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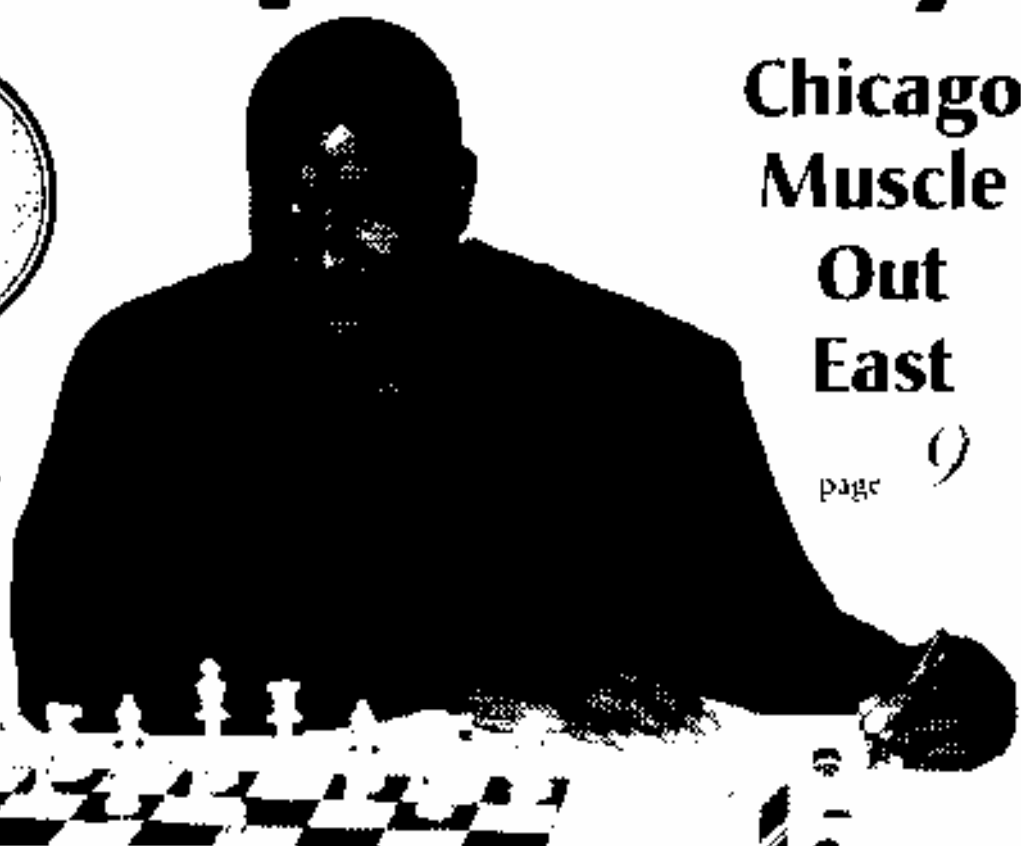
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First Impressions from the Top

I'd like to start my short term as interim ICA president by thanking Hector Hernandez for his service first as Vice President and then as President. The ICA is richer for his many contributions. It was with regret that we accepted his resignation.

U.S. Open

I'm just back from the U.S. Open in Kona, Hawaii. I'll have to admit I was skeptical about holding the USCF's flagship event in Hawaii, but organizer Eric Schiller showed us a real vacation tournament. Illinois was well represented, even though the "ICA Champions" did not win the best team prize (that went to a team with several titled players).

Felecan Wins

A special congratulations to Florin

Felecan for winning the 1998 Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions. He finished ahead of 31 other state high school champions to win this prestigious annual event. Florin

President's Podium

also scored well in the U.S. Open, and was in the running for top prizes all the way to the last round when he lost to Grandmaster Alek Wojtkiewicz, the winner of last year's Illinois Open tournament.

Award to Verber

At the USCF awards banquet, Illinois organizer SM Richard Verber was awarded the Meritorious Service Award. I'm happy to see Richard's many years

of service to Illinois Chess recognized at a national level.

There will be lots more on the events in Hawaii in the next issue of the ICB.

ICB Showered with Awards

I can't say enough about the Illinois Chess Bulletin. The Chess Journalists of America judges couldn't either. The ICB picked up more than a few awards, including Best State Magazine in its circulation category. We can't expect M.I. to keep on producing the best magazine in the country without more support from the members. If you'd like to help out in any capacity—entering games, proof-reading, writing features, editing games, making scholastic contributions, reporting on tournaments, taking pictures or feeding the cats—contact the ICB editor and volunteer.

Annual ICA Meeting

The annual ICA Membership Meeting will be held at the Chicago Chess Club on Sunday October 18th at 1 p.m. Every ICA member (and potential member) is welcome to attend.

*Alan Losoff, Interim ICA President
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End of the First Year

All of us who work to put out the *Illinois Chess Bulletin* are delighted with the recognition we have received from the Chess Journalists of America. A full list of all the awards earned by the ICB can be found on pages 18 and 19.

You can be a part! This issue is very late precisely because we are desperately short of people willing to make contributions. We need volunteers in all aspects of production, not just writing.

Al Losoff's column above suggests some of the areas where volunteers can make a difference.

Editor's Notebook

This issue marks the completion of my first year as editor. I have enjoyed the task and am looking forward to another year *and working with many new*

volunteers!

Several people should be acknowledged for assisting with this issue: Tim Kras, Scott Pendergrast, Michael Atkins, John Watson, John Tomas, Marvin Dandridge, among others.

My warmest thanks go to Bill "Deadline! What deadline?" Brock, Michael "Laser eyes" Marsh, and Bill "No detail too small" Smythe.

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

Gurevich Champion of Tournament of Champions

One of the side tournaments at this year's World Open in Philadelphia was dubbed the Tournament of Champions. It was intended that state champions would compete against each other to determine a champion of the champions. This didn't transpire, first, because if an actual state champion didn't sign up to play, then a substitute was accepted. Second, and more important, only 14 people competed in the Open section!

Nonetheless, this small field had many strong players. Three were rated over 2500, two rated over 2400, and six over 2300.

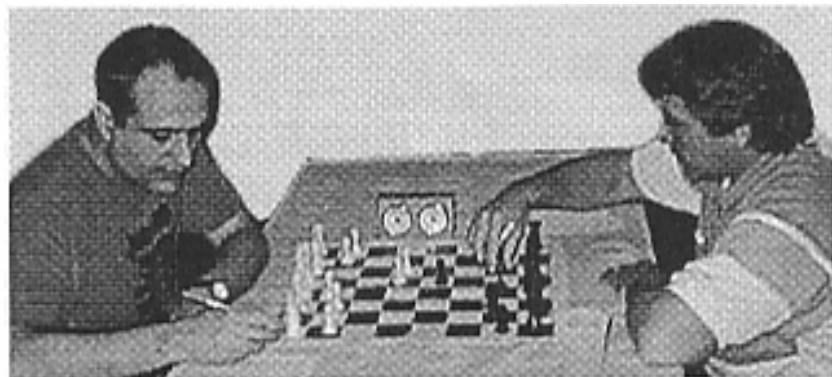
GM Dmitry Gurevich and Edward Formanek (2388) each scored 4 points in the five round tournament, with Gurevich winning on tie-break.

The tournament was also intended to have sections for seniors, women, juniors, and the like. But the turnout was so small, all these subsidiary tournaments were combined into a "Mixed" tournament. Gregory Shahade (2391) topped the crosstable in this event, only prevented from earning a perfect score because of a third round draw with Arthur Bisguier.

—M.I. Rantala



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GM Dmitry Gurevich, left in both photos, on his way to winning the Tournament of Champions.

Bill Brock, in entertaining style, explains how Gurevich beat out the other champs.

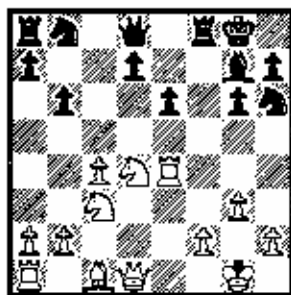
Joseph Fang (2348)
Dmitry Gurevich (2573)
Tournament of Champions,
Philadelphia, 1998
English Opening [A04]

Notes by Bill Brock

1.Nf3 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c5 4.g3 b6 5.Bg2 Bb7 6.0-0 Nh6

Why regurgitate twenty moves of theory in the first round of a Swiss? Instead, Dmitry forces his opponent to think...

7.e4 f5 8.Rc1 0-0 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 fxe4 11.Bxe4 Bxe4 12.Rxc4 e6



While Black has to live with a slightly inferior pawn structure and a weakness on d6, the f-file and the weak squares around White's king offer counterplay. White's next two moves do nothing to increase his pieces' coordination. Since the c1-bishop can't guard the white squares, it might best be swapped for the dangerous knight on h6.

13.Qa4 Nf7 14.h4 Qc8 15.Ndb5 Na6 16.Be3

White's troops are hopelessly contorted: pity the poor rook on c4. 16...Nc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.b4 Qc6 19.Rc1 Ne5

The chickens are coming home to roost.

20.Qb3 Nf3+ 21. Kg2 a6 0-1

22.Na3 Nd2 wins massive material.

Dmitry Gurevich (2573)
David Vigorito (2393)
Tournament of Champions,
Philadelphia, 1998
English Opening [A15]

Notes by Bill Brock

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.e3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Bc2 Qe7

Were White to play 9.d4 here, we'd have a line of the Semi-Slav known for inducing sleep. Instead, White cedes a bit of space in order to get a Sicilian with colors reversed.

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9.h3 e5 10.cxd5 Nxd5
11.Nc4 Bc7 12.Ng3 Nb4

Is d3 weak? No, not really...

13.Qb1 Nc5 14.a3 Nd5
15. Qc2 a5 16.Rc1 b6
17.0-0 Bd7 18.Bc4 Rac8
19.Nxe5

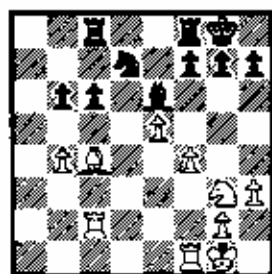
The fork trick forces simplifications, but Black doesn't need to panic yet.

19...Bxc5 20.Bxc5 Qxc5
21.d4 Nxe3

Is this tactic necessary? After the natural 21...Qc7 22.dxc5 Qxc5, Black looks OK. So perhaps White would try the in-between exchange 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.dxc5 bxc5, with play against the hanging pawns. If Black takes on c5 with a piece, White might dream of swinging the Ng3 to d4, where it would dominate the bad bishop.

So Vigorito's decision to swap queens is reasonable. Even against a GM, the ending looks tenable.

22.dxc5 Nxc2 23.Rxc2
Be6 24.b4 axb4 25.axb4
Nd7 26.f4



26...g5

Not only does this move drop a pawn, but Black finds it difficult to put his passed b-pawn to work in the game continuation. If Black exchanges first with 26...Bxc4 27.Rxc4 g5, then 28.Nf5 looks strong. But 26...c5 looks like a natural alternative. 27.fgx5 Nxc5 28.Bxc6 fxc6 29.Rc1 Nd3 30.Rxc6 Nxb4 31.Rc4 Nd5 32.Rexc6 Rxc6 33. Rxc6 Rd8

The Black knight would

Mr. King, being a responsible parent, feels he must monitor the h7-pawn— Children are nothing but trouble!

like to drop anchor on a safe central square. Because this knight has no natural home, the defender's task is grim, despite the reduced material.

34.Nf5 Kf7 35.Rb6 Kg8
36.Nd6 Nc3 37.Nf5 Nd5

White repeats moves: there's no hurry.

38.Rc6 Kf7 39.Nd6+ Ke7
40.Nb5 Kf7

Mr. King, being a responsible parent, feels he must monitor the h7-pawn. But White's three-to-one pawn majority, mobile king, and active pieces create opportunities for... a kingside attack! Children are nothing but trouble.

41.Kf2 Kg7 42.Kf3 Rc8
43.Nd6 Rc3+

If 43...Rb8!! 44.Nb5
44.Kg4 Rb3 45.Nf5+ Kf7
46.Kh5 Rc3 47.Rh6 Kg8
48.Rd6! Nf4+ 49.Kh6
Nxc2 50.h4

Black, perilously close to getting mated, decides to run away.

50...Rc5 51.Rd8+ Kf7 52.
Rd7+ Ke6 53.Rd2! Rxf5
54.Rxc2 Rf7 55.Rb2 Rb7
56.Rb5

But now the g-pawn cruises to victory.

56...Kd6 57.h5 Kc6
58.Rf5 b5 59.g6 hxg6
60.hxg6 1-0

After 60...b4 61.g7 Rxc7
(61...Rb8 62.Rf8) 62.Kxc7
b3 63.Rf3 wins easily.

Edward Formanek (2388)
Dmitry Gurevich (2573)
Tournament of Champions,
Philadelphia, 1998
Benko Gambit [A57]

Notes by Bill Brock

This game demonstrates

that GMs are not super-computers, but all too human.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5
4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 g6 6.Nc3
Qa5 7.bxa6 Bg7 8.Bd2
Bxa6 9.Bxa6 Qxa6 10.e4
d6 11.Nge2 0-0 12.0-0
Nbd7 13.f3 Qb6 14.Rb1
Ne5 15.Bg5 Rfb8 16.Kh1
h6 17.Be3 Nc4 18.Bc1
Nd7

Black has wonderful positional compensation for the pawn. Naturally, White objects to being squashed like a bug, and seeks kingside counterplay.

19.f4 Qa6 20.a4 Qa5
21.Rf3 Qb4 22.Qd3 Qb3
23.h4 Nf6 24.Ng3 Ng4
25.h5 Rxa4!

26.Nxa4 fails to the simple 26...Qxd3 27.Rxd3
Nf2+ followed by
28...Nxd3, with unrelenting pressure on the b2-pawn.

In the typical Benko Gambit game, Black would now slip on the cruise control after winning back the gambitted pawn.

26.hxc6 fxc6 27.Nge2
Ra2

Or simply 27...Raa8.
28.Kg1 Raa8 29.Rg3 h5
30.e5 Nxc5??

A miscalculation: Gurevich must have counted on exploiting White's awkward pieces and exposed king. Sometimes, however, a piece is a piece...

31.fxc5 Nxe5 32.Qd2 Rf8
33.Nf4! Ng4 34. Ne6 Rf7
35.Nxc7 Raf8

Sheer desperation.

36.Rxc4 hxg4 37.Ne6 g3
38.Nxf8 Qc4 39.Ne2 Rf2
40.Qh6 Rf6 1-0

Dmitry Gurevich (2573)

Jay Bonin (2506)

Tournament of Champions,
Philadelphia, 1998
Slav Defense [D18]

Notes by Bill Brock

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6
4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3
c6 7.a5

Once again, the GM prefers relatively unexplored territory.

7...Nbd7 8.Bxc4 b5
9.axb6 axb6 10.Rxa8
Qxa8 11.Nh4 Bg4 12.f3
Bh5 13.g4 Bg6

White has also tried the immediate 14.e4 (Sosonko-Bacrot, Generations 1996).

14.0-0 b5 15. Bb3 Be7
16.Ng2 b4 17.Na4 0-0
18.e4 c5 19.h4 cxd4 20.h5
Bxc4

In the Slav, Black often sacs a piece for three center pawns—and often loses.

21.fxc4 Nxe4 22.Bc2 Rc8
23.Qd3 Bg5 24.Qxe4
Qxe4 25.Bxc4 Bxc1
26.Rd1 Nf6



27.Bb7!

Taking advantage of the weak back rank to win a burton.

27...Rc7 28. Rxd4 g6
29.Bf3 gxh5 30.gxh5 b3
31.Rb4 Ra7 32.Rc4 Bd2
33.Kf2 Kg7 34.Kc2 Bg5
35.Nc5 Ra2 36.Nd3 Nd7
37.Rb4 Bf6 38.Rxb3 Ne5
39.Ngf4 Nc4 40.Rb7 Bxb2
41.Nxc6+ Kf6 42.Nb4!

Just when Black seemed to be developing counterplay, White clamps down.

42...Ra3 43.Nf4 Kg5
44.Nfd3 Bc3 45.Rc7!

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Goldin Prevails at World Open

Chicagoans Also Shine in Philadelphia

The World Open, held in Philadelphia over the July 4th weekend, had a \$190,000 prize fund and attracted 1442 entrants (or re-entrants). This year's event was won by GM Alexander Goldin, who eschewed a draw offer from GM Gregory Kaidanov in the last round, even though the draw would have guaranteed him a tie for first. Instead, Goldin won the game and took sole first place, a full point ahead of second place winner GM Ilya Smirin. In the nine-round tournament, Goldin scored an amazing 8.5 and took home \$14,000.

Several Chicago players had noteworthy performances. GM Dmitry Gurevich tied with several players for third place, scoring 7.0 and winning \$1443. He drew with Smirin in the final round.

Angelo Young, now a Chicago resident, won the under 2500 prize (\$1050) by scoring 6.5. NM Marvin Dandridge scored 5.5 and won a \$240 prize for best performance in his rating



Jerome Bould

Marvin Dandridge showed some muscle in Philadelphia.

category. Rico Salimbagit won the expert prize. Albert Chow scored only 4.5 but had a few interesting games.

Steve Szpisjak had a disappointing

tournament, but returned to Chicago with the most interesting stories. The weekend started and ended badly for him. Just before he left Chicago, he learned that his prize check from the Chicago Open had bounced! (He got his money directly from Bill Goichberg in Philadelphia.) And in the last round he was paired against the venerable Robert Byrne, who did not want to use a digital clock with the delay feature. TD Carol Jarecki sided with Byrne, in spite of Steve's protestations. Yet Szpisjak good-naturedly reported that Byrne won the game in elegant fashion.

—M.L. Rantala

Games from the World Open

Gregory Kaidanov (2696)

Alexander Golden (2658)

World Open (9) 1998

Catalan Opening [E04]

Notes by Steve Szpisjak

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 dxc4 5.Nf3 Nc6

Kaidanov is a known specialist from both sides of the Catalan. He shows respect for Goldin's outstanding World Open performance by offering a draw around this point, which would grant Goldin a piece of first in the tourney. Goldin declines, perhaps having waited to spring a surprise line on Kaidanov.

6.Qa4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Nd5 8.Bxb4 Ndx4 9.a3!?

Truly GM Kaidanov is a Kentucky lion in sheep's clothing! Having offered

a draw which was declined, he decides to play into a risky variation instead of 9.Nc5 or 0-0, sober moves aiming for a slight advantage.

9...b5 10.Qxb5 Nc2+ 11.Kd2! Nxa1 12.Qxc6+ Bd7 13.Qxc4 c5 14.Qa2 Qa5+ 15.b4! cxb4 16.Qxa1 Rc8 17.Ne5 Bb5 18.a4! 0-0 19.Be4! f6

Dunnington considers 19...Rfd8 20.Kc3 (20.e3!?) f6 21.Nf3 f5 22.Bd3 Bxd3 23.exd3 as unclear, but 21.Nd3 looks like an improvement for White. 20.Nd3 f5

Black has an intriguing alternative in 20...Rfd8 21.Kc3 (21.c3 e5!) Bxa4, inviting 22.Nc5 Rxc5 23.dxc5 Qxc5+ 24.Kf3 Be6!. This position could have also occurred via the move order in the

previous note.

21.Bf3?

Black achieves great play after this innocent move. 21.Bb7 Rc7 21.Nc5 Bxa4 23.Rc1 looks good for White. That question mark is my best bold guess as to where Kaidanov went wrong!

21...b3+ 22.Nc3 Bxd3 23.exd3

White is in trouble after the Smythe-

like 23.Kxd3 Qb4! 24.Nb1 Rfd8.

23...f4!

A fresh approach to the position. More typical is 23...Qb4 24.Qb2 Qxd4 25.Qxb3 Qxf2+ 26.Be2, where White has a small positional edge but Black will have active counterplay. Could this be Goldin's prepared line?

24. g4

I explored this position with Fritz5 and cannot find a way for White to equalize, let alone get an edge! I suppose we'll have to wait for the next topical Kaidanov game! Here are some tries: 24.Bg4 f3g3!!: (A) 25.f3 Qg5+ 26.Ke2 g3h2 27.Qb2 (27.Rxh2 Rfe8+) Qf4 28.Qxb3 Kh8; (B) 25.Bxc6+ Kh8 26.Bxc8 Rxf2. 24.Rf1 f3g3 25.f3g3 Qg5+ 26.Ke2 Qf6! 27.Bb7 b2! 28.Qb1 Qxf1+ 29.Qxf1 Rxf1 30.Bxc8 b1=Q 31.Bxc6+ Kf8 32.Nxb1 Rxb1 33.h3 Rb4.

24...Qb4 25.Qb2 Rc7!?

25...Qxd4 26.Rf1 (26.Qxb3 Qxf2 27.Be2 Qe3+ 28.Kd1 Rc6) Rb8. 26.d5?

The best attempt to hold is 26.Rc1 Qxd4 27.Nd1 Qb4+ 28.Rc3. 26...Rfc8

The immediate 26...Qd4! also yields a large advantage. 27.Rc1 Qd4 28.d6 Qxf2+ 29.Be2 Qe3+ 30.Ke1 Rd7 31.Qd2 Rxd6 32.Rb1 Qg1+ 33.Bf1 Qxg4 34.Rxb3 Rdc6 35.h3?

Kaidanov's position has been suffering since move 21, but his resistance ends with this move. 35.d4 would continue the drama.

35...Qg3+ 36.Kd1 Qg1 37.Qxf4

After 37.Ke1, one way to go is 37...f3 38.d4 Rc4 and ...Rxd4.

37...Rxc3

Smoother is 37...e5. 38.Rxc3 Rxc3 39.Qb8+

Kf7 40.Qh7+ Kf6 41.Qf3+ Kc7 42.Qb7+ Kd6 43.Qb8+ Kd7 44.Qb5+ Rc6 0-1

A wonderful effort by Goldin in a Catalan variation where unclear positions abound.

Angelo Young, now managing the Wild Onion Chess Club, noted that the stakes were high in this final round game: "This was my last round game in the 1998 World Open. I had to win it in order to tie for first place in the under 2500 section."

Angelo Young (2388)

GM Alex Sherzer (2572)

World Open (9) 1998

King's Indian Defense [E94]

Notes by Young

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0

Classical King's Indian. 7...cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6

My game against GM Fishbein went 8...c6 9.Nc2 Re8 10.f3 Na6 11.Re1 Nh5 12.Be3 Be5 13.Qd2 f5 14.Rad1 Qf6 with equal chances.

9.Nc2 Re8 10.f3 Nc5 11.Bg5 h6?!

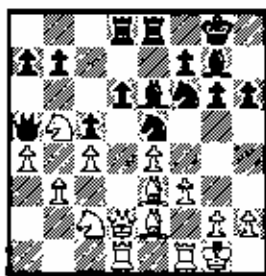
This is a mistake; it weakens the kingside.

12.Be3 Be6 13.b3 c6 14.Qd2 Qa5 15.Rad1

Defending the queen and releasing the pin on the bishop at g7.

15...Rad8 16.a4

With the idea of 17.Nd5 Qd2 18.Nf6 Bf6 19.Rxd2 and then Rfd1 putting pressure on the d6-pawn. 16...c5 17.Nb5!



17...Nc6

The only move.

18.Bxh6

Qxd2

19.Bxd2 a6

20.Nc7

On 20.Nc3, then 20...Nd7

21.Re1 Nd4

22.Nd4 cxd4

23.Nd5 Bxd5

24.cxd5 Nc5

with some play for Black.

20...Re7 21.Nd5 Bxd5

22.cxd5 Nc5 23.Nc3

Rb8 24.Nc4 Nc8 25.Bg5

I now have less than five minutes on my clock to reach move 40.

25...f6 26.Nxe5 Rxe5

27.Bf4 Re7 28.Rc1

With a little trick in mind: taking the e5 pawn.

28...f5 29.Bd3 fxe4

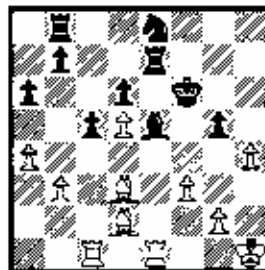
30.Bxe4 Bd4+ 31.Kh1

Kg7 32.Bd3 Be5 33.Rfe1

Kf6 34.Bd2

With the idea of 35.f4!

34...g5 35.h4!!



35...g3h4 36.f4 Bd4

37.Rxc7 Kxc7 38.Re1+

Kf7 39.Re6 Nf6 40.Rxd6

Reaching the time control with seconds to spare.

40...b5 41.axb5 axb5

42.Be1 Ra8!

The game is not over yet even though I have the two bishops and two passed pawns.

43.Kh2

On 43.Bxh4 Black has Ng4 44.Re6 Be3 45.g3 Ra2.

43...Ra3 44.Bf5 Rxb3

45.Bxh4 c4 46.Rc6 Rb2

47.Rc7+ Kf8 48.d6 Rd2

49.Be6 c3 50.Bg5 Nc8

51.Rf7+ Kg8 52.d7 1-0



Michael Atkins

Angelo Young (right) playing next to the itchy-nosed World Junior Champion, GM Tal Shaked.

Vladimir Grechikin (2208)

Marvin Dandridge (2348)

World Open 1998

Veresov System [D00]

Notes by Dandridge

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Bf5 4.Bf4 e6 5.e3 c6 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.Ne2?!

White has adopted a very unorthodox set-up; here he allows his pawns to be doubled for a bishop.

8...Bxf3 9.gxf3 Qb6

10.Qc1 Nbd7 11.c3 c5

12.0-0

This is clearly bad due to the weakened pawn structure around the king.

12...g5 13.Be5 Nxe5

14.dxe5 Nd7 15.f4 Bh6

The beginning of pivoting pieces over to the kingside.

16.Qd1 0-0-0 17.b4

I thought my opponent would be mated easily, but first this pawn subjects my kind position to some indignities.

17...Rdg8 18.bxc5 gxf4+

19.Kh2 Qd8 20.c6 Nxe5

21.cxb7+ Kb8

Using this White pawn for cover allows Black's attack to come first.

22.Nxf4 Qh4 23.Be2

Bxf4+ 24.exf4 Qxf4+

25.Kh1 Qh4 26.Kh2 h5

This facilitates the further opening of lines on the White king.

27.Qd4 Ng4+ 28.Bxg4

hxg4 29.Qc3 g3+
30.Kg1 Qxh3 31.Qf4+
Kxb7 32.Rfb1+ Ka8
33.Qf3 Qh2+ 34.Kf1
g2+ 35.Ke2 g1Q
36.Qxf7 Qg4+ 0-1

"These were two of my less painful experiences at this year's World Open. They are both the Sicilian defense. In the Sicilian defense, attack and counterattack leave little chance for error. One inaccuracy is usually fatal. If you live by the sword, you die by the sword!" —Albert Chow

Gregory Markson (2321)
Albert Chow (2330)
World Open (8) 1998
Sicilian Defense [B93]

Notes by Chow

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4
cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3
a6

This is the Najdorf Variation of the Sicilian Defense. The favorite of uncompromising champions such as six-time U.S. champion Walter Browne, Bobby Fischer, and Garry Kasparov. 6.f4

This is one of White's many dangerous attacking options. The others being: 6.Be2, 6.Bc4, 6.Be3, 6.Bg5, 6.g3, 6.a4.

6.f4 is very popular because of John Nunn's recommendation in *Beating the Sicilian*.

6...e5 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.Bd3

It is surprising how often strong masters commit mistakes in the opening in over-the-board chess. Players routinely develop their pieces in the opening in order to save time for the complications of the middle-game. This can lead to mindless development.

On moves 8 through 10 both White and Black should battle for queenside territory. White by advancing a4! and Black, if allowed, should

advance ...b5!
8...Be7 9.0-0 0-0
10.Kh1?

By now a4 was definitely necessary; it was his last chance to stop b5!

10...b5 11.a4

Transposing the moves out of sequence. Better would have been 11.a3, preventing Black's advance.

11...b4! 12.Nd5?

This is the decisive move of the game. Markson fails to create a meaningful plan of action and loses the strategic and tactical initiative. Better was 12.Nc2 Bb7 13.Ng3.

12...Nxd5 13.exd5 Bb7
14.fxc5 dxc5 15.Re1 Nf6

Counterattacking White's center seems better than defending Black's center with either 15...Bd6 or 15...Qc7.

16.Nxe5 Qxd5 17.Qf3

White wants to trade queens to slow Black's initiative which would also continue after 17.Qe2 or 17.Nf3.

17...Qxf3 18.gxf3?

Retreating with Nxf3! was forced

18...Bd6 19.Kg1 Rfe8!

Winning a pawn with 19...Bxc5 20.Rxc5 and then Bxf3 would be much weaker because I suspected that Markson would help me create a beautiful mate (and he did).

20.f4

20.Bf4 Nh5 fails to defend.

20...Ng4 21.Bd2 Bc5+

22.Kf1 Nxb2+ 23.Ke2
Bf3#



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Who Said It?

Can you identify the source of these comments?

The answers can be found on page 58

1. "Tarrasch's apologia, 'Chess, like love, like music, has the power to make men happy' is no longer enough for our pragmatic culture. Chess must also better your reading score, make you smart, hype your math skills, discourage you from taking drugs, keep your teenage daughter from becoming pregnant, and buoy your self esteem."

2. "...suppose that Karpov does not chose to play in Las Vegas [for the FIDE World Championship]. FIDE will have been jilted by Fischer, Kasparov and now Karpov, arguably the three greatest players of all time. It seems that no World Chess Champion is comfortable just controlling the pieces."

3. "If a computer sees the chance to devour something without detecting a concrete reason not to, it will do so without fail. A human player knows that gluttony leads to no good, but the concrete proof of this principle lies beyond the computer's horizon."

4. "They should update these pieces. No one rides horses any more."

Albert Chow (2330)
David Saville (2182)
World Open 1998
Sicilian Defense [B30]

Notes by Chow

1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 Nc6 3.c3

I prefer to challenge my opponent with the c3 system worked out by GM Sveshnikov, forcing Saville to navigate less familiar Sicilian territory instead of the normal 3.d4 cd 4.Nd4 etc.

3...Nf6
This is a counterattacking move in the style of Alekhine's Defense. More solid would be moving one of the center pawns two squares, such as 3...d5 4.cd Qxd5 as in the Scandinavian Defense; or 3...e5 4.Bc4 Qc7

5.0-0 Nf6 6.d3 Be7 with positions resembling either the Italian or Spanish games.
4.e5 Nd5 5.d4 e6

5...cd! is best.

6.c4 Ndb4 7.dxc5

Other moves create unclear complications but were tempting. Such as:

7.a3? Qa5! 8.Bd2 cd! or
7.d5 ed! 8.cd Nd4
9.Nxd4 cd 10.a3 Qa5
11.Bd2 d3 12.Bxb4 Bxb4
13.Nd2 Bd2 14.Qd2 Qd5
15.f4 d6 16.exd6 Qxd6
17.Bxd3 Qc7+.
7...Na6

If 7...Bxc5? After 8.a3 Black soon loses a piece.

8.a3 Nxc5 9.b4 Ne4 10.Bd3
As in Alekhine's defense, Black's wandering king's
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Satterlee Superior in Senior

by Larry Cohen

Only eight players participated in the Second Illinois Senior Open. Although this year the tournament was open to non-Illinois residents, no out-of-staters played. The first round started late, but subsequent rounds started on time even if the games did not because of the camaraderie among the players. Often they sat around remembering other players and telling a few chess anecdotes. But once the games

The other participants this year were Bill Buttny, Roger Allison, Chuck Giertz, and William Forman. Some spectators suggested that the age limit be lowered to 45 and over so they can play too. I would like to receive comments on this idea and the general idea of age, opening, and/or gender specific tournament requirements. Please send you ideas to P.O. Box 6632 Villa Park, IL 60181, or talk to me anytime. ♞



Above: Winner Ray Doyle Satterlee. Left: Alan Gasiiecki. Below: Dennis Bourgerie and Bill Buttny. Bottom: Peter Connor.



Photos by Larry Cohen, who obviously likes the 'hands-on' approach.

"You shouldn't use the expression Sudden Death at a seniors tournament."

began, players buckled down to the inevitable king hunt.

When the plastic meltdown had finished, Ray Doyle Satterlee was atop the field with 3.5 points. Tied for second was Peter Connor (two wins and two draws) and Dennis Bourgerie (one loss to Satterlee) each with a total of 3 out of 4 points.

Alan Gasiiecki (1573) took home the U1600 prize as he was the only player in this category.

Next year I may go back to the more traditional class prize format. I would like to hear opinions on time controls (so far 40/2, SD/1), prizes, dates, and even general location. I will take all suggestions into consideration.

Tournament winner Satterlee, for example, had the following suggestion: "You shouldn't use the expression Sudden Death at a Seniors tournament."

Dennis Bourgerie (1786)—Ray Doyle Satterlee (2031) Illinois Senior Open 1998

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.eb ab 5.b6 Qb6 6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 d6 8.Be2 Bg7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.a4 a5 11.0-0 Ba6 12.Nd2 Nbd7 13.Kh1 Ne5 14.f3 Nd3 15.Bd3 Bd3 16.Re1 Nd7 17.Nf1 c4 18.Nb5 Nc5 19.Ra3 Rf8 20.Nc3 Bf1 21.Rf1 Nd6 22.Qd2 Ne1 23.Qc1 Qb2 24.Nb5 Qc1 25.Rc1 Bb2 26.R3c3 Be1 27.Rc1 Rc8 28.Rc3 Rc5 29.Kg1 Kf8 30.Kf2 Ke8 31.Ke3 Kd7 32.Kd4 e5+ 33.de+ fe 34.f4 Ke6 35.h4 e5+ 36.Ke3 ef+ 37.Kf4 Rf8- 38.Ke3 Rf1 39.Nd4+ Kb6 40.Nc2 Rb1 41.Nd4 Rb4 42.Ne6 Rc8 43.Nf4 Ra4 44.Nd5+ Kc5 45.g4 Rb8 46.Nf4 Rb3 47.Nd5 Rc3+ 48.Nc3 Rh3 49.Kd2 Rc3 Resigns 0 1

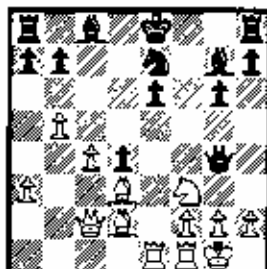
World Open Games

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knight provokes White's pawns to overextend themselves while advancing forward with gain of tempo. But moving the same piece repeatedly in the opening is risky.

10...d5 11.Qc2 f5 12.exf6 Qxf6 13.Bb2 Qf4

Another rule is broken: Black's queen runs far from her king, turning her back on safe shelter.

14.Nc3 Nxc3 15.Bxc3 d4 16.Bd2 Qg4 17.0-0 g6 18.b5 Nc7 19.Rac1 Bg7



20.Re4 Qh5 21.Bg5 Nf5 22.h4 0-0 23.g4 Nxh4 24.gxh5

Weaker was 24.Bxh4 gaining material, but passing up a winning attack.

24...Nxf3+ 25.Kg2 Nxf3 26.Rg4 Nf3 27.h6! Bxh6 28.Bxg6 c5 29.Bxh7+ Kh8 30.Qg6 Bxg4 31.Qxh6 Rf6 32.Qxf6+ Kxh7 33.Rh1+ 1-0

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Successful Chess Voodoo: The 1998 Midway Amateur Class

by Josh Flores

What do you get when you combine a beautiful Chicagoland summer weekend, 159 chess-starved players of all ages, a gorgeous and convenient tournament site like the Oak Lawn Hilton, and flawless organization? The fourth annual 1998 Midway Amateur Class Championships, of course!

Organizer Hector Hernandez, of Midway Chess Enterprises, did his wonderful chess voodoo once again. Undaunted by a large monetary loss earlier in the year with his March event, he once again proved that chess and the South Side of Chicago do, indeed, mix. This was the largest turnout yet since its inaugural edition, when 151 players competed.

With a guaranteed prize fund of \$3000, a moderate entry fee and great timing, 159 players came to meet and beat the challenge. Thirty-four of them walked away with a prize; that is more than 1/5 of the total that competed. For the first time in this tourney's history, no one took first place with a perfect score. Out of 34 prize-winners, 15 were juniors below the age of 20. If this is a sign of the future of Illinois chess, then I predict nothing but excitement ahead.

The big guns in this event were in the Expert section which had 24 players. (This tournament has no master section.) Chuck Cadman (2109), from the University of Chicago, led this event after round 3 with a perfect 3-0. The second in line was junior Bryan Gast (2076) with 2.5-0.5, the half-point being a requested bye. Bryan showed his mettle by knocking off top seed Rico Salimbagat (2176), 1st place finisher in the Expert Section at the World Open, in round 1 with Black! This caused Rico to ask for



Aaron Chen from Class A



Denise Cheung

Expert Phil Bossaers

a chance to re enter with a half point bye into round 2.

In round 4, guess what? Revenge Time! Rico and Bryan met once again, but this time Rico was the victor with the black pieces. Cadman defeated Rob Sax (2081) and prepared to face Salimbagat for the last and final battle. After winning a pawn, Rico found himself with a minor pieces ending where he couldn't force a win—even after winning a second pawn. Chuck pocketed the draw as well

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1998 Midway Amateur Class Prize Winners

Place	Name	Score	Prize
Expert			
1st	Chuck Cadman	4.5	\$300.00
2nd-4th	Rico Salimbagat	3.5	\$70.00
2nd-4th	Jamie Gregory	3.5	\$70.00
2nd-4th	Phil Bossaers	3.5	\$70.00
2nd-4th	Geoffrey Caveney	3.5	\$70.00
2nd-4th	Bryan Gast	3.5	\$70.00
Class A			
1st	James Condron	4.5	\$300.00
2nd	Arandel Markovic	4.0	\$200.00
3rd-4th	William Cox	3.5	\$50.00
3rd-4th	Daniel Sajkowski	3.5	\$50.00
3rd-4th	Aaron Chen	3.5	\$50.00
Class B			
1st	Jeronimo Salazar	4.5	\$300.00
2nd-3rd	George Coleman	4.0	\$150.00
2nd-3rd	Yelena Gorlin	4.0	\$150.00
4th	Guy Hadley	3.5	\$25.00
4th	Grady Cantrell	3.5	\$25.00
4th	David Sacks	3.5	\$25.00
Class C			
1st-3rd	Gregory Witek	4.0	\$200.00
1st-3rd	Benjamin Chu Kung	4.0	\$200.00
1st-3rd	Seth McClure	4.0	\$200.00
4th	Michael Lobraco	3.5	\$8.33
4th	Paul Raso	3.5	\$8.33
4th	David White	3.5	\$8.33
4th	Francisco Medina	3.5	\$8.33
4th	Jonathan Heckman	3.5	\$8.33
4th	Ilya Minevich	3.5	\$8.33
Class D/E			
1st-3rd	Jeff Waldron	4.5	\$116.66
1st-3rd	Fabian Ramos	4.5	\$116.66
1st-3rd	Alex Poltorak	4.5	\$116.66
4th	Harold Kung	4.0	\$12.50
4th	Mike Wishner	4.0	\$12.50
4th	Jim Burnett	4.0	\$12.50
4th	Vlad Vilanchik	4.0	\$12.50
Unrated	Timothy Ward	3.0	1 Open Entry

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Expert Section								score	tour
1	CADMEN Chuck	2109	W16	W21	W4	W7	D2	4.5	19X
2	SALIMBAGAT Rico	2176	H	D10	W21	W6	D1	3.5	7X
3	GREGORY Jamie	2110	W8	L6	W14	W15	D4	3.5	7X
4	BOSSAERS Phil	2107	W17	W22	L1	W12	D3	3.5	7X
5	CAVENEY Geoffrey	2079	W19	D12	D7	D10	W14	3.5	7X
6	GAST Bryan	2076	W24	W3	H	L2	W10	3.5	7X
7	SAX Rob	2081	W18	W11	D5	L1	D9	3	6X
8	BENESA Amulfo	2019	L3	W23	L15	W16	W19	3	6X
9	ROBLEDO Mark Sr	1870	W13	L14	D16	W22	D7	3	6XA
10	KARKLINS Erik	2147	D14	D2	W22	D5	L6	2.5	5X
11	BACHLER Kevin	2139	W20	L7	H	W19	-	2.5	5X
12	FAGAN James	2129	W15	D5	H	L4	-	2	4X
13	READ Rhys	2091	L9	D16	W23	D14	-	2	4X
14	RUGGIERO Brian	2069	D10	W9	L3	D13	L5	2	4X
15	LEE Tyrone	2054	L12	W18	W8	L1	-	2	4X
16	CAVITT Dexter	1910	L1	D13	D9	L8	W22	2	4XA
17	MONATELLI David	1881	L4	L20	W18	W23	-	2	4XA
18	SMYTHE Bill	1807	L7	L15	L17	W25	W23	2	4XA
19	MACHAJ Blair	1801	L5	B	W20	L11	L8	2	4XA
20	BROCK William	2055	L11	W17	L19	-	-	1	2X
21	HAUBRICH Scott	2049	W23	L1	L2	-	-	1	2X
22	ILIC Stanimir	2032	W26	L4	L10	L9	L16	1	2X
23	LEFTWICH Gerald	2120	L21	L6	L13	L17	L18	0	
24	SALIMBAGAT Rico	2176	L6	-	-	-	-	0	
25	LOW Philip	1800	-	-	-	L18	-	0	
26	LEUNG Daniel	1600	L22	-	-	-	-	0	

Class A

1	CONDON James	1989	W22	D5	W8	W6	W2	4.5	19A
2	MARKOVIC Arandel	1822	W23	W3	W9	W4	L1	4	12A
3	COX William	1996	W20	L2	W19	D5	W10	3.5	7A
4	SALJKOWSKI Daniel	1841	W12	W7	W6	L2	D5	3.5	7A
5	CHEN Aaron	1740	W18	D1	W17	D3	D4	3.5	7AB
6	CRONIN Mike	1886	W15	W14	L4	L1	W13	3	6A
7	LARSEN Brett	1788	W13	L4	D18	D9	W15	3	6AB
8	HUANG Kenneth	1639	D11	W10	L1	W16	D9	3	6AB
9	GAZMAN Bert	1994	H	W11	L2	D7	D6	2.5	5A
10	COHEN Lawrence	1917	H	L8	W22	W14	L3	2.5	5A
11	VIRIJEVICH Ognjar	1857	D8	L9	L16	X	W21	2.5	5A
12	DELAY Joe	1624	L4	D20	W21	L13	W16	2.5	5AB
13	GIMA Joe	1909	L7	W15	L14	W12	L6	2	4A
14	CASE Rick	1600	W16	L6	W13	L10	-	2	4A
15	JOHNSON Eric	1672	L6	L13	B	W20	L7	2	4AB
16	CONNER Pete	1938	L14	D22	W11	L6	L12	1.5	3A
17	SINGER Robby	1916	W21	D19	L5	-	-	1.5	3A
18	MICHALAK Rob	1900	L5	W21	D7	-	-	1.5	3A
19	LEUNG Daniel	1600	B	D17	L3	-	-	1.5	3AB
20	BUTTNY William P	1826	L3	D12	H	L15	-	1	2A
21	LOW Philip	1800	L17	L18	L12	B	L11	1	2A
22	COVC Mehmed	1817	L1	D16	L10	F	-	0.5	1A
23	GAZMEN Bert	1994	L2	-	-	-	-	0	

Class B

1	SALAZAR Jeronimo	1747	W17	D8	W20	W16	W3	4.5	19B
2	COLEMAN George Jr	1692	W19	L10	W18	W17	W9	4	12B
3	GORLIN Yelena	1690	W15	W4	W10	W5	L1	4	12B
4	HADLEY Guy	1758	W25	L3	D8	W20	W10	3.5	7B
5	CANTRELL Grady	1684	W23	W12	W11	L3	D6	3.5	7B
6	SACKS David	1678	W24	D16	H	W7	D5	3.5	7B
7	BAJMGARTNER Chris	1697	L11	W22	W23	L6	W15	3	6B
8	ELLICE Wayne	1690	W14	D1	D4	L10	W18	3	6B
9	GORLIN Gennadiy	1679	D20	W13	D16	W11	L2	3	6B
10	PAULSEN David	1655	W26	W2	L3	W8	L4	3	6B
11	FAMBRO Paul	1501	W7	W21	L5	L9	W17	3	6BC
12	MISHLOVE David	1708	W18	L5	L17	D14	W19	2.5	5B
13	JAHEDI Salar	1677	D21	L9	W25	L15	W20	2.5	5B
14	PULLIN Malt	1441	L8	L17	W22	D12	B	2.5	5BC
15	REDDIVARI Oushyarth	1433	L3	D25	W26	W13	L7	2.5	5BC
16	FRAATS Daniel	1700	W22	D6	D9	L1	-	2	4B
17	PARNABY Mark	1675	L1	W14	W12	L2	L11	2	4B
18	GIERTZ Chuck	1671	L12	W24	L2	W23	L8	2	4B
19	VENUSO Michael	1400	L2	H	H	W24	L12	2	4BC
20	HUBBARD Andrew	1628	D9	W26	L1	L4	L13	1.5	3B
21	SEFCHECK Mark	1762	D13	L11	H	-	-	1	2B

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as \$300 and 1st place for his effort. (Other winners in all sections are listed in the box with this article.) Gast managed to defeat perennial favorite and Illinois Elder Chess Statesman Erik Karklins to tie for 2nd-4th with four others.

Twenty three players polished their pieces and set their sights on each other in Class A. Just as in the Expert Section, a 4.5 was all that was needed to take 1st. Arandel Markovic (1822) was sweeping the field with a 4-0 at the end of 4. This also included another double pairing with the tourney's only other re-entry: Bert Gazmen (1994). But unlike Gast, Arandel riddled Bert for the point. James Condon (1989) from Forest Park Chess Club, faced the giant in the last round. He was prepared with his sling and tactical shots and felled Markovic and collected the \$300 bounty with 4.5-0.5. Arandel had to settle for clear 2nd and \$200. Junior Aaron Chen (1740) had part of a three-way tie for 3rd-4th.

The B section was well represented. Young Yelena Gorlin (1690) had more oomph than four of her opponents and was pick of the day. Jeronimo Salazar (1747) didn't let her rise to the top though, and took the point away and \$300 in an exciting last round. Yelena had to settle for a share of 2nd-3rd with George Coleman (1692) who had to defeat her dad in the last round in order to catch up to her.

A score and a half paraded around the C section. Gregory Wittek (1554) kept up with the juniors to take a share of 1st-3rd with a 4-1 score and he did it by being undefeated. Drawing with Jay Lechnick (1354), winning against Zeljko Popovic (1184), Carl Staples (1438), and Michael Sossi (1229), and drawing with the other undefeated co-winner and junior, Benjamin Chu Kung (1472) in the last round. Ben, with his dad, has played in each of Hector's events. Thanks Ben and Harold! The third co-winner was junior Seth McClure (1461) who lost to Sossi in round 1, but managed to win all the rest of his games to get into the money.

In darts, a Triple 19 is a good shot, and the D/E/Unr section proved this to be true too. Fifty-seven players tried to out-shoot each other. After all the clamour died down, three were unscratched and stood proudly with 4.5-0.5 scores to share in 1st-3rd places.

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Top: Expert prize winners (from left to right): Bryan Gast, Geoffrey Caveney, Rico Salimgabat, Chuck Cadman and Gamie Gregory.

Right: Class A winners: Daniel Sajkowski, William Cox, Arander Marcovic, and James Condron.

Bottom right: Alexandra Gilruth and Patrice Connelly



Denise Chueng

Midway Amateur Games

Philip Low (unr)
Bill Smythe (1800)
Midway Amateur Class, July 1998 (4)

Notes by Smythe

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nf3

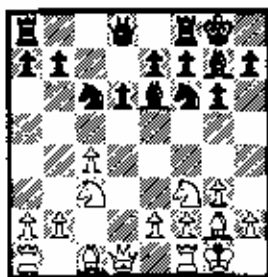
This game was a cross-section pairing. I had been given a temporary bye in the Expert section and was eventually paired against this unrated player from the A section. I hadn't talked to him yet, so I didn't realize he had a European accent. So of course it

was time to play for a win. His last move starts to build my confidence—isn't he losing time and reversing White's one-move advantage?

5...g6 6.g3 Bg7 7.Bg2 0-0

I must not be feeling well. Not only do I castle, but I do so before my opponent.

8.0-0 d6 9.Nc3 Be6



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Jeff Waldron (1395) from Minnesota, Fabian Ramos (1343), and Alex Poltorak (1097) laughed their way to the bank. Fabian even put in this performance while working as assistant to me. All three are 20 years old or younger. Timothy Ward took the added prize for the Unrateds with a performance of 3-2. Mr. Ward will be playing in the Illinois Open for free, courtesy of Hector and his Midway Chess Enterprises! ♁

This strange move makes the game Smythetudinous and allows me to escape boredom.

10.Qb3 Na5 11.Qa4 Nxc4 12.Nd4 Nb6

His nefarious plan to win a piece just won't work, but he may get his pawn back.

13.Qb4

13.Nxe6 Nxa5 14.Nxd8 Nxc3 seems to be in my favor.

13...Nfd5



It is with regret that I allow him to double my e-pawns, but otherwise I must play ...Bd5 giving up a bishop for a knight, or ...Bc8 cramping my game.

14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.Qxb7 Bxd4

16.Bxd5 Rb8 17.Qc6 Rb6 18.Qa4

Horrors! This could lead to bishops of opposite colors. I can't let this happen against an unrated player from the A section.

18...Bxb2 19.Bxb2 Rxb2 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Qxa7

Phooey, not the kind of position I'd hoped for. Now I'll be lucky to draw.

21...Rxe2 22.aRc1 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 c5 24.f4 Rf5

The only way to hold the pawn. But now...

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Class B winners: Guy Hadley, Jeronimo Salazar, Grady Cantrell, Yelena Gorlin, and George Colman are all smiles!

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25.Rb1 Rf8

The draw is his if he wants it.

26.Rb7 Rc8 27.a4

He could have played 27.Rd7 winning the c-pawn, but after ...Qc8 I might get a perpet. He's playing for the win now, as I guess he

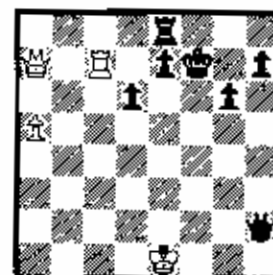
always was. Isn't it strange how chess egos make both players play for wins when neither is justified in doing so?

27...exf4 28.gxf4 Kf7

29.a5 Qc8 30.Rc7? Qg4

31.Kf1 Qxf4 32.Kc1

Qxh2



Will the advanced state of White's a-pawn compensate for Black's extra material? White wants to trade rooks and escort the pawn through, while Black wants to trade queens so he can sac if necessary and play for the four-pawns-vs rook ending.

33.a6 Qh1 34.Kd2

But now Black sees a Smythetude. If only he can sucker White to the wrong square...

34...Qg2 35.Kc3 Qf3 36.Kb4 Qe4

37.Kb5 Rb8

And there it is. It's not so clear, however, that Black gains anything from this. But it should be good for a few minutes on the clock...

38.Rb7 Qb1 39.Ka5 Qe1 40.Kb6 Rc8

41.Rc7 Qc3 42.Ka5

42.Kb7 drops the queen, as does 42. Kc6.

42...Qxa7 43.Rxa7 Rcl

Now I can sac for the pawn whenever I need to, and hope my pawns can overpower his rook.

44.Kb6 b5

Not ...Ral yet. Let him force it first; I need every tempo I can get.

45.Rc7 Ral 46.a7 h4 47.Rc8 g5 49.Q

Rxa8 49.Rxa8 Kf6 50.Kc6 g4 51 Kd5

g3 52 Rf8

It seems this just forces me where I want to go. It's very difficult to play White in this position; there is too much temptation to "do something". 52.Rg8 might be better.

52...Kg5 53.Kc4 Kg4 54.Rg8 Kh3

55.Kf3 e5

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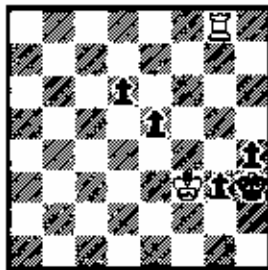
Class B

							score	tour
22	MC GUIRE Jim	1606	L16	L7	L14	W27	-	1 2B
23	RIDDLE Robert	1423	L5	E	L7	L18	-	1 2BC
24	WONG Brian	1771	L6	L15	H	L19	-	0.5 1B
25	FULLER Bret R	1676	L4	D15	L13	-	-	0.5 1B
26	ALLISON Roger	1700	L10	L20	L15	-	-	0
27	JOVANOVIC Nenad	1236	-	-	-	L22	-	0

Class C

1	WITEK Gregory	1554	D16	W26	W15	W13	D2	4 12C
2	CHU-KLUNG Benjamin	1472	W28	W8	D17	W16	D1	4 12C
3	MC CLURE Seth	1461	L13	W27	W26	W19	W6	4 12C
4	LOBRACO Michael	1517	L21	W22	H	W15	W13	3.5 7C
5	RASO Paul	1501	D9	W16	L16	W23	W17	3.5 7C
6	WHITE David	1428	W22	W21	H	W17	L3	3.5 7C
7	MEDINA Francisco	1378	W27	W14	L13	W10	D8	3.5 7CD
8	HECKMAN Jonathan	1300	W10	L2	W11	W14	D7	3.5 7CD
9	MINEVICH Ilya	1244	D5	L15	W18	W27	W16	3.5 7CD
10	GINZBURG Roman	1535	L8	W28	W21	L7	W20	3 6C
11	PADILLA Rudy	1522	W12	L17	L8	W25	W19	3 6C
12	ZEPEDA Rogelio	1263	L11	D23	W25	W22	D14	3 6CD
13	SOSS Michael	1229	W3	W24	W7	L1	L4	3 6CD
14	GORLIN Andrey	1566	W30	L7	W20	L9	D12	2.5 5C
15	STAPLES Carl	1438	D25	W9	L1	L4	W26	2.5 5C
16	LECHNICK Jay	1354	D1	W25	W5	L2	L9	2.5 5CD
17	GILRUTH Bruce	1349	W23	W11	D2	L6	L5	2.5 5CD
18	HUANG Winston	1347	D19	L5	L9	W29	W24	2.5 5CD
19	SMITH Orlan	1549	D18	H	W24	L3	L11	2 4C
20	PRUIC Abdulah	1435	H	H	L14	W21	L10	2 4C
21	HERRERA David	1256	W4	L6	L10	L20	W28	2 4CD
22	RODRIGUEZ Jose Jr	1168	L6	L4	W31	L12	X	2 4CDE
23	BACKSTROM Orr	1553	L17	D12	W29	L5	-	1.5 3C
24	SEIBEL Dennis	1413	W29	L13	L19	D26	L18	1.5 3C
25	CAMPOS Miguel	1213	D15	L16	L12	L11	W29	1.5 3CD
26	POPOVIC Zeljko	1184	X20	L1	L3	D24	L15	1.5 3CDE
27	ALBERT Steven	1556	L7	L3	W28	L9	L	1 2C
28	JOVANOVIC Nenad	1236	L2	L10	L27	B	L21	1 2CD
29	CJERRY Eileen	887	L24	B	L23	L18	L25	1 2CDEF
30	WALDRON Jeff	1395	L14	-	-	-	-	0
31	MENENDEZ Cipriano	1405	-	-	L22	-	-	0

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56.Ra8?

A better drawing try might be 56.Rg5, after which Black would have to give up a pawn to make progress (if ...Kh2, 57.Rg4 would force the king back to h3).

56...g2 57.Ra1 c4 58.Kf2 Kh2

59.Re1

This does not stop my idea...

59...e3 60.Kf3 g1=Q 0-1

Rob Sax (2081)

Kevin Bachler (2139)

Midway Amateur Class Championships

Notes by Sax

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6

Kevin and I have had many slugfests in the dragon variation.

6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Rc8 11.Bb3 Nc5 12.h4 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Rxc4 14.h5 Nxh5 15.g4 Nf6 16.Nde2 Re8 17.e5 Nxd4

Bad would be 17...dc, since 18.g5 wins material for White.

18.fxd4 Bxd4 19.Rd1?

Better was 19.e6! driving White's bishop from the g4-square.

19...Qa5

Now black has a good game

20.Nf4 dxe5!

20...Bf5 is better, since it stops White's tactics.

21.Nfd5?

I missed my opportunity. 21.Nxd4 equalizes; for example if 21...hxg6

22.Rxd4! Rxd4 23.Qd7 Rd8 24.Qxd4 and

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Classes D/Below							score	tour	
1	WALDRON Jeff	1395	B	W17	W34	W7	D3	4.5	19D
2	RAMOS Fabian	1343	W50	W18	D28	W30	W11	4.5	19D
3	POLTORAK Alex	1097	W54	W5	W6	W8	D1	4.5	19DE
4	KUNG Harold	1397	W37	D27	D30	W20	W15	4	12D
5	WISNER Mike	1259	W14	L3	W38	W39	W21	4	12D
6	BURNETT Jim	1252	W22	W36	L3	W19	W25	4	12D
7	VILENCHIK Vlad	1240	W40	W19	W25	L1	W24	4	12D
8	BURAGE Albert	1364	W38	W12	W16	L3	D13	3.5	7D
9	BLACKMAN William	1335	H	W58	L13	W42	W28	3.5	7D
10	EMERY Steven	1304	W31	L28	W37	H	W29	3.5	7D
11	PARK William	1276	D21	W44	W27	W28	L2	3.5	7D
12	CRILAND Graham	1190	W53	L8	D14	W46	W30	3.5	7DE
13	DUNCAN Jason	1077	D49	D24	W9	W34	D8	3.5	7DE
14	MC CLURE Renee	0970	L5	W57	D12	X	W26	3.5	7DEF
15	PETERSON Ross	1238	D24	W45	D21	W36	L4	3	6D
16	BADALAMENTI Dave	1215	W41	W47	L8	L21	W37	3	6D
17	FERGUSON William	1195	W52	L1	H	D22	W36	3	6DE
18	VILDGORN Mark	1175	W46	L2	W52	L25	W39	3	6DE
19	GONZALEZ Anthony	1086	W43	L7	W54	L6	W34	3	6DE
20	MORAN Philip	1084	L25	W56	W44	L4	W33	3	6DE
21	MC CLURE Kyle	1016	D11	W49	D15	W16	L5	3	6DE
22	SAMASUNDARAM Vg.	0932	L6	W43	D26	D17	W36	3	6DEF
23	PENA Andy	0928	L33	L54	W53	W44	W35	3	6DEF
24	CONNOR Chris	0917	D15	D13	W35	W27	L7	3	6DEF
25	WARD Timothy	—	W20	W26	L7	W18	L6	3	
26	MC FADDEN Donald	1210	W42	L25	D22	W45	L14	2.5	5D
27	YARNOFF Ben	1203	W51	D4	L11	L24	W46	2.5	5D
28	THURMOND Renard	1146	W57	W10	D2	L11	L9	2.5	5DE
29	DAILEY Charles	1075	L44	W42	W32	H	L10	2.5	5DE
30	KLEMAN Matt	1036	W32	W33	D4	L2	L12	2.5	5DF
31	FORD Justin	1022	L10	D46	L49	W56	W45	2.5	5DF
32	TAPIA Robert	1394	L30	W41	L29	L40	W51	2	4D
33	HALL Jason	1252	W23	L30	L39	W41	L20	2	4D
34	FAKTOPOVICH Yuri	1228	W56	W39	L1	L13	L19	2	4D
35	KONCZAL Ron	1164	L47	W51	L24	W54	L23	2	4DE
36	POLESTA David	1117	W48	L6	W47	L15	L22	2	4DE
37	DONNA Dan	1069	L4	W53	L10	W51	L16	2	4DE
38	LEWIS Richard	1034	L8	W48	L5	W52	L17	2	4DE
39	KOPINSKI Michael	1030	W55	L34	W33	L5	L18	2	4DE
40	SAWYIER Tim	0920	L7	D55	H	W32		2	4DEF
41	ANDREWS Robert	0882	L16	L32	W57	L33	W52	2	4DEF
42	MORAN Wesley	0825	L26	L29	W43	L9	W54	2	4DEF
43	OHARE Joe	—	L19	L22	L42	W53	W56	2	
44	BOKMAN Eugene	—	W29	L11	L20	L23	W50	2	
45	CONNELLY Patrice	0825	H	L15	X	L26	L31	1.5	3DEF
46	GILRUTH Alexandra	0713	L18	D31	B	L12	L27	1.5	3DEFG
47	DAVIS Jacob	0710	W35	L16	L36	H	J	1.5	3DEFG
48	OHLHAUSEN David	—	L36	L38	W56	H	J	1.5	
49	GUTIERREZ Guadelop	—	D13	L21	W31	F		1.5	
50	PHELPS Douglas	1031	L2	L52	L51	W57	L44	1	2DE
51	WARREN Brandon	0795	L27	L35	W50	L37	L32	1	2DEFG
52	CONNELLY Alexander	0746	L17	W50	L18	L38	L41	1	2DEFG
53	GILRUTH Jessica	0729	L12	L37	L23	L43	W57	1	2DEFG
54	RODGERS Sean	—	L3	W23	L19	L35	L42	1	
55	LEWIS Otis	1309	L39	D40	F			0.5	1D
56	LIC Lazar	0886	L34	L20	L48	L31	L43	0	
57	DELAY Tristan	0540	L28	L14	L41	L50	L53	0	
58	CURRY Eileen	0867	-	L9	-	-	-	0	

Denise Chuang



Some Class C winners:
Benjamin Chu Kung, Seth McClure, David White,
Francisco Medina, Paul Raso.

ICB Big Award Winner

The Chess Journalists of America (CJA) is a national organization of chess writers which publishes a small journal, conducts an annual chess journalism competition, and meets annually at the US Open. It has just announced the 1998 CJA Awards. This year awards were made in 27 different categories and 60 awards were bestowed: a first place in each category and one or more honorable mentions in each category.

Chess Journalists of America Awards

This table lists all the first place and honorable mention awards won by the ICB. In cases where the ICB is first, the honorable mentions won by other journals are not mentioned. When the ICB is an honorable mention, other honorable mentions (if any) are not listed, but the first place winner is listed. For a complete list of winners, see the box on the CJA on the next page.

Best State Magazine Under 1000 Circulation

Illinois Chess Bulletin, M.L. Rantala, editor

Most Improved Magazine

Illinois Chess Bulletin, M.L. Rantala, editor

Best Book Review

"Test of Light and Time" by John Tomas
review of John L. Watson's *Unconventional
King's Indian*, *Illinois Chess Bulletin*

Best Analysis, Openings

"Maverick Chess Openings" by Alan Watson
Illinois Chess Bulletin

Best Chess Art

'Cover' by Denise Cheung and Hector Hernandez
Illinois Chess Bulletin, September 1997

Best Chess Promotion

"The 1997 ICA Tour" by Bill Smythe et al.
Illinois Chess Bulletin

—Honorable Mention—

"Annual ICA Banquet" by M.L. Rantala, Maxine
Fineberg and Bernie Biernacki, *Illinois Chess Bulletin*

Best Layout

Chess Life (U.S. Open 1997)

—Honorable Mention—

Illinois Chess Bulletin (Mar 98), M.L. Rantala, editor

Best Regular Magazine Column

Understanding Chess by Jeremy Silman, *Chess Life*

—Honorable Mention—

News & Notes by M.L. Rantala, *Illinois Chess Bulletin*

Best Magazine Tournament Report

"Yermo Wins U.S. Open" by Jerry Hanken, *Chess Life*

—Honorable Mention—

"Second Year of Governor's Cup a Success" by
M.L. Rantala, John Tomas & Eugene Martinovsky
Illinois Chess Bulletin

Best Analysis, Endings

"How to Avoid the Slot Machines and Gaming Tables:
Three Interesting Endgames from the Western States
Open" by Eric Schiller, *California Chess Journal*

—Honorable Mention—

"In the End" by John Tomas and Steve Szpisjak
Illinois Chess Bulletin

Best Human Interest Story

"My First U.S. Open Opponent"
by Jerry Hanken, *Chess Pride*

—Honorable Mention—

"Evanston 1998 Like Botvinnik 1948"
by Steve Szpisjak, *Illinois Chess Bulletin*

Best Humorous Contribution

"A Return to Dignity in Chess: A Modest Proposal"
by John Hilbert, *Lasker & His Contemporaries*

—Honorable Mention—

Bizarre Corner by Bill Smythe
Illinois Chess Bulletin

Best Chess Photograph

'Andras Lillienthal and Joel Lautir Analyzing' by
Elizabeth Karnazes, *School Mates*

—Honorable Mention—

'Paw of Approval' by M. L. Rantala
Illinois Chess Bulletin

This year's biggest winner was the *Illinois Chess Bulletin*. The ICB won a total of 14 awards in 13 different categories. In fact, the ICB won either a first place award or an honorable mention in every category for which an entry was made! In one case (best chess promotion) the ICB won both first place and honorable mention.

The top award was for Best Magazine in its circulation category. And for the second year in a row, the ICB was named the most improved magazine.

In some cases, the honorable mentions for the ICB put it just behind *Chess Life*, the US magazine with by far the greatest resources.

Retired games editor, Alan Watson, won his first CJA award for his recent article "Maverick Chess Openings". John Tomas added to his many previous awards. And the ICB has a husband and wife team as a winner: Hector Hernandez and Denise Cheung won the Best Chess Art award for their photo montage which appeared on the cover of the September 1997 ICB.

ICB editor M.L. Rantala won awards for editing, writing, design, and photography. Before coming to the ICB, she worked on the design of the *California Chess Journal*, assisting with the design of the CCJ cover which won an honorable mention.

The complete list of ICB winners is presented in the accompanying box.

Another Illinois journalist was a CJA award winner again this year. The *APCT Bulletin*, edited by Helen Warren, was named best postal magazine, an award it has won numerous times before. A book review by Alan Savage, published in the *APCT Bulletin*, also won an honorable mention.

The USCF itself administers some journalistic awards, but in many fewer categories than the CJA. Among the USCF's Fred Cramer Award winners this year were: Chess Journalist of the Year: Yasser Seirawan of *Inside Chess*. Best Editorials: *Inside Chess*. Best Internet Website: *Chess Cafe* by Hannon Russell. Best Human Interest Story: "The Disneyization of Anatoly Karpov by Sarah Hurst in *Inside Chess*".

—Margaretta Lauri

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1998 Illinois CJA Award Winners

1 Bill Smythe, 2 Helen Warren, 3 M.L. Rantala, 4 Alan Watson, 5 Eugene Martinovsky, 6 Steve Szpisjak, 7 Hector Hernandez, 8 Denise Cheung, 9 Maxine Fineberg. Not pictured: John Tomas and Bernie Biernacki.

Photos by M.L. Rantala, except picture of Rantala by Maxine Fineberg

The Chess Journalist is the official quarterly publication of the Chess Journalists of America.

The September 1998 issue includes the complete list of CJA award winners. For a copy of this issue (make sure to request the Sep 98 issue), send \$2.50 to CJA Secretary/Treasurer Randall Hough, 1826 Garvey Avenue #5, Alhambra, CA 91803.

Or get a full year's worth of the journal (edited by the ICB's own M.L. Rantala) for \$10. If you are not a chess journalist, please write "affiliate" on your check.



News & Notes

Hodgson Wins at Mechanics' Institute

British GM Julian Hodgson won the Third Annual Mechanics' Institute GM Invitational this past July, scoring 7.0 in the ten-player round robin. Illinois's GM Dmitry Gurevich won three and drew four games, putting him in a disappointing sixth place, half-a-point behind US Champion GM Joel Benjamin.

First place was undecided until the final round, when Hodgson's draw with Benjamin ensured him first place. Second place was shared between GM John Fedorowicz and GM Larry Christiansen. (More at: www.milibrary.org/chess/gm.html.)

The Mechanics' Institute claims to be the oldest, continuous chess club in the U.S. The Institute has a large library (primarily of nonchess materials) and a chess room. USCF Policy Board member, FM James Eade, directs the chess activities at the Institute, with assistance from Mark Pinto and Joan Abril.



Top: GM Julian Hodgson. Below: GM Dmitry Gurevich. Photos courtesy Mechanics' Institute.

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
1	Hodgson, Julian	g	ENG	2575	*	0	1	=	1	1	1	1	7.0	2685	
2	Fedorowicz, John	g	USA	2495	1	*	1	=	-	-	1	0	1	6.0	2598
3	Christiansen, L.	g	USA	2575	0	0	*	1	1	=	=	1	1	6.0	2590
4	Benjamin, Joel	g	USA	2595	=	=	0	*	=	=	1	=	1	5.5	2542
5	Atalik, Suat	g	TUR	2595	0	=	0	=	*	1	=	1	1	5.5	2542
6	Gurevich, Dmitry	g	USA	2540	=	=	-	0	*	1	1	0	1	5.0	2511
7	Soltis, Andrew	g	USA	2410	0	0	=	0	=	0	*	1	=	3.5	2403
8	Kobese, Watu	m	KSA	2320	0	1	0	=	0	0	0	*	=	2.5	2326
9	Rey, Guillermo	m	USA	2335	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	=	*	2.5	2325
10	Lobo, Richard		ENG	2310	0	=	0	0	0	0	0	=	*	1.5	2221

Olympiad Teams Announced

The USCF has announced the American Chess Olympiad teams. Defending the bronze medal will be the men's team made up of Alex Yermolinsky, Alex Shabalov, Gregory Kaidanov, Yasser Seirawan, Nick deFirmian, and Boris Gulko. The women's team will be Elena Donaldson-Akhmilovskaya, Anjelina Belakovskaya, Irina Krush, and Esther Epstein. Larry Christiansen will captain the men's team and John Fedorowicz will captain the women's team.

The Olympiad is scheduled to take place this fall in the city of Elista in Kalmykia, a former Soviet Republic. This Olympiad site is yet another provocative one. The president of Kalmykia, Kirsan Ilyumshinov, is also the current president of FIDE. His country is impoverished, with many arguing that to stage the Olympiad there will be to take food out of the mouths of the country's poor. Worse, the editor of the opposition newspaper, *Soviet Kalmykia Today*, was murdered in June. Two men close to Ilyumshinov have confessed to the murder. A motion at the US Open to boycott this Olympiad failed.

Dmitry Gurevich (2540) Andy Soltis (2410)

Mechanics, San Francisco, 1998

[D25]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Be6
5.Nbd2 c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Ng5 Bd5 8.e4
Nxe4 9.Ngxe4 Bxc4 10.Bxc4 Bc6
11.Qh5 e6 12.Bxe6 Qc7 13.Bh3 Na6
14.0-0 Bxc5 15.Re1+ Be7 16.b4 0-0
17.b5 Bf6 18.Rb1 Qa5 19.Qf5 Bc3
20.bxc6 Bxd2 21.Bxd2 Qxd2 22.cxb7
Rad8 23.Qb5 Rd6 24.Qe2 f5 25.g3 Nb8
26.Rbc1 Qxe2 27.Rxe2 Rb6 28.Bg2
Nd7 29.Bd5+ Kh8 30.Rc8 1-0

Death of Papa Dee

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Fred Richardi, better known as "Papa" Dee, an unselfish resident of the Rogers Park neighborhood of Chicago who contributed much to his neighborhood, to his city, and to chess. Some of the following is excerpted from his funeral program of August 9, 1998.

Papa Dee was born in Chicago on Jan. 25, 1941, and spent the first 14 years of his life in an orphanage. After he left, he spent a short period of time on the streets, then graduated from high school and worked his way through college on a wrestling scholarship.

Eventually he became a wrestling coach and opened his first hot dog stand, Coach's Place. Later, he opened a similar establishment, Papa Dee's, and ventured into real estate.

With the purchase of his first building he began providing housing for the recovering community. After he purchased his third building he closed Papa Dee's to focus on the growth of this community.

He also established, with Albert Chow, the Chicago Chess



Club on Lunt Avenue. After Chow left the Club a year later, Papa Dee turned it over to a six-member board of directors who are managing the Club to this day.

A couple of years later he took over another building which is now known as Step Ahead. In October 1996, he purchased his fifth and final building.

On Dec. 23, 1996, while attempting to reach a vacation destination in New Orleans, he was in a car accident in which he suffered extensive injuries. From that day on he continued to fight for his life in nursing homes and hospitals until he died on August 1, 1998.

Although Papa Dee never had children he was a father, mentor, and friend to many.

—Bill Smythe

Election Deadline Approaches

Don't forget that the deadline to submit a petition to run for ICA office is 1 October 1998. For details on how to run, see p. 21 of our previous issue, visit the ICA website (www.64.com/ica/) or contact a current officer (details on p. 5).

PCA Top Ratings

The PCA World Rankings of the World Chess Council are presented below. They are current as of August 1, 1998.

1	Kasparov, Garry	RUS	2808
2	Anand, Viswanathan	IND	2752
3	Kramnik, Vladimir	RUS	2738
4	Adams, Michael	ENG	2703
5	Svidler, Peter	RUS	2703
6	Kamsky, Gata	USA	2701
7	Shirov, Alexei	ESP	2699
8	Ivanchuk, Vassily	UKR	2692
9	Karpov, Anatoli	RUS	2687
10	Leko, Peter	HUN	2676
11	Bareev, Evgeny	RUS	2674
12	Topalov, Veselin	BUL	2673
13	Gelfand, Boris	BLR	2670
14	Short, Nigel	ENG	2670
15	Morozevich, Alex	RUS	2662

Notes

Bobby Fischer's only sibling, sister Joan Targ, died in California on June 1 of a cerebral hemorrhage. Born in 1939, at the age of 11 she taught her younger brother the game of chess. According to Inside Chess, one of her sons noted that, "She was very proud of her brother... for following his passion of playing chess at a time when playing chess was not considered a profession."

Igor Shliperman (2425) is the US Junior Champion, earning the title in July in New York. After the ten-player round robin ended, Shliperman was tied with Michael Mulyar (2380) and won a two-game tie-break. Eugene Perelshteyn (2375) was third with 6.0.

In August, Vladimir Kramnik and Michael Adams played a chess game broadcast live on German television. Kramnik, as White, won and grandmasters Hort and Pflieger provided television commentary. More details at: www.ruschess.com.

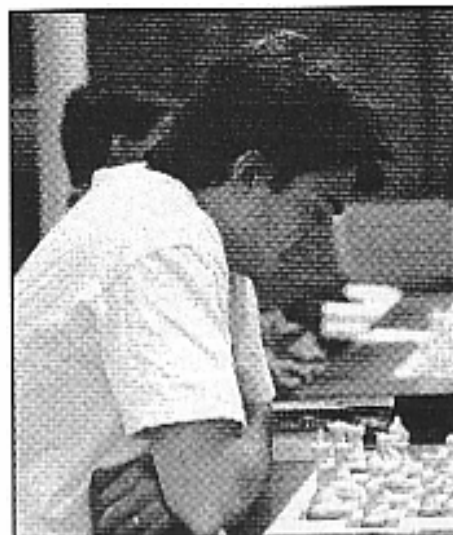
Darren Bolden, board one on Tom Fineberg's 1980 city championship team from Chicago Vocational, has earned his Ph.D. in International Affairs and Development from Clark Atlanta University. Bolden has changed his name to Daaim Ahmad Shabazz and will begin work as a member of the faculty at Florida A&M (Tallahassee) beginning this autumn.

Another former Fineberg student, Cedric Prude, now of Atlanta, won \$3,000 in the B section of this year's Chicago Open.

The New Holy Trinity North Shore Chess Club will conduct its inaugural USCF Chess tourney on October 17th 1998. For information, contact Dale Hurst, 847-729-9000.



Club News



U.S. Hopin'— An Alternative U.S. Open

Report by Bill Smythe

For those unable to attend the U.S. Open in Hawaii, the Chicago Chess Club organized the U.S. Hopin', a pair of tournaments on August 1 and August 2, 1998. The two events were twelve rounds and nine rounds, respectively, reflecting the two formats used in the U.S. Open in recent years. A player could go from unrated to established (at least in the Quick department) in a single two-day weekend.

With so many rounds, players had to be warned (in the Chess Life TLA and elsewhere) that they may be paired against the same opponents more than once. With 22 players Saturday and 14 Sunday, multiple pairings against the same opponents may not have been strictly necessary, but they certainly made matters more interesting. Although Osman Palos grumbled about having to play Enrico Sevillano three times on Saturday, he scored 3-0 against this impressive opponent and won the \$200 prize for a perfect 12-0 score. On Sunday, Osman and Enrico split their two games, scoring 7.5-1.5 and 7-2 respectively.

Next time we have twelve rounds in a single day, we plan to do it as a six-round double Swiss—two games against

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each opponent. This should reduce pairing time considerably, and eliminate the need for TD soul searching regarding multiple same-opponent pairings.



Chicago Chess Club 3-Game Open • July 26, 1998

							score	tour
1	CAVENEY Geoffrey	IL	2079	W12	W15	W5	3	12X
2	BROCK Bill	IL	2055	W17	W10	W9	3	12X
3	ZELNER Alex	OH	2112	W16	W6	D4	2.5	6X
4	GREGORY Jamie	IL	2110	W11	W8	D3	2.5	6X
5	SCOTT Gene	IL	2156	W25	W7	L1	2	3X
5	NGUYEN Tam	IL	1993	W22	L3	W13	2	3XA
7	HRON Ben	IL	1815	W14	L5	W16	2	3XA
8	SMYTHE Bill	IL	1800	W18	L4	W17	2	3XA
9	MOSES Dan	IL	2014	D13	W21	L2	1.5	1.5X
10	JANUS Christopher	IL	1643	W20	L2	D23	1.5	1.5XAB
11	LOBRACO Mike	IL	1517	L4	D14	W21	1.5	1.5XABC
12	RASO Paul	IL	1501	L1	W23	D22	1.5	1.5XABC
13	REDIVARI Dushyanth	IL	1433	D9	W25	L6	1.5	1.5XABC
14	LEVINE Gary	IL	1325	L7	D11	W20	1.5	1.5XABCD
15	MACHAJ Blair	IL	1801	W23	L1	L20	1	1XA
16	GRAWIG David	IL	1545	L3	W22	L7	1	1XABC
17	THOMAS Matt	IL	1473	L2	W18	L8	1	1XABC
18	ZELNER Greg	OH	1094	L8	L17	B	1	1XABCDE
19	THOMSON James	IL	1090	W24	-	-	1	1XABCDE
20	ZELNER David	OH	1024	L10	W15	L14	1	1XABCDE
21	ZELNER Joshua	OH	700	B	L9	L11	1	1XABCDEFG
22	BLACKMAN William	IL	1335	L6	L16	D12	0.5	0.5XABCD
23	HECKMAN Jonathan	IL	1300	L15	L12	D10	0.5	0.5XABCD
24	LEVIN Michael A	IL	1776	L19	-	-	0	
25	SMITH Orfan B	IL	1549	L5	L13	-	0	



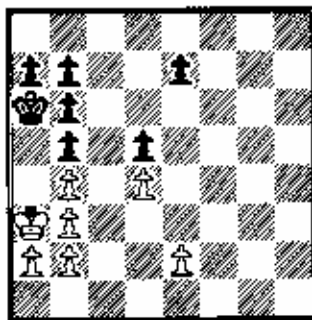
Photos from the Summer Mini-Tour

Facing page, top: David Sacks; bottom: Tyrone Lee. Above: Gene Scott. Below right: IM Osman Palos and IM Enrico Sevillano

Chicago Chess Club Summer Open • August 8-9, 1998

							score	tour	
1	PALOS Osman	2408	W15	W6	W4	H	W5	4.5	9.5M
2	MARSHALL James	2027	W13	W3	H	D5	W7	4	6MX
3	SCHWAIGER Anthony	1700	W24	L2	W22	W1	W12	4	6M-B
4	CAVENEY Geoff	2079	W21	W9	L1	W10	D6	3.5	3.5MX
5	SCOTT Gene	2071	W22	W11	W7	D2	L1	3.5	3.5MX
6	WAGNER Steven	1974	W16	L1	W12	W13	D4	3.5	3.5M-A
7	CAVENEY Adam	2195	W18	W10	L5	W9	L2	3	3MX
8	ESCOBEDO Gael	—	L9	L23	W17	W16	W15	3	3M
9	FORD Sam	1860	W8	L4	W15	L7	W14	3	3M-A
10	DE MASTRI John	1714	W23	L7	W21	L4	D13	2.5	2.5M-B
11	HALE Bob Loyd	1677	W17	L5	H	L3	W19	2.5	2.5M-B
12	GRAWIG David	1569	H	W20	L6	W19	L3	2.5	2.5M-C
13	RASO Paul	1501	L2	W18	W20	L6	D10	2.5	2.5M-C
14	SMITH Orlan	1568	H	H	H	H	L9	2	2M-C
15	WEBER T V	1562	L1	W16	L9	W24	L8	2	2M-C
16	REODIVARI Dushyanth	1501	L6	L15	W25	L8	W18	2	2M-C
17	GUTIERREZ Guodolope	1193	L11	W24	L6	L18	W25	2	2M-C
18	OTTO Jeff	1550	L7	L13	H	W17	L16	1.5	1.5M-C
19	GASUNAS Anthony	1189	H	H	H	L12	L11	1.5	1.5M-E
20	SACKS David W	1676	W25	L12	L13	-	-	1	1M-B
21	LUSTER Sean	1519	L4	W24	L10	F15	-	1	1M-C
22	PULLIN Matthew	1517	L5	W25	L3	-	-	1	1M-C
23	ALLES Tim	1336	L10	W8	-	-	-	1	1M-D
24	BLACKMAN William	1292	L3	L21	L17	W25	L15	1	1M-D
25	WEBER Becky	—	L20	L22	L16	L24	L17	0	

Many club visitors have, over the months, been subjected to the bizarre sorts of chess problems adored by this writer, who hates the conventional stuff but has composed, lifetime, only two of his own studies. The first, concocted at age 12, looks like this:

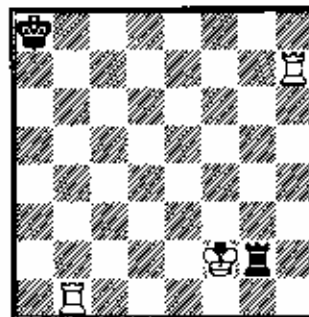


The pieces on the a- and b-files came first, and were the answer to this writer's desire to create a symmetric position which was a stalemate no matter whose move it was. The center pawns were added later, fulfilling a second desire: a symmetric position where whoever moves first loses. The problem: White to move, Black to win; or Black to move, White to win. Play it out to mate, and heed the following vague hint: In many variations, the drawing threat (by White, if White moves first and Black is trying to win) of Qxb5 cannot be met. The answer can be found on page 53.



The author's second study, composed just this summer, fits in with his habit of escaping with draws in lost positions through the use of super-rooks. White to move and win:

Whoever heard of White being in check at the outset? And there are gazillions of specific solutions. But there is only one idea; see if you can find it before looking up the answer on page 53.



Okay, so it's not a proper study.

**The annual ICA
Membership Meeting
will be Sunday October
18th at 1 p.m. at the
Chicago Chess Club,
1149 West Lunt. All are
welcome to attend.**

Chesterton Chess Gears Up For New Year

Report by Randy Pals

Chesterton Chess, an affiliate of the ICA, holds monthly rated tournaments at the Westchester Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana, Chesterton, Indiana, 46304. The site is near I-94, about 30 minutes east of the Illinois border.

Chesterton Chess

With occasional exceptions, tournaments are held on the fourth Saturday of the month. Entry fee is \$15 (\$10 to those in high school or below). Ten of the 12 months are "Open" tournaments, with the other two (usually May and November) being 3-round swiss, 8- to 12-player sections based on rating. Eight of the ten Open tournaments are 4-round G/90, while the other two (usually February and July) are 5-round G/60. Normal attendance at the Opens is 30 to 40 players—sometimes more—and the prize fund is \$370 based on 40 players, with \$100 to first, \$60 to second, with the remaining \$210 spread

among classes. An unusual feature is that all class prizes are "under" prizes, i.e. under 2000, under 1800, etc. This means the lower your rating, the more prizes you are eligible for, and intermediate players who score well usually grab shares of higher class prizes.

The 3-round swiss, sectionalized

tournaments exist to give players a little more clock time and more chances to consistently play people near their own strength. The time control is G/120, and the prizes are \$60 1st and \$30 second prize per section (minimum). Chesterton Chess does not exist to make a profit, and does not currently have to pay for the use of our very suitable site. This enables us to pay out a very high percentage (around 75%) of entry fees as prizes. It is not uncommon for prizes to be increased over advertised levels, or for additional prizes (e.g. upset prize) to be added.

For information, contact Randy Pals, 219-926-2266 evenings.

Stoltz OP-RF Open Champ

Report by Ken Marshall

Open Championship

The Oak Park-River Forest Club Open Championship was held from June 2 to June 30. Bob Stoltz (1821) finished 4-1 in this 12-player, five round Swiss to become the 1998 OP-RF CC Open Champion.

Runner up honors went to Mark Marovitch (2190) for his 3.5-1.5 score.

John Tums (1974),
Mike Stocke (1840),
and Jeff Otto (1534)
were next with 3-2

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results.

Tums and Stocke shared the 1999-1700 money, while Otto won the 1699-Below prize.

USCF Game/10 Round Robin

This "Quick Play" event drew nine players on July 8. Top rated Brent Cromzac (QP 2131) scored a near perfect 7.5-0.5 to take home first prize.

John Tums (QP 2039) was second at 7-1, followed by Paul Prause (1760), who split the point with Cromzac while going 6.5-1.5. Joe Cygan (QP 1505) ended up 4-4 to garner Below-1700 honors.

World Blitz Chess Association Tournament

Nine players competed in this July 14 Game/5 double round robin event. Dejan Maksimovic (est. WBCA 2200, 8-0) was first.

Miodrag Mladenovic (est. WBCA 2100, 7-1) followed, with Ray Satterlee (WBCA 2047, 5.5-2.5) third. Best 1999-1700 player was Wlad Bogustowicz (WBCA 1808, 4-4).

Machaj Perfect at St. Charles

Report by Dan Pradt

On June 11 Blair Machaj (Quick rating 1712) won the club Game/15 tournament with a 5-0 score. Blair beat Jeff Wiewel (2028) in the final round, and Ray Satterlee (2001) and Erv Sedlock (1804) in rounds 4 and 3.

Coming in second were Wiewel, Dan Pradt (1601) and Bill Buttny (1733), all with 4-1. Wiewel beat Pradt, Jim Oberweiss (1741), and Brian Marsolais (1731). Pradt beat Oberweiss, Buttny, and Mark Stinson (1918), while Buttny scored his 4 with wins over Sedlock, Mark Robledo Sr. (1640), and John McKearney (1140). Carl Staples

(1333) and Rudy Padilla (1403) were the best C and D players with 3.

On July 9, as an experiment, we held our first Theme Night. The opening chosen by lot was the Grand Prix Sicilian. Interested members had two weeks

to "book up" on the opening.

Twenty-four members tried this new idea out. While theorists would be appalled at the many different treatments of this opening, it was nice break from our normal ladder for the participants. White won the argument 7-5 overall but White was only 2-4 on the top six boards.

St. Charles Chess Club

Industrial Strength Chess? No, Chess of All Strengths in the Chicago Industrial Chess League

Report by Tony Jasaitis

If there are other chess-playing employees at your workplace, consider forming a team to compete in the Chicago Industrial Chess League (CICL), comprising about 25 companies as diverse as Sears, Post Office, Bank of America, Argonne, Motorola, Amoco, Kemper Insurance, Columbia College, etc.

Six-player teams play matches in a relaxed setting at each other's home sites once every two to three weeks, after working hours. Travel is kept light as the league is divided into four geographical divisions: North, West, Far West, and East (downtown). The top two teams of each division advance to the league championship playoffs. Team and individual prizes are awarded at a banquet at the end of the season in June. The league maintains a rating system similar to the USCF.

I know there are many of you "retired" chess players out there, such as myself, too busy with the demands of life to play in regular tournaments anymore, or perhaps you found them too

intense. Let me tell you that the CICL is perfect for you. After a 15-year "retirement" where I didn't play a single serious game, I was asked to join the Marshall Field's team. I found the bi-weekly pace without the pressure of competing for monetary prizes to be just right. Splitting the load with five other people makes losses easier to take. You can experiment more. If you can't make it some night, a backup on the team can fill in.

For those of you still active in the USCF, this can be a great alternative, or be a chance to get in some extra practice between tournaments, or to try out some new lines without a lot of risk. As team players are matched up in rating order, your opponent will be likely to be good competition for you.

If you don't think you know enough chess players at work, put a notice in the company newsletter. You may be surprised how many chess players are

lurking out there, even ones that have not played in tournaments. Although the matches are played with clocks, USCF experience is not required. Are you good enough for the league? Absolutely! Ratings in the league range from class E to Senior Master. Several teams have a class B player for board 1, yet masters and experts will have plenty of their own kind. Many teams' board 6 is a 1200 or less.

If you find it impossible to field a team of six, the league also has provision for "merged" teams, in which two companies contribute at least three players each. If you can field at least three dependable players, but can't find another company which can do the same, contact us and we might be able to work out a convenient partner company for your team.

For further information, contact CICL President Pat Sajbel at 847-391-2134. ♁

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Below: The Chicago Industrial Chess League's recent match with the Elmhurst Chess Club.

photo by Larry Cohen



Elmhurst Potpourri

Report by Roger Birkeland

After two weeks off for Memorial Day and Elmhurst College commencement, our club resumed with a 5-round Game/15 tournament on June 7. Mariano Acosta, undefeated with 5-0, took clear first and the \$45 first prize. Gennadiy Gorlin, who lost only to Acosta, was second with 4-1. Aaron Chen, a fast-improving junior whose rating seems to go up every month (now over 1800), took the under-2000 prize with 3.5-1.5. Andrey Gorlin, another strong junior, and Marty Ptacek, an ever-dangerous senior, split the under 1800 money with 3-2. Kermit Dodson, with 2-3, was best under 1600.

18 players turned out on June 21 for a Game/29 Quad. Ely Sollano and Les Bale, well known veterans of the Chicago area chess wars, split the \$40 prize in the top quad. In the second quad, Larry Cohen backed up his

status as the highest rated player with a perfect 3-0. The prize in the third quad was split between the highest and lowest rated players—Paul Garafolo and Greg Witek—both with 2-1. The six lowest rated players competed in a 3-round Swiss, won by Scott Silverman with 2.5-0.5.

June 28 also saw 18 players compete in a 4 round Game/20 event. New member Brian Golchert, who is returning to tournament play after several years' absence, showed little rust by breezing undefeated through a rough field. Four players tied for second with 3-1: Bill Wenz of Wisconsin, new member Mariusz Gorski, the well-known Larry Cohen, and junior Aaron Chen, who is always in the money.

An incredible 276 games were played on July 5 as 24 players concluded their holiday weekend by competing in a handicap blitz round robin. In this unrated, just-for-fun event, experts and A players were given 3 minutes, B players 4 minutes, C players 5 minutes, D players 6 minutes, and E players 7 minutes. Expert Bert Gazmen, even though laboring under a significant handicap, topped the field with 19-4. Ace blitz players Misha Mladenovic and John Gossage shared second with 17-6.

On July 12 we were honored to welcome new member Dejan Maksimovic, a FIDE Master from the former Yugoslavia. "Max" is a very strong player whose provisional USCF rating is about 2400. In fact, as of this writing, he has only lost one game in this country—to GM Pavel Blatny in the last round of a Game/10 side event at the World Open in Philadelphia. He certainly

had no problem with the strong top group—which included master Brent Cromzac—as he posted a score of 6-0 in our Game/15 Double Quad. Ely Sollano and Gennadiy Gorlin, both with 4-2, split the prize in the second quad. The third section, entirely by coincidence, was made up of four talented juniors: Andrey Gorlin, Aaron Chen, Kenneth Huang and Yelena Gorlin. Again, Aaron proved impossible to hold down as he bested this group with 4.5-1.5. In the hard fought fourth quad, Roger Birkeland emerged victorious with 3.5-2.5.

Our two-week, four-round Game/45 event held on July 19 and 26 drew 18 players. After the third round only 2 players, former Yugoslavs Misha Mladenovic and FM Dejan Maksimovic, were undefeated. After a friendly draw put them at 3.5-0.5, they split the \$80 first prize. Bob Stoltz and veteran John Tums were best under 2000 with 3-1, and Kermit Dodson and Subhash Verma were best under 1600 with 2-2.

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Autumn Chess Cornucopia Downstate!

Sept 12, 1998—Woodford County Classic

Where: Goodfield Community Center, Goodfield, IL
What: 4 round Swiss, Game in 60 minutes
Registration: 8:00-8:45 a.m.
Game times: 9:00, 11:30, 1:45 and 4:00
Prizes: 1st Place \$75, 2nd \$50 (based on 20 entrants)
Tournament Director: Carl R. Troyer, 723 North Main St., Eureka, IL 61530-1035, Phone: 309-467-6055
Fees: \$15 at site, \$11 if received by September 8, 1998

Downstate In October
See the ICA Calendar (p. 59-61) for more information
Oct. 10 — Bloomington
Oct. 17 — Peoria
Oct. 24 — Springfield

Sept 19, 1998 Bloomington September Open

Important! You must be 18 years or older to play in this tournament.
Where: State Farm Corporate, 1 State Farm Plaza, Bloomington, IL
Registration: 8:00-8:45 a.m.
Rounds: 9:00, 11:30, 2:00 and 4:30
Time Control: Game in 60 minutes
Entry fee: \$10
Prizes: 1st \$75, 2nd \$50 and 3rd \$25; Chess book to top A, B, C, D, and E

Send entries to: State Farm Corporate, 1 State Farm Plaza, Bloomington IL 61710, Attn: Mrs. Althea Rolfs, A-2
Tournament Director: Dennis Bourgerie, Box 157, Normal, IL 61761, 309-454-3842, e-mail: Schoolstreeter@msn.com.

Reflections on the Dvoretsky Project

A leading chess writer and opening theorist discusses the latest Dvoretsky training volume, and compares it to the rest of this important series.

Reviewed by I.M. John L. Watson

Perhaps the most significant publishing event in the chess world during this decade has been Batsford's publication of a series of books by Russian trainer IM Mark Dvoretsky about various and sundry aspects of chess training and theory, including books on tactics, technique, and positional play. By my count, there are seven such books, five of them in a series officially co-authored with GM Artur Yusupov (a Dvoretsky student), and two of them by Dvoretsky alone. In fact, all seven books are primarily Dvoretsky's work, since he has written about half of each book, created all the exercises, and collected contributions from not only Yusupov but a wide variety of other masters.

Dvoretsky's Contributions

Because I find *Attack and Defence* to be atypical of this series, I would like to talk about Dvoretsky's contribution as a whole before turning to that particular volume. It's interesting that Dvoretsky's books have made such a splash among masters and top players, including some who seldom read chess books. (Did you know, by the way, that most leading American GMs hardly ever read books about chess?) To a large extent, their enthusiasm about Dvoretsky is due to the fact that his books have that rare quality of addressing the problems facing masters and

Attack and Defence: How Creative Thought Develops in a Chess Player by Mark Dvoretsky and Artur Yusupov. With contributions from Mikhail Krasenkov, Benjamin Blumenfeld, Sergei Dolmatov, Vladimir Vulfson, Igor Belov. Translated by John Sugden. 288 pages; B.T. Batsford Ltd., London, 1998.

even grandmasters, rather than talking down to the chessplaying public. Dvoretsky's examples tend to be complex and hard to pigeonhole, and his constant preoccupation is the improvement of already-master-strength players. This has led to the amusing situation

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that masters tend to recommend his books to their students, who in turn complain that they are too heavygoing!

Apparently, Dvoretsky's books are also difficult to review: my six favorite Internet sites for chess book reviews



have somehow avoided commenting upon even a single one of them. We are talking about difficult books here.

The Strengths and Weaknesses

Let me first outline what I view to be the strengths and weaknesses of this series. There are many positive features, but I think a few stand out.

First, Dvoretsky's books are truly aimed at training, and do not simply list, for example, a set of positional principles or advice on how to calculate. Each volume is replete with well-chosen, concrete exercises for the student (Dvoretsky has been collecting these positions for years), along with instructions on how to best learn from them. As trainer to many of the world's GMs,

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Dvoretsky knows that only by hard work and practice with real positions, using a clock, can one improve one's thinking habits, regardless of how many handy tips or how much philosophy about chess thinking you've been fed. It's a bit embarrassing to consider how our young players are growing up with the facile banalities of Lev Alburt and Bruce Pandolfini, among others, when you see that the students under Dvoretsky are already fully prepared to absorb this genuine and profound instruction at ages 12-15.

Of course, this positive feature of his books also limits the number of players who will enjoy them or find them of realistic value. Not everyone has time to devote to this sort of study, and many players would rather read chess books for enjoyment (which, I hasten to add, is a wholly legitimate attitude). For those players, however, I'd literally throw out all my how-to-get-better

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Who is John Watson?

John Watson is an International Master and author of 18 chess books, including his immensely influential work, *Play the French*, a world-wide success in both its first and revised edition. His latest book, due out in January of 1999, is on modern chess. An avid reader as well as writer, he posts a book review column for the popular internet site, "The Week in Chess" (founded by Briton Mark Crowther) which can be found at:

www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic.html

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Another outstanding aspect of Dvoretsky's project, which varies from book to book, is that he is one of the few chess writers to actually contribute to general chess theory, and to middlegame theory in particular.

Defining the Modern Territory

Dvoretsky and some of his contributors understand that modern chess varies considerably from that played by the classical masters, and he uses his own conceptual frameworks to explain how modern ideas and techniques apply.

In a few cases, Dvoretsky has himself defined the theoretical territory involved. He has talked more about prophylaxis in chess, for instance, than all of the other writing I've seen on this subject combined. He is a renowned authority on opposite-colored-bishop positions, from the opening through the

endgame. His books have expanded the discussion of good and bad minor pieces, the exchange sacrifice, active roles for the king in the middlegame, and many other original and specialized topics. Dvoretsky's notion of the "superfluous piece" is both unique and highly relevant to modern chess; it is now starting to be referred to by leading GMs in their annotations.

And Dvoretsky's contributors also provide new ideas: John

Tomas in his ICB review of Purdy's work pointed out a case of this by Shereshevsky from *Training for the Tournament Player*. Shereshevsky not only got to the bottom of an old controversy about a famous Nimzowitsch-Capablanca game; but he rediscovered and codified a principle about how to play when one's own pawn-raiding queen is nested precariously in the opponent's camp.

Primacy of Concrete Analysis

One other excellent feature of Dvoretsky's books should be noted. That is his consistent and sometimes heretical insistence on the primacy of concrete analysis over positional principles and other abstract considerations. This is the fundamental philosophic stance which Soviet masters and writers have adhered to from the time of Botvinnik on, and the one which most distinguishes modern chess from that of the classical masters. Dvoretsky (with the explicit approval of Kasparov) both re-emphasizes and thoroughly explicates the details of this approach.

His timing could not be better: the top ten players of the world, for example, are all practitioners of the concrete, analytical approach, and are less inhibited by traditional principles than any previous set of leading players. I feel that this accounts, in part, for the greater dynamism and creativity we are seeing in today's top-flight chess.

Short of Perfection

So are Dvoretsky's books perfect? Not quite. To me, the main problem with this series is his tendency to merely fill space, without tying the material strongly enough to the topic under discussion. It seems, for example, that every time Dvoretsky and/or his students have thoroughly analyzed a position,

whether it be an adjourned game, a post-mortem analysis, or someone else's book or magazine article, Dvoretsky wants to include the analysis in one of his books. That might be okay if the game was an instructive example of the subject being addressed; but I find that both Dvoretsky and his students (but not Yusupov) invent general 'lessons' or 'themes' to justify including these games. Worse, they sometimes, in the justification process, start dishing out the same tired and simplistic generalities which Dvoretsky is so careful to refute (or at least warn the reader against) elsewhere in his presentation.

To some extent, this is a problem of having multiple authors; but Dvoretsky himself is responsible for much of this 'filler' material. The quality of such filler varies—sometimes, the game involved can be just fascinating—but he gropes awkwardly to justify its inclusion.

Readers familiar with *Secrets of Chess Tactics* may remember how he manages to work some static endgames which interested him under the rubric of "Attack and Defense"; in this latest volume by that same name, he performs similar legerdemain. Then there are cases such as virulently trashing an article he doesn't like, or just wanting to show one of his lengthy analyses and justifying it by saying something along the lines of: 'so you never know what secrets might be hidden in a position'. The point is that, some of these examples, however nice, only dilute the important theoretical and philosophical messages his books bring us.

The Latest Book in the Series

Okay, let's finally move on to his latest volume: *Attack and Defence*. Since I am about to wax critical, keep in mind that I think Dvoretsky's books have made an almost unprecedented contribution to both chess training and modern theory. *Attack and Defence* is, in fact, another fine effort, with a multitude of rich examples and analysis. But

in my opinion, it contributes only mildly to the subject of how to analyze, and probably not at all to the theory of attack and defense (the purported topic).

Maybe Dvoretsky has simply written too much, and the well is temporarily dry; he says that this is the last of his five-part Yusupov collaboration. This time, there are seven contributors, and it's hard to discern any unity of mate-

move of an obscure variation of the Slav Defense. Considering his current rapid ascendancy, it's not clear that Vadim would have done better by reading the astute observations of some psychological essay instead.

Chapters 1 and 2 are discussions of techniques of analysis and in particular, of Kotov's methods. Both Dvoretsky and Krasenkov criticize Kotov in rather important areas, and they offer their own versions of how to analyze. Both essays are convincing and well thought out; but really, they only outline what common sense tells you about how a strong player actually thinks.

Dvoretsky gives the reader more 'tips' about what to remind oneself of during analysis,

whereas Krasenkov provides a clearer discussion of when and how to use one's intuition (based on the time left on your clock). This is a well-written section of the book, and certainly worth including, but it's also a bit obvious.

Mundane Observations

Chapters 3 and 6 are two essays from the 1930s by the psychologist Benjamin Blumenfeld. Neither has much to offer, in my opinion, despite the constant boldfacing Blumenfeld puts on his rather mundane comments. The first essay begins with an innocuous explanation of why people blunder, suggest-

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rial or purpose in their essays. The 'filler' problem, moreover, seems to have grown considerably, perhaps in an attempt by Dvoretsky to use up as much of his admittedly interesting material as possible.

Let's step through the book to see what I mean.

Invoking Successful Students

The Introduction begins on a dubious note, with some bragging about the great success of his students. (We don't find out how they were chosen in the first place; not randomly, one suspects!)

Then there's a rather tired lecture (one not given by Dvoretsky before, as far as I know) about how chess players today study too much opening theory, rather than picking up 'astute observations and conclusions about the game as a whole'. Aside from the fact that the specific observations he points to at this juncture contradict those in the rest of his books (see my comments on Blumenfeld below), the two students he mentions with by far the greatest success are Svidler and Zviagintsev, theory hounds whose time is spent primarily on opening study!

Dvoretsky's proud example of an early Zviagintsev game, for example, has the 13-year-old playing a new and thoroughly prepared move on the 15th

*Previous titles from
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Chess School:*

- ▼ *Positional Play*
- ▼ *Opening Preparation*
- ▼ *Technique for the Tournament Player*
- ▼ *Training for the Tournament Player*

ing that they should concentrate harder, stay alert, and think more systematically to solve the problem. Fascinating. Benjamin's next, more controversial, argument is that people tend to confuse themselves by calculating too much, so they should limit calculations and "opt for simple solutions". In non-forcing situations, he says, "calculations would be confined to a few short lines"; and in general, "calculation is only necessary to verify that the ideas are correct."

My first question would be: what ideas? I can just see Kasparov, Shirov, or Polgar looking at one or two moves, collecting their 'ideas', and making a move. Of course, ideas, especially creative ones, are the fruit of analysis, not something inherent in one's 'picture' of a position.

The irony here is that most of the rest of the book, not to mention Dvoretsky's whole series, is concerned with precisely the opposite point: that the general features of the position are relatively worthless, and often deceptive, without the most disciplined examination of concrete lines of play. That examination, says Dvoretsky, leads to the creative and unexpected solutions which allow one to defeat strong players.

In later chapters of this same book, for example, Dvoretsky strongly approves of even unsound sacrifices when they increase one's practical chances, whereas Benjamin says to always opt for clarity. Benjamin's advice seems to me an excellent prescription for 'How to stay a low Expert for the rest of your life.' I don't think I need to point out who is on the winning side of this argument in contemporary chess!

The Source of Intuition

In fact, in the very next chapter, on the sources of chess intuition, Dvoretsky re-emphasizes a primary theme of his series: "...intensive analysis of concrete situations—this significantly develops and enriches our intuition." He then goes on to advance the brave but dubious theory that the intuitive side of Kasparov's game is flawed!

Since there is only one example given, I'm not sure that the reader will be convinced (maybe Kasparov's intuition was just flawed on that particular day?). This theory is interesting to jux-

tapose with the somewhat more plausible one of Chapter 14: that Kasparov tends to be relatively weak at defense. The reason for this, Dvoretsky opines, is that Kasparov's openings are so good, he is seldom in trouble and therefore

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rarely gets practice defending!

There might be a some truth to this, although I would still only call it a working hypothesis. Of the four difficult positions Dvoretsky cites, for example, all against Bareev and Anand, Kasparov won one, lost one, and drew two; given that the goal of the game is to garner points, it seems that there may be method behind the madness of such 'weak' defense!

Other Aspects

Let me conclude by briefly reviewing other aspects of *Attack and Defence*. There's a whole chapter of quite appealing and well-annotated wins by Sergei Dolmatov. Again, what relevant general lessons they contain is not clear to me.

Amusingly, Dolmatov at one point gives himself an "!" for correctly following the principle of avoiding pawn exchanges when he is material ahead; but then, one move later, he attributes his

mistake to following that same principle, i.e., he should have exchanged pawns!

Throughout this book, there are more general principles (mostly unconvincing ones) cited than in other Dvoretsky books. This is a bit disappointing in view of his usual and healthy avoidance of generalities.


Other chapters are mostly annotated games organized by theme, e.g., 'Missed Brilliance Prizes', 'Virtuoso Defence', 'Opposite-wing Castling', 'Games by Pupils', and 'Analysis of a Game'. I can't deny that these games tend to be fun and instructive, in the general sense that games annotated by strong players tend to be instructive. I also think that the annotations make a clear and powerful case for the virtues of the analytical method which Dvoretsky advocates.

What's not clear to me is whether these games say much about the nature of attack and defense, or about how one goes about attacking and defending. Again, it's the lack of focus and originality that makes this volume, for me, somewhat unsatisfying.

Worst of the Best?

In the end, I feel that *Attack and Defence* is a rather disconnected collection of games and positions, and perhaps the worst book of this series. On the other hand, since this may well be the best series of instructional/middlegame books ever written, last place isn't so bad!

Certainly the annotations and comments by strong players put it on a level with a good games collection, and very serious students will benefit from the high-quality exercises. But for your first Dvoretsky experience, I would recommend another volume (e.g., *Positional Play*) instead. ♁



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Oak Lawn Park District Adds Chess

To the editor,

Readers of the ICB should know that the Oak Lawn Park District has instituted a chess tournament for seniors. Soon the program will be open for the youngsters, too.

I'd also like to note that Hector Hernandez's July class tournament is great. I hope he continues to run it in the same fine fashion.

Lastly, I must say that the ICB is a great magazine and I always look forward to receiving it in the mail.

Joe Bannon,
Chicago

Letters to the Editor



To the editor,

I really like the new *Illinois Chess Bulletin*. It has more content and more pictures than ever before. It is more interesting than the ICB has ever been.

I'll will definitely rejoin the ICA!

Dan Gower
Kankakee

World Open Games

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Steve Szpisjak (2300)

Justin Sarkar (2400)

World Open 1998

Reti Opening [A13]

Notes by Szpisjak

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Qd7 6.Qxc4 Qc6 7.Na3!

More usual are 7.b3 or 7.d3. The text dares black to cripple the a-pawns at the expense of the beloved bishop pair.

7...Bxa3 8.Qxc6+ Nxc6 9.bxa3 0-0 10.d3 Nd7?

I knew I would place my rooks on the b- and e-files, but was unsure where to place the dark square bishop; b2 would interfere with a rook, d2 looked passive and might hinder the king, e3 could make the bishop a target via ...Ng4 or ...Nd5. As the text allows me to easily solve my bishop problem, a better move was 10...e5.

11.Be3 Nb6 12.Kd2!

I am happy to report that Fritz5 underestimated the strength of this move. I am preparing to pressure the queenside with all my pieces,

including the king, in the endgame.

12...Rd8 13.Rbc1 c5

14.Rxc6!

Black would like to consolidate with ...f6, or ...Be6 and ...Bd5, or ...Nd5. My exchange sac nets one pawn with continual queenside pressure.

14...bxc6 15.Nxe5 Bb7

16.Nxc6 Nc4+ 17.Kc1! Nd6

17...Nxc3 18.Ne7+! and 19.Bxb7 would lead to a two-pawn plus in the endgame for White.

18.Rb1 Rc8 19.Kd2 Re6 20.Rxb7!

This move does indeed win by force, not that I saw it all in advance. Other moves such as 20.h4 or 20.Be5 are possible.

20...Nxb7 21.Na5

I knew I would win if he allowed three minors, two pawns, and an active king for two rooks. I looked forward to playing two bishops and pawns against rook and knight until...

21...Nxa5 22.Bxa8 c6

I missed this idea. Fortunately, a hyperactive king will make up for the



Above: Steve Szpisjak (right) ponders his move while Robert Byrne punches his old-fashioned clock. Right: Andrew Karklins. Bottom: Albert Chow.

photos by Michael Atkins

inevitable loss of the bishop pair.

23.Kc3 Rc8 24.Kb4 Rxa8 25.Kxa5

The a7-pawn isn't going anywhere. It is more important to first play Ka6 and a5, before the rook halts the a4-pawn from behind.

26...Rb2 27.Ka6 Rxa2 28.a5 Kf8 29.Bxa7 Rxe2 30.Bh6

30.Bc5+ and 31.Kb7 permit less counterplay.

30...Ke7 31.Kb7 Kd6 32.a6 c5

32...Re7+ 33.Kc8 Re8+ 34.Bd8 wins. My opponent plays on in a position that some of my students at Bernard Zell (one-third my



opponent's rating!) would be expected to win.

33.a7 Ra2 34. a8=Q Rxa8 35.Kxa8 Kd5 36.Kb7 Kd4 37.Kc6 Kxd3 38.Bxc5 Ke4 29.Kd6 f5 40.Bc3 h6 41.h4 Kf3 42.Ke5 Kg4 43.h5 Kxh5 44.Kxf5 g6+ 45.Kf6 g5 46.Kf5 g4 47.Kf4 Kg6 48.Kxg4 1-0 ♠

Vox Populi

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



Jamie Gregory
(2110)
Chicago

"I like both of them but it's time to get a new champion. These two have been too pampered, unlike Fischer."



Jeronimo Salazar
(1747)
Chicago

"Garry Kasparov is clearly the real world chess champion because he has beaten Karpov so many times."

Who is the true world chess champion: Kasparov or Karpov?



Larry Cohen
(1917)
Villa Park

"Bobby Fischer is still champion! Kasparov should arrange a match with Fischer, not Karpov."



Eileen Curry
(887)
Freeland, Michigan

"I think the argument is petty. Who cares who calls who the world champion? But the argument is good for chess because it makes good copy."

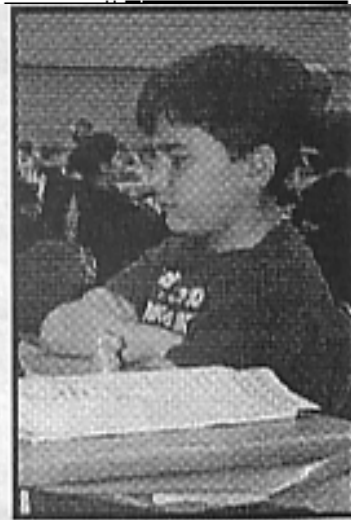
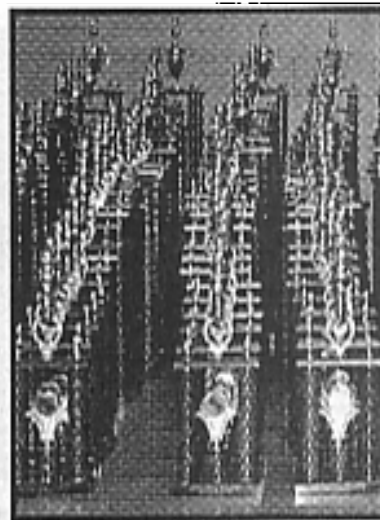


Salar Jahedi
(1677)
Chicago

"Kasparov, because he's obviously the better player. But he doesn't want to play under FIDE."

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How It Played in Peoria

Peoria, Illinois was the site of the 1998 Elementary Chess Championships. Nearly 1,800 kids representing over 400 schools from over 40 states participated. Kids from all over Illinois took part.

The tournament was sponsored by the Greater Peoria Chess Foundation with Mike Leali and Carol Spengel serving as organizers.

States Represented

47 states were represented at Peoria. Below are the number of schools which participated from each state

AL..... 1	GA..... 5	KY.... 14	MO... 17	NY... 46	TN... 20
AZ... 16	IA..... 5	LA.... 13	MS.... 3	OH... 20	TX.... 4
CA... 3	ID..... 4	MA.... 3	MN.... 1	OK.... 5	UT.... 1
CO... 6	IL.... 78	MD.... 3	NC.... 6	OL... 1	VA... 10
CT.... 5	IN.... 52	ME.... 1	NE.... 5	PA.... 9	WA... 18
FL... 13	KA... 1	MI... 21	NJ.... 8	SC... 1	WI.... 9
FI... 1	KS... 5	MN... 31	NM.... 2	SD... 1	WV... 2

Right: Wayne Norwood (left), Clippert Academy, Detroit, MI and Richard D. Lincoln, Manners Elementary, Newport Beach, CA

Below: The trophy maker had to work nearly as hard as the kids who competed in Peoria!

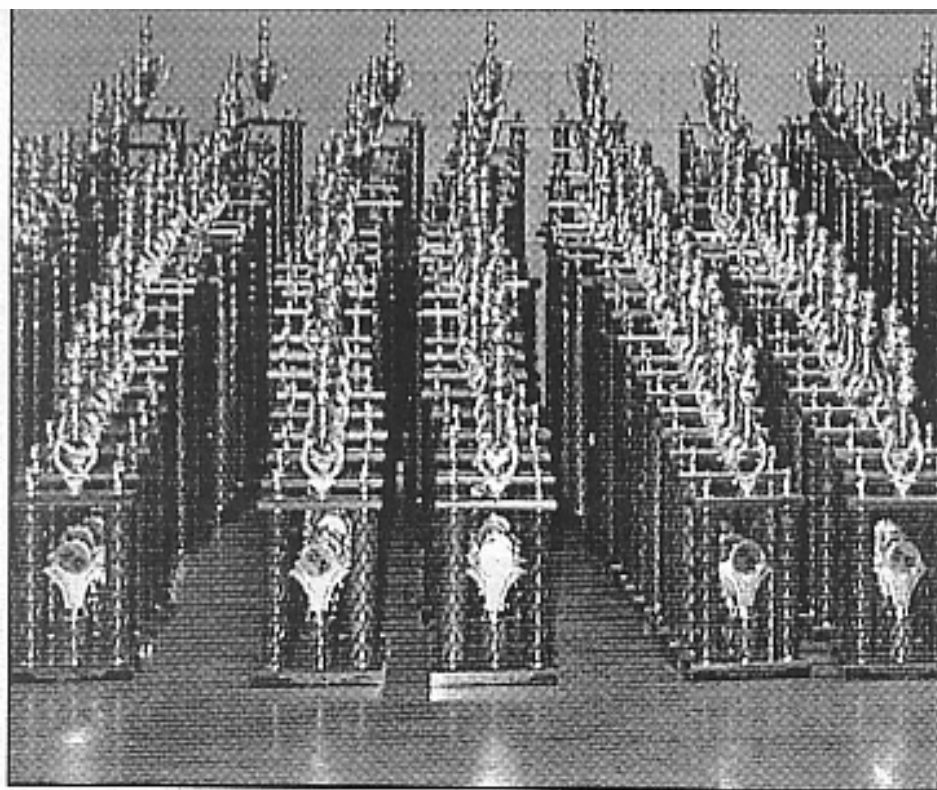
Erv Sedlock was the Chief TD, Tim Just the Floor Chief, and Al Losoff, Pairings Chief. Hundreds of volunteers helped to make the tournament run smoothly.

Adding up the players, staff, parents, coaches, dignitaries, and others, there were some 4,000 total people in attendance, according to Leali, which makes for a new record not every organizer would like to challenge.

IM Josh Manion gave a simul and IM Josh Waitzkin and NM Bruce Pandolfini made book signing appearances.

—M.L. Rantala

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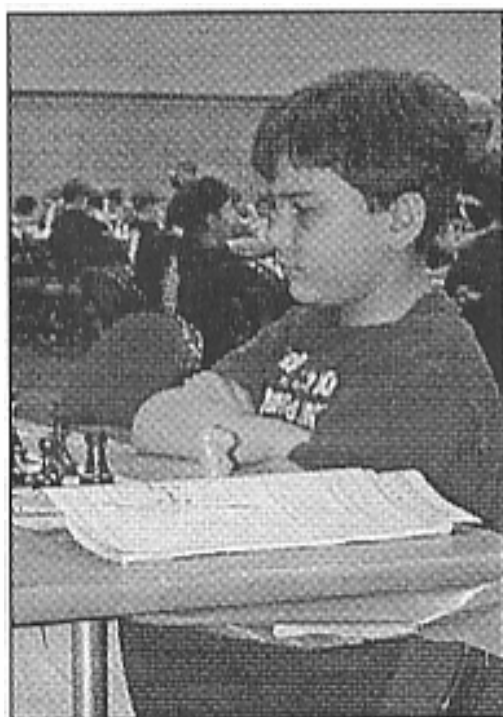
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David Chodak, (below) a student at the University of Chicago Lab School, is the 1998 K3-Under-800 Champion. One view of the playing hall (above).



About These Standings

These standings list the winner(s) in every category, no matter what state they are from. In addition, all players from Illinois are listed.

These standings were derived from the voluminous and assuredly complete standings at the tournament web site. But this source used abbreviations for school (and thus state) affiliations. A computer filter was used to separate the Illinois players from the rest of the country. If any Illinois players have been omitted (or incorrectly listed), write to *Square One* and we will happily blame the computer while we publish the correct information.

1998 National Elementary Chess Championship Standings

Kindergarten Standings

#	Name	Rating	Team	Total
1	Michael Thayer	1010	Hunter College Campus-NYC	7.0
5	Joseph Rankin	unr.	Duke Ellington-Chicago	5.5
6	Nicholas A Wiese	1025	Oak and Elementary-Bloomington	5.5
10	Frankie Swndell	665	St. Gilbert-Grayslake	5.0
14	Stephen Burling	537	Montessori Academy-Peoria	5.0
15	Markyshiara Poole	unr.	Duke Ellington-Chicago	5.0
25	Christopher Grzezinski	unr.	St. Gilbert-Grayslake	4.0
27	Krista Volden	unr.	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	4.0
28	Joshua Hudson	623	Abraham Lincoln-Glen Ellyn	4.0
30	Aaron Damashak	unr.	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	4.0
42	Benjamin Newman	unr.	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	3.5
44	Aaron Barton	unr.	Bent School-Bloomington	3.5
46	Sally Decker	unr.	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	3.5
55	Maureen Thompson	296	St. Gilbert-Grayslake	3.0
64	Alex Kulicke	unr.	Oakland Elementary-Bloomington	2.5
66	Michael Galla	unr.	Galla III Island Lake	2.5
69	Natasha Rankin	unr.	Duke Ellington-Chicago	2.5
71	Justin Levin	unr.	Anshe Emet Day School-Chicago	2.5
76	Katherine Burling	343	Montessori Academy-Peoria	2.0
77	James Galla II	unr.	Galla III Island Lake	2.0
81	Adam Aydoner	unr.	Oakland Elementary-Bloomington	1.5

K3 Under 800 Standings

1	David Chodak	663	Lab School-Chicago	7.0
40	Steven Klink	unr.	Klink-Glen Ellyn	5.0
48	Jordan Cohen	614	Science & Arts Academy-Des Plaines	5.0
49	Brandon Hammoth	679	Rosenwald School-Chicago	5.0
55	Eugene Rasikin	unr.	Science & Arts Academy-Des Plaines	5.0
59	David A Thompson	737	St. Gilbert-Grayslake	5.0
66	Christopher Hudson	603	Abraham Lincoln-Glen Ellyn	5.0
78	Bryan A Benjamin	768	Tr-Valley Elementary-Bloomington	4.5
89	Robert Moschel	570	Science & Arts Academy-Des Plaines	4.5
94	Jeremiah A Cole	548	Montessori Academy-Peoria	4.5
96	Rishi Setni	595	Grove Avenue School-Barrington	4.5
97	Max Friedmann	694	Friedman-High and Park	4.5
98	Andy Pena	unr.	Rudy Lozano Branch Library-Chicago	4.5
103	Molly M Bundy	534	Montessori Academy-Peoria	4.5
113	Benjamin Ehrlich	372	Stevenson Elementary-Bloomington	4.0
123	Timothy Gaertner	unr.	St. Clare-Bloomington	4.0
126	Steffan W Brown	608	Lincoln Grade School-Washington	4.0
128	Tyler Willey	527	Tr-Valley Elementary-Bloomington	4.0
130	Erik M Rappa	564	St. Clare-Bloomington	4.0

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1998 National Elementary Chess Championship K3 Under 800 Standings (con't)

135	Frank M Welz	599	Christian Liberty-Skokie	4.0
147	Thomas R Elliott	667	Colene Hoosa-Bloomington	4.0
154	Luke Rodriguez	577	Glenn Elementary-Normal	4.0
166	Jacqueline Swindell	653	St. Gilbert-Grayslake	4.0
170	Michael T Arnett	645	Lincoln Grade School-Washington	4.0
171	Jason D Fricke	595	Oakland Elementary-Bloomington	4.0
177	James Morris	unr.	Village Elementary-Round Lakebeach	3.5
186	Matthew Musick	737	Oakland Elementary-Bloomington	3.5
190	Stephanie Mc Coy	582	Lincoln Grade School-Washington	3.5
193	Lauren Huebsch	unr.	St. Clare-Bloomington	3.5
196	Alan Newman	398	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	3.5
199	Eric M Knaf	490	St. Gilbert-Grayslake	3.5
206	Amy L Gill	693	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	3.5
208	Nicholas Minucci	272	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	3.5
209	David M Smith	511	Stevenson Elementary-Bloomington	3.5
214	Caroline Berger	422	Avery Coonley School-Downers Grove	3.5
223	Kyle Scott	664	Tri-Valley Elementary-Bloomington	3.0
234	Tiffany Chan	441	Kellar/Lindbergh-Peoria	3.0
236	Jackson Scott	unr.	Lincoln Grade School-Washington	3.0
244	Brandon Verwijst	461	St. Gilbert-Grayslake	3.0
246	Casey L Hoffman	533	Tri-Valley Elementary-Bloomington	3.0
249	Justin Bucsa	450	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	3.0
250	Fred Albrecht	unr.	Martin Luther King Elem-Rockford	3.0
254	Kevin Peterson	unr.	Tri-Valley Elementary-Bloomington	3.0
258	Ben Bradley	unr.	Martin Luther King Elem-Rockford	3.0
260	Matthew D Conway	487	Colene Hoosa-Bloomington	3.0
264	Amanda Schroeder	402	Kellar/Lindbergh-Peoria	3.0
266	Roman Robert Tomal	542	Franklin Elementary-Park Ridge	3.0
270	Paul Lanari	unr.	St. Clare-Bloomington	3.0
271	Patrick Adams	612	Tri-Valley Elementary-Bloomington	3.0
273	Jenna Weber	unr.	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	3.0
276	Nicholas C Henze	368	Lincoln Grade School-Washington	3.0
278	Samantha M Bundy	361	Montessori Academy-Peoria	3.0
281	George AB Coyne	unr.	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	3.0
283	Colin E Penn	309	Montessori Academy-Peoria	3.0
286	Matt Dejarid	unr.	Kellar/Lindbergh-Peoria	3.0
295	Jimmie Brzezinski	unr.	St. Gilbert-Grayslake	2.5
299	Andrew Lagouros	482	Montessori Academy-Peoria	2.5
306	Phillip Dejarid	51	Kellar/Lindbergh-Peoria	2.5
314	Karl Rickert	548	St. Gilbert-Grayslake	2.5
318	Tanner Smith	601	Tri-Valley Elementary-Bloomington	2.5
319	Ben Beiser	unr.	Montessori Academy-Peoria	2.5
320	Suzanne Hardesty	473	Montessori Academy-Peoria	2.5
326	Michael J Lieder	424	Stevenson Elementary-Bloomington	2.0
331	Anna Christianson	403	Tri-Valley Elementary-Bloomington	2.0
334	Brad Volder	472	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	2.0
336	Catrina M Green	408	St. Gilbert-Grayslake	2.0
339	David J Sinclair	382	Kellar/Lindbergh-Peoria	2.0
340	Cameron Norris	570	St. Thomas More-Chicago	2.0
341	William Strickland	345	Lincoln Grade School-Washington	2.0
350	Brian Levin	570	Anshe Emet Day School-Chicago	2.0
351	Cody Christianson	296	Tri-Valley Elementary-Bloomington	2.0
352	Michael Shapiro	unr.	Tri-Valley Elementary-Bloomington	2.0
353	Megan Smith	unr.	Tri-Valley Elementary-Bloomington	2.0
354	Nichole R Frscus	379	Stevenson Elementary-Bloomington	2.0
359	Tucker J Bachtold	302	Montessori Academy-Peoria	2.0
360	Christopher Metz	352	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	1.5
362	Rigel W Valentine	392	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	1.5
367	Christopher Cluver	512	Stevenson Elementary-Bloomington	1.5
368	Jordan Bucsa	86	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	1.5
371	Timothy Miller	unr.	Miller-Washington	1.5
374	Brett A Spurgeon	288	Lincoln Grade School-Washington	1.5
375	Carly Benjamin	196	Tri-Valley Elementary-Bloomington	1.5
378	Jeffery A Lott	269	Montessori Academy-Peoria	1.5
383	Nick Stevenson	unr.	St. Clare-Bloomington	1.0
385	Chris Lawerke	unr.	Village Elementary-Round Lakebeach	1.0
386	Robert Deatherage	114	Lincoln Grade School-Washington	1.0
390	Peter L Wallace	320	Tri-Valley Elementary-Bloomington	1.0
397	Krista Volder	unr.	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	0.0
402	Adam Sadur	588	Barnard Zell Anshe Emet-Chicago	0.0
408	Dave Brandon	unr.	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	0.0

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Above: Kindergarteners Daniel Judd, Bi-Cultural Day School, Stanford, CT and Joshua Tucker, Marcellus Elementary, Marcellus, NY.

Middle: Eric Rodriguez, Biscayne Elementary, Miami, FL and Teddy Coleman, Heathcote, Scarsdale, NY.

Below: Chief TD Ery Sedlock, hard at work. (Or is he holding up the building?)





Top and middle: Ken Sloan, a computer science professor at University of Alabama, verifies the win of kindergartener Natasha Rankin (Duke Ellington School, Chicago). Sloan has directed the kindergarten section of the National Elementary for the last several years.

Bottom: Daniel Gordon, Shelby School, Payson, AZ and Adam Malfese, The Browning School, New York City, NY,



1998 National Elementary Chess Championship K3 Standings

#	Name	Rtng	Team	Total
1	Eric Rodriguez	1435	Biscayne Elementary-Miami, FL	6.5
2	Noah Belcher	1260	Frog Hollow-Bloomington, NY	6.5
17	Jose A Rodriguez	1059	Lenart-Chicago	5.0
20	David Kassin	905	Barnard Zell Anshe Emet-Chicago	5.0
29	Ben Bronner	933	Solomon Schechter-Highland Park	5.0
32	Christian Nikolopoulos	973	Montessori Academy-Peoria	5.0
56	Jessica Doan	899	Lincolnwood School-Evanston	4.5
64	Willy Haffner	906	Montessori(Lake Forest)-Lake Bluff	4.0
75	Scott Schmidt	848	Bent School-Bloomington	4.0
81	Joshua Eeses	875	Wayne Thomas-Highland Park	4.0
89	Joshua E Baker	566	Barnard Zell Anshe Emet-Chicago	4.0
94	Jacob H Davis	692	Barnard Zell Anshe Emet-Chicago	4.0
103	Joshua Bauer	881	Ravina-Highland Park	3.5
109	Kyler Murlas	693	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	3.5
113	Benjamin Orloff	822	Barnard Zell Anshe Emet-Chicago	3.5
117	Todd Summers	756	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	3.5
141	Elliot Damashek	825	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	3.0
144	Adam Sadur	598	Barnard Zell Anshe Emet-Chicago	3.0
150	Patrick O'Leary	577	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	3.0
151	Lazar Ilic	unr.	Schiesher Elementary-Lisle	3.0
157	Aaron L Garriott	1400	Colene Hoose-Bloomington	3.0
167	Joshua T Jones	1384	Oakland Elementary-Bloomington	2.5
169	Eli O Kliejunes	674	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	2.5
178	Jared A Krantzler	536	Barnard Zell Anshe Emet-Chicago	2.0
181	Nicholas Salter	629	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	2.0
196	Corey Norris	727	St. Thomas More-Chicago	2.0
201	Jesse Lsternick	738	Barnard Zell Anshe Emet-Chicago	1.5
204	Cameron A Johnson	901	Washington School-Normal	1.5
212	Derek B Spanton	900	Colene Hoose-Bloomington	1.0
216	Ratan Koneru	unr.	Koneru-Bloomington	0.0

K5 Standings

#	Name	Rtng	Team	Total
1	Hikaru Nakamura	2044	Ridgeway School-White Plains, NY	6.5
2	Isaac Hagerling	1541	H.G.R.C.F.	6.5
3	Richard R Martin	1236	Highland-Trenton	6.5
14	Andrew Hubbard	1707	Abraham Lincoln Elem-Glen Ellyn	5.5
18	Warren Mc Cauley	1068	Oakland Elementary-Bloomington	5.5
62	Zack Beach	939	Martin Luther King Elem-Rockford	4.5
63	Mark Kieffer	1068	Governor French Acad'y-Belleville	4.5
67	Gregory Richardson	1234	Maplebrook Elementary-Naperville	4.5
79	Jason Duncan	1009	Maplebrook Elementary-Naperville	4.0
80	William Farguson	1190	St. Paul-Park Ridge	4.0
82	David Strand	1043	Bent School-Bloomington	4.0
83	Scott L Davis	905	Washington Grade Sch-Bloomington	4.0
87	Samuel Decker	1013	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	4.0
99	Andrew Carfang	821	Walker Elementary School-Evanston	4.0
108	Bennett Joseph	1029	St. Bernardine School-Chicago	4.0
126	Peter Soldato	885	Avery Coonley School-Downers Grove	4.0
134	Dayu Srinivasan	1003	Avery Coonley School-Downers Grove	3.5
136	Vyas Viswanathan	726	Dooley Elementary-Hoffman Estates	3.5
149	David Moosman	1039	Caveman Chess-Chicago	3.5
162	Matt Levine	863	Lincolnwood School-Evanston	3.0
175	Robert Flax	1000	Lincolnwood School-Evanston	3.0
177	Isaac Israilevich	814	Walker Elementary School-Evanston	3.0
178	Roger Billingsley	892	Avery Coonley School-Downers Grove	3.0
185	Alexander R Burt	983	Lincolnwood School-Evanston	3.0
189	Alex Banzhaf	919	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	3.0
194	Chad Hammond	unr.	Hemmond-Peking	3.0
197	Andrew Marshall	571	Walker Elementary School-Evanston	3.0
202	Danny Laspina	965	Avery Coonley School-Downers Grove	3.0
203	Veronica Metz	507	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	3.0
204	Patrick Kinsella	738	Avery Coonley School-Downers Grove	3.0
213	Shannon Burkhead	758	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	2.5
224	Andrew O'Callahan	672	Walker Elementary School-Evanston	2.5
231	Ben Simon	566	Walker Elementary School-Evanston	2.5
234	Jay Rodriguez	710	Glenn Elementary-Normal	2.0
242	Tim Fodor	697	Walker Elementary School-Evanston	2.0

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K5 Standings (con't)

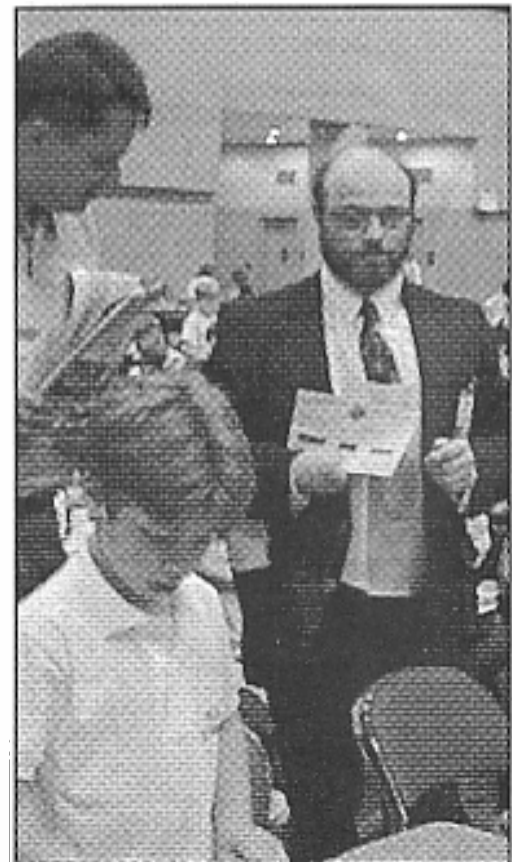
246	Dipanjot Singh	unr.	Walker Elementary School-Evanston	2.0
253	Isaac Elyacharschuster	877	Walker Elementary School-Evanston	2.0
258	Toby Barnes	unr.	Machesney Elem-Machesney Park	2.0
261	Clifford Walls	502	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	1.5
264	Michael Keeler	802	Walker Elementary School-Evanston	1.5
273	Elizabeth Fidel-Bagwell	unr.	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	1.0
274	Laurel Murphy	unr.	Dewey Elementary-Evanston	1.0
280	Kari Bippel	unr.	Lincoln School-East Peoria	1.0
284	Christopher Anderson	unr.	Lincoln School-East Peoria	0.0
285	Sarah Flavin	unr.	Walker Elementary School-Evanston	0.0
290	Chris Katsic	500	Lake Forest Interm-Lake Forest	0.0

K6 Under 900 Standings

#	Name	Rating	School	Total
1	Paul B Ewers	unr.	Roll	7.0
18	George Krasnopolskiy	unr.	Science & Arts Academy-Des Plaines	6.0
32	Vignesh Somasundaram	808	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	5.5
40	Matt Christiansen	856	Oakland Elementary-Bloomington	5.5
41	David E Kain	899	Martin Luther King Elem-Rockford	5.5
56	Justin Doyle	824	Benjamin-West Chicago	5.0
57	Paul Katsen	unr.	Deerfield Kipling-Deerfield	5.0
59	Louis C Joseph	810	Holy Trinity-Bloomington	5.0
94	Ben Hail	795	Glenn Elementary-Normal	5.0
112	Daniel Cohen	882	Science & Arts Academy-Des Plaines	4.5
115	Brett Spinner	536	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	4.5
117	John T Sutter	729	Bloomington Jr High-Bloomington	4.5
120	Lev Krasnopolskiy	unr.	Meridian Buffalo Grove	4.5
124	Mich Gordin	unr.	Chi Decatur Classical-Deerfield	4.5
136	Kyle Froehlich	779	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	4.5
141	Jim Horner	608	Colene Hoose-Bloomington	4.5
146	Rebecca Moschel	763	Science & Arts Academy-Des Plaines	4.5
149	Michael Segre	724	St. Thomas More-Chicago	4.5
152	Emily Kulicke	798	Oakland Elementary-Bloomington	4.5
157	Jami Walker	808	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	4.0
167	Matthew Willis	889	Kel ar/Lindbergh-Peoria	4.0
170	Lisa A Huebsch	658	Holy Trinity-Bloomington	4.0
172	Chad N Casarotto	754	Martin Luther King Elem-Rockford	4.0
181	Basil N kolopoulos	691	Father Sweeney-Peoria	4.0
185	Adam Heinemann	unr.	Martin Luther King Elem-Rockford	4.0
197	William Guedel	313	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	4.0
200	Michael Darrow	830	Holy Trinity-Bloomington	4.0
204	Randy Spanton	715	Colene Hoose-Bloomington	4.0
208	Luciano R Agrusa	808	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	4.0
215	Matthew Bova	816	Oakland Elementary-Bloomington	4.0
219	Jake Shane	868	Chatham-Springfield	4.0
225	Jack L Steinman	700	Oakland Elementary-Bloomington	4.0
231	Dammar Durbar	unr.	Duke Ellington-Chicago	4.0
239	Adam Klaege	888	Holy Trinity-Bloomington	4.0
246	Alex Ketay	704	Washington Gifted School-Peoria	4.0
247	Robert F Sutter	888	Bloomington Jr High-Bloomington	4.0
248	Tabrez T Mohammed	870	Oakland Elementary-Bloomington	4.0
251	Brian Martin	unr.	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	4.0
258	W Jamaal Johnson	822	Johnson-Evanston	4.0
265	Trevor P Stinson	729	Stinson	4.0
268	Billy Hardesty	686	Father Sweeney-Peoria	4.0
270	Colin W Lancaster	771	Bloomington Jr High-Bloomington	3.5
277	Drew T Penn	781	Father Sweeney-Peoria	3.5
288	Calvin Zhang	unr.	Martin Luther King Elem-Rockford	3.5
289	Julien Benfer	407	Benjamin-West Chicago	3.5
293	Derrick E Johnson	750	Johnson-Evanston	3.5
294	Mark R Jones	782	Oakland Elementary-Bloomington	3.5
295	Brian A Rappa	587	Holy Trinity Bloomington	3.5
296	Geoff Barnes	unr.	Martin Luther King Elem-Rockford	3.5
305	Jarryd Page	320	Martin Luther King Elem-Rockford	3.5
307	Steven T Miodoch	702	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	3.5
320	Ross Makulec	unr.	Martin Luther King Elem-Rockford	3.5
324	Shekita Summerville	unr.	Duke Ellington-Chicago	3.5
327	Kimberly Hamilton	679	Benjamin-West Chicago	3.5
334	Brian Luth	736	Maplebrook Elementary-Naperville	3.0
336	Satya P Modi	635	Martin Luther King Elem-Rockford	3.0



Floor staff—Blair Machaj (standing, above), and an unidentified staff member (right)—were provided with unfashionably ugly yellow pinnies, so that players could easily identify them. But Tim Just (below) managed to wear the horrible garment and still look dapper in coat and tie.

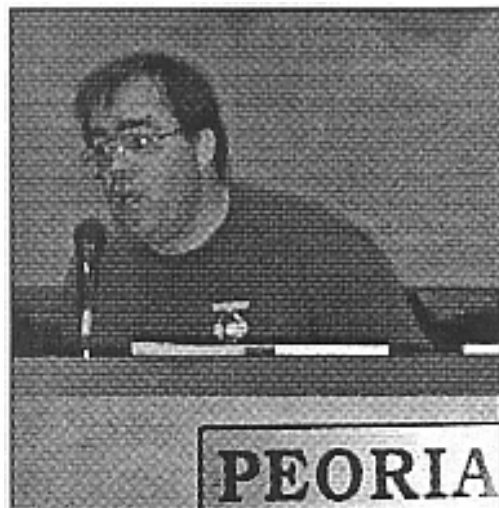




Top: The playing hall.

Middle: Richard Martin (Highland-Trenton, IL), rated 1236, scored 6.5, the same result as the section's top-rated player, Hikaru Nakamura, rated 2044.

Bottom: organizer Michael Leali.



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338	Beth Horner	638	Colene Hoose-Bloomington	3.0
347	Adam Heien	603	Father Sweeney-Peoria	3.0
355	Daniel T. Green	481	St. Gilbert-Grayslake	3.0
360	Vlad Bogdan	unr.	Duke Ellington-Chicago	3.0
361	Jorlathar Bucsa	810	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	3.0
369	Raul Avila	unr.	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	3.0
372	Adam Kevin Tiltos	585	Father Sweeney-Peoria	3.0
375	Dale Weber	669	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	3.0
376	Joseph V Aliotto	696	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	3.0
369	Ryan Fiscus	569	Bloomington Jr High-Bloomington	3.0
391	J P Roman	unr.	Martin Luther King Elem-Rockford	3.0
401	Christopher Jameson	730	Oakland Elementary-Bloomington	3.0
405	Brian J Temple	744	Washington Grade Sch-Bloomington	3.0
409	David W Robinson	681	Colene Hoose-Bloomington	3.0
411	Bronislaw Bechelo	538	Benjamin West Chicago	3.0
413	Zachary A Baker	660	Benjamin West Chicago	3.0
416	Daniel Rizzo	533	Benjamin West Chicago	3.0
422	Paul LaGours	871	Father Sweeney-Peoria	3.0
423	Steven M Thompson	636	St. Gilbert-Grayslake	3.0
430	Alicia Williams	unr.	Duke Ellington-Chicago	3.0
433	Stuart G Wallace	319	Tri-Valley Elementary-Bloomington	3.0
440	Michael Couillard	620	Colene Hoose-Bloomington	3.0
441	Eric Lindner	467	Benjamin West Chicago	2.5
442	Aaron Gross	706	Oakland Elementary-Bloomington	2.5
447	Ronnie Miller	466	Miller-Washington	2.5
448	Justin Grethey	384	Colene Hoose Bloomington	2.5
453	Ryan M O'Shanna	600	Franklin Elementary-Park Ridge	2.5
460	Matthew R Rickert	588	St. Gilbert-Grayslake	2.5
462	Frank E Calabrese	628	St. Gilbert-Grayslake	2.5
464	Peter M Smit	442	Princeville Grade Sch-Princeville	2.5
467	Patrick S Turner	631	Holy Trinity-Bloomington	2.5
470	Dustin Padman	736	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	2.5
471	Nick Grieco	706	Oakland Elementary-Bloomington	2.5
472	Justin Bayer	545	Oakland Elementary Bloomington	2.5
473	Jonathan Allen	unr.	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	2.5
478	Benjamin La Hood	unr.	Father Sweeney-Peoria	2.5
481	John Jones	488	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	2.5
482	Shawn Silsbee	512	Father Sweeney-Peoria	2.5
483	Luke Bland	520	Stevenson Elementary-Bloomington	2.5
492	Aaron M White	422	Oakland Elementary Bloomington	2.0
493	Naman Patel	604	Benjamin West Chicago	2.0
494	Gary M Froehlich	710	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	2.0
497	Jeffery Novak	617	Abraham Lincoln Elem-Glen Ellyn	2.0
499	Tariq Mohammed	634	Oakland Elementary-Bloomington	2.0
504	Heidi Ehrlich	220	Bloomington Jr High-Bloomington	2.0
517	Asher Meyers	unr.	Kipling-Deerfield	2.0
550	Seth P Baker	859	Stevenson Elementary-Bloomington	2.0
551	Richard Abel	unr.	Washington Gifted School-Peoria	2.0
552	Jessica Allen	192	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	1.5
554	Michael Ja Willis	867	Colene Hoose-Bloomington	1.5
555	Nicole Freeman	455	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	1.5
558	Garrett M Hoffman	351	Colene Hoose-Bloomington	1.5
561	Alexander Vill	391	Stevenson Elementary-Bloomington	1.5
563	Elizabeth Sinclair	unr.	Kellar/Lindbergh-Peoria	1.5
567	Joshua A Varvi	658	Father Sweeney-Peoria	1.5
569	Justin Bentler	unr.	Benjamin West Chicago	1.5
570	Bethany Fitch	unr.	Kellar/Lindbergh-Peoria	1.5
571	Janelle Fischer	unr.	Benjamin West Chicago	1.5
572	Ryan Thrush	unr.	Kellar/Lindbergh-Peoria	1.5
573	Jack A Henderson	865	Washington Gifted School-Peoria	1.5
574	Joffrey Bentler	194	Benjamin West Chicago	1.0
575	Ben Lebron	474	Washington Gifted School-Peoria	1.0
579	Cole S Bush	466	Holy Trinity-Bloomington	1.0
582	Michael Agostinelli	unr.	Kipling-Deerfield	1.0
590	Joshua Beakley	unr.	Father Sweeney-Peoria	1.0
591	Ashley Hall	332	Stevenson Elementary-Bloomington	1.0
593	Phoebe R Mc Henry	unr.	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	1.0
594	Patrick J Novak	870	Hedley Junior High-Glen Ellyn	1.0
601	Taylor Gyorkos	unr.	Martin Luther King Elem-Rockford	0.0
608	Patrick J Davis	596	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	0.0
611	Jonathan Davis	unr.	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	0.0
612	Christopher Cwik	unr.	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	0.0

Another Qualifying Battle

Steve Szpisjak dissects one of the wins which sent Florin Felecan to Hawaii where he later became the 1998 Denker Champion.

Florin Felecan
Bryan Gast
IL Denker Qualifier 1998

Notes by Steven Szpisjak

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.b3 Bg7
4.Bb2 d6 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 e5
7.d3 h6

There is no need to rush this move as White's queen bishop has already committed to a different diagonal. Other candidates are Nc6,

Qc7, and Rc8.
8.Nbd2 Nc6 9.c4 Bd7

9...Bc6 10.Bg4!? would place the bishop on a more active square and justify ...h6.

10.h3 a5 11.a3 Kh7 12.e4

This move solidifies the center, advertising a wing attack in the near future.

12...Ng8!

Black prepares for action on the same wing. The next few moves are

critical in terms of deciding who controls the tempo of the game.

13.Nh4 Nge7 14.f4 Qc8?

After 14...c6 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.gf f5!, with Nd4 and Nec6 to follow, Black would stand better: solidified kingside and better minor pieces.

15.f5 gxf5?

By maintaining the pawn tension and playing ...Bf6 immediately, Bryan would disallow Florin's Qh5 possibility and keep the struggle close to equality.

16.Nxf5 Nxf5 17.exf5 Bf6 18.Ne4
Qd8 19.Bc1! Rh8 20.Qh5 Kg7 21.Be3
Qc7 22.Rae1 Rg8 23.Kh2

Florin takes his time, sitting on his positional bind. He could double rooks on the king file now instead.

23...Rh7 24.Nc3 Qd8 25.Bd5 Be8

26.h4

Simpler is 26.Ne4.

26...Kh8 27.Rf2?

Again, Nc4 is the move.

27...Bg5!

Bryan finds the best tactical counter-chance in an inferior position.

28.f6 Bxf6?

A mistake so tragic that it inspires your annotator to re-read some Greek mythology—maybe Orpheus in the Underworld! Bryan Orpheus, suffering the tragic loss of his good position (Eurydice), goes through Hell and with one good musical move (27...Bg5!), gains the consent of Hades to return to a tenable position—only don't look back to blunders, as in the next move. After 28...Bxc3 29.Rxc3 Bd7, Black is slightly worse and Florin would be forced to show his 2500-plus technique to squeeze out a win. Bryan's move drops an exchange with a bad position to boot.

29.Be4 Rg6 30.Bxg6 f6g6 31.Qf3 Rf7
32.Qc4 Rg7?

32...Bg7 would merely prolong Bryan's fate.

33.Nd5 Be7 34.Bxh6 Rh7 35.Nxe7
Qxe7 36.Rf8+ 1-0

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#	Name	Rtg	Team	Total
1	Chaene Kingrey	1797	Piquette	6.5
2	Daniel Gordon	1875	Shilpa	6.5
4	Andrey Gorlin	1482	Skokie	6.0
11	Robert Riddle	1463	Franklin Elementary-Park Ridge	6.5
13	Mark Rckita	1225	Franklin Elementary-Park Ridge	5.5
18	Daniel Y Leung	1625	Franklin Elementary-Park Ridge	5.0
21	Brent Shadel	1055	Hadley Junior High-Glen Ellyn	5.0
26	Robert Rasmussen	1311	Franklin Elementary-Park Ridge	5.0
29	Matthew P Rolfs	1277	Bloomington Jr High-Bloomington	5.0
31	Daniel R Widing	1084	Franklin Elementary-Park Ridge	5.0
47	Andrew Friedman	1102	Central Elementary-Des Plaines	4.0
64	Benjamin R Hudson	1037	Hadley Junior High-Glen Ellyn	4.0
72	Darin J Mc Coy	908	Lincoln Grade School-Washington	4.0
83	Matthew Leali	1442	Father Sweeney-Deoria	4.0
84	Patrick J Novak	870	Hadley Junior High-Glen Ellyn	3.5
85	John G Piergalski	1096	Franklin Elementary-Park Ridge	3.5
87	Jusuf Pekovic	1046	Chute Middle School-Evanston	3.5
88	Paul L Fritsch	1029	Glenn Elementary-Normal	3.5
101	Edward B Mueller	949	Franklin Elementary-Park Ridge	3.0
102	Ryan Brewer	1025	Glenn Elementary-Normal	3.0
112	Kevin J Meyer	940	Chute Middle School-Evanston	3.0
125	James V Winkler	747	Lincoln Grade School-Washington	3.0
136	Ian Martin	900	MacArthur Chess-Hoffman Estates	3.0
144	William J Bielski	1120	Franklin Elementary-Park Ridge	2.5
149	Matthew W Olajos	795	Hadley Junior High-Glen Ellyn	2.5
153	Amelia J Townsend	837	Chute Middle School-Evanston	2.0
159	Peter J Koth	855	Lincoln Grade School-Washington	2.0
162	Robert O'Callahan	780	Chute Middle School-Evanston	2.0
170	David Phillips	696	Hadley Junior High-Glen Ellyn	1.5
172	Christina Beoney	203	Lincoln Grade School-Washington	1.0
174	Matthew Tho Astle	144	Lincoln Grade School-Washington	1.0
175	Eric Wong	458	Lincoln Grade School-Washington	1.0
176	Varun Koneru	unr.	Koneru-Bloomington	1.0
178	Abigale Elyacharschuster	247	Chute Middle School-Evanston	1.0
179	Nathaniel L Riehl	348	Lincoln Grade School-Washington	1.0
181	Drew M Voorhees	345	Lincoln Grade School-Washington	0.5
182	Jonathan Fisch	554	Chute Middle School-Evanston	0.0

MacArthur & Eisenhower: Chess Success, 1995-98

Story & Photos by Rich Whitman Chess Coach & MacArthur Teacher

In 1995 a group of fourth grade students at MacArthur School in Hoffman Estates showed exceptional ability not only in their schoolwork, but also in the game of chess. They went on to win the Illinois State Grade School Elementary Chess Championship in that year. They also had placed eleventh in the National High School Championship that year as ten year olds. In 1996 and 1997 they slipped a little and had to settle for second place to the awesome Caveman team coached by Kevin Bachler, *et al*. This same core group, now graduating from Eisenhower Jr. High (MacArthur's receiver school), have completed their most successful year of all. Riding on their coattails, the younger MacArthur team is also growing stronger.

This year on the weekend of February 28-March 1, the Jr. High team again captured the State Championship, but this time they broke a state record for the most number of points ever scored in a scholastic championship. Held in Rockford with over 700 players battling it out, Glenn Moore of Eisenhower earned the title of Co-champion in the Jr. High section.

Eisenhower clearly dominated three of the top four individual spots. Alan Rose took third place and Jeff Bucsa finished fourth. Jamil Walker, a MacArthur sixth grader, added the points to help break the record. Eisenhower's Jenny Minucci and Dustin Marik also padded the lead. In the elementary division (grades 4-5) at State, MacArthur tied for second as a team but took third on tie-breaks. They were led by Ian Martin, Luciano Agrusa, and Kyle Froehlich.

The National Elementary Championships were held in Peoria, April 24-



26. Out of 178 teams competing, MacArthur placed 16th, also having the honor of being the top team from Illinois in the Under 900 section. The team was led by Vignesh Somasundaram with five wins and a draw. Next highest was Kyle Froehlich with four wins and a draw. Scoring a solid four points were Jamil Walker, Luciano Agrusa, Billy Guedel, and Brett Spenner. Other high scorers included Steven Miodoch, Amy Gill, and Nick Minucci who won a trophy for "Biggest Upset." Also helping out were Ian Martin, Raul Avila, Brian Martin, Joey Aliotto, Dale Weber, Jenna Weber, Jonathan Allen, Jessica Allen, B.J. Jones, Brad Volden, Gary Froehlich, Dustin Radman, Nicole Freeman, Phoebe McHenry, and the Bucsas: Justin, Jonathan, and Jordan. Perhaps most amazing highlight of all, was Krista Volden's performance in the Kindergarten Section. Krista won second place in the nation!

To complete the year, MacArthur and Eisenhower flew to Phoenix to compete in the National Jr. High School



Top: Glenn Moore receives his state championship trophy. **Left:** MacArthur's third place elementary team: Jonathan Bucsa, Luciano Agrusa, Jonathan Davis, Stephanie Marik, Kyle Froehlich, Jessica Allen, and Nicole Freeman. **Bottom:** Jeff Bucsa, Alan Rose, Dustin Marik, Dustin Radman, Glenn Moore, Jenny Minucci, P.J. Davis.

Championship May 1-3. On the Thursday night before the tournament, the Eisenhower Generals (Rose, Bucsa, and Moore) all managed to place within the top ten in the National Speed Chess Championship. On Friday morning they began the three day journey through the gruelling seven-round National tournament. When the smoke cleared, Eisenhower jumped away with eighth place overall in the nation.

Eisenhower's leading scorer and highest rated player, Alan Rose, took 19th place individually, winning six out of seven games. Securing their fine position was also made possible by solid scores from Jeff Bucsa and Glenn Moore. And once again as they have in so many other events, Dustin Marik and

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Competition Tough at Chicago Open

by Matt Pullin

Rated at 1399, I might be expected to win the under 1400 class tournament at the 1998 Chicago Open, but you would be surprised at the difficult and challenging play of my opponents. I have been the beneficiary of many upsets in Scholastic chess, but at higher levels of play, upsets are fewer and farther between. This is because in chess, the higher you go the tougher the competition gets. This can be easily shown by the results of the Open: no player in any section (with the exception of Gary Jones in the unrated section) had a perfect score.

I played the 3-day schedule, because I am fond of the longer games, but

didn't have the whole four days available to spend playing chess at the Hyatt. I played a very solid tournament against extremely tough competition in my section. Many of my games were very similar in structure, but each of my opponents had a different style, which I had to adjust to in every round. Here are two of my most interesting games:

Jacqueline Guglielini (1317)

Matt Pullin (1399)

1998 Chicago Open, U1400 Section
Alekhine's Defense, Exchange Variation

Notes by Pullin

In this game, my opponent plays a very solid opening system. She comes

up with a very promising attack, sacrificing a pawn to establish a posted bishop on h6, threatening a possible mating net, but a sudden counterattack on the other end of the board upsets her plans.

1.c4 Nf6 2.c5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6
5.exd6 exd6 6.Be3 Be7 7.Bd3 O-O
8.Qc2 g6 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.Nbd2
Nc6 11.a3 Bf6 12.O-O d5 13.c5 Nc8
14.Rfe1 N8c7 15.Bh6 Re8 16.Qc3 Nf5
17.Rxe8+ Qxc8 18.Re1 Qd7 19.Ne5
Bxe5 20.Bxf5 Bxf5 21.dxe5 d4 22.Qg3
Re8 23.Bg5 Qd5 24.Bf6 Qxc5 25.Qh4
Nb8 26.Nf3 Nd7 27.b4 Qc3 28.g4
Nxf6 29.gxf5 Qxf3 30.Qxf6 Qxf5 0-1

Clark Guo (1278)

Matt Pullin (1399)

1998 Chicago Open, U1400 Section
Alekhine's Defense

In the last round, with five players tied for first with identical scores, I came up against the young Clark Guo, who had upset second seed Edward A. Campese in the previous round. In the opening, each side calmly waits for the other to castle, in order to begin an attack on the king. Clark cracks first, and

MacArthur & Eisenhower

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Jenny Minucci added extra points to bring the team up.

Jamil Walker led the way for MacArthur in the K-8 (Under 900 section) with four-and-a-half points. Kyle Froehlich followed with four, and key checkmates were obtained by Nick Minucci, Gary Froehlich, and Jonathan Bucsa. Although they did not place, we are still very proud of these students for their determination.

On behalf of MacArthur and Eisenhower School, we thank all of the chess players for their hard work and team spirit. The team was honored by the mayor at the Hoffman Estates village meeting on Monday, May 18. Our expert assistants Rodney Kinnaird, Les Bale, and Scott Silverman were also given recognition for the indispensable work they have done with the team.

Top left: Jenny Minucci. **Bottom left:** Eisenhower champs: Jenny Minucci, Jamil Walker, Glenn Moore, Jeff Bucsa, Alan Rose, and Dustin Mark. **Top right:** Jeff Bucsa with his father and coach. **Bottom right:** Krista Volden receives praise from coach Whitman.



Chicago Public School Chess: Academic Year-End Review

Story by Tom Larson, Photos by Roy Fryc

The 1997-98 school year marked the 75th anniversary of chess in Chicago Public Schools (CPS). During 1997-98 over 150 schools in Chicago supported chess. More than 60 elementary, middle, and high schools had before or after school chess while 55 elementary and 32 high schools supported competitive chess teams. Duke Ellington Elementary School and Bowen High School attended the 1998 National Championships.

Marshall HS won the first CPS Chess Championships in December 1923; but there was scholastic chess being played during the 1922-23 school year. Hyde Park Academy was active in the beginning of inter-scholastic chess competition. Since 1922, Hyde Park Academy has been a powerhouse of chess, city champs for 21 years, and second place for 5 years, out of the last 74 years. Whitney Young successfully defended their city title this year.

A three-on-three chess tournament and clinic held at Kennedy-King College on October 13, 1997. Twenty-one elementary schools and 14 high schools participated, sending 189 students. Three-time Illinois Champion Richard Verber provided instruction. State representative Constance Howard, Dr. J.W. Smith of CPS, and Vernon Jarrett presented the awards. The event was reported in the Chicago Defender.

On March 7, 1998 at Michelle Clark Middle School, we hosted our first CPS Elementary K-8 Chess Team Championship. Thanks to James Fagan's suggestion, we were able to run a successful championship. We develop a new Tournament format—Quad Round Robin. (CPS Quick Chess Quad Round Robin Championships and continued on page 45)

Chicago Open

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then tries to block the attack, but runs into 12...Nd4!! and loses material. But one common characteristic of junior players I have noticed is that they are not easily discouraged, and often play until mate! Even a piece for two pawns down, Clark hangs tough through the ending, and he resigns only when I had achieved a forced win.

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.exd5 Nxd5 4.Bc4

Nb6 5.Bb3 Nc6 6.d3 Bf5 7.Nf3 e6 8.h3
Be7 9.Bd2 Bf6 10.O-O h5 11.Qc1 Rg8
12.Bg5 Nd4 !! 13.Nxd4 Bxg5 14.Nxe6
Bxe6 15.Qc1 Qc7 16.Bxc6 Qxe6
17.Qxe6 fxe6 18.Rf1 Kd7 19.Re5 Bf6
20.Rxh5 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Nd5 22.c4 Nb4
23.Rb5 Nxc2 24.Rc1 Nd4 25.Re5 Nc6
26.Rc3 b6 27.Rc1 Nd4 28.Rc4 c5
29.Re5 Raf8 30.a4 Rf5 31.Rc4 Rg8
32.f3 Rf4 33.Kf2 Rxe4 34.Rxe4
a6 35.Re5 Rf5 36.Rxf5 exf5 37.Ke3 g5
38.g3 Ke6 39.f4 gxf4+40.gxf4 Kf6 0-1



CPS kindergarten winners at the National Elementary tournament from Duke Ellington Elementary School: Joseph Rankin, 5th place (left); Markyshiara Poole, 15th place.

Bucsa Ties for 1st in Chicago Open (Under 1400 Section) Moore splits third place prize

Over the Memorial Day weekend Eisenhower's Jeff Bucsa, an eighth grader, split the \$6000 first place prize, netting himself \$3000 in the Chicago Open Under 1400 section held in Oakbrook, Illinois. Glenn Moore, also in eighth grade at Eisenhower, split the third place prize netting close to \$1000. Alan Rose, Eisenhower's highest rated player, competed in the Under 1600 section but did not win prize money. All three now play regularly at the wonderful St. Charles Chess Club on Thursday nights. They will be attending Hoffman Estates High School next year and hope to start a chess club there.

—Rich Whitman

The h3-pawn will fall, since the White king cannot allow Black's knight to come to e2. A sample finish would be: 41.Kf2 Kg6 42.Kg3 Ne2+ 43.Kf3 Nc3 and Black wins.

While I was thrilled to come away with a win in my class at the Chicago Open, I also came away with a healthy respect for players rated lower than me. A player's rating is a good clue to how he or she will perform in competition, but you never know for sure.



1998 NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC K-12 GRADE CHAMPIONSHIPS

December 4-6, 1998 Oak Brook, Illinois

Oak Brook Hyatt Regency 1909 Spring Road Oak Brook, IL 60523 (630) 573-1234

Tournament Format

6 Round Swiss System team/individual in 13 sections by grade. You play only in your grade. Team score in each grade is total of top 3 finishers from same school.

Time Control: Game/90.

Trophies

Top 10 players in each grade

Top 5 teams in each grade.

Top class C in grades 10-12

Top class D in grades 7-12

Top class E in grades 4-12

Top 111000 and invited in all grades.

Place trophies take precedence over class trophies. The first place player and team will be recognized in the National Championships for their grade.

Registration

\$25 per player if mailed by 11/13

\$40 if mailed by 11/25

\$50 later. Do not mail after 11/29

USCF Membership is required and must be current. You may pay USCF membership with your entry.

Advance entries must include player's name and all fees to be accepted. Last name, address, grade, school (even if no team), birthdate, USCF ID number, USCF expiration (enclose USCF card if necessary) and rating.

Mail Entries to K12 Grade Championships, PO Box 157, Morton Grove, IL 60053. **Make Checks payable to USCF.**

To enter by phone call 1-800-388-KING

Register online or download entry form for printing at <http://www.64.com/ica/k12/>

All entries will be confirmed and posted on the web site.

There will be no opportunity to register on-site.

Check-in

Thursday 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. & Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Schedule

Opening Ceremony 6:30 p.m. Friday

Rounds

Friday 7 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m., 2 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Sunday 8 a.m. & 12 noon.

Awards Ceremony 3:30 p.m. Sunday

Coaches/Parents Meetings

5 p.m. Friday & 12:30 p.m. Sunday

Side Events

Speed Tournament: 12/4 at 9:30 am. I.D. \$10 with advance entry, \$15 on-site

Highhouse Tournament: 12/4 at 1 pm. I.D. \$20 per 2-player team (must specify players) with advance entry, \$30 for teams hosted on-site

Housing and Travel

The Hotel rate is \$79/night. 1 night deposit required.

For other hotel and on the discounts contact **Classic Travel** at 1-800-486-6100 or (630) 980-7900 weekdays. **United Airlines**, an official airline, offers discounts on all published fares booked with Classic Travel. Other airline discounts are also available.

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Mail: K12 Chess, PO Box 157, Morton Grove, IL 60053

Online: Alan Linsaff.com or www.64.com/ica/k12/

Co-Sponsored by the Illinois Chess Association, The US Chess Federation and the Mid-America Chess Association. The Illinois Chess Coaches Association (high school) and Co-Chess (elementary school) are also participating.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the NASSSP National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 1998-99.



DON'T MISS THIS EXCITING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!

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Clinic Format began as well as CPS Chess Trek.)

Bowen HS Chess Team, 97-98 ICA Frosh/Sophomore Champion, traveled to Los Angeles last May for the 1998 National High School Championship. Even though the players could have played in a lower section, they were not afraid to play in the OPEN Section.

Duke Ellington Elementary School sent two chess teams to Peoria for the 1998 National Elementary K-6 Championship - Primary Division, Kindergarten Section, and Grade 6 team in the Elementary, Grade 6 under 900 section.

The David MacDonald Foundation, Washington DC, and Baker & McKenzie

Law Firm sponsored our first CPS Scholastic Most Valuable Chess Player Championship and Banquet at the Ramada Inn Lake Shore on April 2, 1998 (see article in the previous Square One section of the ICB).

Vernon Jarrett with Paul Vallas, CPS CEO, and Dr. J.W. Smith, began our summer chess program, July 1996.

From June 27 to July 31, we will be hosting these camps at Hyde Park Academy, Farren Fine Arts School, and at Duke Ellington Elementary School. During the five weeks of chess, the students will be preparing for the 1998 National Scholastic K-12 Grade Chess Championship in Oak Brook, Illinois.

In cooperation with Tuley Park Chess Club, we will be developing students as chess tutors and officials. In the morning, the students will receive lessons from Sam Ford, and then they will gain experience playing in the Quick Chess Tournament.

During the 1998-99 School Year—the 76th Scholastic Chess Season in Chicago—we will be hosting two seasons. During the fall, CPS All Grade K-12 Individual Development Season will be operating a new format of chess competition: regional inter-conference CPS Chess Trek tournaments and clinics. When winter 98-99 begins, our 75th High School Team Season will begin. ♞

1998 CPS Chess Playoff Individual Results

Primary Division

MVP

Eric Stahl-Davis
Inter-American

Best Players

Jevon Stankbock - Jordan
Quinta Gibson - Ellington
Charles Bailey - M.Shendan
Alex Osequera - Jordan
Brandon Hammothe - Rosenwald
Freddy Brown - Jordan
Colin Schwartz - Newberry

Intermediate Division

MVP

Michael Gordon - Decatur

Best Players

Andves Bell - Ellington
Kara Lujan - Inter-American
Louis Jackson - Ellington
Bryon Range - M.Clark

Junior High Division

MVP

Johnnie Williams - M.Clark

Best Players

Ayena Williams - Ellington

These photos by Roy Frye are some of the winners at the 1997 CPS Primary Chess Championships.



Ulixes Ortega
1st Place, 4th grade



Alexandra Rodriguez
3rd place, K1



Scott Steiner
2nd Place, 2nd grade



Jose Rodriguez
1st Place, 3rd grade



Thomas Clendon
1st Place, 2nd grade



Eric Stall-Davis
2nd Place, 4th grade



Travis Tucker
2nd Place, 3rd grade

King over the Water

Short Wins British Championship

The first of a series of articles covering recent chess developments in Europe

By FM Stephen Berry

As the Western economies grow ever wealthier, more and more money is being channelled into indoor and outdoor sports. Chess in Britain has been a clear beneficiary of this process. Twenty-five years ago there were a handful of chess professionals eking out a parlous existence; in 1998 there must be at least two dozen players who make a living from the game, and some of them are doing quite nicely thank you.

Starting in 1997 the British Championship attracted sponsorship of over £100,000 from the brokers Smith and Williamson to be spread over a five year period. A first prize of £10,000 enticed virtually all the strong British players in the first year (only Nigel Short was missing). Eventually the 1997 title was shared between Michael Adams and Matthew Sadler who along with Short compose the leading triumvirate of English players.

Adams (2715) is the first British player to break through the magic 2700 Elo

barrier and must be considered as having a good chance of going the whole way in the World Championship Cycle. He has immense natural talent, but a reputation for being rather lazy.

A fearsome player with White, his results with Black are his Achilles heel.

Sadler (2660) is studious, well-prepared, and has immense concentration at the board. In the last Hastings

In 1997 the British Championship attracted sponsorship of over £100,000. A first prize of £10,000 enticed virtually all the strong British players.

Even so, only Anand (currently second in the world) was able to stop him from playing Karpov in the final of the FIDE eliminator in Holland earlier this year.

Short (2670)—the long-time English Number One—was the first British player to compete for the World Championship in the 20th century. Unfortunately, he was outclassed by Kasparov in their match in London 1993 and went into decline.

Recently he has returned to something like his best

tournament he won a game on the black side of the Sicilian Najdorf by introducing a lethal novelty on move 31!

Speelman, Nunn, Miles, Hebden, and Hodgson are all grandmasters who hover around the 2600 Elo mark, but must be regarded—for the time being—as in the second string of British players.

Here is Sadler's demolition of Jonathan Mestel in the 1997 British Championship. (Mestel was one of the leading British players in the decade 1975-85 but has settled for the life of a Mathematics Don at Cambridge.)

This game demonstrates graphically how Sadler's preparation easily demolishes a grandmaster over 2500.

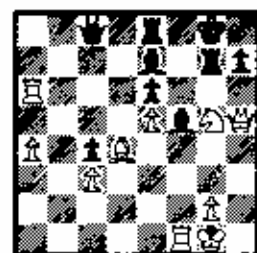
Matthew Sadler
Jonathan Mestel
British Championship 1997

Notes by Stephen Berry

1.d4 d6 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6
4.f4 g6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be3
b6 7.Qd2 c5 8.d5 a6

Sadler is normally a Queens Pawn player, but happily switches to the Austrian attack against the Pirc. He has fashioned the 6.Be3 line into a fearsome weapon. A few months later 'Gentleman Jim' Plaskett tried 8...Nbd7 against Sadler at Hastings. The following game of fluctuating fortunes with a quite brilliant finish was the result:

9.h3? (9.a4! Sadler)
9...Rb8 10.Bb5 a6 11.Bxd7
Qxd7 12.c5 Nc8 13.0-0 Bb7
14.Rad1 Nc7 15.a3 Rbd8
16.b4 Qc8 17.Qf2 Qa8 18.bc
dc 19.Rb1 Nxd5 20.Nxd5
Bxd5 21.Rxb6 c4 22.Bc5 Rd7
23.c3 Rb8 24.Rfb1 Rbd8
25.Bd4 e6 26.h4 Bf8 27.a4
Bc6 28.h5 gh 29.f5 Be4! 30.fe
fe 31.Rf1 Bf5 32.Ng5 Re8?
(32...Qd5! Sadler) 33.Qh4
Rg7 34.Qxh5 Be7? (34
...Rd8) 35.Rxa6 Qc8



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Stephen Berry, a FIDE Master, has written extensively on chess in both British and German magazines and edited numerous books. He is active in the fields of computing and international property speculation. A keen tennis player, he resides in Wimbledon, England.

The Low-Down on the 1998 U.S. Blind Chess Championship

Story and photos
by Tim Just

Alex Barrasso has won four U.S. Blind Championships in seven years. His three-peat championship gold run started in 1996 and became a reality in Primm, Nevada in 1998. While this year's wall chart listed no ex-champs, like Illinois own Al Sandrin or Donald Walhout, to challenge Barrasso, the top of the chart was occupied by the highest rated active blind player in the United States, Texan Jeff Siebrandt and his 2000 rating. Going into the last round Barrasso (1720), who accumulated 3 points in 3 rounds, essayed the black pieces VS Siebrandt's perfect 2.5 score. Jeff suffered a half point game in round 2 at the hands of Al Pietrolungo (1459), who finished the event undefeated. The big Texan could spoil Alex's championship 3-peat run by marshaling the white pieces to make his lower rated opponent cry uncle. In the end big ratings and statistics proved nothing. Alex Barrasso's championship form draw proved everything. Congratulations Alex.

The ICA-Illinois Connection

Fred Gruenberg found the site. Helen Warren, Jim Warren, and the ICA contributed funding. Tim Just organized and directed the event. The ICA and Vince Berry offered to help fund travel expenses for any blind Illinois players attending the tournament.

Games

Henry Olynki-Alex Barrasso
1998 US Blind Ch, Primm NV

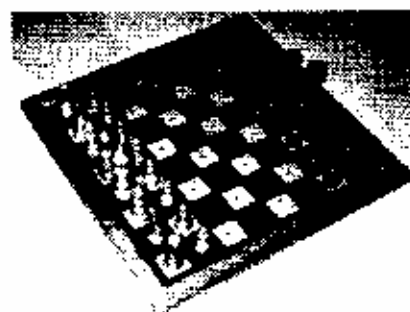
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Bb4+ 4.Nc3
c5 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 d5 7.0-0 Bc3 8.bc3
Qc7 9.Re1 cd4 10.cd5 dc3 11.d6 Qa5
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Winners at the 1998 U.S. Blind Chess Championship

A Summary of Blind Chess

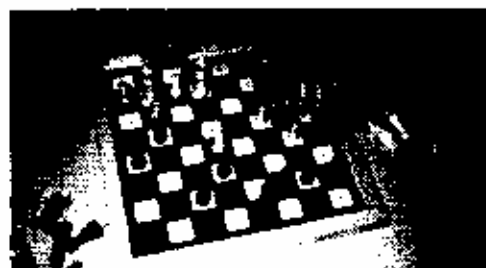
- There are usually two chessboards at each game. Most blind chess players each use their own individual set and board.
- Blind players use a chessboard with raised and lowered squares instead of dark and light squares.
- Light and dark chessmen can be distinguished by their tops. The light pieces look normal. The dark ones have a small rivet on top.
- Each chess piece is secured to the board with a peg.
- Blind players may touch all of the pieces.
- Only when a pegged piece leaves its hole, it is considered touched.
- Some blind players have just enough vision



to use a regular, very well lighted chessboard and men. These players are legally but not totally blind.

- Players must announce their move aloud. Their opponent must repeat the move aloud. The clock is punched.
- Players can ask questions regarding clock times for both players.
- Players are allowed to take notation in a variety of ways including braille and electronic methods.

Top: A chessboard for the blind, with raised and lower squares with pegs for the pieces. Left: Blind chess analysis.



King over the Water

Short Wins British

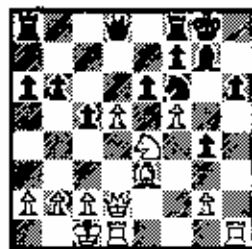
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36.Rxf5! cf 37.Nxh7!! Qxa6 (37...Rxb7 38.Rg6+ Rg7 39.Rxg7+ Kxg7 40.e6+ Bf6 41.Qg5+ wins) 38.Nf6+ Bxf6 39.Qxe8+ Kxh7 40.exf6 and Black's flag fell in this totally lost position. 9.e5 Nfd7 10.h4!

Sadler whips up a venomous attack by simply advancing the h-pawn. 9... Ng4 may have been better. 10...dc 11.h5 c4 12.Ng5 gh 13.Nxc4

13...Bxb2 fiddles while Rome burns. White plays 14.Qd1 or e2 Bxa1 15.Qxh5 with unstoppable threats. 13...Nf6 14.0-0-0 Bg4 15.Be2 Nbd7 16.Ng3 h6 17.N5e4 e6 18.Bxg4 hxg4 19.f5!

If 19...ed 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 and 22.Bxg7 is curtains for Black. 19...Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Nf6



Mestel hopes for 21.Nxf6+? Qxf6 and Black escapes.

21.Bxb6! Nxe4 22.Bxg7! Nxd2

If 22...Qg5 23.f6 is convincing enough. 23.f6 Resigns

1998 Championship

The 1998 British Championship held in Torquay, turned into a race between Sadler and Short. With two rounds to go both players had 7.5 out of 9. Short, having defeated Speelman sur-

prisingly easily in round 9, faced the Indian Thipsay. Sadler was playing Mark Hebden, the most successful player on the British weekend open circuit. Whilst Short ground down his opponent in 65 moves, Sadler and Hebden served up the following game.

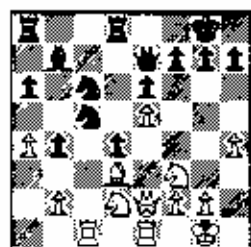
Mark Hebden
Matthew Sadler

British Championship 1998

Notes by Stephen Berry

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.c3 c6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.0-0 a6 7.e4 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.Re1 cd 10.a4 b4 11.e5 Nfd7 12.Bg5 Be7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nbd2 Nc6 15.Rc1 0-0 16.h4 Rfd8 17.Qe2 Nc5

Sadler's main defence against 1.d4 is the Queens Gambit Accepted and he has a very impressive record with it. Here he is a pawn up with the better position so Hebden decides to act.



18.Bxb7+!

The Greek Gift is one of the oldest themes in chess. Sadler had evidently decided he could accept the sacrifice when he played 17...Nc5. My first thought is that the sacrifice suffices for a draw—but no more.

18...Kxh7 19 Ng5+ Kh6

Forced: Black must prevent Qh5 by White.

20.Rxc5! Qxc5 21.Nxf7+ Kg6 22.Nd6!!

White could have tried 22.Nc4 Qe7 23.Neg5 threatening mate in two. 23...Rh8 24.h5- Rxb5 25.Qe4 mate is no help, but Black could play 23...Qxf7 24.Nxf7 Kxf7 when he still has the advantage.

22...Rxd6! 23.ed Qf5

24.Ne4 Rh8 25.g4 Qd5 26.h5+ Kf7

If 26...Kh7? 27.Qd3 Kg8 28.Nf6+ gf 29.Qg6+ Kf8 30.Qxf6+ Kg8 31.Rxe6 wins.

27.Ng5+ Kf6

None of the alternatives are particularly appealing:

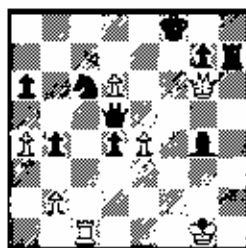
27...Qxg5?? 28.Qxc6+ Kf8 29.Qe8 mate.

27...Kg8 28.Qxe6+ Qxe6 29.Rxe6 Kf8 30.d7 wins.

27...Ke8 28.Qxe6+ Qxe6 29.Nxe6. 28.Qd2?

Hebden had obviously decided to play the whole game *fortissima*, but here he goes too far. 28 Ne4+ repeating moves would have been prudent.

28...c5! 29.Nc4+ Kf7 30.Qg5 Bc8 31.Qg6+ Kf8 32.Ng5 Bxg4 33.Rc1 Rxb5 34.f3 e4 35.Nh7+ Rxb7 36.fc



Over the last few moves

the White position has simply collapsed. But out of the wreckage Hebden conjures one last threat, and it fools a 2660 grandmaster. A lesson to us all.

36...Qc5??

Sadler wants to play...Qg3+. If 37.Qxg4 Qh2+ would win nicely. But...

37.Rf1+

was an unpleasant surprise. 37...Kg8 38.Qf7+ forces mate so Sadler resigned.

For the record, from the diagram, 36...Qh5 would win. 37.Qxh5 Rxb5 38.Rxc6 wins back a piece which Black can easily afford to return. 38...d3 (for instance) would then win comfortably.

But this was not the end of the excitement. The last round draw saw Miles versus Short and Sadler versus Wells with Short only needing a draw for the title. Whilst Sadler won, Short found himself ground down by his old rival Miles in a rook ending. With both Short and Sadler now on 8.5 out of 11, this meant they had endure a play-off for the title on the next day. The format was two rapid play games of 30 minutes each plus 30 seconds per move. If that match had been tied, they would have played a series of 10 minutes games with an extra 10 seconds per move until one of them dropped.

Mercifully, after one draw Short won the second rapid play game and is therefore the 1998 British Champion.



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12.a4 e5 13.c4 Bd7 14.Bc2 b5 15.Nc5 b4 16.Nd7 Nfd7 17.f4 Nc5 18.e5 Nbd7 19.Bc3 Rab8 20.Rb1 Rfe8 21.Bf2 Qd8 22.Rc3 Rc6 23.Qd5 Qe8 24.Rh3 Nb7 25.Bh7+ Kf8 26.Bi5 Rh6 27.Rh6 gh6 28.e6 fe6 29.Be6 Qg6 30.f5 Qg5 31.Bd7 c2 32.Qd3 c1Q+ 33.Rc1 Qc1+ 34.Qf1 Qf1+ 35.Kf1 Nd6 36.Be5 Kc7 37.Bb5 a5 38.Kc2 Rc8 39.Bb6 Nb5 40.ab5 Rb8 41.Ba5 Rb5 42.Bc7 b3 0-1

Jeff Siebrandt- Al Pietrotungo
1998 US Blind Ch, Primm NV

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 de4 4.Ne4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Bf6 Nf6 8.Bd3 Bd7 9.c3 Bc6 10.Qc2 Ne4 11.Be4 Be4 12.Qc4 Qd5 13.Qe2 0-0-0 14.0-0 Bf6 15.c4 Qh5 16.Rfd1 g5 17.b4 g4 18.Ne5 Be5 19.de5 Qf5 20.g3 Rd1+ 21.Rd1 Rd8 22.Rd8+ Kd8 23.b5 h5 24.a4 Qb1+ 25.Kg2 Qb3 26.a5 Qa3 27.h3 gh3+ 28.Kh3 Qa5 29.Qh5 Ke8 30.Qh8+ Kc7 31.Qc8 Qb6 32.f4 c6 33.c5 Qb5 34.Qc7+ Kf8 35.Qd8+ 1/2-1/2

Alex Barrasso-Jay Leventhal
1998 US Blind Ch, Primm NV

1.e4 e5 2.d4 ed4 3.c3 dc3 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.0-0 e6 8.Qc2 Be7 9.Rd1 Nd7 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Bd6 Bd6 12.Rd6 Qe7 13.Rad1 a6 14.e5 Rd8 15.Qd2 Ncb8 16.Qf4 Re8 17.Qg4 Nf8 18.Bd3 Nbd7 19.Qg3 b5 20.Rd4 f6 21.Nc4 Ne5 22.Ne5 fe5 23.Qe5 Bd7 24.Qh5 Qf7 25.Qh4 Ng6 26.Qh5 Rf8 27.Rd7 Qd7 28.Ng5 Rfe8 29.Bg6 hg6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Rd7 Re7 32.Qh8# 1-0

Jeff Siebrandt-Alex Barrasso
1998 US Blind Ch, Primm NV

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 ed4 6.e5 d5 7.Bb5 Ne4 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Bc6 bc6 10.Bc3 Bb6 11.Nd2 Nd2 12.Qd2 h6 13.c3 Qe7 14.Rfc1 0-0 15.f3 1/2-1/2

Wall Chart

Names	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	rtg	state	cum. score
1 JEFF SIEBRANDT	B6	W4	B5	W2	2039	TX	1.0 1.5 2.5 3.0
2 ALEX BARRASSO	W7	B5	W3	B1	1720	NY	1.0 2.0 3.0 3.5
3 JAY LEVENTHAL	B8	W11	B7	W4	1686	NY	1.0 2.0 2.0 2.5
4 AL PIETROTUNGO	W9	B1	W6	B3	1459	ME	1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5
5 HENRY OLYNIK	B10	W2	W1	B11	1431	NY	1.0 1.0 1.0 2.0
6 HENRY SCHMIT	W1	B7	B4	W8	1384	CA	0.0 1.0 1.5 2.0
7 JAMES R HART	B2	W6	bye	B10	1239	IN	0.0 0.0 1.0 1.0
8 RICHARD MCSTRAW	W3	B9	W10	B6	1167	OH	0.0 1.0 2.0 2.5
9 CRISTA EARL	B4	W8	B11	bye	1042	NY	0.0 0.0 1.0 2.0
10 ALLEN BETTS	W5	bye	B8	?	848	OH	0.0 1.0 1.0 2.0
11 ROCK MILLER	bye	B3	W9	W5	748	CA	1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0

Left: Richard McStraw. Below: Tim Just. Right: Henry Olynik



Top: The final round. Bottom: The tournament site.

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- ▶ Report the game results AND turn in both copies of the duplicate score sheet with the results clearly marked.
- ▶ Help players move about the tournament room and the note upon request



Midway Amateur Games

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White should at least hold a draw).

21...Bf3 22.Bb6

Desperation! I don't want to go down to an endgame with four pawns against my piece.

22...Rd4 23.Qh2 Bxd5?

Kevin should have played 23...Bh8! saving his dark-squared bishop and maintaining pressure. My rook on h1 isn't going anywhere.

24.Bxg7 Bxh1 25.Bxc5 Re4?!

Black should play 25...Be6.

26.Qxh7!!

A well timed queen sac. Mate cannot be avoided. 1-0

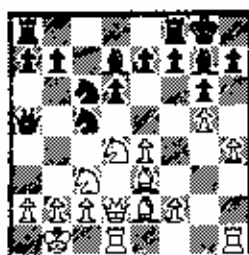
Rico Salimbagat is a Filipino player now residing in Chicago. He topped the Under-2200 section, of the 1998 World Open in Philadelphia and tied for second at the Midway Amateur.

Rico Salimbagat (2176)
Scott Haubrich (2049)
Midway Amateur Class

Notes by Salimbagat

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.Bc3 0-0 8.g4 Nc6 9.g5 Nd7 10.h4 Qa5 11.Qd2 Nc5

12.0-0-0 Bd7 13.Kb1!



Moving my king first into safety before Black creates the attack after 14...Rc8!

13...Rf8! 14.h5 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Nc6 17.Qd3 Nf4 18.Qg3!

Here black can offer a sacrifice with 18...Rc3, but the correct response is 14.Qf4, so...

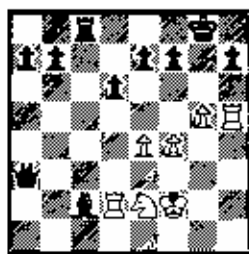
18...Nxc2 19.Nxc2 Be6 20.b3

The only move.

20...gxh5 21.Rxh5 Rxc2 22.Kxc2 Qxa2+ 23.Kd3 Rc8 24.Ke3 Bxb3 25.Rd2 Be2 26.f4!

Now it's my turn!

26...Qa5 27.Qh3 Qc5+ 28.Kf3 Qa3+ 29.Kf2



29...Qc5+

Black knew that exchanging the queen with 29...Qxh3 is not good.

30.Ke1 Bxe4 31.g6!! Qc4 32.Rxh7 1-0

Bryan Gast (2076)
Rico Salimbagat (2176)
Midway Amateur Class

Notes by Salimbagat

Chess, I say, is a combination of science and art. Science, because you have to calculate an exact variation to arrive at a better position; art, from knowing how to anticipate the opponent's attack and defense.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5!?

An interesting move that leads the game into complications.

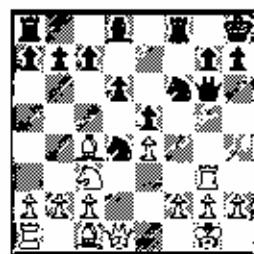
4.d3 Nf6

Here, Black is sacrificing a pawn, but White doesn't have the stomach to eat it! Instead...

5.0-0 fxe4 6.dxe4 d6 7.Nc3 Be7 8.Re1 0-0 9.Bc4+ Kh8 10.Ng5 Qc8 11.Ne6 Bxc6 12.Bxc6 Bd8 13.Bc4

White gives Black a tempo.

13...Qg6 14.Re3 Nd4 15.Rg3



15...Qh5!

Here, if 16...Qxh5 Nxh5 17.Rh3 Nf4 18.Bxf4 Rxf4 19.Bd3 e6 and Black is slightly better with a continuing threat to 20...Bb6 and 21...Rf8.

16.Qd3 Ng4 17.Rh3 Bh4 18.g3?!

18.Be3 is likely better.

Tim Just's Rulebook Tactics

- ✓ "Based On" prize funds greater than \$500 must pay out at least 50% of the advertised prizes (Rule 32C4).
- ✓ Checkmate immediately stops the clock and ends the game (Rule 13A).
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Class D/E winners from the Midway Amateur Class (Left to right) Jim Burnett, Vlad Vilenchik, Mike Wishner, Harold Kung, Fabian Ramos, and Alex Poltorak. Not pictured: Jeff Waldron.

18...Nf3+ 19.Kf1
Ngxh2+ 20.Kg2 Ne1+
21.Kxh2 Rxf2+ 22.Kg1
Nxd3 0-1

Before Salimbagat beat Gast, he lost to him in the first round. Then he re-entered and was paired against Gast again. Here is Bryan's win.

Rico Salimbagat (2176)
Bryan Gast (2076)
1998 Midway Amateur
Round 1, Board 1

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4
exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6
bxc6 6.Bd3 d5 7.e5 Ng4
8.Bf4 Bc5 9.0-0 g5
10.Bd2 h5 11.b4 Bb6
12.h3 Nxf2 13.Rxf2 g4
14.Kf1 Bxf2 15.Kxf2
gxh3 16.g3 Bg4 17.Be2
h4 18.Bf4 hxg3+ Bxg3
Bxe2 20.Kxc2 h2 0-1

Now Joe Cima annotates two spirited games in a tournament that had no lack of creativity.

Chuck Giartz (1671)
Brian Wong (1771)
Midwest Amateur Class
Class B
Sicilian Defense

Notes by Joe Cima

1.e4 c5 1.Nf3 c6 3.d4
cd 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6
6.Bc4 a6 7.a4 b6 8.00
Bb7

Black is developing his queenside prematurely. He should be about the business of castling at this point.

9.f3 Be7 10.Be3 00
11.Qd2 Nbd7

11.Bxe6 fe 12.Nxe6
forking comes open here and is used on move 12.

12.Bxe6 fe 13.Ne6 Qc8
14.Nf8 Bf8

14.Qxf8 is preferred.
15.Rfd1 Ndc5 16.b3
Qc7 17.h3 Rc8 18.Bd4
Be7 19.Ra1 d5

White has played a beautiful game.

20.ed Bb4 21.Qc3 Bc3

An attempt to trap the knight.

22.d6 Bd4 23.Rd4 Qc5
24.b4 Nc4

24...Nxf3 25.gf Qf5
26.h4 Bxf3 27.d7 Nxd7
28.Qb3 Kh8 would have

countered White's pawn push

25.Qe6+

And the queen falls.

1-0

D.Sajkowski
Aaron Chen 1817
Midwest Amateur Class
Class A
Modern opening
Notes by Joe Cima

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3
c6 4.f4 d5 5.e5 h5 6.h3
Nh6 7.Be3 b6 8.Nf3 Ba6
9.Bd3 c6 10.Ng5 Nh5
11.Bf2 h4

We arrive at a closed position with Black attempting to use the h-pawn as an attacker early.

12.00 Bf8 13.Qe2 Bd3
14.Qd3 Nd7 15.Rfe1 c5

In this positional game, Black seems to be playing all out—leaving no room for castling.

16.Nd5 cd 17.Kh2

17.e6 fe 18.Nxe6 Qe8
19.dc Kf7 20.Qxd5 would be a sharp combination followed by ...Rb8 21.c6
22.Nc5 Nxc5+ 23.Kg7 Ne6
24.Kh6 c7 25.Rb8 then
25...Bxh4 26.Re7 Nxc7
27.Qxc7 and White is up a rook and three pawns.

17...Bh6

17...c4 18.Qf3 Bb4
creates initiative for Black.

18.Bxh4 0-0

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							score	tour
1	BRODIE Mark A	2173	W19	W9	W8	D 3	3.5	7.5X
2	NAFF William A	2090	W20	W5	D 4	W10	3.5	7.5X
3	MERLI Christopher	2078	W14	W11	W6	D 1	3.5	7.5X
4	ULTCH Douglas A	2005	W7	W13	D 2	D 9	3	4X
5	LONG David	1979	W25	L2	W19	W13	3	4XA
6	GOUBRAN Nader M	1900	W22	W10	L3	W12	3	4XA
7	LANAGHAN Matthew	1307	L4	W23	W18	W11	3	4XD
8	ALSBERRY Melvin	2025	W15	W18	L1	H	2.5	2.5X
9	SMIT Tom	1906	W21	L1	W15	D 4	2.5	2.5XA
10	SHOLL Paul E	1997	W16	L6	W20	L2	2	2XA
11	CASE Rick	1881	W23	L3	W16	L7	2	2XA
12	BOURGERIE Dennis	1869	W24	L19	W17	L6	2	2XA
13	VERC Carl M	1751	W26	L4	W21	L5	2	2XB
14	NIXON Andrew K	1441	L3	L21	W26	W24	2	2XC
15	STOTLER Richard	1400	L8	W24	L9	W25	2	2X-C
16	PAINTER Jameson	1231	L10	W25	L11	W19	2	2XD
17	MIZEUR Colvin	1198	L18	W26	L12	W20	2	2XE
18	ANDERSON Phil	1935	W17	L8	L7	-	1	1XA
19	DE LA CERDA Gabe	1618	L1	W12	L5	L16	1	1XB
20	MOORE Rod	1485	L2	W22	L10	L17	1	1XC
21	KENNELLE Earl L	1162	L9	W14	L13	L22	1	1XE
22	TEMPLE Christopher	1093	L6	L20	L24	W21	1	1XE
23	VEERMAN Andy	1021	L11	L7	L25	W26	1	1XE
24	MIKOLOPOULOS C	978	L12	L15	W22	L14	1	1XF
25	TROYER Carl R	974	L5	L16	W23	L15	1	1XF
26	INGLES Anthony	976	L13	L17	L14	L23	0	



Concentration! Bryan Gast (left) and Rob Sax at the Midway Amateur Class Tournament.

Midway Amateur Games

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Why not Nxb5? White's counterplay is inadequate. The fear of e6 thwarts Black's winning chances.

19.Nf3 Bg5 20.fg

Why not Bxg5? Only because it might curtail the drama of a game drawn nine moves later.

Overall, a solidly played game by White (junior Seth McClure), who took advantage of a couple of opening errors by his opponent and converted them fairly efficiently into a decisive advantage.

This game is a good illustration of the importance of center control and rapid

development in the opening.

Seth McClure (1461)
David White (1428)
Midwest Amateur Class
Class C

Notes by Brian Ruggiero

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Bc4

An infrequently seen line, which can transpose to more common King's Gambit Accepted lines. A reasonable opening choice for an up-and-coming player who has an inherently tactical nature, a sound understanding of opening fundamentals, but limited book knowledge. setup

3...Qh4+

A double-edged move. Black will be lagging in development after White plays Nf3 (attacking the queen). White intends to eventually "hand-castle" (if

necessary) by g3, Kg2 and Re1/f1, after first establishing his center and developing his other pieces. White's king is not necessarily in any danger at this point since Black has little center control and negligible development.

4.Kf1 Bc5!!

This bishop move only serves to help White establish his center.

5.d4 Bb6

Now the bishop is stuck on the queenside and unable to help defend against a kingside attack.

6.Nf3 Qg4? 7.Bxf7 (1)

Since a King's Gambit player almost invariably is looking for sacrifices and combinations involving the f7 square, it's hard to consider this move a brilliancy.

7...Ke7 8.Nc3 d6 9.h3! Qd7

9...Qg3? 10.Bxf4 and the queen falls due to the knight fork on d5.

10.Bc4 Nf6 11.Bxf4 Nc6 12.Bg5

Threatening c5.

12...Kf8 13.Qd2

Continuing to develop his remaining pieces. Bb5 may have been considered here (threatening d5), but after Qf7, Black starts to untangle his pieces. The text maintains the pressure on the center. Nh5 does appear to give black some attacking chances, so Bxf6, eliminating the nuisance and breaking up the kingside pawn structure, looks preferable.

13...Na5

13...Nh5

14.Bb5 c6

Qf7 freeing the light-squared bishop and making the c6 and c4 squares available to the queen

knight, looks to be better.

15.Bd3 c5 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Qh6+ Qg7 18.Qf4 cxd4 19.Qxd6+ Qc7 20.Qxc7+ Kxc7 21.Nd5+ Kf7 22.Nxb6 axb6 23.Nxd4 Bd7

White has converted his opening advantage into an easy ending.

24.Ke2 Rhe8 25.Rhf1 Rc7 26.g4 h6 27.Rf4 Rd8 28.Raf1 f5 29.Nxf5 Bxf5 30.Rxf5+

Taking the no-nonsense approach. Capturing on f5 with the g pawn would give White two connected passed pawns, but White doesn't wish to give his opponent any counterplay and keeps a position where he has doubled rooks on the open f file.

30...Kg7 31.g5 h5 32.Rg1 Nc6

32... Nc4 33.dxc4 Rxe4+ and 34...Rxc4, wins a pawn, but the rook ending is still lost.

33.Kd2 Rxe4 34.g6 Nc5 35.Rgg5 Nxb6 36.Rd5 Rxd5 37.Rxd5 Re6 38.Rxh5 Nf8 39.Rg5+ Kf6 40.h4 Rd6 41.Rf5+ Kg7 42.Kc1 Rd4 43.h5 Nc6 44.h6+ Kh8 45.Rf6 Rd6 46.Bf5 1-0

Finishing the game with a nice tactical device.

Yelena Gorlin (1761)
Jeronimo Salazar (1747)
Midway Amateur Class

Notes by Salazar

This game is the final round and Yelena is a half point ahead of me. If she draws this game she will get first place; in contrast, I must win to take the title in the under-1800 section of the Midway Amateur Class.

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6

I occasionally play this

center-counter defense, which is part of my opening repertoire for black. It scored an impressive five wins without a loss in the recently concluded World Open in Philadelphia.

3.d4

3.c4 would be the Icelandic Gambit of the Scandinavian Defense, 3...e6 4.dxe6 Bxd6 5.d4 Bb4+. Black gambits a pawn in exchange for a lead in development.

3...Bg4 4.Bc2

A quiet move avoiding complications, such as 4.f3 Bf5 5.c4 e6 6.dxe6 Bxe6, transposing to the Icelandic Gambit.

4...Bxc2 5.Qxc2 Qxd5 6.Nf3 e6

More usual is 6...Nc6, intending queenside castling and targeting the d-pawn.

7.Nc3 Bb4 8.0-0 Bxc3

8.Bd2 avoiding the doubled pawns is much better.



Denise Cheung

Minnesotans! The Minnesota contingent at the Midway Amateur Class.

9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4

If 10.c4 Qe4 11.Bc3 c5 Black breaks up White's center and follows with ...Nbd7.

10...Nbd7!

Developing the knight and somehow controlling the e5-square.

11.c4

If 11.Bc7? Rfc8 is better for Black.

11...Qe4 12.Qd2 c5 13.Rfe1 Qc6 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5

If 15.dxe5 Rfd8 16.Qc2 Nf8 17.Bg5 Rd7 18.Rad1 h6 19.Bh4 Ng6 20.Rd7 Qd7 21.Rd1 Qc2 22.Bg3 Rd8 black has the advantage in this position because of White's pawn weaknesses.

15...cxd4

15...Nd7? 16.d5.

16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Qxd4 e5 18.Qd5 Rac8 19.Qd2 Kh8 20.f4 Qxc4 21.fxc5 Qc5+ 22.Kh1 fxc5 23.Qd7 Rc7 24.Qf5 f6 25.Re2 Rg7 26.Rf1 Qc6

White is threatening 27.Re5.

27.Qf2

Double threat, with the idea of 28.Re5 and Qa7.

27...Qb5 28.c4 Qa5 29.Qf5 Rgf7 30.Qe4 Qc7 31.h3 Qc6 32.Qc2

If 32.Qc6 bxc6 33.Red2 Kg7 34.Rd6 Rc7 35.Kg1 f5 (with the idea of 36...Rf6) 36.Re6 e4 37.g4! fxg4

38.Rf8 Kf8 39.hxg4 Kf7 40.Re4 Rd7 41.Kf2 Rd2+ 42.Re2 Re2 43.Ke2 Kf6 44.Kc3 Ke5. In this position we are both now in time trouble.

32...b6 33.Qc3 Qc5 34.Rfe1 Qd4 35.Qb3 Rg7 36.Rf1 Qh4 37.Ref2 Rfg8 38.Qf3 Rg3 39.Qd5 R3g6

39. Qf6 equalizes.

40.Qe6 Qe4 41.Qd5 Qxd5 42.cxd5 Rd8 43.Rd1 Kg7 44.Kg1

If 44...Rc2 45.Rd7.

44...Kf7 45.Kf1 Re8 46.Rdd2 Ke7 47.Ke2 Kd6 48.Ke3 Rc3+ 49.Ke4 Rc4+ 50.Ke3 Rg3+ 51.Ke2 Rc4+ 52.Kd1 Rg6 53.Kc2 Rc4+ 54.Kd3 Rd4+ 55.Ke3 Rg3+ 56.Ke2 Rxd2+

In this position it is easier for Black to win if one of the rooks is exchanged.

57.Kxd2 Kxd5 58.Rxf6 Rxf2+ 59.Kd1 Rxa2 60.Rh6 Rh2 61.Rxh7 a5 62.h4 a4 63.h5 a3 64.h6 a2 0-1



Bill Smythe (photo by Maxine Frieberg)

Solutions to Smythe's Bizarre Puzzles

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One: 1.e3 e6 2.e4 dxe4 3.d5 e3 4.dxe6 and Black promotes to a knight (queen can't win).

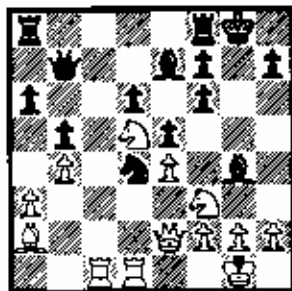
Two: 1.Kf3 Rg3+ 2.Kf4 Rg4+ 3.Kf5 Rg5+ 4.Kf6 Rg6+ 5.Kf7 Rf6+ 6.Kg8 Rf8+ 7.Kg7 Rg8+ 8.Kh6 Rg6+ 9.Kh5 Rg5+ 10.Kh4 Rg4+ 11.Kh3 Rg3+ 12.Kh2 Rg2+ 13.Kh1. Other moves exist (for both White and Black) but all lines follow this same basic idea.



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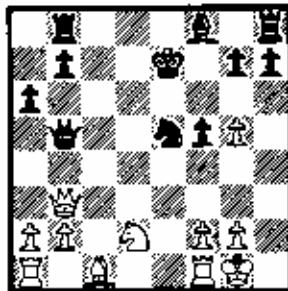
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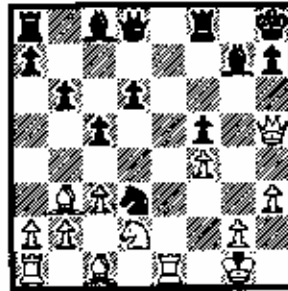
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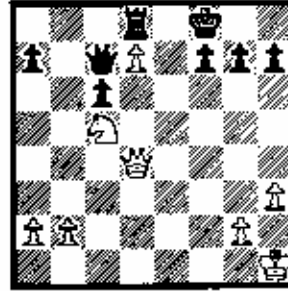
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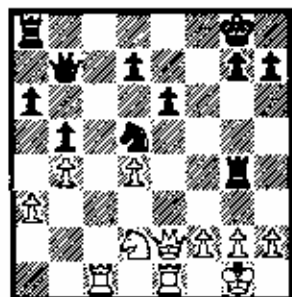
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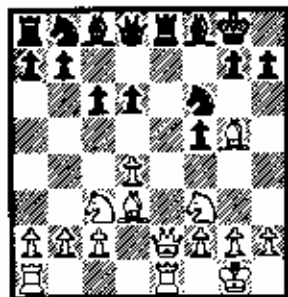
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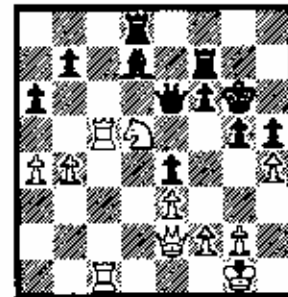
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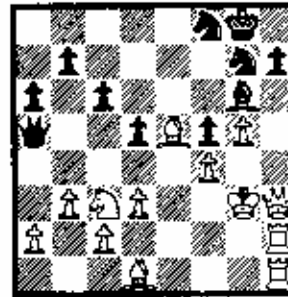
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White to move and win

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Black to move and win

Teaser Solutions

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Goubran-Sholl

19.Rxd4 exd4 20.Rc7 Rac8?
21.Nxc7+ Kh8 22.Rxb7
Rc1+ 23.Qc1 1-0

2

Goubran-Wiewel

1.Rc1! Qb3 (1...Kd6
2.Qg3) 2.Nxb3 Kd6 3.Bf4
Re8 4.Rad1+ 1-0

3

Stean-Sidd

16.Nf3! Nxc1 17.Ng5 h6
18.Qg6! Qxg5 19.fxg5 1-0

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Zorzopoulos-Hoffman

30.Qb4! Kg8 (30...Qd6
31.Ne6+!) 31.Qc4 Rf8
32.Qc7 Qd8 33.Qd6 h6
34.Nb7 Qh4 35.Qxf8+ 1-0

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Kuzinski-Goubran

1...Rg2!+ 2.Kh1 (2.Kxg2
Ne3+ 3.Kg3 Qxg2+ 4.Kf4
Nd5+ 5.Kc5 Qxg5+ 6.Kd6
Rd8+ 9.Kc5 Qf5#) 2...Nf4
3.Qf3 Qxf3 4.Nxf3 Rxf2
0-1

6

Brodie-Brockman

1.Bxf6 winning a piece

7

Brodie-Humphries

32.hxg5 fxg5 33.Nf4+! Rxf4
(33...gxf4 Qh5+ Kg7 35
Qxg5+) 34.exf4 g4? 1-0 (35.f5+)

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Baker-Brodie

30...Rxe5! 31.fxe5 f4+ 32.Kxf4
Nf6+ 33.Kg3 Nf5+ 34.Kg4
Qb4+ 35.c4 Qe7! 36.Nf3 dxc4
37.Re1 Rd3 38.Bc3 Rf3! 0-1

Marv Meets the Benoni!

Marvin Dandridge dissects one of his losses from the Chicago Open.

David Allan (2200)
Marvin Dandridge (2348)
Chicago Open
Benoni

Notes by Dandridge

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3
exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7
8.Bb5+ Nfd7 9.a4 0-0 10.Nf3 Na6
11.0-0 Nc7 12.Bc4

I recently began playing the Benoni and never appreciated the strength of this move; it supports d5 and X-rays the Black king.

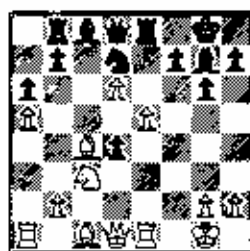
12...a6 13.Re1 Rb8?

...Nb6 with the idea of ...Bg4 is better in order to trade pieces to relieve Black's cramped position.

14.e5 dxc5 15.d6 Ne6 16.fxc5 Re8
17.a5

Black is tied up; my book study of this opening could never offer me the insights gained by this game.

17...Nd4 18.Nxd4 cxd4



19.Bxf7+

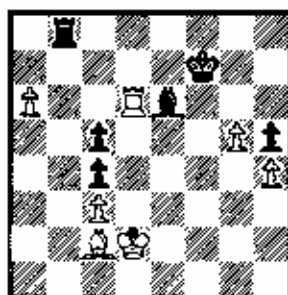
This sacrifice is tactically justified due to black's weakness on the light diagonal, the open f-file, and White's central pawns.

19...Kxf7 20.Qb3+ Re6 21.Rf1+
Nf6 22.Ne4 Ke8 23.exf6 Bxf6
24.Nxf6+ Rxf6 25.Qg8+ 1-0 ♀

In the End

Marvin Dandridge shares an ending from the Chicago Open

Marvin Dandridge (2348)
Kazimiera Jakstas (2200)
Chicago Open, Chicago 1998
Notes by Marvin Dandridge



1.Kd2

Triangulating the king to get the bishop (the only piece Black can move)

out of position.

1...Bc4 2.Kc2 Bf5 3.Kc3

Now Black must expose the g6 pawn, and, as a result the Black bishop becomes passive

3...Bd7 4.Bc2 Be8 5.Kd2 Bf7
6.Ba4 Bg8 7.Rb1

White's threat to penetrate with the rook via f6 forces Black's king to defend g6.

7...Kf8 8.Bc2 Bf7 9.Rf1 Kg7
10.Rf6 Rd7 11.Ba4 Rd8 12.Rf1

Threatening to switch back to the queenside and Black's pieces can't defend both sides of the board.

12...Be8 13.Bc2 Bd7 14.Rf6 Be8
15.Re6 Bf7 16.Re7 Rb8 17.Rd7

b5 18.Rxd6 bxc4 19.Rxa6 Bxd5
20.Rxg6+ Kf7 21.Rd6 Be6 22.a6 ♀

Solutions from the May-June issue:

The Answer Box for Chess Wizardry

13 is a classic 19th century problem from the Bettmann brothers which makes good use of cross-checks. After the key, 1.Qh5!, the Black knight is free to fire away at White's king. Unfortunately, all of the attempts are futile, especially the double check 1...Nxd2+, which fails to 2.Kc3. White's king also visits b3, b4, and d4 to deliver mate in other lines. Vukcevic's 14 solves by 1.Qd5!, where 2.c5 is threatened, but the d-pawn actually takes center stage after Black's defenses. In 15 (Asplund), 1.Bg7! neutralizes Black's bishop, since 1...Bxg7 is answered by 2.Qe6+ Kf8, 3.Qe8. A more modern example of cross-checking is beautifully presented in Baharev's 16. The key 1.Ne5! threatens 2.Qg1+ but seems to let Black's king loose with check. Three nice variations follow: 1...Kd2+, 2.e3+; 1...Kxf4+, 2.Nd3+; and 1...Kxd4+, 2.Nf3+. Good work! The British composer David Shire leads off our first review of helpmates, as 17 is solved by 1.Rxe6 (this is a Black move), Rg6, 2.Rb6 d4 and 1.Bxd3 Be2, 2.Bb5 e7. Note the twinning—Black's first creates the line-pin, White's first creates an interference, Black's second along the line-pin takes away a flight square, White's second discovers mate. Pins play a prominent part in 18 (Abdurahmanovic and Ostruh): 1.Bxh5 Rg3+, 2.Kh2 Ng4 and 1.Bxh6 Bg3, 2.Kh3 Nf4.

Join the ladder!

Solve this month's problems and pick up 28 points to get started!

Send your solutions by Nov. 1, 1998 to
Todd Barre, 418 Poplar Ave., Elmhurst, IL
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Tales of a Train Commuter

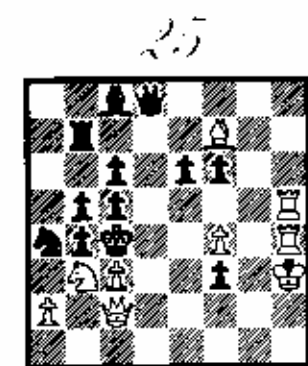


by Todd Barre

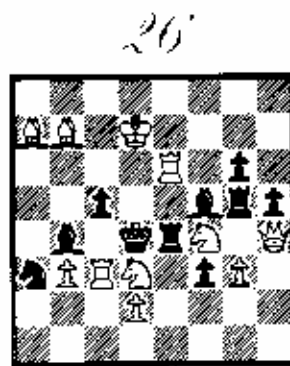
One of the beauties of writing a problem column is that I never run out of good material. My own research (and ladder solving for that matter) is often done on the train back and forth from work, which allows me to discover gems both new and old. Stepping aside from my usual "theme-oriented" commentary, I instead have given you some problems that I have recently encountered and found to be particularly appealing. I hope you will be challenged as well.

I couldn't resist another round from our Hall of Famers, Milan Vukcevic and Sam Loyd. Problem 25 (White to play and mate in two) and 28 (mate in four) are their two contributions. For fun, I'll let you try to guess who composed what! Not surprisingly, both have fine keys.

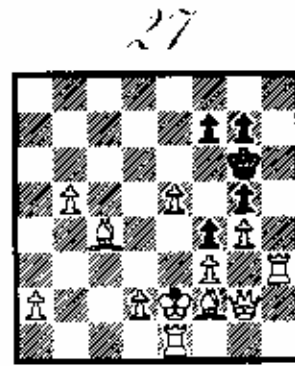
Our other two-mover, 26, was composed by Barry Barnes, one of England's finest, and a long-time editor of the British magazine, *The Problemist*. It took me a while to find the key, but it was worth the wait! 27, a three-mover composed by Texan Mark Kirtley, doubles



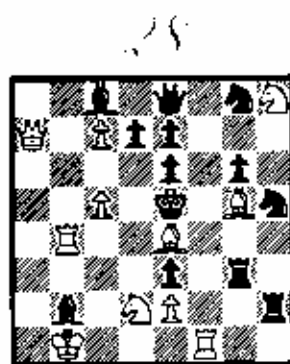
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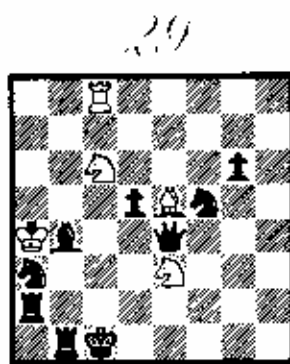
Mate in 2



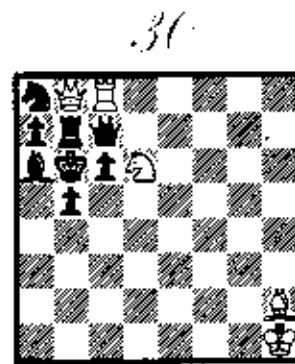
Mate in 3



Mate in 4



Helpmate in 2 (b) Bb4Xd4



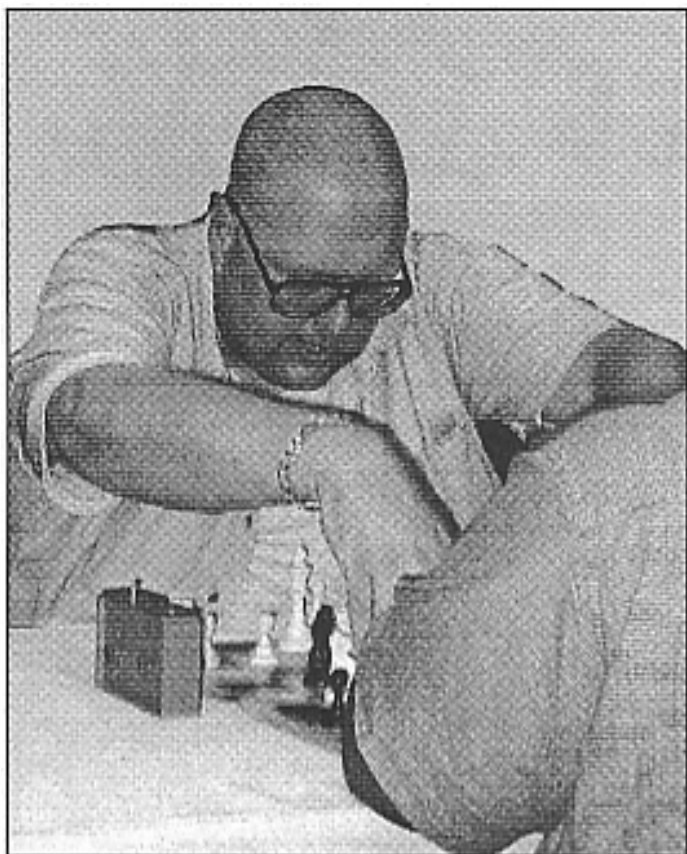
Helpmate in 2 (3 sols.)

a theme we've seen in a problem from a previous issue.

On to helpmates, where both 29 and 30 show good twinning. Remember, Black moves first and cooperates to assist White in administering mate on move two. In 29, solve the diagram first, then

move the Black Bishop from b4 to d4 to solve the second part. No shifting necessary in 30, but there are three solutions from the diagrammed position. For ladder credit, send the key moves only for 25 and 26 (3 points each), and the key moves and at

least one variation one move short of mate for 27 (5 points) and 28 (7 points). For the helpmates, you'll need to send the full solutions (all moves) for all parts in each to get full credit (5 points each). 28 points total. Happy solving! ♘



With catlike stealth Vince Berry attacks his prey in the skittles room of the Midway Amateur Club.

World Champion View

How a world champion views other players

by Larry Cohen

- GM ➡ Good Moves
- IM ➡ Inferior Moves
- M ➡ just makes Moves
- X ➡ X-rated moves
- A ➡ Assinine moves
- B ➡ Bad moves
- C ➡ Censorable moves
- D ➡ Dumb moves
- E ➡ Extremely dumb moves
- U ➡ Unmentionable moves

Who Said It? Answers

1. **Helen Warren** in "Muddled Metaphors and Other Rhetorical Misdemeanors" in *The Chess Journalist*, June 1998.
2. **Yasser Seirawan** in *Inside Chess*, July 1998.
3. **Artur Yusupov** in "Missed Brilliance Prizes" in *Attack and Defence*.
4. **Jerry Seinfeld** on his sitcom "Seinfeld" when his character was losing a game to a woman.

compiled by mlr

Gurevich Games

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Instead of avoiding opposite color bishops, Gurevich welcomes their creation. Since he also has a rook and knight at his disposal, his attacking chances are increased.

45...Bxb4 46.Rxc4 Ra2+ 47.Kf1 Ra1+ 48.Kf2 Ra2+ 49.Bc2 Bd6 50.Kf3 Bb8 51.Rc8 Ba7 52.Nf4 Ra4 53.Rg8+ Kb6 54.Bd3 Bd4 55.Rc8 Bf6 56.Nd5 Bg5 57.Rh8!

Who needs pawns?

57...Kxh5 58.Rxh7+ Bh6 59.Nf6+ Kg5 60.Ne4+ Kh5 61.Nd6 Rf4+ 62.Ke2 Rf6 63.Nxf7 Re6+ 64.Kd1 Rf6 65. Bc4!

A cute Zugzwang: the rook must leave f6.

65...Rc6 66.Bc2+ 1-0

After 66...Kg6 67.Rxh6+, the wandering rook gets skewered.

Dmitry Gurevich (2573)

Rashid Ziatdinov (2580)

Tournament of Champions, Philadelphia, 1998
Queen's Gambit Decl [D37]

Notes by Bill Brock

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6

4.Nc3 Bc7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Qc2 Nc6 9.a3 Qa5 10.0-0-0

The perfect opening for the final round!

10...a6 11.Kb1 Bc7 12.b4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 b5 14.Bb3 Bb7 15. Ng5 Rac8 16.Ncc4!

The Qc2 looks dangerously exposed, but the mate threats on h7 take precedence. After Ziatdinov shields the weak spot, a tactical mess ensues.

16...g6 17.Nc5 Qb6 18.Ngxe6! Na5 19.Nxf8 Rxc5 20.Nxg6!

If Black accepts the queen sac, White gets a strong initiative to offset the slight material deficit: e.g., 20...Rx2 21.Nxe7- Kf8 22.Bxc2 Ke7 23.Rd6 Nc6 24.Rhd1. But 20...Bf8! looks like a sane alternative, with unclear play.

20...Be4?

Now Dmitry reaps the rewards of daring play.

21. Nxe7+ Kg7 22.Rd6 Qb7 23.Bh6+ Kxh6 24.Rxf6+ Kg7 25.Rd7+ 1-0

After the inevitable discovery, the Black queen will fall. ♖

Tournament Calendar

All Tournaments are USCF-rated, unless otherwise noted (Quick-rated if game/29 or faster) and require USCF membership. ICA Tour events also require ICA membership. Memberships may be purchased at most tournaments. Scholastic events are marked with a ♀. Almost all tournaments prohibit smoking in the playing rooms.

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

Organizers: Please clear your events through the ICA Tournament Calendar. **Calendar coordinator is Bill Smyth**, 1159 W Lunt #259, Chicago 60626-3519, 773•761-2455, chichess@centeract.com. *Do not send calendar entries to the ICB editor.* If you are running a Tour event, make sure it is listed as such in both Chess Life and the ICB. Deadlines for ICB calendar submissions are as follows:

Tournament starting date.	Deadline:	To appear in:
Jan '5–Mar '4	Nov '15	Jan–Feb issue
Mar '15–May '4	Jan '15	Mar–Apr issue
May '15–Jul '4	Mar '15	May–Jun issue
Jul '15–Sep '4	May '15	Jul–Aug issue
Sep '15–Nov '4	Jul '15	Sep–Oct issue
Nov '15–Jan '4	Sep '15	Nov–Dec issue

September 12, Tuley Park Quick #11 (Big #4), 501 E. 50th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/26, or 5-SS game/22, or 6-SS game/17. FF \$10, juni \$8, \$1 off before 11:30. \$3250 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7521 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3973.

September 12, Woodford County Classic, 4-SS, game/60. Goodfield Community Center, Exit 112 off Rt 74, Goodfield (enter parking lot just north of Busy Corner Restaurant at Rt 117 & Rt 150). FF \$11 by 8/8, \$15 at site. \$375-50 b/20. Reg 8-8:20, rds 9 11:30-1:45-4. Carl H. Hoyle, 723 N. Main St. Elreka 61530-103E, 309-467-6056.

September 13, High Noon Quads, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. 3-4P in 4-player sections of like-rated players. game/90. FF \$10, juniors and club members \$8, plus \$5 forfeit deposit returned upon completion of all games. First prize in each quad: Free EF to any two 1-day (or one 2-day) Chicago CC tournaments 9/14/98 thru 10/31/98. Reg ends 11:30. rds at 12-3:15-6:30.

September 13, Elmhurst CC Game/29, 3121 Koenig Dr, Elmhurst College Library, 180 Prospect, Elmhurst, IL 60120. ICA members \$10. Two sections: OPEN \$5 to 1st, 2nd, or 1400. UNDER 1000: \$5 to 1st, 2nd, or 1400. 85% of ILL returned. Reg 8-8:45 to 10:17. Info: Roger Erikeland, 630-832-1754. roger@elmhurst.edu

September 19, State Farm Open, 4-SS game/60. State Farm Corporate Headquarters, 1 State Farm Plaza, Bloomington 61710. ILL \$10. \$3400-50-25 look prizes to A, B, C, D, E. Reg ends 8:45, rds 9-11:30-2:40. YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER TO ENTER THIS TOURNAMENT. Atrium Plaza, State Farm Corporate Headquarters (A-2) address above. 309-664-8102.

September 19-20, Chicago CC Fall Mini-Tour, 6-SS, rds 1-3 40-90, then SD/60, rds 4 3 40-120, men SD/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626, 773-761-5050. EF \$9; juniors, CCC members, and advance registrants (by 9/13): \$25. \$5420 b/20 (120-100), 17750 \$4, 12000 \$3, 11600 40, 11000 20. Reg ends Sat 9:30. rds 10 2 6 10 4. An ICA Tour mini-event.

September 20, 27, October 4, Elmhurst CC Fall Swis, 3-SS, 40-100, then SD/60. Room 1231, Elmhurst College Library, 180 Prospect, Elmhurst, IL 60120. ICA members \$12. Two sections: OPEN \$5 to 1st, 2nd, or 2000, or 1800. UNDER 1600: \$5 to 1st, 2nd, or 1400. Reg 8-8:45 9:20 & 9:27, rds each Sunday at 7. Info: Roger Erikeland, 630-832-1754. roger@elmhurst.edu

September 26, Tim Just's Lake County Open, 4-SS, game/60. College of Lake County, Route 46 & Washington. Grayslake 60030. FF \$13 by 9/19. \$15 at site. Plus score prizes b/20: 4 pts \$100, 3.5 \$50, 3 \$25, 2.5 \$10. Reg ends 9:30, rds 10-12 20-3-5:30. Tim Just, 37105 Willow, Gurnee 60031. 847-244-7364. No smoking on campus.

September 27, Sunday Plus-Score Quick, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. 3-SS, game/29. EF \$15. juniors and club members \$12. \$5 by score: 6-0 \$100, 5.5-0.5 \$60, 5-1 \$35, 4.5-1.5 \$20, 4-2 \$12, 3.5-2.5 \$5. Reg ends 11:30. rd 1 at 12.

October 3, Tuley Park Quick #12, 501 E 50th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/26, or 5-SS game/22, or 6-SS game/17. FF \$12, juni \$8, \$1 off before 11:30. \$3250 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7521 S South

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Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649, 773-721-3979.

October 4, High Noon Quads, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626, 773-761-5050. 3-RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players, game/80. EF \$10, juniors and club members \$8, plus \$5 forfeit; deposit returned upon completion of all games. First prize in each quad. Free LI to any two 1-day for one 2-day Chicago CC tournaments 10/5/98 thru 11/30/98. Reg ends 11:30, rds at 12-3:15-6:30

October 10, Bloomington Tornado, 4-SS, game/80. Lincoln Leisure Center (formerly Abraham Lincoln School), 1205 S Lee St, Bloomington 61701. EF \$11 by 10/5, \$16 at site. \$10 youth/scholastic. \$\$110 55 u-1800 \$50, u-1400 \$45, book prizes to A, B, C, D, F, unrated. \$5 upset prize in each round. Reg ends 8:45, rds 9-12 0-6. Dennis Dourgo, Box 157, Normal 61761-0157, 309-454-3842. Schoolstreet@MSN.com.

October 10, Saturday Plus-Score, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626 773-761-5050. 4-SS, game/80. EF \$15, juniors and club members \$12 \$\$ by score 4-0 \$100, 3-1-0.5 \$50, 2-1-2.5 \$10. Reg ends 11:30 rd 1 at 12

October 11, Elmhurst CC Game/60 Mini-Tour, 4-SS. Erick Center (Elmhurst College Student Union), 100 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$20, FOC members \$16. \$\$100:215 \$151 100, u-2000 \$80, u-1800 \$75, u-1600 \$60, u-1400 \$25. Reg 12-12:45, rds 1-3:15 to A. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu. An ICA Tour mini-event.

October 17, Glenview Mini-Tour, 3-SS, game/80. Holy Trinity North Shore Chess Club, Shunior and Central, Glenview. FF \$20, jr \$15. \$\$4:15 b/30 \$135-90, A \$75, B \$60, C \$45, D/below \$30. Reg ends 11:45, rd 1 at 12. No advance entries. An ICA Tour mini-event.

October 17, Greater Peoria Open, 4-SS, game/80. Garrett Center, 824 N Duryea P, Peoria 61625. Two sections: OPEN. LI \$20 by 10/15, \$25 at site. \$\$200-100 guaranteed, \$60 each. A LI C 1/6 per class. NOVICE (under-1400): \$10 by 10/15, \$15 at site. Trophies to 1st, 2nd, unrated, under-1000, biggest upset. Reg 8-8:45, rds 9-12-2:45-5:30. Wayne Zimmerman, 514 W Loucke, Peoria 61614, 309-686-0182 after 7. An ICA Tour mini-event.

October 17-18, Indiana State Championship, 6-SS. 50/120, then 25/60 (no sudden death). Holiday inn/University, 515 Delaway North, South Bend (Indiana 933/Business 31/former IIS \$3, Roseland). Two sections: CHAMPIONSHIP. EF \$38 by 10/14. \$45 at site. \$\$500-250, u-2300 \$200-100 u-2100 \$100 95, u-1900 \$180-65, upset \$40. RESERVE (under 1700 or unrated): EF \$33 by 10/14, \$40 at site.

\$\$180-140-70, u-1500 \$150-75, u-1300 \$125-60, unr \$65. Both: Reg Sat 8:30-9:30, rds 10-2:30-8, 10-3:30. Indiana State Chess Assn. membership required (\$12, jr \$6). Fair Play Chess Tournaments, PO Box 353, Cassopolis, IL 46561. Roger Blaine, 219 257 0033, rblaine@mcpl.tb.in.us.

October 18, ICA Board Meeting and Annual Membership Meeting, 1:00 pm. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. All ICA members are welcome to attend both the membership meeting and the ensuing Board meeting.

October 18, Elmhurst CC Game/15 Double Quad, 6-RR in 4-player sections of like rated players, 2 games vs each opponent. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$15, FOC members \$11. \$\$300 10 in each quad. Reg 6-6:45, rd 1 at 7. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

October 24, Hampton Inn Fall Open, 4-SS, game/80. Hampton Inn, Dirksen Pkwy and Stevenson Dr, Springfield. EF \$12 by 10/8. \$15 at site. \$10 youth/scholastic. \$\$150:50 1600-1999 \$40, 1700-1999 \$25, u-1200 & unrated \$25. Reg 7:30-8:30 rds 9-12 3-6. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth, Springfield 62703, 217-425-7265. Knoedler.Thomas@usa.edu.

October 24, Tuley Park Quick #13, 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS, game/70 or 5-SS, game/22, or 6-SS, game/17. EF \$12, u/9 \$6, \$1 up before 11:30. \$\$250 b/24 kids count half. Reg 11-11:50 rd 1 at 12. Thomas Finkbeq, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649, 773-721-3979.

October 25, Elmhurst CC Game/25 Quad, 3-RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players. Room 100, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. LI \$15, FOC members \$11. \$\$50-10 in each quad. Reg 6-6:45 rd 1 at 7. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

October 30-November 1 or October 31-November 1, Midwest Class, 5-SS. 40:120, then 50/60 (2-day option, rds 1-2 game/75). Hyatt Lisc, 1400 Corporate Dr (Rt 63 near 85), Lisle 60532. EF 3 day \$70, 2-day \$77. 1 check mailed by 10/22, both \$80 with cred card by 10/28. \$30 at site. Add 50 cents for round 1 bye. No checks at site. \$60 less to unrated. \$30 less to jr's under 18 who are rated under 1500, over 2198 or play up. Re-entry \$50, not available in Master section. GMS free. \$60 deducted from prize. All FF \$8 less if mailed with \$40 USCF dues. Rated players may play in one class. \$\$12,000 guaranteed. Eight sections (jr's must play in Unrated section): MASTER \$\$1000-500-300-200, u-2400 \$800-300. EXPERT \$\$800-500-300-200. CLASS A \$5800 500-300-200. CLASS B \$\$800-500-300-200. CLASS C: \$5700-400-300-200. CLASS D \$5600-

300-200-100. CLASS E: \$5400 250-150-100. UNHATED: Trophies to top 5. 3-day reg ends Friday at 7, rds 8, 11 5:30, 10-4:15. 2-day reg ends Saturday at 10, rds 11-2-5:30, 10-4:15 (merge after round 2). Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salsbury Mills NY 12577, 914-496-9558 weekdays, or 406-896-2038 (no questions) 24 hrs daily. No phone entries after 10/28. Callers must request special EF or be charged full fee. Record info 914-496-7469. Recmata@aol.com. www.chess4our.com. An ICA Tour MAXI event.

November 1, Elmhurst CC Time Handicap Blitz, RR. Not USCF-rated. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. When both players are in same class, each gets 5 minutes. Otherwise, MAX 3 minutes, A 4 minutes, U 5 minutes, C 6 minutes, D/below 7 minutes. LI \$3. \$\$ to top 4. Reg 6-6:50, rd 1 at 7. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

November 6, 16, Elmhurst CC Game/45, 4-SS. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$17, FOC members \$12. \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u-2000 u-1800, u-1600, u-1400, 90% of FF's returned. Reg 6-6:45 11/8 two rounds each Sunday at 7. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

November 14, Tuley Park Quick #14 (Big #5), 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS, game/26, or 5-SS, game/22, or 6-SS, game/17. EF \$15, u/9 \$6, \$1 up before 11:30. \$\$250 b/24 kids count half. Reg 11-11:50 rd 1 at 12. Thomas Finkbeq, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649, 773-721-3979.

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in your grade. EF \$25 + mailed by 1/13, \$40 + mailed by 11/25, \$50 later. Advance entries must include player's name and all fees to be accepted. Last name, address, grade, school (even if no team), birthdate, USCF ID number, USCF expiration (enclose USCF dues if necessary) and rating. Entries to K-12 Grade Championships. PO Box 157, Morton Grove IL 60053. Checks payable to USCF. You may also enter by phone, 800-388-KING, or at <http://www.04.com/ca%12> on the web. No on-site entries. On-site check-in 6-9 pm 12/3 and 8am-5pm 12/4. Trophies to top 10 players and top 5 teams in each grade; top each class C in grades 10-12; class D in grades 7-12; class E in grades 4-12, class D1000 and unrated in all sections. Team score in each grade is total of top 3 finishers from same school. Place trophies take precedence over class trophies. The first place player and team will be recognized as the National Champions for their grade. Opening Ceremony 8:30 am 12/4 with round 1 at 7 pm; rounds 2-4 at 10:25 on 12/5; rounds 5-6 at 8-12 on 12/6. One-half-point bonus allowed in any round except B if requested in advance. Speed Tournament 12/4 at 9:30 am. EF \$10 with advance entry, \$15 on site. Hughson Tournament 12/4 at 1 pm. EF \$20 per 2-player team (must specify players) with advance entry, \$30 for teams formed on-site. Meetings: Coaches/pairs 5 pm 12/4 and 2:30 pm 12/5. Awards Ceremony 12/6 at 3:00 pm. For housing information and travel discounts contact Classic Travel at 800-498-6198 or 630-980-7800 weekdays. Limited team rooms are available; contact Alan Losoff at 847-968-6558 evenings or Alan@Losoff.com. A USCF National Scholastic event.

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