MXAB
79	VENUSO Michael A	IL	1076	H	L71	H	L51	L46	-	1	2 MXABCD
80	GRUDMAN Feb	IL	1878	L18	L21	-	-	-	-	0	

Illinois Open, August 31 - September 2, 1996

RESERVE

1	HART Vincent J		1565	W 83	W 78	W 15	W 5	W 16	W 8	6	36 BC
2	GARAFOLO Paul M		1588	W107	D 40	W 41	W 12	W 35	W 11	5.5	23 BC
3	COBIA Paul	IL	1452	W 98	W 4	W 19	H	W 34	W 14	5.5	23 BC
4	ENGELN Mark	IL	1740	W 29	L 3	W 80	W 39	W 49	W 17	5	15 B
5	DITSWORTH Todd P	IL	1714	W 81	W 58	W 22	L 1	W 50	W 33	5	15 B
6	SOOHOO Anthony Pa	IL	1685	H	H	W 91	W 40	W 22	W 23	5	15 B
7	GAST Bryan	IL	1664	W 44	W 25	L 23	W 78	W 51	W 19	5	15 B
8	COCHRAN Craig	IL	1654	W 64	W 74	W 52	W 23	W 14	L 1	5	15 B
9	BAUMGARTNER Chris	IL	1632	W 66	L 75	W 62	W 29	W 52	W 16	5	15 B
10	KLBN John	IL	1476	W 97	W 13	W 47	L 16	W 48	W 35	5	15 BC
11	JUST Timothy W	IL	1744	W 43	H	W 45	W 21	W 20	L 2	4.5	10 B
12	MARSOLAIS Brian			W 28	W 54	D 20	L 2	W 74	W 36	4.5	
13	GANT Thomas A	IL	1743	W 90	L 10	D 61	W 43	W 75	D 26	4	8 B
14	CLAY Harry	IL	1717	W 80	W 57	W 50	W 48	L 8	L 3	4	8 B
15	BISHOP Jack	IL	1699	W 62	W 88	L 1	D 77	W 41	D 21	4	8 B
16	MENDOZA Gildardo	IL	1692	W 63	W 73	W 51	W 10	L 1	L 9	4	8 B
17	JOHNSON Henderson	IL	1659	L 45	W 94	W 81	W 31	W 53	L 4	4	8 B
18	AMIRANTE Ron L	AZ	1656	L 31	W 83	W 63	W 37	L 23	W 59	4	8 B
19	COVIC Mohamed	IL	1643	W 65	W 59	L 3	W 89	W 54	L 7	4	8 B
20	GROEGER Andrew	IL	1626	W 82	W 77	D 12	W 75	L 11	D 24	4	8 B
21	GASIECKI Alan F	IL	1580	W 69	D 27	W 38	L 11	W 77	D 15	4	8 BC
22	STEVENS Joseph M	IL	1529	W 32	W 30	L 5	W 66	L 6	W 60	4	8 BC
23	RODRIGUEZ Marco	MI	1493	W108	W 31	W 7	L 8	W 18	L 6	4	8 BC
24	LEALI Matthew	IL	1488	D 95	W 79	W 42	L 35	W 46	D 20	4	8 BC
25	FENNER Charles E	IL	1400	W101	L 7	W 67	L 34	W 64	X 47	4	8 BC
26	BOONE Foster	IL	1396	L102	W 93	H	W 79	W 42	D 13	4	8 BCD
27	CHU-KUNG Ben	IL	1320	X	D 21	D 53	L 18	W 82	W 48	4	8 BCD
28	BLUM Larry W	IL	1310	L 12	W108	L 33	W 97	W102	W 51	4	8 BCD
29	JAIEDI Salar		1264	L 4	W 97	W102	L 9	W104	W 53	4	8 BCD
30	GILRUTH Bruce	IL	1202	W 36	L 22	W 57	L 50	W 58	W 54	4	8 BCD
31	TSE Boris	IL	1196	W 18	L 23	W 70	L 17	W 88	W 52	4	8 BCDE
32	JOHNSON Thomas J	IL	1087	L 22	W 37	W 39	L 53	W 89	W 56	4	8 BCDE
33	AKHMETOV Artem			L 42	W 69	W 28	W 58	W 47	L 5	4	
34	DELAY Joe	IL	1740	W 61	W 56	L 48	W 25	L 3	D 39	3.5	7 B
35	HUGHES Robert	IL	1724	W 91	H	W 55	W 24	L 2	L 10	3.5	7 B
36	PADILLA Rudy R	IL	1658	L 30	W 86	H	W 90	W 61	L 12	3.5	7 B
37	KITTSLEY Scott L	WI	1600	L106	L 32	W 99	W 67	W 91	D 40	3.5	7 B
38	HUBBARD Andrew	IL	1350	W103	H	L 21	L 46	W 83	W 79	3.5	7 BCD
39	NOVAK James G	IL	1349	W118	L 48	L 32	W 96	W 65	D 34	3.5	7 BCD
40	KUNG Harold	IL	1346	W104	D 2	D 49	L 6	W 92	D 37	3.5	7 BCD
41	HUBBARD Dave	IL	1320	W 60	H	L 2	W107	L 13	W 84	3.5	7 BCD
42	FREITAG Todd		1297	W 33	D 49	L 24	W 95	L 26	W 77	3.5	7 BCD
43	BUCK David J	IL	1269	L 11	W 85	H	L 13	W 95	W 71	3.5	7 BCD
44	GASUNAS Anthony C	IL	1214	L 7	W101	L 54	H	W110	W 78	3.5	7 BCD
45	RODRIGUEZ Pete	IL	1213	W 17	W 70	L 11	L 49	D 57	W 73	3.5	7 BCD
46	HENDRICKSON Willi	IL	1202	H	D 72	H	W 38	L 24	W 76	3.5	7 BCD
47	SHOCKLEY Robert	IL	1627	W 92	W 76	L 10	W 65	L 33	F 25	3	6 B
48	GORSKI Marcin	IL	1601	W 67	W 39	W 34	L 14	L 10	L 27	3	6 B
49	WARREN Helen F	IL	1580	W 68	D 42	D 40	W 45	L 4	.	3	6 BC
50	HAYES Christopher	IL	1574	W 93	W 89	L 14	W 30	L 5	.	3	6 BC
51	SZAFRAN Martin		1493	W 84	W106	L 16	W 68	L 7	L 28	3	6 BC
52	MEHTA Devang		1485	W109	W102	L 8	W 92	L 9	L 31	3	6 BC
53	WACHTER Tom W	IL	1483	H	W105	D 27	W 32	L 17	L 29	3	6 BC
54	WALLACE Mark D	IL	1478	W 85	L 12	W 44	W 82	L 19	L 30	3	6 BC
55	MEYERS Fred C	IL	1469	D 86	W 71	L 35	H	W 62	.	3	6 BC
56	BALTAZAR Mark A	IL	1456	W110	L 34	L 65	W 94	W 63	L 32	3	6 BC
57	MONTOYA Fernando	IL	1438	W 87	L 14	L 30	X	D 45	D 61	3	6 BC
58	JOHNSON Lee		1417	W 99	L 5	W 64	L 33	L 30	W 92	3	6 BC
59	CAMARGO Miguel	IL	1378	W120	L 19	W106	L 4	W 66	L 18	3	6 BCD
60	CYGAN Joseph	IL	1316	L 41	L 84	W111	X	W 69	L 22	3	6 BCD
61	LOBRACO Michael J	IL	1255	L 34	W 87	D 13	W 72	L 36	D 57	3	6 BCD
62	MIHELICH Adam		1230	L 15	W100	L 9	X	L 55	W 93	3	6 BCD
63	FERGUSON William	IL	1226	L 16	W111	L 18	W101	L 56	W 94	3	6 BCD
64	BEREZHANSKIY Stan	IL	1196	L 8	W112	L 58	W114	L 23	W 96	3	6 BCDE
65	CHEN Aaron	IL	1162	L 19	W120	W 56	L 47	L 39	W 97	3	6 BCDE
66	SUMMERHAYS David	IL	1144	L 9	W115	W 73	L 22	L 59	W104	3	6 BCDE
67	COVARRUBIAS Sofia	IL	1129	L 44	W118	L 25	L 37	W 98	W 89	3	6 BCDE
68	FARRELL Kevin G	IL	1095	L 49	W119	W 76	L 51	D 78	D 70	3	6 BCDE
69	MONTOYA Jose J	IL	1095	L 21	L 33	W100	W 70	L 60	W 88	3	6 BCDE
70	BLANCAFLOR Mamerto		1516	W 94	L 45	L 31	L 69	W 85	D 68	2.5	5 BC
71	DOBOS Gordon J	IL	1515	H	L 55	L105	W117	W106	L 43	2.5	5 BC
72	BIRKELAND Roger	IL	1474	H	D 46	H	L 61	.	W102	2.5	5 BC
73	SHELLHAMER Ted C	IL	1406	W111	L 16	L 66	D106	W105	L 45	2.5	5 BC
74	JENKINS Mike	IL	1387	W112	L 8	D 95	W105	L 12	.	2.5	5 BCD
75	LEUNG Daniel Y	IL	1370	W115	W 9	H	L 20	L 13	.	2.5	5 BCD
76	IDE Jonathan	WI	1369	W116	L 47	L 68	D 84	W107	L 46	2.5	5 BCD
77	KLAHN Matthew S	IL	1364	W117	L 20	W 96	D 15	L 21	L 42	2.5	5 BCD
78	DODSON Karmit	IL	1326	X	L 1	W 84	L 7	D 68	L 44	2.5	5 BCD
79	GRIEBMEYER Walter	IL	1253	H	L 24	W 86	L 26	W109	L 38	2.5	5 BCD
80	WISHNER Michael	IL	1250	L 14	W 98	L 4	L102	D 87	W110	2.5	5 BCD
81	DRENDEL Tyler	IL	1230	L 5	W 99	L 17	L104	W101	D 82	2.5	5 BCD
82	VIERGEIG Craig	IL	1131	L 20	W117	X	L 54	L 27	D 81	2.5	5 BCDE
83	COBIA Jeffrey	IL	1093	L 1	L 18	W120	H	L 38	W112	2.5	5 BCDE

84	RODRIGUEZ Jesse Sr	IL	1068	L 51	W 60	L 78	D 76	W 90	L 41	2.5	5 BCDE
85	COBIA Bonnie J	IL	996	L 54	L 43	W116	H	L 70	W105	2.5	5 BCDE
86	BLANCOFLOR Carlo		931	D 55	L 36	L 79	L109	W117	W106	2.5	5 BCDE
87	RODRIGUEZ Jose Jr	IL	884	L 57	L 61	L104	W103	D 80	W107	2.5	5 BCDE
88	RIDDLE Robert	IL	1412	W100	L 15	L 92	W108	L 31	L 69	2	4 BC
89	WONG Kevin D	IL	1311	W119	L 50	W114	L 19	L 32	L 67	2	4 BCDE
90	LAI Ben	IL	1267	L 13	W109	H	L 36	L 84	D 95	2	4 BCD
91	HAYES Michael J	IL	1238	L 35	W110	L 6	W 98	L 37	-	2	4 BCD
92	PARK William	IL	1141	L 47	W116	W 88	L 52	L 40	L 58	2	4 BCDE
93	DONNA Daniel	IL	1094	L 50	L 26	L101	W120	W134	L 62	2	4 BCDE
94	FODOR Mark	IL	1074	L 70	L 17	W112	L 56	W 99	L 63	2	4 BCDE
95	REYES Jorge	IL	1054	D 24	H	D 74	L 42	L 43	D 90	2	4 BCDE
96	DE FREEUW Darren	IL	971	H	H	L 77	L 39	W115	L 64	2	4 BCDE
97	ANDERSEN Rick D	IL	940	L 10	L 29	W119	L 28	W118	L 65	2	4 BCDE
98	DURAN Lorena	IL	929	L 3	L 80	W118	L 91	L 67	W115	2	4 BCDE
99	CISNEROS Ivan	IL	875	L 58	L 81	L 37	W116	L 94	W118	2	4 BCDE
100	ALTSCHUL Sam	IL	832	L 88	L 62	L 69	H	D111	W117	2	4 BCDE
101	SUMMERHAYS Daniel	IL	825	L 25	L 44	W 93	L 63	L 81	W116	2	4 BCDE
102	VILLAFLOE Elzabe	IL	786	W 26	L 52	L 29	W 80	L 28	L 72	2	4 BCDE
103	CAMARGO Martha	IL	544	L 38	L113	L110	L 87	W120	W114	2	4 BCDE
104	CUMMINGS Michael	IL		L 40	L107	W 87	W 81	L 29	L 66	2	
105	SEIBEL Dennis	IL	1213	H	L 53	W 71	L 74	L 73	L 85	1.5	3 BCD
106	MARBACEK Nathan	IL	1123	W 37	L 51	L 99	D 73	L 71	L 86	1.5	3 BCDE
107	SPEER Eric	IL	1116	L 2	W104	H	L 41	L 76	L 87	1.5	3 BCDE
108	MC NALL Y Michael	IL	1060	L 23	L 28	W115	L 88	D112	-	1.5	3 BCDE
109	LEUNG Cheung	IL	1048	L 52	L 90	H	W 86	L 79	-	1.5	3 BCDE
110	COBIA Timothy	IL	990	L 56	L 91	W103	H	L 44	L 80	1.5	3 BCDE
111	BANUELOS Non	IL	827	L 73	L 63	L 60	L118	D100	W120	1.5	3 BCDE
112	VILLAFLOE Phillip	IL	732	L 74	L 64	L 94	W119	D108	L 83	1.5	3 BCDE
113	OBERWILL Julie	IL	1675	-	W103	-	-	-	-	1	
114	DE FREEUW Stephen	IL	820	H	H	L 89	L 64	L 93	L109	1	2 BCDE
115	RODOR Tom	IL	629	L 75	L 66	L108	X	L 96	L 98	1	2 BCDE
116	VEGA Juan C	IL	584	L 76	L 92	L 85	L 99	W119	L101	1	2 BCDE
117	ORTEGA Ulises	IL	572	L 77	L 82	B	L 71	L 86	L100	1	2 BCDE
118	COR YEA Marcia			L 39	L 67	L 98	W111	L 97	L 99	1	
119	MIEHELICH Alexar			L 89	L 68	L 97	L112	L116	B	1	
120	CISNEROS Jorge	IL	696	L 59	L 65	L 83	L 93	L103	L111	0	

Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score, September 28-29, 1996

1	SEVILLANO Enrico	2548	W 9	W11	W 2	W 7	D 3	4.5	9.5M
2	CHOW Albert	2396	W12	W11	L 1	W 5	W 7	4	6 M
3	SZPISJAK Steve	2300	W13	W14	D 7	H	D 1	3.5	3.5M
4	SCOTT Gene	2082	D17	W10	L 5	W 6	W 8	3.5	3.5MX
5	SAX Rob	2000	L14	W17	W 4	L 2	W 9	3	3 MX
6	LINDQUIST Daniel	1843	L 7	W16	W14	L 4	W13	3	3 MXA
7	SLIVINSKAS Mindaugas		W 6	W 8	D 3	L 1	L 2	2.5	2.5M
8	COHEN Howard	1971	W16	L 7	H	W12	L 4	2.5	2.5MXA
9	COHEN Lawrence	1937	L 1	D13	W17	W10	L 5	2.5	2.5MXA
10	MONTALTI Gianluca	1534	H	L 4	W13	L 9	W16	2.5	2.5MXABC
11	SMYTHE Bill	1931	W15	L 1	L 2	D12	-	1.5	1.5MXA
12	WONG Brian	1749	L 2	W15	D11	L 8	-	1.5	1.5MXAB
13	JOHNSON Henderson	1659	L 3	D 9	L10	W14	L 6	1.5	1.5MXAB
14	STEVENS Joe	1529	W 5	L 3	L 6	L13	D15	1.5	1.5MXABC
15	WISHNER Mike	1250	L11	L12	L16	X17	D14	1.5	1.5MXABC
16	WONG Kevin	1311	L 8	L 6	W15	-	L10	1	1 MXABCD
17	COVIC Mehmed	1643	D 4	L 5	L 9	F15	-	0.5	0.5MXAB



1996 ILLINOIS CHESS ASSOCIATION TOUR STANDINGS

These Tour standings reflect the following 1996 Tour events:

Peoria Tornado	mini January 20, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini January 20, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini January 21, 1996
Tim Just Winter Open, Grayslake	MAXI January 27-28, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini February 4, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini February 10, 1996
Greater Peoria Open	MAXI March 2-3, 1996
Mid-America Class Championship, O'Hare	MAXI March 15-17, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini March 30, 1996
Heathen Open, Burr Ridge	MAXI April 5-7, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Spring Open	mini April 20-21, 1996
Master Challenge, St Charles	MAXI June 21-23, 1996
Peoria Quick Tornado	micro June 29, 1996
All American Class, Burr Ridge	MAXI July 6-7, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Summer Open	mini July 20-21, 1996
Midway Amateur Class, Oak Lawn	MAXI August 3-4, 1996
Rating Wars, Burr Ridge	mini August 10, 1996
Bradley Summer Open, Peoria	mini August 17, 1996
Illinois Open, O'Hare	MAXI Aug 31 - Sept 2,
Chicago Chess Club Two-Day Plus-Score	mini September 28-29, 1996

Not included (crosstables not yet received from organizers):

Chicago Open, Oak Brook MAXI May 24-27, 1996

To be included next issue:

Chicago Chess Club Saturday Plus-Score	mini October 12, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Sunday Plus-Score Quick	micro October 13, 1996
Midwest Class Championship, Oak Brook	MAXI October 25-27, 1996
Peoria Quick Tornado	micro October 26, 1996

Upcoming 1996 Tour events:

Tuley Park Quick, Chicago	micro November 9, 1996
U.S. Class, O'Hare	MAXI November 22-24, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Fall Open	mini Nov 30 - Dec 1, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Sunday Plus-Score	mini Dec 8, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Sunday Plus-Score	mini Dec 15, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Saturday Plus-Score	mini Dec 21, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Sunday Plus-Score Quick	micro Dec 22, 1996

For players with fewer than three 1996 Tour events, the number of events (1 or 2) is shown in parentheses. A player must have played in at least three Tour events during 1996 to be eligible for year-end Tour prizes.

NOTE: ICA membership is required for all Illinois residents playing in ICA Tour events. Residents of other states are not required to join ICA if they are members of their home state

chess associations. However, Tour points earned by out-of-staters do not count unless they are ICA members. We have attempted to remove the names of out-of-state non-members from the following list. Because the membership records are separate from the Tour records, the names of a few non-members may remain. Membership checks will be performed at year-end to verify prize eligibility.

Master Tour Points:

CHOW Albert C	109
SEVILLANO Enrico M	72
SZPISJAK Steven J	72
SAX Robert D	51
ZIANE Noureddine	40
BACHLER Kevin L	38
SCOTT Gene G	34.5
SMYTHE Bill	34
MARQUEZ Anthony	32
DANDRIDGE Marvin	30.5

Expert Tour Points:

SAX Robert D	74
ZINYTCH Miron	60.5
SCOTT Gene G	46.5
SMYTHE Bill	43
MARQUEZ Anthony	40
MARSHALL James A	33
BENESA Arnolfo	28
FAGAN James B	28
SPLINTER Joseph C	28
JORDAN Roland V	27.5

Class A Tour Points:

COHEN Howard	43
SMYTHE Bill	43
COHEN Lawrence S	40.5
AMUNDSEN Steven A	34

COX William G	27
EGERTON James	26
WONG Brian	25
CRONIN Mike	23
JOHNSON Eric I.	21.5
BALE Leslie	21

Class B Tour Points:

GAST Bryan	55.5
ENGELZEN Mark	55
COVIC Mehmed	50.5
DELAY Joe	43
BAUMGARTNER Chris	40.5
GROEGER Andrew	40
DITSWORTH Todd P	37
PADILLA Rudy R	36.5
HART Vincent J (1)	36
SHOCKLEY Robert	31

Class C Tour Points:

STEVENS Joseph M	50.5
KLEIN John P	42
HART Vincent J (1)	36
COCHRAN Craig	32
GASUNAS Anthony C	28.5
MONTOYA Fernando	24
SHELLHAMER Ted C	24
COBIA Paul (1)	23
GARAFOLO Paul M (1)	23

HAYES Christopher	23
LAUGER Stephen C	23
SMUTNIAK James	23


Class D Tour Points:

WISHNER Michael	40
GASUNAS Anthony C	35.5
SHELLHAMER Ted C	33
HENDRICKSON William	24
HUBBARD Andrew	24
CHU-KUNG Benjamin	22
BOONE Foster	20
ENDLER James	19
GILRUTH Bruce	19
KUNG Harold	19

Class E Tour Points:


GASUNAS Anthony C	28.5
PARK William	22
KANTER Brad M (1)	19
PETTY Dan	17
GIANNOKOPOULOS Dimit	16
TSE Boris	16
HARBACEK Nathan (2)	15
MC NALLY Michael	15
CHEN Aaron (2)	14
VENUSO Michael A	14

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

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 directly to the ICB Editor. Unless otherwise noted, all tournaments require USCF membership. Illinois Tour events also require ICA membership. Scholastic events are marked with a .

Nov 2 Chesterton 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.


Nov 2, Saturday Plus-Score, Chicago. 4-SS, game/60, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. EF \$15, juniors and CCC members \$12. Reg ends 11:30 a.m., round 1 at 12:00. Prizes by score: 4-0 \$100, 3.5-0.5 \$50, 3-1 \$25, 2.5-1.5 \$12. 773-761-5050.


 **Nov. 2 Proviso Player Clinic and Action Tournament. G/30. Proviso West High School, 4701 West Harrison St., Hillside, IL 60162. 3 sections. Grade School, High School, Adult. All, EF: \$10. Trophies to 1-5 individuals, teams. Several workshop sessions given by masters, a simul chess demo by a master, a five minute speed tournament. Clinic begins at 9am, tournaments at 1pm. Ent: Same as above. Info/T.D. George Marino, (708) 420-8152.**

Nov 3, Sunday Plus-Score Quick, Chicago. 6-SS, game/29, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. EF \$15, juniors and CCC members \$12. Reg ends 11:30 a.m., round 1 at 12:00. Prizes by score: 6-0 \$100, 5.5-0.5

\$60, 5-1 \$35, 4.5-1.5 \$20, 4-2 \$12, 3.5-2.5 \$5. 773-761-5050.

Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, Fox Valley Naperville Chess Club Monday Night November Swiss. 4-SS, Game/90, Radisson Hotel Lisle-Naperville, 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL (2 blocks NE of the Naperville Exit of I-88), 4 Monday nights starting at 7:15 PM each Monday. Reg: 6:30-7:10 PM Nov. 4 at the hotel. EF: \$20 adults, \$10 Juniors 18-below. PF: 1st, 2nd, A, B, C, and Junior depend upon the number of entries. INFO: Richard Verber (630) 978-1380. NS. NC.

 **Nov. 9, Bloom Trail Action/30, (5 rds; Top 5 = Team), Bloom Trail High School, Sauk Trail & Cottage Grove, Chicago Heights, IL 60411. For more info: Don Deakin, (H) 758-5496 (S) 708 758-7000 ext 164.**


 **Nov. 9. Tri-State Scholastic Open. Maine East High School, at Dempster and Potter Roads, one block east of I-294, Park Ridge, IL. 3 sections by grade. Primary: K-3, 6-SS, G/40. Elementary: 4-5, 5-SS, G/50. Junior High: 6-8, 4-SS, G/60. All, EF: \$15 by 11/1, \$20 after. No on-site entries. Limited to first 500. Prizes: Trophies to top: 8 overall, 4 each grade. Medals to ties not taking trophy, Biggest Upset and Biggest Cumulative Upset (by rating, unrateds uneligible), top Unr. in section, top 8 teams, each section. Teams: top 5 scores (at least 2 players) as defined by Illinois Chess Coaches Association. Reg. 7:45-8:30am, Check-in only. Rd. 1 at 9:30, other rounds ASAP. US Chess Federation membership required \$10/year. Send with entries for advance processing. Food is available only in cafeteria. (This will be strictly enforced). Team Rooms available on request. Please write for details. Directed by: Erv Sedlock. Checks payable/Ent: Deborah Socha, 2719 W. DeCook Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068. (708) 698-9365. E-mail: kbachler@anet-**

chi.com. Please one entry check and participant list per school, sorted by grade.

Nov. 9 (QC). '96 Tuley Park 6K G/25, 5SS Micro-Tour. 5-SS, G/25. 501 E. 90th Place, Chicago, IL 60619. \$\$ 450 b/26 (kids count half) \$300G. EF: \$20, U19 \$10. \$\$120-90-60, from middle 3rd \$60-40, from lowest 3rd \$50-30. Reg. 10:30-11:15. Rd. 1 at 11:30. State membership required \$14, OSA. Ent: Thomas A. Fineberg, 7321 South Shore Dr. 6D, Chicago, IL 60649. (773) 721-3979. NS. NC. W.

Nov 10, Choose-Your-Opponent Open, Chicago. 4-Choice, game/60, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. Players choose their own opponents without regard to score, rating, etc (send SASE for details). EF \$15, juniors and CCC members \$12. Reg ends 11:30 a.m., round 1 at 12:00. Prizes (70% of EFs) to the five players who defeat the highest-rated opponents: 18%-16%-14%-12%-10%. 773-761-5050.

Nov. 16, Fox Valley Naperville Chess Club Saturday Bargain Swiss. 4-SS, Game/60, Radisson Hotel Lisle-Naperville, 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL (2 blocks NE of the Naperville Exit of I-88). Reg: 8:30-9:15 AM Sat. At the hotel. EF: \$15 adults, \$10 Juniors age 18-below. Rds: 9:30, 11:45, 2:30, 4:45. Food available at Hotel Restaurant and bargain Deli. \$\$ Guaranteed Prizes: 100, 60, Class A: 50, Class B: 50, Class C: 50, Junior: 30. Club membership encouraged but not required. INFO: Richard Verber (630) 978-1380. NS. NC.

 **Nov 16, Glen Ellyn Fall Classic, Hadley Junior High School, 240 Hawthorne, Glen Ellyn, IL. Junior High, Grades 6-8, 4-SS, game/50. Elementary, Grades 4-5, 5-SS, game/35. Primary, 3rd grade and under, 5-SS, game/30. Awards: Trophies to top 10 school teams (Top**

5 players per school count for team score); Trophies to top 10 individuals in each section. Trophies to first player in each grade level and all ties. Trophies to top unrated and outstanding performance in each division. Ribbons to 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place finishers in each grade. Participation ribbons for all. Reg: Advance Registration Only!! Please register players from each division on a separate sheet of paper, including name, grade, USCF number and expiration, and latest rating for each player. All players must have USCF membership, available at tournament for \$10 or for \$15. EF \$15 per player if received by Nov 8, \$20 Nov 9-13. Make checks (one per school) payable to Mike Miele, 861 Valley Avenue, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, 60137-5538. 708-469-3630 (anytime) or 708-790-6450 (school hours). E-mail to Mmiele@aol.com

Nov. 16, West Chicago Team Tournament, (8-bd + Sch open) [USCF], West Chicago High School, 1213 Joliet Street, West Chicago, IL 60185-3195. Contact: Sandra Machaj or Steve Lehman. (H) 630 231-6245 (S. Machaj); (S) 630 293-8163

Nov 17, Sunday High Noon Quads, Chicago. 3-RR, game/105, in 4-player sections of like-rated players. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. EF \$10, juniors and CCC members \$8, plus \$5 forfeit deposit returned upon completion of all games. Reg ends 11:30 a.m., round 1 at 12:00. 1st prize in each quad: free EF to any two 1-day (or one 2-day) November, December, or January Chicago CC tournaments. No late entries, no byes. 773-761-5050.

Nov 22-24, 1996 U.S. Class Championships (incorporating the Illinois Class Championships), Rosemont. Maxi. A USCF National Event. Grand Prix: 50 Points 5-SS, 40/2, SD/1 (2-day schedule rounds 1 and 2 Game/90). Clarion Hotel O'Hare, 6810 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont, Illinois 60018 (less than one mile from O'Hare Airport with free pick up service). \$\$ 10,000 prize fund is fully guaranteed and will not

be reduced. In eight sections. Master: \$\$G 1500-500. Under 2400: 200. Under 2300: 200. Expert: \$\$G 1000-400, Under 2100: 200. Class A: \$\$G 1000-400. Under 1900: 200. Class B: \$\$G 1000-400. Under 1700: 200. Class C: \$\$G 1000-400. Under 1500: 200. Class D: \$\$G 600-200. Under 1300: 100. Class E: \$\$G 150-50. Under 1100: 50. Under 1000: 50. Unrated: Chess Clock to top adult, top junior. EF for top six sections: 3-day \$69, 2-day \$68 if postmarked by 11/8, \$85 at the door, USCF juniors deduct \$30. EF for Class E and unrated: 3-day \$24, 2-day \$23 if postmarked by 11/8, \$35 at the door. Unrated players joining USCF and ICA pay no entry fee to play in the unrated section. Unrateds may play in the master section or in the unrated section, not in any class section. You may play up one section higher than your rating your rating for \$10 (except Class E players playing in Class D pay the Class D entry fee). Half-point byes available in rounds 1-4 if requested in advance. Add 50 cents to advance entry for first round bye only. ICA membership (\$14, \$8 Jrs. U20) is not required but you must be a member to qualify for ICA tour points. CCA ratings may be used if higher than USCF October supplement. Reg. 4-7pm on Friday, 11/22, 8-9am on Saturday 11/23. Rds. 3-day schedule 8, 10-5, 10-4:15. 2-day schedule rds. 1 & 2 at 10-1:15, then merges with 3-day for rd. 3 at 5pm. Chess sets provided for tournament play only; not for skittles. Please bring chess clocks. HR: \$61-61-61-61, (847) 297-8464. Make your reservation by 11/1 to be assured a room. Be sure to ask for the Chess Rates. Special airfare discounts from Classic Travel 1-800-488-6080 or (630) 980-7900. Ent: U.S. Chess, 186 Route 9W, New Windsor, NY 12553, Attn: U.S. Class Entries, 1-800-388-KING or (914) 562-8350. Info: Walter Brown (815) 723-9453 or check out the ICA web page at www.64.com/ica/ NS. W. FIDE.

Nov 30, Chesterton 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.

Nov 30 - Dec 1, Chicago Chess Club Fall Open. 5-SS, rounds 1-3 40/90, then 40/60, then SD/30, rounds 4-5 40/120, then 40/60, then SD/30, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. EF \$30, juniors, CCC members, and advance registrants (by 11/25) \$25. Reg ends 9:30 a.m. Saturday, rounds at 10-2:30-7, 11-5. Prizes (\$680 based on 30 players): \$200-\$150-\$100, U2200 \$80, U2000 \$65, u1800 \$50, U1600 \$35. 773-761-5050 An ICA Tour mini-event.

Dec. 2, Fox Valley Naperville Chess Club Monday Night Game/30 Open, 3-SS, Game/30, Radisson Hotel Lisle-Naperville, 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL (2 blocks NE of the Naperville Exit of I-88). Reg.: 6:30-7:15 PM at the hotel. EF: \$10 adults, \$5 Juniors age 18-below. Rds.: 7:20-8:20-9:20. \$\$ Prizes for 1st, 2nd, A, B, C depend on number of entries. Club membership encouraged but not required. INFO: Richard Verber (630) 978-1380. NS. NC.

Dec 7, Benjamin Scholastic Chess Tournament, Benjamin Middle School, 28W300 St. Charles Road, West Chicago, IL. Sections: Junior High: Open to students in grades 6 - 8. Elementary: Open to students in grades 4-5. Primary: Open to students in grades 3 and under. Time Control/Rounds: Junior High: 4 rounds, Game 45. Elementary: 5 rounds, Game 30. Primary: 5 rounds; Game 30. Prizes: Trophies to the top 5 teams in each section. Trophies to the Champion of each section. Trophies to the top 3 individuals in grades 3-8. Trophies to the top 2 individuals in grades 1 & 2. Reg.: Advance registration only. No walk-ins. STRICTLY LIMITED TO THE FIRST 250 ENTRIES. No substitutions after 11/30/96. Entry Fee: \$12 before November 22. \$15 thereafter. USCF membership required. Make checks payable to

Benjamin Activity Fund. Check-In: All players must check in between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. to be paired for the first round. We plan to start on time. TD: Erv Sedlock. Entries: Terry McCarthy, 871 Burning Trail, Carol Stream, IL 60188. 708-293-7373.

Dec 7, Tuley Park Quick Chess #14, Chicago, 501 E, 90th Place, EF: \$12, under 19 \$6. Reg. 11:00-11:50, 1st Rd @ 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 16 to 24: 5SS Rds 1&2 G/15, rds 3, 4, 5 G/25. If 26 players or more: 6SS, rds 1-3: G/15, rds 4-6: G20. Info: Tom Fineberg 721-3979.

Dec 8, Elmhurst Chess Club Game/20. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. 5 round SS or RR in sections, dependent on number of entries. EF: \$5 ECC members, \$8 non-members. Prizes: 1st, 2nd, under 1600 dependent on entries. Reg. 6:00-6:45 PM, round 1 at 7:00. Info: Roger Birkeland (630) 832-1754. E-mail: rogerdb9@mail.idt.net. NS. NC.

Dec 8, Sunday Plus-Score Mini-Tour, Chicago. 4-SS, game/60, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. EF \$17, juniors and CCC members \$14. Reg ends 11:30 a.m., round 1 at 12:00. Prizes by score: 4-0 \$100, 3.5-0.5 \$50, 3-1 \$25, 2.5-1.5 \$12. 773-761-5050. An ICA Tour mini-event.

Dec 9, Fox Valley Naperville Chess Club Monday Night Game/10 Quick Chess Championship #2, 8-SS, G/10, Radisson Hotel Lisle-Naperville, 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL (2 blocks NE of the Naperville Exit of I-88). Reg.: 6:30-7:15 PM at the hotel. Rounds start 7:30 sharp. \$\$ Prizes for 1st, 2nd, A, B, C depend on number of entries. Club membership encouraged but not required. Bring clocks! INFO: Richard Verber (630) 978-1380. NS. NC.

Dec 14, Fox Valley Naperville Chess Club December Saturday

Bargain Swiss, 4-SS, Game/60, Radisson Hotel Lisle-Naperville, 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL (2 blocks NE of the Naperville Exit of I-88). Reg.: 8:30-9:15 AM at the hotel. EF: \$15 adults, \$10 Juniors age 18-below. Rds.: 9:30-11:45-2:30-5. \$\$G: 100-60, A, B, C each 50, top junior 30. Food available at hotel restaurant and bargain deli. Club membership encouraged but not required. INFO: Richard Verber (630) 978-1380. NS. NC.

Dec 14, Illinois All Grade Championships, Evanston.

Dec. 15, Elmhurst Chess Club Game/100 Quad. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. 3 round RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players. EF: \$20 ECC members, \$25 non-members, plus \$10 forfeit deposit returned upon completion of all games. Prizes: \$60 1st, \$15 2nd in each Quad. Reg. Noon-12:30, round 1 at 12:45 PM. No late entries. No byes. Info: Roger Birkeland (630) 832-1754. E-mail: rogerdb9@mail.idt.net. NS. NC.

Dec 15, Sunday Two-Section Plus-Score Mini-Tour, Chicago. 4-SS, game/60, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. In two sections. Open section: EF \$17, juniors and CCC members \$14. Prizes by score: 4-0 \$120, 3.5-0.5 \$60, 3-1 \$30, 2.5-1.5 \$12. Under-1800 section: EF \$15, juniors and CCC members \$12. Prizes by score: 4-0 \$80, 3.5-0.5 \$40, 3-1 \$20, 2.5-1.5 \$8. Reg ends 11:30 a.m., round 1 at 12:00. 773-761-5050. An ICA Tour mini-event.

Dec 21, Saturday Plus-Score Mini-Tour, Chicago. 4-SS, game/60, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. EF \$17, juniors and CCC members \$14. Reg ends 11:30 a.m., round 1 at 12:00. Prizes by score: 4-0 \$100, 3.5-0.5 \$50, 3-1 \$25, 2.5-1.5 \$12. 773-761-5050. An ICA Tour mini-event.

Dec 22, Sunday Plus-Score Micro-Tour, Chicago. 6-SS, game/29, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt.

EF \$17, juniors and CCC members \$14. Reg ends 11:30 a.m., round 1 at 12:00. Prizes by score: 6-0 \$100, 5.5-0.5 \$60, 5-1 \$35, 4.5-1.5 \$20, 4-2 \$12, 3.5-2.5 \$5. 773-761-5050. An ICA Tour micro-event.

Dec 28, Chesterton Chess, IN, Westchester Public Library, 200 W. Indiana, Chesterton, IN, 4-SS, G/90. EF\$: \$15, \$10 for High School or below. Info: Randy Pals, 1233 Morningside Dr., Chesterton, IN 46304. 219-926-2266.

Dec 28, Saturday High Noon Quads, Chicago. 3-RR, game/105, in 4-player sections of like-rated players. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. EF \$10, juniors and CCC members \$8, plus \$5 forfeit deposit returned upon completion of all games. Reg ends 11:30 a.m., round 1 at 12:00. 1st prize in each quad: free EF to any two 1-day (or one 2-day) January or February Chicago CC tournaments. No late entries, no byes. 773-761-5050.

Dec 28-29, Holiday Classics, Burr Ridge, 4-SS, 40/2, SD/1. Best Western Inn of Burr Ridge, 300 S. Frontage Road, Burr Ridge. Just west of I-294 on I-55. \$\$1050 in 6 sections. M/X (\$290, b/20) 100-65-35, X 60-30, A (\$160, b/10) 80-50-30, B (\$160, b/10) 80-50-30, C (\$145, b/10) 75-45-25, D (\$145, b/15) 75-45-25, E/U (\$150, b/15) E 60-40, U 50. EF (all) \$20, jr \$10, if received by 12/20/96, \$5 more after (& phone). \$5 to play up one section. Unrated may play in any section, but can only win Unr. prize. 1/2 pt. bye available Rds. 1 or 2, if requested w/reg. ICA membership required, OSA. Reg.: 8:20-9 am. Rds. 9:30-3:45, 9:15-3:30. HR \$55. Ent: Lawrence S. Cohen, P.O. Box 6632, Villa Park, IL 60181. (630) 834-2477. NS, NC, W.

Dec 29, Sunday Plus-Score Quick, Chicago. 6-SS, game/29, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. EF \$15, juniors and CCC members \$12. Reg ends 11:30 a.m., round 1 at 12:00. Prizes by score: 6-0 \$100, 5.5-0.5 \$60, 5-1 \$35, 4.5-1.5 \$20, 4-2 \$12, 3.5-2.5 \$5. 773-761-5050.

Jan 4-5, Tim Just's Winter Open/Reserve XII, Grayslake. 5-SS, 40/90, G/30. College of Lake County (Main Bldg.), 19351 W. Washington at Route 45, Grayslake, IL. \$\$2000 (b/70), Open: \$250-175-150, X 125-100, A/below 125-100 (unr qualify for top prizes only). Reserve (U1800): \$250-175-150, C 125-100, D/E 100, Unr 75 (Unr \$ total limit = \$75). EF: \$30 if mailed by 12/30/96; \$35 site/phone; \$5 discount to juniors. Reg: 1/4/96, 8-8:40 am, Rds: 9-1:30-6, 10-2:30. Tim Just, 37165 Willow, Gurnee, IL 60031. (847) 244-7954. ICA Maxi-tour event.

Jan 11, Illinois All-Grade Championship, [USCF] Evanston High School, 1600 Dodge, Evanston, IL 60202. Contact: Ken Lewandowski, (S) 847 492-7932; (H) 847 869-8246. E-mail: klew@schools.covis.nwu.edu

Jan. 12, Elmhurst Chess Club Game/29 Quad. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. 3 round RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players. EF: \$11 ECC members, \$16 non-members. Prizes: \$40 1st in each Quad. Reg. 6:00-6:50 PM, round 1 at 7:00. Info: Roger Birkeland (630) 832-1754. E-mail: rogerdb9@mail.idt.net. NS. NC.

Jan 12, Sunday High Noon Quads, Chicago. 3-RR, game/105, in 4-player sections of like-rated players. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. EF \$10, juniors and CCC members \$8, plus \$5 forfeit deposit returned upon completion of all games. Reg ends 11:30 a.m., round 1 at 12:00. 1st prize in each quad: free EF to any two 1-day (or one 2-day) January or February Chicago CC tournaments. No late entries, no byes. 773-761-5050.

Jan 18, Illini Union Classic, (5-bd), University High School, 1212 W. Springfield, Urbana, IL 61801. Contact: Gene Bild (H) 217 398-2408; (S) 217 333-2870.

Jan 18, MacArthur Tournament, Hoffman Estates, IL.

Jan. 19, Elmhurst Chess Club G/60 Winter Swiss. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. 4-SS in 2 sections: Open & U1600. EF: \$15 ECC members, \$20 non-members. Prizes: Open-1st, 2nd, U1800, U1600 section-1st, 2nd, U1400. 90% of entry fees returned as prizes. Reg. Noon-12:45, rounds at 1:00, 3:00, 5:30, 7:30. Late entries get 1/2 point bye in round 1. 1/2 point bye available any of 1st 3 rounds. Info: Roger Birkeland (630) 832-1754. E-mail: rogerdb9@mail.idt.net. NS. NC.

Jan 25, Ottawa Chess Tournament, 5-Bd Game/60, Ottawa High School Ottawa, IL TD - Julian Morrison. Contact: Craig Smoch (S) 815 433-1323 (H) 667-5201

Jan. 26, Elmhurst Chess Club Game/15 Double Quad. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. 6 round RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players. EF: \$11 ECC members, \$16 non-members. Prizes: \$40 1st in each Quad. Reg. 6:00-6:50 PM, round 1 at 7:00. Info: Roger Birkeland (630) 832-1754. E-mail: rogerdb9@mail.idt.net. NS. NC.

Feb 8, Frosh-Soph Team "State" Championships, (4 rnds; Board Swiss), Bloom Trail High School, Sauk Trail & Cottage Grove, Chicago Heights, IL 60411. Contact: Don Deakin (S) 708 758-7000 ext. 164; (H) 758-5496.

Feb 15-16, U.S. Amateur Team Championships Midwest, Rosemont.

Feb 22, Rock Island "Boulder Dash" (5-bd), Rock Island High School, 1400 25th Ave, Rock Island, IL 61201. Contact: Bob Smith (S) 309 793-5950; (H) 787-5171; Fax 1-815-793-9866.

Feb 22, 1997 Midwest Scholastic Class Championships, Glen Ellyn.

Mar 6-9, U.S. Masters, Oak Brook. 7-SS, 40/2, 20/1, SD/30. Hyatt

Regency Oak Brook, 1909 Spring Rd., Oak Brook, IL. \$\$G: 17,400. Open to players rated 2200 or over, or who ever have been so rated, plus six seeded juniors rated over 2000. FIDE Rated. For more info: Helen Warren, Midwest Chess Association, PO Box 305, Western Springs, IL 60558. (630) 663-0688. apct@aol.com

Mar 1-2, K-8 State Championship, Peoria, IL. Call Carol Spengel at 309 - 673 - 0925 for more information.

Mar 8, Roanoke-Benson, (8-bd) Roanoke-Benson High School, 303 Joseph, P.O. Box 490, Roanoke, IL 61561 Contact: Greg Rasmuson (S) 309 923-8401; (H) 394-2272.

Mar 14-15, IHSAA State Chess Team Tourney, University High School, Normal, IL.

Mar 15, Deerpath Middle School, Lake Forest, IL.

Mar 21-23, Mid-America Class Championships, Rosemont, IL.

Apr 11-13, National Open, Las Vegas, NV.

Apr 19, ICCA "State" Individual, Bloom Trail High School, contact Mike Zacate.

Apr 25-28, USCF "Super Nationals" Elementary, JHS, and HS Championships, Knoxville, TN.

May 23-26, Chicago Open, Schaumburg, IL. MAXI.

Jul 19-20, Midway Amateur Class Championship, ICA Maxi-tour event.

Aug 3-15, U.S. Open, Orlando, FL.

Aug 30- Sep 1, Illinois Open, ICA Maxi-tour event.

Nov 13-16, USCF National K-12 Scholastic Grade Championships, Parsippany, NJ.

Nov 22-23, Illinois Class Championships MAXI.

Aug 1-9, U.S. Open, Kona, Hawaii.

□ Dec 4-6, USCF National K-12 Scholastic Grade Championships, Oak Brook, IL.



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County Seat Chess Fever II

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19. Qe2 Qxc2+ 20. Kxe2 b6 21. Bd2 Bb5 22. Ne4 Be7 23. Bc3 Bb7 24. Nd6+ Bxd6 25. Rxd6 O-O 26. Rd7 Bd5 a5 Rfd8 28. Rxd8+ Rxd8 29. ab ab 30. Ra6 Be5 31. Rxb6 b5 32. Bd4 Ra8 33. Ra6 Rb8 34. b6 Kf8 35. Kd2 Rb7 36. Kc3 Bd5 37. Bc5+ Ke8 38. Kd4 Kd7 39. e4 Bc6 40. f5 ef 41. ef Bb5 42. Ra7 Kc6 43. Rxb7 Kxb7 44. Bf8 Kxb6 45. Bxg7 Bd7 46. Kxc4 Bxf5 47. Kd5 Be6+ 48. Kd6 Kb5 49. Ke7 Kb4 50. Kf6 Kb3 51. Kg5 Bg4 52. Kh4 Be2 53. h3 Bf3 54. Kg5 Be2 55. Kf6 Bc4 56. g4 hg 57. hg Bd5 58. g5 Bc4 59. g6 fg 60. Kxg6 Kxb2 61. e6+ Kh3 62. e7 Bb5 63. Kf7 Kb4 64. e8=Q Bxe8 65. Kxe8 draw

Notes:

a) in the post mortem, we concurred that 7. Nxd4 permitted a king-side attack with 7...Qb4+ and complications for both players;

b) 13...Bc5 may have been premature, a better choice may have been 13...b6, with 14...Bb7

c) along about move 37, White's time was down to about six minutes while Black's time was down to around 15 minutes. White's subsequent moves begin to show the strain of time pressure; around move 40, both players should have noticed that the exchange of rooks would produce a Bishops of opposite colors ending; useful observations such as this tend to be obscured in a time scramble

d) if I had to pick a moment when White's attack lost its steam, it would have to be 44. Bf8; by abandoning his queenside pawns, White removed the shackles from the Black king and bishop

e) the moves after 54. Kg5 were reconstructed during the post-mortem since White's flag was hanging on the 1 minute mark and Black's flag was hanging around the 3 minute mark.



ATTENTION! HELP OUT THE ICA AND GET INVOLVED!

Fred Gruenberg is currently starting to make the preparations for this Spring's Illinois Chess Association Banquet. If you are interested in getting involved and volunteering, he would very much like to hear from you. He can be reached by: Fred Gruenberg, Box 100, Palos Heights, IL 60463 Phone: (708) 489-5800.

Helen Warren will be stepping down as the main fund-raiser for the ICA-sponsored scholastic programs following the current scholastic season. She has been the prime source of keeping these programs going for many years now and we should all be grateful for the long hours and hard work that go into creating these outstanding programs. If you are interested in instantly becoming an important part of the future of Illinois chess, or if you are just really good at twisting arms to get donations, please contact either the ICB editor or any other ICA officer to express your desire. Helen will be more than happy to give direction to the new incoming person so that they will not be left out on their own.

Volunteers are the life blood of the Illinois Chess Association. Please give back what you can to an organization that is giving so much to you.

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