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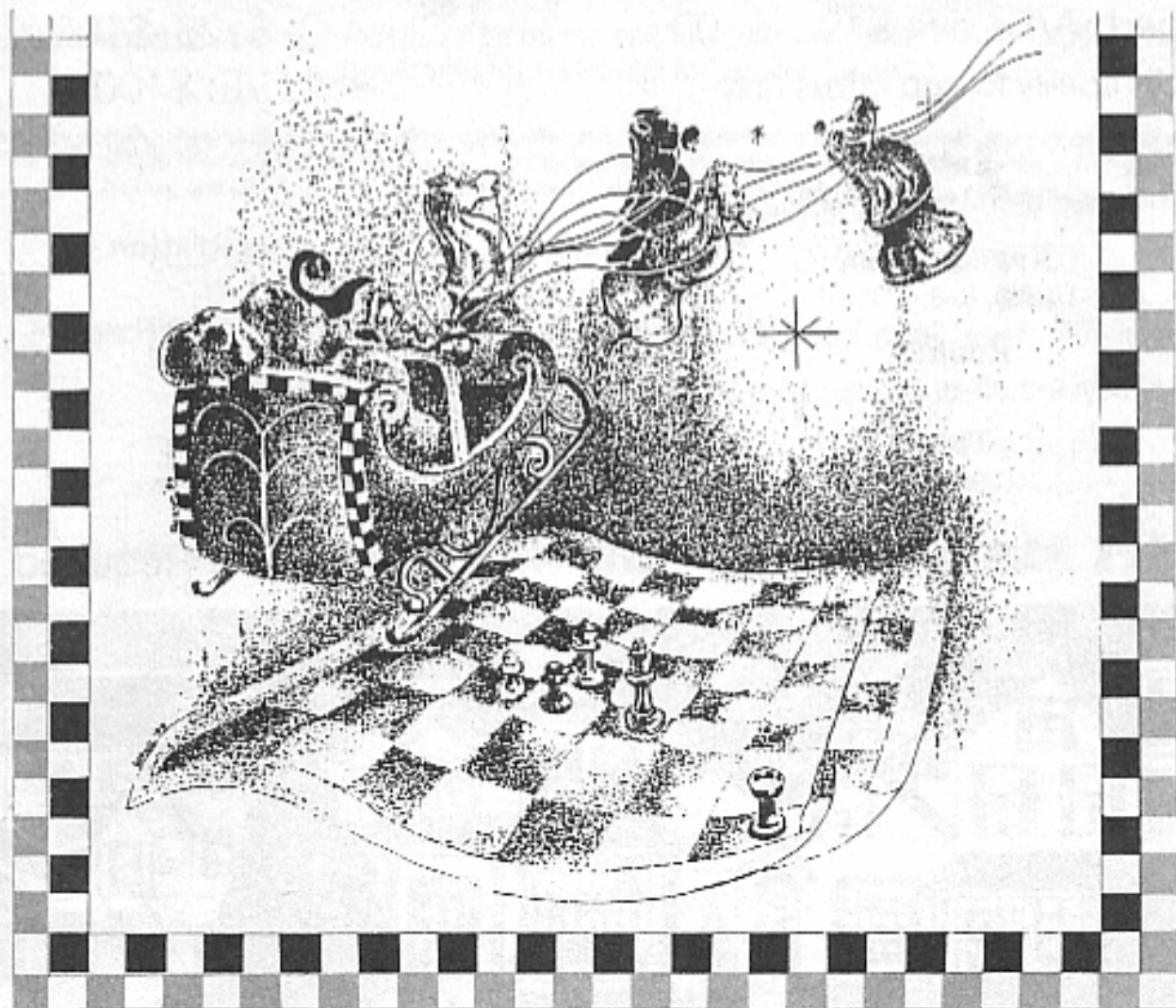
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GM Dmitry Gurevich

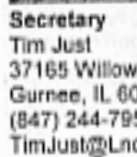


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The Good... The Bad... and Chess



The millennium is almost here and for chess the last hundred years have been GOOD and getting BETTER.

Chess, and your Illinois Chess Association, are alive and well and living in Illinois. I

believe that the

next hundred years will be even better, although last year was certainly a GOOD NEWS - BAD NEWS year.

THE BAD NEWS of 1999.

Before we even started our terms in office our elected treasurer resigned and then we found out that we lost our site at the Hyatt, Oak Brook for the Illinois Open. Then to make it really interesting, our membership drive chairman resigned (actually two different chairs resigned), we lost our site for the Illinois Class and we had to find a new ICB editor. And the coup de grace- we lost half of our SASP funding from the USCF!

THE GOOD NEWS of 1999.

We had a record 241 players at the Illinois Open at a great new site, the Arlington Park Hilton in Arlington Heights. We were also able to donate an extra one thousand dollars to the Warren Junior Program with the extra profits from the Illinois Open. We also have an exciting new format for the Illinois Class and another new site, the University of Illinois at Chicago Campus. Both tournaments had significant prize increases too. We hope to have these two sites again in 2000.

We made other strides this year too. We started a serious membership drive, and added new membership categories to help. We also have new ICA membership

forms now too. We revived the Officers' appreciation tournaments and we are planning a Tournament of Champions and a K-12 ICA Championship for 2000. We helped our only resident Grandmaster, Dmitry Gurevich, stay in the Chicago area and we supported him at the World Chess Championships in Las Vegas. We also helped fund Illinois' Yelena Gorlin to the World Under 16 tournament in Spain.

And last but not least, your ICB took many honors, including Best State Magazine at the Chess Journalists of America awards!

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

It's been a dynamic year and we have seen many major changes and improvements. We are trying to do even more in 2000 too. But please remember - WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS and we could use

some more help. If you want to help chess, the community or the kids, and you have some time to spare, please get

involved. We can use your help and you'll feel good about it too. Please call me.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The ICA Awards Banquet will be at The Bohemian Crystal restaurant in Westmont February 27th. Grandmaster Dmitry Gurevich and all of your ICA officers and organizers will be there. Come and be a part of this event. Meet your chess friends and relax in a casual atmosphere of friendship and camaraderie.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST.

I'm very honored to be the last ICA president of this century.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS and a GREAT NEW YEARS TO ALL OF YOU.

Fred Gruenberg

President's Podium

Square Talk

Joshua Flores

The end of the year is here. We are bidding 1999 a fond farewell. It was a good year for many and a bad year for others. The year brought many nightmares to life as well as many dreams too. We lost many good friends and heroes and many new ones were created. Such is the way of time and life.

Chess in Illinois was the same way. We lost IM Enrico Sevillano to Ohio, but gained IM Angelo Young. And IM Osman Palos returned. Thanks to Fred Gruenberg, GM Dmitry Gurevich has committed to continue making Chicago his base of operations. Dmitry is the 1999 Illinois Champion and he well deserves it. He has annotated several of his games from that event as well of that from a promising junior.

With this issue, I have completed a full cycle of editing the Illinois Chess Bulletin! Yes. I was involved with the Nov/Dec 1998 issue, but it was still not really me. Thank you all for supporting me and making this job FUN! I have learned a great deal and have made a lot of mistakes, many of you have been very forgiving for some of these... for that I thank you!

Speaking of mistakes seems I made a big one with the last issue. My apologies to Chess Wizardry Problem Columnist Todd Barre!! Seems I repeated an old column again. Mea culpa! The right column is in this issue with corrected due dates. As well as the right Answer Box.

We have a new writer for this issue - WGM Martha Fierro, who currently resides in Florida, has agreed to write for us on occasion. I think you will enjoy her article. I am working on possibly adding another titled player to our growing list of columnists and contributors. As well as continuing to work on getting some of Illinois strongest players to contribute.

This issue is only 48 pages... but what an issue! There are tons of material in it. We have a Spotlight on former ICA President Hector Hernandez, with an article written by regular contributor - Mike Marsh, Mednis' Practical Endgame, along with Where to Play, Tournament Calendar, and essays and reviews!

We also have a new columnist! Ron Suarez will be writing about middle of the road issues from the viewpoint of the middle of the pack player from the middle corner of the US. I think we will all enjoy his unique viewpoints and subjects. Thanks, Ron!

Unfortunately I couldn't cover all the news in such a small amount of space, but look for the Jan./Feb. issue to redeem me.

And how about those Chess Journalists of America Awards this magazine has received??? YES!!!

I can only hope to make that a traditional occurrence. I think I am well on my way.

Thank you for all your compliments, comments and complaints. They give me the direction I need to keep making improvements.

The covers have been nice lately, no? I made a faux pas last issue and did not give credit to the person who designed my cover! Let me offer my sincerest apologies to her. The daughter of a former co-worker, Anna Aronchik did the September/October cover. Sorry and Thanks Anna!

I hope this issue's cover is memorable also! The artwork was done by Roberta Lerman - also from Florida.

Please note the new phone number to contact me. Email still should go to Squarehopper@64.com. Also you may see me pushing more wood (or plastic!). Feel free to talk to me any way you like.

As this issue goes to press, the Illinois Class will have taken place. I will have crosstables and games and pictures for that in our next issue. As well as the Midwest Class will be covered. Tour winners will be announced, and new Tour leaders will be on their way.

The Jan/Feb 2000 cover has been assigned to Brian Struc. I look forward to seeing it! I know we will all be pleased.

Please send me letters! E-mail! Postcards! Notes! I need a Reader's Pawnderings column! Also games, stories, ideas, thoughts... I will use them if I can.

The ICB has changed a lot. And it will continue changing... new things are in store for our beloved journal of Illinois Chess! I am excited about what the year 2000 will bring!

Until then, I remain...

Chessically yours,
Joshua Flores

1999 Illinois Open

GM Dmitry Gurevich & Josh Flores

The 1999 Illinois Open was held over Labor Day weekend at a brand new location – the Arlington Heights Hilton. A record number of players showed up to try their skill and watch 2 GM's and several IM's knock each other for the first prize check.

This event was put together by ICA President Fred Gruenberg in partnership with the Illinois Chess Association. Thanks to all the players and Fred's generosity, the ICA/Warren Junior Program received a boost in the form of a \$1000 donation from the profits made on the event. Thank you Fred!

It was an exciting event that was well run by Chief TD Walter Brown and assisted by Josh Flores and Larry Cohen. Blair Machaj also aided when needed and provided extra sets and boards when we discovered we may not have enough to cover the field.

Despite the loss of the Chicago Room, which was double booked by the hotel, the players were able to play in a comfortable setting. Next year, Fred promises that we will have all the rooms and that all the complaints about the playing site and conditions will be addressed and taken care of.

In the Open section, GM's Dmitry Gurevich and Pavel Blatny battled for top honors in round 5, and our resident Grandmaster pulled through with a victory. In round 6, IM (official now!) Angelo Young, - proprietor of the Wild Onion Chess Club, tried to break the pattern of losing to Dmitry and played an very energetic game, only managing to draw. Gurevich told me afterwards that Angelo should have won the game. Angelo told me that he was very happy with the result as it did break his losing streak and that next time GM Gurevich will have to worry about his turning the record around. Dmitry annotates his

Illinois Open		September 4-6, 1999									
OPEN SECTION		score									
1	GUREVICH Dmitry	2617	W53	W51	W11	W 6	W 2	D 3	5.5		
2	BLATNY Pavel	2598	W54	W23	W 5	W 4	L 1	W10	5		
3	YOUNG Angelo	2473	W29	W35	W19	W18	D 7	D 1	5		
4	KARKLINS Andrew	2374	W30	W12	W22	L 2	W35	W11	5		
5	MAKSIMOVIC Dejan	2250	W44	W14	L 2	W25	W13	W21	5		
6	FALOS Osman	2461	W15	W24	W41	L 1	W33	D 7	4.5		
7	CHOW Albert	2300	W43	W70	W25	D10	D 3	D 6	4.5		
8	NGUYEN Tam	2013	W32	L18	W73	D19	W28	W22	4.5		
9	OBERWALS Jim	1842	D21	W36	W69	L11	X50	W24	4.5		
10	DANDRIDGE Marvin	2311	D64	W45	W52	D 7	W34	L 2	4		
11	GINAT Michael	2300	W55	W17	L 1	W 9	W23	L 4	4		
12	ROBLEDO Mark Jr	2013	W49	L 4	W17	D41	D20	W37	4		
13	KLEBAN Yuliy	1999	H	W64	X62	D34	L 5	W33	4		
14	BROCK Bill	1965	W67	L 5	W47	D20	D36	W34	4		
15	FORD Sam	1963	L 6	W80	W59	L22	W57	W35	4		
16	GORLIN Yelena	1957	D59	W78	D21	W51	D19	D20	4		
17	GORLIN Gennadiy	1856	W50	L11	L12	W59	W51	W36	4		
18	FORMANEK Edward	2407	W42	W 8	W20	L 3	D22	-	3.5		
19	SZPISJAK Steven	2200	W71	W38	L 3	D 8	D16	D25	3.5		
20	LINN Peter	2158	W73	W28	L18	D14	D12	D16	3.5		
21	FAGAN James	2111	D 9	W46	D16	W27	D24	L 5	3.5		
22	ILIC Stanimir	2097	W74	W47	L 4	W15	D18	L 8	3.5		
23	BENESS Arnulfo	2075	W57	L 2	W44	W52	L11	D29	3.5		
24	KINNAIRD Rodney	2062	W77	L 6	W57	W50	D21	L 9	3.5		
25	SAX Robert	2007	W48	W69	L 7	L 5	W45	D19	3.5		
26	CAVITT Dexter	1965	D78	D59	L40	D37	W48	W43	3.5		
27	CHUA Johnson	1964	W68	L41	W39	L21	D44	W40	3.5		
28	SOLLANO Ely	1960	W58	L20	H	W81	L 8	W44	3.5		
29	MODES Dan	1914	L 3	D37	W48	H	W61	D23	3.5		
30	BUGGIERO Brian	1908	L 4	D49	H	W56	W38	H	3.5		
31	HERNANDEZ Hector	1900	L69	W32	L33	D46	W49	W42	3.5		
32	LAHR Fred	1796	L 8	L31	W80	W64	D43	W51	3.5		
33	RIDDELL Josh	2106	W80	L52	W31	W61	L 6	L13	3		
34	SPLINTER Joe	2082	W75	W40	H	D13	L10	L14	3		
35	SCOTT Gene	2065	W37	L 3	W71	W38	L 4	L15	3		
36	KARKLINS Erik	2055	D46	L 9	W77	W40	D14	L17	3		
37	GORLIN Andrey	1806	L35	D29	W78	D26	X53	L12	3		
38	MARKOVIC Arandel	1802	W60	L19	W70	L35	L30	W58	3		
39	BRASWELL Isaac	1614	L70	W43	L27	L44	W74	W56	3		
40	RIDDLE Robert	1592	W79	L34	W26	L36	W54	L27	3		
41	BACHLER Kevin	2184	W72	W27	L 6	D12	-	-	2.5		
42	CIMA Joe	1914	L18	L57	H	W58	W66	L31	2.5		
43	CHAVEZ Robert	1887	L 7	L39	W74	W47	D32	L26	2.5		
44	MONATELLI David	1868	L 5	W67	L23	W39	D27	L28	2.5		
45	HALL Jeffrey	1831	H	L10	W60	H	L25	D47	2.5		
46	CASE Rick	1800	D36	L21	D53	D31	W68	-	2.5		
47	ROBLEDO Mark Sr	1794	X	L22	L14	L43	W55	D45	2.5		
48	HENDERSON Harold	1758	L25	D65	L29	W67	L26	W64	2.5		
49	AROND Dean	1739	L12	D30	D64	H	L31	W60	2.5		
50	OSTERAK Wladyslaw	2182	L17	W74	W54	L24	F 9	-	2		

games and one game from the Reserve section for us here.

Freidel J
Allison, R [B28]

04.09.1999

{Dmitry}

The tournament produced a lot of interesting games. Here is a tactical encounter of two players. White is

an up and coming Junior matching his wits against a chessbattle veteran. 1.e4 c5 2.♁f3 a6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♁xd4 ♁f6 5.♁c3 ♁c7 6.f4 c5 7.♁b3 ♁b4 8.♁d2 0-0 9.♁d3 ♁e8 10.a3 ♁xc3 11.♁xc3 ♁c6 12.0-0 d5? 13.exd5 ♁g4 14.♁d2 ♁xd5 15.♁xh7+! ♁xh7 16.♁xd5 ♁ad8 17.♁c4 ♁e6 18.♁e2 ♁b6+ 19.♁h1 ♁xh3 20.cxb3 ♁d4 21.♁h5+ ♁g8 22.fxe5 ♁xh3 23.♁ad1 g6 24.♁h4 ♁e6 25.♁g4 ♁xd1 26.♁xd1 ♁g7 27.h3 ♁h8 28.♁d7 ♁b5 29.♁e7?



So far White played well. But now both sides start making mistakes. [29.♁xe6 ♁f1+ 30.♁h2 ♁f4+ 31.♁gl ♁cl+ 32.♁f2 ♁f4+ 33.♁e2 ♁e4+ 34.♁d1+] 29...♁f1+ 30.♁h2 ♁h5 31.♁f3 [31.♁xe6 ♁f4+ =] 31...♁xh3+? 32.♁xh3? [32.♁xh3 ♁f4+ 33.g3 ♁f2+ 34.♁g2] 32...♁g5+ 33.♁g3 ♁xf3 34.gxf3 ♁g1+ 35.♁f4 ♁f8? [35...g5+?] 36.♁xb7 g5+ 37.♁f5 ♁g3 38.♁b8+ ♁g7? [38...♁e7 39.♁b7+ ♁e8 40.♁b8+ ♁d7 41.♁b7+ ♁e8 =] 39.e6+ The game ends with a spectacular

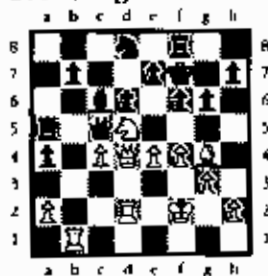


checkmate 39...♁h7 40.♁h8 • 1-0

Sherhoff, L
Gurevich, D [B38]
Illinois Open (1),
[Dmitry]

51	INUMERABLE Florenti	2079	W56	L 1	W55	L16	L17	L32	2
52	HAMMOND Al	1945	W61	W33	L10	L23	-	-	2
53	SHERNOFF Leon	1930	L 1	D56	D46	W75	F37	-	2
54	THOMPSON Cedric	1920	L 2	W75	L50	W73	L40	-	2
55	SMYTHE Bill	1870	L11	W66	L51	L57	L47	W74	2
56	AKHMETOV Artem	1816	L51	D53	D68	L30	W59	L39	2
57	CROWELL Jim	1809	L23	W42	L24	W55	L15	-	2
58	BAIRD Douglas	1482	L28	L71	B	L42	X75	L38	2
59	ARAMIL William	1372	D16	D26	L15	L17	L56	W78	2
60	HECKMAN Jonathan	1360	L38	D76	L45	W72	D64	L48	2
61	MC COORMICK Andy		L52	W72	X	L33	L29	-	2
62	BOTTA Alejandro	2305	W65	D63	F13	-	-	-	1.5
63	GAST Bryan	1998	W66	D62	-	-	-	-	1.5
64	AMUNDSEN Steve	1892	D10	L13	D49	L32	D60	L48	1.5
65	HJANG Kenneth	1889	L62	D46	R		-	-	1.5
66	LEUNG Daniel	1713	L63	L55	R	W78	L42	-	1.5
67	HUBBARD Andrew	1578	L14	L44		L48	W78	-	1.5
68	VENUSO Mike	1530	L27	R	D56	R	L46	-	1.5
69	STAMNOV Aleksandar	2033	W31	L25	L 9	-	-	-	1
70	WARREN James	1984	W39	L 7	L38	-	-	-	1
71	CHEN Aaron	1859	L19	W58	L35	-	-	-	1
72	TITUS Frank	1859	L41	L61	L75	L60	B	-	1
73	COHEN Howard	1852	L20	W79	L 8	L54	-	-	1
74	REDDIVARI Dushyant	1818	L22	L50	L43	W80	L39	L55	1
75	COVIC Mehmed	1817	L34	L54	W72	L52	F58	-	1
76	COHEN Lawrence S	1865	-	D60	-	-	-	-	0.5
77	BUTNY William	1900	L24		L36	-	-	-	0.5
78	VONDROSKA Richard	1554	D26	L16	L37	L66	L67	L59	0.5
79	SATTERLEE Ray Doyle	1975	L40	L73	-	-	-	-	0
80	HART Vincent	1835	L33	L15	L32	L74	-	-	0
81	CUMMINS Edward T	1457	-	-	-	L28	-	-	0

1.e4 c5 2.♁f3 ♁c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♁xd4 g6 5.c4 ♁g7 6.♁e3 ♁f6 7.♁c3 0-0 8.f3 d6 [8...♁b6 9.♁d2 (9.♁ch5) 9...♁xd4 10.♁xd4 ♁xe4 11.♁xb6 ♁xc3 12.♁xc3 ♁xc3 13.♁c5 ♁a4 14.♁a3 d6] 9.♁d2 ♁d7 10.♁e2 ♁xd4 11.♁xd4 ♁c6 12.0-0 a5 13.♁f1 ♁d7 14.♁xg7 ♁xg7 15.♁d4+ f6 16.♁f1 ♁b6 17.g3? ♁xb2 18.♁ab1 ♁a3 19.♁h3 ♁e5 20.♁f2 a4 21.♁d2 ♁a5 22.♁e6 ♁c5 23.f4 ♁f7 24.♁d5 ♁d8 25.♁g4 ♁f7!

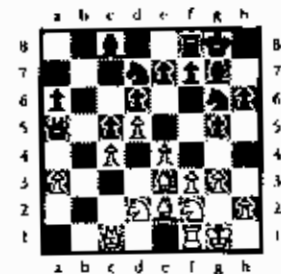


26.♁e3 h5 27.♁c8? [27.♁h3 ♁e6 28.♁xc6+ ♁xe6 29.♁c7+ ♁d7 30.♁d5 ♁b8] 27...♁xd5 28.cxd5 ♁xc8 0-1

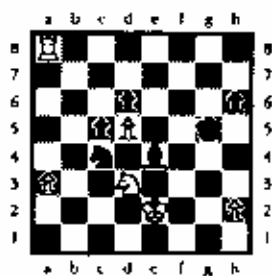
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Inumerable [E91]
[Dmitry]

1.d4 g6 2.c4 ♁g7 3.e4 d6 4.♁c3 ♁f6 5.♁f3 0-0 6.♁e2 ♁c6 7.d5 ♁h8 8.0-0 ♁bd7 9.♁e3 c5 10.♁d2 h6 11.a3 a6

12.♁c2 ♁e5 13.f3 g5 14.b4 b6 15.bxc5 bxc5 16.♁ab1 ♁c7 17.♁b3 ♁fd7 18.g3 ♁g6 19.♁d1 ♁h8 20.♁c2 ♁xb1 21.♁xb1 ♁de5 22.♁f2 ♁a5 23.♁c1 ♁d7



[23...f5?] 24.♁b3 ♁c3 25.♁xc3 ♁xc3 26.♁b1 ♁g7 27.♁a5 f5 28.exf5 ♁xf5 29.♁c6 ♁dc5 30.f4 gxf4 [30...♁xc6 31.dxc6 gxf4 32.gxf4 ♁f8 (32...♁xf7? 33.♁g++) 33.♁g4] 31.gxf4 ♁xf4? [31...♁xc6 32.dxc6 ♁f8∞ Perestianovka hodov 33.♁g4] 32.♁xe7+ ♁f7? [32...♁f8] 33.♁xf5? [33.♁xc8! ♁xe2+ 34.♁f1 ♁xc4 35.♁xc2 ♁xd5 36.♁b7++-] 33...♁xe2+ 34.♁f1 ♁xf5 35.♁b7+ ♁g6 36.♁xe2 ♁xc4 37.♁f4 ♁e5? [37...h5] 38.♁xc5 ♁xe5 39.♁b6 ♁c4 40.♁xa6 ♁f6 41.♁d3 ♁g5 42.♁a8 [42.h4+ ♁xh4 43.♁a4 ♁g4+ 44.♁f2 ♁b6 45.♁a6 ♁c4] 42...♁e4



[42...Bg4+? 43. Qf2 Rf5 44. Bg8+ Qf6 45. Bf8+ Qg5 46. h4+ Qg4 47. Qe2 Qxa3 48. Bf6] 43. h4+! Qf6 44. Bf8 Qg7 45. Bf8 Qxd5 46. Qxc5 Qxa3 47. Bxd6+ Qb5 48. Bf7+ Qf6 49. Qe3 Rf7 50. Qe4+ Qe6 51. Bb7 Qa3 52. Bc7 Qe8 53. Qf4 Qb5 54. Bf7 h5 55. Bf6+ Qe7 56. Qe5 Qa7 57. Bf7+ Rf7 58. Qg5 Qc6+ 59. Qf5 Qd8 60. Qxf7 1-0

Ginat, M

Gurevich, D [E41]

[Dmitry]

1. d4 Qf6 2. c4 e6 3. Qc3 Bb4 4. e3 c5 5. Qf3 Qc6 6. Qd3 Qxc3+ 7. bxc3 d6 8. e4 e5 9. d5 Qe7 10. Qh4 h6 11. 0-0 [11...g5 12. Qf3 Qf8 13. Qf5 Qxf5 14. exf5 Qf6 15. h4 Qe7] 12. f4 Qg6 13. Qxg6 f7 14. fxe5 dxe5 15. Qd2 [15. a4 a5] 15... Qd6 16. Qe2 g5 17. Bb1 b6 18. Qc2 Bf7 19. Qe1 Qg4 20. Qe3 Baf8 21. Qd2 Qh5 22. Bxf7 Bxf7 23. Bf1 Qf4 24. g3 Qg6 [24...Qe2+ 25. Qg2 Qd7 26. Bxf7 Qxf7 27. Qd3 (27. Qf2? Qh3+; 27. Qe1 Qh3+ 28. Qxh3 Qf1+ 29. Qg4 Qg1 30. Qh5 Qh7; 27. h3 Qxh3+ 28. Qxh3 Qf1+ 29. Qh2 g4!)] 25. Qe1 Qe2+ [25...Qe2 26. Bxf4 gxf4 27. Qxe2 f7 28. hxg3 Qxg3+ 29. Qg2] 26. Qg2 Qh5 27. Bxf7 Qh3+ [27...Qxf7 28. h3 Q; 27...Qh3+ 28. Qf2 Qxf7+ 29. Qxc2 Qg4+ 30. Qd3+] 28. Qh1 [28. Qf2! Qxh2+ 29. Qe3 Qxf7 30. Qf2+ (30. Qd1 Qf4 31. gxf4 Qh3+ 32. Qf2 Qh2+)] 30... Qxf2+ 31. Qxf2 h5 32. Qd3 Qf4 33. gxf4 gxf4 Qe7 28... Qxf7 29. Qf2+ Qe7 30. Qd3 Qh5 31. Qg2 Qh3+ 32. Qh1 Qxc3!?



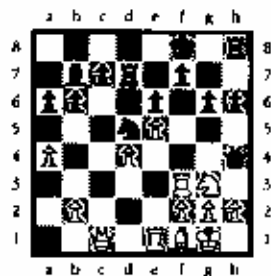
[32...Qf4?!] 33. d6+ Qxd6! [33...Qe6? 34. g4! Qxg4 35. Qxc3 Qf3+ 36. Qg1 Qxd6 Qe7] 34. Qf8+ Qd7! [34...Qc6 35. Qa8+] 35. Qc2? [35. Qxc3 Qd1+ 36. Qf1 Qxf1 37. Qf5+ Qc7 38. Qxe5+ Qb7 39. Qd5+ Qxd5 40. cxd5 Qd3 41. Qxg7 Qxe4+ 42. Qg1 Qxd5] 35... Qe2! 36. Qa4+ Qxa4 0-1

Gurevich, D

Palos, O [D20]

[Dmitry]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 dxc4 3. e4 e6 4. Qxc4 a6 5. a4 Qc6 6. Qf3 Qb4+ 7. Qd2 [7. Qc3! Qf6 8. Qg5 h6 9. Qxf6 Qxf6 10. e5! 7...Qf6 8. e5 Qxd2+ 9. Qbxd2 Qd5 10. Qe4 h6 11. 0-0 [11. a5? Qe] 11... b6! 12. Qg3 Qce7 13. Qh5 Qf8! 14. Qh4? [14. Qe1] 14... g6 15. Qg3 Qb7 16. Bb3 Qf4 17. Qf3 Qf5 18. Bc1 Qh4 19. Qxh4 Qxh4 20. Qf1 Bf8 21. Qc1 Bf7 22. Bc3 Qd5 23. Bf3?



[23. Bc4 Qg7 24. Qd3 Qh8 25. Bc4 Qe7 26. Bg4 Qe7 (26. Bc1 Qb4*)] 23... Qxd4 24. Bc4 Qc5 25. Qxc5+ bxc5 26. Bc1! [26. Bf3! 26...Qb6 27. Bb3 [27. Bb3 Qd5 28. Bb3] 27...a5 Qd [27...Qd2? 28. a5] 28. Qb5 Qd2 29. Bc3 c4 30. Qxc4 Qxa4 31. Bb3 Qb6 [31...Qxb2] 32. Qf1 Qxb2 33. Bxa5 Qg7 34. Bc5 Osman outplayed me in a very nice style and deserved to win this game. 34... Qa8! [34...Qd5 35. Qc4 Qf4 36. Bxc7 Qxg2 37. Qe2] 35. Qe2 Qd5 36. Qf3 c6 37. Qe4 Qb6 38. Qd6 Bb8! [38...Qd7? Palos 39. Bcc1 Bb8 40. Qxd5 cxd5 41. Bc7 Qxe5 42. f4 Qd3 43. Bxf7+ Qg8+] 39. Qxd5 cxd5 40. Bc7 Bf8 41. Bc1 g5 42. h4! Bc2 43. Bf3! Bxe5 Somehow Black's advantage disappears and after a couple of tragic mistakes he ends up even losing this game. [43...Qxh4! 44. Bf3 Bxe5 45. Qxf7 Bc1+ 46. Qh2 Bc8 47. Bb7 Qg6 48. Bxh6 Bc1 49. Qh3 (49. Qh8+ Qh5) 49... Bf1+ 50. Qg4 Bc4+ 51. Bf4 Bxf4+ 52. Qxf4 Qxf7+] 44. Bf3 Qg6 45. Qxf7 Bc1+ [45...Bf5 46. Qe5+ Qf6 47. Qg4+] 46. Qh2 Bc8 47. h5+ Qg7 [47...Qxh5 A] 48. Bf6! Bxc7 49. f3 (49. Bxh6+ Qg4 50. Bf6 Bf1+ 51. Qxh1

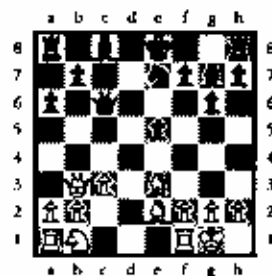
Qd7 52. Qh6+ Qh5 53. Bxe6 Qe7) 49... Bf1+ 50. Qxh1 Bxf7 51. Bxf7 Qg6 52. Bc7 Qf6 53. Bf7 Qg6 54. Bc7=; B) 48. Bxc8 48... Qxc8 49. Bf6 Qe7 50. g4+ Qh4 51. Qxh6+ 48. Bb7+ g4 49. Qe5+ Qg8 50. Qxg4 1-0

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Gurevich, D [B27]

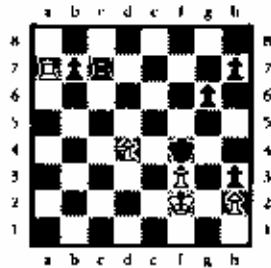
[Dmitry]

1. e4 c5 2. Qf3 g6 3. c3 d5 4. exd5 Qxd5 5. d4 Qg7 6. Qe3 cxd4 6... Nf6 is also possible 7. Qxd4 This move was played only once before. The usual choice is 7. cd4 7... Qc6 [7...a6 8. Qb3! 8. Qxc6 Qxc6 9. Qb3 [9. Qa3? Qxc3+] 9...a6 10. Qc4 e6 [10...Qf6? 11. Qxf7+ Qf8 12. Qc4 Qxg2 13. Bf1 Qxh2 14. Qd2 b5 15. Qc2 Qh7 16. 0-0-0] 11. 0-0 Qe7 12. Qe2 [12. Qd2! 12...e5]



Black takes his chance and equalizes comfortably 13. Qd2 Qe6 14. Qa3 f5 15. Qc5 Qd5 16. Qf3 Qf4 17. Bf1 0-0-0! It seems like White lost his way and now is on a defensive side 18. Qf1 Qd5! 19. Bc3 Qh3+ 20. gxf3 Qxf3 21. h4 White has no other choice than to counterattack on the Queenside 21... e4 22. h5 axb5 23. Bxf3 [23. Qa8+ It allows Black to change one pair of Bishops 23... Qd7 24. Qa3 Qf8 25. Qxf8 Bxf8] 23... exf3 24. Qa8+ Qd7 [24... Qc7 25. Qa5+] 25. Qa3 [25. Qd1+ Qc7 26. Qa5+ b6 27. Qa7+ Qc8 28. Qd4 Qxd4 29. cxd4 Bf7 30. Qa6+ Qb8 31. Qxb5 Qb7] 25... Bhe8 26. Qb4 [26. Qd1+ Qc7 27. Qa5+ b6 28. Qa7+ Qc8 29. Qxd8+ Bxd8 30. Qxb6 Qd6] 26... Qe2! The most convincing. White cannot take the exchange 27. a4 bxa4 28. Bxa4 Bc4 29. Qd4 Qxd4 30. cxd4 Qe6 31. Qh3+ Qd5 32. Qxf3 Bg4+! It was better to keep the exchange. The endgame now offers White some drawing prospects. [32... Qf6+] 33. Qxg4

fxg4 34.Qc4 gxh3
 35.♟f1 ♟f5 36.Qxd5
 Bxd5 37.♞a7 Bd7 38.f3
 ♟f4 39.♟e2 ♞e7
 40.♟f2 ♞c7!



The last move before time control. Black is now winning by force.
 41.♞a2 ♞c3 42.♞b2
 ♞xf3+ 43.♟g1 ♞c3
 44.♞xb7 ♞c1+ 45.♟f2
 ♞h1 46.♞xh7 ♞xh2+
 47.♟e1 [47.♟g1 ♞g2+
 48.♟h1 ♟g4] 47...♞h1+
 [47...♟g3] 48.♟e2
 [48.♟f2 ♞h2+ 49.♟f1
 ♟g3 50.♞g7 ♞h1+
 51.♟e2 h2 52.♞xg6+
 ♟f4] 48...♟g3! 49.♞g7
 h2 50.♞xg6+ ♟f4 If 51.
 Rh6 then 51...Ral 0-1

Gurevich,D
 Young,A [D15]
 [Dmitry]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3
 d5 4.♘f3 a6 5.a4 g6 6.e3
 ♘g4 7.♘e2 0-0 8.0-0
 ♘g4 9.a5 [9.♟h3] 9...c5
 Black offered a draw
 10.dxc5 [10.cxd5 ♘xd5
 11.♟b3 ♘xc3 12.bxc3
 ♟c7 13.♘a3] 10...dxc4
 11.♟xd8?! [11.♟a4? ♘d5
 12.♘xd5 ♟xd5 13.♘xc4
 ♟h5] 11...♞xd8 12.♘xc4
 ♘xf3 13.gxf3 ♘xc6
 14.♞a4? [14.e4? ♘d7
 15.♘e3 ♘d4 16.♘d5
 ♘xf3+ 17.♟g2 ♘f5
 18.♘e2] 14...♘d7
 15.♘e4 ♘de5 16.♘e2
 ♘d3 17.b3 Bd5 18.♘a3
 ♞ad8 [18...h6? A)
 19.♞d1 ♞ad8 20.♘d6
 exd6 21.♞xd3 (21.cxd6
 ♞g5+) 21...dxc5
 22.♞xd5 ♞xd5; B) 19.♞b1 19...f5]
 19.♞b1 h6 20.♟g2 ♟h7 21.b4 ♘a7

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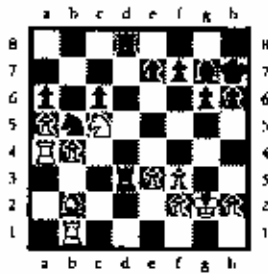
RESERVE SECTION

										score
1	LAHEDI Salar	1670	W 83	W121	W 9	W 7	W 13	W 8	E	
2	NORDAHL David	1781	W113	W 36	D 34	W 18	W 15	W 14	W 14	5.5
3	PARSONS Bob	1782	W 44	D 10	W 89	W 40	D 14	W 17	5	
4	HAYES Christopher	1688	H	W137	D 71	W 47	W 34	W 38	5	
5	QUIRK Mike	1605	D 29	W138	H	W 76	W 71	W 37	5	
6	BUCIOR Sylvester	1601	W120	W146	W 16	L 8	W 35	W 40	5	
7	WITEK Greg	1508	W125	W 41	W 11	L 1	W 82	W 46	5	
8	PADILLA Rudy	1500	W106	W 58	W 61	W 6	W 26	L 1	5	
9	AILES Tim	1372	W130	W145	L 1	W 86	W 25	W 24	5	
10	LERNER Gabriel	1298	W149	D 3	W 90	D 50	W 67	W 26	5	
11	RODRIGUEZ Jose	1288	W158	W 99	L 7	W 21	W 28	W 31	5	
12	GANDLUR Mallikarjuna		W 77	L 34	W 45	W 72	W 54	W 33	5	
13	ANDERSON Curtis Tyler	1554	W123	W 43	W117	W 19	L 1	D 16	4.5	
14	CYGAN Joe	1493	W126	W114	W 55	W 63	D 3	L 2	4.5	
15	SUMMERHAYS David	1444	X	D118	W 84	W109	L 2	W 49	4.5	
16	EDGUS Daniel	1397	W 60	W144	L 6	W 82	W 19	D 13	4.5	
17	SHELLHAMER Ted	1339	W133	H	W 23	W 47	W 52	L 3	4.5	
18	KAISER Michael	1304	W135	D 24	W 51	L 2	W 47	X 52	4.5	
19	DELACERDA Gabriel	1750	W102	W 72	W 54	L 13	L 16	W 57	4	
20	ALLISON Roger	1700	L117	W 93	L 44	W123	W 85	W 71	4	
21	MIEL James	1699	L 82	W107	W 80	L 11	W109	W 72	4	
22	SMITH Jason	1689	H	L 89	W138	D 77	W117	W 73	4	
23	RATNER Jacob	1662	W119	D 37	L 17	D 84	W102	W 74	4	
24	YOUNG Mark	1639	W 85	D 19	W 70	D 34	W 36	L 9	4	
25	GANT Thomas	1619	W104	W 42	L 40	W 55	L 9	W 75	4	
26	SHOCKLEY Robert	1594	W103	W 28	W 39	W 31	L 8	L 10	4	
27	ENGELLEN Mark	1584	W 87	L 38	L 82	W107	W118	W 77	4	
28	SANCHEZ Carlos	1562	W122	L 26	W119	W114	L 11	W 84	4	
29	LANGER David P	1519	D 5	W111	H	H	D 58	W 78	4	
30	MARSHALL Ken	1507	H	W153	D116	D 58	W106	D 43	4	
31	SOLANO Mario	1484	W127	W 82	W 46	L 26	W 89	L 11	4	
32	LOBRACO Michael	1425	D109	W152	D118	L 82	W 86	W 87	4	
33	WHITE David	1413	W129	L 46	W105	W124	W 62	L 12	4	
34	PARK William	1401	W110	W 12	D 2	D 24	L 4	W 89	4	
35	BOLTON John	1389	W132	L 47	W121	W 61	L 6	W 90	4	
36	RAMOS Fabian	1380	W150	L 2	W122	W118	L 24	W 82	4	
37	SUMMERHAYS John	1353	W139	D 23	W 65	H	W 63	L 5	4	
38	DUPUIS Erik	1338	W140	W 27	L 26	W125	W 50	L 4	4	
39	BLACKMAN William	1316	W157	W 64	L 63	L 46	W121	W 66	4	
40	GORODETSKIY Eugene	1313	W147	X	W 25	L 3	W 53	L 6	4	
41	HUANG Winston	1293	W136	L 7	D106	W127	D 66	W 65	4	
42	SEIBEL Dennis	1282	W154	L 25	W126	L 4	W124	W 63	4	
43	FORD Justin	1253	W155	L 13	W149	D 49	W 51	D 30	4	
44	HEJER Brandon	1205	L 3	W130	W 20	L 67	W111	W 68	4	
45	GONZALEZ Anthony	1203	L144	W 60	L 12	W130	W 97	W 67	4	
46	GERSHIK Yuriy		W115	W 33	L 31	W 39	W 68	L 7	4	
47	ALMQUIST Walter	1796	W 86	W 35	D 52	L 17	L 18	W 93	3.5	
48	MUSSELMAN Charles	1627	L118	L127	W133	W122	W139	D 55	3.5	
49	STAPLES Carl	1574	L 88	W108	W 83	D 43	W 56	L 15	3.5	
50	MC CLURE Seth	1569	W105	W 74	H	D 10	L 38	H	3.5	
51	SILVERMAN Scott	1539	W124	D116	L 18	W 81	L 43	W106	3.5	
52	SAHS James	1511	W 94	W 91	D 47	W 57	L 17	F 18	3.5	
53	BALDWIN Calvin	1498	W128	L 61	W 87	W116	L 40	D 58	3.5	
54	LEVINE Gary	1443	W 59	W 78	L 19	W 86	L 12	D 61	3.5	
55	MORAN Philip	1275	W159	X	L 14	L 25	W125	D 48	3.5	
56	SCHWARTZ Josh	1274	L 61	H	W157	W131	L 49	W 98	3.5	
57	JENKINS Mike	1267	W143	H	X	L 52	W 98	L 19	3.5	
58	PETERSON Ross	1222	W100	L 8	W134	D 30	D 29	D 53	3.5	
59	PENA Andy	992	L 54	H	L 66	W142	W137	W100	3.5	
60	FISHMAN Joseph	960	L 16	L 45	H	X158	W103	W101	3.5	

Angelo played very well so far and one more good move would have put me in a lot of trouble. Note that due to Black's

creative play- an extra White pawn doesn't mean anything' [21...f5! 22.♟g3 ♘a7!]] 22.c6! bxc6 23.♘d3

♠xd3 24.♟c5 ♟b5
 [24...♟d1] 25.♠xd1
 ♠xd1 26.♟xa6 ♠a1
 27.♟c5 ♟c3 (27...♟b5
 28.a6) 28.♟d3] 25.♠b2



25...♟d2 [25...♠xb2
 26.♟xd3 ♟c3 27.♠xb2
 ♟xa4 28.♠b3] 26.♠xg7
 ♟xg7 27.♠c1 ♠b2
 28.♟xa6 ♠dd2 29.♠f1
 [29.♠xc6? ♠xf2+ 30.♟g3
 g5] 29...♟c3 30.♠aa1
 [30.♠a3 ♟d1] 30...♟d5
 31.♠a3 ♟xb4 32.♟xb4
 ♠xb4 33.a6 ♠d8- 34.a7
 ♠a8 35.f4 ♠b7 36.♠fa1
 c5 37.♟f3 c4 38.♟e2
 ♠d7 39.♠c3 ♠axa7
 40.♠xa7 ♠xa7 41.♠xc4
 ♠a1 42.♟f3 ♠g1 43.h3 f5
 44.♠c7 ♟f6 45.♠c6+ ♟f7
 46.♠a6 ♠d1 47.♟g2 ♣-
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In the Reserve Section
 Salar Jahedi added another
 Tournament win to his
 resume by going 6 - 0 and
 therefore taking clear first
 and the Donated Chronos
 Clock.

Other fine performances
 were put in by teenager
 David Nordahl with 5.5-
 0.5 and Top 50 Junior
 Jose Antonio Rodriguez
 with a 5-1 score

All had a lot of fun
 playing and it was a great
 event. On behalf of Fred
 Gruenberg and the ICA I
 would like to thank
 everyone who played and
 who helped make this

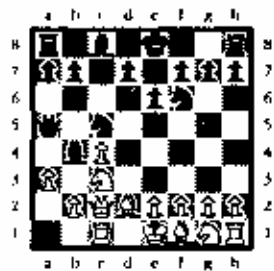
event the success it was. Here are a few
 more games for your pleasure submitted
 by our games editor James Fagan.

61	KOZYRENKO Sergei	W 56	W 53	L 8	L 35	W 79	D 54	3.5	
62	SPECKECK Mark	1774	W 80	D 71	H	W160	L 33	3	
63	MISHLOVE David	1657	W145	W 73	W 39	L 14	L 37	L 42	3
64	SIERTZ Charles E	1651	W 75	L 39	D 81	H	L 84	W109	3
65	PULLIN Matt	1649	D 84	W101	L 37	D102	W 80	L 41	3
66	BAUMGARTNER Chris	1632	H	L 64	W 59	W103	D 41	L 39	3
67	TADALAN Alfred	1497	W 93	L117	W 85	W 44	L 10	L 45	3
68	HERNANDEZ Daniel	1476	W108	L 88	W104	W117	L 46	L 44	3
69	FRAZIER David	1450	L 89	D110	D132	L 93	W133	W122	3
70	LOPEZ Philip	1373	W 95	H	L 24	D128	L 87	W124	3
71	DUNCAN Jason	1360	W131	D 62	D 4	W120	L 5	L 20	3
72	SZCZEPANIK Przemek	1359	X	L 19	W123	L 12	W 58	L 21	3
73	GILRUTH Bruce	1339	W134	L 63	L125	W149	W105	L 22	3
74	FREIDEL Dennis	1321	W141	L 50	L 92	W109	W 90	L 23	3
75	CODDING Doug	1261	L 64	L149	W135	W151	W126	L 25	3
76	HUFFMAN Francis	1253	W 97	H	H	L 5	L 93	W125	3
77	HIERONYMUS April	1224	L 12	H	W142	D 22	W 95	L 27	3
78	KUCA Adam	1220	W 79	L 54	H	H	W129	L 29	3
79	WISNER Mike	1212	L 78	L128	W140	W129	L 61	W121	3
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85	VILLAFLORE Elizabeth	1160	L 24	W135	L 67	W137	L 20	W129	3
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88	CHAPLIN Wesley	1110	W 49	W 68	L 3	L 54	L 72	W131	3
89	BECY Ryan	1096	W 69	W 22	H	H	L 31	L 34	3
90	DUPEE Arthur	1088	X	H	L 10	H	L 74	W114	3
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92	KOPINSKI Michael	1058	H	H	W 74	L 16	W114	L 35	3
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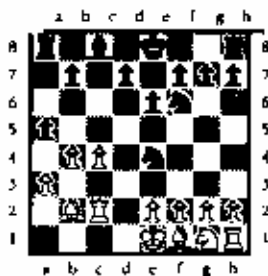
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1.d4 ♟f6 2.c4 e6 3.♟c3 ♠b4 4.♟c2
 c5 5.dxc5 ♟a5 This position is
 normally reached via [5...♟a6 6.a3

8...a5? 7...d2 9xc5
 8...c1? 6...d2 9a6
 7.a3 9xc5



8...c1? White has also played [8...e4 d6 (8...9xc3 9...9xc3 9a4 10...9xa4 9xa4 11...e5 9e4 12...d4 gives White more space and leaves the Black ♖ out of play.) 9...d2 d7 10...d4 9xc3 11...9xc3 9b6 12...f3 9a4 13...d1 which, depending upon your opinion of the Maroczy bind, is slightly better for one side or the other. I prefer Black.; 8...b3 0-0 9...f3 d6 10...e2 9xc3 11...9xc3 9d8 12...e3 with equality.] 8...9xc3 9...9xc3 9a4 10...b4 9xc2 11...9xc2 9ce4? This allows White to gain central space with time as the knight is attacked. Despite the cliché "a knight on the rim is grim", it is better to play [11...9a4? 12...9xf6 12...Bd4 is probably a little better. 12...gxf6 13...e4 a5? 14...d3 d6=) 12...9b2 Black's position is already difficult due to the threat of f2-f3. 12...a5?



[12...d5 13...f3 9d6 14...cxd5 exd5 15...9xf6 gxf6 16...e3 allows the knight to escape, but is clearly better for White.] 13...f3 9d6 14...e4 axb4 15...axb4 e5 As this fails to save the piece Black might as well play [15...9dxe4

121	STRUC Brian	1090	W151	L 1	L 35	W145	L 39	L 79	2
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129	MORAN Wesley	937	L 33	W115	L114	L 79	X145	L 85	2
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147	PENA Luis	1313	-	-	-	-	W158	-	1
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16...fxe4 9xe4 17...9xg7 9g8 18...d4 f5) 16...c5 9dxc4 17...fxe4 9xe4 18...d3 f5 19...9f3 9a4 20...0-0 9xb4 21...9xe5 9f8 22...9c4 9xc5 23...9xf5 g6 24...9a3 1-0

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 Levine, G (1445) [A16]
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1...c4 9f6 2...9c3 h6 3...e4 e5 4...9f3 d6 5...d4 exd4 6...9xd4 9bd7? 7...9c6 1-0

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 Karklins, A [B21]
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1...e4 c5 2...d4 cxd4 3...c3 dxc3 4...9xc3 9c6 5...9f3 e6 6...9c4 9ge7 7.0-0 9g6 8...9e2 9d6 9...g3 0-0 10...9d1 9h8 11...9g5 h6 12...9h3 d5 13...9h5 d4 14...f4 9a5 15...9b5 a6 16...9d2 9b6 17...9a3 d3+ 18...9g2 9xh2 19...9h1 9d4 20...9b3 9xe4+ 21...9f3 9xf3+ 22...9xf3 9d4+

23...9e4 9c2 24...9c3 9xa1 25...9xa1 9d8 26...9f2 9a7 27...9xd3 h5 28...9f3 9h7+ 29...9e2 9e7 30...9d2 9f5 31...9c3 9d4+ 32...9xd4 9xd4 33...9c2 9c8 34...9b1 g5 35...9f1 gxf4 36...9xf4 9c5 37...9d3 9h5 38...h4 9g4 39...9c1 9b6 40...9f1 9e4+ 41...9d2 9d5 42...9c3 9a5 0-1

Modes, D
 Henderson, H [B22]
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1...e4 c5 2...c3 9f6 3...e5 9d5 4...d4 cxd4 5...9f3 9c6 6...9c4 9b6 7...9b3 d5 8...exd6 9...0-0 9e6 10...9a3 9xb3 11...axb3 e6 12...9b5 9d8 13...9fxd4 9d6? 14...9xd6+ 9xd6 15...9b5 9xd1 16...9xd1 0-0 17...9c3 9fd8 18...h3 9xd1+ 19...9xd1 9d5 20...9c5 a6 21...9a3 h6 22...9c4 9c8 23...b4 9ce7 24...9d6 9c7 25...c4 9f6 26...9e3 9c6 27...h5 axb5 28...9xb5

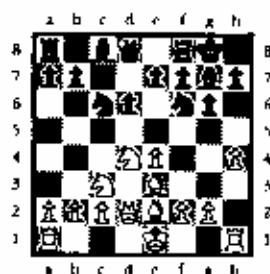
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 Ac5 32.Axc5 Bxc5 33.Bd8+ Bh7
 34.Bb8 Ae4 35.Bxb7 Bg6 36.Bd7
 Bf5 37.Ad6 Ac5 38.Bc7 Bh5 39.g4
 Bxh3 40.Bxc5 Bxb3 41.Bc7 f5
 42.gxf5+ exf5 43.Ae8 Bc3 44.Bxg7+
 Bh5 45.Ad6 f4 46.Bg2 f3+ 47.Bh2
 Bc2 48.Bg3 Bxc4! 49.Bg5! Bxg5
 50.Axc4 h5 51.Bxf3 h4 52.Ae3 Bh5
 53.Bg2 Bg5 54.Bh3 Bf4 55.Bxh4
 Bf3 56.Ad1 1-0

Robledo, M –
 Gorlin, G [B09]
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1.e4 d6 2.d4 Af6 3.Ac3 g6 4.f4 Ag7
 5.Af3 c6 6.Ad3 b5 7.0-0 a6 8.f5 Afd7
 9.Ae3 e5 10.fxe6 Afd6? 11.exf7+ Bf8?
 12.c5 Ag4 13.Ag5 Bb6 14.exd6
 Axd4+ 15.Bh1 Af2+ 16.Bxf2 Axf2
 17.Ah6+ Bxf7 18.Ag5+ Bg8 19.Bf3
 1-0

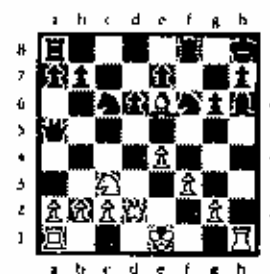
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1.e4 c5 2.Af3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Axd4 Af6
 5.Ac3 g6 6.Ae2 The Classical is a good
 alternative for those weary of the
 Yugoslav Attack. 6...Ag7 7.Ac3 0-0
 8.Afd2 8.Nb3, restraining d6-d5, is also
 good. 8...Ac6 9.h4?! White's mixing
 systems, which doesn't often work out.



[9.0-0 leads to normal systems. Black
 can respond with 9...Ad7 (or 9...Ag4?
) ; 9.0-0-0 can also be met with
 9...Ag4] 9...Ad7 10.h5 Ag4 [Black
 could also play along the previous lines
 with 10...Ag4 11.hxg6 (11.Axg4 Axg4
 12.hxg6 fxg6 13.f3 Axd4) 11...fxg6
 12.Ac4+ Bh8 with a good position.
 The exchange B for the Ac3 is often
 good for Black in the Dragon.] 11.hxg6
 [11.f3 Axd4 (11...Axb5? 12.g4) 12.Axd4
 Ae6 13.hxg6 fxg6 is equal.] 11...fxg6

12.f3 Ad7 13.Ac4+ Bh8 14.Ae6
 Axc6 15.Axc6 Ba5 16.Ah6 White
 should not leave his king in the
 center so long. [16.0-0-0 Bh5
 17.Ah6 Axc3 18.bxc3 Bfd8 19.g4
 looks good for White.] 16...Axb6!



17.Bxb6 [17.Bxb6 Ad4 18.Ab3
 Ab5 is somewhat favorable for
 Black.] 17...Bc5 18.Ab3? [18.Ac4
 was best. After 18...Bg3+ 19.Ad1
 Ae5 20.Bh3? (20.Ah3 Af4!)
 20...Axc4? 21.Bxg3 Axd2 22.Bxd2
 White may stand slightly better.]
 18...Bg3+ 19.Ad1 Ag4! 20.Ae2
 Bxg2 21.Bc3+ e5 22.Bh4 Bxf3
 23.Bc4? Ae3+ 0-1

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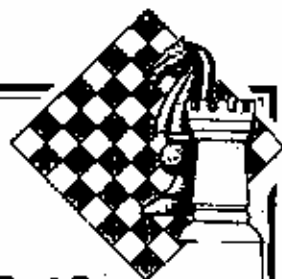
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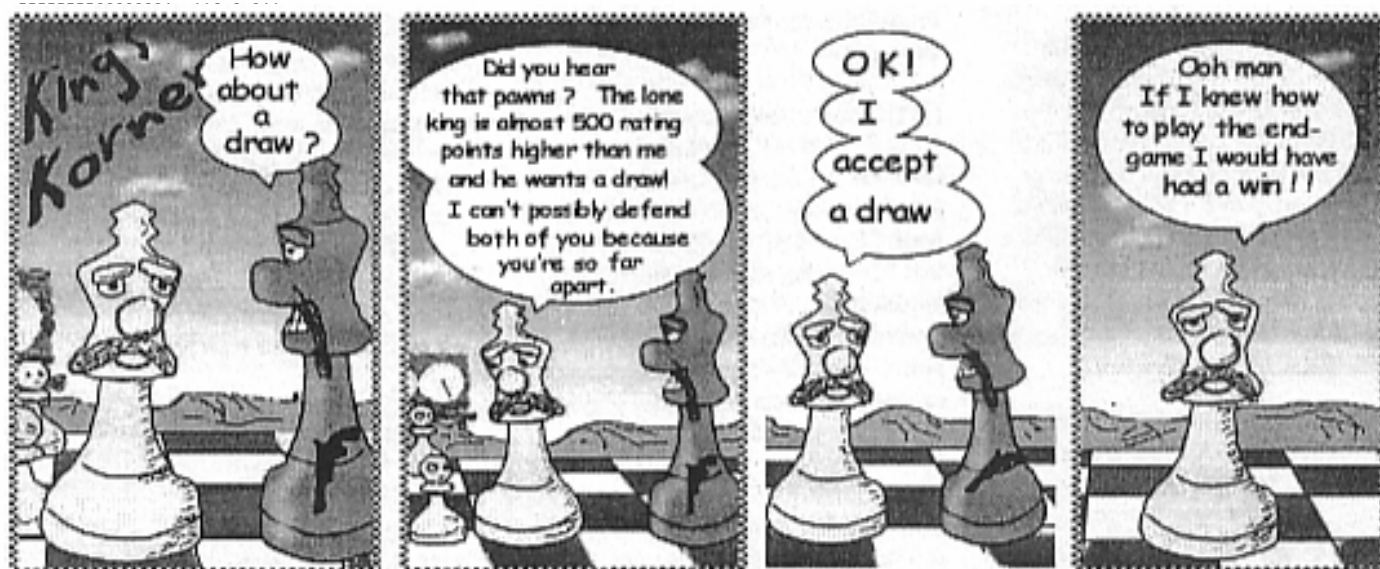
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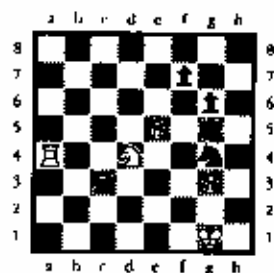
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COPING WITH-WEAKNESSES: COUNTERPLAY TO DRAW

In the previous column, I approached the subject matter from the view of the superior side. Here and in the next column I shall present the material from the needs of the side attempting to salvage the draw.

Quite often the following situation exists: you know that you stand worse because you have a serious weakness and no particular compensation for it. Should you prefer careful defense or go for counterplay? I believe that the correct approach is to ask yourself this question: if I play carefully and very well, do I have good chances to draw? If you answer with "Yes", then choose the careful defense way.

Diagram 1
Larsen, B - Kasparov, G
Niksic, 1983



After Black's 44th Move

I shall start our discussion with Diagram 1, B. Larsen G. Kasparov, Niksic 1983, after Black's 44th move. -White has two serious weaknesses: the isolated e- and g-pawns. However, Black has only two pawns left, so that as long as White can well defend the g-pawn, chances for a draw are excellent. This is so because if Black advances his pawns, an exchange of

pawns will leave Black with only one pawn and if White can sacrifice the Knight for the pawn, the resulting R + N vs R endgame is a relatively simple theoretical and practical draw.

From Diagram 1 White has two sensible choices:

(1) The careful and simple 45. Kg2. After 45 ... Nxe5, "the objective outcome is a draw" So writes GM Kasparov on page 158 in his wonderful book THE TEST OF TIME. He adds that "defending such a position is highly unpleasant". This is true, but the rewards are potentially great also: an h point. The skills required are not that exceptional: accurate, careful play in a rather "simple" position.

(2) The game continuation: 45. e6. GM Kasparov lauds this move, giving it a 1 and remarks "Larsen decides to complicate matters, justifiably hoping to gain a draw more quickly." I believe that this choice is wrong. The problem is that in inferior complicated positions, perfect play is difficult to come up with. Because you stand worse, a lot of reasonable looking moves will turn out to be bad. This happens here to GM Larsen. Even world class players have greater difficulties in playing complicated positions perfectly than simpler positions. I am now continuing with the game continuation:

45 ... Rxe3+ 46. Kf1?

White's King has only two moves and already he goes wrong. As GM Kasparov points out, after the correct 46 Kf1 f5! 47 e7 Re3 48. Nc6 Nf6 49. Ra8

Re6 50. Rf8! f4! 51. Kf2! Black can not improve his position and the game would be drawn.

46 ... f5! 47. e7 Re3 48. Nc6 f4

Because of the danger that White's King will be caught in a mating net, none of White's normal looking continuations work. Only in the postmortem was a defense found: GM Timman's 49 Nd4!!: (a) 49 ... Rxe7 50 Nf3+ Kf5 51 Nh4+; (b) 49 ... Kh4 50. Kg2!; (c) 49...Nf6 50. Ra6! Rxe7 51. Ne6+ Kg4 52. Nxf4.

49 Ra5+? Kh4 50 Ra8 Nf6!

Stopping the e-pawn just long enough to mate White (51 Rf8 Kg3!). White is lost.

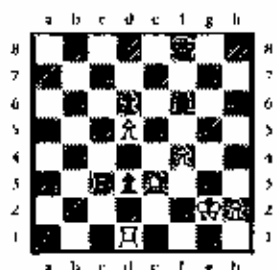
51. Kg2 f3+ 52. Kf1 Kg3 53. Nd4 Ng4! 54. Nxf3 Rxf3+ 55. Kgt Nh2! 56. Rf8 Re3 White resigns

Yet there will be plenty of times when the inherent weaknesses can't be saved and the only sensible course is to go for counterplay hoping for the best. In this column I will present an instructive set of such circumstances: the next column will handle the "careful defense" situations.

A nice clear-cut example is Diagram 2, A. Yusupov - V. Kotronias, Germany 1996, after White's 42nd move. Black's prospects look bleak: he is already down one pawn, White has two nice passed pawns and is about to capture Black's forward d-pawn after 43 Kf3 and 44 Ke4.

Black's only chance is to turn that pawn from a weakness to strength:

Diagram 2
Yusupov, A - Kotronias, V
Germany, 1996



After White's 42nd move

42 ... d2!!

The pawn is ready to sacrifice itself for some common good, for instance, 43 Bxd2 Rd3 followed by 44 ... Rxd5.

43. Kf2

The Bishop needs protection and 43. Kf3?? allows 43 ... Bd4

43 ... Bb4+ 44. Kf3 Be1 45. Ke4
After 45 Ke2, GM Kotronias demonstrates the following defense: 45 ... Kf7! 46 Bxd2 Bxd2 47 ... Rxd2 Kg6 when Black's active K + R can cope with White's three isolated pawns: (1) 48. Kf2 Kf5 49. Rd4 Kg4! and White can't progress; (2) 48 ... Rd3 Rc2! 49. Kf3 Rxe2 with a theoretical draw.

45 ... Rc4+ 46. Kf5 Kf7! 47. h4

No more promising is 47. Bxd2 Rd4! 48. Rxe1 Rxd5+ 49. Kg4 Rxd2 50. h4 Kf6, again with a theoretical and practical draw.

47 ... Rc1!

The last difficult decision. Instead, after 47 ... Bxb4? 48 Rxd2 White would have good winning chances due to the extra pawn, active King and the potential power of an active Rook.

48. Rxe1 dxe1=Q 49. Bxe1 Bxb4 50. Ba3 Be7 and a draw on Move 93

White tried and tried, yet couldn't break through. The position after 50 ...

Be7 is a theoretical draw. The full game score with some analysis by GM Kotronias can be found in Chess Informant 68:68.

Diagram 3
Spassky, B - Karpov, A
1974 Semi-Final Candidates Match



Game 6
After Black's 41st move

Diagram 3, B. Spassky - A. Karpov, 1974 Semi-Final Candidates Match, Game 6, after Black's 41st move, may at first glance appear misleading. White's Bishop can menace all of Black's pawns and White has a far advanced passed pawn. Nevertheless, it is White who is in dire straits: he has pawn weaknesses on b3, d6 and g4, whereas the bases of Black's pawn chains (b6 and f6) can be protected comfortably. White's goal is to scrounge for a draw. GM Spassky continued:

42. Bd4?

White's position contains too many weaknesses to be saved by strictly defensive means. Necessary is to make use of the potential Bishop power by - at the cost of the vulnerable d-pawn - exchanging Rooks: 42 ... Rc3!! Rxc3 43. Bxc3. After either 43 ... Kxd6 44 ... b4! or 43 ... Nc5 44. Bd4! Kxd6 45. Kf3! White has chances for a draw because little material is left and White's Bishop can attack Black's pawns.

42 ... Rc6 43. Bc3 Rc5!

Note that GM Karpov wants more than the transposition into the above note with 43 ... Rxd6 44. Rxd6 - Kxd6 45. b4.

44. Kg2?!

Only with 44. Bb2 could White continue the game. Now Black's Knight gets to e5 with devastating effect.

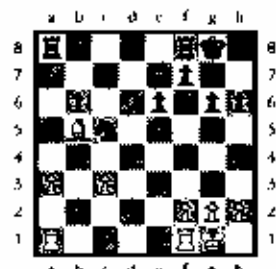
44 ... Rc8! 45. Kg3 Ne5! 46. Bxe5 fxe5

Black has a won position because his King can support the e-pawn's advance, while White's d-pawn remains a weakness rather than strength. If now 47 Kf3, GM Keres gives the following variation: 47 ... Rd8 48. b4 Rxd6 49. Rb3 Rd4! 50. bxa5 Rf4 - 51. Kg3 bxa5 52. Rb6+ Kd5 53. Rb5+ Ke4 54. Rxa5 Rf3+ etc. Therefore, GM Spassky heads for activity with the immediate pawn break, but it is much too late in the day.

47. b4 e4! 48. Rd4 Ke5 49. Rd1 axb4 50. Rb1 Rc3+ 51. Kf2 Rd3! 52. d7 Rxd7 53. Rxb4 Rd6! 54. Ke3 Rd3+ 55. Ke2 Ra3! White resigns

After 56 Rxb6 Kf4! The combination of active Rook + King and passed e-pawn win easily for Black, e.g. 57 Rb4 Ra2 - 58. Ke1 Kf3 59. Rb3 + e3 60. Rb1 Rh2.

Diagram 4
Kasparov, G - Korchnoi, V
1983 Semi-Final Candidates Match



Game 1
After Black's 25th move

In otherwise reasonably normal positions, if both sides have pawn weaknesses, the side with more weaknesses will be the one in trouble. The odds then require the inferior side to look for opportunities for counterplay. An excellent example from the highest level will be shown from Diagram 4. G. Kasparov - V. Korchnoi, 1983 Semi-Final Candidates Match, Game

1. after Black's 25th move. White has two isolated pawns on the Queenside; Black has only one. Moreover, for the pawn structure on the board, White's Bishop is a rather impotent attacker, whereas Black's Knight has good potential both as an attacker and defender. GM Kasparov recognized that he has to struggle to draw. In the immediate sequence White lines up against the b-pawn while Black protects in such a way that the defending Rook is in position for potential activity:

26. Rf1 Rf8 27. Rb4 Rd6! 28. Bf1 Kf8 29. a4?

In a practical sense, probably the wrong decision. The major reason is that the a-pawn becomes even more vulnerable because the Knight also menaces it. This means that White will be subjected to even more defending. GM Kasparov comments on p. 165 of TEST OF TIME that he probably should have gone in for simplification with 29. Rab1 Rxa3 30. Rxb6 Rxb6 31. Rxb6 Rxc3. In such positions, the Knight is the superior minor for winning purposes because of its agility and flexibility. However, White's pawn formation is faultless and the Bishop will have good scope as a defender. With careful defense White can draw. Yet White's major error comes a bit later.

29 ... Ra5! 30.g3 Ke7 31.Kg2 f5 32. Bb5 Rd2?!

Black jumps at the chance for activity, but his position is not yet ripe for this. As GM Kasparov points out, Black should first have brought the King to c7 to protect his only weakness.

33. Rd4??

White panics in time pressure and allows a simple tactic. Here was a genuine chance for counterplay with 33. Bc6! When 33.Kd6 runs into 34. Rxb6 Kc7 35.Rb5 or 3. Rab1 while 33.Nd3 34. Rxb6 Nxf2 35. Rb5! leads to a liberated a-pawn and genuine danger for Black. In each case, the chances should be approximately equal.

33...Rxd4 34.cxd4 Nxa4! 35. Rxa4

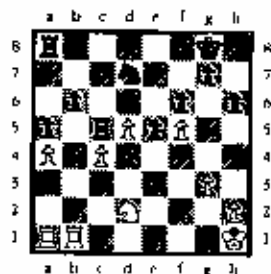
Even worse is 35. Bxa4 b5.

35...Rxb5 36. Ra7+ Kd6!

The King gets ready to help the b-pawn. At the moment, the defense of the Kingside is a lower priority. GM Korchnoi's fine technique does not give White a chance. The conclusion was:

**37.Rh7 h5 38.Rg7 Rd5 39.Rxg6 b5!
40.Kf3 b4 41.Ke3 b3 42.Kd2 Rxd4+
43. Kc3 b2! 44.Kxb2 Rd2+ 45.Kc3
Rxf2 46 h4 f4! 47 L95 Rf3+ 48.Kd4
Rxg3! 49.Rxh5 Re3! 50. Rh6 Ke7 51.
h5 e5+ 52.Kd5 f3** White resigns

Diagram 5
Karpov,A - Wirthensohn,H
Skopje Olympiad 1972



After Black's 25th move

When each side has one serious permanent weakness, then we have to look at other features of the position to make a correct evaluation. Quite instructive in this regard will be the play from Diagram 5. A. Karpov - H. Wirthensohn, Skopje Olympiad 1972, after Black's 25th move. White's permanent weakness is on c4; Black's on b6. Each side has a protected passed pawn. However, White does have a slight space advantage due to having his d- and f-pawns on the 5th rank. At this moment the chances are balanced, though, of course, the position itself is quite unbalanced. Whoever will play better has excellent prospects of winning. GM Kasparov continues with:

26.Kg2!

From all appearances a routine move in the endgame, i.e. the King is to be centralized. Yet it also has two specific purposes: by controlling e4 Black's potential counterplay is to be prevented

while by getting out of the Kingside the way is cleared for the Rook(s) to assist in a pawn advance there.

26 ... Kf8?

There is no perceptiveness to Black king Jaunt: it is routine all the way. Black's immediate need is to get his counterplay going against c4. Therefore, the correct way is the dynamic one: 26...c4!! 27.Kf2 Ne5, Ensuring dangerous counterplay and equal chances.

27.Kf3 Ke7?!

Once Black missed his chance for counterplay, he should reorient himself to making it harder for White to progress on the Kingside. Therefore, 27 ... h5! is in order.

28.g4! Rh8 29.h4 Rf8 30.Ke3 h6?!

One should resist pawn moves where you expect a coming attack. Anything "sticking out" can become an object of attack. Black should retreat with 30 ... Rcc8 and await developments.

31. Rg1 Rcc8 32.Rab1 Rb8 33.Ne4 Rbc8 34.Rgcl Rfe8 35.Rb5!

As a result of GM Kasparov's purposeful play - while his opponent fiddled - White has a significant advantage across the board. On the Queenside he has play against the b-pawn and in some cases chances for c5; in the center he has the protected passed d-pawn and a marvelous location for his Knight; and on the Kingside he has the potential line-opening g5 break.

35 ... Red8 36. Kd3 Kf8?

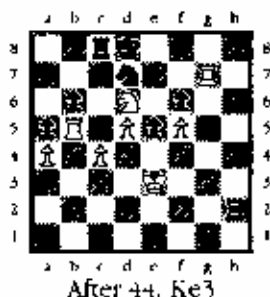
This unmotivated retreat allows quick and decisive penetration by White along the g-file. Black's position required keeping a Rook on h8 so that in case of g5, he could exchange h-pawns and try to bother White along the h-file.

37.g5! hxg5 38.hxg5 Ke7 39.Rg1 Rh8

Too late now, but 39 ... Rg8 loses to 40 d6+! Kf8 41 gxf6 gxf6 42 Rxc8+ Kxc8 43 c5! and White's K + R will infiltrate decisively via the Queenside.

40.gxf6+ gxf6 41.Rg7+ Kd8 44.Ke3 42.Nd6 Rh3+ 43.Ke2 Rh2+ 44.

Diagram 6
Karpov,A - Wirthensohn,H
Skopje Olympiad 1972



Black's resignation is quite in order. If 44 ... Rc7?! he gets mated after 45.Rg8- Ke7 46.Re8-! Kxd6 47.Re6. After the forced 44 Rb8, he is so tied down that White will infiltrate along the g- and h-files. For instance, 45 Rb1 Rh3+ 46.Kf2 Rh2+ 47.Kg3 Rh5 48.Rg1 Kc7 49.Nb5! Kd8 50.Kf3! Rh8 51.Rlg6! Rf8 52.Rh7 Nc5 53.Rgg7 Rc8 54.Nc7 Rb8 55.d6 Kc8 56.Ne6 Nxe6 57. fxc6.

Diagram 7
Pavasovic,D - Skembris,S
Asti 1996



I shall conclude this section with a marvelous example where each side does its best to exploit its opportunities.

Diagram 7 is D. Pavasovic - S. Skembris, Asti 1996, after Black's 22nd move. I have made grateful use of some of GM Skembris' annotations in Chess Informant 68/280. White has an isolated d-pawn and a potentially vulnerable h-pawn. However, at present that pawn in combination with the Knight has put Black's King in a box. Black is ready to chase away the annoying Knight with 23 ... Nd7. Can this be prevented? Yes:

23.d6!! cxd6

After 23 ... Rxd6 24. Rxd6 cxd6 25. Ke2 followed by 26. Rd4 Black's King would remain in the box.

24. Kf1!

By preventing the fork on f3, White is ready for 25.Rad4 and a clear advantage. Black must chase the Nf6 away before it is too late.

24 ... Nd7! 25.Rxd6 Nxf6 26.Rxf6 Rb8

The potential weakness in Black's position is the b-pawn and with his next move White goes directly for that.

27.b4! axb4 28.Rxb4 b5 29.a4

Ke3 Black resigns. The pretty tactics associated with this move do-not lead too much. Instead, GM Skembris suggests 29 Ra6 with the follow-up 30 Ra5. It seems to me that Black can

defend the position resulting after 29 ... Kg8 30. Ra5 f6 31. Raxb5 Rxb5 32. Rxb5 Ra8.

29 ... bxa4 30.Rxf7! Rbc8! 31.Ra7 Ra8!

To prevent being mated on the 7th rank, Black must tradeoff one pair of Rooks.

32.Rbxa4 Rxa7 33.Rxa7 Kg8

With White's h-pawn back on, say b4, we would have a routinely drawn R + 3P Vs R + 2P endgame. Instead, being on h6, the pawn immobilizes Black's King, but at the same time is also somewhat vulnerable to capture.

34.Kg2 Rb8 35.f4 Rf8 36.Kb3?!

Short of time, White puts his King on a poor square. Better is 36.Kf3 g5! 37. Kg4 (37..Rg7+ Kh8 38.Rxg5 Rxf4+! leads to stalemate), though the position after 37 ... gxf4 38 gxf4 remains a theoretical draw.

36 ... Rf5!

Finally the weakness of the h-pawn can be exploited.

37.Ra8+ Kf7 38.Ra7+ Kg8 39.Ra8+ Kf7 40.2g4!? Rxf4 41.Kh4 Ke6! 42 Re8+ Kf6 43.Rh8 Re4! 44.Rf8+

There is nothing in 44. Rxb7 g5+ 45.Kg3 (White gets mated after 45 Kh5?? Re1) 45 ... Kg6 46.Rh8 Re3+.

44...Ke7 45.Rg8 Kf6 Draw



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Spotlight Hector Hernandez

Michael Marsh



Writer Michael Marsh wrote this issue's Spotlight. This is an abridged version of a piece he intends to publish in the *Chicago Reader*. I thought it was well done and important enough for the chess community to see, so here it is. Hector Hernandez has provided us with some of his favorite games. Enjoy! - Editor



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Soon after Hector Hernandez and his family immigrated from Mexico to Chicago's South Side, he had his first encounter with chess. Hernandez, then 13, was visiting a male friend in the spring of 1966. His friend was playing chess with another boy, and Hector was supposed to play the winner. But the chess players could not teach him the rules because they did not know any Spanish and he was struggling with English. Hernandez was frustrated. The three boys played baseball instead. Two years later, Hernandez enrolled at nearby De La Salle high school. There, another student taught him chess. Hernandez eventually began beating his friend and asked him if he was letting him win. The friend said no.

These days Hernandez is the head librarian at the Chicago Public Library's Rudy Lozano branch and a chess enthusiast who shares his gifts with others. He's a coach, former president of the Illinois Chess Association, and owner of Midway Chess Enterprises, a company that organizes tournaments. At Lozano, located only a few miles from the neighborhood in which he grew up, Hernandez supervises the Knight Moves chess club, providing instruction and competition for children and adults.

In February he received his second Service to the Community award from the ICA. Last spring the Bernard Zell Anshe Emet chess team coached by Hernandez took first place in the primary division of the Illinois State Grade School Championship in Normal, and finished seventh in the Kindergarten-3rd Grade section of the National Elementary School Championships in Phoenix, Arizona. Players from Lozano won trophies at both tournaments. "Chess can be enjoyed by everyone regardless of their station in life," he says. "Everything is on the table. It puts you on equal footing with everyone."

Hernandez started life in the United States on an unequal basis—mostly because of a language barrier. The fourth of seven children, he was born in General Trevino, located in the northeastern part of Mexico, in 1953. His father, Juan, was a welder for the Chicago & North Western railroad for 33 years. During several summers Hernandez and his family stayed with his mother Narcedalia's parents, who owned a farm in Rio Bravo, Mexico. Hector milked cows, sold groceries in his grandparents' store, and rode horses.

Hernandez and his family moved to Chicago in August, 1965. When he enrolled in elementary school, he was put in the fifth grade because he did not know English. After a teacher figured out he was bright, he was moved to seventh grade. Several women read with him and three of his siblings, and he soon became comfortable with English. After he graduated from De La Salle, he earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish Language and Culture at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

During his first year of college, Hernandez began to take chess more

seriously. He read newspaper accounts of the 1972 World Chess Championship match between Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky and was intrigued by chess notation. "It had a mystique to it," he said. "I didn't understand it. I made a point to do something about it." At 19, a relatively late age for aspiring chess players, Hernandez started studying the game. He bought a chess book, Milton Hanauer's *Chess Made Simple*, which began his 500-book collection. Four years later, he bought 100 Spanish books for \$150. "My mother used to ask me why I was spending so much money on books," Hernandez said. "But in the long run, it has paid off—especially with my teaching."

While he was studying for a master's degree in Library and Information Science at the University at Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from 1977 to 1978, he studied games for an hour a day. He often played a friend in five-minute games, winning most of them.

Unlike many strong players, Hernandez advanced his skills without a formal lesson. In 1975 he earned his first trophy at the Chicago Chess Club. By 1981, his USCF rating was 1900; by February, 1994 he pushed his rating to a career high 2167, 33 points shy of a master rating. But he cut back on his chess playing, partly to spend more time coaching, and his rating gradually dropped. He's currently a Class A player. In November, 1998, he finished second in the Class A section of the Illinois Class Championships in Chicago. In March, 1999, he tied for first at the Greater Peoria Open. While Hernandez developed his chess skills, he built a career in the CPL.

system. Before working at the Lozano branch, he was a librarian at the Back of the Yards branch, the CPL's assistant head of the Foreign Language section and head of Spanish Information Services, and the system's Hispanic Services Coordinator. Because of his efforts REFORMA, The National Association to Promote Library Services to the Spanish Speaking, gave him a Librarian of the Year award in 1995.

Hernandez, who lives on Chicago's South Side with his wife Denise Cheung, has mixed chess into his library work. During the late 1970's, he ran a chess club at the Back of the Yards branch. One of the youngsters, who played there, Josh Flores, became a tournament player, tournament director, secretary of the ICA, and editor of the Illinois Chess Bulletin. Flores helps him run chess events at Lozano.

Soon after coming to Lozano in 1989, Hernandez started Knight Moves, a name coined by the players. He persuaded businessman Baldemar Chavez to donate \$100 for 12 chess sets. Hernandez sent a press release about the club to community newspapers and set up chessboards in the library's auditorium. He got 12 children, mostly preteens, to play at first. "In the beginning we had a hard time attracting high school kids. We had more success with the younger kids." But some participants dropped out of the club because it did not offer tournaments. Thus in 1992 he started taking kids to tournaments sponsored by the city's Human Services Department, the ICA, and the USCF. A year later, he began holding tournaments at Lozano. "They wanted competition. Once we started providing tournaments, we had a better retention rate," he said. Club members have earned first place results in five national events and four state tournaments. In 1996, the club was one of five Chicago library programs honored by the American Library Association for excellence in programs for young adults.

One of the best players at Lozano is Jose Rodriguez, Jr., a fifth grader at

Lenart Gifted Center on Chicago's South Side. Hernandez started coaching Rodriguez in May, 1995, advising him to plan his moves and giving him chess puzzles. By December, 1996, Rodriguez ranked among the nation's top 50 players in the 7-8 age group. He's currently listed among the country's top 50 players in the 9-10 group. "I see in him someone who has the ability to perform and who has performed," Hernandez said. "I want to put on a good performance in whatever I do."

Games

(1) Hernandez, H (1965) – Gurevich, D (2565) [A47]

Chicago Chess Center, 1989

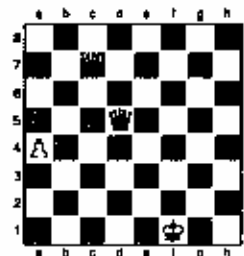
[Hector R. Hernandez]

This was the first time I played a Grand Master in a regular tournament game and I was very excited about it. At the end of this 87-move game, current ICA president Fred Gruenberg came up to me and said: "This is the best game you can play and still not win". Dmitry quickly added: "Or draw". 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 b6 Black meets the London System with a Queen's Indian Defense set-up. 4.e3 Bb7 5.Bd3 Be7 6.Nbd2 e5 7.c3 cxd4 8.exd4 0-0 9.0-0 d6 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Bb5 Nbd7 12.h3 a6 13.Ba4 b5 14.Bb3 Nf8 15.Rad1 a5 16.Rfe1 Qh6 17.Bc2 The bishop should have come here directly on move 14. 17...Rac8 18.Ne4 b4 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Bd3 bxc3 21.bxc3 Rxc3 White has just lost a pawn and also has isolated a and d pawns. Isolated pawns, however, usually yield open or half-open files. So, White now needs to be very active and use those open or half-open files as best he can. 22.Rb1 Bxf3



Black removes the defender of the d4-pawn, which he will win on the next move. 23.Qxf3 Qxd4 24.Red1 Qc5 25.Bd2 d5 G.M. Gurevich gives up an exchange since he is already up

2 pawns. 26.Bxc3 Qxc3 27.Rdc1 Qd4 28.Rd1 Qa7 29.Rdc1 Nd7 30.Bh5 Ne5 31.Qd1 Rd8 32.Qc2 g6 33.Qc5 Perhaps rather than being so eager to trade queens, White should try to get his rooks doubled on the c-file and/or the 7th rank. 33...Qxc5 34.Rxc5 Be7 35.Rc7 Bd6 36.Rc2 Staying on the 7th rank would probably have been better. 36...Rh8 37.Rch2 Bb4 38.a4 Rc8 39.Be2 Rc3 40.Rb3 Rc5 41.Kf1 Kf8 42.Rd1 Ke7 43.Rbb1 g5 44.Rbx1 Bc3 45.Rb1 Nc4 46.Rb7+ Kf6 47.Bh5 Nd6 48.Rd7 Be5 49.Rd3 Rc1+ 50.Ke2 Rc2+ 51.Kf1 Kg7 52.g3 Fritz 5 likes Rf3 with an equal game. 52...Rc6 53.Re3 Nc4 54.Re2 Rc7 55.Rxc7 Bxc7 56.Rc2 Bd6 57.Be2 Ne5 58.f4 gxf4 59.gxf4 Ng6 60.f5 White attempts to upset the harmony of Black's d, e, and f pawns, with no luck. 60...Nf4 61.fxe6 fxe6 62.Bg4 Kf6 63.h4 h5 64.Rd1 Kf5 65.Rc8 e5 66.Rh8 Be7 67.Ra8 Bb4 68.Rg8 Probably going all the way to the h-file was better. 68...Ke4 69.Rh8 Ke3 70.Bxh5 e4 71.Bg4 Kd2 72.h5 d4 73.h6 d3 74.h7 e3 Black's 2 connected, passed, center pawns are very agile. White's h pawn has made it to the 7th rank and is one square away from queening, this gives White some hope. 75.Rd8 This move clears the h8 square for the pawn and pins Black's d-pawn so that e2+ can be met with Bxe2. 75...Bc3 76.Bf3 Kc2 77.Re8 e2+ 78.Kf2 d2 79.Bxe2 Nxc2 80.Rc8 Kd3 81.Rxc3+ Nxc3 82.h8Q Ne4+ 83.Kg2 d1Q 84.Qh3+ Kc4 85.Qc8+ Nc5 86.Qc7 Qd5+ 87.Kf1 Kb4



White was hoping to trade the a-pawns and the queens and reach a draw. That line of thinking is very unrealistic at this point, especially against a Grand Master. White resigns. 0-1

(2) Hernandez,H (1950)

Gurevich,D (2600) [A86]
Greater Peoria Open, 1990
[Hector R. Hernandez]

G.M. Gurevich overpowered me in 57 moves this time, as opposed to 87 the previous year. 1.d4 f5 G.M. Gurevich chooses the Dutch Defense on this occasion. 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.c4 Bg7 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nh3 d6 7.Bg5 Nc6 8.0-0 Ng4 White should have looked a little harder for the meaning of this move. Black's plan is justified by White's next move. 9.e3 h6 10.f3 Nxf2 11.Kxh2 hxg5 12.Nxg5 Bh6 13.f4 Bxg5 14.fxg5 e6 15.Qf3 Qxg5 16.Qf4 Qxf4 17.gxf4 Bd7



White should activate his rooks quickly. One idea is to make use of the open h-file by placing his rooks on it. Another idea would be to put pressure on the backward g6-pawn. 18.Bxc6 Bxc6 19.Rg1 Kg7 20.Rg3 Rh8+ 21.Rh3 a6 22.Rg1 b5 23.cxb5 axb5 24.a3 Rxb3+ 25.Kxb3 b4 26.axb4 Rb8 27.b5 White gives back the pawn. 27...Bxb5 28.Rc1 Bd3 29.Nd1 Rb7 From this point on the knight will seek to make good use of the dark squares to stay out of the bishop's reach. 30.Nf2 For the next 20+ moves White's strategy will consist of trying to trade off as many pawns as possible, the more the better. 30...Be2 31.Rc2 Bf3 32.Kg3 Bd5 33.Nh3 Kf6 34.Ng5 e5 35.dxe5+ dxe5 36.Rc5 c6 37.Rc2 Rb3 38.Kf2 Rb4 39.Kg3 Ke7 40.Nh3 Rb3 41.Kf2 Be4 42.Rd2 exf4 43.Nxf4 g5 44.Ne2 Kf6 45.Nd4 Rb6 46.Kg3 c5 47.Ne2 Ke5 48.Nc3 Bc6 49.Rf2 Rb4 50.Rd2 Rg4+ 51.Kh3 The White king goes in the wrong direction, going to the f-file would be more interesting and safer. 51...Rg1 52.Re2 Bf3 53.Rf2 g4+ 54.Kh4 Re1 55.Na4 f4 56.Nxc5 Kf5 Black threatens mate in 2 moves. 57.exf4 White incorrectly thought he could answer 57. ... Rh1 with Kg3, but he gets mated after 58. ... Rh3*

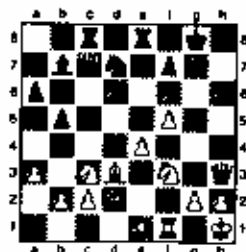
57...Rh1 + Resigns. 0-1

(3) Hernandez,G - Hernandez,H [A04]
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Exhibition, 17.03.1997
[Hector R. Hernandez]

1.Nf3 c5 Black invites White to go into a Sicilian Defense by playing e4. 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 b6 4.0-0 Bb7 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.h3 g6 8.Bb2 Bg7 Both sides have fianchettoed their bishops and brought their knights to the best squares. 9.Nd5 e5 Black puts a bind on d4. 10.d3 0-0 11.Qd2 Nxd5 12.cxd5 Ne7 13.c4 f5 14.Ng5 Bc8 Black relocates the queen bishop and discourages White from playing 15. Ne6. 15.f4 fxe4 16.dxe4 Bd7 17.fxc5 dxe5 18.Rxf8+ Qxf8 19.Rf1 Qe8 20.h4 Bb5 21.Rf2 Rd8 22.Bf1 Bxf1 Black accepts trades his light-squared bishop and follows up by going to d4 with his knight. 23.Rxf1 Nc6 24.Qe2 Nd4 25.Bxd4 The knight was a strong piece on d4, so White gets rid of it. 25...cxd4 26.Rc1 Rc8 27.Qd1 Qd7 28.Kg2 Bh6 29.Qd2 Qg4 This move sets up a combination with ... Bxf6 and ... Qxe4+, which would give Black to connected passed pawns in the center. 30.Rxc8+ Qxc8 31.Kf2 Qg4 32.Kg2 Bxg5 33.Qxg5 Qxe4+ 34.Kh2 Qxd5 35.h5 Qd6 White resigns. 0-1

(4) Manion,J (2340) - Hernandez,H (1995) [B43]

Tim Just's Winter Open, Jan., 1993
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 This is the Paulsen Variation of the Sicilian Defense. 5.Bd3 Qc7 The Black queen goes on to the half-open c-file immediately. It keeps watch over d6 and e5. 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Nc3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Kh1 b5 Black intends to fianchetto his queen bishop and, if possible, chase the queen knight away from c3. 10.f4 d6 11.Qf3 Bb7 12.Rae1 Nbd7 13.a3 Rac8 14.Qg3 Rfe8 15.Nf3 Bf8 Since development is complete now, Black looks for a different location for his king bishop. Its next stop will be g7. 16.Bd2 g6 17.Ng5 Bg7 18.Qh3 e5 19.f5 h6 20.Nf3 g5



Black tries to block things up in front of his king; but, White decides to sacrifice a piece for 2 pawns and 2 half-open files. 21.Bxg5 hxg5 22.Nxg5 Nc5 23.Re2 Black's king starts a trip to the queenside, going from g8 to h8, in search of refuge. Such a maneuver will also enable him to use the g and h files for his rooks. 23...Kf8 24.g4 Ke7 25.Nf3 Rh8 26.Qg2 Kd7 27.Rd1 Rcg8 28.Bxb5+ White offers a bishop sacrifice, Black declines the offer as it would allow White some counterplay. 28...Ke8 29.Bd3 Bh6 30.g5 Nh5 31.Qg4 Nf4 32.f6+ Kh8 33.Ree1 Bc8 34.Qg3 Nce6 35.Nd5 Nxd5 36.exd5 Nxg5 37.Nxg5 Bxg5 38.Qf2 Bf4 39.h4 Black will now add pressure to the pinned pawn. 39...Rg4 The end is near. White resigns. 0-1

(5) Kreckler,W (2325)

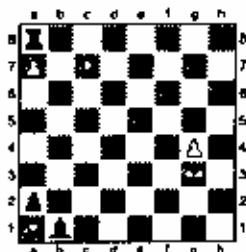
Hernandez,H (2025) [D02]
Illinois Open, 1993
[Hector R. Hernandez]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4 White chooses to go with the London System. 3...e6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Bd3 0-0 6.Nbd2 c5 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.Ne5 After this move White loses at least a pawn. Black trades off pawns on d4 and follows up with a double attack on the d4 and b2 pawns. 8...cxd4 9.exd4 Qb4 10.0-0 Qxd4 11.Ndf3 Qxb2 12.Rh1 Qc3 13.Rb3 Qc7 After 13 moves, Black is up 2 pawns; and has 2 center pawns whereas White has none. White is slightly ahead in development but Black's positions shows no weaknesses. 14.Re1 h6 15.g4 Nbd7 16.g5 hxg5 17.Nxd7 Bxd7 18.Nc5 g6 19.Qf3 Kg7 Black's king defends the knight and clears the way to mobilize the rook via the h-file. 20.Qg3 Rh8 21.Qxg5 Rh5 22.Qg3 Ne4 The Black knight attacks the queen and cuts off the rook from defending the knight. 23. Bxe4 fails on account of 23. ... Qe5 and the Bishop will also fall. 0-1

(6) Colias,B (2139)

Hernandez,H (1889) [B80]
Palmer House Championship,
11.10.1981
[Hector R. Hernandez]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 d6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Bg5 Nbd7 10.Kh1 h6 11.Be3 Ne5 12.f4 Nc4 13.Bc1 e5 14.Nde2 Qh6 15.h3 Ne3 16.Bxe3 Qxe3 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Nd5 Qc5 19.Nec3 Be6 20.Na4 Qc6 21.Qf3 Bd8 22.c4 b5 23.cxb5 Qxb5 24.Rac1 0-0 25.Rc5 Qe8 26.Rfc1 Nh7 27.Qd3 Ra7 28.Qc3 White has clear control of the c-file since all his heavy artillery is occupying that file, and 2 pawns against 1 on the queenside, an endgame advantage. 28...f6 29.Nh2 Bf7 30.h4 Ng5 31.Qd3 Ne6 32.Rc6 a5 33.b5 Nd4 Black's knight has greatly improved its position, going from h7 to a strong central post on d4 where it can't be immediately challenged by White's knights. 34.R6c5 Be7 35.Nxe7+ Qxe7 36.h6 Raa8 37.Nd1 Qb7 The queen is not the best piece to blockade a passed pawn with, but it will do for the time being. 38.Rb1 Bxa2 Black has accepted the a2-pawn offered by White, and created a passed pawn for himself on the a-file. This pawn will soon be moving towards the promotion square. 39.Rb2 Be6 40.Rc7 Qb8 41.Qc3 a4 42.Rb1 a3 43.Qb4 a2 44.Ra1 Nb3 After I made this move I was feeling very good about my game, but Billy came up with what I thought was an excellent move. 45.Bh3 Bxh3 46.Qxb3+ Kh8 47.Ne3 Ra6 48.Nd5 Be6 49.Qb5 Black gives up a rook for knight and pawn and traps the queen rook on a1. Eventually White will have to return the rook for the bishop and a-pawn. 49...Bxd5 50.Qxa6 Bxc4+ 51.Kg1 Bb1 52.Qa7 Qxa7 53.bxa7 Ra8 54.Kf2 Kh7 55.g4 h5 56.h3 hxg4 57.hxg4 Kh6 58.Kg3



I think Black should look for a plan to exchange one of his kingside pawns for White's g4-pawn and/or get 2 passed pawns, connected or otherwise. But according to Fritz 5.0, even that would not be enough to

win. 58...c4 59.Kf4 Re8 60.Ke3 Ra8 61.Rb7 g6 62.Kf4 e3 63.g5+ fxg5+ 64.Kxe3 Re8+ 65.Kf2 Ra8 66.Kg3 Be4 67.Re7 Bb1 68.Rb7 Be4 69.Rb4 Bb1 70.Ra4 Kg7 71.Ra6 Kf7 72.Kg4 Ke7 73.Kxg5 Kd7 74.R1xa2 Bxa2 75.Rxa2 Kc7 76.Kxg6 The game could have been left as a draw at this point. However, Billy decided to play on for another 10 moves which made T.D. Walter Brown unhappy as the start of the following round was unduly delayed. 76...Kb7 77.Kf6 Rxa7 78.Rd2 Ra6+ 79.Ke7 Rc6 80.Kd7 Re7+ 81.Kd6 Rc6+ 82.Kd5 Rb6 83.Re2 Rc6 84.Re7+ Rc7 85.Rxc7+ Kxc7 ½-½

(7) Hernandez,H
Chow,A [A46]
Tim Just Winter Open, 1993

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 This is the London System, known in Argentina as "Sistema Pereyra" after their correspondence champion Manuel Pereyra who has had great success with it. 3...Be7 4.e3 c5 5.c3 h6 6.Nbd2 Bb7 7.Bd3 cxd4 8.exd4 Some players prefer to take with the c3-pawn, and then bring the queen rook over to the c-file. By capturing with the e3-pawn White can then use the half-open file for his king rook. It is a matter of preference. 8...0-0 9.0-0 d6 10.Qe2 Nbd7 11.Ne4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Bxe4 13.Qxe4 b5 14.a4 d5 15.Qe1 a6 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.Bxc5 Qh6 18.Qc2 Rac8 19.axb5 axb5 20.h3 Rc4 21.Rfc1 Rfc8 22.Qd2 Qc6 White's rook will now go to exert pressure on the 7th rank. 23.Ra7 Bf8 24.Qf4 f6 Black forces White to sacrifice the bishop for a couple of pawns. 25.Bxf6 gxf6 26.Qxf6 Qe8 27.Re1 Qg6 28.Qxg6+ hxg6 29.Rxe6 White got 3 pawns for the bishop, the queens are off the board and black's 3 remaining pawns are isolated. White on the other hand has 2 pawn islands, consisting of 3 connected pawns each; his rooks are actively placed on the 6th and 7th ranks. 29...R4c6 30.Rxc6 Rxc6 31.Rb7 b4 32.Rb5 bxc3 33.bxc3 Rd6 34.Kf1 Kf7 35.Kc2 Ke6 36.Kd3 Rc6 37.Rb8 Bd6 38.Rg8 Kf7 39.Rd8 Ke7 40.Rg8 Bh2 41.Rg7+ Ke6 It seems to me that White can win by playing 42. Rxg6+ Kd7 43. Rxc6 Kxc6 and 44. g3 trapping the Black bishop and then coming over to capture it with the king. Black can get a pawn for it, but White would be left with 2 connected

passed pawns and even if Black were to capture White's pawns on c3 and d4 White would still win. 42.Rg8 Kf5 43.Rd8 Rd6 44.Rxd6 Bxd6 45.c4 dxc4+ 46.Kxc4 Ke4 47.Kc3 Kd5 48.Kd3 Be7 49.g4 Bg5 50.f3 Bf6 51.f4 Bxd4 52.f5 g5 53.Ke2 Bf6 54.Kf3 Kd4 55.Kg3 1 knew I had a draw as I could transform Chow's g-pawn into an h-pawn and he would have the wrong bishop to help promote his king rook pawn. 55...Ke3 56.h4 gxh4+ 57.Kh3 Kf3 58.Kh2 Kxg4 59.Kh1 Draw. ½-½

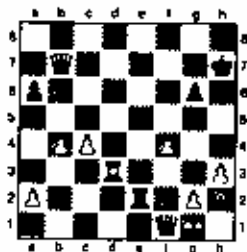
(8) Hernandez,H (1904)
Szpisjak,S (2216) [A48]
Pekin Classic, 23.10.1999
[Hector R. Hernandez]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.e3 0-0 5.Nbd2 d6 Black opts for a King's Indian Defense set-up against White's London System. 6.h3 There are pros and cons to this move. It prevents 6...Bg4, makes it possible in some cases to play Nh2-Ng4, and it also allows the bishop a retreat square on h2. 6...Nbd7 7.Re2 Qe8 8.0-0 e5 9.Bg5 e4 10.Nh2 h6 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.Ng4 Nh7 Steve chooses not to trade knights and moves his knight out of the way to prepare the advance of his f-pawn. 13.c4 f5 14.Nh2 Ng5 15.h4 I don't like enemy pieces hanging around too close to my king. So, the knight has to go. 15...Ne6 16.Rc1 Qe7 17.g3 Bd7 18.h4 Rae8 19.d5 Nd8 20.c5 c6 21.Nc4 dxc5 22.bxc5 Nf7 23.d6 Qf6 24.Qb3 Rb8 25.Rfd1 g5 26.hxg5 hxg5 27.Kg2 Be6 28.Qc2 Bd5 29.Rh1 f4 30.Bh5 Nh6 31.Ng4 f3+ 32.Kg1 Qe6 33.Nxh6+ Bxh6 34.Bg4 White offers to trade bishops, Black declines. 34...Qf6 35.Qc3 Qxc3 36.Rxc3 Bg7 37.Rc2 Kf7 38.Rh7 Kg6 39.Rh1 b6 Black decides to get something going on the queenside. White realizes he must play actively so as not to end up in an inferior position. 40.cxb6 axb6 41.d7 The advance of the passed pawn allows the knight to go to d6 and hopefully develop an attack on the king in collaboration with the bishop and rook(s). 41...Bf6 42.Nd6 Be7 43.Bh5+ Kg7 44.Ne8+ Kg8 45.Nc7 Bc5 46.Nxd5 cxd5 47.Bc8 At this point Black decides to give

up a rook for bishop and pawn counting on his endgame skills to bring home the full point. 47...Rfxe8 48.dxe8Q+ Rxe8 49.Rh6 Kg7 50.Rc6 Rd8 51.g4 Kf7 52.Kh6 d4 53.exd4 Rxd4 54.Kh2 After this move White has to give the exchange back. 54...Bd6+ 55.Rxd6 Rxd6 The game was drawn several moves later with both players in severe time trouble. Two moves prior to agreeing to the draw, White missed a winning move in a king and pawn ending. ½-½

(9) Sage, T (2206)
Hernandez, H (1909) [B42]
Central Illinois Open, 1983
[Hector R. Hernandez]

Over the years I have had good results against strong players in Central Illinois. This game was played while I was a student at the University of Illinois in Urbana and found it easier to travel to places such as Peoria. 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.0-0 d6 7.c4 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Kh1 Qc7 10.f4 Nbd7 11.Qc2 b6 12.Be3 Bh7 Both players have done a good job in developing their pieces. Chances appear to be equal. 13.Bg1 Rac8 14.Ra1 Rfd8 15.h3 g6 16.Nf3 Bf8 17.Bh2 Bg7 Black has re-deployed his king bishop by bringing it over to the long diagonal where it can exert pressure on the central d4 and e5 squares. 18.Ng5 h6 19.e5 dxe5 20.Nxf7 e4 21.Nxd8 exd3 22.Qxe6+ Kh7 23.Nxb7 Qxb7 24.Rcd1 Nc5 25.Qc3 Re8 26.Qd2 Nfe4 27.Nxe4 Rxe4 28.Rf2 Bd4 29.b4 Bxf2 30.Qxf2 Re2 31.Qf1 Ne4 32.Rxd3 Nf2+ 33.Kg1



Black comes up with a move that threatens to win the rook, or force White to give up the queen for rook and knight. 33...Qe4 34.Rd7+ Kg8 35.Bg3 Re1 36.Bxf2 Rdf1+ 37.Kxf1 White's centralized queen will quickly pick off 3 pawns. 37...Qxc4+ 38.Kg1 Qc1+ 39.Kh2 Qxf4+ 40.Bg3

Qxb4 41.Rd6 Kf7 42.Rd7+ Ke6 43.Rb7 a5 44.a3 Qh1 45.Bc7 Qe4 46.Rxb6+ Kd7 47.Bg3 h5 48.h4 Kc8 49.Rb8+ Kd7 50.Rb6 Kc8 The game was left as a draw at this point. ½-½

(10) Sprenkle, D
Hernandez, H [B85]
U. of I. Simultaneous Exhibition,
09.09.1981

David Sprenkle is a Master from Urbana, Illinois and a former Illinois Open Champion. In the Fall of 1981 he gave a simultaneous exhibition at the University of Illinois to promote its chess club among new students. 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 a6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Be3 Be7 9.f4 d6 10.Qe1 Bd7 11.Kh1 h5 12.Rd1 h4 13.Bf3 e5 14.Nf5 Bxf5 15.exf5 0-0-0 Back in 1981 I used to occasionally castle queenside when playing the Black side of a Sicilian Defense. 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Bf6 18.h4 Nd4 19.Bxd4 exd4 20.Qf2 Kb8 21.a4 Rhe8 Black realizes the open e-file offers more possibilities for action than the h-file. So he puts his king rook on it. 22.Rfe1 Qd7 23.Qf3 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Re8 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.h3 Qc7 27.Kh2 g5 28.fxg6 fxg6 29.b5 axb5 30.axb5 g5 31.b6 Qe3 32.Bxb7 Qxf3 33.Bxf3 gxf4 The opposite color bishops make this an extremely drawish position. 34.Kg1 Bd8 35.b7 Bb6 36.Kf1 Bd8 37.Ke2 Bf6 38.Kd3 Kc7 39.Kc4 Be5 Draw. ½-½

(11) Stevanovic, M (2147)
Hernandez, H (1889) [A00]
Palmer House Championship,
10.10.1981
[Hector R. Hernandez]

1.g3 g6 2.f4 Bg7 3.Bg2 e6 4.Nf3 Ne7 5.0-0 0-0 6.e4 c5 7.c3 Nbc6 8.Kh1 h6 9.d4 cxd4 10.cxd4 Bb7 11.Nc3 d6 12.Be3 Rc8 The game resembles a Sicilian Defense with Black's two bishops deployed on the long diagonals. 13.Rc1 d5 14.e5 Nf5 15.Bf2 Ba6 16.Rg1 Nb4 17.Ne1 Qe7 18.a3 Nc6 19.Nf3 h5 20.b4 Bc4 21.h3 Nh6 22.Nh4 Qd7 23.g4 hxg4 24.hxg4 Ne7 25.Bh3 Kh7 Now that the h-file has opened and White's king is in the h1 corner square, Black's king steps down to allow his rook passage to h8. 26.Be3 Rh8 27.f5 exf5 28.Bxb6 Bxb6 29.gxf5 Kg8 30.Qf3 Bg7 31.fxg6 White is sacrificing a knight for 2 pawns and some attacking chances against Black's

king. Instead of this move, Fritz 5 gives 31. Qg3 with equal chances. 31...Rxb4 32.gxf7+ Kf8 33.Kh2 Qf5 34.Qxf5 Nxf5 35.Rg5 Nxd4 36.Rcg1 This move allows Black a triple attack by the knight and the chance to trade off two more pieces. At the end of the combination Black picks up the knight, for free. 36...Nf3+ 37.Kg3 Rxb3+ 38.Kxb3 Nxb3+ 39.Rxg5 Bf1+ 40.Kg3 Rxc3+ 41.Kg4 Be2+ 42.Kf5 Re3 43.Ke6 Rxe5+ 44.Rxe5 Bxe5 White resigns. 0-1

(12) Middleton, D (2060) -
Hernandez, H (2035) [D02]
Midwest Class Championships,
1993
[Hector R. Hernandez]

Black wins 5 pawns in 12 moves in this game. 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 c5 5.0-0 Nc6 6.b3 Bd7 7.Bb2 Rc8 8.Nbd2 Qb6 9.e3 Be7 10.c4 0-0 11.Rc1 cxd4 12.exd4 Nb4 Black attacks the a-pawn, White chooses to centralize his king knight rather than defend the pawn. 13.Ne5 Nxa2 Pawn *1. 14.Ra1 Nb4 15.c5 Qc7 16.Qe2 White could have regained his pawn with 16. Rxa7, but decided to connect his rooks instead. 16...a6 17.Nxd7 Nxd7 18.Bc3 Nc6 19.f4 Bf6 Black attacks the backward d4-pawn a second time. White will defend it with the natural-looking 20. Nf3. The c3-bishop is unprotected which allows Black some more tactical play. 20.Nf3 Nxc5 Pawn *2. 21.Ne5 Bxe5 This move grants White the bishop pair in a semi-closed position where the knights seems to be better. 22.fxe5 Nxb3 Pawn *3. 23.Ra4 Nxe5 Pawn *4. 24.Bb4 Nxd4 Pawn *5 has fallen. White resigns. 0-1

(13) Ward, T (2185)
Hernandez, H (2060) [B42]
Midwest Class Chmpshp M/E, 1993
[Hector R. Hernandez]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.Nb3 Nc6 7.Be3 d5 8.N1d2 Ne5 9.0-0 Nxd3 10.cxd3 Black has maneuvered with his queen knight to get rid of one of White's bishops. 10...dxe4 11.dxe4 Be7 12.Qe2 Bd7 13.Rfd1 Bh5 14.Qf3 0-0 15.a4 Bc6 Black's bishop retreats to the long diagonal to put pressure on the central

squares d5 and e4. 16.Qg3 Qd3 17.e5 Ne4 18.Nxe4 Qxe4 19.Rd4 Qc2 20.Rg4 [20.Bh6 Qg6 21.Qxg6 hxg6 22.Be3 Black has a slight edge here because of the two bishops.] 20...g6 21.Bh6 Rfd8 This move has two purposes; one is to move the rook away from the fire of the bishop, the other is to attack the queen and knight simultaneously on the next move. Unfortunately White did not see the double attack coming. 22.h4 Rd3 After this move White's position starts to deteriorate. He is losing a piece and further material losses or exchanges are coming. 23.Be3 Rxb3 24.h5 Rh4 25.hxg6 Rxg4 26.gxf7+ Kxf7 27.Qxg4 Rg8 28.Qh5+ Qg6 29.Qxg6+ Rxg6 30.g3 h5 White resigned. He is a Bishop down and it would only be a matter of time before his King is checkmated. 0-1

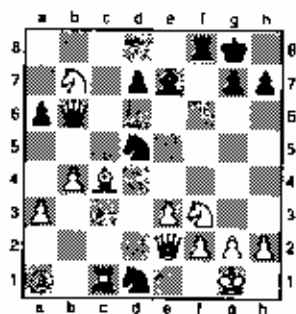
(14) Hernandez, H (2035) - Lamarca, E (2085) [A48] New York Open Exp. Rd.1, 1994 [Hector R. Hernandez]

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bd3 d5 5.Nbd2 c5 6.c3 Nbd7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 Re8 9.e4 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Bxe4 Nxe5 13.Bf4 Bg4 14.Bxe5 Rxe5 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qe7 17.Bc2 Re2 18.Bh3 Rxb2 Since Black moved his rook off the e-file, White will place his king rook on it with gain of time by attacking the queen. Then he will follow up by doubling rooks on that file. 19.Rfe1 Qc7 20.Re4 Rd2 21.Rac1 Bb8 White will now bring another piece to bear on the f7-pawn. 22.Re7 Black's choices are not pleasant; he chooses a continuation that seems to keep him in the game longer. 22...Qxe7 [22...Bxe7 23.Qxf7+ Kh8 24.Rxe7 White wins.] 23.Rxe7 Bxe7 24.Qxf7+ Kh8 25.Qxe7 c4 It is mate in 3 moves now. 26.Qf6+ Black resigns. [26.Qf6+ Kg8 27.Bxc4+ Rd5 28.Bxd5*] 1-0

(15) Hernandez, H (2060) - McClinton, J (2065) [A40] New York Open (Exp.) Rd.7, 1994 [Hector R. Hernandez]

1.d4 b5 2.Nf3 Bb7 3.e3 a6 4.c4 bxc4 5.Bxc4 e6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Nbd2 c5 8.b3 Nc6 9.Bb2 Be7 10.Rc1 cxd4 11.Nxd4 0-0 12.N2f3 Nb4 13.a3 Nbd5 14.Qe2 White has developed his pieces

freely. At this point he has a 2 to 1 pawn majority on the queenside and Black has 2 center pawns. White has one only. 14...Ne4 15.Rfd1 Qb6 16.Nc5 Rad8 17.b4 f6 18.Ncf3 f5 19.Nd2 The knight challenges Black's e4-knight. 19...Nd6 20.Bd3 f4 This move doesn't seem like a good choice, as it gives the white's bishop a direct line to the h7-pawn. 21.Nxe6 [21.Qh5 g6 22.Rxg6 Nf6 23.Bxh7+ Nxh7 24.Nxe6 Bf6 24... d7:e6 allows 25.Qg6 mate. 25.Qg6+ Kh8 26.Bxf6+ Nxf6 27.Qg7*] 21...f3 22.Nxf3 Nc4 23.Nxd8 Nxb2 24.Nxb7 Nxd1 25.Bc4



Threatens Bxd5+ winning a piece and holding the h7-knight. Black's d1-knight is trapped and can't escape. 25...Qxb7 26.Rxd1 Kh8 27.Bxd5 Black has lost a piece and has no compensation for the loss. 27...Qh6 28.Qd3 Qg6 Black resigned at this point. 1-0

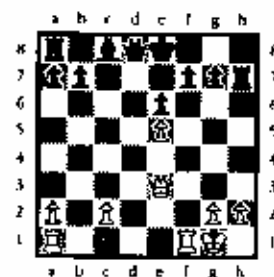
(16) McNamara (1970) Hernandez, H (1920) [B21] Illinois Class Championships "A", 1988 [Hector R. Hernandez]

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 3... Nf6 is played more frequently. 4.Nxc3 e6 Black anticipates White will want to get a quick attack going against the f7-square, so he blocks off the a2-g8 diagonal before White plays Bc4. 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bc4 a6 Black wants to play 7... Qc7 without worrying about 8. Nb5. 7.0-0 Qc7 8.Qe2 b5 9.Bb3 Bb7 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Rac1 Bxg5 12.Nxg5 Nd4 13.Qh5 g6 14.Qh4 Rc8 15.Nxh7 This move seems a little hasty. A possible plan for White would be to play Kh1, f4-f5, etc. 15...Qe5 The Black queen is centralized on e5; it defends the d4-knight, the h8-rook and threatens ...Qg7 winning the knight on h7. 16.Nd5 White sacrifices a knight on d5. If the sacrifice is accepted, the e-file will be opened

and Black's king will find itself in a precarious situation. 16...exd5 17.Rxc8+ Bxc8 18.exd5 d6 19.f3 White prepares the way for 20. Re1, but ... 19...Nc2+ Since Black is up a piece, he will try to trade off some pieces to get to a won ending. 20.Kh1 A slightly better try for White would be 21. Kf2, but after 21... Qd4+ the queens are traded off and it is only a matter of time before White's king is checkmated. 20...Qf4 Black wishes to simplify the position since he is up a piece. 21.Qf2? White will be mated in 3 moves. 21...Qxh2+ [21...Qxh2+ 22.Kxh2 Rxh7+ 23.Qh4 Rxh4* I believe this is called "Anastasia's Mate."] 0-1

(17) Oberweis, J (1978) - Hernandez, H (2082) [B02] Fox Valley CC, 1994 [Hector R. Hernandez]

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.Nc3 Nxc3 4.bxc3 d6 5.f4 dxe5 6.fxe5 e6 7.Nf3 c5 8.d4 Nc6 9.Bd3 Be7 10.0-0 Black wins a pawn now. 10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxh7 12 Kh1 was a better try as he would lose only a pawn. [12.Nxd4 Qxd4+ Black wins material in this line.] 12...Bc5 Black sets up a double, discovered check. The bishop can't come back to d3, or even e4, on account of 13. ... Nxf3+. 14. Kh1 Nxe5, and White would be down a piece and a pawn. 13.Be3 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 Bxe3+ 15.Qxe3 Rxh7



White has lost a piece. 16.Qe4 Qh4 17.Qf4 Qxf4 18.Rxf4 Bd7 19.Raf1 g6 20.a4 Bc6 21.Rd4 Rd8 Black is prompt in trading off one rook, or gaining control of the open d-file. 22.c3 Rxd4 23.cxd4 Rh4 The rook attacks the backward pawn on 4. 24.Ra1 Rxd4 25.a5 Ra4 White's choices are limited here; he can trade his last remaining piece, or lose his a-pawn. White resigns. 0-1

The "Sevillano" Sicilian

John Tomas

If you play chess in the Midwest and you are at all successful, you will eventually play Enrico Sevillano.

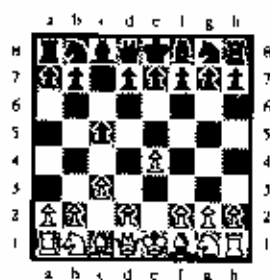
The Philippine-born International Master has been one of the most ubiquitous and successful of Chicago-based players over the last several years.

And if you play Sevillano and you play the Sicilian as Black, you will inevitably face the "Sevillano Sicilian." I call the sequence 1.e4 c5 2.c3 the "Sevillano" Sicilian in deference to Enrico's willingness to play it against each and every level of opposition, whether or not his opponent is prepared for it. Of course, it has a number of other names. It was originally called the "Alapin" variation, and for decades it was thought of as a safe way to avoid critical Sicilian lines. Like many such lines, it was not thought to offer much in the way of compensation for its ability to avoid highly analyzed lines.

That all changed in the late '70s when strong grandmasters such as Murray Chandler of England, Sveshnikov, and Cheschovsky of the erstwhile Soviet Union honed it into a weapon that was dangerous and required fully as much theoretical preparation as so-called main lines. Sveshnikov, Rozentalis, and the American grandmaster Tal Shaked still inevitably play it when faced with the Sicilian, but its influence has spread far beyond that relatively limited sphere. Virtually any top-rank grandmaster that plays 1.e4 has played it at one time or another.

The first important position comes about after the opening moves 1.e4 c5 2.c3

Diagram 1



It's useful to assess the position in diagram 1 from a theoretical basis before examining important games. White obviously intends to push d4 and recapture with his "c" pawn, avoiding the theoretical disadvantage of exchanging a center pawn for a wing pawn. But the move has its drawbacks too. First of all, it moves another pawn rather than a piece and secondly, if Black does not capture, it blocks the best square for White's knight on b1. Now, it is possible to allow White to create his pawn center: Chicago grandmaster Dimitry Gurevich is one player who does so by fianchettoing his f8 bishop. But White's slowly developing plan has most often been met by one of two immediate counterattacks: (1) 2...d5 or (2) 2...Nf6.

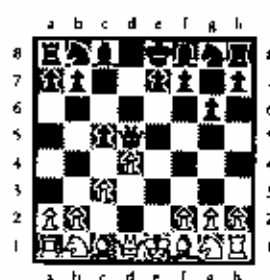
(1) 2... d5

It is somewhat surprising that this move has occurred much more often in Sevillano's games than the popular 1...Nf6. Perhaps the reason is that Enrico mostly faces lower-rated players who are more or less content to draw against him with Black, and 2...d5 has a solid reputation.

3 exd5 Qxd5 4.d4

For quite some time, Black has used an early development of the "c8" bishop (either after ...Nc6 or ... Nf6) as a reliable equalizing method. But Sevillano has faced other moves here.

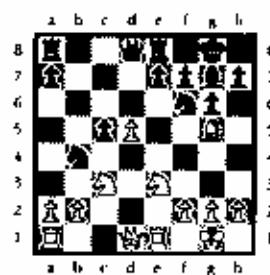
Diagram 1a



a: 4 ..g6

This move has Chicago Grandmaster Dimitri Gurevich as one of its adherents. Black can fianchetto the king-bishop either here or earlier (before playing ...d5). When faced with the move in the Asian team championship in 1993 against GM Vladislav Tkachiev, Enrico chose rather solid, somewhat passive play, and after 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Be2 Nf6 7.c4 Qd8 8.d5 b5! 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nc3 bxc4 11.Bxc4 Ba6 12.Nd2 Re8 13.Re1 Bxc4 14.Nxc4 Na6 15.Bg5 Nb4 16.Ne3, he had lost the initiative.

Diagram 2



I would think that 16.d6!? exd6 17.Qxd6 Rxe1+ 18.Rxe1 Qxd6 19.Nxd6 Nd3 20.Re2 would offer White better prospects to equalize, but it soon becomes obvious that he has misunderstood the problems inherent in the position. 16...c4 17.Qa4?! (17.Nxc4 also looks better than the text, but again, I suspect Sevillano still thought he had the advantage here) 17...Nbx d5 18.Ncx d5 Nxd5 19.Nxc4 h6 20.Bh4 Nb6 21.Nxb6 axb6 22.Qc6

Qd6! 23.Qxd6 exd6 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8, and a pawn dropped off the edge of the board. Tkachiev made no mistake about the ending (0-1, 58).

This passivity is somewhat difficult to understand since the aggressive 6.Na3! (with the threat of either Nb5 or Bc4), seems to offer White excellent chances. Sveshnikov – Najer from the Russian championship a couple of years ago is an amusing example of White's possibilities: 6.Na3 cxd4 7.Bc4 Qe4 · 8.Be3!

Diagram 3



8...Nh6 [8...dxc3?? loses – 9. Bxf7+! Kf8 10. Qd8+] 9.cxd4 0-0 10.0-0 Bg4 11.Bxh6 Bxh6 12.Rc1 Bxf3 13.Rxe4 Bxd1 14.Rxd1 Bg5 15.Re5 Bf6 16.Rb5 Nc6 17.d5 a6 18.Rxb7, and White wins with the extra pawn (1-0, 30).

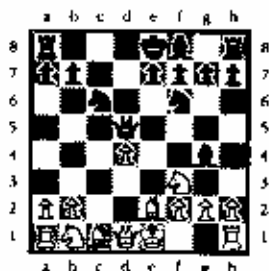
a. 4...Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2

Here, as in several like positions, White can set Black difficult problems by playing 6.dxc5! If Black chooses to regain the pawn with ...Qxc5, his queen will be exposed, and there is no clear sense that he has enough for the pawn after ...Qxd1+. But Sevillano has always avoided such positions.

6...e6

Sevillano-Sax, from the 1998 Illinois Class is a drastic illustration of what happens when a player of the Black pieces doesn't understand the strategic underpinnings of the position. Instead of 6...e6, he played 6...cxd4?! – always a dangerous move because it gives the powerful c3 square back to the White knight --7.cxd4 Nf6??

Diagram 4



Sheer inattention, and Rob pays for it immediately. 8.Nc3 Qd7 9.d5! Bxf3 10.gxf3 and now Sax gave way to desperation in the attempt to prolong the game past the ten-move mark, 10...0-0-0, but he lost in another five moves anyway (1-0,15). Black has to play 7...e6 when a careful defense might allow him to achieve equality.

6...e6

This move is more accurate, but should still lead to a clear White advantage.

7.h3 Bh5 8.Be3

8.c4! leaves White with a clear edge, e.g., 8... Qd6 9.d5 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nd4 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.Be3 e5 13.0-0 Be7 14.Bxd4 exd4 15.Nb5 Qd7 16.d6 Bxd6 17.Bxb7 Rb8 and now 18.Re1+ Be7 19.Qf3 0-0 20.Bc6 is very strong.

White's move is a standard attempt to force Black to clear the c3 square for a knight, but it allows Black distinct counterchances.

8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Qd7??

The wrong square for the Queen. Instead, Black should play it to either d8 or a5 when he has reasonable counterchances.

Diagram 5



Sevillano-Andrei Zarembo from the 1996 US Class Championships continued 11.g4! Bg6 12.Ne5 Qc8

If instead 12...Nxe5 13.dxe5 Qxd1+ 14.Rxd1 Nd7 15.Bb5 Rd8 16.Bxa7, and White wins

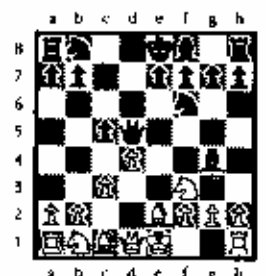
13.Qa4 Bd6 14.h4 0-0 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.h5 Be4 17.Nxc4 Nxc4 18.Rc1, when the extra pawn was more than enough for the win (1-0,35).

b. 4... Nf6

This is the most accurate way to develop one of the knights if you intend to play the bishop to g4, and was the choice of Gary Kasparov when he faced 2.c3 in his Deep Blue match. Sevillano has faced it often, both in Chicago and elsewhere.

5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2

Diagram 6



6.Nbd2! is a relatively new way of injecting original life into the position. But 6.Be2 is reliable and complicated.

One move to stay away from was played against Sevillano in the 1992 Olympiad by Nelson Abiodun.

6...g6?! is a mistake because the bishop does not have a good retreat, and after 7.h3 Bc8 8.0-0 Bg7 9.dxc5 Qxc5 10.Be3 Qc7 11.Na3 Bd7 12.Nb5 Bxb5 13.Bxb5+ Nbd7 14.Bg5 0-0 15.Bxd7 Qxd7 16.Qxd7 Nxd7 17.Bxe7 Rfe8, White won a pawn and the endgame (1-0, 45).

6...e6 7.h3

This is almost always a useful move in these positions. As we have already seen, it allows White to break the pin

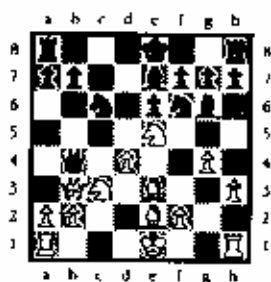
with g4 and then jump into e5 if Black is incautious enough to play ...Qd7?

7... Bh5

(1) 8.Be3

Sevillano has played a number of games from this position including a sparkling win and two tough draws against Albert Chow. In 1996, when he reached this position against Chow for the first time, he played 8.Be3 and after 8... cxd4 9.cxd4 Nc6 10.Nc3 Qd6 11.Qb3 Qb4 12.g4 Bg6 13.Ne5 Be7, they had reached a position important to theory. It had first occurred in the game Smagin-Armas, Germany 1991. But their White and Black had castled. Sevillano attempts to make do without castling.

Diagram 6



Smagin's solution to the position (remember, with both sides castled) was 14.g5 Qxb3 15.axb3 Nd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.Rfc1 when he had a clearly superior position with excellent winning chances. But without access to the rook on h1, Sevillano has to improvise.

14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.Qxb4 Bxb4 16.a3 Ba5 17.b4 Bb6 18.g5

Diagram 7



18...Ng8

Slightly passive. I would have thought that 18...Nd5 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Rd1 might be even easier to defend for Chow. Then, the Black knight has the square f5. When the knight arrives there, will virtually force White to exchange it, leaving Black with somewhat the better of the endgame because of the weak pawn on h3 and the White bad bishop. Still, Black is hardly in any danger of losing this if he simply keeps his head about him.

19.d5 Bxe3 20.dxc6 Bd4 21.Rc1 bxc6 22.Bf3 Bxc3+ 23.Rxc3 Ne7 24.b5 Rc8 25.bxc6 Nd5 26.Bxd5 exd5 27.Kd2 Ke7 28.c7 Kd7 29.Rhcl Rhe8 30.Rc5 Re5 31.f4 Rf5 32.Ke3 d4+! 33.Kxd4 Rxc5 34.Rxe5 Rxc7 35.Rxc7+ Kxc7, and the game could have been abandoned as a draw at this point (1/2-1/2, 55).

(2) 8.Na3

Although there was nothing wrong theoretically with Sevillano's approach to the position, he never chose to attack the Black position in the same way again. Later in 1996, when he played the Russian Grandmaster Alexander Goldin in the Chicago Open, he chose yet another move.

Diagram 8



1.e4 c5 2.e3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.h3 Bh5 8.Na3 a6

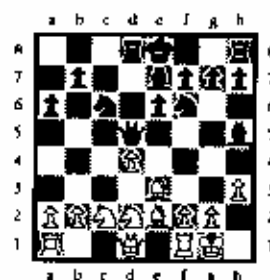
It is probably not necessary to keep the knight out of b5 -- Black can easily defend against the threat of Nc7+ but the wasted tempo should allow White a certain edge out of the opening.

9.Nc2 cxd4 10.cxd4!?

The idea behind 8.Na3 is to take on d4 with a knight, thus avoiding the isolated pawn. In this position, with Black wasting a tempo on ...a6, it would seem that keeping the center fluid would be even more powerful. But a game Lars Schandorff- Helgi Olafsson from Hillerod, 1995 continued 9.Nc2 Nc6 10.Be3 cxd4 11.Ncxd4 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Be7 13.Qa4+ b5 14.Qb3 0-0 15.0-0 Rfc8 16.Rfd1 Qb7 17.a4 b4 18.cxb4 Qxb4 19.Qxb4 Bxb4 20.g4 Bg6 21.Ne5 Nd5 and was drawn. Black's activity balances White's structural advantages.

Sevillano's move involved him in obscure maneuvers just to maintain a tenuous equality. 10...Nc6 11.0-0 Rd8 12.Be3 Be7 13.Nd2

Diagram 9



13...Bxe2 14.Qxe2 0-0 15.Rfd1 Qf5 16.Rac1 Nd5 17.Nb3 Qg6 18.Ne1 Bd6 19.Nc5 Bxc5 20.Rxc5 Qf6 21.a3 Rd7 22.Qg4 Qe7 23.b4 Rfd8 24.Nf3 f6 25.Bc1 Qf7 26.Re1 Rd6 27.Rc2 Nce7 28.Nd2 h5 29.Qe4 Nf5 30.Bb2 Qd7 31.Qf3 Rc6 32.Rxc6 Qxc6 1/2-1/2.

In fact, Sevillano learned from this experience when he next faced the variation -- against the wonderkind 14-year old Anna Kahn:

8. Na3 cxd4?!

Logical, now that White can no longer play his knight to c3, but premature nonetheless. The most common move in this position is the developing 8...Nc6 when after 9.Be3 cxd4 10.Nb5, Black can achieve equality by maintaining her Queen on its beautiful post with either the safe 10...Rc8 or 10...0-0-0.

9.Nb5 Qd8 10.Nbd4 a6 11.Qa4+ Nbd7
12.Bg5 Be7 13.Rd1 b5 14.Qc2 Qc8
15.0-0-0 16.Rfe1 Bg6 17.Bd3 Bxd3
18.Rxd3 Nc5 19.Rde3 Qb7

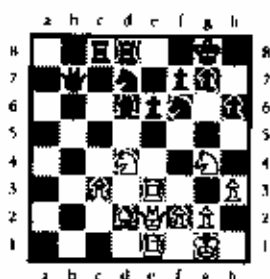
Diagram 10



White is somewhat better in this position. He would be much better if he could have contrived a way to retain his white-squared bishop, but his rooks still exert an unpleasant pressure on the Black castled position, and his knights are beautifully placed.

20.Re5 Ncd7 21.R5e2 h6 22.Be1 Rfd8
23.a4 Nc5 24.axb5 axb5 25.Ne5 Rac8
26.Re3 Bf8 27.Qc2 b4 28.Bd2 bxc3
29.bxc3 Bd6 30.Ng4 Ncd7??

Diagram 11



Not a move Khan wanted to make, I suspect, but the alternative 30...Nxc6 allows 31.Qxc6 Bf8 32.Rg3 g6 (King moves are met by 33.Bxh6!) 33.h4 with a clear initiative for White and few counterchances for Black.

31 Rxe6'

I think it's safe to say that Sevillano would not be Sevillano if he passed up this exchange sac. Still, it is hardly worth more than a draw if Black defends correctly. But keeping your head about you in such situations is not easy, especially in what I suspect was time pressure for both sides.

31... fxe6 32.Qxe6- Kh8 33.Qxd6
Ne4 34.Qf4 Ndc5 35.Ne5 Kg8 36.f3
Nxd2 37.Qxd2 Nb3 38.Qa2 Rxc3
39.Ncc6 Ra8?!

Clearly playing for the win here since she has a safe alternative in 39...Rxc6 40.Nxc6 Qxc6 41.Qxb3+, and White can hardly hope to win this.

40.Qb2 Rd3 41.Nf5!

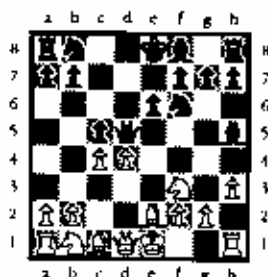
I strongly suspect that Khan simply overlooked this shot.

40... Qf7 42.Re7 Ra1+ 43.Kh2 Rd2
44.Rxf7 Rxb2 45.Rxg7- Kf8 46.Nc5
Nd2 47.Rf7+ Ke8 48.Nd6- 1-0.

(3) 8.c4!?

By analogy with early ...Nc6 lines we examined in "b," White has one other reasonable possibility of assaulting the Black position, which Sevillano played twice in the 1997 US Class Tournament.

Diagram 12



In this position, this move is attributed to the Lithuanian grandmaster, Eduard Rozentalis who has had distinctly mixed results with it. Clearly, uncastled and lacking a knight on c6 to harry, White cannot hope for the type of advantage that logically followed in "b."

8...Qd8

The alternatives are also popular. Somewhat suprisingly, 8...Qd7!? has been popular at the grandmaster level and has experienced few setbacks. The refutation is supposed to be 9.d5 exd5 10.g4 Bg6 11.Ne5 Qe6 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.g5 Ne4 14.cxd5 Qf5 15.Be3 Nd6

16.Nc3 Rxh3 17.Qa4+ Kd8 18.Rxh3
Qxh3 19.0-0-0 with a clear advantage for White (although the game was eventually drawn) in Rozentalis-Loginov, Manila (OL), 1992.

But Black has alternatives, notably on move 11 when he can play 11...Qd8 as in the interesting game Godena-Shipov, Cappelle la Grande, 1994 which continued 12.Qa4+ Nfd7 13.cxd5 Be7 14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.d6!? Bg5 [Clearly not 15...Bxd6? 16.Qe4+ when White will pick up a piece.] 16.Qe4+ Kf8 17.Bxg5 Qxg5 18.Qxb7 Qc1+ 19.Bd1 Nb6 20.Nc3 Qxa1, and White felt constrained to take the draw with 21.Qe7+ Kg8 22.Qd8- Kh7 23.Qh4+ 1/2-1/2. It is worth noting that Shipov has not repeated this experiment.

Although not as popular as 8...Qd8 or 8...Qd7, 8...Qd6 has also held up well for Black.

9.Qb3 Qb6?!

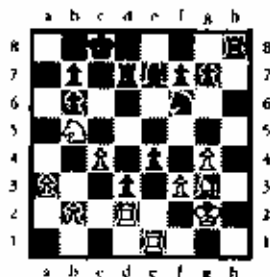
As played by both Albert Chow and Jeff Sandeager in the 1997 US Class. But it is far from necessary and indeed may leave White with a certain advantage. Instead, Black can coolly play 9...cxd4!, when 10.Qxb7 Nbd7 11.Nxd4 [Otherwise Black just keeps the center pawn with ...Bc5] 11...Rb8 12.Qa6 Bb4+ 13.Nc3 0-0 14.Nc6 [14.Bxh5? fails to the suprising 14...Nc5 15.Qxa7 Qxd4 16.Bxf7+ Kh8 17.0-0 Rb7 and the Queen is trapped on the open board!] 14...Rb6 15.Nxd8 [if White attempts to escape with 15.Qa4, Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 Nc5! 17.Nxd8 Nxa4 18.c5 Nxc5 19.Ra3 Nfe4 20.f3 Rxd8 21.fxe4 Bxe2 with a clearly superior endgame for Black] 15...Rxa6 16.g4 17.gxh5, again with a clearly superior endgame which Black went on to win Kveinys - Shipov, Aalborg, 1998, (0-1,48).

10.Qxb6 axb6 11.dxc5?!

This eases Black's defensive task somewhat by eliminating Black's doubled pawn and removing the central tension. Instead, 11.Nc3 maintains the tension and makes Black's defense more difficult. In fact,

Sevillano played this against Jeff Sandager later in the tournament. After 11... Nc6 12.Nb5 0-0-0 Sevillano made a move I find difficult to agree with. He played 13.dxc5?! In the only other grandmaster game I could find from this position, Branko Filipovic - Srdjan Cvetkovic from the 1995 Yugoslav Team Championship in Tivat, White played the sharper 13.Ne5 cxd4 14.Bf4 Bb4+ 15.Kf1 Bxe2+ 16.Kxc2 Nh5 17.Bh2 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 and now Black began playing aggressively for a win with 18...d3+ [18...f6 19.Bxd4 Bc5 20.Bc3 Nf4+ 21.Kf3 Nd3 22.Rhf1 e5 23.a3 Rhe8 leads to an unclear position where Black's chances do not appear to be inferior.] 19.Kf3 Rd7 20.g4 Nf6 21.a3 Be7 22.Rhd1 b5 23.Rd2 hxg4+ 24.hxg4 Rh3+ 25.Bg3 e5 26.Re1 e4+ 27.Kg2 Rh8 28.f3

Diagram 13

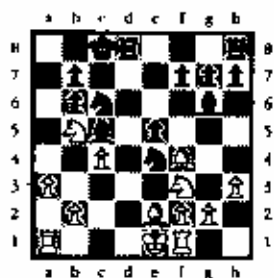


28...exf3+ 29.Kxf3 Ne8 30.Red1 Rh3 31.Rxd3 Bh4 32.Na7+ 1-0.

Sevillano's move aims to make Black's bishop a target, but the plan helps Black to develop and encourages him to think of a win himself.

13... Bxc5 14.a3 Ne4 15.Rf1 Bg6 16.Bf4 e5!?

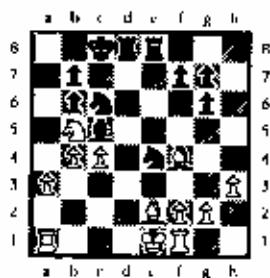
Diagram 14



[A gutsy pawn sacrifice that makes the game critical instantly. However,

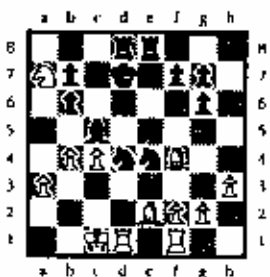
Black had other ways to fight against the initiative. 16...Rd7, removing the mate threat looks solid following 17.b4 Be7] 17.Nxe5 Rhe8 18.Nxg6 hxg6 19.b4

Diagram 15



A critical position. Sandager played the mistake 19...Nxb4? and found that the tactics worked for Sevillano 20.Na7+ Kd7 21.0-0-0+! [Sandager may have forgotten that this was legal!] 21...Ke6 22.axb4 Bxb4 23.Nb5 Nc3 24.Nxc3 Bxc3 25.Kc2 Bb4 26.Bf3 1-0. [The problem is that even after the better 19... Nd4!, Black is on the verge of defeat. White has a lot of bad moves but one very good line. After 20.Na7+ Kd7 21.0-0-0! (Verber)

Diagram 16



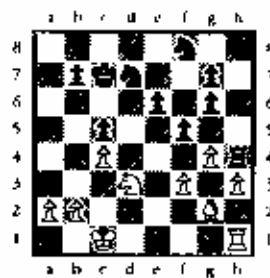
21...Nc3 22.bxc5 f5 [Other moves come too much the same thing] 23.bxc5 Nxd1 24.Rxd1 f5g4 25.Rxd4+ Ke6 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.exb6, and White will win the endgame.

The Sevillano - Chow game was not nearly as exciting as the Sevillano Sandager. Chow was probably slightly worse most of the way, but he defended imaginatively, and a draw was the logical result.

11... bxc5 12.Nc3 Be7 13.g4 Bg6 14.Ne5 Nbd7 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.Bf4 0-0-0 17.0-0-0 Ne8 18.Bg3 Bh4! 19.Bxh4 Rxh4 20.Ne4 f5 21.Ng5 Nf8

22.Nf3 Rxd1+ 23.Bxd1 Rh8 24.Ne5 Nf6 25.Bf3 Kc7 26.Bg2 N6d7 27.Nd3 Rh4! 28.f3

Diagram 17



26...b6 29.Re1 Kd6 30.Rd1 Ke7 31.a3 g5 32.b4 Ng6 33.Bf1 Nge5 34.Nxe5 Nxe5 35.bxc5 bxc5 36.gxf5 Nxc4 37.fxe6 Ne3 38.Rd7+ Kxe6 39.Bb5 Rxh3 40.Rxg7 Rxf3 41.Rxg5 Kd6 1/2-1/2.

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20.Bh2 Bh8 21.Bfe1 d7 22.c5 b5
23.Bb6 d6 24.Bc2 d8 25.Bc2 h6
26.Bhe1+ (...). 1-0 Sunye Neto J-
Fedorowicz./Mexico 1991 T1
91\09 (26)] 11...cxd4 12.d2 d7
13.b3 b5 14.cxb5 Bxb5 15.d2
a5 16.Bc1? [16.d1 dA 17.Bf2
attacking the d4 pawn forcing black
to play c5 and then white could play
f5, g4, g5, h4 with a typical attack.
Re1 doesnt coordinate with whites'
plan to attack on the kingside.]
16...dxc5 17.d1 dA 18.Bf3
f5! 19.e5 d6 [19...dxe5? 20.a4 e4
21.axb5 exf3 22.bxa6 fxe2 23.Bxe2
dxa6 (23...d7? 24.Bc6+ Bh8
25.a7+-) 24.Bc6+-] 20.exd6
Bxd6 21.a4 Bc5 22.Bxc5 Bxc5
23.b4? axb4 24.Bb3 d6 25.Bf1
[25.Bxb4 Bb8 26.dxd6 Bxb3
27.dxc7 Bf7 28.d6 Bb6 29.d5
(29.d3 Bb1+ 30.Bf1 Bb3 31.d6
Bxd3?) 29...Bb4+] 25...Bb8
26.d5 d8 27.d2 Bh8 28.Bc1
d7 29.a5 d7 30.d4 d5

31.dxb5 dxb5 32.Bb2 d8
33.Bb3 d6 34.Bb1 Bb8 35.Bc1
h5 36.Bb2 d8 37.Bb3 d7
38.Bf1 d6 39.Bg1 Bh7 40.Bc2
d7? [40...e5 41.fxe5 dxe5
42.Bf7+ e4 40...Bb8? 41.d1 e5
42.fxe5 Bxc5+] 41.d1 d8
42.dxb4 Bb8 43.Bf1 Bb7
44.d1 Bb8 [44...e5] 45.Bb2 e5
46.fxe5 dxe5 47.Bc6 d7
[47...dxc3? 48.d3 Bg7 49.Bxb8
dxb8+] 48.d3 Bc7 49.Bxb8
Bxb8 50.Bc1? [50.d2 Bb1+
51.Bf2 Bh1] (51...dxc3? its
important to be aware during the
complete game, one simple mistake
can ruin a beautiful game. 52.Bxc6+
dxc6 53.Bf1 Bf7 54.dxd3+) |
50...Bb3+- 51.d6 Bxd3+
52.Bc2 Bb1+ 53.Bc1 Bb5+
54.Bc2 d3 55.Bd2 d3 56.Bd1
d2+ 57.d2 d3 58.d5 Bf3+ 0-
1

(2) Fierro, M - Hernandez, T [B23]

Panamericano Yacuay (9),
13.09.1999
[Fierro, M]

1.e4 c5 2.d3 d6 3.f4 a6 4.a4
[4.Bf3 Bangiev 4...b5 5.g3 d7 6.d3
e6 7.d2 d7 8.0-0 d6 9.e5? d5
10.d4+] 4...g6 5.d4 d7 6.d3
e6 7.0-0 d7 8.Bc1 0-0 9.d3
dxc6 10.Bh4 d4 11.f5! Typical
pawn sacrifice for attack 11...gxf5
[11...dxc2 12.f6+-] 12.dh6 fxe4
[12...d6 13.Bh5 dxf3+ 14.Bxf3
Bh4 15.Bxh4 Bxh4 16.Bg3 d6
17.dxc7 Bxc7 18.exf5 exf5
19.Bc1+; 12...dxc2 13.Bg3 d6
14.dxc7 Bxc7 15.exf5 exf5
16.Bac1] 13.dxc7 Bxc7
[13...dxf3+ 14.Bxf3 exf3 15.d6 d6
16.dxd8 Bxh4 17.Bxh4 d5 18.d2
d7 (18...fxg2 19.d7 Bc8
20.dxc5+) 19.gxf3+; 13...d5
14.Bf6 (14.Bg5 dxc7 15.dxe4 Bh8
16.d7 Bg8?) 14...dxc7 15.d6 d6
16.Bxd8 Bxd8 17.dxe4 d6 18.dxf7
dxf1 19.Bxf1! Bc8 20.dxd6 Bf8
21.a5+; 13...exf3 14.d6 d6
15.dxd8 Bxh4 16.dxc7 dxc2
17.Bxf3+] 14.dxd4 cxd4 15.Bf6+
d8 16.dxe4+- d5? [16...d6
17.Bh6 f5 18.dxe6+ dxe6 19.Bxe6+
Bh8 20.dxd6+-] 17.Bg5+ Bh8
18.Bc5+ f6 19.Bxf6 Bxf6
20.Bxf6+ d8 21.Bg5+ Bh8

22.Bc5+ [22.Bf1] 22...d8
23.d6+ d7 24.Bh5+ d6
25.Bf1 Bxf6 26.Bxh7+ 1-0

(3) Duarte, T - Amura, C [B32]

Panamericano Yacuay (2),
06.09.1999
[Fierro, M]

1.e4 c5 2.d3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.dxd4
c5 5.dh5 d6 6.c4 d7 7.d1c3 a6
8.d3 f5 9.exf5 dxf5 10.d3 d6
11.d2 d6 12.0-0 0-0 13.d3 d4
14.ded5 h5 15.dxe7+ Bxe7 16.cxb5
axb5 17.dxb5 d6 18.Bb1 Bxa2
19.d3 Bb8 20.d5 d5 21.dxf6
gxf6 22.d4 Baxh2 23.Bxh2 Bxh2
24.Bg1+ Bh8 25.dxc6 dxc6 26.Bc1
Bb8 27.d4 d8 28.d1 f5 29.Bc2
d4 30.Bf1 d5 31.d3 d6 32.g3
Bg8 33.Bh1 d4 34.dg2 d3 35.Ba1
d5 36.f3 d5 0-1

(4) Guerrero, A - Arribas, M [B07]

Panamericano Yacuay (3),
07.09.1999
[Fierro, M]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 d6 3.d3 c6 4.d3
d4 5.d2 d6 6.e5 dxe5 7.dxe5
dxf3 8.exf6 dxe2 9.fg7 dxc7
10.dxe2 Ba5+ 11.c3 0-0-0
Bhg8 13.d3 d5 14.f4 d6 15.Bf3
d6 16.b4 Bh5 17.a4 Bc4 18.h5
d5+ 19.Bh1 d3 20.Bc2 d4
21.bxc6 bxc6 22.d2 d3 23.Bxh2
Bgxg3 24.Bc5 Bg6 25.Bh8+ Bd8
26.Bxh7 Bxd2 27.Bh8+ Bc7
28.Bc5+ d6 29.Ba5+ Bc8 30.Bf5+
e6 31.Bxf7 Bgxc2+ 32.Bh3 Bh2+ 0-
1

(5) Delgado, M - Chang, S [B86]

Panamericano Yacuay (8),
12.09.1999
[Fierro, M]

1.e4 c5 2.d3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.dxd4
d6 5.d3 a6 6.d4 e6 7.d3 d7
8.0-0 d7 9.dxe6 fxe6 10.dxe6
Ba5 11.dxc7+ Bf7 12.d5 Bc5
13.d3 d8 14.f4 Bc6 15.Bf3 d5
16.dxe7 Bxe7 17.e5 dxe5 18.fxe5
Bxe5 19.dxc5 Bxc5+ 20.Bh1 Bd6
21.d4 Bc6 22.dxd6+ Bxd6
23.Bae1 d7 24.d1 d6 25.Bxf6+
Bxf6 26.dxd7+ Bc6 27.Bxf6+ Bxd7
28.Bf7+ Bc6 29.Bxh7 Bd8 30.h4
Bd2 31.Bh8 d7 32.h5 Bxc2 33.h6
Bc6 34.h7 1-0

Chess From the Middle

Ron Suarez

Introduction and The Cost of Chess Versus Bowling

Welcome to my corner of the country. What corner? Why, of course, the Middle corner. I decided it would be fun to jot down a few of my viewpoints, opinions, ramblings, etc. of Chess and Life (not Chess Life) for your and my entertainment. We as chess players often hear and talk of how this noble game reflects life in many ways. We also hear of how the game can turn wrongly headed youth in the direction of having much more responsible and respectable lives. I'm not arguing this point (yet) but mean to investigate by discussion and observation the realities and applicability of these and other great thoughts. The articles that follow might amuse you, rouse you to action, anger you, cause you to stop and consider the bigger game we all play or maybe do none of the above. I always will take constructive comments and would even consider conversations that would improve things provided your willing to pay me.

Let me introduce myself and give you a bit of history. My name is Ron Suarez. I started playing chess when I was in the 7th grade. I really started playing organized USCF quality stuff when I was 31 years old (no, not the next year) just after my daughter was born. That was in 1988. I grew up in the LaSalle - Peru area of Illinois. I am an optometrist (eye doctor) and have an office in Pekin, Illinois. I have a strong music background of the classical variety (French Horn) from my younger days and have played in Europe (whoopee). Before getting interested in chess, I was active in doing triathlons and each of its three sports (running, swimming and bicycling). Well, I haven't been bored. I actively have organized chess clubs where I lived, and worked to promote chess activities in my area in the last 10 years (really just to have people to play with). I have lived in the Peoria area for the last 3

years with my family and am about to become the world chess champion.

My USCF rating has fluctuated and frustrated me way too much. Being an adult when I started to play, I have been self-taught. I must say that having myself as my own chess tutor is probably the same as if I were my own lawyer, not good. Let's just say that I am WAY better than my 1500 or so rating that the USCF must have miscalculated.

So now you can see why I have titled this column, "Chess From The Middle". I was born and raised in the Middle of this country. I live near the Middle of the state. I am a Middle of the pack chess player. I am Middle aged. And, most importantly, I am in the Middle of making my run for the world chess championship.

One of the things that I am going to do frequently is to compare chess as a hobby to other pastimes and activities. Really this is just a good way to get your wife, mother, father, husband, significant other, dog, chaplain or whoever, to agree to let you play more chess. Now, if in our discussion I make less of something that you hold near and dear (like golf), I just have one thing to say, "Get a grip! Stay calm! Give up that other activity and give homage to Caissa the great Chess God." Seriously, this is all in fun and you should blot out the bad stuff that I say about your beloved activity with a black marker before you let anyone that is near and dear to you read the article. Remember, what they don't know shouldn't hurt you.

Being married for 20 years has given me great insight in how to get what I want with justifications and excuses. The usual first barrier to participate in a pastime is money. In this, chess is an easy winner. All other activities are far more expensive than chess. Take golf for

instance. You have to buy the clubs and bag, that can't be cheap. Then there are the shoes, balls and green fees. Golf is expensive. You know, if they wouldn't water and fertilize that grass so often, maybe they wouldn't need to charge so much. Bicycling is expensive too. A decent road bike costs at least \$1500.00 plus all the extras like helmet, shoes, bike computer, air pump and biking clothes really add to the cost of this sport. Then there are the medical bills that happen when you crash on the bike. Bowling (another highly strategic and tactical sport similar to chess) isn't cheap either. If you don't rent shoes you must buy your own and there are the game fees and libations (drinks) you must buy. Plus those stylish shirts have to cost a bundle. If you want to run as a pastime you can expect to spend a lot on shoes, shorts, shirts, socks, running suits and other necessities like aspirin and blister remedies.

Chess is by far the least expensive and highest value activity out there. To start off with you don't need to buy any special shoes. That by itself will save you tons of money. You can get a tournament ready chess set for a mere \$15.00. Sure, you need to get a clock that will cost anywhere from \$30.00 to \$120.00 but that is the only major equipment cost that you need endure to participate. The annual dues are affordable on most any budget. At \$40.00 a year for the USCF and a mere \$14.00 a year for the ICA, you are spending a little over a dollar a week. For that money you also receive two magazine subscriptions for the year.

Tournaments are financially like running races. A typical weekend event will cost \$10.00 to \$20.00 to enter. The chess tournament out-

values the running race in that a typical race experience is over totally in about 2 hours. A chess tournament will last you most of the day and into the evening. You get much more participation time for the dollar with chess and shouldn't be out of breath during the activity. If you do well in most chess tournaments you might even win money. Yes, you can make money like Garry Kasparov does or like I am

going to when I become the next world chess champion.

So, there is no doubt that chess gives you the cheapest activity that exists. Oh yes, I am aware of the books, nice chess sets and boards, computer programs and dedicated chess computers along with the other more expensive stuff that the chess player may want and need but it becomes more affordable the more you participate.

Think of this as paying for your time in the activity. The more you play the more you need psychoanalysis. No, that's not what I meant to say. Oh well, the way to justify better chess stuff will take at least another article or two. Until next time, remember it is better to push wood than to push up daisies.

Essay of a chess player

Michael Marsh

My finest win in chess took place during my senior year at Hales Franciscan High School, located on Chicago's south side. I got my only win against the school's chess coach one afternoon in the fall of 1984. We played in his classroom, where he taught math. For once, I'd avoided a quick knockout by him. It wasn't completely fair, though. Near the end of the game his wife, who was as brainy as the coach, walked into the room. She stroked her husband's back and said, "Oh, I'm sorry you're going to lose." Alerted, I spotted the correct combination of moves and crushed him. That evening, I called a classmate and bragged about the victory.

Chess first intrigued me in the mid-1970s, when I was growing up in a second floor apartment. The landlord's stepson, who was eight years older than me, won a trophy during a chess tournament. The prize rested on a shelf in the living room of his family's apartment, which occupied the first floor. The trophy consisted of a gold-plated knight mounted on a white marble base. I often stared at it and thought about winning one.

It was years before I played the game regularly. I concentrated on baseball and tennis. But in 1981, my first year of high school, friends of my father gave him a chess set for his birthday. We played, and I eventually began beating him. Then I heard about the

chess team, and joined it during my sophomore year.

Hales was part of the Chicago High School Chess Conference. Each team brought five players to matches; the best from each team met on first board. The rest competed in descending order of ability. During my first season, I played on fifth board. Thanks to graduation losses and improvement on my end, I advanced to second by my junior year. Though I played nearly every day, I did not get enough points for a trophy. Hales's success, however, delighted me. We beat St. Ignatius, one of the city's top academic schools, during my first season. We also finished second in our division two straight years.

The top board was mine during my senior year, but I played poorly. I cared more about graduation than chess and seldom practiced. One chance for points slipped away after I fought a teammate--the same student I'd called after beating our coach. Just before the team had to leave for a match against a weak opponent, I yelled at him. He was running in the second floor hallway. I shouted "Quit playing around!" He said "Make me!" Bravado pushed me forward, and we began swinging at each other just outside the coach's classroom. Our history teacher and the school's vice principal broke up the fight. We were both suspended.

Because of my .500 record and poor leadership, I knew I'd let the team down. Hales's division title failed to lift my spirits; I skipped the league's annual luncheon. But a trophy came for me anyway. During the event, one of my teammates noticed the statistician miscalculated my points and told our coach. The league's president sent the trophy to Hales within a few weeks. By that time, my passion for chess had disappeared. I tossed the award in the garbage a month after my graduation in 1985.

I didn't play much chess for the next 13 years because of job commitments on nights and weekends and college. But two incidents in early 1998 inspired me to renew my commitment to the game. First, the Chicago Reader gave me a day job as the secretary for its editorial department. Second, I learned two coworkers played the game and I chatted with them about their results. Thus motivated, I joined the United States Chess Federation and the Illinois Chess Association. Soon afterward I played in the Illinois Open, losing four games and winning one. A nine-year-old boy was my sole victim--I felt like a bully. But three other small boys beat me. One of them took me aside and showed me why I lost.

Undaunted by the poor results, I organized a team to compete in the Chicago Industrial Chess League. Each team has six players; I started on fourth board. Though my team had players

from three different work sites, we quickly generated camaraderie. But I was not winning. I had regained only a portion of my skills and dropped my first four games. The second loss was especially painful because a silly move cost me the game. My team lost by a point, and a win from me would have given our team the match. After my fourth loss, one of my teammates reviewed the game and discovered I could have won.

Because of the losses, I dropped to sixth board. My confidence was gone, and I sought help from Sam Ford, a Class A player with the instincts of a

hunter. We played several ten-minute games at the Wild Onion Chess Club, located on Chicago's north side. Sam gave me an emotional boost by complimenting me on some of my moves. During one of our games, he was about to leave his queen unprotected and I said, "Ohh!" He reminded me to keep my mouth shut.

A few days later, we played one of the top teams in our division. My opponent's rating, which was 400 points higher than mine, intimidated me. I walked around the room to check my teammates' games. We had a chance to win the match. Time to do

my part. I settled my nerves and held my own using a Sicilian defense. Late in the game, my opponent left his queen within range of my knight. I said nothing and scanned the board, wondering if he'd set a trap. Satisfied he hadn't, I snatched his queen. He resigned, walked over to his team's captain, and said "I quit." My team lost its match, but I felt like a boulder had dropped from my shoulders.

I finished the season 2-8. My team did not win a match. But I was satisfied that chess was a part of my life again.

Review: Practical Chess Analysis

Mark C. Donlan

Practical Chess Analysis, Mark Buckley. Thinkers' Press, Inc. P.O. Box 8, Davenport, IA, 52805 - 0008. (800) 397-7117. Paperback. \$25.00. 189p.

PCA is as the subtitle suggests "A Systematic Method for Analyzing." It covers "Training the Mind's Eye"; "Developing your Intuition"; "Preparing to Analyze"; "Pawn Structure"; "Placement of the Pieces"; "Open Lines"; "Attack and Defense"; the "Endgame"; "The Maneuvering Game"; and "Study Hints". Each of the chapters concludes with a summary of the material as well as exercises for solving.

PCA is full of practical suggestions for improving analytical abilities. It's a useful guide to self-study and mastering a "workable technique" of comprehending the essence of chess positions. However, Buckley does take a minimalist approach to the presentation of material. He encourages the reader to explore themes of play without actually including too many examples of any one theme. It's up to the student to find more material for further evaluation.

PCA does include study and analysis of classical games. And there's an odd bit of confusion on page 43, in the analysis of the game Alekhine-Zvetcoff, Buckley makes reference to Alexander (presumably C.H.O'D), yet it seems as though he's referring to Alekhine by his proper name. The book is clear, concise, and easily understood. Buckley doesn't try to reinvent the wheel by creating newfangled terms for established concepts. Simply put: If you buy this book and use it - you will become a better analyst. The secret of which, according to Buckley, is "in starting the search with the sharpest moves."

One bit of Buckley advice works better in theory than in practice and that is "Challenge the Annotator". As a novice player I challenged the analysis in *Kopeck's Corner* in *Chess Horizons* magazine. I was castigated and later derided with the headline: "A star is born or Mark Donlan writes again", despite the fact that some of my analysis was accurate and overturned the authors evaluation.

The layout is well organized and the type is easy to read. The diagrams are distinct and an appropriate size. There is an index of books, games, and concepts. The interior artwork prefacing each chapter is attractive and adds to the caliber of the book. Thinkers' Press has again produced a cover that surpasses the competition. The blend of colors and elegant design are truly eye appealing.

Recommended.

1999 ICA Tour Standings

Bill Smythe

Standings Reflect all ICA Tour Events Up to November 7th.

Master Tour Points:

PALOS Osmar	125
CHOW Albert C	67.5
SZPISJAK Steven J	60
SZMETAN Ricardo	57
GUREVICH Dmitry	56
ILIC Stanimir M	53
YOUNG Angelo	52.5
MARSHALL James A	46
SCOTT Gene G	44.8
SAX Robert D	36
HERNANDEZ Hector R	35
NGUYEN Tam D	30
CHUA Johnson	29
MAKSIMOVIC Dejan	26
GORLIN Gennadiy	25

Expert Tour Points:

ILIC Stanimir M	69
SCOTT Gene G	50.8
MARSHALL James A	49.5
SAX Robert D	46
NGUYEN Tam D	42
HERNANDEZ Hector R	35
SPLINTER Joseph C	32
CHUA Johnson	29
REDDIVARI Dushyanth	27
ROBLEDO Mark Jr	26
GORLIN Gennadiy	25
NAFF William A	25
SMYTHE Bill	23.7
VERO Carl M	20
AROND Dean	19
FAGAN James B	19

Class A Tour Points:

HERNANDEZ Hector R	55
GORLIN Gennadiy	54
MOSES Daniel R	47.5
SCOTT Gene G	40.5
REDDIVARI Dushyanth	40
CHEN Aaron	37
GORLIN Yelena	37
SAX Robert D	37
MARKOVIC Arandel	36
AROND Dean	32
FORD Samuel M	31
CHUA Johnson	29
HUANG Kenneth	24.5
CHAVEZ Roberto	24
SMYTHE Bill	23.7

Class B Tour Points:

VERO Carl M	64
GORLIN Andrey	53.5
JAHEDI Salar	48
PADILLA Rudy R	45.5

AROND Dean	44
FLORES Joshua	38
SHOCKLEY Robert	34
MONEY David (2)	30
NORDAHL David	30
AILES Tim S	27
REDDIVARI Dushyanth	26
HAYES Christopher	23
RATNER Jacob M	23
WITTEK Gregory A	23
BUCIOR Sylvester	22.5

Class C Tour Points:

PADILLA Rudy R	100.5
CYGAN Joseph	52
SHOCKLEY Robert	48
BUCIOR Sylvester	39
ENGELIN Mark	37
LOBRACC Michael J	35
LERNER Gabriel	34
AILES Tim S	32
EDEUS Daniel W	29
KALBERG Gary L (2)	29
BOLTON John L	27
DUPOIS Erik G	27
GORLIN Andrey	26
SUMMERHAYS David	26
NORDAHL David	24.5
FAINTER Jameson R	24.5
RASO Paul	24.5

Class D Tour Points:

DUPOIS Erik G	57
LERNER Gabriel	42
RASMUSSEN Robert (1)	40
EDEUS Daniel W	39
SEIBEL Dennis A	37
HIERONYMUS April	32.5
SZCZEPANIK Przemysla	32
RAMOS Fabian	30
AILES Tim S	29
BOLTON John L	28
BURNETT Jim	28
ILIC Lazar S	28
GASUNAS Anthony C	26.5
HENDERSON Dale	26
BLACKMAN William	25
WIDING Robert	25

Class E Tour Points:

ILIC Lazar S	37
SCHMIDT Scott	36
DUPOIS Erik G	5.5
DELAMORA Salvador	30
HIERONYMUS April	26
LEWIS Richard	25
GASUNAS Anthony C	2.5

HOLLOWAY Matthew	21
DUPOIS Brian M	20
HUDSON Benjamin (1)	19
SOMASUNDARAM Vignesh	19
WIDING Robert	19
BRONNER Benjamin	17
PENA Andy G	17
SUMMERHAYS Danie (2)	17

Class F Tour Points:

ILIC Lazar S	21
DUPOIS Brian M	20
PENA Andy G	17
FISHMAN Joseph	15
MORAN Wesley	15
PHILIPS Douglas	13
DIAMOND William (2)	12
MC ANULTY Mac (2)	12
SEARS Tony	12
STINSON Trevor P (1)	12
TRAGER Geoffrey (1)	12
HOLLOWAY Matthew	10
NIENART Christop (2)	10

Class G Tour Points:

SEARS Tony	8
STAR Jonathan (2)	8
DIAMOND William (2)	7
HAMMOTHE Brandon (2)	7
ILIC Lazar S	7
LA FORGE Chris (1)	7
RIOS Marc (1)	7
KORNEYEV Vadim (1)	6
CHAVIANO Alex (1)	5
JSEVANANDAM Vine (2)	4
ORTEGA Ulixes (1)	4
SWINDELL Frankie (2)	4
SWINDELL Jacques (2)	4
WANG Zheng (1)	4
BRANDT Elliot (1)	3
FRANKEL Eitan (1)	3
OHLHAUSEN David (1)	3
PENA Cristian (2)	3
KAKARALA Karthik (1)	2.5
MOSES Greg (2)	2.5
CHIAVIANO Alex (1)	2
KAPLAN William (1)	2
LEE Brandon (1)	2
ROCHA Marie (1)	2

Class H Tour Points:

KAKARALA Karthik (1)	2.5
LEE Brandon (1)	2
VONSTEIN Benjami (1)	2
HYMANSON Daniel (1)	2

Chicago Chess Club

Bill Smythe

Chicago Chess Club regulars have noticed the variety of tournament formats available at the Club. One of our staples is the four-round game/60 Plus-Score. International Master Osman Palos is a frequent 4-0 winner of these affairs, as for example on July 25 when he topped a 20-player field. He stumbled, however, on August 7 against master Allen Kornfeld (4-0) and finished at 3-1. Then, on August 29, Palos fell to IM Angelo Young in the first round, as we were running one of our "1-versus-2" events where the top seeds meet early. Palos also ran into trouble September 25, losing to young expert Tam Nguyen and drawing A-player Joe Cima.

Each year in August we have run a round) tournaments for those unable changed the format to 6 double August 14, and 5 double rounds (10 delightfully, and unexpectedly. Aleksander Sylupa, and Osman Palos, Allen Kornfeld, and William Lopes, games among themselves that "Max" of just 10.5-1.5. Sunday's version of the above-named six players Young and NM Miron Zinytch. Here by Palos, Young, Sulypa, and

One wonders whether ICA copied the completed Illinois Class, a six-round game/75 followed by two single

ILLINOIS



NOTES AND NEWS

U.S. Hopin', a pair of long (10- to 12- to attend the U.S. Open. This year, we rounds (12 games total) on Saturday, games) on Sunday. The turnout was strong. IMs Dejan Maksimovic, along with NMs Marvin Dandridge, topped the ratings, and played so many Maksimovic won the event with a score was, if anything, even stronger, with four returning and being joined by IM Angelo the winning score of only 7-3 was shared Stannov.

Club's idea when it designed the just-tournament with two double rounds at rounds at more traditional controls.

Another of our staples, the 6-round game/29 Plus-Score Quick, is being discontinued because of the increasing difficulty of pairing the later rounds (Palos vs a C player in round 6?). Future game/29 Plus-Scores will consist of four double rounds, two games vs each opponent for a total of eight games. This should allow players to spend more time playing chess and less time waiting for pairings.

A format attractive to the class players, but also to some masters, is the High Noon Quads. Clear Quad winners during the past several weeks have been master Steve Szpisjak (twice), experts Tyrone Lee and Tam Nguyen, and lettered players Greg Witek, Quazithes Davis, Yaschua Hoshch, and Steve Salerno. Each clear win in a Quad is good for free entries to two future 1-day Club tournaments.

Concordia Community Chess Club News

Ken Marshall

USCF Game/15 Swiss: Ten players entered this five round August 10 tournament. World Chess Federation (FIDE) Master Dejan (Max) Maksimovic (USCF Quick Play 2355) led the field at 4.5-.5, trailed by Robert Loncarevic (1788, 4-1). Mariusz Gorski (1768, 3-2) won the 1900-1601 money. Best 1600-1401 was Roger Birkeland (1484, 3.5-1.5). Brett Collins (1305, 2-3) was the top Below 1400/Unrated

USCF Game/15 Round Robin: This August 17 event drew six competitors. Joe Cygan, fourth on the wall chart at (Quick Play) 1635, ended up 4.5-.5 and in first place. Mariusz Gorski (1768, 3-2 and Marty Placek (1640, 2.5-2.5) followed.

USCF Game/45 Quad: Roger Birkeland (1522) scored 3-0 to win this event, which started on August 24 and ended on August 31. Phil Moran (1275, 2-1) was second.

USCF Game/25 Quads: On September 14 two Quads took place. Max Maksimovic (QP 2385), by far the highest rated in Quad 1, won it with a 3-0 result ahead of Marty Ptacek (1640, 2-1). Quad 2 saw Roger Birkeland (1485) post a 3-0 result to take top honors. Neil Krasovec (1384, 2-1) was next.

Unrated Game/5 Blitz Tournament: Max Maksimovic dominated this September 21 eight player double round robin, finishing 14-0. USCF Expert Blair Machaj (12-2) lost only to Maksimovic in taking second place. Wlad Boguslowicz (8-6), Marty Ptacek (6-8), and Derek Schneider (5.5-8.5) rounded out the top five.

USCF Game/12 Double Quad: This Quad was held on September 28. Once again Max Maksimovic (QP 2385) was first on the wall chart, this time by over 700 points (!). Maksimovic wrapped up first place, then yielded a "courtesy draw" to Wlad Boguslowicz (1668) to wind up 5.5-.5. Boguslowicz (3-3) was runner up.

Elmhurst Chess Club News

Roger Birkeland

The popular Game/35 Quad format drew an excellent turnout of 28 players on August 8. FIDE Master Dejan Maksimovic had no problems besting the other 3 players in the top quad (3-0)-Stan Ilic was second. New member Gee Leong and fast-rising Paul Raso split the prizes in the second quad (2-1), while George David (2.5-.5) captured the third section. John Steele, who has been playing well lately, took the fourth quad with 2.5-.5, while Frank Micklich and Ted Shellhamer (2-1) were co-winners of the fifth section. Dennis Seibel (2.5-.5) nosed out Brett Collins to take the sixth quad, and in the bottom section junior Tom Dupuis matched Maksimovic's 3-0 to become the only other player in the field with a perfect score.

New member Stanislaw Kamys got off to a good start when he emerged as clear first with 2.5-.5 in a 3 round Game/25 on August 15. Vince Hart and Wlad Boguslowicz were second with 2-1, while promising junior Brett Collins, also with 2-1, took the under 1600 prize.

August 22 saw a renewal of the popular Time Handicap Blitz format, in which players are given less time the higher they are rated. FM Dejan Maksimovic (who probably would have had the same result even if he had been given only 1 minute) showed that the 2 1/2 minutes given masters and experts was easily enough for him to sweep through the 16-player field with a perfect 15-0. Stanislaw Kamys proved that his win a week earlier was no fluke by finishing second with 13-2, while expert Stanimir Ilic also turned in an impressive 12-3 to take the third prize.

20 players assembled on August 29 to compete in a Game/15 Double Quad. Again Dejan Maksimovic (come on all you masters out there-come to the club and try your hand against Max!) dominated the top section with 5.5-.5; Veteran Ray Satterlee was second. Blair Machaj posted the only perfect 6-0 of the night to take the second quad, while David Nordahl also came through with an excellent score of 5.5-.5 to capture the third section. The fourth quad prizes were split between John Steele and Ted Shellhamer, both with 4.5-1.5, while the fifth section also saw a split, this time between up and coming juniors Brett Collins and Ryan Mendenhall.

ECC members did extremely well at the Illinois Open, held September 4-6 at the Arlington Park Hilton in Arlington Heights. Club regular Dejan Maksimovic proved he is indeed one of the strongest players in the state, finishing second to GM Dmitry Gurevich who took clear first with 5.5-.5. "Max", who lost only to GM Pavel Blatny, finished second a half point behind Gurevich with 5-1. Also at 5-1 were three of the most illustrious players in the field, GM Blatny, IM Angelo Young, and FM Andrew Karklins. Come to the Club for a chance to play Max (he's here almost every week) or to talk to him about private lessons-he is an experienced and personable teacher. In the Reserve Section club members dominated the top positions. In the final round all 4 players on the top 2 boards were ECC members. Salar Jahedi defeated Rudy Padilla on board one to become the only player in the entire tournament to post a perfect score of 6-0. David Nordahl defeated Joe Cygan on board two to finish second with 5.5-.5; Joe was right behind with 5-1. Approximately 50 other club members besides the above also participated in the tournament, which means that almost 25 % of the total participants were ECC members.

18 players made up the field for a 5 round Game/15 held on September 12. The big news in this event was the fact that FM Dejan Maksimovic finally lost a game-his first in twelve tournaments at the club. Stanimir Ilic, who has beaten many masters over the past couple of years, bested "Max" in a time scramble in the last round. Those two, along with Blair Machaj and Stanislaw Kamys, finished in a dead heat for first with 4-1. George David and Dave Nordahl, both with 3-2, split the under 1700 prize. Roger Birkeland, also with 3-2, took the under 1500 money and Lazar Ilic (1.5-3.5) was best under 1300.

ICA Board Abridged Minutes

Tim Just, Secretary

Wild Onion Chess Club, 6136 N. Clark, Chicago, IL 60660
1:04 PM October 10, 1999

Present: Kevin Bachler, Vince Berry, Bill Brock, Al Chow, Howard Cohen, Lawrence Cohen, Josh Flores, Hector Hernandez, Tim Just, Ken Lewandowski, Al Losoff, Jim Oberweis, Garrett Scott, Bill Smythe, Richard Verber, Helen Warren, Jim Warren, Harold Winston, Mike Zacate, Fabian Ramos.

Minutes from 6/6/99 ICA Board meeting were approved unanimously

President's Report February 13, 2000 and June 10, 2000 were approved as dates for our next ICA meetings. The ICA Voter list was announced and will be published in the ICB. The USCF Delegates have cut the ICA SASP funds in half as a cost saving measure. The ICA needs a new membership drive chairman. The old Chairman, Howard Cohen, resigned. RAE is the first \$200 Company ICA Member. A \$1000 check was presented to the Warren Youth Chess Program from the Illinois Open profits. The ICA will investigate the purchase of 200 vinyl boards. Fred will pay for half. Details of the Illinois Class were made available on flyers distributed at the meeting. Dmitry Gurevich will stay in Chicago. After reading about Dmitry in the Tribune, a benefactor offered him an apartment at a discount rate. Tony Miles will be in area in March and available for simul or lectures. Contact Fred if you are interested. The ICA is looking for a coordinator for the ICA picnic in June.

Motion by Dick Verber, congratulations to Helen Warren on her election to a 4-year term on the USCF Board. Passed by acclamation.

Helen Warren gave a report on USCF election winners and a Board meeting report. Further, Garrett Scott reported that the USCF Board of Directors stressed youth programs at the meeting.

Yelana Gorlin will receive \$200 from ICA to support her efforts at the World Under 16 championships in Spain.

Other donations for her efforts: Helen and Jim Warren (Warren Youth program) \$200, Fred Gruenberg \$200, North Suburban Chess League \$50, ICCA \$100 coaches, Bill Brock \$25, Mid America Chess Association \$50, Hector Hernandez \$50, Vince Berry \$50, Howard Cohen \$25, Bill Smythe \$50.

Zacate says ICCA has a free website via the Tribune community pages: <http://chicagotribune.com/link/icca>. Kevin Bachler's portal to other sites is www.ilchess.com. --The ICA site is: www.64.com. APCT Website: <http://correspondencechess.com/apct/>. Zacate thanked the ICA for the awards they paid for at the ICCA Team tournament.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Brock reported that the final accounting is still waiting on the 1998 Illinois Open. There is no ICA financial report available at this time, however, it appears the ICA is minus about \$5000 at this point. It appears ICA membership is lagging. **Downstate RVP Report:** Bill Naff was unavailable to present this report. **Metro VP Report:** Al Losoff had nothing to report at this time. **Secretary's Report:** Tim Just and Bill Smythe will coordinate a new schedule for the mailing of ICA Membership cards.

ICB Editor's Report: Josh reported that the budget was available, however it is being held for analysis until the final ICA financial report can be

published. The current ICB is at the printers. Josh will be devoting more time to chess. Josh reports that he has the services of a graphics editor.

Old Business: Scholastic members are encouraged to attend the meetings.

New Business:

Moved: ICA shall formally request the Illinois (High School) Chess Coaches Association to open the individual high school championship to players currently in 8th grade. (Bachler) (Oberweis-2nd)

Rationale: Illinois sponsors a Denker qualifier each year. Recent tournaments have invited the ICCA champion and the five highest rated players who are eligible for the Denker tournament, which (assuming the rules have not recently changed) includes players in 8th grade through high school. By inviting the ICCA champion, one spot is taken away from potentially higher-rated 8th graders, without giving them an opportunity to be that champion. Normally this is not an issue, but this year there are already two 8th grade players who have a rating that could reasonably secure an invitation. Based on outstanding tournament results, there is a potential 3rd player who could reach that range by the time of tournament invitation. Given this, closing one spot to 8th graders seems unfair to these players.

This motion was referred to committee unanimously.

Resolved: That at least one of the ICA Board meetings each year should take place on a Saturday. (Bachler) (2nd by Just) Passed 9-6-1

Tournament reports:

1999 Illinois Open: Very successful with 243 players and a profit. The 2000 Illinois Open will be at the same hotel. The first \$1000 in profits will go to the Warren Junior Chess Program.

2000 Masters: 9GMs are already entered. Fundraising is coming up. Helen needs demo board handlers and help with the set up. **2000 Amateur Team at UC?** **2002 U.S. Open.** The bid is not finalized. There are a few kinks with the hotel and the numbers. Al Losoff is working on a recommendation and/or the final bid. **1999 Illinois Tour:** A list of the current leaders was read.

Warren Jr. Chess Report: There was no teacher available in Highland Park. James Fagan and Jim McNamara are new teachers in the program. Fundraising is on schedule. The program needs teachers for the Chicago schools.

Motion by Scott and Zacate: The ICA will secure a permanent PO Box address. Second Just. Failed.

Motion by Bill Brock: The ICA congratulates Tom and Maxine Fineberg on their 50th wedding anniversary, and thanks them for their many years of energetic support for Illinois Chess. (note \$90 was donated by their friends to the ICA in their name in honor of their anniversary). Passed by acclamation.

Roger Birkland is organizing a Tournament of Champions for January 2000.

The ICA Thanks the Wild Onion Chess Club for hosting the ICA Board meeting by Losoff. Passed by acclamation.

Adjourn 1:50 PM



Todd Barre

Shape Up!

Although sometimes lacking in technical excellence, so-called "shape" problems continue to be a rich part of the problem art's heritage. With a little imagination, composers have managed to construct some interesting problems that begin with a very recognizable form! This month's set is a selection of shape problems, both old and new.

As usual, we start with a couple of two-movers, beginning with the legend Alain White's "pyramid" in 61. For a new example, California composer Luke Neyndorff has composed a number of "bottle" problems. In the case of 62, the bottle is upside down! "Letter" problems have always been popular with composers and solvers alike. For our three-movers, Anthony Taffs gives us a K in 63, while the great Sam Loyd dedicated 64 to E.B. Cook – hence, the C. For both of these, don't forget to provide at least one line that includes White's second move. Some

of our Illinois Tour players will remember Broadview's Bob Bales, who was a frequent over-the-board player some years back. Bob has now taken up composing "full-time" and provides us with 65, a helpmate in three moves. As always, Black moves first and cooperates with White to produce mate. How does the "box" get broken up? Show all the moves to your solution. Finally, even the composers of "shortest proof games" sometimes get in the act of constructing shape problems of sorts. In 66, Andrey Frolikin challenges us to find the moves that lead up to the "cross" position. You'll need to supply all the moves through Black's 10th to garner full credit.

Scoring for this month's problems is three points each for the two-movers, five points for the mates in three, and seven points for the last two. That's 30 points for a perfect score. Happy solving!

The Answer Box

In the May-June issue, we started out with a couple of classic problems by Alain White. It seems strange to break up the Bc1-Rd2 battery in 49, but that is precisely what is done after the key 1 Bb2!, threatening 2 Bd4. The solver then discovers a Black knight wheel, as everywhere the stallion on e5 wanders, a different mate appears. Pins galore in 50! The solution is a move along the pin-line by the Queen – 1 Qc3!, covering e5 and threatening 2 Ne2. The most subtle variation is 1... Rd4 (also a line-pin move, blocking the e5 coverage) which is answered by the correction 2 Qc3. In our two three-movers by Wood, the first (51) is solved by 1 Bh3!. If 1... g3, 2 Bxc6 is followed by 3 Rxa2, while if 1... gxh3, White forces Black's hand with 2 Kd1, Bxc2+, 3 Kxc2. The key in 52 doesn't seem all that impressive – 1 Qd1!, effectively taking away Black's flight square at a4. But the beauty of the problem lies in the variations! If 1... a6, White answers with 2 Bc8 Kxc6, 3 Qd7. On 1... Kxe6, White has 2 Qd5+! Kxd5, 3 Bf3, while after 1... Kab, White's queen sac is much more subtle – 2 Qb3! cxb3, 3 Be2. Our first helpmate 53 (Henrych) displays some neat maneuvering. The solution is 1 Qa5 Kd3, 2 Kf3 Bh3, 3 Qf5+ Kd2, 4 Ke4 Bg2. Note that the four major pieces have all switched places from the original diagram! Finally, in 54 (Dikusarov), I hinted that the key to solving was to figure out how the pawn got involved. Indeed, the lonely footsoldier delivers the death blow! 1 Kc7 Be5+, 2 Kc8 d4, 3 Bb6 d5, 4 Ba8 d6, 5 Kb8 d7.

Join the ladder! Solve this month's problems and pick up 30 points to get started. Send your solutions by March 1, 2000 to Todd Barre, 418 Poplar Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126-4012 or by e-mail to saltodd@gateway.net

<p style="text-align: center;">61</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mate in 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">62</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mate in 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">63</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mate in 3</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">64</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mate in 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">65</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Helpmate in 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">66</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Position after Black's 10th move</p>

ICA Tour Events Crosstabes

Pekin Classic		October 23-24, 1999												
OPEN		score												
1	SZPISJAK Steven J	2216	D 4	W 5	W 3	D 2	W 6	4						
2	BRODIE Mark A	2201	W 8	D 3	W 4	D 1	D 5	3.5						
3	MERLI Christopher	2124	W11	D 2	L 1	W 5	W 8	3.5						
4	HERNANDEZ Hector	1933	D 1	W 7	L 2	W 8	W11	3.5						
5	LEALI Michael E	1936	W 9	L 1	W 6	L 3	D 2	3.5						
6	GETZ Barney	1797	H	W10	L 5	W 7	L 1	2.5						
7	ZIMMERLE R Wayne	1525	D10	L 4	W11	L 6	W 9	2.5						
8	AROND Dean	1681	L 2	D11	W 9	L 4	L 3	1.5						
9	KARAGIANIS Pete D	1405	L 5	B	L 8	D11	L 7	1.5						
10	NAFF William A	2008	D 7	L 6	H	-	-	-						
11	BACKSTROM Orr U	1576	L 3	D 8	L 7	D 9	L 4	1						

Pekin Classic		October 23-24, 1999												
RESERVE		score												
1	BONWELL Jonathan	1630	W10	D 3	W 5	W 6	D 4	4						
2	FLORES Joshua	1774	W 9	W 5	L 6	D 4	W 8	3.5						
3	DOUGHERTY Andy	1580	L 4	D 1	W 8	W 7	W10	3.5						
4	BOURGERIE Dennis	1795	W 3	D 6	H	D 2	D 1	3						
5	VERO Carl M	1760	W 8	L 2	L 1	W10	W 9	3						
6	BARTHEL Jim	1728	W 7	D 4	W 2	L 1	-	2.5						
7	INGLES Anthony	978	L 6	W 9	W10	L 3	H	2.5						
8	SOMMERS David A	1236	L 5	D10	L 3	W 9	L 2	1.5						
9	LATRONICO Tim	1539	L 2	L 7	H	L 8	L 5	1						
10	ROHSCHER Josh		L 1	D 8	L 7	L 5	L 3	0.5						

Bradley Summer Open		August 14, 1999												
		score												
1	ILIC Stanimir M	2097	W 8	W11	W 4	W 3	4							
2	NAFF William A	2000	W17	W12	W 5	H	3.5							
3	LONG David	1953	W18	W 7	W 9	L 1	3							
4	GETZ Barney	1790	W24	W16	L 1	W12	3							
5	VERO Carl M	1762	W19	W13	L 2	W10	3							
6	PAINTER Jameson R	1582	L13	W15	D 8	W11	2.5							
7	PARKER Jerry Lynn	1477	W14	L 3	D20	W17	2.5							
8	KARAGIANIS Pete D	1360	L 1	W22	D 6	W20	2.5							
9	KARARALA Karthik	572	W21	W10	L 3	H	2.5							
10	CODDING Doug	1645	W21	L 9	W16	L 5	2							
11	ZIMMERLE R Wayne	1559	W22	L 1	W13	L 6	2							
12	LEWIS Jonathan A	1479	W20	L 2	W23	L 4	2							
13	FITT David	1075	W 6	L 5	L11	W18	2							
14	MC CORMICK Andy		L 7	D18	D24	W23	2							
15	SUAREZ Ronald J	1561	H	L 6	L17	W22	1.5							
16	KELLY James R	1416	W23	L 4	L10	H	1.5							
17	MILES Kyle	1274	L 2	D19	W15	L 7	1.5							
18	SCHMIDT Scott	1203	L 3	D14	W19	L13	1.5							
19	RAUCH Ryan D	1181	L 5	D17	L18	W24	1.5							
20	MOSES Greg	897	L12	B	D 7	L 8	1.5							
21	CATLETT Roger R	1116	L10	L 9	L22	B	1							
22	ILIC Lazar S	1064	L11	L 8	W21	L25	1							
23	CARLSEN Ryan	116	W24	D12	L14	L	1							
24	KENNELL Earl L	1282	L 4	L23	D14	L19	0.5							

Spring Into Pekin Tornado		May 2, 1999												
		score												
1	VERO Carl M	1700	W 9	W 8	W 4	D 3	3.5							
2	NAFF William A	2000	L 4	W13	W 8	W 6	3							
3	LONG David	1952	H	W15	W 7	D 1	3							
4	WEBB James	1464	W 2	W 6	L 1	W 7	3							
5	BOURGERIE Dennis	1862	L 7	W10	H	W14	2.5							
6	BARTHEL Jim	1745	W13	L 4	W11	L 2	2							
7	KARAGIANIS Pete D	1332	W 5	W14	L 3	L 4	2							
8	DRESSEN Robert A	1519	W11	L 1	L 2	D 9	1.5							
9	SCHMIDT Scott	1130	L 1	L11	W15	D 8	1.5							
10	COULTER Larry	1025	D12	L 5	W13	D11	1.5							
11	KETAY Alex	699	L 8	W 9	L 6	D10	1.5							
12	SUAREZ Ronald J	1577	W10	-	-	-	1							
13	KENNELL Earl L	1234	L 6	L 2	L10	W15	1							
14	ZIMMERLE R Wayne	1592	D15	L 7	-	L 5	0.5							
15	TROYER Carl R	1099	D14	L 3	L 9	L13	0.5							

Peoria Tornado		June 26, 1999												
		score												
1	BARTHEL Jim	1726	W18	W10	D 4	W 5	3.5							
2	VERO Carl M	1739	W23	W 9	D 5	W 7	3.5							
3	BALWIN Calvin L	1475	H	W25	W13	W 6	3.5							
4	BOURGERIE Dennis	1864	W19	W14	D 1	H	3							
5	NAFF William A	2011	W15	W12	D 2	L 1	2.5							
6	SHOLL Paul E	1810	W 8	W11	D 7	D 3	2.5							
7	MOSES Greg	778	W17	W16	D 6	L 2	2.5							
8	DUNCAN Jason	1297	L 6	W23	W12	D 9	2.5							
9	BEREGOVY Patrick	1474	W22	L 2	W22	D 8	2.5							
10	KELLY James R	1404	W20	L 1	W21	H	2.5							
11	FRANCESCONI James	1503	W21	L 6	D18	W22	2.5							
12	LEUNG Daniel Y	1695	W13	L 5	L 8	W14	2							
13	DELA CERDA Gabe	1757	D12	W15	L 3	W18	2							
14	WIDING Robert	1157	W24	L 4	W20	L12	2							
15	CUMMINGS Michael	1341	L 5	L13	W23	W20	2							
16	STOTLER Richard	1140	D25	L 7	D19	W21	2							
17	MENGLER Henry J	1450	L 7	L18	W25	W24	2							
18	MILES Kyle	1202	L 1	W17	D11	L13	1.5							
19	LANNAGHAN Matthew	1297	L 4	L20	D16	W25	1.5							
20	DUNCAN Thomas		L10	W19	L14	L15	1							
21	INGLES Anthony	1022	L11	W24	L10	L16	1							
22	WIDING Daniel R	997	L 9	B	L 9	L11	1							
23	KENNELL Earl L	1289	L 2	L 8	L15	B	1							
24	TROYER Carl R	1086	L14	L21	B	L17	1							
25	CODDING Douglas		D16	L 3	L17	L19	0.5							

Chicago Chess Club Spring Mini-Tour		April 10-11, 1999												
		score												
1	PAIOS Osman	2463	W 2	W 5	W 4	W 3	W 9	5						
2	MARSHALL James A	2202	L 1	W17	W15	W 4	W 3	4						
3	SCOTT Gene G	1978	W 3	W15	W 9	L 1	L 2	3						
4	SAX Robert M	1995	W17	W 6	L 1	L 2	W13	3						
5	HAYES Will	1823	W16	L 1	L13	W15	W14	3						
6	REDDIVARTI Dushyan	1802	W13	L 4	W11	H	H	3						
7	AROND Dean	1736	L 9	W12	H	W13	D 8	3						
8	PARNARY Mark	1585	L 3	W16	W10	D 9	D 7	3						
9	CAVENEY Geoff	2121	W 7	W10	L 3	D 8	L 1	2.5						
10	SMYTHE Bill	1916	W12	L 9	L 8	W11	-	2						
11	RANGE Johnny	1467	L13	W14	L 6	L10	W17	2						
12	LOPEZ Philip	1396	L10	L 7	L14	W17	W16	2						
13	BURNETT Jim	1346	L 6	W11	W 5	L 7	L 4	2						
14	SZCZEPANIK Przemyslaw	1308	L15	L11	W12	W16	L 5	2						
15	LIVSEY Nigel	1800	W14	L 3	L 2	L 5	L12	1						
16	BLACKMAN William	1367	L 5	L 8	D17	L14	H	1						
17	SPITZIG Mark	1423	L 4	L 2	D16	L12	L11	0.5						

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 **U**. 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 Smythe, 1159 W. Lunt #259, Chicago 60626-3519, 773-761-2455, chichess@enteract.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 15 - Mar 14	Nov 15	Jan-Feb issue
Mar 15 - May 14	Jan 15	Mar-Apr issue
May 15 - Jul 14	Mar 15	May-Jun issue
Jul 15 - Sep 14	May 15	Jul-Aug issue
Sep 15 - Nov 14	Jul 15	Sep-Oct issue
Nov 15 - Jan 14	Sep 15	Nov-Dec issue

December 4, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #15 5-SS, game/22. 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$12, u19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$250 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

December 4, 1999, After Tuley Quads. 3-RR, game / 30. Wild Onion Chess Club, 6136 N Clark, Chicago 60660. EF \$20, \$5 less to Wild Onion members or juniors rated under 1500. 1st prize \$50 in each quad. Reg ends 6:45, rds 7-8-9. Fabian Ramos, 4612 N Beacon St #3-F, Chicago 60640. 773-561-6795. FRamos9295@aol.com.

December 4, 1999, ICCA Frosh-Soph Championships Not USCF-rated. Team event, 5 or more players per team, unlimited number of 5th-board players per team. Michael Zacate, 708-479-9380, mezacate@aol.com

December 5, 1999, High Noon Double Quick Quads. 6-RR in 4-player sections, 2 games vs each opponent, game/29. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$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 12/6/99 thru 1/31/00. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

December 5, 1999, After-Tuley Quads. 3-RR, game/30. Wild Onion Chess Club, 6136 N Clark, Chicago 60660. EF \$20, \$5 less to club members or jnrs rated under 1500. 1st prize \$50 in each quad. Reg ends 6:45, rds 7-8-9. Fabian Ramos, 4612 N Beacon St #3-F, Chicago 60640. 773-561-6795. FRamos9295@aol.com

December 5, 1999, Elmhurst CC Game/15 Double Quad. 6-RR in 4-player sections, 2 games vs each opponent. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$16, ECC members \$11.

\$530-10 in each quad. Reg 6-6:45, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

December 9-13, 1999, National Scholastic K-12 Championships. Louisville KY. 914-562-8350

December 11, 1999, Springfield Happy Holidays Open 4-SS, game/80. Hampton Inn, Dirksen Pkwy and Stevenson Dr, Springfield. EF \$12 by 12/4, \$15 at site. \$10 youth/scholastic. \$300: \$100-60, 1600-1999 \$50, 1200-1599 \$40, u1200 \$30, unr \$20. Reg 7:30-8:30, rds 9-12-3-6. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth, Springfield 62703, 217-523-7265, Knoedler.Thomas@uis.edu.

December 11-12, 1999, Wild Onion Y2K Championship. 6-SS, 40/60, SD/30. Wild Onion Chess Club, 6136 N Clark, Chicago 60660. Two sections: Open to players rated 2000 and over. EF \$40 by 12/3. \$50 at site. 80% of EFs returned as prizes. 1st 2nd 3rd top expert. Reserve Section. EF: \$20 by 12/3/99 \$5 more at site. Jrs and mnbrs \$15, (\$ 340 B/20, kids count as 1/2) 1st \$ 100, \$60, B \$60, C \$60 Best kid under 13 \$ 60 Reg Sat 9-9:45, rds 10-2-6 each day. Fabian Ramos, 4612 N Beacon St #3-F, Chicago 60640. 773-561-6795, FRamos9295@aol.com.

December 12, 1999, Elmhurst CC Game/20. 4-SS. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$15, ECC members \$10. \$5 to 1st, 2nd, u1900, u1700, u1500. 85% of EFs returned as prizes. Reg 6-6:45, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

December 17, 1999, Wild Onion Action Chess Championship. Open to all. GM's IM's FM's are free - must have advance notice. EF: \$15 if rec'd by 12/12/99. \$18 at site. G/15, 6SS, \$300 Prize Fund, (Base/24P Kids count as 1/2), 2 less for club members. Prizes 1st \$ 80 2nd \$40 X, A, B, C, \$40; \$20

for best Jr. Reg., 6:30 7:15 rds start 7:30 entrees Fabian Ramos 561-6795 or E-mail FRamos 9295 @aol.com

December 18, 1999, ICA Officers' Appreciation Mini-Tour #2. 4-SS, game/60. College of Lake County, 19351 W Washington at route 45, Grayslake 60030. EF \$15, jrs \$10. \$5450 guaranteed: \$100-50-25, A,B,C each \$50; D/below 25: unr \$25; top juniors \$50-25. Reg 9-9:40, rds 10-12:15-2:30-4:45. Tim Just, 37165 Willow, Gurnee 60031, 847-244-7954. An ICA Tour mini-event.

December 19, 1999, Last Chance Plus-Score Mini-Tour. 4-SS, game/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$20, juniors and club members \$17. \$\$ by score: 4-0 \$100, 3.5-0.5 \$50, 3-1 \$25, 2.5-1.5 \$10. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12. An ICA Tour mini-event.

December 26-30, 1999, Pan-American Intercollegiate Team. Toronto.

January 1, 2000, New Year's Tornado. 4-SS, game/60. Barb City Manor, 630 Haish Blvd, DeKalb 60115. EF \$20, club members \$17, jrs \$13, by 12/31; all \$5 more at site. \$300 b/20: \$100-50; B,C,D, unr each \$37. Reg 8:30-9:15, rd 1 at 9:30. Bill Reed, 1460 N 14th, DeKalb 60115. 815-758-1027.

January 1, 2000, Y2K Double Quick Quads. 6-RR in 4-player sections, 2 games vs each opponent, game/29. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$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 1/2:00 thru 2/29:00. Reg ends 2:30, rd 1 at 3.

January 2, 2000, Sunday Plus-Score Quick 4-round double Swiss (2 games vs each opponent, 8 games total), game/29. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$18, juniors and club members \$15. \$\$ by score: 8-0 \$100, 7.5-0.5 \$70, 7-1 \$50, 6.5-1.5 \$35, 6-2 \$25, 5.5-2.5 \$17, 5-3 \$10, 4.5-3.5 \$4. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

January 8, 2000, Evanston Invitational Scholastic. 5-board team event with separate sections for varsity, junior varsity, junior high. Evanston High School, 1600 Dodge Av, Evanston 60204. 847-869-8246. lewk@eths.k12.il.us.

January 8-9, 2000, Tim Just's Winter Open/Reserve. 5-SS, 40/90, then SD/30 College of Lake County, 19351 W Washington (at Rt 45), Main Building, Grayslake 60030. EF \$31 by 1/4, \$35 at site/phone. \$\$2000 b/70. Two sections: OPEN: \$\$250-175-150, Expert \$125-100, A/below \$125-100. RESERVE (under-1800): \$\$250-175-150, C \$125-100, D/below \$100, unr \$75. BOTH: Unrated may win only top 3 prizes in Open or \$75 max in Reserve. Reg 8-8:40, rds 9-11:30-6, 10-2-30. No smoking on campus. Tim Just, 3716S Willow, Gurnee 60031. 847-244-7954, timjust@LND.com. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.

January 15, 2000, Tuley Park Quick #1. 5-SS, game/22. 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$12, u19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30 \$\$250 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

January 15, 2000, Peoria Tornado. 4-SS, game/80. Garrett Center, 824 Duryea Pl, Peoria 61625. EF \$12 by 1/13, \$15 at site \$\$75-50, books to A, B, C/below. Reg 8-8:45, rds 9-12-2:45-5:30. Fred Malcome, 810 W Progress, Metamora 61548. 309-367-4833, fmalcome@mtco.com. An ICA Tour mini-event.

January 15, 2000, Illini Union Scholastic. Not USCF-rated. 5-board team event. Illini Union, 1212 W Springfield, Urbana 61801. 217-235-1453. jerry.mpark@advant.com.

January 15, 2000, Chicago CC Saturday Evening Quick Quads. 3-RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players, game/29. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$8, juniors and club members \$6, plus \$5 forfeit deposit

returned upon completion of all games. First prize in each quad. Free EF to any 1-day Chicago CC tournament 1/16:00 thru 2/29:00. Reg ends 6:30, rd 1 at 7.

January 16, 2000, Elmhurst Chess Club Game/60 Mini-Tour. 4-SS, game/60. Frick Center, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$29, ECC members \$24. \$\$840 b/42: \$200-140, u2200 \$100, A \$100, B \$100, C \$100, u1400 \$100. Reg 12-12:45, rds 1-3:15-6-8. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu. An ICA Tour mini-event.

January 22, 2000, Collinsville January Swiss. 3-SS, game/90. First Baptist Church, 723 St Louis Rd, Collinsville. EF: \$20 by 1:20, \$25 at site. \$\$485 b/40. Two sections: OPEN: \$\$280 b/20: 1st \$100; X.A.B each \$60. RESERVE (under-1600): \$\$205 b/20: C,D,E/below each \$60; unrated \$25. BOTH: Reg 9:30-10:15, rds 10:30-2-5:30. Paul Holland, 204 Sierra Point, Glen Carbon 62034. 618-288-7487, housechess@aol.com, or web page members.aol.com/housechess.

January 22-23, 2000, Chicago CC Winter Mini-Tour. 5-SS, rds 1-3 game/120, rds 4-5 40/120, then SD/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$30; juniors, club members, and advance registrants (by 1/16) \$25. \$\$420 b/20: \$120-100, u2200 \$80, u2000 \$60, u1800 \$40, u1600 \$20. Reg ends Sat 9:30, rds 10-2-6, 10-4. An ICA Tour mini-event.

January 29, 2000, Chicago CC Plus-Score. 4-SS, game/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$17, juniors and club members \$14. \$\$ by score: 4-0 \$100, 3.5-0.5 \$50, 3-1 \$25, 2.5-1.5 \$10. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

January 30, 2000, High Noon Double Quick Quads. 6-RR in 4-player sections, 2 games vs each opponent, game/29. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$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 1/31:00 thru 3/31:00. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

February 5, 2000, Tuley Park Quick #2 (Big #1). 5-SS, game/22. 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$15, u19 \$8, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$350 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

February 5, 2000, Chicago CC Saturday Evening Quick Quads. 3-RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players, game/29. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$8, juniors and club members \$6, plus \$5 forfeit deposit returned upon completion of all games. First prize in each quad: Free EF to any 1-day Chicago CC tournament 2/6:00 thru 3/31:00. Reg ends 6:30, rd 1 at 7.

February 5, 2000, Rockford Scholastic. Bill Reed, 1460 N 14th, DeKalb 60115, 815-758-1027

February 6, 2000, Chicago CC Groundhog Sectional. 3-SS in 8-player sections of like-rated players, game/90. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$20, juniors and club members \$17. \$\$ by score: top section 3-0 \$80, 2.5-0.5 \$40, 2-1 \$15, other sections 3-0 \$70, 2.5-0.5 \$30, 2-1 \$10. Size of lowest section may vary. Reg ends 11:30, rds 12-3-6.

February 12, 2000, ICCA Individual High School. Sections for each school grade 9-12, plus an Open section. Sandburg High School, 131st & LaGrange Rd, Palos Park. 708-361-4600 x623, platortue@yahoo.com.

February 12, 2000, Chicago CC Plus-Score Mini-Tour. 4-SS, game/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$20, juniors and club members \$17. \$\$ by score: 4-0 \$100, 3.5-0.5 \$50, 3-1 \$25, 2.5-1.5 \$10. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12. An ICA Tour mini-event.

February 13, 2000, ICA Board Meeting. Site TBA. All ICA members are welcome to attend.

February 18-20 or 19-20, 2000, U.S. Amateur Team Midwest 5-SS, 40/120, then SD/60 (2-day schedule rds 1-2 game/90). University of Chicago, Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E 59th St, Chicago. Open to 4-player teams with one optional alternate. Team average (4 highest ratings as of the 1999 annual list) must be under 2200. A player rated more than 1000 points below the next higher rating will be treated as though rated exactly 1000 points below for computing team average. EF 3-day \$95, 2-day \$96 by 2/7, \$120 at site. Scholastic teams 3-day \$80, 2-day \$81 by 2/7, \$100 at site. Plaque plus 4 digital clocks to top team. Plaque plus

4 BHB clocks to 2nd & 3rd place teams. 4 BHB clocks each to top teams with average rating below 2000, below 1800, below 1600, below 1400, below 1200. Trophy and certificates to top team in each state with 4 or more teams entered, and in each of the following categories with 4 or more teams entered: company, family, college, high school (9-12), middle school (6-9), elementary school (K-6), junior (under age 20), senior (over age 50). Scholastic teams must be from same school if local or from same city if traveling more than 50 miles. Digital clock for top player on each board. 1 to 4. Special prize for best team name. Reg Fri 6-7 pm, Sat 8-9 am. Roster changes after Thursday will require a \$25 late fee. Players may register as individuals for \$25 by 2/7. \$30 at site, and form teams at site. You must be present 30 minutes before close of registration to be assured a team assignment. Rounds: 3-day 7:30, 10:30-5:30, 10-4-15, 2-day 10:30-2, then merges with 3-day for rd 3 at 5:30. Entries to U.S. Chess Federation, 3054 NYS Rt 9-W, New Windsor NY 12553, Attn U.S. Amateur Team Midwest. 914-562-8350 or 800-388-KING. For help in forming teams call Alan Losoff. 847-966-5559 evenings. Alan@Losoff.com, or check web page www.64.com/usatmw. Sponsored by Mid-America Chess Association, University of Chicago Chess Club, and U.S. Chess Federation.

February 19, 2000, Springfield Winter Open. 4-SS, game/80. Hampton Inn, Dirksen Pkwy and Stevenson Dr, Springfield. EF \$12 by 2/12. \$15 at site, \$10 youth/scholastic. \$\$300: \$100-60, 1600-1999 \$50, 1200-1599 \$40, u-1200 \$30, unr \$20. Reg 7:30-8:30, rds 9-12-3-6. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth, Springfield 62703. 217-523-7265. tknoel@uiis.edu

February 27, 2000, Annual ICA Awards Banquet. Bohemian Crystal Restaurant, 693 Blackhawk Drive (just West of Rte 83(Kingrey) at Ogden Avenue.) Westmont, Illinois 60559 \$20 - Complete Dinner with appetizers "Celebration of Chess Excellence"

March 4, 2000, Tuley Park Quick #3 5-SS, game/22. 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$12, u19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$250 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd t at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

March 4-5, 2000, Greater Peoria Open. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.

March 9-12, 2000, U.S. Masters. 7-SS, 40/120, then 20/60, then SD/30. Hyatt Regency, 1909 Spring Rd, Oak Brook 60521. Open to all USCF-rated masters, former masters, and invited juniors rated over 2000. EF: \$85 by 2/26, \$100 by 3/6, no entries after 3/6 or at door. \$\$G 17.500: \$5000-3000-2000-1200-900-600. Book certificate prizes 2400-2499 \$500-300-100, 2300-2399 \$500-300-100, 2200-2299 \$400-200-100, u2200 \$400-200-100. Top non-master junior \$300. \$1000 in point pool prizes to non-winners of above prizes. Best game \$100, best endgame \$100, best combination \$100. Rds 8, 10:30-6, 10:30-6, 9:30-5. Checks to Midwest Chess Association, Helen Warren, PO Box 305, Western Springs 60558, 630-663-0688, apct@aol.com.

March 17-19, 2000, National Open. 6-SS, 40/120, then 20/60, then SD/30. Riviera Hotel & Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Blvd South, Las Vegas NV 89109, 800-634-6753 or 702-734-5110 for reservations, \$80 single or double, reserve by 2/28, mention chess tournament. EF: Championship section \$89, Reserve \$84, Booster \$79, Unrated \$69 postmarked by 3/3 or charged by 3/9, all \$21 more at site. Subtract \$29 from advance entry for juniors or second family member at same address. Add 50 cents to advance entry for round 1 half-point bye. \$\$50,000 guaranteed. Four sections: CHAMPIONSHIP (open to all) \$\$6000-4000-2000-1000-750, 6th-10th \$500 each, 11th-20th \$250 each, u2500 \$1500-750, u2300 \$1300-650, u2100 \$1100-550 RESERVE (under-2000): \$\$3000-2000-1000-500-200, 6th-10th \$150 each, u1800 \$1400-700. BOOSTER (under-1600): \$\$1500-900-400-200-100, 6th-10th \$50 each, u1400 \$1300-650, u1200 \$800-400, u1000 \$400-200. UNRATED (<7B) USC: gift certificates \$500-300-100, under age 7 \$200-100-50. ALL: Plus-score bonus prizes: \$20 USCF gift certificate to any player who finishes with 3.5 points or r Improvement prizes: GM Lev Alburtt Comprehensive Chess Course to the 1 players who score the biggest upsets regardless of section. Entries to U.S. Chess Federation, 3054 NYS Rt 9-W, New Windsor NY 12553. Phone entries P KING or 914-562-8350. Mon-Fri 9- Eastern Time. On-line entry at www.64.com, National Open. On-si Thu 6-8 pm, Fri 8:30-11 am. Rds 12 7:30, 10-6, 10-6. A USCF National! Grandmaster simulms Thu 3/16, \$25. 5 National Open participants. WBCA Championship Thu 3/16, reg Thu 4- rd 1 at 7, no advance entries. Quick Championship Mon 3/20, details TI

March 18-19, 2000, Elmhurst Class Maxi-Tour. 4-SS, game/120. Frick Center, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$39, FCC members \$34. Five sections, total \$\$1750 b/65: MASTER-EXPERT: \$\$230-150, u2200 \$100. CLASS A: \$\$160-100-60. CLASS B: \$\$160-100-60. CLASS C: \$\$160-100-60. CLASSES D/B/E/L/O/W: \$\$150-100, u1200 \$\$60. ALL: Play in your own class or one up. Unrated may play in any class but may not win more than \$60 except in MASTER-EXPERT. Reg 11:30-12:30, rds 1-5:30 each day. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.

April 1, 2000, Tuley Park Quick #4 (Big #2). Chicago.

April 15, 2000, Springfield Tax Day Open. Springfield.

April 16, 2000, ICA Officers' Appreciation Mini-Tour #1. An ICA Tour mini-event.

April 22, 2000, Tuley Park Quick #5. Chicago.

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Elmhurst Chess Club meets, and holds
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2000 U.S. AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP MIDWEST

5 Round Swiss for teams of 4 players with average rating under 2200
with an optional alternate player



February 18-20 or February 19-20

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Time Control: 40/2, SD/1 (2-day schedule rounds 1 & 2
Game:90)

Entry Fees: 3-day \$95 per team, 2-day \$96 until 2/1, 2-day \$120 after. Scholastic teams 3-day \$80 per team, 2-day \$81 until 2/7, 2-day \$100 after. \$25 per individual until 2/7, \$30 after. \$25 change fee for roster changes after 2/17.

Prizes: Plaque plus 4 digital clocks to top team, plaque plus 4 BHB clocks to 2nd & 3rd place teams. 4 BHB clocks each to top teams with average rating below 2000, below 1800, below 1600, below 1400 and below 1200. Trophy and certificates to top team in each state with 4 or more teams entered and in each of the following categories with 4 or more teams entered: company, family, college, high school (9-12), middle school (6-9), elementary school (K-6), junior (under age 20), and senior (over age 50). Scholastic teams must be from the same school if local or from the same city if traveling more than 50 miles. digital clock for top player on each board 1 to 4. Special prize for best team name.

Team Rating is based on the four top players as shown in the 1999 Annual Rating List (December Rating Supplement). Players rated more than 1000 points below the next higher rating will be averaged as though rated exactly 1000 points below.

Advance Registration: Make checks payable to "USCF" and mail to: U.S. Chess Federation, 3054 NYS RTE 9W, New Windsor, NY 12553. Attention U.S. Amateur Team Midwest. (914) 562-8350 or 1-800-388-KING. Include name, rating, and USCF ID for each player on team, and captain's name & address. Be sure to specify 2-day or 3-day schedule.

On Site Registration: Friday, February 18 from 6 to 7 p.m., Saturday, February 19 from 8 to 9 a.m. Individuals wishing assignment to a team must arrive at least 30 minutes before the close of registration.

Rounds: 3-day: Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. 2-day: Saturday 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. then merges with 3-day in round 3 at 5:30 p.m.

For More Information or Help in Forming Teams Contact Alan Losoff at (847) 966-5559, Alan@Losoff.com, or check out www.64.com/usatmcr on the web.

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