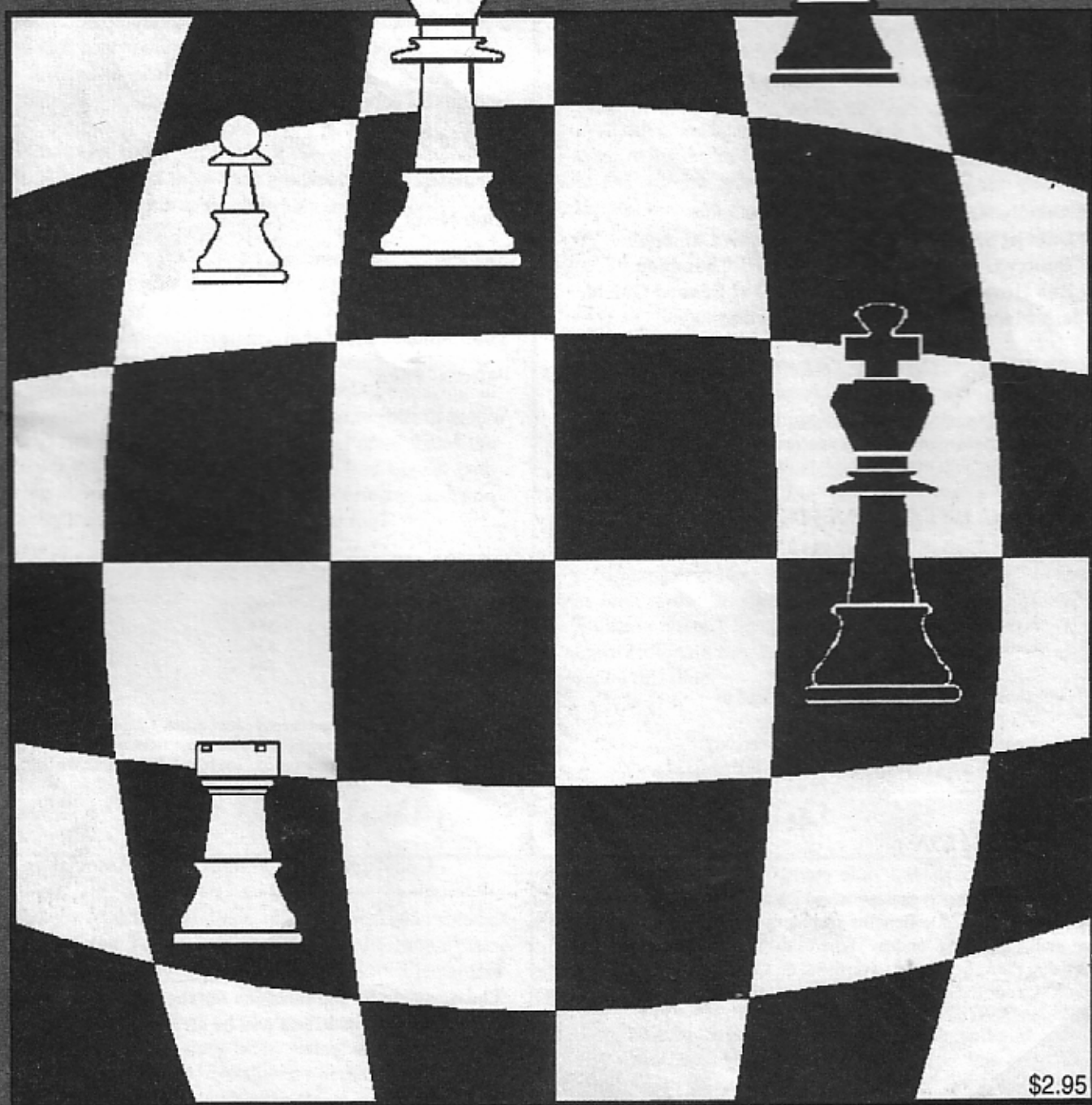


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**The deadline for submissions for the next issue is 1 June 97.  
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## ***The President's Podium***

### **Great Attendance in Recent Events**

The Illinois State Grade School Championships had 650 participants in early March, and brought children from throughout the state to play in Peoria.

Attendance was up by 60% at the U.S. Masters where 130 players convened, including 16 GM's, 14 IM's and 10 invited Expert juniors. Two of these juniors made their Master's rating as a result of their performance in this tournament. Countries represented include Argentina, Estonia, Mexico, and Turkey. Kudos to Helen Warren for a very efficiently run competition. Mrs. Warren wishes to acknowledge the generous ICA contribution of \$1000. I add that Helen and Jim Warren themselves provide substantial monetary support for this event.

The ICA banquet was a success with seventy-plus attendees on hand. About half of them took part in the GM Gurevich Blitz! See pictures of this event elsewhere in this issue.

Alan Losoff's Mid-America Class Championships, March 21-23, had 340 participants! The family that plays together, stays together seemed to be the motto at this event. There was a number of father-son combinations present: Kevin Bachler and Robert Riddle, David and Bryan Gast, Mark Robledo Sr. and Jr., and Jose Rodriguez Sr. and Jr.; siblings playing in this tournament include ICA treasurer Howard and Larry Cohen, and twins Evan and Keenan Ballo. Round 5 saw the Robledos put their perfect 4-0 scores on the line against each other in the B Section. 16-year-old Mark Jr. defeated dad, and walked away a cool \$1000 richer! Isn't chess fun?

As you can see, great things are happening in Illinois chess! You too can be a part of it!

### **Chess Camp Scholarships**

Helen Warren will be awarding some 50%, or matching funds, scholarships to some of the Summer chess camps. The number of scholarships will be 3 or 4 depending on the geographical region where the camps take place. These scholarships are intended for scholastic players who are, or have been, on USCF's Top Fifty rating lists. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested parties should contact Mrs. Warren as soon as possible. It is my understanding that Strategic Thinking, Inc. (IM Josh Manion, Julie and Joe Oberweis) will also award a scholarship to a summer chess camp. For more information call 630-466-0390. While on the subject of scholastic chess, I would like to thank Robby Rasmussen for his \$50 contribution to the ICA/Warren Junior Chess Program. Robby is a student at the Franklin Elementary School in Park Ridge and came in 3rd place at the recent Illinois State Grade School Championships in the 4th-5th grade division. We are always glad to see support come in for this program. Dear reader, you too can send in \$50 as Robby did; or, if \$5000 feels more comfortable follow Jim Oberweis' lead!

### **Play in Upcoming Tournaments!**

Get your Spring-Summer playing schedule ready! Here are some of the more interesting tourneys coming up in the months ahead. The Illinois Senior open, open to Illinois residents age 50 and over as of January 1, 1997, is scheduled for May 3-4. The Chicago Open is at a new site this year, the Hyatt Regency Woodfield, but still offering a guaranteed \$100,000 prize fund! It will take place, as usual, over the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Erv Sedlock is once again putting together the Master Challenge Tournament, to be held in June at the St. Charles Chess Club. Finally, the Midway Amateur Class Championships will take place at the Oak Lawn Hilton on July 12-13. More rounds, 5, and more money, \$3500 this time!

*Hector R. Hernandez*

## ***News Flash! News Flash! News Flash!***

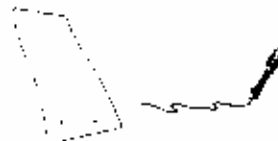
### **CNN Story**

On Tuesday, March 18, 1997, CNN spent 45 minutes interviewing **Helen Warren**, of the Warren/ICA Junior Chess program. They then spent 2.5 hours at Franklin Elementary, following kids through classes, interviewing teachers and the principal, and then attending a shortened chess practice. They became interested in the story after seeing a story (Chicago Tribune, Monday's Metro Northwest Section.) on Kevin

Bachler's Franklin Elementary club and a picture of a 4 year old playing chess. The story aired later that week.

### **Gurevich wins National Open**

Dmitry just won the Edmondson cup for first place in National Open. It was a five way tie with Dmitry winning on tie breaks. This is the seventh time Dmitry has won the National open, in twelve attempts. The fifth on tie breaks. But this one was the toughest with 31 Grandmasters playing in a field of 950 players.



To the Editor,

About 9 months ago, my son and husband signed up for membership with the ICA. My son, in 6th grade in Deerfield, had just won the district chess championship (after playing only 6 months) and we were interested in finding out more about how he could get involved in local chess clubs and improve his chess playing.

We have been receiving the Chess Bulletin, but I must admit that we cannot figure out how to take advantage of it! In his chess group at school, they do not define one another's skills in the way they are defined in the club, so we had no idea how to figure out his level or how to figure out how to participate.

I was glad to notice in this month's bulletin that you had an e-mail address as I only have time to follow up on these things after work. Is there any advice you could give us, or anyone in the Deerfield area who is a member of the ICA with whom you could put us in contact?

My son's name is Francisco Hardison-Sanchez. My e-mail address is AgnesHS@aol.com.

Thanks for any help or suggestions you could provide!

Agnes

**If anyone can help supply information for this lady's son, it would be greatly appreciated. I am not familiar with the activities in their area that would be appropriate. If someone is interested in addressing the issue of juniors in general then please drop me a line. Advice from those more knowledgeable is always welcome.**

Tim,

In the latest ICB, the only reference of any significance to Chessphone was on page 62 - which unfortunately had my personal phone number and not the correct Chessphone number. Chessphone remains 630-832-5222. Please correct for the next issue.

Thanks,  
Todd Barre

**Unfortunately, he's right. I've fixed this oversight for this issue and hopefully it will not happen again.**

**The next extended letter is from Kevin Bachler. Most everyone knows of Kevin's contributions to the chess community and I thought it would be of interest to give his views in our forum. Perhaps it will even spark discussion. Anyway, I thought it best to give it a chance rather than let set unanswered at Chess Life. The opinions are wholly Kevin's and do not necessarily reflect those of the ICA or ICB. Although from myself, I would like to say that the USCF is rapidly destroying any mathematical basis that may still have lingered in regards to the rating system. I am sure Arpad Elo never had any of the recent USCF "tweakings" in mind when he pioneered this idea with mathematical proofs and models.**

Ratings Committee  
United States Chess Federation  
186 Route 9W  
New Windsor, New York 12550

Dear Sirs:

I am writing because I am very concerned about the state of the rating system. It is apparent to experienced chess players who are also scholastic coaches that there is a very significant problem with ratings deflation among scholastic players in grades K-8, and perhaps older scholastic players also. The nature of this problem is not difficult to understand. What is difficult to understand is that USCF would take steps to make the problem worse by lowering floors another 100 rating points, and in some cases doing away with floors entirely, apparently without doing anything to correct the problem.

#### **Thesis**

Rating systems are not useful unless they have a meaning to the players being rated. While they are intended primarily to show the relative strength of currently rated players, they also have a meaning over time. This is, perhaps, the first and most obvious key that there is a difficulty with the system. When I was a high school scholastic player during the Fischer boom in the early 1970's, a player who could form basic plans and not hang material "willy nilly" was rated 1200 - 1300. At that time, the average rating in the rating pool was below 1400, and the system was viewed as deflated.

#### **Anecdotal Evidence**

Today, as a chess coach, a player in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade age group who shows the same attributes as that player from 25 years ago, is typically rated 950 - 1050, and the average rating of the USCF pool is 1270. *This has led me to believe that there is*

*deflation among young scholastic players of at least 200 - 300 points, when compared with a similar player from 25 years ago. If, as some people contend, the average of the rating system should be 1500, then the effect of deflation may be 500 points.*

There are other confirming factors. Most of my top students score at least 80% and average 85%-90% in their scholastic tournaments against 1000 strength opposition. This would (based on a statistical analysis within the Elo system) indicate that these players should be rated in the 1300 to 1375 range. Yet, most of them are actually rated in the 1190 - 1250 range. Only the players who score 95% to 100% are rated close to 1400, and these players should be at least 100 points higher based on this same analysis!

Furthermore, these players infrequently face adult opposition, but when they do, their scores typically exceed their expected scores. For example, one player, currently rated 1394, played in a class C tournament a week ago, and faced opposition with an average rating of about 1500, solidly scoring two wins, two draws, and one loss. Based on this score, one would expect to see a player in the 1550 to 1600 range, roughly 200 points higher than the current rating. A second player, currently rated 1209, faced opposition in a class D section, with an average rating of approximately 1350. This player scored 4 - 1. The result would indicate a player rated in the high 1500's, nearly 400 points above the player's current rating.

Clearly, these players are improving, but the number of consistent (yet anecdotal) stories like this make these situations significant. *Among young players who are roughly of equal strength (as judged by tournament finishes, results against common opposition, or head-to-head results), the higher rated players are not the better players, they are the players who consistently play in adult tournaments.* I have watched players over the last two years improve, have better results, and have their ratings drop.

Another example of this occurred recently in two Illinois scholastic tournaments. Player A is rated above 1400, and regularly plays in adult events. Player B is rated about 1000, and participates only in scholastic events. They met twice within a one-week period, in two successive tournaments. The result? Two draws. Yet one would expect the higher rated player to win 92% of the time. However, if we assume that player B is 250 to 300 points underrated the result becomes significantly more plausible.

#### **An Example Showing Deflation in the Youth Pool, Related to Membership Growth**

The rationale for why this might be is based in the following simple example. In this example, we have used only a "pure" rating calculation. No floors, bonus points, minimum ratings for a win, etc. are taken into account.

Consider a tournament in a of four players:

**Table 1**

PLAYER	STRENGTH	RATING
A	1100	1100
B	1000	1000
C	900	New
D	800	New

We won't be concerned with players A and B in this example, only with the two new players, because we believe that the problem is directly related to the over 700% growth in youth chess over the last several years.

Suppose player C loses to players A and B, and beats D. Suppose D loses all four games. Based on the strength of the players this seems like a reasonable result. As a result, C would have a rating (based on the games against A and B only) of 650. Notably, this is 250 points below C's actual strength. D's rating would also be 650, based on the results of A and B only, and D would be 150 points underrated.

If we then include the ratings for C and D in the calculation of their ratings, the final result looks like this:

**Table 2**

PLAYER	STRENGTH	RATING
A	1100	1100
B	1000	1000
C	900	783
D	800	517

In this situation, both C and D come out underrated, and the problem generally is magnified at the lower end of the scale. If player E, a 700 strength player, plays in the next tournament, and loses to A, B, C, and D, his rating will be 425, and he will be 275 points underrated.

These players' ratings will "float" toward their true strength, in turn deflating the ratings of the more accurately rated players they beat. Now consider this effect on a rating pool where the population of the pool didn't double, it went up 700%. It is easy to see that normal or minimal anti-deflation measures, such as

minimum ratings of a 1000<sup>1</sup> for a win, will have little effect on the system.

#### Another Case of Deflation in the Youth Rating Pool

The situation is compounded not only by the exponential growth in junior chess, but by the belief by the parents and the better players that there is deflation in the youth pool. Good players are beginning to NOT PARTICIPATE in scholastic events and ONLY PARTICIPATE in adult tournaments because they understand that they gain more rating points in adult tournaments and lose rating points in scholastic tournaments, purely due to ratings deflation. The effect of these players not playing in scholastic tournaments is, of course, further deflation to this group, since the points they gain are not returned to the active scholastic population.

Normally, this situation is not a significant problem. But, when the growth in the participation of this very specific portion of the population has been SO significant, and when the problem is based not just on the growth in membership but on the number of NEW<sup>2</sup> players, it is easy to imagine that the issue would be significant. As a result, many juniors had ratings at or near their floors. The USCF solution? Do away with 100 point floors, raising the limit to 200 points. Instead, what seems to be needed within this group, is a reinstatement of bonus points and feedback points, similar to what was done in the early 1970's.

#### Conclusion and Recommendations

The situations described here were recognized by Professor Elo, and are addressed in sections 3.54 through 3.75 of *The Rating of Chessplayers*. We strongly recommend that USCF adopt several of the deflation control processes described in sections 3.71 through 3.75. In addition, the situation has become so noticeably manifest that the USCF should consider a one-time major corrective action.

The problem in ratings is large enough where one can seriously entertain a one-time adjustment of 300 to 400 points to all junior ratings below 1100 to bring them back into line, with smaller adjustments for higher rated players. While this will have a short-term impact on ratings, any inconsistencies should work themselves out rapidly due to the large number of scholastic tournaments.

The problem with ratings is apparent to many people – for example, witness the recent article in *Empire Chess*. In light of this now emergency situation, it is clearly time that USCF act to

<sup>1</sup> The idea of a minimum rating for winning a game is a good one. It addressed the problem of a new player of 1000 strength defeating a 400 player, yielding a rating of only 800. This would cause 200 "deflation points" However, this method only address the situation where winning causes deflation. As shown by the example, losing can also cause deflation.

<sup>2</sup> The problem will occur even if the number of players stay constant but the actual make-up of the pool changes. In fact, established players leaving this pool, as they must at some point, is likely to cause deflation since established, mature players would tend to be the highest rated group in the pool.

improve the system. We recommend that the Ratings Committee will act swiftly to rectify the problem before the fall scholastic chess season begins next year.

Sincerely,  
Kevin L. Bachler



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*En Passant...*



*Where the Editor Puts Forth His Unmasked-for Opinions*

Hello again,

I hope that you had the chance to stop in at the recent US Masters Tournament. Like always it was a fantastic event, even for spectators. I managed to spend a good deal of time there and I really think it was worth it. Coverage of this event will be in the next ICB and it may well out do Chess Life. Not only will we have the games with analysis, but also our own pictures and interviews. For a sneak peak at some of the action see GM Gabriel Schwartzmann's column and the Endgame Technique column which feature play from this event. I had hoped to run more material this issue but the time schedule and the events already being covered used up all the resources.

Also, as regards attending events, check out the article on the recent ICA Awards Banquet. I wrote it and wish I could have done a better job of conveying the sense of camaraderie that was in the air that afternoon. I guess I got so caught up in enjoying the food and company that when it was over I found it hard to remember the details to report here. If you couldn't make it this year then I hope to see you there next time.

As you'll notice, Illinois' own GM, Dmitry Gurevich, has returned to our pages. I already have enough material to cover a couple more issues after this one so expect his work to remain a regular feature. Bringing in more GM's should be doable quite soon, too.

My apologies go to IM Josh Manion and to you the readers. He was working hard to get in a feature for this issue but because of various reasons I couldn't get with him to bring in the material. Next issue should bring his work to light. I look forward to getting him back on board.

As always, I solicit your comments. Both good and bad. They let me know how well I'm doing and what needs to be addressed.

Anyway, writing this wraps up the issue, so no more delays. On to the chess!

*- Timothy Williams*

## **Peoria Quick Chess Tornado**

**June 28, 1997**

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**An ICA mini-tour event.**

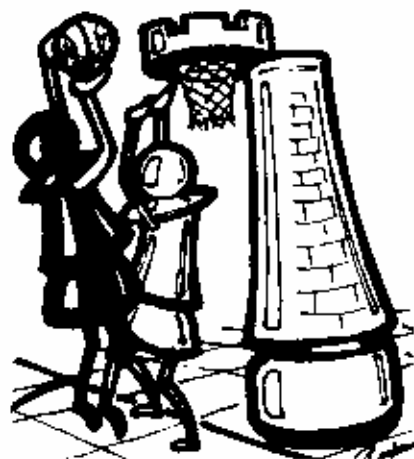
Bring sets, boards and clocks. NS





# US Amateur Team Championship Midwest

Report and Annotations by NM Alan Watson



Another successful US Amateur Team Championship Midwest has concluded, encompassing 224 players and 54 teams representing states throughout the central United States.

Winning first on tiebreak with 4.5 of 5.0 match points were Chicago's own "PINS OF CHICAGO", a close-knit group of Philippine chessplayers headed by IM Enrico Sevillano, and comprising A. Benesa, E. Gazmen, E. Sollano, and C. Digamo. Second place was claimed by the optimistic team "5-0" headed by our frequent visitor Vasik Rajlich and his teammates F. Garcia, T. Rowland, and D. Pecora. Additional evidence of the fierce competition lies in the fact that another six teams were huddled together at 4.0 points; two drawing against themselves.

Several individuals who especially distinguished themselves as the true anchors of their teams were Enrico Sevillano (2578) on board 1, Cameron Feltner (1991) on board 2, and Randy Bauer (2276) on 3. Each posted a perfect 5-0 score.

## Round 1

Of the thirteen teams starting with average ratings over 2000, it should come as no surprise that all managed to win their first round matches with little trouble. The only concern of note is that Indiana's "Dogfathers" played only three boards as their team leader Mike Wiseman failed to make the trip. Geiselman-Machaj though flawed, is interesting for the persistency White demonstrates in conducting his attack. Ruggiero-Dumerer features an insightful combination which everyone should play over.

□ Leali, M (1995)  
 ■ Sevillano, E (2578)  
 USAT Midwest (1), 1997

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.♗f3 exf4 4.exd5 ♖e7  
 5.♗b5+ ♗d7 6.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 7.0-0 ♗d6  
 8.d4 ♗e7 9.c4 b6 10.♗c3 0-0 11.♗e4  
 ♠g6 12.♗d2 ♗f6 13.♗xd6 cxd6 14.♗c1  
 ♗d7 15.♗c2 ♠ac8 16.♗d3 ♠fe8  
 17.♗e1 ♠xe1 18.♗xe1 ♠a4 19.b3  
 ♠xa2 20.♗xf4 ♠xf4 21.♠xf4 a5 22.♗f3  
 ♠e8 23.♗d1 a4 24.bxa4 ♠xe4 25.h3  
 ♗xd5 26.♠f3 h6 27.♗h2 ♠e4 28.♗e2  
 ♠e2 29.♠a3 ♠a2 30.♗f1 ♗e3 31.♠xe3  
 ♠xe3 32.♗c1 ♠xa3 33.♗c8+ ♗h7  
 34.♗f5+ g6 35.♠f4 ♗d5 36.♗c1 ♠xa4  
 37.♗f4 ♠xd4 0-1

□ Hill, R (1931)  
 ■ Martinovsky, E (2344)  
 USAT Midwest (1), 1997

1.d4 d5 2.♗f3 ♠f6 3.♗f4 ♗f5 4.e3 e6  
 5.c4 c6 6.cxd5 ♗xb1 7.♠xb1 ♗b4+  
 8.♗d2 ♗e4 9.dxe6 ♗xd2+ 10.♗e2 ♗d5  
 11.♠xf7+ ♗xf7 12.♗c2 ♗b4 13.♗d1 b5  
 14.♗d3 ♗f6 15.f3 ♗bd7 16.♗e2 ♠ae8  
 17.♗f2 g6 18.♠hd1 ♗d6 19.e4 ♗xd4+  
 20.♗e3 ♠e5 21.♗xc6 ♠xb2 22.♗xb5

♗g3+ 23.♗f1 ♠h1+ 24.♗g1 ♠e7  
 25.♗c4+ ♗g7 26.♗c3 ♗e5 27.♠d6  
 ♗xe4 28.♠xe4 ♠f8+ 29.♗e2 ♠xg2+  
 30.♗d1 ♠xg1+ 31.♗c2 ♠f2+ 32.♠d2  
 ♠xd2+ 33.♗b3 ♠xb1 34.♗xd2 ♠xe4  
 35.♗d8 ♠b7 36.♠a5 ♗e1 37.♠a6 ♗c4+  
 0-1

□ Warren, J (2023)  
 ■ Elliot, M (1367)  
 USAT Midwest (1), 1997

1.d4 d5 2.c4 ♗f6 3.cxd5 ♗xd5 4.♗f3  
 ♗c6 5.e4 ♗f6 6.♗c3 ♗g4 7.♗b5 e6  
 8.♠a4 ♗xf3 9.gxf3 ♗d7 10.0-0 a6  
 11.d5 exd5 12.exd5 ♗xd5 13.♗e4+  
 ♗de7 14.♗c4 0-0-0 15.♗xf7 ♗d4  
 16.♠d1 ♗ec6 17.♗g5 ♠xf7 18.♗xd8  
 ♗xd8 19.♗e2 ♗c5 20.♗xd4 ♗xd4  
 21.♠xd4+ ♗xd4 22.♠xd4+ ♗c8  
 23.♠a7 ♗d7 24.♠d1+ ♗e7 25.♠xb7  
 [Black lost on time.] 1-0

□ Bondari, S (2319)  
 ■ Hoffman, I (1659)  
 USAT Midwest (1), 1997

1.g3 ♗f6 2.♗g2 d5 3.d3 c5 4.♗g5 e6  
 5.♗d2 ♗c6 6.c4 ♗e7 7.♠c1 d4 8.♗g3  
 0-0 9.0-0 h6 10.♗xf6 ♗xf6 11.♗b3  
 ♗e7 12.♗fd2 ♗c7 13.a3 e5 14.♠b1 f5  
 15.♗a1 ♗e6 16.♗c2 e4 17.dxe4 ♗e5  
 18.exf5 ♗xf5 19.♗d5+ ♗h8 20.♗e4  
 ♠ad8 21.f3 b5 22.b3 ♗xe4 23.♗xe4  
 hxc4 24.bxc4 ♗xc4 25.♠b7 ♠e5  
 26.♠xa7 ♗b2 27.♠a1 d3 28.exd3 e4  
 29.d4 ♗c5 30.dxc5 ♗xc5+ 31.♗h1  
 ♠xa7 32.♠xb2 ♗c5 33.♗c3 ♠b8  
 34.♗d4 ♠fd8 35.♗e6 1-0

□ Rudd, G (1488)  
 ■ Rajlich, V (2269)  
 USAT Midwest (1), 1997

1.e4 c5 2.♗c3 ♗c6 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 ♗g7  
 5.♗ge2 e6 6.0-0 ♗ge7 7.f4 d5 8.d3 d4  
 9.♗b1 a6 10.♗d2 ♗c7 11.a4 b6  
 12.♗c4 h5 13.h3 ♗b7 14.e5 ♗f5  
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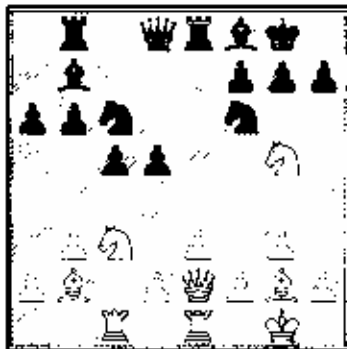
20.fxc5 ♖xc5 21.♚f4 h4 22.♗e1 ♔d8  
23.♖f2 f6 24.♞a1 hxc3+ 25.♙xg3  
♞xb3+ 26.♗xb3 ♖h7+ 27.♙h5 ♗xb5+  
0-1

□Garcia,F (2241)  
■Klahn,M (1348)  
USAT Midwest (1), 1997

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 d6 3.c3 ♗f6 4.♙c4 d5  
5.exd5 ♗xd5 6.d4 e6 7.0-0 ♗c6 8.♞e1  
♙e7 9.dxc5 0-0 10.♙xd5 ♖xd5  
11.♗xd5 exd5 12.♙e3 a5 13.♙a3 ♙e6  
14.♙b5 ♞ac8 15.fxd6 ♞c7 16.♙g5  
♙xd6 17.cxd6 ♗d7 18.♙f4 ♗fd8  
19.♞ad1 ♞xd6 20.♙xd6 ♞xd6 21.♙d4  
♗xd4 22.♗xd4 b5 23.a4 ♗b6 24.♗xd5  
g6 25.♞xb5 1-0

□Ruggiero,B (2063)  
■Dumerer,R (1750)  
USAT Midwest (1), 1997  
*[Alan Watson]*

1.c4 e5 2.b3 ♗c6 3.♙b2 e6 4.g3 ♗f6  
5.♙g2 [Systems featuring a double  
fianchetto usually indicate the first  
player's desire to steer the game into  
positional channels, but one must  
always be flexible and prepared to  
react forcefully should the  
opportunity arise.] 5...♙e7 6.♗f3 0-0  
7.0-0 ♞b8 8.♗c3 a6 9.♞c1 b6 10.e3  
♙b7 11.♗c2 ♞c8 12.♞fe1 ♗f8 13.♙g5  
[The game is relatively quiet so far,  
but all that is about to change due to  
Black's lack of concern over the  
wayward knight on g5. After all, what  
can it accomplish alone!?!] 13...d5  
14.cxd5 exd5

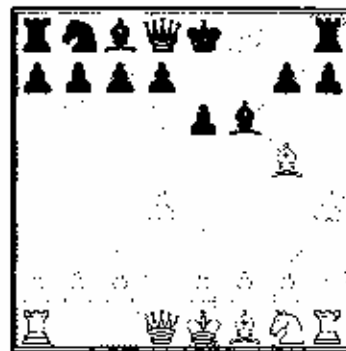


15.♙xd5! [A brilliant tactical shot  
worthy of a Master. The weakness of  
both f7 and h7 prove impossible to  
defend, and White's ♙g5 is in the  
perfect position to play the starring  
role!] 15...♙xd5 [15...♗xd5 16.♗h5!]  
16.♗h5! [Every superior drama has a  
renowned co-star, and this entrance

from stage left has shifted the  
antagonist's attention away from the  
center and onto the horrific drama  
unfolding on his Kingside. Alas,  
however, it is already far too late for  
Black to react.] 16...h6 17.♗xf7+ ♔h8  
18.♙xd5 ♗e7 19.♙e6 [The Blitzkrieg  
is now consummated, and Mr.  
Ruggiero can be duly proud of a fine  
performance. It's now time to take  
three bows in front of a grateful  
audience!] 19...♗f5 20.♙xd8 1-0

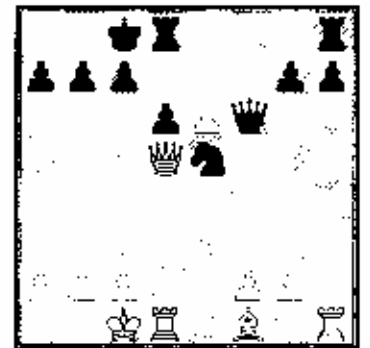
□Geiselman,D (2079)  
■Machaj,B (1718)  
USAT Midwest (1), 1997  
*[Alan Watson]*

1.d4 f5 2.♗c3 ♗f6 [Theory currently  
decrees that Black should claim a  
solid stake of the center by playing  
d7 d5 either here or on the next  
move. Blair's continuation allows  
White to transpose into a variation of  
the Staunton Gambit where the pawn  
has been favorably regained.] 3.♙g5  
e6 4.e4 fxe4 5.♙xe4 ♗e7 6.♙xf6+!? [It  
is more common for White to  
exchange his bishop for the ♗f6 in  
order to maintain the centralized ♗c4.  
After 6.♙xf6 ♗xf6 7.♗f3 b6 8.♗d3 ♙b7  
9.♗e2 ♗e7 10.c3 ♗c6 11.0 0 0 0-0-0  
the game is regarded as equal.]  
6...♙xf6 7.h4!

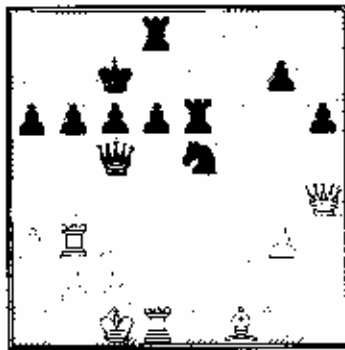


[Pachman was the first to suggest this  
enterprising sacrifice by which White  
hopes to rapidly castle queenside and  
use the half-open h-file for attack.]  
7...♙xg5!? [Dangerous, but the  
alternatives are insufficiently  
challenging. For instance: 7...0 0  
8.♗d3 ♗c7 9.♗c2 ♗c6 10.c3 d5 11.f4  
♗d7 12.0-0-0 a6 13.♗f3 b5 14.♗c5  
Veresov-Pokhla, Vilnius 1972]  
8.hxc5 [An important alternative for  
those somewhat timid souls whose  
constitution rebels at the idea of  
material sacrifices is 8.♗h5+!? g6

9.♙xg5 with a good game.] 8...♙xg5  
9.♙h3!? [9.♗h5 has been suggested as  
best by Schneider so as to drive the  
Black queen off the c1-h6 diagonal in  
preparation for castling.] 9...♗f6?!  
[More challenging seems 9...♗h6  
making it hard for White to complete  
development. The text presents no  
difficulties to the first player and thus  
ensures he has full compensation for  
the material deficit.] 10.♗d2 ♗c6  
11.0-0-0 d6 12.♗f4 ♗d7 13.d5  
[Consistently seeking to open lines  
against the uncastled king. Also worth  
consideration was 13.♙xe6!? ♗xe6  
14.d5 ♙g4 15.f3 with complications.]  
13...♗e5 14.dxe6 ♗c6!? [14...♗xe6  
15.♙xe6 ♗xe6 16.f4; 14...♗xe6  
15.♙xe6 ♗xe6 16.f4 ♖xa2! 17.♗b4!  
♗d7 (17...♗c6 18.♗xb7 ♗d7 19.♙h5?!  
♖a1+ 20.♗d2 ♖a5+) 18.♗c4 ♖a1-  
19.♗d2→] 15.♙d5 [Right idea, wrong  
direction! More decisive was 15.♙h5!  
♗c7 16.f4 when Black's position is on  
the brink of collapse.] 15...♙xd5  
16.♗xd5 0-0-0



17.♙h3!? [Ever persistent, White still  
entertains his dreams of glorious  
conquest by directing pieces to the  
queenside, attracted to the Black King  
as if by magnetic force. The  
disadvantage of allowing Black to  
capture the f pawn is that the ♗c5 is  
now permanently ensconced.]  
17...♙xf2 18.♞b3 c6 19.♞a5 ♗c5  
20.♞a4 [By the unusual maneuver  
20.♞a6!? bxa6 21.♙xa6 ♗c7 22.♞b7+  
♗c8 23.♞b5+ White could force an  
immediate draw, but I'm sure that  
such a mundane thought never  
entered Mr. Geiselman's mind.]  
20...♞be8 21.♞b4 b6 [21...♙xe6  
22.♞xb7 would echo the combination  
actually played in this game.] 22.g3  
[Finally preparing for the  
participation of his remaining piece.]  
22...♗c7 23.a3 ♙xe6



24. ♖xb7+ ♗xb7 25. ♔xd8 d5 26. ♖a6+! [One combination follows upon another as both of Black's rooks are shown too clumsy after having been disconnected.] 26... ♗xa6 27. ♖c8+ ♗b6 28. ♖xe6 ♗c4 29. ♔b4 ♖f2 30. ♔xd5?? ♖g1+ [Perhaps already full of despair, Blair submits meekly to his fate. Quite a different result would have occurred, however, if he at this moment had been alert and taken advantage of a momentary tactical lapse on behalf of his opponent. 30... ♗c3! would have won. Check it out.] 31. ♔d1 ♖xg3 32. ♔xc4 1-0

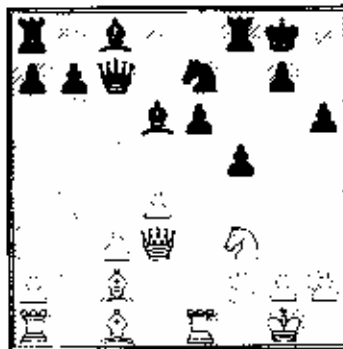
## Round 2

Round 2 produced more of the "same old" as again the top teams proved superior to their mid-level opponents. The "Dogfathers" barely scraped by with 2.5 points then decided to throw in the towel rather than playing the entire tournament without their top gun. Of the other top players, Scvillano demonstrated his superb form by defeating Burke while Palos and Adelman could only draw and Martinovsky and Rajlich both lost!

□ **Sevillano, E** (2578)  
 ■ **Burke, J** (2301)  
 USAT Midwest (2), 1997  
*[Alan Watson]*

1.e4 e5 2.c3 [There is no greater proponent of this system in the entire United States than Enrico Sevillano. His deep study and frequent practice strike fear in the hearts of all opponents courageous enough to essay the Sicilian Defense.] 2... ♗f6 3.e5 ♗d5 4.d4 exd4 5.♗f3 e6 6.exd4 ♗c6 7.♗c3 ♗xc3 8.bxc3 d5 9.exd6

♗d6 10.♗d3 h6N [By controlling g5. Black demonstrates a nervous concern for his opponent's attacking prowess but in the end only serves to make such a possibility even more likely by virtue of the additional weaknesses on the kingside. If 10... ♗a5 11.♖c2 b6 12.0-0 ♖a6 13.♗e4 ♗c8 14.♗e1 ♗e7 15.♗d2 ♗c4= as in Alekhine-Foltys, Prague 1943] 11.0-0 0-0 12.♗e1 ♖c7 13.♗c2! [A simple yet brutally direct move which prepares to highlight the weakness caused in black's pawn structure as a result of the innocent-looking 10...h6.] 13... ♗e7 14.♗d3 f5



[Necessary by virtue of White's pressure on the b1-h7 diagonal, and a clear signal that something is amiss in Black's strategy.] 15. ♖b3 ♗d5 16. ♗d2 ♗d7 17. ♗e2 ♗ae8 18. ♗ae1 ♗f4 19. ♗e5 ♗xe5 [It must have been a difficult decision to relinquish control of the dark squares in this fashion, but White's knight was too well-posted on e5.] 20. ♖xe5 b5 21. ♗g3! [Illustrating another negative facet to 10...h6 by threatening both 22. ♗xh6 and 22. ♗xd5 exd5 23. ♖xe8. Black's next move is thus forced, but only serves to reawaken Enrico's attack along the light squares.] 21... f4 22. ♗f3 ♖d6 23. h3 ♗c6 24. ♗d3 a6 25. ♗c2 [Deja Vu!] 25... ♗f6 26. ♖h7+ ♗f7 27. ♗d1 ♗e7 28. ♗h5+ ♗g6 29. ♗xf4 [Black's position lies in tatters and the decisive knockout must just be a matter of moves away.] 29... ♖f8 30. ♗c5 ♗d7 31. ♗e5 ♖g8 32. ♖xg8+ ♖xg8 33. ♗xf6 ♖xf6 34. ♗c7 ♗e7 35. ♗xg6 ♖xg6 36. ♗a7 1-0

□ **Palos, O** (2443)  
 ■ **Brunner, F** (1975)  
 USAT Midwest (2), 1997

1.e4 e5 2.♗c3 ♗f6 3.g3 d5 4.exd5 ♗xd5 5.♗g2 ♗xc3 6.bxc3 ♗e7 7.♗e2

0-0 8.0-0 c5 9.d3 ♗c6 10.h3 ♖c7 11.f4 ♗d7 12.f5 ♗ad8 13.g4 c4 14.♗e3 cxd3 15.exd3 ♗a5 16.♗e4 ♗c6 17.♗xc6 ♗e4 18.♗e4 ♗xe3 19.♖b3 ♗xf1 20.♖xf1 ♖b6+ 21.♖xb6 axb6 22.♖b1 ♗a8 23.♖b2 ♗a3 24.♗g2 ♖fa8 25.♗d5 ♗Ba5 26.♗b3 ♗c5 27.♗f3 ♗a8 28.♗d4 ♗d8 29.♗e4 ♗f8 30.♗d5 ♗a4+ 31.c4 ♗ca5 32.♗c3 ♗a3 33.♗c2 ♗f6 34.♗xb7 ♗e7 35.♗c6 ♗b4 36.♗d5 ♗c5 37.♗c3 ♗d4 38.♗b5 ♗xa2 39.♗xd4 exd4 40.♗c1 ♗a1 41.♗xa1 ♗x1 42.♗xd4 ♗e7 43.♗e3 ♗d6 44.♗f3 ♗a3 1/2-1/2

□ **Merli, C** (2096)  
 ■ **Martinovsky, E** (2344)  
 USAT Midwest (2), 1997

1.d4 g6 2.c4 ♗g7 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 0-0 6.♗g5 h6 7.♗e3 ♗c6 8.d5 ♗e5 9.h3 e6 10.♗d2 exd5 11.exd5 ♗h7 12.f4 ♗ed7 13.0-0-0 ♗e8 14.♗d3 b5 15.e5 b4 16.♗b5 dxe5 17.d6 exd6 18.♗xd6 ♗e7 19.♖b1 exf4 20.♗xf4 ♗c5 21.♗f3 ♗xd3 22.♖xd3 ♗e6 23.♖b1 ♗a5 24.b3 ♗d5 25.♗e5 ♗c3+ 26.♗xc3 ♗xc3 27.♗d4 ♗e1 28.♗c6 ♖c7 29.♗xc7 ♗c3 30.♗d5 ♖d8 31.♗xc3 bxc3 32.♖xc3 ♖g5 33.♖d2 ♖d8 34.♗b2 ♖f4 35.♖d4 ♖xd4+ 36.♖xd4 ♖d7 37.♖c3 ♗g7 38.b4 ♖c7+ 39.♗d3 ♖xa2?? 40.♗e8+ 1-0

□ **Schuman, B** (2252)  
 ■ **Cohen, L** (1938)  
 USAT Midwest (2), 1997

1.d4 d5 2.♗c3 g6 3.e4 dxe4 4.♗xe4 ♗g7 5.♗f3 ♗g4 6.c3 ♖d5 7.♗d3 ♗d7 8.♗f4 e5 9.dxe5 ♗xe5 10.♗g5 f5 11.♗g3 h6 12.♗c1 0-0-0 13.♗e2 ♗a5 14.0-0 ♗g6 15.♖b3 ♗xg3 16.bxg3 ♗he8 17.♖b5 ♖xb5 18.♗xb5 c6 19.♗c4 ♗xf3 20.♖xf3 ♗e5 21.♖b3 ♗xf3+ 22.♗g2 ♗d2 23.♖b1 h5 24.♗f7 ♖e2 25.♗xg6 f4 26.♗f5+ ♗c7 27.♖d1 ♖xg3 28.♗xd2 ♖xf2+ 29.♗xg3 ♖dxd2 30.♖xd2 ♖xd2 31.b3 b5 32.a4 a6 33.♖xb5 axb5 34.c4 ♖b2 35.♖a3 b4 36.♖a7+ ♗b6 37.♖f7 ♖xb3+ 38.♗h4 ♗e8 39.♖b7 ♖c3 40.♗e6 ♗d6 41.♖xb5 ♗xc4 42.♗g4 b3 43.♗f4 h2 44.♗f5 c5 45.♖b7 ♖c1 46.♖h8 ♖f1+ 47.♗g3 ♖xf5 48.♖b8+ ♗a5 0-1

□ **Bussaers, P** (2075)  
 ■ **Zaremba, A** (2286)  
 USAT Midwest (2), 1997

1.d4 e6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 e6 4.e3 exd5  
5.exd5 d6 6.f3 g6 7.d2 g7 8.g3  
0-0 9.g2 a6 10.a4 e7d7 11.0-0 f8  
12.a5 b5 13.axb6 e7xb6 14.e3 b7  
15.ea5 f7 16.f4 e5 17.e7xb7 e7xf4  
18.ea5 f7 19.f7g2 20.e7d7 21.f7c2  
22.e5 21.h3 e7b6 22.f4 e7d7 23.f7c4 f7b4  
24.e4 e7b6 25.e7xb6 f7xb6 26.f7b1  
27.e7xb2 28.f7b2 29.f7b2 28.f7b2+ e7b8  
29.f7a6 e7b5 30.f7a5 f7xe2+ 31.f7xe2  
f7xe2+ 32.f7b3 e7c2 33.f7a6 e7d8 34.e4  
f7g7 35.f7xd6 e7d2 36.f7b7 e7xb7  
37.f7c6 f7d3+ 38.f7g4 e7c2 39.f7xc5  
e7g2 40.f5 f7g3+ 0-1

□ Tutush, D (2102)  
■ Heurung, D (2208)  
USAT Midwest (2), 1997

1.d4 e6 2.c4 g6 3.e3 d5 4.f3 g7  
5.f3 dxc4 6.f7xc4 0-0 7.c4 e6 8.h3  
c5 9.d5 e6 10.e3 exd5 11.exd5 b5  
12.f7xb5 f7b8 13.f7a4 e7b4 14.f7a3  
e7xd5 15.f7xa6 e7xe3 16.f7xe3 f7xa6  
17.f7xa6 f7xb2 18.0-0 e7xc3 19.f7xa7  
e7d6 20.f7ab1 e7c2 21.f7f2 f7xe3  
22.f7a4 f7fe8 23.f7d1 f7g3 24.f7g4  
f7xg4 25.f7xg4 f7a8 26.g5 f7a5 27.f7c2  
e7b4 28.f7f1 f7a7 29.f7f2 f7a7 30.f7b2  
f7g7 31.f7fc2 b6 32.f7xb6+ f7xb6  
33.f7f2 g5 34.f7b3 f7xb3 35.f7xb3 f7h5  
36.f7d2 g4 37.g3 f5 38.f7c4 e7g5  
39.f7e3 e7e1+ 40.f7xe1 f7xe3+ 41.f7f2  
f7f3+ 42.f7g2 f7xb3 43.f7xc5 [The  
game continued for several more  
moves with both players short of  
time. The final disposition of pieces  
was white: f7g2, f7a8 black:  
f7g6, f7f6, f7g5.] 1/2-1/2

□ Soohoo, A (1730)  
■ Manion, J (2406)  
USAT Midwest (2), 1997

1.e4 c5 2.f3 f7c6 3.d4 exd4 4.f7xd4  
g6 5.c4 e6 6.f3c3 f7xd4 7.f7xd4 d6  
8.e2 g7 9.e3 0-0 10.f7d1 e6  
11.f7c1 f7a5 12.0-0 f7c8 13.b3 a6  
14.e4 d7 15.f7d2 f7xd2 16.f7xd2  
f7cb8 17.c5 dxc5 18.f7xc5 f7xc5  
19.f7xc5 b5 20.f7f1 e7f8 21.f7f4 f7c8  
22.f7xc8+ f7xc8 23.f7xc8+ f7xc8  
24.f7f1 d4 25.f7d3 e5 26.f7d2 e7  
27.f7e2 d6 28.f7e1 f7c5 29.f7d1 e6  
30.f7e2 f5 31.f3 f4 32.a4 b7a4  
33.b7a4 e7c8 34.f7b3 e7e6+ 35.f7c2  
e7c4 36.b4 h5 37.f7a5 e7a1 38.f7b6+  
e7b4 39.f7a5+ e7xa4 40.f7xc4 f7xa5  
41.f7f7 d4 42.f7xg6 e7f2 43.f7xb5  
e7xb4 44.f7f7 e7b4 45.f7b1 e7a3 46.f7a2  
a5 47.f7e6 e7f2 48.f7a2 d4 49.f7e6 a4  
50.f7d7 e7b3 51.f7e6+ f7c3 52.f7d7 a3

53.f7e6 d2 54.f7b3 e7e2 55.f7e6 f7e1  
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59.f7b1 e7b4 1/2-1/2

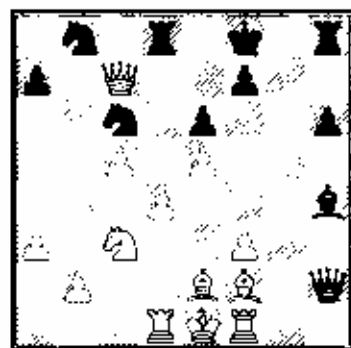
□ Smythe, B (1995)  
■ Garcia, F (2241)  
USAT Midwest (2), 1997  
*[Alan Watson]*

1.d4 e6 2.c4 e5 3.d5?! [A surprising  
admission from Bill that his beloved  
3.dxe5 e7g4 4.f7d4! is in for repairs.]  
3...e5 4.e3 d6 5.e4 f7g4 6.f7h3 f5  
7.g5 [7.exf5 e7xf5 8.f7d3 e7xf2+!  
9.f7xf2 e7xf2 10.f7xf2 f7b4+ 11.g3  
f7d4+] 7...e7d7 8.f3 e3 9.f7d2?!  
[9.f7xe3 e7xc3 10.exf5 f7xf5 11.f7d3  
f7h5 12.f7f2+] 9...f4 10.f7h4 f7f7  
11.f7f2 0-0 12.f7d1 e7b4 13.f7c3 e7c5  
14.f7d1 e7xb3 15.g7h3 f7h5 16.f7e2  
[White's last chance to resist was  
offered by 16.f7e2; the text instead  
cuts off support for the king and  
results in an almost comical self  
mate.] 16...e7g2+ 17.f7f1 e7xb3 18.f7g1  
e7h4 0-1

□ Rajlich, V (2269)  
■ Caveney, J (2119)  
USAT Midwest (2), 1997  
*[Alan Watson]*

1.e4 f7f6 2.e5 f7d5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 e7b6  
5.f4 [The Four Pawns Attack is  
White's most ambitious system  
against the Alekhine's Defense. By  
claiming a large advantage in space,  
he hopes to first restrict Black's  
development then overwhelm the  
second player with a rapid attack.]  
5...dxe5 6.f7xe5 e7c6 7.f7e3 [The  
natural 7.f7f3 runs into the annoying  
pin 7...e7g4. Greater circumspection is  
required.] 7...e7f5 8.f7c3 e6 9.f7f3 e7g4  
[Black willingly agrees to the tempo  
loss mentioned in an earlier note to  
step up his pressure against d4 and  
spoil White's kingside pawns. A  
common alternative is 9...e7e7 leading  
to equally complex positions.]  
10.f7e2 e7xf3 11.g7f3 [11.f7xf3?  
e7xc4+] 11...f7h4+ 12.f7f2 f7f4 13.f7c1  
f7f5?! [Theory continues instead with  
13...f7xc1+ 14.f7xc1 0-0-0 15.f7d1  
when Black achieves an equal game  
by gaining counterplay against  
White's center. The text instead risks  
disadvantage by misplacing the  
queen.] 14.f7g1! [14.c5 f7d7 15.f7b1  
f7xb1- 16.f7xb1 0-0-0 17.0-0 e7e7  
18.b4 f7f8 19.f7f1 e7g5 20.b5 e7e7  
21.c6 f7f5= Platonov-Bobotsov,

Beverwijk 1970] 14...h6 15.f7g4  
[Again, 15.c5 was worth  
consideration in order to force Black's  
pieces further back.] 15...f7d8 16.a3  
e7a5 17.f7d1 e7e7 18.c5 f7d7  
[18...e7xc5?? 19.f7d3+-] 19.f7xg7 f7f8  
20.f7g1 e7c6 21.f7b3 f7f4 22.f7d1?!  
[Much too passive for a player of  
Rajlich's aggressive temperament and  
a mis-step along the precipice of a  
delicately balanced tactical mess. In  
the correct spirit was 22.f7g4! f7xb2  
23.f7xb7 when the presence of White's  
rook on the g-file prevents Black's  
king from seeking shelter oh h7.]  
22...f7xb2 23.f7xb7 e7b4 24.f7f1 f7db8  
25.f7xc7??



[Upon reaching the critical stage of  
this game, Rajlich falters! Only by  
taking advantage of Black's awkward  
pieces with 25.f7b5! e7xd4 26.f7xd4!  
could his advantage be maintained.]  
25...f7d7!+- [With the key point  
being that 26.f7c8+ e7g7! 28.f7g1+  
f7xg1, White's queen now finds  
herself unexpectedly trapped, and the  
game is effectively decided. However  
much the fish now struggles, he still  
can't jump out of the frying pan and  
ends up as Caveney's evening meal.]  
26.f7xd7 e7xd7 27.b4 f7g8 28.b5 e7e7  
29.c6 e7b6 30.a4 f7g2 31.f7e4 e7bd5  
32.f7d3 f7f4 33.f7c3 e7xe2 34.f7xe2  
e7xf2 35.f7xf2 f7h4 36.c7 e7c8 37.f7e3  
f7g5+ 0-1

## Round 3

Round three proved a turning point  
for a number of hopefuls. "Tuna  
Surprise" with Springfield native  
David Mote at the helm was  
thoroughly routed 0.5 3.5 by  
"Barricades of Heaven" and Pierre  
Moulin. "Lean Green Gene Machine"

featuring the indefatigable Eugene Martinovsky simply wore out their Iowa counterparts "Formula 1A" with Siamack Bondari and Kevin Burnett in an unusual match which featured three of the four boards playing on well beyond midnight. The conclusion to Verber Adelman is best described in my notes to that game, and Chris Merli had the shortest game of the round.

□ Zaremba, A (2286)  
 ■ Sevillano, E (2578)  
 USAT Midwest (3), 1997

1.e4 c5 2.f3 c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.fxd4  
 5.f6 5.c3 e5 6.fdb5 d6 7.g5 a6  
 8.ea3 b5 9.fid5 Qe7 10.Qxf6 Qxf6  
 11.Qe2 Bb8 12.0-0 Qg5 13.Qg4 Qe6  
 14.Qxe6 fxe6 15.Qc7+ Wxc7 16.Wb5+  
 Qf7 17.Wxg5 0-0 18.c3 d5 19.Qc2  
 Bbd8 20.f3 Wa7+ 21.Qh1 d4 22.Rad1  
 b6 23.Wg4 Wf7 24.Qd3 Bd7 25.h3 a5  
 26.a3 Wf6 27.Wg3 Bfd8 28.Rfd1 We7  
 29.Qe1 Wc5 30.Qe3 Wa7 31.Qc2 Wc5  
 32.Qe3 b4 33.axb4 axb4 34.Qc2 Bb7  
 35.Wf2 bxc3 36.bxc3 Bb2 37.B1d2  
 Wc4 38.Qe1 Rxd2 39.Wxd2 Wa8  
 40.cxd4 exd4 41.f4 Ea1 42.Qh2 Rxe1  
 43.Rxd4 Qxd4 44.Wxe1 We2 45.Wb1  
 Qf3+ 46.Qg3 Qe1 47.f5 Wxg2+ 48.Qf4  
 Qh2+ 49.Qe3 Wxb3+ 50.Qd4 Qf3+  
 51.Qc5 exf5 52.exf5 Qh4 53.Qb8+  
 Qh7 54.f6 Wc3+ 55.Qd5 Wxf6 56.Qb1+  
 Wf5+ 0-1

□ Mote, D (2251)  
 ■ Moulin, P (2414)  
 USAT Midwest (3), 1997

1.e4 c5 2.f3 c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.fxd4  
 e5 5.Qb5 d6 6.Qlc3 a6 7.Qa3 b5  
 8.Qd5 Qge7 9.c3 Qxd5 10.Wxd5 We7  
 11.Qc2 Qe7 12.g3 0-0 13.Qg2 Qe6  
 14.Wd1 Bb8 15.h3 a5 16.Qe3 Qg5  
 17.Qd5 Qxd5 18.Qxg5 Qe6 19.0-0  
 Bb7 20.Wd2 f6 21.Qe3 a4 22.b4 Bd8  
 23.f4 Qe7 24.Bad1 Bbb8 25.fxe5  
 dxe5 26.Wc2 Qg4 27.Bxd8+ Bxd8  
 28.Qc5 Qe6 29.Qc1 Qd7 30.Qf1 Qf7  
 31.c4 Qc6 32.exb5 Qb3 33.Wd3 Qxa2  
 34.b6 Qe6 35.b5 Qb3 36.Wxd7+ Bxd7  
 37.Qc2 Qxc5 38.Qxc5 a3 39.Qc3 a2  
 40.Qa3 Qe7 41.Qa6 Qd6 42.Qh3 Qxb3  
 43.Qxa2 Qc5 44.Qa7 Qxb6 0-1

□ Geiselman, D (2079)  
 ■ Partington, T (2200)  
 USAT Midwest (3), 1997  
 [Alan Watson]

1.d4 f6 2.Qg5 Qe4 3.Qf4 c5 4.f3  
 Qf6?! [Routine! Even as early as the  
 4th move both players should be  
 taking the utmost care in selecting  
 their moves. Here 4...Wa5+ would  
 have forced White to make a difficult  
 decision of how best to interpose.]  
 5.d5?! [5.dxc5! Wa5- 6.Qd2! Wxc5  
 7.c4 g6 8.Qc3 d6 9.0-0-0 Qbd7  
 10.Qc3 Wa5 11.Qb1 Qg7 12.g4 Qc5  
 13.g5 Qfd7 14.Qd4= Dzindzishavili-  
 Tukmakov, USSR Ch. 1971] 5...Wb6  
 6.Qc3 Wxb2 7.Qd2 Wb6 8.e4 d6 9.f4



[In exchange for his pawn sacrifice,  
 White has gained a broad pawn center  
 and temporary lead in development.  
 The game is dynamically equal.]  
 9...e6 10.Bb1 Wd8 11.Qb5+ Qd7  
 12.dxe6?! [An alternative was  
 12.Qc4!? when Black is unable to  
 resolve the central tension due to  
 12...exd5 13.Qxd5! fxc4 14.Qe2! f5  
 15.Rxb7 with powerful play.]  
 12...fxe6 13.Qf3 [Perhaps preferable  
 was 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 Qd5 15.Wg4.]  
 13...Qe7 14.e5 dxe5 15.fxe5 Qd5  
 16.Qe4 Qxb5 17.Rxb5 b6 18.0-0-0



[Despite his earlier promising  
 position, White was unable to deliver  
 a knockout punch and now sees his  
 initiative growing weaker and  
 weaker.] 19.Bb1 Qc6 20.Qe1 Qd4  
 21.c4 Qxf3+ 22.Bxf3 Bxf3 23.gxf3  
 Qb4 24.Qc3 Qd3 25.Qf6+ Qh8?!

[White was only bluffing, and the  
 game could more easily have been  
 concluded with the forthright  
 25...gxf6! 26.exf6 Qf7 27.fxe7 Qg8+  
 28.Qf2 Wc2+ --] 26.Qd1 Qxf3 27.Qd7  
 gxf6 0-1

□ Bauer, R (2280)  
 ■ Stein, P (2120)  
 USAT Midwest (3), 1997  
 [Alan Watson]

1.e4 f6 2.Qc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 Qg7  
 5.Qge2 0-0 6.Qg3 Qbd7?! [By  
 prematurely committing this piece to  
 d7, Black only ends up reducing his  
 future options. Burgess recommends  
 6...e5 7.d5 a5 8.Qe2 Qa6 9.h4 c6! in  
 "The King's Indian For The Attacking  
 Player" while Gallagher prefers the  
 unusual 5...a6!? 6.Qg3 c6 in his recent  
 book "Beating the Anti-King's  
 Indians."] 7.Qe2 e5 8.d5 a5 9.h4 b5  
 10.Qg5 Qh7 An unusual choice.  
 Instead: [10...Qe8 11.Qd2 Qf8 12.0-0-  
 0 Q8h7 13.Qh6 Qg4 14.Qxg4 Qxg4  
 15.f3 Qd7 16.Qxg7 Qxg7 17.Qb1 Bf8  
 18.Qe3 We7 19.Qa1 b6 20.Qc1 Bxc8  
 21.Qb5 Qc8 22.Qc3 Qg8 23.Qf1 f5  
 24.Qd2 Qf6 25.exf5 gxf5 26.Qcc1 Qg7  
 27.Qc2 Qh8 28.a3 Qg8 29.Qbe1 f4  
 30.Qc2 Qef8 31.Qc4 Qxe4 32.fxc4 Qf7  
 33.Qf1 Qg4 34.Qc2 Qfg7 35.Qh1  
 Morales Jimenez/Alicante 2 1989/1/2-  
 1/2 (49); 10...Qc5 11.Qxb5 gxf5  
 (11...c6 12.Qe2 Wb6 13.Qd2 cxd5  
 14.cxd5 Qd7 15.h5 Qa4 16.Qxa4 Qxa4  
 17.b3 Qd7 18.Qe3 Wc7 19.Qh6 Wb6  
 20.hxg6 fxg6 21.Wg5 Qh7 22.Qe3  
 Wxe3 23.Qxe3 Qf8 24.0-0 Qf6  
 25.Qa1 Qd8 26.Qxc8 Qxc8 27.Qc1  
 Qxc1- 28.Qxe1 a4 29.Qa3 axb3  
 30.axb3 Qc7 31.Qf1 Qf6 32.Qd2 Qf7  
 33.f3 Qe8 34.Qf2 Qf6 35.Qc4 g5  
 36.Qb4 Qh5 37.Qxe5 Qb6+ 38.Qe1  
 Qxe2 39.Qg4+ Qg6 40.Qxe2 Qc7 1-0  
 Wolff, P-Boehm, A/Ilessen qual (10)  
 1991] 12.Qxh5 Qg4 (12...Qh8 13.Wf3  
 Qg4 14.Qxf6 Qxf3 15.Qxg7+ Qh7  
 16.gxf3 Qg8 17.Qf6 Wf8 18.Qg5 Qd7  
 19.Qg3 f6 20.Qe3 c6 21.Qe2 Wc8  
 22.Qf3 Qg2 23.Qh6 Wd8 24.Qag1 Qxg1  
 25.Qxg1 Qf8 26.Qg7+ Qh8 27.h5 Qc7  
 28.Qxc7 Wxc7 29.Qxf8 Wf7 30.Qg7+  
 Qh7 31.h6 Qc7 32.Qf8 Qb6 33.b3 Wb4  
 34.Qd3 Wc5 35.Qd1 Wa3 36.Qxd6  
 Qxa2 37.Qc5 Wxb3+ Knechtel, T-  
 Sherman, R/ 1992/1-0 (61); 13.Qxf6+  
 Qxf6 14.Wxg4 Qxg5 15.hxg5 Qg7  
 16.0-0-0 Wb8 17.Qh6 Qd7 18.Qh4  
 Qag8 19.Qh1 Qd8 20.Qc2 Qd7 21.Qd1  
 f6 22.Qc3 fxg5 23.Qf5+ Qf7 24.Wh5+

1-0 Burnett,K-Middleton,D/Chicago National op (01) 1991] 11.♖d2 ♖h8 [11...♙c5 12.f4 ♖d7 13.f5 ♙g8 14.0-0 b6 15.♖f2 ♙a6 16.♖af1 ♖ae8 17.b3 ♖c8 18.f6 ♖b6 19.♙xh5 gxf5 20.♖f5 1-0 Vasile-Florea. cr ROM 1978] 12.f3?! [Not seeing an immediate win on the kingside, Bauer switches from his strategy of opening the f file to one of engaging the h pawn with g2-g4. Such play takes time, though.] 12...♖f8 13.♙f1 ♙c5 14.g4 ♙g8 15.♙xf6 ♙xf6 16.g5 ♙e7 17.f4 ♖g7 18.♖h2 exf4 [Having survived several waves of White's attack, Pete could now have begun to think seriously about initiating his own with 18...f5! After the further 19.exf5 ♙xf5 20.♖e3 the position is highly unclear.] 19.♖xf4 ♙h7 20.0-0-0 a4 [Despite one's initial impression that Black is struggling to hold on, it is actually quite difficult for White to break through with a knockout punch. In particular, Black's pawn on f7 is no weaker than White's resting on e4, and the ♙e7 may represent a particularly formidable antagonist should the position be prematurely opened. In this regard, even 20...f5! bears scrutiny.] 21.♙e2 a3 [Completing the loosening of queenside dark squares is certainly thematic, but I would have preferred to hold this in reserve and instead improve the activity and cohesion of my other pieces with 21...♖e8 or perhaps even 21...c6!?] 22.♖hf1 ♖f8 23.b3 c6 24.♖e3 ♙d7 25.b4?! [Moves such as this are frequently awarded either question marks or exclamation points for the drastic way they change the course of a game. Such a decision here depends solely upon whether or not Black's activity will ultimately increase or decrease; and with best play I would tend to favor Black's chances. The potentially open c file and bishop pair deserve greater respect.] 25...♙a6 [Another manner of securing counterplay involves the exchange of White's most valuable defensive piece followed by opening the kingside. This was accomplished by 25...♙a4 26.♙xa4 (26.♖d4!?) 26...♖za4 27.♖b1 f5! 28.gxf6 ♙xf6 += with all sorts of possibilities.] 26.♖b3 b5?! [While the text disrupts the pawn shield covering White's king, Black appears to lack the means of breaching it. Since the game seems to gradually go downhill from this point,

I would suggest that it was necessary to play 26...c5 27.b5 ♙b4 28.♙f3 f5! with reasonable play. Pete was apparently afraid of ♖b6.] 27.cxb5 cxb5 28.♖d4! [White exchanges queens to eliminate any danger to his own king.] 28...f6 29.♙f3 fxf5 30.♙xg5+ ♙xg5 31.♖xg7+ ♖xg7 32.hxg5 ♙c7 [Black has been denied effective posts for all his pieces, and White now initiates the exchange of rooks to eliminate any semblance of activity.] 33.♖xf8 ♖xf8 34.♖f1 ♖xf1 35.♙xf1 b4! [Black's remaining trump is a passed h pawn, but alone it is unable to alter the inexorable course of the game. With passive pieces, numerous weaknesses, and his king locked out of play there is little to hope for.] 36.♙xa3 ♙g4 37.♙xb5 ♙xb5+ 38.♙xb5 h3 [38...♙f3 39.♙d7 ♙xe4 40.b5 ♙xd5 41.♙c8 ♙g2 42.b6. ] 39.♙f1 ♙f3 40.♙xb3 ♙xe4 41.♙e6 1-0

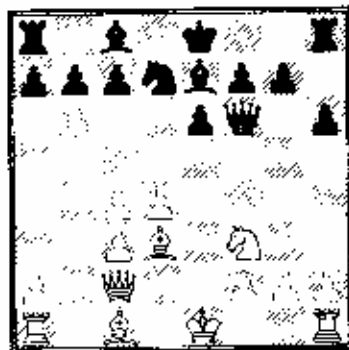
□Adelman,C (2351)  
 ■Verber,R (2423)  
 USAT Midwest (3), 1997

1.♙f3 g6 2.c4 ♙g7 3.♙c3 c5 4.e3 ♙f6 5.♙e2 0-0 6.0-0 ♙c6 7.d4 cxd4 8.♙xd4 d6 9.♙f3 ♙e5 10.♙e2 ♙d7 11.b3 a6 12.♙b2 ♖b8 13.♖c1 ♖a5 14.a3 ♖fc8 15.♖d2 ♙c6 16.b4 ♖g5 17.♙f3 ♖f5 18.♖fd1 ♙e6 19.b5 ♙d8 20.♙d5 ♙xd5 21.cxd5 ♙e4 22.♖b4 a5 23.♖b3 ♙c5 24.♖a2 ♙xb2 25.♖xb2 b6 26.♙d4 ♖e5 27.♖e2 ♙g7 28.♖c3 ♖f6 29.f4 ♙f8 30.♙g4 ♖c7 31.e4 ♙g8 32.♖e3 e5 33.dxe6 fxe6 34.e5 dxe5 35.fxe5 ♖h4 36.h3 ♖e7 37.♙f3 ♙g7 38.♙c6 ♖bc8 39.♖d2 ♙f7 40.♖f1 ♖d8 41.♖d2 ♖h4 42.♖f4 ♖h5 43.g4 ♖h4 44.♙g2 ♙g5 45.♖d1 ♖f8 46.♖xf8 ♙xf8 47.♖f1+ ♙g7 48.♖g3 ♖xg3+ 49.♙xg3 ♖e7 50.h4 ♙f7 51.♙f3 ♙d3 52.♙c4 ♙fxe5 53.♙xe5 ♙xe5 54.♖c1 ♖f7 55.♖c8 h6 56.♖e8 ♙f6 57.♖h8 ♙g7 58.♖e8 ♙f6 59.g5+ hxg5 60.hxg5+ ♙xg5 61.♖xc6 ♙c4 62.♖xg6+ ♙h5 63.♖c6 ♙g7+ 64.♙f2 ♙xa3 65.♖xb6 ♙g4 66.♙d3 ♖g5 67.♖b8 ♙xb5 68.♙xb5 ♙f4 69.♙e2 ♙e4 70.♙d2 ♙d4 71.♙e2 ♖g1 72.♖d8+ ♙c5 73.♙d3 ♙b4 74.♖b8+ ♙c5 75.♙c3 ♙c6 76.♖a8 ♖g5 77.♖a6+ ♙h7 78.♖f6 ♖c5+ 79.♙d4 ♖g5 80.♙e4+ ♙a7 81.♙d5 ♖g1 82.♙c5 [Earlier, Richard had made a claim to the TD of no losing chances which was denied. Somewhere around here, he repeated the claim. TD Al Losoff ruled that the game would continue

using a digital clock set for a 5 second delay, with Adelman granted his full allotment of 27 minutes, and Richard only one minute. The game then continued under the TD's watchful eyes so that he count moves in order to enforce the 50 move rule. After only 47 moves, Verber's flag fell and White was declared the winner.] 1-0

□Merli,C (2096)  
 ■Stern,H (2089)  
 USAT Midwest (3), 1997  
 [Alan Watson]

1.c4 ♙f6 2.♙c3 e6 3.e4 [3.e4 originated in the game Flohr-Kashdan, Folkstone 1933 and was later popularized by Grandmaster Mikenas. By avoiding 3.d4, White has prevented his opponent from essaying the Nimzo-Indian Defense and must now find a way to avoid the awkward e4-e5.] 3...d5 4.e5 [White purposely avoids the exchange 4.cxd5 exd5 5.e5 in order to hem in Black's light-squared bishop.] 4...d4 [By embarking upon a path on simplification, Black attempts to evade the numerous pitfalls associated with this variation. The pawn sacrifice 4...♙c4 5.♙xc4 dxe4 6.♖g4 ♙d7 is condemned by theory, but offers exciting play for those intent upon complicating the game.] 5.exf6 dxc3 6.bxc3 ♖xf6 7.d4 ♙e7? [Black fails to appreciate the precarious position of a queen bereft of available retreats and soon finds her at the mercy of White's hungry prelates. It was already necessary to maintain options with 7...b6 or the superior 7...c5 8.♙f3 cxd4 9.♙g5 ♖f5 10.cxd4 ♙xb4+ when the position is regarded as dynamically equal.] 8.♙f3 h6?! [Virtually necessary to prevent 8.♙g5 ♖g6 9.♙d3 ♖h5 ( 9...f5 +- ) 10.h3! +- but also encouraging rather than defraying White's ambitions for a kingside attack, for now there is a target.] 9.♙d3 ♙d7 10.♙c2!?



[White's sly play here makes a strong impression and illustrates just how devious an imagination he must have. He has already recognized the defects to Black's position and understands that the only way to capitalize upon them is a kingside attack involving both pieces and pawns: thus he delays castling himself. However, 10.♖c2 was much better because it defended the ♔f3 and enhanced control over e5.] 10...0-0 11.b4! [The time has finally come to press ahead; our quarry is now visible behind a flimsy shield of kingside pawns!] 11...b6?? [Howard again fails to understand that the restricted mobility of his pieces presents severe problems and gets struck square in the face with a heavy brick. 11...♗d8! would have given Black's king access to f8 and prevented the tactic used in the game. The value of having played 10.♖e2 can then be appreciated after 12.g4! when there is no end in sight to the raging attack.] 12.♙g5! [Lights out!] 12...hxc5 13.hxc5 ♖f4 14.♗h7+ ♔h8 15.♙g8+ 1-0



□ Hater, D (2096)  
 ■ Gazman, E (2100)  
 USAT Midwest (3), 1997

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♙g7 3.♗c3 d6 4.♗e3 a6  
 5.♗d2 b5 6.♗d3 ♗d7 7.f4 e6 8.♗f3

♙b7 9.f5 exf5 10.exf5 ♗f3 11.gxf3  
 ♖b4+ 12.♗f2 ♗h5 13.0-0-0 ♗h6  
 14.♗d1+ ♗d8 15.♗e3 ♗d6 16.a3  
 ♗d7 17.♗e2 ♗e8 18.♗h1 ♗xe3  
 19.♗xe3 ♗e7 20.fxc6 hxc6 21.♗e2  
 ♗c6 22.♗e4 ♗xe4 23.♗xe4 ♗xd4  
 24.♗d3 ♗e6 25.♖c3 ♖c5 26.♖f6 ♗d8  
 27.b4 ♖b6 28.♗f5+ gxf5 29.♗e7+  
 ♗xe7 30.♗xe7+ ♗c6 31.♖xb8 ♗e6  
 32.♖a8+ ♖b7 33.♖xb7+ ♗xb7 34.♗xf7  
 f4 35.h4 ♗c6 36.h5 ♗d5 37.h6 ♗c4  
 38.h7 c5 39.bxc5 dxc5 40.h8♖ b4  
 41.axb4 cxb4 42.♖e5 1-0

□ Benesa, A (2120)  
 ■ Kamberi, S (2277)  
 USAT Midwest (3), 1997

1.♗f3 ♗f6 2.g3 g6 3.e4 ♙g7 4.♙g2 0-0  
 5.0-0 d6 6.d4 ♗bd7 7.b3 e5 8.♗b2 e4  
 9.♙g5 e3 10.f4 h6 11.♗e4 ♗xe4  
 12.♗xc4 ♗f6 13.♙g2 ♗g4 14.♖c1 ♗e8  
 15.♗f3 ♖e7 16.♗c3 c6 17.♗d1 h5  
 18.h3 ♗f6 19.♗xe3 ♖d8 20.♗xe8+  
 ♖xc8 21.♖e3 ♗d8 22.♗f2 ♗f5 23.♖f3  
 d5 24.♗d1 ♖d7 25.♗h2 ♗e8 26.cxd5  
 cxd5 27.♗d3 h4 28.g4 ♗e4 29.♖f2  
 ♗xd3 30.♗xd3 ♖c7 31.e3 ♗e4 32.♗xe4  
 ♗xe4 33.♖c3 ♖d8 34.♖c2 ♗f8 35.♙g2  
 ♖e8 36.♗c1 ♗b4 37.♗d3 ♖b5 38.a4  
 ♖a6 [Remaining moves illegible.] ½-½

□ Hernandez, H (2000)  
 ■ Bachler, K (2144)  
 USAT Midwest (3), 1997

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 g6 3.♗f4 d6 4.e3 c6  
 5.c3 ♖b6 6.♖b3 ♖c7 7.♗bd2 ♙g7  
 8.♗c4 0-0 9.0-0 b5 10.♗e2 a5 11.♖c2  
 ♗bd7 12.e4 e5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.♙g5  
 ♗e8 15.h3 ♗f8 16.♗f1 ♗e6 17.♗e3  
 ♗f4 18.♗xf4 exf4 19.♗d4 ♗b7 20.♗f3  
 ♗ad8 21.♗e1 b4 22.♗ad1 c5 23.♗b5  
 ♖b8 24.c4 ♗c6 25.e5 ♗xf3 26.♗xf3  
 ♗h5 27.♗d6 ♗e7 28.♗d5 ♗xe5  
 29.♗xe5 ♗xe5 30.♗xe5 ♗xd6 31.♖e2  
 ♖c7 32.♗e8+ ♙g7 33.♖e5+ ♗f6 34.♗e7  
 ♗d1+ 35.♗h2 ♖xc5 36.♗xe5 ♗b5  
 37.♗xf7+ ♙g8 38.♗d7 ♗a1 39.♗d2  
 ♗xa2 40.♗d7 a4 41.♗xc5 a3 42.♗d8+  
 ♙g2 43.bxa3 bxa3 44.♗a8 f3 45.♗d3  
 fxc2 46.c5 ♗f6 47.c6 ♗c2 48.♗b4  
 g1♖+ 49.♗xg1 ♗c1+ 50.♗h2 ♗f4  
 51.♗xa3 ♗e6 ½-½

□ Feltner, C (1991)  
 ■ Koo, O (2070)  
 USAT Midwest (3), 1997

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4  
 ♗f6 5.♗c3 a6 6.♙g5 e6 7.f4 ♖b6

8.♗d2 ♖xb2 9.♗b1 ♖a3 10.e5 dxe5  
 11.fxe5 ♗fd7 12.♗e4 ♖c5 13.♗xe6  
 ♖xe5+ 14.♗d1 fxe6 15.♗e1 ♖xb2  
 16.♗xe6+ ♗f7 17.♗f3 ♖h1+ 18.♗e1  
 ♖xe1+ 19.♗xe1 ♗f6 20.♗e5+ ♙g8  
 21.♗xf6 ♗e6 22.♗d5 ♗c6 23.♗xb7  
 ♗xe5 24.♗xe5 h5 25.♖g5 ♗h7 26.♙f6+  
 ♗h8 27.♗xb7 1-0

□ Deshpande, A (2123)  
 ■ Robledo, M (1774)  
 USAT Midwest (3), 1997

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6  
 5.bxa6 g6 6.♗c3 ♗xa6 7.g3 ♙g7  
 8.♙g2 d6 9.♗h3 ♗bd7 10.0-0 0-0  
 11.♖c2 ♗a7 12.♗b1 ♖a8 13.b3 ♗b6  
 14.♗d1 ♗b8 15.a4 ♗e8 16.♗f4 e4  
 17.b4 ♗xc3 18.♖xc3 ♗xa4 19.♖c2  
 ♗b5 20.h4 ♗b6 21.♗e1 ♗c8 22.h5 ♗a4  
 23.♖c3 ♗d7 24.hxc6 hxc6 25.♗b2 ♗f6  
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 29.♗e4 ♗e8 30.♙g2 1-0

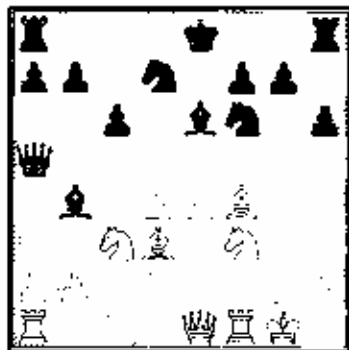
## Round 4

A new day brought high expectations as the top four teams were scheduled to play amongst themselves. Despite only one draw per match, however, no team could demonstrate their superiority and two ties were the result. "Dark side Knights" had their hopes for a prize further dimmed by the unheralded "Three Red Herrings and a Cross Round Pairing" with a tough tie featuring Caveney's fine win over Andrei Zaremba on top board. "Barricades of Heaven" took over the tournament lead and the privilege of playing on the top table by defeating "ND4" The game Moulin-Herron from this match is a sheer joy to play over and has to be the lead contest of this round.

□ Moulin, P (2414)  
 ■ Herron, M (2137)  
 USAT Midwest (4), 1997  
 [Alan Watson]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.f3!? [This line of the Caro-Kann is popularly called Fantasy Variation and is quite popular among tacticians seeking active play and open lines even at material expense.] 3...dxe4!?

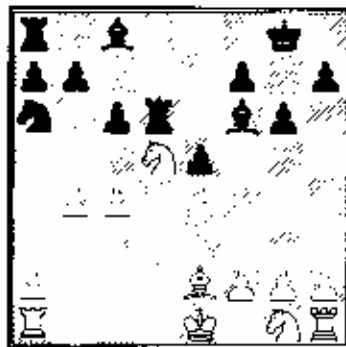
the most dangerous approach. Schüller, among others instead recommends 4...e6 seeking play akin to the French Defense when the move f3 has no meaning.] 4.fxe4 e5!? 5.♁f3 [Forced by the threat of 5...♙h4+. However, White does have strong compensation in the form of superior development, the open f-file, and a rapid attack against f7.] 5...♙e6! [5...exd4 6.♙c4 ♙e7 7.e5 ♙a5 8.c3 dxc3 9.♁xc3 ♙g4 10.♙b3 ♁xf3 11.♁xf7- ♁f8 12.0-0+- Ozsvath-Kovacs, Budapest 1953 clearly illustrates the dangers that Black faces.] 6.c3 exd4 [6...♁f6 7.♙d3 ♁bd7 8.0-0 ♙d6 9.♁bd2 0 0 10.♙e1 ♙e8 11.♙c4 b5 12.♙xe6 ♙xe6 13.♙h1= Ozsvath Flesch, Budapest 1967] 7.cxd4 ♁f6 8.♙d3 ♁b4+ 9.♙c3! [The exchange of pawns on move 6 has allowed White to place this piece more actively than in the game vs. Flesch noted above. As a result, his position is that much better.] 9...b6?! [An unnecessary loss of time which further places the Black position in jeopardy.] 10.0-0 ♙a5 11.♙e1 ♁bd7 12.♙f4



12...0-0-0? (Black certainly faced a difficult decision as to where best place his king, but the half-open c-file and ♙f4 glaring down the b8-h2 diagonal should have made this unthinkable! At least he would still be alive after 12...0-0 13.a3 ♙e7 14.e4 (14.♁d5!?) ♁d5 15.♙e4+=) 13.a3 ♙e7?? [The last chance for Black to avoid the opening debacle which follows was 13...♙xc3 14.bxc3 when his game would still be greatly inferior because of his dangerously placed king. The text, however, ensures that this game will live on forever in various tactical anthologies.] 14.♁d5!! b6 [14...♙xe1 15.♁xc7#] 15.♙xa5 1-0

♣Martinovsky, E (2344)  
 ♣Rajlich, V (2269)  
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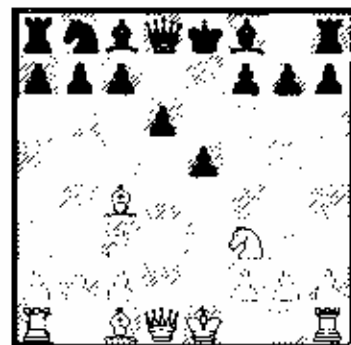
1.d4 ♁f6 2.c4 g6 3.♁c3 ♙g7 4.e4 d6 5.♙e2 0-0 6.♙g5 ♙a6 [Ever a slave to fashion, Rajlich follows the modern trend of replying to nearly all White's King's Indian attacking schemes with ♙a6.] 7.♙d2 e5 8.dxe5 [More complex is 8.d5, but Martinovsky is seldom afraid of exchanges and has the justified reputation of playing simplified positions extremely well.] 8...dxe5 9.♙xd8 ♙xd8 10.♁d5 ♙d6 11.♁xf6!? [11.f3 ♁xd5 12.cxd5 c6 13.♙xa6 bxa6 14.dxc6 ½-½ Frog.] Docenko, V /Vladivostok 1990] 11...♁xf6 12.b4 c6



13.c5 ♙xd5 14.exd5 ♙xb4 15.♙b1 ♁xd5 16.♁f3 ♙c3 17.♙b3 ♙e4?! [Black feared having his knight stranded on the queenside after 17...♙xa2, but in fact after the further 18.♙c4 e4 19.♁d2 ♙c3 White would be left fewer with resources than in the game.] 18.♙c3 ♙xe5 19.♙xe5 ♙e6 20.a3 ♙d8 21.f4 ♙d4 22.0-0 ♁b3 23.g4 ♙a4 24.f5 gxf5 25.gxf5 ♙d5 26.♙d1 ♙xa3 27.♁d7 ♁b2 28.f6 b5? [28...♙e6! 29.♙g3+ ♁h8 30.♙c5 ♁xf6 31.♙xe6 ♙xe6 32.♙c4 ♙a1] 29.♙e8+ ♁b7 30.♙d3+ ♁b6 31.b4 ♙d4+ 32.♁f1 ♁xf6 33.♁xf6 ♙f3 34.♙e2 ♙xe2+ 35.♁xe2 c5 36.♙e4 ♙d4+ 37.♁f2 b6 38.♙g1 ♙a2+ 39.♁f1 ♙a1+ 40.♙g2 ♙xg1+ 41.♙xg1 ♁f3+ 42.♁f2 ♁xh4 43.♙e7 ♙g6 44.♙xa7 ♁f5 45.♙a6 ♙d4 46.♙xb6+ ♁f5 47.♙xc5 ♙g4 48.♙h4 1-0

♣Condron, J (2000)  
 ♣Feltner, C (1991)  
 USAT Midwest (4), 1997  
 [Alan Watson]

1.e4 e5 2.♙c3 ♁f6 3.♙c4 ♙xe4 4.♁f3!? [4.♙h5 is universally recognized as the best move in this position, but Tscitlin and Glazkov do note that the gambit initiated with the text deserves more detailed investigation.] 4...♙xc3 5.dxc3 d6?!



[An unusual response to the Boden-Kieseritsky Gambit. Normal is 5...f6 6.0-0 ♙c7 7.♙c1 d6 8.♁h4 with some attacking chances for White.] 6.♁xf7+!? [A swashbuckling attempt which is quite interesting but not as steady as the recommendation by GM Paul Keres 6.♙g5 ♙c6 7.♙xe6 ♙xe6 8.♙f3 with advantage to White.] 6...♁xf7 7.♙xe5+ ♙e8?! [7...♙e6!? 8.0-0 ♙e7 9.♁f3 ♙e8#] 8.♙h5+ g6 9.♁xg6 ♙g4!? [Black tries desperately to save his king's rook but overlooks that White could now have snared the other by scampering over to the queenside with 10.♙b5+! c6 11.♙xb7 hxg6 12.♙xa8 +=] 10.♙xg4!? hxg6 11.♙xg6+ ♁d7 12.♙f5+ ♙c6 13.♙c3 ♙e8 14.0-0-0 [White is still better after this, but seems not to be as tactically alert as he should be. I had thought that 13.♙c3 was designed to restrict the movement of Black's king, and if so it would then be logical to grab the b-pawn with 14.♙f3!+] 14...♙h6 15.♙he1 [15.♙d5+ ♁d7 16.♙xh6 ♙xh6 17.♙de1 ♙f8] 15...♙h5 16.♙e4+ ♁d7 17.g4 ♙xe3+ 18.♙xe3 ♙f7?? [18...♙xh2 (Regaining a pawn and opening the h-file - important in some lines.) 19.♙e6+ (19.♙xb7? ♙c6 20.♙ed3 ♙ab8 21.♙xd6+ ♙xd6 22.♙d6+ ♙xd6+- The dual threats of ♙xb7 and ♙h1# are impossible to meet.) 19...♁d8 20.♙c7- ♙c8 21.♙e6+ ♁d8 (21...♁f7??) 22.♙e8- ♙xe8 23.♙xe8#] 22.♙f6+ ♁d7 23.♙e6+ ♙c6 24.♙c4+ ♁d7 25.♙b5+ ♙c6 26.♙f5+ (26.♙xb7 ♙ab8#) 26...♁d8 27.♙f6+ ♙c8 28.f4=] 19.e4?!





[19.♖xb7! (Best, entering the line noted above with his full armada of kingside passers intact.) 19...♗c6 20.♗cd3 ♖f4+ 21.♖b1 ♗ab8 22.♗xd6+ ♖xd6 23.♗xd6+ ♖xd6 24.♖a6±] 19...♗c6 [Black has finally consolidated his position and will put his extra piece to good use after neutralizing White's temporary initiative.] 20.g5 ♗ac8 21.♖g4+ ♖d8 22.g6 ♖xf2 [The harvest begins.] 23.♗g3 ♗xb2 24.♖g5+ ♖c8 25.♖g4+ ♖b8 26.♗c3 ♗e2 [26...♗e1 was equally decisive. There is no hope for White now.] 27.♖b1 ♗xc2 28.♖e4 ♗xb2+ 29.♖c1 ♖b1+! [An excellent tactic bringing the game to an abrupt conclusion.] 30.♖xb1 ♖f4+ 0-1

□Caveney, J (2119)  
 ■Zaremba, A (2286)  
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1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♖f6 3.e5 ♑d5 4.d4 d6 5.♑f3 cxd4 6.♗c4 e6 7.cxd4 ♖c6 8.0-0 ♗c7 9.a3 0-0 10.♗d3 f5 11.exf6 ♗xf6 12.♗c3 ♑xc3 13.bxc3 e5



14.♗c2 h6 15.♖e2 exd4 16.♖e4 dxc3 17.♗xb6 ♑e7 18.♖h7+ ♖f7 19.♑g5+ ♖e8 20.♗g7 ♗g5 21.♖h5+ ♗f7 22.♖g5 ♑d5 23.♗e1+ ♖d7 24.♖xd5 ♗g7 25.♗f5+ ♖c7 26.♖c4+ ♖b8 27.♖xc8+ ♖xc8 28.♗xc8 ♖c7 29.♗e6 ♑g5 30.♗e3 ♗c5 31.♗c1 d5 32.♗exc3

♗xc3 33.♗xc3+ ♖d6 34.♗c8 ♗xc8 35.♗xc8 b5 36.♖f1 a5 37.♖e2 ♖e5 38.♗d7 b4 39.♖xb4 ♖xb4 40.♗a4 ♖d4 41.♖d2 ♖e4 42.h4 d4 43.h5 ♖f5 44.g4+ ♑g5 45.f4+ ♖b6 46.♖d3 ♑g7 47.g5 ♖f7 48.f5 ♑g8 49.h6 ♖h7 50.♗b3 ♖h8 51.♖xd4 ♖h7 52.♖e4 ♖h8 53.♗f7 ♖h7 54.♖e5 ♖h8 55.♖f6 ♖h7 56.g6+ 1-0

□Stern, H (2089)  
 ■Conner, P (2000)  
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1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♑g7 3.f4 c5 4.♗f3 cxd4 5.♑xd4 ♖c6 6.c3 d6 7.♗e3 ♖f6 8.♖c2 0-0 9.♗e2 ♑g4 10.♗g4 ♗g4 11.h3 ♑d7 12.♗d2 e5 13.♗f3 exf4 14.♗xf4 ♑e5 15.0-0-0 ♖a5 16.♖b3 ♖xa2 17.♗xe5 ♗a4 18.♑xd6 ♖xb3 19.♖b1 ♖a5 20.♗f3 ♗xc3! 21.♗d3 ♗ac8 22.bxc3 ♗xc3+ 23.♖b2 ♑xd3 24.♖xd3 ♖a2+ 25.♖c3 ♗c8+ 0-1

□Ikeuchi, C (2071)  
 ■Yoder, R (2047)  
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1.♗f3 ♖f6 2.g3 g6 3.♑g2 ♑g7 4.0-0-0 5.d3 d6 6.e4 c5 7.♗bd2 ♖c6 8.a4 ♑d7 9.♗c4 b6 10.♗e1 ♑g4 11.c3 ♑ge5 12.♗fxe5 ♗xe5 13.♗e3 ♗c8 14.f4 ♑c6 15.h4 e6 16.♑c4 ♖c7 17.h5 ♗cd8 18.♖e2 ♖e7 19.♗c3 ♗c8 20.♗f1 f5 21.bxg6 ♖xg6 22.exf5 exf5 23.♗d5 ♑xd5 24.♗xd5+ ♖h7 25.♖h2+ ♖h6 26.g4 ♖h8 27.g5 ♑g7 28.♖xb6+ ♗xb6 29.♖g2 ♗dh8 30.c4 ♗h4 31.♗d2 ♑g4 32.♗c3+ ♖b7 33.♖f2 [The last several moves were unrecordable and have been recreated based upon best play by White.] 1-0

□McGown, A (2000)  
 ■Just, T (1759)  
 USAT Midwest (4), 1997

1.♗c3 d5 2.e4 ♖f6 3.exd5 e5 4.dxe6 ♗xe6 5.♗f3 ♑d6 6.d4 c6 7.♑g5 ♖bd7 8.♗d3 ♖c7 9.♗d2 h6 10.♗e3 0-0-0 11.h3 ♖b6 12.0-0-0 ♗d5 13.♖b1 ♑xc3+ 14.♖xc3 ♑d5 15.♗d2 ♖b4 16.c4 ♗be8 17.d5 cxd5 18.cxd5 ♑xd5 19.♗c1 ♑c6 20.♗b5 ♖a5 21.♗c4 ♖b8 22.♑d4 ♗e4+ 23.♖a1 ♑d5 24.♗d5 ♖xd5 25.♖b3 ♖xg2 26.♗f4 ♖c2+ 27.♗xc2? [27.♖b1 ♖a3+ 28.♖a1 ♖b5±] 27...♖xb1+ 28.♗c1 ♖xb3 29.♗d6+ ♖a8 30.♑c5 ♖f3 31.♗e1 ♗xe1+ 32.♗xe1 ♗d5+ 33.♖xb7 ♖xb7 34.a3 ♗d5 [34...♗xd6 35.♖e8+ ♖b8 36.♖c4...] 35.♖b4 ♖d1+ 36.♗d1

♑xd1+ 37.♖a2 ♖b7 38.♖b3 g5 39.♖c2 ♗d7 40.♗d2 ♑xd2+ 41.♖xd2 ♖c6 42.♖e2 f5 43.♗d3 ♑d5 44.h4 h5 45.a4 b4 46.♖e2 b3 47.♖f1 g4 48.h5 ♖c5 0-1

□Kamberi, S (2277)  
 ■Smythe, B (1995)  
 USAT Midwest (4), 1997

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♖b4 4.♗d3 dxe4 5.♖xe4 ♖f6 6.♖h4 ♖c6 7.♗f3 ♑d5 8.♑g5 f6 9.♗d2 ♗xc3 10.bxc3 ♑e7 11.♗d3 ♖f7 12.0-0 h5 13.♖e4 f5 14.♖f4 ♑d6 15.♑g5+ ♖g6 16.♗e3 ♖f6 17.f4 ♑d7 18.♗e1 ♗ac8 19.♗f3 ♖h6 20.♗c4 ♑d8 21.♖e2 ♗e7 22.g3 g6 23.♗c3 ♗he8 24.♖b3



24...c5 25.♗d3 b5 26.dxe5 ♗xc5+ 27.♗e3 ♗xc3+ 28.♗xc3 a5 29.♑f3 b4 30.♖xb4 ♖xb4 31.♗d2 ♖c6 32.♗e5 ♗xe5 33.♗xe5 ♖b8 34.♗d6 ♖b5 35.♗xb5 ♖xb5 36.♖xb4 ♖b7 37.♗xc6 ♗d8 38.♗d6 ♗xd6 39.♑xd6 ♑g7 40.a4 ♑e8 41.♖f2 ♗a7 42.♗d4 ♖f6 43.h4 ♗e7 44.♗d6+ ♑g7 45.a5 ♗a7 46.♗d5 ♗c6 47.♗c5 ♗e4 48.♖e3 ♖f6 49.♗e5 ♗d7 50.a6 ♗c7 51.♗a5 ♗a7 52.♖d4 ♖e7 53.♖c5 ♖d7 54.♖b6 ♗a8 55.a7 ♖d6 56.c4 ♗c8 57.c5+ ♖e7 58.♗a4 ♖d8 59.c6 1-0

□Burnett, K (2304)  
 ■Tutush, D (2102)  
 USAT Midwest (4), 1997

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♖b4 4.e3 c5 5.♗d3 ♗xc3+ 6.bxc3 ♑c6 7.♗e2 d6 8.e4 e5 9.0-0 h6 10.f4 b6 11.d5 ♗a5 12.fxe5 dxe5 13.♑g3 ♑g4 14.♖e1 ♗e7 15.b3 ♑d7 16.♖f2 0-0-0 17.♗e3 ♖hf8? 18.♗xb6! ♑e8 19.♗e3 ♖b7 20.♗ab1 ♗c8 21.♖h5 f6 22.g4 ♖a8 23.♑g3 ♑d6 24.♖e2 ♗b8 25.♑g2 g6 26.♗h1 ♖g7 27.♖f2 ♗c8 28.♗bg1 ♖h7 29.♖e1 ♗c8 30.h4 ♗a6 31.g5 f5 32.exf5 gxf5



33.g6! ♖g7 34.♖b5 ♖xb5 35.♖xb5 e4  
36.♖b6 ♖xc3+ 37.♖d2 ♖xd3 38.♖xf8+  
♗c8 39.♖b8 e3 40.♖c3 exd2+  
41.♖xd2 ♖xc4 42.g7 ♖e4+ 43.♖f2 ♖c4  
44.♖c3 ♖f4+ 45.♖g2 ♖e3+ 46.♖xc3  
♖xc3 47.g8♖ ♖e2+ 48.♖h3 f4 49.♖g2  
♖d3+ 50.♖h2 f3 51.♖g5 ♖e2+ 52.♖g3  
♖d6 53.♖d8+ ♗c8 54.♖f6 ♖b7 55.♖e6  
♖xa2 56.♖d1 ♖g2+ 57.♖f4 f2 58.♖g4  
f♖+ 59.♖hxfl ♖h2+ 60.♖g3 ♖e2  
61.♖g5 ♖e7+ 62.♖h6 ♖d6 63.♖f4 ♖c8  
64.♖de1 ♖d8 65.♖f6 ♖c7 66.♖e7 ♖b8  
67.♖e5 b5 68.♖f6 ♖c4 69.♖xb8+  
♗xb8 70.d6 ♖b6 71.♖f8 1-0

## Round 5

The pairings for the final round couldn't have been more exciting as previously unbeaten "Barricades of Heaven" was scheduled for a showdown against "PINS of Chicago". The next four teams played against each other in what promised to be close stress-filled matches. To no one's surprise, the cream did rise to the top, and the majority of teams which began the tournament at the top of the wall charts fulfilled their destinies and ended similarly. "Three Wolves and a Howell" suffered from the forfeiture of their last board but competed nonetheless, the good sports they are. Of all the games played this tournament, undoubtedly the most thrilling for spectators was Sevillano-Moulin. One expected fireworks in a game where two undefeated 2400+ were to crack heads, and that's just what we got. Additional opening notes are given due to the game's theoretical as well as practical importance. Tennant-Garcia is another treat to behold and demonstrates the awesome power of a bishop pair in attacking the king.

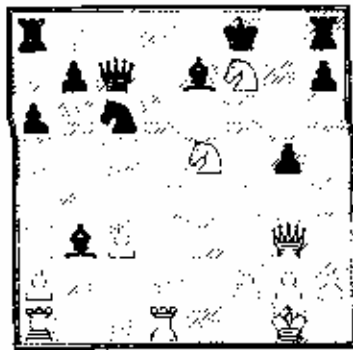
□Sevillano,E (2578)  
■Moulin,P (2414)  
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[Alan Watson]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♖f6 3.e5 ♖d5 4.d4 exd4  
5.♖f3 ♖c6 6.♖c4 ♖b6 7.♖b3 d5 8.exd6  
♖xd6 9.♖a3!?! [Gary Lane's authoritative 1990 book on the c3 Sicilian notes that Soviet Master V. Okhotnik has been an enthusiastic supporter of this critical move order in place of the more standard 9.0-0 0-0 10.♖a3.] 9...a6 [Grabbing a pawn with 9...dxc3 is extremely dangerous to the second player after the accurate follow-up 10.♖e2! For example: 9...dxc3?! 10.♖e2! cxb2 (10...e6 11.♗b5!) 11.♖xb2 ♖b4+ 12.♖d2± (With compensation per Okhotnik.) 12...♖d7 13.♖b5 ♖f4 14.g3 ♖b8 15.♖e4 e6 16.0-0-0 h6 17.♗bd6+ ♖xd6 18.♗xd6+ ♗f8 19.♖g4 e5 20.♖f3 f6 21.♖he1 ♖d4 22.♖xd4 1-0 Dellabella C.-Gerundino N./CIM 1988/89 1989] 10.0-0 dxc3 [10...♖f5 11.♖xd4 ♖xd4 12.cxd4 e6 13.♖f3 ♖d7 14.d5! ♖xd5 (14...exd5?! 15.♖g3→) 15.♖d1 ♖xa3 16.bxa3 0-0 17.h4 ♖ac8 18.♖b2!?! ♖c5 19.♖d2 ♖c8 20.a4 a5 21.♖ad1 h6 22.♖xd5 exd5 23.♖xd5 b6 24.♖g3 f6 25.♖xf6!+ Okhotnik Schneider, USSR 1987] 11.♖e2 [11.♗g5 ♖d8 12.♖c2 e6 13.♖d1 ♖c7 14.g3 ♖c7 15.♖f4 ♖c6 16.♖ac1 0-0 17.♖xc3 ♖c8 18.♖d3 g6 19.♖e4 ♖d5 20.♖xd5 exd5 21.♖d6 ♖d7 22.♖xd5 ♖c6 23.♖ac4 ♖h3 24.♖b6 ♖e6 25.♖g2 ♖xg2+ 26.♖xg2 ♖ad8 27.♖cd3 g5 28.♖e3 ♖b4 29.♖d2 ♖xa2 30.♖f5 ♖f6 31.♖d7 ♖h8 32.♖xf8 ♖xf8 33.♖c5 1-0 Christensen,T Formanek,E Gausdal Arnold Cup (6) 1991] 11...e6 [11...♖f5 12.♖d1 ♖c7 13.bxc3 ♖a5 14.♖d4 ♖xb3 15.axb3 ♖d7 16.♖db5 axb5 17.♖xb5 ♖xb5 18.♖xb5+ ♖c6 19.♖xb6 ♖b8 20.♖a7 ♖c8 21.♖c3 f6 22.♖a4 b5 23.♖a6 ♖xc3 24.♖d7+ ♗f7 25.♖xb5 g6 26.b4 ♖b3 27.♖a1 ♖g7 28.♖ab1 ♖e6 29.♖f1 f5 30.b5 ♖c5 31.♖a7 1-0 Slapak-Sture/23.ch CSFR or 1989] 12.bxc3 [12.♖d1 ♖c7 13.♖e4 (13.bxc3 ♖c5 14.♖c2 0-0 15.♖cd4 ♖d6 16.♖xc6 bxc6 17.♖d3 ♖e7 18.♖g5 ♖xg5 19.♖xg5 f6 20.♖c3 c5 21.♖d6 ♖xd6 22.♖xd6 c4 23.♖xb6 cxb3 24.axb3 ♖d8 25.h3 e5 26.c4 ♗f7 27.c5 ♗e7 28.c6 ♖d6 29.♖c1 ♖c7 30.♖b4 ♖d5 31.♖b6- ♖d6 32.♖bc4 ♖b8 33.♖c5+ ♖c7 34.♖d3 ♖b5 35.♖f8 g6 36.b4 a5 37.bxa5 ♖a5 38.♖e7 ½-½

Slapak-Novotny/cr ch CSSR dames 1990) 13...♖a5 14.♖f4 ♖c6 15.♖d4 ♖d7 16.♖ac1 ♖xb3 17.axb3 ♖d5 18.♖c4 ♖c5 19.♖e5 f6 20.♖h5- g6 21.♖h4 ♗f7 22.♖xc3 ♖b4 23.♖d4 ♖b5 24.♖xd5 ♖xd5 25.♖d3 ♖xd3 26.♖fe5+ ♖xc5 27.♖xc5+ ♗c8 28.♖xd3 ♖c7 29.♖h6 ♖f8 30.♖h3 h6 31.♖e5 1-0 Fico-Caponi/cr 1988] 12...♖e7 13.♖d1 ♖c7 14.♖e4 ♖d7 15.♖f4 [15.♖c4 ♖f6 16.♖f4 (The exchange of queens takes much of the steam out of White's attack but is forced in this position so as to gain access to d6 before Black can castle and centralize his rooks.) 16...♖xf4 17.♖xf4 ♖c5 18.♖d6 ♖xd6 19.♖b6 ♖xh2+ 20.♖xh2 ♖b8 21.♖a4 ♗e7 22.♖f3 ♖d7 23.♖ab1 ♖d8 24.♖e1 ♖xb6 25.♖xb6 ♖a5 26.♖d4 ♖d7 27.♖xd7 ♖xd7 28.♖f5+ ♗f6 29.♖d6 ♖bd8 30.♖e4+ ♗c7 0-1 Jovic,D - Bairachny,R Bratislava WchJM-U18 (09) 1993] 15...e5



[A critical moment has arisen in which Black is forced to make significant concessions in an attempt to fend off White's growing initiative. Particularly noticeable are the now open a2-f7 diagonal and e-file.] 16.♖c4 exf4?! [16...f6 17.♖e3; 16...f5 17.♖e2 exf4 18.♖d6+ ♗f8 19.♖c4 ♖de5 20.♖xe5 ♖f6 21.♖ef7+→] 17.♖d6+ ♗f8 18.♖c4! [White must strike at the weakest point before his opponent has time to unravel the dormant queenside pieces. Less effective is 18.♖d5? ♖d8 (Illustrating the key difference from the text, this knight isn't pinned!) 19.♖xf7 ♖f6 with advantage to Black.] 18...♖de5 19.♖xe5 ♖e6 20.♖xf4 g5 21.♖g3 ♖xb3 22.♖dxf7

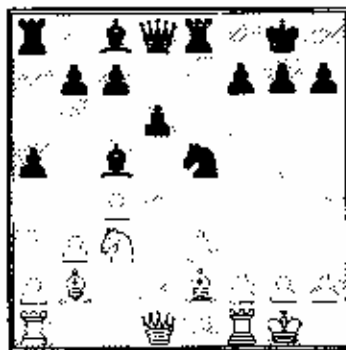


22...Qxe5? [Traps such as 23...Qxf7?? 24.Qd7- abound in this complicated position, and Moulin falls head first into one of the most pretty. Necessary was 22...Qxd1! 23.Qg6 hxc6 24.Qxc7 Qxf7 25.Qxd1 Qhd8 26.Qxd8 Qxd8 27.g3 Qd1+ 28.Kg2 Qd8 when Black's ample material compensation for his queen makes it difficult to improve White's position.] 23.Qxe5 Qd6 24.Qxd6 Qxd6 25.axb3! [With the simple yet elegant point than a "free" move is not even sufficient for Black to improve the coordination between disjointed rooks.] 25...Qg8?? [Black simplifies White's task considerably with this final inaccuracy. Covering both b7 and f7 with 25...Qe7 26.Qc1 Qg8 27.Qf3 was necessary, when there is still hope for a successful defense.] 26.Qf3+ Qg7 [Flight towards the center offers no better prospect, i.e. 26...Qe8 27.Qf7+ Qd8 28.Qxb7 threatening both the Qa8 and Qf7+.] 27.Qxb7+ Qf6 28.Qf7+ [The continuation 28...Qxe5 29.Qe1# was sufficiently convincing as to force immediate resignation. This powerful tour de force is but a representative example of Sevillano's imaginative and daring style. He has a wonderful future ahead and is a welcomed asset to the Chicago chess community.] 1-0

□ Tennant, S (2304)  
 ■ Garcia, F (2241)  
 USAT Midwest (5), 1997  
 [Alan Watson]

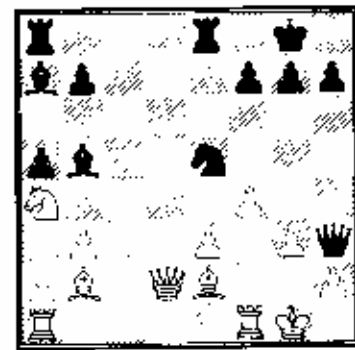
1.d4 Qf6 2.c4 e5!? [The suspicious-looking Budapest Gambit is a popular and welcome visitor at amateur events. At the very worst for Black, it leads to a lifeless middlegame where all the opportunities belong to White. At its very best, the position becomes a chaotic tactical mess ... as we shall

soon see!] 3.dxe5 Qg4 {3...Qe4! Szpisjak} 4.Qf3 [A major alternative for White involves developing his queen's bishop outside the pawn chain with 4.Qf4. Play may then continue 4...Qc6 5.Qf3 Qb4! when either 6.Qbd2 or 6.Qc3 lead to interesting middlegames.] 4...Qc5 5.e3 Qc6 6.Qc3 Qxe5 7.Qe2 d6 [In earlier times, Black would attempt to delay this move for as long as possible in order to ferry his queen's rook to the kingside with a5.Qa6.fh6 in anticipation of a mating attack. The text is much more restrained.] 8.0-0 a5 9.b3 0-0 10.Qb2 Qxf3+ 11.Qxf3 Qe5 12.Qe2 Qe8



13.Qa4 [Both sides have developed normally till now, and question which faces Steve is how best to develop his major pieces. He elects to open the center with c5, but finds out to his detriment that the decentralization and loss of time in doing this allow his opponent a mighty attack. More circumspect was 12.Qh1 as recommended by Glaskov and Tseitlin.] 13...Qa7!? [Interesting, but ultimately inferior to 13...b6 which has been played in several Grandmaster encounters. Were the bishop then to be captured, the pawn formation would favor Black.] 14.c5 Qd7!? [A surprising move in place of the expected 14...d5 whereby Black indicates that he came prepared to fight! Naturally, capturing on c5 would have lost a piece.] 15.cxd6 cxd6 16.Qxd6!/? [Steve belongs to a class of players like Albert Chow who will unhesitatingly snap off any material that doesn't get them immediately checkmated. While its true that "A pawn is a pawn," we're a long way off from the endgame. At the very least, Black's next two move targeting White's kingside should sound a warning that something is amiss. The positional alternative was

16.Qd4 exchanging one of Black's bishops and waiting for the d6 pawn to wither away later like unpicked fruit left on the vine after harvest time.] 16...Qb8 17.Qb6?!. [An unfortunate move by which White encourage Black's queen to greener pastures while misplacing his own. 17.Qd4, 17.Qd2, and 17.Qd1 were alternatives, but the second player has sufficient compensation in any event.] 17...Qb4 18.g3 Qb3 19.Qd4?! [Good moves are hard to come by. If, for instance 19.Qc5, then 19...Qa7 20.Qd6 Qb5! (Remember this idea, you'll see it later in the game!) 21.Qxc5 Qxe2 ...] 19...Qb5! 20.f4?! [Just the move that sets a Budapest's eyes shimmering and causes his heart to beat at twice the normal rate. As powerful as this seems in view of White's threatened checkmate on g7, the value of Black's initiate is so strong as to render it meaningless. From now till the end of the game White can only react to a series of devastating tactical blows. Equally hopeless, but far less spectacular was 20.Qd2 Qc6 21.e4 Qxc4 22.f3 Qa7+ 23.Qh1 Qg4 24.Qc4 Qc6 → when the first player can only await his execution.] 20...Qa7! 21.Qd2



21...Qc4! 22.Qxc4 Qxe3! [By avoiding 22...Qxc3+? 23.Qxc3 Qxe3 24.Qxb5 Black has a powerful dark-squared bishop and then its powerful discovered check.] 23.Qf2! Qc6 24.Qd5 Qd8 25.Qc3 Qf3?! [A much shorter path to victory lay in the double rook sacrifice 25...Qxg3!- 26.hxc3 Qxd5! 27.Qxd5 Qxg3+ when checkmate in a further three moves would be unavoidable.] 26.Qaf1 Qd6 [26...Qxf1+ 27.Qxf1 Qxf2+ 28.Qxf2 Qxf2 29.Qxc6 bxc6 30.Qxf2 Qd2+ 31.Qe3 Qxb2+ 27.Qe2 Qxg3+! [Better late than never, this sacrifice unleashes the full fury of Black's combined

forces against the hapless White king. Seldom does one see such a striking example of the awesome might of a bishop pair under the proper circumstances.] 28.♖h1 ♔d5 29.♗xd5 ♗xd5+ 30.♞f3 ♗xf3+ 0-1

□ Wong, B (1855)

■ Kistler, L (2049)

USAT Midwest (5), 1997

[Alan Watson]

1.d4 d6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♗g7 4.e4 ♗f6 5.♗f3 0-0 6.♗e2 e5!? [An unusual move whereby Black strives to achieve a delayed Benoni setup. Normal replies are 6...c5 and 6...♗bd7, but 6...♗g4 also continues to score surprisingly well.] 7.d5 ♗a6 8.0-0 ♗c7 9.♗d2?! [Better is 9.h3 with the idea of restricting Black's pieces while preparing to complete development by ♗c3.] 9...e6 10.f4?! [Although this is frequently a worthwhile idea for White in the Benoni Defense, his pieces are poorly placed to effect the e4-e5 advance it prefaces. As a result, the first player falls further behind in development and has a weak center to defend ... advantage Black.] 10...exd5 11.cxd5 ♞e8 12.a4 ♞b8 13.♖c2 a6 14.a5 b5! [Not deterred in the least by White's last move, Les now intends to operate on the b-file and if allowed, play the ♗c7 from b5 to d4.] 15.axb6 ♗xb6 16.♗c4 ♞b4 17.♗d2 ♗g4! [A sharp tactical eye spots the weakness of White's dark squares and the fact that the ♗e2 is overloaded. Black's pieces are springing to life.] 18.♗d1 ♗d4+ 19.♖h1 ♗xh2 20.♗xb4?! [As it makes no difference to the game's result, White may as well catch a small meal before succumbing to the inevitable attack. There was no longer a satisfactory defense.] 20...♞h4!-+ 21.♗e1 ♞b6 22.♗f2 ♗xf2 23.♗b5 ♗xb5 24.g3 ♗f3+ 25.♗xb2 ♗xg3+ 0-1

□ Cohen, H (1971)

■ Burnett, K (2304)

USAT Midwest (5), 1997

1.e4 e6 2.d4 e5 3.c3 b6 4.♗f3 ♗b7 5.♗d3 ♗f6 6.♗e2 ♗e7 7.♗g5 b6 8.♗h4 cxd4 9.cxd4 g5 10.♗g3 ♗c6 11.h3 ♗b4 12.♗c3 ♗xd3+ 13.♗xd3 d5 14.♗d2 ♗xe4 15.♗dxe4 dxe4 16.♞b5+ ♗d7 17.0-0 ♗xb5 18.♗xb5 ♗d7 19.a4 a6 20.♗c3 ♗d6 21.♗e5 ♞hd8 22.g4

♗e7 23.♞fe1 f6 24.♗xd6+ ♞xd6 25.♞ad1 ♞ad8 26.♗xe4 ♗xd4 27.♞xd4 ♗xd4 28.♗c3 ♞d3 29.♞e3 ♗xe3 30.♗xc3 ♗d6 31.b4 ♗c6 32.♗f2 a5 33.b5 ♗b7 34.e4 ♗c5 35.♗e3 ♗c4 36.♗e2 ♗b4 37.♗d4 ♗xa4 38.♗xe6 ♗xb5 39.♗e7+ ♗e4 40.♗e8 ♗b3 41.♗xf6 a4 42.e5 a3 43.e6 a2 44.e7 ♗c6 0-1

□ Manion, J (2429)

■ Sax, R (2070)

USAT Midwest (5), 1997

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 e6 4.♗e3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 ♗g7 8.♗b5+ ♗fd7 9.a4 0-0 10.♗f3 ♗a6 11.0-0 ♗c7 12.♗c4 ♞b8 13.♞e1 ♞e8 14.♞d3 a6 15.♞e2 b6 16.h3 ♗b7 17.♗e3 ♗c8 18.♞a1 b5 19.axb5 ♗b6 20.b3 ♗xc3 21.♗xc3 ♗xe4 22.bxa6 ♗xd5 23.♗g5 ♞e8 24.♗e1 f6 25.♗xf6 ♗xc4 26.bxc4 ♗xc4 27.♞e7 ♗xe7 28.♗xe7 ♗d8 29.♗xb7+ ♗f8 30.♗h8+ ♗g8 31.♗h6# 1-0

□ Bauer, R (2276)

■ Cohen, L (1938)

USAT Midwest (5), 1997

1.c4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗c3 ♗f6 4.e3 d6 5.d4 exd4 6.exd4 ♗e7 7.h3 0-0 8.♗d3 d5 9.a3 ♗a5 10.c5 ♗c6 11.0-0 ♗e6 12.♗f4 a6 13.b4 ♗c8 14.♗e2 ♗d8 15.♞e1 ♗d7 16.b4 ♞e8 17.♞e3 ♗f8 18.h5 c6 19.♗a4 b5 20.♗b6 ♗b7 21.♗xa8 ♗xa8 22.a4 ♗g4 23.axb5 cxb5 24.♞a3 ♗xb5 25.♞xa6 ♗c8 26.♗d3 ♗f6 27.♗e3 ♗fe6 28.♗xb5 ♞f8 29.♗e2 ♗c7 30.♞a4 ♗xf3 31.♗xf3 ♗d7 32.♗e2 ♞e8 33.♞a7 ♗e6 34.♗g4 ♗d8 35.♞b7 ♗e6 36.♗xe6 fxe6 37.b5 ♗xd4 38.♗xd4 e5 39.♗b2 d4 40.♗g4 1-0

□ Feltner, C (1991)

■ Szafran, M (1437)

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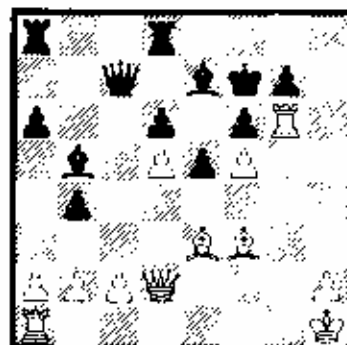
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□ Granik, D (1764)

■ Rudd, G (1488)

USAT Midwest (5), 1997

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 a6 5.♗c3 d6 6.♗e2 ♗d7 7.♗e3 ♗e7 8.♗d2 ♗c6 9.f4 ♗c7 10.0-0 ♗f6 11.♗f3 ♗xd4 12.♗xd4 e5 13.♗e3 ♗c6 14.♗h1 0-0 15.f5 b5 16.g4 ♞fd8 17.g5 b4 18.♗d5 ♗xd5 19.exd5 ♗b5 20.♞gl f6 21.g6 hgx6 22.♞g6 ♗f7



23.♞g7+!! ♗e8 24.♗g2 ♗b8 25.♞xe7+ [This is one persistent rook!] 1-0

□ Sellers, M (1896)

■ Geiselman, D (2079)

USAT Midwest (5), 1997

1.e4 ♗c6 2.♗f3 e5 3.♗c4 ♗f6 4.d4 exd4 5.0-0 ♗xe4 6.♞e1 d5 7.♗xd5 ♗xd5 8.♗c3 ♗d8 9.♗xe4+ ♗e7 10.♗xd4 0-0 11.♗xc6 bxc6 12.♗f4 ♗f5 13.♗xd8 ♗xd8 14.♞e2 ♞b8 15.♗d1 ♞b4 16.♗g3 h5 17.c3 ♞a4 18.♞e5 g6 19.♗e3 ♗e6 20.♞e5 ♞a6 21.h3 ♗e7 22.♞e5 ♗d6 23.♞g5 ♗xg3 24.♞xg3 ♞d8 25.♗c2 ♞xa2 26.♞xa2 ♗xa2 27.♗b4 ♞d1+ 28.♗h2 ♗d5 29.♞d3 ♞xd3 30.♗xd3 f6 31.♗f4 ♗f7 32.♗g1 ♗g7 33.g3 ♗f7 34.♗f1 g5 35.♗g2 ♗e6 36.h4 ♗h3 37.hxg5 fxg5 38.f3 ♗e6 39.♗f2 ♗xg2 40.♗xg2 ♗d5 41.h3 c5 42.♗h3 ♗e5 43.♗g2 a5 44.c4 ♗f5 45.♗h2 ♗e5 46.♗g2 ♗d4 47.♗f2 h4 48.♗g2 hgx3 49.♗xg3 ♗e3 50.♗g4 ♗f2 51.♗xg5 ♗xf3 52.♗f5 ♗e3 53.♗e5 ♗d3 54.♗d5 ♗c3 0-1



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# Chow Outplays IM at Winter Open



Report by Tim Just

Annotations by Alan Watson

Typical winter weather on January 4, 1997 ushered in the first Illinois Tour tournament of the new year with 80 players pushing wood at Tim Just's Winter Open XII held at the College of Lake County in Grayslake, Illinois.

While only an unrated in the U.S., Osman Palos sports a 2335 FIDE rating. Despite his efforts to convince the TD that his playing strength only approached the 1900 level, he was placed as the number two seed behind 2336 rated Al Chow in the 32 player open section. His loss to tournament winner Al Chow (4.5-0.5) in round 4 coupled with his draw to second-third place finisher Steven Szpisjak (4-1) rated 2287 in round 5 placed Mr. Palos (3.5-1.5) in the bankrupt number five post after the last flag fell.

Al Chow claimed the \$250 first place reward. Steven Szpisjak shared 2nd-3rd place with Expert Kevin Bachler and class "A" chess warrior John Porter for a payday of \$150 each. Staking a claim on the rest of the class gold were experts James Ellis, Anatoly Goldman, Curtis Ikeuchi, Class "A" players Brian Wong and Les Bale plus Deon Horton.

The Hart family provided a one-two punch that netted them equal shares of the first two prizes in the 48 player reserve section. Dan Hart and Jim Hart each scored 4.5 points to claim separate checks of \$212.50. Class "B" player Chris Baumgartner plus Class "C" chess personality Scott Silverman scored 4-1 each to earn separate paychecks of \$137.50. Other class prize winners include Class "C" players James Sabs and Alan Gasiccki. Class "D" wood pusher Andrew Hubbard, and Unrated Dale Zelinski.

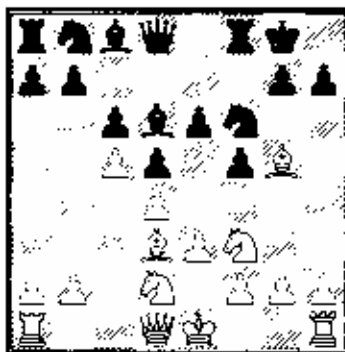
The event was organized for the College of Lake County by Tim Just, who also directed the tournament with help from Wayne Clark and

Dennis Grant. John Porter pitched in when additional assistance was needed the most.

*Sidebar: The College of Lake County is looking at their commitment to chess activities in the future. Despite earlier warnings to the club, they are displeased with finding cigarette butts in the washrooms marked as a no-smoking zone. One toilet was clogged with smoking materials. Two of the offenders, Osman Palos and Boris failed to clean up their mess. Despite club members efforts to clean up after the smokers, evidence of their rule breaking was appurent to the college. They are banned from all future college activities of any kind.*

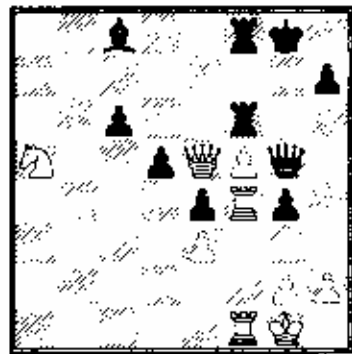
□ Palos, O (2335)  
 ■ Frazier, T (1900)  
 Winter Open (1), 1997  
 [Alan Watson]

1.d4 f5 2.f3 e6 3.g5 f6 4.2bd2 d5  
 5.e3 2d6 6.2d3 0-0 7.c4 e6 8.c5



[A dubious push which announces white's intention of transferring the attack on black's pawn chain away from d5 and onto the base at either c6 or b7. While he prepares this, however, Black will not sit idly by, but generate more immediate and substantial threats in the center and on the kingside.] 8...2c7 9.b4 2bd7 10.0-0 2e8 [Stepping out of the pin on the d8-b4 diagonal to threaten

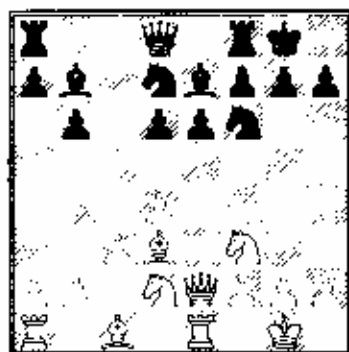
11...2e4.] 11.2f4 e5! [Black's forces are now liberated without his opponent having accomplished anything of substance.] 12.dxe5 2xe5 13.2xe5 2xe5 14.2xe5 2xe5 15.2f3 2e7 16.2d4 2e4 17.2c2 2d7 18.f3?! 2g5 [18...2xc5! 19.2xf5 2xf5 20.2xf5 2xf5 21.2xf5 2xe3+ 22.2h1 2d37] 19.f4? 2e4? [19...2xe3+ 20.2h1 2xd4 21.fxg5 a5!7] 20.2xe4 fx4 [The last exchange of minor pieces has favored white by granting him a dominant knight versus his opponent's ineffective and potentially bad bishop. As this circumstance renders most endings unfavorable, Black correctly begins to reposition his forces on the kingside for one last attack.] 21.2c3 2f6 22.2f2 2xf8 23.2xf1 2f7 24.2b3 a6 25.2a5 2c8 26.a4 g5!? 27.b5?! [A curious resource which would have forced a rapid conclusion is 27.2xf6!! 2xf6 28.fxg5 2xf2+ 29.2xf2 2xf2 30.2xf2 with a kingside majority and access to the dark squares.] 27...2xb5 28.2xb5 2g7? [28...2xb5!] 29.f5 g4 [Isolating white's f-pawn before attacking it.] 30.2f4 2g5 31.2xc6 2xc6 32.2e5



32...b5?? [Black misses a not-so-obvious tactical shot and wakes up to find his powerful center blown to smithereens. Honestly now, wouldn't many of you have committed the same oversight!?] 33.2xc6 g3 34.h3 2xf5 35.2e7+ 2h7 36.2xf5 2xf5 37.2xf5  
 1-0

□ Mengelis, A (1900)  
 ■ Chow, A (2366)  
 Winter Open (1), 1997  
 [Alan Watson]

1.d4 e6 2.e3 e6 3.e3 [Mr. Mengelis has been playing the Colle Opening for as long as I've known him and has some very nice wins to show for his effort. In this as well as other openings, however, one must not be too dogmatic in pursuing the idea of a kingside attack. Quiet positional play is often called for and frequently more effective.] 3...c5 4.Qd3 exd4 [Somewhat premature. More flexible is 4...h6 with the idea of adopting a piece setup similar to the Queen's Indian Defense.] 5.exd4 e7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Ke1 b6 8.c3 e7 9.0-0 d6 10.Ke2 e6d7



11.e4?! [Too automatic! 12.a4 is superior in order to avoid the simplification which now follows and retain the option of playing on the queenside with a later a4-a5. White might then further entertain the possibility of playing this knight to either c4 or f1/g3 as the situation later dictated.] 11...e4 12.Qxe4 Qxe4 13.Qxe4 h5! [Albert has now obtained good opportunities of gaining the initiative on the queenside by virtue of a minority attack commencing a7-a5 and b5-b4.] 14.Qg4 Ke8 15.Qh6 e8 [Black has maintained an extremely solid position on the kingside which cannot be easily breached. White proceeds to try anyway, and pays the usual penalty for overextending himself.] 16.Qg5?? e6+ 17.Ke3 Qxb6 18.Qh3 Qg6 19.Qh4 e7 0-1

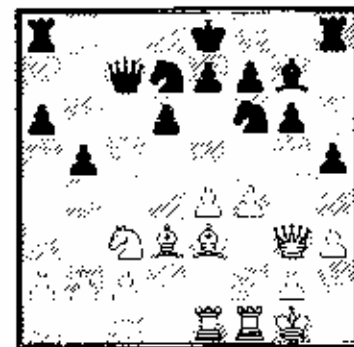
□ Szpisjak, S (2287)  
 ■ Cronin, M (1906)  
 Winter Open (2), 1997

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□ Bachler, K (2144)  
 ■ Porter, J (1852)  
 Winter Open (2), 1997  
 [Alan Watson]

1.e4 c5 2.f3 g6 3.d4 Qg7 4.dxc5 Qa5+ 5.Qc3 Qxc5 [In place of the "normal" moves 5...f6 and 5...Qxc5, let us take a moment to consider the acceptance of white's daring pawn sacrifice:] [5...Qxc3+ 6.bxc3 Qxc3+ 7.Qd2 (7.Qd2 Qxc5 <Too dangerous is 7...Qxa1 when there is no way out of the trap after 8.c3, Qd3, 0-0, Qa3 --) 8.Qb2 Qf6 9.Qd3 Qc6 10.0-0 0-0 11.e5 Qg4 12.Qa1 d6 13.h3 Qxe5 14.Qxe5 Qxe5 15.Qxe5! <White's Qf3 must be preserved for a hop to g5.> 15...dxe5 16.Qh6 f5 17.Qg5 Qf7 18.Qxf7 Qxf7 19.Qxh7- Qf6 20.Qh8+ Qf7 21.Qd1 h6 22.Qa6 Qxc2 23.Qh7+ Qf6 24.Qh4+ g5 25.Qh6+ Qf7 26.Qh5+ Qf6 27.Qe2 g4? 28.Qh6+ Qf7 29.Qh7+ Qf6 30.Qxg4! Qb7 31.Qh6- Qf7 32.Qh5+ Qg8 33.Qe6! Qh8 34.Qxe5+ Qg8 35.Qxc7 Qe4 36.Qf7+ Qh8 37.Qf6+ 1-0 Ciocaltea, V-Ostojic, P Wijk aan Zee B 1968] 7...Qxc5 8.Qb1 (8.Qe2 Qf6 9.c5 Qg4 10.0-0 <Nonchalantly offering yet another pawn.> 10...Qxc5 11.Qe3 Qxf3- 12.Qxf3 Qc7 13.Qd4 f6 14.Qh6 Qf7 15.Qf1 Qe8 16.Qh4 d6 17.Qd5+ e6 18.Qg5 Qg8 19.Qxf6 Qf7 20.Qh3 Qc6 21.Qe3 Qe7 22.Qf3 Qf5 23.Qxf5 gxf5 24.Qd1 h6 25.Qxh6 Qh7 26.Qf4 1-0 Petrov, P-Limonikov Postal 1974) 8...a6 (8...a6 9.Qd3 d6 10.0-0 Qf6 11.Qe3 Qh5 12.Qe2 Qc6 13.h3 g5 14.e5 dxe5 15.Qxe5 g4 16.Qxg4 Qxg4 17.Qxg4 Qxg4 18.hxg4 Qg6 19.Qxb7 Qd8 20.Qe2 0 0 21.Qh6 Qd6 22.c4

Qf6 23.c5 Qe6 24.Qd1 Qxd1+ 25.Qxd1 a5 26.g5 Qe4 27.Qa6 Qg7 28.Qb6 f5 29.Qxf6+ Qxf6 30.Qb1 Qd5 31.Qb3 Qe4 32.Qh2 Qf7 33.Qb1 Qxb1+ 34.Qxb1 Komliakov, V - Ardeleanu, A ATI Homorod B 1993/1-0 (51) 9.Qd3 (9.Qb5+ Qd7 10.Qd3 Qc7 11.Qc1 Qc6 12.Qc3 e5 13.Qa3 Qe7 14.Qb4 Qc8 15.Qd2 a5 16.Qe3 Qd7 17.0 0 0-0 18.f4 b5 19.Qc1 b4 20.Qa1 Qcb6 21.f5 f6 22.fxg6 hxg6 23.Qf3 Qg7 24.Qh4 Qh8 25.Qe1 Qag8 26.Qg3 Qf7 27.Qf2 g5 28.Qf5 Qc5 29.Qxd6+ Qxd6 30.Qxe5 Qe6 31.Qxf6+ Qxf6 32.Qxf6 1-0 Robatsch, K - Van Scheltinga, T Beverwijk 1963) 9...Qf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qe1 Qbd7 12.h3 e5 13.Qc1 Qc7 14.Qb4 Qg7 15.Qe3 b6 16.Qd2 Qg8 17.Qh2 Qc5 18.f4 f6 19.Qf3 Qb7 20.Qh4 Qae8 21.Qg3 Qe7 22.f5 d5 23.fxg6 hxg6 24.Qf5+ Qf7 25.Qh6+ Qg7 26.Qf5+ Qf7 27.Qxc7 Qxc7 28.exd5 exd3 29.cxd3 Qc5+ 30.Qh2 Pilnik, H-Cuartas/Buenos Aires Club Argentino 1973/1-0 (45) 6.Qd3 [6.Qd5! (An interesting idea!) 6...Qa5- 7.Qd2 Qd8 8.Qc3 f6 9.h4 Qc6 10.h5 e6 11.Qc3 Qh6 12.Qc4 a6 13.a3 b5 14.Qa2 Qb7 15.Qd6 Qf7 16.Qd1 g5 17.h6 Qxh6 18.Qxb6 Qxh6 19.Qxg5 Qc7 20.Qh5+ Qf7 21.Qf5 exf5 22.Qxf7 Qf8 23.Qd6+ Qd8 24.Qxb7+ Qc7 25.Qa5 Qxc4+ 26.Qe2 Qae8 27.Qxe4 Qxe4+ 28.Qf1 Qe5 29.f3 Qh4 30.Qf2 Qc8 31.Qd1 Qd8 32.Qb7+ Qe7 33.Qd6 1-0 Horvath, T-Gasztonyi, F Hung. Ch 1973] 6...Qf6 7.0-0 d6 8.Qb5!? Qg4 [8...Qg4 9.h3 Qd7 10.a4 a6 11.b4 Qc8 12.Qbd4 Qe5-] 9.h3?! [The immediate 9.Qe3 Qc8 10.Qxa7 was more direct, leaving black little to show for his pawn minus.] 9...Qxf3 10.Qxf3 Qc8 [Covering the weakened square b7 in anticipation of white's e4-e5.] 11.Qg3 a6 12.Qc3 Qbd7 13.f4 Qc7 14.Qe3 b5 15.Qa1 h5?!



[Both sides have been pursuing their respective strategies until now, but



somehow this just doesn't seem to fit as g6 is now weakened. 15...0-0 was probably best, after which black might consider ideas involving either e2-d7-b6/c4 or e2-d7-c5 taking off a potentially dangerous bishop.] 16. Qd4 h4 17. Wf3 e5! [Virtually forced at this point in order to avoid white's e4-c5 with even graver consequences.] 18. Qd5 Qxd5 19. exd5 0-0-0? [The wrong direction! Black would instead have little to fear after the correct 19...0-0 when the e5 outpost would be very strong.] 20. fxe5 Qxe5 [20...Wf8!?] 21. Qxe5 Qxe5 22. a4 f5 23. axb5 axb5 24. Wh1 [Threatening the capture 25. Qxb5] 24...Wc5 25. Ra1 b4 26. Ra6 Qd4 27. Ec6+?! [Although Kevin misses the tactical 27.c3! snagging her majesty smack-dab in the center of the board, the victory is not in doubt.] 27...Qd7? [27...Qb8! 28.c3 Wa7 29.Wb1 Wa5 30.Ec4+ ] 28. Qxf5+- Qe7 29. Ec7+ Qf6 30. Qe4+ 1-0

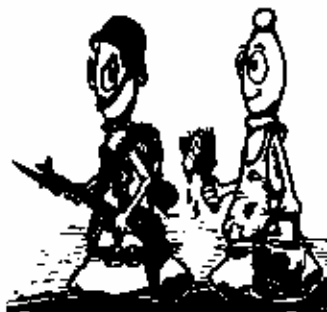
□ Harrison, W (2027)  
 ■ Wallach, K (2256)  
 Winter Open (2), 1997  
 [Alan Watson]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3. Qd2 [The Tarrasch Variation of the French Defense is quite popular among positional players as a means of avoiding the doubled c-pawns white normally accepts in the Winawer after 3. Ec3 Qb4 4.c5 e5 5.a3 Qxc3.] 3...Qf6 4.e5 Qf7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Qc6 7. Qd3 Wb6 8. Qe2?! [Renowned French expert Wolfgang Uhlmann regards this as a "routine move which allows black a good game right away." He instead recommends the more accurate 8.g3 or perhaps even the relatively untested 8.h4!?] 8...exd4 9. exd4 f6 [The second player must continue to energetically chip away at white's center or else risk a lifeless middlegame with cramped pieces.] 10.g3 fxe5 11. fxe5 Qb4+ 12. Qd2 [12. Qf2? Qdx5 +] 12...0-0 13. Qg2 Qxe5 [13...Wxf3!? (This is a more ambitious way of ensuring the destruction of white's center!)] 14. Qxf3 Qxd4 15. Qxd4 Wxd4 16. Qxb4 Qxb4- 17. Qd2 Qxd2+ 18. Qxd2 Qxe5 19. Ec2 Qd7 20. Ehc1 Qc6 21. b4 a6 22. a4 Qxb4 23. Ec7 Qc6 24. Qg4 Ee8 25. Wf1 d4 26. Wf7 Qe4 27. Wxg7 Qh8 28. Qge7 Wf8 29. Qxc6 Qd5 30. Qec7 Wf2+ 31. Ec2 Wf8 32. Ec8 Qg7 33. Ec7-

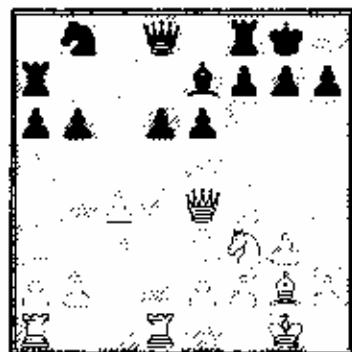
Wf7 34. Wxf7 Qxf7 35. Ec7+ Qg6 36. Qc8 b6 37. Wd7 a5 38. Wd6+ Qf7 39. Wxb6 Qc6 40. Qf5 Qg7 41. Qc2 h5 42. h4 Qc8 43. Qb3 Qc6 44. Qd1 Qe8 45. Wb8 1-0 Sherzer, A-Sismiega, M Philadelphia (World Open) 1987] 14. dxe5 Qxe5 15. Qf4?! [Inferior tries are 15. Qxe5 Wf2# and 15. Qxb4 Qxb4 16. Qf2 (If 16. Qd2 Qxf3-, or 16. Qc3 Wxb2) 16...Wc4! with the threat of 17...Qxf3 or 17...Qg4] [15. Qxd4 Qd3- 16. Qe2 Qxb2 17. Wb3 Wa6- 18. Qf2 Qxd2 19. Qxb2 Qd3 20. Wbd1 Wc3+ 21. Qf1 b6 22. Wxd2 Qa6- 23. Qe2 Wxf3- 24. Qxf3 Wf8 25. Qg2 Wxf3+ 26. Qg1 Wf2+ 27. Qh1 d4 0-1 Nicht Gleichmann/corr DDR 1988] 15...Qc4 [John Watson notes that the variation 15...Wc3+ 16. Qf1 Qxd2 Qxe5 Wxe5 18. Qxd2 g5 has occurred several times already and is quite satisfactory for the second player.] 16. Qc3?! [16. Qe2 Qd7 17. b3 (17. Qxb4 Qxb4+ 18. Qd2 Wxb2 19. Wd1 Qxd2 20. Qxd2 Wc1+ 21. Wd1 Qc5=) 17...Qxd2 18. Qxd2 Qb5+] 16...Qxb2 17. Qxb4?? [17. Qd2 Qc4 18. Qd3 Qc3 19. Qxb4 Qxg2+ 20. Qxg2 Qxb4+ 21. Qd2 Wb2+] 17...Qxd1 0-1

□ Szpisjak, S (2287)  
 ■ Chow, A (2366)  
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 [Alan Watson]

1.e4 Qf6 2. Qc3 c5 3. Qf3 e6 4. g3 b6 5. Qg2 Qb7 6. 0-0 Qe7 7. d4 exd4 8. Qxd4 d6 [A position has arisen which is popularly known simply as "The Hedgehog." By placing his pawns all along the 6th rank (a6,b6,d6,e6) black accepts a space disadvantage and erects a solid barricade of pawns to contain white's ambitions. Although passive in appearance, this position is nonetheless very resilient; and white often finds that after a later b6-b5 or d6-d5 this seemingly docile creature can have a nasty bite!] 9. Qg5



[Alternatives are 9.c4, 9.b3, and 9. Ed1] 9...a6 [Black must prevent 10. Qb5 with serious threats against the d pawn. That even very strong players can err in unfamiliar positions is demonstrated by the game Illescas-Adams, Chalcidiki 1992 which continued 9...h6?! 10. Qxf6 Qxf6 11. Qd3 0-0? 12. Qg5 winning the exchange.] 10. Qxf6 Qxf6 11. Wf4 [Equally good is the centralization 11. Qd3 which lends support to both the pawn on e4 and knight on c3.] 11...0-0 12. Wfd1 Qe7 13. Qe4 [This move which forces the exchange of black's powerful Qb7 forms the basis of white's entire plan begun by 10. Qxf6.] 13...Qxe4 14. Qxe4 Ea7



[The normal move in this position used to be 15. Qd4, but Bagirov suggests a new idea beginning 15. Qe3! when after 15...Ec7 16. Eac1 Qc8 17. Qd4! Qf6 (17...Exc4? 18. Qc6!) 18. Qh3 Ee8 19. b3 Ec5 20. Qxe6! black is set serious problems.] 15. Qd2 Qd7 16. Qad1 Wc7 17. b3 Wfd8 18. Qd4 Qf6 19. Wb1 Qxd4 20. Qxd4 Qc6 21. Q4d2 Qe7 22. e4 [Placing another pawn on the light squares has its dangers in a minor piece ending, but Steve must have considered it imperative to prevent the liberating d6-d5.] 22...Qc6 23. f4 e5 24. fxe5 [This capture is now forced since Black's knight would gain in strength vis a vis the Qg2 were the position to become

more closed.] 24...dxe5 25.Exd7 Exd7 26.Qb3 Exd1+?! [This move bringing white's queen closer to the light squares on the kingside with tempo must be regarded as an error. More thematic is 26...Ed4 inviting white to initiate the exchange either now or after the further 27...Wd6.] 27.Qxd1 Ed4 28.Wg4! [Accurately speaking to the inaccuracy black committed on move 26, white now is able to force an exchange of queens. While his position remains inferior, the net result is to remove options that might otherwise have been exercised.] 28...a5 29.Qf2 g6 30.Wc8+ Wxc8 31.Qxc8 [This ending only offers winning chances to the second player for the simple reason that white's bishop has absolutely nothing constructive to do. Black must endeavor to first place his pieces on the best squares possible and then create a second weakness with which to distract his opponent.] 31...Qf8 32.Qe3 Qe7 33.Qd3 Qd6 34.Qc3 Qe2+ 35.Qd2 Qd4 36.Qc3 Qf3 37.h4 Qd4 38.Qg4



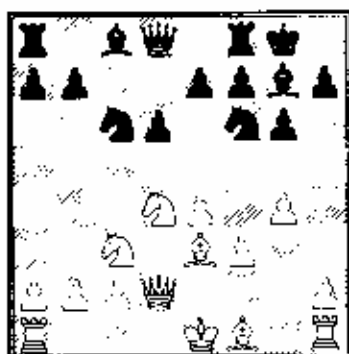
38...b5?! [Underestimating the power of 41.Qc2!, Steve advances the wrong pawn! While it is true that 38...f5! 39.exf5 gxf5 40.Qh5 would have eliminated white's isolated pawn, the fact is that black couldn't effectively attack it anyway. In this case, however, he would have mobilized his kingside and gained a passed c-pawn.] 39.Qd1 f5 40.exf5 Qxf5 41.Qc2! Qxg3 42.Qxg6 Qe2+ 43.Qd2 Qf4 44.Qb1 [44.Qc4!?] 44...Qc5 45.Qc3 b5 [45...Qg2 46.Qg6=] 46.cxb5 Qxb5 1/2-1/2

□ Palos, O (2344)  
 ■ Bachler, K (2144)  
 Winter Open (3), 1997

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qc6 5.Qf3 Qb6 6.a3 c4 7.Qe2 Qd7 8.0-0 Qge7 9.Qbd2 Qa5 10.Wc2 Qb3 11.Qxb3 Qa4 12.Qfd2 Qc6 13.Wb1 Qxb3 14.f4 0-0-0 15.Qf3 g6 16.Qg5 Qc7 17.Qg4 Qe8 18.Qe3 h6 19.Qf3 Qa5 20.Qf2 Qa4 21.Qf1 Qe7 22.g3 Qd7 23.Qe2 Qb8 24.Qaf1 Qeg8 25.Qh3 (White won around move 64.) 1-0

□ Watts, B (1939)  
 ■ Ellis, J (2151)  
 Winter Open (3), 1997  
 [Alan Watson]

1.e4 c5 2.Qf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Qf6 5.Qc3 g6 6.Qe3 Qg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Qc6 9.g4



9...Qxg4?! [In lieu of the standard replies 9...Qe6 and 9...fxd4 10.Qxd4 Qe6 Black elects to immediately usher the game into chaos in the hope of scoring a quick middlegame knockout.] 10.fxg4 Qxg4 11.Qb3!?! [11.Qxc6 bxc6 12.Qc4? d5! 13.exd5 cxd5 14.Qxd5 e6 15.Qf4 Qc7 16.Qc2 Qxb2+ Yakubov Losev. Moscow 1989; 11.Qg1!? e6 12.h4 h5 13.Qxc6 bxc6 14.Qe2 Qh6 15.Qd3 Qe5 16.Wg3 Qb8 17.b3 Qa5 18.Qd1 Qg7 19.Qxd6? Qbd8 20.Qxd8 Qxd8 21.Qf1 Qd2 22.Qh3 Qg4 23.Qb8+ Qh7 24.b4 Qa3 25.Qxa7 Qc1+ 26.Qg2 Qxc3 27.Qxc3 Qxc2+ 28.Qg3 Qe1+ 29.Qf3 Qf1+ 0-1 Psakhis Tolnai. Dortmund 1989] 11...d5 12.Qxd5 [12.cxd5 Qxc3 13.bxc3 Qxc3 14.Wxc3 Wxd5?] 12...Qxb2 13.Qb1 e6 14.Qxb2 cxd5 15.Qg5 Qb6 16.cxd5 Qfe8+



17.Qd1? [17.Qe2 Qf2+ 18.Qd1 Wg2 19.Qc1 Qf2+ 20.Qc1 Qc4 21.Qf1+ ] 17...Qe5? [17...Qf2+! 18.Qc1 Qxh1 19.Qxc6 Wg1+] 18.Qe1? [18.c4! defending f2.] 18...Qf3 19.Qd4 Qxd4 20.Wxd4 Qxd4 21.Qd3?! [21.Qh4 Qf5 22.Qg3 Qxg3 23.hxg3 b6-] 21...Qf2 22.Qf1 Qxd3+ 23.cxd3 Qe5?! [23...b6!] 24.Qf6 Qc8+ 25.Qd1 Qxd5 26.Qxb7 Qf5 27.Qxa7?? [White finally cracks under the stress.] [27.Qd2 Qde5 28.Qb2 Q5c6 29.Qe5 f6 30.Qb8 a6=] 27...Qe3+ 28.Qe2 Qxf1 29.Qxf1 Qf5+ 0-1

□ Chow, A (2366)  
 ■ Palos, O (2344)  
 Winter Open (4), 1997

1.d4 Qf6 2.c4 e6 3.Qf3 Qb4+ 4.Qbd2 0-0 5.a3 Qe7 6.e4 d6 7.Qd3 Qc6 8.0-0 e5 9.d5 Qb8 10.b4 c6 11.h3 b6 12.Qe1 cxd5 13.cxd5 Qe8 14.Qf1 g6 15.Qb6 Qg7 16.Wd2 Qa6 17.Qxa6 Qxa6 18.Qa1 Qd7 19.Qd3 Qe7 20.Q3d2 f5 21.f3 Qce8 22.Qe6 Qf7 23.Qe1 Qh5 24.Qa6 Qd8 25.Qc3 Qf4 26.Qh2 fxe4 27.fxe4 Qb8 28.Qc8 Qxc8 29.Wxc8 Qxc8 30.Qxc8 Qd7 31.Qf3 Qf7 32.Q1d2 Qe7 33.g3 Qh5 34.b5 Qe7 35.Qxc7 Qxc7 36.a4 Qf6 37.Qg2 Qd8 38.Qe1 Qe7 39.Qd3 a6 40.Qxb6 axb5 41.Qxc7 Qxc7 42.axb5 h5 43.Qf3 g5 44.g4 hxg4+ 45.hxg4 Qd7 46.Qc4 Qb6 47.Qc1 Qc5 48.Qe2 Qd8 49.Qg3 Qc7 50.Qf5 Qf8 51.Qb6 Qd7 52.Qf7 Qh7 53.b6 Qb4 54.h7 Qe7 55.Qxd6 Qxd6 56.Qxd6 Qf8 57.Qf7 Qd7 58.Qxg5 Qxb7 59.Qe6 Qb6 60.g5 Qc8 61.g6 Qe7 62.g7 Qc8 63.d6 Qg8 64.Qf8 Qb7 65.Qg6 1-0

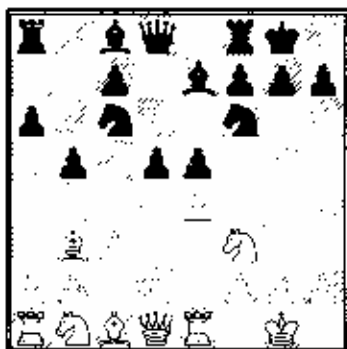
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1.d4 Qf6 2.g3 e6 3.c4 Qb4+ 4.Qd2 Qe7 5.Qg2 0-0 6.Qf3 Qxd2+ 7.Qbxd2

[7.♣d2 is also worthy of consideration in order to post the ♖b1 more strongly at c3.] 7...d6 8.0-0 e5 [Having exchanged his dark-squared bishop, black seeks to gain the greatest activity from the light squared prelate by posting central pawns on squares of the opposite color. Such a strategy is quite commonplace in the Bogo-Indian.] 9.e3 c6 10.h3 e4 [A risky choice by which black attempts to capitalize on his freer development and space advantage. Doing so, however, slightly devalues his bishop.] 11.♗e1 d5?! [A subtle mistake for reasons which will be explained shortly.] 12.♗c2 dxc4! 13.♗xc4 ♖e6 14.♗e2 ♟b7 15.♟b2 ♗f8 16.b4 ♖b6 17.♗a5 ♖d5 18.♗f1 ♗c8 19.h5 exb5 20.♣xb5 ♗d6 21.♣a4 b6 22.♗b3 ♗ac8 23.♗a3 ♗c4 24.♗xc4 ♗xc4 25.♣a6 ♗c7 26.♣f1 ♗ec8 27.♗c1 ♣a3 28.g4 b6 29.♗g1 ♗xb3 30.♣xb3 ♣xc1 0-1

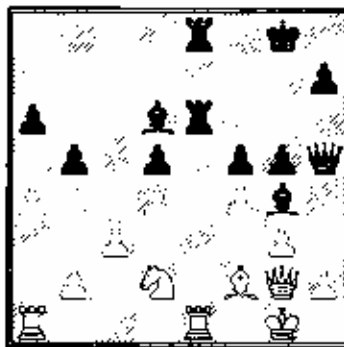
□Ellis, J (2151)  
 ■Goldman, A (2178)  
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 [Alan Watson]

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♖b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♗f6  
 5.0-0 ♗e7 6.♗e1 b5 7.♗b3 0-0 8.c3  
 d5!?

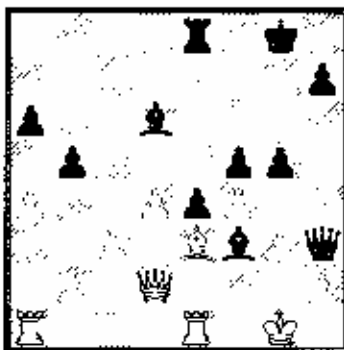


[The Marshall Gambit to the venerable Ruy Lopez (named after former American champion Frank Marshall) has a respectable position in the repertoires of several of the world's best players. In yielding a pawn, Black at the same time opens lines to activate his pieces while trading off all White's kingside defenders. Play is sharp, exciting, and fun!] 9.exd5 ♗xd5 10.♗xe5 ♗xe5 11.♗xe5 c6 12.d4 ♖d6 [This humble repositioning begins Black's assault; watch how quickly the remainder of his pieces follow suit.] 13.♗e1 ♣b4

14.g3 [A necessary weakness in light of the fact that 14.h3? allows 14...♗xh3! 15.gxh3 ♣xh3 with a nasty attack.] 14...♣h3 15.♗e3 ♗g4 16.♣d3 ♗ac8 17.♗d2 ♗e6 [Named the Spassky Variation after a former World Champion and once fearsome attacker who had a fling with this variation himself. The alternative 17...f5!? is still occasionally seen.] 18.a4 f5 [18...♣h5!?, 18...bxa4 19.♗xa4 f5 20.f4?! ♗xf4! 21.gxf4 ♗g6 22.♗xd5+ ♟h8!-+] 19.♣f1 ♣h5 20.f4 ♗fe8 21.♗f2? [White is the first to err in this deep theoretical position. 21...g5 22.♗xd5 cxd5 23.♣g2



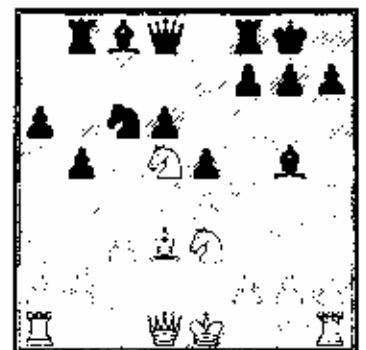
23...♗e4!! [An excellent exchange sacrifice which solidifies Black's stranglehold on the light squares surrounding White's king. A crushing breakthrough which cannot be prevented.] 24.♗xe4 dxe4 [24...fxe4!?] 25.♗e3 ♗f3 26.♗d2 ♣h3



27.♣f1? [27.fxg5 A) 27...f4 28.gxf4 (28.♗xf4 ♗xf4 29.gxf4 e3!-) 28...♣g4! 29.♟f1 ♣h3+; B) 27...♗xg3! 28.hxg3 ♣h1, 29.♟f2 ♣g2#, 27.♣f2 gxf4 28.♗xf4 ♗xf4 29.gxf4 ♗e6+] 27...gxf4 28.gxf4 [28.♗xf4 ♗xf4 29.gxf4 ♣g4+ 30.♟f2 e3+ ] 28...♟f7 29.♣xf3 exf3 0-1

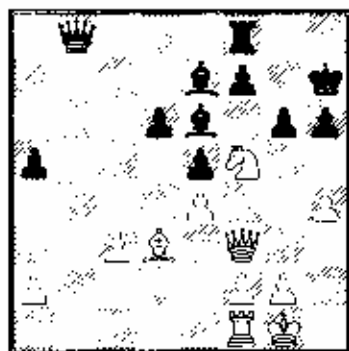
□Bachler, K (2144)  
 ■Horton, D (1800)  
 Winter Open (5), 1997  
 [Alan Watson]

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 e5 [The Sicilian Sveshnikov is extremely popular these days among all classes of players. The d5 weakness which would have horrified players a hundred years ago is more than offset by the counterplay Black receives in exchange.] 6.♗db5 d6 7.♗g5 [7.a4 would prevent the queenside expansion which now occurs but cost white valuable time in the opening. The position after 7.a4 a6 8.♗a3 ♗e6 9.♗c4 ♗c8 is then regarded as equal.] 7...a6 8.♗a3 b5 9.♗d5 ♗e7 10.♗xf6 [An important strategical crossroads has arisen. Although bishops are in general more favorable than knights, this position dictates that the struggle over control of d5 should take priority. In this vein, black's ♗f6 is much more important than the ♗e7 since it can attack that square while the bishop cannot.] 10...♗xf6 11.c3 0-0 12.♗c2 ♟b8 [With this subtle move, black discourages his opponent from playing on the queenside with a4 because of the weakness on b2. His own play will come later on the kingside after the further ♗g5.f5.] 13.♗d3 ♗g5 14.♗ce3



[14.0 0 ♗e6 15.a4 bxa4 16.♗db4 ♗c7 17.♗xa6 f5 18.exf5 ♗xf5 19.♗d3 ♗f6 20.♗xa4 d5= Nikolenko-Dolmatov, Moscow 1992] 14...a5?! [Black loses sight of the position's requirements and begins to initiate play on the side of the board in which he is the weakest. More thematic was kingside expansion with 14...g6! followed by 15...f5 when his own attack would be in full swing.] 15.0-0 b4 16.♗e2 bxc3 17.bxc3 ♗e7 18.♗ab1 ♗e6 19.♗xb8

♖xb8 20.♖h5 h6! [Necessary to stop white from spoiling the kingside pawns.] 21.h4 g6 22.♗xe7+ ♕h7! 23.♖f3 ♗xe7 24.♖f5!?



[More often than not, Kevin tends to seek tactical solutions to the problems faced over the board. Even though the tactics are not completely sound here, such a course of action is fully justified by the fact that black's position has greater potential than white's (bishop pair plus better and more mobile pawns.) 24...♗f6?! [This piece is less exposed after retreating to d8. It is then not clear what white has accomplished with his knight thrust and if he can even maintain the advanced post.] 25.♗xh6 ♗xh4 26.♗f5 ♗f6 [With the annoying h pawn now gone, 26...♗g5 was for black's best choice here.] 27.g3?! [27.♗e3 ♗g7 28.♗c4 ♗g5+] 27...♗h8?! Cowardice!?! [27...gxf5 28.exf5 ♗d7 29.♖h5+ ♗g8 30.♖g4+ ♗g7 31.♖h4 e4! 32.♗xe4 ♗c8+] 28.♗d4 exd4 29.♖xf6 dxc3 30.e5 ♗h3?? [A tragic error after a long and tiring game. Black would still have the advantage in a complicated game after 30...dxe5 31.♗xg6+ fxc6 32.♖xe6 ♗f8+] 31.♖xf7+ 1-0

♖Wallach, K (2256)  
♜Loring, S (1900)  
Winter Open (5), 1997  
[Alan Watson]

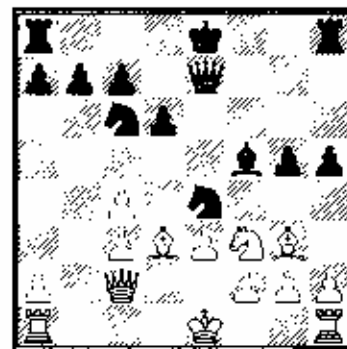
1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 ♗g4 4.♗f4 ♗c6 5.♗f3 ♗b4+ 6.♗e3



[While many modern players tend to shy away from the resulting weakness this allows in favor of 6.♗bd2, it must be at the same time stated that it is by no means weaker. In fact, the middlegames which feature the struggle of White's bishop pair against Black's structural advantage are often quite interesting.] 6...♗xc3+ 7.bxc3 ♖e7 8.♖d5 f6 18...♖a3 has been scorned in the past as too artificial, but is gradually making a slight comeback. The text maintains a focus on the center and is more classical in nature.] 9.exf6 ♗xf6 10.♖d2 d6 11.e3 ♗e4?! [Despite the tempo gain against White's queen, Black is ill advised to occupy this outpost immediately as his position is not yet sufficiently resilient to support it. Better was the simple 11.0-0 when after 12.♗d4 ♗e5 13.♗e2 ♗e4 14.♖c2 ♗c5 15.0-0 b6 Black would have a fine game.] 12.♖c2 g5? [Better was 12...♗c5 in order to deny white's ♗f1 an active post on d3.] 13.♗g3 h5?



[Another mistake. 13...0-0! 14.♗d3 ♗c5 15.♗d4 ♗d3+ 16.♖d3 ♗c5 would leave White only slightly better in a position offering balanced play.] 14.♗d3! ♗f5



15.♗xg5?! [Daring or just a serious miscalculation? The one fly in the ointment will be soon revealed.] [15.♗d4! ♗h7 (15...♗g6? 16.f3+-) 16.♗xc6 bxc6 17.♖a4±] 15...♗xg3 16.♗xf5 ♗xh1 17.♗g6+ ♗d8?? [17...♗f8 18.♖f5+ ♗g7 19.♗e6+ ♗g8 20.♗e2 ♗xf2 21.♗f1 ♗c5! 22.♗xf2 ♗h6!+] 18.♗f7+ ♗c8 19.♗xh8+ ♗e5 20.♗f5+ ♗b8 21.♗g6 ♗g5 22.♗xe5 ♗xg2 23.0-0-0 ♗xf2 24.♗d7+ ♗c8 25.♗b6+ ♗b8 26.♗xa8 ♖f3 27.♗g1 1-0

♖Szpisjak, S (2283)  
♜Palos, O (2435)  
Winter Open (5), 1997  
[Szpisjak]

1.e4 e5 2.♗c3 ♗c6 3.♗f3 d6 4.d4 ♗g4 5.d5 ♗ce7 6.e4 [6.c5!?] 6...g6 7.h3 ♗xf3 8.♖xf3 ♗g7 9.♗d3 ♗f6 10.♗e3 ♗d7 11.h4 h5 12.0-0-0 ♗b6 13.♗xb6 ♗xb6 14.♖e3 ♗g8 15.g3?! [15.♗e2; 15.f3; 15.f4 exf4 16.♖xf4 ♖e7 17.♗d1 ♗e5 18.♗e2] 15...♗h7 16.f3 [16.f4!?] 16...♗g6 17.♗e2 a6 18.g4 [18.f4!?] 18...♖b8 19.g5 ♗g8 20.♗f1 ♖a7 21.♖d2 ♗e7 22.♗h3 ♖c5 23.b3 0-0-0 24.♖h1 ♗b8 25.♖b2 [Better was f3-f4 now.] 25...♗c8 26.f4 exf4 27.♗d7 ♗d7 28.♗xf4 ♗e7 29.♗a4 ♖a7 30.♗d1 ♗b6 31.♗xb6 ♖xb6 32.♖f2 c5 33.dxc6 ♖xc6 34.♖d4 ♗c7 35.♗c3 ♗d7 36.♖d5 ♗e8 37.♖xc6+ bxc6 38.♗f6 ♗xe4 39.♗d6 ♗e7 40.♗d4 ♗e3+ 41.♖b4 ♗e5 42.♗df4 a5+ 43.♖a4 f5 44.gxf6+ ♗f8 45.f7 [45.♗g1 ♗f7 46.♗d1] 45...g5 46.hxg5 ♗xg5 47.♗f6 ♗c5 48.♗b5 [48.a3! h4 49.♗b5] 48...♗xf5 49.♗xf5 h4 50.♖xa5 h3 51.♗f1 h2 52.♗h1 ♗xf7 53.♖b6 ♗b6 54.a4 ♗e8 55.a5 ♗d7 56.a6 ♗c8 57.a7 c5+ 58.♖xc5 ♖b7 59.♖b5 ♖xa7 60.b4 ♖b7 61.c5 ♗h4 62.♖a5 ♗c6 63.♖a4 ♗h3 64.b5+ ♖xc5 65.b6 ♖xb6 66.♖b4 ♗h4+ 67.♗c3 ♗c5 68.♗d3 ♗d5 69.♗e3 ♗e5 70.♗f3 ♗f5 71.♗g3 ♗g5 72.♗xh2 ½-½ ♖



## *More than Just Good Food...*

By Timothy Williams

If you weren't at the ICA Banquet this year, you missed more than a great meal. While the food was outstanding in its own right, the event was really a celebration of all the great people and great events that make up the Illinois chess community. This year's banquet was the largest to date even with a major scholastic tournament being held the day before. Fred Gruenberg took on the responsibilities for organizing this event and his efforts were obvious as every detail seemed to have been covered top to bottom. This year Fred even managed to organize an event within the event, the Gurevich Blitz Challenge. More on that later.

The entire state was represented as attendees were present from Chicago, Peoria, and other points down state. Juniors, seniors, and everyone in between; the list of attendees could very much have been a who's who of Illinois chess. Two special guests were also in attendance, IM Martin Del Campo and GM Gilberto Hernandez, both of who made themselves available for games before the banquet.



**Illinois State Scholastic Champions Face GMs and IM.**

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The Gurevich Blitz Challenge was the brain child of Fred Gruenberg and it was indeed a special attraction. Ever wanted the chance to test your game against a GM? Illinois own resident Grandmaster Dmitry Gurevich put his reputation on the line and played speed games against all comers, usually three at a time. Out of countless games played, only Larry Cohen managed to survive Dmitry's attacks. Unofficial word is that Larry managed a win and a draw before the afternoon was over. For everyone else the result was as expected as the GM quickly dispatched his opponents. A great opportunity for those who took advantage of it and presented free of charge as an added attraction to the ICA Banquet.

Distinguished Recognition Awards were presented to Helen Warren ("The sky is the limit - When your heart is in it.") and to Jim Oberweis (Distinguished "Patron" Award). Both of these fine people have made contributions over the last year, and more, that have kept many of the programs we take for granted both alive and growing.

Service Awards were presented to Bill Smythe (Service to the Chess Community), Bill Naff and Bob Steele (Service to the ICA), Richard Verber & Josh Flores, Fox Valley Chess Club (Service to the Chess Club), and Tom Larson (Service to Scholastic Chess). A lengthy article could be devoted to the activities of each of these people. If you play in any ICA tournaments, attend ICA functions, read the ICB, or regularly attend any chess club in the state, then these names should all be known to you. Each of these awards were more than deserved and they all should be proud of their accomplishments.

Two special Awards were also presented. Ken Wallach received the "Billy Colias Excellence in Teaching Award." Ken has made contributions that few can rival when it comes to working with junior chess players. There are many people across the state who do their best to teach and foster a love of chess. But there are few who can come close to being in the same league as Ken. Once again, an award that was much deserved.

And speaking of deserved awards. Maybe the most was the following. Definitely the highlight of the entire event was the presentation of the "Natalie Broughton Life Achievement Award." The winner was Dr. Eugene Martinovsky. He accepted the award amidst a standing and heartfelt ovation. In many ways Dr. Martinovsky has come to be THE representative of Illinois chess at its best. A strong competitor and frequent prize winner, he is always the distinguished gentleman. You may see his games often enough in this magazine, but they only give the slightest insight into this well-respected member of our community. It is quite the rare event any more to meet the likes of him across the board. Whereas he accepted the award with thanks, maybe it would be more appropriate for us to thank him for being there to receive it.

The following were named for their participation as teachers in the ICA-Warren Junior Chess Program for 1997:

GM Dmitry Gurevich  
IM Josh Manion  
SM Richard Verber  
NM Ken Wallach

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*"Attention: Time Pressure!"*



By GM Dmitry Gurevich and Timothy Williams

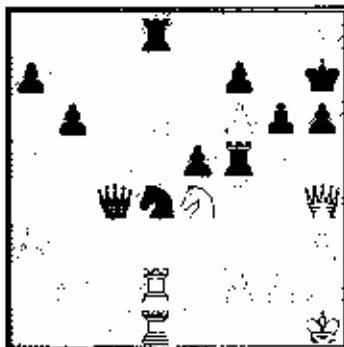
The Gurevich Tapes II

Sometimes you get in time trouble whether you want to or not, and it's normal. The position is complicated and you want to take as much time as possible in this position. Then you have to make a lot of moves in a small amount of time and play really fast. For example, seven moves in ten minutes, for me that's serious time pressure. Recently I have gotten into very serious time pressure, with less than one minute for ten moves. And in this situation it is very natural for everyone to make mistakes.

GM Reshevsky was very good in time pressure, and many others, but even if you have more time than them, you make mistakes and they don't. But everybody makes mistakes in time pressure. So here are some games presented where time pressure played a very big role and sometimes the mistakes were very big.

This first game is against Israeli GM Gutman. This particular tournament was very strong with 20 GM's.

Both players were in serious time pressure as each had about 5 minutes for ten moves but the position is very complicated but what it means is that any mistake can be decisive. In fact White's last move was to play Kh2-h1 to get rid of the possible check on f3 by the knight.



Gurevich,D – Gutman  
Bad Zwesten, 1997

The position is very complicated. Here Black is probably better, he has an extra pawn and he has the knight on d4. For White the knight on e4 is well placed, the pawn on f6 is protected, and he has attacking possibilities.

31...♖e6??

This move should lose the game. Now White is winning by force. Better is 31...♖e6.

32.g4 ♖c6

Now he plays the right move. If 32...♖f4?!, then 33.♗g5- ♔g8 34.♗xe6+-.

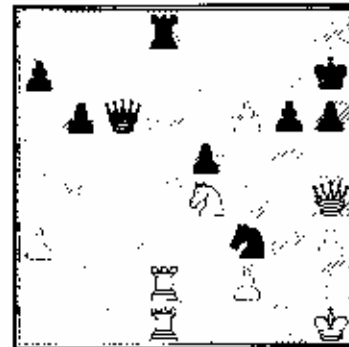
33.gxf3 ♗f3

The only chance. Otherwise Black has to resign.

34.fxg6+

The correct move.

34...fxg6

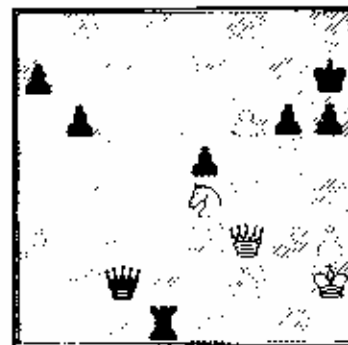


White thought for a minute and a half and then played...

35.♗g4?? ♗xd2 36.♗g2! ♗f3?

Better is 36...♗xe4 37.♗xd8 ♖c1+ 38.♗h2 ♗f4+ 39.♗g1 ♖c1+ 40.♗h2 ♗f4+ 41.♗g1 ♖c1+ 42.♗f1 ♗g5+ and the position is drawn.

37.♗xf3 ♗xd1+ 38.♗h2 ♖c2



39.f7??

Throwing away the win and now White should only draw. The right move is 39.♗g5- when White forces mate. For example, 39...hxg5 40.♗h7+ ♖c7 41.♗xc7+ ♗d7 42.♗xd7+ ♗h6 43.♗g7+ ♗h5 44.♗h7# or if 39...♗g8 40.♗a8+ ♖c8 41.♗xc8+ ♗d8 42.♗xd8#.

39...♗d8 40.♗f6+??

Better is 40.f8♖ ♔xf8 41.♖xf8 ♖xe4 42.♖f7+= when White will take the perpetual check rather than risk losing.

40...♔g7 1-0

Black's flag fell even though he now has the advantage.

Cvitan – Gurevich, D  
Geneva, 1997



22.♖d2! bxa3?! [22...c3!?

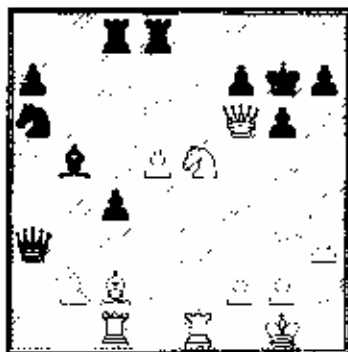
23.♖c3+ ♖f6 24.♖xa3 ♖b5 25.♖c2

[25.♖b1!?

25...♖ed8?!

[25...♖xe1+ 26.♖xe1 ♖c3]

26.♖e5



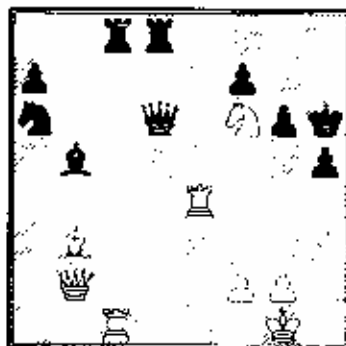
26...c3 27.♔g4 ♖d6 28.♖a1! ♖b4  
29.bxc3 ♖xc3 30.♖b1 ♖b4 31.♖b3 h5  
32.♖b2+ ♖h7

White has a tremendous attack so Black tries to get some kind of chance in the time pressure.

33.♔f6+ ♖h6 34.♖e4!

A beautiful move. Now it is impossible to play 34... Rxc1 because of the reply 35.Qxc1+.

34... ♖d6



In this position it was White's turn to make a mistake.

35.♖ee1?

[235.♖xc8 ♖xc8 36.g4! when White has a winning attack. For example, 36...♖c5 37.f4 ♖xc4 38.g5+ ♔xg5 39.fxg5- ♔xg5 40.♖e4++ A very nice combination that wins by force, but very hard to find when you're in time pressure!]

35...♔e5 36.g4

Not as good as earlier but still a good move. Now what is Black to do? The only move...

36... g5 37.♖xh5

[37.h4! is also possible.]

37...♖g8

Because of the mate threat on g7.

38.♖e7?

[238.♖g3 sacrificing the exchange for a winning position.]

38...♔d3 39.♖1e6+??

A tremendous mistake. At this point a large crowd had gathered around the table and one of the spectators made an "Oh, oh!"-ing sound on this move. I thought, "What is this stupid man thinking? Of course I had seen this move!" And so I took with the queen but...

39... ♖xe6??

This is a major blunder, too. If I had not responded to the noise I might have found the right move 39...fxe6 40.♖f6+ ♖g6 and there is no mate for White, despite how it might appear. Black wins easily from this position. 41.♖f7 ♖c1- 42.♔g2 ♔c1+ 43.♔g1 ♖f3+ 44.♔g2 ♔h4#.

40.♖xe6+ fxe6

Both sides have now made the time control. Materially, Black is ok but he is probably getting checkmated soon.

41.♖f6+ ♖g6 42.♖e7

I thought for a long time but didn't realize how lost the position was. So I played the only possible move.

42... ♖c1+

I could notice one thing: Cvitan looked very unhappy. He was making faces and shaking his head. I didn't know why because my position was very difficult. I figured it was because he thought he should have beaten me up earlier. But I thought that because of the earlier time pressure so it wasn't such a big deal. Actually, I was pretty wrong about it in the end.

43.♔h2 ♖f1

The only move I could see.

44.dxe6??

Later Cvitan showed me how he could have won. It was one of those very upsetting moves of a game and he spent a half hour afterwards going over this mistake. The right move is 44.♖d8! threatening mate in one. Black doesn't have too many choices, ie., 44...♖xf2+ 45.♔g1 ♖h7 46.♖c7+ ♖h6 47.♖b8+- and Black can resign because of the dual threats of Qxb5 and Qh8#.

44...♔c6!

Now Black is saved.

45.♖f8+ ♔h7 ½-½

White had to agree to a draw because of the perpetual check.

When I asked Cvitan afterwards why he was shaking his head after the time control, he responded that it was because he had seen the chance for Black to win and the game was no longer perfect after that.

The final observation is that often during a game we really don't know

what is happening. Only after the game is over do things become clear. So it is better not to lose your energy over calculating things that have nothing to do with the present position. Of course, it's easier said than done. Very often the positions are linked by similarities and it is hard not to think about what you

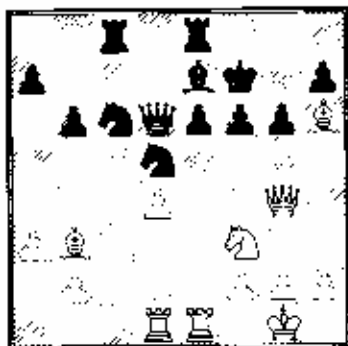
should have done when the opportunity was still present. Especially if the combination would have been very beautiful. But this is real chess and time pressure is a big part of that.

(Next issue will move on to the Duntiry's games from the U.S. Masters.)

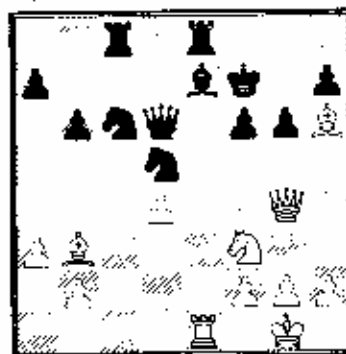
**Best Game Candidate from the '96 Olympiad**

□ **Sturua, Z (2560)**  
 ■ **Kutirov, R (2525)**  
 Yerevan ol, 1996  
 {Sturua; Gufeld}

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Qf6 5.Qc3 e6 6.gf3 Qe7 7.cxd5 Qxd5 After 7...cxd5 Black must play much longer to gain equality. 8.Qd3 Qc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qe1 Qf6 11.a3 b6 12.Qc2 Qa6 13.Qg5 Qc8 14.Qd2 Qc4 Novelty. The earlier best theoretical game was played with 14... Na5. Not all novelties are good. Sometimes the old is better than the new. 15.Qf4! Queen shifts to the kingside to attack the weak Black king. 15...Qd5 [15...Qd5?! 16.Qh4 g6 17.Qh6 the wolf is near the sheep!] 16.Qh4 g6 [16...h6 A) 17.Qxh6!? Qxf3! 18.gxf3 (18.Qxg7 Qh5 19.Qh3 Qxg7 20.Qxf3 Qh8 21.d5 with an unclear position.) 18...Qxd4 19.Qh1 Qxc2 20.Qxg7 Qh7 21.Qg3 Qh4 22.Qg1 Qg5 and Black is winning.; B) C) 17.Qxd5 17...Qxd5 (17...Qxd5 18.Qe4; 17...cxd5 18.Qxh6! gxh6 19.Qxh6 and White is winning.) 18.Qe3 with a small advantage to White.] 17.Qxd5 Qxd5 Congratulations to Sturua! He followed the understanding that the elephant is stronger than the horse. In Russian, bishop is elephant and knight is horse. 18.Qad1 Qd6 [18...Qxd4 19.Qxd4 Qxc2 20.Qxd5 the position is near winning for White.] 19.Qb3 White has the bishop pair and this makes the position to White's advantage. 19...f6 The only way to defend. [19...Qfe8 20.Qxe7 Qxc7 21.Qg5 h5 22.g4 White has a very strong attack. For example, 22...Qg7 23.gxh5 Qh8 24.h6+! Qxh6 25.Qxh6+ and White is winning.] 20.Qg4! [20.Qh3 is not good because after 20...fxg5 21.Qxe6 Qd8 22.Qe5 Black replies 22...Qxd4 23.Qxd4 Qc1+ 24.Qd1 Qxd1+ 25.Qxd1 and 25...Qf4 shows the variation is not good.] 20...Qf7 21.Qb6 Qfe8? White has a good advantage. And again, in a bad position, it is a bad move again. Black must play ... Rfd8 which is the only way to defend the position.



Now I believe your readers will enjoy this brilliant combination. The Georgian grandmaster shared first place with chess genius Garry Kasparov in the Soviet Junior Championship at Tbilisi, 1976. 22.Qxe6!! Qxe6 23.Qe1! Qd6 [23...f5 24.Qxe6 fxg4 (24...Qxe6 25.Qg3+-) 25.Qxd5 Qd8 26.Qxc6 Qxd5 27.Qxc8 gxh3 28.gxf3 Qxd4 29.Qc7 and White is winning.]



24.Qf4!! Like one mistake follows another, in good psychological situations, one brilliant move follows another. 24...Qd8?! It was always a knockout to play this move. We have to look for other moves. [24...f5 25.Qh3! Qxf4 26.Qxh7+ Qf6 27.Qxd5 Qd8 28.Qe5 and White is winning.; 24...h5 may be the only chance to defend, but after 25.Qxc8! Qxc8 26.Qxd6 Qxd6 27.Qxd5+ and White is nearer to winning. The game finished after...] 25.Qe6+ Qg7 26.Qxd5 g5 27.Qf7+ 1-0 Because after 27... Qh8 28.Qe4 the sheep is caught.

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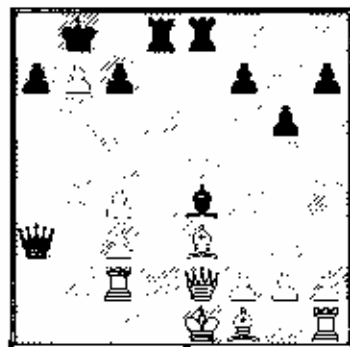
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[Tu Hoang Thai]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 ♟f6 3.c4 e6!? [3...c6] 4.dxe6 ♖xe6 5.♁f3 ♖e7!N [5...♗c6] 6.♖e2 ♟c6 7.d4 0-0-0 8.d5 [8...♗c3 ♟c4 A) 9.d5 ♖g4 10.dxc6 ♖f6! 11.cxb7+ ♗b8 12.a3 (12.♗bd2 ♗b4 13.0-0-0 ♗c3! ♣) 12...♗c5 13.♗bd2 ♗xd2 14.♗xd2 ♖xb2 ♣; B) 9.♗c3 9...♗f5 B1) 10.d5 ♖f6 11.dxc6 (11.♗xe4 ♗xe4 12.0-0-0 ♗b4+!) 11...♗xc3 12.♗g5 ♗b4 13.♗xf6 ♟xc2- 14.♗xc2 gxf6 15.cxb7+ ♗xb7 ♣; B2) 10.0-0-0! ♗xc3 11.bxc3 ♖e4! 12.♗b2 (12.♖d3 ♖c6 13.♖c2 ♖c4=) 12...f6 with the idea of Na5 with compensation.; B3) 10.♗d5? 10...♗xd5 11.cxd5 ♖b4+ 12.♗d2 ♗xd4 13.♗xd4 ♖xd4 14.♟xe4 ♗xe4 15.a3 ♖xd5 16.♗d1 ♖f5 17.♖d2 ♗c5+ ♣) 8...♖b4+ 9.♗c3 ♣ [9.♗d2 ♖xb2; 9.♗bd2 ♗f5] 9...♗f5 10.♗e3!? [10.dxc6 ♗c5 11.cxb7+ ♗b8 A) 12.♟c5? ♖xb7 13.♟xf7 ♖he8 14.♗c3 ♖d7 15.♗g5 ♗d3 16.♖f3 (16.♖xd3 ♗xd3) 16...♖xb2+; B) 12.♗c3 12...♟g4 13.♖d1 ♣ (13.a3?! ♖b6 14.♗d5 ♗xd5! 15.cxd5 ♗xe3 16.♟xe3 ♗xe3 17.♖c1 ♖e8+!) 13...♗xc3 14.♗xd8+ (14.♟xe3 ♖xd1- 15.♗xd1 ♖e8 16.♗d5 ♖xb7 17.♗d2 c6 18.♖a5 ♗d6 19.♗f4 ♗g4=) 14...♗xd8 15.♟c3 ♖e8 16.a3 ♖b6 17.♗d5 ♖b3! ♣) 10...♗e4 ♣ 11.♖c1



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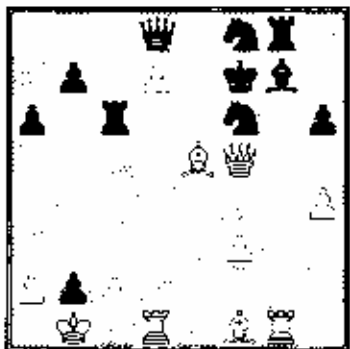
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[Belakovskaya]

1.d4 f5 2.♗g5 A very poisonous continuation aimed at giving Black trouble. 2...♖g6 3.♗c3 Deliberately avoiding 3.e4. 3...d5 4.h4 ♗g7 5.e3 Nevermind 5.h5 because of 5...h6 followed by 6...g5. 5...h6 6.♗f4 ♗f6 7.♗f3 ♗e6?! 8.♗e5 ♗f7 9.g4! ♣ White commences to unbalance the position. 9...♗bd7 10.gxf5 gxf5 11.♗xf7 ♗xf7 White sacrifices the beautiful knight. 12.♖d3 e6 13.0-0-0 a6?! 14.f3 c5 15.e4! cxd4 [15...♟h5 16.♗c3] 16.exd5 e5 [16...dxc3? 17.dxc6- ♗xe6 18.♖c4- ♗e7 19.♗d6+!] 17.♖xf5 dxc3 18.♖g1! ♟f8 (18...♖b6 19.♖g6+ ♗e7 20.♖xg7+ ♗d8 (20...♗d6 21.♗xe5+!+!) 21.♖xh8+ ♗c7 22.♗xe5- ♗xe5 23.♖g7+ ♗ed7 24.♖g3+ followed by 25.bxc3.) 19.d6! ♖c8 20.♗xe5 cxb2+ 21.♗b1 ♖g8 [21...♖d7 22.♖xg7+] 22.d7! ♖c6 [22...♗8xd7 23.♖g6+ ♗e6 24.♗h3+ ♗xe5 25.♖f5#]

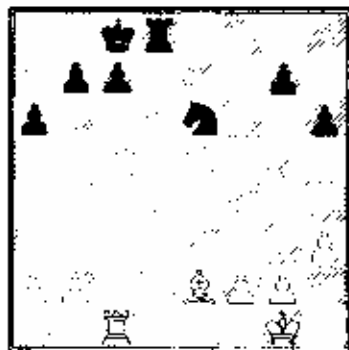


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## Endgame Decisions

By GM Gabriel Schwartzman, 1996 US Open Champion



Black to move

Your task is to find the best move for black.

Not such an easy puzzle, right? Actually it is a very difficult one, and if you found the right move you should definitely give yourself a well-deserved pat on the back.

The position comes from a game I played recently at the US Masters against well known GM Nick DeFirmian. The opening had been a Petroff, and it didn't take too many moves to get rid of most of our pieces, arriving to this interesting endgame. If you were to ask me who is better, I would be hard pressed to give a correct answer. Nonetheless, 'white' seems to be the easier answer. Why? For a very simple reason: the bishop.

It is a widely known fact that bishops are better than knights in exactly this kind of position: few pawns, but on both sides on the board. In reality though, things are by far not so simple. I mean the bishop has the advantage of controlling both sides of the board without moving, but it has the disadvantage of only seeing one color. Which give the pawns on the other side quite a safe haven on the opposite color, and it also gives the

opponent's knight some extra power. So, having a bishop is clearly not just positive.

Forgetting the bishop and knight for a second, what else is there? Well, the pawns are almost symmetrical, so nothing much there... How about the kings? This is where some interesting things are happening! Obviously, the white king could not be placed much worse than g1... Far from the center and almost anything else there is, it is going to take it a lot of time to bring it closer to action, time which can be very valuable in the endgame, as we all know...

How about the black king? I would say that c8 is a slightly better square. First of all it is closer to the center, and it also provides a clear line towards d7 and the center, as opposed to the kind of restraint the white pawns are putting on their king.

De Firmian's last move was 1.Bf1-c2. His idea was quite simple: the bishop on f1 was not very active, so he is trying to reposition it on the h3-c8 diagonal. The question is why? Why this diagonal, and not another one? The answer is quite simple: black's king!

My opponent understood the slight advantage I had with my king, and he is trying to eliminate it, by pushing my king to h8. In this way, the kings will be symmetrical as well, thus allowing white to claim the upper hand by virtue of the better bishop. White is also extremely eager to make my king stay on the queen side. The reason why is quite simple: my knight and rook can handle most of the work on the queen side by themselves, and probably achieve an advantage thanks to the majority.

White's counterattack on the queen side however, is dependent on the black king not being there... Because the pawns are on dark squares, and because white has a light squared bishop, if black manages to get his king on the king side, there is no way white can hope to achieve anything on that side of the board. You see, what white is trying to achieve, is a simple race, where black pushes his pawns on the queen side, and white those on the king side. His hope is that thanks to the agility of the bishop, he would be the winner of such a race.

Unfortunately for white, this race only works on equal terms, that is if the kings do not get involved in the defense... Just try to imagine a king on f6... How can white expect to get a passed pawn or win any of the black pawns when the king stays there?

I am sure my opponent understood these facts quite well, and he was eager to do something to stop it. What better way than to force my king in the opposite direction? Which is why he chose the Be2-g4 maneuver.

I must admit that white's plan wasn't bad at all. Except for one thing: my king is not forced to go to h8 - not on this move, and not on any other move. The way to achieve this is through 1...Rd6!

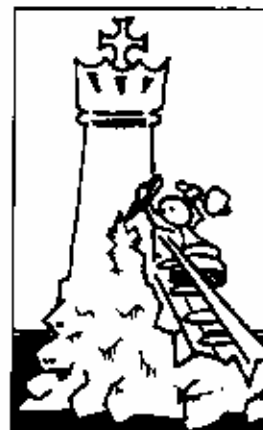
Sometimes the simplest move is the best... The only purpose of this one is to defend the knight, while preparing an underground escape route to the kingside for the king, namely through d8. After the expected 2.Bg4 Kd8 we ended up in this position.

I must say that I have achieved all I could have wished for. The king has

centralized a little further, and is already playing an important role as it is preventing the white rook from entering the 7th rank - something that white can not reciprocate... Now if white trades the bishop for the knight, he clearly enters a slightly worse endgame, even though it looks very drawish.

Instead, DeFirmian preferred an attempt to centralize his own king. After 3.g3 b6 4.Kg2 Nc5 5.b4 Nd3 6.Rc4 b5 7. Re4 c5 8.bc5 Nc5 9.Re2 b4, there is no doubt as to who is faster...

Of course, with so few pieces on the board, it is still very hard to tell whether black has enough to actually win the game. As a matter of fact, after another 70 moves and an absolutely unbelievable endgame (of which I guarantee you will see more in other puzzles), the game ended in a draw. Nevertheless, I had an opportunity to win later on, which I unfortunately missed. I guess all rook endgames are really drawn, as someone once said... ♔



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### Selected GM Games

☐ Karpov, An (2760)  
 ■ Shirov, A (2690)  
 It. Dos Hermanas ESP (04), 1997

1.d4 e6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 g7 4.g2 0-0  
 5.e3 d6 6.f3 f6 7.0-0 a6 8.f1 b8  
 9.f1 b5 10.xb5 axb5 11.b4 e6 12.e4  
 e7 13.f2 c5 14.bxc5 dxc5 15.dxc5  
 f7 16.fxb5 e5 17.e4 d3 18.f2  
 a6 19.a4 fxc1 20.fxc1 f8 21.f2  
 xb5 22.axb5 d4 23.b6 f8 24.f2  
 c5 25.f2 d4 26.f2 xf2+ 27.f1  
 f5 28.f2 e7 29.f3 f8 30.e5  
 f4 31.f2 e7 32.f2 a3 1-0

☐ Andersson, U (2655)  
 ■ Akopian, V (2655)  
 I Ubeda Ubeda (10), 1997

1.f3 e6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 g7 4.g2 0-0  
 5.0-0 d6 6.e3 c5 7.d3 e6 8.f1 a5  
 9.a3 f8 10.g5 h6 11.f6 f6 12.b4  
 axb4 13.axb4 g7 14.b5 e7 15.f2 c6  
 16.f2 e6 17.bxc6 bxc6 18.f7 d5  
 19.f1 e4 20.cxd5 cxd5 21.f5 f8  
 22.f4 e3 23.cxd3 e6 24.f3 f5  
 25.f1 f7 26.f7 e7 27.f1 h7  
 28.f4 e5 29.fxc8 fxc8 30.f5 e5  
 31.f3 d7 32.d4 f6 33.f7 e7  
 1/2-1/2

☐ Kramnik, V (2740)  
 ■ Anand, V (2765)  
 It. Dos Hermanas ESP (01), 1997

1.f3 e6 2.c4 e6 3.e3 d5 4.d4 dxc4  
 5.e4 b4 6.g5 c5 7.fxc4 cxd4 8.fxd4  
 d7 9.0-0 e6 10.f1 h6 11.f4 0-0  
 12.e5 f8 13.g3 f5 14.f1 d6  
 15.fdb5 f4 16.fxd6 fxd6 17.fxd6  
 f8 18.fxf8 fxf8 19.b4 a6 20.a4 e8  
 21.fxd8 fxd8 22.fed1 f8 23.f3 e6  
 24.b5 axb5 25.axb5 e8 26.f1 g5  
 27.f1 g7 28.f1 e8 29.f1 a3 f7  
 30.b6 f7 31.f3 a5 e6 32.f5 f8  
 33.e2 d5 34.f7 f8 35.f2 f6  
 36.f3 f6 37.fxd5 f2+ 38.fg1  
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 1/2-1/2

# What the GM's Missed

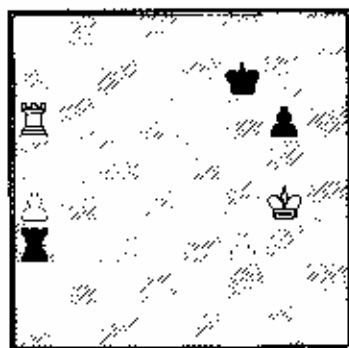


By Timothy Williams

This issue we look at what should be a simple ending to understand - rook and rook pawn versus rook. But things are not always as simple as they may look at first. The primary case in point comes from a recent game played at the US Masters. I had the good fortune to actually watch this game from beginning until end quite closely, seeing how I was running the demo board at the time. Anyway, what really struck me as strange was how long these two strong Grandmasters spent on each move when the position was down to the endgame in question. I'll give the moves for the early part of the game to wet your appetite for the great coverage of this event that will be published next issue.

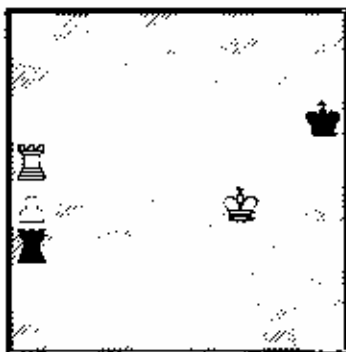
□ DeFirmian, N (2635)  
 ■ Sokolin, L (2595)  
 US Masters, 1997  
 [Williams, T]

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 5.h3 ♁f6 6.♁d3 dxe4 7.♁xe4 ♁xe4  
 8.♁xe4 0-0 9.0-0 ♁d7 10.♁g5 h6  
 11.♁e3 c5 12.♁d2 ♁h7 13.dxc5 ♁c7  
 14.b4 ♁f6 15.♁d3 e5 16.♁c4 ♁d8 17.♁e2  
 ♁f5 18.♁a1 ♁e4 19.♁xd8 ♁xd8 20.g4  
 ♁c3 21.♁e1 e4 22.♁d4 ♁xg4 23.hxg4  
 ♁d7 24.♁e6 fxe6 25.♁xc3 ♁xd4 26.♁xd4  
 ♁xd4 27.♁xd4 ♁xd4 28.c3 ♁d3 29.♁e1  
 ♁xc3 30.♁xe4 a5 31.♁xe6 axb4 32.♁e7+  
 ♁g8 33.♁xb7 ♁xc5 34.♁xb4 ♁f7 35.♁g2  
 ♁f6 36.a4 ♁c3 37.f3 h5 38.♁g3 ♁a3  
 39.♁b6+ ♁f7 40.♁a6 hxg4 41.♁xg4



Time to start looking at the endgame seriously. As both players had put a lot of effort into the game up until this point, I somewhat expected them to agree a draw in the next few moves if nothing dramatic happened.

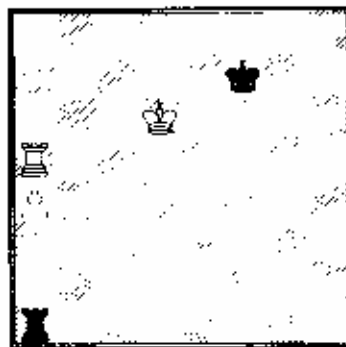
41...g5 42.♁a5 ♁f6 43.♁a8 ♁g6 44.♁a5  
 ♁b6 45.f4 gxf4 46.♁xf4



Now, this is a drawn position. But our GM's do not take the draw and go home. Instead they play on. Obviously, DeFirmian is hoping to find something to exploit while Sokolin will try to keep from erring. This should be easy for a GM. Or is it?

46...♁g6 47.♁e5 ♁f7 48.♁d6 ♁a1??

A blunder. Now there is a forced win. A good question is to ask is how. We'll look at that in just a second.



Just for the record, better is 48...♁f6. In fact, this is the ONLY drawing move,

although the other wins are apparently not so easy to find either. For example, 49.♁c7 ♁e7 50.♁b7 ♁d7=

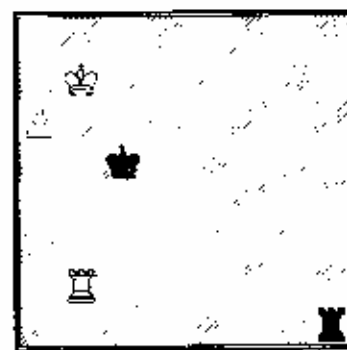


49.♁a6??

Missing the win. Now the opportunity passes and the game is once again a draw and remains that way until the end.

The game concluded as follows:

49... ♁d1+ 50.♁c7 ♁e7 51.♁c6 ♁a1  
 52.♁c4 ♁e6 53.♁h4 ♁c1+ 54.♁b7 ♁d6  
 55.a5 ♁c5 56.♁b2 ♁h1 57.a6

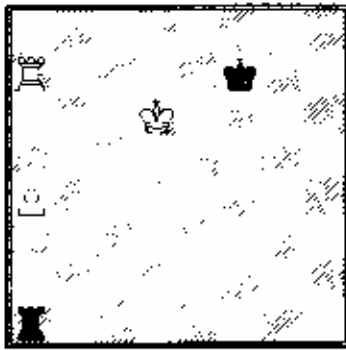


57...♁h7+□ Anything else loses. 58.♁b8  
 ♁c6 59.♁b7 ♁h8+ 60.♁a7 ♁c8 61.♁b6+  
 ♁c7 62.♁b1 ♁c6 63.♁c1+ ♁d7 64.♁xc6  
 ½-½

So what did the GM's miss?

49.♁a7+!





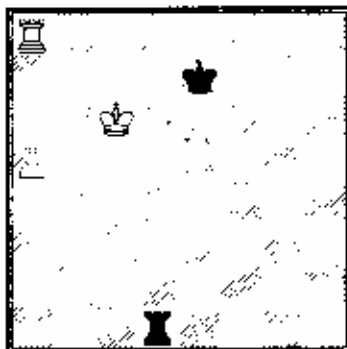
And and now comes the point, what is different now than from the other lines?

49...♗e8 50.♖a8+!□

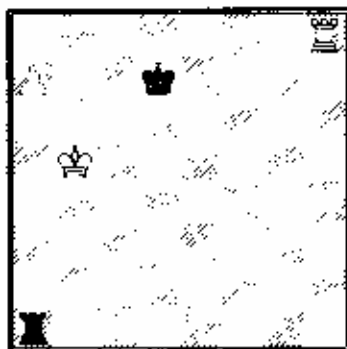
Now Black's problem is more obvious. How can he get his king into position to help stop the passed pawn?

50...♗f7 51.a5 ♖d1+ 52.♗c6 ♖c1+

(Black could also try 52...♗e7, however...



This doesn't work either. Notice how the kings and the white rook are in the same configuration as earlier (just a file over). The black king has no access. 53.a6 ♖c1+ 54.♗b5 ♗d7 55.a7 Black is helpless against this pawn. 55...♖a1 56.♖h8!

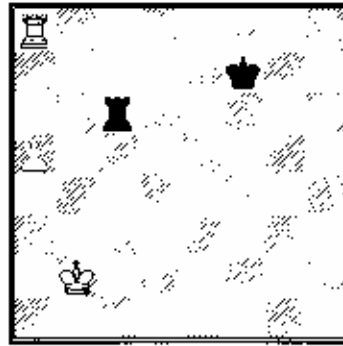


56...♖xa7 57.♖h7+ ♗d6 58.♖xa7- - )

53.♗b6 ♖b1+ 54.♗c5

Of course putting the king in front of the pawn is incorrect at this point.

54...♖c1+ 55.♗b4 ♖b1+ 56.♗c3 ♖c1+ 57.♗b2 ♖c6



58.♗b3□

White has gotten out of the annoying checks. Now the king returns with a vengeance.

58... ♖d6

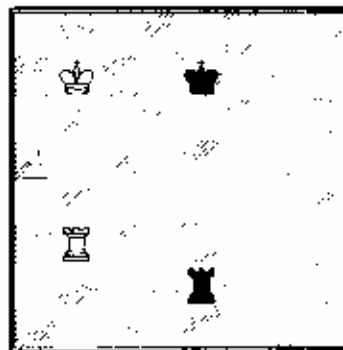
(58...♖c1 doesn't gain Black anything either.)

59.♗b4 ♖e6 60.♖d8 ♗e7 61.♖d3□

This keeps the black king far from the pawn. This is the only way to win.

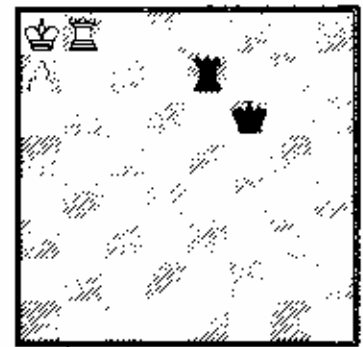
61...♖e4+ 62.♗b5 ♖e5+ 63.♗b6 ♖e6+ 64.♗b7 ♖e2 65.♖b3

This is a major piece of technique in rook and pawn endings. The rook has to shield the king from more annoying checks as the only other shelter is in front of the pawn.



65...♗f6 66.a6 ♖e7+ 67.♗a8 ♖e8+ 68.♖b8 ♖e7 69.a7

When White aligns his pieces thus and the black king is far away, the game is decided.



69...♖e1 70.♖b6+ ♗f7 71.♗b7 ♖e7+ 72.♗a6 ♖e8 73.♖b7+ ♗f6 74.♖b8 ♖e2

(74...♖c6+ 75.♖b6+-)

75.a8♖+-

Now that we've worked through this endgame, I hope that the realization of how much there is to find in a position has been impressed upon you. After all, in this one one endgame we saw one GM miss a drawing line, and then the other GM miss the winning line. And in this column, that's the name of the game - Getting the extra half point!

Oh, by the way, I listened in during the post-mortem and here are the final comments from each of the participants.

Sokolin: "I worked hard for this draw."

DeFirmian: "It would've been a nice one to win."



# Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

By NM Alan Watson

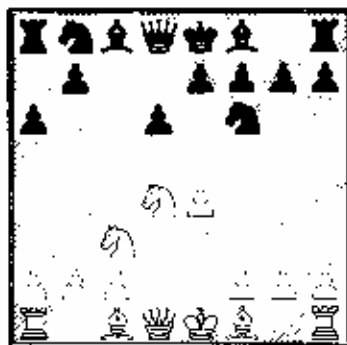


I had the wonderful pleasure of sitting next to Eric Karklins at last year's Awards Banquet when he was recognized for "Lifetime Achievement." In the course of regaling our table with stories of his exposure to and early training in chess, he also happened to mention that the single game in his long and illustrious career which gave the greatest pleasure is that which you now have before you. Although played a long time ago, its beauty and brilliance are still sufficient to excite us.

Craig Chellstorp was one of the most talented juniors in the country at the time this game was played, and consequently most held little doubt about the expected outcome. Like a wolf in sheep's clothing, however, all was not as it appeared at first sight. After just a single moment of hesitation from his esteemed opponent, Eric quickly took control of the game and went rampaging on to victory, throwing off his disguise, dashing amidst the flock of terrified sheep, and sinking his snarling fangs in the throat of a carefully selected victim.

□ Karklins, Eric  
 ■ Chellstorp, Craig  
 Autumn \$500 Festival (3), 1975

1.e4 c5 2.♠f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♠xd4 ♠f6  
 5.♠c3 a6



[During this period of time, the Najdorf was widely practiced and held under great esteem due to Fischer's radiance and unwavering loyalty. Following after the High Priest, Greg Defotis and Craig Chellstorp of Chicago were among the most knowledgeable and enthusiastic parishioners of this opening in the country.]

6.♠g5 e6 7.f4

[This sharp line was at the height of fashion in those bygone days, and Eric played it regularly along with large numbers of other people. Many have since replaced ♠g5/f4 with more refined approaches due to a veritable explosion of analysis and lack of time for diligent study.]

7...♠e7

[In the early 1980's, several major victories by Kasparov were responsible for a resurgence of the previously discredited 7...♠e7. Though not refuted, this variation has been shown extremely risky and been little seen since.]

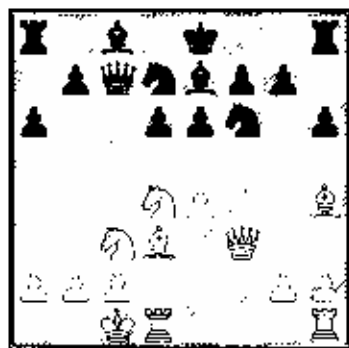
8.♠f3 h6



[8...h6 initiates the original way of playing the variation as popularized by Bobotsov, Kavalek, and Bednarski back in the early 1960's, then later by Walter Browne; after whom it has since been named. Black forces the bishop to commit to an inferior diagonal while creating the opportunity of g7/g5 securing e5 as a knight outpost and breaking the annoying pin along the d8-h4 diagonal. Eric has also seen 8...♠c7 9.0 0 0 ♠bd7 ♠9...b5 10.c5 ♠b7 11.♠g3 dxe5 12.fxe5 ♠h5 13.♠h4 ♠xg5+ 14.♠xg5 g6 15.♠xb5+ axb5 16.♠dxb5 ♠b6 17.♠d6- ♠f8 18.♠hf1 f5 19.exf6) 10.g4 b5 11.♠xf6 ♠xf6 12.♠g2 ♠b7 13.g5 ♠d7 14.a3 ♠b6 15.h4 d5! 16.e5 b4! 17.axb4 ♠xb4 18.♠d3?! ♠c4 19.h5 ♠b6! 20.♠d1 a5! 21.c3 0 0! 22.♠h3

Qxc3! 23.fxc3 Wxb2+ 24.Qd1 Wf2  
 25.fxc2 fxb2+ 26.fxd2 fxd3 27.Wf1  
 fxf4! 28.Wxf2 fxb3 29.Qxb3 a4 30.Wf1  
 Qa6! 31.Wa1 Qxc2 32.fxc2 g6 33.hxg6?  
 hxg6 34.Wa3 Karklins,E DeFotis,G/  
 Chicago 2100 Chess Tournament  
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9.Qh4 Qc7 10.0-0-0 fbd7 11.Qd3



[A standard move which contains a great deal more poison than is apparent at first sight. Although temporarily blocking the d file, this bishop adds support to e4 and aspires for a more illustrious role after a timely e4-e5; perhaps followed by a knight sacrifice on e6 to clear the square g6. Eric had earlier experimented with the ineffectual 11.Qf2?! b5 12.Qd3 b4 13.Qce2 Qb7 14.g4? Qc5 15.Qg3 g5! 16.fxg5 hxg5 17.Qe2 d5! 18.e5 Qfe4 19.Qf3 Qxd3+ 20.Qxd3 a5! 21.Qdd1 Qa6 22.Qe3 Qc8 23.fxd4 Qh3! 24.Qb1 a4 25.Qc1 Wxc5 26.Qf3 Qc7 27.Qc1 Qc5 0-1 Karklins,E-DeFotis,G/ Illinois Open (6) 1968]

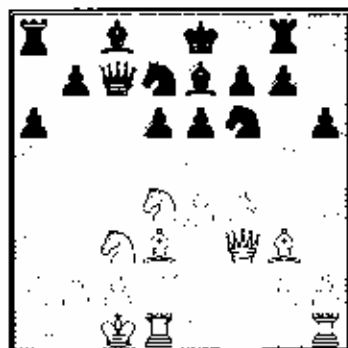
11...Qg8?!



[If g7-g5 is indeed foremost among Black's plans, he does best to throw it in right away. Craig's indecisiveness is extremely dangerous at this point because White has nearly completed development and prepared the dual levers e4-e5 and f4-f5 to rip open the

central files while Black is still several moves away from shuffling his king out of harm's way on the queenside. For example: 11...g5! 12.e5 gxh4 13.exf6 and now either A) 13...fxf6 14.f5 e5 15.Qde2 Qd7 16.Qe4 Qc6 17.Qd5 Qxd5 18.Qxd5 Qxd5 19.Qxd5 Qg5+ 20.Qb1 0-0 21.Qc3 (21.Qe4!± Nunn) 21...Qhg8 22.Qe4 Qf4 23.h3 Qb8 24.Qhd1 Qg3 25.Qxd6 Qxd6 26.Qxd6 Qf4 27.Qe2 Qc8 28.f6 Qd8 29.Qd3 Qxd6 30.Qxd6+ Qc7 31.c3 Qg5 32.Qc2 b6 33.Qd3 Qe8 34.Qd5 Qd7 35.c4 Qa4 36.Qa8 Qc7 37.Qc3 Qd7+ 38.Qd5 Karklins,E Ranney,W/Windy City Amateur (1) 1975:1 0 (63); or B) 13...Qxf6 14.Qe4 Qb6 15.Qb3 Qf8 (15...Qc5 16.f5 Qd7 17.fxc6 Qg5+ 18.Qb1 Qxc6 19.Qxc5 Qxc5 20.Qxb7+ Amason-Hanreck, Manchester 1981) 16.g3 a5 17.a4 Qb4 18.Qd3 Qa6 19.gxh4 Qb6 20.Qe3 Qxc3 21.Qxc3 Wxc3 22.bxc3 d5 23.Qd3 Qc6 24.Qxa5 Qxc3 25.Qb2 Qc7 26.Qb5 b6 27.Qc6 Qb7 28.Qc5 fxf6 29.Qhg1 Qg8 30.Qxg8+ Qxg8 31.Qg1+ Qf8 32.Qf1 Qc8 33.Qf3 Qe4 34.Qe3 Qd6 35.Qd3 f6 36.Qg6+ Qf7 37.h5 Qc4+ 38.Qxc4 Qxc4 0-1 Karklins,E-DeFotis,G/ Greater Chicago Open 1969]

12.Qg3!



[A clever yet powerful move by which White prevents Black's gain of tempo with g7-g5 while strenghtening his own central pawn breaks by distantly opposing the hostile queen. Previously played was 12.Qhe1?! g5! 13.fxg5 Qc5 14.Qe2 hxg5 15.Qf2 Qd7 16.fxf3 b5 17.Qxc5 dxc5 18.Qg3 b4 19.Qb1 a5 when Black had fully equal, if not better play in Hullquist,T-Carlsson, Cr. SVE/K 1970, 1/2 1/2 42.]

12...b5 13.e5!

[Black's earlier misstep has allowed White the first punch, and from this point forward Eric's accurate and sharp

blows never allow Black time to get his own attack started.]

13...Qb7 14.Qe2 dxc5



15.f5!!

[As in many Sicilian lines, an attack on the light squares (e6 is nearly always a juicy target!) holds greater promise for demolishing Black's position than play on the dark ones. If instead 15.fxc5 Qd5 16.Qe4 (16.Qxc6?! fxc6 17.Qg6+ Qd8, 16.Qxd5?! Qxd5=) 16...Qxe5 17.Qxc6! fxc6 18.Qh5+ g6 19.Qxe5 Wxc5 20.Qxe5±]

15...b4

[It is already too late for the Black monarch to flee, as after 15...0-0-0 16.fxc6 fxc6 17.Qxe6 Qc6 18.Qxd8 White's advantage is obvious. As a consequence, Craig follows the higher rated player's age-old recipe of attempting to mix things up.]

16.Qe4

[With White's Qg3 maintaining such a powerful influence on the central dark squares along the b8-h2 diagonal grants, he is also granted the freedom of shifting already well-placed pieces to even more dominant central posts.]

16...Qd5 17.fxc6! fxc6





[With nearly all pieces in play against Black's battered and disorganized position, another critical moment has arisen for White. After long reflection, Eric decided to further pawn weaknesses and ensure that the opposing king remains in the center]

18.  $\text{cxf6+ gxf6}$

[18...  $\text{Qxf6}$  19.  $\text{Qg6+}$ ]

19.  $\text{Wh5+ Qd8}$  20.  $\text{Qe4!}$



[Respectfully highlighting that the weakest element of Black's position is his control of light squares, Eric refuses to allow his opponent a moment's respite with which to improve his position.]

20...  $\text{Rg3}$  21.  $\text{Qxd5!+-}$

[Brashly eliminating Black's lone guardian of light squares and securing a decisive material advantage by virtue of the double threats  $\text{Qxa8}$  and  $\text{Qxe6+}$ .]

21...  $\text{exd4}$  22.  $\text{Qxa8 b3}$

[22...  $\text{d3}$  23.  $\text{Ed2}$   $\text{Eg5}$  24.  $\text{Wxb6}$   $\text{Ec5}$  25.  $\text{Exd3}$   $\text{Exc2+}$  26.  $\text{#b1+-}$ ]

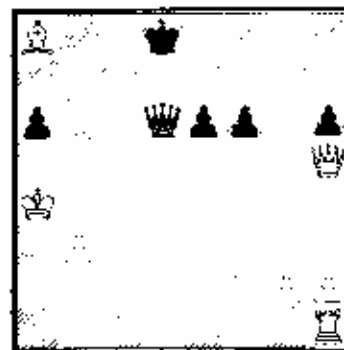
23.  $\text{axb3}$   $\text{Rxb3}$  24.  $\text{Rxd4 Qa3}$

[24...  $\text{#b6}$  25.  $\text{Ebd1}$   $\text{Ed6}$  26.  $\text{Qxh6+-}$ ]

25.  $\text{Exd7+ Wxd7}$  26.  $\text{exb3}$

[26.  $\text{Ed1}$  (This also works, but Eric's method is much simpler while denying any possibility of counterplay.) 26...  $\text{Qxb2+}$  27.  $\text{Qb1 Qd4+}$  28.  $\text{cxb3 Wh7+}$  29.  $\text{Qa2 Wc2+}$  30.  $\text{Qa3 Wb2+}$  31.  $\text{Qa4+}$ ]

26...  $\text{Qxb2+}$  27.  $\text{Qxb2 Wd2+}$  28.  $\text{Qa3 Wd6+}$  29.  $\text{Qa4}$



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■ Tate, Emory (2395)

NY Open, 1997

1.  $\text{c4 g6}$  2.  $\text{e4 Qg7}$  3.  $\text{d4 d6}$  4.  $\text{Qc3 Qf6}$  5.  $\text{f3}$   $\text{Qa6}$  6.  $\text{Qg5 c5}$  7.  $\text{d5 h6}$  8.  $\text{Qc3 e6}$  9.  $\text{Qge2}$   $\text{exd5}$  10.  $\text{cxd5 Qd7}$  11.  $\text{Qc1 Qc7}$  12.  $\text{Qe2}$   $\text{b5}$  13.  $\text{Wd2 b4}$  14.  $\text{Qd1 0-0}$  15.  $\text{0-0 Qh7}$  16.  $\text{Qf2 a5}$  17.  $\text{a4 We7}$  18.  $\text{Qc4 Qae8}$  19.  $\text{Qe1 Qa8}$  20.  $\text{Qcd3 Qb6}$  21.  $\text{Wc2 Qc8}$  22.  $\text{b3 Qxc4}$  23.  $\text{bxc4 Qxd5}$  24.  $\text{exd5 Qxa1}$  25.  $\text{Qxb6 Wf6}$  26.  $\text{Qe4 Wd4+}$  27.  $\text{Qe3 Wg7}$  28.  $\text{Qxd6 Qb8}$  29.  $\text{Qxc5 Qf8}$  30.  $\text{Wf2 Qc3}$  31.  $\text{Qce4 Qa1}$  32.  $\text{Qxf7 g5}$  33.  $\text{Qexg5+ Qg8}$  34.  $\text{Wh4 Qdc8}$  35.  $\text{Qhb6+ Qf8}$  36.  $\text{Wf4+ 1-0}$

□ Sevillano, Enrico (2490)

■ Bologan, Victor (2575)

NY Open, 1997

1.  $\text{e4 g6}$  2.  $\text{d4 Qg7}$  3.  $\text{Qc3 c6}$  4.  $\text{Qc4 d6}$  5.  $\text{Qf3 Qf6}$  6.  $\text{Qb3 0-0}$  7.  $\text{0-0 Qg4}$  8.  $\text{h3}$   $\text{Qxf3}$  9.  $\text{Wxf3 Qbd7}$  10.  $\text{Qe3 e6}$  11.  $\text{Qad1}$   $\text{Qc8}$  12.  $\text{Qg5 Wc7}$  13.  $\text{Qfe1 a6}$  14.  $\text{We2 Qfe8}$  15.  $\text{Qb1 e5}$  16.  $\text{d5 exd5}$  17.  $\text{Qxd5 Qxd5}$  18.  $\text{Exd5 h6}$  19.  $\text{Qc1 Qf6}$  20.  $\text{Ed2 h5}$  21.  $\text{a3 Qf8}$  22.  $\text{Qc3 Wc4}$  23.  $\text{Wf3 We6}$  24.  $\text{Qee2 Qc5}$  25.  $\text{Qd1 Qec8}$  26.  $\text{Wd3 Qc4}$

27.  $\text{Wf3 Qh7}$  28.  $\text{Qf1 Qe7}$  29.  $\text{Qe3 g5}$  30.  $\text{Wu7 g4}$  31.  $\text{Ed3 Qg8}$  32.  $\text{Wxa6 b4}$  33.  $\text{axb4 Rxb4}$  34.  $\text{Wa7 Qd8}$  35.  $\text{Qa3 Rb6}$  36.  $\text{Qd5 Qxd5}$  37.  $\text{Exd5 f5}$  38.  $\text{Ed3 f4}$  39.  $\text{h4 f3}$  40.  $\text{Qee3 fng2+}$  41.  $\text{Qxg2 Qf7}$  42.  $\text{Qg3 Qe7}$  43.  $\text{Wa7 Qc6}$  44.  $\text{Qc3 Qxc3}$  45.  $\text{Qxc3 Qg7}$  46.  $\text{Wd7 Wxf2+}$  47.  $\text{Qxf2 Qxh4+}$  48.  $\text{Qg2 Exd7}$  49.  $\text{h4 Qe1}$  50.  $\text{Qc4 h5}$  51.  $\text{Qe3 Rb7}$  52.  $\text{c3 h4}$  53.  $\text{Qc6 Qg3}$  54.  $\text{Exd6 Qf4}$  55.  $\text{Qxf4 exf4}$  56.  $\text{e5 Wa7}$  57.  $\text{Ed2 Qg6}$  58.  $\text{b5 Qf5}$  59.  $\text{b6 h3+}$  60.  $\text{Qh2 g3+ 0-1}$

□ Martinovsky, Eugene (2265)

■ Vaganian, Rafael (2585)

NY Open, 1997

1.  $\text{d4 d5}$  2.  $\text{Qf3 Qf6}$  3.  $\text{e4 e6}$  4.  $\text{Qc3 Qe7}$  5.  $\text{Qg5 h6}$  6.  $\text{Qxf6 Qxf6}$  7.  $\text{cxd5 exd5}$  8.  $\text{e3}$   $\text{0-0}$  9.  $\text{Wb3 e6}$  10.  $\text{Qd3 Qd7}$  11.  $\text{0-0 Qe8}$  12.  $\text{Qad1 Qb6}$  13.  $\text{h3 Qe6}$  14.  $\text{Qa4 Qxa4}$  15.  $\text{Wxa4 Wd6}$  16.  $\text{h4 b5}$  17.  $\text{Wc2 a5}$  18.  $\text{Wc5 Qe7}$  19.  $\text{Qc1 Qd7}$  20.  $\text{Wxd6 Qxd6}$  21.  $\text{bxa5 Qxa5}$  22.  $\text{Qb1 f5}$  23.  $\text{Qh4 Qa3}$  24.  $\text{Qc3 b4}$  25.  $\text{Qb3 c5}$  26.  $\text{dxc5 Qa4}$  27.  $\text{Ed3 Qxc5}$  28.  $\text{Ed4 f4}$  29.  $\text{Qg6 Qf8}$  30.  $\text{exf4 Qb5}$  31.  $\text{Qfd1 Qc4}$  32.  $\text{Qd2 b3}$  33.  $\text{axb3 Qxb3}$  34.  $\text{Qb1 Qc1+}$  35.  $\text{Qh2}$

$\text{Rxb1}$  36.  $\text{Qxb1 Qe1}$  37.  $\text{Qd4 Qxf4+}$  38.  $\text{g3}$   $\text{Qe5}$  39.  $\text{Ed2 Qc3}$  40.  $\text{Ed3 d4}$  41.  $\text{Rf3 Qxf3}$  42.  $\text{Qxf3 Qf7}$  43.  $\text{Qe5+ Qe6}$  44.  $\text{f4 Qd5}$  45.  $\text{Qg2 Qd2}$  46.  $\text{Qg6 Qd1}$  47.  $\text{Qf2 Qc5}$  48.  $\text{Qd3+ Qb5}$  49.  $\text{Qe8+ Qa5}$  50.  $\text{Qg6 Qe3+}$  51.  $\text{Qe1 Qf3}$  52.  $\text{Qe5 Qd5}$  53.  $\text{Qf7 Qxf7}$  54.  $\text{Qxf7 Qb4}$  55.  $\text{Qe5 Qc3}$  56.  $\text{Qe2 Qg1}$  57.  $\text{g4 Qb2}$  58.  $\text{Qd3 Qg3}$  59.  $\text{f5 Qh4}$  60.  $\text{Qe5 Qg5}$  61.  $\text{Qd3 Qc4}$  62.  $\text{Qf2 1/2-1/2}$

□ Granda Zuniga, J (2620)

■ Chow, A (2290)

NY Open, 1997

1.  $\text{d4 Qf6}$  2.  $\text{e4 e6}$  3.  $\text{Qc3 Qh4}$  4.  $\text{e3 c5}$  5.  $\text{Qge2 cxd4}$  6.  $\text{exd4 d5}$  7.  $\text{a3 Qe7}$  8.  $\text{Qf4}$   $\text{Qc6}$  9.  $\text{Qe3 0-0}$  10.  $\text{Qe2 dxc4}$  11.  $\text{Qxc4 e5}$  12.  $\text{dxc5 Qxc5}$  13.  $\text{Qa2 Qeg4}$  14.  $\text{Wxd8}$   $\text{Qxd8}$  15.  $\text{Qc1 b6}$  16.  $\text{h3 Qe5}$  17.  $\text{0-0 Qa6}$  18.  $\text{Qe1 Qd6}$  19.  $\text{a4 Qac8}$  20.  $\text{Qb5 Qxb5}$  21.  $\text{axb5 Qc5}$  22.  $\text{Qd2 Qxb5}$  23.  $\text{Qc3 Qe8}$  24.  $\text{Qad1 Qe7}$  25.  $\text{Qd5 Qxd5}$  26.  $\text{Qxd5 Qf8}$  27.  $\text{f4 Qd8}$  28.  $\text{Qb7 Qxd1}$  29.  $\text{Qxd1 Qg6}$  30.  $\text{g3 a5}$  31.  $\text{Qd4 Qd6}$  32.  $\text{Qc6 Qb3}$  33.  $\text{Qc3 Qc5+}$  34.  $\text{Qg2 b5}$  35.  $\text{Qd8+ Qe7}$  36.  $\text{Qd7+ Qe6}$  37.  $\text{f5+ Qxf5}$  38.  $\text{Qd5+ Qe6}$  39.  $\text{Qxc5 b4}$  40.  $\text{Qd5+ 1-0}$

# SCHOLASTIC SEASON NEARS END



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**Top ten finishers For each board at the Illinois High School Association State Team Tournament.**  
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2	5.5	Luis Salazar, Chicago (Weber)
3	5.0	Greg Cukier, Park Ridge (Maize South)
4	5.0	Todd Freitag, Orland Park (Sandburg)
5	5.0	Mark Pershita, Chicago (Foreman)
6	5.0	Jason Baker, St. Charles
7	4.5	Joseph Resinger, O.P.-River Forest
8	4.5	Justin Sadauskas, West Chicago (H.S.)
9	4.5	Martin Szalinski, Chicago (Young)
10	4.5	Corey Curcio, Mattoon
11	4.5	Kim Goodwin, Normal (University)
12	4.5	Corey Brenner, Moline
13	4.5	Dave Foster, Wheaton (W. Warrenville South)
14	4.5	Edward Howells, Chicago (Brother Rice)

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1	6.0	Joe Clark, Rolling Meadows
2	5.5	Ben Chu-Kung, New Trier (Winnetka)
3	5.5	Gau Bodepudi, Downers North (Downers Grove)
4	5.5	Maurice Edmonds, Orr (Chicago)
5	5.0	Blair Machar, West Chicago (HS)
6	5.0	Stan Wyngowski, Waubesa Vally, (Aurora)
7	5.0	Mike Drake, Buffalo (Tri-City)
8	4.5	Ajay Ladsana, Aurora (IMSA)
9	4.5	Peter Stresan, Normal (University)
10	4.5	Darwin Nyberg, Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest)
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12	4.5	Sheena Madan, Evanston (Twp.)
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14	4.5	Chypp Koomson, Richton Park (Rich South)
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16	4.5	Charles Barnes, Country Club Hills (Hillcrest)
17	4.5	Timothy Jesus, Chicago (Ourgley)

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1	6.0	Craig Venege, (Wheaton Warrenville South)
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3	5.0	Necker Liu, Park Ridge (Maize South)
4	5.0	Mason Thornburg, Urbana (University)
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6	5.0	Max Vilenchuk, Lincolnshire (Stevenson)
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6	5.0	Matt Pullin, Evanston (Twp.)
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8	5.0	Adam Levy, Buffalo Grove
9	5.0	Mike Sommers, Lake Forest (H.S.)
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4	6.0	Mark Johnson, Byron
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7	5.0	Andy Dougherty, Aurora (IMSA)
8	5.0	Travis Mann, Bradley (B.-Bourbonnais)
9	5.0	Brian Zibart, Urbana (H.S.)
10	5.0	Brenda Jensen, Poplar Grove (North Boone)
11	5.0	Ben Hunt, Danville (H.S.)
12	5.0	Keith Lonergan, Lake Forest (H.S.)

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5	5.0	Sam Nassim, Lake Forest (H.S.)
6	5.0	Muffadal Anzarwalla, Danville (H.S.)
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8	5.0	Sajid Akhter, Aurora (Waubesa Valley)
9	5.0	Ravi Sabota, Ottawa (Twp.)
10	5.0	Rock Moy, Oak Lawn (Richards)

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1	6.0	Jason Shive, Normal (University)
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10	5.0	Jennifer Triumph, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way)
11	5.0	Lee Byrum, Aurora (Waubesa Valley)
12	5.0	Pat Jaworski, Lake Forest (H.S.)

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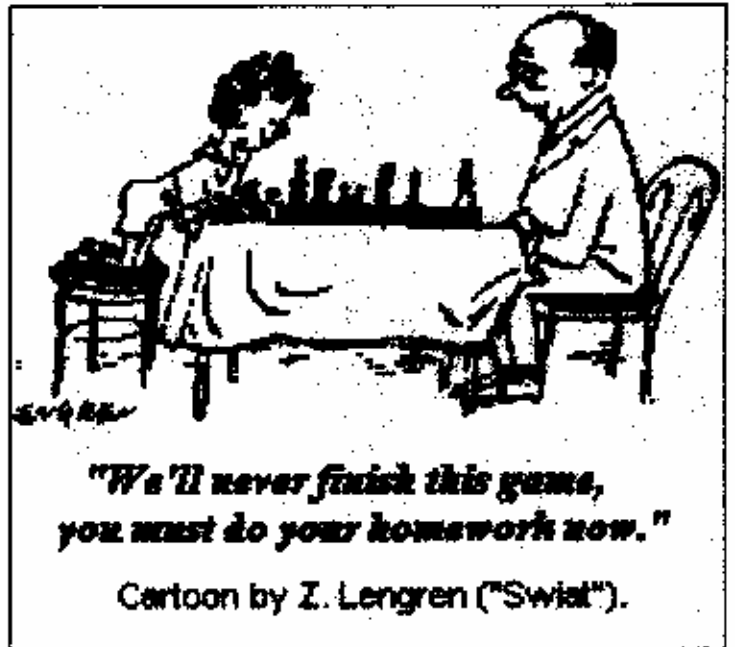
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1	60	3794 Aurora (IMSA)	65 W-18	45 W-08	55 W-05	57 W-12	52 W-06	37 W-01	291	3
2	50	3483 Normal (University)	68 W-27	59 W-09	55 W-11	50 W-15	68 W-49	59 W-12	291	11
3	50	3448 West Chicago (H.S.)	41 W-19	47 S-08	46 W-17	38 W-02	54 W-21	51 W-41	257.5	2
4	50	3435 Chicago (Young)	46 W-12	23 W-41	61 W-25	65 W-48	58 W-15	47 S-10	298.5	14
5	50	3409 Downers Grove (North)	47 W-16	56 W-33	33 W-41	62 W-05	48 W-26	46 S-17	292.5	17
6	50	3128 Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)	62 W-24	68 W-59	39 W-10	57 W-34	16 W-41	45 W-22	287	10
7	50	3101 Wheaton (W. Warrenville South)	56 S-46	27 W-10	62 W-05	61 S-52	42 S-14	57 W-21	386.5	12
8	50	2871 Chicago (St Ignace)	68 W-49	20 S-03	35 W-30	68 W-37	44 W-32	36 S-11	272	15
9	45	2772 Rockford (Auburn)	34 W-28	24 W-02	62 S-78	51 W-23	38 W-11	48 W-36	282.5	4
10	40	3123 Winnetka (New Trier)	54 W-34	41 W-07	29 W-06	41 W-16	55 S-20	20 S-04	241	1
11	40	2960 Evanston (Twp.)	49 W-22	54 S-04	13 W-02	47 W-29	68 W-36	31 S-06	263	6
12	40	2882 Oak Park (O.P. River Forest)	22 W-04	59 W-51	48 W-64	55 W-45	19 W-15	29 W-02	272	34
13	40	2878 Mattson	44 W-14	12 W-05	63 W-54	68 W-51	28 W-22	44 W-28	259	8
14	40	2662 Lincolnshire (Stevenson)	24 W-15	49 W-15	56 W-54	45 S-10	25 S-07	46 S-47	246.5	18
15	40	2571 Moline	21 W-29	19 S-28	44 W-49	68 W-54	29 W-12	42 W-38	245.5	26
16	40	2554 Glenview (Glenbrook South)	21 W-05	58 W-17	38 W-15	27 W-10	56 S-54	51 W-44	251.5	37
17	40	2548 Belleville (East)	64 W-78	57 W-29	22 W-03	56 W-47	47 W-48	21 S-05	251.5	9
18	40	2496 Harvey (Thornhill)	33 W-01	50 W-49	68 W-70	54 W-25	21 W-17	40 W-45	238	23
19	40	2480 Lake Forest (H.S.)	54 W-61	40 W-24	21 W-33	28 W-27	49 W-43	52 W-46	244	48
20	40	2459 Danville (H.S.)	59 W-57	50 W-33	24 W-21	51 W-38	12 S-10	54 W-32	250.5	20
21	40	2330 Flossmoor (Homewood-F.)	68 W-82	55 S-36	44 W-20	47 W-26	14 W-01	11 W-07	219.5	5
22	40	2316 Chicago (Forsman)	19 W-11	15 W-17	15 W-56	40 W-19	40 W-13	23 W-06	192	26
23	40	2268 St. Charles	15 W-41	32 W-31	18 S-63	17 W-09	49 S-40	16 S-30	225.5	35
24	40	2084 Hilland Park (Sandburg)	6 W-06	28 W-19	58 W-66	60 W-76	48 W-53	15 W-19	215	30
25	40	2039 Oak Ridge (Proviso West)	46 S-56	56 S-45	70 W-04	31 W-18	44 W-57	40 W-29	204	76
26	40	1897 Buffalo Grove	68 W-81	56 W-10	38 S-59	21 W-21	20 W-05	38 W-49	241.5	71
27	40	1834 North Holland (Thornwood)	8 W-02	41 W-62	31 W-38	38 W-31	40 W-48	37 S-31	197.5	31
28	35	2233 Durin (Hinsdale South)	34 W-09	28 S-15	16 S-42	60 W-17	35 W-34	24 W-13	221	24
29	30	2610 Bradley (B. Bourbonnais)	45 W-15	11 W-17	49 W-39	21 W-11	51 W-45	28 W-25	225	36
30	30	2617 New Lenox (Lincoln-Way)	52 W-69	42 W-46	11 W-08	22 S-14	55 S-59	31 S-21	216.5	50
31	30	2397 Park Ridge (Maize South)	5 W-48	6 W-23	31 W-16	45 W-39	40 S-51	30 S-17	211	73
32	30	2136 O'Hara (Lincoln-Way)	52 W-41	25 W-48	51 S-43	11 W-03	24 W-08	34 W-20	200.5	65
33	30	2088 Chicago (Or)	55 W-47	28 W-30	47 W-19	11 W-06	30 W-09	5 W-45	192	7
34	30	2171 Urbana (H.S.)	24 W-16	35 S-52	61 W-62	29 S-15	13 W-28	61 W-61	216	21
35	30	2156 Chicago (Van Struben)	68 W-80	34 S-44	30 S-36	38 S-34	16 W-04	28 W-18	209.5	67
36	30	2139 Aurora (West)	50 W-51	22 S-22	37 S-35	68 W-55	0 W-11	20 W-09	188	18
37	30	2120 Naperville (North)	68 W-86	31 W-22	60 S-44	0 W-08	60 W-62	33 W-24	254.5	44
38	30	2092 Rolling Meadows	68 W-83	11 W-49	17 W-27	17 W-20	53 S-55	26 W-15	232.5	61
39	30	2089 Niles (Netheridge Prep)	27 W-01	51 S-47	19 W-29	21 W-31	45 S-76	62 S-64	228.5	57
40	30	1975 Repton Park (Rush South)	54 W-46	6 W-14	24 W-11	61 W-79	38 S-21	59 W-67	234.5	32
41	30	1929 Oak Lawn (Community)	16 W-11	61 W-47	22 W-45	17 W-08	45 S-58	26 S-43	210	44
42	30	1885 Aurora (Waubesaue Valley)	7 W-31	28 S-54	31 S-28	33 S-78	64 S-75	68 W-62	239	27
43	30	1839 Oak Forest	36 W-23	13 S-11	14 S-32	46 S-74	19 W-19	41 S-41	171	15
44	30	1785 Westchester (St. Joseph)	68 W-85	11 S-45	15 W-37	42 S-66	59 S-52	17 W-16	228	84
45	30	1751 Chicago (Brother Rice)	68 W-79	11 S-25	46 W-41	13 W-12	17 W-29	45 W-57	200.5	64
46	30	1726 Chicago (Quincy)	11 S-07	26 W-30	55 W-72	18 S-35	46 W-44	16 W-19	193	31
47	30	1697 DuSack (B. Jennings)	62 S-73	36 S-19	55 S-68	17 W-17	14 S-65	21 S-34	202.5	42
48	30	1631 Stullman Valley	17 W-31	34 S-60	42 S-67	5 W-04	28 W-27	16 S-58	162.5	47
49	30	1586 Chicago (Bowen)	0 W-08	17 W-38	56 W-73	41 W-58	0 W-02	10 W-26	164	33
50	30	1570 Chicago (Weber)	17 S-62	31 W-63	31 W-57	54 W-69	54 W-74	15 S-56	181	85
51	30	1531 O'Hare (Twp.)	38 W-36	44 W-64	40 W-74	0 W-13	27 S-11	57 S-70	227	38
52	30	1499 Kankakee (St.)	50 S-61	32 S-34	46 W-76	6 S-07	8 S-44	40 W-60	178	45
53	30	1490 Lansing (T.S. South)	68 W-84	9 W-12	12 W-14	17 W-61	20 W-24	47 W-59	191	54
54	30	1449 Chicago Heights (Bloom Trail)	45 W-58	19 S-42	5 W-13	0 W-35	11 S-16	54 S-74	155.5	43
55	30	1388 Rockford (Jefferson)	68 W-80	19 W-14	50 W-61	0 W-36	14 S-38	41 W-68	192.5	46
56	30	1368 Georgetown (G-Ridge Farm)	21 S-25	18 W-15	11 W-22	12 W-62	51 S-63	32 S-50	208.5	52
57	30	1748 Rock Island (H.S.)	9 W-20	10 W-36	17 W-50	51 W-67	24 W-25	23 W-45	156	40
58	30	1746 Buffalo (Tr. City)	21 W-54	56 W-77	45 W-66	27 W-49	22 S-41	31 S-48	205	77
59	30	1529 Edwardsville (H.S.)	43 S-76	0 W-06	39 S-26	52 W-70	12 S-30	21 W-51	158.5	19
60	30	1512 O'Hare	14 W-40	11 S-48	10 W-24	16 W-31	28 W-77	28 W-77	159.5	35
61	30	1480 Ohio	17 S-23	46 W-79	18 W-55	31 W-51	54 W-72	5 W-14	166.5	69
62	30	1470 Alton (St.)	30 S-30	25 W-27	7 W-34	36 W-56	8 W-17	0 W-47	126.5	61
63	30	1457 Downers Grove (South)	14 W-19	17 W-36	29 S-36	4 S-64	16 S-56	40 W-75	141.5	72
64	30	1411 Roanoke (R. Benson)	50 W-75	24 W-51	0 W-32	63 S-63	33 W-46	5 S-39	264	56
65	30	1423 Chicago (Hales Tracecan)	17 S-32	38 W-78	6 W-07	6 W-05	11 S-47	17 W-41	118	59
66	30	1389 Poplar Grove (North Dooce)	0 W-35	45 W-69	21 W-58	25 S-44	20 W-67	44 W-76	157.5	43
67	30	1352 Chicago (DeLaSalle)	37 S-77	5 W-41	26 S-48	15 W-57	48 W-66	9 W-40	141	81
68	30	1234 Westmont	47 W-74	8 W-12	12 S-47	11 W-41	44 S-71	27 W-55	150	82
69	30	1230 Elk Grove Village (E.G.)	16 W-30	23 W-66	32 W-75	14 W-50	17 W-78	54 W-79	181	74
70	30	1304 Rockford (Luthern)	36 W-71	12 W-26	0 W-18	16 W-99	62 W-79	10 S-51	146.5	62
71	30	1109 Oak Lawn (Richards)	12 W-70	29 W-74	10 W-77	15 W-60	41 W-80	17 W-73	201	86
72	30	1035 Byron	10 S-46	10 S-71	13 W-46	45 W-89	14 W-61	38 W-77	171	83
73	30	1432 Blue Island (Eisenhower)	5 S-47	17 S-77	12 W-49	10 W-27	23 S-68	31 W-73	139.5	66
74	30	1416 Stanford (Olympa)	21 W-68	19 W-71	28 W-51	21 S-41	14 W-50	13 S-54	137	58
75	30	1326 Juliet (Twp.)	18 W-64	10 W-56	16 W-69	29 S-46	3 S-42	28 W-67	145	80
76	30	1291 Country Club Hills (Hillcrest)	24 S-59	58 W-80	28 W-52	8 W-24	22 S-39	24 W-66	165	79
77	30	1278 Middleton (Bremer)	11 S-67	12 W-58	58 W-71	5 W-28	30 W-60	30 W-72	145.5	57
78	30	1086 Rockford (Christian Lefc)	0 W-17	10 W-65	5 S-09	14 S-42	31 W-69	57 W-80	138	29
79	30	732 Palos Heights (Shepard)	0 W-45	27 W-61	40 W-80	5 W-60	6 W-70	9 W-69	87	88
80	30	796 Calumet City (T.F. North)	0 W-55	10 W-76	23 W-79	21 W-72	27 W-71	11 W-78	94	70
81	30	100 Elgin (Larkin)	0 W-76	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
82	30	100 Chicago (St. Rita)	0 W-72	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
83	30	100 Chicago (Kenwood)	0 W-78	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
84	30	100 Chicago (Austin)	0 W-73	0	0	0	0	0	0	78
85	30	100 Chicago (Lane)	0 W-64	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
86	30	100 Belleville (West)	0 W-57	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
87	30	100 Chicago (St. Patrick)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
88	30	100 Mt. Prospect (Prospect)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55

## Illinois State Elementary Championships

By Mike Leali

On March 1st and 2nd, the state championships were held in Peoria, Illinois. Participants were approximately 650. Children and families traveled from as far away as St. Louis. Many of the children and teams were attending for the first time. In keeping with the theme of 'education,' Bob Ferguson's "Chess in Education" was handed out to each coach. Family entertainment was everywhere. Within walking distance were the Peoria Rivermen (Peoria's hockey team). They hosted games on both Friday and Saturday night. The Famous Chicken (alias San Diego Chicken) was there for the crowd's amusement. IM Josh Manion played simulms free to children on both Saturday and Sunday. Josh offered a free book to any child who could best or draw him. As expected, Josh kept all the books. Ah well, maybe next time. One of the nicest achievements is the children had a great time and all the awards were given out by 5:30pm Sunday, so families driving could get home at a reasonable time. This event was sponsored by the Greater Peoria Chess Foundation and all proceeds will remain in the foundation for chess education, chess camps, and the promotion of chess for children. Many thanks to all who attended



### ICB Editor's Note:

Scholastic sponsors, parents, and coaches.

Please help me to develop this section to its full potential. When I have occasion to speak with coaches at all levels it quickly becomes obvious that each team has at least one player who is deserving of recognition. Yet for some reason there is nearly no response to requests in this section for material about teams or players. The ICB relies heavily on its readers for material. If you have news of events or the desire to contribute then please do. I would like to see much better coverage of Illinois chess at the scholastic level. These players are the future of our organization. But without input and contributions there will soon be nothing to print. All types of material are welcome. Pictures, games, text are all wanted.

*Let's all pitch in and give these kids the exposure they deserve!*



## VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

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# Action in Your Neighborhood



## Oak Park - River Forest CC By Ken Marshall

**USCF Game/15 Double Quad:** Paul Prause ended up 5-1 to top a four player field on Feb. 4. Bob Hansen (4-2) was next, ahead of Marty Ptacek and Robert Stoltz.

**USCF Game/15 Double Round Robin:** Scoring 5.5-2.5, Bill Barker and Roger Birkland shared top honors in this 10

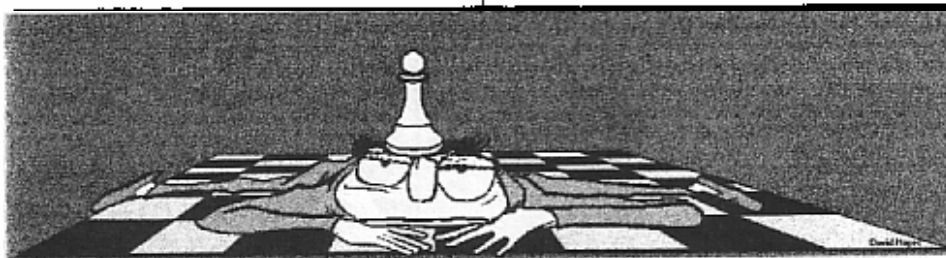
player, Feb 4 tourney. Mariusz Gorski (5-3) took third.

**World Blitz Chess Association Tournament:** Eight players participated in his Feb 18 "Game/15," double round robin, WBCA-rated event. Albert Chow finished first with a 12.5-1.5 result. Larry Cohen scored 9.5-4.5 for clear second, followed by Mariusz Gorski and Andrew Groeger, each at 9-5, who shared the third place and the Below

1700 money Jim Kelly won the 1999-1700 prize.

**Match with the Elmhurst Chess Club:** The OP-RF CC won this March 4 contest, the first match between these two clubs. The 12 board event consisted of 24 "action chess" (G/30) games. Outrating the ECC on 10 boards, the OP-RF CC prevailed 19 to 5. ECC President Roger Birkland and OP-RF President Ken Marshall directed

Elmhurst CC		OP-RF CC	
1. Ed Thomas (1950)	0/0	Mark Marovitch (2100)	1/1
2. Paul Prause (1800)	1/0	Bill Barker (1821)	0/1
3. Chris Savage (1764)	0/1	Butch Allen (1800)	1/0
4. Ralph Wakerly (1674)	0/0	W. Boguslawicz (1600)	1/1
5. Scott Silverman (1600)	.5/0	Joe Craddock (1600)	.5/1
6. Chris Nitura (1500)	0/0	Mariusz Gorski (1540)	1/1
7. Ted Shelhamer (1450)	0/5	Andy Schiller (1500)	1/5
8. Roger Birkland (1400)	1/0	Chuck Collins (1450)	0/1
9. Kermit Dodson (1300)	0/1	Roy Nyberg (1400)	1/0
10. W. Griesmeyer (1200)	0/0	Derek Schneider (1400)	1/1
11. Paul carey (1100)	0/0	Darwin Nyberg (1359)	1/1
12. Paolo Romano (1050)	0/0	Chris Johnson (1313)	1/1



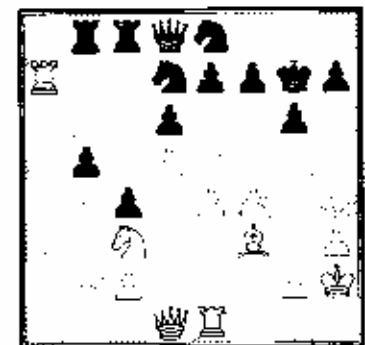
**Grandmaster Alex Yermolinsky Simul:** A 32 player field faced US Champion Yermolinsky at the March 11 event. The Yerminator played relatively quickly, taking a little more than three hours to finish with 30 wins, 1 loss, and 1 draw. Bill Cox, a near-Expert rated 1992, scored the victory, while Vince Hart (1698) drew. Sixteen OP-RF CC members participated in this event and helped make it a success. As to organizational support, John Nielsen, a veteran assistant to OP-RF President Ken Marshall at simul's, once again was

there when needed. Andy Schiller, Roger Birkland, and others also helped out. Here is Cox's win.

□GM Yermolinsky  
 ■Cox, B  
 OP-RF Simul, 1997  
 [Williams, T]

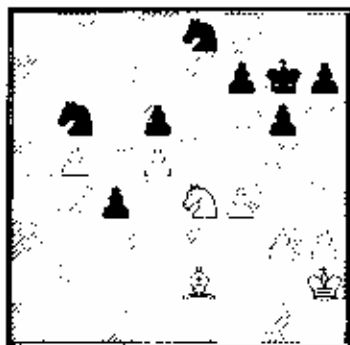
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[d1...e6=] 18.axb5 axb5 19.f3 a7 d8 20.d4 e8 21.g7 f7



22.e5= [d2.b4!? e3 23.e3 f3 (23...f3?? 24.d4+ e6 25.f3+ ) 24.f3 f3 25.f3] 22...f3 23.f3 f3 24.e6 e6 25.f4 e8 26.d4+ g8 27.f1 a8 28.f3 a8 29.b3 e3 30.f3 a3 31.b4 f1? 32.g3 [d32.f3 f3 33.g4 f5 34.e2 f1 35.g4 (35.f3 b5 f3 d4 36.f3 d4 f3 d5

37. Qc4 e7b6 38. Qxd5+ fxd5 39. b5+  
 But probably not enough to win.)  
 35... fxb4 36. Qxg4 e7f8 37. f5 gxf5  
 38. Qxf5 Qc1=] 32... Qe4 33. Qxe4 bxc4  
 34. Qe2 e2b6= 35. b5 e7f8



36. Qg2?? [36. Qc3 e7f6 37. Qf3=]  
 36... Qxd5 37. Qf3 e2b6 [37... c3 38. f2 f5  
 39. Qd3 Qe6 40. Qd1 Qe4?] 38. Qe3 d5+  
 39. Qc5 f6d6 40. g4 e2b5 41. h4 e7  
 42. g5 d4+ 43. Qe4 Qc3+ 44. Qf3 Qxe2  
 45. Qxe2 Qd7 [45... Qd5] 46. Qb7 f6  
 47. Qa5 f6g5 48. h6g5 d3+ 49. Qe3 e2b6  
 50. Qc6+ Qe6 51. Qe5 Qd5 [Qd5... f6d5-  
 52. Qd2 c3+ 53. Qxd3 Qxf4+ 54. Qxc3  
 Qxe5 +] 52. Qg4 Qd7 0-1

**Team Speed Tournament:** On March 18, four three-man teams competed in this "Game/5" double round robin Chris Savage, Jim Kelly, and Joe Cygan went 4-2 to beat out Fred Lahr, Bill Barker and Bob Gardner (3-3), Paul Prause, Marty Ptacek and Ted Shellhamer (3-3), and Mark Jutovsky, Derek Schneider and Chuck Collins (2-4).



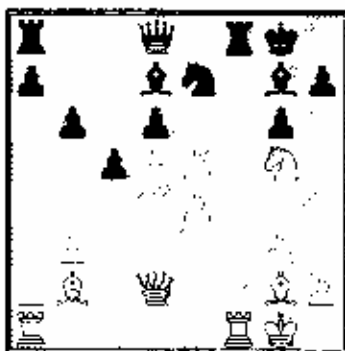
**Fox Valley CC**  
 By Roy Frye

The Fox Valley/Naperville chess club hosted a simultaneous exhibition featuring International Grandmaster Gilberto Hernandez on March 17th.

As might be expected, almost everyone found this event to be a "learning experience" - my lesson lasted 18 moves. However, two players didn't walk away with a zero score: ICA President Hector Hernandez earned a win and Larry Cohen walked away with a draw. Here is Hector's winning effort.

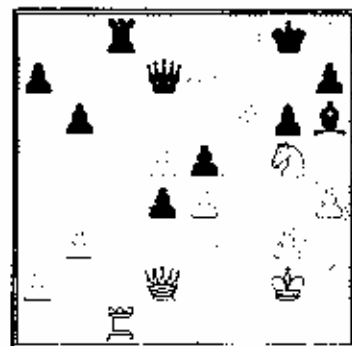
□ **G.M. Hernandez**  
 ■ **Hernandez, Hector**  
 FVNCC Simul. 1997  
 [Williams.1]

1. f3 c5 2. g3 e6 3. Qg2 h6 4. 0-0 Qb7  
 5. c4 f6 6. Qc3 d6 7. b3 g6 8. Qb2 Qg7  
 9. Qd5 e5 10. d3 0-0= 11. Qd2 Qxd5  
 12. Qxd5 Qe7 13. e4 f5! Suddenly,  
 Black has the initiative. 14. Qg5 Qc8  
 [Q14... Qh6!? 15. f4 Qxg5 16. f6g5 b5+]  
 15. f4 Qxe4 16. dxe4 Qd7?! [Q16... Qxf4  
 17. Qxg7 Qxg7 18. Qxf4] 17. fxe5



Black's constricted minor pieces have allowed White to gain a strong initiative. 17... dxe5 It isn't easy to find a good move Black in this position. [17... Qxe5 18. Qxe5 dxc5 19. d6 Qc6 (19... Qc6 20. Qxf8+ Qxf8 21. Qf1 Qc8 22. Qd5- Qh8 23. Qf7 Qe6 24. Qxh7+ Qg8 25. Qxe6 Qxh7 26. d7 Qh8 27. Qxc6+-) 20. Qh3! Qe8 21. Qe6+ Qg7 22. Qxf8 Qxf8 23. Qf1 and Black could resign here. For example, 23... Qd8 24. Qf7+ Qg8 25. Qxe7- Qh8 26. Qxh7#: 17... Qxf1- 18. Qxf1 dxe5 19. d6 Qg4 20. h3 Qh6 21. Qxc5 Qe6 22. Qf4 Qd7 23. Qxc6 Qxf4 24. Qxf4+- Black is missing a piece

without compensation.] 18. Qxf8+ [Q18. d6! Qc6 19. Qc6 Qd7 20. Qxg7! A) 20... Qxg7 21. Qg5 A1) 21... Qf5 22. Qxc5+ Qg8 23. Qxf5 Qxg2 24. f6g6 Qxf1- 25. Qxf1 Qxf1 26. g6xh7+ Qxh7 27. Qh5- Qg8 28. Qh8+ Qf7 29. Qg7+ Qe6 (29... Qe8 30. Qg8#) 30. Qg4+ Qxc5 31. Qxd7+-; A2) 21... Qc8 22. Qxc5- Qh6 23. Qc1+ Qf4 24. Qxf4+ g5 25. Qxg5#; B) 20... Qb5 21. Qxf8+ Qxf8 22. Qxc5 Qc6 23. Qd5+ Qf7 24. Qe6 Qxc5 25. Qxe5+-] 18... Qxf8 19. Qf1 [Q19. d6] 19... Qe8 20. h4? White has just thrown away a good part of his advantage. d6 was still better. 20... Qb5 21. Qf2 Qd8 22. Qf1?! [22. Qe6] 22... Qxf1 23. Qxf1 Black has survived the worst and is now back in the game. 23... Qc6 24. Qe2 Qd4 25. Qxd4 Qxd4 26. Qc1 Qc8 27. Qd1 Qd7 28. Qg2 Qh6 29. Qd2?



[29. Qxc8- Qxc8 30. Qf3-] 29... Qg4! Black sees his chance and takes it. Now it is White who has the problems. 30. Qxc8+ Qxc8 31. Qf2 [31. Qd1 Not the kind of move anyone wants to play but White should be looking for drawing chances now. 31... Qxg5 32. h6g5?] 31... Qg4 32. Qg2? [32. Qe2 Qxe2+ (32... Qc8) 33. Qxe2 Qxg5 34. h6g5 is a line White would like to see.] 32... Qxg5 33. Qxg5 Qxe4+ 34. Qh3 Qxd5 [Q34... Qh1+! although things are bad enough that White soon gives up anyway. 35. Qg4 h5+ 36. Qxh5 Qe4+ 37. Qh3 g6xh5 with a forced mate.] 35. h5 Qd6 0-1



## St. Charles Chess Club News

by Dan Pradt

**December, 1996:** The round-robin octos drew 29 players. As expected, the Knight's cup round robin had an average rating of 2000, the strongest ever, with 5 experts. Joe Splinter came in first a point ahead of Kevin Schmuggerow.

In spite of being unable to play one of his scheduled rounds, Helio Da Motta breezed through the Squires cup, one point ahead of Erv Sedlock. Brent Lashinsky dominated his six man section, and Pete Rodriguez held first by a half point in the final seven man section.

### Final Results:

#### Knight's Cup

Joe Splinter	2118	5.0
Kevin Schmuggerow	2135	4.0
Jeff Wiewel	2059	3.5
Ray Satterlee	2070	3.5
Jim Oberweiss	1867	3.5
Jim Marshall	2178	3.0
Mark Robledo Sr.	1669	2.5
Steve Amundsen	1903	2.0

#### Squire's Cup

Helio Da Motta	2000	5.5
Erv Sedlock	1922	4.5
Blair Machaj	1696	3.5
Walter Alberts	1800	3.5
Mark Robledo Jr.	1581	3.0
Dan Pradt	1727	3.0

Bill Buttny	1900	3.0
Rudy Padilla	1614	2.0

#### Tin Cup

Brent Lashinski	1528	5.0
Mamert Blancafor	1456	3.0
Carl Staples	1348	2.5
Thomas Segretto	1320	2.0
Norris Lee Forde	1279	1.5
Mike Giampa	1379	1.0

#### Plastic Cup

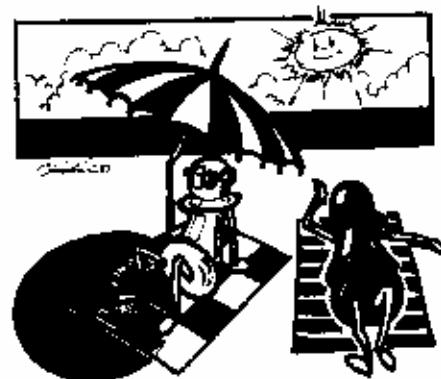
Pete Rodriguez	1236	5.0
Tyler Belding	1102	4.5
Tim Ailes	UNR	4.0
Carlo Blancafor	1000	3.0
Lloyd Laughner	UNR	2.0
John McKeamey	1156	1.0
Rob Wirtz	UNR	1.0

**March 1997:** Our Club Championship, 6 round Swiss drew 32 players. With five Experts in the field, it was expected to be a close contest from start to finish, and indeed, after three rounds no one had a perfect score. Anyone who was wondering if the father and son team of Mark Robledo, Sr. and Jr., would continue their strong play of recent months got a powerful answer, as both raised their play to a new level. Robledo Sr. beat Experts Aaron, Wiewel, Splinter, and Schmuggerow to win clear first with a score of 5.5-5. A 2390 performance rating! Robledo Jr., who beat his father in the final round of the Mid-America Class Championships for first place Class B money, had to be "content" with 5 points, second place and a 2060 performance rating.

Kevin Schmuggerow (2135) and Jeff Wiewel (2059) were third and fourth with 4.5. Tied for fifth through eleventh were Joe Splinter (2119), Michael Aaron (2082), Steve Amundsen (1962), Erv Sedlock (1922), Bill Buttny (1950), Dmitry Altshuller (1800), and Blair Machaj (1688) with 4. Blair is our unofficial class B champion.

Tony Scantlen (1500), Jeremy Higgens (1500), and Carl Staples (1388) broke even at 3.

Our congratulations to Joe Splinter on coaching the Benjamin Middle School to the State Jr. High championship, only two years after the graduation of Sadauskas, Machaj, et. al. left Benjamin in a severe rebuilding situation. Also hats off to club member Dimitri Giannakopoulos, on winning the Jr. High individual championship.



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# Readers' Showcase



By NM Alan Watson

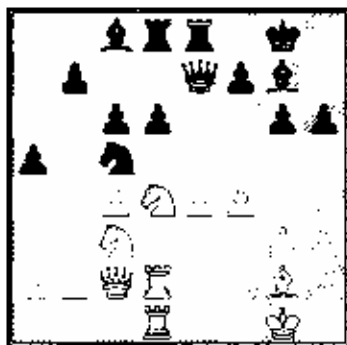
The following games have been submitted by you, the ICB readers. This is your magazine, and any material you wish to share is always welcome!

## When NOT To Treat a Lady Like a Lady.

I ran into Kevin Lawson at one of the Chicago Chess Club blitz events whereupon he proudly dragged me off to a side table and demonstrated this win against one of Mexico's foremost female stars. Even though played in a simul, it is a fine game nonetheless and deserves to grace this issue's showcase. Good job, Kevin!

□ Lawson, Kevin (2060)  
 ■ Hernandez, Yadira (2300)  
 Lozano 30 Bd Simultaneous 9/15/96,  
 1996  
 [Alan Watson]

1.c4 g6 2.♗c3 ♗g7 3.d4 ♗f6 4.g3 0-0  
 5.♗f3 d6 6.♗g2 ♗bd7 7.0-0 e5 8.e4  
 c6 9.h3 ♖e8 10.♗e3?! [10.♗e1 a5  
 11.♖c2 exd4 12.♗xd4 ♗c5 13.♗f4!  
 ♗fd7 14.♗b3± Keene Ciocaltea,  
 European Team Ch Bath 1973]  
 10...exd4 11.♗xd4 ♗c5 12.♖c2 a5  
 13.♗d1 ♖e7 14.♗g5 h6 15.♗xf6 ♖xf6  
 [The exchange of White's dark-  
 squared bishop for black's king's  
 knight is in the long-term very  
 favorable for Yadira. She now has a  
 secure king and with care can  
 generate excellent counterplay along  
 the unopposed dark squares.] 16.f4!?  
 [Further accentuating white's  
 problems on the dark squares by  
 weakening the a7-g1 diagonal.]  
 16...♗e6 17.♗de2 ♗c5 18.♗d4 ♗e6  
 19.♗ce2 ♗d8 20.♗d2 ♗c8 21.♗c3  
 ♗e7 22.♗fd1



22...f5? [A more natural continuation  
 is 22...♗c7 followed by perhaps  
 23...♗b6 in order to accentuate  
 White's weakness on the dark  
 squares.] 23.exf5 ♗xf5 [Black's  
 impatient bid for counterplay has left  
 the second player with a significantly  
 weaker position. Following the  
 continuation 23...♗xd4 24.♗xd4 ♗xf5  
 in order to avoid losing a pawn,  
 Kevin has nagging superiorities in  
 terms of both piece activity and king  
 safety which would be hard to cope  
 with.] 24.♗xf5 gxf5 25.♗xf5 ♖e3+  
 26.♗h2 ♖f8 27.♗g4 ♗e7 28.♗e2 ♗f7



29.♗d5! [An excellent retort which  
 hurls this once-distant knight into the  
 center of battle and provides for  
 avenues of entry into the opposing  
 camp.] 29...♗h8 [29...♗de8 30.♗de1  
 ♗xe2-- 31.♗xe2 ♖e8?? 32.♗xe8-  
 ♗xe8 33.♗f6+] 30.♗e7 ♗g8 31.♗e3  
 ♗xb2 32.♗h5 [Expending time to  
 regain material equity with with

31...♗xb2 has not benefited Black at  
 all, and only served to strengthen  
 Kevin's attack by allowing him to  
 improve the positioning of his  
 pieces.] 32...♗g7 33.♗f5 ♗xf5  
 34.♗xf5 ♖f8 35.♗e4 [Also appealing  
 was 35.♗f7 ♗g8 36.♗e2 attempting to  
 dominate the back ranks, but the  
 exchange of queens cannot be bad  
 either.] 35...♗e4 36.♗xe4 d5 37.cxd5  
 exd5 38.♗xd5! ♖c8 [38...♗xd5  
 39.♗c8±] 39.♗dd7 ♗g8 40.♗f7  
 [40.♗g2 followed by either 41.♗xg7  
 or 41.♗h7 depending upon whether or  
 not the ♗g7 was moved would have  
 been simpler.] 40...♗c3 41.♗g6 a4  
 42.♗xg7+ [42.♗d8!!] 42...♗xg7  
 43.♗xg7 h5 44.♗ge7 ♖c2+ 45.♗g1 1-  
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## S.O.S. Please Send Help!

Mr. Jahedi sent in this game with the  
 following comment: "I recently  
 played Emory Tate in a simultaneous  
 and was up two pawns in exchange  
 for a powerful attack on his part.  
 Many friends said the game was  
 interesting and suggested that I  
 submit it to the ICB. Please comment  
 on the moves so that I can understand  
 just where I went wrong." Salar, I  
 agree with your friends and applaud  
 the initiative you've taken towards  
 improvement. Here are my  
 suggestions:

□ Tate, E (2400)  
 ■ Jahedi, S (1478)  
 Tulcy Park Simultaneous, 1997  
 [Alan Watson]

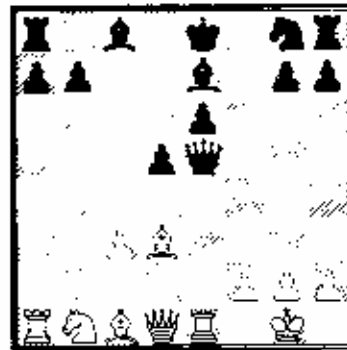
1.e4 e6 2.♗f3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.b4!?



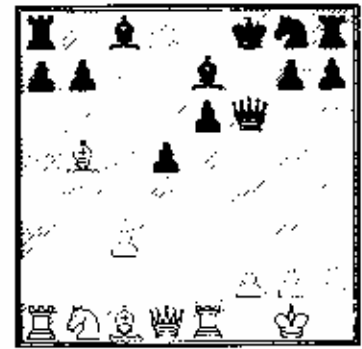
[Emory has a longstanding fondness for this unusual wing gambit and has even trotted it out for important tournament games. White believes that the following exchange gains greater control of the center through the elimination of Black's standard counterplay against d4; and that such control affords him the opportunity of powerful kingside play.] 4...cxb4

5.a3!? [5.d4 (This is more a more normal move order but will often transpose to the text.) 5...c6 6.a3 f6 7.Qb5 Qd7 8.0-0 fxe5 9.fxe5 fxe5 10.fh5+ g6 11.fxe5 Qxb5 12.fhx8 Qxf1 13.fhxg8 f6 14.fxf1 fxd4 15.fxe6+ Qc7 16.c3 bxc3 17.f3a2 fdl+ 18.fel c2 19.Qc3 f3d3+ 20.Qe2 fdl 21.Qc3 f3d3+ 22.f2e2! (An amazing resource!) 22...f3c3 23.f3c2 f3d4 24.Qg5 f3e4 25.f3 f3e2+ 26.f3c2 0-0-0 27.f3e7 d4 28.Qf4 f3d5 29.f3c7+ f3d8 30.f3xb7 f3a5 1-0 Tate,E Read,R/Illinois Open (2) 1993] 5...f3c6 [5...d4!? (An interesting plan seeking to take advantage of white's failure to play 5.d4.) 6.Qb2 (6.f3xb4 Qxb4 7.Qa3 Qxa3 8.f3xa3 f3e7 9.Qd3 Qg6 10.0-0 f3c6 11.f3e1 0-0 12.f3c4 f6 13.f3xf6 f3xf6 14.f3e1 c5+ Martens-Djurhuus, Santiago 1990) 6...f3c6 7.Qb5 Qd7 8.f3e2 a6 9.f3xc6! Qxc6 10.f3xd4 Qxg2 11.f3g1 bxa3 12.f3xa3 Qd5 13.f3ab5! axb5 14.f3xb5+ Qc6 15.f3xc6 f3xa1- 16.Qxa1 bxc6 17.f3xc6+ f3d7 18.f3a8+ f3d8= Analysis by Djurhuus] 6.f3xb4 Qxb4 7.c3 Qe7 8.d4 Qe7?! [This move is premature in that it is not yet clear where the best post for Black's queen will be. [8...f3h6!? 9.Qxh6 g3h6 10.Qd3 f6! 11.f3c2 fxe5 12.dxe5 f3c7 13.0-0 Qc5 14.f3a4 Qd7 15.Qg6- Qe7! 16.Qxh7 f3e5+ Lanzani-Vessozi, Chianciano Terme 1990; 8...f6! 9.Qd3 fxe5 10.f3xe5 (10.dxe5 f3c7 <This move now has a threat!> 11.0-0 f3c5 12.f3xe5 f3xe5 13.Qb5+ Qf7+ Hamed-Garma, Novi Sad 1990) 10...f3f6

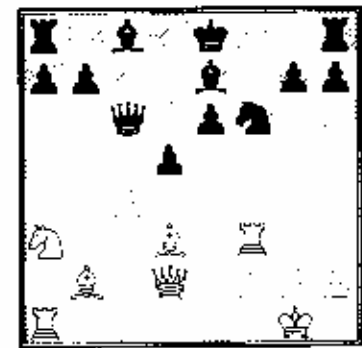
11.Qg5 f3xe5 12.dxe5 Qe4! 13.Qxe7 f3xc7 14.Qxe4 dxe4 15.f3d4 0-0 16.f3xe4 (16.f3xa7 f3xa7 17.f3xa7 f3g5= Buturin-Glek, Belgorod 1989) 16...Qd7! 17.f3c3 (17.f3xb7? f3c5!) 17...Qb5 18.f3d2 f3c7 19.f4 f3ad8+ Reindermann-Glek, Groningen 1992] 9.Qd3 f6 [9...Qd7 10.0-0 h6 11.f3a3 a6 12.h4 f3c8 13.Qe1 Qa5 14.Qd2 Qc4 15.f3xc4 dxc4 16.Qc2 Qf8 17.f4 Qe7 18.h5 f3g8 19.Qh7 f3h8 20.Qb1 f3g8 21.Qc2 g6 22.Qe3 Qf5 23.f3xg6 f3xg6 24.Qxf5 gxf5 25.f3h5+ Qd8 26.f3f7 f3g7 27.f3xf8+ Qc8 28.f3f6+ Qe7 29.d5 f3g6 30.f3xe7+ Qxe7 31.d6+ Qd8 32.g4 h5 33.g5 Qc6 34.Qxc4 Qb5 35.f3b6 f3c6 36.c4 Qxc4 37.Qxc4 f3xc4 38.Qa5+ Qd7 39.f3ac1 f3c6 40.f3xc6 bxc6 41.f3b1 1-0 Tate,E(2401)-Base,A(2346)/Master Challenge (5) 1996] 10.0-0 f3e5 11.dxe5 Qxe5 12.f3xe5 f3xe5 13.f3e1



13...f3f6? [SJ: My queen had a lack of moves and I had to prevent f3h5+. ALW: It is always a wise policy to consider the more general aspects of a position before making specific comments. All that white has to show for his substantial investment of two pawns is an advantage in development and number of open lines; therefore this contest must be concluded in the middlegame by attack. In contrast, black has no weaknesses and must endeavor to complete development as rapidly as possible in order to ward off any threats. The move 13...f3f6 does indeed prevent the loss of castling which would occur after 14.f3h5+, but also blocks the Qg8's natural development and does not aid in getting the king to safety. Therefore best was 13...f3c7 when after the further 14.f3h5+ Qf8 black might continue with 15.f3f6, Qf7, and f3f8 reaching a secure position.] 14.Qb5+ Qf8

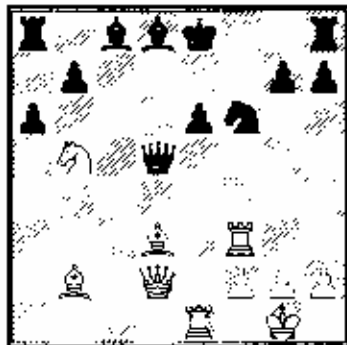


[SJ: 14...Qf7 would have lost my queen to 15.f3e3 f3g6 16.Qd3 or 15.f3e3 f3h4 16.g3 f3h3 17.Qf1 AW: A comparison of this position to that of Hamed-Garma given above illustrates that both Black's king and queen are now located on inferior squares. Having relocated to the kingside, the queen now finds herself extremely short of squares at the same time the Qf8 impedes further development.] 15.f3e3 f3g6 16.Qd3 f3e8 17.c4 Qc6 [SJ: I had to get my queen active.] 18.f3a3 Qc5?! [This further loss of time cannot be best; and should have been discarded in favor of 18...Qf6. Also of note is the fact that this piece returns home in just two more moves anyway.] 19.f3f3+ Qf6 20.Qb2 Qe7 [20...Qxa3 21.Qxf6!; 20...Qf7?!] 21.f3d2 Qe8?!



[Yet another inaccuracy which demonstrates Salar's insistence on countering white's threats one by one without consideration of his own strategic goals. The problem now, just as before, is lack of development. 21...Qd7 would have prevented surprises on the a4-e8 diagonal while preparing to bring the f3a8 into play.] 22.cxd5 f3xd5 [22...f3xd5?? 23.Qb5+ ] 23.f3b5 Qd8 [The game's temperature is rapidly rising as Emory's pieces continue to dance

around like hornets defending a disturbed hive. As white's last piece comes into play the difference in force becomes so significant that little can be done to meet all the threats. 23...♞d7 was worth consideration.] [23...♞d7 24.♞c1 (24.♞c2) ] 24.♞e1 a6??



[A further error which loses to an interesting tactic. 24...♟f7! was necessary for the game to continue.] 25.♟xf6! axb5 [S: I was now calculating 25.♟xg7 ♠g8 26.♟h6 ♠xf3, but there came a nasty surprise ...] 26.♟g6+!! [S: My queen is hanging. Look at his two bishops and queen ... WOW! I was dumbfounded.] 26...♟d7 [26...♟f8 27.♟xd8+] 27.♠d3! [The point of white's combination.] 27...♟xf6 28.♠xd5+ exd5 29.♠xd5+ ♟c7 30.♠c5+ 1-0

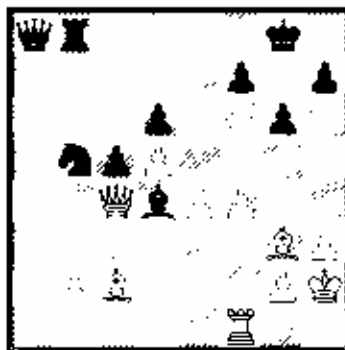
## A Dangerous Visitor.

by Alan Watson

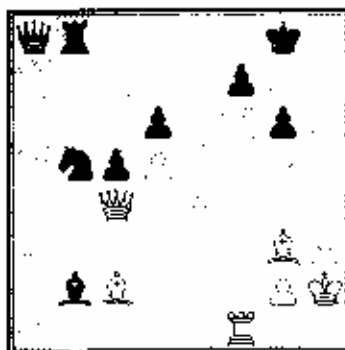
In late February the Naperville/ Fox Valley chess club was fortunate to have Mr. Enrico Sevillano stop by for a brief visit. He has an IM title and with a rating of 2580 is ranked as one of the top players in the country. Needless to say, he did give the club leaders quite a tussle though Verber did manage to nick him for a full point in the game which follows. Three additional games demonstrate the severity of thrashing he inflicted on us.

♠Sevillano,E (2578)  
 ♣Verber,R (2423)  
 Naperville CC Skittles, G/15, 1997  
 [Alan Watson]

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♟g7 3.c4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.♟c3 ♟f6 6.♟f3 0-0 7.♟d3 e6 8.0-0 exd5 9.cxd5 ♟g4 [Attempting to strengthen control over e5 so as to eliminate any possibility of a central breakthrough.] 10.h3 ♟xf3 11.♠xf3 a6 12.a4 ♟bd7 13.♟f4 ♟e8 14.♠e2 ♟e5 15.♟g3 ♟c7 16.♟c2 b5!? [In playing this advance, Richard knows quite well that he will lose a pawn, but also realizes the perilous nature of his position dictates it lest he be pushed off the board without a whimper.] 17.axb5 axb5 18.♠xa8 ♠xa8 19.f4 ♟c4 [The weakness of d6 forced the knight here, but at least black is gaining a measure of activity for his pieces in exchange for the b-pawn.] 20.♠xb5 ♠xb5 21.♠xc4 ♠d4+ 22.♟h2 ♠b8



23.f5! [With black's pieces scattered far to the east, Enrico begins a kingside demonstration designed to weaken the defenses and provide open lines for his pieces. Less forceful was 23.♠a4 attempting to activate his light squared bishop.] 23...♟xb2 24.fxg6 hxg6



25.e5!? ♟a3 [Although distantly removed from the kingside, black's pieces nonetheless exert some influence in that sector and force the first player to be very accurate with his moves order. White's queen is now forced away from d5 in order to

guard the ♟c2.] 26.♠f4 ♠xd5 27.♟xg6!?! [The only way for white to capitalize upon his advantage in force before black can consolidate defenses! Whether calculated or merely an act of intuition, this daring prelate flings itself upon the enemy's shield in order to remove the last barricades. Unfortunately, though, white's queen and rook cannot complete the job alone without assistance from the passively placed ♟g3; how can it be brought into play?] 27...fxg6 28.♠f6 ♟xe5 29.♠xg6+ ♟h8 [29...♟g7? 30.♠f5 ♠c4 31.♟xd6+ ] 30.♠f5? [Throwing away the draw that was available by resourceful play. For example: [30.♠h6+ ♟g8 31.♠g5+! ♟h7 32.♠f4 (This key move illustrates an important nuance and allows a draw by perpetual check.) 32...♠b4 33.♠h5+ ♟g7 34.♠g5+ ] 30...♟xg3+ 31.♠xg3



31...♠g8! [An amazing resource which breaks the back of white's attack by forcing the exchange of queens. The wayward knight now gains the time necessary to return and assist in deciding the game.] 32.♠xd5 ♠xg6+ 33.♟f3 ♠e6 34.♟f4 ♟b5 35.g4 ♟g7 36.b4 ♟c7 37.♠d1 d5 38.g5 ♠e4+ 39.♟f5 c4 40.b5 c3 41.b6+ ♟h7 42.g6+ ♟xb6 43.♠h1+ ♟g7 44.♠h7+ ♟g8 45.♠xc7 ♠c4 46.♠e7 c2 47.♟f6 ♠f4+ 0-1

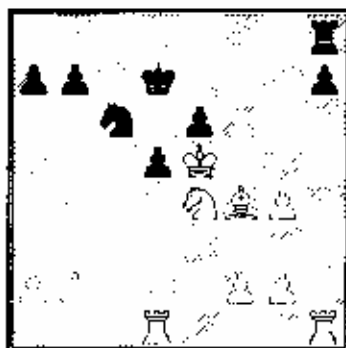
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 ♣Sevillano,E (2578)  
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 [Alan Watson]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♠b6 5.♟f3 ♠d7 [Called the Wade Variation of the Advance French, this line seeks to reduce white's attacking chances by exchanging his powerful light-squared bishop.] 6.♟e2 cxd4

7. exd4 Qb5 8. Qxb5+ ♖xb5 9. Qc3 ♗a6  
 10. ♖e2?! [10. ♖e2! ♖b4+ 11. Qd2  
 Qxd2- 12. ♖xd2 ♖e7 13. 0-0 0-0  
 14. ♖f1 ♖bc6 15. ♖f4! Kupreichik  
 Kapengut, Minsk 1979] 10... ♖xe2+  
 11. ♖xe2 [White has fallen completely  
 in with black's plans and now faces  
 dreary endgame prospects due to his  
 hapless dark-squared bishop.]  
 11... ♖c6 12. ♖e3 ♖ge7



13. ♖b5 [This adventure, while  
 promising at first glance, offers no  
 long term benefit because the knight  
 can later be driven back. Standard  
 development with 13. ♖a1 was  
 better.] 13... ♖d7 14. ♖d6 ♖d8  
 15. ♖a1 ♖ec6 16. ♖b5 f6 17. ♖f4? [In  
 his eagerness to justify the ill-  
 advised knight sortie, Richard commits  
 a further error which permits the  
 destruction of his once proud center.  
 Whereas 17. cxf6 had the  
 disadvantage of granting a dominance  
 of central pawns, 17. ♖hd1 and maybe  
 even 17. h4 were playable.] 17... g5!  
 18. ♖g3 g4 19. ♖d2 a6 [This third  
 consecutive pawn move further  
 harasses white's exposed pieces and  
 spells doom for the d4 pawn. Black is  
 now in complete charge of the game.]  
 20. ♖c3 ♖xd4+ 21. ♖d3 ♖xc6 22. cxf6  
 ♖h6 23. h3 ♖ac8 24. hxp4? [The final  
 mistake after which Enrico concludes  
 the game in a very esthetic manner,  
 even taking a couple extra moves for  
 the purpose of creating a more  
 efficient checkmate! 24. ♖cd1 was the  
 only hope.] 24... ♖b4+! ♣ 25. ♖xd4  
 ♖xd2 26. ♖cd1 ♖c4+ 27. ♖e5 ♖f4+!  
 [Black clearly saw that 27... ♖d3 was  
 checkmate, but wanted to effect the  
 same result after first sacrificing his  
 bishop and rook!] 28. ♖xf4 ♖e4+!  
 29. ♖xe4 ♖c6#



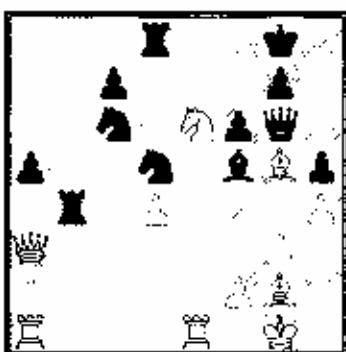
[The final position certainly merits a  
 diagram.] 0-1

♖Sevillano, E (2578)

♜Martinovsky, E (2344)

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1. e4 e5 2. ♖f3 ♖c6 3. d4 exd4 4. ♖xd4  
 ♖c5 5. ♖e3 ♖f6 6. c3 ♖ge7 7. g3 d5  
 8. ♖g2 dxe4 9. ♖d2 ♖xd4 10. exd4 ♖f5  
 11. ♖xe4 ♖g6 12. ♖c5 0-0 13. ♖xb7  
 ♖ab8 14. ♖c5 ♖xb2 15. 0-0 ♖d8  
 16. ♖a4 ♖b4 17. ♖a3 a5 18. ♖f1 b5  
 19. h4 ♖d5 20. ♖g5 f6 21. ♖e6!?



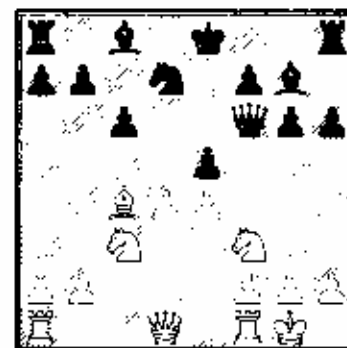
21... ♖xe6 22. ♖xe6 ♖xd4 23. ♖a5 ♖b5  
 24. ♖a6 ♖b1+ 25. ♖e1 ♖xa1 26. ♖xa1  
 ♖b7 27. ♖c4 fxe5 28. ♖xd4 ♖f6 29. ♖d1  
 c6 30. hxe5 ♖xe5 31. a4 ♖h8 32. a5  
 ♖g4 33. ♖e4 ♖a8 34. ♖xd5 ♖xd4  
 35. ♖xd4 ♖d8 36. a6 cxd5 37. a7 ♖a8  
 38. ♖a4 ♖g8 39. ♖f1 ♖f7 40. ♖e2  
 [White shortly won on time.] 1-0

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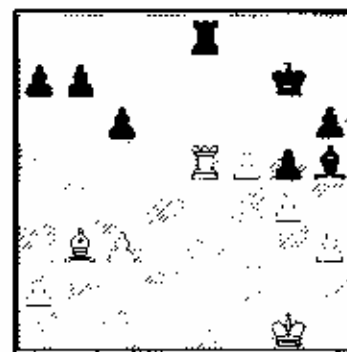
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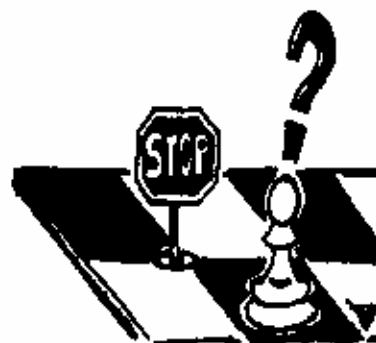
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 5. ♖g5 b6 6. ♖xf6 ♖xf6 7. e3 ♖d7 8. ♖d3  
 dxc4 9. ♖xc4 g6 10. 0-0 ♖g7 11. e4 e5



12. dxe5 ♖xe5 13. ♖xe5 ♖xe5 14. ♖h1  
 0-0 15. f4 ♖d4 16. ♖b3 ♖xd1  
 17. ♖ard1 ♖g4 18. ♖d3 ♖ad8 19. ♖g3  
 ♖xc3 20. hxc3 ♖e2 21. ♖e1 ♖h5 22. h3  
 ♖g7 23. ♖ge3 g5 24. f5 f6 25. e5 fxe5  
 26. ♖xe5 ♖fe8 27. g4 ♖xe5 28. ♖xe5  
 ♖e8



29. f6+! ♖f8 30. ♖e7! ♖g6 31. ♖xb7  
 ♖e4+ 32. ♖g1 ♖d5 33. c4 ♖f7 34. ♖xa7  
 c5 35. ♖e7 ♖e5 36. a4 ♖e3 37. ♖e2 ♖e6  
 38. ♖c8+ ♖e8 39. ♖xc5 ♖e6 40. ♖g6  
 ♖d8 41. ♖c7 ♖d1+ 42. ♖f2 ♖d4 43. ♖e3  
 ♖f4 44. ♖c6 ♖d7 45. ♖d6 1-0





# Tournament Results



Reported By Bill Smythe

These standings reflect the following 1997 Tour events.

Tim Just Winter Open, Grayslake	MAXI January 4-5, 1997
Peoria Tornado	mini January 18, 1997
Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini January 18, 1997
Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Quick	micro January 19, 1997
Chicago Chess Club February Frost	mini February 8-9, 1997
U.S. Amateur Team Quick, O'Hare	micro February 15, 1997
Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini March 1, 1997
Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Quick	micro March 2, 1997
Fox Valley / Naperville Amateur, Lisle	mini March 8, 1997
Mid-America Class Championship, O'Hare	MAXI March 21-23, 1997

To be included in a future issue.

Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini April 5, 1997
Greater Peoria Open	MAXI April 5-6, 1997
Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Quick	micro April 6, 1997
Fox Valley / Naperville Open, Lisle	mini April 19, 1997
Chicago Chess Club Spring Open	mini April 26-27, 1997

Upcoming 1997 Tour events:

Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini May 10, 1997
Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Quick	mini May 11, 1997
Chicago Open, Schaumburg	MAXI May 23-26, 1997
Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini June 7, 1997
Elmhurst Chess Club	mini June 8, 1997
Peoria Quick Tornado	micro June 28, 1997
Chicago CC Masters-Play-Free Plus-Score	mini July 5, 1997
Chicago CC Masters-Free Plus-Score Quick	micro July 6, 1997
Midway Amateur Class, Oak Lawn	MAXI July 12-13, 1997
Illinois Open	MAXI Aug 30 - Sep 1, 1997
Illinois Class	MAXI Nov 22-23, 1997

Other Tour events will be added as the year progresses. Consult the Illinois Chess Bulletin, Chess Life, or ChessPhone (630-832-5222) for details.

For players with fewer than three 1997 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 1997 to be eligible for year-end Tour prizes.

NOTE: ICA membership is required for all Illinois residents playing at 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.

## Current Tour Point Leaders

### Master Tour Points:

PALOS Osman	52.4
SZPISJAK Steven J	33.5
CHOW Albert C	29
FISCHER Gregory A	14.3
WONG Brian	13.5
PORTER John (2)	12.5
BACHLER Kevin J (2)	12
DANDRIDGE Marvin	11
SCOTT Gene G	10.2
ZINYTCH Miron	9.5

### Expert Tour Points:

TUBIC Bisi L (2)	21
COHEN Lawrence S (2)	20
BACHLER Kevin L (2)	19
FISCHER Gregory A	16.3
SCOTT Gene G	16.2
WONG Brian	13.5
SMYTHE Bill	13.1
PORTER John (2)	12.5
CAVENY Geoffrey	12.3
INUMERABLE Flore (1)	12

### Class A Tour Points:

FISCHER Gregory A	21.3
COHEN Lawrence S (2)	20
JAKUBOWSKI Macie (1)	19
MODES Daniel R (1)	19
WONG Brian	16.5
GAST Bryan	15
CRONIN Mike	14
WATTS Bradley S	13.5

SMYTHE Bill	13.1
PORTER John (2)	12.5

### Class B Tour Points:

ROBLEDO Mark Jr (2)	34.5
BAUMGARTNER Chris	31.5
HART Vincent J (2)	26
HOWELL Thomas W (2)	21
HART Dan G (1)	19
ENGELER Mark	15.5
HAI F Bob Floyd	15.1
GAST Bryan	15

### Class C Tour Points:

DE PERALTA Artur (1)	19
JAHEDI Salir (1)	19
SILVERMAN Scott (2)	18
LEALI Matthew (2)	16
HUANG Kenneth (2)	12.5
WONG Kevin D	12.5
RIDDLE Robert (2)	12
SHIELLIAMER Ted C (2)	12
WISHSNER Michael	11.3

### Class D Tour Points:

REDDIVARI Dushyanth	40.5
LEWIS Eric (2)	20.5
WISHSNER Michael	15.3
VIEREKGI Craig	13.5
HUANG Kenneth (2)	12.5
WONG Kevin D	12.5
METCALF Chris (1)	12
MOORE Joseph K (1)	12

RASMUSSEN Robert (1)	12
AJLES Tim S	11
HUBBARD Andrew (2)	11

### Class E Tour Points:

WEBER Jon (1)	19
SINGURA Thomas	14
CASTIC Samuel Ry (1)	12
VILENCHIK Vlad (1)	12
PARK William	11.5
AJLES Tim S	11
VIEREKGI Craig	7.5

### Class 8 Tour Points:

ROSS Ben (1)	19
WEBER Jon (1)	19
PEDERSEN Soren C (1)	12
DURAN Lorena (1)	6
GILRUTH Jessica (1)	6
PEDERSEN Eric E (1)	6
SUMMERHAYS Danie (1)	6

### Class 6 Tour Points:

SOMASUNDARAM Vig (1)	32
ROSS Ben (1)	19
GILRUTH Jessica (1)	6
WILLARD Matthew (1)	6
CAMARGO Martha (1)	5
GILRUTH Alexandr (1)	5
HARBACEK Kyle C (1)	5
VAN HORNE Scott (1)	5
WILLARD Gary (1)	5
FOODOR Tim (1)	3

## Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score, January 18, 1997

## OPEN

1	PALOS Osman	IL		W13	W 7	W 2	W 5	4	14	M
2	DANDRIDGE Marvin	IL	2325	W 4	W16	L 1	W 7	3	4	M
3	SZPISJAK Steve	IL	2287	W14	W 8	H	H	3	4	M
4	WONG Brian	IL	1855	L 2	W15	W16	W 6	3	4	MXA
5	DESHPANDE Anitrudd	WI	2123	D 9	W13	W11	L 1	2.5	2.5	MX
6	SCOTT Gene G	IL	2133	W18	L11	W 8	L 4	2	2	MX
7	LAWSON Kevin	IL	2060	W17	L 1	W12	L 2	2	2	MX
8	SANTANA Miguel	IL	1998	W10	L 3	L 6	W11	2	2	MXA
9	FISCHER Gregory A	IL	1800	D 5	L12	W10	H	2	2	MXA
10	HALE Bob Lloyd	IL	1658	L 8	W18	L 9	W17	2	2	MXAB
11	JOHNSON Henderson	IL	1614	W12	W 6	L 5	L 8	2	2	MXAB
12	AMUNDSEN Steve	IL	1952	L11	W 9	L 7	D13	1.5	1.5	MXA
13	WATTS Bradley S	IL	1939	L 1	L 5	W17	D12	1.5	1.5	MXA
14	BALE Les	IL	1853	L 3	D17	H	H	1.5	1.5	MXAB
15	FLORES Josh	IL	1769	L16	L 4	W18	H	1.5	1.5	MXAB
16	WASHINGTON Ron	IL	2054	W15	L 2	L 4	-	1	1	MX
17	MAXEY Luther Lee	IL		L 7	D14	L13	L10	0.5	0.5	M
18	GENCHANOK Yefim Y	IL	1809	L 6	L10	L15	-	0		

## Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score, January 18, 1997

## UNDER-1800

1	BAUMGARTNER Chris	IL	1669	W 3	W 7	D 4	W 5	3.5	7.5	B
2	VIREGG Craig	IL	1156	W 6	D 5	W 7	W 4	3.5	7.5	BCDE
3	WONG Kevin D	IL	1285	L 1	W12	W 9	W10	3	4	BCD
4	FROELICH Jim	IL	1612	W 8	W10	D 1	L 2	2.5	2.5	B
5	PADILLA Rudy	IL	1600	W11	D 2	W10	L 1	2.5	2.5	B
6	SMITH Orlan B	IL	1500	L 2	W11	H	H	2	2	BC
7	REDDIVARI Dushyanth	IL	1345	W12	L 1	L 2	B	2	2	BCD
8	WISHNER Mike	IL	1258	L 4	L 9	W11	W12	2	2	BCD
9	RODRIGUEZ Jose A Sr	IL	1137	L10	W 8	L 3	H	1.5	1.5	BCDE
10	FOSTER David	IL	1462	W 9	L 4	L 5	L 3	1	1	BC
11	CHO Moon Ki	IL		L 5	L 6	L 8	H	0.5		
12	RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr	IL	1058	L 7	L 3	H	L 8	0.5	0.5	BCDE

## Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Quick, January 19, 1997

1	PALOS Osman	IL		L 2	W 8	W11	W 9	W 3	W 4	5	3.8M
2	CAVENEY Geoffrey	IL	1853	W 1	W 9	W 3	W 7	L 4	W 8	5	3.8MXA
3	MARQUEZ Anthony	IL	2014	W 6	W10	L 2	W11	L 1	D 8	3.5	1.8MX
4	SMYTHE Bill	IL	1870	W12	D11	L 9	W 8	W 2	L 1	3.5	1.8MXA
5	FISCHER Greg	IL	1703	L 9	W 6	L 7	W12	W10	H	3.5	1.8MXAB
6	HALE Bob	IL	1659	L 3	L 5	W12	W10	W 9	D 7	3.5	1.8MXAB
7	GATES Sophia	IL	1829	L11	W12	W 5	L 2	D 8	D 6	3	1.5MXA
8	LAWSON Kevin	IL	2060	D 3	L 1	W10	L 4	D 7	L 2	2	1 MX
9	WASHINGTON Ron	IL	2025	W 5	L 2	W 4	L 1	L 6	-	2	1 MX
10	WISHNER Mike	IL	1285	B	L 3	L 8	L 6	L 5	W12	2	1 MXABCD
11	MARSHALL James	IL	2088	W 7	D 4	L 1	L 3	-	-	1.5	0.8MX
12	CURRY Eileen	MI	1418	L 4	L 7	L 6	L 5	B	L10	1	0.5MXABC

## Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score, March 1, 1997

1	PALOS Osman	IL	2445	W 5	W 8	W 7	W10	4	14	M
2	KORNFELD Allen	IL	2309	W20	W12	W 4	H	3.5	7.5	M
3	SZPISJAK Steve	IL	2324	W13	W11	H	H	3	4	M
4	OSANYINJOBI Tokumbo	IL	1964	W19	W10	L 2	W12	3	4	MXA
5	FISCHER Greg	IL	1800	L 1	W23	W14	W11	3	4	MXA
6	SINGURA Tom	IL		W 9	D15	D 8	W16	3	4	M
7	WASHINGTON Ron	IL	2050	W22	W17	L 1	D 9	2.5	2.5	MX
8	SMYTHE Bill	IL	1985	W23	L 1	D 6	W15	2.5	2.5	MXA
9	HAYES Will	IL	1800	L 6	W21	W20	D 7	2.5	2.5	MXA
10	DANDRIDGE Marvin	IL	2326	W16	L 4	W15	L 1	2	2	M

11	WIDELKA Adam	IL		W18	L 3	W17	L 5	2	2	M
12	WATTS Brad	IL	1800	W14	L 2	W18	L 4	2	2	MXA
13	JOHNSON Henderson	IL	1645	L 3	L18	W22	W23	2	2	MXAB
14	SMITH Will	IL	912	L12	W19	L 5	W24	2	2	MXABCDE8
15	SCOTT Gene	IL	2059	W21	D 6	L10	L 8	1.5	1.5	1.5MX
16	BAUMGARTNER Chris	IL	1667	L10	D22	W24	L 6	1.5	1.5	1.5MXAB
17	STEVENS Joe	IL	1600	W24	L 7	L11	H	1.5	1.5	1.5MXAB
18	LEWIS Eric	IL	1280	L11	W13	L12	H	1.5	1.5	1.5MXABCD
19	KHOMYN Igor	IL	1614	L 4	L14	L23	B	1	1	MXAB
20	HALE Bob	IL	1601	L 2	W24	L 9	-	1	1	MXAB
21	SMITH Orlan	IL	1500	L15	L 9	H	H	1	1	MXABC
22	ALBERT Steve	IL	1476	L 7	D16	L13	H	1	1	MXABC
23	WACHTER Tom	IL	1418	L 8	L 5	W19	L13	1	1	MXABC
24	ZINYTCH Miron	IL	2137	L17	L20	L16	L14	0		

Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Quick, March 2, 1997

1	PALOS Osman	IL	2458	W10	W 6	W 9	D 3	W 4	W 5	5.5	5.8M
2	SAX Rob	IL	2074	W 8	D14	L 3	W11	W10	W 6	4.5	2.5MX
3	SCOTT Gene	IL	2048	W13	W15	W 2	D 1	L 5	W 9	4.5	2.5MX
4	ZINYTCH Miron	IL	2138	L14	W16	W12	W 9	L 1	W11	4	2 MX
5	MARSHALL James	IL	2075	W12	L 9	W13	W14	W 3	L 1	4	2 MX
6	WASHINGTON Ron	IL	2001	W11	L 1	D14	W15	W13	L 2	3.5	1.8MX
7	SMYTHE Bill	IL	1895	H	H	L11	D 8	W16	W14	3.5	1.8MXA
8	HALE Bob Lloyd	IL	1640	L 2	L11	W17	D 7	X	W16	3.5	1.8MXAB
9	MARTINEC Vladimir	IL	1988	W17	W 5	L 1	L 4	W14	L 3	3	1.5MXA
10	SHMUTS Sergey	IL	1812	L 1	L13	W18	W16	L 2	W17	3	1.5MXA
11	BUCIOR Sylvester	IL	1467	L 6	W 8	W 7	L 2	X	L 4	3	1.5MXABC
12	FISCHER Gregory	IL	1700	L 5	W18	L 4	L13	W17	H	2.5	1.2MXAB
13	BYCHOWSKI Steve	IL	1578	L 3	W10	L 5	W12	L 6	H	2.5	1.2MXABC
14	KAMBER George	IN	1819	W 4	D 2	D 6	L 5	L 9	L 7	2	1 MXA
15	HENDERSON Scott	IL	1956	W18	L 3	D16	L 6	-	-	1.5	0.8MXA
16	WISHNER Mike	IL	1285	W17	L 4	D15	L10	L 7	L 8	1.5	0.8MXABCD
17	REDDIVARI Dushyanth	IL	1309	L 9	L16	L 8	W18	L12	L10	1	0.5MXABCD
18	WATKINS Reginald	WI	1473	L15	L12	L10	L17	-	-	0	

Chicago Chess Club February Frost, February 8-9, 1997

1	SZPISJAK Steve	IL	2324	W14	W10	W 6	D 2	W 3	4.5	9.5M
2	CHOW Albert	IL	2396	W13	W 9	D 3	D 1	D 5	3.5	3.5M
3	ZINYTCH Miron	IL	2137	W17	W11	D 2	W12	L 1	3.5	3.5MX
4	CAVENEY Geoffrey	IL	2128	D18	W25	D 7	W 9	D 6	3.5	3.5MX
5	SANTANA Miguel	IL	2008	W21	L 7	W11	W13	D 2	3.5	3.5MX
6	WONG Brian	IL	1883	W16	W 8	L 1	W 7	D 4	3.5	3.5MXA
7	KAMBER George	IN	1881	W24	W 5	D 4	L 6	W12	3.5	3.5MXA
8	SCOTT Gene	IL	2059	W20	L 6	L12	W21	W14	3	3 MX
9	SAX Rob	IL	2000	W26	L 2	W17	L 4	W18	3	3 MX
10	SMYTHE Bill	IL	1985	W22	L 1	W24	H	H	3	3 MXA
11	AMUNDSEN Steve	IL	1962	W15	L 3	L 5	W23	W17	3	3 MXA
12	MARSHALL James	IL	2114	D25	W18	W 8	L 3	L 7	2.5	2.5MX
13	HAYES Will	IL	1800	L 2	W23	H	L 5	W19	2.5	2.5MXA
14	FISCHER Greg	IL	1800	L 1	W22	H	W20	L 8	2.5	2.5MXA
15	WONG Kevin	IL	1257	L11	L21	H	X26	W20	2.5	2.5MXABCD
16	WISHNER Michael	IL	1240	L 6	W19	L24	D23	W21	2.5	2.5MXABCD
17	WATTS Brad	IL	1800	L 3	W26	L 9	W22	L11	2	2 MXA
18	HOWELL Thomas	IL	1760	D 4	L12	H	W24	L 9	2	2 MXAB
19	AILES Tom	IL	1117	L16	D20	H	X25	L13	2	2 MXABCDE
20	JOHNSON Henderson	IL	1645	L 8	D19	W25	L14	L15	1.5	1.5MXAB
21	HALE Bob	IL	1601	L 5	W15	H	L 8	L16	1.5	1.5MXAB
22	WACHTER Tom	IL	1418	L10	L14	W26	L17	H	1.5	1.5MXABC
23	REDDIVARI Dushyanth	IL	1309	H	L13	D16	L11	D24	1.5	1.5MXABCD
24	PARK William	IL	1176	L 7	W16	L10	L18	D23	1.5	1.5MXABCDE
25	COVIC Mehmed	IL	1746	D12	L 4	L20	F19	-	0.5	0.5MXAB
26	MAXEY Luther Lee	IL		L 9	L17	L22	F15	-	0	

Fox Valley Naperville Amateur, March 8, 1997

1	TUBIC Bisi	2088	W19	W 7	W 5	W 4	4	14	X
2	COHEN Larry	1927	W31	W 9	W23	W 3	4	14	XA
3	CONDON James	2000	W21	W12	W15	L 2	3	4	X
4	HURCHALLA David	2000	W30	W17	W14	L 1	3	4	X
5	CRONIN Mike	1906	W22	W10	L 1	W17	3	4	XA
6	OBERWEIS James	1862	W28	L23	W20	W11	3	4	XA
7	NAIR Umesh	1799	W33	L 1	W18	W21	3	4	XAB
8	GAST Bryan	1788	L23	W27	W30	W19	3	4	XAB
9	BAUMGARTNER Chris	1667	W38	L 2	W32	W14	3	4	XAB
10	WALLIN Randall	1653	W34	L 5	W24	W15	3	4	XAB
11	SADAUSKAS Justin	1884	W27	D20	W13	L 6	2.5	2.5	XA
12	ENGELN Mark	1733	W36	L 3	D22	W23	2.5	2.5	XAB
13	MARKOV Igor	2081	L20	W26	L11	W32	2	2	X
14	ALLISON Roger	1800	W32	W24	L 4	L 9	2	2	XA
15	FISCHER Gregory	1800	W35	W25	L 3	L10	2	2	XA
16	WORTINGER John	1707	L24	D28	D27	W33	2	2	XAB
17	WAKERLY Ralph	1674	W37	L 4	W31	L 5	2	2	XAB
18	FROEHLICH James	1600	L26	W35	L 7	W34	2	2	XAB
19	PADILLA Rudy	1600	L 1	W33	W26	L 8	2	2	XAB
20	LAUGER Stephen	1547	W13	D11	L 6	D22	2	2	XABC
21	SPIROS George	1536	L 3	W36	W25	L 7	2	2	XABC
22	SCANTLEN Anthony	1500	L 5	W34	D12	D20	2	2	XABC
23	CHEN Aaron	1337	W 8	W 6	L 2	L12	2	2	XABCD
24	VIEREGG Craig	1290	W16	L14	L10	W29	2	2	XABCD
25	SINGURA Thomas	1148	W29	L15	L21	W31	2	2	XABCDE
26	LINCOMANENI Suresh		W18	L13	L19	W30	2		
27	WACHTER Tom	1418	L11	L 8	D16	W35	1.5	1.5	XABC
28	HOLLISTER Hudson	1404	L 6	D16	L29	W38	1.5	1.5	XABC
29	HUANG Vincent	1630	L25	L32	W28	L24	1	1	XAB
30	MARTIN Albert	1507	L 4	W37	L 8	L26	1	1	XABC
31	SMITH Orlan	1500	L 2	W38	L17	L25	1	1	XABC
32	REEVES Kevin	1356	L14	W29	L 9	L13	1	1	XABCD
33	NICHELL Kent	1337	L 7	L19	W37	L16	1	1	XABCD
34	HUANG Winston	1163	L10	L22	W36	L18	1	1	XABCDE
35	HUANG Kenneth	1348	L15	L18	D38	L27	0.5	0.5	XABCD
36	REDDIVARI Dushyanth	1309	L12	L21	L34	D37	0.5	0.5	XABCD
37	LAUGER Lloyd	1255	L17	L30	L33	D36	0.5	0.5	XABCD
38	WRZOSEK Bob	1247	L 9	L31	D35	L28	0.5	0.5	XABCD

Peoria Tornado, January 18, 1997

1	VAN BUSKIRK Douglas	IL	2228	W11	D 8	W 7	W 9	3.5	7.5M	
2	NAFF William A	IL	2105	W12	W18	W 3	H	3.5	7.5MX	
3	BOLITHO Thomas G	IL	1851	W15	W 6	L 2	W 8	3	4	MXA
4	ITSCHNER James	IL	1589	W22	H	D 5	W13	3	4	MXABC
5	LEALI Matthew	IL	1547	W23	D17	D 4	W14	3	4	MXABC
6	TUCKER Anthony	IL	1267	W20	L 3	W18	W11	3	4	MXABCD
7	LEALI Michael E	IL	1995	W13	D10	L 1	W17	2.5	2.5	MXA
8	VERO Carl M	IL	1833	W16	D 1	W17	L 3	2.5	2.5	MXA
9	SUAREZ Ronald J	IL	1598	H	W19	W10	L 1	2.5	2.5	MXABC
10	SMIT Tom	IL	1983	W14	D 7	L 9	H	2	2	MXA
11	WEBER Greg	IL	1498	L 1	W16	W15	L 6	2	2	MXABC
12	STAAR Andrew D	IL	1484	L 2	L21	W22	W23	2	2	MXABC
13	WEBER Jerry W	IL	1438	L 7	W22	W21	L 4	2	2	MXABC
14	MOORE Rod	IL	1422	L10	W24	W23	L 5	2	2	MXABC
15	KELLY James R	IL	1404	L 3	W20	L11	W21	2	2	MXABC
16	GOELLER Scott	IN	1369	L 8	L11	W24	W19	2	2	MXABCD
17	STOTLER Richard E	IL	1508	W24	D 5	L 8	L 7	1.5	1.5	MXABC
18	MEYER William L	IL	1683	W21	L 2	L 6	-	1	1	MXAB
19	ZIMMERLE R Wayne	IL	1609	H	L 9	D20	L16	1	1	MXAB
20	CRUM Randy M	IL	1600	L 6	L15	D19	H	1	1	MXAB
21	CRUISE Donald T	IL	1290	L18	W12	L13	L15	1	1	MXABCD
22	FOSTER Don	IL	1266	L 4	L13	L12	W24	1	1	MXABCD
23	KENNEL Earl I	IL	944	L 5	B	L14	L12	1	1	MXABCDE
24	TROYER Carl R	IL		L17	L14	L16	L22	0		

## U.S. Amateur Team Quick, February 14, 1997

## OPEN

1	PALOS Osman		2445	D 5	W13	W11	W15	W 6	W 7	5.5	5.8M
2	KAUSHANSKY Leo	IL	2460	W14	D11	L 15	W13	W22	W 6	4.5	2.5M
3	PELTS Peter	IL	2368	W18	W17	L 6	W10	D 4	W 9	4.5	2.5M
4	CHOW Albert C	IL	2266	W26	W30	L 7	W17	D 3	W10	4.5	2.5M
5	CADMAN Chuck	IL	1952	D 1	D12	W21	D22	W16	W15	4.5	2.5MXA
6	TATE Emory A	IN	2458	W 9	W 8	W 3	W 7	L 1	L 2	4	2 M
7	MOULIN Pierre	IL	2414	W25	W22	W 4	L 6	W 8	L 1	4	2 M
8	DOSS Jason R	IN	2050	W24	L 6	W31	W18	L 7	W19	4	2 MX
9	OSANYINJOBE Tokun	OH	1991	L 6	W26	W24	W12	W15	L 3	4	2 MXA
10	CHOBANYAN Sergei	FR	2317	W31	D23	W29	L 3	W11	L 4	3.5	1.8M
11	KAMBERI Sonny	MI	2171	W32	D 2	L 1	W23	L10	W21	3.5	1.8MX
12	BILBAO Miguel Ang	IL	2106	H	D 5	W23	L 9	W18	D14	3.5	1.8MX
13	KISTLER Leslie C	IN	2103	D29	L 1	W20	L 2	W23	W24	3.5	1.8MX
14	BUTLER Lawrence D	WI	2017	L 2	W32	L18	W20	W28	D12	3.5	1.8MX
15	MARTINOVSKY Eugene	IL	2314	W19	W20	W 2	L 1	L 9	L 5	3	1.5M
16	YODER Ronnie R	IN	2135	L20	L29	W32	W27	L 5	W22	3	1.5MX
17	SHERNOFF Leon	IL	2022	W28	L 3	W30	L 4	L19	W26	3	1.5MX
18	TODD Douglas L	IN	1902	L 3	W33	W14	L 8	L12	W28	3	1.5MXA
19	MC NAMARA James	IL	1879	L15	L21	W33	W30	W17	L 8	3	1.5MXA
20	RITTER Howard T	MI	1800	W16	L15	L13	L14	W33	W25	3	1.5MXA
21	BORMAN Kelly L	WI	2074	L30	W19	L 5	W29	D24	L11	2.5	1.2MX
22	SCOTT Gene G	IL	2048	W33	L 7	W27	D 5	L 2	L16	2.5	1.2MX
23	MANNE Kiran K	IL	1906	W34	D10	L12	L11	L13	W32	2.5	1.2MXA
24	ASHTON Jeffrey	MI	1637	L 8	W25	L 9	W31	D21	L13	2.5	1.2MXAB
25	MOORE Danny R	FL	1950	L 7	L24	L26	W32	W27	L20	2	1 MXA
26	AUGSBURGER Leonard	IL	1816	L 4	L 9	W25	L28	W30	L17	2	1 MXA
27	SCHUSCHEL Hans	IL	1718	H	H	L22	L16	L25	W33	2	1 MXAB
28	SELLERS Matt B	MI	1468	L17	L31	B	W26	L14	L18	2	1 MXABC
29	FINEBERG Thomas A	IL	1703	D13	W16	L10	L21	-	-	1.5	0.8MXAB
30	FISCHER Gregory A	IL	1700	W21	L 4	L17	L19	L26	H	1.5	0.8MXAB
31	PORTER John	IL	1884	L10	W28	L 8	L24	-	-	1	0.5MXA
32	HAYES Will	IL	1803	L11	L14	L16	L25	B	L23	1	0.5MXA
33	PLUNKETT Robert	MN	1517	L22	L18	L19	B	L20	L27	1	0.5MXAB C
34	LINDSAY Fred	MI	2383	L23	-	-	-	-	-	0	

## U.S. Amateur Team Quick, February 14, 1997

## RESERVE

1	HENDERSON Harold		1745	L20	W17	W26	W14	W 9	W 7	5	3.8B
2	VAN PETTEN John		1626	W23	W21	W20	L 7	W12	W 3	5	3.8B
3	FULKERSON Nick		1633	D22	W25	W 5	W 8	W 7	L 2	4.5	2.5B
4	ROBLEDO Mark Jr		1591	W27	D19	L 8	W22	W13	W 9	4.5	2.5BC
5	MOSHER Michael J		1389	H	W22	L 3	W19	W 8	W11	4.5	2.5BCD
6	SEFCHECK Mark M		1757	L 7	W18	W10	L12	W21	W17	4	2 B
7	TITUS Frank A		1482	W 6	W13	W12	W 2	L 3	L 1	4	2 BC

8 GRANIK David M	1721	W10 D9 W4 L3 L5 W12	3.5	1.8B
9 AKHMETOV Artem	1598	W24 D8 W19 W11 L1 L4	3.5	1.8BC
10 YOUNG Mark	1346	L8 W24 L6 W27 D14 W19	3.5	1.8BCD
11 RATNER Jacob M	1795	L26 W16 W15 L9 W20 L5	3	1.5B
12 BAUMGARTNER Chris	1703	W16 W26 L7 W6 L2 L8	3	1.5B
13 SOOHOO Anthony P	1685	D25 L7 W27 W20 L4 D14	3	1.5B
14 GORSKI Mariusz	1649	W17 L20 W21 L1 D10 D13	3	1.5B
15 HOFFMAN Timothy G	1638	L21 W23 L11 W18 L17 W22	3	1.5B
16 WORLEY Ronald L	1309	L12 L11 L18 W25 W23 W21	3	1.5BCD
17 MORGAN Matthew E	1305	L14 L1 W23 W24 W15 L6	3	1.5BCD
18 CYGAN Joseph	1297	L19 L6 W16 L15 W24 W20	3	1.5BCD
19 HALE Bob Lloyd	1640	W18 D4 L9 L5 D22 L10	2	1 B
20 WOLFE Charlie M	1469	W1 W14 L2 L13 L11 L18	2	1 BC
21 HENDRICKSON William	1271	W15 L2 L14 W26 L6 L16	2	1 BCD
22 WORDEN Chris L	1173	D3 L5 W25 L4 D19 L15	2	1 BCDE
23 MC NALLY Michael	1080	L2 L15 L17 B L16 W25	2	1 BCDE
24 CHUBUKOV Victor	982	L9 L10 B L17 L18 W27	2	1 BCDE8
25 REINKE Robert T	1307	D13 L3 L22 L16 W27 L23	1.5	0.8BCD
26 SMUTNIAK James	1487	W11 L12 L1 L21 - -	1	0.5BC
27 WORLEY Christopher	836	L4 B L13 L10 L25 L24	1	0.5BCDE8

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OPEN

1 CHOW Albert C	2366	W23 W13 D2 W5 W8	4.5	19 M
2 SZPISJAK Steven J	2287	W10 W20 D1 W6 D5	4	12 M
3 BACHLER Kevin L	2144	W16 W4 L5 W10 W12	4	12 MX
4 PORTER John	1852	W8 L3 W18 W19 W9	4	12 MXA
5 PALOS Osman		W21 W25 W3 L1 D2	3.5	7 M
6 WALLACH Kenneth T	2256	W11 W18 H L2 W14	3.5	7 M
7 ELLIS James S	2151	D27 W19 W22 L8 W15	3.5	7 MX
8 GOLDMAN Anatoly	2178	L4 W16 W14 W7 L1	3	6 MX
9 IKEUCHI Curtis K	2071	D12 W15 H W11 L4	3	6 MX
10 WONG Brian	1855	L2 W30 X25 L3 W19	3	6 MXA
11 BALE Leslie	1853	L6 W17 W26 L9 W21	3	6 MXA
12 HORTON Deon	1800	D9 H W20 W22 L3	3	6 MXA
13 SCHMUGGEROW Kevin	2135	W28 L1 W21 H -	2.5	5 MX
14 LORING Steven W	1900	H W31 L8 W23 L6	2.5	5 MXA
15 GILLESPIE Travis	1884	H L9 W31 W18 L7	2.5	5 MXA
16 GRAVES William E	1815	L3 L8 D28 W29 W22	2.5	5 MXA
17 GAST Bryan	1759	L18 L11 H W24 W23	2.5	5 MXAB
18 HARRISON William	2027	W17 L6 L4 L15 W30	2	4 MX
19 WENZ William M	1953	W32 L7 W27 L4 L10	2	4 MXA
20 CRONIN Mike	1906	W30 L2 L12 L21 W29	2	4 MXA
21 FRAZIER Thomas	1900	L5 W29 L13 W20 L11	2	4 MXA
22 WAYTS Bradley S	1939	H W24 L7 L12 L16	1.5	3 MXA
23 MENGELIS Aini	1900	L1 D28 W24 L14 L17	1.5	3 MXA
24 CLARK Wayne D	1742	D26 L22 L23 L17 B	1.5	3 MXAB
25 LAWSON Kevin W	2060	W29 L5 F10 - -	1	2 MX
26 HERNANDEZ Hector	2000	D24 D27 L11 - -	1	2 MX
27 KAMBER George W	1819	D7 D26 L19 - -	1	2 MXA
28 FLORES Joshua	1811	L13 D23 D16 - -	1	2 MXA
29 FISCHER Gregory A	1800	L25 L21 W30 L16 L20	1	2 MXA
30 SHOCKLEY Robert	1664	L20 L10 L29 B L18	1	2 MXAB
31 KAMEN Dan	2108	H L14 L15 - -	0.5	1 MX
32 JOHNSON Eric I.	1700	L19 - - - -	0	

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RESERVE

1	HART Vincent J	IL	1647	W24	W36	W10	D 3	W 9	4.5	19	B
2	HART Dan G	IL	1601	W41	W16	W19	W11	D 3	4.5	19	B
3	BAUMGARTNER Chris	IL	1669	W33	W21	W 4	D 1	D 2	4	12	B
4	SILVERMAN Scott A	IL	1516	W26	W 9	L 3	W31	W10	4	12	BC
5	ENGELN Mark	IL	1745	D 7	W42	W18	L10	W16	3.5	7	B
6	GASIECKI Alan F	IL	1581	L42	W38	W32	D18	W23	3.5	7	BC
7	SAHS James	IL	1418	D 5	L11	W42	W24	W19	3.5	7	BC
8	HUBBARD Andrew	IL	1299	L12	W35	W36	D13	W20	3.5	7	BCD
9	WOODRUFF Philip K	IL	1775	W17	L 4	W22	W15	L 1	3	6	B
10	CLAY Harry	IL	1723	W23	W14	L 1	W 5	L 4	3	6	B
11	JOHNSON Eric L	IL	1700	H	W 7	W13	L 2	D17	3	6	B
12	FROELICH Jim	IL	1612	W 8	D22	H	D20	D18	3	6	B
13	STEVENS Joseph M	IL	1501	W34	D28	L11	D 8	W25	3	6	BC
14	SMITH Orlan B	IL	1500	W44	L10	L31	W42	W33	3	6	BC
15	CARDINALE Michael	IL	1489	D38	W25	D28	L 9	W31	3	6	BC
16	WARTNIK Grant R	IL	1436	W46	L 2	W27	W28	L 5	3	6	BC
17	RIDDLE Robert	IL	1424	L 9	W26	W29	D19	D11	3	6	BC
18	WACHTER Tom W	IL	1418	W27	W29	L 5	D 6	D12	3	6	BC
19	DELAY Joe	IL	1691	W32	W20	L 2	D17	L 7	2.5	5	B
20	NAPOLI Mike	IL	1455	W48	L19	W33	D12	L 8	2.5	5	BC
21	ZEIDMAN Martin	IL	1452	W39	L 3	H	-	W34	2.5	5	BC
22	SHELLHAMER Ted C	IL	1444	W35	D12	L 9	L23	W37	2.5	5	BC
23	HUBBARD David	IL	1394	L10	D44	W38	W22	L 6	2.5	5	BCD
24	ZELINSKI Dale	IL		L 1	D45	W44	L 7	W38	2.5		
25	SEGRETO Thomas	IL	1260	H	L15	W45	W27	L13	2.5	5	BCD
26	WISHNER Michael	IL	1258	L 4	L17	H	W45	W36	2.5	5	BCD
27	GROEGER Andrew	IL	1730	L18	W47	L16	L25	W39	2	4	B
28	BACKSTROM Orn U	IL	1714	W31	D13	D15	L16	-	2	4	B
29	PADILLA Rudy R	IL	1600	W47	L18	L17	L33	W42	2	4	B
30	GRANT Dennis S	IL	1600	-	-	H	D39	X41	2		
31	CHARLEBOIS Chuck	IL	1379	L28	W34	W14	L 4	L15	2	4	BCD
32	REDDIVARI Dushyan	IL	1345	L19	W48	L 6	L34	W44	2	4	BCD
33	LOBRACO Michael J	IL	1340	L 3	W39	L20	W29	L14	2	4	BCD
34	NAPOLI Steven	IL	1219	L13	L31	W46	W32	L21	2	4	BCD
35	LEVY Adam D	IL	998	L22	L 8	L40	X48	W45	2	4	BCDE8
36	LEUNG Daniel Y	IL	1444	W45	L 1	L 8	H	L26	1.5	3	BC
37	FERGUSON William	IL	1195	-	-	H	W46	L22	1.5		
38	PARK William	IL	1170	D15	L 6	L23	W44	L24	1.5	3	BCDE
39	AILES Tim S	IL	1105	L21	L33	W48	D30	L27	1.5	3	BCDE
40	HENDERSON Dale	FL	1305	-	-	W35	-	-	1		
41	ASHMANN Aaron A	IL	1299	L 2	D46	H	-	F30	1	2	BCD
42	WONG Kevin D	IL	1285	W 6	L 5	L 7	L14	L29	1	2	BCD
43	FERGUSON David S	IL	845	-	-	-	-	W46	1		
44	KARIMAH Safiya	IL		L14	D23	L24	L38	L32	0.5		
45	KARACIC Steven T	IL	1004	L36	D24	L25	L26	L35	0.5	1	BCDE
46	KARACIC Chris	IL	909	L16	D41	L34	L37	L43	0.5	1	BCDE8
47	HARRER William	IL	1285	L29	L27	-	-	-	0		
48	DAVIS Shawn	IL	1166	L20	L32	L39	F35	-	0		





# TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

ICA Tour events are generally listed as such in Chess Life and in the Calendar below. Players are responsible for checking both Chess Life and the Illinois Chess Bulletin to determine which events are Tour events. Call ChessPhone (630-832-5222) a few days before any tournament to verify its Tour status.

Unless otherwise noted, all tournaments require USCF membership. Tour events also require ICA membership. Scholastic events are marked with a **□**.

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.

**May 3, '97 Tuley Park Big Quick Chess #2, Chicago, 501 E. 90th Place.** EF: \$15, under 19 \$8. (\$1 off for registering before 11:30) Reg. 11:00-11:50, 1st Rd at 12. Prizes \$325 (b/24, kids count half) \$200G, \$100-\$50-\$25 best from 2nd quarter \$35-\$25, best from 3rd quarter \$30-\$20, best from bottom quarter \$25-\$15. Time controls: If 14 or less; 4SS, Rd.1 G/18, Rds 2-4 G/29; if 16 to 26: 5SS Rds 1&2 G/15, rds 3-5 G/25. If 28 players or more: 6SS, rds 1-3: G/15, rds 4-6: G/20, Info: Tom Fineberg (773) 721-3979.

**□ May 3-4, Illinois High School Invitational.** Invitation only. This event selects the Illinois representative for the Denker Tournament.

**May 3-4, Illinois Senior Open, 4-SS, 40/90, SD/1.** Radisson Hotel, 3000 Warrenville Rd., Lisle, IL. Open to IL residents age 50 & over as of 1/1/97. EF:\$20 if by 4/28, \$25 at site. \$\$ (400G) 100-75-50 A, B 40 C, D/E/U 35. Best game 25. Reg: 8:30-9:15 am. Rds: 9:30-2:45, 9:30-2:45. ICA membership required. ENT: Lawrence Cohen, PO Box 6632, Villa Park, IL 60181. (630) 834-2477. NS W.

**May 4, 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. Play Black and White against each Quad opponent. 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.

**May 4, Sunday 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.

**May 5, Fox Valley / Naperville Chess Club Monday Evening Game/12.** 5SS, G/12. Fox Valley/Naperville Chess Club at the Radisson, 3000 Warrenville Rd, Lisle, IL (2 blks NE of Naperville Rd exit of I-88). Open to all. EF: \$12, \$7 for club members. \$\$ based on ent. Reg 6:45 - 7:20 Rd1 at 7:30 sharp. On site reg only.

Info: Josh Flores (630) 305-0152. NS NC W

**May 10, 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.

**May 10, Fox Valley / Naperville Chess Club Spring Trophy Event.** 3-SS, G/60. 3 sections: A and above, BC, D and under. Fox Valley / Naperville Chess Club at the Radisson, 3000 Warrenville Rd, Lisle, IL (2 blks NE of Naperville Rd exit of I-88). Trophies to all participants to mark your place in your section. Advance reg required for trophy. Reg 8:30 - 8:55am. Rds. 9-11-1:30. Trophies distributed at 3:30pm same day. 1st Rd 1/2 pt bye if requested w/adv. reg. - rd 2&3 must be played. EF: \$20 - \$15 jrs & club members. Sets provided - please bring clocks. Info: Roy Frye (630) 844-1285. Ent: FVNCC c/o Roy Frye, Membership Secretary. P.O. Box 326, Montgomery, IL 60538 NS NC W

**May 11, 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.

**May 12, Fox Valley/Naperville Chess Club Monday Evening Game 30 Tournament.** 3SS, G12. Accelerated pairing. Fox Valley / Naperville Chess Club at the Radisson, 3000 Warrenville Rd, Lisle, IL (2 blks NE of Naperville Rd exit of I-88). Open to all. EF: \$12, \$7 for club members. \$\$ based on ent. Reg 6:45-7:20 Rd1 at 7:30 sharp. On site reg only. Info: Josh Flores (630) 305-0152. NS NC W

**May 17, Hiontha Hog Swiss,** Chicago. 3-SS, game/90, in 8-player sections of like-rated players. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. EF \$20, juniors and CCC members \$17. Reg ends 11:30 a.m., round 1 at 12:00. Prizes \$75-\$50 in each section. No late entries. 773-761-5050.

**May 17, Fox Valley/Naperville Chess Club Saturday in May \$500 Guarantee Open.** 4SS, G/60. Accelerated pairings. Fox Valley/Naperville Chess Club at the Radisson in Lisle (2 blks NE of Naperville Rd exit of I-88) EF \$20 - \$15 to club members and jrs- \$\$ guaranteed prizes: \$150 1st, X\$90, A\$80, B\$70, C\$60, D/below \$50. Reg 9-9:45 Rds:10-12:45-3:15-5:45. Please bring clocks. On site reg only. Info: Josh Flores (630) 305-0152. NS NC W. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

**May 18, Sunday High Noon Quads,** Chicago. 3-RR, game/99, 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) Chicago CC tournaments 5-19-97 thru 7-31-97.

No late entries, no byes. 773-761-5050.

**May 19, Fox Valley/Naperville Chess Club Monday Evening Game 12 Tournament.** 5SS, G12. Fox Valley / Naperville Chess Club at the Radisson, 3000 Warrenville Rd, Lisle, IL (2 blks NE of Naperville Rd exit of I-88). Open to all. EF:\$12, \$7 for club members. \$\$ based on ent. Reg 6:45-7:20 Rd1 at 7:30 sharp. On site reg only. Info: Josh Flores (630) 305-0152. NS NC W

**May 23-26, Chicago Open,** Schaumburg. 7-SS, 40/2, SD/1 (3-day option, rds. 1-2 G/75; 2-day option, rds. 1-4 G/45). Hyatt Regency Woodfield, 1800 E. Golf Rd., Schaumburg 60173. Free parking. Luxurious hotel with indoor pool & health club, across from Woodfield Mall. Free analysis by IM John Donaldson. Unr. must enter Open or Unr. Sections. 9 sections. Open: \$\$ 10000-5000-2500-1500-1000-800-700-600-500-500, U2400/Unr. 3000-1500. Under 2200: \$\$ 6000-3000-1500-1000-700-500-500-400-400-400. Under 2000: \$\$6000-3000-1500-1000-700-500-500-400-400-400. Under 1800: \$\$ 6000-3000-1500-1000-700-500-500-400-400-400. Under 1600: \$\$ 6000-3000-1500-1000-700-500-500-400-400-400. Under 1400: \$\$4000-2000-1000-700-500-400-400-300-300-300. Under 1200: \$\$2000-1000-500-400-300-200-200-100-100-100. Under 1000: Trophies to top 10. Unrated: Trophies to top 10. All obtain ratings. Provisionally rated players are not unr. Foreign/recently foreign (USA residents under 3 yrs) need established rating by 12/96 list or acceptable foreign rating to win over \$1500 in U2200, \$1000 U2000, \$800 U1800, \$600 U1600, \$400 U1400, \$200 U1200. EF: 4-

day \$204, 3-day \$203, 2-day \$202 if check mailed by 3/20; 4-day \$214, 3-day \$213, 2-day \$212 by 5/15; all \$240 at site. No checks at site. Credit card EF: \$210 by 3/20, \$220 by 5/22, \$240 at site. IGMs \$180; min. prize \$180 to IGMs over 2600 playing all games. ICA memb. (\$14, under 19 \$8) req. for IL res; Special EF: \$50 less to juniors under 18 who are rated below 1500 or play up. Callers must request special EF or will be charged full fee. Re-entry: \$100, U1000, Unr. Sections EF: 4-day \$24, 3-day \$23, 2-day \$22 mailed by 5/15; \$30 with credit card by 5/21, \$35 at site. Credit cards: call 914-496-9658 (entries, questions) weekdays to 5/21 or 406-994-9634 (no questions) 24 hrs daily to 5/21. No phone entries after 5/21. 4-day schedule: Reg. ends Fri 7pm, Rds. Fri 8pm, Sat 12 & 6:30, Sun 12 & 6:30, Mon 10 & 4:30. 3-day schedule: Reg. ends Sat. 11am, Rds. Sat 12, 3, & 6:30, Sun 12 & 6:30, Mon 10 & 4:30. 2-day schedule: Reg. ends Sun 9am. Rds. Sun 10-12-2-4-6:30, Mon 10 & 4:30. Bye: all (rds. 5-7 must commit before rd. 4). HR: \$72-72-72. New numbers 800-233-1234 or 847-605-1234. Rate may be higher after 5/12; reserve by April as hotel may sell out. Special airfares: Call Bon Voyage Travel 800-843-1110. Car rental: Avis 1-800-331-1600, use AWD number D657633. Foreign player ratings: 50 points added to FIDE, 100 to FQE, 200 or more to most other foreign, no pts. added to CFC. Highest of multiple ratings used. US player ratings: April list used (usually same as May Chess Life label); FIDE ratings not used. Ent: Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. 914-496-9658, 914-496-7469 (recorded info), 914-496-1595 (fax), rocmate@aol.com. No faxes or e-mail after 5/21. NS,

NC, W, FIDE. **An ICA MAXI Event.**

**May 26, Memorial Day Outdoor,** 4-SS, G/60. Spring Forest Deli Pavilion, 8390 Archer Ave. (Ill 171), Willow Springs, IL. (I-55 to US 45, S to Ill 171, S to site). Alt indoors if bad weather. EF: \$20 (includes lunch) ICA \$14 OSA. \$\$\$/25 300. 75-45-30. Class b/5 in class. A 30, B 25, C, D, E, U, Schol. 20 each. Reg: 9-9:30 am. Rds: 9:30-12-2:15-4:30. Larry Cohen, TD. Ent: W. Griesmeyer, 1028 S. Mayfield Ave., Chicago, IL. 60644 (773) 379-5756.

**May 26, Fox Valley/Naperville Chess Club Monday Evening Game 12 Tournament.** 5SS, G12. Fox Valley/Naperville Chess Club at the Radisson, 3000 Warrenville Rd, Lisle, IL. (2 blks NE of Naperville Rd exit of I-88). Open to all. EF: \$12, \$7 for club members. \$\$ based on ent. Reg 6:45 - 7:20 Rd1 at 7:30 sharp. On site reg only. Info: Josh Flores (630) 305-0152. NS NC W

**Jun 1, 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.

**Jun 2, Fox Valley/Naperville Chess Club Monday Evening Game 30 Tournament.** 3SS, G12. Accelerated pairing. Fox Valley/Naperville Chess Club at the Radisson, 3000 Warrenville Rd, Lisle, IL (2 blks NE of Naperville Rd exit of I-88). Open to all. EF:\$12, \$7 for club members. \$\$ based on ent. Reg 6:45 - 7:20 Rd1 at 7:30 sharp. On

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**Jun 7, 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.**

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**Jun 15, 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.

**Jun 20-22, Master Challenge,** St. Charles. 5-SS, 40/100 (25/60). Grand Prix \$2600 Guaranteed Prize Fund. Baker Community House, 101 S. 2nd (Rt 31), St. Charles, IL. EF:\$30 (Juniors \$20) if rec'd by 6/17, \$40 (All) at site. Reg: 6-7pm 6/20; 8-8:30am 6/21. Rds: 1st 7:30 6/20 or 9am 6/21; remaining rds. 1:30-6. 9-2. Prizes: \$600-400-200. X 175-150, A 175-150, B 150-125, C 125-100, D 100, E 100, Unr 50. ICA membership required. Ent: Ervin Sedlock, 6N307 Old Homestead Rd, St. Charles, IL. 60175. (630)

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**Jun 21, Springfield G/80 Swiss,** Springfield. 4-SS, G/80. Contact Tom Knoedler (217) 523-7265.

**Jun 28, 1997 Peoria Quick Chess Tornado,** 5-SS, G/29. Garrett Center, 824 N. Duryea Place, Peoria. EF: \$11 by June 26, \$15 at the site. Guaranteed Prizes: \$75-50, Chess book to Class A, B, C & D. Reg: 8:00-8:45am; Rds: 9-10:15-12-1:15-2:30. Bring sets, boards and clocks. Ent: Bill Naff, 212 Vail Ct., Peoria, IL. 61614, (309) 691-4624 (after 6pm). NS. **An ICA mini-tour event.**

**Jun 29, Saturday High Noon Quads,** Chicago. 3-RR, game/99, 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) Chicago CC tournaments 6-30-97 thru 8-31-97. No late entries, no byes. 773-761-5050.

**Jul 4, Independence 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.

**Jul 5, Saturday Masters-Play-Free Plus-Score Mini-Tour,** Chicago. 4-SS, game/60, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. EF \$17, juniors and CCC members \$14. Free entry to Masters who are physically present by 11:30 and request no byes. 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.**

**Jul 6, Sunday Masters-Play-Free Plus-Score Micro-Tour, Chicago.** 6-SS, game/29. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. EF \$17, juniors and CCC members \$14. Free entry to Masters who are physically present by 11:30 and request no byes. 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.**

**Jul 12-13, Midway Amateur Class Championships III.** Oak Lawn, 5-SS; Rds 1-3 G/120; Rds 4-5 40/120, SD/60. Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 South Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. **\$3500 guaranteed prize fund**, in 5 classes. EF: \$45, \$25 for juniors under 18 rated below 1500 or unrated, if postmarked by July 2; all: \$10 more at site. Add \$5 to play up a section. ICA membership is required of all Illinois residents. Non-residents must join ICA if they wish to be considered for ICA Tour points. **ICA Maxi-tour event.** Reg:

8:30-9:15; Rds: 10, 2:30, 7:00; 10, 5. Prizes: Expert 400, 200, 100; Class A 400, 200, 100; Class B 400, 200, 100; Class C 400, 200, 100; Class D/E/UNR 300, 150, 75; Top E 75; Under 1100 25; Unrated Chess clock, chess set. Please bring your own chess set, board and clock. Entries: Midway Chess Enterprises, PO Box 388765, Chicago, IL 60638-8765. Info: Hector Hernandez (773) 586-3950, evenings. **\*Note: The date has changed!**

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

**Aug 9, Bradley Summer Open, Peoria.** 4-SS, G/80. Garrett Center, 824 N Duryea Place, Peoria, IL. EF: \$11 by Aug 7, \$15 at site. ICA membership is required of all Illinois residents. Non-residents must join ICA if they wish to be considered for ICA Tour points. **ICA mini-tour event.** Reg: 8-8:45am, Rds: 9, 12, 2:45, 5:30. Guaranteed Prizes: \$75-50, \$25 each to A, B, C/under (based on 6/class). 1/2 pt bye available in rds. 1, 2, or 3. Ent: Murrel Rhodes, 1116 N Parkside Dr., Peoria, IL 61606. (309) 674-5290. NS

**Aug 23, Second Annual Evan Gresan Sectional, Ramada Inn South on Sixth at Stevenson** (formerly the Holiday Inn South), Springfield. 4-SS, G/80. Contact Tom Knoedler (217) 523-7265.

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

**Oct 18, Springfield G/80 Swiss, Springfield.** 4-SS, G/80. Contact Tom Knoedler (217) 523-7265.

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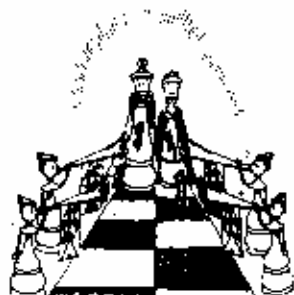
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Downers Grove Park District Chess Club meets Thursdays 6:30-10 p.m., Lincoln Center, 935 Maple Av., Downers Grove. George Uffner, (630) 960-9382.

Elmhurst Chess Club meets, and holds frequent USCF events, Sundays 6 p.m. to

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Evanston Township High School Chess Club 1600 Dodge, Evanston, 60204, Ken Lewandowski, (847) 492-7932.

Fox Valley Chess Club meets at the Radisson Hotel, 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL. The hotel is located 2 blocks NE of the Naperville Rd. Exit of I-88. Hours are 6:30 to 11 pm Mondays. Ladder tournaments every week. USCF events held on a regular basis. Club President Josh Flores (630) 305-0152.

Franklin Chess Club meets Fridays 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Franklin Elementary School. Open to students at Franklin and other Park Ridge grade Schools. Sponsors tournaments in Park Ridge area. Kevin Bachler, 2719 W DeCook Av, Park Ridge, IL 60068. (847) 698-9365. KBachler@aol.com.

Greater Peoria Chess Federation meets Mondays 7 p.m. For site information, please contact Wayne Zimmerle, 514 W. Loucks Ave., Peoria, IL 61604. (309) 692-4480 (days) (309) 686-0192 (nights). E-mail address (ctralt@flink.com)

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Illini Chess Club meets Wednesdays 7-10 p.m. in the Lucy Ellis Lounge, Foreign Languages Building, 707 S. Matthews Av., Urbana. For more info contact: Kyle Camarda, (217) 367-3816 or by e-mail: kyle@turing.scs.uiuc.edu.

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