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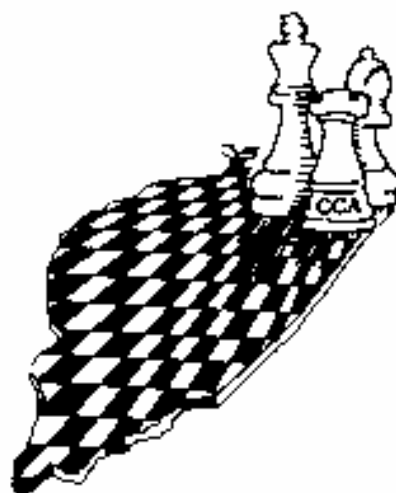
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# Remembering Dr. Martinovsky

by Roy Frye and NM Alan Watson

It is with deep sadness and a tremendous sense of loss that we announce the death of our dear friend Dr. Eugene Martinovsky. Dr. Martinovsky died at approximately 10:30pm on Tuesday, February 22nd due to complications from cancer.

The following brief introduction to Dr. Martinovsky's early years has been compiled from three sources: a small biography that he submitted for the book *Border Wars III*, published in 1994 by Jean Hebert, an interview by Roy Frye for the April 1997 edition of Fox Valley Chess Club's *Club Notes*, and personal conversations held with Alan Watson during the many pleasant hours he and the Doctor shared, both across the chessboard, and just discussing life in general.

## EARLY YEARS

Eugene S. Martinovsky was born on October 3, 1931 in Skopje, Yugoslavia. His father, perhaps of Master strength, had won the Belgrade Championship in 1924 and taught Mathematics, Physics and Astronomy at the local school. Eugene's mother specialized in Biology. At age five, chess already played a large role in the family's life, it was perhaps only natural that the curiosity of this young and impressionable five-year-old would be stirred during the frequent moments he watched as his father analyzed variations on an old quarter-fold chess board kept in the home. At one point Eugene asked his mother what dad was doing, and the response was perhaps a little less than supportive -- something like, "He's playing an imaginary person." Eugene played little serious chess until reaching the age of 11 or 12, but eventually the father's passion became his as well. Besides competing in local tournaments, Eugene continued to play a lot with his father, whom he unabashedly describes as "Beating the hell out of me in the beginning." While talking of his father, Dr. Martinovsky explained, "His chess hero was Alekhine, so I was forced to defend from the very beginning. Over time I learned some opening theory and his gambit attacks became less success-

ful. Eventually I was equal to my father or perhaps slightly better. But my defensive and positional game has always been better than my attacks." Eugene's father continued to hold the upper hand in their personal contests until Eugene was in his early 20's. Just after Eugene's 23rd birthday, his father passed away due to Leukemia. By this time in 1954, Eugene held the title of Yugoslavian Candidate Master, which was equivalent to today's USCF 2250-2300. He had won the championship of Skopje a few times, the championship of Macedonia once or twice, and played twice in the semi-finals of the Yugoslav Championship, but never qualified for the finals. Yet, despite

tion that was to become a hallmark trait throughout his entire life — which is further espoused in his continuing belief that anyone wanting to become a Master player can do so with sufficient desire and effort. In 1957 he received his medical degree and spent some time working as a physician in an impoverished and remote area of the country known as Kosovo ... today well known throughout the entire world.

## EMIGRATION

Aspiring to a better life away from the shadow cast by Tito's oppressive brand of Communism, Martinovsky left for London to serve a medical apprenticeship that included at least one stint in a morgue. This taught him a great deal. In January 1962 he made the decision to seek the unlimited opportunities offered by the United States of America. After relocating to Michigan, the next three years again saw little chess as he spent time acclimating himself to life in the United States while building a promising medical practice. In 1965 he moved to Illinois and the deep love of Chess, that had for so long laid dormant within his heart while family and career dominated his life, once again began to reawaken.

## REAWAKENING

With much of his medical training behind him, Dr. Martinovsky began looking for a chess club. In 1965 he searched the Chicago *Yellow Pages* and found the Chicago Chess Club. He began to play again, but found himself a little off on his openings. He said, "When I began playing again, I had forgotten much of what I memorized. I couldn't even tell you how the Ruy Lopez began... whether it was pawn to d4 or e4." However, things quickly came back to him as he began regular play at the Chicago Chess Club along with a number of strong local masters. Shortly after a little club practice, Dr. Martinovsky entered his first US tournament -- and emerged with a +2200 provisional rating. As Dr. Martinovsky continued his play at the Chicago Chess Club, he reached a point where he was beating everyone there -- except Richard

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Dr. Eugene Martinovsky



1931—2000

*Helen Warren Photo*

these accomplishments, he reluctantly gave up the game for the next seven years of his life.

## BUILDING A CAREER

From 1958 to 1965 chess was never more than a hobby in the shadow of Eugene's studies in Medicine, Psychiatry, and English. What most people don't know is that this unpretentious man was actually quite sick as a youngster and had partially lost the function of one kidney. As a result of this (or perhaps because of it!) he developed a keen interest in Medicine as a way of both understanding his own condition and enabling himself to assist others in need. Thus, we have the first indications of the fierce determina-

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AN ICA MINI-TOURNAMENT

*(MARTINOVSKY Continued from page 3)*  
Verber. Dr. Martinovsky said he always considered Richard Verber one of his toughest opponents because "Richard simply knew his openings better than I did." In respect to his skill and integrity, Dr. Martinovsky was elected Presi-

dent of the prestigious Chicago Chess Club in 1966 and 1967. One of the proudest moments in his whole life occurred in 1972 when he was designated as the Chicago escort, to then World Champion, Anatoly Karpov during his first visit to the USA.

We are all fortunate to have had the pleasure of Dr. Eugene Martinovsky's company, and although we shall certainly not see him again in this lifetime, it is our fondest hope that we meet again in the next.

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I hope everyone saw the March 5th *Chicago Tribune* magazine which was entirely devoted to chess in the Pilsner neighborhood and the Wild Onion Chess Club. There's a lot of Hector Hernandez' and Angelo Young's in Illinois. We are truly lucky. We thank all of you again who give of your time and effort. And we welcome our new Editor, Roy Frye, and a special "thank you" to Josh Flores for his excellent job as editor of the ICB. A tough job.

As good as chess is in Illinois we are in some financial jeopardy as we try to expand our chess activities. We really need your help. Illinois' SASP (USCF supporting funds) monies have been cut in half this year and we want to add more chess teachers and chess programs that will cost more than dues and the profits we make from tournaments can generate. We need additional funding. If you are able, and are not a patron member, please upgrade to a patron. You will get your

ICB delivered First Class and you'll be helping to fund some exciting chess programs. We also have new Corporate and Business memberships for two hundred dollars a year. Talk your company or organization into joining. They will get a wall plaque and know that they are helping chess programs in Illinois. I am available to help: 708-774-5005

We finally are getting close to holding our first annual Illinois All Grades Chess Tournament, probably in October. Al Losoff and Mike Zacate are working out the details and finalizing a playing site with Co-Chess and the IHCA. This

should be a fine event with, hopefully, a thousand kids playing chess.

Although the ICA Awards Banquet at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant was an immense success on February 27th, with some good chess and good food, we were sad to learn that our good friend Dr. Eugene Martynovskiy passed away in February. Eugene won the Lifetime Achievement Award in 1998 and he will be sorely missed.

On a lighter note: my grandson, Jonathan Zickus, attended his first banquet and gave Expert Gene Scott a little tussle in some classy chess games. "Max" and Dmitry had no problems in their simul at the banquet though. If you missed the banquet this year, you missed good food and good fun. I sure hope you'll make it next year. You'll find the award winners elsewhere in the magazine.

By the time you get this issue of the ICB I will be in Katmandu, Nepal and trekking the Himalayas. Something I've wanted to do for many years. And yes, I'm taking a chess set! So, for the month of April, Al Losoff, ICA Vice-President, will be responsible for my duties. You can reach him at: 847-274-2221.

Thank you all for your time.

*Fred Gruenberg - President*

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# From the Editor

This issue introduces a new editor. My thanks go to Josh Flores for his past efforts in producing the *Illinois Chess Bulletin* and his helpful suggestions in the production of this one.

You will find a few new names in the masthead, many of the contributors who have provided much of the quality content in recent issues will continue to share their knowledge and talent with us. A special "thanks" goes to three very strong chess players for their major role in helping with this ICB issue: Senior Master Richard Verber - National Master Alan Watson - and past Master John Tomas. Credit for much of the content should be given to Helen Warren and Richard Verber for their many helpful suggestions.

*SQUARE ONE* is back. *SQUARE ONE* is an insert designed to appeal to Junior / Scholastic chess players. The insert is designed to allow those with Junior / Scholastic chess interests to carefully pull the section from the magazine. In effect, you have two publications in one — one for adult members and one to be shared with younger players in the home.

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Thank you for allowing me to be your editor. I will do my best to provide you with a timely and interesting magazine.

*Roy Frye*

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**From Readers**

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*Steve Frymer, Co-chair  
USCF Prison Chess Committee*

**Thanks to All**

I would like to thank all of the many Illinois chess players and organizers who have helped me over the last seven months in my fight to obtain a permanent visa so I can stay in Illinois to teach and play chess here. Many of you wrote excellent letters of recommendation which formed a major part of my visa application. The application was sent to the INS in Nebraska on January 19 and now I am waiting for the answer. I hope to hear good news in the next few weeks; then I will return to Yugoslavia for a short time to get my affairs in order and return to Illinois with my family to seriously begin my chess career and pursue the International Master title.

Helen Warren, Fred Gruenberg,

Dimitry Gurevich, Osman Palos, Ken Marshall, Kevin Bachler and Gene Martinovsky have especially been very helpful. Most of all, I want to thank... someone who is always beside me when I need help... that someone is my dear friend Roger Birkeland.

I appreciate all the Illinois Chess Association has done for me and other professional players, and after I get my visa I hope through my work in chess to confirm your support for me.

Once again I must say that chess is one of the richest sports in the world. No matter what you are, where you are or who you are, chess constantly reminds us of the FIDE motto, *gens una sumus*, we are one.

*Dejan "Max" Maksimovic*

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**Rulebook Tactics**

By Tim Just

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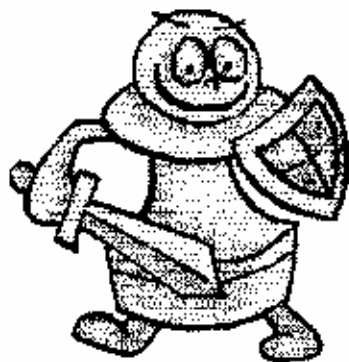


# Chess and Dinosaurs

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**A report by Assignment Editor  
Richard Verber**

**T**hanks to the David McDonald Foundation and the Chicago Public Schools, chess in Chicago has moved center-stage and is beginning to receive much expanded media attention. Have you followed the ample chess articles in the *Chicago Tribune* over the past two months?

The Board of Education got the ball rolling last autumn when top CPS Executives, Paul Vallas and Dr. Blondcan Davis, made the decision to bring Grandmaster Maurice Ashley to Chicago to help kick off a new program to promote chess throughout the entire Chicago School System.

I had the pleasure of working with the

Board of Ed. in persuading Maurice to visit Chicago and serve as a role-model for Chicago youth. GM Ashley has a well deserved reputation for his inspired public speaking and genuine charisma. The School Board also demonstrated its commitment to chess by purchasing USCF memberships for 1000 CPS students and 100 local school affiliates.

It is no coincidence that the McDonald Foundation has chosen the year 2000 to move its big Annual Scholarship Tournament to a prestigious site in the main lobby of the Field Museum along the Chicago lakefront. Two-hundred Chicago Elementary School students will face each other over the chess board while the museum's famous Tyrannosaurus Rex "Sue" and other museum dinosaurs kibitz their games. It is safe to say that this McDonald Scholarship competi-

tion is poised to receive much better TV and newspaper attention than ever before.

The current plan envisioned by Chicago Public Schools Chess Coordinator Tom Larson, and his Chief Lieutenant Tom Fineberg, calls for a 200-player elementary school tournament to be held in the main lobby on the first floor. The High School Scholarship Competition will be in quiet quarters on the second floor. Thirty-two CPS Juniors and Seniors will compete for the top college scholarship prize of \$10,000. Favorites to win this year's big scholarship are 16-year-old Tam Nguyen from Senn High School and 17-year-old Davos Palos from Mather High School. Davos, incidentally, is the son of Osman Palos, one of Chicago's top International Masters.

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# Congratulations to Helen Warren on a Great Year 2000 U.S. Masters

by Senior Master Richard Verber

One hundred-five chess players, almost all of them Masters or Grandmasters (representing 26 states and six countries), assembled at the Oakbrook Hyatt Hotel March 8th through 11th. After four days of serious battle and a lot of beautiful chess games, seven of the brightest stars tied for first - nestled together with 5 1/2- 1 1/2 scores. Much of the generous \$17,500 prize fund was divided into large chunks and each of the co-champions walked away a couple of thousand dollars happier.

A few observations are in order which might otherwise be lost amidst cross tables, prize lists, photos, and even chess games:

This U.S. Masters is even more important than usual for the cause of American chess. In this year in which the U.S. Chess Federation's financial problems have necessitated the cancellation of the U.S. Invitational Championship, many of our most gifted GMs and IMs are having a difficult time remaining chess professionals. This tournament may help them to remain in the U.S.

If you think about it for a moment, you will realize that the U.S. Masters means very different things to different people. For Jim and Helen Warren it means yet another chance to contribute to the game of chess which they love. For the GMs and IMs, it could mean food on the table. For the Illinois Masters, it means a chance to hone their skills against the toughest competition in the country. And, for our best young players, it means the opportunity to challenge the older Masters.

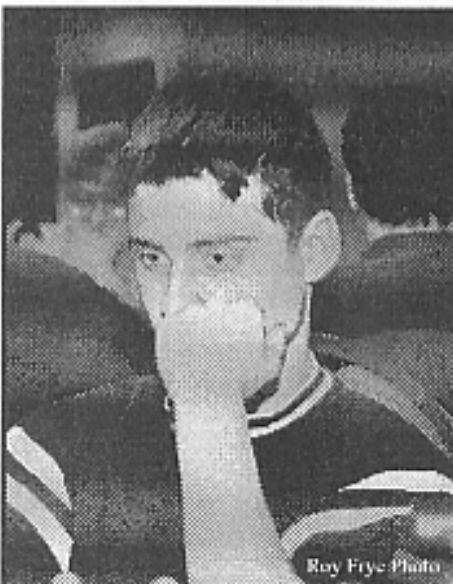
Everything about this U.S. Masters spoke volumes on how to organize a quality chess tournament and do it right. The Oakbrook Hyatt was superb. Many GMs were given expense money! Opportunities for players to earn FIDE ratings were plentiful. And this GREAT PERFORMANCE was directed by Tim Just and Todd Barre, arguably our two best American NTDs. ♠



*On your mark. Get set. Draw! GM Wojtkiewicz and GM Ehvest fine-tune their piece placement before their last-round nine-move draw.*

## U.S. Millennium Masters Oak Brook, Illinois March 9-12

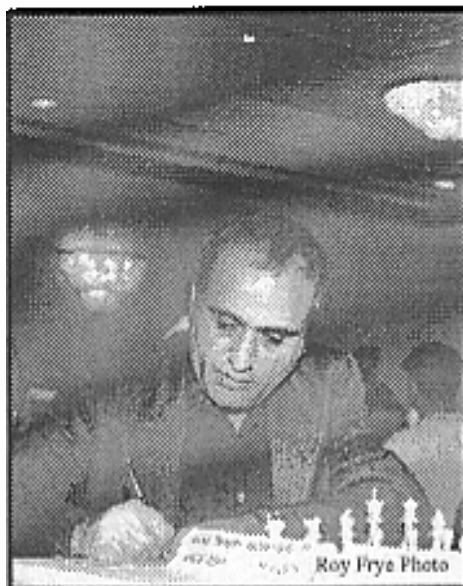
by NM Alan Watson



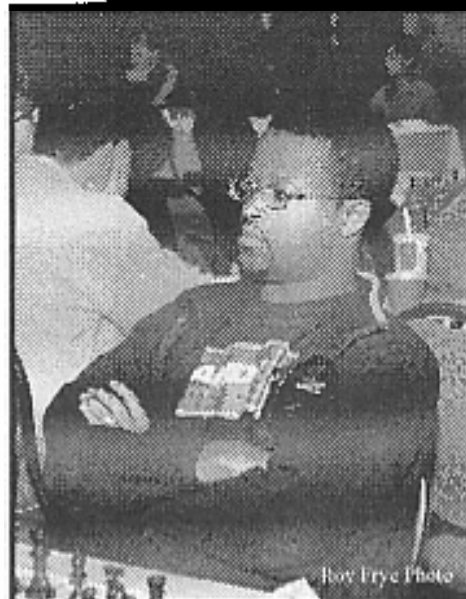
*Robert Riddle scores a win against LM Craig Stauffer.*

First place was shared by Grandmasters Ehvest, Wojtkiewicz, DeFirmian, Shabalov, Baburin and Blatny plus the well known and well traveled IM Ziatdinov. Other prizewinners were:  
Top 2400-2499: IM Donunik Pedzich, IM Angelo Young, FM Alex Balandin, FM Peter Pelts  
Top 2300-2399: IM Vladimir Zakhvatov, NM George Umeczinwa, NM Kevin Bachler  
Top 2200-2299: LM Steven Wygle, LM Clark Harmon  
Top Under 2200: Marc Esserman  
Top non-Master Junior: Tam Nguyen

Following are games from many Illinois players. Some are positional Masterpieces whereas others can be referred to as nothing less than ruthless and efficient butchery. Each demonstrates the talent and diversity of the best players our state has to offer and bodes well for the future development of chess in our beloved state. This year eighteen Grandmasters, six International Masters, nine FIDE Masters and a number of other Masters, former Masters and talented Juniors met at the Oak Brook Hyatt to compete in a celebration of Chess Excellence.



*Illinois' GM Dmitry Gurevich takes on New York's GM Ashley.*



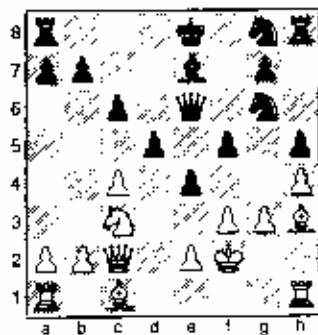
*GM Maurice Ashley awaits GM Dmitry Gurevich's first move.*

**Gurevich, Dmitry (2638)**

**Simms, Gary (2219)** [A40]  
US Masters, Oak Brook IL (1), 2000

Dmitry Gurevich is Chicago's only resident Grandmaster and always represents our best hope at keeping prize money here in town when all the other big boys roll in. Although undefeated, four draws kept him from placing higher.

1.d4 Qe6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 Qce7 4.Qf3 Qg6 5.Qc3 f5?! [5...b4 6.d2 Qf6 7.a3 Qxc3 8.Qxc3 d6 9.Qd2 0?0 10.c4 Qe8 11.h4 f5 12.b5 Qb8 13.Qc2 Qf7 14.0-0-0 Qg5 15.f4! With the better game for White in Orlov-O'Donnell, Seattle 1990] 6.h4 h5 7.Qc2 d6 8.Qg5 c6 9.g3 Qe7 10.Qe6 [Sacrificing a pawn like this is a minor price to pay for exchanging off Black's light-squared bishop in order to target the severely weakened light squares in his position. Especially not the unfortunate move h7-h5 that Black would like to retract but cannot.] 10...Qxc6 11.dxc6 e4 12.f3 f5 13.Qh3 Qd6 14.Qf2 Qxc6



[Black has stolen a pawn and is hiding behind what appears to be a sturdy chain of light squared pawns. Watch as Dmitry now gets out the chain saw and begins cutting it to pieces] 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Qa4+ Qf7 17.Qb3 Qf6 18.Qg5 [Dmitry's pieces flow naturally to good positions and his unusually placed King is in no danger whatsoever.] 18...Qhe8 19.fxe4 Qxe4+ 20.Qxe4 dxe4 21.Qxb7 Qab8 22.Qxa7 Qxb2 23.Qhcl Qe5 24.Qd7 Qe6 25.Qxe6+ Qxe6 26.Qc6+ Qf7 27.Qxf5 Qe5 28.Qe7 Qf8 29.Qxe7+ Qxe7 30.Qxe7 Qxe7 31.Qxe4 [Nothing but dust is left of the once proud center.] 31...Qg4+ 32.Qe1 Qe6 33.a4 Qe5 34.Qd3 Qd4 35.a5 Qc3 36.a6 Qe5 37.a7 Qxd3+ 38.cxd3 Qh2 1-0

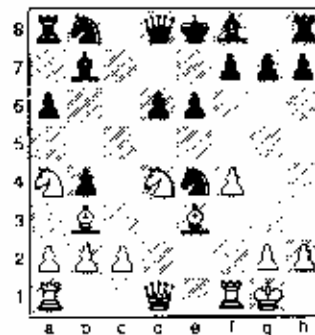
**Ward, Thomas (2160)**

**Pelts, Peter (2410)** [B87]  
US Masters, Oak Brook IL (1), 2000

Peter has never been afraid of fierce battles in sharp Openings, and despite a lack of recent practice goes straight for one of the sharpest Najdorf lines. After missing a critical continuation his Michigan opponent struggles mightily to gain play but doesn't accomplish much.

1.e4 e5 2.Qf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Qf6 5.Qc3 a6 [Peter is still loyal to his favorite Najdorf Variation.] 6.Qc4 e6 7.Qb3 h5 8.Qe3!? [8 f4 is more common.] 8...Qb7 9.f4 b4 [The immediate 9. Nxc4 10.Nxc4 Bxc4 11.0-0 also yields White attacking chances in exchange for the

pawn.] 10.Qa4 Qxe4 11.0-0



*FM Albert Chow prepares for his final round against Marc Esserman of Florida.*

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11...♖c6?! [A dangerous weakening of the b6 square. Instead, [11...♗d7 12.f5 e5 13.♖h5 ♗f6 14.♗e6 g6 15.♗e2 gxh5 16.♗c7+ ♖e7 17.♗d5+ ♗xd5 18.♗xd5 ♗h6 19.♗xe4 ♗xe3+ 20.♗xe3 f4 21.♗e2 ♗a7 22.♗ad1 h5 23.♗d3 h4 24.h3 ♗g5 25.♗fd1 f5 26.♗c6 e4 27.♗xd6 ♗e5 28.♗c5 f3 29.♗f1 e3 30.♗e6+ ♖f7 31.♗xf3 ♗xf3+ 32.♗xf3 ♗c7 33.♗e5 ♗h5 34.♗d5+ 1-0 Brady,C-Donovan,N/London 1993 (34)] 12.f5 ♗xd4 13.♗xd4?! [This natural move throws away the game. The only way for White to justify his opening play was by continuing 13.Qxd4! e5 (13...d5?! 14.fe fe 15.Nb6! Bc5 is met by 16.Ba4+ winning outright.) 14.Qxb4 Rb8 15.Nb6 with an excellent game. If, for instance, Black were then to continue 15...Bc6 pinning the knight 16.Qc4 attacking both c6 and f7 would win.] 13...e5 14.♗b6 ♗e7 15.♗a4+ ♖f8 16.♗d7+ ♖g8 17.♗b6 ♗c8 18.f6 [White struggles to make some use of his temporary initiative, but Black's position is just too solid to be disturbed. 18...♗xf6 19.♗xf6 ♗xf6 20.♗xd6 [20.♗xf6+ gxh6 21.♗xd6 ♗g4?+] 20...♗xd7 21.♗xd7 ♗xc2 22.♗h3 ♗c6 23.♗xb4 h5 24.♗e3 ♗d5 25.♗b6 ♗c6 26.♗h4 g6 27.♗d1 ♗e4 28.♗b6 ♖g7 29.♗g5 ♗c6 30.♗d6 ♗e1# 0-1

Ciaffone, Bob (2214)

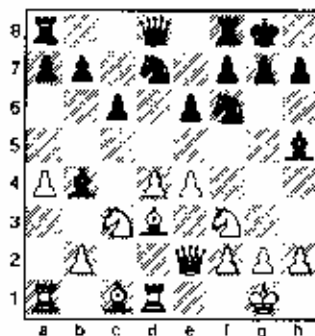
Chow, Albert (2321)

[B19]

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Immediately following a couple of innocent-looking opening errors on the part of his Michigan opponent, Albert pounces on the opportunity of attacking the weakened f2 square and never lets go. His excellent calculating ability and fine positional judgment are always a pleasure to observe.

1.♗f3 d5 2.d4 ♗f6 3.c4 c6 4.♗c3 dxc4 5.a4 ♗f5 6.e3 [This move introduces the Dutch Variation of the Slav Defense and signals White's intention to quietly regain the pawn and complete development before seeking active play. Complications ensue after the modern alternatives 6.Nc5 and 6.Nh4.] 6...e6 7.♗xc4 ♗b4 8.0?0 ♗bd7 9.♗e2 0?0 10.e4 ♗g6 11.♗d3 ♗h5 12.♗d1?!



[More accurate are either 12.Bf4 or 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 cd 14.Qe3 with unclear play. Instead of preventing Black from counterpunching in the center this move actually encourages it because of the



Games Keeper, NM Alan Watson, produced daily bulletins.

awkward placement of White's pieces and the uncomfortable pin along the d1-h5 diagonal.] 12...e5! 13.♗c2 exd4 14.♗xd4 ♗c5 15.♗d1 ♗g4? 16.♗g5 ♗xf2+ [Also fun would be 16...Nxf2 17. Bxd8 Nxd1+ 18.Kf1 Nc3+ 19.Ke1 Raxd8, the move chosen by Albert is objectively best.] 17.♗h1 f6 18.h3 ♗ge5 19.g4? [A drastic overreaction that creates unnecessary weaknesses near the White King.] 19...♗xf3 20.gxh5 fxg5 21.♗xf2 ♗e8 22.♗g2 ♗de5 23.♗e2 ♗xb5 24.♗g3 ♗e8 [Black could also consider 24...Qh4 25.Nf5 Qf4, but his position is so good it really doesn't make much difference.] 25.♗f5 g6 26.♗b3+ ♖h8 27.♗d4 g4 28.hxg4 ♗e7 29.♗g3 ♗xd4 30.♗xd4 ♗f3 0-1

Bachler, Kevin (2314)

Fortado, Bruce (2112)

[B85]

US Masters, Oak Brook IL (1), 2000

Kevin's fine work with youngsters appears to have rejuvenated his own chess as well, and he now stands at what I believe is his rating peak. An exchange sacrifice on move 30 slows his opponents attack just long enough to set his own pawns in motion after which they are unstoppable when supported by the bishop-pair.

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗c3 e6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♗xd4 ♗c7 6.♗e3 a6 7.♗e2 ♗f6 8.0?0 ♗e7 9.f4 d6 10.♖h1 0?0 11.a4 ♗e8 12.♗f3 ♗b8 13.♗d2 ♗d7 14.♗f2 ♗xd4 15.♗xd4 e5 16.♗b6 ♗c4 17.fxe5



Fourteen-year-old student of Dmitry Gurevich, Yelena Gorlin, makes her mark on the U.S. Masters.



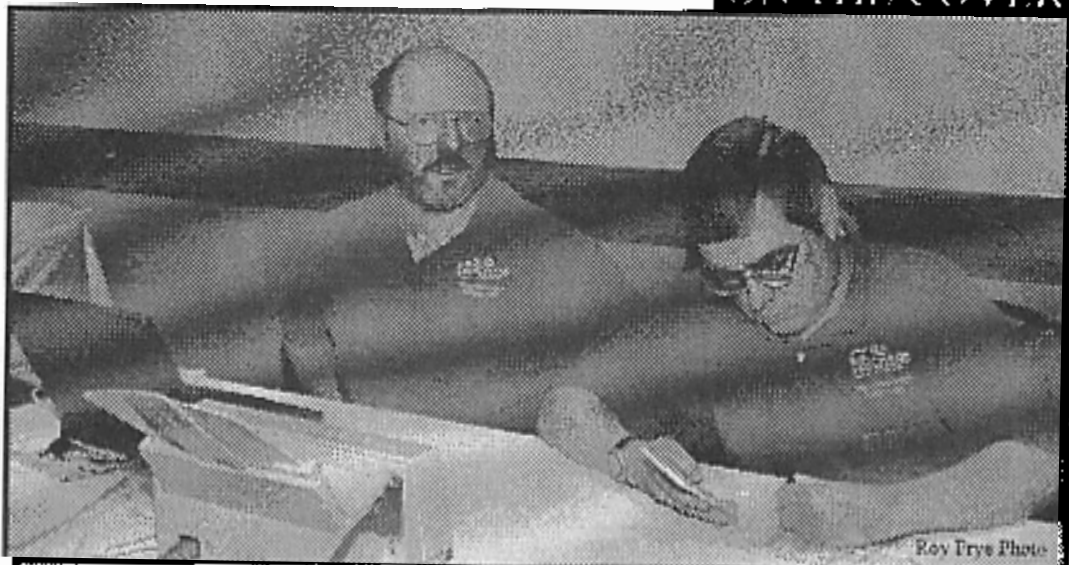
dxe5 18. d5 d5 19. exd5  
 f5 20. d6 e4 21. d2 e4  
 22. e2 f7 23. e4 e6  
 24. a1 g6 25. e5 h8  
 26. c2 g7 27. b4 e5  
 28. g3 h6 29. g2 f4  
 30. xf4 xf4 31. gxf4 xf4  
 32. c3+ e5 33. b5 axb5  
 34. axb5 xc3 35. xc3 g7  
 36. e6 bxc6 37. d4+ f7  
 38. bxc6 h2 39. exd7 d8  
 40. f2 d7 41. e3 h1  
 42. e4+ e8 43. e5 e1+  
 44. d4 h7 45. g3 d1+  
 46. e5 d2 47. e6 g5  
 48. e5 h5 49. b5+ 1-0

Gorlin, Yelena (2065)  
 Zaremba, Andrei (2381) [B70]  
 U.S. Masters, Oak Brook IL (5), 2000

Yelena was also on fire during the early and middle rounds but got shut out on the last day. This game immediately followed the one above and certainly had Zaremba wondering just what had gotten into the Illinois' players. After her fine move 22. f4! Yelena secured the better game and carried home the point with precise cautious play.

1. e4 e5 2. d3 d6 3. d4  
 exd4 4. d4 d6 5. d3 g6  
 6. e2 g7 7. 0? 0? 8. g5  
 d6 9. b3 e6 10. h1 a5  
 11. a4 xh3 12. exb3 h6  
 13. h4 g5 14. g3 e5 15. f3  
 d4 16. b5 xb5  
 17. xb5 h5 18. f2 f4  
 19. e4 e6 20. d5 e7  
 21. d2 d4 22. f4 e6  
 23. fxg5 xg5 24. b6 h8  
 25. xa5 e6 26. b6 d4  
 27. a1 f5 28. c7 fe4  
 29. f1 f6 30. h3 h4  
 31. e1 g5 32. xe4 f4  
 33. d3 h8 34. xh7 f5  
 35. e8 e4 36. xf8+ xf8  
 37. d4+ h7 38. e7+ g6  
 39. xe4 h4 40. xf5+  
 xf5 41. g4 e1+ 42. g2  
 g5 43. xf5+ h4  
 44. h5# 1?0

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Tim Just (left) and Todd Barre direct the U.S. Masters, manually paring rounds, while testing other computer paring programs for accuracy.

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													score
1	EHLVEST	Jaen	GM	EST	2709	W38	W29	D11	W4	D5	W9	D2	5.5
2	WOJTKIEWICZ	Alek	GM	NY	2677	W62	W23	W28	D8	D11	W16	D1	5.5
3	DEFIRMIAN	Nick E	GM	USA	2676	W63	W35	D13	L15	W25	W28	W17	5.5
4	BAJBURIN	Alexander	GM	IRL	2656	W92	W24	W7	L1	D19	W21	W18	5.5
5	SHABALOV	Alexander	GM	PA	2623	W78	W37	D27	W34	D1	W10	D8	5.5
6	BLATNY	Pavel	GM	CZE	2614	W101	W60	L9	W45	W57	D8	W16	5.5
7	ZIATDINOV	Rashid	IM	AZ	2536	W86	W90	L4	W60	D12	W29	W27	5.5
8	NOVIKOV	Igor A	GM	NY	2701	W61	W22	W12	D2	D10	D6	D5	5
9	KAIDANOV	Gregory	GM	KY	2677	W98	W33	W6	D16	W13	L1	D12	5
10	SERPER	Gregory	GM	OH	2652	W64	W45	D15	W20	D8	L5	W30	5
11	GURFVICH	Dmitry	GM	IL	2638	W47	W97	D1	W21	D2	D18	D14	5
12	IVANOV	Alexander	GM	MA	2635	W65	W46	L8	W33	D7	W20	D9	5
13	CELA	Altm	IM	ALB		W94	W42	D3	W58	L9	D36	W33	5
14	ASHLEY	Maurice A	GM	NY	2542	W49	W80	L16	W75	D27	W22	D11	5
15	SADVAKASOV	Darmen	GM	KAZ		W87	W54	D10	W3	L16	D27	W28	5
16	GOLDIN	Alexander	GM	FL	2670	W77	W36	W14	D9	W15	L2	L6	4.5
17	FEJXOROWICZ	John P	GM	NY	2616	D79	W88	D20	D36	W58	W19	L3	4.5
18	KUDRIN	Sergey	GM	MA	2602	W48	I1	W25	D27	W30	D11	L4	4.5
19	YOUNG	Angelo	IM	IL	2486	D88	D66	W56	W62	D4	L17	W45	4.5
20	PEDZICH	Dominik	IM	IL		W50	W84	D17	L10	W37	L12	W46	4.5
21	BALANDIN	Alex	FM	MN	2469	D39	W89	W52	L11	W79	L4	W36	4.5
22	PELTS	Peter	FM	IL	2410	W68	L8	D64	W66	W67	L14	W47	4.5
23	ZAKHVATOV	Vladimir	IM	RUS		W41	L2	W49	D53	D39	D45	W52	4.5
24	BACHLER	Kevin L	NM	IL	2314	W71	L4	L39	W88	W48	D54	W53	4.5
25	UMEZINWA	George O	NM	OH	2302	D81	W95	L18	W90	L3	W67	W54	4.5
26	ESSERMAN	Marc	FL		2109	L45	L65	W78	W92	D35	W63	W44	4.5
27	YERMOLINSKY	Alex	GM	OH	2693	W85	W57	D5	D18	D14	D15	L7	4
28	STRIPUNSKY	Alexander	GM	NY	2594	W93	W75	L2	W44	W54	L3	L15	4
29	BARCENILLA	Rogelio	IM	AZ	2458	W67	L1	W92	D39	W51	L7	D38	4
30	TURGUT	Tansel	NM	MI	2390	D52	D39	W48	W42	L18	W55	L10	4
31	ZAREMBA	Andrei	NM	MI	2381	L42	W96	W86	L54	L55	W72	W66	4
32	NAGLE	Sean	NM	MN	2378	L80	L49	W103	W87	D63	W56	D39	4
33	KARKLINS	Andrew	FM	IL	2356	W43	L9	W65	L12	W64	W60	L13	4
34	HUBER	Gregory	NM	CAN	2348	D69	W51	W83	L5	D56	D39	D42	4
35	NAKAMURA	Hikaru	NM	NY	2346	W102	L3	D66	L67	D26	W86	W68	4
36	ANDREWS	Todd A	NM	TN	2328	W70	L16	W41	D17	W53	D13	L21	4
37	WYGLE	Stephen J.	LM	OH	2277	W82	L5	D90	W52	L20	D40	W55	4
38	HARMON	Clark R	LM	OR	2244	L1	L87	W50	W80	D43	W69	D29	4
39	CHUTTER	John D		OH	2186	D21	D30	W24	D29	D23	D34	D32	4

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(WATSON cont'd from pg. 13)

Brasket, Curt (2243)

Nguyen, Tam (2150) [B09]

US Masters, Oak Brook IL (6), 2000

Tam Nguyen has every right to be proud since his fine result in this tournament has propelled his rating to the magic 2200+ level for the first time and enabled him to become Illinois' newest Master. Evidence of his increasing skills is the fine temporary sacrifice initiated by 25. b5! 26.cb b4! which activated all of his pieces (Brasket is a repeated Minnesota State Champion)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♖f6 3.♗c3 g6 4.f4 ♗g7 5.♗f3 0-0 6.♗d3 ♖a6 7.070 e5 8.d5 ♗h8 9.♗e2 ♖b4 10.♗e4 e6 11.a3 exd5 12.axb4 dxc4 13.bxc5 dxc5 14.♗d1 ♗h6 15.e5 ♗e8 16.♗xc4 ♗e6 17.♗b5 ♖d7 18.♗d6 ♗xb5 19.♖xb5 ♗f8 20.♗d1 ♗c4 21.♖c7 ♗e7 22.♖d2 ♖b6 23.♖xc4 ♗xc7 24.♖xb6 axb6 25.c4 b5 26.cxb5 e4 27.♗d2 ♗c5 28.♗c3 ♗xb5 29.♗d7 ♗h3 30.♖f1 b5 31.e6 fxe6 32.♗e5 ♗c8 33.♗aa7 ♗c5 34.♗a8 ♗xc5 35.fxe5 ♗xh2 36.♗dd8 e3 37.♗xh8+ ♖g7 38.♗fe8 h4 39.g4 ♖h6 40.♗c4 c2 41.♖e1 ♗h1+ 42.♖d2 h3 43.♗h8 ♖g5 44.h3 ♗d1+ 45.♖c3 c1♗+ 46.♗xc1 ♗xc1 47.♗xh3 ♗e1+ 48.♖d4 ♖f4 49.♗b7 ♗d1+ 50.♖c5 ♖xe5 51.♗xb7 ♗e1+ 52.♖b4 g5 53.♗h6 ♗h1 54.♖c4 ♖f4 55.♖d3 e5 56.♗f6+ ♖g3 57.♗f5 ♗xh3 58.♖e2 ♖xg4 59.♗xe5 ♖f4 60.♗a5 g4 61.♖f1 ♗b3 62.♗a2 ♖g3 63.♗a4 ♖h3 64.♗a7 ♗b1+ 65.♖e2 g3 66.♗h7+ ♖g2 67.♗g7 ♗b8 68.♗e7 ♗f8 69.♗e6 ♖g1 70.♗e7 g2 71.♗e6 ♗h8 72.♗a6 0-1

Black makes the controversial decision to give up his important dark-squared bishop and face a Kingside attack just to double White's c-pawns. His queenside play then becomes more powerful than White's attack which never gets rolling.

40	HAESSEL Dale R	CAN	2154	L57	L62	W98	D61	W74	D37	W60	4
41	NGUYEN Tam D	IL	2150	L23	W77	L36	D76	D61	W85	W62	4
42	MAZOCK Philip A	NY	2148	W31	L13	W97	L30	W75	D44	D34	4
43	MAZOCK Michael J	PA	2141	L33	W63	W46	L57	D38	D62	W64	4
44	CHOW Albert C	FM IL	2321	L90	W94	W68	L28	W65	D42	L26	3.5
45	GINAT Michael	NM CO	2296	W26	L10	W80	L6	W86	D23	L19	3.5
46	PUPOLS Viktors	LM WA	2282	W53	L12	L43	D70	W89	W51	L20	3.5
47	SIMMS Gary	LM TX	2219	L11	D71	W95	L55	W90	W82	L22	3.5
48	RENSCH Daniel	NM AZ	2201	L18	W72	L30	W73	L24	D83	W81	3.5
49	MURTHY Pappu L N	LM OH	2200	L14	W32	L23	D72	L82	W91	W83	3.5
50	BRODIE Mark A	IL	2197	L20	L76	L38	D77	W103	W92	W82	3.5
51	GRATZ Glen E	IL	2166	H	L34	W59	W74	L29	L46	W84	3.5
52	SOLOM Nathan	MI	2152	D30	W74	L21	L37	W76	W58	L23	3.5
53	BAKKER Andrew	MA	2093	L46	W101	W99	D23	L36	W79	L24	3.5
54	SCOTT Gene G	IL	2069	W59	L15	W76	W31	L28	D24	L25	3.5
55	GORLIN Yelena	IL	2065	H	W79	L58	W47	W31	L30	L37	3.5
56	INUMERABLE Florentino	IL	2024	W76	H	L19	W93	D34	L32	D58	3.5
57	LINDSAY Fred	FM MI	2404	W40	L27	W87	W43	L6	-	-	3
58	SMITH Bryan G	NM MD	2274	D83	W69	W55	L13	L17	L52	D56	3
59	STEIN Kurt W	NM IL	2274	L54	H	L51	-	W102	D71	W87	3
60	CZUHAI Kevin W	LM MI	2271	W72	L6	W81	L7	W68	L33	L40	3
61	WYSOCKI Jason R	NM MI	2244	L8	L86	W94	D40	D41	L68	W90	3
62	SEGOVIA Javier	NM MI		L2	W40	W84	L19	D69	D43	L41	3
63	FEUERSTEIN Arthur	LM NJ	2231	L3	L43	W102	W81	D32	L26	D70	3
64	GONTCHAROV Viktor	RUS		L10	W70	D22	D69	L33	W80	L43	3
65	CLAFFONE Robert	LM MD	2214	L12	W26	L33	W91	L44	D70	D69	3
66	BENEN Samson	NY	2193	H	D19	D35	L22	D83	W75	L31	3
67	ODONNELL Robert	MI	2172	L29	D85	W96	W35	L22	L25	D72	3
68	WARD Thomas M	MI	2160	L22	W98	L44	W97	L60	W61	L35	3
69	STEVENS Lawrence	CA	2126	D34	L58	W85	D64	D62	L38	D65	3
70	HARTWIG Thomas E	MI	2114	L36	L64	W77	D46	D85	D65	D63	3
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72	JENSEN Matthew R	MN	2056	L60	L48	W101	D49	W93	L31	D67	3
73	RYERSON Britt	IL	2041	L75	D93	D88	L48	L78	W98	W92	3
74	ZELKIND Eduard	FM MN	2330	H	L52	W89	L51	L40	D87	D77	2.5
75	WALLACH Kenneth T	LM IL	2265	W73	L28	W91	L14	L42	L66	D80	2.5
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77	VAN METTER Lester L	FM IN	2228	L16	L41	L70	D50	W95	D90	D74	2.5
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89	FRIDEL Joshua E	NH	2173	H	L21	L74	W103	L46	L76	D91	2
90	FISCHER Robert J	VA	2113	W44	L7	D37	L25	L47	D77	L61	2
91	RIDDLE Robert	IL	2096	L97	W78	L75	L65	D92	L49	D89	2
92	GOLUBIYVA Ijudmila	WFM RUS		L4	W102	L29	L26	D91	L50	L73	1.5
93	HOVE James H	LM MN	2200	L28	D73	W71	L56	L72	-	-	1.5
94	WRIGHT William B	LM OH	2200	L13	L44	L61	L78	L98	W95	D104	1.5
95	SCHROEDER Tony	NM NM	2111	H	L25	L47	L85	L77	L94	W98	1.5
96	BABCOCK Thomas C	MN	2000	H	L31	L67	L71	X101	-	-	1.5
97	MAKSIMOVIC Dejan	NM IL	2292	W91	L11	L42	L68	L80	F84	-	1
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102	WHIRETT Morgan	MI	2114	L35	L92	L63	D101	L59	-	-	0.5
103	ROGERS Bradley K	MI	2000	H	-	L32	L89	L50	L88	-	0.5
104	LAWRENCE Albert J	house NY	1946	-	-	-	-	-	-	D94	0.5
105	KUJOTI Richard K	house IL	1939	L84	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

# Seventy Attend Banquet as ICA Celebrates Excellence

by Michael Marsh

The Illinois Chess Association celebrated excellence during its annual banquet, which was held at Westmont's Bohemian Crystal Restaurant on Sunday, February 27th. The attendees also took a few moments to remember the life of Dr. Eugene Martinovsky, a Senior Master. Martinovsky, a psychiatrist (M.D.) who lived in Naperville, died a few days before the banquet. Helen Warren, a USCF policy board member, gave tribute to Martinovsky. She called him a gentleman as well as an enthusiastic player. "He wore a tie to at least one round of a tournament because he felt he owed it to the game," Warren recalled.

Seventy people enjoyed the baked chicken, sauerkraut, fried cheese sticks, and other treats. After the dinner, metro vice-president Alan Losoff served as master of ceremonies and passed out the ICA awards with help from Josh Flores.

ICA tour statistician and membership



Donna Gruenberg accepts recognition for RAE Products and Chemicals Corporation's generous support of the Illinois Chess Association.

contributions to the organization. Jim Brosos, who served as the first president of the revived ICA in 1961, recalled that Helen Warren helped restart the group.

Former ICA president Hector Hernandez was a double winner. Hernandez earned first place in last year's ICA Tour in Class A and took home a \$130 cash award. Hector Hernandez was also presented with the prestigious Billy Colias award.

Mrs. Warren praised both Hernandez and Smythe. "He has shown extraordinary ability with youngsters," she said about Hernandez. "Bill Smythe seems to be a sparkplug. He does jobs no one else wants to do."

Donna Gruenberg, president of Alsip-based RAE products and Chemicals Corporation and wife of ICA president Fred Gruenberg, received a plaque recognizing her company's membership in the organization. REA Products became the ICA's first corporate member.

As part of the festivities, NM Dejan

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Jim Brosos congratulates Helen Warren as she is honored by the ICA with a Lifetime Patron Membership.

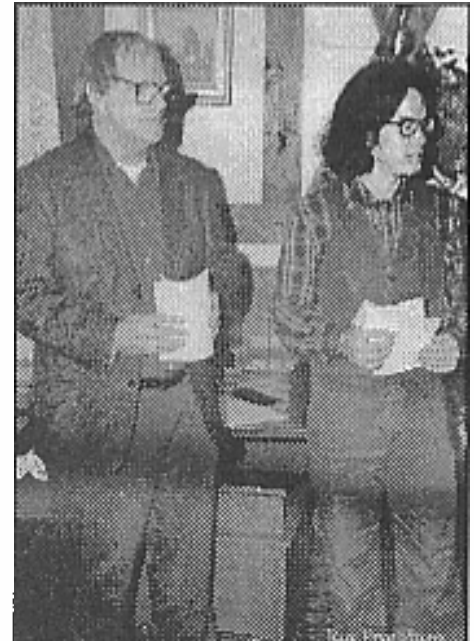
secretary Bill Smythe distributed certificates and checks to the four winners before accepting the Natalie Broughton Life Achievement Award.

Helen Warren announced the recipients of the Billy Colias Excellence in Chess Teaching Award and the Broughton prize.

Mrs. Warren also received a Life Patron Membership in the ICA for her con-



NM Dejan Maksimovic takes on all who dare and emerges undefeated at the ICA banquet.



FM Albert Chow is presented with a check for \$500 as second-place Master in ICA Tours.



# HONORS



Roy Faye Photo

**Helen Warren presents the Billy Colias Award to Hector Hernandez.**



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**Bill Smythe is presented with the Natalie Broughton Award for his service.**



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**ICA V.P. Alan Losoff honors Mike Zacate for service to Scholastic Chess.**

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Maksimovic went 15-0 while playing five-minute simultaneous games. Maksimovic faced three opponents at a time. Three of them lost twice.

The ICA awardees were:

**Service to the ICA:**

Tim Just

**Service to the Chess Club:**

Erv Sedlock

**Service to Scholastic Chess:**

Mike Zacate

**Service to the Chess community:**

University of Illinois at Chicago

**Chess Player of the Year:**

GM Dmitry Gurevich

**Special Recognition: Life Patron Membership for Helen Warren**

**Billy Colias Excellence in Teaching Award:**

Hector Hernandez

**Natalie Broughton Lifetime Chess Achievement Award:**

Bill Smythe

See page 49 for Tour Winners. ☐



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**ICA President Fred Gruenberg honors all who support their Association.**



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**GM Dmitry Gurevich: Chess Player of the Year.**



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**Blair Machaj accepts Service to the Chess Club Award for Erv Sedlock.**



# Chess Wizardry

*The British are coming! The British are coming!*

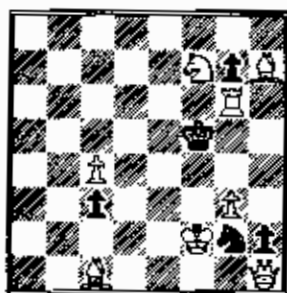
By Todd Barre, U.S. Expert Solver

A recent article by John Beasley in the fine British Chess Problem Society magazine *The Problemist* outlined the history of the so-called "English style" of composition which began in the middle of the 19th century. Contrary to the current "modern" schools which favor problems with rich and sometimes complex play, the British favored quiet waiting moves, and just a few appealing variations. This month, we look at a few of these problems. The solver will find many of the key moves especially surprising.

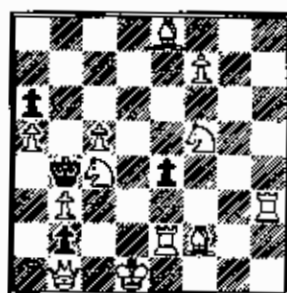
Our first two-mover (73), composed by Geoffrey Heathcote in 1889, is a good example of the English style. The key does not add a whole lot to the number of variations, but is appealing nonetheless in taking care of Black's remaining defenses. On the other hand, 74 is an excellent modern version of the style. In the diagram, Black currently has only one move (c3). How White answers it is quite amusing! On to three mates in three

where you will need to provide at least one line that includes White's second move to earn credit. 75 is a simple but pleasing composition from Frank Healey penned in 1858! 76 and 77, however, show the English school in all its glory with spectacular key moves. To close our set with a little variety, readers should be assured that the diagram in 78 is not a misprint. Recently, a number of composers have attempted to construct worthy problems without a White king! The exclusion is purposeful, as the inclusion of the king would either make the solution impossible, or prevent a unique solution. Despite its length, I don't think you will have any difficulty with it. Remember, Black moves first and cooperates until White succeeds in dealing the fatal blow to the Black monarch on his eighth move. Provide all the moves for credit.

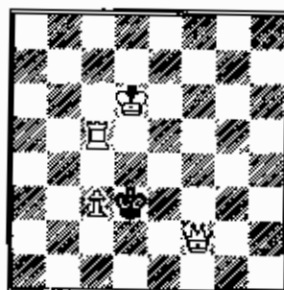
Scoring for this month's problems is three points each for the two-movers, five points for the three-movers, and seven points for the helpmate. That's 28 points for a perfect score. Good solving!



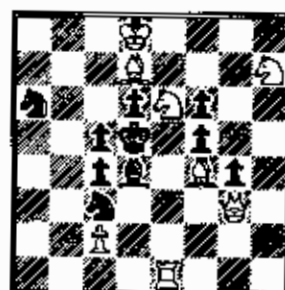
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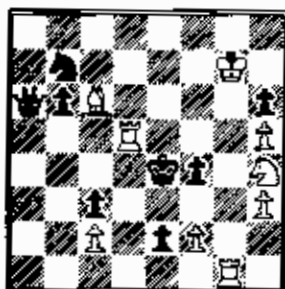
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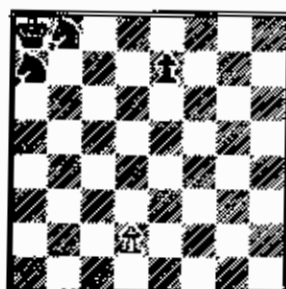
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No. 76 Mate in 3



No. 77 Mate in 3



No. 78 Helpmate in 8

## The Answer Box

In the November-December issue, we offered a selection of shape problems. White's 61 is solved by 1 d6! waiting, while Neydorf's 62 is answered by 1 Rxh7!, followed by a bevy of mates set up by pins. In 63 (Taffs), White has a close try 1 Qa8?, but it fails to 1... Kh7! The solution is 1 Qf5!, another waiting move key. On 1... N or Bh5, White has 2 Rxh5+, while after 1... Bf7, White mates with 2 Bxf7 Bh6, 3 Rg8. Loyd's 64 requires some delicate maneuvering. The key, 1 Nc7!, is excellent since it gives Black's King two additional flight squares. Interestingly, White's second move, however, is the same no matter where Black's King moves (2 Nc4!) with mate to follow on the next move. In our helpmate 65 (Bales), Black wriggles out of the box with 1 Kc4 b3+, 2 Kd4 Rd2+, 3 Kc3 Rd3. A nice exercise in triangulation. Finally, in our proof game 66 (Frolkin), White's Bishop and Queen help open the lines that assist Black in completing the cross. The solution is 1 b3 Nf6, 2 Ba3 Ne4, 3 Bxe7 Kxc7, 4 Qc1 Ke6, 5 Qa3 Qg5, 6 Qxa7 Be7, 7 Qxb8 Ra5, 8 Qxc8 Re5, 9 Qe8 Rxc8, 10 e3 Qxe3+.

Join the ladder!

Solve this month's problems and pick up 28 points to get started. Send your solutions by June 1, 2000 to Todd Barre, 418 Poplar Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126-4012 or by e-mail to [saltodd@gateway.net](mailto:saltodd@gateway.net).

# National and International News Roundup

by John Tomas

## Hastings

The holiday season is also the time when some of the world's longest running annual tournaments take place. Hastings, site of the famous battle in 1066 that resulted in much of the English language's French vocabulary, is the longest running regularly scheduled tournament in the world. In its inaugural event, Hastings 1895 saw a remarkable performance by an unknown American, Harry Nelson Pillsbury. Hastings 2000 saw another appearance by an American, the 15 year-old US Woman's champion Irina Krush. At 2399, Ms. Krush was rated between 150 to 250 points behind all but one of the other competitors. Unfortunately, she did not duplicate Pillsbury's success, scoring 2.5 points (almost exactly what her rating predicted) and but a single win. By contrast, Russian Ponomarev, at almost exactly the same age, scored +1 with but a single loss in the previous year's event.

Emil Sutovsky, now playing for Israel, won the tournament by virtue of a last round victory over Murray Chandler. He finished ½ point ahead of former Candidates Jon Speelman and Alexei Dreev.

Grandmasters Sergei Beshukov and Jim Plaskett tied for first in the Challengers Swiss, with Beshukov earning promotion to next year's premier on the basis of superior tie-breaks.

## Reggio Emilia

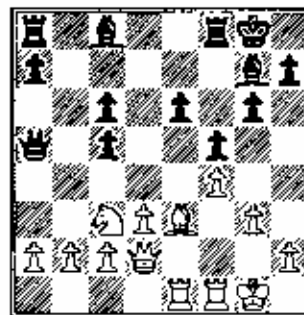
Another long-running tournament (at least 40 years), but one which has seldom had the cachet of Wijk an Zee or Hastings, and this year was no exception. The Italians could manage only a Category VIII field in spite of such notables as Leonid Yudasin of Israel and Romanishen. The tournament was in fact won by Leonid Yudasin in a welcome return to form. Once a player rated in the high 2600s and with two appearances in the Candidates Matches to his credit, he had

dropped to 2554 on the most recent FIDE rating list. Here he scored 7-2 to finish ½ point ahead of the highest-rated player in the field, Igor Khenkin, now playing out of Germany. Evgeniy Solozhenkin of Russia and Oleg Romanishen of Ukraine rounded out the prize winners.

## Wijk an Zee

The tournament of the period, and one of the most compelling tournaments of the recent past had to be the annual tournament in the Netherlands. Three factors made it compelling: First, for the second year running, it secured the participation of the strongest player in the world. Whatever you may think of Gary Kasparov, the simple fact of the matter is that no player this century has done more to widen the horizons of chess than he has. He has been, after Karpov, the greatest world champion of the century and he may well surpass Karpov if he keeps his energy. Second, it had six of the top seven players in the world, plus #10, — only the #4 ranked player, Alexi Shirov was missing. Finally, over the past several years the world of the top players has become increasingly hermetic. More often than not, with few exceptions, they play in only two or three tournaments a year and they play largely only against each other. This tournament was truly a mixed tournament with such former top-ten stars as Judit Polgar, Jan Timman, Viktor Korchnoi, and Nigel Short joining a number of other top-flight players.

The winner can hardly have been any surprise. Even though he had no tournament games in the last six months, Gary Kasparov ran away from the field again finishing a full point and ½ ahead of the three in second-place. It didn't happen without problems however. Both Englishmen, Short and Adams, avoided Gary's favorite open Sicilian in favor of more restrained approaches. Kasparov did indeed overreach himself against Adams and saved the day only by inspired endgame play. But the game against Short was even worse.



Short-Kasparov

16.Nd1!

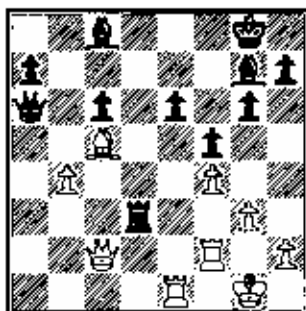
Gary had completely overlooked this idea. Now he is positionally lost and has to scramble for tactical counterplay.  
 16...Qxa2 17.Bxc5 Rd8 18.b3 Rb8 19.Rf2 Qa6 20.Nc3 Rxb3! 21.cxb3 Rxd3 22.Qa2 Rxc3 23.b4 Ra3 24.Qc2 Rd3

(See Diagram Next Page)

Cebus Wijk an Zee NED (NED), 15-30 I 2000

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2 Kramnik, Vladimir	g RUS 2758	=	*	=	=	=	1	=	=	1	=	=	1	=	1
3 Leko, Peter	g HUN 2725	=	=	*	=	=	=	=	=	=	1	=	=	1	1
4 Anand, Viswanathan	g IND 2760	=	=	=	*	=	=	=	=	=	=	1	=	1	1
5 Morozovskiy, Alexander	g RUS 2748	0	=	=	=	*	=	=	0	1	=	1	=	1	1
6 Adams, Michael	g ENG 2715	=	0	=	=	=	*	=	1	0	1	=	=	1	1
7 Piket, Jeroen	g NED 2633	=	=	=	=	=	=	*	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
8 Timman, Jan E	g NED 2655	0	=	=	=	=	=	=	*	1	0	=	=	1	1
9 Nikolic, Predrag	g BIH 2659	0	=	0	0	1	1	=	=	*	=	=	1	=	1
10 Short, Nigel H	g ENG 2683	=	0	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	*	1	=	=	1
11 Polgar, Judit	g HUN 2658	0	=	=	0	=	1	=	=	0	*	=	=	0	1
12 Korchnoi, Viktor	g SUI 2659	0	=	0	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	*	=	0	1
13 Lputian, Smpat G	g ARM 2605	=	0	0	0	0	=	0	=	=	=	=	*	1	1
14 Van Wely, Loek	g NED 2646	0	=	=	=	0	0	=	0	=	=	=	=	=	*



25.Rd2?

The wrong rook! With 25.Rd1! Rd5 26.Rxd5 cxd5 27.Qa2! (the point) White wins! Now Gary scares up enough play to draw. 25...Rd5 26.Rxd5 cxd5 27.Bf2 Bh7 28.Qe7 d4 29.Qd8+ Bf8 30.Qf6 d3 31.Be5 Bxc5+ 32.bxc5 d2 33.Qd9+ Kg7 34.Qe7+ ½-½. **How Strong is Gary Kasparov!**

But these were just aberrations. Hard as it may be to believe, it seems Gary is getting even stronger. I always felt that he gave away too many ½ points in technically won endgames, endgames that Fischer and Karpov, for example, would have won. Not so here. Indeed, his technical skill is beginning to remind people of the mature (if that isn't a contradiction in terms) Fischer. Just look at the conclusion of his game against Jan Timman.

**Kasparov-Timman**

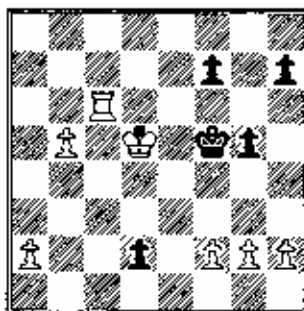
19.Qxe6+ Nxe6 20.0-0-0 Ke7

There might be some problems winning this position if White were a lesser player. After all, Black's knight is very well posted and White has a bad bishop. But in Gary's hand the win is child's play.

21.Rhe1 Rhd8 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Re4! Rd5 24.Kc2 c5

The "a" pawn is going to go, so Timman tries to get a passed pawn to provide some sort of compensation.

25.Ra4 Nd4+ 26.Bxd4 cxd4 27.Rxa7 Kd7 28.Kd3 Rxe5 29.Ra4! c5 30.b4! Kc6 31.Ra6+ Kf5 32.b5 Rd5 33.Rc6 c4+ 34.Kxc4! d3 35.Kxd5 d2



Has Gary miscalculated?

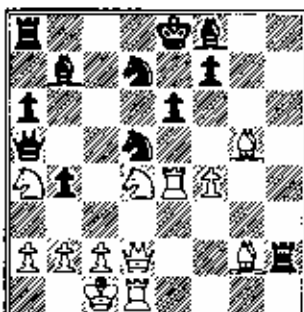
36.g4+! 1-0

No! The rook gets to the "d" file in time!

But Gary is still Gary and given an attacking position, he can be as brilliant as ever as Loek Van Wely found to his great sorrow when he decided to take him on in Gary's favorite Najdorf Sicilian.

**Gary Kasparov - Loek Van Wely  
Corus Wijk aan Zee Sicilian Defense [B80]**

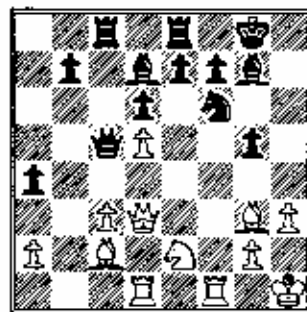
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.f3 b5 8.g4 b6 9.Qd2 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 Bb7 11.h4 b4 12.Na4 d5 13.Bh3 g5 14.Bg2 gxh4 15.Rxh4 dxe4 16.g5 Nd5 17.Rxe4 hxg5 18.Bxg5 Qa5 19.f4 Rh2



20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Rxe6+ Kf7 22.Qd3 Bg7 23.Qf5+ Kg8 24.Rxd5 Qxa4 25.Re7 1-0.

But Gary's game of the tournament, and, to my mind THE game of the tournament was his game against Judith Polgar. When he played Polgar in the final round, he had already clinched first prize, winning could gain him nothing. But he had never given Polgar even a draw in

their games and he was not about to let her get away.



**Kasparov-Polgar**

I was watching this game live on ICC, and for a long time the very strong players commenting were doubtful that Gary had any compensation for the pawn he tossed in the opening. The following moves were all made with less than 10 minutes left for each side.

26.Rxf6! exf6 27.Qb7+ Kf8 28.Nd4! The threat is 29.Bxa4 followed by Nf5 and it forces Polgar to give the exchange back.

28... Re5 29.Bxe5 fxe5 30.Ne6+ Bxe6 31.dxe6 Re7 32.Bxa4 d5 33.Qf5 Qc4 34.Bd7 Qf4 35.Qb1! Made instantly.

35...fxe6 36.Bxe6! Wonderful judgment. 36.Rf1 Rxd7 37.Rxf4 might be a win, but then again it might not. Kasparov goes for bishops of opposite-color in a middle game where Black's King is running around in the open because he knows, as all strong players do, that such positions are always winning for the side with the initiative.

36... Ke7 37.Bxd5 Rd7 38.c4 Qe3 39.Qh7 Kd8 40.Rb1 Qf4 41.Be6 Re7 42.Bg4 Rf7 43.Qd3+ Qd4 44.Qg6 1-0 **Mirror Mirror on the Wall: Who's the (Second) Strongest of them All?** If the winner's circle held few surprises, neither did the set of the contenders: number two through seven followed at a respectful distance. But their result did give credence to a suspicion I have had for some time: that if anyone is going to challenge Gary successfully, it will be the twenty-year-old Hungarian, Peter Leko Leko

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has lost his first two games against Kasparov but has not lost since. Almost alone among his contemporaries, Leko seems willing to challenge Team Kasparov's theoretical preparation, perhaps because he works at least as hard with his own team. Moreover, he is getting a reputation as an extremely tough man to beat. He is an outstanding defensive player, and he seldom takes silly risks. Perhaps more importantly, given his style, he has tremendous endgame technique. Combined with his outstanding preparation, it means that he often wins games where it appears his opponent never had a chance. He played such a game against Viktor Korchnoi, no mean endgame player himself!

## Peter Leko - Viktor Korchnoi Corus Wijk aan Zee French Defense [C11]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Nbd7 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Nf3 c5 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.Qe2 Be7 11.dxc5 0-0 12.Ne5 Qd5 13.0-0 Bxc5 14.Rfe1 Nd7 15.Nf3 f6 16.Rad1 Qc6 17.Qxe6+ Qxe6 18.Rxe6 fxe5 19.Rxd7 g4 20.Re5 Rad8 21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Ne1 Bd4 23.Rb5 Bb6 24.e4 Rd1 25.Kf1 Rc1 26.b3 Kf8 27.a4 Bd4 28.Ke2 b6 29.Rd5 Bf6 30.Nd3 Rc3 31.Rb5 h5 32.Kd2 h4 33.Nf4 h3 34.g3 Kg8 35.Nd5 Rf3 36.Ke2 Bd4 37.Ne3 Be5 38.b4 Bf8 39.a5 bxa5 40.bxa5 a6 41.Rb8 Kf7 42.Nxg4 Rf5 43.f4 1-0

Of the other players in the tournament, the Dutch players Jan Timman and Jeroen Piket both had excellent results. Piket fell victim to the flu that was making the rounds of the tournament or he might well have had an even better result. With the exception of a very nice win against Morozevich, Timman had his problems with the prize winners, but had the consolation of winning one of the most brilliant games of the tournament.

## Jan Timman - Loek Van Wely Corus Wijk aan Zee NED Sicilian Defense [B80]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.f3 b5 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.g4 h6 10.0-0-0 Bb7 11.Bd3 Ne5 12.Rhe1 Rc8 13.Kb1 Nfd7 14.f4 Nc4 15.

			Ju99	Jan0	GA
1.	Kasparov, Gary.....	g	RUS	2851	2851 0
2.	Anand, Viswanathan.....	g	IND	2771	2769 12
3.	Kramnik, Vladimir.....	g	RUS	2760	2758 21
4.	Shirov, Alexei.....	g	ESP	2734	2751 25
5.	Morozevich, Alexander.....	g	RUS	2758	2748 5
6.	Leko, Peter.....	g	HUN	2701	2725 26
7.	Adams, Michael.....	g	ENG	2708	2715 21
8.	Ivanchuk, Vassily.....	g	UKR	2702	2709 20
9.	Bareev, Evgeny.....	g	RUS	2698	2709 16
10.	Topalov, Veselin.....	g	BUL	2690	2702 34
11.	Karpov, Anatoly.....	g	RUS	2709	2696 13
12.	Gurevich, Mikhail.....	g	BEL	2643	2694 49
13.	Gelfand, Boris.....	g	ISR	2713	2692 30
14.	Fedorov, Alexei.....	g	BLR	2659	2684 24
15.	Short, Nigel D.....	g	ENG	2675	2683 26
16.	Dreev, Alexey.....	g	RUS	2679	2680 12

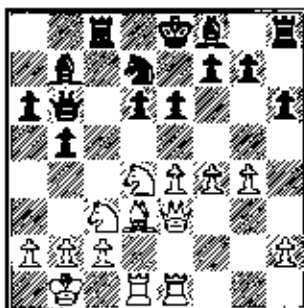


Peter Leko and Alexander Khalifman

Bxb5! axb5 20. Qe8+ Kc7 21.Qxf7 g5 22.Ne6+ Kb8 23.Qxd7 gxf4 24. Rf1 f3 25.a3 Qe3 26.Rfe1 Qb6 27. Rf1 Qe3 28.Rfe1 Qb6 29.Re4 Rc4 30.Nd4 Rc5 31. Re8+ Ka7 32.Nc6+ Rxe6 33.dxc6 Qxc6 34.Qd8 Qe4 35. Qb8+ Ka6 36.Rxf8 Rxf8 37.Qxf8 1-0

## Leko-Khalifman Match

Qe2 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 Qb6



This position has a bit of history. You will recall the Kasparov-Van Wely game earlier in this article. But this exact position occurred in Anand-Van Wely as well with Anand opting for 17.f5 when Van Wely drew very comfortably. Timman, it seems, thought there was more in the position and after some home analysis, decided to prove it.

17.Nd5! exd5 18.exd5+ Kd8 19.

On the heels of Alexander Khalifman's victory in the FIDE World Championship tournament organizers in Budapest put together a six game match between him and the #6 player in the world, 20 year-old Peter Leko. The result was an overwhelming victory for Leko as he won all of his games with White and drew with Black. The match was less one-sided than it might appear at first glance. But Leko, who regularly analyzes with Bobby Fischer (in exile in Budapest), has turned into one of the toughest players in the world to beat, and after surviving dubious positions in games 1 and 3, ran away with the match.

## Rating List

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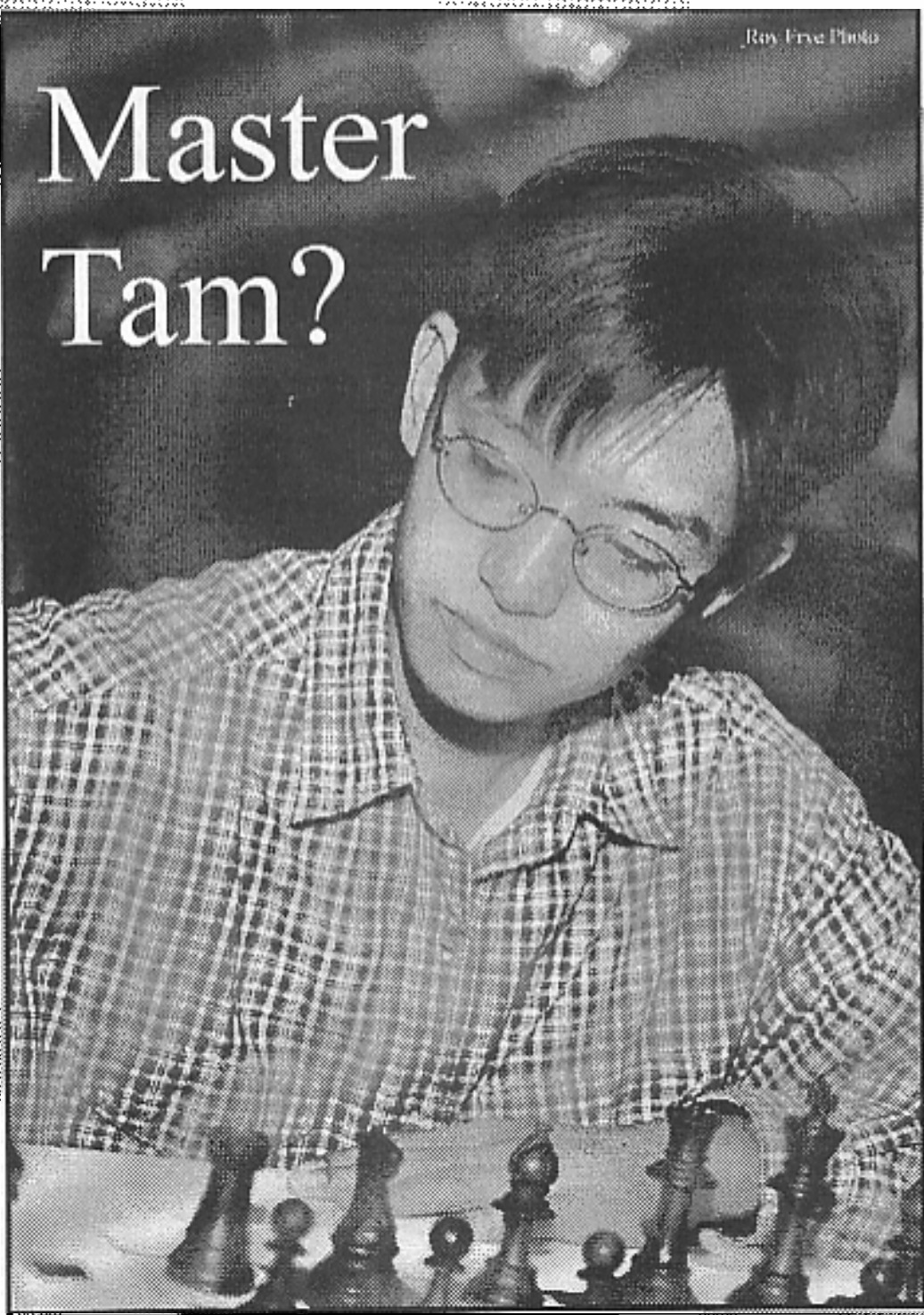
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**How is  
16-year-old  
Tam Nguyen  
doing?**

**Preliminary  
post-game  
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with a Title!**

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## Master Tam?



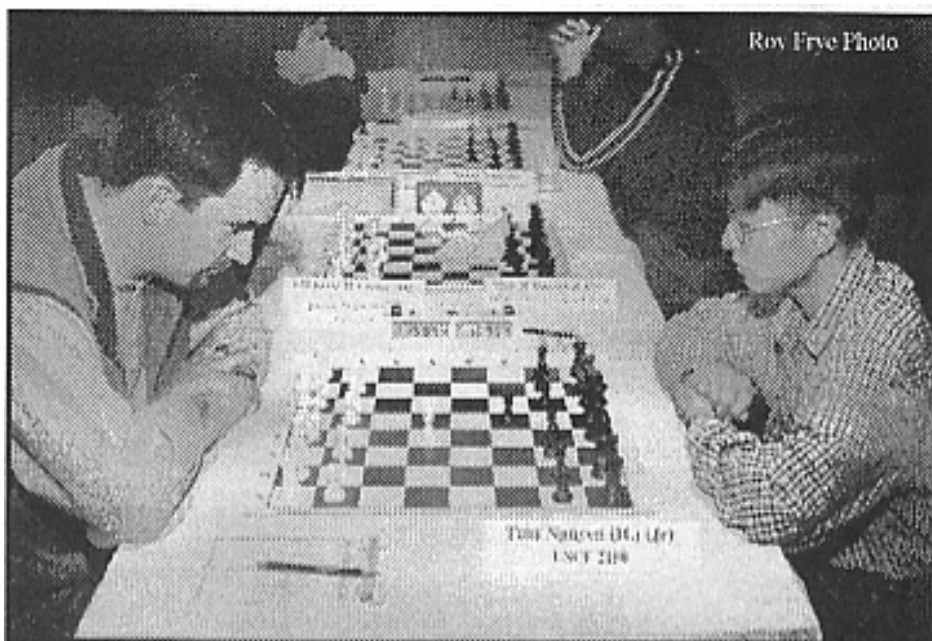
# Heros Come in All Sizes—and Ages

*Tam Nguyen talks about his invitation to play in the U.S. Masters*

by Richard Verber and Roy Frye

The following interview with 16-year-old chess champion Tam Nguyen (pronounced *TAM WIN* or *TAM NWIN*) took place before his 4-3 performance at the U.S. Masters. This 2300+ exhibition of talent and hard work earned him top Junior Honors in a field which included 18 Grandmasters.

It appears to these writers that Tam's life has never been easy. It was not easy to make the transition from Vietnam to Chicago at age 13. It was not easy for Tam to learn to speak English. It was not easy to maintain his A and B+ grade average at this NEW WORLD Senn High School. And, most certainly of all, it was not easy to accomplish all of this while also becoming a chess Master at age 16.



*Tam defends against NM Javier Segovia in the final round of the U.S. Masters Tournament on Sunday, March 12th.*

**Verber/Frye:** How old were you when you learned how to play chess?

**Tam:** *I was seven years old at the time I learned how to play.*

Did your father teach you how to play chess?

*No, he didn't.*

Does your mother and older sister know how to play chess?

*No, they don't.*

When you lived in Saigon, was there a chess club where you could play chess?

*The chess system in Vietnam is different than in the U.S. We just studied and played in major tournaments. There aren't many chess clubs and they serve as training places only.*

Were there chess tournaments in Saigon you could play in?

*Of course there are. But not as many as the U.S. has. However, that made the tournaments more serious.*

Who was your chess teacher in Vietnam?

*A chess teacher for juniors in a district chess club.*

Was he a very strong player?

*I thought so. But, he didn't play in chess tournaments anymore... and all I cared about was that he was a good*

*teacher.*

What do you think his rating would be in the US?

*I don't think his performance could be measured by rating. Vietnam didn't have a rating system anyway.*

We understand you came to Chicago three years ago from Vietnam and are living on the north side of Chicago (5000 N Sheridan area). Are there many Vietnamese and Thai chess players in your neighborhood?

*None that I know of.*

It must be convenient for you to live only three miles from the Chicago Chess Club (7000 N Sheridan). How often do you play at the Chicago Chess Club?

*I play there very often because it's very convenient for me to play there. In fact, about half of the tournaments I've played in, I've played over there.*

Did you start at Senn High School as a freshman?

*Yes, I did.*

We've heard that you and your chess coach, Peter Nichols, have done a good job of building up your chess team at Senn High School in the last year or two. What Chicago High School is your main

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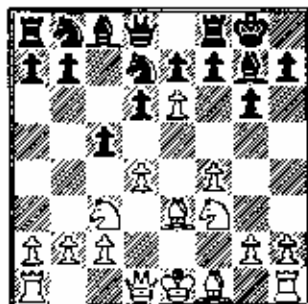
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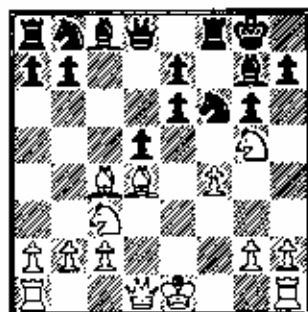


**Games by Tam Nguyen**

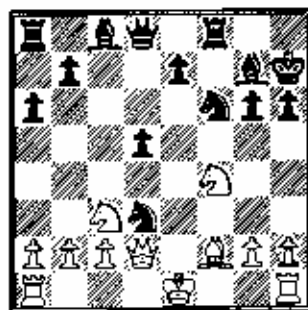
**IM Palos, O (2467) – Nguyen, T (2013)**  
**[B09] CCC Tornado (4), 25.09.1999**  
*[Tam Nguyen]*  
 1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.e5  
 Nf7 6.Be3 0-0 7.Nf3 c5 8.e6



A premature move. [8.dxc5 Nxe5 should be ok.] 8...fxe6 9.Ng5?! This move doesn't bring back the material. 9...cxd4! 10.Bxd4 [10.Nxe6 Qb6 11.Nxf8 dxe3 12.Nd5 Qxb2 13.Rb1 Qxa2 14.Nxe7+ (14.Nxd7 Bxd7 15.Nxe7+ Kh8 16.Be2 Qa5+)] 14...Kxf8 15.Nxc8 Bc3+ 16.Ke2 Qc4+ 17.Qd3 Qxc8 18.Qxd6+ Kg7 19.Qe7+ Kh8 20.Qxc3 Na6+ 10...Nf6 11.Bc4 d5



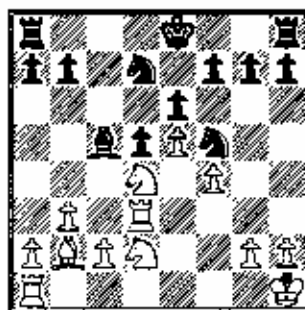
Now, black is up a pawn plus the full center. 12.Be2 Nc6 black is happy to trade to bishop. 13.Bf2 b6 14.Nh3 a6 for Qd6 15.Bd3 Kh7 16.Qd2?! White should hurry to castle king side now, castling queenside for an attack is seemingly too slow. 16...c5 17.fxe5 Nxe5 18.Nf4 Nxd3+



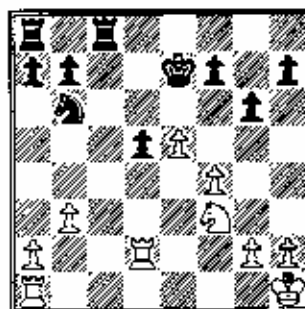
White is losing here, Qd3 is met by Bf5. 19.Nxd3? [19.cxd3 e5] 19...Ne4! black wins a piece easily. And the game is over. 20.Nxe4 dxc4 21.0-0 [21.Nb4 Qxd2+] 21...exd3 22.cxd3 e5 23.Rae1 Qd5 24.Re1 Bf5 25.Rfd1 Rac8 26.h3 Rxc1 27.Qxc1 Rc8 28.Qe3 Qxa2 29.g4 Be6 30.Bg3 Qxb2 31.d4 Bd5 0-1

**Nguyen (2140) – Szpisjak (2230) [B12]**  
**CCC Mini Tour (4), 23.01.2000**  
*[Tam Nguyen]*

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Bd3 Bxd3 5.Qxd3 c6 6.Nc2 out of line move. 6... Qh6 7.0-0 Qa6 8.Rd1 This move gives white the potential to aim at the d file. 8...c5 9.b3 Qxd3 10.Rxd3 Nd7 11.Bb2 Ne7 12.f4 Nf5 13.Nd2 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Bc5 15.Kh1?!

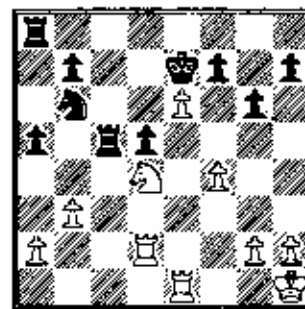


Kf1 would be more accurate when the ending is near. After this move, Nd4 is almost a must and pieces will be off the board. 15...Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Ke7 17.c4 Bxd4 [17...dxc4 18.Nxe4 and d6 will be the target; 17...Rhc8 18.cxd5] 18.Rxd4 Nb6 19.cxd5 [19.c5 is also an option but the queen side will be shaking. 19...Nd7 20.Rc1 Rhc8 21.b4 a5 22.a3] 19...exd5 black avoids the orthodox Nd5 but now the black's knight is tied up to protect its pawn. 20.Nf3 Rbc8 21.Rd2 g6 stopping the white's knight to transfer to f5, this move also exposes some weaknesses.



22.Nd4 Rc5 23.Re1 a5 At first, I thought that he would follow it with a4 but he didn't do it, I can play a4 –Nb5–

Nd6 now but this makes Re1 a waste and b3 a target. 24.e6?!



taking away my d6 square but this opens some future attacks, rather than watching black to double his rooks. 24...Rac8 There isn't enough time to play Rde2 and f5 don't get to any where. 25.exf7+ Kxf7 26.Kg1 Rc1 27.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 28.Kf2 After the exchanges, white's king gets into the battle again. 28...Ke7 29.Kg3 White king is heading to h7 and the black king is going the other way! 29... Nd7 This strikes me with the possibility of the knight going to e4, but Re2+ Kd6 slowing down the idea because after that, white will have the Re6+ threat. 30.Re2+ Kd6 31.f5 The white's king route will be shorter with the exchange on g6. 31...Kc5?! This is a risky move, after Ne6+ Kb4 fg hg Nf4, black loses a pawn with an unclear plan to promote the pawn. 32.Ne6+ Kb4 may be the embarrassing Kd6 move should be played. 33.fxg6 hxg6 34.Nf4 Rd1 35.Nxg6 d4 36.Nb4 I thought that holding the black pawn at d2 would be best because of the bad rook staying in front of the pawn. 36...d3 37.Re4+ Kc3 38.Nf3 Ra1?! This is just a wasted move, leaving the pawn unprotected, better move may be b5 39.Ra4 b6 40.h4 Nc5 black doesn't have anything good here anyways. 41.Rc4+ Kb2 42.b4 [42.b5 Rh1 43.Rh4 Rxb4 44.Kxh4 Ne6 45.h6 Nf8] 42...axb4 43.Rxb4+ Kc3 44.Rxb6 d2 45.Nxd2 Kxd2 This simplifies the position but white has a hard try here although the black king is behind. 46.Kf4 I decided that time was more important. 46...Rxa2 47.g4 Ra4+ 48.Kf5 Ke3 49.Rb5? I overlooked Rf4+, following by Ne4+ and the g4 pawn would be gone. 49...Nd3? black made the same mistake. [49...Rf4+ 50.Kg5 Ne4+ 51.Kh5 Nf6+] 50.h5 Rf4+ 51.Kg5 Kf3? 52.Rf5 Black is helpless now. 1-0

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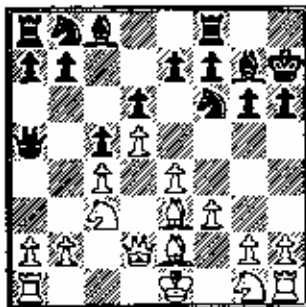
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**Rosenberg, E (1830) – Nguyen, T (2093) [E74]**

National All-Grade (6), 1999

[J Fagan/T Nguyen]

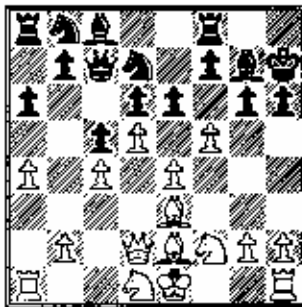
This win helped me to take the 11th grade nationals, a draw would have been the massive seven-way-tie for first. 1. d4 d6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. e4 Bg7 5. Be2 0-0 6. Bg5 c5 Modern players tend to favor the flexible [6...Na6 7. h4!? (7. Nf3 h6 8. Bf4 e5 9. dxe5 Nh5 10. Be3 dxe5 11. Qc1 Kh7 12. 0-0 c6= Uhlmann–Nunn, Dortmund 1991.; 7. Qd2 e5 8. d5 Qe8 9. Bd1!? Nc5 10. Be2 a5 11. Nge2 Nh5 12. Nb5 Qd7 13. 0-0-0 b6 14. f3 a4 15. g4 Nf4 16. Nxf4 exf4 17. Bxf4 Ba6± Seirawan–Piket, Wijk aan Zee 1991.) 7...h6 8. Be3 e5 (8... c5 9. d5 h5 followed by e6 is also good.) 9. d5 Ne5 10. Qc2 c6 11. h5 g5 12. f3 a5 13. g4 Bd7 14. Nb3 a4 as in Bareev–Kasparov, Linares 1992.] 7. d5 h6 8. Be3 Qa5 Another possibility is to attack white's center with [8...e6 9. h3 exd5 10. exd5 This capture is better as 10. exd5 allows black to advance on the queenside. 10...Re8] 9. Qd2 Kh7 [I might also play 9...Nbd7 as 10. Bxh6 Bxh6 11. Qxh6 Nxe4+ is better for black. However, Kh7 seems necessary at some point in any case.] 10. f3



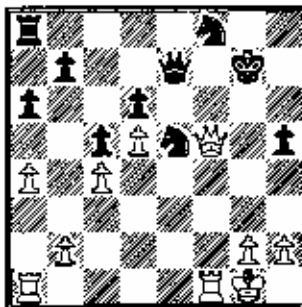
This seems excessively cautious. White could focus on his development with [10. Nf3 Nbd7 11. h3 Otherwise black can play the maneuver Ng4–e5. 11...a6 12. 0-0 Rb8 13. a3=] 10...a6 11. a4 Nf7!? 12. Nd1?! This doesn't seem correct as Bxc3 isn't a threat. 12. Nh3, or some other developing move, would have been better. 12...Qc7 [12...Qxd2+ 13. Bxd2 b6 14. Nh3 c6 saves time.] 13.

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Nh3 Ne5 Perhaps 13...Nf6 is better as it avoids a future f3–f4 by white. 14. Nhf2 e6 15. f4 Ncd7 16. f5?!



White's position simply lacks the development to stand opening the position. 16. Nc3 looks better. 16...exf5 17. exf5 Ne5 18. f6 [18. f3 g6+ f3 g6 19. 0-0 would allow white to get up with his development.] 18...Bxf6 19. Bxh6 Bg7 I think 19...Re8 would give you a better chance of retaining an edge. 20. Bxg7 Kxg7 21. 0-0= Qe7 22. Qf4 Rh8 23. Nc3 Nbd7 24. Ne4 f5 ! 25. Ng3 Nf8 26. Bh5 ?! 26. Rael is certainly simpler. But I don't know if white's try is so bad. It's certainly very BRAVE. 26...Rxb5 27. Nxb5+ gxb5 28. Nxf5+ Bxf5 29. Qxf5 With a draw offer.



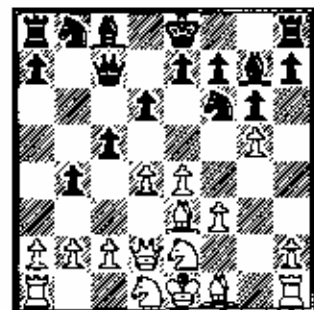
29...h4 30. Rael Nfg6 31. h3 Rh8 32. Kh1 Re8 [32...Rd8 was actually played] 33. Kgl Rf8 34. Qe4 Rxf1+ 35. Rxf1 Qg5 36. Kh1 Kh6 37. b3 Qg3 38. Qe1? [38. Rf6! Qxb3 39. Qxh4+ Kg7 40. Qg5 Qh1+ 41. Kh2 Nxc4 42. Re6] 38...Qxb3 39. Rf6 Nxc4? [39...Qxc4 40. Rxd6 Kg5 41. Qe3+ Kf5 42. Qf2+ Nf4 43. Rd8 Qxa4+ 40. Qxb4+? [40. Rxg6+!! Kxg6 41. Qe6+ =] 40...Kg7 41. Qg5 Qd1+ 42. Kh2 Qc2 43. h4 Qe4 44. h5 [44. Re6!? Qxh4+ 45. Qxh4 Nxb4 46. Re4 Nb6 47. Rxb4 Nxd5 48. a5 b5 49. axb6 Nxb6 with an unclear ending. I think black has the only winning chances. Here are some tries, of course the moves aren't forced. 50. Kg3 a5 (50...c4 51. Kf3 a5 52. Ke3 a4

53. Kd4 Kg6 54. Rh1±) 51. Kf3 d5 52. Rh1 a4 53. Ke3 a3 54. Ra1 Kf6 55. Kd3 Ne4 56. Ra2 Kf5 57. Rc2 Kf4 58. Ra2 Kg3 59. Kc3 Ne5 (59. Nd6 60. Kb3 Nb5 61. Rd2 c4+ 62. Kb4 c3 63. Ra2 d4 64. Kxb5+) 60. Rxa3 d4+ 61. Kd2+ Kxg2 62. Ra8 c4 63. Rd8 Nf3+ 64. Ke2 Ng1+ 65. Kd2 c3+ 66. Kd3 Nf3 67. Rxd4= Nxd4 68. Kxc3] 44... Qe5+ 45. Qxe5 Ngxe5 46. Re6 h5 47. g4? [47. axh5□] 47...Nxe4+ 48. Kg3 Nge5 49. Kh4 bxa4 50. h6+ Kh7 51. Kh5 Nf7 52. Re7 Ncc5 53. Ra7 a3 54. Rxa6 a2 55. Rxa2 Nxb6 56. Ra7+ Nhf7 57. Kh4 Kg6 58. Kg3 Kf5 0-1

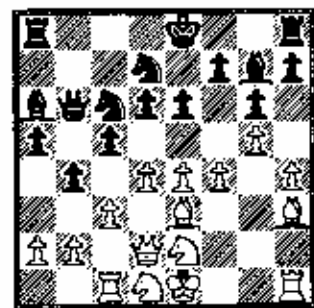
**Dean, J (2260) – Nguyen (2126) [B07]**

Amateur Team (3), 19.02.2000

This win guaranteed our team at least a draw against "The Doss Factor" in the Amateur Team Championship. (With the extreme effort of David Summerhays, we won the match and made "The Doss Factor" to quit from the tournament.) 1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Be3 Bg7 5. f3 c6 6. Qd2 b5 7. Nge2 Qc7 8. g4 b4 9. Nd1 c5 10. g5



10...Nf7 11. c3 a5 12. Re1 Qh6 13. h4 Ne6 14. Bh3 e6 15. f4 Ba6



16. d5 exd5 17. exd5 Ne7 18. Ng3 bxc3 19. Nxc3 Rb8 20. Nge4 f5 21. gxf6 Nxf6 22. Be6 Nf5 23. Ng5? Qxb2 24. Bxf5 Qxd2+ 25. Kxd2 gxf5 26. Ne6 Kf7 27. Rb1 Bc4 28. Rhg1 Bh6 29. Ng5+ Bxg5 30. Rg5? [30. Rxb8] 30...Rxb1 31. Nxb1 Bxd5 [31...Ne4+] 0-1 ♁



# Honor Roll

## Top 50 Illinois Juniors



1. 2166 Tam Nguyen	Chicago	26. 1593 John Bolton	Frankfort
2. 2058 Mikhail Kirzhner	Niles	27. 1574 Scott Small	Peoria
3. 2049 Yelina Gorlin	Skokie	28. 1568 James Francescon	Moline
4. 2045 Mark, Jr. Robledo	Elgin	29. 1545 John Piergalski	Park Ridge
5. 1988 Robert Riddle	Park Ridge	30. 1544 Ali Amir	Lombard
6. 1941 Artem Akhmetov	Glenview	31. 1544 Brian Egerton	Glen Ellyn
7. 1918 Aaron Chen	Oakbrook	32. 1544 Pete Karagianis	Peoria
8. 1917 Andrey Gorlin	Skokie	33. 1526 William Bielski	Park Ridge
9. 1862 Kenneth Huang	Oakbrook	34. 1522 Glenn Moore	Hoffman Est
10. 1845 D. Reddivari	Chicago	35. 1516 Gabriel Lerner	Northbrook
11. 1823 Daniel Leung	Park Ridge	36. 1499 Brett Collins	Park Ridge
12. 1822 David Nordahl	Glen Ellyn	37. 1499 Dan Edeus	Orland Park
13. 1821 Barney Getz	Peoria	38. 1499 Francisco Medina	Chicago
14. 1809 Robert Rasmussen	Niles	39. 1485 Andy McCormick	Charleston
15. 1722 William Aramil	Winnette	40. 1482 Johnathan Lewis	Pekin
16. 1713 D. Giannokopoulos	Glendale Hts	41. 1478 Michael Giampa	Glendale Hts
17. 1700 Brian Wong	Glen Ellyn	42. 1469 Scott Steward	Quincy
18. 1684 Christopher Hayes	Lake Forest	43. 1463 Michael Barkdoll	Loves Park
19. 1657 Andrew Hubbard	Glen Ellyn	44. 1456 Patrick Perego	Normal
20. 1650 Matthew Pullin	Evanston	45. 1455 David Summerhays	Evanston
21. 1621 Alan Rose	Hoffman Est	46. 1447 Adam Chambers	Normal
22. 1606 Seth McClure	Prairie View	47. 1447 Yashua Hosch	Evanston
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# Here They Come!

## Illinois seeing increase in junior chess strength

By Kevin L. Bachler

**D**ue to several factors, Illinois is seeing an increase in strength among its junior players. Our group of high school players appears to have greater depth-of-strength than it had a couple of years ago. Illinois also has a group of talented eighth graders, with some up and coming seventh and even strong sixth graders moving toward high school.

Jason Duncan is a talented sixth grader, already rated over 1500. Recently he drew one of the top eighth graders, Andrey Gorlin, younger brother of the very talented high school player, Yelena Gorlin.

**Andrey Gorlin - Jason Duncan [C44]**  
Hadley Class (3), 05.02.2000

[Duncan]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Ne6 3.d4 exd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Be4 Be5 is a mistake because of Bxf7+ followed by Qd5, which drops a pawn. Better is d6. 5...Be5 6.Bxf7+ Kxf7 7. Qd5+ Ke8 8.Qh5+ Kf8 9.Qxc5+ d6 10. Qxc3 Bg4 11.0-0 Bxf3 12.Qxf3+ Qf6 With Qxf6, White's lead in development disappears. 13.Qxf6+ Nxf6 14.Nc3 Kf7 15.Bg5 Rhe8 16.f3 a6 17.Rae1 Nd4 18. Rfd1 Ne6 19.Bh4 Rad8 20.Nd5 e6 21. Nxf6 gxf6 22.Re2 Ne7 23.Bg3 Re6 24. Rcd2 Ke7 25.Bf2 Rd7 26.Rd4 e5 is probably a mistake because it creates a hole on d5. 26...e5 27.R4d3 White is threatening Bxc5. 27...Re5 28.Re1 Ne6 29.Bg3 Rg5 30.f4 Rg4 31.h3 Rg7 f5 is not good for White because of the whole it leaves on e5. 32.f5 Nd4 33.Bf2 Ne6 34.Red1 Ne5 35.Rd5 b6 36.Kh2 Rg8 37.b4 Re8 38.bxc5 bxc5 39.Bg3 Re6 40.Bxe5 fxe5 41.g4 Kf6 42.h4 h6 43. R1d2 e4 44.Re2 e3 45.Rd3 Re4 46. Rdxc3 Rxe4 47.Rg2 Rg7 48.Re6 Rd4 49.Rxa6 h5 50.gxh5 Rxh4+ 51.Kg1 Rxf2+ 52.Kxf2 Kxf5 53.Rxd6 Rxh5 54.a4 Rh8 55.Rd1 Ra8 56.Ra1 Ke4 57. Ra3 Kd4 58.Kf2 Ke4 59.Ke3 Kb4 Draw agreed. 1/2-1/2

Some of Illinois' top seventh graders include Richard Martin and Andrew

Hubbard, and also Daniel Leung. These players have made significant in-roads to class B and class A.

But the real story is the current group of eighth graders, several of whom will participate in this year's Denker Qualifier. This group is led by Robert Riddle (2050), Andrey Gorlin (1920), Robert Rasmussen (1800) and Richard Aramil (1750), but is closely followed by Mark Rokita (1595), William Bielski (1550), John Garett-Piergalski (1550), and Matt Leali (1450).

### Quantum Jumps

As a chess coach, one of the most satisfying times is when a young player has his or her strength jump up. This is a phenomenon where, after sitting at roughly the same rating for a significant period of time, a talented junior will suddenly put several pieces in place and move to the next level. It is well documented that young players can improve very rapidly, more so than adults. In fact, Arpad Elo, the developer of the current rating system, even named this phenomenon, referring to it as a "quantum jump." During a quantum jump it is not uncommon to see a talented player gain 200-300 rating points, and from time to time players may shoot up 600-700 rating points. William Aramil is a great example of this. A year ago William was a high 1100 player, and is now well into the 1700's. Robert Riddle is reaching a plateau after a quantum jump that looks to be about 300 rating points.

This rapid improvement is due to a combination of factors. One key factor is that young players learn quickly. It is also important to remember that they also go through phases where they physically and mentally mature, so that simply the ability to have greater endurance can often lead to better results. I had the good fortune to see this type of improvement in my student Adam Lief in the early 1980's. In his case in particular, increased endurance combined with better play led to a rapid increase in strength. Another important point is that it is the accumulation of incremental knowledge

that suddenly leads to an increase in strength. When a player learns ideas A, B, C, ... what happens first is that he or she simply plays tougher and longer losses - but the player still loses. Suddenly they learn ideas ...K, L, M, ... and they begin to win against players that they would previously lose against. The time period while learning A, B, ..., M, ... constitutes the plateau, and once they learn that last important incremental piece, ...M..., they jump upward.

Having the good sense to practice "clumping" also assists this improvement. "Clumping" is the practice of - when a player is improving and scoring well - getting that player into as many reasonable tournaments as possible. Clumping can act as a lens to focus improvement. It provides a large number of opportunities for the player to play and learn while improving. This is especially important for players who have been at a plateau for some time. Often these players will show the most upward pressure to improve once they leave their plateau. Clumping is very important for these players. Clumping can sometimes lead to back-to-back upward jumps.

"Late" in my development as a young player, I had an opportunity to experience the surprising effects of clumping. Having just improved from a low 1900 to a low expert, at age 23 (a fairly late age for such improvement) I assumed I would quickly plateau once again. I was wrong. In my very next tournament, I had the good fortune to improve again, scoring 4.5 out of 5 with wins over two 2400's - and a leap of 100 rating points. Opportunities like these are few, and are generally the result of a great deal of work.

Unfortunately, my experience is that the chess public does not always react well to young improving players. I have seen "adult" players ridicule young players, or otherwise treat them badly or with significant disrespect before, during, or after a game. Fortunately, this poor behavior seems to be the case among a sad minority of chess players, and many players are actually very encouraging of

developing young players.

Last spring and early summer, I had the good fortune to watch my son Robert Riddle come off a long plateau of the 1600 range, and to move to the 1750 range. Normally, I would have expected a plateau shortly thereafter, but beginning in August Robert began to show signs of defeating "A" players and experts. In the Illinois Open, he had three whites (in the morning rounds) against high "A" players, and in the evening rounds he had three blacks against experts. He very narrowly lost the three evening games while winning all the morning events.

The very first game in the tournament demonstrated that Robert was most definitely not at a new plateau.

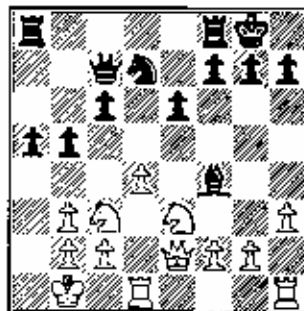
**Riddle,R (1743) - Satterlee,R (1974) [B01]**

Illinois Open Illinois (1.31), 04.09.1999  
[Kevin L. Bachler]

Looking back, this was a key game in Robert's development. Against an experienced (and gracious) opponent, Robert played fairly well in all phases of the game. This win signified that his recent climb into the 1700's was not going to stop there. 1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3. Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 e6 5.Be4 Nf6 6.Bd2 Perhaps not the best move, but consistent with a focus on tactics so common to young players. 6...Qb6 7.N3 Bf5 This makes the threat of Qxb2 much more viable, since the c-pawn would also be weak. 8.Na4 Qc7 9.Bb3 e6 10.Qe2 Bd6 11.0-0-0 Nbd7 12.h3 Ne4 13.Nh4 A unique solution. White has placed both Knights on the rim, seemingly a poor idea. But both Knights threaten to jump into the center. 13...Nxd2 14.Nxf5 Nxb3+ 15.axb3 Bf4+ 16.Kb1 0-0 17. Ne3 b5 18.Nc3 a5 It looks like Black has gotten the better of the position. With a Bishop for a Knight, and a queenside attack brewing, White looks to be in trouble. But an action on the flank is best met in the center, and this position is no exception:

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19.d5!! Bxe3 [19...exd5 20.Nexd5 cxd5 21.Nxd5 Qb8 22.Nxf4 Qxf4 23.Rxd7±] 20.d6 Qa7 21.Qxe3 Nf6 22.Qxa7 Rxa7 23.E Rd8 24.Rd2 h6 25.Ne4 Nxe4 26. fxe4 Rad7 27.Rhd1 A double Rook



ending, notoriously difficult to win. White's pawn structure is inferior, but he has more active Rooks. 27...b4 28.c4 c5 29.g4 f6 30.h4?! Robert notes that a timely ...h5 would now cause White problems. 30...Kf7 31.Kc2 e5 32.Rd5 Rc8 33.Ra1 Ke6 34.Rxa5 Rxd6 35. Ra7! h5 Too late. White's Rooks have already infiltrated. 36.g5 fxg5 37.Rxg7 Rxd5 38.cxd5+ Kf6 39.Rxg5 c4 40. bxc4 Rxc4+ 41.Kd3 Rd4+ 42.Ke3 Rd1 43.Rxh5 Re1+ 44.Kd3 Rd1+ 45.Ke2 Rh1 46.Rf5+ Kg6 47.Rxc5 Rxh4 48.d6 Rh2+ 49.Kb3 1-0

In later games in the Illinois Open, he showed that he could convincingly defeat 1900's:

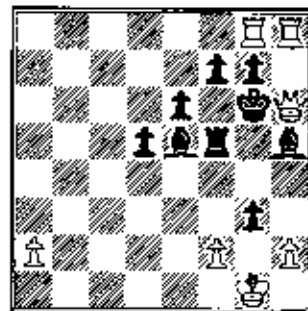
**Riddle,R - Cavitt,D (1965) [B32]**  
Illinois Open Illinois (3.22), 05.09.1999

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 b5 8.Nd5 Nge7 9.c4 bxc4 10.Bxc4 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 Qc7 12.Be3 Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rc1 Bd7 15.Rxc6 Bxc6 16.Qc2 Rfe8 17.Rc1 Rab8 18.Qxc6 Qa5 19.Qxc8+ Rxc8 20. Rxc8+ Bf8 21.h3 h6 22.Nc4 Qe1+ 23. Kh2 g5 24.Nxd6 Kg7 25.Nf5+ Kg8 26. Bc5 1-0

**Riddle,R - Thompson,C (1920) [B12]**  
Illinois Open Illinois (5.26), 06.09.1999  
[Kevin L. Bachler]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 h6 5.c4 e6 6.c5 h6 7.b4 a5 8.Ba3 axb4 9.Bxb4 Na6 10.Bxa6 Rxa6 11.Nc3 bxc5 12. dxc5 Ne7 13.0-0 Bg6 14.Na4 Nf5 15. Nb6! Rxb6?! Missing the point. Black thinks he is winning material, but White is creating a very dangerous passed pawn, and infiltrating with his Queen. 16.exb6 Bxb4 17.Qa4 Be7 18.Qxc6+ Kf8 [18...Qd7 19.Qa8+ Bd8 20.b7+] 19.Qc7 Kg8 20.Qxd8+ Bxd8 21.b7 Kh7 [21...Bc7 22.Rfc1 Bb8 23.Rc8+

Kh7 24.Ra1 Ba7 25.Rxh8+ Kxh8 26. Rc8+ Kh7 27.Ra8] 22.b8Q Black could resign, but he plays on out of impetus, and allows White a nice mate. 22...h5 23.Qb4 h4 24.Nd4 Be7 25.Qd2 Kg8 26. Nxf5 Bxf5 27.Rfc1 Rh5 28.Rc8+ Kh7 29.Qe2 Bg6 30.Rh1 Rf5 31.Rbb8 Bh5 32.Qb2 Bg5 33.Rh8+ Kg6 34.Rbg8 Bf4 35.g3 Bxe5 36.Qd2 hxg3 37.Qh6#



During this period I realized that Robert was having excellent results in Wisconsin and at the wonderful one day tournaments at Chesterton, Indiana. Consequently, we were immediately convinced that we should start a clumping process with Robert, and get him to as many tournaments both in and outside Illinois as possible—as quickly as possible. We also chose to avoid most scholastic events. Robert tends to take a great deal of time playing, and especially at the faster time controls in scholastic events, it can be very hard to win won games. This was the case in Robert's sole scholastic tournament this year, as he drew a won Rook ending where at one point he was two pawns up, due to time pressure.

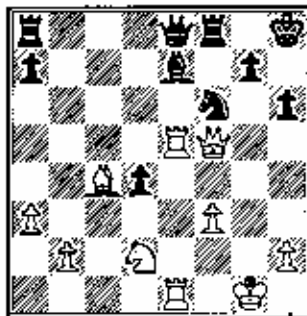
**Riddle,R - Meyers,P (1700) [B03]**  
Chessteron, 27.11.1999

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5. exd6 exd6 6.Be3 Be7 7.Bd3 Ne6 8.a3 As is often the case with young players, Robert's play sometimes shows opening weaknesses which are underscored by inexperience. 8...Nb4 is not a threat since it loses too many tempi after the simple reply 9 h3. So better is 8 Nc3. 8...0-0 9.NE3 And here it would be better to prevent Bg4, or to play Ne2. 9...Bg4 10.0-0 f5 11.e5 As often happens in his games, Robert strives for a tactical solution. 11...Nd7 12.Qb3+ Kh8 13.Qxb7 Bx3 14.gx3 f4 15.Qxc6 fxe3 16.fxe3

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dxc5 17.Qe4 White has actually gained a pawn through the tactics, and has a powerful Bishop and a potentially dangerous g-file. 17...Nf6 18.Qh4 cxd4 19. exd4 c5 20.Re1 cxd4 21.Nd2 h6 22.Re5 Focusing on active piece placement. 22... Ng8 23.Qe4 Nf6 24.Qg6 Qe8 25.Qf5 Qf7 26.Bc4 Qe8 27.Rae1+



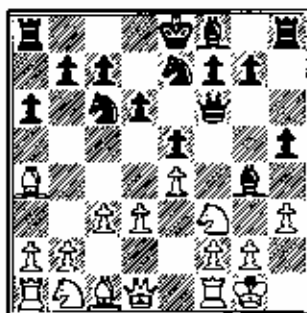
27...Ng8 28.Qe4 Nf6 29.Qd3 Rd8 30. Rxe7 Qh5 31.Qf1 Ng4 32.Qg2 1-0

### Riddle.R - Gast,B (2050) [C72]

Chessterton (4.1), 27.11.1999

[Kevin L. Bachler]

Robert was nervous prior to this game. He knew that Gast was one of Illinois' top high school players the year before, and I think he looked up to him a little as a result. 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 d6 5.0-0 Bg4 6.c3 Qf6 7.d3 Nge7 8.h3 b5



Gast attempts a tactical solution to his development. Robert takes up the challenge, grabbing the piece with both hands. 9.hxg4 hxg4 10.Ng5 Qh6 11.f3 The kingside is becoming a dangerous neighborhood, so Robert prepares to move out with his extra piece. 11...Qb2+ 12.Kf2 g3+ 13.Ke1 Qxg2 14.Qd2 Qh1 15.Rxh1 Rxh1+ 16.Ke2 g2 17.Nh3 Rxh3 18.Kf2 Rg3 19.Kg1 Ng6 20.Qf2 Nf4 Continuing to bank everything on the g2 pawn, but White's tactics are a

little better! 21.Qxg3 Ne2+ 22.Kxg2 Nxg3 23.Kxg3 0-0-0 24.Bxc6 bxc6 25. Bg5 f6 26.Be3 d5 27.exd5 cxd5 28.d4 c5 29.Nd2 Bd6 30.Kg2 exd4 31.cxd4 Re8 32.Kf2 Kd7 33.Rg1 g5 34.Nb3 cxd4 35.Bxd4 Re6 36.Nc5+ Bxc5 37. Bxc5 Kc6 Unfortunately, in this sudden death event, technique is the most needed when you have the least time for it. Robert threads his way to a won end-game, but then... 38.h4 a5 39.a3 Kb5 40.Rd1 Re8 41.Rxd5 axb4 42.axb4 Kc4 43.Rd6 f5 44.Rf6 Re5 45.Rg6 g4 46.fxg4 fxg4 47.Rxg4+ Kb5 48.Kf3 Re6 49.Rg5 Re8 50.Kf4 Re6 51.Re5 Rg6 52.Be7+ Kc6 53.b5+ Kb7 54.Bd8 Rg7 55.b6 Rf7+ 56.Ke4 Rf1 57.Bc7 Rd1 58.Rd5 Re1 59.Ke5 Kc8 60.Kd6 Kb7 61.Rd4 Kc8 62.Rb4 A time pressure error. With only 2 minutes left, Robert snatches a draw from the jaws of victory. [62.Kd5 Kb7 63.Rc4 Rd1+ 64. Kc5 Rd2 65.Bd6 Rd1 66.Rd4 Rc1+ 67. Kb5 Rb1+ 68.Bb4 Rht 69.Rd7+ Kc8 70. Kc6 Rc1+ 71.Be5 Rc2 (71...Rxc5+ 72. Kxc5 Kxd7 73.Kb5 Kc8 74.Ka6 Kb8 75. b7 Kc7 76.Ka7) 72.b7+ Kb8 73.Rd8#] 62...Rxc7!= 63.Kd5 Rc1 64.Rc4+ 1/2-1/2

An important key to Robert's development as a chess player is playing outside of Illinois. During the last several months he has played in Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, California and Pennsylvania. In the last few years he had played in several other states including Arizona, Tennessee, and New York. This is important to give him a broad range of opposition, but also because Illinois players seem more booked than players in many other parts of the country. Here are some games from the King's Island, Ohio event.

### Riddle.R - Madani,M (1879) [B79]

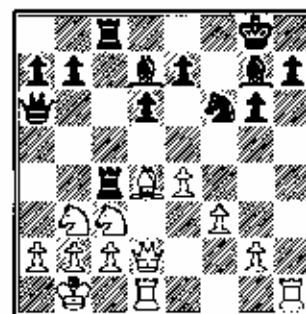
King's Island (2.24), 13.11.1999

[Kevin L. Bachler]

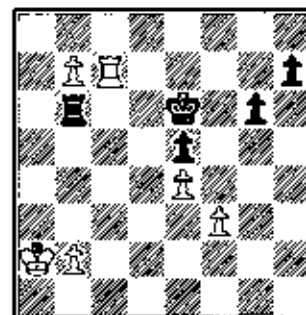
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Ne5 10.Bb3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.Kb1 Rf8 13.h4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Rxc4 15.Nb3 Qa6 16.h5 Rac8 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.Bd4

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18...e5 19.Bf2 R4c6 20.Qd3 White begins to focus on his now superior end-game. 20...b5 21.Qxb5 Qxb5 22.Nxb5 Rxc2 23.Nxd6 The active pieces and the



tactics behind them are very important. 23...R8c6 [23...Rxf2 24.Nxc8 Bxc8 25. Rd8+± Bf8 26.Rxc8 Rxc2 27.Rd1 Kg7 28.Rc7+ Kh6 29.Rxa7] 24.Bxa7 Rxc2 25.Be5 Be6 26.Re1 Bxb3 27.axb3 Rd2 28.Nc4 Rg2 29.Be7 Ne8 30.Rbd1 Rc8 31.Na5 Rxc1+ 32.Rxc1 Rf2 33.Rc3 Kf7 34.Be5 A pawn ahead, the passed b-pawns become all-important. 34...Rf1+ 35.Ka2 Rd1 36.b4 Ne7 37.Bb6 Ne6 38. b5 Bf8 39.Nc6 Bd6 40.Nd8+ Nxd8 41. Bxd8 Kc8 42.Bc7 Kd7 43.b6 Rd4 44. Bxd6 Rxd6 45.Rc7+ Kc6 46.b7 Rb6



Awaiting the final shot. 47.Rc6+ Rxc6 48.h8Q Ra6+ 49.Kb1 Kf6 50.Qd8+ Kf7 51.Qc8 Re6 52.b4 Re8 53.Qc4+ Kg7 54.b5 g5 55.b6 h5 56.Qd5 Kf6 57. Qd6+ Rc6 58.Qf8+ Kg6 59.Qf5+ 1-0

### (89) Dysart,D (2049) - Riddle.R [B84]

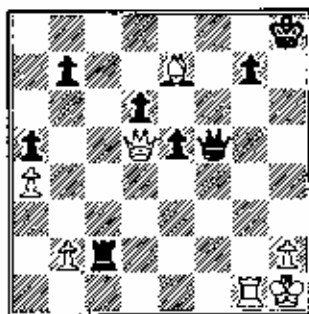
King's Island (3.39), 13.11.1999

[Kevin L. Bachler]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e6 7.Be3 Be7 8.a4 0-0 9.0-0 Qc7 10.f4 Rd8 11.Bf3 e5 12.Nde2 a5 This seems very anti-positional here. Black finds an interesting try. 13.Kh1 Bd7 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Bf5 16.Nc3 Na6 17.g4 Bd7 18.f5 Rac8 19.Be4 f6 20.g5 Nc5 21.Rf2 Rf8 22.g6 Nxe4 23. Nxe4 Qc4 24.Ng3 Qh4 25.gxh7+ Qxh7 Attempting to pressure the center. Both sides are now in time pressure. 26.Qf1 Be8 27.Ne4 Bh5 28.Qg2 Bf7 29.Rg1



**Bxd5 30.Nxf6+ Rxf6 31.Qxd5+ Kh8 32.Bg5** Black had planned this to draw with the following combination, but White slips. **32...Rxf5 33.Rxf5 Qxf5 34.Bxe7 Rxc2**



**35.Qd17 [35.Bxd6! Qf4=] 35...Qe4+ 0-1**

**Utkin,B (2133) – Riddle,R [A49]**  
King's Island (5.32), 14.11.1999  
*[Kevin L. Bachler]*

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 a5 7.a4 e6 8.Bb2 d5 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Ne5 Bf5 11.e3 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.f3 Bf5 14.Nd3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 e6 16.e4 Rc8 17.exd5 Qxd5 18.Qd1 Rfd8 19.f4 Qd7 20.Qf3 Nc7 21.Rad1 Qd5 22.Qxd5 Nxd5 23.Bxd5 cxd5 24.Ral Rc6 25.Rab1 Rdc8 26.Rfd1 Rb6 [26...b5] 27.Bal b5 28.Kf2 Bf8 29.Kf3 Be7 30.h3 Kg7 31.g4 hxg4+ 32.hxg4 Rh8 33.Rg1 Rh2 34.Rg2 Rvg2 35.Kxg2 Kf8 36.Kf3 Ba3 37.Kc3 Bd6 38.f5 gxf5 39.gxf5 exf5 40.Kd3 Bg3 41.c4 dxc4+ 42.Kxc4 f4 43.Be3 Rc6+ 44.Kd3 h6 45.Rf1 Re6 46.Bd2 Rf6 47.Rf3 Kc7 48.b4 axb4 49.Bxb4+ Kc6 50.Kc4 Kf5 51.Kd3 Kg4 52.Rf1 f3 53.d5 f2 54.Be7 Rg6 55.Kc2 Rh6 [55...Kh3 56.d6 Kg2 57.d7 Re6+ 58.Kd1 Rxc7 59.d8Q Re1+ 60.Kd2 Kxf1+] 56.Bb4 Bd6 57.Bd2 Rf6 58.Be3 Bg3 59.Rd1 f1Q+ 60.Rxf1 Rxf1 61.Kxf1 Be7 and eventually drawn ½-½

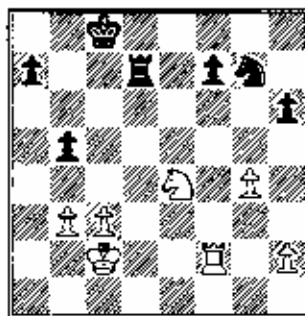
Robert has had a tendency to "win the big game" when his Franklin Elementary School team (and then Emerson Middle School team) needed it, even when he was having a bad event. In 1997 Robert won the 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade Illinois State Championship, and in the National tournament faced the New York State Champ Eric Seiden of Hunter College. Coach Sunil Weeramantry's team. Although Seiden was rated 300 points higher. Robert won with a powerful kingside attack, in the sole game between Franklin Elementary

and Hunter College. Franklin went on to win the National 5<sup>th</sup> grade team prize, by a half-point over Hunter.

Although Robert, like all young players, is still sometimes very erratic, his ability to reach back for the big one is beginning to show itself in his individual play. Consequently, at the Illinois Class, Robert had his first win over a Master (Walter Milbratz), in the same round I believe Yelena Gorlin defeated Al Chow. Fittingly, Walter Milbratz had developed into a strong player just a few years before I had. The second match saw Robert lose a very entertaining and close game with Yelena, (in which the expressions on the face of spectator Dmitri Gurevich were nearly as entertaining as the game) followed by a tactical draw with her.

**Milbratz,W (2203) – Riddle,R [B21]**  
Illinois Class Illinois, 11.1999

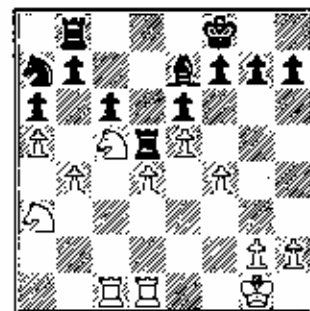
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And in time pressure, the game continued without a score, 0-1.

**Riddle,R – Olson,R (2101) [B12]**  
LibertyBell Open (Phil), 14.01.2000

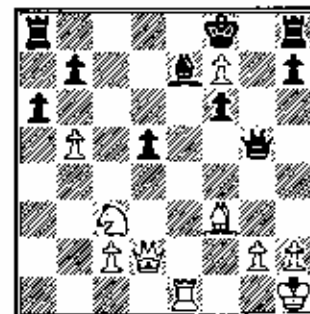
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.c4 dxc4 6.Bxc4 Nd7 7.Bd2 Ne7 8.a4 Nb6 9.Ba2 Nhd5 10.Qb3 Qb6 11.Na3 Qxb3 12.Bxb3 Nc8 13.0-0 Be7 14.Rac1 Nh4 15.Bxb4 Bxb4 16.Bc2 Bxc2 17.Nxc2 Be7 18.a5 a6 19.Nd2 0-0 20.Ne4 Rd8 21.Rfd1 Na7 22.Nc5 Rab8 23.Na3 Rd5 24.b4 Kf8 25.f4



Sometimes young players should play out positions simply to learn how. White is a little better here, and he should have continued for a while longer. This game prompted a new "no-draw" rule for Robert. ½-½

**Sax,R (2060) – Riddle,R (2096) [B97]**  
Tim Just's Winter Open, 09.01.2000

After playing well in several out-of-state tournaments, Robert wanted to perform well in the Winter Open. It was not to be, but at least he salvaged this last round draw against Sax. 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qh6 8.Qd2 Qxb2 9.Nb3 Qa3 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Be2 Nc6 12.Bh5 Be7 13.0-0 Na5 A new idea. 14.f5 Nxb3 15.axb3 Qc5+ 16.Kh1 Bd7 17.Rf3 Be6 18.h4 Qe5 19.b5 Bxe4 20.fxe6 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 d5 22.exf7+ Kf8 23.Re1 Qg5 24.Qe2 Qe5 25.Qd2 Qg5 ½-½ (Diagram below)



As is usual in the case with this level of improvement, Robert's quantum jump slightly "over-ran" his actual strength. This phenomenon is due in part to the opposition underestimating an improving player who is a little lower on the wall-chart. Another factor may just be a "hot streak" where you "see everything." The impact of this is accentuated by the clump-

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# Individual High School Championship Changes Home

by M. E. Zacate

For the past four seasons, the ICCA Individual High School Championship was decided at Bloom Trail H.S. (Chicago Heights). The retirement of host Don Deakin obligated the ICCA to look for a new location. This year's tournament was hosted by Patrick Latortue at Sandburg H.S. (Orland Park). The new location is still in the south suburbs and is still readily accessible to downstate teams. Located halfway between I-80 and I-55 (Stevenson), suburban and Chicago schools also find it a site easy to reach.

Pre-tournament concern for conditions proved unnecessary. The extensive construction and remodeling underway at Sandburg H.S. is behind schedule. The last minute addition of a Valentine Dance in the skittles area along with the usual busy Saturday school use caused pre-tournament jitters. In practice, the reduction of the skittles space left sufficient room while the decoration of the area for the dance provided more entertainment than problems. Fortunately, tournament play ended before the music started. Sounding like a bad idea, tournament play was held in the halls instead of rooms or gyms. The halls proved to be extraordinary wide and very well lit. The low ceilings combined with spreading players out a long way produced very quiet and well lit conditions. The occasional school traffic through the halls resulted in minimal distraction as the passers by were quiet and curious. The players had plenty of food available. The

parents of Sandburg chess players ran a well stocked concession stand with an extensive menu from first arrivals through the end of the last round. Walter Brown, NTD, was the tournament director assisted by M. E. Zacate and Mike Mayfield. Tournament stewards (floor Tds) were Fred Gloff, Mike Jacobson, Jerry Parker, and Chuck Hlavaty.

As in the years at Bloom Trail, the ICCA Individual Championship was held in seven sections. A total of 204 players participated in the fully USCF rated tournament. The premier section is the Championship Section with four rounds played at Game/70 minutes. To play in it a student must qualify by having a Class C USCF rating, meeting a required point total from a selected weekend tournament, or being appointed from one of the conferences (two per conference allowed). The 36 players was the most ever in the Championship Section. For the first time, the results at the end of the day left two tied with perfect 4-0 scores. Named co-champions, both seniors will advance into the ICA's Denker Qualifying tournament in April.

**Co-Champ:** Artem Akhmetov (Glenbrook South) 1879 **Co-Champ:** David Nordahl (Glenbard West) 1816 **2nd:** Yahshua Hesch (Evanston Twp.) sophomore **3rd:** Dushyan Reddivari (Whitney Young) senior **4th:** Patrick Peregoy (University Hi-Normal) freshman **5th:** Keith Middleton (University Hi-Normal) senior **6th:** Daniel Summershays (Evanston Twp.) freshman **7th:** Benjamin Yamoff (Evanston Twp.) sophomore **8th:** Brett Collins (Maine

South) freshman **9th:** John Bolton (Lincoln-Way) senior **10th:** Kyle Miles (Windsor) junior.

The other high school sections were five-round events with Game/45 minutes. Students played in the section of their grade level: Senior, Junior, Sophomore, Freshman. As in the Championship section, the top ten places received plaques. The top places in each section.

## SENIOR

- 1) John Dixon
- 2) Ali Amir
- 3) Ivan Rasskazov

## JUNIOR

- 1) Andrew Neubauer
- 2) David Lehnert
- 3) Ryan Rauch

## SOPHOMORE

- 1) Jason Homak
- 2) Shao-Yun Guo
- 3) Kyle Albrinton

## FRESHMAN

- 1) Michael Sullivan
- 2) Sharad Bijanki
- 3) Tyler Drendel

The seventh section in the tournament was a three-round, Game/60 minute tournament for non-school players. Intended mainly for coaches and other adults associated with high school teams, this section also attracts some K-8 players and high school graduates. The tournament was won this year by a Sandburg H.S. player who graduated last year, Dan Edeus. Second and third place went to coaches at North Boone H.S. (Don Ward) and Quincy H.S. (Richard Stewart). ♀

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ing process described earlier. Consequently, it is not uncommon for players to peak approximately 100 points above their now strength. Robert is in a standard decline following a quantum jump.

One significant reason for Robert's improvement is that he has strong players developing around him. Daniel Leung has long been a top junior, while last

year Robert Rasmussen burst onto the scene with a 16-0 run in scholastic tournaments, and a 7-0 run in the "D" section of the Chicago Open. These three players have often leap-frogged each other, and recently William Bielski has put in a lot of work and shown some strong signs of developing as a strong player. Mark Rokita tied for the Illinois 5th grade championship a few years ago and John Piergalski has shown improvement, albeit

somewhat erratically. Rounding out the Emerson Middle School 8th graders is Ed Mueller, who, although he isn't rated as high as his teammates, has some amazing scalps on his belt, including 1900 Seth Rokosky in last year's National Junior High School Championship. Riddle, Rasmussen, Bielski, Rokita, Piergalski and Mueller will all go to Maine South High School next year, joining 1400's Erik Maye and Brett Collins. ♀

# SCHOLASTIC NEWS BRIEFS

## Scholastic Chess Community Goes Electronic

### Your Link to Information

by M.E. Zucate

The scholastic chess community has a new means of getting information. Whether by mail or magazine, information on upcoming events and the results of tournaments have been slow to obtain. Now, in the electronic age, the computer provides students, coaches, parents, and interested adults the information they want and need very rapidly.

Those with an internet connection have already, no doubt, discovered a number of interesting chess sites. It is also easy to be unaware of sites that you would find interesting or useful. Here are a few to browse if you haven't already discovered them...

<http://www.illinoischess.org>

Upcoming tournament information and results-Links to ICA and USCF ratings-ICA website with constitution & by-laws-Illinois Tour standings, tournament calendar-USCF ratings of Illinois players, links to USCF & Co-Chess.

<http://www.cavemanchess.com/cochess.htm>

CO-CHESS: Important site to players in K-8 grade and their parents.

<http://www.ilchess.com>

Links to websites of interest of Illinois chess players.

<http://chicagotribune.com/link/icca>  
Illinois Chess Coaches Association website of interest to coaches and players involved in high school chess. Tournament calendar, news articles, tournament results, information on chess conferences. Link to IHSA chess information with state records.

## Championship Results in First ICCA Co-Champion

Feb. 12, 2000

Illinois Chess Coaches Association Individual Championship results in 204 players participating in six sections:

### CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION--

Four rounds (all competitors)

place	pts	grade	name	(School)
1st	4.0	12	Artem Akhmetov	(Glenbrook South)
1st	4.0	12	David Nordhal	(Glenbard West)
2nd	3.5	10	Yahelua Hoshch	(Evanston Twp.)
3rd	3.0	12	Dushyan Reddivari	(Whitney Young)
4th	3.0	09	Patrick Peregoy	(Univer Hi-Normal)
5th	3.0	12	Keith Middleton	(Univer Hi-Normal)
6th	3.0	09	Daniel Summerhays	(Evanston Twp.)
7th	3.0	10	Benjamin Yarnoff	(Evanston Twp.)
8th	3.0	09	Brett Collins	(Maine South)
9th	2.5	12	John Britton	(Lincoln-Way)
10th	2.5	11	Kyle Miles	(Windsor)
11th	-- not awarded			
12th	2.0	09	Aaron Chen	(Hinsdale Central)
13th	2.0	12	Ryan Mendenhall	(Glenbard West)
14th	2.0	11	Greg Weber	(Normal-University)
15th	2.0	10	Joseph Ochiltre	(Normal-University)
16th	2.0	11	David Pitt	(Mattoon)
17th	2.0	11	Jameson Painter	(IL Math & Sci)
18th	2.0	12	Sheldon San Gabriel	(Buffalo Grove)
19th	2.0	12	Matthew Pullin	(Evanston Twp.)
20th	2.0	12	Matthew Okunevich	(Naperville Central)
21st	2.0	11	Nate Comiskey	(Buffalo Grove)
22nd	2.0	12	Woo Jae Sung	(Evanston Twp.)
23rd	2.0	12	Karl Keyzer	(Auburn)
24th	2.0	09	Henry Lu	(Niles North)
25th	1.5	12	Adam Levy	(Buffalo Grove)
26th	1.5	12	Seth McClure	(Stevenson)
27th	1.0	12	Dana James	(Kankakee)
28th	1.0	10	Genshan Bialer	(Evanston Twp.)
29th	1.0	09	Robert Quimby	(Univer Hi-Normal)
30th	1.0	10	Joseph Sungail	(Georgetown-Ridge Farm)
31th	1.0	11	David Summerhays	(Evanston Twp.)
32nd	1.0	09	Aidan Chambers	(Univer Hi-Normal)
33rd	1.0	11	William Wheeler	(Univer Hi-Normal)
34th	0.5	12	Marcos Gonzalez	(Kankakee)
35th	0.0	12	Michael Barkdoll	(North Boone)
36th	0.0	11	Peter Levine	(Maine South)

### SENIOR SECTION AWARDS--

Five rounds (with ties for 10th place)

place	pts	name	(School)
1st	4.5	John Dixon	(Downers Grove North)
2nd	4.5	Ali Arrie	(Downers Grove North)
3rd	4.0	Ivan Rasskazov	(Glenbrook South)
4th	4.0	Collin Krepps	(IL Math & Sci)
5th	3.5	Joel Ulrich	(Downers Grove South)
6th	3.5	Cubis Lavers	(Auburn)
7th	3.0	Matthew Hullaway	(Carl Sandburg)
8th	3.0	Christopher Greiner	(Naperville Central)
9th	3.0	Nick Bettilyon	(Glenbard North)

10th	3.0	Daniel Stern	(Evanston Twp.)
11th	3.0	David Finnegan	(Glenbard West)
12th	3.0	Ali Aamer	(Downers Grove South)

### JUNIOR SECTION AWARDS--

Five rounds (with ties for 10th place)

place	pts	name	(School)
1st	5.0	Andrew Neubauer	(Glenbrook South)
2nd	4.0	David Lehnert	(Wheaton-Warrenv South)
3rd	4.0	Ryan Rauch	(Mattoon)
4th	4.0	Matthew O'Brien	(Honanegh)
5th	3.5	Mike Snedeker	(Downers Grove South)
6th	3.5	Aaron Walsman	(Evanston Twp.)
7th	3.5	Sean Monahan	(Carl Sandburg)
8th	3.5	Nick Janis	(Carl Sandburg)
9th	3.5	Nate Britton	(Georgetown-Ridge Farm)
10th	3.0	Neil Kumar	(Downers Grove South)
11th	3.0	Eliabeth Villafior	(Glenbard West)
12th	3.0	Matt Hendrickson	(Bradley-Bourbonnais)
13th	3.0	Jeremy Herzberg	(Wheaton-Warrenv So.)

### SOPHOMORE SECTION AWARDS--

Five rounds (with ties for 10th)

place	pts	name	(School)
1st	5.0	Jason Homick	(Carl Sandburg)
2nd	4.5	Shao-Yun Guo	(New Trier)
3rd	4.0	Kyle Albritton	(Windsor)
4th	4.0	Ben Wallenberg	(Niles North)
5th	4.0	Nikita Sorokin	(University Hi-Normal)
6th	4.0	Rebecca Taxman	(Niles North)
7th	4.0	Scott Achelpohl	(University Hi-Normal)
8th	4.0	John Siadek	(Lincoln-Way)
9th	3.5	Adil Wali	(Downers Grove South)
10th	3.5	Jeffrey Cobis	(New Trier)
11th	3.5	William Shanley	(New Trier)

### FRESHMAN SECTION AWARDS--

Five rounds (with ties for 10th)

place	pts	name	(School)
1st	4.5	Michael Sullivan	(Glenbard North)
2nd	4.0	Sharad Hjanaki	(Wheaton-Warrenv South)
3rd	4.0	Tyler Drendel	(Evanston Twp.)
4th	4.0	Ryan Podaszwa	(Auburn)
5th	4.0	Phil Lesko	(Hinsdale Central)
6th	4.0	Nathan Miller	(Wheaton-Warrenv South)
7th	4.0	Aaron Hart	(Wheaton-Warrenville South)
8th	4.0	Brian Neese	(Jefferson)
9th	4.0	Jeff Diorio	(Wheaton-Warrenville South)
10th	3.5	Casey Hanson	(Niles North)
11th	3.5	Geoff Glowacki	(St. Ignatius)
12th	3.5	Doug Dickey	(New Trier)

### OPEN SECTION AWARDS--

Three rounds (ties not shown)

place	pts	name	(School)
1st	2.5	Dan Edeus	(Carl Sandburg)
2nd	2.5	Donald Ward	(North Boone)
3rd	2.0	Richard Stewart	(Quincy Sr.)

## Evanston Tournament Well Attended

Host Team Garners Many Awards

Jan 29, 2000

The Varsity field of 24 schools finished with two 4.0 scores. Evanston A won the tie break with Hoffman Estates taking second. The 3.0 teams (in tie-break order) were IMSA, Glenbard North, Glenbrook South, Moline, and Downer's Grove South.

Ten teams finished with 2-2 records: Glenbard West, St. Ignatius, Maine South, Buffalo Grove, U of C Lab, Sandburg, Simcon, Argo, Downer's Grove North, and Foreman. Managing only one team win for the day was Auburn, Waukegan, Naperville Central, Proviso West, and Naperville North. Marmion and Deerfield did not have a team win for the day.

Evanston had two teams in the junior varsity section and they have a combined score of 7-1 to dominate the other 11 teams in the section.

In the open section, in which 24 players competed, the top scores were achieved by:

- 4.0 Nick Bettihyon (CSGLN)
- 3.5 Ryan Craner (EVEVT)
- 3.0 Alan Ware (ARIMS)
- 3.0 Matthew O'Brien (RCHNN)
- 3.0 Benedikt Sustek (MLMLN)
- 3.0 Franco Mercado (CGPRS)

Nichols Middle School had a 4-0 score to lead the other seven junior high schools. ♠

## Illini Classic at Union on the University of Illinois Campus

28 Teams Compete in Two Divisions

Jan 15, 2000

The Illini Classic Team Tournament was again run smoothly by the coaches of the East Central Illinois Chess League. Three teams from SICCA and three independent schools joined ten ECICL schools at the Union on the University of Illinois (Urbana) campus to compete in a five-board team contest.

*The award winners:*

### VARSITY DIVISION--TEAMS

1. Normal (University)
2. Mattoon
3. New Lenox (Lincoln-Way)

### JUNIOR VARSITY DIV.--TEAMS

1. Normal (University) -- Green
2. Normal (University) -- Gold
3. Mattoon

### VARSITY DIVISION--INDIVIDUAL

*Board 1:*

- David Fitt (Mattoon) 4.0
- Joseph Sungail (Geotwn-Ridge Farm) 3.5
- John Bolton (Lincoln-Way) 3.0

*Board 2:*

- Patrick Gregory (University H.S.) 4.0
- Robert Fennema (Bradley-Bourbna) 3.0
- Chris Spicer (Lincoln-Way) 3.0

*Board 3:*

- Keith Middleton (University H.S.) 4.0
- Matt Hawkins (Olympia) 3.5
- David Kaplan (University H.S.) 3.5

*Board 4:*

- Adam Changers (University) 4.0
- David Conwell (Charleston) 3.5
- Kristin Morgan (Mattoon) 3.0

*Board 5:*

- Jim Shepard (Charleston) 4.0
- Matt Cowie (Bradley-Bourbonnais) 4.0
- Derek Rohden (Georgetwn-Ridge) 4.0

### JR. VARSITY DIV.--INDIVIDUALS

*Board 1:*

- Rob Quimby (University H.S.) 3.5
- Nikita Sorokin (University H.S.) 3.5
- Travis Tate (Georgetwn-Ridge Farm) 3.0

*Board 2:*

- Willy Wheeler (University H.S.) 4.0
- Jon Weber (University H.S.) 3.0
- Zac Calhoon (Mattoon) 3.0

*Board 3:*

- Scott Achelpohl (University H.S.) 4.0
- Brad Spraker (Charleston) 3.5
- Tobin Bettivia (University H.S.) 3.0

*Board 4:*

- Jon Achelpohl (University H.S.) 4.0
- Adam Turk (Lincoln-Way) 4.0
- Ray Wrench (Danville) 3.5

*Board 5:*

- Ian Roper (University H.S.) 4.0
- Mike Conte (University H.S.) 3.0
- Brad Rader (Mattoon) 2.5 ♠

## True or False?

After Alekhine had taken the championship title from Capablanca, Capa apparently spent quite a bit of his spare time hanging out in a specific cafe in Paris. Friends, acquaintances, and others would often drop by, participating in games and libations with the former, charismatic, champion.

One day, while Capa was having coffee and reading a newspaper, a stranger stopped at his table, motioned at the chess set and indicated he would like to play if Capa was interested. Capa's face lit up, he folded the newspaper away, reached for the board and proceeded to pocket his own queen. The opponent (who apparently had no idea who Capablanca was) reacted with slight anger. "Hey! You don't know me! I might beat you!", he said.

Capablanca, smiling gently, said quietly, "Sir, if you could beat me, I would know you." ♠

# First Blitz Championship Draws Ten Schools

## ICCA Adds New Tournament and Title

by M.E. Zacate

**T**he winner by 4.5 points! Not with 4.5 points—*by* 4.5 points for a chess championship. That was the feat accomplished by freshman Adam Chambers (University Hi-Normal) on January 29th at St. Barbara H.S. Adam's perfect 16-0 score led the field of 51 contestants seeking the High School Blitz Championship title in the first holding of this ICCA event. The Blitz (Game/5-minutes) Championship was the afternoon tournament of a two-tournament day. The morning event was a Scholastic Bughouse (formally called Team Chess) Tournament.

The Blitz format followed a standard Swiss format. Team scores were determined by adding the five highest scores from the school. USCF ratings were used for ranking the players. Each participant played 16 games in eight rounds. In each round, players competed against each other with both the White and Black pieces. With the ratings of the players low and the vast majority within a 250 point spread, it was surprising that more than 50% (128/208) of the pairings resulted in 2-0 scores. With the luxury of having all morning to enter players and the help of the coaches present to report scores, *WinTD* and a copier meant little time lost between rounds or in determin-

ing the final reports. Mike Zacate hosted, organized, and ran the tournament. Mike Mayfield, Chuck Hlavaty, Rob Singer, and George Marino assisted. The whole tournament lasted least than four hours.

The Bughouse Tournament in the morning was a nine round tournament with Game/5-minutes with an unconventional pairing format. With USCF ratings being meaningless, players were assigned randomly to groups of four with only one bughouse pair from a school in each quad. The first three rounds were held as a round-robin in each quad. For rounds 4-6, new quads were formed with teams of the same score in a quad. (The last group had to be paired as it consisted of six teams rather than being a quad.) After round six, the pairings were done Swiss style by listing the teams by score and pairing within score groups. The first round started shortly after 9:30 a.m., and the last finished shortly after noon.

Awards were made to the top ten scoring Bughouse Teams (a total of 20 trophies). They went to the following players—

- 1st: Neil Kumar & Atul Goel  
(Downers Grove South)
- 2nd: Rob Quimby & Adam Chambers  
(University Hi-Normal)
- 3rd: David Herrera & Miguel Campos  
(Bowen-Chicago)
- 4th: John Dixon & John Keegan  
(Downers Grove North)
- 5th: Pat Melehan & Will Jackson  
(Downers Grove South)
- 6th: Jon Ulrich & Aamer Ali

- (Downers Grove South)
- 7th: Jon Achelpohl & Scott Achelpohl  
(University Hi-Normal)
- 8th: Willy Wheeler & Justin Irvin  
(University Hi-Normal)
- 9th: Rich Lusk & Charles Rohlf  
(Downers Grove North)
- 10th: David Bell & Lynn Fennema  
(Bradley-Bourbonnais)

Awards in the Blitz Championship went to the top ten individuals and the top five schools.

### INDIVIDUALS

- 1) Adam Chambers (Univ Hi-Normal)
- 2) John Dixon (Downers Grove North)
- 3) Jon Achelpohl (University Hi-Normal)
- 4) Nick Janis (Sandburg-Orland Park) 4.0
- 5) Scott Achelpohl (University Hi-Normal)
- 6) Sean Monahan (Sandburg-Orland Pk)
- 7) Neil Kumar (Downers Grove South)
- 8) Jason Homiak (Sandburg-Orland Pk)
- 9) Matt Hollaway (Sandburg-Orland Pk)
- 10) Miguel Campos (Bowen-Chicago)

### SCHOOLS

- 1) University Hi-Normal
- 2) Sandburg (Orland Park)
- 3) Downers Grove South
- 4) Bowen (Chicago)
- 5) Downers Grove North
- 6) Bradley-Bourbonnais
- 7) Simeon (Chicago)
- 8) Palatine
- 9) Proviso West (Hillside)
- 10) Thornton (Harvey) **E**

## Grandmasters Getting Younger...

**J**udit Polgar of Hungary was the youngest female to attain International Grandmaster status, at 15 years and 150 days old, on December 20, 1991. Bobby Fischer of the United States was 15 years, 6 months, and 1 day old when he became

the youngest man to become an international grandmaster. This record was broken by Peter Leko, a Hungarian who became grandmaster in 1994. And in March 1997 Etienne Bacrot, aged 14 and two months, earned his title with a last-round victory at a tournament near Paris.

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# High School Activity Continues to Grow

## Illinois: No Less Than Eleven Conferences

by M.E. Zacate

For a number of years, chess activity at the high school level in Illinois remained static. The number of schools involved and chess activities held remained about the same. The level of chess play has improved in recent years as measured by the rise in USCF rating among high school players. As the experienced coaches were approaching retirement, there was concern that programs would fold—an occurrence seen too frequently in the past.

The emergence of stronger chess conference activity along with the IHSA championship has helped programs be maintained. The history of a school's participation in a chess conference seems a powerful motivator for school officials to seek replacements for departing chess coaches in order to maintain the status quo of participation rather than simply allowing a program to die. Still significant, in many cases, has been the persis-

tence of players and parents in the securing of new coaches as others leave.

High school chess conferences have become so common that only a few schools now play independent schedules or do tournaments only. No fewer than eleven conferences are found through Illinois playing scheduled season. The DuPage Valley Conference is in its first season. The 76-year-old CPL has the largest number of schools participating in its history. Each of the other conferences has at least one new school participating this year.

8 teams -- NICL: Northern Illinois Chess League

5 teams -- CICL: Central Illinois Chess League

12 teams -- ECICL: East-Central Illinois Chess League

5 IL schools -- Gateway Conference: Schools in Missouri and Illinois around the St. Louis area.

22 teams -- NSCL: North Shore Chess League

10 teams -- WSCI: West Suburban Chess League

24 teams -- SICA: South Inter-Conference Association (Public schools in south suburbs)

8 teams -- DVC: DuPage Valley Conference

6 teams -- Upstate 8: Conference consisting of schools mainly along the Fox River

16 teams -- CCC: Chicago Chess Conference made up of private schools in and near Chicago

66 teams -- CPL: Chicago Public League has more than 60 teams playing in 13 sections

Last year some record 122 schools signed up to play in the IHSA Chess Team Championship. This year 132 schools have registered for the March 24-25 tournament at the Bone Student Center on the Illinois State University Campus in Normal.

Plans are underway for the formation of a new and unique conference for next season.

Isolated chess schools such as Quincy, Jefferson (Rockford), Moline, and Auburn (Rockford) maybe able to join a chess conference held on the internet. Without the problem of travel, these schools will have the chance to participate in conference activity.

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competitor for the title of Chicago High School Team Champion?

*Bowen is probably the main one. Other schools that should be considered are Hyde Park and Whitney Young.*

Who are some of the top experts and masters you have played at the Chicago Chess Club?

*Palos Osman, Albert Chow, Szpisjak, Gene Scott and Jim Marshall, to name a few.*

Tell us about your win against Grandmaster Maurice Ashley while he was visiting Chicago last October.

*I beat him one blitz game, and I drew him in the simul he gave against some juniors.*

We've heard that Chicago expert and chess teacher James Fagan is your friend and favorite sparring partner. Do you and Mr. Fagan go over games together?

*Yes, we do. And I find that very helpful.*

We've heard that you plan to go to col-

lege and become a mechanical engineer. Have you given any thought to what college you would like to attend?

*Yes. Perhaps the University of Illinois at Champaign, UIC, MIT, U of Texas at Dallas, and U of Maryland are in the list too. But, unfortunately, they don't have mechanical engineering programs.*

The Warren Junior Program has contributed your entry fee to participate in the U.S. Masters. How do you feel about being one of the very few junior chess players invited to play in this very prestigious tournament?

*I feel very good that I have a chance to compete in such a strong tournament, playing against masters. I think this tournament will give me a lot of experience and that is what I need.*

We understand that Mrs. Warren has also given you the five-volume set of *Encyclopedia of Chess Endings*. Do really read and study chess books that are that complex?

*I wanted them simply because I don't*

*have any good end game books. The books are a good source for me to rely on whenever I have an ending problem. The books are also great exercise books too.*

Did you know that the last high school-aged player to become a chess master was 12 years ago in 1988? You have pretty good chances of becoming a chess master this year. How high a rating would you like to achieve?

*No, I didn't know. I heard that some junior made master a long time ago, but I didn't know when. So far as my rating goes—my rating is just a number. I just want to develop myself to my peak performance, and it is unpredictable.* ♠

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# Denker Qualifier Tournament Set for April 14-15-16

*The winner will represent Illinois at the Denker Tournament of State High School Chess Champions this summer in St. Paul Minnesota*

by Senior Master Richard Verber

**T**welve of Illinois' best young chess players will fight it out this April at the Four Corners Sheraton Hotel in Rosemont, Illinois (Mannheim and Irving Park Roads) to decide our Illinois Junior King-of-the-Hill. The victor will carry our State banner into battle at the prestigious Denker Tournament, this August, during

the U.S. Open Championship.

In recent years our Illinois Denker Qualifier has usually been run as a six-player Round-Robin event, but this year the tournament will change its format to a 12-player five-round Swiss in order to accommodate an exceptional number of talented high school players and a bumper-crop of Championship-Quality eighth-graders. \$900 in prizes will be awarded to the top four finishers.

Heading the list of young champs participating this year are Tam Ngyuen (USCF 2176) and Yelena Gorlin (USCF 2046). Tam's excellent 4-3 score in the U.S. Masters Tournament may have earned him his USCF Master Title. Pretty good for a 16-year-old!

For further details concerning the Denker Qualifier tournament, phone Illinois Junior Chess Committee Chairman Mike Zacate at 708-479-9380. ☞

## World Chess Champion Contest *Your Chance to Win One of Three Chess Books!*

**H**ere's a contest that may earn you a free chess book. All you have to do is explain, in 200 words or less, who your favorite World Champion is—and why he's your favorite. You may include unofficial pre-1886 "World Champions" Paul Morphy of the USA and Adolph Anderson of Germany. The three entries judged to be best will compose the winners. Adults and Juniors are eligible to participate. The winners will have their essay published in the next issue of the *Illinois Chess Bulletin*.

Send entries to Roy Frye, ICB Editor, Box 530, Montgomery, IL 60538 or icbnews@worldnet.att.net

Entries must be received by April 20th.

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Dates	Champion	Nationality
1886-1894	Wilhelm Steinitz	Austria
1894-1921	Dr. Emanuel Lasker	Germany
1921-1927	Jose Raoul Capablanca	Cuba
1927-1935	Alexander Alekhine	USSR
1935-1937	Dr. Max Euwe	Netherlands
1937-1946	Alexander Alekhine	USSR
1948-1957	Mikhail Botvinnik	USSR
1957-1958	Vassily Smyslov	USSR
1958-1960	Mikhail Botvinnik	USSR
1960-1961	Mikhail Tal	USSR
1961-1963	Mikhail Botvinnik	USSR
1963-1969	Tigran Petrosian	USSR
1969-1972	Boris Spassky	USSR
1972-1975	Bobby Fischer	USA
1975-1985	Anatoly Karpov	USSR
1985 —	Garry Kasparov	USSR/Russia

# Chess from the Middle

## *Chess Shoes and Other Necessary Equipment*

by Dr. Ron Suarez

**H**ello once again my fellow chess players. In today's venture I would like to discuss what equipment the well-appointed chess player needs to survive. Beware, I am an equipment geek and just love having nice stuff to play on and with. My opinions will lean towards the nicer stuff. Isn't that nice?

The bare minimum stuff that one needs are chess pieces and board. In fact, isn't that the only thing you need to really play the game? OK, but what kind of chess set is good to have? The sets that cost about three dollars with the red and black board are basic and cheap. That quality just never seems to be enough though. Of course there is a standard to be followed if we are going to play in tournaments sanctioned by the USCF or FIDE. The standard set and vinyl board sold by the USCF and other suppliers for around fifteen dollars is the minimum for playing organized chess in the middle. This is quite inexpensive and easy to do.

There are other more expensive sets and boards available. When I started playing chess twelve years ago, I bought a Drucke plastic set and vinyl board for thirty-two dollars and fell in love with the extra weight and quality of a better plastic chess set. Three weighted plastic sets later, I really splurged and got a Rosewood set by the same company for around sixty dollars as my really, really nice set for better tournament play. It was really a pleasure and luxury to play with wood instead of plastic. And I was content with life at the status quo, until.

This past Christmas my parents and sister asked what they should get me as a present. The USCF Holiday Catalogue had just arrived in the mail and the House of Staunton Contemporary Board called my name. My great family gave me one of these boards (2 and 3/8-inch squares) with Rosewood instead of Walnut for the dark squares. In the last two months I have purchased a Collector Series set (4 inch King) to go with this board and a smaller, standard sized Player Series set from this company.

Wow! I never thought that this high quality could make such a difference. It is true. You can get what you pay for. I am now only playing with wood pieces. That formerly prized, sixty dollar Drucke set is now used for Blitz and skittle play.

As you probably know, chess clocks are as necessary to tournament play as pieces and boards. The down side to chess clocks is the cost. The cheapest that I could find for a chess clock is about thirty-five dollars. That clock is a plastic, wind-up model. The digital clocks start at about eighty dollars. When you compare that to the fifteen dollars for a set and board, it is quite pricey.

A chess player could stop now with these basics, but there is a lot more equipment that is needed and wanted by we "kids" with our toys. Let's talk about chess books for a moment. There are a great number of books written on chess. There are books on openings, Middle-games, endgames, tactics, strategy, great



players, tournaments and many more chess related subjects. For the chess player that lives in the Middle, such books are a lifetime to knowledge and growth in ability. I believe that there is a perfect number, neither too high nor too low, of books that make the best learning experience. Would someone please let me know what that number is so I can sell off some of my books and create more space?!!?

Then there are the chess computers and computer programs. Yes, there are playing programs, database programs, teaching programs and programs that tell you why you lost. Where is the program that will tell me exactly what I need to know when I need to know it? Oh yes, this now leads us to professional coaches, teachers and trainers. These people are definitely a sort of "equipment" that helps one play the game. They are true

gems in that they are usually strong players that can tailor fit a program for the individual player. Cool, huh? Being in the Middle, I have a hard time finding a teacher that could make my perfect game better.

There is more equipment needed by the avid chess player. A scorebook is a good way to keep track of your games for future study and analysis. I have seen people use all types of scorebooks from elaborate pre-printed types to a standard spiral notebook with lined paper. My style is to keep changing and never really look at any of my old games... not good. I think I will try to find a person to remember all my moves for me. That will save on paper.

Bags to carry our chess stuff quickly become necessary as the pile builds up. The types are numerous in quality and cost and range from leather specialty satchels to brown paper grocery bags. If you have some nice chess stuff, you will need to have something to protect it from the elements here in the Middle.

Of course you will find more things in catalogs like clothing, videos, stamps, etc. and that's alright. If you want to buy it you should. While a lot of this won't make you a better chess player, it will make you a lot better looking chess player. Isn't that really all that matters?

There are just a few more things to talk about. If you want to be like Bobby you might get a visor or mirrored sunglasses to wear while playing. You might also want to buy a special chair to bring with you to sit in when you play these tournament games. A personal music system with headphones can also smooth your nerves as your opponent thrashes you over the board. I also would like to see an affordable, tournament-sized, sensory board with a timer and printer attached that would keep track of the moves and time controls so we wouldn't need to keep written score. I also would like to see special chess shoes that would give me better arch support while playing in that hectic tournament. I know, now you're going to tell me we would need different shoes for Blitz than for standard time control chess. OK, I'd buy them too.



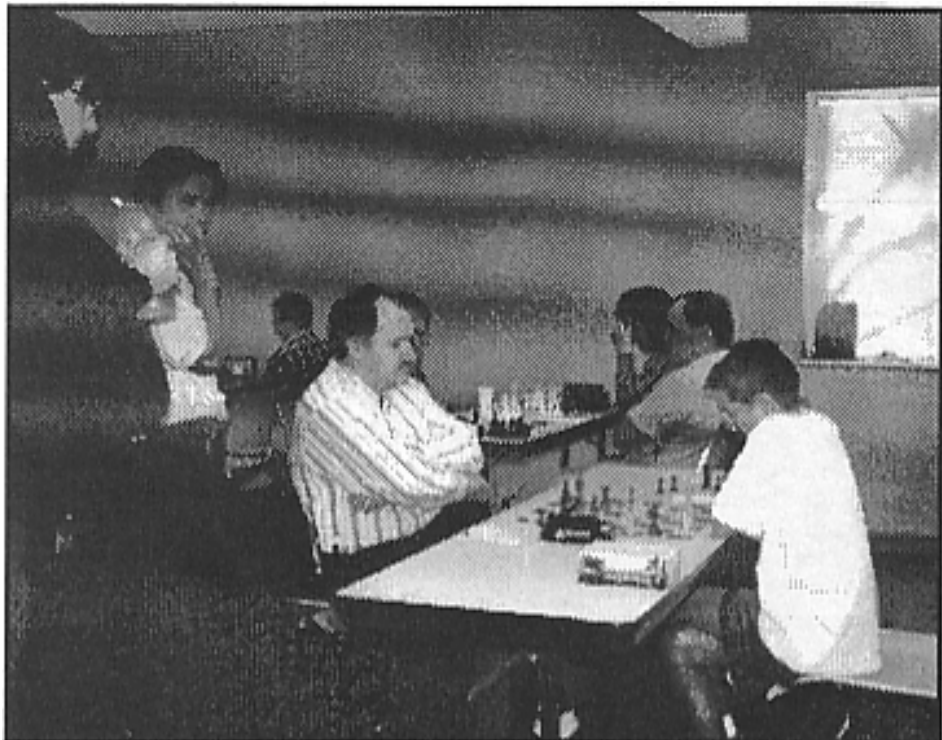
# Old Enough to Vote for President

## *Greater Peoria Open Distributes \$1,000 in Prizes*

by Wayne Zimmerle

**T**he Greater Peoria Open is now old enough to vote for president. A Greater Peoria Open consisting of local players was actually held in 1964. In 1965 it became a true open and was won that year by a 2300 rated master from Ohio, Ross Sprague. Since that time the GPO has been held every year. Murrel Rhodes was the first Greater Peoria Open director, directing until 1971 or 1972 when Ron Millard took over—who then passed on the reins to Bill Wilkinson. I stepped in four years ago and am finally starting to feel comfortable running this thing.

The Signature Inn in Peoria has become almost synonymous with the Greater Peoria Open. This year's room rate for the chess players was \$62. And even though there was a hotel just across the expressway advertising \$45 rooms,



*Fifty players compete for fun and prizes at the Greater Peoria Open. Shown above is Herman Chiu and Stanimir Ilic as they play to a draw in round five. Below, Stanimir (winner of the Expert prize) observes other games.*

Photos by Holly Zimmerle



all the chess players that came from out of town stayed at the Signature Inn.

This year, like last year, we had 40 paid entrants. We changed back to a one section tournament which is the way the Greater Peoria Open was originally designed. The original purpose of the Greater Peoria Open was to bring in higher rated players for the Peoria area players to compete with. Having two sections was defeating that purpose. The prize fund was also structured differently this year, and it will change again next year. The survey of players indicated very strongly that they preferred second place prizes. We also intend to increase the first place prize. But, doing what we did allowed us to completely guarantee the \$1,100 prize fund. That meant that even though there were only three experts, one of them still took home \$150.

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Next year we should also be able to guarantee the prize fund. And because we managed to come out in the black this year, next years prize fund will be larger. Another plan is to have the time controls longer on Sunday. They will remain Game/120 on Saturday for the first three rounds, but will become Game/150 on Sunday for rounds four and five.

Having just the one section allowed many other positive things to occur this year. With one section, it made sense to have an Upset Prize (which was won by April Hieronymus). She upset Phil Anderson in the first round. Their rating difference was 620. With that big of a difference, I didn't see how anyone would be able to catch her in the later rounds when the pairings, due to the nature of the Swiss system, pair players closer together in rating strength. Yet in round five Dennis Siebel upset David Long for a difference of 607 points. Dennis had a cumulative rating upset score of 2021 for the tournament. Dennis easily won the class D and under section with his final score of four points, winning

three and drawing twice. Dennis played in last year's Greater Peoria Open in the under 1800 section and only scored 2 1/2 points there.

If we had been awarding Upset prizes per round, Dennis would have won round two, with a 467 point difference, by winning against Phil Anderson. A round three upset would have gone to Mike Leali with his win over Master John Burke, a 351 rating point difference. And round four would have gone to Dennis again with his 467 differential against 1800 rated Mohem Covic.

Herman Chiu scored 4 1/2 to take clear first place. This left Stanimir Ilic with sole possession of the Expert prize. Mike Leali, Samuel Naylor and Thomas Friske each received \$50.00 for their share of Class A. Dean Arond took Class B. Mark Engelen took Class C with three points.

The time delay clock was put on four different games where one of the players made an insufficient losing chances claim during time pressure. The first time this happened, the player making the claim lost on the board. The second

time this happened the player making the claim was absolutely certain that he could not lose. Then resigned, about four moves later, when his opponent shielded his pawn's queening square with his knight. The third time the claim occurred, I was tempted to declare the game a draw. It was only after talking to the player, who still had plenty of time left, and him convincing me he had a plan, that I put the clock on the game. He went on to win that game on the board. The fourth time, the situation was a little more unclear. But not to the point that I felt comfortable penalizing the player for making a wrong claim. The player ended up losing, but he lost on the board.

I would like to thank the players who loaned their clocks for this purpose. I would also like to thank Fred Gruenburg and the Greater Peoria Chess Federation for their support of this tournament. Thanks also go to Freddie Malcome the assistant tournament director. And thanks to my daughter Holly for being the Official GPO Photographer. And last, but not least, thanks to all the players.

Here are the final GPO Standings.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Total									
1	Herman B Chiu (Winning)	2061	W27	W13	W11	W2	D3	4.5	17	David Long	1940	H--	L21	W30	W36	L7	2.5
2	Albert C Chow (\$300 1st over all)	2321	W25	W12	W10	L1	W11	4.0	18	Phil Anderson	1800	L34	L7	H--	W32	W33	2.5
3	Stanimir M Ilic (\$150 Expert)	2081	W26	W9	W5	D4	D1	4.0	19	Anthony Gasunas	1139	L13	L28	W38	W31	D25	2.5
4	Michael E Leali (\$50 Tie for A)	1909	W29	W34	W20	D3	D6	4.0	20	John F Burke	2260	W37	W36	L4	U--	L--	2.0
5	Thomas C Friske (\$50 Tie for A)	1894	W32	W39	L3	W22	W13	4.0	21	Dennis Bourgerie	1762	H--	W17	D7	U--	U--	2.0
6	Samuel Naylor (\$50 Tie for A)	1864	D7	W24	W15	W10	D4	4.0	22	Rudy R Padilla	1585	L39	W32	W34	L5	L16	2.0
7	Dennis Seibel (\$150 D & Under)	1333	D6	W18	D21	W12	W17	4.0	23	Robert Shookley	1542	L30	W16	W39	L9	U--	2.0
8	J Kevin French	1944	W28	L15	W25	W14	D9	3.5	24	Ronald J Suarez	1521	H--	L6	D32	L16	W38	2.0
9	Dean Arond (\$150 Top B)	1689	W38	L3	W28	W23	D8	3.5	25	Carl Staples	1507	L2	W40	L8	D33	D19	2.0
10	Stevan J Wagner	2027	W31	W14	L2	L6	W26	3.0	26	Ted C Shellbamer	1489	L3	W38	W36	L13	L10	2.0
11	Lawrence S Cohen	1884	W16	W30	L1	W15	L2	3.0	27	Matthew Leali	1469	L1	W33	L12	W34	L14	2.0
12	Mohem Covic	1800	W40	L2	W27	L7	W28	3.0	28	Charles E Carroll	1422	L8	W19	L9	W39	L12	2.0
13	S Ramamoorthy	1656	W19	L1	W31	W26	L5	3.0	29	Richard F Stedler	1400	L4	W35	L14	L30	W39	2.0
14	C Musselman	1603	W41	L10	W29	L8	W27	3.0	30	S Kupala	unr.	W23	L11	L17	W29	L15	2.0
15	Mark Engelen (\$150 Top C)	1561	W35	W8	L6	L11	W30	3.0	31	Tim S Ailes	1434	L10	W41	L13	L19	D34	1.5
16	Abdulah Prijic	1334	L11	L23	W35	W24	W22	3.0	32	James R Kelly	1396	L5	L22	D24	L18	W40	1.5
									33	Chris Ward	1329	L36	L27	W41	D25	L18	1.5
									34	April Hieronymus (\$50 Top Upset)	1180	W18	L4	L22	L27	D31	1.5
									35	Carl R Troyer	983	L15	L29	L16	D40	W41	1.5
									36	Barney Getz	1835	W33	L20	L26	L17	U--	1.0
									37	R W Zimmerle	1506	L20	U--	W40	U--	U--	1.0
									38	Rod Moore	1325	L9	L26	L19	W41	L24	1.0
									39	Lazar S Ilic	1059	W22	L5	L23	L28	L29	1.0
									40	Earl L Kennell	1171	L12	L25	L37	D35	L32	0.5
									41	Sean Carroll	1127	L14	L31	L33	L38	L35	0.0



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# US Amateur Team Championships

## Midwest Team Taken by CRooks!

by Glenn Petersen

**T**he 2000 U.S. Amateur Team Championships took place the weekend of February 18-21. In this annual event, four separate championships take place simultaneously in the east, west, south and Midwest. One team from each region becomes champion.

In the Midwest event, which took place in Oakbrook, Illinois, the winning team "U C Rooks" (pronounced You Crooks), stole the title from the higher rated University of Chicago team in the final match.

Over a thousand players and over 200 teams participated in the U.S. Amateur Team Championship East, in Parsippany, New Jersey. The highest rated team, "Total Brutality", consisting of Igor Shliperman, S. Robovac, Mark Kurtzman and P. Sorge, won the event.

In the U.S. Amateur Team South, taking place in Gainesville, Florida, "Psyched" took the championship. The winning team, consisting of Miles Arda-



*Here's a team that created an appropriate uniform for an occasion such as this.*



*U C Rooks steal the Midwest U.S. Amateur Team competition with a 5.0 score!*

man, John Nardandrea, Larry Storch, and Michael Leavitt. They had to beat defending champions, Miami International Chess Academy (MICA) and leaders, Teens N' Tolani (TNT), in the last round to win. "TNT", "Blunder", and "Honey I Shrank the King" tied for second.

Forty-six teams competed in the U.S. Amateur Team West, in Los Angeles, California. The team "Dogs", consisting of IM Jack Peters, Robert Rowley, Ron Gross and Alan Compton won the event. In second place was "Lee's Team", with members Dan Lee, Ilia Serpik, Mehrdad Miralae and Jeff Birkel. "Analyze This", with Robert Richard, James Petranovich, Eric Kuuholm and Michael Nagaran, took third place.

Check out the team names on the pages following — such as WHO WANTS TO BE A GM, THE SELF-MATE MILLIONAIRES, SQUARE-HOPPERS, DAIRYDEMONS.COM, PAWN PALS and more.

# EVENTS

## U C ROOKS

1. MADDEX, William I IL 2196 2.5
2. LOPES, William M MA 2187 3.5
3. ROWLAND, Todd W MA 2159 5.0
4. TITUS, Frank A IL 1849 5.0

## WWW.CHESSDEPOT.COM

5. PEDZICH, Dominik IL 2473 4.5
6. WALLACH, Kenneth T IL 2265 4.5
7. PANNER, Glenn E IL 2075 1.5
8. READ, Rhys IL 1916 1.5
9. MONATELLI, David IL 1832 2.5

## U OF CHICAGO

10. YOUNG, Angelo NY 2489 3.5
11. MAKSIMOVIC, Dejan IL 2271 4.0
12. MACHAJ, Blair L IL 2041 3.5
13. SKIADAS, Charihos IL 1593 4.0

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

14. MININ, Serge Boris IL 2055 3.0
15. KLEBAN, Yuliy IL 1999 1.5
16. BONDAR, Leonid IL 1920 4.5
17. UPART, Boris IL nnnn 2.0
18. MIRKIN, Dmitry IL nnnn 4.0

## CARLETON KNIGHTS A

19. LEE, Andy C CA 2206 3.5
20. GAST, Bryan IL 2039 3.5
21. MORRIS, Eli OR 1831 4.0
22. HRON, Ben IL 1820 4.0

## BURLAP BAG BOYS

23. COLE, John W IN 2109 4.0
24. KISTLER, Leslie C IN 2026 2.0
25. YODER, Ronnie R IN 1946 4.0
26. FYR, Kevin IN 1800 3.0
27. HENDERSON, Harold IN 1749 2.5

## MENACING MATES

28. BRODIE, Mark A IL 2201 3.0
29. STEVENSON, Wilford PA 2008 3.5
30. RITTER, Howard T MI 1880 2.5
31. CAMARDA, Kyle KS 1870 3.5

## FANTASTIC FLOUNDERING FISH

32. BRUNNER, Frank G IL 1950 2.0
33. COHEN, Lawrence S IL 1890 2.0
34. VIRJEVICH, Ognjan IN 1861 4.5
35. COHEN, Howard IL 1805 3.5

## THEORETICAL NOVICES

36. SZPISJAK, Steven J IL 2238 3.0
37. SMYTHE, Bill IL 1802 3.5
38. REDDIVARI, Dushyan IL 1789 4.0
39. DUPUIS, Erik G IL 1378 1.0

## TEAM KURCZYNSKI

40. ROHRBAUGH, Tommy MO 1786 3.0
41. KUMMER, Michael J MO 1682 3.0
42. KURCZYNSKI, Ray M MO 1573 3.5
43. RICH, Tony MO 1180 4.0

## THE SELF-MATE MILLIONAIRES

44. STIDD, Sean C MI 1753 4.0
45. DAVIS, Jeffrey E IL 1619 4.5
46. KLAHN, Matthew S IL 1373 3.0
47. RENDA, Lonnie IL 1194 1.0

## MAKE YOUR MEN GO

48. PAINTER, Jameson R IL 1600 3.0
49. ENGEL, William O IL 1400 3.0
50. KUEKER, Joshua S IL 1345 2.5
51. LIU, Howard IL 1160 4.0

## ST LOUIS

52. DAVIS, Loel Willia MO 2352 2.0
53. VOELKER, James MO 2265 5.0
54. WITTE, Andrew J MO 2201 3.5

55. DALTON, Brian Scott MO 1964 1.0

## DAIRYDEMONS.COM

56. MANION, Josh MA 2476 4.5
57. RENAULT, Robert R IL 2272 2.5
58. OBERWEIS, James D IL 1842 3.0
59. OBERWEIS, Julie MA 1597 2.5

## ANALYZE THIS

60. FAGAN, James B IL 2111 3.0
61. NGUYEN, Tam Ducmin IL 2093 4.0
62. AKHMETOV, Artem IL 1849 3.0
63. SUMMERHAYS, David IL 1446 3.0

## CANOPENERS

64. SADAUSKAS, Justin IL 1884 4.0
65. GOUBRAN, Nader M IL 1858 2.5
66. RASO, Paul IL 1762 2.5
67. PATEL, Eddie G IL 1529 3.5

## ALL THE KING'S MEN

68. SCOTT, Gene G IL 2019 2.5
69. ARAMIL, William J IL 1711 3.5
70. HUBBARD, Andrew IL 1578 3.5
71. DUNCAN, Jason IL 1429 1.0
72. JOSEPH, Bennett IL 1238 1.0

## WHO WANTS TO BE A GM

73. GLASER, Jamie IL 1710 3.0
74. HERR, Hans IN 1693 3.0
75. HIGGINS, Charles E IN 1662 1.0
76. STEIN, Jason I. NY 1648 3.0

## FLESH EATING FISH FROM A LAKE

77. WALLS, David A TX 1672 3.0
78. HORNOR, Louis II TX 1648 3.0
79. PARNABY, Mark S IL 1632 3.0
80. HORNOR, Richard R IL 1355 3.5

## NORDAHL/BURNETT/MENENDEZ/LOP

81. NORDAHL, David IL 1782 4.0
82. BURNETT, Jim IL 1499 2.0
83. MENENDEZ, Cipriano IL 1454 3.0
84. LOPEZ, Philip IL 1326 3.0

## SQUAREHOPPERS

85. HERNANDEZ, Hector IL 1903 3.0
86. FLORES, Joshua IL 1736 3.0
87. RODRIGUEZ JR, Jose IL 1336 4.5
88. RODRIGUEZ SR, Jose IL 1034 1.0
89. ROCHA, Mario IL 610 0.5

## Y2-K-NIGHTZ

90. ROBLEDO, Mark IL 1974 3.0
91. CIMA, Joe IL 1906 2.5
92. ROBLEDO, Mark IL 1773 2.0
93. PADILLA, Rudy R IL 1558 3.0

## DYNAMO-MINSK

94. ZAZOVSKIY, Vilorik IL 1893 2.5
95. GORLIN, Gennadiy IL 1826 3.0
96. GORLIN, Andrey IL 1818 3.5
97. KOZYRENKO, Sergei IL 1480 2.5

## KINGWALKERS

98. RIDDLE, Joshua S IL 2114 3.5
99. SAX, Robert D IL 2060 3.5
100. LANGER, David P IL 1470 2.0
101. WISFNER, Michael IL 1259 0.5

## BACHLER'S KIDS

102. RIDDLE, Robert IL 1864 1.5
103. LEUNG, Daniel Y IL 1685 1.5
104. RASMUSSEN, Robert IL 1680 4.0
105. PIERGALSKI, John G IL 1475 1.0
106. BIELSKI, William J IL 1348 2.5

## 4 MASTER MATERS AND A LIAR

107. AROND, Dean IL 1727 2.5
108. BACKSTROM, Orn U IL 1602 0.5

109. HAUMGARTNER, C IL 1596 2.0

110. ENGELEN, Mark IL 1555 4.0

111. MILLER, David A IL 1520 3.0

## U of C C

112. CHUBUKOV, Victor WI 1772 1.5

113. HIRSCHBERG, Daniel NY 1472 3.0

114. HIRSCHBERG, David NY 1277 3.0

115. DANI, Varsha IL 980 1.5

## BIG GAME HUNTERS

116. PULLIN, Matthew IL 1649 3.5

117. HOSCH, Yahshua IL 1374 1.0

118. COHEN-GEIER, Matt IL 1229 0.5

119. YARNOFF, Benjamin IL 1211 3.0

120. YARNOFF, Zach D IL 1098 3.0

## POKEMONPOWNS

121. CYGAN, Joseph IL 1471 3.0

122. LOBRACO, Michael J IL 1456 3.0

123. SEIBEL, Dennis IL 1362 0.5

124. NIENART, Christopher IL 868 1.0

## THE DOSS FACTOR

125. DOSS, Jason R TX 2278 2.5

126. DEAN, Jim H IN 2262 1.5

127. LANGRECK, Ted F OH 2070 1.5

128. DEAN, Aaron IN 2000 2.0

## CARLETON KNIGHTS B

129. NEWHALL, Peter CA 1573 1.5

130. DISKIN, Daruel VA 1523 2.5

131. LANSING, Jon W IL 1373 2.0

132. HACKMAN, Jonathan IL 1360 3.5

## LASALLE/BOLT/RICHMOND/BLOCK

133. RICHMOND, M Barrie IL 1960 1.0

134. LA SALLE, Craig MO 1158 2.0

135. BOLT, Martin MO 1120 0.0

136. BILLS, Krista IL 1073 1.0

137. BLOCK, Joe IL nnnn 3.0

## SMSU: APOCALYPSE NOW

138. DAVLATOV, A MO 1592 1.0

139. CLARK, Mike MO 1520 2.0

140. SLATTERY, John P MO 1165 2.0

141. RILEY, Joe MO 1086 4.0

## FOUR KNIGHT STAND

142. BLOOMER, Jesse R IN 1422 1.0

143. PABIS, Evan IN 1327 1.5

144. HEUER, Brandon L IN 1274 1.5

145. NELSON, Joseph IN 971 4.0

## IMSA: GENIUS MASS SACKING

146. LAI, Ben IL 1382 2.0

147. GOGLIOTTI, Michael IL 1137 1.0

148. KREPPS, Collin L IL 1103 2.0

149. HAMMOTHE, B IL 771 2.0

## QUENSIDE RADICALS

150. HOMIAK, Jason IL 1197 2.0

151. HOLLAWAY, M IL 1093 3.5

152. MONAHAN, Sean P IL 1074 2.5

153. JANIS, Nicholas J IL 905 0.0

154. MUELLER, Timothy P IL nnnn 1.0

## MAGICAL MIDGETS

155. DAMASHEK, Elliot IL 916 1.0

156. SUMMERS, Todd IL 823 1.0

157. MURLAS, Kyle IL 781 2.5

158. KOZLOWSKI, Mark T IL 763 2.0

159. DAY, Andrew K IL 731 1.0

## ANAMORPHYS

160. ILIC, Stanimir M IL 2145 3.0

161. ILIC, Lazar S IL 1014 0.0

162. FISHMAN, Joey IL 962 2.0

163. MC ANULTY, Mac IL 871 1.5

164. FISHMAN, Isak N IL 829 0.0  
**NIU 1**  
 165. BREWER, Kevin P IL 1672 4.0  
 166. TYLER, Kevin Dwayne IL 1250 1.0  
 167. LAKKARAJU, Kiran IL 1095 2.5  
 168. SHAPER, Jon S IL 984 0.0

**Y2KIBITZERS**

169. AILES, Tim S IL 1372 1.0  
 170. CUMMINGS, Michael IL 1334 2.0  
 171. MICHALSEN, Eric L IL 1109 0.5  
 172. WIRTZ, Rob IL 879 1.5

**MORAN/BRONNER/SOMA/MORAN**

173. MORAN, Philip D IL 1296 0.0  
 174. BRONNER, Ben IL 1134 2.0  
 175. SOMASUNDARAM, IL 1034 1.5  
 176. MORAN, Wesley IL 937 3.0

**CHESSMATES**

177. WORLEY, Ronald L MI 1358 0.0  
 178. CAHILL, David L MI 1289 1.0  
 179. DECKER, James H MI 625 3.0  
 180. LITCHFIELD, Marell MI nnnn 2.0  
 181. LITCHFIELD, Glenn MI nnnn 1.0

**NICHOL'S NEWCOMERS**

182. DECKER, Shawn L IL 1321 1.0  
 183. KOZLOWSKI, Henry IL 1310 1.0  
 184. DECKER, Samuel IL 987 1.5  
 185. METZ, Veronica IL 727 2.0  
 186. MC FADDEN, Glenn IL 645 1.0

**PAWN PALS**

187. GONZALES, Anthony IL 1313 2.0  
 188. JURSIK, Jay IL 1174 1.0  
 189. DWYER, Bill IL 644 1.5  
 190. MAT JURSIK IL nnnn 1.0

**MEXICAN CHESS MASTERS**

191. PENA, Luis IL 1313 1.0  
 192. PENA, Andy G IL 1000 3.0  
 193. PENA, Cristian IL 746 0.0  
 194. CASTRO, Lazaro R IL nnnn 3.0

**NIU 2**

195. COLEMAN, George IL 1633 4.0  
 196. BATTAGLIA, Phillip IL 1025 1.0  
 197. SUMMERFIELD, K IL 1004 1.0  
 198. GOLOWOKA, Joe R IL 856 1.0

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199. JENKINS, Drake B GA 1095 3.5  
 200. BAUM, Aaron IL nnnn 1.0  
 201. CREEKMORE, Robert IL nnnn 1.0  
 202. NGUYEN, Giau IL nnnn 2.0

**CROSSPAIRING 1**

203. MONAHAN, Sean nnnn 1.0  
 204. JANIS, Nicholas nnnn 1.0  
 205. JACOBSON, Ben nnnn 1.0  
 206. REDFIELD, Jim nnnn 0.0

**CROSSPAIRING 3**

207. JACOBSON, Aaron nnnn 0.0  
 208. WORLEY, Ron nnnn 1.0  
 209. CAHILL, Dave nnnn 1.0  
 210. NO SUCH PLAYER nnnn 1.0

**TEAM X**

211. BOHAN, Phillip IL 980 0.0  
 212. JACOBSON, David H IL 840 0.0  
 213. JACOBSON, Ben IL nnnn 1.5  
 214. REDFIELD, James IL nnnn 3.5  
 215. BOHAN, David IL nnnn 0.0

**KNIGHT MOVES CC**

216. GAMEZ, Silvano IL 811 2.0  
 217. HERRERA, Juan IL nnnn 0.0

218. MENENDEZ, Joseph IL nnnn 0.0  
 219. ROMAN, Jesus IL nnnn 1.0

**CROSSPAIRING 2**

220. DAMASHEK, ELLIOT MN nnnn 0.0  
 221. SUMMERS, TODD MN nnnn 1.0  
 222. JACOBSON, AARON MN nnnn 0.0  
 223. STRAUSS DANIEL MN nnnn 1.0

**Nd4**

224. HERRON, Mike K IN 2124 0.0  
 225. SNOW, Glenn W IN 2056 0.0  
 226. HARRIS, Thomas J IN 1900 0.0  
 227. CARR, Jay A IN 1809 0.0

**INSANITY CUBED**

228. KMETZ, Shawn MN 1421 0.0  
 229. STEVENSON, Andrew MN 1032 0.0  
 230. MORAVEC, Luke MN 715 0.0  
 231. EL DWEK, Dan MN 696 0.0

**CHESS DRAGONS**

232. JACOBSON, Aaron IL 657 0.0  
 233. STRAUSS, Daniel IL 651 0.0  
 234. HARRIS, Emily IL nnnn 0.0  
 235. FIFE, Nathan IL nnnn 2.0  
 236. RICE, Ivan IL nnnn 0.0

Place	Name/Team	Rate	Score
<b>USATx2</b>			
1	U C ROOKS (5)	2097	5.0 97.0
2	U OF CHICAGO (4)	2098	4.0 94.0
3	WWW.CHESSDEPOT.COM (2)	2182	4.0 90.0
4	BURLAP BAG BOYS (11)	1970	4.0 88.0
5 (college)	CARLETON KNIGHTS A (9)	1974	4.0 87.5
6 (best IL)	BLAST FROM THE PAST (7)	1991	4.0 80.0
For Ratings Under 2000			
1 *	BURLAP BAG BOYS (11)	1970	4.0 88.0
2	CARLETON KNIGHTS A (9)	1974	4.0 87.5
3	BLAST FROM THE PAST (7)	1991	4.0 80.0
For Ratings Under 1800			
1 *	SELF-MATE MILLIONAIRE(27)	1484	3.5 58.5
2	TEAM KURCZYNSKI (24)	1555	3.5 53.0
3	MAKE YOUR MEN GO (29)	1376	3.5 48.5
For Ratings Under 1600			
1	SELF-MATE MILLIONAIRE(27)	1484	3.5 58.5
2 *	TEAM KURCZYNSKI (24)	1555	3.5 53.0
3	MAKE YOUR MEN GO (29)	1376	3.5 48.5
For Ratings Under 1400			
1	MAKE YOUR MEN GO (29)	1376	3.5 48.5
For Ratings Under 1200			
1 *	QUEENSIDE RADICALS (45)	1067	2.0 30.0
2 (best team name)	IMSA: INGENIOUS MASS SACKING ATTACK (41)	1098	2.0 18.0
3	MAGICAL MIDGETS (50)	820	2.0 10.5
For Group CM			
1 (company)	DAIRYDEMONS.COM (6)	2046	3.0 53.0
For Group CO			
1	CARLETON KNIGHTS A (9)	1974	4.0 87.5
For Group EL			
1	MAGICAL MIDGETS (50)	820	2.0 10.5
For Group HS			
1	BIG GAME HUNTERS (31)	1365	2.5 40.0
For Group JR			
1	TEAM KURCZYNSKI (24)	1555	3.5 53.0
2 *	FOUR KNIGHT STAND (37)	1248	2.0 31.0
For Group MS			
1	BACHLER'S KIDS (21)	1676	2.5 31.5

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# Club News

## Elmhurst Chess Club

By Rober Birkeland

### DECEMBER 5

The sixteen players who came out on December fifth to battle in a Game/15 Double Quad were divided into four sections according to their USCF quick rating.

Dejan Maksimovic, whose quick rating is about to top 2400, held off the other players in the first section to take clear first with a score of 5-1. Stan Ilic was right behind at 4.5-1.5.

Vince Hart returned fresh from a brief period of inactivity to take the very competitive second quad with an excellent result of 5-1. Robert Loncarevic showed he is benefiting from his lessons with "Max" by nailing down second.

The third section saw a split of the prizes between Joe Cygan—another of Max's students—and George David, who is always tough at the shorter time controls.

In the fourth quad young Chris Neinart, who is much stronger than his rating of 868, outplayed his older and higher rated opponents to take home the prize money with a fine score of 5-1.

### DECEMBER 12

On December twelfth we held a four-round Game/20 event that drew eighteen players. Again, Dejan Maksimovic breezed through the field with a perfect 4-0. Bill Wenz was glad he made the trip from Wisconsin after his 3.5-5 nailed down clear second.

Talented junior Alan Rose defeated two older and higher rated opponents to take the under 1900 money with 3-1, while his friend and teammate Glenn Moore also played well to win the under 1700 prize with 2.5-1.5.

Veteran Rudy Padilla was best under 1500, and nine-year-old Chris Nienart's score of 1-3 nosed out three rivals for the under 1300 prize.

### JANUARY 9

After three weeks off for the Christmas and New Year's holidays, we resumed action with a Game/29 Quad on January ninth.

Dejan "Max" Maksimovic once again held off all challengers in the top quad with a perfect 3-0. Stanimir Ilic lost only to Max to finish second with 2-1.

In the second section, winner George David also posted a perfect 3-0 against three evenly matched rivals.

The third quad also featured a perfect score of 3-0, this time by Kermit Dodson. Dennis Seibel was second with 2-1.

### JANUARY 16

On January sixteenth we held another in our series of Game/60 ICA Mini-tour events. This one, however, drew the largest turnout ever to play in an ECC one day tournament—61 players! This excellent support enabled us to raise the projected \$840 prize fund to \$1140!

Stanimir Ilic, fourth on the wall chart behind an IM and two FMs, prevailed to emerge as the only undefeated player with 4-0, good for the first prize of \$260.

International Master Dominik Pedzich, visiting here for a few months from Poland, survived a first round draw with Ed Cummins (1457!) to share second with veteran master Albert Chow and Brian Garwood, all three at 3.5-5.

Brian, at 1940, took the \$120 under-2200 prize all alone. Four players with a score of 3-1—Larry Cohen, Arandel Markovic, Gennadiy Gorlin and Mehmed Covic—divided the \$120 Class A prize. The \$120 Class B prize was split by three contestants—Robert Loncarevic, Greg Witek and Ralph Wakerty—who also had scores of 3-1.

Andrew Hubbard and Mark Engelen, the two players who shared the \$120 Class C prize, also posted the excellent result of 3-1.

Anthony Gonzales got to take home \$120, as his 2.5-1.5 bested 17 rivals eligible for the under-1400 money.

Two young juniors, Steven Klink and Brandon Hammothe, scored 2-2 to split the \$100 under-1200 prize.

### JANUARY 23

For the third year in a row, the ECC hosted a large team match with the Chicago Industrial Chess League. This year's match, held on January 23rd, saw 44 players come out to support their teams. The 22 board match, despite a spread of less than 45 rating points between the contestants on every one of the top 19 boards, ended with a convincing 14.5-7.5 victory for the Elmhurst Chess Club, making our record 3-0 in our three matches with the CICL.

A good time was had by all, and we certainly hope to continue this friendly rivalry in the future.

### JANUARY 30

On January 30th, Super Bowl Sunday, we held a Handicap Blitz event for all the non-football fans in the club. This is an event where players are given less time the higher they are rated.

Next time we may try giving FM Dejan Maksimovic 30 seconds in an effort to slow him down a bit, as the two minutes per game he had at this tournament was enough to sweep through the 11-man field with 9.5-5, yielding only a courtesy draw in the last round. Expert Stanimir Ilic, also an excellent blitz player, was right behind with 9-1.

Roger Birkeland, benefiting from the five minutes per game given C players, and Robert Loncarevic were third with 6.5-4.5.

### Elmhurst Chess Club vs. CICL

1	D. Maksimovic (2271)	Tom Kras (2241)	1-0
2	Stanimir Ilic (2145)	Tom Dongo (2168)	5-5
3	Blair Machaj (2041)	Ed Buerger (2034)	1-0
4	Szanaslaw Kmyns (2038)	Lenny Spiegel (2026)	1-0
5	Ed Thomas (1927)	Tom Friaie (2000)	5-5
6	Vince Hart (1866)	Wayne Elhoe (1911)	5-5
7	John Tums (1833)	David Green (1840)	0-1
8	Paul Pratic (1832)	Jay Lockuck (1783)	0-1
9	Robert Loncarevic (1709)	Richard Easton (1744)	5-5
10	George David (1702)	Amie Walker (1742)	1-0
11	Ed Cummins (1698)	Bamin Parson (1706)	1-0
12	Jim Duffy (1695)	Harde White (1669)	1-0
13	Bret Collins (1602)	Albert Vignais (1610)	1-0
14	Ross DeMarco (1600)	Frank Mackloch (1609)	1-0
15	W Bogutowicz (1578)	Dimitri Trufanov (1600)	1-0
16	Mark Engelen (1574)	H. Kluefelter (1557)	1-0
17	Chuck Collins (1573)	Art Olsen (1550)	0-1
18	Roger Birkeland (1550)	Duane Satterlee (1526)	1-0
19	Ken Marshall (1507)	John Monkowski (1520)	5-5
20	Kermit Dodson (1377)	Karl Dohr (1505)	1-0
21	Lazar Ilic (1014)	R. Nallathambi (1505)	0-1
22	Byron Chen (772)	Carl Reid (1453)	0-1

Elmhurst CC = 14.5

Chgo Industrial CL = 7.5

## Elmhurst Game/60 January 16, 2000

								score	tour
1	ILIC Stanimir M	2145	W31	W12	W7	W5	4	14MX	
2	PEDZICHI D	2423	D21	W42	W13	W9	3.5	7.5M	
3	CHOW Albert C	2317	W30	D20	W41	W19	3.5	7.5M	
4	GARWOOD Brian	1940	W22	W14	D19	W18	3.5	7.5MXA	
5	NGUYEN Tam	2093	W45	W11	W8	L1	3	4MX	
6	ZINYTCH Miron	2044	W32	L13	W30	W20	3	4MX	
7	COHEN Lawrence	1890	W47	W43	L1	W59	3	4MXA	
8	MARKOVIC A	1842	W48	W55	L5	W26	3	4MXA	
9	GORLIN Gennadiy	1826	W49	W16	W23	L2	3	4MXA	
10	COVIC Mehmed	1800	D50	W56	D26	W28	3	4MXA	
11	LONCAREVIC R	1709	W35	L5	W32	W31	3	4MXAB	
12	WITEK Gregory A	1694	W52	L1	W33	W34	3	4MXAB	
13	WAKERLY Ralph	1662	W53	W6	L2	W39	3	4MXAB	
14	HUBBARD A	1578	W54	L4	W46	W38	3	4MXABC	
15	ENGELN Mark	1555	L39	W48	W49	W23	3	4MXABC	
16	BONDOR Leonid		W33	L9	W43	W40	3	4M	
17	MAKSIMOVIC D	2271	W44	W40	D18	-	2.5	2.5M	
18	MONEY David	1871	W34	W28	D17	L4	2.5	2.5MXA	
19	GORLIN Andrey	1818	W60	W39	D4	L3	2.5	2.5MXA	
20	ARAMIL William J	1711	W51	D3	W21	L6	2.5	2.5MXAH	
21	CUMMINS Edward	1457	D2	W57	L20	W41	2.5	2.5MXABC	
22	GONZALES A	1313	L4	W54	D40	W42	2.5	2.5MXABCD	
23	MODES Daniel R	1941	W46	W25	L9	L15	2	2MXA	
24	RASO Paul	1743	H	H	L31	W50	2	2MXAB	
25	ROSE Alan J	1615	W36	L23	L34	W47	2	2MXAB	
26	MOORE Glenn	1549	D56	W58	D10	L8	2	2MXABC	
27	BIRKELAND R	1545	H	H	W35	-	2		
28	SHOCKLEY Robert	1530	W37	L18	W55	L10	2	2MXABC	
29	MICKLICH Frank	1496	L55	W60	L39	W49	2	2MXABC	
30	LOBRACO Michael	1456	L3	W51	L6	W56	2	2MXABC	
31	PRILIC Abdulah	1427	L1	W52	W24	L11	2	2MXABC	
32	DODSON Kermit	1377	L6	W53	L11	W55	2	2MXABCD	
33	LOPEZ Eugene C	1374	L16	W61	L12	W54	2	2MXABCD	
34	FORD Justin M	1265	L18	W37	W25	L12	2	2MXABC	
35	KLINK Steven	1003	L11	W45	L27	W43	2	2MXABCDE	
36	HAMMOTHE B	771	L25	L46	W48	W45	2	2MXABCDEFG	
37	JURSICH James		L28	L34	W51	W46	2	2M	
38	PAPPPAS George		L43	W47	W57	L14	2	2M	
39	ZAZOVSKIY Vilok		W15	L19	W29	L13	2	2M	
40	HUANG Vincent	1689	W61	L17	D22	L16	1.5	1.5MXAB	
41	PADILLA Rudy R	1558	D58	W50	L3	L21	1.5	1.5MXABC	
42	SHELIHAMER T	1466	H	L2	W58	L22	1.5	1.5MXABC	
43	CYGAN Joseph	1471	W38	L7	L16	L35	1	1MXABC	
44	SUPRUN Denis	1452	L17	L49	W52	-	1	1MXABC	
45	SMITH Orlan B	1402	L5	L35	W61	L36	1	1MXABC	
46	HUANG Winston	1319	L23	W36	L14	L37	1	1MXABCD	
47	MENDENHALL R	1279	L7	L38	W53	L25	1	1MXABCD	
48	JONES Patrick	1230	L8	L15	L36	W58	1	1MXABCD	
49	HIERONYMUS A	1206	L9	W44	L15	L29	1	1MXABCD	
50	BARKER Gary F	1197	D10	L41	D56	L24	1	1MXABCDE	
51	ILIC Lazar S	1014	L20	L30	L37	W61	1	1MXABCDE	
52	GLIBERTO Frank	972	L12	L31	L44	W60	1	1MXABCDE	
53	NEBENART C	868	L13	L32	L47	B	1	1MXABCDE	
54	MC DANIEL A	733	L14	L22	W60	L33	1	1MXABCDEFG	
55	ENG Allen		W29	L8	L28	L32	1	1M	
56	KECOJOVIC N		D26	L10	D50	L30	1	1M	
57	GAPUZ Wilfredo	1677	H	L21	L38	-	0.5	0.5MXAB	
58	DWYER Bill	644	D41	L26	L42	L48	0.5	0.5MXABCDEFG	
59	DAVID George F	1652	-	-	-	L7	0		
60	GUTIERREZ G	1203	L19	L29	L54	L52	0		
61	GLIBERTO Frank	946	L40	L33	L45	L51	0		

## Concordia Community Chess Club

by Ken Marshall

**U**SCF Game/10 Swiss: This event drew 10 players on December 21. Brent Cromzac (Quick Play 2030) posted a 4.5-.5 result for first place. Second prize went to Blair Machaj (1886, 4-1). Wlad Boguslowicz (1561, 3-2) was best 1700-1500. Father and son Chuck Collins (1489, 3-2) and Brett Collins (1423, 3-2) split the Below 1500 money.

USCF Game/15 Swiss: Ten players competed in this five-round January 11 tournament, which Dejan "Max" Maksimovic (Quick Play 2371) won by finishing 5-0. Runner up at 4-1 (losing only to Max) was Blair Machaj (1886). Top 1899-1600 honors went to Ed Cummins (1655) for his 3-2 result, while Roger Birkeland (1575) also scored 3-2 to take home the 1599-Below prize.

USCF Game/29 Quads: On January 18 three Quads took place. Fred Lahr (Quick Play 1686), the lowest rated player in Quad 1, won with a 3-0 result, ahead of Mariusz Gorski (1733, 2-1). Quad 2 saw Wlad Boguslowicz (1620, 3-0) take first, with Marty Ptacek (1675, 2-1) next. Brett Collins (1423, 3-0) also posted a perfect score to top Quad 3, trailed by his dad Chuck Collins (1489, 1.5-1.5) and Eugene Lopez (1376, 1.5-1.5).

**Time Handicap Blitz Tournament:** Despite having less time than their respective opponents, the top players took top honors on January 25 in this nine player round robin. Max Maksimovic (Quick Play 2371) finished first, with Blair Machaj (1886) next.

USCF Game/10 Swiss: Max Maksimovic (Quick Play 2371, 5-0) and Blair Machaj (1886, 3.5-1.5) occupied their customary places at the top of the wall chart and at the top of the prize list in this February 1 event. Machaj was joined by Brett Collins (1423, 3.5-1.5). Marty Ptacek (1675, 3-2). Wlad Boguslowicz

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# CHESS CLUBS

(CONCORDIA Continued from page 43)  
 (1620, 3-2), George David (1604, 3-2),  
 and William Aranil (1435, 3-2) fol-  
 lowed.

**USCF Game/25 Quads:** Two Quads  
 were played on February 8. Max Maksi-  
 movic (Quick Play 2368) scored 3-0 to  
 win Quad 1, while Wlad Boguslawicz  
 (1656, 2.5-1.50 edged Roger Birkeland  
 (1551, 2-1) in Quad 2.

**Unrated Game/5 Blitz Tournament:**  
 Max Maksimovic dominated this Febru-  
 ary 15 ten-player round robin, ending up  
 8-0. Right behind at 7-1 was Blair  
 Machaj. Robert Loncarovic posted a 6.5-  
 1.5 result for third place, and Joe Cygan  
 (4.5-3.5) was fourth.

## Chicago Chess Club

by Bill Smythe

When the cat's away, the mice will  
 play. Osman Palos has been out of the  
 country for a few months, giving other  
 masters and experts a shot at Chicago  
 Chess Club top prizes. Despite Palos'  
 absence, nobody managed a perfect score  
 in either of our first two Tour events of  
 2000.

In the Winter Mini-Tour, Albert Chow  
 scored 4.5 out of 5 after being held to a

draw by fellow master Steve Szpisjak in  
 round 3. Finishing second with 3.5 were  
 experts Tam Nguyen and Rob Sax, and A  
 player Larry Cohen.

In February, Cohen pulled off an ICA  
 Tour double-header by playing in two  
 Tour events on the same day. The Wild  
 Onion's early-morning schedule made  
 this possible; all Larry needed was a last-  
 round bye in the Onion tournament and a  
 first-round bye in ours. But Larry's feat  
 did not garner him a lot of Tour points,  
 as he lost in round 2 to Stanimir Ilic, who  
 went on to share the top prize with Miron  
 Zinytch at 3.5-0.5.

Of course, not all Club events are Tour  
 events. On January 1, this writer some-  
 how scored 6-0 to win the Y2K Double  
 Quick Quad, while Miron Zinytch and  
 h scored 6-2 the next day to win the Plus-  
 Score Double Quick. Miomir Stevano-  
 vic, Artem Akhmetov, William Black-  
 man, and Alvin Quick Quads.

On January 29, the time control re-  
 turned to "slow" chess (game/60) for the  
 Saturday Plus-Score. The winner was  
 The Kid, William Aranil, who defeated  
 Miron Zinytch and Gene Scott on his  
 way to a 4-0 score. The next day, it was  
 back to Quick chess, where Leonid Bon-  
 dar and Greg Witek won their quad sec-  
 tions.

On February 5, it was time for another  
 Saturday Evening Quick Quad, so named  
 because it allows players to play in the  
 Tuley Park events during the daytime  
 and then shuttle north to the Club in the  
 evening. Quad winners were Aranil,  
 Richard Lung, and Christopher Nienart.  
 The next day, Tam Nguyen, David Gra-  
 woig, and William Blackman were sec-  
 tion winners in the game/90 Groundhog  
 Sectional.

Those who like slower time controls  
 will appreciate our Plus-Score Leisure  
 Mini-Tours coming up on March 25-26  
 and May 6-7. These two-day events fea-  
 ture just two rounds a day played at 40  
 moves in 2 hours throughout the tourna-  
 ment.

Chicago Chess Club Winter Mini-Tour January 22-23, 2000

									score	tour
1	CHOW Albert C	2317	W9	W7	D6	X8	W2	4.5	4.5M	
2	NGUYEN Tam D	2093	H	W12	W11	W6	L1	3.5	3.5MX	
3	SAX Robert D	2060	W14	D11	D10	W7	D4	3.5	3.5MX	
4	COHEN Lawrence	1890	W21	L8	W20	W10	D3	3.5	3.5MXA	
5	AROND Dean	1727	H	L18	W19	W12	W9	3.5	3.5MXAB	
6	SZPISJAK Steven	2238	W13	D10	D1	L2	W16	3	3M	
7	SCOTT Gene G	2019	W16	L1	W12	L3	W15	3	3MX	
8	MARSHALL James	2198	W19	W4	H	F1	-	2.5	2.5MX	
9	LAHR H Fred	1800	L1	D16	W13	W11	L5	2.5	2.5MXA	
10	ZINYTCH Miron	2044	W15	D6	D3	L4	-	2	2MX	
11	WOLF William P	1987	W20	D3	L2	L9	D13	2	2MXA	
12	MARKOVIC A	1842	W17	L2	L7	L5	W19	2	2MXA	
13	ARAMIL William	1711	L6	D15	L9	W21	D11	2	2MXAB	
14	BURNETT Jim	1499	L3	H	H	L16	W21	2	2MXABC	
15	LOPEZ Philip	1326	L10	D13	H	W20	L7	2	2MXABCD	
16	BLACKMAN Wm	1299	L7	D9	H	W14	L6	2	2MXABCD	
17	HIERONYMUS A	1206	L12	L20	W21	D19	H	2	2MXABCD	
18	SMYTHE Bill	1802	H	W5	-	-	-	1.5		
19	KECOJVIC N		L8	D21	L5	D17	L12	1	1M	
20	WASHBURN D R	1575	L11	W17	L4	L15	-	1	1MXABC	
21	WISHNER Mike	1259	L4	D19	L17	L13	L14	0.5	0.5MXABC1)	

Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score February 12, 2000

									score	tour
1	ILIC Stanimir	2081	D6	W5	W12	W3	3.5	7.5X		
2	ZINYTCH Miron	2075	W4	D12	W10	W8	3.5	7.5X		
3	BONDAR Leonid	1880	W16	W7	W9	L1	3	4XA		
4	HOFFMAN Paul	1711	L2	W16	W7	W9	3	4XAB		
5	COHEN Lawrence	1884	H	L1	W13	W10	2.5	2.5XA		
6	GATICA Jose	1751	D1	D13	D14	W12	2.5	2.5XAB		
7	NGUYEN Tam D	2150	W13	L3	L4	W14	2	2X		
8	SCOTT Gene G	2069	W14	L10	W18	L2	2	2X		
9	GREGORY Jamie	1900	W15	W18	L3	L4	2	2XA		
10	LAZEBNIK Yakov	1854	W17	W8	L2	L5	2	2XA		
11	DIAMONDI William	952	L12	W15	H	H	2	2XABCDEF		
12	SMYTHE Bill	1807	W11	D2	L1	1.6	1.5	1.5XA		
13	SMITH Harry	1766	L7	D6	L5	W17	1.5	1.5XAB		
14	BLACKMAN William	1427	L8	W17	D6	L7	1.5	1.5XABC		
15	MAZLOOMIAN Hoda	1179	L9	L11	W16	H	1.5	1.5XABCDE		
16	ILIC Lazar	1059	L3	L4	L15	B	1	1XABCDEF		
17	NIENART Chris	969	L10	L14	W18	1.13	1	1XABCDEF		
18	REBOLLEDO Enrique	962	B	L9	L8	L17	1	1XABCDEF		

**Fox Valley Chess Club  
 is meeting in North  
 Aurora beginning April  
 4th. See the affiliate  
 listing on page 47.**

# Ninety-Seven Chess Warriors Set Record at Tim Just's Winter Open XV

by Tim Just

Mild weather, no Chicago NFL playoff interest, and a history of fine events brought 97 woodpushers to the Grayslake campus of the College of Lake County on January 8-9, 2000. The distant past saw no more than 80 combatants sac pawns and vanquish opponents to gain the glories of first place.

This annual kickoff for the ICA Tour filled the Open section with 29 high caliber top guns that paid homage to the tied first and second place finishers, the international duo of Angelo Young and Dominick Pedzich. Their mutual draw in round four was the only imperfection on their 4.5-5 performances. Angelo took home \$212.50 by defeating Class "A" player Vince Hart, Expert Tam Ducmin Nguyen, plus Masters Al Chow and Ken Wallach. Chicagoland newcomer Dominik Pedzich vanquished Class "A" player Gennadiy Gorlin, Experts Robert Sax and Tam Ducmin Nguyen, plus Master Steve Szpisjak to claim his paycheck of \$212.50.

While he started late by entering in round two, Expert Gene Scott, a fixture on the Chicago chess scene, put together a 4-1 show of strength to claim \$175 and sole third place. Tied Experts Tam Ducmin Nguyen and Yelena Gorlin were awarded \$112.50 each for their first and second place joint 3-2 performances. The top Class "A" funds of \$125 went to new father and late entry Dave Monatelli. The second place Class "A & Below" prize was split three ways between Gennady Gorlin, Larry Cohen, and Artem Akhmetov.

The 68-player Reserve section was larger than some past Winter Opens! Unrated Leonid Bondar went undefeated by besting Winston Huang, James Sahs,

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## RESERVE SECTION

									score	tour
1	BONDAR Leonid		W41	W6	W4	W10	W12	5		
2	ARAMIL William J	1711	W65	W31	W22	W20	D3	4.5	19B	
3	MC CLURE Seth	1569	W68	W57	W45	W15	D2	4.5	19BC	
4	SHOCKLEY Robert	1530	W46	W44	L1	W50	W27	4	12BC	
5	GASIECKI Alan F	1526	W60	W26	L15	W45	W16	4	12BC	
6	SAHS James W	1511	W54	L1	W58	W28	W15	4	12BC	
7	MAYE Erik R	1389	D66	W59	D11	W19	W18	4	12BCD	
8	SOMMERK David	1236	L11	W36	W38	W37	W20	4	12BCD	
9	DELAY Joe	1694	W43	D32	H	D13	W34	3.5	7B	
10	BAUMANN Herb	1683	W58	W39	W23	L1	D14	3.5	7B	
11	RASMUSSEN R	1680	W8	H	D7	D22	W32	3.5	7B	
12	ENGELN Mark	1555	H	W28	W34	W29	L1	3.5	7BC	
13	CYGAN Joseph	1471	W48	L15	W26	D9	W33	3.5	7BC	
14	LOBRACO My	1456	W36	L29	W63	W17	D10	3.5	7BC	
15	UNTERMYER A	1704	W42	W13	W5	L3	L6	3	6B	
16	DUFFY James W	1695	W35	L22	W24	W33	L5	3	6B	
17	MUSSELMAN C	1674	L44	W66	W40	L14	W45	3	6B	
18	BURTON Ward C	1600	L45	W54	W25	W23	L7	3	6B	
19	ROSTROM C R	1589	L26	W60	W35	L7	W44	3	6BC	
20	PADLLA Rudy R	1558	W27	W40	W50	L2	L8	3	6BC	
21	LANGER David P	1470	H	L33	W48	W51	D22	3	6BC	
22	SHELLHAMER T	1466	W55	W16	L2	D11	D21	3	6BC	
23	RAMOS Fabian	1420	W64	W37	L10	L18	W48	3	6BC	
24	LOPEZ Eugene C	1374	L50	W46	L16	W61	W49	3	6BCD	
25	RESK David	1339	L28	W61	L18	W47	W50	3	6BCD	
26	SCHMIDT Scott	1155	W19	L5	L13	W38	W39	3	6BCDE	
27	BRONNER Ben	1134	L20	W64	W39	W30	L4	3	6BCDE	
28	PEDERSEN Jeff		W25	L12	W57	L6	W42	3		
29	CLARK Wayne D	1676	W51	W14	H	L12	-	2.5	5B	
30	KITTSLEY Scott L	1542	W53	L45	H	L27	W51	2.5	5BC	
31	GRANT Dennis S	1506	W47	L2	D52	L34	W54	2.5	5BC	
32	NAPOLI Steven	1460	W49	D9	L33	W52	L11	2.5	5BC	
33	DUPUIS Erik G	1378	H	W21	W32	L16	L13	2.5	5BCD	
34	BIELSKI William J	1348	X	H	L12	W31	L9	2.5	5BCD	
35	ECK Frederick A	1272	L16	W47	L19	D55	W52	2.5	5BCD	
36	CHAVIANO Alex	842	L14	L8	W60	W58	H	2.5	5BCDEF	
37	BAUMGARTNER	1596	W52	L23	W44	L8	-	2	4BC	
38	WEBB James	1513	W61	L50	L8	L26	W55	2	4BC	
39	NAPOLI Anthony	1460	W62	L10	L27	W59	L26	2	4BC	
40	NAPOLI Mike	1375	W67	L20	L17	L48	W59	2	4BCD	
41	HUANG Winston	1319	L1	W49	X	-	-	2	4BCD	
42	MORAN Philip D	1296	L15	L48	W66	W63	L28	2	4BCD	
43	MUELLER Edward	1271	L9	H	D59	L49	W61	2	4BCD	
44	HIERONYMUS A	1206	W17	L4	L37	W62	L19	2	4BCD	
45	WIDING Robert	1202	W18	W30	L3	L5	L17	2	4BCD	
46	CUNNINGHAM R		L4	L24	L49	W60	W63	2		
47	FISHMAN Joey	962	L31	L35	W67	L25	W58	2	4BCDEF	
48	DIAMOND William	955	L13	W42	L21	W40	L23	2	4BCDEF	
49	MORAN Wesley	937	L32	L41	W46	W43	L24	2	4BCDEF	
50	BENFORA(O) Ed		W24	W38	L20	L4	L25	2		
51	JONES Patrick	1230	L29	D62	W65	L21	L30	1.5	3BCD	
52	GASUNAS A	1191	L37	W67	D31	L32	L35	1.5	3BCDE	
53	DUPEE Arthur B	1084	L30	L63	H	L54	W64	1.5	3BCDE	
54	MARRON Thomas	966	L6	L18	H	W53	L31	1.5	3BCDEF	
55	PHELPS Douglas	940	L22	L58	W68	D35	L38	1.5	3BCDEF	
56	FINEBERG Thomas	1622	-	W68	-	-	-	1		
57	VONSTEDN M	1443	W63	L3	L28	-	-	1	2BC	
58	WISHNER Michael	1259	L10	W55	L6	L36	L47	1	2BCD	
59	DUPUIS Brian M	1027	H	L7	D43	L39	L40	1	2BCDE	
60	WIDING Daniel R	1025	L5	L19	L36	L46	B	1	2BCDE	
61	YONNA Daniel A	999	L38	L25	W64	L24	L43	1	2BCDEF	
62	MC ANULTY Mac	871	L39	D51	H	L44	-	1	2BCDEF	
63	SWINDELL F	837	L57	W53	L14	L42	L46	1	2BCDEF	
64	SWINDILL J	814	L23	L27	L61	B	L53	1	2BCDEF	

# CHESS CLUBS

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Robert Shockley, Herb Baumann, and Mark Engelen to claim a mere \$75 for his first place efforts. That was the top funding and top dollar limit restriction for players in the Unrated class. First and second place funds totaling \$425 were split equally by Seth McClure and William Aramil with scores of 4.5-5 each. The third place prize in the Reserve section, the first and second place prizes in Class "C", plus the first place money from Class "D/E" were summed and divided evenly among the 4-1 scoring Class "C" players Robert Shockley, Alan Gasielcki, James Sahs, plus Class "D/E" woodpushers Erik Maye and David Sommers.

The record setting event was directed and organized by Tim Just, Wayne Clark, Dennis Grant, and Örn Backstrom.

## Chesterton Chess Report

by Harold Henderson

A record-setting 52 chess players converged on the Westchester Public Library Service Center from Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan on February 26th for five rounds of fast-paced chess games.

Winning first prize was Robby R. Stinger of Park Forest, Illinois who won all five of his games. Another prize winner was (2nd) \*John W. Cole from Goshen, Indiana, who won four games and drew one.

Top finishers with chess ratings under 2000, under 1800, under 1600 (tie) -- Kevin Fyr, Granger IN, Nathaniel Criss from Indianapolis; \*Jesse Bloomer from Michigan City, Indiana; Tom Adduci from Oak Forest, Illinois; Filip Stanek of Granger, Indiana; and William Jay Lechnick from Streamwood, Illinois all won four games and lost one.

Top finisher under 1400 -- \*David Cahill of Muskegon, Michigan won three games, lost one, and drew one.

Top finishers under 1200, under 1000, and unrated (tie) -- Jeff Benac of Knox, Indiana; \*Joe Nelson of Michigan City; \*David Shepard of South Bend, Indiana; \*Emmanuel Alvarado of Chicago; and \*Garrett L. Smith from Indianapolis all

65	HENDERSON D	1297	L2	H	L51	-	-	0.5	IBCD
66	FRANKEL Eitan	768	D7	L17	L42	-	-	0.5	IBCDEFG
67	STAR Jonathan	762	L40	L52	L47	H	-	0.5	IBCDEFG
68	VONSTEIN Ben	467	L3	L56	L55	-	-	0	

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### OPEN SECTION

								score	tour
1	YOUNG Angelo	2489	W17	W7	W6	D2	W4	4.5	19M
2	PEDZICH Dominik	2423	W9	W16	W14	D1	W7	4.5	19M
3	SCOTT Gene G	2019	H	W27	D11	W17	W10	4	12MX
4	WALLACH Ken	2265	W25	D11	W10	W14	L1	3.5	7M
5	MONATELLO D	1832	H	W15	L7	W16	W12	3.5	7MXA
6	CHOW Albert C	2317	W12	W8	L1	L10	W13	3	6M
7	NGUYEN Tam	2093	W23	L1	W5	W11	L2	3	6MX
8	GORLIN Yelena	2065	W20	L6	L13	W25	W17	3	6MX
9	GORLIN Gennadiy	1933	L2	W19	L17	W23	W21	3	6MXA
10	COHEN Lawrence	1890	W28	W24	L4	W6	L3	3	6MXA
11	AKHMETOV A	1849	W29	D4	D3	L7	W14	3	6MXA
12	GORLIN Andrey	1903	L6	W26	W25	D13	L5	2.5	5MXA
13	BORON Anthony J	1812	L24	W28	W8	D12	L6	2.5	5MXA
14	SZPISJAK Steven J	2238	W26	W21	L2	L4	L11	2	4M
15	RIDDLE Robert	2096	D27	L5	D26	D21	D16	2	4MX
16	SAX Robert D	2060	W19	L2	D22	L5	D15	2	4MX
17	HART Vincent	1831	L1	W20	W9	L3	L8	2	4MXA
18	JUST Timothy W	1696	-	-	W29	H	H	2	
19	BACKSTROM Örn	1602	L16	L9	W20	D26	D23	2	4MXAB
20	HUBBARD Andrew	1578	L8	L17	L19	W29	W26	2	4MXABC
21	MILLER David A	1520	W22	L14	H	D15	L9	2	4MXABC
22	HUANG Kenneth	1871	L21	W23	D16	-	-	1.5	3MXA
23	LECHNICK Wm	1687	L7	L22	W27	L9	D19	1.5	3MXAB
24	BACHLER Kevin L	2303	W13	L10	-	-	-	1	2M
25	REDDIVARI D	1789	L4	W29	L12	L8	-	1	2MXAB
26	ARON Dean	1727	L14	L12	D15	D19	L20	1	2MXAB
27	HUANG Vincent	1689	D15	L3	L23	-	-	0.5	1MXAB
28	VENUSO Michael	1520	L10	L13	-	-	-	0	
29	MC CORMICK A	1353	L11	L25	L18	L20	-	0	

Peoria Tornado January 15, 2000

								score	tour
1	NAFF William A	IL	2008	W22	W10	W7	H	3.5	7.5X
2	LONG David	IL	1940	W17	W16	W9	D4	3.5	7.5XA
3	MOSES Greg	IL	1226	W15	W18	D4	W8	3.5	7.5XABCD
4	LEALI Michael E	IL	1894	W11	W6	D3	D2	3	4XA
5	STEWART Scott MII	IL	1445	W21	L7	W12	W10	3	4XABC
6	KARAGIANIS Pete II	IL	1440	W24	L4	W14	W15	3	4XABC
7	GETZ Barney	IL	1823	W19	W5	L1	-	2	2XA
8	PAINTER Jameson II	IL	1600	L12	W13	W17	L3	2	2XAB
9	WEBB James W	IL	1513	W13	W12	L2	-	2	2XABC
10	STEWART Richard II	IL	1459	W14	L1	W19	L5	2	2XABC
11	PENNY L Kevan	IL	1285	L4	W24	D15	D17	2	2XABCD
12	SCHMIDT Scott	IL	1155	W8	L9	L5	W20	2	2XABCDE
13	JOSEPH Louis C	IL	981	L9	L8	W21	W19	2	2XABCDE
14	LACH Chris J	IL		L10	W22	L6	W23	2	
15	BARTHEL Clark II	IL	1628	L3	W20	D11	L6	1.5	1.5XAB
16	ZIMMERLIE R W	IL	1506	W20	L2	H	-	1.5	1.5XABC
17	KELLY James R	IL	1396	L2	W23	L8	D11	1.5	1.5XABCD
18	MALCOME F L	IL	1519	W23	L3	-	-	1	1XABC
19	NASSERY Kevin A	IL	1228	L7	W21	L10	L13	1	1XABCD
20	COOLEY Robert D	IL	979	L16	L15	W24	L12	1	1XABCDE
21	MC CLURE S	IL		L5	L19	L13	W24	1	
22	STOTLER Richard	IL	1400	L1	L14	D23	-	0.5	0.5XABC
23	HENDRICKS M	IL		L18	L17	D22	L14	0.5	
24	CORZINE JACOB	IL		L6	L11	L20	L21	0	

won three games and lost two.

\* = players high-school age and younger --

Tournament director was Harold Henderson.

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number of surprises.

The top spot was not one of those as Gary Kasparov his 80-point distance from the rest of the pack without playing a game. Vishy Anand and Vladimir Kramnik stayed at #2 and #3 respectively while Alexei Shirov gained 14 points to settle into #4. Peter Leko also jumped 25 points to settle into #6 while Michael Adams and Vassily Ivanchuk comfortably maintained their 2700 ratings.

One of the big pieces of news was former world champion Anatoly Karpov's continued descent. He dropped below 2700 and out of the top ten for the first time in almost 30 years, and that trend appears likely to continue.

The top American players were Yassar Seirawan (2647) at #34 followed closely by Boris Gulko (2644) at #36.

The real controversy comes lower in the list. Consider the following ratings:

44. Zaw, Win Lay.....	MYA	2565	2633	33
47. Thein, Dan On.....	MYA	2554	2630	18
64. Ye Naung Win Myint....	MYA	2523	2617	18
96. Htun Htun, Than.....	MYA	2496	2596	35
99. Aung, Aung.....	MYA	2500	2595	33
100. Nay, Oo Kyaw Tun.....	MYA	2495	2595	33

MYA is Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, and, on the basis of this list, at least, it has become one of the strongest chess countries in the world. However, a simple look at the list is enough to give one pause. For one thing, none of the players above has played outside of Burma. Beyond that, the results are incredibly unlikely individually and simply not credible as a group. Gains of 20-50 points on FIDE lists are the result of exceptional results. Few players have ever had larger jumps. Boris Gulko's fine year, with wins in the US Masters, US Open and Closed championships resulted in a 26 point gain on the list. Alexander Khalifman's even better year got him 30 points. By contrast, the average gain of the players above is 88 points, reflecting

results that occur maybe once in a quarter century. From all reports, a number of these players would have difficulty winning matches against players now rated 300 points below them. The danger is that if these ratings are allowed to stand, the whole rating list will become useless as a guide to relative strength in the chess world.



*Is Kasparov giving Leko a chess lesson?*

## Linares Pamplona

Pamplona, in Spain, is one of the more recent additions to the late-year chess scene. This year it was a Category 15 event featuring a number of former top-ten players including Boris Gelfand (#13), Judit Polgar, Jan Timman, Joel Lautier and Zoltan Almasi. But the winner, going away, was England's Nigel Short in one of the very best results of his career. He not only defeated Gelfand but Timman and Polgar as well for a 7-2 score and a 2800+ performance rating. Tied for second a point back were Boris Gelfand and Zoltan Almasi. Almasi's performance was particularly impressive since he has only recently emerged from a long funk. Francisco Vallejo Pons, Spain's 17 year-old champion, scored 5½ for a grandmaster norm.

### SuperGM Linares

**Khalifman,A (2656) - Leko,P (2725)**  
[D85]  
SuperGM Linares ESP (8), 08 03 2000

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 e5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa5+ 11.Bd2 Qxa2 12.0-0 Bg4 13.Bg5 h6 14.Be3 Nc6 15.d5 Ne5 16.Rxb7 e6 17.d6 Rfd8 18.Re1 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Qa5 20.Rf1 Bf8 21.d7 Qa2 22.Bb5	1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Ba5 6.b4 cxd4 7.Qg4 Ne7 8.bxa5 dxc3 9.Qxg7 Rg8 10.Qxh7 Nbc6 11.f4 Qxa5 12.Nf3 Bd7 13.Rb1 0-0-0 14.Qd3 Nf5 15.Rg1 d4 16.g4 Nf7 17.Rg3 Be8 18.h4 Nf5 19.Rg1 Nc3 20.Bxc3 dxc3 21.Qxc3 Ne7 22.Bc4 Bc6 23.Rb3 Kb8 24.Qxc3 Qc7 25.Bc2 Nd5 26.Qc4 Qa5+ 27.Kf2 Ba4 28.Rb2 Rc8 29.Qd4 Rc3 30.Bd3 Rgc8 31.Rc1 Rd8 32.Rcb1 Bc6 33.Rb3 Rxb3 34.Rxb3 Nf6 35.Qb4 Nxc4+ 36.Kg3 Qd5 37.Bh7 Qd1 38.Kxg4 Rd2 39.Kg5 Bxf3 40.Bd3 Rg2+ 41.Kf6 a6 42.Rb1 1-0
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a6 23.Ba4 Nxf3+ 24.Kg2 Ne5 25.Bb6 Qc4 26.Qd4 Qxd4 27.Bxd4 Nd3 28.Bc6 Nc5 29.Rc7 Bd6 30.Bxc5 Bxc7 31.Bxa8 Rxa8 32.Bc7 Rd8 33.Rd1 f5 34.Bxd8 Bxd8 35.exf5 gxf5 36.Rd6 Kf7 37.Rxa6 Ke7 38.Kg3 Bc7+ 39.Kh4 Kxd7 40.Ra7 Kc6 41.Rxc7+ Kxc7 42.Kh5 e5 43.Kxh6 Kd6 44.Kg5 Ke6 45.h4 f4 46.h5 f3 47.Kg4 1-0
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**Anand,V (2769) - Khalifman,A (2656)**  
[C17]  
SuperGM Linares ESP (9), 09.03.2000

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Ba5 6.b4 cxd4 7.Qg4 Ne7 8.bxa5 dxc3 9.Qxg7 Rg8 10.Qxh7 Nbc6 11.f4 Qxa5 12.Nf3 Bd7 13.Rb1 0-0-0 14.Qd3 Nf5 15.Rg1 d4 16.g4 Nf7 17.Rg3 Be8 18.h4 Nf5 19.Rg1 Nc3 20.Bxc3 dxc3 21.Qxc3 Ne7 22.Bc4 Bc6 23.Rb3 Kb8 24.Qxc3 Qc7 25.Bc2 Nd5 26.Qc4 Qa5+ 27.Kf2 Ba4 28.Rb2 Rc8 29.Qd4 Rc3 30.Bd3 Rgc8 31.Rc1 Rd8 32.Rcb1 Bc6 33.Rb3 Rxb3 34.Rxb3 Nf6 35.Qb4 Nxc4+ 36.Kg3 Qd5 37.Bh7 Qd1 38.Kxg4 Rd2 39.Kg5 Bxf3 40.Bd3 Rg2+ 41.Kf6 a6 42.Rb1 1-0
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**Anand,V (2769) - Kasparov,G (2851)**  
[B92]  
SuperGM Linares ESP (4), 03.03.2000

1 e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.0-0 Be6 9.f4 Qc7 10.Nd5 Bxd5 11.exd5 Nbd7 12.c4 0-0 13.Kh1 Rfc8 14.Be3 cxf4 15.Bxf4 Bf8 16.Rc1 Qb6 17.Rc2 g6 18.Bf3 Rac8 19.Nc1 Ne5 20.b3 h5 21.h3 Bg7 22.Ne2 Nxf3 23.gxf3 Qc5 24.Rc1 b5 25.Qd2 bxc4 26.bxc4 h4 27.Bg5 Nh5 28.Bxh4 Rb8 29.Ng1 Rb2 30.Rc2 Qxc4 31.Rxc4 Rxd2 32.f4 Rxd5 0-1
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SuperGM Linares ESP (ESP), 28 iii-10 iii 2000 cat. XXI (2752)										
			1	2	3	4	5	6		
Kramnik, Vladimir	g	RUS	2758	**	==	==	1=	==	1=	6.0
Kasparov, Gary	g	RUS	2851	==	**	==	==	1=	1=	6.0
Leko, Peter	g	HUN	2725	==	==	**	*0	==	==	4.5
Khalifman, Alexander	g	RUS	2656	0=	==	*1	**	=0	==	4.5
Anand, Viswanathan	g	IND	2769	==	0=	==	=1	**	0=	4.5
Shirov, Alexei	g	ESP	2751	0=	0=	==	==	1=	**	4.5

# ICA Tours Pay \$1525

## Palos Earns \$350!

The Illinois Chess Association Tour offers a year-long series of USCF rated events throughout Illinois. The ICA Tour awards year-end cash prizes to top performers in many rating classes.

Tour Statistician, Bill Smythe, reported the following distribution of \$1525 in cash prizes from the ICA Tour:

**Master**

- 1st \$350 Osman Palos
- 2nd \$250 Albert Chow
- 3rd \$150 Angelo Young

**Expert**

- 1st \$160 Stanimir Ilic
- 2nd \$80 Gene Scott

**Class A**

- 1st \$130 Hector Hernandez
- 2nd \$65 Daniel Modes

**Class B**

- 1st \$100 Carl Vero
- 2nd \$50 Andrey Gorlin

**Class C**

- 1st \$70 Rudy Padilla
- 2nd \$35 Joseph Cygan

**Class D**

- 1st \$40 Erik Dupuis
- 2nd \$20 Gabriel Lerner

**Class E**

- 1st-2nd tie \$12.50 Salvador Delamora
- 1st-2nd tie \$12.50 Lazar Ilic

**Tour Points—top 30 in each category**

**Master Tour Points:**

CHOW Albert C	35
PEDZICH D (2)	26.5
ILIC Stanimir M	26
COHEN Lawrence S	19.5
CHIU Herman B (1)	19
YOUNG Angelo (1)	19
SCOTT Gene G	15
NGUYEN Tam Ducmin	13.5
AROND Dean	12.5
FRISKE Thomas G (1)	12
LEALI Michael E (2)	12
NAYLOR Samuel (1)	12
SEIBEL Dennis (1)	12
COVIC Mehmed (2)	10
ENGELEN Mark	10

# 2000 ICA TOUR LEADERS

These standings reflect the following 2000 Tour events:

January 8-9, 2000	MAXI	Tim Just Winter Open, Grayslake
January 15, 2000	mini	Peoria Tornado
January 16, 2000	mini	Elmhurst Game/60
January 22-23, 2000	mini	Chicago Chess Club Winter Mini-Tour
February 12, 2000	mini	Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score
February 12, 2000	micro	Wild Onion Quick, Chicago
March 4-5, 2000	MAXI	Greater Peoria Open

Not included (tournament held after press deadline):

March 11, 2000	mini	Wild Onion Big Money, Chicago
March 18-19, 2000	MAXI	Elmhurst Class Maxi-Tour

Scheduled or probable future 2000 Tour events:

March 25-26, 2000	mini	Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Leisure
April 9, 2000	mini	Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score
April 15, 2000	mini	Officers' Appreciation #1, Peoria
April 16, 2000	micro	Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Quick
April 29, 2000	mini	Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score
May 6-7, 2000	mini	Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Leisure
May 13, 2000	mini	Concordia College Mini-Tour, Oak Park
May 26-29, 2000	MAXI	Chicago Open, Oak Brook
June 3, 2000	mini	Bureau County Mini-Tour, Ladd
June 16-18, 2000	MAXI	Master Challenge, Elmhurst
June 24, 2000	mini	Peoria Tornado
June 25, 2000	mini	Officers' Appreciation #2
August 12, 2000	mini	Bradley Summer Open, Peoria
September 2-4, 2000	MAXI	Illinois Open
October 8, 2000	mini	Officers' Appreciation #3
October 27-29, 2000	MAXI	Midwest Class, Lisle
November 4, 2000	mini	Normal November Mini-Tour
November 18-19, 2000	MAXI	Illinois Class
December 10, 2000	mini	Officers' Appreciation #4

For players with fewer than three 2000 Tour events, the number of events (1 or 2) is shown in parentheses. A player must have played in at least three Tour events during 2000 to be eligible for year-end Tour prizes.

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

GORLIN Gennadiy (2)	10	SAX Robert D (2)	7.5
HUBBARD Andrew (2)	8	FRENCH J Kevin (1)	7
PRIJIC Abdulah (2)	8	MONATELLI David (1)	7
GARWOOD Brian (1)	7.5	SZPISJAK Steven (2)	7
GORLIN Andrey (2)	7.5	WALLACH Kenneth (1)	7

AKHMETOV Artem (1)	6	HIERONYMUS April	6	LOBRACO Michael (2)	9	CHAVIANO Alex (1)	5
GORLIN Yelena (1)	6	MARKOVIC Arandel (2)	6	CYGAN Joseph (2)	8	FISHMAN Joey (1)	4
HIERONYMUS April	6	MUSSELMAN Charle (2)	6	GASUNAS Anthony (2)	8	ILIC Lazar S	4
MARKOVIC Arandel (2)	6	RAMAMOORTHY S (1)	6	HUBBARD Andrew (2)	8	MORAN Wesley (1)	4
MUSSELMAN Charle (2)	6	SHOCKLEY Robert	6	LOPEZ Eugene C (2)	8	DUPEE Arthur B (1)	3
		PADILLA Rudy R	5.5	PRJIC Abdulah (2)	8	HIERONYMUS April	3
		SHELLHAMER Ted C	5.5	SCHMIDT Scott (2)	8	MARRON Thomas (1)	3
<b>Expert Tour Points:</b>		ANDERSON Phil (1)	5	MOSES Greg (1)	7.5	PHELPS Douglas (1)	3
ILIC Stanimir M	33.5	GASUNAS Anthony (2)	5	BRONNER Ben (1)	6	TROYER Carl R (1)	3
COHEN Lawrence S	24.5	ARAMIL William J	4.5	DIAMOND William (2)	6	DONNA Daniel A (1)	2
CHIU Herman B (1)	19	KELLY James R (2)	4.5	LANGER David P (1)	6	DUPUIS Brian M (1)	2
SCOTT Gene G	17	STOTLER Richard (2)	4.5	RAMOS Fabian (1)	6	HAMMOTHE Brandon (1)	2
LEALI Michael E (2)	16			RESK David (1)	6	JOSEPH Louis C (1)	2
NGUYEN Tam	15.5			ROSTROM C Richar (1)	6	KLINK Steven (1)	2
ZINYTCH Miron	13.5	<b>Class B Tour Points:</b>		WEBB James W (2)	6	MC ANULTY Mac (1)	2
AROND Dean	12.5	ARAMIL William J	23.5	BIELSKI William (1)	5	NIENART Christop (2)	2
LONG David (2)	12.5	MC CLURE Seth (1)	19	CHAVIANO Alex (1)	5	SWINDELL Frankie (1)	2
FRISKE Thomas G (1)	12	SHOCKLEY Robert	18	DUPUIS Erik G (1)	5	SWINDELL Jacquiel (1)	2
NAYLOR Samuel (1)	12	ENGELN Mark	17	ECK Frederick A (1)	5	WIDING Daniel R (1)	2
SEIBEL Dennis (1)	12	AROND Dean	12.5			MAZLOOMIAN Hoda (1)	1.5
COVIC Mehmed (2)	10	GASIECKI Alan F (1)	12	<b>Class D Tour Points:</b>		BARKER Gary F (1)	1
ENGELN Mark	10	MAYE Erik R (1)	12	MAYE Erik R (1)	12	COOLEY Robert D (1)	1
GORLIN Gennadiy (2)	10	MUSSELMAN Charle (2)	12	SEIBEL Dennis (1)	12	FRANKEL Eitan (1)	1
HUBBARD Andrew (2)	8	SAHS James W (1)	12	SOMMERS David A (1)	12	GILIBERTO Frank (1)	1
PRJIC Abdulah (2)	8	SEIBEL Dennis (1)	12	HIERONYMUS April	10	KENNEL Earl L (1)	1
GARWOOD Brian (1)	7.5	SOMMERS David A (1)	12	GASUNAS Anthony (2)	8	MC DANIEL Anthon (1)	1
GORLIN Andrey (2)	7.5	PADILLA Rudy R	11.5	LOPEZ Eugene C (2)	8		
MOSES Greg (1)	7.5	SHELLHAMER Ted C	11.5	SCHMIDT Scott (2)	8	<b>Class F Tour Points:</b>	
NAFF William A (1)	7.5	HIERONYMUS April	10	MOSES Greg (1)	7.5	DIAMOND William (2)	6
SAX Robert D (2)	7.5	LOBRACO Michael (2)	9	BRONNER Ben (1)	6	CHAVIANO Alex (1)	5
FRENCH J Kevin (1)	7	CYGAN Joseph (2)	8	DIAMOND William (2)	6	FISHMAN Joey (1)	4
MONATELLI David (1)	7	GASUNAS Anthony (2)	8	PRJIC Abdulah (2)	6	MORAN Wesley (1)	4
AKHMETOV Artem (1)	6	HUBBARD Andrew (2)	8	RESK David (1)	6	MARRON Thomas (1)	3
GORLIN Yelena (1)	6	LOPEZ Eugene C (2)	8	BIELSKI William (1)	5	PHELPS Douglas (1)	3
HIERONYMUS April	6	PRJIC Abdulah (2)	8	CHAVIANO Alex (1)	5	TROYER Carl R (1)	3
MARKOVIC Arandel (2)	6	SCHMIDT Scott (2)	8	DUPUIS Erik G (1)	5	DONNA Daniel A (1)	2
MUSSELMAN Charle (2)	6	MOSES Greg (1)	7.5	ECK Frederick A (1)	5	HAMMOTHE Brandon (1)	2
RAMAMOORTHY S (1)	6	DELAY Joe (1)	7	HUANG Winston (2)	5	JOSEPH Louis C (1)	2
		RASMUSSEN Robert (1)	7	KELLY James R (2)	4.5	MC ANULTY Mac (1)	2
		BRONNER Ben (1)	6	FISHMAN Joey (1)	4	NIENART Christop (2)	2
<b>Class A Tour Points:</b>		BURTON Ward C (1)	6	ILIC Lazar S	4	SWINDELL Frankie (1)	2
COHEN Lawrence S	24.5	DIAMOND William (2)	6	JONES Patrick (2)	4	SWINDELL Jacquiel (1)	2
LEALI Michael E (2)	16	DUFFY James W (1)	6	MORAN Philip D (1)	4	COOLEY Robert D (1)	1
AROND Dean	12.5	LANGER David P (1)	6	MORAN Wesley (1)	4	FRANKEL Eitan (1)	1
LONG David (2)	12.5	RAMAMOORTHY S (1)	6	MUELLER Edward B (1)	4	GILIBERTO Frank (1)	1
FRISKE Thomas G (1)	12			NAPOLI Mike (1)	4	MC DANIEL Anthon (1)	1
NAYLOR Samuel (1)	12	<b>Class C Tour Points:</b>		WIDING Robert (1)	4	REBOLLEDO Enriq (1)	1
SEIBEL Dennis (1)	12	MC CLURE Seth (1)	19	DUPEE Arthur B (1)	3	STAR Jonathan (1)	1
COVIC Mehmed (2)	10	SHOCKLEY Robert	18	MARRON Thomas (1)	3	DWYER Bill (1)	0.5
ENGELN Mark	10	ENGELN Mark	17	PHELPS Douglas (1)	3		
GORLIN Gennadiy (2)	10	GASIECKI Alan F (1)	12	TROYER Carl R (1)	3	<b>Class G Tour Points:</b>	
HUBBARD Andrew (2)	8	MAYE Erik R (1)	12			HAMMOTHE Brandon (1)	2
PRJIC Abdulah (2)	8	SAHS James W (1)	12	<b>Class E Tour Points:</b>		FRANKEL Eitan (1)	1
GARWOOD Brian (1)	7.5	SEIBEL Dennis (1)	12	GASUNAS Anthony (2)	8	MC DANIEL Anthon (1)	1
GORLIN Andrey (2)	7.5	SOMMERS David A (1)	12	SCHMIDT Scott (2)	8	STAR Jonathan (1)	1
MOSES Greg (1)	7.5	PADILLA Rudy R	11.5	BRONNER Ben (1)	6	DWYER Bill (1)	0.5
FRENCH J Kevin (1)	7	SHELLHAMER Ted C	11.5	DIAMOND William (2)	6		
MONATELLI David (1)	7	HIERONYMUS April	10				
AKHMETOV Artem (1)	6						

# May 13, 2000

## Concordia Community Chess Club

### Game/60 Mini-Tour

# \$480.00 b/24

## See Tournament Calendar on page 53

# ICA Board Meeting: February 13

**ABRIDGED MINUTES**  
*ICA Board Meeting: Hyatt, Oakbrook*  
 February 13, 2000  
 By Tim Just

Called to order 1:25 PM

Present: Todd Barre, Bill Brock, Tom Fineberg, Dennis Grant, Fred Gruenberg, Tim Just, Al Losoff, Jim Oberweis, Bill Smyth, Helen Warren, Jim Warren, Mike Zacate, Rhys Read, Tam Nguyen, Kevin Bachler, Roger Birkland, Jim Brotsos, Howard Cohen, Lawrence Cohen, Tom Doan, Josh Flores, Roy Frye, Hector Hernandez, Ken Marshall, Dick Verber, Senn Chicago (Peter Nichols-coach).

The minutes of the last meeting were approved

## Officers Reports

**Treasure's Report** by Bill Brock: Bill passed out a revised budget. The budget for 2000 is set at a possible loss. The old 1999 budget that did lose funds reflects increased ICB cost, lower ICA memberships, a Vanguard fund consisting of bonds was not as good as a stock investment, one time funding for Gurevich, and Gorlin, new membership forms, loss of membership dues. It was noted from the audience that ICA Memberships should equal the ICB costs

**Motion:** The ICA/Warren Junior program line item in the 1999 ICA budget should change from \$8000 to \$7250. By Helen Warren, Seconded. A friendly Jim Oberweis amendment was accepted by Helen Warren to reinstate the \$8000 line item for this category if the budget warrants it. Approved

A Motion to approve the revised budget was passed: 26 for, 4 against

**President's Report** by Fred Gruenberg: The Illinois Open contract was discussed. The EF for the Illinois Open will increase by \$5 while the prize fund increases to \$7500. The event will be held at the Sheraton Arlington Park Resort Hotel (former Arlington Hilton). The proposed TLA was passed out to the officers and will be voted upon and discussed by e-mail

The ICA will work out the details of an All Grade State Chess Championship. The process will include LCCA and Co-Chess involvement.

The ICB staff has been reorganized. Roy Frye is the new editor. Josh Flores is the associate editor. Roy can be contacted at: [icbnews@worldnet.att.net](mailto:icbnews@worldnet.att.net)

The ICA Awards to be presented at the banquet were announced: Service to the chess community: UIC; Service to the ICA: Tim Just; Service to the Chess Club: Erv Sedlock; Service to Scholastic Chess: Mike Zacate; Player of the year:

Dimtry Gurevich; Lifetime Patron membership: Helen Warren; The Billy Colias teaching award: Hector Hernandez

Moved by Todd Barre that the Denker qualifier from Illinois for 2001 be the highest rated qualified junior player as of April 1 of the qualifying year. Second by K Marshall, discussion and then referred to the ICA scholastic committee.

The U.S. Masters will be March 9-12. Helen Warren gave an entry update, discussed the staff (Barre and Just) expressed a need for demo board operators. Fred Gruenberg will donate \$500. Tim Just will donate his TD fee

Fred will be out of town in April. Metro Vice President Al Losoff is in charge of ICA business in April. The Illinois Class is being planned again at the UIC. There is a new chess club in Orland Hills. The idea of an ICA Executive Director, either full or part time, was discussed.

**Secretary's Report** by Tim Just: Tim presented the approved ICA Delegate and Voter list for 2001-2002.

**Chess Phone** report by Todd Barre: Todd was concerned that Chess Phone was not as current or useful as it once was. Much of the international and national news appears on the Internet. Todd would like the ICA to consider Chess Phone's value to the organization.

**Old Business:** The prizes for the 1999 Denker will be paid ASAP. The TD has sent in the rating report.

**New Business: Tam Fundraising:** Dick Verber made a request for money to help fund Tam Nguyen's U.S. Masters expenses. Tam could possibly be the 1<sup>st</sup> HS Chess Master in many years. Tam needs \$350 to stay at the hotel. Jim Oberweis had coupons for discounted stays at the hotel that he will donate. Masters organizer Helen Warren will donate a free entry to the U.S. Masters, Dick Verber gave \$50. Fred Gruenberg gave one nights room at the Hyatt, whatever the cost, the ICA gave \$100, Bill Brock gave \$25, Al Losoff and the Mid-America Chess Association donated \$25.

Kevin Bachler proposed that the ICA could encourage local organizers to go to Junior events as an ICA representative. The ICA could donate ad space in the ICB as an incentive. Mike Zacate reported record keeping methods that have worked for him when dealing with what he described as a USCF office that appears to be not up to snuff in processing rated tournaments. He also passed around an award plaque that had its graphics generated by a computer and then transferred to the plaque. June 16 is the date for the revived Master Challenge in Elmhurst. Helen Warren gave a report on USCF finances.

Adjourn 4 PM

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# 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 **Q**. 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 Snythe, 1159 W Lunt #259, Chicago 60626-3519, 773-761-2455, [chicess@enteract.com](mailto:chicess@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—Deadline—Appearing  
 Jan 15 - Mar 14—Nov 5—Jan-Feb issue  
 Mar 15 - May 14—Jan 5—Mar-Apr issue  
 May 15 - Jul 14—Mar 5—May-Jun issue  
 Jul 15 - Sep 14—May 5—Jul-Aug issue  
 Sep 15 - Nov 14—Jul 5—Sep-Oct issue  
 Nov 15 - Jan 14—Sep 5—Nov-Dec issue

**March 18, 2000, Normal March Open date changed to April 8.**

**March 18-19, 2000, Elmhurst Class Maxi-Tour (note changed dates).** 4-SS, game/120. Frick Center, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$39, ECC 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/BELOW: \$\$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](mailto:rogerb@elmhurst.edu). An ICA Tour

**MAXI-event.**

**March 25, 2000, Spring Tornado.** DeKalb. Bill Reed, 815-758-1027.

**March 25-26, 2000, Plus-Score Leisure Mini-Tour.** 4-SS, 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 3/20) \$25. \$\$ by score: 4-0 \$150, 3.5-0.5 \$75, 3-1 \$37, 2.5-1.5 \$15. Reg ends Saturday 9:30, rds 10-4 each day. An ICA Tour mini-event.

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

**April 1, 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 4/2/00 thru 5/31/00. Reg ends 6:30, rd 1 at 7.

**April 2, 2000, High Noon Quads.** 3-RR in 4-player sections, game/90. 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 4/3/00 thru 5/31/00. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

**April 8, 2000, Normal April Open.** 4-SS, game/80. Fairfield Inn, 202 Landmark Dr, Normal 61761. EF \$17, jrs \$12, both \$3 less by 4/3. Free entry to 2100+, \$\$400 guaranteed: \$150-90, u-1800 \$80, u-1400 \$80, trophies to 1st A,B,C,D,E,F, unr. Reg 8-8:45, rds 9-12-3-6. Dennis Bourgerie, Box 157, Normal 61761, 309-454-3842, [Schoolstreeter@msn.com](mailto:Schoolstreeter@msn.com).

**April 8, 2000, High on the Hog Sec-**

**tional.** 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.

**April 9, 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.

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

**April 15, 2000, ICA Officers' Appreciation Mini-Tour #1.** 4-SS, game/80. Garrett Center, 824 Duryea Pl, Peoria 61625. EF \$15, jrs \$10. \$\$450 guaranteed: \$100-50-25; A,B,C each \$50; D/below 25; unr \$25; top juniors \$50-25. Reg 8-8:45, rds 9-12-2:45-5:30. Fred Malcome, 810 W Progress, Metamora 61548. 309-367-4833, [fmalcome@mtco.com](mailto:fmalcome@mtco.com). An ICA Tour mini-event.

**April 16, 2000, Sunday Plus-Score Micro-Tour 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 \$20, juniors and club members \$17. \$\$ 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. An ICA Tour micro-event.

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

**April 22, 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, Chi-

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 4/23/00 thru 6/30/00. Reg ends 6:30, rd 1 at 7.

**April 22, 2000, Normal April Open date changed to April 8.**

**April 23, 2000, High Noon Quads.** 3-RR in 4-player sections, game/90. 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 4/24/00 thru 6/30/00. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

**April 28-30, 2000, National High School Championship.** Charlotte NC.

**April 29, 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.

**April 30, 2000, High Noon Double Quick Quads.** 3-round double round-robin in 4-player sections (2 games vs each opponent, 6 games total), 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 5/1/00 thru 6/30/00. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

**May 5-7, 2000, National Junior High School Championship.** Tucson, AZ.

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**May 12-14, 2000, National Elementary Championship.** Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center, 1800 Highway 26 East, Grapevine TX. www.64.com/chess/00-ELEM.

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