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### Chess Festival Schedule

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#### PURDY PIZZA PARTY

7 p.m.

Frank Hutchings, John Purdy, Ralph Tykodi & Bob Long...

Saturday June 13th

10 a.m.

Welcome, Browsing, Dealer's Tables (all weekend long)

12 noon

lunch break

1 p.m.

GM Kavalek Opening

2 p.m.

National TD Tim Just workshop. USCF rules, gaining more points...

3 p.m.

Publisher Bob Long from Thinkers' Press. How we publish books on chess.

4 p.m.

10th US Correspondence Champion Jon Edwards. Top-level correspondence chess.

5 p.m.

Supper

7 p.m.

IM Nikolay Minev, Editor of Encyclopedia of Chess Openings and author (French Defense).

8 p.m.

FM Allan Savage on the great chess libraries.

Sunday June 14th

1 p.m.

GM Kavalek simultaneous. 25-40 boards. \$25 each board.

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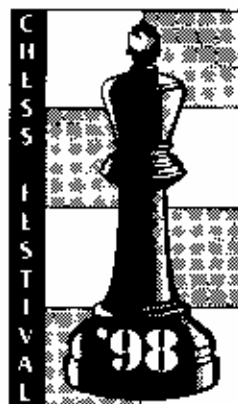
Thinkers' Press tour.

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### Hotel Reservations!

Register early, 70 rooms available for us (there is also a women's bowling congress that weekend in the Q-C area)! CALL for info on very favorable hotel rates. Shuttle buses available from the airport (three blocks away) if you fly in. Stay through Sunday, go back Monday! Other chess workshops not listed above (sales, manuscript editing)!

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**GM Kavalek**

Grandmaster Lubos Kavalek has been the second (coach) of world championship candidates Bobby Fischer and Nigel Short. Now the chess editor for the *Washington Post*, he had also been editor-in-chief at RHM Press. Kavalek is also well-known for his monster computer database and is considered one of the most knowledgeable opening theoreticians in the world. Sunday he will play 25-40 players simultaneously. Don't miss his chess lecture at 1 p.m.



**IM Minev**

IM Minev (former champion of Bulgaria) has made numerous contributions in the *Encyclopedia of Chess Openings* and the *Encyclopedia of Chess Endgames*. He writes a popular column on tactics for *Inside Chess* and has recently started his own publishing company. His now famous book *The French Defense: New and Forgotten Ideas* will be available in a revised second edition at our Chess Festival. Come to our autographing sessions. Meet and hear Dr. Nikolay Minev.



**Frank Hutchings**

Correspondence Master Frank Hutchings was the editor of the original *How Purdy Won*. He was also the son-in-law of CJS Purdy (and his chess and tennis sparring partner). We'll also have John Purdy (CJS' son)... a master and former champion of Australia. There's more! Prof. Ralph Tykodi, our USA Purdy "expert," will come from Massachusetts. The new edition of *How Purdy Won* will be available. Join all three for our Friday Nite Pizza Party!

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Register in advance and save money! If you register before April 4th, you can get your ticket for **\$80.00**. If you register before May 2, you can get your ticket for **\$90.00**. If you register before June 12, you can get your ticket for **\$100.00**.

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Allen Kornfeld



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# A Summer of Chess Delights

Summer will soon be upon us. There will be ICA Tour events for everyone to play in. Be sure to check the Calendar Section of this issue of the ICB and select tournaments you would like to play in. The biggest tournament in Illinois

by far is the Chicago Open held over the Memorial Day weekend. Its \$100,000.00 prize fund draws players from all over the nation. On a much smaller scale there is the Amateur Class Championships, July 18-19. It returns to the Oak Lawn Hilton for the fourth consecutive year. The prize

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the ICA members who attended this year's ICA Awards Banquet in Elmhurst. Many old friends, the regulars, as well as some new faces were present to honor the 1997 ICA Tour winners and the recipients of the special awards. A very special thanks goes to the following individuals who helped to make this event a success: Helen and

## President's Podium

fund is \$3,000.00. The Chicago Chess Club has a Tour event of some sort or another almost every weekend.

As of this writing the *Illinois Chess Bulletin* is still looking for an editor for *Square One*. If you are interested in the position please contact the ICB editor. This is a great opportunity to work with the super staff of the ICB, and serve the ICA in general and, more specifically, the junior chess community of Illinois.

Jim Warren, Bill Smythe, Fred Gruenberg, Josh Flores, Howard Cohen, and Josh Manion. At the end of the Banquet I got a chance to play two Junior players, Bennett Joseph and José Rodriguez. I won both games, but you must believe me, the young ones are getting stronger all the time!

Please continue to support Illinois chess. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Good chess to all!

—Hector Hernandez, President  
*Illinois Chess Association*



Fred Gruenberg

Hector Hernandez, ICA President

## Joel Benjamin Visit

It was good to meet people at the annual ICA banquet. Those of you who weren't there missed an enjoyable afternoon. There is a two-page spread later in the magazine with photos and lists of the many awards bestowed that day. Think about attending next year.

Ken Marshall has snagged another chess star to give a simul at the Oak Park-River Forest Chess Club. US Chess Champion Joel Benjamin will play up to 40 boards on Tuesday, May 26 at 8:00 p.m. at the OP-RF Chess Club,

7200 W. Division (Harlem & Division) in River Forest. The ICB will be there to cover the event. Any player who can eke out a nonlosing result will have their

## Editor's Notebook

game published in the next ICB.

Some Illinois players have already made their mark in recent GM simul. Congratulations to Josh Riddell and Howard Cohen, who each drew with

Anatoly Karpov in a recent simul. Details (and their games) on page 17.

We are still looking for people to work on *Square One*. Please consider taking on even a small role—sharing out the work can reduce everyone's burden and enable the ICB to come out earlier. I am simply unable to do *Square One* on top of everything else. It is just too much. I'd love to hear from you if you can chip in.

—M.L. Rantala, editor  
*Illinois Chess Bulletin*

# Uncle Marv's Cabin-et Wins Team Tourney

*Chicago-based team tops 48-team field at the US Amateur Team Midwest*

*by Bill Brock*

During blitz games, NM Marvin Dandridge has a habit of dispensing unwanted advice to his opponent while referring to himself in the third person: "Uncle Marv doesn't think you should have eaten that pawn on b2; now he'll have to crack you." I find this annoying, particularly when I'm getting cracked.

Given the tradition of basing team names on bad puns, it was natural for Marvin (who is black) and his friends to consider a riff on *Uncle Tom's Cabin* for their entry at the U.S. Amateur Team Midwest, held at the Regency Oak Brook on February 14-16. But Uncle Marv's Cabin-et? This stinko name didn't stop Marvin and his teammates, Evanston Township High School prodigy Florin Felecan (2561), NM Steve Szpisiak, and David Sacks, from powering to a 5-0 score and winning the Midwest Team title on tiebreaks over last year's champion, Pinoy of Chicago.

In the final round, Uncle Marv's upset Academy, led by Ohio GM Alex Yermolinsky, currently one of the top 25 players in the world, and FM Boris Men. With the White pieces, Felecan got a slight pull and was able to hold Yermolinsky to a draw—Florin is so good that even against Yermo (arguably the top active player in the U.S.), this result was no major surprise. Dandridge crushed Men convincingly on Board 2.

In the other crucial fifth round match, Pinoy demolished top seed Von-Ryan's Express 3.5-0.5. Chicago IM Enrico Sevillano and his teammates Florentino Inumerable, Bert Gazmen, Arnulfo Benesa, and Tom Friske, had reason to be

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Chris Merli



Al Lasoff

Top: GM Alex Yermolinsky and FM Boris Men, Boards 1 and 2 of Academy.

Bottom: Defending champions Pinoy of Chicago, from the left: IM Enrico Sevillano, Ethelbert Gazmen, Tom Friske, [name not known, not team member], Arnulfo Benesa, and Florentino Inumerable. They tied for first but were edged out of the title on tie breaks.

## 1998 U.S. Amateur Team Midwest

*February 13-15, Oak Brook, Illinois*

### Top Overall Places

	Rate	Score	USA112
1 Uncle Marv's Cabin-et	2194	5.0	90.0
2 Pinoy of Chicago	2173	5.0	84.5
3 Deep Blue vs Godzilla	2165	4.0	96.5
4 Academy	2188	4.0	94.5
5 Feel the Power	2177	4.0	85.0
6 Replacement Killers	2089	4.0	68.5

### Best Team Name

1 Honey I Shrunk the King
2 I'd Lasker to drive her Browne Karpov a Short Rhode Anand Krush Tal Fischer Men

### Board 1

	Rate	Score	Solk
1 Manion, Josh, Monica's Knights	2454	5.0	10.0
2 Sevillano, Enrico, Pinoy of Chicago	2557	5.0	9.5

### Board 2

1 Kistler, Leslie, Touch-Move with Marv Albert	1956	4.5	13.0
2 Oberweis, James, Monica's Knights	1933	4.5	11.0
3 numerable, Florentino, Pinoy of Chicago	2095	4.5	10.5

### Board 3

1 Titus, Frank, University of Chicago	1712	5.0	10.0
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### Board 4

1 Cohen, Howard, Monica's Knights of the Sac	1842	5.0	12.5
2 Goubran, Nader, Four of a Perfect Pair	1853	5.0	11.5
3 Suarez, Edward, Replacement Killers	1919	5.0	9.5

# Midwest Team

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disappointed with the tiebreaks. They too had scored a perfect 5 match points and 17 out of a possible 20 game points, while Uncle Marv's had scored only 14 game points. But the tiebreak system in use also took into consideration opponent's results: thus, a 3-1 score against a team that finished with 3 match points was worth 9 tiebreak points (3 x 3), while a 4-0 score against a team with 4 match points would be worth only 8 tiebreak points. Without taking anything away from Uncle Marv's fine result, I think raw game points are a fairer initial tiebreak, and that Pinoy's performance was even more impressive. (Sevillano and Innumerable tied for the top prizes on Boards 1 and 2, respectively.) Unfortunately, there will never be a perfect method for tiebreaking perfect scores...

The competition for the Under-2000 prize was fierce, as IM Josh Manion (5-0) and ICA Past President Jim Oberweis (4.5-0.5) powered Monica's Knights to a 3.5-1.5 score. Another noteworthy performance was turned in by the junior high school students on the Eisenhower Generals. They scored 2.5-2.5, a result far exceeding their 1229 team rating, and good enough to tie for the Under-1600 prize. Second board Glenn Moore (1351) had my teammate Jim McNamara (1852) on the ropes in the final round, but wasn't able to deliver the knockout punch—this time. In a weak field, Honey, I Shrunk the King won the Best Name prize. One hopes that the Ruthless Sons of Bishops are Episcopalian.

Al Losoff, Walter Brown, and Larry Cohen directed a smooth tournament. The Regency Oak Brook is certainly



Winner of the family award, the Gorlin family using the team name Mommy's Nommy, back: Gennadiy; front (from left): Yulyia, Andreiy, and Yelena.



Winner of the Under-2000 award, Monica's Knights: from left: Julie Oberweis, Boyd Reed, James Oberweis, IM Josh Manion.

an adequate site: each conference room provided sufficient room for seven matches, and I never felt like I was trapped in a sardine can, as I have at other recent events. But aside from the mall, Oak Brook offers few attractions for out-of-town visitors. As a Chicagoan who hates to tramp out to Lisle, Rosemont, or Elk Grove Village, I'd like to see some major tournaments return to family-friendly Loop or River North locations. If properly planned, the additional cost of downtown space should be offset by the increased attendance. Less than twenty years ago, the Palmer House and the Hilton were frequent sites. At least one-third of Illinois participants in Chicagoland tournaments live in the city: why shouldn't the ICA organize a similar proportion of events downtown? ♁

## 1998 U.S. Amateur Team Midwest February 13-15, Oak Brook, Illinois

Name/Team	Rate	Score	USAT*2
Under 2000			
Monica's Knights	1985	3.5	70.5
Under 1800			
The Wishmasters	1619	3.0	46.5
Under 1600			
I'd Lasker to drive her Bro	1489	2.5	34.0
Under 1400			
Eisenhower Generals	1229	2.5	29.0
Under 1200			
Michigan City Wolves	1022	2.5	24.5
Elementary			
Veni Vidi Vici	1391	1.0	17.5
Family			
Mommy's Nommy	1415	2.5	32.0
High School			
Al Capone's Gang	1334	2.0	43.5
Junior			
Blair Machaj Team	1897	3.5	57.0
Middle School			
Yermo's Passed Pawns	1891	3.0	50.0

Results above list only the top team based on tie-breaks for full results see <http://www.64.com/usatmw/>.

## Bill Brock Selects a Few USAT Games

When crunch time came, NM Marvin Dandridge played the game of the tournament: a tactical shot gave him a large positional advantage, which he smoothly converted to a won opposite-color bishop ending.

**Boris Men (2522) Academy**  
**Marvin Dandridge (2339) Uncle Marv's Cabin-et**  
 US Amateur Team MW, '98  
 French Defense

1.e4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.exd5 11.Bc4 h6 12.Rc1 Be6 13.Bb3  
 exd5 4.cxd5 Nf6 5.Bb5+ Nbd7 Rc8 14.Ne5 Bf8 15.Bc2 Qa5  
 6.Nc3 Be7 7.d4 O-O 8.Nf3 16.Qf3 Rad8 17.a3 Nxc3  
 Nb6 9.h3 Nhd5 10.O-O c6 18.bxc3 Rxd4! 19.Bxh6 Rd5

20.Bf4 Rc5 21.Nd3 Rc4  
 22.Bd2 Bd5 23.Qf5 Rxe1+  
 24.Rxe1 Rh4 25.Nf4 Qxa3  
 26.g4 Qd6 27.Bc1 Nsg4 28.c4  
 g6 29.Qd3 Ne5 30.Rxe5 Qxe5  
 31.cxd5 Rxf4 32.Bxf4 Qxf4  
 33.dxc6 bxc6 34.Bb3 Qf6  
 35.Qc4 Qf5 36.Kg2 Bc5  
 37.Qc2 Bb6 38.Bc2 Qf4  
 39.Bb3 Kg7 40.Qh2+ Bd4  
 41.Qc2 a5 42.Qc2 Be5  
 43.Qd3 a4 44.Ba2 Bd4 45.Qf3  
 Qxf3+ 46.Kxf3 f6 47.Kg3 Kf8  
 48.f4 f5 49.Kf3 Kc7 50.Kc2



## Brock Selects

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Bg1 51.Kd3 Bh2 52.Ke3 Kd6  
53.Bf7 a3 0-1

Glen Gratz's risky opening against SM Charles Schullien paid dividends, as Glen scored a major upset.

**SM Charles Schullien**

**Von Ryan's Express**

**Glen Gratz (2161)**

**Heartless Mates**

**US Amateur Team MW, '98**

**Dutch Defense**

(by transposition)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 f5?  
4.Nf3 c6 5.Bf4 Nf6 6.e3 Be7  
7.Be2 O-O 8.O-O Ne4 9.Re1  
Nd7 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.Bxe5  
Bd7 12.Nxe4 fxc4 13.f3 Qa5  
14.Qb3 exf3 15.Bxf3 Qb4  
16.Rc3 Qxb3 17.Rxb3 b6  
18.Rc3 Rac8 19.Bg4 Bb4  
20.Re2 dxc4 21.a3 Be7  
22.Rxc4 e5 23.Rxf8+ Rxf8  
24.Rc3 Kf7 25.dxc5 bxc5  
26.Kf2 Re8 27.Rb3 Be6  
28.Bf3 c4 29.Rc3 Bd5 30.Ke2  
a5 31.Re1 a4 32.Rf1 Bf6  
33.Bxf6 gxf6 34.e4 Bc6  
35.Kd2 Rb8 36.Kc2 Rb3  
37.Rd1 Ke7 38.Rd4 Bb5  
39.e5 fxc5 40.Rh4 c3 41.bxc3  
Rxa3 42.c4 Ba6 43.Rch7+ Kd6  
44.Rh4 Kc5 45.Be2 Re3  
46.Bd3 a3 47.Rh3 Rxb3  
48.gxh3 Bxc4 49.Bg6 Kd4  
50.h4 e4 51.h5 a2 0-1

IM Manion efficiently dispatches another heavy hitter, Wisconsin's Alex Betanelli.

**NM Alex Betanelli (2302)**

**Bucky Better Bet on  
Betanelli**

**IM Josh Manion (2454)**

**Monica's Knights**  
**US Amateur Team MW, '98**  
**English Opening**

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6  
4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Rb1 d6 6.b4 f5

7.b5 Ncc7 8.Qb3 Nf6 9.d3 h6  
10.f4 O-O 11.Nf3 Nh5 12.O-O  
Kh7 13.e3 Ng8 14.Ba3 Re8  
15.Rbe1 Ngf6 16.Nd5 Ng4  
17.d4 c6 18.Nb4 exd4  
19.exd4 Bd7 20.Rxc8 Bxe8  
21.bxc6 bxc6 22.Nc2 Rb8  
23.Qd3 Bf7 24.Nb4 Rb6  
25.Nh4 e5 26.Nc6 Rxc6!  
27.Bxc6 Bxd4+ 28.Kh1 Nf2+  
29.Rxf2 Bxf2 30.Nf3 Qe7  
31.Be1 Bd4 32.Nxd4 Qe1+  
33.Kg2 Qxc1 34.Nc2 Qxf4  
35.gxf4 Nxf4+ 36.Kf1 Nxd3  
37.Ne3 f4 38.Nd5 Bxd5  
39.Bxd5 Ne5 40.h3 g5 0-1

In *Think Like a Grandmaster*, Kotov warned against "dizziness due to success", the tendency to lose objectivity when things seem to be going well. My teammate Tom Howell had this painful experience:

**Tom Howell (1843)**

**Svidler on the Move**

**Phil Bossaers (2100)**

**Deep Blue vs. Godzilla**  
**US Amateur Team MW, '98**  
**Nimzovich Defense**

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4  
Nf6 4.Nc3 Bg4 5.Be2 c6  
6.Be3 Be7 7.Qd2 O-O 8.a3 d5  
9.e5 Nd7 10.O-O-O a6 11.h3  
Bh5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Bd3 Bxd3  
14.Qxd3 b5 15.Na2 Nb6  
16.h4 Nc4 17.Ng5 g6 18.f4  
Qd7 19.h5 Bxg5 20.fxg5 Rab8  
21.hxg6 fxg6 22.Rh6 Rf3  
23.Rdh1 Nxe3 24.Qxg6-!!  
Qg7 25.Qxc6+ Qf7 26.Qxc6??  
(Immediately after the game,  
Bossaers suggested 26.Qxf7+!  
26... Rxf7 runs into 27.g6!,  
and 26... Kxf7 is met by  
27.Rxc6, incidentally covering  
the vulnerable e2 square.)  
26... Rf1+ 27.Rxf1 Qxf1+  
28.Kd2 Nc4+ 29.Kc3 Qe1+  
30.Kb3 Na5# 0-1 \*

**NM Alan Watson's detailed  
analysis of US Amateur games  
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# International Grandmaster Joel Benjamin United States Chess Champion

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For more information about Grandmaster Benjamin's simul,  
or about the Oak Park-River Forest Chess Club,  
which meets at the Dominican Conference Center  
Tuesday nights from 7 p.m. to midnight,  
call Ken Marshall, OP-RF CC President, at (630) 932-1455.

# US Amateur Team Games

ICB Games Editor Alan Watson selects some of the exciting games from the US Amateur Team Midwest Tournament

**Enrico Sevillano (2557)**

**Chuck Cadman (2128)**

US Amateur Team MW, '98  
Sicilian Defense [B22]

Notes by NM Alan Watson

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5  
Qxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6

Black's refined move order has been suggested by GM Murray Chandler in order to discourage White's adoption of the powerful Bd3 systems.  
6.Bc2 Bf5?!



Instead of re-entering mainline theory with the simple 6...e6, Black opts for an unusual idea which further delays king-side development and places the safety of his king at risk.

7.0-0

7.c4! Qd6 8.d5 is best, but Enrico senses that his opponent is beginning to drift and therefore prefers standard development.

7...cxd4 8.cxd4 Bxb1?!

Certainly consistent with 6...Bf5, but also quite foolish when facing a renowned attacker.

9.Rxb1 Qxa2

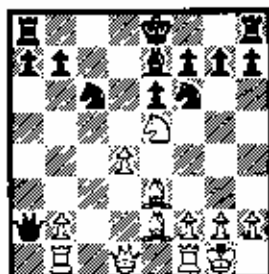
In for a penny, in for a pound. Instead of the rest, after which Black will have very little chance of securing his king's safety, well worth consideration was 9...e6 followed by Be7, 0-0 if allowed so as to complete development and coordinate his forces. At least the removal of White's Nb1 will have secured d5 for his queen. The tempo Black has

spent in order to capture that insignificant a-pawn are far to high a price to bear.

10.Bc3 c6 11.Ne5!

It is important that White act while Black's queen is far away.

11...Be7



After 11...Nxe5 12.dxc5 Black should not consider a) 12...Rd8? 13.exf6! Rxd1 14.Rxd1 Bd6 15.Bb5+ Kf8 16.Bh6!! or b) 12...Nd5?! 13.Bb5+ Kd8 14.Qd3? (Threatening 15.Be4!), but may choose c) 12...Nd7 when after the further 13.Bb5 Qd5 14.Qxd5 exd5 15.Rbd1 a6 16.Bxd7+ Kxd7 17.Rxd5- Ke6 18.Rfd1 Be7 19.Bb6 any advantage is minimal.

12.Nc4

The previously unforeseen threat of 13.Ra1 trapping Black's queen proves impossible to counter as even the best reply 12...b5 13.Ra1 Qxa1 14.Qxa1 bxc4 is unsatisfactory. As if Sicilian players needed it, this game should be yet another sobering reminder that they had best come to the board well-prepared when facing Sevillano with the Black pieces.  
12...Na5 13.Ra1 Qb3 14.Nxa5 1-0

**Boris Men (2522)**

**C. Savage (1760)**

US Amateur Team MW, '98  
Petroff [C43]

NM Alan Watson

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4  
exd4 4.e5 Nd5?

4...Ne4 5.Qxd4 d5 is normal.

5.Qxd4 Nb4 6.Qe4!

An excellent multi purpose move removing the queen from attack by Black's knights, defending c2, and preventing the freeing d7-d6.

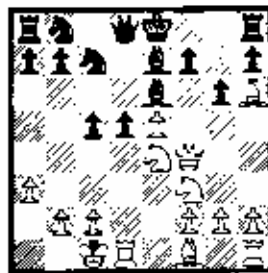
6...Be7 7.a3 N4a6 8.Qg4!

Already the third queen move, each more powerful than those proceeding.

8...g6 9.Bh6 d5 10.Qf4 c5

11.Nc3 Be6 12.0-0-0 Nc7

13.Ne4



White's attack against the dark-squares surrounding Black's king is reaching its zenith.

13...Nd7 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.exd6 Na6 16.Ng5 Qb6 17.Nxf7!!

Forcibly breaking down the front door to Black's Presidential palace.

17...Bxf7 18.Re1+ Kd8

19.Qxf7 Qxd6 20.Bg5+

Kc8 21.Re8+ 1-0

**Chris Merli (2087)**

**J. Vehre (2265)**

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Modern [A42]

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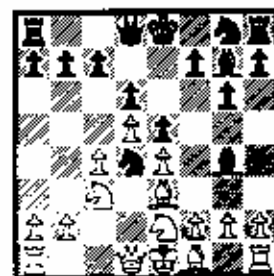
1.e4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.d4 d6 4.e4 Nc6 5.Be3 c5 6.d5 Nd4?!

6...Nce7 is regarded by modern theory as best. In this line the knight is very unstable on d4.

7.Nge2

The greedy 7.Bxd4? exd4 8.Nb5 c5 9.dxc6 bxc6 10.Nxd4 Qb6! gives Black exactly the type of position he seeks.

7...Bg4



8.Bxd4?

This poorly-considered exchange of his best minor piece enters lines similar to those considered at move seven and condemns White to a lifeless position spent largely on the defensive. The correct refutation to Black's play was 8.Qd3! which would break the pin along the d1-h5 diagonal and force the second player to yield his pride and joy, the d4 outpost.

8...exd4 9.Nb5 c6 10.dxc6 bxc6 11.Nbxd4 Qb6

Those preferring simpler positions might be inclined to select 11...Qa5- 12.Qd2 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Bxe2 14.Nxe2 Rb8! with advantage, yet the text is theoretically best because White will have no counterpart to the powerful Bg7 in the forthcoming attack.

12.f3 Be8

Instead of the natural 12...Bd7, this far-sighted move gears up for activity along the a6-f1 diagonal while keeping d8 open for a rook

13.Rb1 Ba6 14.b3 Nc7

15.Rc1 0-0 16.g3

Although White has done

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# '98 Midway Spring Class

by Hector R. Hernandez

**O**n March 14 and 15 the Oak Lawn Hilton was the site of yet another tournament, the Midway Spring Class Championships. One hundred and forty one players came out to play just five days after the huge snow storm of March 9th, although this weather phenomenon caused a couple of advanced entries to withdraw prior to the tournament. Other players were probably unable to attend because of work commitments on Saturday as a result of having missed work on Monday on account of the storm.

This tournament was like a South side of Chicago chess festival, with many players from the area. Oak Lawn, Palos Hills, Orland Hills, Tinley Park, Justice, Lyons, and Summit-Argo are some of the local communities which were represented. The following states also had players participating: South Dakota (3), Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana, and Virginia

Top right: Winners in the Master section (L to R): Florin Felecan, Enrico Sevillano, Al Chow, and Camilo Pangan. Not pictured, David Mote.

Right: Class C winners: Rudy Padilla, Bennett Joseph, Ron McNamara, Andrey Gorlin, and Scott Silverman. Not pictured, Gennady Gorlin.

Below: the playing hall.

The Master Section drew five Masters as well as two Experts who were playing up. The pre-tournament favorites to win the section were IM Enrico Sevillano and Florin Felecan. FM Albert Chow—the perennial ICA Tour winner—was also present and is always

with Felecan. Chow and Mote tied for third and fourth places. Camilo Pangan was fifth, only a half-point behind Chow and Mote. The two Experts closed out the crosstable: K. Jakstas, sixth, and Victor Pangan, seventh.

The Expert Section was a

small one, only 11 players competed. The oldest player in the group, Erik Karklins, took home the \$400 first place prize. He dominated the field with his experience. Other winners were: Doug Middleton and Arnulfo Benesa, second and third places; and Gene Scott and Valdis Turns, fourth and fifth. Gene Scott is always a dangerous opponent and has won the ICA Tour Expert prize many times.

Class A had 18 players including three juniors, a University of Illinois-Urbana player, continued on the next page

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force to be reckoned with. It was felt that one of these three masters would be the winner. Florin Felecan took first place as he yielded only one draw—to Sevillano—and won his four remaining games. Sevillano took clear second place with 4 points. He had a draw against Springfield Master David Mote, in addition to the draw



Josh Flores



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Fred Gruenberg

## Midway Spring Class, March 14-15, 1998

MASTER		Score						Tour	
1	FELECAN Florin	2560	W4	W7	D2	W3	W5	4.5	19 M
2	SEVILLANO Enrico	2546	W5	W3	D1	D4	W7	4	12 M
3	CHOW Albert	2323	W5	L2	W7	L1	D4	2.5	5 M
4	MOTE David	2245	L1	W5	D6	D2	D3	2.5	5 M
5	PANGAN Camilo	2214	L2	L4	B	W7	L1	2	4 M
6	JAKSTAS Kazimieras	2200	L3	WR	D4	-	-	1.5	3 M
7	PAGAN Victor	2033	B	L1	L3	L5	L2	1	2 MX
8	SMYTHE Bill	1859	-	L6	-	-	-	0	
EXPERT									
1	KARLINS Erik	2112	W9	D2	W8	W7	D4	4	12 X
2	MIDDLETON Doug	2117	W5	D1	D7	D4	W6	3.5	7 X
3	BENESA Arnulfo	2020	D8	W6	L4	W9	W7	3.5	7 X
4	SCOTT Gene	2095	W11	L7	W3	D2	D1	3	6 X
5	TUMS Vaidis	2012	L2	W9	W11	L6	W10	3	6 X
6	WAGNER Steven	2093	D7	L3	W10	W5	L2	2.5	5 X
7	BACHLER Kevin	2163	D6	W4	D2	L1	L3	2	4 X
8	FAGAN James	2125	D3	W10	L1	-	-	1.5	3 X
9	SAX Robert	2000	L1	L5	W12	L3	D11	1.5	3 X
10	LORING Steve	1865	H	L8	L6	W**	L5	1.5	3 XA
11	SMYTHE Bill	1859	L4	B	L5	L10	D9	1.5	3 XA
12	MARKOVIC Arandel	1812	-	-	L9	-	-	0	
CLASS A									
1	GAST Bryan	1954	W12	W6	W10	W7	W4	5	32 A
2	COX William	1892	L9	W16	W6	W13	W7	4	12 A
3	WATTS Bradley	1951	H	L4	W15	W8	W9	3.5	7 A
4	NGUYEN Tam	1882	D7	W3	W5	W10	L1	3.5	7 A
5	MODES Dan	1910	W14	H	L4	D12	W11	3	6 A
6	CIMA Joe	1905	W18	L1	L2	W16	W13	3	6 A
7	CONDON James	1963	D4	W15	W8	L1	L2	2.5	5 A
8	CRONIN Mika	1900	D16	W17	L7	L3	W14	2.5	5 A
9	GAZMEN Ethelbert	1989	W2	L10	L13	X	L3	2	4 A
10	SINGER Robby	1922	W13	W9	L1	L4	-	2	4 A
11	GOUBRAN Nader	1853	L15	L13	W17	W14	L5	2	4 A
12	BUTTNY William	1847	L1	W14	H	D5	-	2	4 A
13	HENDERSON S E Jr	1837	L10	W11	W9	L2	L6	2	4 A
14	MARKOVIC Arandel	1812	L5	L12	B	L11	L8	1	2 A
15	CHEN Aaron	1650	W11	L7	L3	-	-	1	2 AB
16	KULKARNI Tammaji	-	D8	L2	H	L6	-	1	
17	COVIC Mehmed	1811	H	L8	L11	F	-	0.5	1 A
18	COVIC Mehmed	1811	L6	-	-	-	-	0	
CLASS B									
1	SACKS David	1623	W7	W9	W14	W5	D3	4.5	19 B
2	WONG Brian	1773	W3	W6	L5	D4	W9	3.5	7 B
3	DELAY Joe	1647	L2	W16	W12	W6	D1	3.5	7 B
4	HAYES Christopher	1499	D10	D11	W13	D2	W5	3.5	7 BC
5	BILLONES Reynaldo Jr	1723	W17	W12	W2	L1	L4	3	6 B
6	KNUDSON Mark	1516	W16	L2	W8	L3	W12	3	6 BC
7	LECHNICK William	1750	L1	D8	W16	L9	B	2.5	5 B
8	RIDDLE Robert	1493	D11	D7	L6	X	D13	2.5	5 BC
9	GORLIN Yelena	1478	W15	L1	D10	W7	L2	2.5	5 BC
10	ELLIGE Wayne	1878	D4	D13	D9	D11	-	2	4 B
11	HUANG Kenneth	1650	D8	D4	H	D10	-	2	4 B
12	TURNER Keith	1516	W14	L5	L3	W13	L6	2	4 BC
13	GANT Thomas	1600	H	D10	L4	L12	D8	1.5	3 B
14	ALLISON Roger	1700	L12	W15	L1	-	-	1	2 B
15	CYGAN Joseph	1556	L9	L14	B	F	-	1	2 BC
16	SMITH Jason	1727	L6	L3	L7	-	-	0	
17	JOSEPH Bennett	1029	L5	-	-	-	-	0	
CLASS C									
1	GORLIN Gennadiy	1401	W7	W18	W2	W8	W6	5	32 C
2	SILVERMAN Scott	1574	W26	W10	L1	W9	D5	3.5	7 C
3	PADILLA Rudy	1552	L10	W14	W21	H	W12	3.5	7 C
4	MC NAMARA Ron	1486	L21	W17	D13	X	W16	3.5	7 C
5	GORLIN Andreiy	1482	W12	D11	D19	W10	D2	3.5	7 C
6	JOSEPH Bennett	1029	B	W13	D8	W11	L1	3.5	7 C-E
7	ALBERT Steven	1539	L1	D15	W25	D13	W21	3	6 C
8	SMITH Orlan	1512	W15	W21	D6	L1	D11	3	6 C
9	WHITE David	1472	H	W25	H	L2	W19	3	6 C
10	LOBRACO Michael	1458	W3	L2	W23	L5	W18	3	6 C
11	THOMAS Matt	1406	W24	D5	W22	L6	D8	3	6 C
12	REDDIVARI Dushyanth	1285	L5	B	W18	W19	L3	3	6 CD
13	HANKE Paul	1460	W23	L6	D4	D7	D14	2.5	5 C
14	STAPLES Carl	1417	L18	L3	W24	W17	D13	2.5	5 C

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and Bowen High School Coach Robbie Singer. Bryan Gast, a junior who has made a lot of progress in the last few months, was the final winner with a perfect 5-0 score. Congratulations, Bryan! Bill Cox took clear second place with a 4-1 score. Other winners were Brad Watts—the 1997 ICA Tour Class A winner—and junior Tam Nguyen, both tied for third and fourth places. Dan Modes and Joe Cima, of Oak Lawn, tied for the fifth place prize.

The B Section had 16 players and five of them were juniors. David Sacks won first place in the Section. Three people tied for second: Joe Delay, and juniors Christopher Hayes and Brian Wong. Reynaldo Billones, Jr. and Mark Knudson, of South Dakota, tied for the fifth place prize.

The C Section was larger than all the previous ones: 26 players, including eight junior players. The winner in this section was Gennadiy Gorlin who defeated Bennett Joseph in the final round of play. Mr. Gorlin's daughter, Yelena, and son, Andreiy, were also playing in the tournament. Second through fifth place went to: Andreiy Gorlin, Bennett Joseph, Scott Silverman, Rudy Padilla, and Ron McNamara, of South Dakota.

The D/E/Below section was the largest by far: 63 players, with 40 of them being junior players! Eighteen of the players in the group were unrated. The Bowen High School chess team played in this section. For a number of players this was their first tournament, or their first "big" tournament: Getulio Cruz and Steven Maldonado, from Orozco Academy (CPS), and Bryan Connelly and Nick Panella of St. Catherine's Elementary School in Oak Lawn. Fred Gruenberg's grandson, Jeremy Gruenberg, also played in this group (Fred was playing in the C Section, where he belongs). First place belonged to Jon Schrombeck of Indiana. Ben Yarnoff took clear second place. A tie for third place involved Robert Rasmussen, Mike Hayes, Jim Burnett, Shay Larson, and Vincent Lansworth.

The Under-1000 trophies went to: Douglas Phelps-1st, Vignesh Somasundaram-2nd, Al and Patrice Connelly-3rd and 4th, and Brandon Hammoth, 5th place. Unrated trophies went to Michael Sossi, 1st place; and Anthony Gonzalez, 2nd place.

Our thanks to our friends who assisted T.D. Josh Flores: Larry Cohen, who helped out at registration; N.M. Vince Berry and Cindy Misiak who aided Josh during the entire tournament.

A very special thanks goes to the fine people who donated money for the Master Section prize fund: Helen W. Warren/Midwest Chess Association, \$200; Bill Smythe, \$200; and Fred Gruenberg, \$100. It was their encouragement and financial support that made it possible to have a Master Section. I should also mention that Helen, Bill, and Fred have been serving Illinois chess in different capacities for decades, and deserve special recognition for that. ♣

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Florin Felecan (2560)

David Mote (2245)

Midway Class, Oak Lawn, 1998

Notes by NM Alan Watson

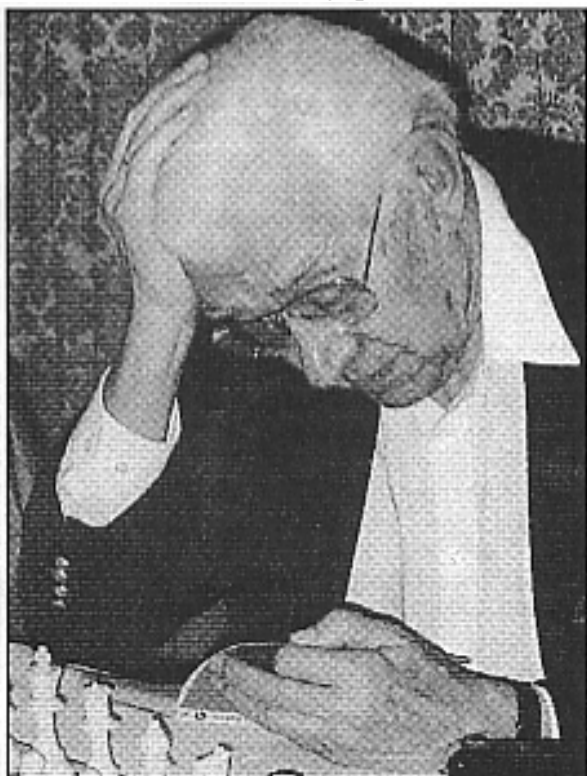
1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 e5 5.d3

Although our young luminary has recently shown a preference for the King's Indian Attack, his aims are far more sinister than the opening's drawish reputation. By minimizing exchanges, Felecan steers for a complex middlegame position which offers ample opportunities for his aggressiveness and creativity.

5...Ne7 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.e4 d4

Black may also prefer to retain the central tension by 7...Nbc6 8.c3 (8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Re1 h6 10.Nc4 Re8 11.c3 Bf5 12.Nb4 Be6 13.Nf3 Bf5 14.Nb4 Be6 15.Nf3 f6 16.a4 Nde7 17.b4 a6 18.Qc2 Qd7 19.Bb2 Nf5 1/2-1/2 Wessman-Kaidanov, New York op 1992) 8...a5 9.a4 Re8 10.Re1 h6 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nc4 Bf5 13.Nh4 Be6 14.Nf3 f6 15.Nfd2 Bf7 16.Qc2 Qd7 17.Nb1 Rad8 18.Nba3 Nde7 19.Bf1 g5 20.Nc3 h6 21.Nb5 Nb8 22.Bd2 c6 23.Na3 c5 24.Nac4 Qc7 25.Qb3 Nd7 26.Bg2 Kh8 27.Rad1 Bh5 28.Be4 Rf8 29.Nf5 Nxf5 30.Bxf5 Bxd1 31.Qxd1 Rfe8 32.Qh5 Nf8 33.Nc3 e4 34.Nd5? Rxd5 35.Qxc8 Rxf5 36.Rxe4 Re5 0-1 S.Weib(2107)-E.Martinovsky (2345) Wichern-Open, Berlin 1997.

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Erik Karklins, winner of the Expert prize, before the final round.

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15	VENUSO Michael	1357	L8	D7	H	H	W23	2.5	5 CD
16	HUANG Winston	1327	L22	W24	H	W23	L4	2.5	5 CD
17	KITTSLEY Scott	1552	L19	L4	W20	L14	X	2	4 C
18	FAMBRO Paul	1543	W14	L1	L12	W25	L10	2	4 C
19	RESK David	1420	W17	D22	D6	L12	L9	2	4 C
20	GILRUTH Bruce	1359	D25	L23	L17	H	X	2	4 CD
21	MEDINA Francisco	1323	W4	L8	L3	B	L7	2	4 CD
22	PAS-EKA Jeff	1492	W16	D19	L11	F	-	1.5	3 C
23	KORBAN Joseph	1571	L13	W20	L10	L16	L16	1	2 C
24	MENENDEZ Cipriano	1542	L11	L16	L14	B	F	1	2 C
25	GRUENBERG Fred	1516	D20	L9	L7	L18	F	0.5	1 C
26	WHITE David	1472	L2	-	-	-	-	0	

### CLASSES D-E

1	SCHROMBECK Jon	1287	W32	W28	W25	W3	W4	5	32 D
2	YARNOFF Ben	1000	D10	W23	W12	W9	W6	4.5	19 DE
3	RASMUSSEN Robert	1341	W41	W17	W15	L1	W16	4	12 D
4	HAYES Mike	1277	W52	W29	W26	W14	L1	4	12 D
5	BURNETT Jim	1228	W55	W19	L14	W39	W15	4	12 D
6	LARSON Shay	1148	W49	W35	W22	W10	L2	4	12 DE
7	LENSWORTH Vincent	1148	D30	W33	D8	W35	W14	4	12 DE
8	PULLIN Matt	1399	W31	D24	D7	D25	W17	3.5	7 D
9	BODZIONY Piotr	1390	W39	D16	W30	L2	W25	3.5	7 D
10	RAMOS Fabian	1374	D2	W47	W13	L6	W24	3.5	7 D
11	LEWIS Otis	1363	W18	L25	W40	D32	W27	3.5	7 D
12	EVERSON Michael	1254	W54	D13	L2	W31	W32	3.5	7 D
13	CLOUGH Pat	1055	W20	D12	L10	W30	W22	3.5	7 DE
14	SEIBEL Dennis	1374	W40	W45	W5	L4	L7	3	6 D
15	VILENCHIK Vlad	1248	X	W34	L3	W19	L5	3	6 D
16	PETERSON Ross	1218	W56	D9	D24	W34	L3	3	6 D
17	POPOVIC Zeljko	1174	W58	L3	W51	W20	L8	3	6 DE
18	PHHELPS Douglas	999	L11	L59	W48	W42	W40	3	6 D-F
19	FORD Justin	W38	L5	W23	L15	W39	3		
20	GONZALEZ Anthony	L13	W52	W29	L17	W38	3		
21	HERRERA David	1304	W51	L26	W59	D27	-	2.5	5 D
22	WISHNER Michael	1270	W53	W43	L6	D28	L13	2.5	5 D
23	MC NALLY Michael	1239	H	L2	L19	W53	W48	2.5	5 D
24	JOVANOVIC Nenad	1211	W42	D8	D16	D26	L10	2.5	5 C
25	HALL Jason	1166	W59	W11	L1	D8	L9	2.5	5 DE
26	ZEPEDA Rogelio	1156	W60	W21	L4	D24	-	2.5	5 DE
27	VILGORN Mark	1140	L34	W54	W43	D21	L11	2.5	5 DE
28	LAUGER Judd	1114	W44	L1	W49	D22	-	2.5	5 DE
29	WADING Robert	1100	W61	L4	L20	W54	D34	2.5	5 DE
30	RODRIGUEZ Jose	1075	D7	W50	L9	L13	W49	2.5	5 DE
31	TATUM Kevin	1045	L8	D42	W33	L12	W50	2.5	5 DE
32	SOMASUNDARAM V.	850	L1	W44	W38	D11	L12	2.5	5 D-F
33	CAMPBELL Doug	-	H	L7	L31	W46	W47	2.5	
34	SOSSI Michael	-	W27	L15	W38	L16	D29	2.5	
35	CAMPOS Miguel	1325	W62	L6	W41	L7	-	2	4 D
36	AYALA Miguel	1193	L43	W48	L32	W50	-	2	4 DE
37	BIELSKI Wilam	1120	H	-	-	D52	W56	2	4 DE
38	KNUDSON David	1100	L19	W55	L34	W56	L20	2	4 DE
39	WIDING Daniel	1044	L9	W56	W53	L5	L19	2	4 DE
40	KOPINSKI Michael	1042	L14	W57	L11	W55	L18	2	4 DE
41	WOODS Martez	967	L3	W58	L35	W43	-	2	4 D-F
42	JAFFE James	L24	D31	H	L18	W54	2		
43	VELAZQUEZ Ralph	W36	L22	L27	L41	W53	2		
44	GRUENBERG Jeremy	L28	L32	L56	W58	X	2		
45	FERGUSON William	1190	W57	L14	H	-	-	1.5	3 DE
46	PIERGALSKI John G	1096	H	-	-	L33	W60	1.5	3 DE
47	CONNELLY Patrice	765	H	L10	L50	W61	L33	1.5	3 D-G
48	CONNELLY A.	601	H	L36	L18	W62	L23	1.5	3 D-G
49	CRUZ Getulio	-	L6	W62	L28	H	L30	1.5	
50	TAYLOR Bill	-	H	L30	W47	L36	L31	1.5	
51	PYTEL James E	891	L21	W60	L17	F	-	1	2 D-F
52	SAWYIER Tim	747	L4	L20	H	D37	-	1	2 D-G
53	HAMMOTHE Brandon	679	L22	W61	L39	L23	L43	1	2 D-G
54	PENA Andy	-	L12	L27	W58	L29	L42	1	
55	CONNELLY Bryan	-	L5	L38	W60	L40	F	1	
56	PANELLA Nick	-	L16	L39	W44	L38	L37	1	
57	VAN HOUSEN Robert	-	L45	L40	X	F	-	1	
58	GUSEV Andrey	-	L17	L41	L54	L44	X	1	
59	JIMENEZ Ramon	-	L25	W18	L21	-	-	1	
60	MALDONADO Steven	-	L26	L51	L55	H	L46	0.5	
61	KULKASNI Vivek	-	L29	L53	H	L47	-	0.5	
62	PEREZ Javier	960	L35	L49	F	L48	F	0	

## Bloomington Open

# Merli & Naff Tie for First

by Dennis Bourgerie and Bill Naff

**B**loomington Open held on March 28, 1998. Experts Chris Merli of Champaign and Bill Naff from Peoria tied for first place with three wins and one draw each. Merli achieved a strong advantage in their last-round encounter but faltered in a maze of complications at a critical moment and was forced to yield a draw.

We begin with a game between two juniors which clearly demonstrates the disadvantage of incomplete concentration.

**A. Ingles (1326)**

**A. Rhodes (1140)**

Bloomington March Open, '98

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.d4 f6 5.c3 b6 6.Qb3 Nge7? 7.Bf7# 1-0

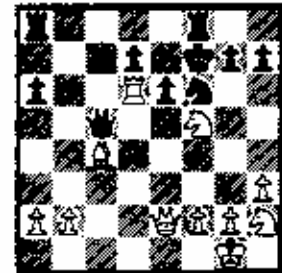
**Bill Naff (2090)**

**C. Wolfe (1490)**

Bloomington March Open, '98

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bc4 a6 7.O-O Qc7 8.Qc2 b6 9.Rd1 Bb7 10.Bc3 Nf6 11.h3 Bd6? 12.Bxb6! Bb2+ 13.Nxb2 Qxb6 14.e5 Ng8 15.Nc4 Nd4 16.Rxd4! Qxd4 17.Nd6+ Ke7 18.Nxb7 f6 19.cxf6+ Nxf6 20.Rd1 Qb6 21.Nd6 Rhf8

22.Nf5+ Kf7 23.Rd6 Qc5



24.Bxe6+

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## A Springfield master came to Chicago to play in the Midway Class. He shares two of his games with ICB readers

The highlight of my tournament was holding a draw in a pawn-down rook and pawn ending against IM Sevillano after I misplayed the opening.

**IM Enrico Sevillano (2546)**

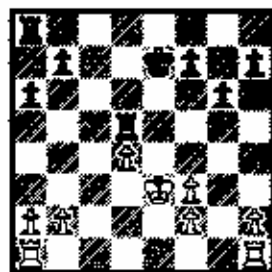
**NM David Mote (2245)**

Midway Spring Class [B22]

Notes by NM David Mote

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 e6 6.cxd4 d6 7.Nc3 dxc5!!  
7...Nxc3 8.bxc3 Qc7 9.Bd2 Nc6  
8.Nxe5 Nd7 9.Bb5 a6?  
9...Bd6  
10.Qh5 g6 11.Qf3 Qf6  
11...N5f6 12.Bxd7+ Bxd7  
13.Qxb7+--  
12.Bxd7+  
12.Nxd5 Qxf3 13.Nc7+ Kd8 14.gxf3 axb5 (14...Kxc7 15.Nxf7 Bb4+ 16.Bd2 Bxd2+ 17.Kxd2 Rf8 18.Bxd7 Bxd7 19.Ne5 Rf4 20.Ra1+ Bc6 21.Ke3 Rf8) 15.Nxa8 Nxc5 16.dxe5.  
12...Bxd7 13.Nxd5 Qxf3 14.Nc7+ Kd8 15.Nxc6+ Bxe6 16.Nxf3 Bd5 17.Bg5+  
Avoiding the possibility of opposite-colored bishops.  
17...Be7 18.Bxe7+ Kxe7  
19.Kd2 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Rhd8

21.Ke3 Rd5



Activating the rook, but Rac8, forcing off a pair of rooks, may offer an easier draw  
21...Rac8 22.Ra1 Rxc1 (22...Kd7 23.Rc3 Rxc3+ 24.bxc3 b5 25.Kd3 Rc8) 23.Rxc1.  
22.Ra1 Kd6 23.Rc3 Rc8+ 24.Kd3 Rf5 25.Kd2 Rf4 26.Rd3 Rh4 27.h3 Re7 27...Rc8.  
28.Rc1 Rxb3 29.Rb3 Rc7 29...b5?! 30.Ra3 Ra7 31.Rc5 and White's rooks become very active.  
30.Rb6+ Kd7 31.Rxc7+

by NM David Mote

## Mote's Notes

My only win of the tournament was against NM Camilo Pangan in round two:

**NM David Mote (2245)**

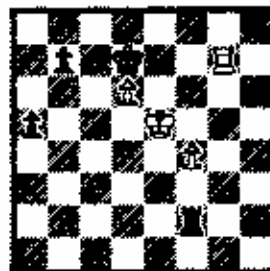
**NM Camilo Pangan (2214)**

Midway Spring Class [B28]

Notes by NM David Mote

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Nf3 d6 7.Bc4 Be7 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.Qc2 b5 10.Bb3 Bb7 11.O-O 0-0 12.Ra1 b4 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Bxd5 16.Rxd5 Qc7 17.Rfd1 f5! 18.Nxe5! fxe4 18...dxc5 19.Rd7 Qc5 20.Rld5 Qb6 21.Rxe7 Rac8 22.Rdd7+--  
19.Nc4 Rac8 20.b3 Qa7 21.Rld4! Rf6 22.Rxe4 Bf8 23.Rc6 Qf7 24.Rxf6 Qxf6 25.g3 Rc7 26.Ra5 Re7 27.Ne3 g6 28.Rxa6 Bh6 29.Qc4+ Kg7 30.Nd5 Qa1+ 31.Kg2 Rf7 32.Qxb4 Qd1 33.Qc3+ Kg8 34.Rxd6  
34.Ra8+ Bf8 35.Nf6+ Rxf6 36.Qxf6 Qd5+ 37.Qf3+--  
1-0

Kxc7 32.Rf6 Rh1 33.f4 Rb1 34.Kc3 Rc1+ 35.Kd3 Rdl+ 36.Kc4 Rd2 37.Rxf7+ Kc8 37...Kc6 38.Rxb7.  
38.b4 Rxa2 39.Kc5 Rc2+ 40.Kd6 Rc6+ 41.Ke5 Bb6! 42.Rxb7 Rxb4 43.Rg7 Bb6 44.d5 a5 45.d6 Bb2! 46.Rxg6 Rxf2 47.Rg8+ Kd7 48.Rg7+



Ke8!  
48...Kc6 49.Rc7+ Kb6 50.f5 a4 51.Rc3+--  
49.Rc7+ Kd8 50.Rxb7 Rc2+ 51.Kf6 Rd2 52.f5 a4 53.Ra7 Rxd6+ 54.Kg7 Rd7+ 1/2-1/2

My other games were draws with NM Kazimieras Jakstas and FM Albert Chow, and a loss to Florin Felecan. ♀

# Hustlers, Stings, and Shills

by Larry Cohen

## Swindlers rewarded with golden turkeys

The first annual Cheap Shot Open was held on March 7th and 8th at the Glen Ellyn Holiday Inn. The \$1800 prize fund drew 50 players for this ICA Maxi-Tour event. The tournament was divided into three sections, keeping with the 'Cheap Shot' theme, they were: Hustler (1800 and over), Sting (1400-1999), and Shill (under 1600).

In addition to the usual cash prizes, a trophy was awarded for the best swindle in each section. This was to recognize the fact that sometimes you not only win or draw games, but that sometimes your opponent has a hand in the result as well.

The top section, Hustler, had ten players with eight of them being experts or A players. As his next nearest competitor was a 2200-player, it is not surprising that IM Enrico Sevillano cruised to a perfect 4-0 score. Second place was a bit of a surprise, as you would not expect a player under 1900 to do as well as Bill Cox did. However, he and Expert Gene Scott tied for second with 2.5 points. Finishing with 2.0 points were Master James Ellis, Expert Ray Doyle Satterlee, and A players Steven Loring and Josh Flores. Ellis, Loring, and Flores split the third place and Under-2000 prizes, while Satterlee received the money for second in the 2000-2099 category. The Gold Turkey Award (swindle trophy) for this section went to Josh Flores for his draw against Gene Scott.

The middle section, Sting,

had 19 players who all had their ups and downs. When the smoke had cleared, Bradley Watts (number two on the wall chart) emerged with a perfect score. His path there was anything but smooth as he won his last three games on time! Round 2 saw Brad take a drawn game, turn it into a loss, have his opponent turn it back into a draw, and finally claim a victory on time with only five seconds on his own clock. This earned Brad the Golden Turkey Award (swindle trophy) for this section. In second with 3 points was Aaron Chen who had to take a bye in the first round. He then proceeded to upset three of the top five players in the section. All three of Aaron's opponents were rated at least 300 points higher! In third, at 2.5 points, were James Condron, Ognjan Virijevich, Bill Buttny, Rick Case, William Whited, Charles Giertz, and Mehmed Covic. Covic, after losing on time in the first round re-entered with a half-point bye, and his only loss came at the hands of Bradley Watts. Whited and Giertz took the top 1700-1799 and 1600-1699 prizes respectively. Joseph Cygan and Scott Silverman Split the U1600/Unr prize with a score of two points. Both players had some surprisingly good games against higher-rated opponents to eventually achieve their results.

The bottom section, Shill, was the largest section with 21 players. Due to the faster time controls there were five rounds



Photos by Larry Cohen



Clockwise from upper left, some of the 'Cheap Shot' trophy winners: Vivek Kulkarni, Chris Ottara, Robert Wirtz, and Wesley Moran.

for this section. The eventual winner, with 4.5 points, was Abdulah Prijic. In second place was Dennis Seibel who also went undefeated. In third place were David Langer, Dushyanth Reddivari, and Orlan Smith. Dushyanth was awarded the 1200-1299 prize, as this was worth more. The 1100-1199 prize was not awarded, because there were no players in this rating range! The trophy for top 1000-1099 was a battle to see if Wesley or Philip Moran would be the winner. Rather than pair father and son in the final round, Wesley was given a bye while his father played Chris O'Hara. Philip lost to Chris, which gave the trophy

to Wesley. Meanwhile, for his victory Chris was awarded the 2nd U1000 trophy on tie breaks. Also his game garnered him the coveted Golden Turkey Award for this section. Rob Wirtz with 2.5 points earned the top U1000 trophy. Young Vivek Kulkarni was the winner of the Unrated trophy with his impressive score of 2.5 points.

On top of all the chess fun and warfare there was a raffle. Rudy Padilla won a free entry to this year's Illinois Open. Aaron Chen won a free entry to this year's Illinois Class, showing his success both over the board as well as off it. David Langer was the winner of the

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# Cheap Shot Open

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movie passes.

I want to thank all the participants and hope they will all want to come play again next year. Look for the Cheap Shot Open next year sometime in April after Easter. As there were quite a number of player wan-

dering around between rounds I will look into the idea of possibly faster time controls. As organizer, I would like to hear opinions on the subject. Maybe I can talk the ICB into a general survey on time control preferences. \*




Larry Cohen

**Swindler?!** Josh Flores displays his Golden Turkey Award, a swindle trophy for his draw against Gene Scott at the first annual Cheap Shot Open.

## Cheap Shot Open March 7-8, 1998

HUSTLER		Score	Tour
1	SEVILLANO Enrico 2546	W2 W9 W4 W3	4 2B M
2	SCOTT Gene 2095	_1 D 7 W8 W9	2.5 5 MX
3	COX William 1892	W5 D 4 W9 L1	2.5 5 M-A
4	ELLIS James 2200	W10 D 3 L1 D 5	2 4 M
5	SATTERLEE Ray 2067	D 6 H H D 4	2 4 MX
6	LORING Steven 1865	D 5 L8 D 7 W10	2 4 M-A
7	FLORES Joshua 1830	_9 D 2 D 6 W8	? 4 M-A
8	MARSHALL James 2121	_3 W6 L2 L7	1 2 MX
9	INUMERABLE F 2095	W7 L1 L3 L2	1 2 MX
10	COHEN Lawrence 1973	L4 H H L6	1 2 M-A
STING		Score	Tour
1	WATTS Bradley 1951	W8 W11 W4 W9	4 2B A
2	CHEN Aaron 1522	H W6 W3 D 4	3 8 A-C
3	CONDON James 1963	W18 D 7 L2 W10	2.5 5 A
4	VIRJEVICH Ognjan 1887	W19 W14 L1 D 2	2.5 5 A
5	BUTTNY B. 1847	D 6 D15 W11 D 8	2.5 5 A
6	CASE Rick 1840	D 0 L2 W19 W14	2.5 5 A
7	WHITED William Sr 1799	W 3 D 3 L9 W15	2.5 5 AB
8	GIERTZ Charles 1671	L 1 W19 W15 D 5	2.5 5 AB
9	COVIC Mehmed 1800	H W16 W7 L1	2.5 5 A
10	SILVERMAN Scott 1574	D 6 D12 W13 L3	? 4 A-C
11	CYGAN Joseph 1556	W12 L1 L5 B	2 4 A-C
12	MARKOVIC Arandel 1812	L11 D10 D14 D13	1.5 3 A
13	TURNER Keith 1516	L7 W18 L10 D12	1.5 3 A-C
14	LOBRACO Michael 1458	W20 L4 D12 L6	1.5 3 A-C
15	KULKARNI Tammaj 1800	W17 D 5 L8 L7	1.5
16	WALKER Barry 1589	D 5 L9 - -	0.5 1 A-C
17	BALE Les 1779	L15 - - -	0
18	ALLISON Roger 1700	L3 L13 - -	0
19	CANNONE Chuck 1611	L4 L6 L6 -	0
20	COVIC Mehmed 1800	L14 - - -	0
SHILL		Score	Tour
1	PRIJIC Abduln 1420	D12 W14 W7 W15 W3	4.5 19 C
2	SEIBEL Dennis 1374	D21 W12 W15 W6 D 5	4 12 CD
3	LANGER David 1572	W11 W18 D 4 W7 L1	3.5 7 C
4	SMITH Brian 1512	W20 W8 D 3 H H	3.5 7 C
5	REDDIVARI Dush 1285	L14 W20 W9 W18 D 2	3.5 7 CD
6	PADILLA Rudy 1552	W9 L7 W13 L2 W 4	3 6 C
7	SINGURA Thomas 1420	W18 W6 L1 L3 W 0	3 6 C
8	HUANG Winston 1349	W19 L4 L 4 W21 W 3	3 6 CD
9	CUMMINGS Michael 1286	L8 W19 L5 W20 W 6	3 6 CD
10	AILES Tim 1309	D13 L15 W18 W 4 L 7	2.5 5 CD
11	DOYLE Dennis 1282	_3 W17 H L 3 W 6	2.5 5 CD
12	WIRTS Rob 621	D 1 L2 L20 W17 W21	2.5 5 C-F
13	KULKARNI Vivek 1800	D 0 W2 L6 W11 L6	2.5
14	O'HARA Michael 1800	_1 W8 L 0 L6	2
15	R'GNEY Mike 1800	H W10 L2 L1 H	2
16	WHITE David 1472	W17 L3 H L5 L9	1.5 3 C
17	MORAN Wesley 1019	L15 L1 D15 L 2 B	1.5 3 C-E
18	WHITED William Jr 984	_7 H L 0 W 9 L11	1.5 3 C-F
19	O'HARA Chris 584	L8 _9 D 7 L 8 W20	1.5 3 C-H
20	MORAN Philip 1036	L4 L5 W 2 L9 L19	1 2 C-E
21	CAP GATTI Andrew 746	D 2 L13 H L8 L12	1 2 C-G



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# 1998 National Open: Illinois Players Make Their Mark

The National Open broke its previous attendance record by attracting 1,121 players to the Riviera in Las Vegas in March. In spite of so many competitors to contend with, several Illinoisans put in noteworthy performances.

Perhaps the most frisson and sparkle was generated by the two draws against Karpov in a simul. The draws were earned by Illinois players Howard Cohen, and the junior player Josh Riddell. (For more on Riddell, see Tim Just's report in "Club News".)

ICA Treasurer Cohen told the ICB that "it was very exciting to play the world champion. I owe my brother Larry

a dinner since he convinced me to enter the lottery in which I won a seat at the simul."

There was a five-way tie for first in the Open tournament: GMs Julian Hodgson, Pavel Blatny, Jan Ehlvest, Vladimir Epishin, and Evgeny Pigusov each scored 5.5 in the six-round event and received \$2,300. GM Dmitry Gurevich (4.5) tied with many players (including US champion GM Joel Benjamin, world junior

champion GM Tal Shaked, and IM Josh Waitzkin) for 11th place; they all received \$200.

In the Under-2500 section, Dr. Eugene Martynovskiy (4.5) tied for second and was awarded \$200.

Ken Wallach (4.5) won first

place in the Under-2300 section (on tie-break) and earned \$360.

In the Reserve section, James Condron tied for eighth place with a 5.0 score and won \$200.

—M.L. Rantala



Left: 17-year-old Josh Riddell (right) was one of only two players to draw against Karpov (left) in his simul at the Nat'l Open. They are shown at the banquet held in Karpov's honor. Below: Karpov at the simul.



*Smythe-Chess*

**Karpov-Bill Smythe**

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.e3 e5 5.d4 cxd4 6.exd4 exd4 7.Nxd4 Bg7 8.dNb5 Nf6 9.Nd6 Kf8 10.Be2 Nc8 11.Bf4 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qf6 13.Bh6 Ke7 14.Ne4 Qe5 15.Qd3 f5 16.Ng5 Nd6 17.O-O Ne4 18.Bf3 Nxc5 19.Bxc5 Kf7 20.fRe1 Qc5 21.Bd5 Kg7 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.Re7 Kf8 24.aRe1 Ba6 25.Qxd7 1-0

## Two Illinois Players Draw with Karpov in Simul

As part of the festivities at the 1998 National Open, FIDE world champion Anatoly Karpov gave a simultaneous display against 30 opponents. He lost none of his games, drew two, and won the rest. Both draws were earned by Illinois players! The games of all four Illinoisans to participate in the Karpov simul are published here.

### *Cavemen Draw!*

**Karpov-Josh Riddell**

1.c4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cd ed 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.Qc2 O-O 9.Nge2 Re8 10.O-O Nf8 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.b4 Bd7 13.a4 Rc8 14.Rfd1 a6 15.b5 ab 16.ab c5 17.dc Rxc5 18.Qb3 Be6 19.Nd4 Qc8 20.Nce2 Nd7 21.Rac1 Qa8 22.Rca1 Qb8 23.Qb4 Rec8 24.h3 Ne5 25.Ra3 Nxd3 26.Raxd3 Rc4 27.Qa3 Be5 28.Nxe6 fe 29.Qe7 Re8 30.Qa3 Rc2 31.Nd4 Bh2+ 32.Kf1 Bd6 33.Qb3 Rcc8 34.Nxe6 fxe6 35.Rxd5 Kh8(!) 36.Qd3 Bf8 37.g3 Ree8 38.h4 Qc7 39.Rd7 Qb6 40.Qd5 Rc5 41.Qxb7 Qxb5+ 42.Qxb5 Rxb5 43.Rd8 Rb8 44.Rxb8 Rxb8 45.Kg2 Kg8 46.Rd7 1/2-1/2

### *Neboc Ward*

**Karpov-Howard Cohen**

1.e4 g6 2.d4 d6 3.Nf3 c6 4.c4 Bg4 5.Be2 Nd7 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 e5 8.d5 Qe7 9.O-O Bxf3 10.Bxf3 c5 11.a3 h5 12.Nb5 Kf8 13.Qd3 Nh6 14.b4 b6 15.Ra2 a6 16.Nc3 Ng4 17.Bc1 Qh4 18.h3 Bh6 19.Bxh6 Rxh6 20.Rb1 dNf6 21.bxc5 bxc5 22.Bd1 Ne8 23.hxg4 hxg4 24.Kf1 Qh1 25.Ke2 Qxg2 26.Og3 Qxg3 27.fxg3 Ra7 28.Kf1 f5 29.Rf2 Rf7 30.Rb8 Rh1 31.Ke2 f4 32.Kd3 Rh3 33.Ne2 fxg3 34.Rg2 Rf3 35.Kd2 Rxa3 36.Rg1 Rh2 37.Ke1 g2 38.Rb3 Ra1 39.Rg3 Nf6 40. 1/2-1/2

### *Benko Gambit*

**Karpov-Ray Doyle Satterlee**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.b6 Qxb6 6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 d6 8.f4 Bg7 9.Nf3 O-O 10.Nd2 bNd7 11.Be2 a5 12.Nc4 Qb8 13.O-O Ba6 14.Rb1 Bxc4 15.Bxc4 Nb6 16.Bb5 e6 17.dxe6 fxe6 18.Be3 Qc7 19.Be2 d5 20.e5 fNd7 21.Rc1 d4 22.Nb5 Qd8 23.Bd2 Nd5 24.Nd6 g5 25.fxg5 Nxe5 26.Nb7 Qb6 27.Nxc5 d3 28.Bg4 Rxf1 29.Kxf1 Rf8 30.Kg1 Nc7 31.Be3 Qxb2 32.Bxe6 Nxe6 33.Nxe6 Rb8 34.Nxg7 Kxg7 35.Qh5 Ng6 36.Rc7 1-0

# Trophy Tournament on Martin Luther King Jr. Day

By Hector R. Hernandez

**O**n Monday, January 19, 1998 Midway Chess Enterprises sponsored a trophy tournament in the Pilsen community. The event was held at an Art Gallery—Casa de Cultura “Calles y Sueños”, and drew 25 players. Coffee, horchata (“rice water” drink) and pan mexicano (Mexican sweet rolls) were provided for all participants. The Elementary School Section had 13 players in it. Besides the children from the local and surrounding communities, this section attracted players from as far away as Deerfield—Paul Kasten, Lev and George Krasnopolskiy—and Buffalo Grove, Eugene Raskin. These children are tutored by Polina Kipervaser, a recent immigrant from Ukraine. Polina, who is Paul Kasten’s mother, achieved the rank of candidate master in her homeland. Tim Sawyer, a University of Chicago Lab School student also participated. Sawyer, a student of Hector Hernandez, took first place with a 4.5 score. He yielded only a half point, to Lorena Duran. Paul Kasten took clear second by scoring 4-1. His only loss was to Sawyer. Third through fifth place were determined by tie-breaks. Lorena Duran, who extracted a half point from the tournament winner, was third. She also had a draw against Keenan Ballo and wins over Evan Ballo and George Krasnopolskiy. Lev Krasnopolskiy ended up in fourth place and Evan Ballo in fifth. Complete standing are given in a separate box.

The High School/Open Section had 12 contestants including five adults and two elementary school children who played up. There was a total of five high school players competing for the trophies: Jonathan Heckman, John Wood, and Anna Hamburg-Gal, all three from the University of Chicago High School; Jorge L. Reyes from the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy; and, Javier Gallardo from the Benito Juarez High School, CPS. José A. Rodriguez and Bennett Joseph played up into this section.

Jim Burnett, of Oak Lawn, finished first with a 4-1 score. He lost only to Jon Heckman. Fabian Ramos took second place by scoring a 3.5-1.5. Ramos managed to beat Heckman by making better use of the clock and using the ‘stare technique’. Next came four players with identical 3-2 performances: Menendez, Heckman, José A. Rodriguez, Jr., and Bennett Joseph.



Top, winners of the Elementary School Division, back row, from left: Paul Kasten, Lorena Duran (partially obscured), Keenan Ballo, Tim Sawyer, and Hector Hernandez (organizer). Front row: Lev Krasnopolskiy, Eugene Raskin, George Krasnopolskiy, Andy Peña, Ulises Ortega, and Evan Ballo.

Bottom, winners of the High School/Adult Division, back row: John Wood, Jim Burnett, and Fabian Ramos. Front row: Jon Heckman, Anna Hamburg-Gal, Cipriano Menendez, Hector Hernandez, and Bennett Joseph.

## Midway Chess Enterprises Martin Luther King Day Tournament

Elementary School Section	High School/Open Section
1. Tim Sawyer ..... 4.5	1. Jim Burnett ..... 4
2. Paul Kasten ..... 4	2. Fabian Ramos ..... 3.5
3. Lorena Duran ..... 3	3. Jonathan Heckman ..... 3
4. Lev Krasnopolskiy ..... 3	4. Bennett Joseph ..... 3
5. Evan Ballo ..... 3	5. Cipriano Menendez ..... 3
6. Ulises Ortega ..... 2.5	6. José A. Rodriguez, Jr. .... 3
7. Eugene Raskin ..... 2.5	7. José A. Rodriguez, Sr. .... 2.5
8. Keenan Ballo ..... 2	8. Pete Rodriguez ..... 2.5
9. George Krasnopolskiy ..... 2	9. John Wood ..... 2
10. Andy Peña ..... 1.5	10. Anna Hamburg-Gal ..... 1.5
11. Alejandra Rodriguez ..... 1	11. Jorge L. Reyes ..... 1
12. Claudia Dominguez ..... 1	12. Ricardo Gallardo ..... 1
13. Wilber Gomez ..... 1	

TD: Josh Flores

Tiebreaks were used to sort out places 3-6 and 8-9. Heckman placed third, his three points came via wins over Burnett, Menendez and his friend John Wood. Just about everyone took home a prize. Joseph was fourth with wins over Reyes, Menendez, and Pete Rodriguez, from Elgin. Menendez was fifth thanks to victories over José A. Rodriguez, Jr., José Rodriguez, Sr. and Wood. José A. Rodriguez, Jr. was sixth by defeating Reyes, Wood and Hamburg-Gal. Complete standings are above. \*

## ECC v. CICL February Match

ECC

CICL

1. Steve Szpisjak (2285) .....	1/2	....	Victor Bezzubov (2350)** .....	1/2
2. Rodney Kinnaird (2151) .....	0	....	F. Inumberable (2326) .....	1
3. Ray Satterlee (2088) .....	1	....	Tony Jasatis (2178) .....	0
4. Johnson Chua (2023) .....	0	....	Frank Tege (2169) .....	1
5. Larry Cohen (1973) .....	1	....	Jenny Spiegel (2122) .....	0
6. Howard Cohen (1920) .....	1	....	Tom Friske (2061) .....	0
7. Misha Mladenovic (1915) .....	0	....	Stan Peijffers (2055) .....	1
8. Dan Modes (1911) .....	1/2	....	A. Czerniecki (2049) .....	1/2
9. Bill Cox (1893) .....	1	....	Teddy Santiago (2023) .....	0
10. Bob Stoltz (1885) .....	1/2	....	Ely Sollano (1950) .....	1/2
11. Steve Decman (1815) .....	1	....	Hence Aller (1923) .....	0
12. Vince Hart (1808) .....	1	....	Wayne Ellice (1891) .....	0
13. Paul Garofolo (1803) .....	1	....	David Green (1845) .....	0
14. John Gossage (1760) .....	1	....	Jay Lechnick (1831) .....	0
15. Marty Ptacek (1754) .....	0	....	Mike Plett (1820) .....	1
16. Paul Prause (1718) .....	1	....	Marty Franek (1808) .....	0
17. Ed Ledesma (1715) .....	0	....	Erman Paraoan (1780) .....	1
18. Rick Lutzke (1706) .....	1	....	Pat Sajbel (1785) .....	0
19. Mathew Joseph (1604) .....	0	....	Chuck Dobrovoly (1764) .....	1
20. Scott Silverman (1573) .....	0	....	Len Augsburg (1742) .....	1
21. George David (1473) .....	0	....	Charlie Ward (1598) .....	1
22. Chris Nitura (1504) .....	1	....	Charles Wentling (1585) .....	0
23. Tom Singura (1434) .....	0	....	Hardie White (1585) .....	1
24. Roger Birkeland (1418) .....	0	....	Howard Klinefelter (1565) .....	1
25. Kermit Dodson (1412) .....	1/2	....	Carl Reid (1437) .....	1/2
26. Ted Shellhamer (1410) .....	0	....	John Zoellner (1366) .....	1
27. Luke Burke (1316) .....	1	....	Mark Czoske (1318) .....	0
28. Mike Cummings (1266) .....	1	....	Jim Thomson (Unr) .....	0
29. Dave Badalamenti (Unr) .....	1	....	Duc Le (Unr) .....	0

**Elmhurst Total: 16**

**CICL Total: 13**

\*\* Ratings are CICL, and differ slightly from USCF ratings

# Elmhurst Tops CICL in 29- Board Match

*By Ken Marshall*

The Elmhurst Chess Club defeated the Chicago Industrial Chess League 16-13 in a 29 board match on February 22, 1998. The match, the first between these organizations, was hosted by the ECC at Elmhurst College and featured a time control of 40 moves in 90 minutes, followed by game/30. ECC President Roger Birkeland and CICL President Pat Sajbel worked hard to ensure a good turnout, promoting the contest with telephone calls, e-mail messages, and mailings. Their efforts resulted in the largest Chicago area match in years.

"My club won the match at the top, scoring 9.5-4.5 on the first 14 boards", Birkeland said. Noting that the ECC was outrated on boards one through 25, Birkeland expressed relief that number one player, Steve Szpisjak, had arrived just in time. "Steve was running late, and almost was not paired. He said he had been playing chess with Dr. Martinovsky all afternoon, and had to stay to finish the last game because he finally was going to win one!"

Sajbel was happy with the match, if not with the final score. "When I heard that the ECC had crushed the Oak Park-River Forest Chess Club in Elmhurst last October [9.5-2.5 on October 17], I knew they would be tough," he said. "The CICL has played the OP-RF CC twice a year for the last several years. We enjoy these matches, and look forward to establishing a friendly rivalry with the ECC as well." ♁

Below: The match site at Elmhurst College.



# News & Notes

## Kasparov Plays Simul in Arizona

*Comments on championship process, FIDE rating list, Deep Blue, and more*

Garry Kasparov spent a weekend in April in Peoria—not Illinois's own, but a small city in Arizona. He played a 15-board simul and appeared at a high school tournament deciding \$6,000 in scholarships for young chess players. He also spoke on many issues relating to the world chess scene.

He explained the rationale for the current preparations for him to defend his world championship title. He believes all world champions have a moral responsibility to defend their title on a regular basis. This obligation resides in the player and not in FIDE or any other organization. Since a three-year interval has become the standard, he agrees he must defend this year.

Because he and FIDE have been unable to reach an agreement, Kasparov says he has no time to conduct his own cycle. This is why he invited the top two players to conduct a match to decide a challenger. The two he invited to play were Anand and Kramnik. Anand declined, so the match is to be between Kramnik and Shirov.

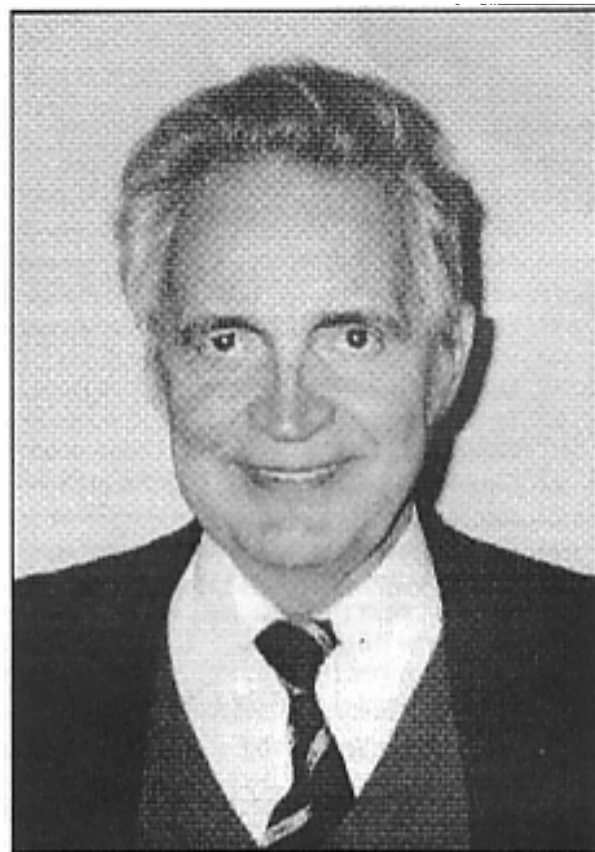
Kasparov also cited the FIDE rating list as riddled with problems of politics and inequities. He decried the fact that FIDE has removed professional chess players from the list because their national federations have not made requisite payments to FIDE and that these players cannot maintain their rated status even by paying the fees themselves.

He also complained that IBM has not released a printout of Deep Blue's "thinking" from the match played nearly a year ago, and he spoke in favor of Advance Chess, where players use computer programs to assist with analysis, while displays show the audience this analysis.

For more detailed coverage of Kasparov's visit, see the websites "The Week in Chess" or Chessworks, both featuring coverage by Eric Schiller, who was in Arizona that weekend to cover the proceedings:

<http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic.htm>

<http://www.chessworks.com>



**Dr. Martinovsky, I Presume?** Although Illinois is not home to any of the overall top ten US chess players, we do have one of the top players over 65: Dr. Eugene Martinovsky (2426). Others in the top ten in this category include Anatoly Lein (2515), Nikolay Minev (2439), John Curdo (2417), Leonid Shamkovich (2392), Arthur Bisguier (2343), Walter Shipman (2340), Joseph Vatnikov (2328), Rubin Shocron (2325) and Arnold Denker (2322). Not only an avid chess player, Martinovsky is well-traveled. He is very active in master tournaments in the US and in Europe as well.

# ICA Board Approves New Family Rate

*Can save many people money and encourage membership growth*

At the last ICA board meeting, the board agreed to institute a new category of membership specifically for families.

Families who qualify can save money, while the ICA can save money at the same time by sending only one ICB to the family address.

As of press time, the ICA Secretary had not yet circulated minutes of the meeting where the specifics of the membership rules were recorded. Persons interested in renewing or joining under the family rate, or tournament organizers who think participants may wish to sign up at this rate, should contact ICA President Hector Hernandez for specific details.

**Congratulations to Erv Sedlock,** of the St. Charles Chess Club, (pictured below) who has been named US Chess volunteer of the month. Well done, Erv!



## Notes

**Joel Benjamin Simul.** Joel Benjamin, U.S. Chess Champion, grandmaster consultant to the



IBM Deeper Blue team, and cameo movie actor will give a simultaneous display on Tuesday, May

26 at 8:00 p.m. at the Oak Park-River Forest Chess Club, 7200 West Division (Harlem and Division). Cost is \$20 per board (\$17 for OP-RC CC members). Details are on the half-page advertisement on page 9 of this ICB, or you can call Ken Marshall, the OP-RF CC President for more information, at 630-932-1455.

**Tornado Cancelled.** Bill Naff reports that due to the non-availability of the site, the Peoria Tornado original scheduled for June 27th has been cancelled.

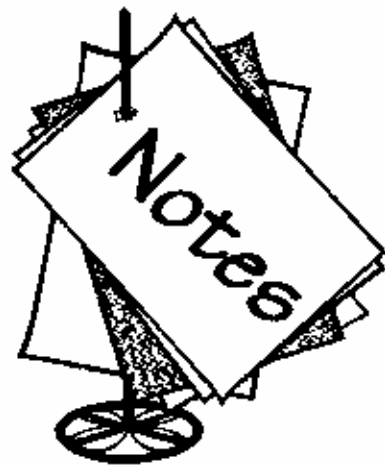


**Verber Recovering.** Richard Verber has returned home following his triple bypass heart surgery. His original post-operative prognosis was deemed poor, but he has since showed marked improvement. Friends and colleagues who wish to express their best wishes should contact him at home.

**ICA Board Meeting.** The next meeting of the Illinois Chess Association board will be on the afternoon of Sunday, June 7th. The site has not yet been determined. Those interested may telephone one of the ICA officers for the meeting location, time and any other information.

**Tournament of Champions.** The Continental Chess Association and Bill Goichberg have announced a tournament of champions to take place just before the World Open in Philadelphia. State champions in various categories (championship, senior, women, junior, under-16, under-13, etc.) may compete. If a state does not hold a championship for a particular category, a player *may* qualify on the basis of rating. Illinois players who are interested and think that they may qualify should contact ICA President Hector Hernandez.

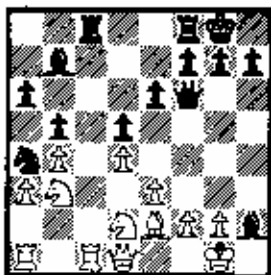
**Drowning in Variations?** Pewter King of Indianapolis has created a new collector's set based on underwater characters (see king at right). For the player whose openings are all wet?



# Marvin's Musings

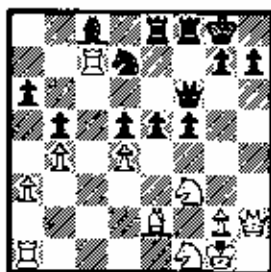
**Osman Palos (2445)**  
**Marvin Dandridge (2327)**  
 [A12]  
 CCC G/90 06/07, 1997  
*Notes by Marvin Dandridge*

1.c4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.b3 e6  
 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Be2  
 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 b6  
 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Nbd2 Bb7  
 11.a3 Bd6 12.b4 Qc7  
 13.Nd4 Rac8 14.Qa4 a6  
 15.Rfc1 b5 16.Qd1 Nb6  
 17.N4b3 Na4 18.Bxf6 Qxf6  
 19.d4 Bxh2+



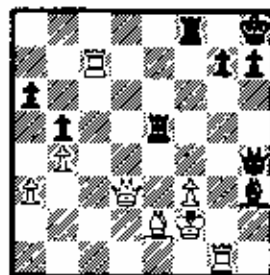
A dubious move at best.

20.Kxh2 Qxf2 21.Qf1 Qxc3  
 22.Qf3 Qh6+ 23.Qh3 Qf4+  
 24.Kh1 f5 25.Nf1 Rce8  
 26.Qg3 Qh6+ 27.Qh2 Qf6  
 28.Rc7 Bc8 29.Qe5 Qh6+  
 30.Kg1 Nb6 31.Nbd2 Nd7  
 32.Qh2 Qf6 33.Nf3 e5



34.Ra1 f4 35.Qh5 e4  
 36.Qxd5+ Kh8 37.Ng5 f3  
 38.gxf3 Ne5 39.dxc5 Qxg5+

40.Kh1 Bh3 41.Nc3 Qxc3  
 42.Qxe4 Qh6 43.Kg1 Qg5+  
 44.Kf2 Rxc6 45.Rg1 Qf6  
 46.Qd3 Qh4+



NM Marvin Dandridge

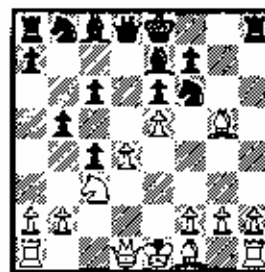
Missing 46...Qb6+ with a clear win.

47.Rg3 Rg5 48.Qd6 Kg8  
 49.Bd1 Qxg3+ 50.Qxg3  
 Rxg3 51.Kxg3 Re6 52.Rc6  
 Bc8 53.Bb3+ Kh8 54.Rc7  
 h6 55.Ra7 Kh7 56.Bc2+ Bf5  
 57.Bb3 Rf6 58.Bd5 Bg6  
 59.Ba2

White ultimately blundered in mutual time pressure.  
 59...h5 0-1

**Steve Szpisjak (2319)**  
**Marvin Dandridge (2376)**  
 [D44]  
 CCC Plus Score (3) 06/29,  
 1997  
*Notes by Marvin Dandridge*

1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 c6  
 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.c4  
 b5 7.c5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Nxg5  
 hxg5 10.Bxg5 Be7



An obscure line.  
 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.Bxf6  
 12.Be3 is more usual.  
 12...Qxf6 13.Be2



13.g3 is probably better.  
 13...Bb7 14.Bf3 Na6  
 15.Nxb5 0-0-0 16.Nxa7+  
 Kb8 17.Nxc6+ Bxc6  
 18.Bxc6 Nb4 19.Bf3 Nd3+  
 20.Kf1 Qxd4 21.Qe2 f5  
 22.Rd1 e5 23.g3 e4  
 24.Bg2 Rde8?



24...Rd7 with the idea of 25...Rb7 is much better.

25.Qc3 Qxb2 26.Rd2 Qb5  
 27.a4 Qb4 28.Ke2 c3  
 29.Rc2 Rxh2 30.Rxb2 Qb1  
 31.Bxe4 fxe4 32.Rh1 Qxc2+  
 33.Kf1 Qd1+ 34.Kg2 Qf3+  
 0-1 \*

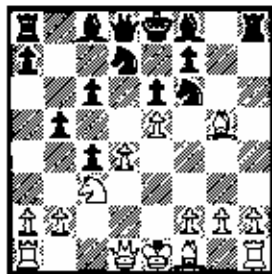
**Next ICA Board Meeting:**  
**Sunday, June 7th**  
**Call the ICA President for details**

# Enrico Retorts

**Steve Szpisjak (2277)**  
**Enrico Sevillano (2557)**  
D44

Winter Open (3), 1998  
*Notes by Enrico Sevillano*

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 c6  
4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.c4  
b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Nxg5  
hxg5 10.Bxg5 Nbd7



11.exf6

11.g3 Rg8 12.h4 Rxg5  
13.hxg5 Nd5 14.g6 fxg6  
15.Qg4 Qe7 16.Qxg6+ Qf7  
17.Qxf7+ Kxf7 18.Nc4 Bh4-  
19.Ke2? c3! 20.bxc3 Nxc3-  
21.Nxc3 Bxc3 22.Rd1 b4!  
23.Bg2 Ba6- 24.Ke3 Rg8!  
25.Bxc6 Nb6 26.Rh6 Bc43  
Lobron-Shirov, Bundesliga  
1994

11...Bb7 12.g3 c5 13.d5  
Nb6

13...Nxf6 14.Bg2 Be7  
15.0-0 Nxd5 16.Bxc7 Kxe7  
17.Nxb5 Qb6 18.Na3 Rh4!!  
Van Wely-Kramnik, Biel IZT  
1993

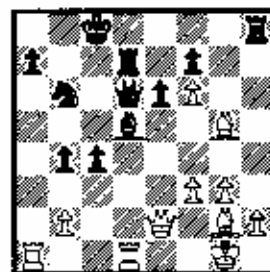
14.Bg2

14.dxc6 Bxh1 15.e7 Qd7  
16.f3 Bxc7 17.fxe7 f6 18.Bxf6  
Rxb2 19.Nc4 Nd5 20.a4 Qc6  
21.Bh4 Nxe7 22.Be2 Rd8  
Bareev-Lukacs, 1989

14...b4 15.Nc4 Bxd5

15...exd5 16.Qe2 dxc4  
17.Bxc4 Bxc4 18.Qxc4+ Kd7

19.0-0-0 Bd6 20.Rxd6+±  
16.0-0 Qc7 17.Qe2 Qc6  
18.Rfd1 0-0-0 19.a3 Rd7  
20.f3  
20.f4!±  
20...Bd6 21.axb4 cxb4  
22.Nxd6+ Qxd6



23.Ra5

23.Ra6! Kb7 24.Rda1 Ka8  
(24...Ra8 25.Be3 threatening  
26.Bxb6.) 25.Be3 Rb8  
26.Qf2±  
23...Kb7 24.Rda1 Ka8  
25.Be3 Nc8 26.Bc5 Qb8  
27.Qe3

27.Qd2!!2  
27...Rh8 28.g4 Bc6 29.Bf1  
Rh8 30.f4 Bd5?

30...c3!  
31.Qe5 Rb7 32.R5a4 Qxc5  
33.fxe5 Rg8 34.h3 Rg5  
35.Bxb4

35.Bd4±  
35...Rxc5 36.Bc3 Re4  
37.Kf2 Rf4+ 38.Kg3 Rf3+  
39.Kh4 Nd6 40.Bg2

40.Be2± Rf4 (40...Rf2  
41.Rxa7+ Rxa7 42.Rxa7+  
Kxa7 43.Bd4+±) 41.Kg5!  
(41.Be5 Nf5- 42.Kg5 Re4)  
41...Re4 42.Bf3 Re3 43.Rxa7-  
Rxa7 44.Bxd5+±  
40...Rd3 41.Bf1 Rf3 42.Bg2  
Rd3 43.Bf1 Rf3 1/2-1/2

International  
Master  
Enrico  
Sevillano  
(right)



**V. Rao**  
**Enrico Sevillano**  
Bradford Open, University  
of Pittsburgh, 1995  
*Notes by Enrico Sevillano*

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6  
4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.c4  
b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Nxg5  
hxg5 10.Bxg5 Nbd7

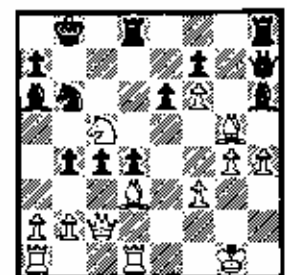


11.g3

11.exf6 Qa5 12.Qf3 b4  
13.Ne4 Qd5 14.Be3 Bb7  
15.Be2 Rh4 16.Ng5 Rh6  
17.Ne4 Rh4 18.Nd2 c3  
19.bxc3 bxc3 20.Nb3 a5  
21.Qg3 a4 22.Nc5 Nxc5  
23.dxc5 Re4 24.Rb1 0-0-0  
25.0-0 e2 26.Rbc1 Qxa2  
27.Qf3 Rb4 28.Qh5 Kb8  
29.Qxh7 Qb3 30.Qg6 a3

31.Rxc2 a2 32.f7 Rc8 33.Qd3  
Qa4 34.Qc3 Rb1 35.Qe5+  
Ka7 36.Rccl a1Q 37.Qxa1  
Qxa1 38.Rxb1 Qf6 39.Rb4 1-  
0/62 011,L-Sevillano,E/ACF  
Summer International, Man-  
hattan Chess Club 1995  
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Ba6 14.Be2 0-0-0 15.0-0  
Qf5 16.Qc2

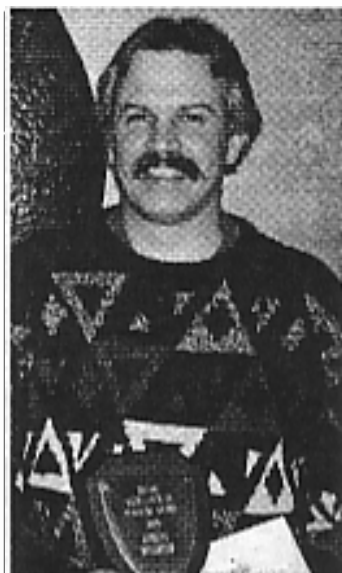
16.f3 Nc5  
16...Nb6 17.f3 c5 18.g4  
Qh7 19.h4 cxd4 20.Rfd1  
Bh6 21.Bd3 Kb8 22.Nc5



22...cxd3 23.Nxa6+ Kb7  
24.Nc5+ Ka8 25.Nxd3 Rc8  
26.Qg2 Bxg5 27.f4+ Nd5  
28.hxg5 Rc2 29.Nf2 Qh4  
30.Rf1 Kb8 31.Racl Ne3  
32.Rxc2 Nxg2 33.Kxg2  
Qh2+ 0-1 ♀

# The Annual ICA Banquet

The annual ICA banquet was full of fun and good cheer. The awards ceremony was of course preceded by an opening (salad), middle-game (soup and emcee), and an ending (savory White: vanilla ice cream). In addition to the Tour awards (details in our last issue) many special awards were presented, as listed below. ★



Splintered Splinter [3]



Someone played chess on Hector's leg [4]



A Demonstration of a new technique of Triangulation by the Cohen brothers [1]



April discussed the May/June issue with July [2]

**The Billy Collins Excellence in Teaching Award**  
**Joe Splinter**

**The Natalie Broughton Life Achievement Award**  
**Ray Doyle Satterlee**

Awards presented by Helen Warren,  
Broughton chess board donated by Jim Warren.

## •Special Awards•

Most Active Player: **BMI Smythe & Bradley Watts**

## •Service Awards•

Service to the ICA: **Fred Gruenberg**

Service to the Community: **N.M. Vince Berry and  
Cindy Mlak, Windy City Chess Association**

Service to the Chess Club:  
**Roger Birkeland, Elmhurst CC  
Mark Brodie, IWin! CC**

Service to Scholastic Chess: **Lester Goss, Jensen  
Academy (Chicago Public Schools)**

The Windy City Chess Association. [5]



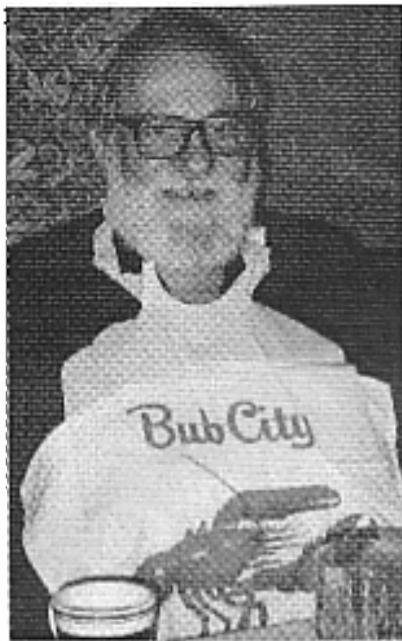
Helen salutes excellence. [6]



Ray Doyle Satterlee accepts his lifetime achievement award. [7]







Abxwa The youngest master [8]

Why am I on Board 5? [10]

Left: Bucca Fineberg [9]



Who's the housewife? Fred and Donna enjoy the best [11]



Here, 1997 ICA Award winners are all smiles. [12]

### The Photos

Names are listed left to right

1. Larry and Howard Cohen [mlr]
2. April Roronymus and Julie Oberweis [mlr]
3. Joe Spilner [bb]
4. Hector Hernandez [mlr]
5. Vince Berry and Cindy Migiak [ml]
6. Helen Warren [ml]
7. Ray Doyle Satterlee [bb]
8. Angelica and Fabian Ramoa with baby Alexandra. [mlr]
9. Tom Fineberg [mlr]
10. Al Chow [mlr]
11. Fred and Donna Gruenberg [mlr]
12. Back: Tom Wachter, Dan Modes. Center: Al Chow. Front: Roger Birkeland, Larry Cohen. [mlr]
13. Rob Sax [ml]
14. IM Josh Manion [mlr]

Photographers: Bernie Biernacki [bb], Maxine Fineberg [ml], M.I. Rantska [ml]



Rob stumbled upon evidence of an ICB editorial meeting. [13]



Half bughouse? It'll ruin my simul! [14]

# Club News



## Springfield Chess Club Sets New Tournament Entry Record!

Report by Thomas Knoedler

On Saturday February 21, 1998, the Springfield Chess Club hosted the Hampton Inn Mid-Winter Open. From the advance entries, roughly 22, the tournament organizers (David Bononi, Andrew Skaar, and Thomas Knoedler) knew they would have an ample number of entrants. However, as the registration period wore on, more and more people began to appear until by 8:50, it was apparent that the club had drawn a total of 49 players to this event. Previous tournaments at the Hampton Inn had drawn an average of 24 players; the old record of 30 players was set back in 1984 during one of the tournaments at the Washington Park pavilion.

### Springfield

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Although the round starting times were delayed by the huge influx in the morning, all pairings went rather smoothly. The club's laptop PC running the Swis-Sys pairing program was able to print out each round's pairing sheets with a minimum of fuss and bother. Since the tournament attendance exceeded the optimum maximum for a five-round Swiss (48), the rounds had to be accelerated and this was also no problem for Swis-Sys.

David Bononi, the club treasurer, sanctioned a doubling of the prize fund from \$150 to \$300 and the inclusion of second-place prizes in

each of the four categories. Mr. Bononi (1641) had also donated \$50 for the top upset prize. Undoubtedly, he had intended that money to give him incentive to win a possible match against either NM David Mote (2245) or NM Douglas

VanBuskirk (2239). Unfortunately, David Krieger's (1142) second round defeat of Mr. Bononi ended these dreams and gave Mr. Krieger the \$50 top upset prize.

The following people tied for overall first and second place: NM David Mote (2245) and NM Douglas VanBuskirk (2239) with a perfect score of 4.0; in the 1999 to 1600 category, Dennis Bourgerie (1885), Thomas Barnard (1810) and Norman Grubb (1696) tied with scores of 3.0; in the 1599 to 1200 category, Evan Gresen (1213), Patrick Perego (1293), Michael Cummings (1203) and James

Webb (1474) tied with scores of 3.0; in the Unrated to 1199 category, Collin Mizour and David Krieger (1142) tied with scores of 3.0.

The chess club officers would like to thank the hotel staff who responded with flaw-

less service to our need for extra tables and chairs. The officers would especially like to thank all of the tournament participants for their graciousness and good humor in spite of the crowded playing conditions. \*



Dennis Bourgerie (above) tied for first in the 1600-1999 section of the Springfield Chess Club's tournament on February 21st. He reports on the Bloomington-Normal club on the facing page.

## Springfield Games

Selected by NM David Mote

David Mote (2245)

David Long (2012)

[C05]

Notes by NM David Mote

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Qb6 8.Nf3 Be7 9.0-0 Nf8 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.b4 Be7 12.Re1 Ng6 13.Nf4 Bd7 14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.Ng5 Rh5 16.Qg4 Bxg5 17.Bxg5 Ne7 18.a3 (with the idea of preparing 19.c4) 18...Bb5 19.Bxb5+

[19.c4 dxc4 20.Bxc4 Rxc4 21.Qxg5 Bxc4] 19...Qxb5 20.Bxe7 Kxe7 21.Qd4 Rc8 22.Qxa7 Rxc3 23.h3 [23.Ra1 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Rxe5 25.Qb8 (25.Rc7+ Kd6) 25...Qc6! and the back-rank threats are a pain] 23...Rh4! (now 24.Ra1 is answered by Rbc4) 24.Qb8? [24.Ra1 Rbc4 25.Rxc3 Rxc3] 24...Qb6! (pressuring f2 and blocking in White's queen; black now stands better)

## Springfield Games

25.Qg8 [25.Rac1 Rbc4 26.Rxc3 Rxc3] 25...Rc2 [25...Rf4 26.Ra2] 26.Rf1 Rf4 27.Qxg7 Rxf2 28.Kh1! [28.Rxf2? Qxf2+ 29.Kh1 Qxg2#; 28.Qh8? Rxg2+ 29.Kh1 Rh2#] 28...Qc3 [28...Rxg2? 29.Rxf7+ Kd8 30.Rf8#] 29.Rxf2 [29.Rac1? Qxh3+ 30.gxh3 Rh2+ 31.Kg1 Rcg2#] 29...Qxf2 30.Rg1 (White's position is horrible - his rook is virtually useless) 30...Rc2 [30...d4? 31.Qh8 d3 32.Qb8 Qb6] 31.Qh8 (planning to venture to b8 to try to scare up some counterplay, but black has a big edge because his rook is active and his d-pawn is mobile) 31...Rc1? [31...Qc3 32.Qb8 Qxc5 33.Qxb7+ Kf8 34.b5 d4 35.b6 d3 36.Qc8+ Kg7 37.b7 Rb2] 32.Qf6+! (a complete reversal of fortunes) 32...Qxf6 33.exf6+ Kxf6 34.Rxe1 d4 35.Kg1 e5 36.Rc1 Ke6 37.Kf2 e4 38.Rc5! f5 39.g3 g5 40.Ke2 b6 (with the idea of decoying white into allowing black's King to join his pawns after 41. Rc6+) 41.Rb5 (patience is a virtue) 41...Kf6 42.Rxb6+ Ke5 43.Rb5+ Kf6 44.Rd5 d3+ 45.Ke3 Ke6 46.Rd8 [46.Rd4 Ke5 47.Rd8 (47.b5? f4+) 47...f4+ 48.gxf4+ gxf4+ 49.Kd2 lets black get unnecessarily close] 46...Ke5 47.Rf8 1-0

**Kitson Colley (1201)**  
**C.E. Boyd (Unr.)**  
[B02]

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e5 d4 4.exf6 dxc3 5.fxg7 [5.fxg7 cxd2+ 6.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 7.Bxd2 Bxg7 8.0-0-0] 5...cxd2+ 6.Bxd2 [6.Qxd2] 6...Bxe7 7.Qc2 Nc6 8.0-0-0 Be6 9.Bh6 Nd4 10.Qe3 [10.Qd3] 10...Bc5 11.Kb1? [11.Bxg7 Nb3+ 12.Qxb3! A] 12...Qg5+ 13.Kb1 Bxb3 (13...Qxg7 14.Qxb7) 14.Bxh8 Be6 15.Nf3 Qe7; B) 12...Qxd1+ 13.Kxd1 Bxb3 14.Bxh8+ [11...gxh6 12.c3? [12.Qc5 Qd5! 13.Qxh8+ Ke7 14.Qxa8 Qxa2+ 15.Kc1 Qa1+ 16.Kd2

Qxb2 17.Bd3 Nxc2 18.Bxc2 (18.Nf3 Nc1+ 19.Kxe1 Qxf2#) 18...Bb4+ 19.Kd3 Qc3+ 20.Ke2 Qxc2+ 21.Ke3] 12...Qd5 13.c4 Qd6 14.Qc3 0-0-0 15.Nf3 Bf5+ 16.Ka1? Nc2+ 0-1

**Tim Ailes (1309)**  
**Dennis Bourgerie (1870)**  
[B78]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f3 Bg7 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Bc4 0-0 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Rc8 11.h4? [11.Bb3] 11...Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Ng4 13.Bxf7+ Rxf7 14.Qxa7 Nxe3 15.Qxc3 Rxc3? (buying the cow after he's gotten the milk for free - black had two strong alternatives that left him with attacking chances and a material plus) [15...Qa5 creates strong threats against c3; 15...Bxc3 16.bxc3 Qa5 17.Kd2 (17.Rd3 Bb5; 17.Kb2 Ra8 18.Ra1 Qa3- 19.Kb1 Be6) 17...Rc5 18.h5 Rxh5; 16.bxc3 Qa5 17.Rd5 Qxa2 18.Kd2 Rf8 19.h5 Rc8 20.hxg6 Bxc3+ 21.Qxc3 Rxc3 22.gxh7+ Kh8 23.Kxc3 Qa3- 24.Kd2 Qb4+ 25.Ke3 Qc3+ 26.Kf4 Qxc2 27.Kg3 b5 28.Rg5 Be6 29.Rxb5 Qc3 30.Rb8+ Be8 31.Rh5 Qc7 32.Ra8 Qb7 33.Raa5 Qb4 34.Rag5 Be6 35.Rb5 Qc3 36.Kh2 Qc1 37.Rb8+ Be8 38.Kg3 Qc3 39.Ra8 Qe1+ 40.Kf4 Qd2+ 41.Kg3 Qe1+ 42.Kf4 Qd2+ 43.Kg3 1/2-1/2

**Dennis Bourgerie (1870)**  
**Bryan Pappas (1560)**  
[E80]

1.d4 d6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.e4 Bg7 5.f3 Nbd7 6.Nh3 c6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Be3 0-0 9.Nf2 e5 10.d5 c5 11.Qd2 Kh7 12.Be2 Nh6 13.0-0 a6 14.Rah1 Ne8 15.a3 f5 16.exf5 Bxf5 [16...gxf5 is more thematic] 17.Nf4 Nc8 18.b4 b6 19.Rb2 Qc7 20.Bd3 Rf7 21.Rfb1 Ra7 22.bxc5 bxc5 23.Na4 Bd7 [23...Nf6 bringing the undeveloped knight back into play

makes more sense] 24.Nb6 Nxb6 25.Rxb6 Bc8 [25...Bb5 26.cxb5 Qxb6 27.bxa6 Qc7] 26.Qc2 Bb7 27.Ng3 1-0

**Anthony Ingles (1056)**

**Doug Berry (Unr.)**

[C50]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bc5 5.d3 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Nd5 Qd8 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Qd1? Bg4 12.c3 Nxf3+ 13.gxf3 Bh3 14.Re1 Qg5+ 0-1

**Anthony Tucker (1305)**

**Norman Grubb (1709)**

[D00]

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 g6

4.Nd2 Bg7 5.Ng3 0-0 6.0-0 Re8 7.Ne5 Nbd7 8.f4 c5 9.c3 cxd4 10.cxd4 a6 11.Qc1 e6 12.Ndf3 Rf8 13.Qh4 Ne4 14.Ng5 Nvg5 15.fxg5 Nxc5 16.dxc5 Bxe5 17.Rf3 h5 18.g4 hxg4 19.Qxg4 Kg7 20.Bc3 Rh8 21.h3 Qc7 22.Bd4 Bxd4+ 23.Qxd4+ e5 24.Qxd5 Bxh3 25.Be4 Qb6+ 26.Rf2 Be6 27.Qxb7 Rab8 28.Qxb6 Rxb6 29.h3 Rh4 30.Bf3 Bf5 31.Kg2 e4 32.Be2 a5 33.Kg3 Rh3+ 34.Kf4 Rxc3 35.Bc4 a4 36.Rd1 Rb7 37.Rd8 Re7 38.Bd5 axb3 39.axb3 c3 40.Re2 Bd3

(time) 1-0 \*

## Bloomington-Normal Adds New Events

*Report by Dennis Bourgerie*

The Bloomington-Normal Chess Club has augmented its schedule of events to take place in Bloomington, Illinois.

The two new tournament dates are Saturday, October 10, 1998 and Saturday, March 27, 1999.

These are in addition to the already-scheduled following Saturday dates: May 16, 1998 and July 18, 1998.

All tournaments are to be held at the Lincoln Leisure Center at 1206 South Lee Street in Bloomington

(61701). The format is four-round Swiss, G/80, one section open to all. First prize is \$100, second is \$50. Winners

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of Classes A, B, C, D, E, and Unrated receive a chess book.

For further information, contact the tournament director: Dennis Bourgerie, Box 157, Normal, IL 61761-0157; phone: 309-454-3842; or Schoolstreeter@MSN.com. \*

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# Joel Benjamin to Visit OP-RF

Report by Ken Marshall

## Game/15 "Quick Play" Double Quads

These three events took place on February 10. In Quad 1, Brent Cromzac (2044) and David Hurchalla (2024) split their two games and tied for first and second with 5-1 scores ahead of John Tums (2079) and Marty Ptacek (1756). Paul Prause (1791, 4.5-1.5) topped Quad 2, with Mariusz Gorski (1723, 3.5-2.5) next, trailed by Bill Barker (1737) and Joe Cygan (1477). Quad 3 was won by Roger Birkeland

(1470) with a 6-0 result, while second place went to Andy Schiller (1436, 3.5-2.5). Phil Moran (1149) and Richard Cotton (Unr) completed the Quad 3 field.

## WBCA Tournament

Eight players participated in this February 24 "Game/5", double round robin, WBCA-rated event. Brent Cromzac finished first, scoring 13.5-0.5. Ray Satterlee, losing both of his games with Cromzac, ended up 12-2 for clear second, fol-

lowed by Mariusz Gorski at 8.5-5.5.

## Game/20 "Quick Play" Round Robin

This rounney attracted eight entrants and consisted of three games on March 3 and four games on March 10.

Mariusz Gorski, ranked fourth on the wall chart at 1723, took clear first with his 6.5-0.5 result. John Tums (2039, 6-1) garnered second prize. Class B money went to Paul Prause (1791, 4-3), while Joe Cygan (1477, 2.5-4.5) and Roger Birkeland (1470, 2.5-4.5) shared top honors in Class C.

## Game/10 "Quick Play" Swiss

Ten players competed in this five round March 17 tournament, which Brent Cromzac (2044) won by finishing 5-0. Mark Marovitch (2128), James Lahvic (2004), Paul Prause (1791), and Joe Cygan (1477) were next, each posting a 3-2 score.

## Game/7 Unr Round Robins

These two five round

events, which provided an opportunity for players who do not belong to the USCF to experience tournament chess and an opportunity for USCF members to play without worrying about rating points, were held on March 24. John Tums (2005) won RR 1, outplaying Paul Prause (1791), Jim Kelly (1750), and Mariusz Gorski (1740), who all came in at 2.5-2.5. OP-RF CC regular Warren Kreitzer, who is not a USCF member, scored 5-0 to top RR 2 ahead of Gary Kalberg (1550).

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Chess Club member, scored 5-0

## Coming May 26: US Champion

### Joel Benjamin Simult

International Grandmaster Joel Benjamin, current United States Champion who worked with DEEPER BLUE, the IBM "super computer" which defeated World Champion Gary Kasparov in a six game match in May of 1997, will play up to 40 boards in a "simul" at the Oak Park-River Forest Chess Club on May 26, 1998.

Please see the ad on page 9 of this ICB for full details.

## Small Returns

Report by Bill Smythe

The perfect-score awards for February and March go to James Marshall and Radovan Pesic (each 3-0 in two sections of the Groundhog Sectional on February 1), Brian Wong (3-0 in section 2 of the February 22 Sunday Quads), Enrico Sevillano (5-0 in the Two-Day Plus Score on February 28 and March 1), and Bob Hale (3-0 in the Saturday Evening Quads on March 21).

While we no longer advertise Wednesday or Thursday night Quick tournaments, we still conduct them whenever four or more players can agree on a format. Typical is four rounds, game/20, entry fee \$12.00, with 70% return to first and second. Brent Cromzac (né Chromczak) is one of our mainstays here, winning first outright or tying for first five separate times during February and March.

A guest on three recent occasions has been master Gregg Small, formerly of Illinois but now residing in California. Business has brought him back for a couple of conferences in

recent weeks. He excelled in two Friday Night Blitz contests, winning one and tying with James Fagan in the other.

He fared less well in a Thursday Quick, scoring only 2-3 on March 5 with losses to Cromzac, Gene Scott, and Bill Smythe. \*

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Chess Club Thursday Quick, scoring only 2-3 on March 5 with losses to Cromzac, Gene Scott, and Bill Smythe. \*

## Illinois Valley Resurgence

Report by Bill Naff

In December of 1986—through the efforts of Doug Ulch of Mendota, Byron Pappas of LaSalle, and myself—an inaugural Illinois Valley Mini-Tour Tornado was held in the social room of a church in LaSalle. With the help of numerous ICA members, most notably Fred Gruenberg, the tournament was a success, as it attracted 45 entrants.

Over the next few years numerous one-day tornadoes were held in LaSalle, mainly

through the organizing and directing efforts of LaSalle-Peru high school chess coach Byron Pappas. Byron eventually decided to cease organizing adult tournaments and by the late 1980s, non-scholastic, rated tournaments were no longer held in the Illinois Valley.

This was unfortunate for the area, as there are numerous Class A and Expert players, most notably Rich Vlastnik of Peru, Dough Ulch of Mendota and Bob Steele of

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Chess Club no longer held in the Illinois Valley.

Granville.

Last summer Dough Ulch suggested Granville resident Bill Schulte (a regular Peoria Tornado entrant) as an excellent choice for someone to help obtain a local playing site. Bill Schulte subsequently checked on several possible sites, including the Starved Rock Lodge, but since they were booked for 1998, Bill settled on the Mirror Building in downtown Peru, the site of the City of Peru council meetings. The phoenix event will be a Mini-Tour tornado held on May 30th. With a little luck and the hoped-for emergence of another local organizer, this may be the start of many future events in the Illinois Valley. \*

# More Elmhurst Action

Report by Roger Birkeland

24 players came out for a 4-round, Game/50 tournament held over two nights—February 1 and 8. Larry Cohen, the only one to survive unscathed with 4-0, took home \$100. Bob Stoltz, who gave up a draw to Misha Mladenovic, nailed down clear second with 3.5-0.5 to win \$70. The under 1900 prize was split between Vince Hart and Ed Ledesma, each with 3-1, and the under 1700 money was won by Andrew Groeger, also with 3-1. Roger Birkeland and Kermit Dodson were best under 1500 with 2-2, and Subhash Verma, also with 2-2, was the top under-1300 player.

Our biggest event ever, a 58-player match with the Chicago Industrial Chess League, was held on February 22. See the accompanying article by Ken Marshall for details.

An incredible 210 games were played on March 1 as 21 players turned out for a Game/5 round robin. Misha Mladenovic showed everyone why he is a feared blitz player by posting an amazing 19-1 score. John Gossage, the only player to beat Mladenovic, was second with 17-3, and George David was third with 16.5-3.5.

A Game/35 Quad on March 8 drew 20 contestants. Ely Sollano breezed through the tough top quad with an undefeated 3-0, as did John Gossage in the second quad. The third quad was taken by Paul Prause with 2.5-0.5, while the fourth quad featured another undefeated player—Orlan Smith with 3-0. Tom Singura's 2.5-0.5 was good for the \$30 first prize in the bot-

tom quad.

On March 22 the ICA held its annual Awards Banquet in Elmhurst, just a few minutes from the club. After the Banquet, 21 players convened for an ICA tour mini-event—a 3-round Game/45 in two sections. Albert Chow, last year's ICA tour champion, picked up yet more tour points as he

posted a perfect score of 3-0 in the open sec-

tion. Ed Thomas, Dan Modes, Bob Stoltz, and Aaron Chen, all with 2-1, tied for second. In the under 1600 section, Scott Silverman and Roger Birkeland split first money with 2.5-0.5.

March 28 saw 30 players come out for another ICA tour event—a 4-round Game/60 tournament. This was our first event held in the pleasant, spacious Frick Center at Elmhurst College. Response from the players was very positive, and we will certainly plan to have many of our bigger tournaments in this venue. Albert Chow again showed why he is the tour's perennial champion by cruising through the field in the open section with a perfect 4-0. This fine effort earned Chow \$110. Dan Modes showed that his new expert rating is no fluke by taking clear second with 3.5-0.5. The under 2000 money was split six ways, with Ely Sollano, Ed Thomas, Mehmed Covic, Aaron Chen, Gennadiy Gorlin and Alen Rose all scoring 2-2. Roger Birkeland took home the \$90 first prize in the under 1600 section with 3.5-0.5, while Rudy Padilla and Jeff Buca were right behind with 3-1. Robert Shockley and

## Elmhurst Banquet Mini-Tour March 22, 1998

OPEN					score	tour	
1	CHOW Albert	2325	W8	W3	W2	3	12 M
2	THOMAS Ed	1947	W9	W7	L1	2	3 M-A
3	MODES Dan	1888	W10	L1	W6	2	3 M-A
4	STOLTZ Robert	1885	L5	W9	W10	2	3 M-A
5	CHEN Aaron	1650	W4	L6	W8	2	3 M-B
6	SOLLANO Ely	1998	H	W5	L3	1.5	1.5M-A
7	KINNAIRD Rodney	2151	W11	L2	-	1	1 MX
8	HART Vince	1808	L1	W11	L5	1	1 M-A
9	LEDESMA Ed	1717	L2	L4	B	1	1 M-B
10	BACKSTROM Dm	1663	L3	B	L4	-	1 M-B
11	BALMGARTNER Chris	1718	L7	L8	-	0	

UNDER-1600					score	tour	
1	SILVERMAN Scott	1583	W5	W4	D2	2.5	6 C
2	BIRKELAND Roger	1454	W9	W6	D1	2.5	6 C
3	SHOCKLEY Robert	1509	L8	W9	W7	2	3 C
4	SMITH Oran	1479	W10	L1	W8	2	3 C
5	STEELE John	1449	L1	W10	W6	2	3 C
6	PADI L A Rudy	1553	W7	L2	L5	1	1 C
7	SINGURA Thomas	1429	L6	W8	L3	1	1 C
8	DODSON Kermit	1413	W3	L7	L4	-	1 C
9	VERMA Subhash	945	L2	L3	W10	-	1 C-F
10	HIERONYMOUS April	966	L4	L5	L9	0	

## Elmhurst Game/60 March 28, 1998

OPEN					score	tour		
1	CHOW Albert	2328	W6	W8	W10	W3	4	14 M
2	MODES Dan	2005	D12	W13	W9	W6	3.5	7.5MX
3	CHUA Johnson	2077	D13	W11	W4	L1	2.5	2.5MX
4	SOLLANO Ely	1969	W7	D9	L3	D5	2	2 M-A
5	THOMAS Ed	1947	L8	W14	D7	D4	2	2 M-A
6	COVIC Mehmed	1800	L1	W15	W8	L2	2	2 M-A
7	CHEN Aaron	1650	L4	B	D5	D9	2	2 M-B
8	GORLIN Gennadiy	1615	W5	L1	L6	W14	2	2 M-B
9	ROSE Alen	1540	W15	D4	L2	D7	2	2 M-C
10	LAHVIC Jir	2025	D11	W12	L1	-	1.5	1.5MX
11	DONHOWE Kenneth	1750	C10	L3	W12	-	1.5	1.5M-B
12	HUANG Kenneth	1650	D2	L0	L11	B	1.5	1.5M-B
13	GUTH Joseph	1697	D3	L2	D14	-	1	1 M-B
14	ENGELIN Mark	1603	-	L5	D13	L8	1	1 M-B
15	CASE Rick	1681	L9	L6	-	-	0	

UNDER-1600					score	tour		
1	BIRKELAND Roger	1469	W12	W2	H	W3	3.5	7.5C
2	PADI, LA Rudy	1548	W14	L1	W11	W8	3	4 C
3	BLCSA Jeff	1284	W5	W4	W9	L1	3	4 CD
4	KALBERG Gary	1522	W15	L3	D6	W9	2.5	2.5C
5	SMITH Oran	1515	L3	W15	W7	H	2.5	2.5C
6	GORLIN Andrey	1505	H	D11	D4	W12	2.5	2.5C
7	SILVERMAN Scott	1538	L9	W14	L5	W11	2	2 C
8	SHOCKLEY Robert	1463	L11	W10	W13	L2	2	2 C
9	SEIBEL Dennis	1434	W7	W13	L3	L4	2	2 C
10	HUANG Winston	1325	L13	L8	W15	W14	2	2 CD
11	CUMMINGS Mike	1234	W8	D6	L2	L7	1.5	1.5CD
12	VERMA Subhash	1044	L1	B	D14	L6	1.5	1.5C-E
13	BALDWIN Calvin	1522	W10	L9	L8	-	1	1 C
14	PRIJIC Abdulah	1386	L2	L7	D12	L0	0.5	0.5CD
15	SINGURA Thomas	1349	L4	L5	L10	H	0.5	0.5CD

Dennis Seibel were best under 1500.

On March 29, 18 combatants battled over 4 rounds in a Game/25 Swiss. Mariano Acosta showed he has not lost his form while visiting in the Philippines the last few months by taking clear first with 4-0.

Ed Ledesma was also in very good form as he scored 3.5-0.5, all against higher rated opponents.

Aaron Chen and Marty Ptacek were best under 1900 with 3-1, and Mart Poynter was best under 1500 with 2-2. \*

# Riddle on a Roll!

Report by Tim Just

## Riddell Heads for Grand Slam

Since winning the CLC Caveman Chess Club Championship with a perfect score in December, Josh Riddell continued his faultless ways by adding both the Club's Game 30 Championship title in January and our Quick Chess Championship title in February to his Fort Knox collection. He will be our grand slam winner if he can bring April's Speed Chess Championship gold into his den of riches.

## Riddell Draws Chow, Clark Wins

Al Chow's double feature on February 6 was an exhibition featuring both a lecture and a simul. Peppered among Al's many victories at the simul, Wayne Clark walked away with a victory while Josh Riddell scored a draw.

## Riddell Draws Karpov!

Just how good is our Cave-

man Chess Club Champion Josh Riddell? Ask Anatoly Karpov. He offered Josh a draw in a 30 board simul in Vegas at the National Open. Karpov lost no games. He gave only one other draw to Illinois Chess Association Treasurer Howard

Cohen. PS: Josh gave up playing first board for his High School chess team at the state team chess championship in order to get a chance at playing Karpov. On 3/29/98 Josh sat next to Karpov at dinner! CAVEMEN RULE!

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Registration for his next event will be from 10

AM-10:15 AM on May 9. Contact Wayne at 847-223-1819 or wclark@ind.com for more information. \*

# St. Charles Results

Report by Dan Pradt

The St. Charles cup tournaments (eight-man round robins) took more than two months to finish but produced some fine games and some surprising results. Contrary to last month's report, Mark Robledo, Jr. won the Knights' Cup beating out Kevin

Schmuggerow on tie breaks. This is the first time that a junior has won our Knights Cup. Jim Oberwies won the Squire's Cup with a perfect 7-0 score, aided by his win over Ray Satterlee and two

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forfeits.

Pete Rodriguez came in a full point ahead of the pack in the Tin Cup, and Mark Levinson held on by a half point in the Plastic Cup. All the round robins—even the Squire—were closely contested, with the outcome in doubt until the final games.

With one to go, the current leaders in Club Championship

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# Junior Achievers

Report by Hector Hernandez

The last two months have been relatively quiet at our club. Nonetheless, a couple of important developments involving our young players have taken place. On Saturday, February 7th, a group of children from our club participated in the 1998 Midwest Scholastic Class Championship in Glen Ellyn. For some of them, Josué Antunez and Andy Peña, this was their first scholastic chess tournament; the rest of them have played in a number of these events over the last two years or longer. When the tournament had concluded two of our players had won trophies: Andy and Ulises Ortega. Andy took first place in the Primary Division, (3rd grade and under), under 300/unrated

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group thanks to a perfect 5-0 performance. He was very happy with his beautiful first place trophy! Uli's performance could be titled "Tales of a Fourth Grader". He was very excited about winning his fourth place trophy, which is his fourth one and he is a fourth grader! He seems to be moving his game up a notch. Other children who played in this event were: José Rodriguez, and the Ballo twins, Evan and Keenan.

The weekend of February 28/March 1st saw José Rodriguez play in the 1998 Illinois State All Grades Scholastic Chess Championships, in Rockford. José was in a field of 220 players in the K-3rd Section. A strong performance yielded 6.5 points out of a pos-

Tin Cup		
Pete Rodriguez	1198	4.5-1.5
Carl Staples	1442	3.5-2.5
Tim Aios	1279	3.5-2.5
William Park	1245	3.5-2.5
D. Giannakopoulos	1420	3-3
Lee Forde	1226	2.5-3.5
Mike Cummings	1271	0.5-5.5
Plastic Cup		
Marc Levinson	1157	5-1
John McKearney	1124	4.5-1.5
Lloyd Laughler	1078	4.5-1.5
David Scalza	UNR	2-4
Gary Gossmith	UNR	2-4
Mike Rigney	1516	1-5
Andy Capigatti	738	1-5

Squire's Cup		
Kevin Schmuggerow	2034	5-2
Mark Robledo, Jr.	1825	5-2
Joe Spenter	2092	4-3
Mark Robledo, Sr.	1829	4-3
Blair Machaj	1828	3.5-3.5
Jeff Wiewel	2044	3-4
Erv Sedlock	1890	2-4
Steve Amundson	1920	1.5-2.5
Knight's Cup		
Jim Oberwies	1896	7-0
Ray Satterlee	2072	5-2
Rudy Padilla	1508	4-3
Wally Alberts	1788	3.5-3.5
Jim Marshall	2090	3-4
Roger Allison	1722	3-4
Dan Pradt	1702	2.5-4.5
Mike Aaron	2044	0-7

sible 7. This score was good to take the state title. At age 9 he learns quickly and his game shows certain solid positional characteristics. Due to his fine performance at the state championships and being a state champion earned him an invitation to appear on television on the WGN Morning News show on March 25th. For his achievement, José was also featured—once again—in the March 26th issue of the newspaper *La Raza*. He also won tickets to a Chicago Fire soccer game.

José Rodriguez and Andy Peña will be playing in the National Elementary School Championships in Peoria at the

end of April. We wish them well and eagerly anticipate news of their results.

Finally, our Blue Skies Chess Corner, in the library's lobby, has two new chess tables similar to the ones awarded as prizes in last year's "AT&T Knight Moves Chess Fiesta". Local community artist Guillermo Delgado was commissioned to produce these original hand painted tables.

Our library is now offering chess classes for beginners. These classes are held twice a month, on Saturdays. For information on Knight Moves Chess Club activities please call the library at 312-746-4329. \*

## Letters to the Editor

# Kudos and More



To the Editor,

Your March/April issue of the *Illinois Chess Bulletin* is a classic. Wow, 59 photos, interesting contents and wonderful graphics. Now is the time to push for more members, especially patrons. We now have the best magazine in the country! Congratulations and keep up the good work.

Fred Grunberg  
Palos Heights

To the Editor,

My name is José Rodríguez. I am nine years old and I am a chessplayer. The reason I am writing this letter is because I think my coach, Hector Hernandez, has worked very hard, and deserves a coaches award.

I think he deserves this award because when I was five years old he saw enough potential in me and other kids to give us free individual lessons

once a week. Another good reason is that he runs the Rudy Lozano Library chessclub, named Knight Moves, once a week on his own time. The reason he runs the chess club is that he feels that playing chess is an opportunity that all people should have. When there are tournaments to go to he gives some kids or adults a ride there and back. Hector also tries to raise money for children who

want to play chess, but cannot afford the tournament fees and annual chess dues.

I think Hector is a nice coach, and is also a good teacher. He has a good sense of humor and a lot of patience. These are some of the reasons why I believe he should get the coach of the year award.

His friend,  
José Rodríguez, Jr.  
Chicago

## Pals with Purdy

To the Editor,

ICB readers will probably be steered away from the newly reprinted C.J.S. Purdy book *The Search for Chess Perfection* by John Tomas' negative review that appeared in the March/April ICB. In my opinion that would be unfortunate, so I felt that a few counterpoints were in order.

Tomas criticizes Purdy because "he consistently forgets that his abstractions require validation by reference to the primary language, by variations—by chess moves" and as an example of this, takes Purdy to task for commenting, "Thus, without any analysis at all, Black could have dismissed [one move as inferior to another]."

In this portion of the book, Purdy is illustrating the idea of "thinking in tempos", and how to apply that idea to potential exchanges. All of us, except computers doing brute force searches, use mental shortcuts when selecting a chess move. Purdy is here demonstrating how to use one such shortcut—that once you realize the tempo difference between the two candidate moves, you do not have to resort to an in-depth analysis of the positions to choose between them. Immediately following his "without any analy-

sis at all" comment, Purdy then in fact does "validate his abstraction by reference to the primary language"—he demonstrates the superiority of the move chosen using the tempo shortcut to the other candidate move by analyzing variations.

Tomas goes on to state that "It is very much *not* true that you can dismiss or praise a move 'without any analysis at all.'" What makes this comment puzzling to me is that it is well known that one of the major differences between very strong players and us weakies is that the strong players focus on a much smaller group of candidate moves, automatically using their experience to dismiss the others without analyzing them. I was impressed by this distinction over and over again when I took lessons from the late Senior Master Billy Colias. I found I wasted a great deal of time and energy during games analyzing moves he dismissed by using his own superior set of mental shortcuts.

Throughout the instructional part of the book, I find that Purdy backs up his abstractions with analysis fairly regularly. In fact, he warns on several occasions of over reliance on abstractions. For example, in a

section called "Compensation for a Pawn", Purdy gives a position where Black is a pawn down but about 3 tempi up, and then alters the position very slightly, keeping the material/tempo balance the same. The first he shows to be bad for Black by analyzing variations, the second good for Black. Purdy then writes: "The difference in Black's favor could be found only by analysis. This only goes to show that general rules, however useful, can never be more than a rough guide. Otherwise, of course, amateurs could play as well as the World Champion."

Another criticism of the book centers on Purdy's system of thinking. This system involves the player, on his/her turn to move, asking him/herself a number of questions. In some cases the line of self-questioning will be stopped after the first two or three questions. Question number 5 of the system involves what Purdy describes as making a reconnaissance of the position. Tomas says that the "description and explanation of a reconnaissance take up 15 pages..." but this is incorrect. The explanation of the "entire system" takes up 15 (OK, 16) pages, while the explanation of the reconnaissance takes up a little under 5 pages.

Reading Tomas' description of the system tends to give the impression that the reconnaissance, which would take up a good deal of clock time, is sup-

posed to be done at every move, however, this is not so. First, the reconnaissance is conducted only if you cannot properly answer question 4: "Who has the advantage and why?", and second, Purdy suggests that the reconnaissance be conducted, to the degree possible, while the opponent is on move and only refined as necessary when the player is to move.

Although Tomas states that "no strong player does anything like this," that is obviously speculation. It may be that very strong players don't need to be taught a thinking system like Purdy's, however, I believe that the rest of us could benefit greatly from a disciplined approach to thinking such as Purdy presents.

In summary, I believe this book has much more to offer beginning and intermediate players than Tomas' review would lead one to believe. Probably even better for C-players and below is the previous book in the Thinker's Press Purdy series, "Guide to Good Chess." Purdy has a talent for getting to the heart of the matter that few others do. Not only did Fischer pay tribute to Purdy's skill, he also said that no chess library should be without (the previous edition of) *The Search for Chess Perfection*. I'm with Bobby on this one.

Randy Pals  
Chesterton, Indiana

# Vox Populi

*At the Midway Spring Class Championships we asked some players to share their views with the Illinois Chess Bulletin. This is what they told us.*

What is the most annoying thing done by an opponent during a game?



Al Chow (2328)  
Chicago

"After I made a strong move, my opponent threw up all over the board! Since then, she has gone on to become a top junior."



Yelena Gorlin (1478)  
Skokie

"When someone on the move points all over the board, using a finger to analyze."



Devionne Joseph (Unr)  
Chicago

"When they take more than 15 minutes on a move it's very tiring and I lose my concentration."



Zeljko Popovic (1226)  
Chicago

"Someone offered me a draw nine moves running, even though I was considerably up on material and in fact went on to win the game."



Bob Widing (1100)  
Park Ridge

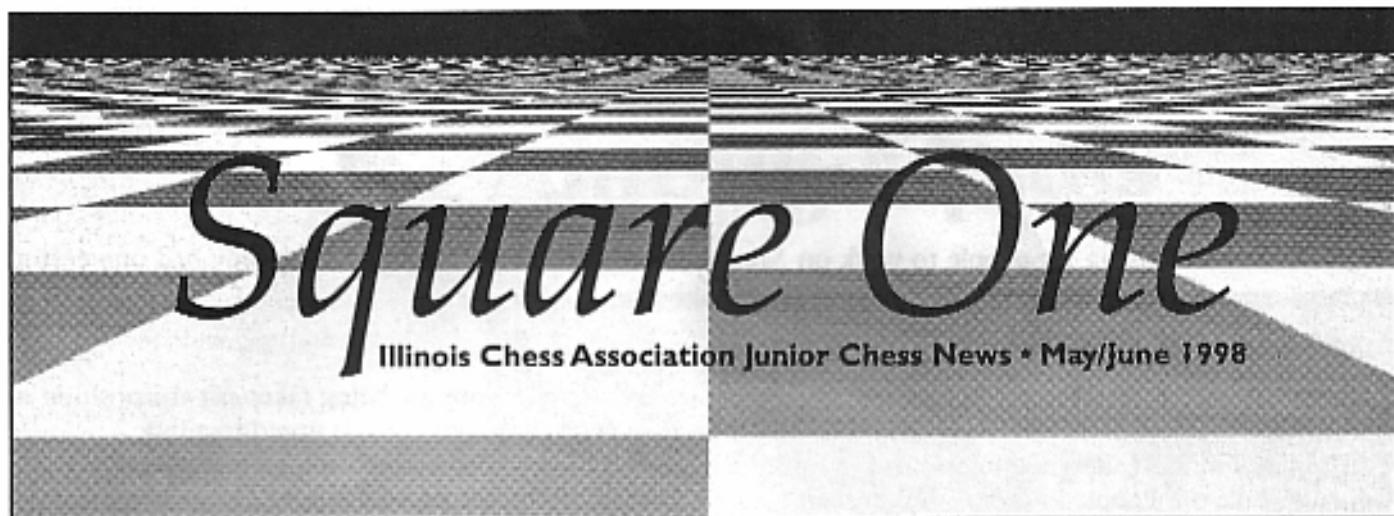
"When people rattle captured pieces against the table to show impatience when I'm on the move. I respond by looking very contemplative"



Paul Fambro (1543)  
Rockford

"The guy hadn't taken a bath in some time! I also hate it when people slam the pieces"





*Evanston Wins  
High School Championship*

# Square One Still Needs an Editor

**W**e are still looking for people to work on *Square One*. Since our last issue, we have only had one person express interesting in working on this Junior Chess publication.

## Adults and Juniors Sought

Thus, we are *still* looking for people to work on *Square One*. Applications are being taken for the position of Junior Editor. Coaches, trainers, parents, or anyone with experience in junior chess is urged to apply.

There is a modest stipend available to the Junior Editor, the amount depending on how much work you are willing to take on. People interested in less than complete responsibility are urged to apply, as spreading out the work may be the most workable solution.

Also needed are people to *assist* in the production of *Square One*. Juniors themselves are urged to get involved. They can assist with photography, typing, email, photo digitizing, art, diagramming, follow ups, and the like.

## How to Apply

Adults or juniors interested in working on *Square One* should contact the ICB editor, M. L. Rantala. Address, phone, and email information is in the masthead on this page and also at the front of the magazine. Indicate what you are interested in doing and you will be contacted. ★

### On the cover of Square One, The Evanston Team:

Back row (from left to right): Sam Sibley, David Summerhays, Dan Stein, Woo Jae Sung, Ben Schwartz, Steve 'Istvan' Szpisjak, David Sacks, Coach Ken Lewandowski. Front row: Florin Felocan, Matt Thomas, Ben Allen, Matt Pullin, Jason Doty.



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### Banquet Juniors.

The ICA banquet was attended by several junior players, including (above, from the left); Bennett Joseph, José Rodriguez, Jr. and Vignesh Somasundaram; as well as (on the left); Dushyanth Recovari, here sporting whiskers.

# Evanston 1998 Like Botvinnik 1948: 'First Among Equals'

by Steve Szpisjak

I attended the 1998 IHSA State Chess Championship for the first time since 1984.

Though now acting in the role of instructor/coach instead of player, I found the competition to be equally as exciting. Several coaches viewed this event to be the strongest of its kind in the last decade. This statement should gladden supporters of the Warren Junior Program and it attests to the chess growth which continues in this state.

With 64 or fewer teams in an event, 6 rounds suffice as a guarantee that only one perfect score may occur. When that number grows to the 65-128 range, the organizer/director may either accelerate the first two rounds or go to a seven round format. This tournament had 86 teams competing, using a seven-round format with acceleration! I would be happy to see this combination again—but only if 129 or more teams play next year. The result this year—good teams played each other earlier and more often, and undesirable ties occurred at the top in the standings.

The first great spectator match occurred in round three, when defending champions IMSA challenged Lake Forest at table two. Both teams have depth, an important factor in these events (68 points total, 12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5 for boards one through eight). IMSA won handily on boards 2 and 3, but lost to solid pressure on board 1 and stood much worse on the bottom boards. The deciding game of the match, board 6, went from winning to losing for LF when white missed an opportunity to sacrifice an exchange for connected passers. IMSA won 36-32.

Next round, IMSA played Glenbard West on table one. Glenbard set the early pace with a crushing Gast win on board one. Brian Wong, whose non-participa-



Ken Lewandowski

**Second place, Glenbard West.** Back (from left): Paul Kertay, Sam Castic, Mike White, Elizabeth Villafior, Dave Finnegan, Brian Warren, Ryan Mendenhall. Front: Bryan Gast, Brian Wong, Dave Nordahl, Peter Stefanski.

tion in school events this year made it easy for critics to underestimate Glenbard's strength, looked winning on board two. In fact, Glenbard controlled the match until the last 15 minutes or so. True, Brian Wong had already thrown a win and held a draw, but Glenbard was still on top. I forecasted Glenbard would score over 40 points. Instead, those tenacious team players from IMSA pulled off some swindles (winning two lost positions) en route to a 38.5-29.5 victory.

After the first four rounds, played at G/60 pace, four teams still were perfect—Evanston, West Chicago, New Trier, and IMSA. The next day, three rounds of G/70, would prove quite challenging, as any team with 3-1 or better had chances for the title. Colors dictated that IMSA would play Evanston and West Chicago would play New Trier. The New Trier-West Chicago match could have passed for either of the two IMSA matches mentioned above. New Trier played some great team chess, and had 23.5 points with

three or four games remaining. I vaguely recall one swindle on a bottom board and an unclear board three which swayed to WC. Blair Machaj, West Chicago's board 2, managed to save a lost position by keeping his lone king alive long enough for a flag, the resulting draw giving WC 29 points. Justin Sadauskas drew a pawn-up position over Robert Usiskin to clinch 35-33. In the other match, Evanston, having obtained an uncharacteristic good night sleep, and warned about the clutch-playing abilities of the IMSA team, proceeded to play very solidly and won 52-16.

All bloodthirsty (or bloodshot) eyes focused on the final battle of perfect records, Evanston versus West Chicago in round 6. Early on, this match looked quite good from the audience perspective. Evanston's board eight dropped a piece in ten moves, but every other board looked well contested. Evanston's Jason Dory broke through on board 5, winning queen for rook. Then David Summerhays on board 6 won a pawn

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## Illinois High School Association Chess State Final Results 1997-98

### Team Results

Rnk	Pts	TieBrk	School
1	6.0	5148.0	Evanston (Twp.)
2	6.0	5044.0	Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)
3	6.0	4627.0	Winnetka (New Trier)
4	6.0	4396.0	Aurora (IMSA)
5	6.0	4137.0	West Chicago (H.S.)
6	5.0	4300.0	Lake Forest (H.S.)
7	5.0	4061.0	Normal (University)
8	5.0	3845.0	Naperville (North)
9	5.0	3831.0	Wheaton (W. Warrenville So)
10	5.0	3825.0	New Lenox (Lincoln-Way)
11	5.0	3634.0	Quincy (Sr.)
12	5.0	3460.0	Orland Park (Sandburg)
13	5.0	3399.5	Mattoon
14	5.0	3190.0	Belleville (East)
15	5.0	2881.0	Chicago (Foreman)
16	5.0	2732.0	Georgetown (G.-Ridge Farm)

### Individual Results

#### Board 1

Rnk	Name, School	Yr	Sc
1	Floris Felecan, Evanston (Twp.)	Sr	7.0
2	Artem Akhmetev, Glenview (Glenbrook S)	So	7.0
3	Dana James, Kankakee (Sr.)	So	6.5
4	Bryan Gast, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)	Jr	6.0
5	Tam Nguyen, Chicago (Senn.)	Fr	6.0
6	Jermar Johnson, Chicago (Orr)	Sr	6.0
7	Mark Robledo, Elgin (Larkin)	So	6.0
8	Robert Usiskin, Winnetka (New Trier)	Sr	5.5
9	Mike Hogan, Oak Forest	Sr	5.5
10	John Klein, Chicago (St. Rita)	Sr	5.5

#### Board 2

Rnk	Name, School	Yr	Sc
1	Gabriel Lerner, Northbrook (Glenbrook N)	Fr	7.0
2	Brian Wong, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)	Fr	6.5
3	Ben Chu-Kung, Winnetka (New Trier)	Sr	6.5
4	Craig Vieregg, Wheaton (W. Warrenville S)	Sr	6.0
5	John Flaminia, Chicago (Curie)	Jr	6.0
6	Dan Edeus, Orland Park (Sandburg)	Jr	5.5
7	Wes Pender, Ottawa (Twp.)	Jr	5.5
8	Marcos Gonzalez, Kankakee (Sr.)	So	5.5
9	Alesha Musa, DeKalb	Fr	5.5
10	Bobby Watson, Mattoon	Jr	5.5

#### Board 3

Rnk	Name, School	Yr	Sc
1	Kevin Brewer, West Chicago (H.S.)	Sr	7.0
2	John Balton, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way)	So	6.5
3	Josh Roberson, Chicago (DeLaSalle)	So	6.0
4	Phillip Salaam, Urbana (H.S.)	Sr	6.0
5	Christopher Higgins, Chicago Heights	Sr	6.0
6	Miguel Campos, Chicago (Bowen)	So	6.0

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with better position and continued the pressure. Even Evanston's board eight found a way to get back the piece and drew with opposite bishops. Such disasters must affect the play on the top boards, where Blair's desperate attack failed on board 2 and Justin dropped a piece several moves after Florin Felecan dropped a pawn with compensation sufficient for a draw at best. Evanston 55.5-12.5.

The only 6-0 team had to play the top 5-1 team in the final round—and what a match! Glenbard West met Evanston with the following likely scenarios: Evanston wins by any margin—Evanston takes first, Glenbard does not get trophy; Evanston ties match—Evanston takes first, Glenbard does not get trophy; Evanston loses, massive tiebreaker for 6-1 teams!

Glenbard, refreshed and renewed in confidence from putting 60+ points on their record in two matches since their IMSA loss, gained the first major advantage; Brian Wong won an exchange on board 2 against Matt Thomas. After errors on both sides in a sloppily played ending, Brian did prevail (Glenbard 11-0). On board 4, Evanston's Matt Pullin entered an even rook ending and left with a full point (Glenbard 11-9). David Summerhays (ETHS board 6) obtained some advantage on the Black side of a Grünfeld, but slipped to the point of barely drawing (Glenbard 14.5-12.5). Shortly after this, a parent from Glenbard complained to the Evanston coach, who was standing on stage to get a better view of the match, already bombarded by spectators. The parent lamented that the Glenbard players were distracted by coach's presence on stage. Perhaps the IHSA should enforce a rule that spectators must allow a coach easy access to all 8 boards or spectate elsewhere! Evanston's board 5 won a pawn in a rook ending, traded into a winning pawn ending, and allowed one chance for his opponent to win this ending! The swindle was missed, and the match swayed towards Evanston (20.5-14.5). Playing the most passive chess I've ever seen a 2500+ play, Florin maintained his solid black position and time lead while Bryan Gast collapsed under time pressure (ETHS 32.5-14.5). This leaves boards 3, 7, and 8 with a draw on any clinching. On board 7, Dan Stein missed a mate in five involving a rook to the back rank as the first move in a sharp middlegame (rook and two pawns



IMSA (playing on the left) versus Evanston.

versus two knights). His passive play made the match 32.5-20.5. Meanwhile, Woo Jae Sung on board eight maintained a clear pawn advantage for Evanston with rook and bishop each. On board 3, Ben Allen held a slight advantage on the black side of a Sicilian. He traded into a tenable bishop vs. knight ending, made a mutually missed illegal king move (!), and wasted a few tempi to make the match ETHS 32.5-30.5. The fate of the match resided in board 8! Woo Jae held the only passed pawn, guarded behind by a rook, with two pawns to two on the kingside and seven minutes left. He ambitiously decided to run his king to the support of his passed a pawn, not a bad idea. His opponent invaded the kingside, and a 'race' was on. After Woo Jae squandered two tempi in the ending, I felt a sickness in my stomach that reminded me of watching some of the students with whom I worked when I attended Marmion. Woo Jae first threw away a win and then a draw in the course of about ten moves. The margin for error to at least hold was huge! (Glenbard 34.5-Evanston 32.5)

Tiebreaks for the five 6-1 teams were as follows:

Evanston .....	5148
Glenbard .....	5044
New Trier .....	4627
IMSA .....	4464
West Chicago .....	4137

As both Evanston and Glenbard finished more than four hundred points ahead of the other three, I am not troubled that Evanston and Glenbard finished first and second. With Glenbard's clutch win over Evanston and near win over IMSA, Glenbard had the strength to win it all! Evanston alone had to play three 6-1

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7	Radek Niewrzol, Naperville (North)	Jr 6.0
8	John Barth, Winnetka (New Trier)	Sr 5.5
9	Mark Cotter, Byron	So 5.5
10	Dave Nordahl, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)	So 5.5
11	David Fitt, Mattoon	So 5.5
12	Arthur Randle, Kankakee (Sr.)	Sr 5.5

### Board 4

Rnk	Name, School	Yr	Sc
1	Matt Pullin, Evanston (Twp.)	So	7.0
2	Keith Lonergan, Lake Forest (H.S.)	Jr	7.0
3	Ryan Barry, Downers Grove (South)	Jr	7.0
4	Chris Bintz, South Holland (Thornwood)	So	6.5
5	Kevin Hunt, Bismarck (B.-Henning)	Sr	6.0
6	Xuong Phu, Chicago (Senn)	Sr	6.0
7	Joe Earl, Buffalo (Tri-City)	Jr	6.0

### Board 5

Rnk	Name, School	Yr	Sc
1	Kevin Estes, Winnetka (New Trier)	Jr	6.0
2	Josh Kueker, Aurora (IMSA)	Jr	6.0
3	Jason Doty, Evanston (Twp.)	Jr	6.0
4	Joshua James, Harvey (Thornton)	Jr	6.0
5	Martez Woods, Chicago (Bowen)	So	6.0
6	Ohm Chandrruangphen, Aurora (Marmion)	Sr	6.0
7	Stephen Fulton, Aurora (West)	Sr	6.0
8	Dzanan Bojic, Quincy (Sr.)	Jr	6.0

### Board 6

Rnk	Name, School	Yr	Sc
1	Mike White, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)	Jr	6.5
2	Ed Sohn, Naperville (North)	Sr	6.0
3	Russel Crown, Buffalo (Tri-City)	So	6.0
4	David Summerhays, Evanston (Twp.)	Fr	5.5
5	Ben Drucker, Winnetka (New Trier)	Sr	5.5
6	Tarik Galijasevic, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way)	Sr	5.5
7	Vicky Almazan, Joliet (Twp.)	So	5.5

### Board 7

Rnk	Name, School	Yr	Sc
1	Pete Sommers, Lake Forest (H.S.)	Fr	6.0
2	Martin Puig, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way)	Sr	6.0
3	Andrew Galperin, Aurora (IMSA)	Jr	6.0
4	Matt Doemland, Downers Grove (South)	So	6.0
5	Brian Bolton, Wheaton (W. Warrenville South)	Fr	6.0
6	Raul Ocampo, Chicago (Hubbard)	Fr	6.0
7	Mike Pfaff, St. Charles	Sr	6.0
8	Marty Burns, South Holland (Thornwood)	Sr	6.0

### Board 8

Rnk	Name, School	Yr	Sc
1	Dave Lehnert, Wheaton (W. Warrenville South)	Fr	7.0
2	Jeremy Shive, Normal (University)	Jr	7.0
3	Christian Pecaut, Lake Forest (H.S.)	Jr	6.0
4	Eric Fowler, Belleville (East)	So	6.0
5	Mike Snedeker, Downers Grove (South)	Fr	6.0

Complete results at: [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org)

# The IHSA Team Championship

## As Seen by the Scorekeeper

by Mike Zacate

A record number 117 schools sent in the initial registration for this year's IHSA Chess Team Championship. Unfortunately, several chess programs floundered during the school year, and conflict with Spring Break schedules resulted in 31 withdrawals by the time the clocks started for the first round on March 27th at the Bone Student Center in Normal, IL.

The 86 teams who competed comprised one of the largest and strongest fields in the 24-year history of the event. After a grueling seven rounds in two day schedule, five teams were tied with 6-1 records (see Team Results list). Many players participating are on this month's list of the top 50 juniors in Illinois—some teams had as many as three in their line-up. Thus, not only were strong players needed for the top boards, good players were needed all the way down to board 8 to be successful. Kankakee H.S. learned, the hard way, about the importance of the 7th and 8th board. Unable to fill those boards at the last minute, the team's success was marred despite the top three boards losing only 1 of the 21 games they played.

Record-keeping chores of the tournament were managed by the program written by Scott Johnson of the IHSA staff.

Improvements from last year were helpful and enabled results to be out during the tournament in a more timely fashion and to post the results on the World Wide Web practically as they happened. This year's complete results were available at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org) before the last team closed their car doors to leave the tournament site.

An excellent tournament staff was still needed for the tournament to run smoothly and feed the computers information. Handling the information chores was Assistant Scorekeeper Kent Hieronymus (Olympia H.S.) and Betsy Zacate, Clerk. Besides performing his steward duties, Charles Graul (Bismarck-Henning H.S.) made (and kept up to date) a large, traditional team cross-table that was more timely and easier to read than computer posting. The other stewards that ensured adherence to the rules during the tournament were: Jack Armstrong (Jefferson H.S.), Phillip Bratta (Stullman Valley H.S.), Mike Corey and Kevin Daley (Lincoln-Way H.S.), Joseph Hooks and Paul Kash (Curie H.S.), John O'Leary (Chicago Hubbard), Jerry Parker (Mattoon H.S.), Sam Sibley (Evanston H.S.), Justin Trahan (Georgetown-Ridge Farm H.S.), and Guenter Wohlfarth (North Boone H.S.). As

for the past several years, Paul Lock (Urbana H.S.) served as Chief Steward and Mike Zacate as Scorekeeper.

Julian Morrison (Roanoke-Benson H.S.—retired) ended his long run as Tournament Director. Not only has he been the Director since the Class A and Class AA tournaments were combined to a single championship, he directed almost all of the IHSA Class A Team Championships. In the 24 year history of IHSA Chess, he has been a Tournament Director for 20 years. He wasn't completely missed, however, as he visited the tournament and had a chance to watch tournament play for a while—something he was rarely able to do when directing. Tournament Directing duties were assumed by Mike Zacate who used one of the commercially available programs to do the pairings after the second round. It is expected that the Terms and Conditions will be altered slightly to make it possible to use computer programs to pair all rounds next year.

The tournament set-up and playing site are the result of work done by people who are not directly connected with chess. Marc Feaster (University-Normal H.S.) has served as tournament manager overseeing the site and making everyone as comfortable as possible for many years. Mary Struckhoff and her assistant, Tammy Rutherford at the IHSA office receive all the documents, prepare all the forms, and supervise the playing to IHSA standards. Scott Johnson wrote the information management program, was present to make improvements and adjustments, and saw that the information got onto the IHSA web page. Their fine work enabled the tournament to run smoothly from entry to awards. ♣

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teams, and alone had defeated two 6-1 teams. To become state champions required Glenbard to defeat Evanston by approximately one win more than occurred—the nebreakers were forgiving to Evanston in that way. Of course, one draw more for Evanston and Glenbard misses fame...

Evanston, New Trier, and West Chicago graduate three team members or more this year, with tough shoes to fill. IMSA will be strong whenever or if they want to be strong. Glenbard returns with most (if not all) of its strength. I suspect they shall return next year with an all-star cast, led by their main all-star, Bryan Gast. ♣



**Third Place, New Trier.** Back (from left): Brad Goral, Kevin Estes, Ben Drucker, Steven Mallians, Armand Tuzel. Front: Matt Miller, John Barth, Ben Chu-Kung, Rob Usiskin.

# 1998 Illinois Scholastic Chess Championships

by Tom Doan,  
Chess Coach, Lincolnwood Elementary (Evanston)

On the weekend of February 28 and March 1, 689 chess players, accompanied by parents and coaches, descended upon the Clock Tower Inn in Rockford to contest the 1998 Illinois Scholastic Chess Championships. This was a seven round tournament, divided into three sections: Primary (3rd grade and under), Elementary (4th and 5th grade) and Junior High (6th through 8th grades). The time controls this year were G/50 for the Primary and Elementary sections and G/60 for Junior High. The tournament organizer was Ralph Sullons of Rockford, and it was directed by NTD Erv Sedlock and his staff from the St. Charles Chess Club.

## Primary

It was only three years ago that the Primary section saw a tie for first with perfect 7-0 scores. There was no danger of that happening this year. By round five, seeds 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 and 10 (ignoring some overly high provisional ratings)

had all given up draws. There were just three perfect scores going into round six: Christian Nikolopoulos beat David Kassin and Thomas Dupuis lost to top rated 4.5, José Rodriguez. In the final round, Nikolopoulos (6.0) lost to Rodriguez (5.5), Tony Howell (5.5) and Ben Bronner (5.5) drew, and David Chodak (5.5) beat Kassin (5.0). Thus, José Rodriguez and David Chodak, both of Chicago, were State Co-Champions, both with scores of 6.5.

It had been clear from the results of tournaments earlier this year that the Primary team competition was likely to be a two-horse race between defending champion Dewey of Evanston and the team from Bernard Zell in Chicago. And by the end of round four on Saturday evening, those two had clearly separated themselves from the pack, Dewey having 14.5 (out of 16), Zell 14.0 and the nearest pursuer at 11.5. The two teams were tied after round five at 16.0, and Dewey re-established its half-point lead

(18.0 to 17.5) going into the final round on Sunday. Dewey picked up a solid 2.5 points in the last round to earn their second consecutive title, while Zell's top four all lost, and they finished fourth. Lincolnwood from Evanston pulled up into second and St. Clare's of Bloomington finished third.

## Elementary

This year's Fourth and Fifth graders are, both in terms of top talent and the sheer depth of strong players, the two strongest groups that I have seen in the four years that I have been coaching. The individual competition seemed likely to come down to a late round matchup between Andrew Hubbard and Daniel Leung. Both have ratings around 1700, higher than the third seed by almost 500 points—in fact, quite a bit higher than any players in the Junior High section. However, the chance for that big showdown was ended when

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## Results of the 1998 Illinois Scholastic Chess Championships

Overall Individual Trophy Winners, Primary

Plc	Gr	Name	USCF	Pts	TB
1	3	Rodriguez, Jose A	1059	6.5	34.0
2	3	Chodak, David	0663	6.5	30.0
3	3	Nikolopoulos, Christian	0973	6.0	34.0
4	3	Dupuis, Thomas W	0878	6.0	33.0
5	3	Bauer, Joshua	0881	6.0	32.0
6	3	Howell, Tony	1014	6.0	30.5
7	3	Bronner, Ben	0933	6.0	30.5
8	3	Friedmann, Max	0694	6.0	30.5
9	2	Haffner, Willy	0906	6.0	30.0
10	3	Sethi, Rishi	0596	6.0	27.5
11	3	Musick, Matthew	0737	6.0	26.0
12	3	Cohen, Daniel	0882	5.5	33.0
13	3	Welz, Frank M	0599	5.5	31.0
14	3	Doan, Jessica	0899	5.5	30.5
15	3	Wu, Linden	0881	5.5	28.5

Final Team Standings, Primary

Plc	School (Players)	Pts	TB
1	Dewey, Evanston (13)	20.5	119.5
2	Lincolnwood, Evanston (10)	18.5	115.5
3	St. Clare's, Bloomington (14)	18.0	108.5
4	Bernard Zell Anshe Emet, Chicago (8)	17.5	120.5
5	St. Gilbert's, Grayslake (10)	17.5	109.0
6	Walker, Evanston (7)	17.5	105.0
7	Montessori, Peoria (9)	17.0	107.5
8	MacArthur, Hoffman Estates (9)	17.0	107.0
9	Abe Lincoln, Glen Ellyn (6)	16.5	106.0
10	Colene Hoose, Normal (6)	16.5	103.5
11	Duke Ellington, Chicago (5)	16.0	107.0
12	Oakton, Evanston (6)	16.0	106.5
13	Chiaravalle Montessori, Evanston (6)	15.5	113.0
14	Churchill, Glen Ellyn (7)	15.5	113.0
15	Lincoln, Washington (7)	15.5	108.0

Hubbard was upset by 932-rated Brian Weller in round four. Leung came into the final round as one of two perfect scores. With his last round win over Richard Martin, Daniel Leung of Park Ridge took the state Elementary title. Meanwhile, on board two, William Ferguson beat Michael McNally in the battle of the top fourth graders, to finish at 6.5-0.5 for second place.

As almost all members of last year's dominating State Elementary (and National K-5) champions from Franklin in Park Ridge were now 6th graders, the team competition promised to be a real dogfight, and it didn't disappoint. I knew that there were at least five metro teams with enough strong players to score 20 points (Maplebrook, MacArthur, Avery Coonley, Avoca West and my own team from Lincolnwood

of Evanston), and the winning score wasn't likely to be much higher than that. However, at the end of Saturday, the leader was defending champ Franklin with 13.5, something of a surprise because Franklin hadn't been a factor in Elementary sections at earlier tournaments. They were followed closely by King (Rockford), Oakland (Bloomington) and Holy Trinity (also Bloomington). A sign of things to come: there were ten teams within two points of the lead. The teams jockeyed for position in the first two rounds on Sunday. With things so tightly packed, it was easy to move four or five places from one round to the next. The leader going into the final round was Highland with 18.0, followed by King, MacArthur and Avoca West (all with 17.5), and Lincolnwood, Colene Hoose (Normal), Oakland and

Avery Coonley (all with 17.0). Three other teams were at 16.5, and two more at 16.0. One round to go: thirteen teams within two points!! Avery Coonley managed a last round sweep to jump from eighth to become Elementary champion, finishing with 21.0. Lincolnwood had a three point pickup to jump into second. King finished third with 19.5, despite getting only 3.0 from their fourth board.

### Junior High

The Junior High section tends to be a bit harder to handicap than the Primary and Elementary sections. First, most of the one-day tournaments prior to State are only four rounds for Junior High, while the younger kids play five. As a result, games between the strongest players are fairly rare. Also, some

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## Results of the 1998 Illinois Scholastic Chess Championships, continued from previous page

### Elementary The individual overall trophy winners

Plc	Gr	Name	USCF	Pts	TB
1	5	Leung, Daniel Y	1625	7.0	34.0
2	4	Ferguson, William	1190	6.5	31.5
3	5	Martin, Richard R	1236	6.0	34.5
4	5	Hubbard, Andrew	1707	6.0	33.5
5	5	Weller, Brian M	0932	6.0	32.0
6	5	Joseph, Bennett	1029	6.0	32.0
7	5	Beach, Zachary J	0939	6.0	32.0
8	5	Nave, Evan Brent	1056	6.0	32.0
9	5	Karacic, Chris	0990	6.0	30.0
10	4	Mc Nally, Michael	1239	5.5	34.0
11	5	Kieffer, Mark	1068	5.5	32.0
12	5	Richardson, Gregory	1234	5.5	31.0
13	4	Banzhaf, Alex	0919	5.5	30.5
14	4	Soldato, Peter	0885	5.5	29.5
15	4	Martin, Ian	0900	5.5	29.0

### Junior High The Top Boards

Plc	Gr	Name	USCF	Pts	TB
1	6	Leali, Matthew	1442	6.5	34.5
2	8	Moore, Glenn	1351	6.5	33.0
3	8	Rose, Alan J	1516	6.0	35.0
4	8	Bucsa, Jeffrey	1243	6.0	34.5
5	7	Egerton, Brian	1567	6.0	33.0
6	7	Peregoy, Patrick	1252	6.0	31.5
7	7	Harbacek, Nathan	1159	6.0	31.5
8	8	Belding, Tyler	1286	6.0	30.5
9	6	Friedman, Andrew	1102	6.0	29.0
10	6	Rotts, Matthew P	1277	5.5	34.0
11	6	Rasmussen, Robert	1311	5.5	32.5
12	8	Mears, Patrick	1001	5.5	32.0
13	7	Drendel, Tyler	1229	5.5	32.0
14	7	Chen, Aaron	1522	5.5	31.0
15	8	Luginbill, Bobby	0998	5.5	30.5

### Final Team Standings

Plc	School (Players)	Pts	TB
1	Avery Coonley, Downers Grove (7)	21.0	105.0
2	Lincolnwood, Evanston (8)	20.0	114.5
3	Martin Luther King, Rockford (16)	19.5	125.0
4	MacArthur, Hoffman Estates (15)	19.5	123.0
5	Avoca West, Glenview (6)	19.5	117.5
6	Highland, Highland (5)	19.0	118.0
7	Colene Hoose, Normal (9)	19.0	112.5
8	Franklin, Park Ridge (5)	18.5	120.0
9	Holy Trinity, Bloomington (11)	18.5	117.5
10	Oakland, Bloomington (12)	18.5	114.0
11	Dewey, Evanston (7)	18.5	112.5
12	Oakton, Evanston (4)	18.0	118.5
13	Maplebrook, Naperville (8)	18.0	116.5
14	Abe Lincoln, Glen Ellyn (5)	16.5	109.5
15	Walker, Evanston (6)	16.5	108.0

### Final Team Standings

Plc	School (Players)	Pts	TB
1	Eisenhower JHS, Hoffman Estates (11)	23.5	131.5
2	Chiddix JHS, Normal (11)	21.0	121.5
3	Franklin, Park Ridge (7)	21.0	120.5
4	Hadley JHS, Glen Ellyn (15)	20.5	124.0
5	Glen Crest JHS, Glen Ellyn (5)	20.0	109.5
6	Bloomington JHS, Bloomington (10)	19.0	116.5
7	Benjamin, West Chicago (6)	17.5	119.0
8	Chute, Evanston (17)	17.5	110.5
9	Father Sweeney, Peoria (5)	17.0	103.5
10	Glenside JHS, Glendale Heights (7)	17.0	102.0
11	Deer Path, Lake Forest (4)	17.0	100.0
12	Holy Trinity, Bloomington (9)	16.5	105.0
13	Haven Middle, Evanston (5)	16.5	102.5
14	Marie Murphy JHS, Wilmette (9)	16.0	92.0
15	Armstrong, Richton Park (15)	15.5	106.0



of the stronger players skip most of the scholastic tournaments in favor of "adult" tournaments. How they will fare when playing at a fast G/60 clip is always interesting. Most of the top seeds got through the first four rounds on Saturday unscathed. After five rounds, there were still four players with perfect scores: Aaron Chen, Alan Rose, Glenn Moore and Jeff Bucsa. The last three were all from the same school, causing two of them to be dropped to play 4.5's. Chen and Rose drew, Moore drew with Brian Egerton (4.5), and Bucsa lost to Matt Leali (4.5). The top boards in the final round had Leali (5.5) beating Chen (5.5), Rose (5.5) drawing Patrick Peregoy (5.5) and Moore (5.5) beating Robert Riddle (5.0). Junior High co-champions are Matt Leali of Peoria and Glen Moore of Hoffman Estates.

The big question in the team competition was whether Franklin of Park Ridge would be able to keep alive a scholastic tournament win streak that dates back to January, 1995, including three state championships. The main competition was likely to come from Eisenhower of Hoffman Estates, a team led by three eighth graders who were veterans of a state championship Elementary team from 1995. And when round four ended (late) Saturday night, both teams sat at 15.0 (out of a possible 16), two points up on third place. But in round five, Glenn Moore of Eisenhower beat Erik Maye of Franklin, while Jeff Bucsa of Eisenhower upset Robert Riddle of Franklin, helping push Eisenhower to a 1.5 point lead. In round six, Chiddix (Normal) had a big round to pull even with Eisenhower at 20.0, and Hadley (Glen Ellyn) was a half-point back at 19.5. Eisenhower, however, finished off with a strong round when it counted to win the State JHS Championship. Eisenhower players took the second, third and fourth place individual trophies. \*



**A cramped position.** Even before this aspiring young chess player has learned the moves, she has discovered one problem with a closed position.

## North Suburban Chess League Academic Year-end Update

The final standings for the North Suburban Chess League are as follows:

W	D	L	School/Opponent (Ave Score)	W	D	L	
9	0	0	ETHS	8	0	1	LAKE FOREST (Defeated N.Trier)
5	0	3	GLENBROOK SOUTH (43.125)	7	0	1	NEW TRIER
5	0	3	ELK GROVE (35.6)	5	0	2	STEVENSON
5	0	3	ROLLING MEADOWS (35)	4	0	3	GLENBROOK NORTH
5	0	3	NILES NORTH (34.375)	5	0	4	NORTH RIDGE
5	0	4	BUFFALO GROVE (Beat Mund.)	4	0	4	MAINE SOUTH
4	0	4	MUNDELEIN	3	0	5	FREMD
1	0	7	LOYOLA	2	0	6	DEERFIELD
1	0	8	PROSPECT	1	0	6	NILES WEST
0	0	6	WAUKEGAN	0	0	7	HIGHLAND PARK

The League held the Playoffs Friday March 6 at New Trier. In the first round, ETHS defeated New Trier and Lake Forest defeated Glenbrook South in two very close matches.

After a dinner break of pizza, pop and cookies, the championship round was played, Lake Forest defeated Evanston for First/Second and New Trier defeated Glenbrook South for 3/4. Finals then are:

**1st: Lake Forest • 2nd: Evanston • 3rd: New Trier • 4th: Glenbrook South**

# Midwest Scholastic Class Championships Success for the Multitudes

*By Rich Whitman  
MacArthur-Eisenhower Chess Coach*

Over the past few years a teacher at Hadley Jr. High in Glen Ellyn has been experimenting with a relatively new idea in scholastic chess. Mike Miele decided to conduct a tournament with twenty four sections, or rating groups, for grades K-8. With 200 individual trophies on hand and the gracious approval of chief TD Erv Sedlock, the experienced Hadley volunteers have consistently made this experiment a success.

The most recent event was no exception. It was held February 7 with over 300 students participating. As in Mike's November tournament (regular scholastic format), the kids could play basketball in the gym between rounds to let off steam, or in some cases, to avoid post-mortem analysis. A good selection of food was found in the cafeteria.

The specific key to this tournament's success, however, was that each player was given an equal chance to win. Pairing opponents who are approximately the same strength in more numerous and smaller sections simply creates more winners. After the awards ceremony you typically see children who don't usually win in other tournaments walking out with trophies. Why not? There are of course extra headaches for the TD when managing so many sections, but Erv and his veteran team, assisted by Tom Doan (Lincolnwood School, Evanston), dealt with the glitches so that the multitudes would benefit.

## **Jr. High Section**

In the Jr. High Section the first place trophy went to the home team, Hadley Jr. High. Winning in tie-break points, Hadley overtook Chute of Evanston who settled for second place with 23 points. Leading Hadley were a number of players who only needed three points to be the heroes of the team. They were

Matthew Ollayos, Matthew J. Carroll, Patrick Novak, Brent Shadel, Benjamin Hudson, and David Phillips. Chute was powered by Tony Carfang with 3.5 points, the top score in the 700 rating group. Also contributing to Chute's total were Mark Fodor, Jonathan Fisch, Stephen T. Joy, and Kevin Meyer all with three points.

The third place team was Glenside of Glendale Heights with 20 points. Seventh grader Jessica Bettilyon netted a perfect score for her team, winning first place in the 500 Section. Sarah Story and Jim Adkins added to the Glenside score with three points each. Sarah took second place in the 700 Section and Jim captured first in the 600 group.

Two teams placed in the top five despite the fact they were short-handed with only five players each: Glen Crest of Glen Ellyn and Eisenhower of Hoffman Estates. (The scores of the top eight players on the team constitute the team score.)

Glen Crest took fourth with 12.5 points. Nathan Harbacek, Nathan Wang, and Raghuvier Muppavarapu led their team with three points each.

Eisenhower managed to secure fifth place with 7.5 points. This was made possible by a perfect score from sixth grader Jamil Walker in the 800 section and three points from veteran seventh grader Dustin Marik in the 700 section. Also helping out were Gary Froehlich and Jennifer Minucci. Missing from the Eisenhower team were its top Generals Alan Rose (1560), Glenn Moore (1350), and Jeff Bucsa (1243).

## **Elementary Section**

Benjamin (West Chicago) rocked the world of fourth and fifth graders. The team, with excellent coaching from Joe Splinter, cleared first place by four whole points over second place MacArthur

(Hoffman Estates). Team leaders were Luke Kerbler and Kevin Scidler, both with 4.5 points enough for first place in the 300 and 900 group respectively. Jeff Cisowski, Anthony McDaniel, and Naman Patel all scored a solid four points, while Bruce Janek padded the lead with 3.5. The team finished with an astounding 30.5 points.

MacArthur's team leaders were Christopher Cwik, winning first place in the 500 group, Joey Aliotto with second place in the 600, and Brian Martin with third place in the 300 and Under section. Each scored four points.

Walker School of Evanston won third place, two points behind MacArthur. Ray Doyle Satterlee's Americana School in Glendale Heights picked up fourth with 23.5 points, and Avery Coonley wound up in fifth, three and a half points behind.

Other first place individual winners were Stephen R. Harris (400 group), Michael Keeler (600 group), Rebecca Moschel (700 group), Matt Levine (800 group), and Bennett Joseph (1000 group).

## **Primary Section**

The top primary team in the tournament was Abraham Lincoln of Glen Ellyn. Its young scoring leaders were third grader Christopher Graham (200) and Joshua Hudson (600), both with four points. Close behind were Beth Haberer and Christopher Hudson with 3.5 points each.

With a total of 25.5 team points, Lincoln cleared first place over Churchill of Glen Ellyn by two points. Churchill was showcased by third graders Nicole Miller and Genevieve Savaiano, both of whom scored 3.5 in their respective groups. Fredrick Porzelt, Steven Klink, and Spencer Shadel contributed three points each.

The remaining three teams finished much closer to each other than the top two did. Forest Glen (Glen Ellyn) placed third with 19 points, and Dewey (Evanston) took fourth in a tiebreak over Ben Franklin (Glen Ellyn). Both Dewey and Franklin had 18 points.

A number of individuals achieved notable performances in the 200 section. Kurt M. Hintz of St. Peter Lutheran snagged the first place trophy with 4.5 points. MacArthur's new young star Nick Minucci racked up four points and took home the second place trophy. Lincoln's Christopher Graham ended up in third, and there were five players with 3.5. Leading them in tiebreaks was Vanessa Kerber in fourth place.

Ruling the 300 rating group was second grader Petro Giannakopoulos of Pheasant Ridge, Glendale Heights. Petro turned in a perfect five in five rounds.

In the 400 group Patrick Gourley secured the top prize with 4.5 points. Robert Miller did the same in his section, but needed only four.

Third grader Brandon Hammoth claimed first place in the 600 group in a tiebreak over Joshua Hudson, taking second.

The 700 section witnessed Todd Summers of Dewey losing in a final tiebreak to Kyle Harbacek of Westfield in Glen Ellyn with Kyle capturing the top spot. Scott Schmidt of Bent School in Bloomington led the 900 group with 4.5.

In the U-rated section we uncover yet another perfect score. This one is brought to us by Andy Peña, a second grader from Rudy Lozano Branch—Chicago Public Library.

## Jr. High Section

### Team Standings

1. Hadley Jr. High, Glen Ellyn
2. Chute Middle School, Evanston
3. Glenside JHS, Glendale Heights
4. Glen Crest JHS, Glen Ellyn
5. Eisenhower, Hoffman Estates

### Individual Standings

500 1st: Jessica Bettilyon, 2nd: Jonathan Fisch, 3rd: Stephen T. Joy, 4th: Raghuvver Muppavarapu, 5th: David Miller

600 1st: Jim Adkins, 2nd: David Phillips, 3rd: Robert Schuelke, 4th: Mark Curtice, 5th: William Bolsen

700 1st: Tony Carfang, 2nd: Sarah Story, 3rd: Matthew Ollayos, 4th: Dustin Marik, 5th: Shao-Yun Guo

800 1st: Jamil Walker, 2nd: Nathan Wang, 3rd: Matthew Carroll, 4th: Patrick Novak, 5th: Thomas McCauley

900 1st: Jim Virtel, 2nd: Mark Fodor, 3rd: Kevin J. Meyer, 4th: Greg Haberer, 5th: Ryan S. Andrews

1000 1st: Nicholas Mc Connell, 2nd: Brent Shadel, 3rd: Benjamin Hudson, 4th: Kelly Collins, 5th: Bobby Luginbill / Gideon Bob

1100 1st: Steve Gorodetskiy, 2nd: Nathan Harbacek, 3rd: Christopher Holmes, 4th: Jack Williams, 5th: Timothy Sawyer

1200 1st: Andrew Hubbard, 2nd: Patrick Perego, 3rd: Eugene Gorodetskiy, 4th: Tyler Drendel, 5th: Tyler Belding

## Elementary Section

### Team Standings

1. Benjamin, West Chicago
2. MacArthur, Hoffman Estates
3. Walker, Evanston
4. Americana, Glendale Heights

### Individual Standings

300 1st: Luke Kerbler, 2nd: Tatiana Giannakopoulos, 3rd: Brian Martin, 4th: Michael Horejs, 5th: Andy Specht / Vivek Patel

400 1st: Stephen Harris, 2nd: Kevin Rohr, 3rd: Joshua Howsam, 4th: Theodor D. Teague, 5th: Matthew Werner

500 1st: Christopher Cwik, 2nd: Jeff



Jamil Walker,  
MacArthur-Eisenhower,  
First place, 800 Section

Cisowski, 3rd: Andrew Marshall, 4th: Ulixes Ortega, 5th: William R. Auxier

600 1st: Michael Keeler, 2nd: Joseph Aliotto, 3rd: Anthony McDaniel, 4th: Naman Patel, 5th: Tim Fodor

700 1st: Rebecca Moschel, 2nd: Bruce Janek, 3rd: Eric Small, 4th: Chris Vasich, 5th: Brian Scott Weber

800 1st: Matt Levine, 2nd: Alex Gorodetskiy, 3rd: Isaac Israilevich, 4th: James E. McCully, 5th: Peter Soldato

900 1st: Kevin Seidler, 2nd: Robert Flax, 3rd: Kevin Hoobler, 4th: Alex Banzhaf, 5th: John Saran

1000 1st: Bennett Joseph, 2nd: Michael McNally, 3rd: Gregory Richardson, 4th: Jason Duncan, 5th:

Dayu Srinivasan

## Primary Section

### Team Standings

1. Abe Lincoln, Glen Ellyn
2. Churchill, Glen Ellyn
3. Forest Glen, Glen Ellyn
4. Dewey, Evanston
5. Ben Franklin, Glen Ellyn

### Individual Standings

200 1st: Kurt M. Hinz, 2nd: Nicholas Minucci, 3rd: Christopher Graham, 4th: Vanessa Kerbler, 5th: Ethan Arden

300 1st: Petro Giannakopoulos, 2nd: Angela Solis, 3rd: Peter Winterhof, 4th: Michael Starkman, 5th: Beth Haberer

400 1st: Patrick Gorley, 2nd: Nicole Miller, 3rd: Colin Arden, 4th: Sean McGee, 5th: Robert Waldorf

500 1st: Robert Miller, 2nd: Tim Collins, 3rd: Fredrick Porzelt, 4th: Robert Moschel, 5th: Dipanjoy Singh

600 1st: Brandon Hammoth, 2nd:  
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# Old Traditions Pass Away New Ones Begin

by Mike Zacate

Several high school tournaments that have been an important part of the chess calendar for years were not held this year. We can no longer expect the Ottawa, Rock Island, or Roanoke-Benson tournaments to appear on future calendars.

The first two were scheduled this year, but had to be canceled with short notice. The Roanoke-Benson tournament was held as a Class A school (under 740 students) invitational causing some schools to not be able to enter. Roanoke-Benson is not scheduled for a tournament next year.

These tournaments were each well attended over the years and drew independent schools from a wide area of the state as well as a variety of conference teams. The results of these tournaments played a significant part in determining the seeding order of the IHSA team tournament as many strong teams participated in them and provided an opportunity to gauge the relative strength of conferences.

Held close to the IHSA team date, the Rock Island tournament has been a sort-of warm up to the state championship.

When John Hassett of Bradley-Bourbonnais learned the Rock Island tournament was cancelled, he decided to host a tournament to replace it. Hiring Mike Zacate as tournament director, he sent out announcements for the PRE STATE '98 8-Board Team Tournament for March 14th at Bradley-Bourbonnais H.S.

Unable to arrange transportation or change budgets late in the year, several teams who expressed interest were unable to attend. Some schools didn't come at the last minute owing to players having conflicts with another IHSA activity that weekend—Scholastic Bowl. Those few who did compete came from all over the state.

Held the day before the IHSA seeding meeting for the team championship, the tournament had a significant impact on the placement of the participating teams.

A six player round-robin was also held for players not playing in the 8-board team tournament. John is already planning for next year's tune-up tournament and has placed it on the calendar.

## Pre-State '98 Results (4 Rounds)

1. Bradley-Bourbonnais H.S.	4.0
2. Quincy High School	2.5
3. Rockford Auburn H.S.	2.5
4. Mattoon H.S.	2.0
5. Joliet Township H.S.	1.0
6. Ottawa Township H.S.	0.0

## Individual Round-Robin

1. Melissa Czukiewski (Oak Lawn)	5.0
2. Sean Mikos (Bradley-Bourbonnais)	3.5
3. Katie Lynn Early (Oak Lawn)	2.0
4. Adam Farris (Ottawa)	2.0
5. Mike Fief (Bradley-Bourbonnais)	1.5
6. Mike Chiebowski (Ottawa)	1.0



## Here comes another Gruenberg!

Jeremy Gruenberg at his first rated chess tournament, the Midway Spring Class.

## Denker Qualifer Ready

The six top Illinois high school players are preparing to square off in a round-robin April 17-19th at the Radisson Hotel in Lisle. The winner will be off to Hawaii at the end of July to represent Illinois in the High School Tournament of Champions during the first week and at the same site as the U.S. Open.

The next issue of the *ICB* and *Square One* will report the results and include games between these talented players.



## Midwest Scholastic Class

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Joshua Hudson, 3rd; Christopher Hudson, 4th; Eli Kliejunas, 5th; Andrew O'Callahan, 700 1st; Kyle Harbacek, 2nd; Todd Summers, 3rd; Steven Klink, 4th; Amy Gill, 5th; Jacob Davis, 900 1st; Scott Schmidt, 2nd; Joshua Esses, 3rd; Willy Haffner, 4th; Ben Bronner, 5th; Linden Wu, Unrated 1st; Andy Pena, 2nd; Graham Garland, 3rd; Nikita Voden, 4th; Justin Benter, 5th; Hank Clauss

# Tuley Park Quick

The key to driving to the Tuley Park Fieldhouse is not to turn left too soon, when approaching from the north. If you make this mistake, you will be caught in a maze of one-way and blocked streets, where only by patient iteration—like a mouse in one of those experiments which keeps psychologists as busy as the rodents—can you find yourself at the entrance to the fieldhouse parking lot.

Over two dozen players found their way to Tuley Park's first Big Quick of the year, held on the last day of January. Because Tuley Park stalwarts Tom and Maxine Fineberg were on a cruise, directing duties were entrusted to James Fagan.

In this five-round, Game/20 tournament, the top seeded player was Al Chow. But he and ICB Games Editor NM Alan Watson, were edged out by Sam Ford and Allen Kornfeld, who tied for first place and each took home \$80.

Ford and Kornfeld met in the final round. Their drawn game is presented here in its entirety:

**Allen Kornfeld**

**Sam Ford**

Tuley Park Big Quick Jan '98

*Notes by Allen Kornfeld*

1. c4 e5

2. Nc3

Contrary to popular opinion, White has no advantage.

Draw agreed.

In the companion column (below) Alan Watson, who usually annotates the games of others, presents some of his own games from the tournament.

—M.L. Rantala

## Tuley Park Games

**Alan Watson**

**W. Bradley**

Tuley Park Jan Big Quick (1), 1998

*Notes by NM Alan Watson*

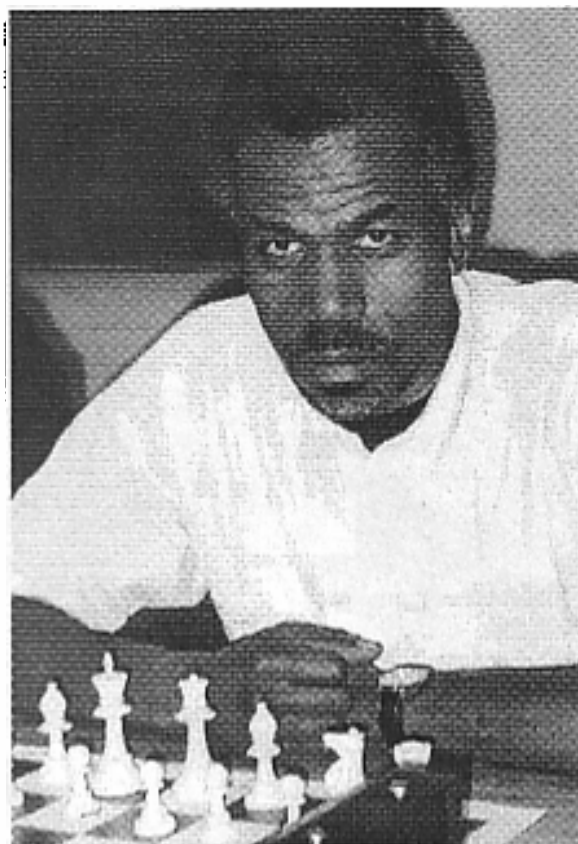
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12.Bxg6 hxg6 13.Ne5 Nbd7 14.f4 Nb6 15.a3 Nfd7 16.Qd3  
Nxe5 17.fxe5 Nc4 18.Rf3?

18.e4 Qg5 19.Rf2!±

18...b5 19.Ne2 b4 20.axb4 axb4 21.Nf4 Ra2 22.Rf2 Rfa8 23.e4  
g5 24.exd5 gxf4? 25.Qxc4 cxd5 26.Qxd5 Ra1 27.Rf1 Rd8  
28.Qe4 Rxb1 29.Rxb1 Qg5 30.Rf1 f3 31.Qxf3 Rxd4 32.Qxf7+  
Kh7 33.e6 Rd2 34.Qf3 Rxb2 35.Re1

35.Qe4+ Kg8 36.e7+

35...Qc5+ 36.Kh1 Qe7 37.Qf5+ Kg8 38.Ra1 Qb7 39.Qg6 b3?  
40.e7 1-0



The winners of the Tuley Park Big Quick #1.  
Top: Sam Ford. Bottom: Allen Kornfeld.

**M. Selfcheck**

**Alan Watson**

Tuley Park Jan Big Quick (2), 1998

*Notes by NM Alan Watson*

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0  
6.Nf3 d6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bf4 Kh8 9.h4? Nh5

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**1998 Illinois Valley Tornado  
An ICA Mini-Tour Event  
Saturday, May 30, 1998**

<b>Where</b>	Mirror Building 1701 4th St., 3rd Floor Peru, IL 61354
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<b>Round Times</b>	9, 12, 3, 6
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<b>Entries</b>	Bill Schulte 520 First St. LaSalle IL 61301 815-223-1505

**Humor**

**The Center Confusion  
Gambit**

*by Richard Vondruska*

**1.e4**

This move was always favored by the Fischer twins, Bobby and Bubba (you didn't really think that one person could beat Boris Spassky in 1972, did you?). Bobby played all of the openings. Then, after a well-timed switch in the men's room, Bubba's fierce attacking sense took over with a vengeance. Oh yeah, Bobby sometimes finished up adjourned positions too.

**1...c5**

This is the *true* Sicilian Defense. The current notion, suggesting that 1...c5 constitutes the Sicilian defense is based on a typo from an Arabic manuscript. Yes, even then, the Sicilians had a hand in the game.

**2.cxd5**

After being teased and taunted to see if he knows how pawns capture, White eagerly seizes an opportunity to win material.

**2...SOxd5**

In these politically correct times, the piece next to the King is now referred to as the "Significant Other." This is the first major change in chess notation since "Kt" was replaced by "N" to designate the Knight.

**3.Ktc3**

Oops! Sorry, old habits die hard. Should be Nc3. White threatens to remove the Black King's "Significant Other" from the game. In real life, Black would probably not mind—"Take my Significant Other, please!" (with apologies to Henny Youngman).

**3...SOd8**

Just as the Black king is saying, "I need my space," there she is! Back by his side again!

**4.Knb1**

Darn this notation! Why didn't they just take the first two letters of the word "Knight" in the first place? This ultra-modern, Karpov-like idea of placing pieces strongly on the back row is gaining popularity in some circles (like the Arctic Circle...).

This particular continuation is also

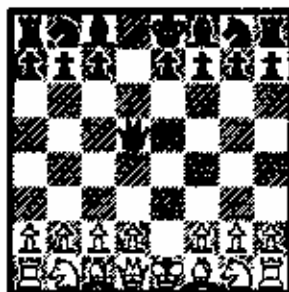
called the "Moonwalk Variation" in New York's Washington Square Park.

**4...Black resigns.**

Unable to shake the Significant Other, the Black king feels hemmed in with little prospect of escape. Resignation seems in order when your own pieces hinder your plans to dominate the chess world. Sigh... ♀



**Center Confusion...**



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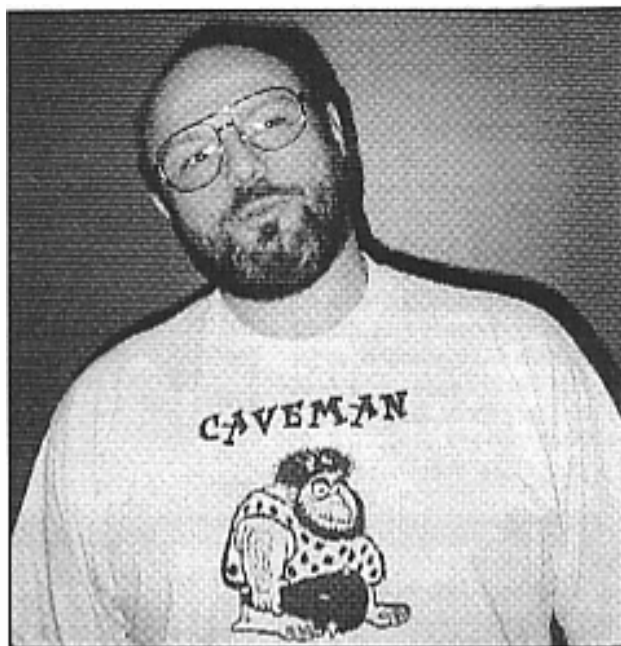
by Tim Just

In order to make the USCF 1998 U.S. Blind National Title tournament more accessible and more appealing to every blind chess player, its traditional sponsor, the United States Braille Chess Association, and its traditional TD, Tim Just, have made some changes. The primary change is the site relocation to the Primadonna Casino Resort in Primm, Nevada on July 24-26, 1998.

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Tim Just

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10.Qd2 Nxf4 11.Qxf4 e5  
11...Nxd4!? 12.Nxd4 e5  
12.dxc5 dxc5 13.Qd2 Nd4  
13...e4!  
14.e3?? Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Qxd2  
16.Rab1 e4 17.Rfd1 Bxc3 18.Rxd2  
Bxd2 19.Bd1 Be6 20.Bb3 Rad8  
21.Kf1 f4 22.gxf4 Bg4 23.c5 Bf3  
24.Bc4 Rf5 25.Be2 Rh5 26.Bxf3  
exf3 27.Kg1 Rxb4 28.b4 Rd5 0-1

Alan Watson  
Tyrone Lee

Tuley Park Jan Big Quick (3), 1998  
Notes by NM Alan Watson

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5  
Nxd5 5.Na4!?



## Tuley Park Games

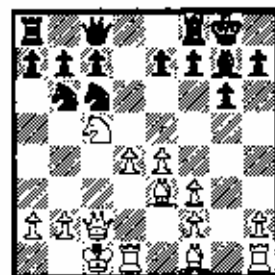
Following this move my opponent gave me a brief quizzical glance then spent nearly five minutes contemplating whether or not I was fully sane! Those seeking additional information on this unusual opening should consult the theoretical "Maverick Chess Openings" in the previous issue of the ICB.

5...Bg7 6.c4 Nb6 7.Bc3 0-0 8.Nf3  
Bg4

An understandable move seeking to weaken the defense of White's queen's pawn, but White's next re-awakens the thought that there are sore spots in Black's camp as well.  
9.Nc5 Qc8

Since the tactics following 9...Nc6 10.Nxb7 seem to favor White, Black reluctantly delegates the task of defending this lowly pawn to his queen. Even so, I would hesitate to claim an advantage for White.

10.Qc2 Bxf3?  
Premature.  
11.gxf3 Nc6 12.0-0-0



The lines of battle are clearly drawn. White's kingside attack will commence in earnest only after advancing his h-pawn to weaken the barricade of pawns while opening lines. On the other hand, Black's attack will have trouble getting started since his knights are ineffective and block the queenside pawns. Which side would you rather play?

12...a5 13.h4 a4 14.Kb1

Although White may still be better after the straightforward 14.h5!? Nb4 15.Qd2 Nxa2+ 16.Kb1 a3 17.Kxa2, why take the chance of allowing unnecessary

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# Bloomington Games

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Far more accurate was 24.Rxd7+ when 24...Kg8 (24...Nxd7 25.Qxc6#) 25.Rxg7+ Kh8 26.Qxe6 leaves little doubt as to the game's eventual outcome, but at least Bill has the right idea in mind! 24...dxe6 25.Qxc6+ Kg6 26.Ne7+ Kg5 27.h4+ Kh5 28.Rd5+ Nxd5 29.Qg4+ Checkmate follows 29...Kh6 30.Qg5 with a delightful tactical conclusion to a relatively well-played game. 1-0

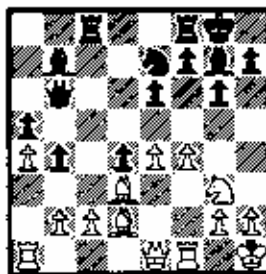
**M. Bolltho (1821)**  
**Bill Naff (2090)**  
Bloomington March Op, '98

1.e4

My opponent tried to play too actively in time pressure and ruined his position. After the better 35.Rf1 the onus is still upon Black to discover a way of breaking into White's position. —Bill Naff.

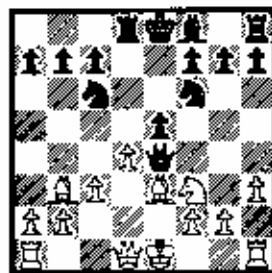
1...c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.f4 Bg7 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bc4 e6 6.0-0 Nge7 7.d3 0-0 8.Qe1 d5

9.Bb3 Nd4 10.Nxd4 cxd4 11.Ne2 b5 12.Ng3 dxe4 13.dxe4 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Bc4 Qb6 16.Bd3 Bb7 17.Kh1 Rac8 18.Bd2



18...Rc7 19.b3 Rfc8 20.Rc1 Ba6 21.Qe2 Bxd3 22.Qxd3 Qc5 23.h3 Rc6 24.c5 Qd5 25.Ne4 Rd8 26.Be1 Rd7 27.Bh4 Nf5 28.Bf2 Rdc7 29.Kg1 h5 30.g4 hxg4 31.hxg4 Nh6 32.g5 Nf5 33.Be1 Ne3 34.Rf2 Nf5 35.Rh2?

10...Bxf3 11.Nxf3 Qe4+ 12.Be3



12...exd4 13.Bxf7+ Ke7 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Qxg2 16.Qb3

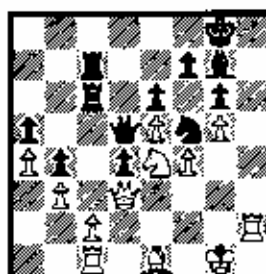
16.Qf3 Qxf3 17.Nxf3 was the lesser evil, facing a pawn-down ending, but Bill instead prefers to introduce a bit of chaos in the hope his opponent will become confused. 16...Qxh1+ 17.Ke2 Qe4

The only move, but quite an acceptable defence.

18.f3 Qe5 19.Rd1 g6 20.Bc4 Bh6 21.Qb4+ Ke8?

Whereas 21...Rd6 retained winning chances, the game peters out to a draw after the following exchanges.

22.Qb5+ Qxb5 22...Nd7 23.Qxe5+ Nxe5 24.Bb5+ c6 25.Bxh6t. 23.Bxb5+ c6 24.Bxh6 cxb5 25.Bg7 Kf7 1/2-1/2 \*



35.Rf1!

35...Nc3 36.Nf6+ Bxf6 37.gxf6 Qf3 38.Bh4 Qxf4 39.Bf2 Ng4 40.Rh8+ Kxh8 41.Qh3+ Kg8 42.Rf1 Rc3 43.Qh4 Rf3 0-1

**Bill Naff (2090)**  
**Chris Merli (2075)**  
Bloomington March Open  
(4), 1998  
*Notes by Bill Naff  
and Alan Watson*

1.e4 d6 2.c3 Nf6 3.Bd3 Nc6

Given White's slow development, Black should immediately claim a share of the center with 3...e5 which would allow for a more harmonious development of his queen's knight. 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.h3 Bb5 6.Bc2 d5! 7.cxd5 Qxd5 8.d4 Rd8 9.Nbd2 e5!?

A risky choice.  
10.Bb3?  
10.Qe2 is better.

## Tim Just's Rulebook Tactics

- ✓ The game is a draw if 50 moves are made and no pieces have been captured OR pawns have been moved (Rule 14F1).
- ✓ Make your move BEFORE offering a draw (Rule 14B1).
- ✓ Claim a draw if any position repeats three times. EVEN IF THAT POSITION DID NOT OCCUR THREE TIMES IN A ROW (Rule 14C)!
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# Tuley Park Games

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counterplay.

14...a3 15.b3 c6 16.Bb3  
Qb8 17.h5 Rd8



I had anticipated this position several moves ago and come to the realization that it Black's king was in a precarious position despite the solid-looking barrier of pawns surrounding him. With this in mind, I reached out a steady hand to first open the h-file then sacrifice a piece destroying the illusion of Black's security.

18.hxg6 hxg6 19.Nxe6!  
fxe6 20.Bxc6+ Kf8  
21.Qc5+?

An inaccuracy which might have spoiled the fruits of my earlier play had Black found the best defence. A rapid victory would be inevitable after

21.d5! Ne7 22.g6!  
21...Rd6 22.Bf4 Ra5?!

22...Qd8! 23.d5 (23.e5?  
Ra5 24.exd6 Rxc5 25.dxc7  
Qf6) 23...Ra5 (23...Ne5  
24.Rh7; 23...Qf6 24.Bxd6-  
cxd6 25.Qxd6+ Ne7 26.e5+-)  
24.Bxd6+ cxd6 25.Qe3 Qf6!  
26.e5 Nxe5=  
23.Bxd6+ cxd6 24.Qxb6  
Ra6 25.Qb5 Nxd4 26.Qd5

Being a stickler for finding the most precise move in positions where others achieve the same aim albeit more slowly, I cannot but help note that 26.Rxd4! Bxd4 27.Rh7 was a piquant continuation.  
26...Qa7? 27.Rc1 Ke7  
28.Rc7+ Kf8 29.Rhc1  
29.Qg5!+-  
29...Nc6 30.Qxd6+ 1-0

Alan Watson  
Allen Kornfeld

Tuley Park Jan Big Quick  
(4), 1998

Notes by NM Alan Watson

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6  
4.c4 Nc6 5.Be3 Nf6 6.Be2  
0-0 7.Nf3 e5

By an unusual series of moves we have now transposed into the Reshevsky Variation of the King's Indian Defense.

8.0-0 cxd4 9.Nxd4  
Re8 10.f3 Ne5

Modern theory has instead tended to focus on the complexities of 10...Nh5 when after 11.Qd2 f5! the position is full of fight.

11.Qd2  
The first player could also consider 11.Qc2, but I was concerned about leaving the Be3 undefended in the even of a rapid c6-d5.

11...c6  
11...Kh8 12.Rad1  
Ng8 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bh4  
g5 15.Bg3 Ng6 16.e5!  
Ne5 17.cxd6 c6

18.Nb3 b6 19.Bxc5 Rxc5  
20.d7 Bb7 21.Bc4 Ne7  
22.Ne2 f5 23.Ng3 c5 24.Nh5  
fxe4 25.Nxc7 Kxg7 26.fxe4  
Ng6 27.Rf7+ Kh8 28.Qe3  
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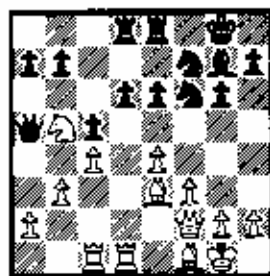
12.Rfd1  
The text may already be a slight error. A brief database review of positions with similar pawn structures reveals that White normally develops the queen's rook to d1 in order to retain the future possibility of continuing f4/f5 after due preparation, but I was focused exclusively on central and queenside expansion.

12...Qc7  
Given that White's king's rook has already been committed to d1, perhaps more sensible was 12...Qe7. Black's discomfort on the c-file is so evident that Her Majesty voluntarily packs up on the next move.

13.Rac1 Qa5 14.Bf1 Be6  
15.b3 Rad8 16.Nxc6

Despite my opponent's insistence, accepting the two bishops must be correct here as the future prospects for this knight are somewhat limited while Black regroups nicely after 16...Bc8. The real error comes just a bit later.

16...fxe6 17.Qf2 c5  
18.Nb5 Nf7



19.Qc2?  
White's play thus far has been straightforward and to the point; but now that the critical moment is at hand he succumbs to hesitation and uncertainty. The correct move was 19.e5!! when after 19...dxe5 20.Bxc5 the resulting position favors his more active and better coordinated

pieces. The game continuation shows the primary defect of planlessness.

19...a6 20.Nc3 Qc7 21.Na4!?

An unnecessary decentralization after Which Black's advantage becomes undeniable.

21.a3/b4 was still the proper course.

21...Nd7 22.a3 b6 23.b4  
Nde5 24.bxc5 bxc5 25.Rb1  
Nc6 26.Rb6 Nd4 27.Qb1?

White's position is going from bad to worse as this inaccuracy costs White the h-file. Best was 27.Qd2 so as to bring the king's rook to b1.

27...Rb8 28.Kf2 Rxb6  
29.Qxb6 Qxb6 30.Nxb6  
Nc2 31.a4 Nxc3 32.Kxc3  
Rb8 33.Rb1 Bd4+ 34.Kd2  
Ne5 35.Bd3 Kf7 36.f4 Nc6  
37.Nd7 Rxb1 38.Bxb1  
Na5 39.Bd3 Ke8 40.Nb6  
Kd8 41.f5 Ke7 42.fxg6?  
hxg6 43.e5?

Another error, but by now I was short of time on my clock and seriously concerned about bringing my knight back into the stable.

43...Bxe5 44.Bxg6 Bxh2  
45.Be4 Kf6 46.g4 Kg5  
47.Bf3 Be5 48.Kd3 Kf4  
49.Bd1 Nc6 50.Nc8 d5 0-1

Al Chow  
Alan Watson

Tuley Park Jan Big Quick  
(5), 1998

1.d4 f5 2.c4 fxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6  
4.Bg5 Nc6 5.f3 e5 6.dxe5  
Nxc5 7.Qd4 Nf7! 8.Bxf6  
Qxf6 9.Qxf6 gxf6 10.Nxe4  
Be7 11.0-0-0 c6 12.c4 d6  
13.f4 a6 14.Nf3 f5 15.Ng3 0-0  
16.Nd4 Bd7 17.Bd3 Nh6  
18.Rhe1 Bh4 19.Rc2 Bxg3  
20.hxg3 Rf6 21.Rc7 Rf7  
22.Rxf7 Kxf7 23.Nf3 Rd8  
24.Rh1 Kg7 25.Ng5 Re8  
26.Kd2 b5 27.b4 c5 28.a3  
Bc6 29.Rh2 Be4! 30.Bf1  
cxb4 31.axb4 Bc6 32.cxb5  
Bxb5 33.Bxb5 axb5 34.Rh1  
Ra8 35.Rc1 Ra2+ 36.Rc2 Ra4  
37.Rc7+ Kg6 38.Rd7 Ra6  
39.Nxh7 Nf7 40.Nf8+ Kf6  
41.Nh7+ Kg6 42.Nf8+ Kf6  
43.Rb7 Ra2+ 44.Kc3 Rxc2  
45.Kf3 Rb2 46.Rxb5 Rb3+  
47.Kg2 Rb2+ 48.Kf1 Rb1+  
49.Kc2 Rb2+ 50.Kc1 Rb1+  
51.Kc2 Rb2+ 1/2-1/2 ♯



NM Alan Watson

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are Mark Robledo, Sr. (1870), 4.5-0.5, Carl Staples (1555), Mark Robledo, Jr. (1913), and Blair Machaj (1842), all 4-1, Erv Sedlock (1856), and Justin Saudaskas (1874), 3.5-1.5. Experts Jeff Wiewel, Ray Satterlee, Kevin Schmuengerow, and Joe Splinter competed, but were shown little respect and are out of the running for the championship cup.

Sever junior members demonstrated how deceiving the ratings of scholastic players can

be. John Rose (1516) drew with Joe Splinter (2058) and beat Charles Jennings (1969). Glenn Moore (1331) beat Splinter and drew with Dan Pradt (1683). Jeremy Buksa drew with Sedlock.

Congratulations to club member John Rose, Glenn Moore, and Jeremy Buksa, members of the state championship Eisenhower Junior High team. Special mention to Glenn Moore, Individual Co-champion (with Mike Giampa). ♀

**St. Charles Chess Club**

# Midway Spring Class Games

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## 8.Nh4

Clearly, White's strategy involves the advance f2-f4 in order to gain space on the kingside.

## 8...f6

This anticipation of White's advance may be a slight error due to the unnecessary loosening of the a2-h8 diagonal. 8...c5 followed by 9...Nbc6 is best.

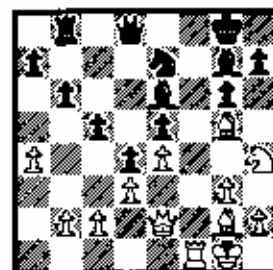
## 9.f4 c5

Also worth consideration was 9...Be6 10.Ndf3 Nd7 11.Qe2 c5 12.fxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 fxe5 14.Rxf8+ Qxf8 15.Bg5 Nc6 16.Rf1 was agreed drawn in P.Berkell-L.Nei, Helsinki, 1989.

## 10.a4 Nbc6 11.Nc4 Rb8 12.Qe2 b6

Black has established a perfectly reasonable position from which to enter the middlegame, and has only a slight kingside weakness. On the other hand, should White fail to act aggressively, he risks standing worse in the endgame because of his space disadvantage.

## 13.fxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 fxe5 15.Bg5 Rxf1+ 16.Rxf1 Be6



There appears little to be concerned about in the present position, and indeed Black was relaxed and confident of his chances. However, in even the most innocent of positions there are always subtle possibilities for upsetting a game's balance...

## 17.Nf5!

The primary value of this ploy lies in justifying the knight's poor position on h4.

## 17...gxf5 18.cxf5 Bf7 19.Qg4!

David More is correct in assigning this move an exclamation point, for White's position is in dire straits without it as evidenced by 19.f6 Ng6! with an advantage to the second player.

## 19...h5 20.Qh4 Bf8 21.Be4 Qe8 22.Bf6 Nd5?

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# Crosstable Catch-up

We apologize for not including the following crosstables in previous issues. Thanks to Vince Berry and Bill Smythe for drawing the omissions to the attention of the ICB staff.

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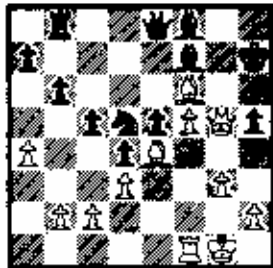
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3	MACHAJ Blair	1832	W16	L1	W9	W8	3	4 M-A
4	BAUMGARTNER Chris	1688	W15	L8	W10	W11	3	4 M-B
5	HUBBARD Andrew	1571	W2	W13	W8	L1	3	4 M-C
6	SMYTHE Bill	1807	W14	W10	D1	L2	2.5	2.5M-A
7	SMITH Orlan	1478	H	H	W13	H	2.5	2.5M-C
8	CRONIN Mike	1904	W9	W4	L5	L3	2	2 M-A
9	OTTO Jeff	1525	L8	W15	L3	W12	2	2 M-C
10	JANKOVIC Joe	---	W12	L6	L4	W14	2	2 M
11	MISIAK Cindy	1042	H	H	-	L4	1.5	
12	SAHS James	1629	L10	W14	L2	L9	1	1 M-B
13	STEVENS Joe	1600	L1	L5	L7	W15	1	1 M-B
14	BURNETT Jim	1344	L6	L12	D15	L10	0.5	0.5M-D
15	HIERONYMUS April	927	L4	L9	D14	L13	0.5	0.5M-F
16	CHEN Aaron	1515	L3	L2			0	

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3	BOURGERIE Dennis	1771	W18	D4	D5	W11	W9	4	3 X-B
4	ANDERSON Phil	1914	W12	D3	L9	W14	W10	3.5	1.5XA
5	NAFF William A	2091	W8	H	D3	W10	L1	3	1.5X
6	VERO Carl M	1819	L15	W13	W12	W6	L2	3	1.5XA
7	BARTHEL Jim	1459	W17	L1	W15	L2	W12	3	1.5X-C
8	LEALI Matthew	1313	L5	W14	W16	L6	W11	3	1.5X-D
9	LEALI Michael E	1828	W13	H	W4	L1	L3	2.5	1.2XA
10	ZIMMERLE R Wayne	1777	W16	W19	H	L5	L4	2.5	1.2X-B
11	PAINTER Jameson	1269	L1	W16	W19	L3	L8	2	1 X-CD
12	WENSE Dustin	1246	L4	W17	L6	W18	L7	2	1 X-D
13	FOSTER Dan	1177	L9	L6	W17	L15	W19	2	1 X-E
14	KENNEL Earl L	1169	L2	L8	W16	L4	W18	2	1 X-E
15	TEMPLE Christopher	1034	W6	L2	L7	W13	L16	2	1 X-E
16	NAVE Evan Brent	1014	L10	L11	L14	B	W15	2	1 X-E
17	INGELS Anthony	---	L7	L12	L13	W19	B	2	
18	HUTCHINSON Andrew	833	L3	B	L8	L12	L14	1	0.5X-F
19	VARVIL Joshua A	657	B	L10	L11	L17	L13	1	0.5X-G

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ICB readers are advised to examine 22...Nc6! which may be slightly better than the text yet still holds a multitude of dangers after the further 23.g4 followed by a kingside pawn storm. 23.Qg5+ Kh7

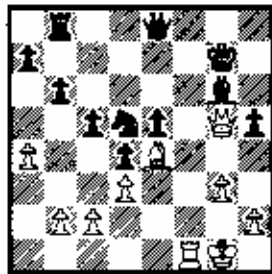


24.Bg7!

White's surprises follow one upon another as his pieces display vitality and asense of teamwork in the limited kingside terrain. Equally indicative of White's tactical chances was 24.Bxc5!! Rc8 (Perhaps best is 24...Qxc5! 25.f6+ Qxc4 26.dxe4 Ne3 27.Qf4 Re8 28.Rf2 +/-) 25.f6+ Bg6 26.f7 Qc6 27.Rf6 when further defense is impossible.

24...Bxg7 25.f6+ Bg6 26.fxg7

Felcan continues his precise play. A false path would be 26.Qxh5+ Bh6 27.f7 Qc6 (27...Qc6 amounts to the same thing) 28.f8/N+ Rxf8 29.Rxf8 Kg7 =+ offering Black a slight advantage. 26...Kxg7



Other moves are no better, e.g. 26...Nf4 27.g8Q+ Qxg8 (27...Kxg8 28.gxf4) 28.Rxf4! cxf4 29.Qxh5+ Kg7 30.Qxg6+ Kf8 31.Qd6+ Kg7 32.Qe5+ Kh6 33.Qf6+ Kh5 34.Bf3+; 26...Bxc4 27.Rf8 Qxf8 28.gxf8Q Rxf8 29.dxe4 Ne3 30.Qxh5+ Kg7 31.h4 (31.Qe2; 31.Qxe5+ Kg6 32.Qe6+ Rf6 33.Qe8- Kg7 34.h4 Rf1+ 35.Kb2 Rf2+ 36.Kh3 Rf1 37.g4 Rh1+

38.Kg3 Rg1+ 39.Kf4 Rxg4+ 40.Kr5+!) 31...Rf1+ 32.Kh2 Rf2+ 33.Kh3 Rf1 34.g4 Rh1+ 35.Kg3 Rg1+ 36.Kf3.

27.Bxd5 Kh7 28.Rf6

And Black resigned due to the indefensible threat of 29.Rxg6 Qxg6 30.Be4 -- 1-0

Eric Karklins (2112)

D. Middleton (2117)

Midway Class, Oak Lawn, 1998

Notes by N.M. Alan Watson

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bb5

White adopts a somewhat rare approach which has become the specialization of his son, SM Andrew Karklins.

6...Bd7 7.0-0 e6 8.Rc1 Be7

8...Qc7 9.Nf3 Rd8 10.Bf4 Be7 11.e5



11...dxe5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Bxc5 Qa5 (13...Qb6 14.Bd3 Be6 15.a4 Bc5 16.Qe2 Nd7 17.a5 Qb4 18.Na2 Qxa5 19.Bc3 Qb6 20.b4 Be7 21.b5 Bd5 22.Nb4 Nc5 23.Qg4 Bf6 24.Bxf6 gxf6 25.Bf1 Be4 26.Rxe4 Nxe4 27.Qxe4 Rd4 28.Qe3 0-0 Black loses on time. 1-0 Andrew Karklins-Billy Colias, Chicago International 1992) 14.Bd3 0-0 15.Qf3 Bc6 16.Qh3 h6 17.a3 Ne8 18.b4 Qb6 19.b5 Bd7 20.Qf3 Bd6 21.Qe4 f5 22.Qf4 g5 23.Qg3 Bxc5 24.Qxc5 Qd6 25.Qe3 Nf6 26.Qxa7 Ng4 27.g3 b6 28.Nd1 Qd4 29.Ne3 Ne5 30.Be2 Rf7 31.Rad1 Qc5 32.Qa4 f4 33.gxf4 gxf4 34.Ng4 Nxg4 35.Bxg4 Qg5 36.Kh1 Qxg4 37.Rg1 Bc6- 38.bxc6 Rxd1 39.Qa8+ Kh7 0-1 A. Karklins (2346)-J. Dean (2128), US Masters 1996 9.Bxc6

Andrew's consistent choice; it maintains the centralized knight

# Who Said It?

Can you identify the source of these comments?

The answers can be found on page 68

1. "...I was hoping to win in the middle game. Ironically, I wouldn't have been awarded the brilliancy prize had I chosen the best line here. They don't give medals for endgame technique!"
2. "This extra pawn may be weak, but it's mine!"
3. "Chess is a sport, a violent sport. If it is anything it is a struggle."
4. "What chess has in common with science and fine art is its utter uselessness."

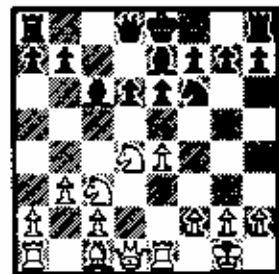
stationed on d4. Among the multitude of alternatives seen at this point in modern tournament practice are 9.Bg5, 9.Kh1, 9.Nf3, 9.a4 and even 9.h3.

9...Bxc6

9...bxc6 would still allow the sharp 10.e5.

9...bxc6 10.e5 dxe5 (10...Nd5 11.cxd6 Bxd6 12.Nf5 Bf8 13.Ncd5 cxd5 14.Qxd5 Rc8 15.e3 Rg8 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.Qxd6 Qe7 18.Qd3 b6 19.Bf4 Bc6 20.Qh7 Qf8 21.Bd6 Rb8 22.Qd3 Rd8 23.Rad1 Qg8 24.Qa6 1-0 Mifsud-Grassi, Manila 1992) 11.Nf3 0-0 (11...Qb6 12.Nxe5 Rd8 13.b3 Bc8 14.Qf3 Bb7 15.Bb2 0-0 16.Na4 Qe7 17.Ng4 e5 18.Qh3 Nd5 19.Nc3 e4 20.Ne2 Bd6 21.Rad1 Rd7 22.Rxd5 f5 23.Rd4 fxxg4 24.Rxxg4 cxb3 25.cxb3 e5 26.Rc4 Qd8 27.Be1 Bd5 28.Rh4 b6 29.Bxb6 gxb6 30.Rxb6 Kf7 31.Qh5+ Ke7 32.Rh7+ Rf7 33.Nd4 Qg8 34.Nf5+ Kd8 35.Rh8 Rf8 36.Rxxg8 Rxxg8 37.Ne3 Bc6 38.Qb4+ Kc7 39.Rc1 Kb7 40.Rxc6 1-0 A.Karklins (2417)-B Fortado (2229), US Masters 1997) 12.Nxc5 Be8 13.Qf3 Nd5 14.b3 Qc7 15.Bb2 Bd6 16.Nxd5 cxd5 17.Qg4 h5 18.Qh3 Qxc2 19.Bd4 Qf5 20.Qxf5 exf5 21.Ra1 f6 22.Nf3 Bd7 23.Bc5 Bxc5 24.Rxc5 Rfd8

25.Nd4 Rac8 26.Rxd5 Be8 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Nxf5 Bf7 29.g3 Rd2 30.a3 Bxb3 31.Rb1 Rd1+ 32.Rxd1 Bxd1 33.f4 Kf7 34.Kf2 A.Karklins (2341)-J.Jones (2200) Chicago Open 1996, 1/2-1/2. 10.b3



This slow approach offers no problems to the second player. Much more precise, as shown by Andrew, is the immediate 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.e5 dxe5 12.Qf3

10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.e5 dxe5 12.Qf3 A) 12...0-0 13.Qxc6 (13.Rxe5 Nd5 14.Bd2 Qb8 15.Nxd5 cxd5 16.Bc3 Bf6 17.Qg3!?. This doesn't work out well. 17...Re8 18.Ra1 Rc4 19.Qd3 Bxe5 20.Rxe5 Qf8 21.Bd4 Qb4 22.Bc3 Rxc3 23.Qxc3 Qxc3 24.bxc3 Rc8 25.Rc3 Rc4 26.Kf1 Ra4 27.Ke2 Rxa2 28.Kd2 Ra4 29.Rc1 h5 30.Rb1 h4 31.Rb8+ Kh7 32.Rb7 Kg6 33.c4 dxc4

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# In the End

*John Tomas collects interesting endings*

Grandmaster and World Championship Candidate Jon Speelman once commented that if you wanted immediate improvement in your results, you should study the opening, but that if you wanted to improve your play in a really fundamental way, you needed to study the endgame.

"In the End" wants to help you do just that. The Chicago area has been blessed with an unusually large number of accomplished endgame experts: Al Chow, Eugene Martinovsky, Steve Spiesjak, Marvin Dandridge, and Andrew Karklins are just a few. Each month we expect to have a guest contributor. This month

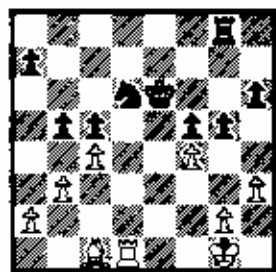
**Robert Sax (2000)**

**Steve Szpisjak (2270)**

Chicago CC Winter Open  
Petroff Defense [C42]

*Analysis by Steve Szpisjak*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxc5  
Nxc4 4.Qc2 Qc7 5.Qxc4  
d6 6.d4 dxe5 7.dxe5 Nc6  
8.Bb5 Bd7 9. 0-0 0-0-0  
10.Rc1 Nxc5 11.Nc3 Ng6  
12.Bxd7+ Rxd7 13.Be3  
Qxc4 14.Nxc4 b6 15.Rd1  
Bc7 16.Rxd7 Kxd7  
17.Rd1+ Kc6 18.Ng5+  
Bxg5 19.Bxg5 c5 20.Rd3  
h6 21.Be3 Ne5 22.Rd1 f5  
23.h3 g5 24.f4 Nc4 25.Bc1  
Rg8 26.b3 Nd6 27.c4 b5?



After 27...Nc4, the game stays level—now White wins a pawn.

28.fxg5 hxg5 29.Bc3?

After 29.Rc1+ Kd7 30.cxb5 Nxb5 31.Re5 Nc3 Sax has excellent winning chances. 29...bxc4 30.Bxc5!

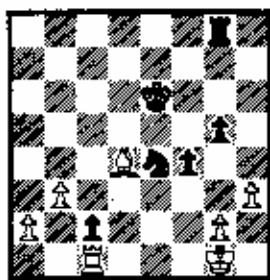
Safer was 30.bxc4 with static equality.

30...Nc4 31.Bxa7 c3!

32.Be3?

Passed pawns must be pushed—32.a4 with counterplay without tempo loss.

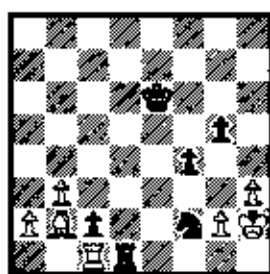
32...c2 33.Rc1 f4 34.Bd4?



This turns out to be the losing move—36.Bb6 followed soon by b4 should hold.

34...Rd8 35.Bb2 Rd1+

36.Kh2 Nf2!



And here White resigned.

After much analysis with Rebel7 and several players rated over 2100, a win has been found for Black in this position. Without such a collective effort, however, a win would not have been found. White should have played 37.a4. My intention was to play 37...Rxc1 38.Bxc1 Nd3, but after 39.Ba3! (if 39.Bd2 Nc5!) 39...Kd5 40.a5 Nb4 41.h4! White draws.

Rebel7 insisted on playing this sequence for Black, but

it is Steve Spiesjak who unearths the truth in a deceptive endgame he played recently with Rob Sax.

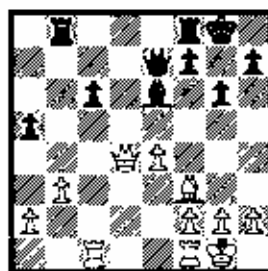
But we are looking for contributions for future issues. If you have played an endgame which you thought was particularly interesting, annotate it and send it to me! If you would rather I annotate it, just indicate that. Just remember that we cannot always use all of the material that is sent to us, but that we will try to use as much of it as possible.

Please send any comments, analysis, or games directly to me, John Tomas. My address is on the next page and on page 4.

Marvin Dandridge pointed me in the right direction with 37...Rd2! Then 38.Rf1 Nd3 39.Ba3 Rd1 was the Rebel sequence, but White seems to hold with 40.Kg1.

James Fagan made the next bit of progress by suggesting 38...f3! instead of 38...Nd3. Then, 39.Ba3 g4! (Fagan again!) 40.gxf3 Ne4+ 41.Kg1 where James and I failed to notice the win. It took Florin Felecan, with only two passes through all my analysis, to spot that 41...gxh3!! 42.fxe4 h2+ 43.Kh1 Rd1 ends resistance on the spot.

## Seventy Moves to Go!



The preceding position occurred after 20 moves of the game Martinovsky-Zaremba from the Chicago Open last year. Martinovsky is pressing Zaremba's weak queenside pawns strongly, and is threatening to win a pawn quickly. Zaremba has no wish to remain in the totally passive position which would come about if he played Qb1 when White would

soon win the c- or a-pawn (most likely both) and with it the game.

Zaremba conceives of an excellent plan: one which you would do well to remember yourself. He gives Martinovsky the pawn right away but guarantees that all the remaining pawns will be on one side of the board. Often, endgames with long-range pieces and pawns on only one side of the board are drawn. The future play in this long endgame (we have more than 70 moves to go!) will test each player's understanding of basic winning and drawing endgame positions.

20...Rb4! 21.Qc5 Qxc5 22.Rxc5 a4 23.Rxc6 axb3 24.axb3 Rxb3 25.h4! A move which immediately tests Black.

He has to make a fundamental decision about the nature of the pawn structure, and he has to do it right now. The problem is that Black wants two very different pawn structures for either the basic rook(s) ending which might occur and the basic bishop ending.

## Which Endgame?

One endgame, played over 60 years ago, still defines Black's defensive task with bishops of the same color and 4 pawns versus 3 pawns, all pawns on the same side of the board.

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**Stahlberg-Fine**  
Kemer, 1937

1...f6 2.Kc5 Bd7 3.Bg8 h6  
4.Kd5 Ba4 5.Kd4 Bd7  
6.Bc4 Ba4 7.Bd3 Be8 8.h4  
g5 1/2-1/2

Note that Black was very careful not to advance his pawns prematurely: he did so only when he could keep them off white-squares, and when he could force exchanges.

But the position is much more difficult to defend if Black's h-pawn is already on h5. Yet, next move, Zaremba puts his pawn on h5? Why?

To understand the answer to that question, you have to understand how he needs to be able to defend the rook ending which might also be in the cards for him. In that endgame, Black must respond to White's h4! with h5. He must avoid the following position:



This is Gligoric-Euwe, Zurich (C) 1953, and it shows that if the superior side is allowed to play h5, even the technique of a world champion might not be enough to save the draw.

The standard means of avoiding this position is for Black to play a timely ...h5. Zaremba must believe that he is more likely to play a rook ending than a bishop ending and thus the text move.

25...h5 26.Rd1 Rb2  
27.Rcd6 Kg7 28.R1d2

Rfb8 29.Kh2 Kf6 30.g3  
Rxd2 31.Rxd2 Rb4 32.Bg2  
Ra4 33.f4 Ra3 34.Rf2 Bg4  
35.Rb2 Kg7 36.e5 Be6  
37.Rd2 Ra2?!

But this move is totally at odds with his previous play. Black should play to exchange bishops rather than rooks because the ending that follows, if not totally lost, is certainly very difficult to play correctly.



38.Rxa2 Bxa2 39.Bc4 f5?!

### An Outright Blunder

If Black's 37th move was dubious, this is an outright blunder. This position has been known as a loss for Black for quite some time, at least since 1969. During the rest of the game, Zaremba actually defends the position with much greater tenacity than the Grandmaster who, like Zaremba, originally blundered into this position. But all his ingenuity cannot resist Gene Martinovsky's outstanding technique.

White's winning plan has three stages:

First, he centralizes his king. Then, he drives the the opposing bishop off its best defensive diagonal.

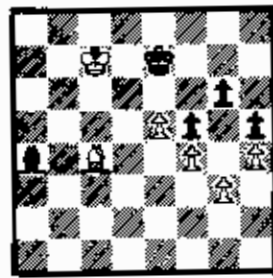
40.Bc6 Kf7 41.Kg2 Kc7  
42.Kf3 Be6 43.Ke3 Bf7  
44.Kd4

Phase 1 complete.

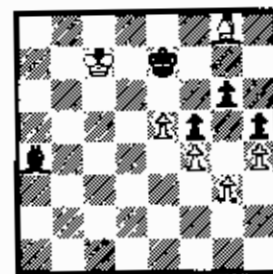
44...Bc6 45.Bd5 Bd7

Phase 2 complete.

After completing the first two phases, Martinovsky does an endrun to penetrate with his king.  
46.Kc5 Ba4 47.Kb6 Bc8  
48.Kc7 Ba4 49.Bc4!



At this point in Hort-Bertok, Zagreb '69, Black resigned. But as Zaremba proves, the resignation was somewhat premature! We still have over 40 moves to go in this game!  
49...Bc2 50.Bg8 Ba4



51.c6?!

### 40 Moves of Work

This is a mistake which costs Martinovsky another 40 moves of work before he puts this game away. In his classic *Practical Endgame Lessons*, the American Grandmaster Edmar Mednis indicated the right way: 51.Bh7! Kf7 52.Kd8 Kg7 and now, after the Black king has been decoyed away 53.c6! Kf8 54.e7+ Kf7 55.Bxg6+ Kxg6 56.e8Q+ Bxe8 57.Kxe8 and White wins easily.

51...Bd1 52.Bf7 Bf3!

Here is where the difference appears. White will have to abandon the pawn already on e6 to win the g6 pawn. If White had kept the pawn on e5, he would be winning the g6 and the f5 or h5 pawns for nothing.

53.Kb6 Kd6 54.Kb5 Bc2+  
55.Kb4 Bd1 56.Kc4 Bc2+  
57.Kd4 Bd1

After trying to see what opportunities running the king

back held for him, Martinovsky finally decides that he has no better winning attempt than to trade the g pawn for the e pawn.

58.Kc4 Bc2+ 59.Kb4 Bd1  
60.Kb5 Bc2+ 61.Kb6 Bf3  
62.Ka7 Bd1 63.Kb7 Bc2  
64.Kc8 Ke7 65.Bxg6 Kxe6  
66.Kd8 Bg4 67.Kc8 Kd5  
68.Kf7 Kc4 69.Kf6 Kf3  
70.Kg5 Kg3 71.Bf7

He can't take either pawn without giving Black a draw.  
71.Bxf5 Bxf5 72.Kxf5 Kxb4 etc.

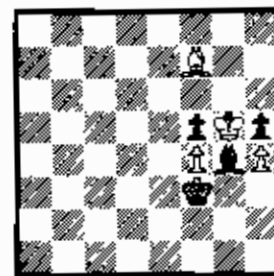
71...Kf3 72.Bb3 Kg3  
73.Ba4 Kg2 74.Bc8

### Aimless Woodshifting?

This appears to be aimless woodshifting, but in fact Martinovsky is playing a delicate cat and mouse game here. Black has to be able to answer an attack on either of his pawns with the proper king move. If White attacks his h pawn, he has to have his king at either f3 or g3; if White attacks his f pawn, he has to have his king at either h3 or g3, and if Martinovsky attacks both his pawns, his King has to be at g3. Zaremba's problem in defending this is that Martinovsky can force him into a zugzwang position.

75...Ke3 76.Bg6!

Here it is: Zugzwang. If Zaremba plays 75...Kg3, 76.Bg6! forces the win of one of the pawns and the game.



Kf3 77.Bf7?

I confess that I do not understand why Martinovsky passed up the pawn here. Perhaps late in a sudden-death time control, he had an hallucination. Unfortunately for Zaremba, he cannot profit from it.

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# Tal Stories

**Mikhail Tal. *The Life and Games of Mikhail Tal.*  
David Levy and John Nunn, Eds. Rev. ed.  
Cadogan, 1997. 472 pages \$24.95**

*Reviewed by Bill Brock*

In 1973, at the peak of the Fischer boom, two high school students in a small Pennsylvania coal mining town were obsessed by chess. Our mentor was Joe Dombrowski, a retired merchant marine with a Brooklyn accent and exceptional technique in rook endings.

At that time, Mikhail Tal was the hottest player in the world—number three with a bullet—and Mr. Dombrowski was excited by the prospect of a Fischer-Tal match in 1975. When the Leningrad Interzonal began, we scoured the New York Times for news of our hero. The news was not good; in the early rounds Tal lost twice to players he was expected to beat, then fell ill.

Mr. Dombrowski hoped against hope that Tal could rally and sneak into the final qualifying spot. But ten days or so later, we realized that the comeback would fall short...

That a former World Champion was no longer strong enough to challenge

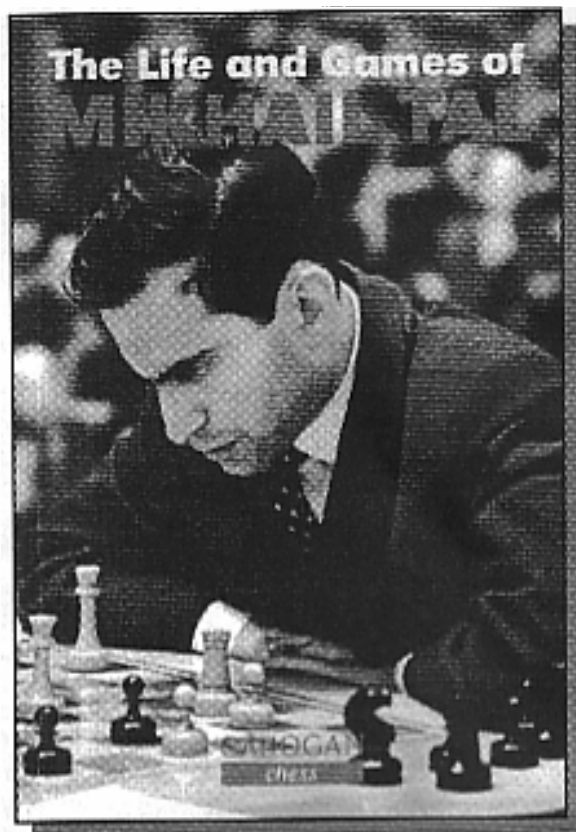
for the title was hardly tragic. It's part of the competitive cycle: just as the Celtics and Pistons faded, so too will the Bulls. But Tal was adored by his fans as was no other player in chess history. Was it because they appreciated the obstacles he had to overcome: as a Latvian in Soviet society, as a Jew in Russian culture, as a strikingly handsome young man born with a grotesquely malformed right hand, as an alcoholic further burdened by the chronic kidney disorder that eventually took his life? I suspect that most of his American fans were, like us, unaware of these 'details'. Only the games mattered, the brilliant attacks.

Compared to the chess autobiographies of (say) Korchnoi and Karpov, *The Life and Games of Mikhail Tal* sheds little light on the author's life away from the chessboard. But Tal communicates the subjective experience of top

chessplayers better than any other writer. In the original edition, published by RHM more than twenty years ago, Tal selected one hundred games he had annotated in Soviet magazines, then leavened this analytical mass with light memoirs and entertaining game fragments. The result is remarkable: a serious chess book that beginners can read for pleasure.

What other World Champion has admitted to being distracted by daydreams in the middle of tournament games? Or publishes an embarrassing beginner's blunder made in a blitz game? Or takes himself to task for being out-psyched by Bent Larsen in the opening of the famous 4th game of their 1965 match?

John Nunn's reprints of Fischer's *My Sixty Memorable Games* and Alekhine's best games suffered from an excess of editorial intervention. Here, Nunn's touch is so light as to be imperceptible; this is a welcome change, as is the conversion to algebraic notation. While the photo spread in the RHM edition was not retained, the cover photo in the Cadogan edition (pictured above) is much more flattering. If you don't own the RHM edition, buy this one! ♣



## USAT Games

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his best to minimize the power of Black's queen and bishop-pair along the long diagonals, he has yet to answer the question of providing for his king's safety. Black's next move opens the barn door and insures there will never be enough time for a proper response. 16...d5!

[see diagram next column]  
17.exd5 Rad8 18.Bh3



18.Qd2 might have been considered, but Chris is interested in preventing Ne7-f5.

18...Rfe8 19.Kf2?

Much to his regret,

White finds that kingside castling is inadvisable because of a pin along the a7-g1 diagonal. This is no better, but reasonable alternatives are hard to come by. 19...Nxd5!

With both central files fully opened, Black's rooks will exert unbearable pressure on White's game. 20.cxd5 Rxe2+! should convince the disbelievers among our readership.

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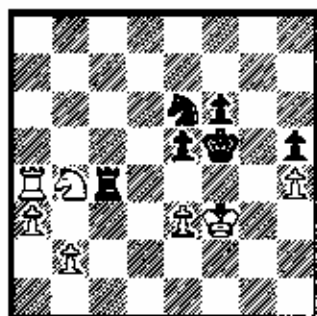
# Tal's Tactics

Compiled by Bill Brock

In this issue we replace "Readers' Retorts" with a collection of positions played by Tal, to complement the review of the new issue of the Tal book reviewed opposite. Tal (White) is to move in all cases.

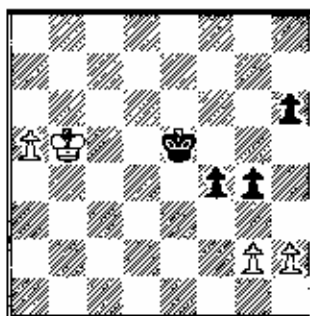
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Moscow (USSR Ch) 1973



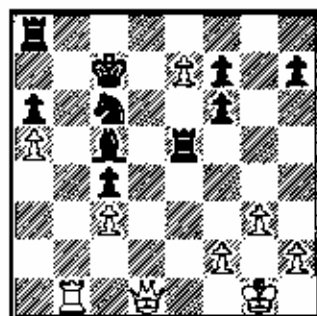
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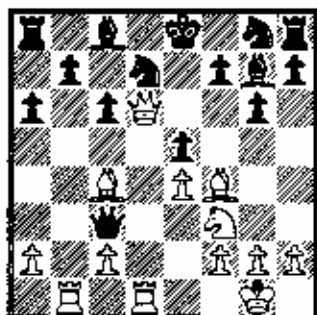
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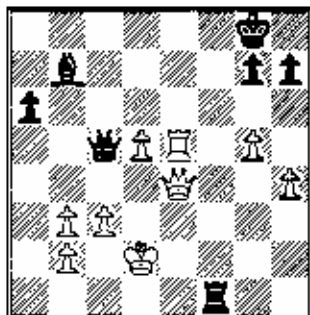
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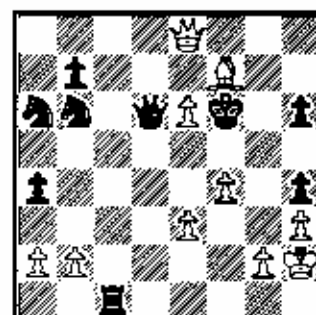
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Tal-Larsen  
Bled (CM[10]), 1965



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Tal-Szymczak  
Lublin 1974



## Answers

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1.Nd5! Resigns (1...Rxa4 2.Ne7 mate)

2

1.Kc4! Resigns (1...Ke4 2.a6 f3 3.gxf3 gxf3 4.a7 f2 5.a8-Q+ wins; 1...Kd6 2.Kd4 also mops up)

3

1.Rb7+! Kxb7 2.Qd7+ Kb8 3.e8-Q+ Rxc8 4.Qxe8+ Kb7 5.Qd7+ Kb8 6.Qxc6 Resigns.

4

1.Bxf7+! Kxf7 2.Ng5+ Ke8 3.Qe6- Resigns (3...Kd8 4.Nf7+ Ke7 5.Qd6 mate; or 3...Ne7 4.Qt7+ Kd8 5.Ne6 mate!)

5

Larsen resigned after 1.Re8+ Rf8 2.Qe6+ Kh8 3.Qf7!, as Black has to go into a lost ending to avoid mate.

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1.Bh5!! Qxe6 2.Qt8+ Resigns

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# 1998 Tour Leaders



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## Master Tour Points

SIVILLANO Enrico	82.5
CHOW Albert C	38
SZPISJAK Steven J	22.5
SCOTT Gene G	20.5
FELICAN Horri (1)	19
WATTS Bradley S	11.5
MODES Dan	10.5
FLORES Joshua (2)	9
MARSHALL James A	9
THOMAS Ed	9
SAX Robert D	8.5
GAZMEN Ethebert (2)	7.5
CHEN Aaron	7
WALLACH Kenneth (1)	7
BACHLER Kevin L (2)	6
CIMA Joe	6
MONATELLI David (1)	6
READ Rhys (1)	6
RIDDELL Joshua S (1)	6
SILVERMAN Scott A	6
COX William (2)	5
KAMEN Dan (1)	5
KINNAIRD Rodney (2)	5
MOTE David (1)	5
STOLTZ Robert (2)	5
REDONARI Dushyant	4.5
AKHMETOV Artem (1)	4
CYGAN Joseph	4
ELLIS James (1)	4
HAYES Will (1)	4
LORING Steven (2)	4
OVERWYS James D (1)	4
PANGAN Camilo (1)	4
RIDDLE Robert (2)	4
SATTERLEE Ray Do (1)	4

## Expert Tour Points

SCOTT Gene G	26.5
KARKINS Erik (1)	12

SAX Robert D	11.5
WATTS Bradley S	11.5
MODES Dan	10.5
BACHLER Kevin L (2)	10
FLORES Joshua (2)	9
MARSHALL James A	9
THOMAS Ed	9
GAZMEN Ethebert (2)	7.5
NAFF William A (1)	7.5
SHOLL Paul E (1)	7.5
WAGNER Stever (2)	7.5
BENFSA Amro (1)	7
CHEN Aaron	7
LORING Steven (2)	7
MIDDLETON Doug (1)	7
CIMA Joe	6
MONATELLI David (1)	6
READ Rhys (1)	6
RIDDELL Joshua S (1)	6
SILVERMAN Scott A	6
TUMS Vaidis (1)	6
COX William (2)	5
KAMEN Dan (1)	5
KINNAIRD Rodney (2)	5
STOLTZ Robert (2)	5

## Class A Tour Points

WATTS Bradley S	46.5
GAST Bryan (1)	32
CHEN Aaron	17
COX William (2)	17
CIMA Joe	12
GAZMEN Ethebert (2)	11.5
GANDRON James (2)	10
SILVERMAN Scott A	10
BUTTNY William (2)	9
FLORES Joshua (2)	9
MODES Dan	9
THOMAS Ed	9
COMC Mehmed	8

CYGAN Joseph	8
SHOLL Paul E (1)	7.5
LORING Stever (2)	7
NGUYEN Tam (1)	7
MONATELLI David (1)	6

## Class B Tour Points

CHEN Aaron	29
HUBBARD Andrew (1)	19
SACKS David (1)	19
HENDERSON Dale (1)	12
RODLE Robert (2)	12
SINGARA Thomas	12
WHITE David (2)	10
SILVERMAN Scott A	10
WONG Brian (2)	9.5
DELAY Joe (2)	9
RIDOLFI Robert (2)	9
GORLIN Yeera (2)	8
LOBRACC Michael J	8
OTTO Jeffrey M (2)	7.5
CLARK Wayne (1)	7
ENGLEN Mark (2)	7
HAYES Christophe (1)	7
MC CONNEL Niho (1)	7
TURNER Kerr (2)	7
SHELLHAMER Ted C (2)	6.5
WISHNER Michae	6.1

BACKSTROM Orlin (2)	6
BLOONES Reynald (1)	6
GORLIN Andrew	6
HUBBARD David (1)	6
KNUDSON Mark (1)	6
NAPOLI Anthony (1)	6
PADILLA Rudy R	6

## Class C Tour Points

GORLIN Gennady	32
SILVERMAN Scott A	28
PAJILLA Rudy R	24
CHEN Aaron	22

SMITH Oran	21.5
PRILIC Abdulah (2)	19.6
HUBBARD Andrew (1)	19
REDONARI Dushyant	17.5
GORLIN Andrey	16.5
BIRKLAND Roger	14.5
HUANG Winston	14
LOBRACC Michael J	14
SIEBEL Dennis	14
HENDERSON Dale (1)	12
RODLE Robert (2)	12
SINGARA Thomas	12
WHITE David (2)	10
GORLIN Yeera (2)	9
CUMMINGS Michae (2)	8.5
OTTO Jeffrey M (2)	7.5
HAYES Christophe (1)	7
JOSEPH Bennett (1)	7
JANIGER David (1)	7
MC CONNEL Niho (1)	7
MC NAMARA Horri (1)	7
SHOCKLEY Robert	7
TURNER Kerr (2)	7

## Class D Tour Points:

SCHROEDER Jeff (1)	32
HARVEY Ben (1)	19
SIEBEL Dennis	16
FENG LARI Dushyant	15.5
RASMUSSEN Robert (2)	17
HUANG Winston	14
BURNETT Jim (1)	12
HAYES Mike (1)	12
HENDERSON Dale (1)	12
LARSON Shay (1)	12
LENSWORTH Vronen (1)	12
WISHNER Michae	11.5
RODRIGUEZ Jose A (2)	9
LEWIS Chris (2)	8.5
WIDING Robert (2)	8

CUMMINGS Michae (2)	7.5
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## Class E Tour Points

HARVEY Ben (1)	19
LARSON Shay (1)	12
LENSWORTH Vronen (1)	12
RODRIGUEZ Jose A (2)	9
WIDING Robert (2)	8

## Class F Tour Points

FELICAN Douglas (2)	6
GAZMEN Ethebert (1)	5
WALLACH Kenneth (1)	5
MC CONNEL Niho (1)	4
WIDING Robert (2)	4
CONNEL Niho (1)	3
LENSWORTH Vronen (1)	3
DUPUS Brian M (1)	3
HERON-MUS Aeri (2)	3
OHARA Chris (1)	3
WIDING William J (1)	3

## Class G Tour Points

CONNELLY Al (1)	3
CONNELLY Paulce (1)	3
OHARA Chris (1)	3
CAPGATI Andrew (1)	2
HARVEY Ben (1)	2
SAWYER Jim (1)	2

## Class H Tour Points:

OHARA Chris (1)	3
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### These Tour standings reflect the following 1998 Tour events

- January 10-11, 1998—MAXI—Tim Just Winter Open, Grayslake
- January 17, 1998—mini—Peoria Tornado
- January 18, 1998—mini—Elmhurst Game/60
- February 7-8, 1998—mini—Chicago Chess Club Winter Open
- March 7-8, 1998—mini—Cheap Shot Open, Glen Ellyn
- March 14-15, 1998—MAXI—Midway Spring Class, Oak Lawn
- March 22, 1998—mini—Elmhurst Banquet Game/45
- March 28, 1998—mini—Elmhurst Game/60

### Not included (tournament held after press deadline)

April 18, 1998—mini—Peoria Tornado

### Scheduled or probable future 1998 Tour events

- May 22-25, 1998—MAXI—Chicago Open, Oak Brook
- May 30, 1998—min—Illinois Valley Tornado, LaSalle-Peru
- June 6-7, 1998—mini—Chicago Chess Club Spring Open
- July 18-19, 1998—MAXI—Midway Amateur Class
- August 15, 1998—mini—Bradley Summer Open, Peoria

September 6-7, 1998—MAXI—Illinois Open  
 October 17, 1998—min—Peoria Tornado  
 Oct 30-Nov 1, 1998—MAXI—Midwest Class  
 (Illinois)  
 November 21-22, 1998—MAXI—Illinois Class

For players with fewer than three 1998 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 1998 to be eligible for year-end Tour prizes.

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



# Help!

by Todd Barre

Next to the more traditional directmates, the most popular genre in the problem world is the helpmate. Think of these as exercises in assisted suicide! In the typical helpmate, Black moves first, and then alternates moves with White, cooperating until White checkmates Black in the specified number of moves. Let's look at an example.



Ex. A. Helpmate in 2. (a) bKg6

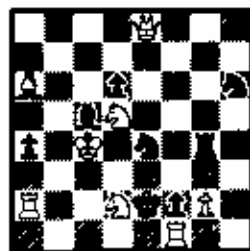
Example A is a helpmate in two moves with two parts—the diagram (part a) represents one position to be solved, while in part b, the Black king is shifted to g6 for solving. It is quite common for helpmates to have multiple parts or solutions, as the answers are often related, adding appeal to the problem. In our example, the diagram is solved by 1 Qxf3 (remember, this is a Black move) Bh7, 2 Qxf1 Qg6#. Part b (with the Black king starting on g6) is solved by 1 Qxe4 Rf7 2 Qxb1 Rf6#. Note how the two parts (or twins) are nicely related. The Black queen must clear out along the line-pin to allow the initial clearance by the front White piece and the following mate by the trailer. Note also how the well placed White king on d2 requires both pieces to be captured; otherwise, White would end up in check.

Outside of some initial unfamiliarity with the helpmates, I don't think this month's set will be too taxing. You will find a similar theme in the classic 13 (a two-mover) and the modern 16 (a mate in three). Milan

Vukcevic has recently been nominated for the U.S. Chess Hall of Fame. 14 is one of his recent compositions. Although the miniature 15 is a mate in three, I don't think it will be too difficult. How does White escape Black's pesky bishop? Finally, two helpmates (both two-movers) to

get your feet wet. Both 17 and 18 have two solutions, and you need to find both solutions in each problem to get full credit. Required for points are the key move only for 13 and 14 (3 points each), solutions including lines through White's second move for 15 and 16 (5 points

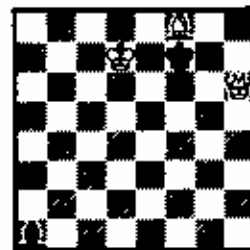
each), and full moves (up to and including the mates) for both solutions of 17 and 18 (again, 5 points each). Happy solving! \*



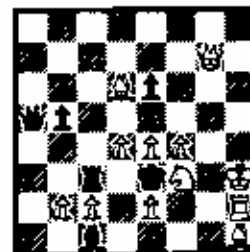
13 Mate in 2



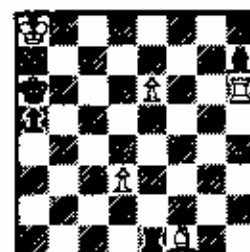
14 Mate in 2



15 Mate in 3



16 Mate in 3



17 Helpmate in 2, 2 sols.



18 Helpmate in 2, 2 sols.

## The Answer Box

At long last, some answers for the January-February problem set. 1 (composed by William Shinkman) is solved by 1 Re1!, effectively doubling Black's pawn promotion opportunities—to no avail. 2 (Meredith) illustrates the Nowotny interference, where Black's bishop and rook end up getting in each other's way. 1 Qb4! allows Black to capture the queen three different ways, each resulting in different mates. 1...Kxf7, 2 Nf4# is an appealing side variation. The modern 3 (Foster) has a number of tries (i.e., moves which fail due to one defense) yet solves by the surprising 1 Nxd5!. This time four different captures of the knight result in different mates. The prizewinner 4 (Kovacevic) gives us 1 Qc7!. The most appealing mates are 1...Qc3+, 2 Nf6# and 1...Qd4+, 2 Ng7#. Wonderful key moves in the two

three-movers. 5 (Healey) is the first example of the Bristol theme, with its spectacular key 1 Rh1!. The point is 1...Bd7 or e8, 2 Qb1 Bb5, 3 Qg1#. The rook must make the maximum clearance to allow the queen to mate. Note the only real purpose of the White bishop on a1 is to prevent a second solution (Ra1 would then also work). Finally, 6 (composer unknown) is solved by 1 Kh8!, threatening 2 Nc7+. The key defense is 1...Rf2 which defeats both 1 Kf8? and 1 Kg8?, but fails against the key thanks to the quiet second move 2 Bg8!, threatening 3 Qb7#.

Join the ladder! Solve this month's problems and pick up 26 points to get started!

Send your solutions by July 1, 1998 to Todd Barre, 418 Poplar Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126-4012 or by e-mail to [tjbarre@aol.com](mailto:tjbarre@aol.com).



**Officer, arrest that man!** Chicago Police-  
man K. Williams, a fan of chess, doesn't realize he is inches  
away from a legal violation: the Black king and queen are on  
the wrong starting squares.

## USAT Games

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20.c5 Qc7 21.Re1 Ne3  
22.Qd2 Bxc2 23.Rxc2 Bxd4

Vehre's combined play along  
the diagonals and central files  
makes for a powerful impression.

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**Florin Felician (2561)**

**Alex Yermolinsky (2686)**

USAT MW 1998

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7  
4.0-0 0-0 5.d3 d5 6.Nbd2 c5  
7.e4 Nc6 8.Re1 e5 9.c3 h6 10.a4  
h6 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nc4 Re8  
13.Qb3 Be6 14.Qb5 Qc7 15.Bd2  
a6 16.Qb3 Rab8 17.Qc2 b5  
18.axb5 axb5 19.Nc3 Nde7  
20.Ra6 Red8 21.Rea1 Qd7  
22.Ne1 Rbc8 23.Bc1 f5 24.Qc2  
Bf7 25.h4 b4 26.Qc2 bxc3  
27.bxc3 f4 28.Nc4 Bxc4 29.dxc4  
fxg3 30.fxg3 Qg4 31.Kh2 Qxc4  
32.Be3 e4 33.Qxc4 Qxc4

34.Bxc4 Bxc3 35.Rb1 Ne5  
36.Kh3 Nf5 37.Bf4 Nd6 38.Bxg6  
Nxc6 39.Bxd6 Nh8 40.Bf4 Nf7  
41.Bxb6 Nxb6 42.Rxb6 c4  
43.Rb7 Bxe1 1/2-1/2

**K Schmuggerow (2034)**

**Bill Brock (2144)**

USAT MW 1998

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nf3  
Nxe4 4.Nc3 Nxc3 5.dxc3 f6  
6.Nh4 g6 7.f4 d6 8.f5 Bg7  
9.fxg6 h5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Nf5  
Bxf5 12.Rxf5 Ne7 13.Bf7+  
Kd7 14.Rah5 Rbh5 15.Qxh5  
Qh8 16.Qg4+ f5 17.Qc4 f4  
18.Qe6+ Kd8 19.Qg4 Bf6  
20.g3 fxg3 21.hxg3 e6 22.Kg2  
Kc7 23.Bg5 Qg7 24.Rf1 Bxg5  
25.Qxg5 Kd7 26.Bc6+ Kxe6  
27.Qg4+ Nf5 28.Qxf5+ Kd5  
29.b4 e5 30.e4+ Kc6 31.Qc4+  
1-0 ♀

## Who Said It? Answers

1. Bobby Fischer in *My Sixty Memorable Games*, referring to his game against Julio Bolbochan at Stockholm 1962.
2. Bill Smythe attributes this to Albert Chow.
3. Noted cubist artist Marcel Duchamps, who was a member of the French Olympic team from 1928 to 1923.
4. Philosopher and Linguist Ernst Cassirer, quoted by Edward Lasker in *Chess for Fun and Chess for Blood*.

## In the End

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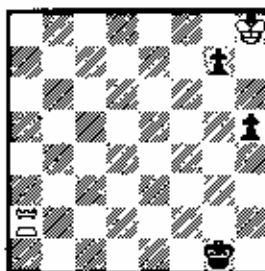
77...Kc3 78.Be6 Ke4  
79.Bd7 Bh3 80.Bc6+ Ke3  
81.Bb7 Bg4 82.Bc6 Bh3  
83.Ba4 Kd4  
If 83...Bg4 84.Bc2  
84.Bc2! Kd5 85.Kxb5 Ke6  
86.Kg6 Ke7 87.h5 Kf8  
88.Bb3!

A classic way of preventing  
the Black king from blocking  
the pawn.

88...Bg4 89.h6 Bf3 90.h7  
Bh5+ 91.Kh6 Bg6  
92.h8Q+ 1-0

**J. Moravec**

10th Prize, *La Strategie*,  
1913



White wins.

It seems clear that the  
White king can't catch up with  
both of the Black pawns (those  
pawns are moving toward you).  
The question is what happens  
then?

### Solution

1.Kh7!! h4 (A beautiful  
side variation comes about if  
Black tries to run with the g  
pawn: 1... g5 2.Kg6 g4 3.Kg5!  
g3 4.Kh4! g2 5.Kh3  
Kh16.Rxg2, and now it be-  
comes obvious why White  
wants to retain one Black  
pawn.) 2.Kg6 h3 3.Kg5 h2  
4.Kg4 h1=Q (If you know your  
basic endgames, you know that  
underpromotion doesn't save  
Black here: 4... h1-N 5.Kf3 g5  
6.Rd2 g4+ 7.Kg4 Nf2+ 8.Kf3  
Nh1 and 9.Ra2 forces the win  
of the Knight.) 5.Kg3.

This time, the extra Black  
pawn doesn't prevent stale-  
mate. Here it blocks the long  
diagonal a1-h8 without access  
to which Black can only delay  
mate by Ra1 by giving up the  
queen. ♀

# 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. Cal: ChessPhone (630) 632-5222 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: Please clear your events through the ICA Tournament Calendar. **Calendar coordinator is Bill Smythe**, 1159 W Lunt #259, Chicago 60626-3519, 773-761-2455. **Do not send calendar entries to the ICB editor.** If you are running a Tour event, make sure it is listed as such in both *Chess Life* and the ICB. Deadlines for ICB calendar submissions are as follows:

Tournament starting date:	Deadline:	To appear in:
Jan 15-Mar 14	Nov 15	Jan-Feb issue
Mar 15-May 14	Jan 15	Mar-Apr issue
May 15-Jul 14	Mar 15	May-Jun issue
Jul 15-Sep 14	May 15	Jul-Aug issue
Sep 15-Nov 14	Jul 15	Sep-Oct issue
Nov 15-Jan 14	Sep 15	Nov-Dec issue

**May 2, Tuley Park Quick ♀♂**, 5011 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/20, or 5-SS game/20, or 6-SS game/17. EF \$12. u-19 \$6. \$1 off before 11:40. **\$\$\$250 u/24**, kids: Court Hall, Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Hietberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6 G, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3474

**May 3, Sunday High Noon Quads**, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. 3 RH in 4-player sections of like-rated players. game/90. EF \$10, juniors and club members \$8 plus \$5 forfeit deposit returned upon completion of all games. First prize in each quad: 1 free LF to any two 1-day (or one 2-day) Chicago ICC tournaments (1/4/98 thru 6/30/98). Reg ends 11:30. rds at 12-3 15-6:30.

♣ **May 8-10, USCF National High School Championship**, Los Angeles

**May 9, Saturday Plus-Score**, 4-SS, game/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$15, juniors and CCC members \$12. \$5 by score: 4-0 \$100, 3.5-0.5 \$50, 3-1 \$25, 2.5-1.5 \$12. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

**May 10, Sunday Plus-Score Quick**, 6-SS, game/29. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$15, juniors and CCC members \$12. \$5 by score: 6-0 \$100, 5.5-0.5 \$50, 5-1 \$35, 4.5-1.5 \$20, 4-2 \$12, 3.5-2.5 \$5. Reg ends

11:30, rd 1 at 12.

**May 16, Bloomington Tornado**, 4-SS, game/90. Lincoln Leisure Center (formerly Abraham Lincoln School), 1206 S Lee St, Bloomington 61701. LI \$11 by 5/13, \$15 at site, \$10 youth/scholastic. **\$\$\$100-50**, book prizes to A, B, C, D, L, unrated. Reg ends 8:45, rds 9-12:30. Dennis Rungius, Box 157, Normal 61761-0157. 309-454-3542. Schoolstrutor@MSN.com.

**May 17, Sunday Masters-Play-Free 1-versus-2 Plus-Score**, 4-SS, game/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. Inverted Swiss within each score group: top plays 2nd, 3rd plays 4th, etc. LI \$17, unrated and CCC members \$14. Free FF to masters who are physically present by 11:30 and request no byes. \$5 by score: 4-1 \$100, 3.5-0.5 \$50, 3-1 \$25, 2.5-1.5 \$12. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

**May 17, Elmhurst CC Game/36 Quad**, 3-FF, game/36 in 4-player sections of like-rated players. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$10, club members \$11. **\$\$\$30-10** in each quest. Reg 6-6:50, rd 1 at 7. Info: Roger Birkaland, 630-822-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

**May 22-25, 23-25, or 24-25, Chicago Open**, 4-SS, 40/2, 50/1, Hyatt Regency, 1909 Spring Rd, Oak Brook. 3 day option,

rds 1-2 game/75. 2 day option, rds 1-4 game/45. Unrated must enter OPLN or JNHALL sections. Boyer sections: OPEN: **\$\$\$10000-5000-2500-1200-1000-750-600-500-500-500**, u-2400/mr 2000-1500-1000-800-600-400. **UNDR 2200: \$\$\$7000-3000-1500-1000-700-500-400-400-300-300-300**. **UNDR-2000: \$\$\$700-300-1500-1000-700-500-400-300**. **UNDR-1800: \$\$\$700-300-1500-1000-700-500-400-300**. **UNDR-1600: \$\$\$6000-3000-1500-1000-700-500-400-300-300-300**. **UNDR-1400: \$\$\$4000-2000-1200-1000-700-500-400-300-300**. u-1200 1000-500, u-1000 800-300. **UNRATED:** Trophies to top 10. **ALL SECTIONS:** See Chess Life for pr-20 restrictions for foreign players and players who have dropped more than 200 points. EF 4 day \$204, 3 day \$203, 2 day \$202 if check mailed by 3/21, \$150 more if check mailed by 5/14, all \$240 at site. No checks at site. Credit cards \$210 by 3/21, \$220 by 5/20, \$240 at site. Special EF \$70 less to juniors under 18 rated below 1500 or over 2199 or who play up: callers must request special EF. Unrated section EF 4-day \$24, 3 day \$22, 2 day \$22 if check mailed by 3/14, all \$25 with credit card by 5/20. \$30 at site. Credit cards 814-496-0659; entries, questions weekdays, or 406-896-2138 (no questions) 24 hours. No phone entries after 5/20. 4 day reg ends

Fri at 7, rds 8 12-6:30, 12 6:30, 9-3:30. 3 day reg ends Sat at 11, rds 12-3-6:30, 12-0:30, 9-3:30. 2-day reg ends Sun at 9, rds 10-12-2-4-6:30, 9 3:30. Add .50 to EF for rd 1 bye. Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.**

**May 26, 40-board simul by US Champion José Benjamin,** Oak Park-River Forest CC. Dominican Conference Center, 7201 W Division (Harlem & Division), River Forest. Enter building on Harlem side. \$20 per board, \$2 to spectators. More info at 630-932-1455. See ad on page 9.

**May 30, Illinois Valley Tornado,** 4-SS, game/80 Mirror Building, 1731 Fourth St, Penn 61154. L1 \$12 by 5/28. \$15 at site. Jrs \$10. \$4G 75-50. Class A, B, C, D/under \$25 each based on 6 per class. Reg 8 8-45 rds at 9-12-3-6. Bill Schulte, 520 East St LaSalle 61301. 815-221-1505. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

**May 30, Tuley Park Quick #7,** 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/20, or 6-SS game/22, or 6-SS game/17. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6 D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3879.

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7/31/98. Reg ends 11:30, rds at 12-3:15-6:30.

**June 6-7, Chicago CC Spring Mini-Tour,** 5-SS, rds 1-3 40/90, then 50/60, rds 4-5 40/120, then 50/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$30, juniors, CCC members, and advance registrants lby 6/11. \$25. \$5520 b/25: 160-120, J-2200 \$80, U-2000 \$70, J-1800 \$50, U-1600 \$30. Reg ends Sat 9:30, rds 10-2-0 10-4. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

**June 7, Elmhurst CC Game/15,** 5 SS, game/15, Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect Elmhurst, IL \$15, club members \$10. \$5 to 1st, 2nd U-2000, U-1800, U-1600, U-1400 90% of EFa returned. Reg 7-7:30 rd 1 at 7:30, info Roger Birkeland 630-832-1754 rgerb@elmhurst.edu

**June 13, Rockford Chess Association Forest City Open,** 4-SS game/60, Our Masters United Methodist Church, 2820 S Millford Rd, Rockford, EF \$18, free to players rated over 1799. \$5 over 1799 50-25 trophies to 1st-2nd U-1800, U-1400 U-1200/Unrated. Reg ends 8:30, rd 1 at 8:45. No checks. Info: Len Merzian, 815-282-0717.

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**June 14, Elmhurst CC Game/7,** RR in 1, 2, or 3 sections depending on entries. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. Not USCF-rated. Reg 7-7:25, rd 1 at 7:30. info: Roger Birkeland 630-832-1754 rgerb@elmhurst.edu

**June 20, Hampton Inn Summer Open,** 4-SS, game/80, Hampton Inn, Dirksen Hwy and Stevenson Dr, Springfield. FF \$12 by 6/12. \$15 at site. \$10 youth/scholarship. \$5150: 50 1800-1999 \$50, 1200-1549 \$25, U-1200 & unrated \$25. Reg 7:30-9:30, rds 9-12-3-6. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Louth, Springfield 62703. 217-523-7265, tknoel@iuls.edu.

**June 21, Elmhurst CC Game/29 Quad,** 3-RR in 4-player sections of like rated players. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$10, club members \$1. \$5 \$10 in each quad. Reg 7-7:25, rd 1 at 7:30. info: Roger Birkeland. 630-832-1754 rgerb@elmhurst.edu.

**June 27, Rapid Tornado CANCELLED** due to site unavailability.

**June 27, Tuley Park Quick #8 (Big #3),** 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/25, or 6-SS game/22, or 6-SS game/17. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6 D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3879.

**June 28, Elmhurst CC Game/20, 4**

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34.Rc7 Kf6 35.b3 g5 36.a4 c5 37.Kc3 Kc6  
A. Karklins-Dmitry Gurevich, American Open Los Angeles, 1997, 0-1 13...Bb4  
14.Rd1 Qc8 15.Qxc8 Rxc8 16.Rd2 Rxc3  
17.Rxc3 Nd5 18.Bxc5 Rxc2 19.Rac1 Rf8  
20.Rxc2 Rxc2 21.Kd1 f6 22.Bd4 a6 23.Kc1  
Kf7 24.Rd2 Rc1+ 25.Kc2 g5 26.Be3 Rc6  
27.Rd1 Rc2+ 28.Rd2 Rc4 29.Rd4 Rxd4  
30.Rxd4 Nf4+ 31.Kf3 e5 32.Be3 Nd3 33.b3  
Ne1+ 34.Kg3 h5 35.f3 Nd3 36.h4 Kg6  
37.hxg5 fxg5 38.Kh3 Kf5 39.g4+ hxg4+  
40.fxg4+ Kc4 41.Bg5 Kf3 42.Bd2 Nf2+  
43.Kh4 Nxg4 44.b4 Nc3 45.Bxc3 Kxc3  
46.a4 Kd4 1/2-1/2 A.Karklins-A Yermolinsky, New York op 1996;

B) 12...Qc7 13.Bxc5 0-0 14.Rc1 Rb8  
15.Rf4 Rd6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Rad1 Qc7  
18.b3 c5 19.Nc4 Nxe4 20.Rxc4 Rhd8  
21.Rd3 Rxd3 22.cxd3 Qa5 23.Qc2 Rd8  
24.g3 g6 25.Nc4 Rd4 26.b4 Qd8 27.bxc5  
Rxd5 28.Rc1 Rd2 29.Qc1 Rxa2 30.c6 Qc7  
31.Qb4 Kg7 32.Qb3 Ra6 33.Qc3+ c5 34.f4  
f6 35.fxg5 fxg5 A.Karklins-P.Prochaska,  
World Open, Philadelphia 1995, 1-0.  
10...0-0 11.Bb2 a6 12.Nxc6 bxc6  
13.e5 dxc5 14.Rxc5

The difference between the present position and that considered earlier in the notes to White's 11th move lies in the fact that, having already castled, Black need no longer fear 14.Qc3 Qc7 15.Rxc5 when after 15...Qxc5 16.Qxc6+ would pick up the queen's rook with check. The second player's game is thus completely satisfactory. 14...Qc7 15.Rg5 Qf4 16.Rc1 Perhaps 16.Qc1 would offer more chances, but since a draw ensues that Eric wins the Expert section he is not adverse to that result. 16...Qb4 17.Rb2 Qf4 18.Bc1 1/2-1/2

**Bryan Gast (1954)**

**T. Nguyen (1882)**

Midway Class, Oak Lawn, 1998

Notes by N.M. Allen Watson

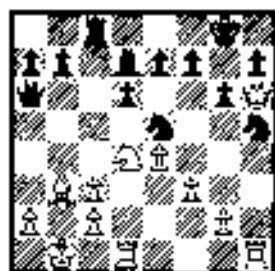
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4  
Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0  
8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Be4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Ne5  
11.Bb3 Qa5 12.Kb1 Qa6?

In attempting to secure a knight out post on e4, Black loses critical time and

misplaces his queen. The standard 12...Rf8 is best. 13.h4 Rf8?

Changing plans doesn't help the cause. 13...Nc4 would secure the exchange of a White bishop and at least have the advantage of consistency.

14.h5 Nxh5 15.Bh6 Bxh6 16.Qxb6  
Rxc3 17.bxc3 Kc8



18.Nf5! Bxf5 19.cxf5 Qa3 20.fxg6  
hxg6 21.Rd5 a5

It is too late for the second player to prosecute his own attack in light of 21...Nc4 22.Bxc4 Rxc4 23.Rxh5! Qxc3 24.Qh7+ Kh8 25.Qh8+ 22.Rxc5 dxc5 23.Qxg6+ 1-0 ■

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In the tradition of *Glen Ellyn '97* Strategic Thinking continues to provide high quality instruction in a day camp format at a new convenient location. Wheaton, 1998 will be held at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. The camp schedule will be from 8:30AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday. The instructional staff consists of some of Chicago's best players and teachers including International Master-Elect Josh Manion, Senior Master Albert Chow, National Master "Cavenan" Kevin Bachler, and Expert Joe Spilator. Each day is made up of instructional periods, one round of an on-going tournament, recreational activities, and special events.

**August 17-21, 1998 Wheaton College, Wheaton IL.**  
 Cost: \$249 per camper  
 (Discounted rate before July 19, after July 19 please add \$30.)  
 Price includes lunch  
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Please register me for (check all that apply)

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 Wheaton '98 Day Camp

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