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Hernandez Resigns as ICA President

National Elementary Championships

The Illinois city of Peoria put on a great show for the nation's scholastic chess community this past April when it hosted the 1998 National Elementary School Championships. Kudos to Carol Spengel and Mike Leali, as well as their army of volunteers and paid staff who made this a very special event. Congratulations to all the Illinois players, and teams, who did well in this tournament. I will briefly mention some of them here. David Chodak, University of Chicago Lab School, is National Champion in the K-3rd grade, Under 800

Division.

David's score

was a perfect

7-0! Teams with strong performances in the Kindergarten Division are Duke Ellington (Chicago), 4th place; St. Gilbert (Grayslake), 5th; and Dewey Elementary (Evanston), 7th. The Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School Team, of Chicago, took 6th place.

Jacob Davis' last round win propelled his team from 11th to 6th place. Teammate Josh Baker brought home two trophies! He was the top player Under-600, and scored the second—or was it first?—biggest upset by defeating a player rated 800+ points higher than himself. Dewey Elementary, a great rival of the BZAE School, finished ten places further down in the crosstable. Last year's K-5 National Champions, the Franklin School Cavemen, finished in second place in the K-6 Section this year. Congratulations, again, to all players, coaches, and parents. Full

coverage of this great event will appear in the next issue

of the ICB.

ICA Elections

Illinois Chess Association elections will be coming up soon. If you are interested in helping the Association in an official capacity, please contact one of the officers. Individuals elected to office serve two-

year terms. Further details can be found on page 21.

1998 Illinois Open

Please plan to play in this year's Illinois Open, which is scheduled for Labor Day weekend at the luxurious Hyatt Hotel in Oak Brook. Many of you will recognize this hotel as the site of the Chicago Open and the upcoming National High School Championships in December of this year.

Presidential Resignation

This is my last President's Podium. Increasing demands on my time and attention, from the professional and personal areas of my life, have forced my resignation as ICA President. I wish to thank the ICA's Board of Directors and its membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as President for a year-and-a-half. Constitutional procedure was followed at the June 7th ICA Board of Directors meeting, and Al Losoff was elected to fill the vacancy for the remainder of this term—through 1998. My thanks to Al for graciously agreeing to serve the ICA as Interim President at this time.

Good chess to all!

*Hector R. Hernandez, former president
Illinois Chess Association*

Hector Hernandez at the board meeting where he announced his resignation.



President's Podium

Threads and Thanks

We begin this issue with coverage of the Chicago Open. In a sense, it is a thread which runs through the entire issue: the majority of stories to follow this one feature Chicago Open players.

We focus particularly on Dmitry Gurevich, who—in the run-up to the 1998 U.S. Championship—has just earned back-to-back tournament victories in Toronto and Chicago.

We also focus on the current U.S. Champion, Joel Benjamin, who spent a week in Chicago at the time of the Chicago Open. We've covered his movements pretty thoroughly.

It is interesting to note that Joel's ca-

Editor's Notebook

reer has been affected by the two high water marks for chess in our generation: He took up chess during Fischer Fervor, and 25 years later, he was part of the team which made another kind of chess history: when Deep Blue beat Kasparov in their second match.

Thanks

A project as huge as the *Illinois Chess Bulletin* is not the product of a single person's exertion. Many devoted people work long hours in an effort to bring you the kind of magazine we think Illinois deserves.

Of course, no periodical could exist

without its writers and photographers and you can see the names of these people throughout the ICB. I thank them here. (And remind them to pay attention to deadlines!)

But there are people who work on the more dreary tasks which have to be done, and do them quickly under the stress of deadlines. I can single out three people without whom this magazine would be very different indeed. My immense gratitude goes to Alan Watson, John Tomas, and Bill Smythe. I hope you will thank them, too, when you next see them at a chess event.

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

Seven Tie for First at Biggest-Ever Chicago Open

Dmitry Gurevich, the top player in Illinois, and Joel Benjamin, US Champion, among winners

Nearly 800 people played in the 1998 Chicago Open, organized by the Continental Chess Association (CCA). Held in the Hyatt Regency in Oak Brook (a generous distance from the city in the tournament's title), the May event drew 20 grandmasters. Six of them and one IM shared first place.

Earning 5.5 points and a part of first were GM Alexander Shabalov (2706), GM Boris Gulko (2687), GM Joel Benjamin (2684), GM Igor Novikov (2681), GM John Fedorowicz (2639), GM Dmitry Gurevich (2615), and IM Joshua Waitzkin (2520).

Out of the guaranteed prize fund of \$100,000, the prize to each of these grand winners was \$3,000 each.

Perhaps the biggest *coup* of the event was Joel Benjamin's successful attempt to out-Goichberg organizer Bill Goichberg. CCA tournaments generally offer many different time schedules, including a very collapsed schedule for players who don't want to spend a lot of time at a tournament. By committing himself in advance to two byes on the last day and playing five rounds on the penultimate day (four at a rather fast time control), Benjamin essentially created the one-day schedule! His single-day effort netted him part of first place, but only after beating three grandmasters. While the rest of the field sweated over the board to decide their fate, Benjamin spent the last day of the tournament in a leisurely celebration of Memorial Day at the home of Ken and Mary Marshall.

The Illinois player with the best result after co-winner Gurevich was Evanston junior Florin Felician. He tied for 15th place (at 4.5) with every player coming in ahead of him being either a GM or IM. Also at 4.5 was NM Steven Szpisjak.

Illinois players scoring 4 points included Enrico Sevillano, Andrew Karklins, and Albert Chow.

—M.L. Rantala

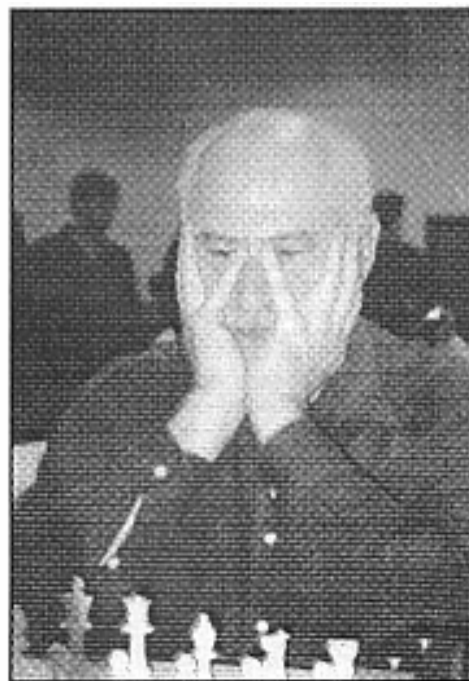


GM John Fedorowicz—
one of the seven
winners of the Chicago
Open—awaits his
competition with calm
deliberation.

Chicago Open Winners

7-Way Tie for First
6 GMs, 1 IM:

Dmitry Gurevich
Joel Benjamin
John Fedorowicz
Alexander Shabalov
Boris Gulko
Igor Novikov
Joshua Waitzkin



Live long and prosper. GM
Boris Gulko ponders his move.

Chicago Open • May 22-25, 1998 • Open Section

	score	tour
1 SHABALOV Alexander	2706	W 47 W 84 W 17 W 26 L 4 W 14 D 5 5.5 14 M
2 GULKO Boris	2687	W 73 W 30 W 18 D 16 W 15 D 4 D 10 5.5 14 M
3 BENJAMIN Joel	2684	W 23 D 21 W 40 W 22 W 16 H H 5.5 14 M
4 NOVIKOV Igor	2681	W 64 W 41 D 6 W 5 W 1 D 2 D 12 5.5 14 M
5 FEDOROWICZ John	2639	W 96 W 69 W 46 L 4 W 28 W 8 D 1 5.5 14 M
6 GUREVICH Dmitry	2615	W 36 W 34 D 4 W 11 L 8 W 21 W 17 5.5 14 M
7 WAITZKIN Joshua	2520	W 66 W 93 L 16 W 46 W 13 D 9 W 15 5.5 14 M
8 YERMOLINSKY Alex	2708	D 95 W 82 D 12 W 26 W 6 L 5 W 30 5 10 M
9 KALDANOV Gregory	2703	D 48 W 51 D 32 W 62 D 19 D 7 W 27 5 10 M
10 EPIKSHIN Vladimir	2665	W 81 W 42 L 28 D 29 W 32 W 19 D 2 5 10 M
11 BLATNY Pavel	2662	W 24 W 79 D 29 L 6 D 34 W 31 W 26 5 10 M
12 CHERNIN Alexander	2650	W 33 D 40 D 8 W 50 W 18 D 17 D 4 5 10 M
13 SERPER Gregory	2627	W 92 W 43 D 27 D 19 L 7 W 61 W 29 5 10 M
14 KUDRIN Sergey	2623	D 51 D 48 W 53 W 24 W 29 L 1 W 35 5 10 M
15 CHRISTIANSEN Larry	2658	W 62 W 37 C 19 W 27 L 2 W 20 L 7 4.5 9 M
16 GARCIA Gildardo	2621	W 52 W 35 W 7 D 2 L 3 D 27 D 23 4.5 9 M
17 FISHBEIN Alexander	2593	W 49 W 54 L 1 W 35 W 60 D 12 L 6 4.5 9 M
18 FELECAN Florin	2584	W 97 W 25 L 2 W 63 L 12 W 33 D 24 4.5 9 M
19 IVANOV Alexander	2575	W 88 W 63 D 15 D 13 D 9 L 10 W 36 4.5 9 M
20 HERNANDEZ Gilbert	2553	W 45 L 22 W 21 D 33 W 66 L 15 W 53 4.5 9 M
21 BLOCKER Calvin	2542	W 50 D 3 L 20 W 86 W 25 L 6 W 62 4.5 9 M
22 DAVIES Nigel	2530	W 86 W 20 D 26 L 3 H H W 55 4.5 9 M
23 ADELMAN Charles D	2353	L 3 W 95 D 86 D 40 W 51 W 69 D 18 4.5 9 M
24 MOE Win	2329	L 11 W 94 W 74 L 14 W 58 W 28 D 18 4.5 9 M
25 SZPISJAK Steven J	2300	W 89 L 18 W 93 D 31 L 21 W 64 W 57 4.5 9 M
26 KREIMAN Boris	2582	W 80 W 71 D 22 L 8 W 53 D 30 L 11 4 8 M
27 SEVILLANO Enrico	2556	W 94 W 78 D 13 L 15 W 48 D 16 L 9 4 8 M
28 ZIATDINOV Rashid	2553	W 74 W 72 W 10 L 1 L 5 L 24 W 58 4 8 M
29 ASHLEY Maurice A	2533	W 76 W 68 D 11 D 10 L 14 W 34 L 13 4 8 M
30 KALIKSHTEYN Alex	2459	W 38 L 2 D 73 W 69 W 70 D 26 L 8 4 8 M
31 TATE Emory A	2438	L 37 W 96 W 92 D 25 W 58 L 11 D 39 4 8 M
32 KARKLINS Andrew	2400	D 58 W 39 D 9 D 48 L 10 D 37 W 69 4 8 M
33 YOUNG Ronald M	2351	L 12 X W 87 D 20 H L 18 W 66 4 8 M
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54 ALLEN David J C	2200	W 44 L 17 D 47 L 34 W 64 L 25 W 80 3 5 7 M
55 SEWARD Steve C	2200	L 42 L 81 D 96 W 44 W 85 W 45 L 22 3 5 7 M
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58 TURMO Stephen J	2055	L 35 D 97 W 52 X L 31 W 63 L 28 3 5 7 MX
59 LAHVIC James R	2025	L 63 D 88 C 44 W 77 L 43 W 72 D 47 3 5 7 MX
60 SARKAR Justin	2388	L 69 W 85 W 56 W 49 L 17 L 36 L 37 3 6 M
61 FELDMAN Stevon	2357	D 39 D 56 L 69 W 83 W 50 L 13 L 38 3 6 M
62 MC LAUGHLIN Jim	2315	L 15 W 90 W 78 L 9 D 37 L 53 D 64 3 6 M
63 FIGLER Ilye	2300	W 59 L 19 W 68 L 18 D 39 L 58 H 3 6 M
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77 KREITNER Ian	2200	H L 53 D 51 L 59 W 82 L 50 H 2.5 5 M
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Martino Azzurro

Above: GM Dmitry Gurevich in the foreground and GM Igor Novikov in the background, two of the seven players to tie for first in the open section. Below: Another one of the winners, GM Alexander Shabalov.

Ironically, the seven chess professionals sharing first place won \$3,000 each while up-and-coming Illinois high school student Matt Pullin (rated 1399), won \$4,000 in his section! (See next issue's Square One for Pullin's article on the Chicago Open.)



The Chicago Open crosstable is published on pages 8, 11, 12, 14, 48, 49, 51, 53, and 56.

Sac-Sac-Sac!

This exciting game, annotated by the British grandmaster who won in gleaming fashion, was played in the two-day schedule of the Chicago Open with only 45 minutes on the clock for each player.

Gilberto Hernandez–Nigel Davies

Chicago Open 1998

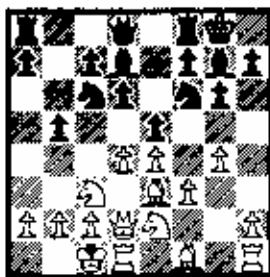
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Notes by GM Nigel Davies

1.e4 d6

In Toronto I had lost yet another game with the Kan Sicilian (in fact my three losses since February 97 have *all* been with this defence) so I felt that it was time for a change. My return to the Modern was also influenced by the semi-rapid time control.

2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nge2 Nc6
5.Bc3 Nf6 6.f3 e5 7.Qd2 0-0
8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.g4 b5!?



I've played such pawn sacrifices on previous occasions, the most notable being against Godena (Budapest 1993) when I needed to win with Black for my second GM norm. I cannot guarantee that 'Deeper Blue' would vouch for its correctness in every variation but it seemed to offer reasonable compensation.

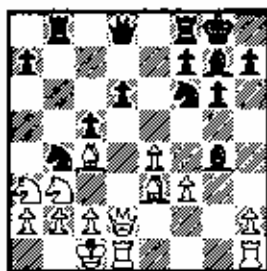
10.Nxb5 Rb8 11.Na3

A slightly unnatural looking retreat but probably the best. White lends extra protection to the e4 square and creates the option of defensive moves such as c2–c3.

11...ed 12.Nxd4 Nb4 13.Bc4 c5

A very committal move in that it severely compromises Black's pawn structure. When I played this move I knew that there was no turning back and I had already envisaged the following sacrifice.

14.Nb3 Bxg4!



15.Qf2

15.fg is met by 15...Nxe4 and after 16.Qg2 there follows 16...Nxa2+ 17.Kb1 Qf6 18.Bd4 (18.c3 Naxc3+ 19.bc Nxc3+ 20.Kc2 Nxd1 is also good for Black) 18...Nac3+ 19.Bxc3 Nxc3+ 20.bc Qxc3+.

15...Be6 16.Qg3

After the game my opponent indicated that perhaps he should have played 16.Bxc5 at this point. I cannot claim to have worked it out in detail but my intention was to answer this with 16...Qc8 17.Bxe6 fe(!) meeting 18.Bxd6 with 18...Nxe4!. My feeling is that Black would have excellent attacking chances in any case.

16...d5

Once again this was a move based largely on instinct. After 17.ed I felt that both 17...Nfxd5 and 17...Bf5! would give Black a very strong attack and after White's actual reply had foreseen the following queen sacrifice.

17.Bxc5 de!

This is no time for half measures! Actually the queen sacrifice is very strong.

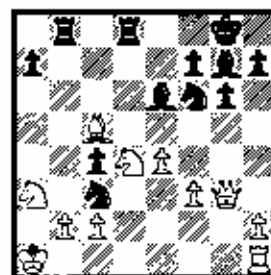
18.Rxd8 Rfxd8 19.Nd4

19.Bxb4 Rxb4 20.Nc5 Nxe4 opens up the h8–a1 diagonal with disastrous consequences for White.

19...Nxa2+ 20.Kb1 Nc3+ 21.Ka1



British GM Nigel Davies



21...Nxe4!

Sacrificing another piece to destabilise the position of White's knight on d4. Once the 'Modern' bishop on g7 starts to work, the rest is history.

22.fe Nxe4 23.Qc7 Nxc5 24.Nc6!

This loses on the spot. After 24.Nxe6 Nxe6 25.Qxc4 neither 25...Rxb2 26.c3 Rdd2 27.Qc8+ Nf8 28.Nc4 Ra2+ 29.Kb1 nor 25...Bxb2+ 26.Ka2 Rd4 27.Qc6 Bxa3 28.Kxa3 give anything clear. But the position must surely be good for Black who already has material equivalent for the queen.

24...Bxb2+ 25.Ka2

Or 25.Kb1 Be5+ etc.

25...c3+ 26.Kb1 Ne4 0:1

It just goes to show that we don't need that much time to play a game of chess!

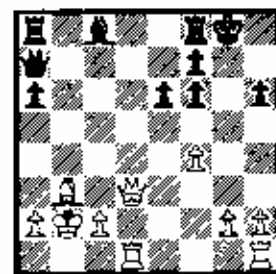
[More on Nigel Davies in our story on the Toronto International, beginning on page 15.] ♁

Selected Games from the Chicago Open



Albert Chow won a well-fought game against Matthew Hoekstra, presented on the facing page.

16...Rd8 17.Qg3! Bb7 18.e5 Bc7 19.a3—it will be interesting to see what our grandmaster plays next time around. 17.e5! bxc3 18.cxf6 cxb2+ 19.Kxb2 gxf6

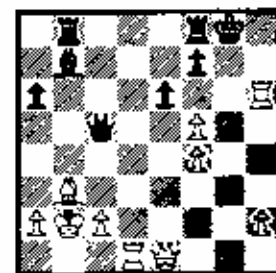


Black's king lies helplessly exposed to the coming major piece assault.

20.Rhe1 Qf2 21.Re3 Qb4 22.Qc4 Qh5

No better is 22...Rb8 23.Rg3+ Kh8 24.Rh3 +-.

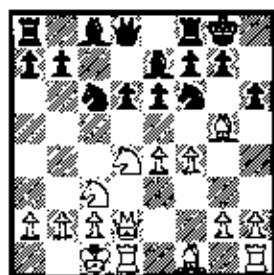
23.g4 Qc5 24.Rh3 Rb8 25.Rxb6 f5 26.gxf5 Bb7 27.Qe1



1-0

Alex Yermolinsky (2600)
Dmitry Gurevich (2615)
Chicago Open (5), Oak Brook, 1998
Sicilian Defence [B65]
Notes by NM Alan Watson

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 h6



While 9...Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Qa5 represents the former main line, Dmitry has specialized in the less well-known text continuation for several years. 10.Bh4

An interesting continuation in the right hands is 10.h4 offering to sacrifice a piece for the open h-file.

10...Nxd4 11.Qxd4 a6

A popular alternative is 11...Qa5 heading towards more standard positions.

Practice has then seen 11...Qa5 12.Be4 e5 13.fxe5 dxc5 14.Qd3 Rd8 (14...Be6 15.Bxf6 Bxc4 16.Qxc4 Bxf6 17.Nd5 Bd8 18.Kb1 Kh7 19.Rhf1 Bb6 20.Nxb6 Qxb6 21.Rxf7 Ruc8 22.Qf1 Rxf7 23.Qxf7 Qc5 24.Qf5+ Kh8 25.e3 Rf8 26.b4 Qe7 27.Qg4 Rd8 28.Rd5 Rxd5 29.cxd5 Kg8 30.Kc2 b5 31.Kd3 Kh7 32.h4 Qf6 33.Ke4 g6 34.g3 h5 35.Qd7+ Kh6 36.Qe6 Qf2 37.Qxc5 Qxa2 38.Qh8# 1-0 Popovych-Busquets, US Open 1972) 15.Nd5 Kf8 16.Be1 Qa4 17.Bc3 Ng4 18.Bb3 Qc6 19.Qf3 Be6

20.h3 Nf6 21.Bxe5 Bxd5 22.cxd5 Qc5 23.Kb1 Nd7 24.Be7 Rdc8 25.d6 Bf6 26.Rhe1 a5 27.a4 Qb4 28.Qd5 Kg8 29.Qxf7+ 1-0 Browne-Goichberg, US Open 1973; 11...Qc7 12.Nb5 Qa5 13.a3 Rd8 14.Be1 Qb6 15.Bb4 Qxd4 16.Rxd4 a6 17.Nxd6 Nxe4 18.Rxe4 Bxd6 19.Rd4 Be7 20.Rxd8+ Bxd8 21.g3 g5 22.Bd6 b5 23.Bg2 Ra7 24.Rd1 Bb6 25.h3 Bb7 26.Bxb7 Be3+ 27.Kh2 Rxb7 28.Be5 gxf4 29.Bxf4 Bxf4 30.gxf4 Kg7 31.Rd6 Ra7 32.c4 bxc4 33.bxc4 Kf6 34.Kc3 Kf5 35.Rd4 e5 36.fxe5 Kxe5 Ivanov-Fishbein, NY Open 1997, 1/2-1/2. 12.Be4

The most aggressive choice. At the past two year's National Opens, Dmitry has pleasant memories of both 12.Bd3 and 12.Be2. For example:

Thorhallsson-Gurevich, National Open 1997: 12.Bd3 Qc7 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 Rd8 15.Qf4 Nd5 16.Nxd5 Rxd5 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.h4 Bd7 19.Rh3 Bb5 20.Qe4 Bxd3 21.Rhxd3 Rxd3 22.Rxd3 Rc8 23.Rd6 h5 24.Qd4 Qc7 25.c3 Qa5 26.Kc2 Qxa2 27.Rd8+ Rxd8 28.Qxd8+ Kh7 29.Qd3+ g6 30.Qd7 Kg7 31.Qxb7 Qa4+ 32.Kb1 Qxb4 33.Qxa6 Qe4+ 34.Ka2 Qxg2 35.Qa4 g5 36.c4 h4 37.Qd1 h3 38.Qd8 h2 39.Qf6- Kg8 0-1.

Bassett-Gurevich, National Open 1996: 12.Be2 Nxe4 13.Bxe7 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Qxc7 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 b5 17.Bf3 Ra7 18.Rhd1 Rc7 19.Bc6 g5 20.g3 Kg7 21.Kh2 Kf6 22.Be4 gxf4 23.gxf4 Rg8 24.R1d3 Rg4 25.Rf3 Kc7 26.Rd4 Rc5 27.Bd3 Rh4 28.f5 Rxd4 29.cxd4 Rd5 30.fxe6 Bxe6 31.e3 Rh5 32.Rf2 Rh3 33.Be4 Re3 34.Bb7 a5 35.d5 Bg4 36.Bc6 Re2+ 37.Rxe2- Bxe2 38.a3

Kd6 39.Kc2 Kc5 40.Be8 f6 41.Bf7 Bc4 42.d6 Kxd6 43.Bxc4 bxc4 44.Kd2 Ke5 0-1.

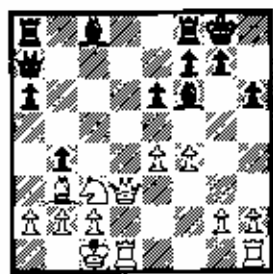
12...b5 13.Bb3 Qc7 14.Bxf6

14.f5 Qa7 15.Rhe1 exf5 16.cxf5 Bxf5 17.Rxe7 Qxe7 18.Nd5 Qc4 19.Bxf6 Qxd4 20.Rxd4 Bxc2 21.Ne7+ Kh8 22.Bxc2 gxf6 23.Rh4 Rfe8 24.Rxb6+ Kg7 25.Rh7+ 1-0 Ivanov-Gurevich, Mid America Class 1996.

14...Bxf6 15.Qxd6 Qa7 16.Qd3!

A substantial improvement over the previously known 16.e5 [16.e5 Rd8 17.Qb4 Be7 18.Rxd8- Bxd8 19.Rd1 Bb7 20.Kb1 Qf2 21.a4 Bxg2 22.axb5 Bf3 23.Qd4 Qxh2 24.Rf1 Bg2 25.Rg1 Bh4 26.f5 Bh3 27.f6 g5 28.Rd1 axb5 29.Nxb5 Bg3 30.Rd2 Qh1+ 31.Rd1 Qf3 32.Qd3 g4 33.Qd7 Bxe5 34.Bxe6 Qxf6 35.Bxg4 Bxb2 36.c3 Qf2 37.Rd2 Qg1+ 38.Kxb2 Bxg4 39.Qd5 Qa1+ 40.Kc2 Ra2+ 41.Kb3 Be6 42.Qxe6 Qb1+ 0-1 Fishbein-Smirin, Tel Aviv 1992.

16...b4



As Black stands clearly worse after the series of forced moves this initiates, the second player must look for improvements here or consider abandoning the line altogether. Since Black's compensation seems scant after the only other reasonable continuation—

Albert Chow (2328)

Matthew Hoekstra (2187)

Chicago Open (7), Oak Brook, 1998

Queen's Gambit Declined [D36]

Notes by NM Alan Watson

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6
5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 Be7
8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qc2 h6 10.Bh4 Re8
11.0-0 Nf8

Also frequently seen and no stranger to Al Chow's games is 11...Ne4 which seeks minor piece exchanges.

11...Ne4 12.Bxe7 (12.Bg3 Nxe3 13.hxg3 Nf6 14.Ne5 Bd6 15.f4 Ng4 16.Rae1 Bxe5 17.fxe5! Qg5? 18.Bh7+ Kh8 19.Rxf7 Qh5 20.Qg6 Qh2+ 21.Kf1 Qh1+ 22.Ke2 Qxg2+ 23.Kd1 Nf2+ 24.Kc1 Nd3+ 25.Qxd3 Qxg3 26.Re1 1-0 Sandrin-Ramas, February Wamsley 1970) 12...Qxe7 13.h4 Ndf6 14.b5 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 cxb5 16.Bxb5 Bd7 17.Bxd7 Nxd7 18.Rfc1 Nb6 19.Qa5 Rcd8 20.Nd2 Qd6 21.Rc5 Nc8 22.Qc3 Ne7 23.Rc1 Nc6 24.Nf3 Kf8 25.g3 Rab8 26.Nc1 Ke8 27.Nd3 Kf8 28.Ob3 Rd7 29.R1c3 Ne7

30.Ne5 Rdd8 31.Rc7 f6 32.Nd3 Rd7
33.Rxd7 Qxd7 34.Nc5 Qc6 35.Qa3 a6
36.Na4 Qd7 37.Nb6 Qb5 38.Rc7 Qb1+
39.Kg2 Qe4+ 40.f3 Qe6 41.Nd7+ 1-0
Chow-Kieban, Illinois Open 1995.

12.Rab1 Ne6?!

Black's first step along a dangerous path which misplaces his pieces. Central play with 12...Ne4! is much more thematic and leads to equal positions. For instance: 12...Ne4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxe4 dxe4 15.Nd2 f5 16.b4 Be6 17.Rfc1 a6 18.a4 Rcc8 19.Ne2 Ng6 20.Qc5 b5 21.Qxe7 Nxe7 22.a5 Ra7 23.Rc5 Rac7 24.Rbc1 Nd5 25.Rb1 g6 26.Rc2 Nf6 27.Nc1 Nd5 28.Ne2 Nf6 29.Rcc1 Kf8 30.Nf4 Bf7 31.Nb3 g5 32.Ne2 Bxb3 33.Rxb3 Ke7 34.Rc5 Nd5 35.Nc3 Ke6 36.Kf1 h5 37.Ke2 Colias-Gordon, Mohr Community Center Game/30 1989, 1-0.

13.b4 b5?

Although this manner of restraining White's queenside initiative has been seen before in the QGD, it must be well reasoned and followed up precisely in order to be effective. As we shall see, the single misstep with Black's knight makes all the difference. Three other opportunities present themselves:

13...Nd7 14.Bxe7 Rxe7 15.b5 Nb6
16.bxc6 bxc6 17.Na4 Nxa4 18.Qxa4 Qd6
19.Rfc1 Re7 20.Ne5 Bd7 21.Qa6 f6
22.Nxd7 Qxd7 23.Bf5 Kf7 24.h3 g6
25.Bxc6+ Kxe6 26.Rb3 f5 27.Rcb1 Rac8
28.a4 Kf6 29.a5 Kf7 30.Rb7 Rxb7 31.Qxb7
Re7 32.Qa8 Rc8 33.Rb7 Rxa8 34.Rxd7+
Kc6 35.Rg7 a6 36.Rxg6+ Kd7 37.Rxb6
Rb8 38.Rh7+ Kd6 39.Ra7 Rb1+ 40.Kh2
f4 41.exf4 1-0 Pribyl-Trefny, Brno 1990;

13...Bd7 14.Ne5 Rc8 15.Rfc1 Rf8
16.Qc2 Be8 17.Bf5 Nd7 18.Bg3 Nxe5
19.Bxe5 Bd7 20.Bc2 Re8 21.Qd3 Nf8
22.b5 g6 23.bxc6 Bxc6 24.Nb5 Qa5
25.Nd6 Bxd6 26.Bxd6 a6 27.Bb3 Ne6
28.h3 Qd8 29.Bg3 Qg5 30.Qd1 h5 31.Qf3
Qd8 32.Bf4 Qd7 33.Bh6 Kh7 34.Bf4 Kg7
35.Be5+ Kh7 36.Rc2 Kh6 37.g4 Rg8
38.Qf6 Sandum-Mogstad, Molde 1992;

13...Nh5 14.Bxe7 Rxe7 15.b5 c5
16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Bc2 Nf6 18.Rfd1 Ncc4
19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.Qb2 Be6 21.Rdcl Re7



Anna Khan (left), a 22-year-old living in New Jersey, had an excellent tournament, drawing with GM Gregory Kaidanov (2703) and GM Sergey Kudrin (2623), and beating IM Calvin Blocker (2542). Her overall performance rating was nearly 2500! Illinois co-champion IM Enrico Sevillano was the only player to beat her. Later this year, she will play for the U.S. Women's Championship. (See page 24.)



Steven Szpisjak (right), at 4.5, was the top player rated 2300 or lower.

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79	PALOS Osman	2450	W 85	L 11	D 64	D 81	-	-	-	2	4 M
80	LIC Star mir M	2340	L 26	L 50	W 82	B	L 36	L 57	L 54	2	4 M
81	WYSOCKI Jason Ray	2260	L 10	W 55	D 41	D 79	L 42	L 38	-	2	4 M
82	HECKMAN Jonathan	1300	B	L 8	L 50	L 71	L 77	W 98	L 67	2	4 MD
83	POSE Keith	-	L 72	W 75	L 35	L 61	L 56	X	L 68	2	4 M
84	TORMAN Eric	2487	W 67	L 1	D 72	-	-	-	-	1.5	
85	BJRGER Karl	2251	L 79	L 60	H	W 76	L 55	-	-	1.5	3 M
86	COLDING Ernest Pa	2249	L 22	W 45	D 23	L 21	L 57	F	-	1.5	3 M
87	BARSKY Sam	2234	L 71	B	L 33	L 45	D 76	F	-	1.5	3 M
88	RH NE Frederick S	2232	L 19	D 59	D 39	D 57	-	-	-	1.5	3 M
89	CAVITT Dexter L	1964	L 25	L 74	B	L 38	L 67	D 78	L 76	1.5	3 MA
90	KARALIS E R	-	H	L 62	L 66	L 52	L 44	B	L 72	1.5	3 M
91	BLOCKER Calvin	2542	W 65	L 46	L 48	F	-	-	-	1	
92	SHARAFUDDIN Khaled	2758	L 13	W 76	L 31	-	-	-	-	1	
93	WOO Sang W	1662	B	L 7	L 25	L 68	F	-	-	1	2 MB
94	SRETKO Vlaci	-	L 27	L 24	L 38	L 67	B	F	-	1	2 M
95	TATE Emory A	2438	D 8	L 23	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	
96	DEAN Jim H	2303	L 5	L 31	D 55	-	-	-	-	0.5	
97	BARSKY Sam	2234	L 18	D 58	L 70	-	-	-	-	0.5	
98	PIMENTEL John	-	L 46	L 65	H	L 75	L 76	L 82	-	0.5	1 M
99	TATE Emory A	2438	L 68	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	
100	WYSS Thomas	2295	L 40	F	-	-	-	-	-	0	

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c6 7.h3 Bh5 8.Na3 cxd4
 9.Nb5 Qd8 10.Nbxd4 a6
 11.Qa4+ Nbd7 12.Bg5 Be7
 13.Rd1 b5 14.Qc2 Qc8
 15.0-0 0-0 16.Rfe1 Bg6
 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Rxd3 Nc5
 19.Rde3 Qb7 20.Re5 Ncd7
 21.R5c2 h6 22.Bc1 Rfd8
 23.a4 Nc5 24.axb5 axb5
 25.Nc5 Rac8 26.Re3 Bf8
 27.Qe2 b4 28.Bd2 bxc3
 29.bxc3 Bd6 30.Ng4 Ncd7
 31.Rxe6 fxc6 32.Qxc6+ Kh8
 33.Qxd6 Nc4 34.Qf4 Ndc5
 35.Nc5 Kg8 36.f3 Nxd2
 37.Qxd2 Nb3 38.Qa2 Rxc3
 39.Nec6 Ra8 40.Qb2 Rd3
 41.Nf5 Qf7 42.Re7 Ra1+
 43.Kh2 Rd2 44.Rxf7 Rxb2
 45.Rxg7+ Kf8 46.Ne5 Nd2
 47.Rf7+ Ke8 48.Nd6+ 1-0

*The first wave of Gulko's
 attack forces Felecan to
 make concessions, after
 which the second wave
 crashes through with
 seeming effortlessness.*

Boris Gulko (2687)
Florin Felecan (2584)
 Chicago Open (3), 1998
 Pirc Defence [E61]

1.c4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 Nf6
 4.Nc3 0-0 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4
 c5 7.d5 d6 8.Nd2 Qa5 9.e3
 c5 10.Bd3 a6 11.0-0 Qc7
 12.f4 exf4 13.cxf4 Ng4
 14.Qf3 f5 15.h3 Nf6
 16.Rfe1 Rf7 17.Re2 Nbd7
 18.g4 fxg4 19.hxg4 Nf8
 20.f5 N6d7 21.Bg3 Ne5
 22.Bxe5 Bxe5 23.Rf1 Qd8
 24.Qh3 gxf5 25.Bxf5 Bxf5
 26.Rxf5 Rxf5 27.gxf5 Kh7
 28.Nf3 Nd7 29.Ne4 Bf6
 30.Qh5 1-0

*Tate's speculative sac is
 only half as unsound as it
 looks, eventually netting*

Illinois state co-champion IM
 Enrico Sevillano (right) takes
 on one of America's chess
 powerhouses, GM Larry
 Christensen (left). Playing
 next to Sevillano is GM
 Alexander Ivanov.

*four pawns for a rook. But
 Ciaffone's rook goes into
 Pac-Man mode...*

Bob Ciaffone (2201)
Emory Tate (2438)
 Chicago Open (1), 1998
 Sicilian Defence [B75]

1.Nf3 g6 2.e4 c5 3.d4 cxd4
 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3
 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 Bd7
 9.0-0-0 Rc8 10.g4 Ne5
 11.h4 a6 12.h5 Nxf3
 13.Nxf3 Bxg4 14.h6 Bxf3
 15.hxg7 Rg8 16.Bh3 Rc6
 17.Bg2 Bxg2 18.Qxg2 Qa5
 19.Kb1 Rxc3 20.Bd2 Rxc2
 21.Kxc2 Qxa2 22.e5 Nd5
 23.exd6 Kd7 24.Qh3+ e6
 25.Be3 Qa4+ 26.Kb1 Qe4+
 27.Qd3 Nxc3+ 28.bxc3
 Qxd3+ 29.Rxd3 Rxg7
 30.Kc2 f5 31.Rb1 Kc6 32.d7
 Rxd7 33.Rxd7 Kxd7
 34.Rxb7+ Kc6 35.Rxh7 g5
 36.Ra7 g4 37.Rxa6+ Kd5
 38.Kd3 Ke5 39.c4 f4
 40.Ra5+ Kd6 41.Ke4 f3
 42.e5+ Kc6 43.Ra6+ 1-0

*Careful defense earns
 David Mote a draw
 against GM Kudrin.*

Sergy Kudrin (2623)
David Mote (2246)
 Chicago Open (1), 1998
 Sicilian Defence

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.a4 e5
 7.Nf3 Qc7 8.Bg5 Nbd7
 9.Nd2 Be7 10.Bc4 h6 11.Bh4

g5 12.Bg3 Nf8 13.h4
 g4 14.h5 Be6 15.Qe2
 Rc8 16.Bb3 N8d7
 17.f3 Rg8 18.f4 Bxb3
 19.Nxb3 Nc5 20.Nxc5
 Qxc5 21.fxe5 dxe5
 22.0-0-0 Qe4 23.Qxc4
 Rxc4 24.Bxe5 Nxc4
 25.Rh1 Nxc3 26.Bxc3
 Rc6 27.Rc4 Re6
 28.Rc4 Rc6 29.Rcd4
 Rg5 30.Rd7 b5 31.Rb7
 Rgc5 32.Rd4 bxa4
 33.Rxg4 Bg5+ 34.Kb1
 a3 35.Rc4+ Re6
 36.Rd4 Rc8 37.Rdd7
 Re7 38.Rxc7+ Bxc7
 39.Rb6 axb2 40.Kxb2
 Bg5 41.Bg7 a5
 42.Bxh6 Bxh6
 43.Rxh6 Kc7 44.Ra6
 Rg8 45.Rxa5 Rxg2
 46.Kb3 Rh2 47.c4 Kd6
 48.Kb4 f6 49.Rd5+
 Ke6 50.Kc5 f5 51.h6 f4
 52.Kc6 f3 1/2-1/2

*Blatny wins with
 hypermodern
 provocations, a
 strollingking, and
 'pointless' waiting
 moves.*

Osman Palos (2450)
Pavel Blatny (2662)
 Chicago Open (2), 1998
 Modern Defence [B06]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 g6 3.Bd3 Bg7
 4.Ne2 d5 5.e5 b6 6.0-0 e6
 7.b3 Ba6 8.Ba3 Ne7 9.Bxa6

Section Leaders

The Top Players in the
 Class Sections of the
 1998 Chicago Open

Under 2200	
Vassilev, Stoyan	6.0
Koo, Oliver T.	6.0
Under 2000	
Sefo, Emir	6.0
Fernandez, Ozwald	6.0
Fetcho, Mike R	6.0
Markov, Igor I.	6.0
Liwat, Lowell	6.0
Under 1800	
Lahr, H Fred	6.0
Prude, Sedrick	6.0
Khulman, Diet	6.0
Zaidi, Syed	6.0
Under 1600	
Medina, Rodelay	6.5
Under 1400	
Pullin, Matthew	6.5
Busca, Jeffrey	6.5
Unrated	
Jones, Gary W.	7.0
compiled by Matt Pullin	

Nxa6 10.Qd3 Nc7 11.Nbc3
 a5 12.f4 b5 13.Bc1 h5 14.a4
 Qd7 15.Bd2 h4 16.Nd1 b4
 17.c3 Na6 18.Ne3 Nf5
 19.cxb4 Nxe3 20.Qxc3 axb4
 21.Rfc1 Bf8 22.Rc2 Be7



Mariano Acosta

Gurevich Wins in Toronto

Illinois resident GM Dmitry Gurevich (2615) traveled north of the border and returned several days later a champion. He was first equal at the second annual Toronto International Open, sharing first place with GM Alex Shabalov (2706), IM Boris Kreiman (2576), and GM Igor Novikov (2550).

Gurevich's score was 6.5 in the nine-round tournament held in May, where he didn't suffer a single loss. He beat fellow Chicagoan Albert Chow (2372), IM Ron Livshits (2497), GM Leonid Shamkovich (2496), and IM Armin Kapetanovic (2465). He drew with IM Bryon Nickoloff (2524), Khassanov Marat (2502), GM Igor Novikov (2550), GM Joel Benjamin (2684), and GM Eduardas Rozentalis (2612).

British GM Nigel Davies (2515), who ended the tournament a full point behind Gurevich and the other winners at 5.5, told the ICB that "Gurevich played very well and was a deserving winner."

U.S. Champion Joel Benjamin, who also finished at 5.5, noted that it was nice that the tournament was held in the center of the city. This allowed for lots of dining and excursion options. Benjamin introduced Davies to a North American delicacy—buffalo chicken wings and beer—and claimed that thereafter the Briton wanted to eat nothing else!

Illinois's FM Albert Chow scored 4.0, including wins over Dale Haessel (2298), Bill Calton (2270), and David Southam (2171).

—M.I. Rantala



GM Dmitry Gurevich

Games from the Toronto International Open

Even traveling all the way to Canada can't diminish the magnetism that once again brings together two of Illinois's strongest competitors. Just at the moment Albert seemed to be doing quite well, Dmitry uncorked 30.f2-f4 destroying Black's central formation, then used his opponent's last rank weakness to snatch a piece.

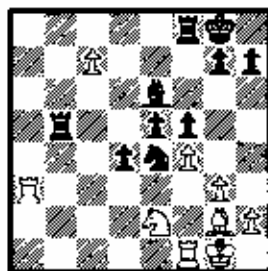
Dmitry Gurevich (2540)

Albert Chow (2330)

Open Toronto CAN (01), 1998

Nimzoindian Defence [E42]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5
5.Ngc2 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.a3 Be7 8.c5
0-0 9.g3 b6 10.b4 bxc5 11.dxc5 a5
12.Rb1 Nc6 13.Bg2 Rb8 14.Qa4 axb4
15.axb4 Bd7 16.b5 Ne5 17.Qd4 Nc4
18.c6 e5 19.Qd3 Bc6 20.0-0 d4
21.Ne4 Nxc4 22.Bxc4 f5 23.Bg2 Nd6
24.Rb4 Nc4 25.Ba3 Qa5 26.Rb3 Bxa3
27.Rxa3 Qxb5 28.e7 Rb7 29.Qxb5
Rxb5 30.f4!



30...Rc8 31.fxe5 Rxc7 32.Bxe4 fxe4
33.Nxd4 Rxe5 34.Nxe6 Rc8 35.Rc3
Rc8 36.Nc7 1-0

Dale Haessel (2225)

Albert Chow (2330)

Open Toronto CAN (03), 1998

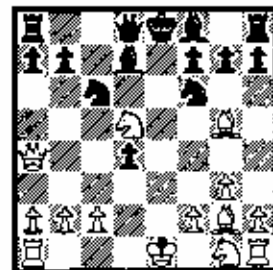
Sicilian Defence [B23]

Notes by Alan Watson

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5
5.d4!?

An extremely tricky move which can easily backfire on the first player after even the least bit of carelessness.

5...cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nf6 7.Bg2 Nc6
8.Qa4 Bd7 9.Bg5 d4 10.Nd5?



A further error after which Black deftly demonstrates this piece to be unexpectedly exposed.

10...Nb4! 11.Qb3
 11.Bxf6 Bxa4 12.Bxd8
 Nxc2+ 13.Kd2 Nxa1 14.Nc7+
 Kxd8 15.Nxa8 Bb4+
 11...Nbx5 12.Bxd5 Qa5+
 13.Kf1 Qxd5 14.Rc1+ Bc6
 0-1

*A pair of wins by Illinois
 favorite Al Chow:*

Albert Chow (2330)

Bill Calton (2270)

Open Toronto (05), 1998

Chigorin Defense [D07]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6
 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.c4 Bg4 6.Bc3
 c6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.Qc2 Bxc3+
 9.bxc3 Qe7 10.Nd2 Bh5
 11.f4 Nd5 12.exd5 exd5

13.0-0 dxc4 14.Rae1 0-0
 15.d5 Nb8 16.Nxc4 Qd7
 17.Bd4 f6 18.Nc3 Na6
 19.Qb3 b5 20.Qa3 Qc8
 21.h3 c5 22.dxc6 Qxc6
 23.Nf5 Kh8 24.Re7 Bg6
 25.Nxg7 b4 26.cxb4 Nc7
 27.Rc1 Qd5 28.Rcxc7
 Qxd4+ 29.Qe3 Qa1+
 30.Kh2 Qxa2 31.f5 Bf7
 32.Nc6 Rg8 33.Qf3 Qb2
 34.Rxf7 Rxc2+ 35.Qxc2
 Qc5+ 36.Kh1 Qe1+ 37.Kh2
 Qe5+ 38.Qg3 Qc2+ 39.Kg1
 Qd1+ 40.Kf2 Qd2+ 41.Kf1
 Qd1+ 42.Qe1 Qf3+ 43.Qf2
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 Qg2+ 46.Ke1 Qh1+ 47.Kd2
 Qd5+ 48.Kc3 1-0

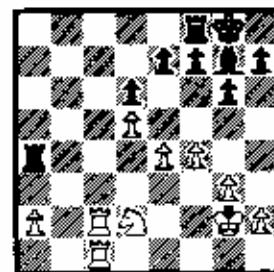
Albert Chow (2330)

David Southam (2155)

Open Toronto (07), 1998

Semi-Slav Defence [D30]

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 e6 3.c4 c6
 4.Qc2 Nf6 5.g3 dxc4
 6.Qxc4 b5 7.Qc2 Bb7
 8.Bg2 Qb6 9.0-0 c5 10.a4
 b4 11.Nbd2 Nbd7 12.a5
 Qa6 13.Qc4 Rc8 14.b3
 Qxc4 15.Nxc4 Bxf3
 16.Bxf3 cxd4 17.Bf4 Nc5
 18.Rad1 Nxb3 19.Nd6+
 Bxd6 20.Bxd6 Rc4 21.e3
 Kd7 22.Be2 Rc6 23.Bxb4
 Rb8 24.Ba3 Rc2 25.Bf3
 Ra2 26.Bc1 Rxa5 27.Bb2
 Rb4 28.Bc3 Raa4 29.Bxb4
 Rxb4 30.cxd4 Nxd4
 31.Kg2 a5 32.Ra1 Nxf3
 33.Kxf3 a4 34.Rfb1 Rxb1
 35.Rxb1 Nd5 36.Rb7+ Kc6
 37.Ra7 Kb5 38.Rb7+ Ka5
 1-0



24.. f5! 25.exf5 Rxf5
 26.Nc4 Rf8 27.h4 Rb8
 28.Kf3 h5 29.Nc3 Kf7 30.f5
 Ra3 31.Kc4 Rb4+ 32.Rc4
 Rb2 33.R1c2 Rxa2
 34.Rxb2 Rxb2 35.Rc7 Bf6
 36.fxc6+ Kxc6 37.Rc2 Rb4+
 38.Rc4 Rb1 39.Rc7 Ra1
 40.Rc2 Be5 41.Rg2 Ra4+
 42.Kf3 Bd4 43.Rd2 Bxe3
 44.Kxe3 Kf5 45.Kf3 Ra3+
 46.Kg2 Rc3 47.Kf2 Re4
 48.Kf3 Ke5 49.Rd1 Kf5
 50.Rd2 Rb4 51.Rd3 Re4
 52.Rd1 Re5 53.Rd2 Re1
 54.Kf2 Rb1 55.Re2 Rd1
 56.Rxe7 Rxd5 57.Kc3 Re5+
 58.Rxe5+ dxc5 59.Kf3 c4+
 60.Ke3 Ke5 61.g4 hxg4
 62.h5 g3 0-1

*In typically thematic
 fashion, Black entered a
 standard Benkő Gambit
 endgame a full pawn
 down but with annoying
 pressure against White's
 isolated a-pawn as
 compensation. A well-
 timed f7-f5 later isolated
 White's queen pawn
 when after fine positional
 maneuvering Black
 regained his pawn while
 retaining more active
 pieces as well.*

Ron Livehits (2360)

Dmitry Gurevich (2540)

Open Toronto (02), 1998

Benkő Gambit [A59]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5
 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3
 Bxa6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.e4 Bxf1
 9.Kxf1 d6 10.g3 0-0
 11.Kg2 Nbd7 12.Rc1 Ng4
 13.Qc2 Nge5 14.Nxe5
 Nxe5 15.f4 Nd7 16.Bd2
 Nb6 17.b3 c4 18.Ra1 Ra3
 19.bxc4 Qc8 20.Rc2 Qxc4
 21.Qxc4 Nxc4 22.Nb1 Ra4
 23.Rc1 Nxd2 24.Nxd2

Dmitry Gurevich (2540)

Leonid Shamkovich (2385)

Open Toronto (05), 1998

Queen's Indian [E17]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 b6
 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 Be7 6.d4
 0-0 7.Rc1 d5 8.cxd5 exd5
 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.Bf4 Nc4
 11.Qc2 Nxc3 12.bxc3 c5
 13.Rad1 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Rc8

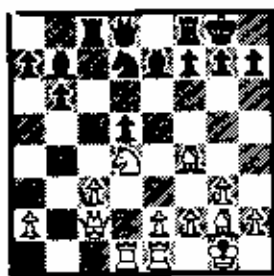
[see diagram next page]

15.Nb5 Rc5 16.Qb3 a6
 17.Nd6 Bc6 18.Bxd5 Bxd5
 19.Rxd5 Rxd5 20.Qxd5 Nf6

Toronto International Open
 Chess Tournament

Dmitry Gurevich played first in Toronto and then in the Chicago Open, earning a part of first place in both events. Other players who participated in both tournaments include US Chess Champion GM Joel Benjamin (lower left), 1997 Illinois Tour Winner FM Albert Chow (upper right), GM Nigel Davies (lower right) and GM Gildardo Garcia. Benjamin and Garcia also played simulms during their Chicago visit, (see the Club News section for reports). Davies took time to write a submission for the ICB (see page 9).

[File photos: Al Chow by Roy Fryd; others by mlr]



Position after 14...Rc8

21. Qc6 Bxd6 22. Bxd6 Rc8
23. e4 Qc8 24. Qxc8 Rxc8
25. Bc5 Nd7 26. Bd4 f6 27. f4
Kf7 28. Kf2 Rc4 29. Rb1 Ra4
30. Rb2 b5 31. Ke3 Nb8
32. Bc5 Rc4 33. Bb4 Nc6
34. Kd3 Ke6 35. a4 f5
36. exf5+ Kxf5 37. axb5 axb5
38. Bf8 Ra4 39. Rxb5+ 1-0

Joel Benjamin (2595)
Dmitry Gurevich (2540)
Open Toronto (07), 1998
Sicilian Defence [B52]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bb5+
Bd7 4. Bxd7+ Qxd7 5. c4 Nf6
6. Nc3 Nc6 7. d4 cxd4
8. Nxd4 e6 9. 0-0 Be7
10. Bc3 0-0 11. Qe2 Rac8
12. Rac1 a6 13. Rfd1 Nxd4
14. Bxd4 Qc6 15. b3 e5
16. Bc3 Nxe4 17. Nd5 Bd8
18. Nb4 Qc7 19. Qd3 f5
20. f3 f4 21. Qxe4 fxe3
22. Nd5 Qa5 23. Rc2 b5
24. Qxe3 bxc4 25. bxc4 h6
26. h3 Qc5 27. Qxc5 Rxc5
28. Kf2 1/2-1/2

Dmitry Gurevich (2540)
Armin Kapetanovic (2465)
Open Toronto (09), 1998
King's Indian Defence [E94]

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. e4 g6 3. Nc3
Bg7 4. e4 0-0 5. d4 d6 6. Bc2
e5 7. 0-0 Nbd7 8. Bc3 c6
9. d5 c5 10. g3 Ne8 11. Qc2
Ndf6 12. Nh4 Bh3 13. Ng2
Nd7 14. f3 f5 15. exf5 gxf5
16. Bd3 Nc7 17. Rf2 Qe7
18. Kh1 Rf7 19. Re1 Kh8
20. Bd2 Raf8 21. Nf4 exf4
22. Rxe7 Rxe7 23. Ne2 1-0

Next is a refreshingly
aggressive game featuring
youthful, energetic play
combined with resourceful
tactics as witnessed by

White's unexpected 24th
and 34th moves.

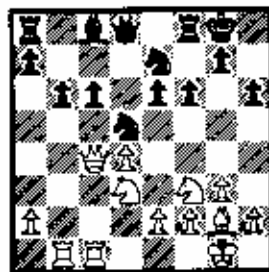
Joel Benjamin (2595)
Sergei Kudrin (2565)
Open Toronto (06), 1998
Sicilian Defence [B53]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 Nf6
4. dxc5 Qa5+ 5. Nc3 Nxe4
6. cxd6 Nxc3 7. bxc3 cxd6
8. Bd3 Be7 9. 0-0 0-0 10. Rb1
Nd7 11. Re1 Bf6 12. Rb5
Qxa2 13. Ng5 Bxg5 14. Rxg5
g6 15. Bf1 Nc5 16. Qxd6 Nc6
17. Rg3 Ng7 18. Bh6 Be6
19. Bd3 Qd5 20. Qa3 Rf8
21. Rge3 Nf5 22. c4 Qd7
23. Bxf5 Bxf5 24. Qxa7 f6
25. Qb6 Rxe3 26. Bxc3 Qc6
27. Qb2 Rd8 28. c5 Kf7 29. h3
g5 30. Bd4 Rd7 31. Rc3 Re7
32. Qb3+ Re6 33. Rf3 Qe4
34. Bxf6 Qxc2 35. Qxc2 Bxc2
36. Bxg5+ Kg6 37. Be3 Be4
38. Rf4 Bc6 39. Kh2 Kg7
40. Bd4+ Kg6 1-0

Davies adopts an interest-
ing sacrificial variation
of the Catalan and Black
is forced into a cramped
position. Too passive for his
tastes, Nickoloff reacts by
imprudently weakening
his kingside after which
White has excellent play
across the entire board.

Nigel Davies (2515)
Brian Nickoloff (2400)
Open Toronto (09), 1998
Catalan System [E04]

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. c4 e6
4. g3 dxc4 5. Bg2 Nc6 6. Qa4
Bb4+ 7. Bd2 Nd5 8. Qb5
Bxd2+ 9. Nbx2 c3 10. bxc3
Nxc3 11. Qd3 Nd5 12. 0-0
0-0 13. Rf1 Nee7 14. Rab1
h6 15. Qc4 e6 16. Ne5 f6
17. Nd3 b6 18. Nf3



Who Said It?

Can you identify
the source of
these comments?

The answers can be
found on page 58

1. "There are two kinds of games—chess and all others."
2. "They are beating me like a baby seal!"
3. "I'm envious. Joel [Benjamin] scored five-and-a-half and didn't do anything."
4. "Quite a large number of similar games are in fact different in the way they have been created in the minds of the players."

18...g5 19. h4 Kg7 20. hxg5
hxg5 21. e4 Qe8 22. exd5
exd5 23. Qb4 Bf5 24. Re1
Rf7 25. Re3 Qd7 26. Nfe5
fxe5 27. Nxe5 Qc7 28. Nxf7
Kxf7 29. Rbel Ng6 30. Rf3
1-0

Columbian grandmaster
Gildardo Garcia traveled
to Canada where he
dispatched FM Gordon
Taylor.

Gordon Taylor (2371)
Gildardo Garcia (2505)
Open Toronto (06), 1998

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. g3 c5
4. Nf3 cxd4 5. Nxd4 d5

6. Bg2 e5 7. Nf3 d4 8. O-O
Nc6 9. e3 Bg4 10. exd4 exd4
11. Qb3 Qd7 12. Bf4 Bxf3
13. Bxf3 Be7 14. Nd2 O-O
15. Ne4 Rac8 16. Rac1 Rfd8
17. Rfd1 h6 18. c5 Nxe4
19. Bxc4 g5 20. Bd2 Ne5
21. f4 d3 22. Be3 gxf4
23. gxf4 Qh3 24. Bf2 Ng4
25. Bg3 Bxc5+ 26. Kh1 d2
27. Rc3 Re8 28. Qc2 Ne3
29. Qxd2 Rxe4 30. Rdc1 Kh7
31. Qe2 Rg8 32. Qf3 Rxg3
33. Qxe4- f5 34. Rxe3 fxe4
35. Rxg3 Qf5 0-1

[For more on Gildardo
Garcia and his Chicago
simul, see the Knight Moves
Club report on page 29.]



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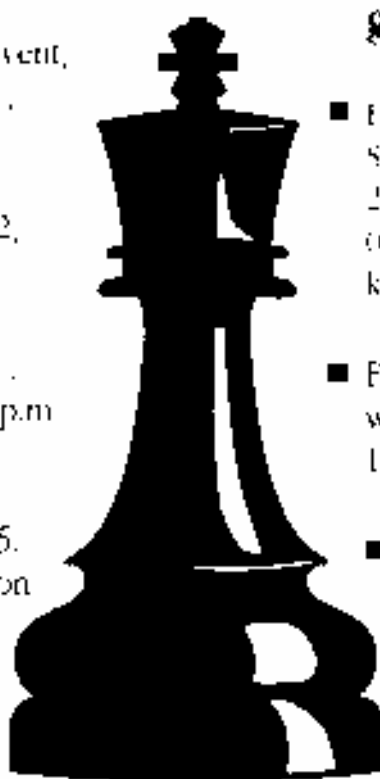
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Champaign Urbana Wins Title

Finishes Ahead of Stanford and Northwestern in Internet Chess Competition

by Mark Brodie

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) has won the Internet Collegiate Chess League (ICCL) for the second successive year. The ICCL is an organization which promotes and arranges chess competitions between colleges and universities over the Internet. The first League competition ran from December 1996 to April 1997, and was won by UIUC.

This year's League season took place from December 1997 to April 1998.

Matches were played on the Free Internet Chess Server (FICS), at a time control of 30-10: 30 minutes per player to start, 10 seconds increment per move. Each match was a four-board team contest.

The League was divided into three conferences, with the five strongest teams (by rating) in the "A" conference. Each team played all the other teams in its conference and two non-conference matches as well—6 matches in all. UIUC entered a strong team in the "A" conference as well as a team which played in the "B" conference.

UIUC "A"

The UIUC "A" team won all of its matches to claim clear first place and retain the title it won last year.

The match results were:

- Dec 13 1997 (non-conference): UIUC "A" defeated Colorado College 4-0
- Feb 1 1998: UIUC "A" defeated Chicago "A" 4-0
- Feb 7 1998 (non-conference): UIUC "A" defeated Northwestern "B" 4-0
- Feb 28 1998: UIUC "A" defeated Stanford "A" 3.5-0.5
- Mar 16 1998: UIUC "A" defeated Northwestern "A" 2.5-1.5
- Mar 20 1998: UIUC "A" defeated Purdue "A" 4-0



Photo by Chris Merl

The University of Illinois's Internet Championship team: (from left) Mark Brodie, Eric Chapa, Santi Zorzopulos, Nader Goubran, Oliver Koo. Not pictured: Bem Tyehimba, Boyd Reed.

Northwestern finished second, followed by Stanford, Purdue, and Chicago.

The team was captained by Mark Brodie.

The individual performances were:

Eric Chapa	4/4
Mark Brodie	2/3
Oliver Koo	3/3
Nader Goubran	3/3
Santi Zorzopulos	2/3
Bem Tyehimba	1/1
Boyd Reed	1/1

UIUC "B"

The UIUC "B" team took first place in the "B" conference, drawing only one match, while winning the rest. Their results were:

- Jan 24 1998 (non-conference): UIUC "B" defeated Northwestern "B" 4-0
- Jan 31 1998: UIUC "B" beat Louisville "A" 2-2
- Feb 1 1998: UIUC "B" defeated Michigan "A" 4-0
- Feb 7 1998 (non-conference): UIUC "B" defeated Stanford "A" 3-1
- Mar 1 1998: UIUC "B" defeated Virginia Tech "A" 3-1
- Mar 8 1998: UIUC "B" defeated Chicago "B" 3-1

In the "B" conference Louisville finished second, followed by Virginia Tech, Chicago "B", and Michigan.

The individual performances for UIUC "B" were:

Asher Kach	4.5/6
Michael Horton	2.5/4
Greg Rudd	2/3
Julie Oberweis	1/2
Sasanka Chalivendra	1/1
Jeff Davis	1/1
Alex Ferdkoyf	1/1
Ajay Lodaria	1/1

Season Finale

ICCL held a one-day, 4 round season finale tournament on April 4 1998. UIUC "A" was unexpectedly defeated by the Estonian team Loksa, and eventually finished in 4th place. UIUC "B" finished 5th and UIUC "C" (the lowest rated team in the tournament) finished 8th, an excellent result. There were 15 teams in all. The tournament was won by the University of Alberta.

Alberta Match

So UIUC were 1998 ICCL League Champions and Alberta were 1998 ICCL Tournament Champions. A 6-board, 2-round match between the 2 champion colleges was arranged for April 26 1998. UIUC won the first round 4.5-1.5 and the second round 3.5-2.5 for a decisive overall victory by the score of 8-4. Thus UIUC are the Undisputed Absolute Internet Collegiate Champions for 1998.

Find Out More

The ICCL is growing rapidly as more and more schools discover the exciting world of Internet chess. Events are open to colleges from all over the world. Besides the League itself, there are regular tournaments, both for teams and individuals. For more information, please contact Mark Brodie at m-brodie@cs.uiuc.edu or consult the Illini Chess Club webpage at <http://www.uiuc.edu/ro/chess>.

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LaSalle-Peru Resurgence, Ultch Wins

by Bill Naff

The first LaSalle-Peru-area tournament in almost a decade was a big success. There were 36 entrants, including Master Al Chow and Experts Kevin Bachler and Doug Ultch.

Ultch, of Mendota, Illinois, won the first prize of \$75 with a perfect 4-0 score, beating Al Chow in round 4. Kevin Bachler and Phil Machalik tied for the second prize of \$50, each scoring 3.5-0.5, after drawing with each other in round 3.

The tournament was held in the Mirror Building in downtown Peru on May 30, 1998. ♠



Winner Doug Ultch

Alan Watson dissects the game which won Doug Ultch the tournament.

Doug Ultch (2028)

Albert Chow (2331)

Illinois Valley Tornado (4), 1998
Sicilian Defence

Notes by NM Alan Watson

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4

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ICA Election Time!

*It's time to prepare for officer elections
Consider serving the ICA in an official capacity*

As a Not-For-Profit corporation incorporated under Illinois Law, the ICA conducts state-wide elections for five offices on a bi-yearly basis: President, Metro Vice-President (Chicagoland), Downstate Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

If you are interested in running for office, or interested in nominating someone else for an office, send a nominating petition specifying the office for which you are nominating to the ICA Secretary, Josh Flores (address on page 5). Nominations must include the signatures of 10 current members of the Illinois State Chess Association. In addition, it must include a formal statement by the candidate indicating his/her willingness to be nominated. The deadline for nomination petitions is 1 October 1998.

The election of officers shall be conducted by mail ballot sent to all members of the association as of October 1. Ballots shall be mailed on November 1 by the Secretary.

Officers take office on January 1

How to Submit a Nomination Petition

1. Provide a written statement of the candidate saying he/she is willing to accept nomination.
2. Indicate the office for which the candidacy is running: President, Metro Vice-president, Downstate Vice-president, Secretary, or Treasurer.
3. Provide ten signatures of current ICA members in support of the nomination.
4. Send the petition to the ICA Secretary (address on page 5).
5. Submit the petition by 1 Oct 1998.

of the year following an election and continue in office for two years.

For more information on the election process or the duties and charges of each office, check out the ICA Website (<http://www.64.com/ica/>) under the heading Constitution/Bylaws or contact any current officer (for names, see page 5). ♠

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Open

Doug Ultch (1st)	\$75.00
Kevin Bachler (2nd)	\$25.00
Phil Machalik (2nd)	\$25.00

Class A

David Long	\$12.50
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Class B

Carl Vero	\$4.17
Kenneth Huang	\$4.17
Ted Bohannon	\$4.17
Dennis Bourgerie	\$4.17

Class C

Robert Riddle	\$16.67
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Class D

Miguel Campos	\$25.00
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Unrated

Colin Porter	\$12.50
Brian Ziebart	\$12.50

Class prizes of \$25 were based on six entries per class.

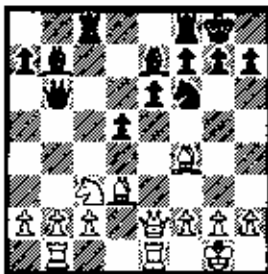
Ulitch-Chow

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5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nxc6

6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4 c5 8.Bg5 a6 would instead have transposed to the popular Lasker Pelikan variation.

6...bxc6 7.Bd3 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.0-0 Bc7 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Qc2 Qb6 12.Rah1 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rac8



After earlier ceding Black the advantage, White has come to the regrettable realization that he cannot in the long term prevent its ultimate expansion.

14.Nd1 d4 15.c3 Rfd8 16.Bc5 Qc6 17.f3



This forced weakness is a visible reminder that something has gone amiss in White's strategy.

17...Bc5 18.cxd4 Bxd4+ 19.Bxd4 Rxd4 20.Nc3 Rcd8 21.Rbd1 Qb6 22.Kh1 g6 23.b3 Qa5 24.Ne4 Bxc4!

A well-timed exchange designed to seize the second rank and further increase Black's already sizable advantage.

25.Bxc4 Rd2 26.Rxd2 Rxd2 27.Qf1 Qxa2 28.b4 Qb2 29.b5 h5

Albert might also have considered the

Illinois Valley Tornado • May 30, 1998								score	tour
1	ULITCH Douglas	2028	W18	W9	W5	W4	4	14	MX
2	BACHLER Kevin	2139	W28	W8	D 3	W11	3.5	7.5	MX
3	MICHALIK Philip	1949	W34	W14	D 2	W12	3.5	7.5	MA
4	CHOW Albert	2331	W17	W7	W12	L1	3	4	M
5	BOURGERIE Dennis	1786	W35	W16	D11	H	3	4	MB
6	VERO Carl	1749	W29	W10	L1	W13	3	4	MB
7	BOHANNON Ted	1672	W30	L4	W23	W15	3	4	MB
8	HUANG Kenneth	1650	W22	L2	W17	W16	3	4	MB
9	HIDDLE Robert	1423	W24	L1	W19	W20	3	4	MC
10	CAMPOS Miguel	1213	W33	L6	W25	W22	3	4	MD
11	LONG David	1959	W19	W13	D 5	L2	2.5	2.5	MA
12	SINGER Robby	1916	W20	W15	L4	L3	2	2	MA
13	MOUSHEY Bill	1400	W36	L11	W16	L6	2	2	MC
14	HUANG Winston	1347	W21	L3	L20	W23	2	2	MD
15	HERRERA David	1256	W32	L12	W31	L7	2	2	MD
16	FERRONI George	1247	W25	L5	W26	L8	2	2	MD
17	KENNEL Earl L	1181	L4	W24	L8	W32	2	2	ME
18	WOODS Marley	1052	L1	W21	L13	W28	2	2	ME
19	TROYER Carl	988	L11	W36	L9	W33	2	2	MF
20	ZIEBART Brian	—	L12	W32	W14	L9	2	2	M
21	PORTER Colin	—	L14	L18	W30	W31	2	2	M
22	PAPPAS Byron	1534	L8	D23	W33	L10	1.5	1.5	MC
23	SCHULTE Bill	1201	W26	D22	L7	L14	1.5	1.5	MD
24	URAN CH Scott	—	L9	L17	W35	H	1.5	1.5	M
25	MARTUZZO Matt	—	L16	W35	L10	H	1.5	1.5	M
26	SHEVLIN Kyle	—	L23	W30	L16	H	1.5	1.5	M
27	GRUENBERG Fred	1500	W31	—	—	—	1	1	MC
28	LAUGER Lloyd	1109	L2	L31	W36	L18	1	1	ME
29	PINTER Derek	—	L6	L33	L32	W36	1	1	M
30	MARTIN Joseph	—	L7	L26	L21	W35	1	1	M
31	PAVY Sarah	—	L27	W28	L15	L21	1	1	M
32	ROSENBERG David	—	L15	L20	W29	L17	1	1	M
33	SCHWEICKERT Steve	—	L10	W29	L22	L19	1	1	M
34	GRUENBERG Jeremy	685	L3	—	—	—	0	0	
35	JENNINGS Nora	—	L5	L25	L24	L30	0	0	
36	DRENNAN Molly	—	L13	L19	L28	L29	0	0	

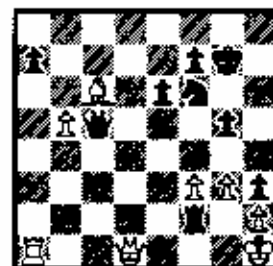
simple 29...Nxe4 when after 30.fxe4 (30.Rxe4 allows 30...Qxb5!) 30...Qd4 his superior pieces would monopolize the position. Instead, in typical fashion, he methodically plods along waiting for a more opportune moment to cash in on his positional advantage.

30.Bc6 h4 31.Rb1 Qd4 32.Qg1 Rf2 33.Qd1 Rd2 34.Qg1 Rf2 35.Qd1 Qb6 36.Ra1 Nh5 37.Ra6 Qc5 38.Ra4 g5?!

There was no need for further delay given that 38...h3! was immediately decisive. After 39.f4 (Forced since 39.g3 Rxb2+! 40.Kxb2 Qf2+ 41.Kxb3 Qxg3# is the variation which I'm sure Al had in his mind when playing the mistaken

42...Rxb2+??) 39...Qc2!! Black has irresistible threats along both the first and second ranks.

39.Rg4 Nf6 40.Ra4 Kg7 41.Ra1 h3 42.g3




42...Rxb2+??

A dreadful tactical miscalculation for which there can be no excuse. Consistent with Black's earlier play would be 42...Nh5 (preparing the same theme) when after 43.Qg1 Qc2 the threat of 44...Rg2 would prove difficult to meet.

Instead another master falls and a popular mid-state player gains another scalp to display in his trophy case.

43.Kxb2 Qf2+ 44.Kxb3 Nh5 45.Qg1 Qd2 46.Rd1 Qb4 47.Qd4+ 1-0

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Chess in Paradise

by Eric Schiller

The 99th annual United States Open Chess Championship will bring many of the best chess masters to Kona as part of the Hawai'i International Chess Festival this summer. Top seed is 21-year-old Judith Polgar (Hungary), the greatest female player of all time. She has just come off a stunning upset in an 8-game match against FIDE World Champion Anatoly Karpov.

She'll have to ward off the attacking chess of United States Champion Joel "Deep Blue" Benjamin (New York), defending National Open Champion Julian Hodgson (London) and World Junior Champion Tal Shaked (Tucson), among many other stars. This is Polgar's first US Open and first visit to Hawai'i. Benjamin won the 1996 Hawai'i International, and Shaked tied for first in last year's event.

In addition to these top pros, two dozen International Grandmasters are expected to compete as part of the largest chess event ever held in Hawai'i. About 400 players, representing over 20 countries will compete in the Cardoza United States Open at the Kona Surf Resort, August 1-9.

What do you mean, Hawai'i?

Hawai'i is the politically correct spelling of the territory once known as the Sandwich islands. Neither the food nor the name stuck, though the latter has resurfaced in the Subway fast-food chain. Captain Cook has not. In any case, the local name, once known as Owhyhee, is pronounced ha-why-ee. Hawai'i is also how you refer to the Big Island, with the volcano. So Hawai'i is one of the few places you can go to after you are already there.



The Illinois delegation includes Eugene Martinovsky, who continues his streak of Masters tournaments as he returns to Hawai'i for the fourth time, playing in both the Saitek US Masters and Cardoza US Open. It will be a first for Illinois' new superstar, Florin Felecan. He'll have plenty of competition in the

Open. Most of America's top young talent will be there, including Pan American Youth Champions Vinay Bhat (age 14) and Irina Krush (14). Hikaru Nakamura (10), the youngest master ever in American chess will play, as will Jordy Mont-Reynaud (15), who was the first to break Bobby Fischer's record, setting the

mark eventually eclipsed by Bhat and Nakamura. Krush will face Jennie Frenklakh (17) and Jenn Shahade (17), as well as other competitors from the United States Women's Championship. Fortunately for Felecan, not all of them could qualify for the Denker Tournament of High School Champions, which is limited to one player from each state. He seeks to dethrone Florida's Marcel Martinez, who won the National High School open championship in May, beating Felecan out by a mere half-point.

Of course Jim and Helen Warren will be there, as well as Freddy Gruenberg and Tim Just. The ICA's new interim president, Al Losoff, will serve as one of the TDs. All will enjoy the splendor of Hawai'i at our magnificent facilities. There are daily excursions to all the major sightseeing destinations, and snorkeling, swimming—with or without dolphins!—and scuba diving for the more adventurous. Or just a relaxing dinner cruise, a luau, or watching the manta rays play from your hotel room! It's not too late to sign up for the chess vacation of a lifetime!

The US Open games are played each



evening at 7:30 p.m., and can last until 1:30 AM. This tournament is open to all. Educational seminars, lectures and clinics are held each morning from 9:30 to 11:30, and there are a variety of informal chess competitions each afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00. So you can have all the chess, sightseeing and fun in the sun you can handle!

For those who can't make it, games and information about all events will be available on the Internet, using innovative new software from Kona Systems, one of the sponsors of the chess events.

The Mindscape Judith Polgar Simul will take place at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31st. She will compete against two dozen opponents in the Kamehameha Ballroom of the Kona Surf Resort.

These events are part of the 1998 Hawai'i International Chess Festival which includes the Saitek United States Masters, Chessworks Waikiki Open, Denker Tournament of High School Champions, WBCA Three-island Blitz Tour and a series of educational and exhibition events.

For more information on the festival, please use any of the following resources:

Website: www.chessworks.com;

Email: hawaii@chessworks.com; or

Phone: Lawrence Reifurth 808•262-2475. ♠

Who is Eric Schiller?

I spent many years in Chicago. I am a former ICB editor, Illinois Junior Champion, and Master-Challenge winner, and a member of National Championship University of Chicago teams, and organized the 1983 World Youth Championship and 1985 Windy City International Championship. I still miss the pizza.

News & Notes

Top Illinois Player to Compete in US Championship

Dmitry Gurevich one of sixteen players to vie for title held by Joel Benjamin

The players for 1998 U.S. championship have been announced. Sixteen players will compete for a prize fund of \$72,000.

In the preliminary round, the players will be divided into two groups:

Group One

GM Alexander Shabalov (age 30)
GM Nick de Firmian (40)
GM Yasser Seirawan (38)
GM Larry Christiansen (42)
GM Dmitry Gurevich (42)
GM Roman Dzindzichashvili (54)
GM Sergey Kudrin (38)
IM Igor Ivanov (51)

Group Two

GM Gregory Kaidanov (38)
GM Alex Yermolinsky (40)
GM Boris Gulko (51)
GM Joel Benjamin (34)
GM Gabriel Schwartzman (21)
GM John Fedorowicz (39)
IM Leonid Sokolin (31)
GM Tal Shaked (20)

The top two players from each section will proceed to the semifinals, which will be followed by a four-game final round match between the two winners of the semis.

The tournament will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Denver, Colorado from October 30 to November 19, 1998.

Women's Championship

Beginning at the same time at the same venue is the US Women's championship. It will be a ten-player round robin, ending on November 9. The prize fund is \$28,000, with first place set at \$5,000. The tournament will feature:

WGM Anna Gulko (age 41)
WGM Anjelina Belakovskaia (29)
WIM Esther Epstein (44)
Irina Krush (14)
WIM Anna Khan (22)

Jennifer Shahade (17)
Ivona Jezierska (40)
Olga Sagalchik (31)
Tatyana Zitserman (51)
Jennie Frenklakh (18)



Above: Chicago's GM Dmitry Gurevich

Shirov to Face Kasparov for WCC World Championship

GM Alexei Shirov defeated GM Vladimir Kramnik in their World Chess Council (WCC) Candidates Final Match, held from May 24 to June 5 in Cazorla, Spain.

Shirov won the best-of-ten match by earning two wins and seven draws, thus beating Kramnik 5.5-3.5.

Shirov, a 25-year-old grandmaster who lives in Spain, will face WCC World Champion Garry Kasparov later in 1998.

The FIDE World Champion remains Anatoly Karpov, of Russia. The U.S. Chess Federation has not yet decided whether or not it will recognize the WCC, a new organization formed earlier this year by Kasparov and Spanish chess organizer Luis Rentero.

Shirov's decisive win in Game 9 is presented on the facing page.

Death of Jack Wong

We are sorry to report that Jack Wong died in an auto accident on June 7. Many of you knew Jack as the father who always kept an eye on the the games of his sons, Brian and Kevin, at Chicago-area tournaments. Both Brian and Kevin are expected to make a full recovery from injuries they suffered in the same accident. Our hearts go out to Brian, Kevin, and their mother Linda, and we hope to see them back in action soon.

New ICA Family Membership

The ICA has instituted a Family Member category. The cost is \$5 a year. A copy of the ICB is not sent to a Family Member, and only someone who has at least one Regular Member at the same address is eligible to become a Family Member.

Shirov's Decisive Win

Vladimir Kramnik-Alexei Shirov
WCC Candidates Final (Game 9)
Grünfeld Defense

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 e5 9.d5 c6 10.h4 h5 11.Be2 cxd5 12.exd5 N8d7 13.d6 Nf6 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Rd1 Be6 16.Nh3 Nc4 17.Bxc4 Bxc4 18.b3 Ba6 19.Nd5 e4 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.d7 Qb6 22.dxc8=Q+ Rxc8 23.Qe3 Bxg5 24.Qxb6 Bxh4+ 25.Kd2 axb6 26.fxc4 Rxc4 27.Kc2 Rg4 28.Rd2 Be7 29.Rg1 Kg7 30.Nf2 Rf4 31.Nd3 Rc4 32.Rgd1 Bb5 33.a4 Bc6 34.Re1 Rxc1 35.Nxc1 Bb4 36.Re2 Bxc1 37.Rxc1 Bxg2 38.Kd2 h4 39.Ke3 Bd5 40.b4 h3 41.Rc2 f5 42.Rd2 Be4 43.Kf4 Bg2 44.Rd7+ Kf6 45.Rh7 g5+ 46.Kg3 f4+ 47.Kg4 Ke5 48.b5 0-1



Above: Alan Watson collecting games at the 1997 Illinois Open. Right: Alan Watson playing in Tuley Park in January 1998.



Alan Watson Retires as ICB Games Editor

NM Alan Watson, games editor of the ICB for over four years, has announced his retirement. His first article appeared in the ICB at the end of 1993 and in March of 1994 he replaced Tom Cooper as games editor.

In his capacity as games editor, Watson reviewed several thousand games. He is also an experienced bulletin editor—perhaps the most sought-after bulletin editor in the country. He is also the author of three books: *Alekhine's Anti-Gruenfeld Attack*, *The Anti-Dutch Spike*, and *Billy Colias: Midwest Master* (the last with Schiller and Rantala).

"I love the game and tried to share my enthusiasm towards whatever task I applied myself," Watson explained. "I attempted to constantly introduce different and innovative ideas."

He hopes that other pressures on his time will permit him to play more chess than he managed during his tenure as games editor.

Notes

Replacement for Alan Watson Sought

The ICB is now looking for masters to contribute game analysis on a regular basis. Contact the editor if you are interested.

ICA Elections

This is an election year for the Illinois Chess Association. For information on how to run for office, see page 21. More detailed information is also available on the ICA web site: www.64.com/ica.

Club Updates

There is a new club in the LaSalle-Peru area. Bill Schulte is organizing the club, which will meet in LaSalle.

Note also that the Fox Valley club has moved its meeting site. For more details on these clubs and all ICA affiliates, see "Where to Play Chess" on pages 63 and 64.



Club News



U.S. Champion Joel Benjamin Visits Oak Park–River Forest CC

Report by Ken Marshall • Photos by Marry Pracek

Joel Benjamin Simul

Twenty-seven players faced U.S. Champion Joel Benjamin at the May 26 "simul". Before the games began the grandmaster answered questions about his chess career and about his work as chess consultant to Deeper Blue, the IBM "super computer" which defeated World Champion Garry Kasparov in a six game match in May of 1997.

Although he usually plays simultaneous exhibitions quickly, Benjamin took about three-and-a-half hours to tally 26 wins, 0 losses, and 1 draw (with veteran Expert Ray Satterlee). He later said that he felt "somewhat off form", but was never in danger of losing any of the games.

Benjamin's overall "simul" record at the OP-RF CC in four appearances is an incredible 109 wins, 0 losses, and 6 draws.

Oak Park–River Forest Chess Club

Ten OP-RF CC members participated in this event and helped make it a success. As to organizational support, John Nielsen, a long-time assistant to Club President Ken Marshall at "simuls", once again was there when needed. Andy Schiller and others also helped out.

Game/45 Swiss

John Tums (1974) came in at 3.5-0.5 to top the ten-player field in this four round tourney, which took place on April 7 (two rounds) and April 14 (two rounds). Bill Barker (1821) and Paul Prause (1768) tied for second at 3-2 apiece, and were the Class A and Class B winners. Class C money went to Chuck Collins (1463, 2-3), while Phil Moran (1109, 2-3) took home the Class



Satterlee's Draw

The following is Ray Doyle Satterlee's draw with US Champion Joel Benjamin from the May simul at the OP-RF Chess Club.

GM Joel Benjamin–Ray Doyle Satterlee

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.a4 Nc6 7.Be2 e5 8.Nb3 Be6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Nd5 Bg5 12.0-0 0-0 13.c3 f5 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Bg4 Ne7 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Bxf5 Rxf5 18.Qd5+ Qf7 19.Qxf7+ Kxf7 20.Rad1 Rd8 21.Na5 Rd7 22.Nc4 Ke6 23.Nb6 Rc7 24.Rfe1 Rc5 25.Rd3 Bd8 26.Red1 Be7 27.f3 g5 28.b4 Rc6 29.a5 Bd8 30.Nd5 Rf7 31.g3 h5 32.Kg2 b6 33.axb6 Bxb6 34.Re1 Bd8 35.Re4 Ra7 36.Kh3 Rb7 1/2-1/2

Top: Joel Benjamin answering questions before the simul.

Middle: the simul in progress.

Bottom: Ray Doyle Satterlee, the only player to earn a draw.

D/E/Unrated prize.
**Game/12 "Quick Play"
 Double Quads**

These two events were held on April 21. In Quad 1, Paul Prause (QP 1756) drew his two games with top rated John Tums (2039) on his way to a 4-2 result and first place. Tums (3.5-1.5) was next, followed by Marty Ptacek (1739, 3-2) and Mariusz Gorski (1742, 1.5-3.5). Mark Parnaby (1601) took Quad 2 with a 5-1 score. Second place went to Joe Cygan (1486, 4.5-1.5). Chuck Collins (1573, 2.5-3.5) and Phil Moran (1149, 0-5) completed the Quad 2 field.

Match versus Chicago Industrial Chess League

Outrated on 13 of 16 boards (including three 200+ point and four 150+ point deficits), the OP-RF CC lost to the CIGL 11-5 on April 28. The hard-fought contest, with a time control of 45 moves in 90 minutes, then Game/30, saw the CIGL



Above: Joel Benjamin mows down his opponents like wooden ducks in a shooting gallery.

At right: "What's Roger Birkeland laughing at? He's losing, too!" thinks Ken Marshall (on the left).

score seven points on the top eight boards on its way to victory. CIGL President Pat Sajbel and OP-RF CC President Ken Marshall co-directed. A second match is planned for August.

"Action Chess" Tournament
 Paul Prause (1768) and



Above: Robert Gardner shakes hands with Joel Benjamin.

Mariusz Gorski (1567) and John Tums (1974) each posted a 3.5-0.5 result to tie for first and second in this eight player tournament which concluded on May 12. John Tums (1974) and Marty Ptacek (1733) shared the 1999-1700 prize, while Ken Marshall (1500) was best among those 1699-below. ♠

Butch Allen (1920), OP-RF CC - Bert Gazmen (2185), CIGL vs. OP-RF Chess Club, May 1998

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.d5 d6 9.e4 Nbd7 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bd2 a6 12.Qc2 Rb8 13.Rte1 Ng4 14.h3 Nge5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Be3 Bc8 17.f4 Nd7 18.Rac1 Qc7 19.Qd2 Kh7 20.a4 h5 21.Qc2 Rh8 22.Rf1 h4 23.Qd2 f5 24.exf5 gxf5 25.Bd3 Nf6 26.Qc2 Qd7 27.b3 Nh5 28.Ne2 e6 29.Bf2 Bf6 30.dxe6 Qxe6 31.Rce1 Qd7 32.Kh2 Rhg8 33.Bg1 Kh6 34.Nc3 Rxc3 35.Qxc3 Bb7 36.Rf2 Rg3 37.Qd2 R8g6 38.Bf1 Nf6 39.Qb2 Qg7 40.He6 Rxf3+ 41.Resigns

**CIGL at Oak Park Chess Club
 April 28, 1998**

CIGL Team members listed first

1. Victor Bezzubov, Fermi, 2344, drew Mark Marovitch, 2190
2. Florentino Inumerable, PSIPR, 2282, beat Ray Saterlee, 2047
3. Mike Stevanovic, UOP, 2227, beat John Tums, 2000
4. Bert Gazmen, Exemplars, 2165, beat Butch Allen, 1920
5. Ed Buerger, UOP, 2014, beat Mike Stocke, 1840
6. Tom Friske, Exemplars, 2007, drew Bill Barker, 1821
7. Fly Solano, Exemplars, 1950, beat Paul Prause, 1760
8. David Green, Roks, 1864, beat Marty Ptacek, 1733
9. W. Jay Lechnik, UOP, 1831, lost to Mark Parnaby, 1702
10. Erman Paroan, Bank America, 1746, lost to Jim Kelly, 1729
11. Richard Dumerer, (USCF) 1728, lost to Mark Gorski, 1650
12. Duane Satterlee, Case, 1577, beat Roger Birkeland, 1500
13. Carl Reid, Case, 1437, beat Ken Marshall, 1500
14. John Zoellner, Bank America, 1403, lost to Andrew Schiller, 1500
15. Jim Thomson, Motorola, UNR/4 beat Phil Moran, 1100
16. Steve Jackson, CCDOC, 1364, beat Bob Gardner, 1050

Final Score: CIGL 11, Oak Park-River Forest 5.

CIGL ratings differ slightly from USCF ratings.

Compiled by Pat Sajbel

Park Forest News

Report by Lawrence Cohen

On April 2, eight players participated in a four-round, Game/12 quick chess tournament. Pete Stein won the event with 3 points. Tied for second were Dan Sajkowski, Floyd Moose, and Herbert Ferguson, each with 2.5 points. Although this was quick chess, no delay was used for the tournament.

The Park Forest chess club has instituted a new system to notify players of the time delay that will be used in a tournament. The amount of the delay will be listed in brackets after the time controls. Thus [d5] would indicate that a five second delay is to be used on delay clocks. Park Forest does not deduct time when a delay is in use.

From April 9 through May 21, Park Forest held its annual club championship. This year's winner was Doug Middleton, with 3.5 out of 4 points. Second was shared by Herbert Ferguson and Ognjan Virijevich, each with 3 points. Virijevich had two draws and a win in his last three games. These games were played against three of the top four rated players in the tournament.

Taking top class C honors was Bernard Ostrowsky. Top class D was split by Rogelio Zepeda and Miguel Campos. Top class E was won by Miguel Ayala. The top Unrated was Philip Kaufman at 3 points, which also tied for second! Unrated Bill Tran was impressive with a score of 2 points.

Park Forest Chess Club

Most of the rest of our summer events will be one or two night events. There will be a number of free nights in our schedule, so come on out and play.

For the summer we will be meeting from 6:45-10:00 p.m. on Thursday nights.



Larry Cohen

Our club meets in Freedom Hall, located just west of the Park Forest library on Lakewood Boulevard. ♣

As so often happens, Ognjan Virijevich (on the right) is giving his opponent a headache. ♣

Riddell Dominates CLC Chess Club Championships!

Report by Tim Just

Josh Riddelle captured the CLC Chess Club's version of a grand slam.

He added April's CLC Speed Chess Championship first place gold to his title collection including the CLC Caveman Chess Club Championship, the CLC Caveman Game 30 Championship, and the CLC Caveman Quick Chess Championship.

Plans are now in progress for the club's upcoming Lake County Open and Winter Open.

This summer is Bonus Round Friday at the CLC Chess club. We will start our tournaments earlier in order to include an extra game or

two for an already budget-minded entry fee.

For more schedule information for the CLC club check out our website at www.wva.com/~kingside/schedule.html or contact Tim Just, phone: 847-244-7954; e-mail timjust@ind.com. ♣

C.L. Chess Club
Cave Chess Club

St. Charles Championship

Report by Dan Pradt

The Club Championship finished with Mark Robledo Sr. (1878) and Blair Machaj (1861) tied for first with 5-1. They were followed by Wally Alberts (1781), Mark Robledo Jr. (1906), and Erv Sedlock (1856) with 4.5, and Charles Jennings (1965), Roger Allison (1741), and Jeff Wiewel (1992) with 4.

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Carl Staples (1417) was top C with 4, followed by Rudy Padilla (1570) and Allan Rose (1516) with 3.5.

Top D was Glenn Moore (1361) with 3.5, followed by

Jeff Bucsa (1243), Mark Levinson (1209), Mike Cummings (1198) and Tyler Belding (1286) with 3.

Yes, there were experts competing: Ray Satterlee with 3 points, Kevin Schmuiggerow with 2.5, and Joe Splinter with 1.5. A record 45 players competed in the six round Swiss. ♣

Columbian GM Gives Simul at Knight Moves CC

Report by Hector R. Hernandez

The Knight Moves Chess Club hosted a lecture and simultaneous exhibition on Tuesday, May 19th. Grandmaster Gildardo Garcia of Colombia lectured on how to play the Black side of a Ruy Lopez. He used games from

Knight Chess Moves Club

recent top-level competitions to illustrate his ideas.

Following the lecture GM Garcia faced 20 competitors simultaneously. His final record was 18 wins and two draws. Earning the draws were Josh Flores and Cipriano Menendez. These events were sponsored by the Blue Skies for Library Kids project.

Another special guest visited our chess club in May: Peter Wilt, General Manager of the Chicago Fire soccer team.

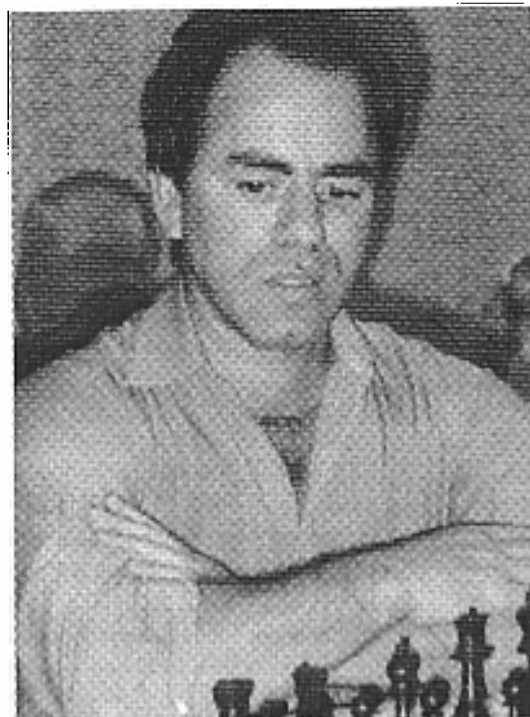
The end of May saw Fabian Ramos win \$800 at the Chicago Open in the Under-1400 Section.

Two KMCC members, José Rodriguez and Andy Giovanni Peña, participated in this year's National Elementary School Championships held in Peoria at the end of April. Jose came in 17th place in the nation with his 5-2 score in the K-3rd Open Division. He improved on last year's performance, where he had a 4-3 score at the Super Nationals in Knox-

ville, Tennessee. Andy scored 4.5-2.5, not bad for him considering that this tournament was only his fourth one.

The Library has tentatively scheduled the Second Annual AT&T Knight Moves Chess Fiesta Tournaments for August 1st and 2nd, two separate one-day events. Beginners classes are offered by the Library twice a month, on Saturdays from 1 to 2 p.m.

For information on Knight Moves Chess Club activities please call the library at 312-746-4329. ♁



GM Garcia at the Chicago Open

The Usual Elmhurst Mix

Report by Roger Birkeland

After holding two ICA Tour tournaments, which drew 51 players, in one week at the end of March, we resumed our usual mix of events.

April 5 saw 20 players turn out for a Game/15 Double Quad. In the top quad, John Gossage and new member Peter Daw split the \$40 prize with 3.5-2.5. Vince Hart also scored 3.5-2.5 in the second quad, but here it was good for clear first.

The third quad also featured a clear winner—Scott Silverman with 4.5-1.5. Luke Burke picked up some rating points as well as the cash in the fourth quad with an excellent 5-1. Four late comers made up the fifth quad, which featured the best score of the night: 6-0 by Edward Cummins.

In an incredible twist of fate, seven players tied for the Club Championship, which attracted 24 players and was held over

four weeks ending on May 10. Four players, Aaron Chen, Brad Watts, John Tums, and Ed Ledesma, went into the final round with 2.5. After Ed Thomas, Ely Sollano, and Bob Stoltz won to raise their scores from 2 to 3, a victory was needed by one of the players on the top two boards to clinch the title.

Ledesma looked like a winner (being up the exchange) but Tums became the aggressor and Ed had to fight to secure the draw with just nine seconds left. In the final game, Chen had an extra pawn but could not bring

home the full point as Watts held the draw.

These seven split 1st, 2nd, Under Chess 2000 and Under Club 1800

Elmhurst

money (\$240). Next year we will have a 5-round Club Championship and try to crown a clear winner.

Twelve players came out on May 17 to compete in a Game/35 Quad. Ely Sollano's last round win over Larry Cohen gave him a perfect 3-0, good for clear first in the top quad. Steve Bychowski, with victories over Orlan Smith, Greg Witek, and Mathew Joseph, also posted a perfect score of 3-0 to take the second quad. Matt Poynter and Kermit Dodson, both with 2.5-0.5, split the \$40 prize in the third quad. ♁

Sophia Spears 'em on the North Side

Report by Bill Smythe

This writer was recently shown a *Discover* magazine cover depicting a cavewoman about to attack unseen prey with a six-foot spear. Immediately, he was reminded of being checkmated on b2 on several occasions while playing the White side of a King's Indian against Sophia Gates. Naturally, a label was quickly attached to the magazine, identifying the warrior as Sophia, and the magazine was left on prominent display at the Club.

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counterzapping, advising readers of the club newsletter that players who valued their ratings should "not play too many games with Bill Smythe." Contrary to appearances, neither of these teasers was a response to the other, as the barbs crossed in the email.

Enrico Sevillano has made a habit of showing up at club Plus-Score events, and taking home the bacon with a perfect score each time. He scored 4-0 three times, 5-0 once, and 6-0 once during April and May. He fal-



Simultaneously, PatzerDog was

tered a bit on May 10, scoring only 5-1 after giving up draws to Osman Palos and James Marshall.

It is a different story when we have Quads. On May 3, the top three sections were each won by a player scoring less than 3-0. Marvin Dandridge and Steve Szpisjak drew each other and finished with 2.5, while Tom Kirke won section two at 2-1, and Greg Witek and Cipriano Menendez tied at 2-1 in section three. Only in the fourth and fifth sections did Dennis Seibel and Jim Burnett, respectively, emerge unscathed at 3-0.

In the May 31 quads, this writer won the top section 2-1 after escaping with full points in busted positions against Bill Brock and Tom Kirke. Brad Watts showed the other two how to win won positions against yours truly, but finished only 1.5 1.5 overall. In sections two and three, Greg Witek and Aaron Weiss pulled it out with perfect scores.

Our Masters-Play-Free 1-vs-2 Plus-Score of May 17, designed to pit masters against each other early, served its purpose in round 1 as Sevillano defeated Dandridge. Other masters, however, chickened out and stayed away from this format, fully wise to what we were attempting.

We have a full schedule of weekend events coming up, in various formats. We hope to see you soon at the Club. ♞

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								score	tour
1	SEVILLANO Enrico	2544	WB	W4	D 2	X11	W5	4.5	9.5M
2	PALOS Osman	2423	W16	W6	D 1	W5	W4	4.5	9.5M
3	MARSHALL James A	2033	-	W18	_5	W16	W7	3.5	3.5MX
4	READ Rhys	2001	W*9	L1	W13	W6	L2	3	3MX
5	LAHR H Fred	1794	W*7	W15	W3	L2	L1	3	3M-B
6	SCOTT Gene	2156	W*3	L2	W6	L4	D10	2.5	2.5MX
7	WATTS Brad	2013	H	W9	L 1	W15	L3	2.5	2.5MX
8	SACKS David W	1878	L*	W19	L6	D10	W13	2.5	2.5M B
9	GRAWOIG David	1545	H	L7	L15	W14	W16	2.5	2.5M C
10	GASUNAS Anthony	1205	H	H	H	D 8	D 6	2.5	2.5M-D
11	CAV S Quazithes	-	H	W12	W7	F 1	.	2.5	2.5M
12	SMYTHE Bill	1800	W14	L11	H	H	.	2	2MXA
13	WITEK Greg	1554	L6	X*7	L4	W18	L8	2	2M-C
14	LEVINE Gary T	1325	L12	_16	W17	_9	W*9	2	2M-D
15	LEE Tyrone D	2054	H	_5	W9	_7	.	1.5	1.5MX
16	HALE Bob Lloyd	1666	L2	W14	H	_3	_9	1.5	1.5M-B
17	LEWIS Otis Jr	1309	L5	F13	L14	D19	B	1.5	1.5M-D
18	SHAPIRO Greg	1697	H	L3	D19	L*3	.	1	1M-B
19	BLACKMAN William	1335	L4	_8	D18	D17	L14	1	1M-C

Forgetting to Count the Rounds at Tuley Park

Report by Tom Fineberg

The large turnout for our May 30 tournament was due to the participation of about ten kids from the Duke Ellington School, including the kindergarteners who did so well in Peoria.

Tuley Park Chess Club

Tyrone Lee and Sam Ford agreed to a quick draw in round 5, and then were surprised to hear there was a round 6!

Tyrone then beat Sean Stidd for clear first, while Jerome Mitchell held Sam to a draw. Sam and Chet Parks tied for second at 5.0.

Whitney Young High School's Ten-Thousand-Dollar-Man, Dushyanth Reddivari (see Square One, page 43), joined Jerome, also scoring 4.5. ♞

**1998 Illinois
A, B, C,
Under 13
Scholarship**

Where	Garrett Center 824 N. Duryea Place Peoria, IL 61625
Entry Fee	\$12 by August 13 \$15 at site, \$10 Juniors
What	4-Round Swiss
Time Control	Game/80
Memberships	Required: USCF & ICA (other states honored)
Prizes	Guaranteed 1st: \$75 2nd: \$50 Class A, B, C, Under \$25 each (based on 6 entrants per class)
Registration	8:00-8:45 a.m.
Round Times	9, 12, 2:45, 5:30
Byes	A limit of one 1/2 point bye is available in any round
Notes	No smoking allowed.
Bring	Please bring sets, boards and clocks.
Entries	Wayne Zimmerle 514 W. Loucks Peoria, IL 61604 309-686-0192 (after 7pm)

Confusion Over Tie-breakers

To the editor,

Tom Doan wrote a great detailed article capturing the excitement of the 1998 Illinois Scholastic Chess Championship in the *Square One* section of the May/June *Illinois Chess Bulletin*.

However, I was surprised when the article and accompanying table showed Martin Luther King (Rockford) as third place. At the tournament, King received a fourth place trophy. The third place trophy went to MacArthur (Hoffman Estates).

Was the article in error or was it the TD? Thanks!

Chuck Beach
M.L. King Chess Coach
Rockford



**Letters
to the
Editor**

Tom Doan Replies:

To write the article, I regenerated the standings from the tournament files. Both MacArthur and King deserve congratulations for their outstanding tournaments, and the tie breaks between them for third place were very close. In fact, different tie breaks produce different results. At this point, I am not sure why the published standings were incorrect, but I will have an explanation by next issue.

The Five Chess Happinesses

by Les Bale

- If you want happiness for an hour: play speed chess
- If you want happiness for a day: play at the beach
- If you want happiness for a month: play in a tournament
- If you want happiness for a year: play regularly in your club
- If you want happiness for a lifetime: teach someone to play



George David
(1679)
Chicago

"A knight offers more possibilities of check-mate. It can change the color of the squares it controls."



Chuck Higgins
(1714)
Crown Point, Indiana

"Knights. In a locked-up position, knights maneuver well."

Vox Populi

At the Chicago Open we asked some players to share their views with the Illinois Chess Bulletin. This is what they told us.

Which do you prefer
in an ending:
bishop or knight?

*For Steve Mayer's 'verdict'
see the book review on page 47*



Kris Fraser
(1108)
Lakewood, New Jersey

"Bishops cover more squares than knights. They can cover the diagonal from either the center or the edge of the board."



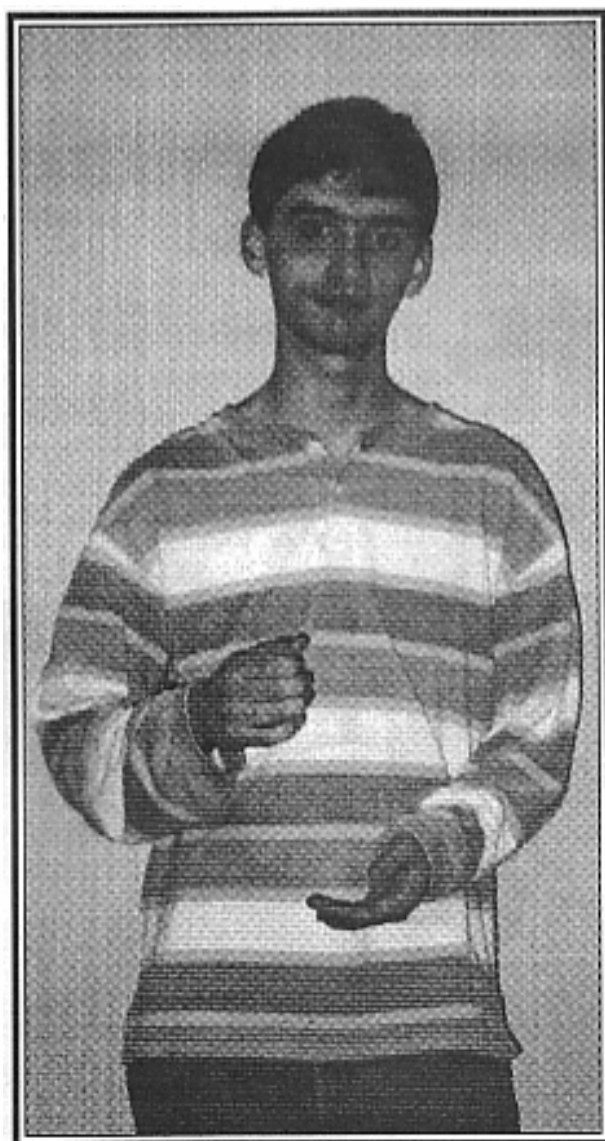
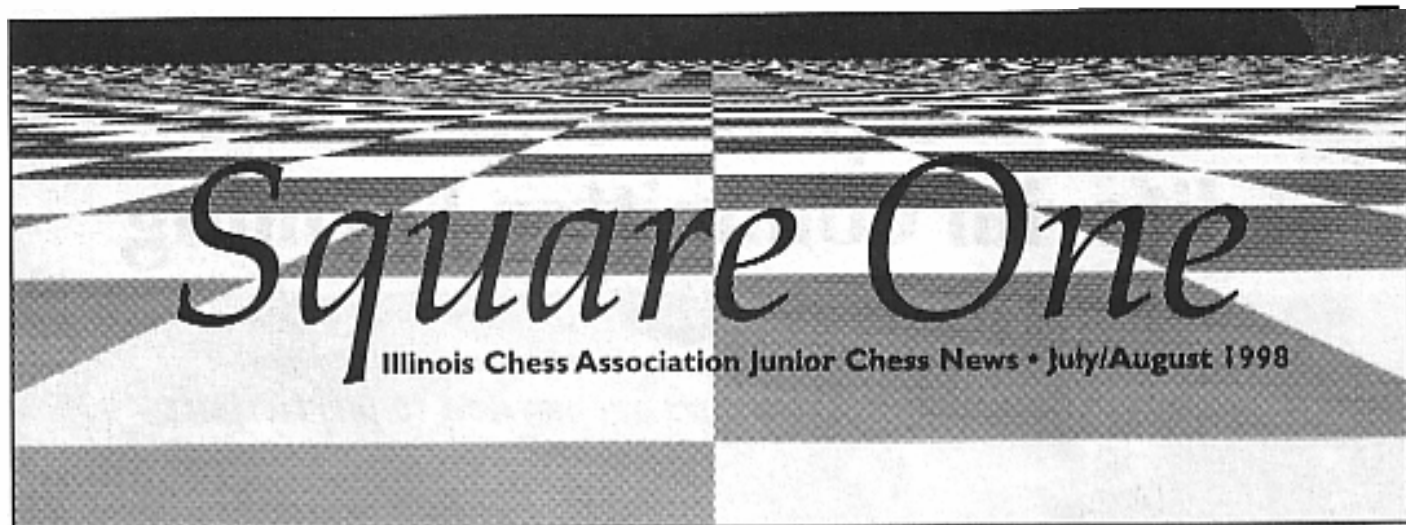
Julia Oberweis
(1639)
Aurora

"I prefer bishops because they control more squares in an open ending than knights do."



Mark Siwek
(1950)
Park Ridge

"In a closed position I like knights; in an open position I like bishops."



Florin Felecan

*Second place at
High School
Nationals
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*Illinois
Representative to
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Tournament of
Champions
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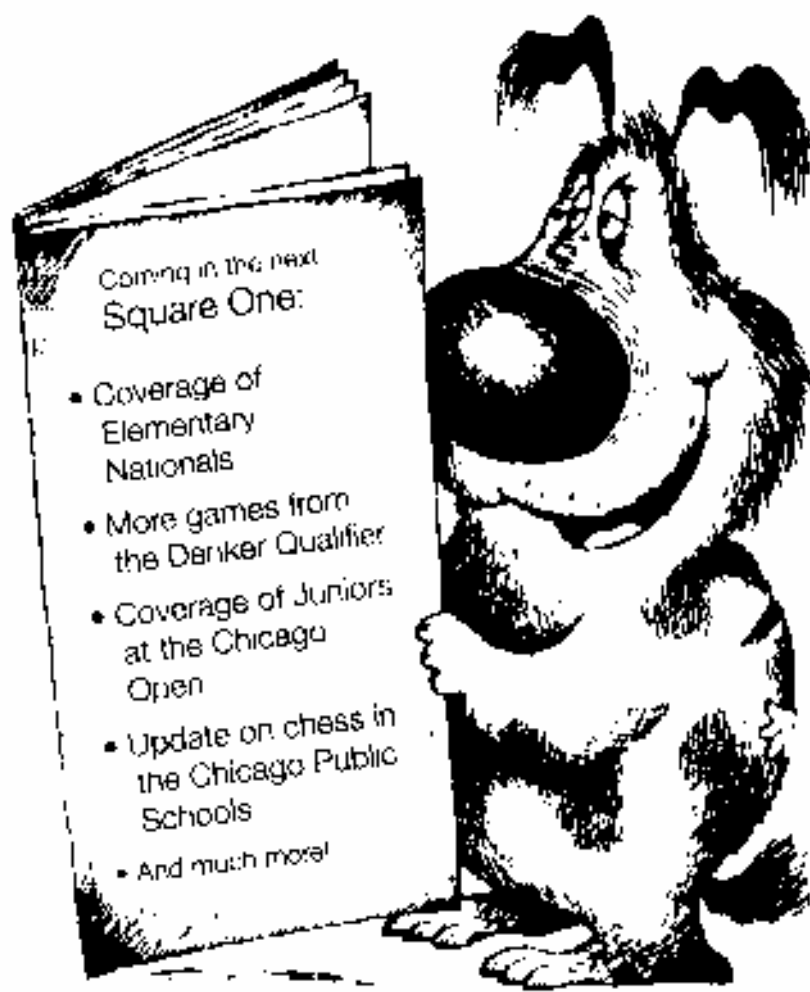
'Square One' Editorial Committee Forming

Coaches, parents, and juniors are invited to participate

No editor for *Square One* has been found so it has been decided to try and create a committee who will divide up the work for each issue.

If you are willing to write, take photographs, proofread, check facts, remind people of deadlines, and do other, similar tasks, then you would be perfect to work on *Square One*. Contact the ICB editor immediately.

In this issue, we have many contributions by juniors and urge all juniors who read *Square One* to consider submitting a game or writing an article. If you don't want to write, take your camera to a tournament or conduct a poll of your fellow chessplayers on an important topic and report on your findings.



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L.A. Confidence: High School Nationals

Story and photos by Ken Lewandowski



Any tournament with "National" as a label takes on a special aura. The team from Evanston Township High School approached this event with confidence after their victory at the IHSA State Team Tournament. The weeks between the two events saw the players working to keep their games at their best. The Nationals also provided an opportunity for more of the club members to participate. Only one of the IHSA Team was unable to attend the Nationals in Los Angeles due to other scholastic commitments. Joining the remaining 7 team members, 7 additional club players looked forward to being able to contribute, including one first-time player. The Evanston players were also excited about meeting fellow Illinois players from Bowen, Downers Grove North, West Chicago and Glenbard West. The friendships forged over the chess board transcend local rivalries.

The weekend started on an ominous note when Evanston's flight was canceled Thursday evening due to weather. Frantic calling arranged an alternate and the team finally arrived at their rooms 4 a.m. local time. Fortunately, the first round was not until 1 PM so the players got rest while the coach ran around confirming registration and details. Several of the other Illinois schools had similar experiences. Just some of the many details group coaches need to be prepared to cope with.

The USCF National High School Chess Championship is set up in 3 sections. The Novice section is for players rated under 1000. The JV is U 1300.

The Open is for everyone. After some discussion within the club, the Evanston players mostly choose to play in their proper section. Since the team scores are based on the scores of the top 4 players for each school in each section, we had a team in all three. There is a strong argument for putting players in higher sections against tougher opponents. I felt more important players would be successful in their proper sections and wanted to start the next year remembering a good result.

Our Novice team had 5 players, one playing in his first ever tournament. Three of them were rated in the 900's. Most of these players, all sophomores, had not experienced the longer time controls (25/60, SD/60) and intense pressure during the season. None of them were on the State Championship Team. The biggest lesson they learned is the value of a single mistake. When they won, they could easily point to error by their opponents. When they lost, they could see the misplaced or hung piece and the downhill games afterwards. Their records were (wins-draws-losses):

David Geisler	4-1-2
Shawn White	4-1-2
Vannard Davis	4-0-3
Dan Nocchiero	2-2-3
Mark Rios	2-0-5

Their scores earned this team 18th Place overall and a nice trophy. If they can remember the lesson mentioned above, they will push the returning varsity players for positions on the top 8 team boards.

The JV section is somewhat special

for me. The first time I took a team to Nationals in Atlanta (91), we won this section. Then, it had a 1500 upper rating limit. The lower 1300 limit seemed to reflect the changes in the rating floor policy. The Evanston players in this section are close to the playing strength of the '91 team. Several of these players were apprehensive about the section as they just earned ratings over 1000 and really hoped to play "Novice". The JV section turned out to be the smallest of the three sections and extremely competitive. None of our players made obvious errors and most of them sweated through most of their allotted time. Dan Stein (IHSA Board 7) was our star in this section. His rating of 1094 placed him in the middle of the group but he found many traps, combinations and sacrifices to post an impressive 6-1 record for 4th Place Individual Honors! His only loss came when he went after a 'poisoned' rook pawn losing his bishop. His scattered 5 pawns became easy pickings facing his opponents bishop and 3 pawns. It was a lesson he explained to us and we are sure he will not capture on 'a2' again with a king on c1 and the b- and c-pawns to spring the trap. This section saw 2 Freshmen and 3 Sophomores from Evanston competing.

One player choose to 'play up' in this section and Ben Schwartz (932) won 4th Place for Class E in the JV Section. Ben joined the team just before the Winter Break and has improved tremendously. He really enjoyed the long time controls. The careful analysis he used for each move allowed him to draw several

games that would have been lost by a 'faster' player.

Woojae Sung (our 8th Board at IHSA) showed much improved end game skills. Down 2 pawns in one game, he used his bishop to both stop his opponents 3 pawns and guard his own queening square. After long maneuvering, Woojae developed a 'zugzwang' where his opponent had to give up a knight or let Woojae Queen. Of course he Queened anyway shortly thereafter and won. The same round, Florin had a similar end game, with a bishop stopping 3 pawns while his king took care of the other side of the board. Seeing such parallel end game skills was very rewarding for their coach.

Another reason for entering so many players in the JV section was the competition with Glenbard West. They were the team that narrowly defeated us at IHSA State to force the five-way tie. They were also defending champions of this section and were looking to repeat. The Evanston Team earned 19.5 points to 18.5 for Glenbard (6th Place). Also from Illinois, Downers Grove North had 17.5 for 8th Place. Evanston results:

Dan Stein 6-0-1
 David Summerhays .. 4-1-2
 John Skolnik 4-1-2
 Woojae Sung 4-1-2
 Ben Schwartz..... 2-4-1

The Open Section draws the most interest as this is where the True High School Champion will be determined. We all knew that Florin would be ranked near the top and he ended up the top seed. The top few boards were separated from the rest of the playing area and Florin's games always drew a crowd. Spectators were stunned when he accepted a draw in Round 4 (see analysis). There was still a chance for the top results as many of these top board games ended in draws. The last round saw Florin playing on Board 2 and the only 2 players 6-0 on Board 1. If they drew, there would be a large tie for first with several players 6.5. Florin did his part

Chess is a lonely game.

Right: In the middle of a tournament with over a thousand players, Shawn White sits alone contemplating his position.

by winning his last game but the top board ended with a clear winner. Florin earned Second Place on tie breaks. We can only guess about the tie breaks otherwise.

The ratings of the players supporting Florin in the Open Section were 1462, 1399 and 1265. They knew they would have a tough time indeed. Sophomore Matt Pullin (1399) took 2.5 out of his first 3 games. This put him up in the pairings. He was only able to earn 1 more win but 3-1-3 against opponents 200-400 points higher is a great score. His victories came from solid opening knowledge. He plans to work on middle game analysis this summer. The 4 players in this section earned a total of 15 points and the 20th Place Trophy. Their results:

Florin Felecan 6-1-0
 Matt Pullin 3-1-3
 Jason Doty 2-2-3
 Matt Thomas 1-2-4

The ETHS playes were 49-16-32 overall, about 60%, not as good as the Bulls but close to the Cubs percentage. As a coach I am proud of the way the team handled themselves all weekend, at the playing site, in our hotel and while sight-seeing. Ten of the 14 players ended up with plus scores!

This year, the organizers used the 'adult' system of having the players record their own results. It is rewarding for coaches to see over 1,000 young players rising to the challenge and behaving like responsible, mature individuals for three long, competitive days.



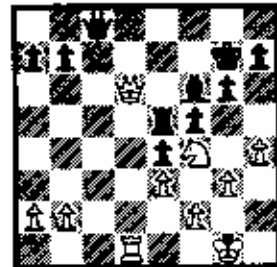
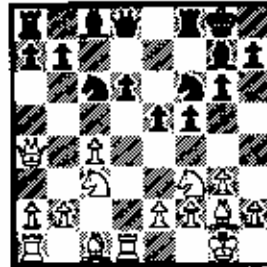
Above top: Woojae Sung. Middle: Matt Thomas; Bottom: Blair Machaj.



Games Annotated by the Players

Florin Felecan
David Pruess

National HS Championship, 1998
Leningrad Dutch Defence
Notes by Florin Felecan



1.Nf3 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5. 0-0 0-0 6.Nc3 d6 7.d4

Finally, I decided to play against the Dutch Defense, Leningrad Variation; if White wants to continue to play the English Opening, he should try 7.d3 or 7. Rb1

7...Nc6

In the last three or four years this line has been played a lot in tournaments; it is considered one of the best moves, along with 7...Qc8.

8.d5 Na5

It is also possible to play 8...Ne5, and after 9.Nxe5 dxe5, Black tries to advance his kingside pawns with h7-h6, and g6-g5.

9.Qa4 c5 10.dxc6 Nxc6

The move 10...bxc6 is considered the best in this position.

11.Rd1 e5?!

Black is overestimating his position; correct was ...Qa5.

12.Nb5?

Correct was first 12.Qa3, keeping the c4 square under control.

12...Nc4! 13.Qa3 Be6!? 14.Nxd6 Bxc4 15.Bh6 Bxb6 16.Nxc4 Qc7 17.e3 Rad8

Now the Black position is O.K.

18.Qb3 Kh8 19.Rac1 Bg7 20.Ne1 Nc5 21.Qb5 Ne6 22.Bd5 Rfe8

Despite his time pressure, Black's moves are the correct ones.

23.Nf3 e4 24.Bxc6 Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 Rxe6 26.Ng5

Now, White has some initiative, but the Black position can easily be defended.

26...Rc7 27.Qd5 Bf6 28.Ne6 Qc8 29.Nf4 Ne5 30.Qd6! Kg7 31.Nxe5 Rxe5 32.h4

White is trying to get a better ending.

32...Qc6 33.Qa3

Trading the queens will help to solve black's problems.

33...Rc7

Trading the rooks; Black's king will be much safer.

34.Kg2 Rd7 35.Rxd7 Qxd7

36.Qxa7 Bxb2 37.Qc5 Bf6 38.Qb6 Qc6 39.Qb3

The light squares in the Black position are weak, and the cooperation between White's queen and knight can bring the Black king in real danger. The White queen is also pointing at b7.

39...h5

Taking White's threat h4-h5; but this move worsens the king's position.

40.Nc6+ Kh7

continued on the next page

More H.S. National Results

The complete results can be found at www.nystar.com/chesscenter. Results from other Illinois School were (apologies if any were missed):

Championship Section West Chicago Community H.S.

10th Place Team
Justin Sadauskas 1874 5-1-1
Blair Machaj 4-1-2
Kevin Brewer 1665 4-0-3
Dennis Janek 1084 2-1-4
Alfredo Muhlberger 991 2-0-5

Glenbard West

15th Place Team
Bryan Gast 2012 5-1-1
Brian Wong 1709 5-0-2
David Nordhal 1419 3-2-2
Peter Stefanski 1371 2-1-4

Downers Grove North

Luke Burke 1343 4-0-3

Bowen (Chicago)

Miguel Agala 1179 4-0-3
Miguel Campos 1271 3-0-4
Rogelio Zepeda 1204 2-2-3
David Herrera 1263 2-0-5

JV Section

Glenbard West

6th Place Team
Mike White 1289 6-0-1 11th Place
Sam Castic 1212 5-0-2
Phil Villafior 896 4-0-3

Ryan Mendenhall 930 3-1-3
Elizabeth Villafior 1084 3-1-3
Dave Finnegan 1135 3-1-3

Downers Grove North

8th Place Team
Ali Amir 1141 6-1-0 2nd Place
John Dixon 1104 5-0-2
Renee Marquett 1006 3-1-3
Richard Lusk 989 2-1-4

Illinois had 3 of the top 8 JV Teams and 3 of the top 11 JV Individuals. The majority of players had even or plus scores.

—Ken Lewandowski

Games from Nationals • • •

For a moment Black can believe that he solved all the problems.

41.a4 Kb6 42.Nf8 Kg7
43.Nc6+ Kh6 44.Nf4

Threatening the powerful Qg8.

44...Kg7 45.a5

Zugzwang might be an unpleasant thing for Black!

45...Kh6??



Black doesn't realize how weak his king's position is.

46.Qf7 Be5 47.Nc6 Qc3
48.Ng5! Qc7 49.Qg8! 1-0.

Gabe Kahane 2033

Florin Felecan 2590

Pirc Defence

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6
4.Be2 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bg4 6.0-0
0-0 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Qd2 e5
9.dxc5

This line completely equalizes the game and makes it hard to win for either party: I'm to blame for it because I've chosen to follow the classic line from the Pirc and I wasn't aware of my opponent's plan.
9...dxc5 10.Rad1 Qc7

Declining the queen trade and trying to make the game more complicated.

11.Nd5 Qd6! 12.Nxf6+
Qxf6 13.c3 Rfd8 14.Qc2 h6
15.Rxd8

My opponent is trying to trade all major pieces, and, with a symmetrical pawn structure, the game is a clearly a draw

15...Rxd8 16.Rd1 Bc6
17.b3 a6

Against the disturbing threat of Bb5.

18.Rxd8 Qxd8 19.Qd2 Qf8
20.Nel f5 21.f3

All Black's winning plans are now gone!

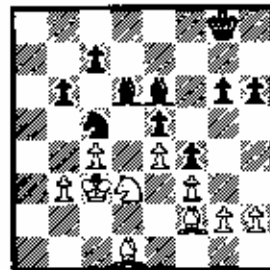
21...f4 22.Bf2 Qa3 23.Nd3
Bf8

Protecting the e5-square.

24.Qb2! b6 25.Qxa3 Bxa3
26. Kf1

Here we were supposed to draw the game, but I tried some more.

26...a5 27.Ke1 a4 28.Bd1
Bd6 29.Kd2 Na5 30.c4!
Nb7 31.Kc3 axb3 32.axb3
Nc5



Seeing that my position

Anyway you look at it, it's a draw. Florin Felecan (on the right in all three photos) playing Gabe Kahane



Pullin Pulls it Out!

Matt Pullin (1399)

Chad Wong (1580)

1998 National HS Championships, Open Section

Reti Opening

Notes by Matt Pullin

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Bd7
4.b3 Nf6 5.Bg2 Bd6 6.Bb2
Nc6

This move is ugly and inconsistent with the ...Bd7 system. Black needed to play 6...c5. The text leaves Black a middlegame with little activity.
7.d3 Qe7

Many traps occur in the Reti when Black tries to push ...e5 prematurely. This position is no different: 7...e5 8.cxd5! Nxd5 9.Nxe5.
8.O-O O-O 9.Nbd2 Ba3
10.Qc1 Bxb2 11.Qxb2

I am not impressed by Black's maneuver to trade off dark squared bishops. He has only reduced his own control over e5.

11...a5 12.a3 Rfd8

13.Rfb1!

Reminiscent, I think, of Richard Reti's play. The average club player would probably play 13.Rab1, keeping the f1-rook flexible. But the text move, though it commits to a queenside attack and appears to be a harmless move in itself, is a strong positional move. By shifting both rooks onto a1 and b1 and opening up the queenside with pawn trades, White ensures great activity along those two files.

13...h6

The signal of a man wit' no plan!

14.d4! b6 15.Nc5! Rab8
16.Qc3!

White's last three moves constitute the most direct ex-

might get worse after b3-b4, and c4-c5, I decided to draw the game and not take risks.

33.Nxc5 bxc5! 34.Kd3 Kf7
35.Be1 g5

White's definitely missing the combative spirit today!

36.h3 h5 37.Bf2 Kg6
38.Be2 Bc7 39.Be1 g4

Finally I've decided to take

another chance!

40.hxg4 hxg4 41.Bc3

White is on the right track.
41...Bd6 42.Bf1 Kf7
43.Bd3 g3 44.Bc3

The only problem that White has is that he needs to protect his pawn on g2 against Bh3!

1/2-1/2 ♞

ecution of his plan.

16...Bc8 17.b4 axb4
18.axb4 Nxc5 19.dxc5 Nh7
20.cxd5 exd5 21.Ra7 Rd7
22.Bh3!?

Enter the tactics.

22...d4 23.Qc2 Rd5 24.Nf3

Interesting is 24.f4!?

24...Ng5 25.Nxg5 hxg5
26.f4 gxf4 27.gxf4 Qh4!
28.Bg2 Rd7 29.Qe4! Qh7
30.Rc1 Qxe4 31.Bxc4 c5
32.Rxd7 Bxd7 33.bxc5
bxc5 34.Rxc5 Rb2

Black planned to play ...Rb1+ but realized at this moment that the Bc4 covers it!

35.Rd5! Rxc2 36.Rxd4 Rxc4!?

In time trouble, Black missed the defense 36...Bc8!
37.Kf1 Re3 38.Kf2 Rc3
39.Rd8 Kf8. After 36...Rxc4?! White won rather easily.
1-0

And here is my bizarre battle with Stanley Hwang.

White plays the opening badly but Black returns the favor in the ending.

Matt Pullin (1399)

Stan Hwang (1679)
1998 National HS Ch
Dutch Defense

Notes by Matt Pullin

1.Nf3 f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 d5?
4.cxd5! Nxd5 5.Ne5? Nd7
6.e3 Nxc5 7.dxc5 e6 8.Bc2
c6 9.b3 Bb4+ 10.Kf1!?

There is no word better than 'strange' that can describe White's opening play.

10...O-O 11.Bb2 Bd7
12.a3

IM John Donaldson thinks 12.g3, 'castling by hand', would have been better. But how does one evaluate a position like this?

12...Ba5 13.b4 Bc7 14.Nd2

Black has not reacted well to the unique features of the position. White has pressure as compensation for his awkward King position. His pawn on e5 prevents Black, a natural Stonewall player, from developing naturally.

14...Be8 15.Nb3 Bb6
16.Bd4 Bg6 17.Nc5 Bxc5

18.Bxc5 Rf7

White can defend against the sac: 18...f4 19.Bxf8 fxc3 20.Bc5.

19.h4 f4 20.h5 Bf5 21.exf4 Nxf4 22.Qxd8+ Rxd8 23.Bxa7

And white picks up a button as insurance, in case e5 should fall in the ending.

23...Bd3 24.Bxd3 Nxd3
25.Rd1 Rd5 26.Be3 Nxc5
27.Kc2 Nc4 28.Rxd5 exd5
29.Be5

Black can't grab the button because of 29...Nxa3 30.Ra1.

29...b6 30.Bd4 Rf4!?

I don't think this is the right idea. He should trade the a3 pawn for the b6 pawn.

31.Kd3 Rg4!?

Another useless move.

32.g3 Kf7 33.a4 Rg5
34.Bc3

Trying for a4-a5.

34...Nc5+??

This move blows the ending. The rest is technique and a little innovation on White's part.

35.Bxc5 Rxc5
36.a5 Re7 37.a6
Ra7 38.b5!?! cxb5
39.Ra1 b4 40.Kd4
Kc6 41.g4 Kd6
42.f4 Kc6 43.g5
Kb5 44.Kxd5 Rxa6
45.Rxa6 Kxa6
46.Kc4 Ka5 47.f5
Ka4 48.f6 b5+
49.Kd3 b3 50.f7

White will queen with check, sealing the victory.

1-0

An amusing little sec-saw game which puts me up 2.5-0.5 going into round 4.



Matt Pullin makes his move

Games by Gast

Vladimir Milosavljevic (2321)

Bryan Gast (2012)
1998 National HS Ch

Notes by Bryan Gast

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7
4.Nf3 0-0 5.Bf4 c5

6...cxd4 7.exd4 d5 8.cxd5
Nxd5 9.Be5 Nc6 10.Bxg7
Kxg7 11.Be2 was equal in
Bany-Uhlmann, Dortmund
1990. White's opening is safe
but very quiet.

6.e3 Qa5?! 7.Bd3

Simple development highlights the problems of Black's last move. Of course, 7.dxc5 Ne4! is unacceptable.

7...d6 8.0-0 Na6

8...Nc6 9.d5 Nb4 10.Be2
and a future a3 forces the
knight to a6 in any case, but
moving it immediately does
not allow White to pick up any
free moves.

9.Qd2 Re8

White was threatening
10.Nd5 Qxd2 11.Nxc7+ Kh8
12.Nxd2 snaring a pawn. My
move prevents this and threat-

ens to push c5 in some lines.

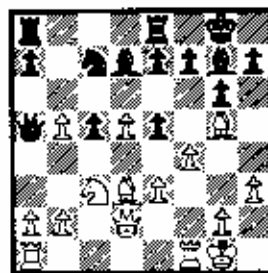
10.h3 Nd7 11.d5

White decides to lock the center, forcing me to look to b7-b5 for counterplay.

11...Nc5

To play b5 Black's pieces need rerouting. The Na6 will go to c7, but the queen will probably need to retreat first. The Nd7 will be in the way of Bd7, Ne7, a6, Rb8, and b5 so I tried to exchange it at the cost of doubled pawns.

12.Nxe5 dxe5 13.Bg5 Bd7
14.f4 b5! 15.cxb5 Nc7!



16.Bxe7

The tactics start to fly as we approach the time control at

move 25. This bishop is immune because of d5-d6.

16...exf4 17.d6

17.exf4 Nxd5! cannot be allowed.

17...fxe3

This is good because 18.Qxe3 Bd4 wins. 17...Nd5 also looks good but White has 18.exf4 Nxc3 19.Racl!

18.Qe2 Rxc7!

The dark squares are all-important in the King's Indian. This move and the next two ensure a strong dark-square grip, and the e-pawn will be a bone in White's throat.

19.dxc7 Re8 20.Ne4 Rxc7
21.Nxc5 Bxb5 22.Nb3 Qb6

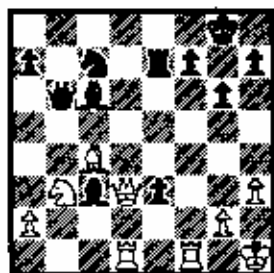
22...Qa6 allows White the opportunity of repeating moves with 23.Nc5.

23.Rad1 Bc6 24.Bc4 Bxb2
25.Kh1

Of course, 25.Qxb2 e2+ is a disaster. Or 25.Rxd8+ Nxe8 26.Rfd1 Bc3 leaves White nothing to do and Black a plan to revive his knight.

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25...Bc3 26.Qd3



After 26...Bb4 Black is better, but how could I refuse a draw?
1/2-1/2

Bryan Gast (2012)
Omar Delgado (1590)
1998 National HS Ch
Notes by Bryan Gast

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6
4.Be2 Nc6

The pawn is immune due to 4...Nxe4? 5 Qa4+ so Black closes the checking diagonal.

5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 g6

6...Nxe4 7.d5 Qa5+ is possible, leading to exciting and unclear positions. Black's g6 creates a less favorable Dragon setup.

7.0-0 Bg7

Until Black castles, the threat to the e-pawn is illusory, viz. 7...Nxe4 8.d5 and 9.Qa4+ when Black cannot insert a queen check at a5.

8.h3 0-0 9.Nc3 Qa5

Black is playing like a fish out of water. More in the spirit of this system is Bd7, Rc8, and Na5-c4 with a queenside expansion.

10.Be3 c5 11.Rc1

The game is beginning to look like a Closed Lopez. Black will rarely be able to capture on d4 while White can consider d5, dxe5, or just improving the position of his pieces.

11...Rb8 12.a4

Ruling out any counterplay with b7-b5. I am slowly improving my pieces and at some

point may aim for a King's Indian structure with d4-d5 where the queenside pawn break will already have occurred while Black's kingside play is hardly menacing. The Qa5 is also misplaced for kingside play.

12...a6 13.Bf1 h6 14.d5

Now that b6 is weak and Black cannot play Bh6, the time is ripe to close the position and reap the fruits of his queenside bind.

14...Ne7 15.Nd2 Ne8

Black prepares f7-f5 and defends the sensitive d6 pawn.

16.Nc4 Qd8 17.Bb6 Nc7

Ugly but forced. 17...Qd7 16 Ba7 Ra8 19.Nb6 is getting away with murder.

18.Rc1 Bd7 19.Ba5

Not 19.Nxd6 Bxh3. Although not a bad trade, White's position calls out for more forcing play. I want to clear b6 for the knight and get some pieces off the c-file so that my Rc1 can pressure the pinned knight.

19...Be8 20.Nb1 Rc8 21.Rc3

To double on the c-file.

Note how Black's h6 deprives him of the opportunity to play Bh6 at this point.

21...f5 22.Rc3 Qd7? 23.Nxd6

With literally seconds to reach move 25, we were blitzing out moves and I played this without noticing 23.Nb6 is lights out.

23...Qxd6 24.Rxc7 Rxc7 25.Bxc7 Qd7 26.Ba5 fxe4 27.Rc7 Qd6 28.Qb3

The last sequence was pretty forcing. Black's 7th rank will soon feel the draft from White's heavy pieces on the queenside.

28...Bf7 29.Nc3 Nc6

This loses, but what else is there? 30.Qb6 Bxd5 31.Nxd5 Qxd5 32.Qxb7



This counterpin is decisive.
32...Bf6 33.Qxc6 Qxa5
34.Qd7 1-0 ♀

Glenbard West at Nationals

by David Gast

Championship Section

Team: 17 pts, 15th Place Trophy

Bryan Gast (2012) 5-1-1 (22nd Place Individual Trophy);
Bran Wong (1709) 5-0-2
David Nordahl (1419) 3-2-2
Peter Stefanski (1371) 2-1-4

Bryan had a tough draw in round 4 against the third-rated player in the tournament, who finished fifth. In the fifth round he lost to another master who finished third in the tournament with 6.5 points. Bryan tied for 13th through 37th place. David Nordahl played up 200-400 points four times and won one and drew one of those games.

Junior Varsity Section

Team: 18.5 pts 6th Place Trophy
Mike White (1289) 6-0-1 11th Place Individual Trophy
Sam Castic (1212) 5-0-2 25th Place Individual Trophy
Philip Villalor (896) 4-0-3 1st Place Trophy for 800-899 Class
David Finnegan (1135) 3-1-3
Elizabeth Villalor (1084) 3-1-3

Ryan Menderhal (390) 3-1-3

Mike was upset in the first round and then won six straight games to finish in a tie for 3rd through 11th. His tie breaks were weak because his loss came so early. Sam started with four wins but lost in round 5 and again in round 7. He tied for 17th through 42nd place and received the 25th place trophy on tie breaks. Philip was our lowest-rated player in the

tournament and he played up an average of over 200 points throughout the tournament. He lost his first three games but then won four in a row to capture the first place trophy for his rating class. He was the Glenbard West player whose results in the tournament most exceeded expectations.

Overall, the Glenbard West players had 39 wins, 7 draws and 24 losses—a winning percentage slightly over 60%. Only one of the ten players ended up with a losing record. ♀

Stein Forces Mate

Dan Stein 1052
Sam Castic 1277
1998 National HS Ch
Notes by Dan Stein

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.c5 Bf5 4.Nf3
c6 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 Qb6

This is premature queen development for Black. He has good pawn structure, but needs to develop pieces and protect his king.

12.Be3 Be7

What seemed an even game a moment ago has turned ugly for Black. None of his pieces have any good attacking squares and his queen is trapped, leaving it vulnerable and ineffective.

In a vain attempt to keep pressure on the d-pawn, the Black queen position worsens.

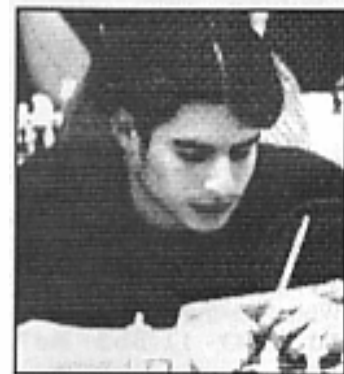
13.Nc3 a6 14.Na4 Qa7
15.Rfc1 0-0 16.Nc5 b6
17.Nxc6! Nxc5 18.dxc5 fxc6

White wins the open c-file.
19.b5 a5 20.Rc6 Kf7
21.Ra1 Rab8 22.Bg5 h6
23.g4 hxg5 24.gxf5 cxf5

This sequence effectively weakens Black's kingside. All the kingside pawns are attacked giving check and the bishop has to stay put to defend the rook fork.

25.Qxf5+ Kg8 26.Qe6+ Kh8 27.Rc7 Qa8

Now White has a forced mate.
28.Qxc7 Rg8 29.Qf7 g6
30.Qh7 mate ♀



Dan Stein

Denker Qualifier Draws Stellar Field

by Mike Zacate

The annual ICA tournament to determine the Illinois representative to the Arnold Denker High School Tournament of Champions, held during and at the same site as the U.S. Open, was held April 17-19 at the Radisson Hotel in Lisle. Players were invited in order of their USCF mid-March rating, and their willingness to travel to Hawaii (site of this year's Denker tournament).

Five of the state's top six rated high school players accepted with the remaining spot, as per tradition, going to the ICCA Champion. The participants were Florin Felecan (2584), Mikhail Kirzhner (2068), Bryan Gast (2012), Tam Nguyen (1986), Mark Robledo (1913), and Todd Freitag (1507). The players assembled just before the first round Friday to draw pairing numbers for the round robin rivalry. Helen Warren's expertise ensured a smooth and proper beginning. Even more appreciated by

players and staff was her making available tasty and healthy snacks during the tournament.

The honor of scoring the first point went to Kirzhner when Robledo felt compelled to resign on the 20th move. Kirzhner's quick win was reversed in the second round when he resigned at move 23 to Felecan. Having beaten Freitag in the first round, Felecan was now alone in first place as the other first round winner, Gast (over Nguyen), acknowledged a draw with Robledo in an exciting queen vs two rooks game when the time in sudden death was down to 25 and 32 seconds, respectively. Nguyen defeated Freitag in the other round 2 match.

Felecan was unable to hold the lead

Final Result • Round by Round

Player	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5
Florin Felecan	1.0	2.0	2.5	3.5	4.5
Mikhail Kirzhner	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	2.5
Bryan Gast	1.0	1.5	2.5	3.0	3.0
Tam Nguyen	0.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.0
Mark Robledo	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	2.0
Todd Freitag	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.0

Denker Qualifier Crosstable

		1	2	3	4	5	6
1 Freitag, Todd (1507)	•	L	D	L	D	L	
2 Felecan, Florin (2584)	W	•	W	D	W	W	
3 Robledo, Mark (1913)	D	L	•	W	D	L	
4 Nguyen, Tam (1986)	W	D	L	•	L	D	
5 Gast, Bryan (2012)	D	L	D	W	•	W	
6 Kirzhner, Mikhail (2068)	W	L	W	D	L	•	

when Nguyen stubbornly refused to give an exploitable weakness, fought time pressure, and held on for a draw. Gast moved to 2.5 earlier with a hard fought win over Kirzhner in which each player had used 110 of the 120 minutes by the 22nd move. The remaining round 3 game (Freitag vs Robledo) ended in a draw.

Round 4 set the stage for a first place show-down between Gast and Felecan. Felecan beat Robledo. Gast fell a half point behind when Freitag refused to lose. Each player made time control with comfort. In the half-hour sudden death, Gast took a bishop and five pawn vs bishop and four pawn lead on the 54th move. Finding no way to exploit the meager advantage, a draw was agreed 34 moves later, resulting in the game with the greatest number of moves. Meanwhile, Nguyen and Kirzhner entered a furious time scramble that continued past the time control leaving each with a rook and three pawns and so they agreed to a draw.

As the luck of the draw had it, Gast continued on the next page

Denker Qualifier Games

ICB Games Editor, NM Alan Watson, details some of the fine play by the top juniors in Illinois

Mark Robledo Jr. (1906)
Mikhail Kirzhner (2068)
 Illinois Denker Qualifier
 Naperville 1998

Notes by NM Alan Watson

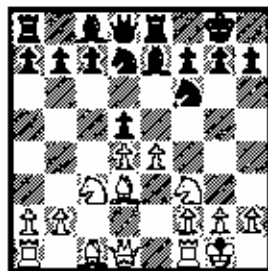
1.d4

By expending two moves for the opening advance e2-e4, White fell behind in development and all but assured free and active play for his opponent. After an enterprising pawn sacrifice doubled his kingside pawns, White continued his careless play until threatened with checkmate or loss of his queen by an unexpected rook maneuver.

1...c6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.e3

By voluntarily sealing-in his queen's bishop White commits himself to a passive and lifeless middlegame where his opponent has fully equal play.

5...Be7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 Re8 9.e4?!



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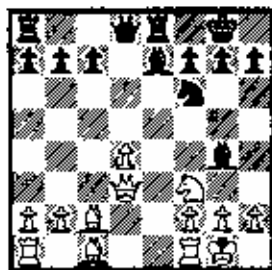
faced Felecan in the last round, needing a win to take first. Tam had the prospect of catching Gast for second place by winning. Kirzhner mated Freitag to win third place and Nguyen fell to Robledo. Only with the completion of the tournament's final game was this year's winner decided. Emerging in first place was Florin Felecan with Bryan Gast taking second.

Besides the honor of representing Illinois, the winner will receive financial support for his trip to Hawaii. The USCF will provide at least \$100. The ICA, with the assistance of a donor, will provide air transportation. Additional support may be forthcoming as has happened in the past. The \$200 second place prize was donated by Helen Warren. The ICA guaranteed the \$100 third place prize and the 4th, 5th and 6th place awards of \$50 each and also paid for the fine playing facility. Mike Zacate, NTD, served as tournament director with Josh Flores assisting. ♣

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Having chosen 5.e3 its quite ironic that a mere four moves later he decides his Be1 needs open lines. Indeed, by prematurely opening the position before development is completed he thereby confers upon Black a slight advantage already. More consistent was the setup involving b4, Bb2, Qe2, Rfd1, and Rac1 with a passive but playable position. 9...dxc4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxc4 Nf6 12.Bc2 Bg4 13.Qd3



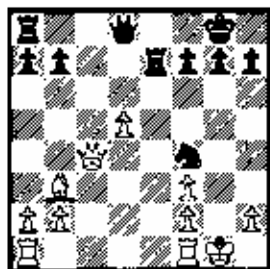
13...c5!?

Much too simplistic is 13...Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Qxd4 15.Qxb7 with only a slight advantage. Instead, Black seeks to further open the game when his superior development would offer chances for more. 14.Bg5 c4

An interesting sacrifice which decoys White's queen away from her protection of f3 so that the kingside may be weakened.

15.Qxc4 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nd5 Again best. By exchanging dark-squared bishops control over the critical pivot square f4 is assured for Black's knight. 17.Bxe7 Rxe7 18.Bb3?

A naive move which badly underestimates Black's play. After 18.Qd3 Black would still be obligated to prove the correctness of his sacrifice. 18...Nf4 19.d5?



19.Kh1 was obligatory. There now follows a line-clearance sacrifice whereby Black's rook boldly offers its own life so that the d8-h4 diagonal may be cleared for a dramatic appearance by the queen. 19...Re4!! 0-1

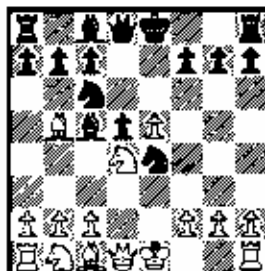
Mikhail Kirzhner (2088)
Bryan Gast (2012)
Illinois Denker Qualifier,
Naperville 1998
Notes NM Alan Watson

Bryan Gast's finest game of the tournament featured an unusual variation of the Two Knights that had been prepared in advance with trainer-in-exile Tom Cooper. After gaining a winning advantage out of the opening, he unfortunately committed several inaccuracies which allowed his opponent a longer life than the Chess Gods had pre-ordained. Already solid in the openings, continued study and experience should improve his game to the point where he will represent a formidable challenge to players of all caliber.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.e5 d5!

This is Black's most energetic move at this point and should yield good counterplay if followed up properly.

6.Bb5 Ne4 7.Nxd4 Bc5!?



More common is 7...Bd7 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.0-0 Bc5 with interesting play. Instead, the text offers sacrifice that that White is advised not to accept so as to avoid falling desperately behind in development. 8.Nxc6?!

Best is 8.Bc3! Bd7 9.Bxc6 bxc6 when the game will have transposed into the popular lines which follow 7...Bd7. Although White does win a pawn, he will soon come to better appreciate the delicate balance between material and development.

8...Bxf2+ 9.Kf1 bxc6

The most accurate move is actually the immediate 9...Qh4 as suggested by American correspondence

player Keidance. Play may then continue 10.Nd4+ c6 11.Nf3 Ng3+ 12.Kxf2 Ne4++! 13.Ke2 Qf2+ 14.Kd3 Bf5 with a decisive attack. Even with the text, Black remains securely in charge of the initiative.

10.Bxc6+ Kf8



11.Qd3

White's chances are not improved by the alternatives:

11.c4 Qh4!! 12.Nd2 Ng3+ 13.Kxf2 Ne4+ 14.Ke3 Qf2+ 15.Kd3 Nc5+ 16.Ke3 Qe3+ 17.Kb4 a5+ 18.Kb5 Rb8+ 19.Kxa5 Nb3+ and Black resigned given that 20...Qa7# is unstoppable: 0-1 Stein-Karklins, Midwest Masters Inv. 1988; 11.Bxa8 Ba6+ 12.c4 Bxc4+ 0-1 Simler-Avguarde, Fremont 1992; 11.Qe2 Rb8 12.Bc3 Bxc3 13.Qxc3 Rb6 14.Ba4 Qe7 15.Qa3 (perhaps better is 15...Ba6+ 16.Kg1 Rxb2, but sometimes its difficult to settle for a winning endgame when you're looking for a middlegame knock-out!)

15...c5 16.Qc3 Qxc5 17.Nc3 Ba6+ 18.Kg1 Re6 19.Re1 Qd6 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 Qe7 22.Qb3 Nf6 23.Rxc6 fxc6 24.h3 Qd6 25.Qf3 Qe5 26.Qc3 Qxc3 27.bxc3 Ke7 28.c4 d4 29.Kf2 Ne4+ 30.Kf3 Nc3 31.a4 Rf8+ 32.Kg3 e5 33.Re1 e4 34.a5 e3 35.Bc6 Kd6 36.Bf3 Ke5 37.Rf1 Ne4+ 38.Kh2 Nd2 39.Re1 Rxf3 40.gxf3 Nxf3+ 0-1 Khalid-Del Mundo, Szeged 1994. 11...Qh4 12.Bxd5

Black must react precisely should his opponent decide to take the proffered rook...

12.Bxa8 Bc5?! (12...Bd4! 13.Bc3 Nc5 14.Qxd4 Ba6+ 15.c4 Bxc4+ 16.Qxc4 Qxc4+ 17.Kg1 Ne4!) 13.Bc3 Ba6

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\$10,000 Chess Scholarship

Chicago Public School Students fight over the board in Hyde Park to earn college money

On April 21, 18 students gathered in Hyde Park to vie for the 1998 Chicago Public Schools Scholastic Most Valuable Chess Player Championship. The field was eventually reduced to two competitors who played a single game to decide the winner of a \$10,000 scholarship.

Dushyanth Reddivari (Whitney Young Magnet H.S.) squared off against Davor Palos (Mather H.S.) and ended the afternoon the victor (see game below). Palos (the son of IM Osman Palos) won a \$1,000 scholarship as did three other players who did not advance to the final round: Jermar Johnson (Orr H.S.), Nestor Aleman (Clemente H.S.), and Rogelio Zepeda (Bowen H.S.).

The scholarship money was donated by the David R. MacDonald Foundation,

which has the joint goals of promoting chess-playing in the inner city and privatizing welfare. David MacDonald, who runs the foundation, is a former Chicago-area high school chess player who attended the event and eagerly watched the final round. MacDonald was captain of the New Trier chess team and played in state championship tournaments in the late 1940s. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan law school and has served as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Undersecretary of the Navy, and Deputy U.S. Trade Representative.

Some of the tournament costs, including the banquet, were covered by MacDonald's former law firm, Baker & McKenzie.

—M.L. Rantala



Above: Dushyanth Reddivari (Whitney Young HS), winner of the \$10,000 scholarship. Below: Davor Palos (Mather HS) took second place.



Below right: Judge George Leyton gave an impassioned oration on the benefits of chess and a sentimental remembrance of the woman who first taught him the game. Below left: Media personality Vernon Jarrett saluted the competitors.

Davor Palos
Dushyanth Reddivari
CPS Individual Ch, 1998

Notes by Joe Cima

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.e3 Be7 6.a3 a5

A conservative opening. The players are concerned with grabbing space and pawn promotion in the opening. At advanced levels, players are more concerned with activating major pieces.

7.Rb1 dxc4

Wait for Bd3 then gain a tempo.

8.Bxc4 b5 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.Bd2

In light of the later e4 after several quiet moves, the bishop move could have been deferred and the stronger Be3 or Bg4 could have been played.

10...Bb7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qc2 g6 13.Rfe1 Re8 14.e4 Bf8 15.Qc1

15.e5 Nd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.Re1 Bg7 18.Bg5 is strong and puts pressure on the e-file and Black rook

which has been weakened by the advancement of the g- and e-pawns. Advancing one pawn or the other is fine, but advancing both creates a weakness.

15...Bg7 16.Bc2 e5 17.dxc5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Rxe5 19.Bf4

Considering the style of the players, f4 may have offered more initiative.

19...Rc8 20.Qc3 Qc7 21.Rbd1 Ng4 22.Qg3 Ne5

h7-h5 is a little more aggressive for Black.

23.Bxc5 Bxc5 24.Qh3 Rad8 25.Qc3 Rxd1

25...Qh4 or 25...Qc7 creates g3 and a weakness for White.

26.Rxd1 Rd8 27.Rxd8+ Qxd8 28.g3 b4 29.Na4 Bd4 30.Qf4 c5

Moves 26 through 30 were extremely well played! Tactics were met with counter-tactics, the bishop moved to the center, the attack on the Black king, and so on.

31.c5?



The deciding move.

31...Qd5 32.Kf1 Bxc5 33.Qc3 Qh1+ 34.Ke2 Bd4 35.Qe8+ Kg7 36.Bb3 Qf3+ 37.Kd2 Qxf2+

37...Qxb3 looks safe

38.Qc2 Qxc2+

Now 38...Be3+ and if 39.Kd1 Bf3 or 39.Kd3 Bh6.

39.Kxc2 Bc6 40.axb4 Bxa4

40...axb4 41.Kd3 Bxa4 42.Bxa4 Bxb2 and Black is three pawns up.

41.Bxa4 axb4 42.b3 h5

42...f5. Always construct pawn chains to the center if possible.

43.Kf3 Kf6 44.Kc4 Kc6 45.h3 g5 46.g4 h4

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Below: The men behind the tournament. Left: David MacDonald, the generous benefactor. Middle: Tom Larsen of Chicago Public Schools; and Edward T. Cummins.



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14.Qxa6 Bxc3 15.Qc8+ Ke7
16.Qxc7+ Ke6 17.Bxd5+
Kxd5 18.Nc3+ Nxc3 19.Qd6+
Ke4 20.Qd3+ Kxc5 21.Qxc3+
Bd4 22.Re1+ Kd5 23.Qa5+
Kc6 24.Qa4+ Kc7 25.Qc4+
Kb8 26.Qb5+ Kc7 27.Qf5
Rd8 28.g3 Qh6 29.Kg2 Qc6+
30.Qe4 Bxb2 31.Rhf1 Rd2+
32.Rf2 Rxf2+ 33.Kxf2 Qc5+
34.Kf3 Qa3+ 35.Re3 Qxa2
36.Qc7+ Kc8 37.Rd3 1-0
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12...Bc5!?

Also interesting is the im-
mediate 12...Bb6! so that the
bishop is defended, and after
13.Be3 as in the game Black
may continue 13...Ng3+
14.hxg3 Qh1+ 15.Kf2 Rb8.
13.Be3 Ba6!! 14.Qxa6 Bxc3
15.Qa3+!

A necessary resource to
bring the queen back into a
position of defense.
15...Bc5 16.Qf3 Ng5
17.Qc2?

The ending following
17.Qg3 Qxg3 18.hxg3 should
still prove favorable for Black
after 18...Rd8 19.Nc3 Bd4
20.Rd1 Bxc5 ++.
17...Qf4+ 18.Bf3
18.Kc1 Re8+.
18...Re8

It's much better to take the
open file with 18...Rd8! when
the threat of 19...Qc1+ gains
in strength. Should the
queen's knight be developed,
then 19...Rd2 will decide the
game quickly.

19.Nc3 Rxc5 20.Qd3 g6
A sound safe move in lieu
of anything decisive.
21.Nc2 Qf6 22.Ng3 Re3
22...Kg7!
23.Qd5 Re5
23...Bb6
24.Qd3 Nxf3

There's no need to simplify
when greater force can yet be
brought to bear upon White's
position with 24...Kg7 fol-
lowed by 25...Rd8.
25.Qxf3 Qa6+
25...Qh4 was worth con-
sidering.

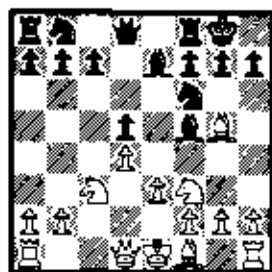
26.Qd3 Qe6!
Byran has finally found the
most powerful way to array his
pieces.

27.Qb3 Qc7
Much more refined elegant
was 27...Kg7! when the queen
exchange is taboo because of
28...fxe6!! highlighting the
desperate position of White's
king.
28.a3 h5
28...Re3! 29.Qd5 Kg7+.
29.Rg1 h4 30.Nh1 Rf5+ 0-1

Todd Freitag (1558)
Mark Robledo Jr. (1916)
Illinois Denker Qualifier,
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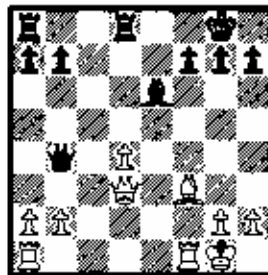
Todd Freitag and Mark
Robledo Jr. play a flawed but
lively game in which Black is
forced to fight for his very life
after a careless opening. With
remarkable self-assurance for on
so young, Robledo gains an ad-
vantage during complications,
but subsequent inaccurate play
by both competitors allows the
advantage to see-saw back and
forth. White finally achieves a
protected pawn on e7 but can't
make anything of it and watches
the game transpose into a drawn
rook and pawn ending.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6
4.Nc3 Be7 5.cxd5 exd5
6.Bg5 0-0 7.e3 Bf5?

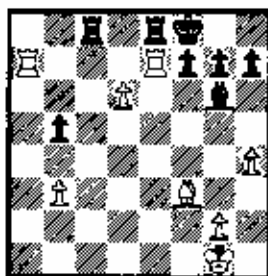


8.Bxf6 Bxf6 9.Qb3 e5
When backed up against
the wall attack!
10.Nxd5
Better is 10.Qxb7 Nd7
11.Qxd5 with a messy but ad-
vantageous position.
10...cxd4 11.Nxf6+ Qxf6
12.Be2?
I don't understand why

Black didn't maintain his materi-
al advantage with 12...Nxd4!!
Black now gains the advantage
for the first time this game.
12...dxc3 13.fxc3 Nc6
14.0-0 Qe7 15.Nd4 Nxd4
16.cxd4 Be6 17.Qd3 Rfd8
18.Bf3 Qb4!



Excellent play which lo-
cates Black's queen on her op-
timal square.
19.Rfd1 Rac8
As it is not yet clear that
the rook belongs on this
square, better was 19...Qxb2.
20.d5 Qxb2 21.Qb3 Qxb3
22.axb3 Bf5 23.Rxa7 b5
24.Re1 Kf8 25.Ree7 Bg6
26.h4 Re8 27.d6



Now it's White back into
the lead.
27...Rxc7 28.dxc7+ Ke8
29.Be2
Immediately running his king
into the center offered White
better chances than in the game.
29...Rb8 30.Bf3 Re8
31.Rb7 b4 32.Be2 Be4
33.Rxb4 Bc6 34.Rc4 Kxc7
35.Bg4 Rc7 36.b4 Kd6
37.Kf2 Ra7 38.Bf3 Ra2+
39.Ke3 Bxf3 40.Kxf3 Rb2
41.g3 1/2-1/2

Tam Nguyen (1985)
Florin Denker (2584)
Illinois Denker Qualifier,
Naperville 1998

In a gritty performance,
Tam comes out of the open-
ing with an inferior game but
plays excellent defense to hold

Palos-Reddivari \$10,000 Game

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47.Bb5 Kf6 48.Bc4 Kg6
49.Bb5 Bf2 50.Bc4 f5+
51.gxf5+ Kf6 52.Be6 g4
53.hxg4 h3 54.Kf3 h2
55.Kg2 Bg3 56.Bd5
57.Bc4 followed by Kh1
and Kg2 for fifty successive
moves secures the draw.
56...Be5 57.Kh3 Kg5
58.Bh1 Kf4 59.Kxb2 c4
60.bxc4 b3 61.f6 Bxf6

White's flag fell. The end
featured very spirited play
which we all enjoyed. I once
had to be asked to move from
the demonstration board be-
cause I fixated on the position
and didn't move for the spec-
tators! The game was so close
that the directors all discussed
when to declare the game a
draw. White fell one move
short!

0-1 ♞

his renowned opponent—one
certain to become a grandmas-
ter!—to a tough draw.
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Ne6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5
6.Ndb5 d6 7.f3 a6 8.Na3 b5
9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Qxd5 Qc7
11.Be3 Be6 12.Qd2 d5!!
13.exd5 Rd8 14.Qf2 Rxd5
15.Nb1 Nd4 16.Bd3 Bf5
17.Nc3 Bb4 18.0-0 Bxc3
19.bxc3 Bxd3 20.cxd3 Ne6
21.Qc2 0-0 22.Rfd1 Rfd8
23.Rd2 h6 24.h3 R5d6 25.a4
Rc6 26.axb5 axb5 27.Qb2
Rxc3 28.Qxb5 Rc1+ 29.Rd1
Rxa1 30.Rxa1 Qc3 31.Rd1
Qc2 32.Rc1 Qxd3 33.Qxe5
Qe2 34.Qc3 Rd5 35.Qc8+
Kh7 36.Bf2 Rd2 37.Rf1 Qe5
38.Qc4 Re2 39.Qd3+ g6
40.Qd7 Qf4 41.Re1 Re2
42.Qa7 h5 43.Qe7 Re4
44.Bg3 Qd4+ 45.Kf1 Qc5
46.Qxc5 Rxc5 47.Kf2 Ng7
48.Re7 Rf5 49.Be5 Ne6
50.Be3 h4 51.Re8 Ng7
52.Re4 g5 53.Bxg7 Kxg7
54.g3 hxg3+ 55.Kxg3 Rb5
56.h4 f5 57.Ra4 Kg6 58.hxg5
Kxg5 59.Re4 Rb1 60.Re5
Rg1+ 61.Kf2 Ra1 1/2-1/2 ♞

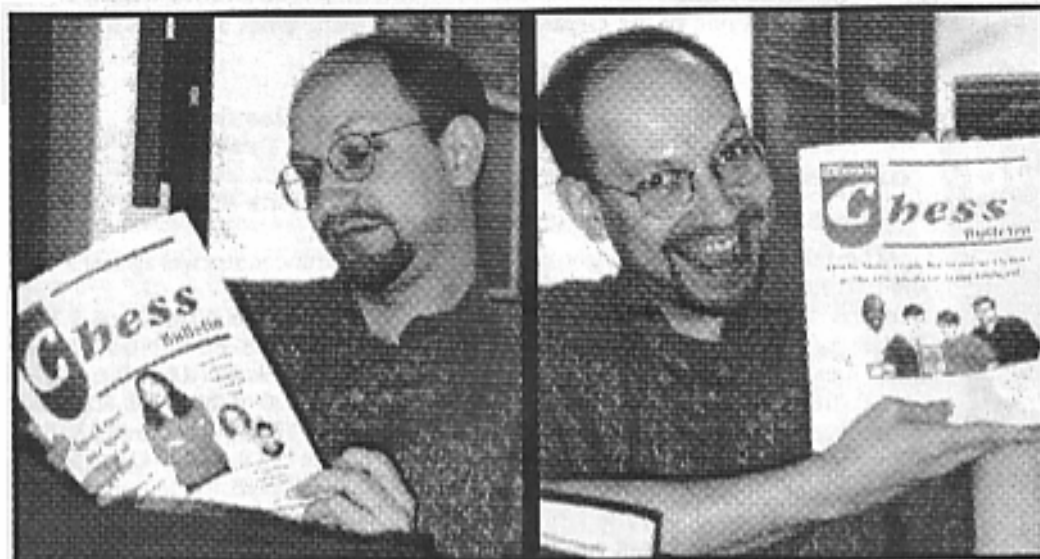
Joel Benjamin's Chicago Scrapbook

What does the US Chess Champion do during a trip to Chicago when the tournaments and simuls are over? ICB editor M.L. Rantala took her camera along for a few days with Joel Benjamin and found out.



↑ Golchberg thinks I'm sightseeing? He doesn't know how marvelous Mary Marshall's cooking and hospitality is!

← What's the next best thing to *Chess Chow*? Let me study these fine magazines ...



↑ I only worked with Deep Blue—I'm just as lost as the rest of you with this Year 2000 problem.



← Joel charms domestic cats (Molly is held by Karen Marshall) but he stands up to the lions outside the Art Institute of Chicago. ↓



← Former Little League first baseman Joel Benjamin, and former Milwaukee Brewers fan M.L. Rantala, enjoy the friendly confines of Wrigley Field in their brand new Cubs hats.

I coulda been a contender... →

A Tremendous Month!

by Joe Guth

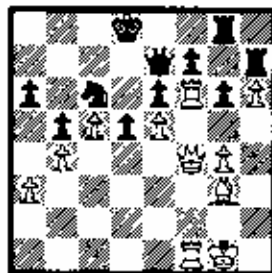
*F*or one month, I felt like a Masterminator. Every amateur needs a month like mine. In a span of four weeks, I beat several master-strength players, the first coming at round one of the Greater Milwaukee Open. What a way to start off a tournament!

Kevin Bachler (2170)
Joe Guth (1650)
 Greater Milwaukee Open (1),
 Milwaukee 1998
 French Defense [C02]

Joe Guth
BrentSpar
 ICC 02/12, 1998
 Torre Attack

Joe Guth
Casket
 ICC 02/20, 1998
 Torre Attack

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Qd7 4.Nf3 b6
 5.Be2 Ba6 6.0-0 Bxc2 7.Qxe2 c5
 8.c3 Ne7 9.b4 cxb4 10.cxb4 b5
 11.Nbd2 Nf5 12.a3 g6 13.Nb3 Qb7
 14.Nc5 Bxc5 15.dxc5 Nc6 16.g4
 Nfd4 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Qd3 Nc6
 19.Bf4 h5 20.f3 hxg4 21.fxg4 Rh7
 22.Bg3 0-0-0 23.Rf2 a6 24.Raf1
 Rd7 25.h4 Rg7 26.Qd2 Rd8
 27.Qh6 Rdg8 28.Qd2 Rh7 29.Rf6
 Kd8 30.Qg5 Qc7 31.h5 Rhg7 32.h6
 Rh7 33.Qf4



33...g5! 34.Qf2 Ke8 35.Kg2 Rg6
 36.Rh1 Qf8 37.Rxg6 fxg6 38.Qc2
 Rxh6 39.Rf1 Qg7 40.a4 Nxb4
 41.Qb1 a5 42.axb5 Qb7 43.c6
 Qxb5 44.Rh1 Qc2+ 45.Bf2 Qxg4+
 46.Bg3 Rxh1 47.Qxg6+ Kd8
 48.Kxh1

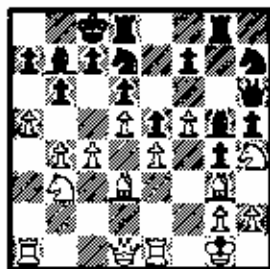


48...Qc4+! 49.Qxc4 dxc4 50.Be1
 Nxc6 51.Kg2 Nxc5 52.Bxa5+ Ke7
 0-1

The following game was played on the Internet Chess Club ICC. My nickname is "Expert-NOT" and I'm a USCF A/B player. BrentSpar, on the other hand, is a Canadian IM!

At the conclusion, my opponent stated that he felt my play was of a much higher standard than my rating would indicate and felt quite embarrassed to lose.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 h6 4.Bh4
 b6 5.e3 Bb7 6.Bd3 d6 7.Nbd2 g5
 8.Bg3 g4 9.Nh4 Bc7 10.0-0 h5
 11.Qe1 Nc6 12.f4 Qd7 13.c3 0-0-0
 14.e4 Rhg8 15.f5 e5 16.d5 Nb8
 17.c4 Qe8 18.Qd1 Nbd7 19.b4 Qf8
 20.a4 Qh6 21.Re1 Nh7 22.Nb3 Bg5
 23.a5



23...Qf6 24.axb6 axb6 25.c5! dxc5
 26.bxc5 Nxc5 27.Nxc5 bxc5
 28.Qa4 Rd6 29.Bb5 Rb6 30.Reb1
 Bxh4?

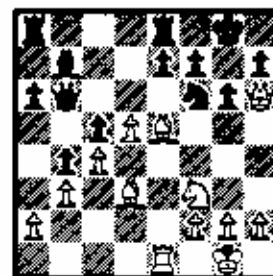
30...Kd8!+
 31.Bxh4 Qxh4 32.Bd7+ Kd8 33.Rxb6
 cxb6 34.Bc6 Qe7?
 34...Bc8!µ
 35.Qd1

The immediate d5-d6 works equally well.

35...Nf6 36.d6 Bxc6 37.dxc7+
 Kxc7 38.Ra7+ Bd7 39.Qb1 Rb8
 40.Kf2 b5 41.Ke3 c4 42.Qb4+ Ke8
 43.Qd6 1-0

This final encounter was against a German FIDE Master.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Ne4 4.Bh4
 Bg7 5.e3 c5 6.c3 b6 7.Nbd2 Nxd2
 8.Qxd2 Bb7 9.d5 d6 10.e4 0-0
 11.Bd3 a6 12.0-0 Nd7 13.Rae1 b5
 14.b3 Re8 15.c4 b4 16.Bg3 Bc3
 17.Qh6 Bxe1 18.Rxe1 Qb6 19.c5
 dxc5 20.Bxc5 Nf6



21.g4??

21.Ng5! Red8 22.Nxh7! is more precise.

21...Red8 22.h4 a5 23.h5 a4
 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Nh4 Bxd5 26.Nxg6

A fitting conclusion to the entire conception of White's attack.

26...fxg6 27.Bxg6 Bxc4 28.bxc4
 Qe6 29.Bf5 Qf7 30.Bxf6! cxf6
 31.Be6 1-0

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At Last, A Just Verdict

Reviewed by John Tomas

I will cut directly to the chase in my consideration of Steve Mayer's *Bishop versus Knight: The Verdict*. This is a very good book which treats a hackneyed subject in an original, entertaining, and instructive way. It is not a perfect book, but it is light years above most of the opening books that appear with monotonous regularity and will certainly improve the chess of anyone who spends the time to study it—from Class B players to experts.

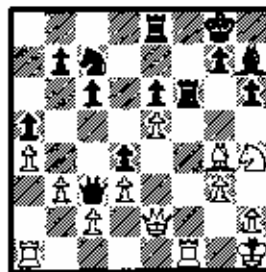
The subject of bishops and knights has had a lot of nonsense written about it, and much of the conversation has concerned positions where it is obvious to anybody which is superior. In this context, Mayer comes as a breath of fresh air: he introduces new and extremely descriptive terms to describe some of the complexities of deciding whether knights or bishops are better in a given position: Problem knights and bishops (rather than "bad"); "Speeding Up Your Knights," and "Changing the Bishop." These chapters, along with chapters on shattered pawn positions and the "grindable" ending (rook and bishop versus rook and knight) are insightful, original, and are guaranteed to improve the chess of anybody who reads them. He also does an excellent job on some of the more usual subjects: Steinitz constriction, bad bishops, unexpected exchanges, and pawn sacrifices for active bishops.

If there is a problem with the book (and it is a relatively minor one in context), it is that Mayer is often uncertain as to what type of a book he is trying to write. Didactic books are generally not held in high esteem by strong players: to impress them, you need to do original analysis or overturn received opinions. Mayer does a lot of both in this book. The problem is that some of the analysis is either more or less superfluous or actually gets in the way of Mayer's didactic points. I find, for example, the two chap-

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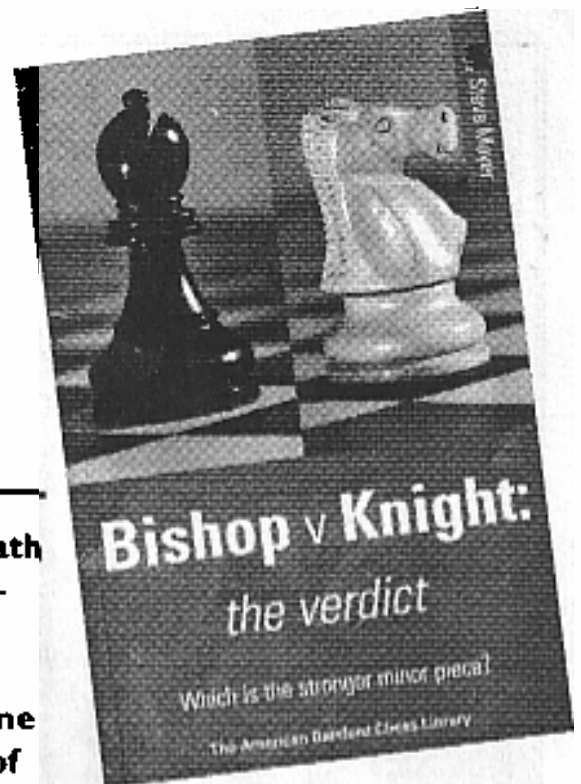
ters on Chigorin to be largely superfluous. In addition, the chapter on the Ruy Lopez ending is, it seems to me, misguided and the examples poorly chosen: the point here should be not to suggest that the fight is between bishops and knights but between bishops and the superior pawn structure.

Such problems leave Mayer with less space to be doing what he really should be about. Let me illustrate with the following extract. The game is Korchnoi-Reshevsky, from the 4th game of their 1968 Candidates Match:



23... Rxf1+

This plays into White's hands, as it leaves fewer pieces on the board, thus making the plight of the h7-bishop relatively more important.



Bishop versus Knight: The Verdict by Steve Mayer. American Batsford Chess Library published by ICE. \$22.50, 224 pages.

24.Rxf1 Qc5 25.Qxf2 Rf8 26.Qxf8 Qxf8 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8

The minor-piece ending is difficult for black, as he has yet to find a way to liberate his Problem Bishop.

28.Nf3 c5 29.Nd2 Nd5 30.Nc4



30... Nb4?

In *Candidates Matches, 1968*, Furman and Kirillov point out that 30... Ke7 was better, with the idea that 31.Nxa5 Ne3 32.Bf3 b6 is equal. How-

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A Just Verdict

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ever, they also suggest that White could play 31.Bf3 or bring his king to the defence of the c-pawn, which in either case 'retains winning chances'.

It is important to note that until this point Meyer has been outstandingly informative as to how Reshevsky has been trying to activate that problem bishop on h7 and Korchnoi working to prevent its activation. But in his first comment, Mayer starts to go off the rails: precisely how was Reshevsky supposed to avoid the exchange of rooks in this position? And if he cannot, (and he obviously cannot) shouldn't the comment be placed at a point where he might have done so?

But that comment is, well, simply silly. Far worse to my mind is his quotation of the suggested improvement of White's play at the end (31.Bf3) and then the refusal to follow it up. Could White have retained winning chances using either of the plans suggested? How might Black labor to overcome that problem bishop? Don't get me wrong: I don't expect a Jon Spelman or Robert Hübner-like five-page dissertation on the ending. However, I don't think it would be out of place to expect him to at least investigate the position with a couple of sample variations and evaluate whether he thought the comment was correct. Had he done a little less investigation of variations which to my mind are really off his subject, he might have found enough energy to look more closely here.

But these are minor quibbles. Steve Mayer has written a book far superior to 90% of the books coming out today: certainly better than the books produced in the last year by the vast majority of Grandmasters. Studying it carefully will improve your chess over the long run more than studying any opening book I can recall. In an era characterized by quick fixes and shoddy workmanship, Mayer's integrity, research, and love for his subject should be encouraged. I strongly recommend Steve Mayer's *Bishop versus Knight: The Verdict*.

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117	MC GEE Tommie N	1826	L .65	L109	L 56	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2 A
118	MC GRATH Michael	1820	W 42	L 66	L 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
119	ARANOVICH Igor	1807	W 42	L 76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	-
120	FRISKE Thomas G	1882	L108	L106	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	1 A
121	OSANYINJOBI Tokun	1879	D 2	L 6	-	-	D122	L106	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	-
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128	ZUJIC Jasmin	1969	L 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
129	WENZ Willem M	1946	L 69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
130	ZAKRZEWSKI Wladaw	1903	L 22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
131	CASE Rick	1881	L 11	L 60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
132	COSTALES Charles	1860	L 38	L 81	L 57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
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134	DI MANTOVA Dominic	1809	L 37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
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1	LAHR H Fred	1794	W146	L 20	W129	W 43	W 80	W 36	W 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	23 B
2	FRUDE Sadrick	1780	W 46	W 120	W 18	L 20	W 82	W 24	W 16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	23 B
3	KUHLMAHN Dietrich	1753	W 22	W111	W 90	W 21	O 36	W 7	O 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	23 B
4	ZAIDI Syed	1800	W127	W 26	W 27	O 5	W 73	W 9	O 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	23 B
5	JAGANNATH Akulundagin	1781	W130	D 42	W 59	O 4	W 41	W 17	O 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	14 B
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7	HANDO Nikk	1753	W138	W 67	W 30	W 51	W 20	L 3	O 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	14 B
8	MITCHELL Jarome	1752	W 65	W 49	W 47	O 34	W 10	L 11	W 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	14 B
9	HARRIS Gregory	1730	W114	W 61	W 23	O 13	W 34	-	W 36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	14 B
10	ZEBROWSKI Bill	1724	W 87	D 63	W101	W 95	L 8	W 37	W 26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	14 B
11	SCOLLIN Genevieve	1823	W 40	W 78	W 74	W 12	O 13	W 8	W 26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	14 B
12	SALAZAR Jerome D	1735	W 84	W126	W 29	L 11	O 27	O 42	W 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	14 B
13	BOEKHOFF Andrew R	1784	W109	W 82	W 82	O 9	W 83	W 49	D 82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	14 B
14	LAZEBNIK Yeloz	1756	L 27	W148	W154	D 99	W 48	W 47	D 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	14 B
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24	WYES Christopher	1522	L 50	W137	W146	W 8	W 39	L 2	W 54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	14 B
25	BARNES Jon	1770	D 31	L 23	W 86	W 71	L 30	X	W 62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	9 B
26	BENIN Charles K	1760	W 81	D 59	L 95	W 66	W 99	W 30	L 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	9 B
27	ASEGAWA David	1739	W134	W 82	L 4	W 61	D 12	L 34	W 86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	9 B
28	FERRI Denis	1725	W104	L 4	D 20	W115	W101	O 53	O 32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	9 B
29	SHEKIB Mohammad	1718	W 53	W 54	L 12	L 15	W102	D 82	W 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	9 B
30	MOSCOVIC Edward A	1688	W 24	W127	L 7	O 76	W 25	L 21	W 58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	9 B
31	GROEGER Andrew	1676	D 25	D107	L 76	O 77	W105	W101	W 57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	9 B
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33	USKIN Sean	1638	L 17	L124	D117	W138	W 61	W 87	W 59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	9 B
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40	ROJIMER Michael D	1720	L 11	W 62	L 30	W133	W 50	W 61	L 21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
41	BADER Andras	1717	W120	D 89	D 43	W 86	L 5	W 65	L 22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
42	LEDESMA Eduardo	1704	W 68	D 5	W 37	O 39	D 54	D 12	L 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
43	PINDAK Kim C	1700	D105	W115	D 47	L 1	W 87	L 21	W 91	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
44	ROBINSON Patrick	1698	L 73	W149	W 52	L 6	W 67	X	L 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
45	FEI Karmeth E	1685	H	O102	D 90	W 70	O 76	W 73	L 13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
46	HAMEDJ Salar	1677	L 2	W140	W121	W 38	L 6	D 55	D 37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
47	HAMERE Rockford	1675	W 8	W 76	L 6	W 56	L 15	W 78	L 17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
48	LAKE James T	1671	L 56	W135	W122	D 79	L 14	D 69	W 90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
49	HIGGINS Charles E	1664	W 55	L 8	W 77	D 57	W 94	L 14	D 38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
50	BILLONES Reynaldo	1646	H	B	L 96	O 53	L 40	W 75	W 76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
51	DOAN Tom A	1633	W143	W 58	W 57	L 7	L 17	L 18	W 75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
52	MARGOLIES Marc	1609	W116	L 57	L 44	W128	L 60	X	W 77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
53	LOGAN Tobin	1602	L 29	W147	W126	D 50	W 74	D 28	L 18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
54	MC HALE Michael J	1774	W147	L 29	W 69	W 67	O 42	L 18	L 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	7 B
55	WRABEL Chris	1763	L 49	O 85	W139	O 37	X	O 46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	7 B
56	FREY Charles F	1757	W 48	L 99	W 64	L 47	L 22	W 67	D 63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	7 B
57	ANDERSON Bradley J	1749	W115	W 52	L 51	D 49	W 65	L 35	L 31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	7 B
58	LUTZ Donald L	1734	W 35	L 61	L 86	W133	O 54	W 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	7 B
59	SCWAGER Anthony J	1700	W135	O 26	L 5	L 35	W 55	W 66	O 33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	7 B
60	GERTZ Charles E	1672	L 38	W 51	W124	L 17	W 52	L 39	D 71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	7 B
61	PLANAS Rod E	1669	W 16	L 9	W 92	L 27	W 72	L 40	D 69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	7 B
62	RICHARDSON William	1667	L 15	L 40	W110	W 84	W 50	O 29	L 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	7 B
63	TOKARZ Garie	1663	W147	D 10	W 51	L 79	O 49	L 47	D 56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	7 B
64	PAULSEN David W	1655	W142	L 92	L 66	W 75	O 58	W 94	L 29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	7 B
65	REYES Jose Miguel	1650	L 2	D 55	W137	W107	L 57	L 58	W 82	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5	7 B
66	MCCA Steve	1639	O 51	L 19	W136	L 26	W117	X	L 27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.5</	

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Enrico Sevillano (2556) S. Vlacic (Unr) Chicago Open (1), 1998 French Defence [C01]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5
exd5 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Bg5 0-0 7.Nxd5
Rc8+ 8.Bc2 Be7 9.Nxf6+ Bxf6
10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.0-0 Bg4 12.h3
Bh5 13.Re1 Nc6 14.c3 Rad8
15.Nd2 Bxc2 16.Rxc2 Re7 17.Rxc7
Nxe7 18.Qb3 b6 19.Re1 h6 20.Qa4
a5 21.Nf3 Qd6 22.Qb5 Qd5
23.Qd3 Ng6 24.c4 Qh5 25.Qc4 f5
26.Qc6 Nf4 27.Qxc7 Nxf3+
28.gxh3 1-0

Brian Gast (2012) A. Rea (2132)

Chicago Open (2), 1998 Alekhine Defence [B02]

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.c5
Nd5 5.Bc4 e6 6.Nc3 Bxc5 7.Qg4
Nc7 8.d4 Bb4 9.Qxg7 Ng6 10.Nf3
Bf8 11.Qf6 Qxf6 12.exf6 c6 13.h4
b5 14.a4 d5 15.Bd3 Bd6 16.Bxg6
fxg6 17.Nc5 Bxc5 18.dxc5 Nd7
19.f4 b6 20.Bc3 Ba6 21.a5 Kf7
22.Kf2 Bd3 23.Ra3 b5 24.Nxd5
cxd5 25.Rxd3 Rhc8 26.g4 Rc2+
27.Rd2 Rxd2+ 28.Bxd2 Rc8
29.gxh5 Rc2 30.hxg6+ Kxg6
31.Rg1+ Kh5 32.Rg7 Nf8 33.Kc3
Rxb2 34.Rg8 Rb3+ 35.Kc2 Nd7
36.f7 Rh3 37.Rd8 Rh2+ 38.Kd1
Nf8 39.Rxf8 Kg6 40.f5+ exf5 41.e6
Rh1- 42.Kc2 Rxh4 43.Rg8+ 1-0

Gregory Kaidanov (2703) David Mote (2248) Chicago Open (2), 1998 King's Indian Defence [E73]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.c4
d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Be3 e5
8.d5 a5 9.Qd2 Kh7 10.f3 Ng8
11.h4 f5 12.h5 g5 13.exf5 Bxf5
14.g4 Bc8 15.Nh3 Na6 16.Nc4 b6
17.Bd3 Kh8 18.Nhxg5 Nc5
19.Nxc5 bxc5 20.Nc4 Rxf3 21.g5
Qf8 22.0-0-0 Bf5 23.Rdg1 hxg5
24.h6 Bf6 25.h7 Ne7 26.Nxf6 Qxf6
27.Bxg5 Qf7 28.Qg2 Bxd3 29.Bf6+
Qxf6 30.Qg8+ 1-0

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Rank	Name	1584	L92	W110	D45	L89	W117	D74	L48	3	6 BC
90	MON-KOWSKI John J	1422	L26	L60	B	W116	L32	W108	L43	5	6 BC
91	WALLACE Mark D	1761	L32	W119	L61	L22	W84	D102	L65	5	6 BC
92	RAMIREZ Rafael E	1727	L34	W136	C35	D68	C86			5	6 BC
93	MC LEMORE William	1708	-	H	X	L49	L64	L67		5	6 BC
94	MC DANIEL Harold	1696	D37	W136	W26	L1C	L35	F		5	6 BC
95	GOLDFMAN George	1690	D69	W70	W50	L36	L37	-		5	6 BC
96	BISHOP Jack	1682	L36	W33	W102	L54	D66	L33		5	6 BC
97	HIATT Marty	1682	W90	L74	L78	L102	W133	D67	L73	5	6 BC
98	DE PERALTA Arturo	1677	W75	W56	L3	D14	L26	L69		5	6 BC
99	HOUSTAN Pierre	1659	H	C45	W40	L78	D38	F		5	6 BC
100	TABANLI Mustafa	1637	D36	W104	L1C	W81	L28	L31		5	6 BC
101	COOPER Justin M	1628	L26	W64	L37	W98	L29	D92		5	6 BC
102	SHEITON Robert	1603	L83	D109	D30C	L58	D23	W117	L75	5	6 BC
103	ROBERSON Harvey	1600	L28	L26	D38	D113	L108	W116	D108	5	6 BC
104	SARRINGTON Keith	1597	C43	L76	L15	W106	L31	D85	D104	5	6 BC
105	BLANK Nicholas S	1781	L129	L01	L22	L05	W119	L70	X	5	6 BC
106	TEAGUE J Lance	1730	D139	D31	C67	L66	L66	D115		5	6 BC
107	RARTHEL Jim	1701	L71	L120	L114	W119	W104	L91	L87	5	6 BC
108	RAVNER Jacob M	1682	L13	D30C	L115	W85	C85	-		5	6 BC
109	CHERRY Clinton	1579	L74	L90	L82	W123	W116	L86		5	6 BC
110	SANDERS Robert H	1572	W122	L3	L6	H	D77	F		5	6 BC
111	JOHNSON Eric L	1569	W123	L5	L80	W26	L71	-		5	6 BC
112	KULKARNI Tammaji	1556	L57	L116	D140	D104	X	L72	L59	5	6 BC
113	AVERHART Wade	1625	L9	L16	W108	X	L18	L77	L85	5	6 BC
114	BI-ANGE Raymond M	1620	D19	L43	W109	L26	L59	C107	L84	5	6 BC
115	SMITH Philip R	1709	L52	W113	L24	L91	L103	L104	C119	5	6 BC
116	SKINNER Robert B	1674	L78	L6	D33	W139	L90	L103	F	5	6 BC
117	NIKKYLOWICH William	1670	L77	D137	W106	L37	-	-	-	5	6 BC
118	WOLFE Ron	1851	L79	L92	L35	L08	L106	B	D116	5	6 BC
119	DELA CERCA Sabine	1600	L4	W108	D28	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
120	DEMPER Susan A	1774	W131	L3C	L46	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
121	MC HALE Michael J	1766	L111	W22	L48	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
122	NESHAM Timothy C	1766	L112	L69	D70	L110	C103	L84	-	5	6 BC
123	NESHAM Timothy C	1756	L132	W33	L60	F	-	-	-	5	6 BC
124	SOEH Hassan M	1750	W148	L21	L88	F	-	-	-	5	6 BC
125	SIMS Carlos	1740	W102	L12	L53	L112	-	-	-	5	6 BC
126	VIDUJICH Michael	1713	L4	L134	W148	L87	-	-	-	5	6 BC
127	APOSTOL Rodolfo M	1706	L89	W104	-	L52	F	-	-	5	6 BC
128	MC DANIEL Harold	1685	W106	L7	L1	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
129	FEE Kenneth E	1682	L5	D68	D30C	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
130	DE PERALTA Arturo	1679	L12	L24	X	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
131	SANDERS Robert H	1659	W24	L17	-	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
132	TABANLI Mustafa	1641	L60	L97	B	L40	L88	-	-	5	6 BC
133	WAKERLY Ralph T	1623	L27	W127	L4	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
134	GORUN Gennady	1602	L59	L48	W119	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
135	LOGAN Tobin	1747	D101	L96	L66	F	-	-	-	5	6 BC
136	LEONG Gee Y	1740	L86	D18	L85	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
137	VIDUJICH Michael	1668	L7	L93	D104	L33	-	-	-	5	6 BC
138	PETERS Edward J	1639	D107	L39	L55	L117	L85	-	-	5	6 BC
139	VONDRAJKA Richard J	1475	L20	L46	D115	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
140	RIDOLE Robert	1753	L63	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
141	KUHLMANN Dietrich	1749	L84	L87	-	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
142	RONCO James H	1741	L51	L35	L68	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
143	AUFORD Patrick R	1717	L57	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
144	SADER Andras	1638	L23	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
145	ROBINSON Patrick	1688	L1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
146	HATT Marty	1672	L54	L53	L64	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
147	JOHNSON Eric L	1645	L125	L14	L127	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
148	BILLONES Raymond	1600	L18	L44	F	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC
149	KRAMER Alex	1540	-	-	-	-	L62	-	-	5	6 BC
150	MC CLURE Seth	1540	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6 BC

Rank	Name	1572	W50	W19	W16	W71	W40	W7	D2	score	100%
JUNIOR-1500 SECTION										5.5	100%
1	MEDINA Rodolay	1579	W126	W11	W49	W4	D7	W8	D3	6.5	28.0C
2	MARCELO Sergio	1578	W87	W91	W15	L14	W83	W33	W16	6.5	20.0C
3	WATTE Matthew R	1589	W134	W22	W95	L2	W63	W29	W17	6.5	20.0C
4	SAGHDEHAFAR Aline	1520	L54	W134	W136	W73	W85	W40	W13	6.5	20.0C
5	KRE NBERG Tony R	1506	W69	W57	L9	W75	W71	W44	W14	6	20.0C
6	BARDJO John A	1693	W84	W18	W32	W44	D2	L1	W34	5.5	14.0C
7	BALMACEDA Enrico	1567	W118	W92	W21	D41	W37	L2	W36	5.5	14.0C
8	GORSK Markusz	1567	W34	W33	W6	L40	W35	D12	W38	5.5	14.0C
9	DE GRAW Charles W	1497	W43	D43	L70	W120	W92	W24	W37	5.5	14.0C
10	KRAMPSON William D	1456	W46	L2	C27	W29	W28	W60	W26	5.5	14.0C
11	GRADSKY Benjamin	1287	D101	D32	W81	W113	W18	C9	X	5.5	14.0C
12	HILL Casey	1571	W116	D23	W107	W94	W59	D14	L5	5	10.0C
13	SIDD Seen C	1556	W62	W83	W14	W3	C41	D13	L6	5	10.0C
14	GORUN Andrey	1545	W106	W139	L3	L22	W92	W56	W61	5	10.0C
15	GRAUWIG David	1521	W137	W42	L1	W54	W26	W26	L3	5	10.0C
16	SCHUMACHER Carl	1514	L93	W121	W108	W52	W67	W41	L4	5	10.0C
17	Lopez Francisco	1510	W66	L7	W78	W93	L12	W71	W41	5	10.0C
18	DAVID George F	1506	W133	L1	W122	W42	L28	W72	W46	5	10.0C
19	DAVIS Jeffrey E	1496	W70	L60	W77	W32	L25	W73	W47	5	10.0C
20	CHUBJKY Victor	1490	W55	W74	L8	L47	W46	W76	W44	5	10.0C
21	YO JUNG Mark	1463	L47	W147	W130	W15	L16	W76	W55	5	10.0C
22	ANDERSON Curtis T	1447	W46	D15	W56	D63	W47	L3	W49	5	10.0C
23	BERKOWITZ Yoni	1599	W31	L99	W86	D36	W90	L10	W59	4.5	9.0C
24	MAGERLUNG Isaac	1588	L83	W140	W104	W103	W20	L16	D33	4.5	9.0C
25	ROVINSKIY Vasily	1571	C35	W101	W66	D37	W19	D38	L11	4.5	9.0C
26	DENNIS Robert S	1563	L92	W126	C11	L67	W15	W109	X	4.5	9.0C
27	SACHZ Scott F	1563	H	D35	W105	D34	L11	W92	X	4.5	9.0C
28	GASCOIN Alan F	1554	W128	L54	D115	L11	W107	W66	W68	4.5	9.0C
29	JACKSON James C	1540	W119	L52	W115	L9	W122	D67	W58	4.5	9.0C
30	ROSE Alan J	1535	D96	D38	D92	W07	W65	L37	W70	4.5	9.0C
31	CORNELIS Richard A	1534	D97	C12	W91	W16	L39	W94	D36	4.5	9.0C
32	BONNELL Jonathan	1513	W63	L9	W109	L39	W75	W70	D25	4.5	9.0C
33	RUSSELL Edward	1491	L9	W53	W65	D28	W98	W59	L7	4.5	9.0C
34	JENKINS Wayne L	1471	D26	D28	W110	W57	L9	W77	C32	4.5	9.0C
35	CORONA Aeron	1420	D68	C31	W114	W49	D60	W61	L2	4.5	9.0C
36	VOETBERG Robert R	1411	W48	W103	W77	D26	L8	W31	L10	4.5	9.0C
37	ANTONIOPOULOS Dmitry	1399	W91	W78	D75	C24	W32	C26	L9	4.5	9.0C
38	REDDIARI Dushyan	1532	W138	L113	W132	W33	W39	L4	F	4	8.0C
39	THOMPSON Ivan	1509	W50	W132	W113	W19	L1	L5	-	4	8.0C
40	WYATT David	1507	W85	W86	W99	D8	D14	-	L18	4	8.0C
41	KIRKPATRICK Phil	1506	X	L16	W50	L19	C50	D90	W94	4	8.0C
42	JAMES Willis L	1501	W39	D10	L59	D117	W50	L51	W90	4	8.0C
43	CHRISTNER Jerry C	1578	W89	W115	W80	L7	W88	L6	L21	4	8.0C
44	BAZEMORE Vincent	1564	L91	W87	L16	W104	L21	W20	W96	4	8.0C
45	JINDERMAN Bruce E	1563	L23	L16	W52	W105	W117	W98	L19	4	8.0C
46	SHARPLEY O Awino	1351	W22	W104	L71	W21	L23	X	L20	4	8.0C
47	GRARRER Dwayne	1539	L37	W68	L90	L91	W119	W116	W71	4	8.0C
48	MC DERMOTT Edward	1526	W64	W90	L2	L36	W93	W91	L21	4	8.0C
49	ABRAHAM Thomas C	1492	L1	W37	L42	W36	W43	W122	W72	4	8.0C
50	DE MELLO Eric G	1492	L1	W37	L42	W36	W43	W122	W72	4	8.0C

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Seen & Heard at the Chicago Open



GM Nigel Davies makes a wish. →



← "Not now Doctor Martinovsky, I've got a headache" says Steve Szpisjak.

"Of course you can re-entor a 5th time," explains B. I. Goldberg →



← "I hope we aren't going to spend every wedding anniversary at a chess tournament," says Dots Socha to her husband Kevin Reuther



Bookish IM John Donaldson came well prepared to analyze games. →

"Sure I'm pumped for a round 8!" exudes GM John Fedurciewicz. ↓



Kon. Starr's investigation expands as DC law professor Doug Baird collects evidence at the Chicago Open ↓



Al Chow (left) and Dr. Martinovsky prepare to psychanalyze their opponents ↓



Marino Acosta



"This game with Kaidanov is a draw, I wonder what's happening on this other board..." muses Anna Khan.

"Why does she keep looking over here?" wonders GM Dmitry Gurevich.



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51	PHILIP Benjamin	1491	L 77	W153	L 73	W 97	W110	W 43	L 15	4	4	B
52	FEJES Eistine H	1473	W 76	W 30	L 7	L 78	L 78	X	W 73	4	4	B
53	STEELE John	1408	L 33	L 34	H	W 85	D 79	X	X	4	4	B
54	SCHROMBECK Jon A	1343	W 5	W 29	L 14	L 16	L 55	W 86	W 78	4	4	B
55	GALLAGHER William	1386	L 21	W125	L 34	D 86	W 54	W109	L 22	3.5	3.5	C
56	ALBERT Steven A	1556	D107	W142	L 23	W127	D 94	D 83	-	3.5	3.5	C
57	RUSSO Mario F	1951	L104	W 82	W106	L 35	L 91	W 87	D 69	3.5	3.5	C
58	ZIOLKOWSKA Alina	1549	D 36	L107	W124	L 69	W126	W108	L 30	3.5	3.5	C
59	STACEY William J	1541	D117	W120	W 43	W 80	L 13	L 34	L 24	3.5	3.5	C
60	ALHAHALI Salem	1537	W141	W 20	W 88	L 58	D 38	L 11	F	3.5	3.5	C
61	HUSTON Shawn M	1527	W109	L 95	W133	D 90	W 66	L 36	-	3.5	3.5	C
62	MASEK Adam	1484	L 14	L 57	L 46	W134	O 64	W107	W101	3.5	3.5	C
63	SCHULH Jeffrey	1455	W110	D 75	W 86	D 23	L 4	D 56	-	3.5	3.5	C
64	CAMPBELL Shane	1431	L 49	L 81	X	L 80	D 62	W125	W103	3.5	3.5	C
65	MILLER Lee	1419	D112	W 96	L 26	W 82	L 31	L 29	W109	3.5	3.5	C
66	RESK David M	1412	- 18	L 69	B	L 78	W105	W 99	H	3.5	3.5	C
67	HOLDEN Anthony L	1192	W114	L 8	W 80	W 27	L 17	D 30	-	3.5	3.5	C
68	KARNAZES Zachary	1156	L103	L 48	D125	W111	W 84	X	L 29	3.5	3.5	C
69	KARNAZES Alexander	1127	L 8	B	D 82	W 58	L 81	D 75	D 57	3.5	3.5	C
70	CREOLE Sid H	1599	L 20	W117	W 70	L 88	W 99	L 33	L 31	3	3	C
71	COOPER Wade H	1596	W149	W 82	W 47	L 1	L 5	L 18	L 48	3	3	C
72	FLEMING Angelo V	1583	L 88	W141	- 20	W121	W100	L 19	- 50	3	3	C
73	SCHWARTZ David W	1586	L 86	W 85	W 51	L 5	W114	L 20	L 52	3	3	C
74	PEZSEPI Rati	1566	W125	L 21	- 83	W 86	D103	D 80	-	3	3	C
75	SCHULTZ Dan	1565	W151	D 62	D 38	L 6	L 33	D 89	D 92	3	3	C
76	BROWN Remondo	1584	L 52	W119	L 18	W 68	W 81	L 21	-	3	3	C
77	IVANOV NikoLay	1558	W 51	W 80	L 37	L 83	W116	L 35	F	3	3	C
78	PADILJA Rudy R	1548	D 05	L 38	W144	H	W 52	L 22	L 54	3	3	C
79	KT'SLEY Scott L	1530	L122	L 18	D126	W128	D 53	L 93	W116	3	3	C
80	PARKER Jerry L	1502	W144	L 77	L 67	W 64	D 42	D 74	-	3	3	C
81	CLINE Greg S	1502	L 36	W 64	L 12	W133	L 76	W121	-	3	3	C
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84	POYNTER Matt	1495	- 7	L108	D 41	W143	L 68	W104	D 82	3	3	C
85	WEBB James	1491	L 41	L 73	D128	L 53	W 44	D118	W120	3	3	C
86	HERNANDEZ Daniel	1486	W 73	L 41	L 24	L 74	W 33	L 54	W121	3	3	C
87	OSTROWSKY Bernard	1479	- 3	L 45	W111	L110	W 36	L 57	W118	3	3	C
88	KENNEDY Danne R	1473	W 72	W102	L 60	W 73	L 44	L 46	-	3	3	C
89	WIELKA Adam	1466	L 44	W 86	W100	W 30	L 39	F	-	3	3	C
90	COLEMAN Charles	1455	W147	L 49	W 48	D 81	L 24	D 42	L 43	3	3	C
91	SHMUYLOVIC Leonid	1452	W 45	L 3	L 37	W 48	W 57	L 49	-	3	3	C
92	BELFALK Jeffrey	1451	W 27	L 8	D 31	W112	L 10	L 28	D 75	3	3	C
93	ZABORSKE William	1419	W 17	W100	L 44	- 18	L 49	W 79	-	3	3	C
94	KORDAHL David K	1419	D 98	W 12	W127	L 13	D 56	L 32	L 42	3	3	C
95	WOLGAMOTT Michael	1419	W111	W 61	L 4	W 99	L 5	L 15	-	3	3	C
96	WATTS Jeffrey	1410	D 31	W 29	L 63	D 55	L 15	W100	L 45	3	3	C
97	ROSE Hershel	1408	D 32	H	L103	L 51	D104	H	W124	3	3	C
98	LA ROSE Mark	1546	D 94	L 65	W101	W118	L 34	-	-	2.5	2.5	C
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103	MORTON Gary T	1514	W 68	L 37	W 97	L 25	D 74	L 55	L 84	2.5	2.5	C
104	HERNANDEZ Tonific	1478	W 87	L 47	L 25	L 45	D 87	L 84	X	2.5	2.5	C
105	SHELDON Eric M	1462	D 78	D130	L 57	L 46	L 86	W119	D 99	2.5	2.5	C
106	BABIN Lloyd J	1461	L 15	W148	- 28	L114	L121	X	D100	2.5	2.5	C
107	DODSON Kermit	1438	D 58	W 58	L 13	L 31	L 29	L 62	W126	2.5	2.5	C
108	BOYD Jeff S	1420	L102	W 84	- 17	H	W125	L 58	-	2.5	2.5	C
109	GRIDER Steve M	1400	L 61	W111	L 33	H	W 82	L 27	L 66	2.5	2.5	C
110	KOSTOV Slavko	1571	L 63	W151	L 35	W 87	L 51	F	-	2	2	C
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130	ROSE Alan J	1540	D127	D105	L 22	-	-	-	-	1.5	1.5	C
131	GRIGORIAN Karen	1497	L 24	L 38	W134	-	-	-	-	1.5	1.5	C
132	CHUBUKOV Victor	1496	W129	L 40	L 39	-	-	-	-	1	1	C
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134	NKON Andrew K	1441	L 4	L 5	L131	- 62	W111	L124	L118	1	1	C
135	SEIBL Dennis	1434	-	-	-	-	-	L 11	W144	1	1	C
136	KUNG Harold	1428	L 99	W131	L 5	L 50	L 87	-	-	1	1	C
137	ZABORSKE William	1419	- 18	L 50	W151	-	-	-	-	0.5	0.5	C
138	THOMPSON William D	1437	- 39	D 44	L112	-	-	-	-	0.5	0.5	C
139	KOGER Albert	1488	- 43	D 43	L120	-	-	-	-	0.5	0.5	C
140	TURNER Jonathan J	1466	D124	L 25	L129	-	-	-	-	0.5	0.5	C
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144	WIDING Robert	1084	- 80	D138	L 78	L125	L 85	L128	L 35	0.5	0.5	C
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146	ZANATH John R	1571	L 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	C
147	CHOKKALINGAM Ravich	1531	L 30	L 22	F	-	-	-	-	0	0	C
148	BOSKEY Craig A	1527	L133	L106	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	C
149	THOMPSON William D	1457	L 71	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	C
150	PHILIP Benjamin	1491	L 40	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	C
151	SERWATOWSKI Felix	1484	L 75	L110	L137	-	-	-	-	0	0	C
152	BOYD Jeff S	1420	L113	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	C
153	KHAN Hayam	1400	L 19	L 51	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	C
154	INAMI Takeshi	818	-	L123	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	C
UNDER-1400 SECTION												
1	PULLIN Matthew	1399	W 53	W 50	W 10	W 88	D 4	W 7	W 12	6.5	28 D	
2	BUSCA Jeffrey	1284	W 46	W 83	W 5	W 41	W 39	D 3	W 17	6.5	28 D	
3	MCGEE Glenn	1379	W 82	W151	W 74	W 70	W 27	D 2	O 4	6	20 D	
4	RAMOS Fabian	1317	W 52	W128	W 73	W 20	D 1	W 11	D 3	6	20 D	
5	IDC Jonathan	1369	W 78	W 56	L 2	W 65	W 63	W 49	W 24	6	20 D	
6	DOGGETT Thomas	1300	W 69	W109	L 70	W 82	W 40	W 43	W 27	6	20 D	
7	PENLEY Daniel J	1222	X	W 30	W138	W 18	W 43	L 1	W 19	6	20 D	

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In the End

Someone once said that expertise in the ending required endurance and the ability to calculate very carefully. But surely they weren't talking about calculating 30 moves in the future, were they? Here, Steve Szpisjak proves that he should have lost a game, virtually by force, 30 moves in the future!

Emory Tate (2438)
Steve Szpisjak (2300)
 Chicago Open 1998
 English Opening [A20]

Notes by Steve Szpisjak

1.c4 e5 2.Nf3 e4 3.Nd4 c6
 4.Nc3 d5 5.d3 Nf6 6.Bg5
 Be7 7.e3 c5?

7... Qb6 was a better try.
 8.Nb3 dxc4 9.dxc4 Qxd1+
 10.Rxd1 Bg4 11.Be2 Bxe2
 12.Kxc2 Nbd7 13.Bxf6
 Nxf6 14.Nd2!

The move I missed.
 14...0-0-0 15.Ndxc4 Nxc4
 16.Nxc4 f5 17.Nc3 Bf6
 18.Nd5

18.Rd5! was a better move.
 18...Bxb2 19.Ne7+ Kc7
 20.Nxf5 a6 21.e4 Rhe8
 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.f3 b5
 24.Rd1 Rxd1 25.Kxd1 g6
 26.Nc3 Bd4 27.Kd2 Bxe3+

This good practical try
 should still lose.
 28.Kxc3 b4 29.Kd3!



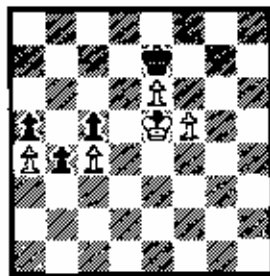
In the actual game, Emory played 29.f4 a5 30.e5 a4 31.Kd3 Kd7 32.g4 Ke7 with a draw. The text would have led to a beautiful endgame win. 29...a5 30.a4!

Preventing ...a4 is one key component for this victory. 30...h5 31.e5 Kd8 32.Ke4 Kd7 33.g3 Ke7 34.h3 Kd7

35.f4 Ke7 36.g4 hxg4
 37.hxg4 Kd7 38.f5 gxf5+
 39.gxf5 Ke7 40.c6 Kd6
 41.Ke3!

White triangulates the king for the next phase of the operation.

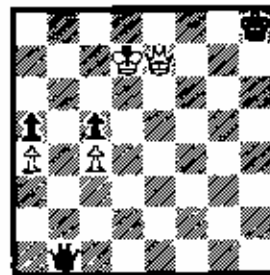
41...Ke7 42.Kd3 Kd6
 43.Kc4 Ke7 44.Ke5!!



This leads into a winning queen ending. The second exclamation point is for the thrill of leaving "the square."

44...b3 45.f6+ Kc8 46.Kd6
 b2 47.f7+ Kf8 48.Kd7 b1Q

49.e7+ Kxf7 50.e8Q+ Kg7
 If 50...Kf6, then 51.Qc7+ when a Black king move to the fifth rank allows capture of the c-pawn with check and a move to g6 still permits the capture as the White queen can interpose on d6 with check if Black tries countering on the d-file. 51.Qc7+ Kh8

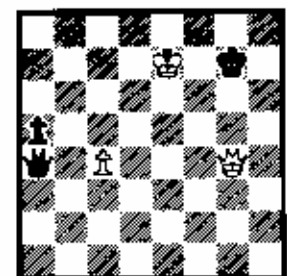


Here I thought that black had drawing chances, threatening to consolidate with ...Qb4 or to trade pawns beginning with ...Qd1 or

...Qd3. However, Fritz5 found 52.Qxc5! Black is surely lost if a pawn down in this ending.

But what if I win the pawn back? 52...Qd1+ 53.Ke7 Qxa4 54.Qh5+ [54.Qd4+ also works]

54...Kg7 55.Qg4+!



Here the queen cuts off the Black monarch while guarding against enemy checks on d7 or e4. 55...Kh6 56.Kf7

This would have been a great finish! ♚

Domination!

by John Tomas

Most chess players are innately practical; they only are interested in something they can use to win their next game. As a result, they shy away from both problems and endgame studies and that is a great pity. First of all, solving endgame studies is a great way to improve your ability to calculate accurately. The great trainer Mark Dvoretsky has long make solving studies an integral part of his training regimen. But there is another, even better reason to make studying and solving endgame studies an integral part of your training regimen. They are full of strategical and tactical ideas that can help you win games.

One of the more interesting of these is the theme of "domination." A piece is said to be dominated when it has an apparent large range of movement but when any moves leads to the loss of the piece. One of the most basic forms of domination could have occurred in the following example from a game I played in Santa Barbara in 1990.

Black sacrificed a pawn in the opening but got precious little for it. White has the two

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bishops, the extra pawn and some weak pawns to work upon.



The first step in winning the position is to limit the squares of the Black knight.

28.Bg4 Nb6?

Black is trying to retain his knight, but that is a forlorn hope. Better was Nf8 for reasons which will soon become clear.

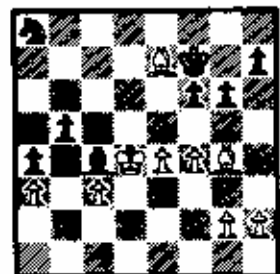
29.Bc5! Bb3+ 30.Kd3 Bc4+

Black is chasing White right where he wants to go, but that is immaterial here—in the long run he can't prevent the White king from moving forward anyway.

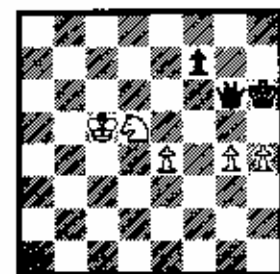
31.Kd4 Na8 32.Bd8! Kf7?

To avoid the loss of a second pawn after 31...Nc7, but that is the lesser evil.

33.Bd8 Ke8 34.Bf6?



This move costs me another 18 moves of work, an important factor in the early rounds of a weekend swiss. Instead, **34.Ba5!** wins quite quickly: **34...Bf1 35.g3 (35.Bc8 wins a piece but there is no reason to give Black even that much play) 35...Bg2 36.Bc8 f5 37.Bb7 fxc4 38.Bxc4!** (The point! Because Black's knight has no moves. White can play to exchange bishops. When Black rescues the knight with **Kd8-c8** etc., White simply exchanges it and calmly wins with his extra pawns.)



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Rank	Name	Rating	W	D	L	W%	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
8	AMIRAJ	1411	W126	W112	W17	L43	W88	W20	W29	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
9	RIPLEY Ryan F	1362	W35	W26	D49	L56	W81	W80	W36	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
10	GUGLIELMI Jacquiline	1317	W130	W64	L1	W97	W13	W29	W35	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
11	SUMMERWAYS David	1293	D37	W117	W38	W81	W56	L4	W51	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
12	GUC Clark	1278	W65	W63	D14	W46	W69	W39	L1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
13	ABRAMOWITZ Aaron	1388	W59	W48	L20	W128	L10	W86	W49	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
14	HARRIS Terry	1380	W144	W152	D12	D49	D74	D58	W53	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
15	HOWE Paul	1375	W115	W93	W24	L35	L50	W99	W52	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
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18	SWEET David	1353	L71	W54	W59	L7	W115	W75	W58	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
19	BURKE Luke	1343	W119	W57	L27	W96	W47	W50	L7	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
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21	ALLES Tim S	1312	W147	W108	L39	W62	L16	W107	W63	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
22	FLORENCE Curtis	1302	L104	L155	W134	W63	W60	W100	W62	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
23	MANSOURI Ilya	1292	D38	W37	W20	L69	D28	W102	W39	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
24	JEWIS John A	1284	W110	W162	L15	W100	W44	W16	L5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
25	PENNYBACKER Mark	1273	W148	L29	L53	W65	W82	W107	W42	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
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30	MOSTOWSKI KJ	1370	W28	L7	W116	W92	L49	D59	W78	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
31	ELAYAGATHI Sathish	1364	W58	L54	W86	D53	W120	W38	L11	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
32	WINEGAR V. Cah L	1356	W61	D81	L56	D79	W106	D78	W80	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
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54	KARAGIANIS Pets D	1242	W59	W31	L43	L17	W42	W105	L4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
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59	BUKOWSKI David	1198	L15	W85	L16	W167	W47	D30	D46	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
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64	FRASER Kris	1073	W91	L10	L26	W75	W124	W92	X	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
65	SMITH-Naphtali	1058	L12	L45	W137	L25	W136	X	W93	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
66	WYNN'S Louza	937	W65	L75	W51	W39	L42	L52	W139	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
67	DUPUIS Erik G	928</																								

1998 Tour Leaders

Play in the ICA Tour and win cash!

Master Tour Points

SEVILLANO Eryko	100
CHOW Albert C.	50
SZPISJAK Steven J.	31.5
HELECAN Horri (2)	28
SCOTT Gene G.	23
GUREMCH Dmitry (1)	14
ULTO Douglas A (2)	14
WATTS Bradley S.	14
BACHLTER Kevin L.	13.5
FALDS Dsman (2)	13.5
RIDDI Joshua S (2)	13
MARSHALL James A.	12.5
MOTIE David B (2)	12
PANGAN Camilo C (2)	11
MODES Dan	10.5
BLATNY Pawel (1)	10
CHERNIN Alexandre (1)	10
EPISHIN Vladimir (1)	10
KADANOV Gregory (1)	10
KUDRIN Sergey (1)	10
SEIFER Gregory (1)	10
YERMOULINSKY Alex (1)	10

Expert Tour Points

SCOTT Gene G.	36
SAX Robert D.	25.5
BACHLER Kevin L.	24.5
ULICH Douglas A (2)	18
BENESEA Amulfo (2)	17
KARKJINS Erik (2)	15
NAFF William A (2)	15
WATTS Bradley S.	14
RIDDELL Joshua S (2)	13
MARSHALL James A.	12.5
LONG David	10.5
MODES Dan	10.5
WAGNER Steven J.	10.5
ANDREWS Todd D (1)	10
BAJNOK Zoltan (1)	10
BOURGIERIE Dennis	10
KILIG Steffen (1)	10
LEVINE Viktor S (1)	10

POLYAKIN Vladimir (1)	10
REA Andrew (1)	10
VERO Carl M.	10
LEFF Tyrone D (2)	9.5
SHOLL Paul E (2)	9.5
BATH John S (1)	9
BENEN Samson (1)	9
FLORES Joshua (2)	9
PULLER William F (1)	9
FURMAN Eugene (1)	9
KTISI Stanislav (1)	9
MODDLETON Dougl (2)	9
HEAD Rhys (2)	9
THOMAS Ed	9
LAIRMC James R (2)	9.5
BAKSHANSKI Mikos (1)	8
BROOKS John R (1)	8
CAZMAN Chuck (1)	8
DAZ Carlos Albe (1)	8
EPP Edward R (1)	8
GRISI EMAN Dennis (1)	8
NUMERABLE Hore (2)	8
JAYADAI Sheham I (1)	8
MANNE Kiran K (1)	8
MARSHALL Camin (1)	8
MC CARTHY Madrae (1)	8
NIKOLOVSKI Olive (1)	8
RIDDL Robert	8
SPLINTER Joseph (1)	8
TRIMBLE Seiden (1)	8
TURNER Bill A (1)	8
WOODWARD Billy (1)	8
WRIGHT William B (1)	8
YAWARI Paul (1)	9
BRODIE Mark A (1)	7.5
GAZMEN Ethelbert	7.5
MERLI Christophe (1)	7.5
MICHALK Philip (1)	7.5

Class A Tour Points

WATTS Bradley S.	55.5
GAST Bryan (2)	32

COX William G.	23
BOURGIERIE Dennis	20
MARKOV Igor I (1)	20
GAZMEN Ethelbert	19.5
CHEV Aaron	17
SOUBRAN Nader M.	15
NGUYEN Tam C (2)	15
OOYU Mehmed	14
IKELCH Curtis K (1)	14
JANKAUSKAS Kazys (1)	14
LORING Steven W.	13
CMA Joe	12
OPONIN Mike (2)	11
AKHMETOV Artem (2)	10
CONDIRON James (2)	10
CRAKE Joe (1)	10
EMANUEL Edward (1)	10
ORTILLOSA Andre (1)	10
LENCHO Mark W (1)	10
SAND Ivan (1)	10
SANZ Jose A (1)	10
SILVERMAN Scott A.	10
TRIPLETT Thomas (1)	10
VERO Carl M.	10
WENZ Walter M (1)	10
ZUJIC Jasmin (1)	10

Class B Tour Points

C-EN Aaron	39
LAHR H Fred (2)	23
SACKS David W (2)	21.5
RIDDLE Robert	20
HUBBARD Andrew (1)	19
GORLIN Yelena	18
HAYES Christophe (2)	17
BELLY Joe	16
GORLIN Gernady	16
BILLONES Reynard (2)	14
MITCHELL Jerome (1)	14
FISCHER Gregory (2)	13
GERTZ Charles F (2)	12
HENDERSON Dae (1)	12
NAPOLI Carmelo (1)	12
LEUNG Dany Y (2)	11
LEDESMA Eduardo	10.5
AKHMETOV Artem (2)	10

BOEKHOFF Andrew (1)	10
CYGAN Joseph	10
GARBFR Milor (1)	10
LAZERNIK Yakov (2)	10
LEVINA Anna V (1)	10
MAMMEN William (1)	10
MENDOZA Aldo M (1)	10
SALAZAR Jerome (1)	10
SILVERMAN Scott A.	10
SOBH Hassan M (1)	10
ZORZOPULOS Sant (1)	10

Class C Tour Points

GORLIN Gernady	32
PADILLA Rudy R.	30
REDDWARI Dushyanth	26.5
SMITH Oran B.	26.5
GORLIN Andrey	25.5
SILVERMAN Scott A.	25
C-EN Aaron	22
RIDDLE Robert	20
PRUC Abouah (2)	19.5
HUBBARD Andrew (1)	19
LOBRACO Michael J.	18
HAYES Christophe (2)	17
HUANG Winston	16
BIRKELAND Roger	14.5
GORSKI Marusz (1)	14
SBEL Dennis	14

Class D Tour Points

SCHROMBECK Jan A (2)	40
PULLIN Matthew (2)	35
BUSCA Jeffrey (2)	32
YARNOFF Benjamin (2)	25
RAMOS Fabian (2)	27
REDDWARI Dushyanth	26.5
AMIR Ali (1)	20
MOORE Gem (1)	20
FENLEY Daniel J (1)	20
HAYES Michael J (2)	18
SEBEL Dennis	18
RASMUSSEN Robert (2)	17
RODRIGUEZ Jose A.	17
HUANG Winston	16



Class E Tour Points

YARNOFF Benjamin (2)	28
AMIR Ali (1)	20
RODRIGUEZ Jose A.	17
LAAGER Judd F (2)	15
JOSEPH Bennett (2)	14
POPOVIC Zeljko (2)	13
WIDING Daniel R.	13
LARSON Shay (1)	12
LENSWORTH Viren (1)	12
MC CONNEL Niara (2)	12
HIERONYMUS April	9
KASER Michael C (1)	9
LAURIN Edward (1)	9
ROHBAUGH Tommy (1)	9
WIDING Robert	9

Class F Tour Points

HIERONYMUS April	9
DUPUIS Erik G (2)	8
LINSHITE Louiza (1)	8
BIALER Gershon (1)	7
FOOTS Matthew A (1)	7
BROOKER Ben	6
FOOTS Marv	6
PHILIPS Douglas	6
SEIFER Greg	6
C-EN Jonathan D (1)	6
HELDMAN Benjamin (1)	6
GUC Kevin (1)	5
SOMASUNDARAM Vign (1)	5
WRTS Rob (1)	5

Class G Tour Points

CHODAK David (1)	4
ILIC Lazar (1)	4
CONNELLY Al (1)	3
CONNELLY Patricia (1)	3
FREDMAN Stephan (1)	3
C-EN Chris (1)	3

Class H Tour Points

C-ENSA Chris (1)	3
DENNIS Ryan A (1)	2
THOMPSON Andrew (1)	2
THOMPSON Emily (1)	2

Class I Tour Points

THOMPSON Emily L (1)	2
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These Tour standings reflect the following 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—MAXI—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
 April 18, 1998—mini—Peoria Tornado
 May 22-25, 1998—MAXI—Chicago Open, Oak Brook
 May 30, 1998—mini—Illinois Valley Tornado, Peru
 June 6-7, 1998—mini—Chicago Chess Club Spring Open

Scheduled or probable future events:

July 18-19, 1998—MAXI—Midway Amateur Class, Oak Lawn
 July 26, 1998—mini—Chicago Chess Club Three—Game Open
 August 8-9, 1998—mini—Chicago Chess Club Summer Open
 August 15, 1998—mini—Bradley Summer Open, Peoria
 September 5-7, 1998—MAXI—Illinois Open
 October 17, 1998—mini—Peoria Tornado
 Oct 30 - Nov 1—MAXI—Midwest Class, Lisle
 November 21-22, 1998—MAXI—Illinois Class

Tactical Teasers

In honor of the U.S. Champion's visit to Chicago, Alan Watson has collected some of Joel Benjamin's interesting tactical moves. Can you spot them? Benjamin to move in every case. Answers on the next page.

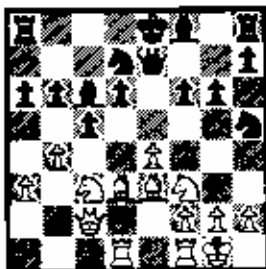
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Joel Benjamin
Midwest Masters Inv., 1986



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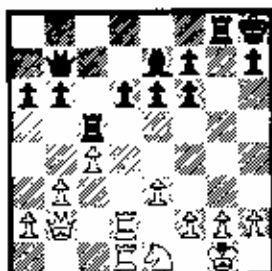
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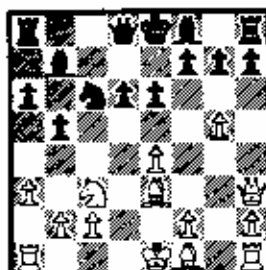
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M. Giles
US Open, Boston, 1988



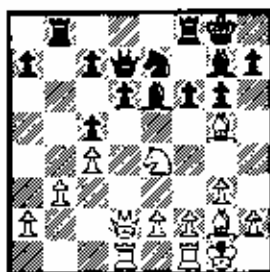
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M. Rogan
Joel Benjamin
Chicago National Open, 1991



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Joel Benjamin
J. Chudnovsky
Chicago Open, 1995



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Emery Tate
Joel Benjamin
Chicago Open, 1995



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Joel Benjamin
S. Stubenrauch
National Open, Las Vegas, 1998



Teaser Answers

These are the actual game continuations:

1 19...d5! 20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.cxd5 Bf6 22.d6 e4 23.Rxc8 Qxc8 24.Bxb6 Qxb7 25.Bd4 Bxd4 26.Qxd4 Nh7 27.Rc1 Nf6 28.Rc7 Qb5 29.e3 Qa5 30.Bf1 Qc1 31.Qc4 Qd1 32.Qxa6 Rc6 33.Qe2 Rxd6 34.Rc2 Bxh3 0-1

2 17.Bxa6 Rxa6 18.b5 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 Rxa3 20.Nxd6+ Qxd6 21.Rxd6 Bxd6 22.Rd1 Be7 23.Qe4 Ra7 24.Qc6 Ng7 25.Bxc5 bxc5 26.b6 Ra3 27.Qxd7+ Kf7 28.Qd5+ 1-0

3 16...Rxc3! 17.bxc3 Nd7 18.Bd2 Bxc3 19.Bxc3 Qxc3 20.Bf1 Rc8 21.Bd3 Nc5 22.Kg2 Bd7 23.Bb5 Bxb5 24.axb5 Nd7 25.Ra2 Nc5 26.Rd5 Rc4 27.Qc2 Qb4 28.Qd2 Rc3 29.Rd4 Qc5 30.Rd5 Qc4 31.Rd4 Qc8 32.Rd5 Nxf3 33.Qe2 Nc5 34.Rd2 h6 35.Ra4 Nc4 36.Rd3 Rxc2 0-1

4 25.Rxd6! Bxd6 26.Qxf6+ Rg7 27.Rxd6 Rc8 28.g3 Qc7 29.Qd4 b5 30.c5! h6 31.Nd3 Kh7 32.b4 a5 33.Rd7 Qb8 34.Nf4 e5 35.Qe4+ Kh8 36.Nh5 f5 37.Qxf5 Rxd7 38.Qxd7 Qc7 39.Qe6 axb4 40.Qxh6+ Kg8 41.Nf6+ Kf7 42.Nc4 1-0

5 13.g6 Rc8 14.0-0-0 Qf6 15.gxf7+ Qxf7 16.Be2 b4 17.axb4 Nxb4 18.Bg4 Ke7 19.Rhe1 h5 20.Rd4 a5 21.e5 d5 22.Bg5+ Kd7 23.Rf4 Qg6 24.Bxe6+ Kc7 25.Qf5 1-0

6 18...Rxd2 19.Nxd2 Bxc5 20.h3 Bxal 21.hxg4 Bxg4 22.Qc3 Rd8 23.Nb3 Rd1+ 24.Kf2 Bf6 25.g3 b6 26.Qe4 Bf5 27.Qc6 Qd8 28.Bg2 Bd4+ 29.Kc2 Bg4+ 30.Bf3 Rxb1 0-1

7 15.Nxc5 dxc5 16.Qxd7 Bxd7 17.Rxd7 fxg5 18.Rxe7 Rbe8 19.Rxe8 Rxc8 20.e3 Rd8 21.Bd5+ Kf8 22.f4 g4 23.f5 g5 24.f6 Bh8 25.Rf5 e6 26.Bxc6 Rd1+ 27.Kg2 Rd2+ 28.Kf1 Rxa2 29.Ba4 Ra1+ 30.Kc2 Ra2+ 31.Kd3 Rxb2 32.e4 Rg2 33.e5 Rxg3+ 34.Ke4 Rf3 35.Rxg5 Kf7 36.Rxg4 Rh3 37.Kf5 Rf3+ 38.Rf4 Rxf4+ 39.Kxf4 Ke6 40.Bc6 1-0

8 16...Nxd3+ 17.cxd3 Nxc5 18.hxg5 Bxd4 19.Qh3 b6 20.gxh6 g6 21.f5 Qg5+ 22.Nd2 Rxe8 23.Kb1 Re2 24.h7+ Kh8 25.Qh6 Qxh6 26.Rxh6 gxh5 27.Rd6 fxg4 0-1

9 14.Nc6! bxc6 15.dxc6 Ba6 16.cxd7 Bxc4 17.Bxa8 Nc7 18.Bf3 Bxf1 19.Kxf1 e5 20.Bc3 Ne6 21.Qd6 Qb6 22.Qxb6 axb6 23.Rd1 Bf6 24.Rd6 Rd8 25.Bg4 Be7 26.Rxb6 Rxd7 27.Rxc6 1-0

Chicago Open Crosstables

21	VINCENT Lenswort	1088	W 18	L 73	L 128	W 140	L 26	L 47	D 113	2	5	5 DE
22	PREZKOP Michael F	1040	N	L 69	D 127	W 51	L 54	D 97	L 87	1	5	5 DE
23	DAY Jonathan C	914	L 48	L 160	- 132	W 156	W 144	L 51	H	5	5	5 DE
24	FELDMAN Benjamin	873	L 43	W 115	96	L 34	L 64	D 44	W 158	5	5	5 DE
25	GUY Kevin	828	L 90	L 153	D 103	L 19	W 48	L 15	W 148	5	5	5 DE
26	LEWIS Chris	1337	L 9	O 118	L 37	W 146	H	-	-	-	-	4 DE
27	HAADEN Donald R	1255	D 67	L 38	D 27	W 133	L 102	F	-	-	-	4 DE
28	WONG Chun Yu	1236	W 85	- 4	W 121	L 13	-	-	-	-	-	4 DE
29	WONGES Keith M	1156	W 164	L 80	L 47	L 87	W 154	L 89	-	-	-	4 DE
30	LEVY Kenneth	1150	- 10	L 91	W 36	L 89	W 135	L 73	- 104	-	-	4 DE
31	RUBENSTEIN Matt J	1084	- 70	L 92	W 40	W 139	L 94	L 75	- 90	-	-	4 DE
32	PAUL Joshua B	1065	- 20	L 116	W 23	W 157	L 52	L 76	- 92	-	-	4 DE
33	KOPINSKI Mike	1042	L 75	L 34	W 153	L 127	W 147	L 93	- 96	-	-	4 DE
34	FITZ David	938	L 94	L 53	L 22	W 149	L 130	W 159	L 108	-	-	4 DE
35	DOAN Jessica	878	L 51	- 99	L 115	W 158	L 65	W 161	W 150	-	-	4 DE
36	MORAN Wesley	832	L 52	- 35	L 130	W 158	L 65	L 108	W 150	-	-	4 DE
37	STRIKAR Osa M	822	L 152	- 58	L 65	- 160	W 159	H	-	-	-	4 DE
38	INAMI Takeshi	R 8	H	X	- 7	- 48	L 17	L 103	H	-	-	4 DE
39	CHOCACK David	663	L 57	- 102	B	- 13	L 83	L 134	W 161	-	-	4 DE
40	ILIC Lazar	602	- 74	L 74	L 31	- 12	W 160	L 72	L 111	-	-	4 DE
41	LANGFREDERICK W	1340	D 62	- 79	W 119	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 DE
42	DYG Alan	1315	H	L 65	W 119	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 DE
43	COR Greg M	1264	W 124	D 40	L 69	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 DE
44	SEFO Hans	1218	L 14	W 148	L 16	L 84	- 123	D 124	F	-	-	3 DE
45	AMANT Anthony	1215	D 42	L 71	W 146	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 DE
46	LUER Michael	1063	L 2	D 72	L 145	L 126	- 125	W 162	-	-	-	3 DE
47	CLAVAS William	1046	L 21	L 47	W 159	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 DE
48	SCHNIDFR Flott	925	L 25	L 144	L 98	-	-	W 148	L 126	-	-	3 DE
49	FRIEDMAN Steorane	704	-	L 45	L 72	L 134	- 103	L 148	W 162	-	-	3 DE
50	ONG Alar	315	L 06	W 23	- 87	L 28	-	-	-	-	-	2 DE
51	CKERSON Jason	294	W 167	L 3	- 102	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 DE
52	JANE Riley E	280	W 137	L 14	- 101	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 DE
53	HOCHSCHILD James	1179	- 112	W 125	- 113	L 07	-	-	-	-	-	2 DE
54	CLAVAS William	1046	L 21	L 47	W 159	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 DE
55	BALDWIN Calvin L	519	- 30	W 22	- 67	F	-	-	-	-	-	2 DE
56	KULKARNI Vivek	967	- 74	L 62	L 85	L 123	W 158	-	-	-	-	2 DE
57	SAWYER Timothy	904	W 92	L 20	L 57	L 132	-	-	-	-	-	2 DE
58	HARRELL Eric W	511	- 93	L 78	L 133	L 136	L 156	W 159	L 124	-	-	2 DE
59	THOMPSON Darlene	663	- 54	L 60	L 147	L 135	L 167	L 158	B	-	-	2 DE
60	THOMPSON Andrew	592	- 96	L 61	L 107	W 137	L 140	- 111	L 136	-	-	2 DE
61	DENNIS Ryan A	557	- 97	L 80	L 64	B	L 104	L 135	L 139	-	-	2 DE
62	THOMPSON Emily L	513	R	L 24	L 42	L 91	L 106	L 146	- 149	-	-	2 DE
63	OPPENHEIM Moritz	1327	L 53	L 06	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
64	TOPGHI Mohammed	1320	L 129	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
65	SHEPHERD Steven K	1285	L 66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
66	SOLTS Patrick J	1221	L 4	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
67	SCHNEIDER Elliot	928	L 15	L 28	L 154	- 59	-	-	-	-	-	0
68	ANDREWS Robert	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
UNRATEDS SECTION												
1	ONES Gary W	59	W 10	W 15	W 7	W 5	W 3	W 6	7	-	-	5
2	MORLAWAR Arnav	58	W 16	L 3	W 11	W 8	W 5	H	5	-	-	5
3	LE Duc T	55	W 19	W 2	- 5	W 7	L	W 8	5	-	-	5
4	MORLAWAR Arnav	55	W 18	W 9	L 6	W 17	W 5	H	5	-	-	5
5	DAVIS Quatinus	54	W 11	W 14	W 3	L	L 2	W 10	4.5	-	-	5
6	GREGG Hippoc	53	B	W 16	W 4	D 13	W 12	L 1	4.5	-	-	5
7	HOLLAND Angela	5	W 20	W 12	L	L 3	L 8	W 14	4	-	-	5
8	CRIDLAND Graham	110	W 13	W 9	W 2	L 2	W 7	L 3	4	-	-	5
9	BURROUGHS Michael	L	E	L 8	L 15	W 20	W 18	W 17	4	-	-	5
10	BLACKMAN William	W 6	L	L 3	B	W 18	W 17	L 5	4	-	-	5
11	ANDREWS Robert W	B	L 5	W 18	L 2	L 15	W 16	D 12	3.5	-	-	5
12	TRAN Bik K	X	W 5	- 7	L 6	W 14	L 6	O 11	-	-	-	5
13	SAMOYLOV Andrew	B	L 5	W 10	W 20	D 6	-	-	3.5	-	-	5
14	KLENK Matthew	L 16	W 7	- 5	W 19	L 12	B	L 7	3	-	-	5
15	LAPRADE Janel E	W 20	L 12	- 1	W 9	W 11	L 4	-	3	-	-	5
16	ARRISON Brent	W 14	L 2	- 6	L 17	B	L 11	C 18	2.5	-	-	5
17	JAY Tom	L 18	L 14	R	W 16	L 4	L 0	L 9	-	-	-	5
18	GONZALEZ Angelica	L 2	L 4	L 1	B	- 10	L 9	C 16	-	-	-	5
19	SAWYER David	W 17	L 3	L 4	L 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
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The Answer Box for Chess Wizardry

Solutions from the March-April issue that featured pawn play.

7 (composed by Alexander Kish) is solved by 1.Ng3! The "Pawn One-Two" play comes from the variations 1...Bc2+, 2.d3 and 1...Bc5, 2.d4. Howard's 8 gives us 1.f4!, threatening 2.cxd8=N. 1...Qb6 and 1...Nb7 allow 2.e8=Q, and there is even an *en passant* variation, 1...exf3, 2.Qe1. The key for 9 (F. Lindgren) is 1.Qe2!, resulting in four different mates after each of the possible Black pawn moves. In the last of the two-movers, you are tempted to try 1.a8=N? to solve 10 (Piljcenko), threatening 2.e8=Q. However, Black defends with 1...Ke6!. After the key, 1.Qg5!, 1...Ke6 is answered by 2.e8=Q, while 1...Kc7 is stopped by 2.e8=N, where the pawn on a7 keeps the king from escaping to h8. In 11 (B. Lindgren), after the key 1.Bf1!, the careful solver will discover variations using all eight of the possible moves of the d- and e-pawns on move two. The most subtle is 1...Rh1, 2.d4. Last but not least, in Bachmann's 12, careless promotions to a queen result in stalemate defenses for Black. You'll need a box full of rooks as the main line is 1.c8=R! cxd2, 2.f8=R Nxf8, 3.exf8=R Bxc8, 4.bxc8=R, followed by 5.Rc3.

Send your solutions by Sep. 1, 1998 to Todd Barre, 418 Poplar Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126-4012 or by e-mail to tjbarre@aol.com.

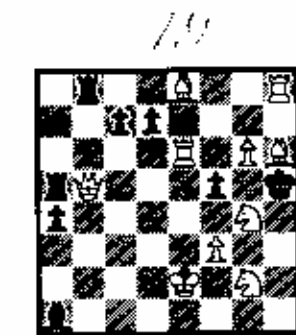
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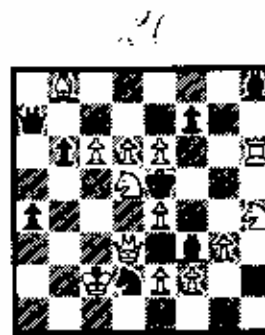
by Todd Barre

Last issue we informed you of the upcoming induction of Dr. Milan Vukcevic to the U.S. Chess Hall of Fame. Coincidentally, I received a letter from one of our new solvers, Ray Tomanek, which included one of his favorite problems from our other Hall of Fame composer, Sam Loyd. Loyd is a name familiar to almost all chess players, whether they are close to the problem world or not. Renowned for his mathematical puzzles as well as his many problems, Loyd's mind concocted some of the most curious positions of all time. Perhaps his most famous was the contrived way White and Black can cooperate to force stalemate in 10 moves. Here's how it goes: 1.e3 a5, 2.Qh5 Ra6, 3.Qxa5 h5, 4.Qxc7 Ra6, 5.h4 f6, 6.Qxd7+ Kf7, 7.Qxb7 Qd3, 8.Qxb8 Qh7, 9.Qxc8 Kg6, 10.Qe6!

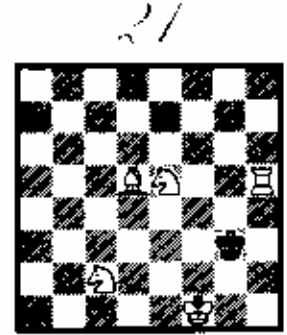
This month, we pay tribute to our past and soon-to-be Hall of Famers. Both of the three-movers (21 and 22, White to play as usual) are Loyd compositions. Dr. Vukcevic is, of course, still very active, and is now one of the editors of a new American problem magazine, *StrateGems*. (Please drop me a line for subscrip-



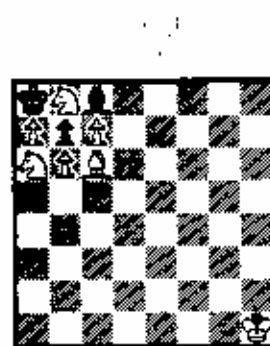
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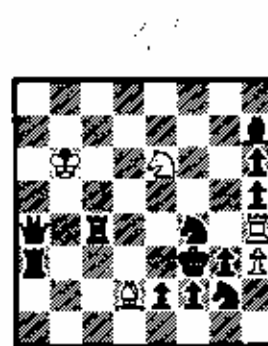
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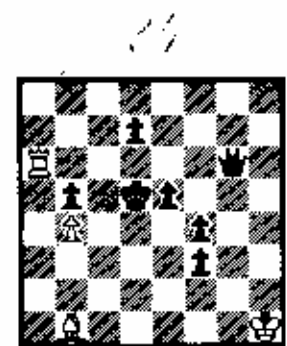
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Mate in 3



Helpmate in 2 (2 sols.)



Helpmate in 3 (2 sols.)

tion information.) I have quoted three problems from the inaugural issue, including both of the two-movers. 19 has a nice key, while 20 is a recent Vukcevic composition. A certain piece in this problem produces three tries (moves defeated by only one Black defense) and the correct solution. There is a pleasant surprise, however, once you discover the correct move. We introduced help-

mates last issue, and 23 is a fine modern example conceived by a top British composer. Remember that Black moves first, cooperating with White to produce mate after White's second move, and there are two distinct solutions. You need to find both to get full credit. 24 is a helpmate in three moves, once again with two solutions. Curiously, the identical position was submitted by

two different composers to two different international publications within the last two years. Required for points are the key move only in 19 and 20 (3 points each), solutions including lines through White's second move for 21 and 22 (5 points), and full moves (up to and including the mates) for both solutions of 23 (5 points) and 24 (7 points). Once again, happy solving!

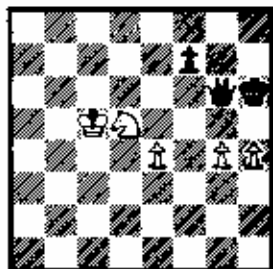


'You will live in interesting times'
reads the fortune cookie of the newest USCF policy board member, Garrett Scott of Peoria.

Domination!

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This is the type of domination which most often appears in tournament games, but it is not the most interesting.



J. Matansiev
White Draws

With a queen for a knight and two pawns, it is hard to believe that White can draw it.

But that queen is overrated.

1.g5+ Kg7

Not . . . Kh5, of course since White wins with Nf4+. Now, Black is hoping to escape into the open board with his king and avoid the type of problems we have just seen.

2.Nf6

The Black queen does not have a legal move that doesn't lose the game!

2...Kh8!

Black can actually lose if he plays Kf8?? **3.Kd6 Qg7 4.h5! Qh8 6.h6!** when Black must lose his queen and the game!

3.Kd6 Qg7 4.Ke7 and neither side can avoid the repetition.

Draw! ♞

Who Said It? Answers

1. Fred Reinfeld in *The Way to Better Chess*.
2. NM Marvin Dandridge, describing his early rounds at the Chicago Open.
3. GM John Fedorowicz referring to the fact that GM Joel Benjamin only played one day of the Chicago Open and yet tied for first place.
4. David Bronstein in his Introduction to *200 Open Games*.

Chicago Open Games

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Anna Khan (2285)
Gregory Kaidanov (2703)
Chicago Open (3), 1998
Semi-Slav Defence [D31]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6
4.e4 dxc4 5.Nxe4 Bb4+
6.Bd2 Qxd4 7.Bxb4 Qxe4+
8.Be2 Na6 9.Bc3 f6 10.Nf3
Nc7 11.0-0 e5 12.Re1 0 0
13.h4 Bf5 14.Qb3 Nc7
15.h3 Be6 16.Rad1 Qg6
17.Bd3 Qh5 18.Qc2 Ng6
19.Bd2 Rfd8 20.Nh2 Rd7
21.Be2 Qf5 22.Qc1 Nc7
23.Be3 Qg6 24.Kh1 Qf7
25.Rxd7 Bxd7 26.Rd1 Be6
27.b5 cxb5 28.cxb5 Ncd5
29.Bd2 Nf5 30.Nf3 e4
31.Nh2 e3 32.Be1 Rc8
33.Qb2 h6 34.Ng4 exf2

35.Bxt2 h5 36.Nh2 b6 37.a4
Nde3 38.Rc1 Rd8 39.Nf1
Nxf1 40.Bxf1 Bd5 41.Qb4
Re8 42.Qf4 Re5 43.Re1 Qe6
44.Qd2 h4 45.Kg1 Ng3
46.Bd3 g5 47.a5 1/2-1/2

Sergy Kudrin (2623)
Camilo Pangan (2214)
Chicago Open (3), 1998
Bishop's Opening [C23]


1.e4 e5 2.Be4 Be5 3.Nf3 Nf6
4.Nxe5 Qe7 5.d4 d5 6.exd5
Bxd4 7.Qxd4 Ng4 8.Bb5+ c6
9.dxc6 0-0 10.0-0 Nxe5
11.cxb7 Bxb7 12.Bf4 Nbc6
13.Qe3 Qf6 14.Nc3 Ng4
15.Qg3 h5 16.h3 Nd4
17.Bd3 Rfe8 18.hxg4 h4
19.g5 Qc6 20.Qg4 g6
21.Be3 Rad8 22.Rfd1 1-0 ♞

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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

July 18, Bloomington Tornado, 4 SS, game/60 Lincoln Leisure Center (formerly Abraham Lincoln School), 1206 S Lue St, Bloomington 61701. EF \$11 by 7/13, \$10 at site. \$10 youth/scholastic. \$5100-50, book prizes to A, B, C, D, E. Unrated. Reg ends 8:45, rds 9-12:30. Dennis Scaurgone, Box 167, Normal 61761-0157. (309) 454-3847. Schairstreaza@MSN.com

July 18-19, 4th Annual Midway Amateur Class Championships, 5-55 rds 1-3 game/120 rds 4-5 40/120. Union SD/60. Oak Lawn Hton, 9633 S Cicero. Oak Lawn 60453, 708-425-7800. \$32000 guaranteed. LF \$45 juniors under 18 below 1500 \$25. by 7/11, all \$10 more after 7/11 or at door. add \$5 to pay up a section. Five sections: EXFERI: \$300-200-100-50. CLASS A: \$300-200-100-50. CLASS B: \$300-200-100-50. CLASS C: \$300-200-100-50. CLASS D-F: \$200-100-50-50. Unrated prize added 15 or more unrateds. Reg Sat 8:30-9:15, rds 10-2:30-7, 10-5. Info: Hector Hernandez, 773-596-3050 evenings. Ent/Checks payable Midway Chess Enterprises, PO Box 388765, Chicago 60636-8765. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.**

 **July 19-24, Strategic Thinking Chess Camp**, Illinois Wesleyan University,

Bloomington. Strategic Thinking, Inc. 3 Buckingham Dr, Aurora 60506-0123, 888-47-THINK. pramona@iuc.edu

July 19,26, Elmhurst CC Game/45, 4 rds. Room 030. Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst, IL \$17, LCC members \$17. \$5 to fee. 2nd, 4/29/99, 1/18/00, 1/16/00, 1/20/00, 90% of L's returned. Reg 7-7:25. July 19, two rds each Sunday at 7:30. Info: Roger Burkhardt, 630-932-1754. rogerb@elmhurst.edu

July 21-29, U.S. Masters, Honolulu.

July 25, Tuley Park Quick #8, 501 E 90th Pl. Chicago 60619. 4 SS game/26 or 5 SS game/22, or 5-55 game/17. Reg 11-11:50. rd 1 at 12. Thomas Finberg, 7821 S South Shore Dr #6-B. Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

July 26, Chicago CC Three-Game Mini-Tour, 3-55 game/90. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. Chicago 60626, 773-761-5250. EF \$20, juniors and CCC members \$17. \$3200 u/20; 90-80 A 50, B 40 C 30 D below 20. Reg ends 11:30 rds 12-3 15-5:30. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

August 1, U.S. Hopin' Saturday Plus-Score Quick, 12-55, game/15. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-6050. EF \$20, juniors and CCC

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August 1-9, U.S. Open, 8-55 40/120. then SD/60. Kona Surf Resort & Country Club, 78-128 Kihuka St, Kona-Kona HI 96740. 11 \$94. 8-day \$100. If mailed by 7/24 or phoned w/credit card by 7/28; \$124, 8 day \$125 at site. \$10 of EF of 2nd and subsequent family members registering together. Free 8 month USCF membership to first time members. \$522,000 guaranteed: 5000-2500-1500-800-700-600-500-400-200-250-200-100-100-50. Class prizes \$500 each for u/2410/u/nr, u/2300, u/2200, u/2100, u/2000, u/1900, u/1800, u/1700, u/1600, u/1500, u/1400, u/1300, u/1200, u/1100. Women 5800-450. Teams 16 players per club; \$600-300-100. Bonus \$1000 pool divided among all scoring 4-0 in rds 6-9. Rds 7-9! daily August 1-9, 8-day option rds 1-2 August 2 at 10-7:30. Checks payable to U.S. Chess Federation, mail either to U.S. Chess Federation, 3554 NYS Route 9W, New Windsor NY 12553, or to Larry Reuther

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August 2, U.S. Hopin' Sunday Plus-Score Quick, 9-SS, game/20. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-781-5050. EF \$20, Juniors and CCC members \$17, both \$8 less to participants in the 8-1-98 U.S. Hopin'. \$\$ by score: 9-0 \$200, 8.5-0.5 \$140, 8-1 \$100, 7.5-1.5 \$75, 7-2 \$55, 6.5-2.5 \$40, 6-3 \$28, 5.5-3.5 \$17, 5-4 \$7. Players may face the same opponents more than once. Reg. ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

August 2, Elmhurst CC Game/35 Quad, 3-RR in 4 player sections of like-rated players. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$16, ECC members \$11. \$\$30-10 in each quad. Reg 7-7 25, rd 1 at 7:30. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

August 3-7, Denker Tournament of High School Champions, Kona, Hawaii

August 8, Third Annual Evan Green Summer Sectional, 4-SS, game/80

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August 9, Elmhurst CC Game/10, RR in sections of like-rated players, depending on entrinos. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$12,

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August 15, Bradley Summer Open, 4-SS, game/80. Garrett Center, 824 Durysa Pl, Peoria 61626. EF \$12 advance, \$15 at site. \$\$75-50, A 25, B 25, C/below 25 (based on 6 per class). Reg 8-8:45, rds at 9-12-2:45-5:30. Wayne Zimmerle, 514 W Loucko, Peoria 61604. An ICA Tour mini-event.

August 15, Tuley Park Quick #10, 50+ E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/26, or 5-SS game/22, or 6-SS game/17. Reg 11:11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Finelberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-0, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3078.

August 15, Northern Indiana Open, 4-SS, rd 1 game/75, rds 2-4 game/90. Indiana University Northwest, Gary 130784 to Broadway exit, one block south at Morone Student Center. EF \$20, HCC members \$18, under 18 \$15. \$\$820 b/40: 200 100, u2000 \$80, u1800 \$80, u1600 \$80, u1400 \$80. Unr trophy. Reg 8-15-8:15, rds 9:30-12-3-6. Hans Herr, 219 736 5714, or Chuck Higgins, 291-663-8938, purdue@mtntillon.net

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August 17-21, Strategic Thinking Chess Camp, Wheaton College, Wheaton. Strategic Thinking Inc, 3 Buckingham Ct, Aurora 60506-9199, 888-47-THINK, jmanion@uiuc.edu

August 22, Third Green Sectional date changed to August 8.

August 30, Elmhurst CC Game/20, 4-SS, Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$15, ECC members \$10, \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u2000, u1800, u1600, 90% of EFs returned. Reg 7-7:25, rd 1 at 7:30. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

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December 12, Hampton Inn Winter Open, Springfield.

December 12, Tuley Park Quick #15, Chicago.

December 26-31, Pan-American Intercollegiate, Dallas TX.

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January 30, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #2 (Big #1), Chicago.

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March 13, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #4,

Chicago.

March 19-21, 1999, National Open, Las Vegas.

March 27, 1999, Bloomington Tornado, Bloomington.

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