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A Century of Chess

The United States of America Chess Federation (Now the U. S. Chess Federation) was formed in 1939 by the merger of two organizations. One of those was the National Chess Association, which was primarily a Northeast association, and the American Chess Federation, consisting of most of the rest of the country. The American Chess Federation was previously called the Western Chess Association, and initially named the Northwestern Chess Association.

The Northwestern Chess Association was the idea of George Spencer, the then President of the Minnesota Chess Association. It was his idea that brought together several Midwest states in a common cause to crown the "Chess Champion of the West". Hence the U.S. Chess Federation has its roots in the Midwest, and in fact, in the small resort town of Excelsior, Minnesota.

Excelsior is still a small city on the shores of Lake Minnetonka. However, it is now considered part of the greater Twin Cities metropolitan area, it still retains its resort atmosphere and beautiful lakeshore setting. It is about 25 miles West of St. Paul, and it was a short train ride from the Saint Paul Depot.

George had contacted several state organizers in the region, and the idea caught on like wildfire. The concept was conceived, organized, coordinated and conducted in a two-month span of time. Representatives arrived from eleven states. The constitution was drafted on the train ride from Saint Paul, voted on and ratified on the same day that the tournament was held, September 3, 1900.

That first event consisted of 28 players in two sections; 20 in the Major section and 8 in the Minor. What was unusual about this tournament is that most major congress type events at the time is that they were conducted in either round robin or knockout fashion. However, this was billed as an "Open" tournament, and it was not possible to run a round robin in the time allotted with 20 players. A knockout, however, has the added burden that a player may play only one game. Minnesota had been using a tournament format for its state championship that greatly resembles today's Swiss System. It may be noted here, that the Swiss System format was not wide spread in this country until the late 1940's, thus this tournament was far ahead of its time.

The states contacted were: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri. Kentucky and Mississippi had heard about the organization, in turn contacted George, and became members. Hence, the first year had eleven states represented.

The second year included representation from all the states listed above, and the name was changed to the "Western Chess Association". According to its charter it included "All states West of New York State". Also represented, in addition to those named above were Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Louisiana and Colorado. By 1902 the list also included Tennessee, Montana and Wyoming.

This new organization struggled in its early years, but remained intact and continued to grow in scope. The tournament itself occasionally floundered, but was held continuously in spite of difficulties. However, even then, the tournament held the attention of all, given that participants included J.W. Showalter and five time champion Edward Lasker.

It began to grow again shortly after that, and in fact, grew in stature and importance. Even during the Great Depression of the 1930s the tournament and organization flourished. Champions included such great notables as Sammy Reshevsky, I. A. Horowitz, Isaac Kashdan and seven times Rueben Fine. It was during Rueben Fine's dominance of the event that the reigns were handed over to the new USCF in 1939-1940.

Most of the events from 1901 to 1947 were some form of round robin, sometimes with qualifying sections. In 1948 the Swiss System was adopted to allow for the growing numbers. In 1950 Arthur Bisguier won the tournament and has played almost every year since that time, winning again in 1956 and 1959. Bobby Fischer won in 1957 against a record field of 184 participants. Pal Benko won (or tied) 8 times.

Now we usher in the second century of U.S. Open history. This event, back in its birth state of Minnesota, is truly a historical event. The Centennial Celebration of the Northwestern Chess Congress promises to be a truly competitive and landmark event. As stated in the opening speech by George Spencer "... it will become a factor in the chess world." and the St. Paul Dispatch reported, "Sept. 3, 1900, will always be one of the red letter days of chess to the West, as it was the day when the Northwestern Chess Association was organized. With its first tournament for the championship of the Western states was held at Excelsior, Lake Minnetonka."

Join the U.S. Chess Federation and its grand-daddy, the Minnesota State Chess Association in the town where the concept of a large multi-state organization was conceived: Saint Paul, Minnesota, August 5-13.

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President's Podium

ICA president Fred Gruenberg is off to Nepal, so here I am once again writing a president's column. So much has been happening in Illinois Chess, I don't know where to begin.

Let's start by congratulating ICB editor Roy Frye on an outstanding first issue. Not only has he brought us an excellent magazine, on time, but he has revived Square One, the ICA Junior Chess publication. This magazine within a magazine is no less an accomplishment than the ICB itself. Thanks Roy.

The Illinois Chess Tour, is a reward for players who support Illinois chess tournament by their continued attendance. Over \$1,500 in prizes are given each year, to the players who score the most tour points. The ICA Tour rewards persistence and performance. Every point you score in an ICA tour event adds to your annual total, so there are two ways to win: play really well a few times or play pretty good lots of times.

There are dozens of tour events on the calendar each year – show your support by playing in one this month. Check out the ICA calendar in the back of the ICB or on the web at www.IllinoisChess.org.

This fall, the Illinois Chess Association, the Illinois Chess Coaches Association

(high school) and Co-Chess (elementary school) will jointly sponsor the Illinois All Grade Championships. This one-day tournament is divided by grades – each player plays only other players in the same grade. Each grade (K-12) is like a separate tournament. The tournament will be held on Saturday, November 11th at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel, site of the 1995 National High School Championship. A quick tournament and possibly a bughouse event will be held on Friday evening. More details will appear in future ICB's and on the web.

The June meeting of the ICA Board of Directors will be held at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel at 1 pm on June 10th. All members are welcome to attend. This is your chance to participate, and express your views to the officers.

Finally, I want to appoint every member of the Illinois Chess Association to the Membership Drive committee. I'm sure everyone knows at least one chess player who would join ICA if only you ask.

Back to you, Fred.

Al Losoff

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From the editor

It is an honor to be part of an issue of the *Illinois Chess Bulletin* devoted to honoring the late Senior Master Dr. Eugene Martinovsky. Many of the contributions in this issue point to Dr. Martinovsky the outstanding chess player. But more importantly, they point to the outstanding character of a great man.

Following the Doctor's death, I visited with his family and a few fellow chess players at his wake. As we visited, I was reminded of a reading I heard at a recent funeral. A copy of the reading appears below.

I feel the writing fits the Dr. Martinovsky I knew. He can be proud of the things said about his life. He lived his life conscious of *how* it was lived. He also lived to give something in return for the many talents he was given. While Dr. Martinovsky showed no mercy to those choosing to challenge him across

the board, he was generous in many other ways — often anonymously.

I can honestly say that I know of no one who did not respect the Doctor. I will certainly miss his presence.

Thanks to all who contributed to the latest issues of the ICB. With your help, the last issue was presented to the printer within the timeframe mapped to move the magazine's delivery ahead of its cover date. With your continued support, we should see this goal achieved by the September/October issue.

If you have not considered contributing to your magazine, I would encourage you to do so. It is easy to submit your letter, article, photo or game. Just attach your file to an email to: icbnews@worldnet.att.net

Roy Frye

1931—2000

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on his tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came his date of birth and spoke the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that he spent alive on earth...
And now only those who loved him know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own; the cars...the house...the cash,
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard... are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real,
And always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile...
Remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to rehash...
Would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

— author unknown

From readers

You missed me

I appear to have been omitted from the list of Top Rated Illinois Players on page 27 of the Jan/Feb ICB.

Mark Brodie (2201)

He's the greatest!

In my opinion, Gary Kasparov is the greatest player that ever lived; and, 'Deep Blue' is the greatest player that never lived. I was surprised that Gary fared as well as he did. An unthinkable amount of preparation and intellect went into the artificial consciousness of DB; and, I'm sure that it would have slaughtered anyone else on the Planet! It is not difficult to be sucker-punched by an anti-strategy, robotic-zombie! Perhaps the majority of the best human players are not as savvy as they think?

Mr. Kasparov is a very deliberate player with a lot of energy. He has modernized an array of QP openings and defences; and, has proven that he has sound answers for the Sicilian ghost of Fischer, and dynamic counter-play

against the Caro-Kann defense of antiquity.

I would say also that (his) match against Karpov instilled a new sense of awareness about chess in the United States.

Bob Bales

Broadview, IL

(contest submission)

ICB OK by me

Without question, your new ICB is the finest in its distinguished history. The first mark was set by Frank Skoff, the next mark was set by Helen Warren. Roy Frye has set the new mark.

The ICB can now confidently lay claim to the title: BEST STATE CHESS MAGAZINE.

Congratulations to you, Roy, and your entire staff, for superb coverage of both junior and adult chess. You have raised the level of graphics and design to new heights in the field of American chess publication.

Professor Tim Redman

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Saddest loss

I last saw Dr. Martinovsky when he visited a tournament in 1999. He looked terribly worn and frail. Since his death many people have mentioned what a strong correspondence player he was. Indeed, but he was no mark at the board either! I feel sure that had he not devoted himself to his psychiatric practice and his family (plus correspondence chess) he would at least have become an IM with points to spare. He was also the finest gentleman I have ever encountered at a chess tournament. He radiated courtesy, modesty, education, and a self-effacing love of and respect for the game and its players. I remember how just having him in the room would make me feel it was a privilege to play Chess. In our one game (1994) I lost the white side of a Grünfeld defense (Russian system, Smyslov's variation). I botched the opening and, after early simplifications, could never quite get out of trouble. He spent a lot of time with me in the postmortem. He complimented my understanding of chess (although not of the Grünfeld defense!) He said that he had often used

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AN ICA MINI-TOUR EVENT

Tam Nguyen wins \$10,000 Macdonald Foundation Scholarship

Thanks to David Macdonald, Chicago can boast one of the largest chess scholarship programs in the Nation: \$15,500 annually!

by Senior Master Richard Verber

The Macdonald Chess Scholarship Tournament was held on April 19th. This was the fourth time this important annual event has been held in Chicago.

Last year's competition at the Hyde Park Ramada Hotel was a major success, drawing more than 100 Chicago Public School students and top Brass from the Chicago Board of Education.

This year, it was decided to increase public visibility by moving the tournament to a more prestigious site—in the main lobby of the Chicago Field Museum of Natural History. The Elementary School Section of the tournament was under the watchful eye of "Sue", the world's largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex, so as to allow hundreds of museum visitors to follow the chess games. Upstairs, on the museum's second-floor, the High School Scholarship competition was located in a secluded room under ideal playing conditions.

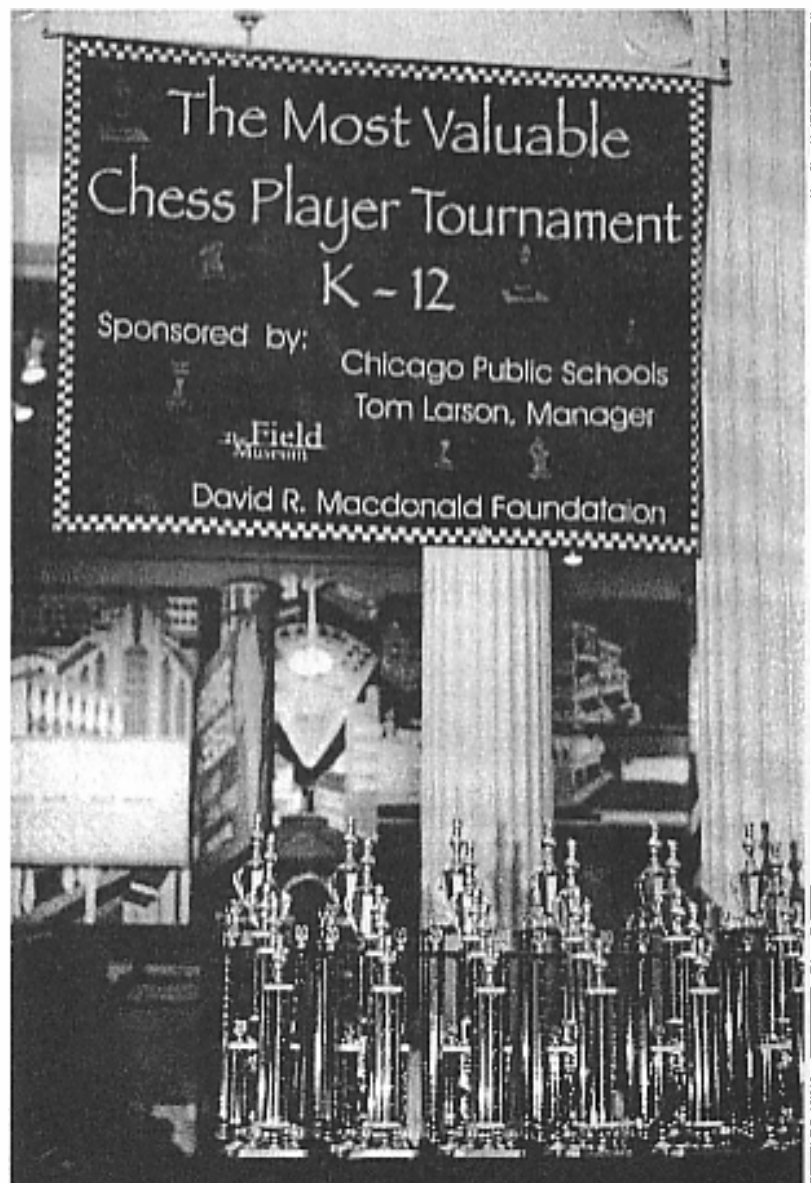
Chicago Public Schools Chess Coordinator Tom Larsen, veteran high school chess coach Tom Fineberg, and Ed Cummins, directed the Elementary School Sections located in the Museum's main lobby—and thus open to public view. Senior Master Richard Verber, high school coach John O'Leary, and chess Expert Sam Ford, were the officials in charge of the Scholarship Competition.

A number of prominent Illinois chess organizers were invited to attend as special guest spectators. Unfortunately, ICA President Fred Gruenberg was unable to attend, since he was out of the country at the time. However, Richard Verber was able to introduce ICB Editor Roy Frye and ICA Junior Chess Committee Chair Mike Zacate to Mr. Macdonald. Both thanked Mr. Macdonald, on behalf of the Illinois Chess Community, for his commitment to the advancement of Chicago inner-city youth and the cause of Junior Chess in Illinois.

It is fascinating to learn what first prompted David Macdonald, a well known Washington, D.C. attorney, to conceive of the idea of a chess scholarship program for Chicago teens. Apparently the concept dates back to 1995-96 when Mr. Macdonald learned, through the national media, the story of Tom Larsen's work as chess coach at Orr High School in Chicago. (Larsen was featured as the ABC News "Person of the Week"). Mr. Macdonald, who was himself a Team Captain of the

New Trier High Chess Team 40 years ago, resolved to help disadvantaged Chicago teens by fostering the intellectual skills contained within chess as a means of encouraging college education. In other words, Mr. Macdonald sees chess as not only a rich and rewarding experience in itself, but also, a tool for beneficial social change. The Chicago Board of Education could hardly agree more wholeheartedly.

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Those visiting the Field Museum would have had no question about all the activity on April 19th.



Roy Frye photo

Chicago Public Schools chess program coordinator Tom Larsen, first place winner Tam Nguyen, David Macdonald of David R. Macdonald Foundation and award presenter Edward T. Cummins (Chess, Etc.) pose with Tam's trophy. Following the trophy award, Macdonald presented a \$10,000 scholarship to Tam.

“There are many chess Grandmasters who never have won \$10,000 in a single chess competition, but 17-year-old Tam Nguyen is not one of them. Tam intends to keep his victories at the chess board in proper perspective. His primary goal is to pursue a college education. The Macdonald Scholarship will help him to start down that road.”

—Larsen

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

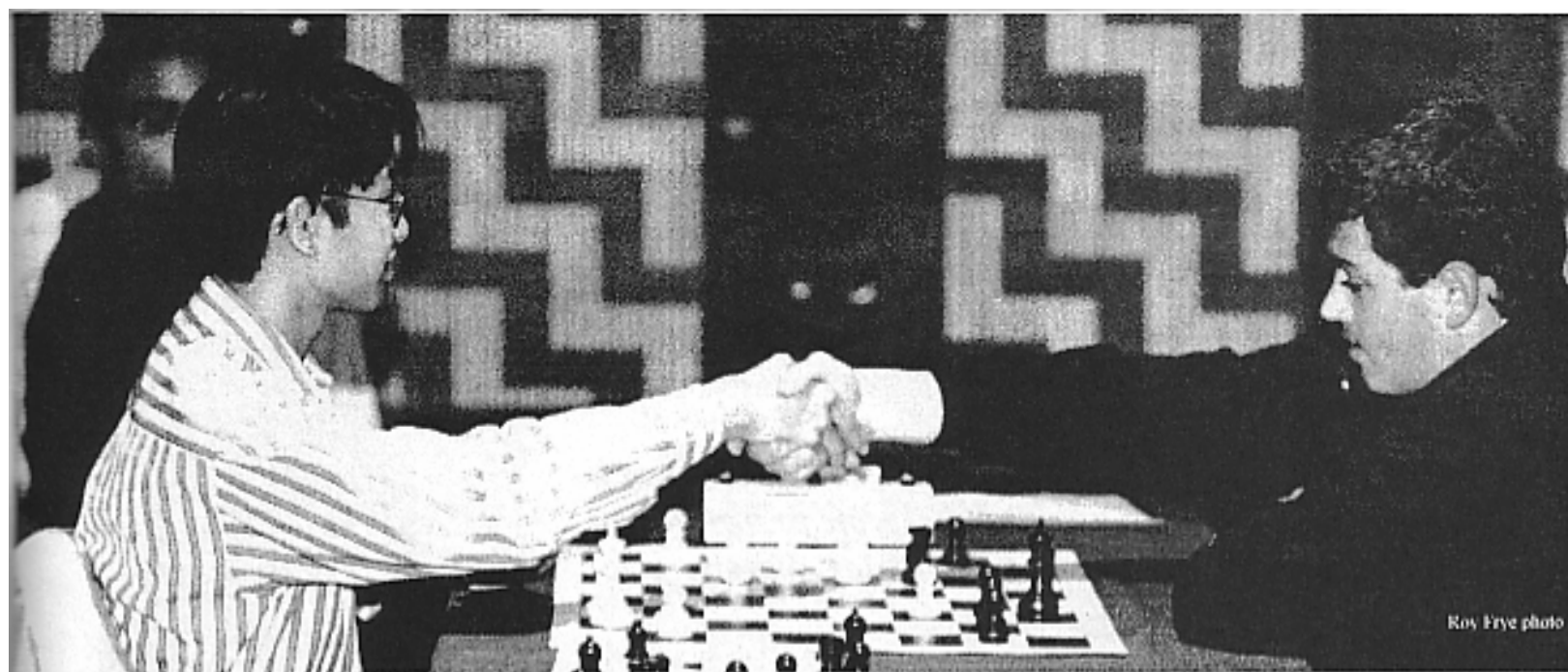
- \$10,000 First Place**
Tam Nguyen, a 17-year-old Junior from Senn High School

- \$2,500 Second Place**
Sergey Busel, a 17-year-old Junior from Mather High School

- \$1,000 Third Place**
Lawrence Cooper, an 18-year-old Senior from Chicago Vocational High School

- \$1,000 Fourth Place**
Tuan Ngo, a 17-year-old Junior from Senn High School

- \$1,000 Fifth Place**
Dang Vu, a 17-year-old Senior from Senn High School



Roy Frye photo

The \$10,000 moment: Sergey Busel (R) congratulates Tam Nguyen on winning the tournament. Sergey lost this round when his time expired. Sergey won the second-place prize—a \$2500 scholarship.

The \$10,000 game

□ Tam Nguyen 2176

■ Sergey Busel 1605

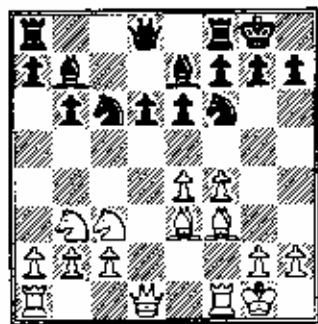
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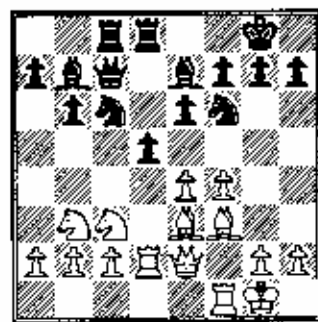
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1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 exd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Ne3 Ne6 6. Be2 e6 7. O-O Be7 8. Be3 O-O 9. Nb3 b6 10. f4 Bb7 11. Bf3



11... Qc7 12. Qe2 Rfd8 13. Rad1 Rac8 14. Rd2 d5?!



This is the thematic freeing move, but it

appears to be premature in this position since it loses a pawn.

15. exd5 exd5 16. Rfd1!

It is wise of Tam to avoid taking the d-pawn for another move.

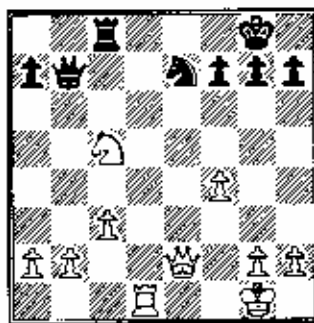
16... Bb4?

This is a total waste of time and makes White's task much easier.

17. Nxd5 Nxd5 18. Rxd5 Rxd5 19.

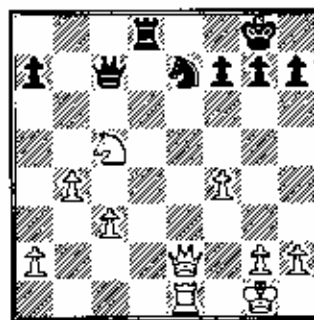
Bxd5 Ne7 20. Bxb7 Qxb7 21. c3 Be5

22. Bxc5 bxc5 23. Nxc5!



Now White's win is secure. Black cannot recapture with Rxc5 because White would deliver checkmate with Rd8##.

23... Qc7 24. b4 Rd8 25. Re1!



An excellent move and much better than Rxd8. Now White's pressure on the e-file proves decisive. Black cannot play Nd5 because Qe8# with mate to follow. In this position Black was also in very serious time pressure.

25... Re8 26. Qb5 Qe8 27. f5 Kf8 28.

Rf1 Qe6 29. Qxc6 Nxc6 30. f6

Black's flag fell, but the final position was hopelessly lost.

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Roy Frye photo

Sergey Busel in his last round of competition. Sergey took second-place in the tournament winning a \$2,500 scholarship.



Kayin Barclay (left) needs help to carry his first-place trophy won in the Primary section.

Rafael Gancarczyk (right) won first-place in his Junior Varsity section.

Jason Nguy (lower left) took first in the Sophomore section.

Below is Tam Nguyen with Senior Master Richard Verber, a consultant to organizers of The Most Valuable Chess Player Tournament.



Remembering the Doctor

Alan Watson continues a tribute to his friend, Dr. Martinovsky

This is a continuation of the article presented by NM Alan Watson in the last issue of the *Illinois Chess Bulletin*. The last issue covered the years up to the late 1960's.

PASSION FOR THE GAME

From the early 1970's through 1993 Eugene played in more than 300 events for an average of 13 tournaments per year. Foremost among these were six of the seven Louis Statham events held at Lone Pine in which he defeated such titled players as Walter Browne, Larry Christiansen, Elliot Winslow, John Fedorowicz, Vincent McCambridge, and Jay Whitehead. He also played in the National Open 20 times, World Open ten times, New York Open seven times, US Open six times and numerous other events both local and throughout the United States. Other memorably activities were:

- Acting as the local escort to Karpov and Petrosian during their visit to Chicago in 1972.
- Participating as a TV Commentator for Channel 11 during the 1972 Fischer-Spassky World Championship match.
- Participating for the Chicago team in the National League Telephone matches held during 1976.
- Winning the 2nd United States Correspondence Chess Championship outright in 1976-1978 while tying for first in 1990-1993 with fellow Chicagoan Mark Lonoff. It was during the first event that Gene defeated the soon-to-be World Correspondence Chess Champion Victor Palciauskas in their personal encounter. That game, of which the Doctor always spoke so fondly, went as follows:

Palciauskas, V - Martinovsky, E
[B67]

2nd US Correspondence Chess Championship Finals, 1976-1978
1.e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7. Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.f4 b5 10. Bxf6 gxf6 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Qe3

Qe7 13.Bd3 Qa7 14. Qh3 b4 15.Ne2 Qc5 16.Kb1 a5 17.f5 e5 18.g4 a4 19.Rhg1 h6 20.Qf3 Be7 21.c3 b3 22.a3 Bd8 23.Ng3 Bb6 24.Nh5 Ke7 25. Rge1 Rad8 26.e4 Bb7 27.Qh3 Rdg8 28.Qh4 Rg5 29.Re2 Ba6 30.Rc1 Qd4 31. Rd2 Bb7 32.Ng3 Qe3 33.Red1 Qf4 0-1

- Playing first board for the powerful Hillside team in Illinois Chess League competition during the early 1980's.
- Winning the 1987 US Senior Open on tie-break

In 1989 the Dr. wrote "By deciding to play chess I should take it seriously ... Not for socialization, not primarily for fun, but to win! Only winning gains respect!" For him, every game was a battle to the death with no holds barred, and it is no coincidence that his games were quite often among the last to finish during a tournament.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVELER

Around 1994, Dr. Martinovsky retired from full time work, yet continued to maintain his various state licenses in order to work at various locations throughout the U.S. as a locum filling temporary assignments. In conjunction with this he also began a rigorous campaign to secure the FM title that took him overseas on numerous occasions. During this time he played in International events in Austria, England, Germany, Isle of Man, The Netherlands, Spain, and Switzerland ... all this while continuing his participation in both over the board and correspondence chess. In his notes prior to



1972 WTTW Television broadcast of Fischer-Spassky games hosted by Dr. Martinovsky.

one of these events he writes:

- You lead a perfectly hygienic life (diet, sleep, peace).
- You enjoy playing the game.
- You are not afraid of other Grandmasters.... You are their equal.
- You arrive at the board early and are ready to play.
- You immerse yourself into your own game by concentrating upon it and nothing else.
- You understand your position perfectly.
- You calculate perfectly and visualize every move.
- You do not get into time trouble.

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- Your position is never boring.
- You will become a Grandmaster.

These types of comments are repeated numerous times either at the beginning or middle of various tournaments and illustrate another personal characteristic. When asked during an earlier interview whether anyone had the capability of becoming a Master. Gene answered a definitive YES without a moment's hesitation. It was only through desire and sheer force of will that he himself was able to overcome extreme hardship in the early and middle of his life. Logically then, if he could prevail, so could anyone else reach their own goals as well ... but only if they wanted to badly enough! At the conclusion of each game the Doctor would spend hours with his opponent (regardless of their strength) going over the game until all the hidden possibilities and resources were exhausted ... in his own words "Until the TRUTH of the position was revealed." He then trekked back to his room and wrote down the pertinent observations on his scoresheet before retiring. This was supplemented with research from Opening Manuals after arriving back home. The great Botvinnik had often advised chess players to publish their analysis so as to lay open their shortcomings to the world and thereby improve by gaining insight from the response. With this the Doctor agreed, freely offering material to various publications while offering critical and at

times extremely harsh comments of his own play in private notes. He always sought the essence of a position regardless of where this objective search led.

ENDGAME

The final tournament in which Gene participated was the Chicago Open held late in May of 1999. Although by now so weakened that he was able to play only five of seven rounds (The Good Doctor NEVER withdrew from an event ... to do so was simply unsportsmanlike!) it seems only fitting that his last OTB game was a round seven victory over promising Florida Master AJ Steigman. The date was 5/31/1999. Shortly thereafter this, his correspondence schedule had wound down to the extent that there was but one game left on his plate. Following an interesting opening and complicated middlegame the Doctor carried a small advantage into the rook and pawn endings that many players would have immediately acknowledged as a draw. That Dr. Martinovsky would refuse his opponent's draw offer, despite the progression of his illness, and continue in the same meticulous fashion as he had for many years before, was entirely in character. It was unthinkable to accept a draw until all opportunities had been exhausted. However, several months later after many hours of agonizing over the position he did offer the draw him-

self ... but only because he lacked the strength to continue, certainly not the will.

FAREWELL

Following this tournament, I continued to see my good friend on a regular basis, but he was never quite the same. When the topic of chess arose during our frequent conversations he suddenly seemed more mentally alert and physically renewed as if drawing upon a source of hidden energy. We played over and discussed the games of Karpov and Kasparov (Gene had a fascination for these two players) but he never had the strength to compete again himself. In the 1999 yearbook Dr. Martinovsky's rating was 2332 ranking him as the 9th strongest Senior in the United States. He led a life of dignity and professionalism and along with my own Grandfather has the honor of being one of the two finest people I have ever known.

I had planned to end this article differently, but just recently ran into something else among his notes that merits printing. Written in June, 1998 the following piece is not only instructional but may tell us something more about this person and the thoughts that possibly occupied his mind at the time. I hereby title it for him "The Game of Life" and present it with minor modifications from the original handwritten text ... ☞

THE GAME OF LIFE

by Dr. Eugene S. Martinovsky

He who neglects his health when he is young then neglects his health in middle years
 Gets to the point eventually when his health is ruined beyond repair.
 And then is surprised to realize that he is dying and nothing can be done.

One must be guarding his health in his youth and also middle years
 In order to live his older years in good health and possibly reach longevity.
 (Although, of course, he will still have to die... But much later.)

So it is too with the Chessplayer who is a bit careless in the Opening
 then superficial in the Middlegame
 And comes to an ending when his position is lost and beyond repair
 Then wonders why it is he is losing and nothing can be done.

As in life, the Chessplayer must play accurately in the Openings
 and carefully in the Middle Game
 So that his ending is good and full of promise.
 The difference here is that the Chessplayer does not have to eventually lose,
 but may and should win!

Goodbye my friend

Helen Warren expresses admiration for Dr. Martinovsky

by Helen Warren

1.M Eugene Martinovsky 1931-2000

We measure the march of our lives with the deaths of our friends.

The phone call from NM Alan Watson, Dr. Martinovsky's close friend and fellow analyst, came as no surprise. Many in the chess community knew he was in the final stages of prostate cancer, but the shock in the hearing was there all the same.

Eugene and I were friends from the time of his coming to Chicago after emigrating from his native Yugoslavia. He lived in Michigan for a brief time thereafter, then settled in the Chicago area in 1972-73. He became a predictable leader on the wall charts of the strongest Illinois and Midwest tournaments, winning the state championship several times as well as the master section of the Illinois Class. Others will recount his notable achievements in full biographical treatments for this publication.

At the Hyatt Oak Brook in early March we ran the 2000 U.S. Masters, probably Eugene's favorite event. He had been one of only four players to compete in every Midwest Masters and U.S. Masters. In his company were NMs Albert Chow and Ken Wallach as well as former master, octogenarian Erik Karklins. I missed Eugene's name on the wall chart; my thoughts took me back to the last time I had seen him.

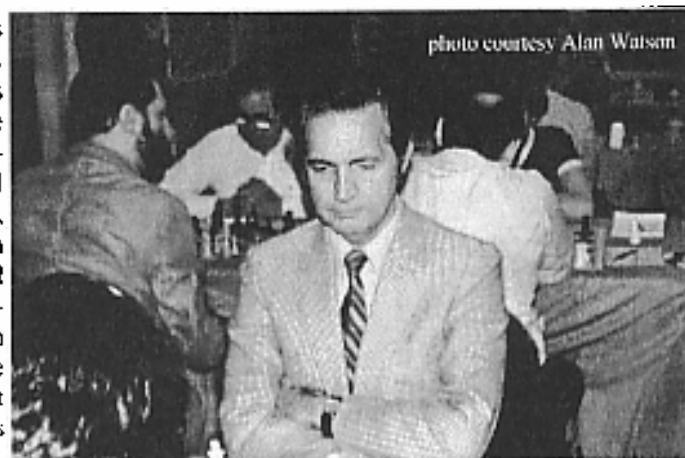
Last November Eugene called to set up an appointment to buy some books. Looking worn after his last treatment session, he nevertheless chatted animatedly about the local chess scene, Kasparov's latest capers, and his hope to play in the coming U.S. Masters. But Eugene was also a realist. Pointing to the books he had just purchased, *The c3 Sicilian*, by Joe Gallagher, and Bronstein's volume on the King's Indian, he smiled and said, "Helen, you think I'm an optimist, no? I know I'll never get to read them, but I must have them."

Chess was Eugene's paramount passion. A characteristic pose has Eugene, sitting at the board, his game not uncommonly the final contest of the round, eking out a win in an endgame in the small hours before the introduction of sudden death time controls, while bleary-eyed tournament directors set up pieces for the next day's round.

He was a tiger. His gentle temperament off the board belied a giant tenacity when he moved the pieces.

I especially recall several marathon contests with NM Albert Chow and NM Andrew Karklins. Albert tells me that he played the doctor thirty-eight times--and has a plus one score against him! I especially remember a crucial game with NM Tim Taylor, a QGD, from the 1978 U.S. Class. I hope Alan Watson will retrieve this lovely game for publication in a coming *ICB*. Another memorable game against NM Morris Giles played in the Illinois Open in 1983 remains fresh in my memory. Eugene played the White side of a Gruenfeld, a game filled with tactical drama. Eugene traveled abroad to play often with some commendable results. Again, I hope Watson will fill in the blanks of Eugene's remarkable chess career in a full-dress article for us.

In 1997 Eugene appeared at my door with a box of his trophies, won over the years, some as far back as 1965. "They're taking all the space in my house; you will know what to do with them, Helen." They remained in my garage until this past week-end, when I brought them to the Denker Qualifying tournament in Rosemont



where organizer NM Kevin Bachler distributed them to the kids.

After Eugene was diagnosed with terminal cancer, he set about methodically getting his affairs in order. He asked me to organize a memorial masters tournament for him, providing for the event in his will. I hope it will see fruition.

Others will summarize Eugene's chess career, analyze his games, and contribute their personal reminiscences. Because we were contemporaries in time, the passing of this great Midwest chess master at the relatively early age of sixty-eight gives us pause. The reach for a personal best, the striving for excellence, the maximum use of talent in whatever we do, those are the qualities I admired about Eugene. His love for our game was boundless. ♠



Woman's World Champion Nona Gaprindashvili vs. Martinovsky at Lone Pine.

Chicago's gentleman chess player

Tomas: Eugene Martinovsky was a fighter—all you had to do was look at the number of draws he turned down from grandmasters to realize that.

by John Tomas

Eugene Martinovsky, Chicago's gentleman chess player, died on February 22, 2000 of kidney cancer. He was 68 years old.

At the time of his death, Dr. Martinovsky was ranked third on the list of active tournament players over the age of 65, ahead of a number of Grandmasters.

Eugene Martinovsky first came to Chicago in the mid-sixties, and except for a short stay in Michigan, remained here for the rest of his life. A native of Montenegro, in Yugoslavia. He was born in 1931 in Skopje. He learned chess from his father, himself a master-level player who won the championship of Belgrade in 1924, when he was six. Before he left Yugoslavia, he had twice won the championship of Skopje and Montenegro. He graduated with his medical degree in 1957, moved to England in 1960, and arrived in the USA in 1962. It was only in 1965, after he had married and established a long and successful practice in psychiatry that he returned to chess.

Eugene Martinovsky's Chess Career

Eugene Martinovsky spanned three generations of Chicago chess, and did so with almost unvarying success. When he first came to Chicago, the reigning champions were Albert Sandarin, Polivas Tautvasias and Robion Kirby. They were soon joined by Ed Formanek and Richard Verber and soon thereafter by Greg DeFotis, Andrew Karklins, and Craig Chellstorp.

In the seventies, many of these players died or dropped out of chess. But Eugene kept playing against such transplants (and future IMs) as Ove Kroll, Jeremy Silman, Elliott Winslow, and Leonid Bass. Finally, in the eighties and ninties, he successfully confronted the latest generation of players – Al Chow,

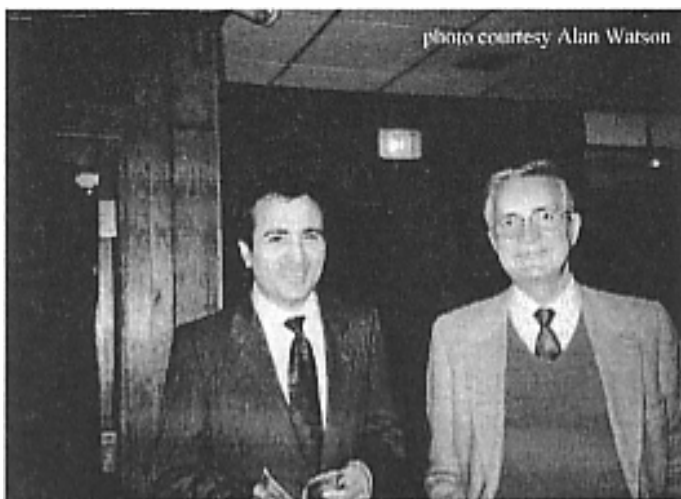
Larry Chachere, Morris Giles, George Umez-inwa, Marvin Dandridge, Enrico Sevilano, and the many grandmasters who now thronged to local tournaments.

Among his many tournament victories, Martinovsky won the championships of Michigan (where he lived from 1968-1972) and Illinois twice as well as two US Seniors championships. In addition to his over-the-board efforts, he was an exceptionally strong postal player winning the CCLA championship twice and participating in four World Correspondence Championship Semi-Finals sections.

In many ways, Dr. Martinovsky's career was a strange one. In his early days, his chess was undoubtedly hampered by his efforts to put his career as a psychiatrist on a sound footing. As a result, his rating had wide swings – from the low 2300s to the upper 2400s, as in many tournaments, he, unlike many of his competitors, came to tournaments from a full day at very demanding work. It was only when he "retired" that his results became more consistent. In the past decade, he has played in a number of international swisses as well as closed tournaments and defeated a large number of grandmasters.

Martinovsky's Style

Eugene Martinovsky was a fighter: all you had to do was look at the number of draws he turned down from grandmasters to realize that. But, if he was a fighter, he was a fighter by necessity. Almost alone among top-flight Chicago masters, he had a thriving career. And that meant that he had a limited amount of time to spend on openings, and so he



Dr. Martinovsky with his friend GM Dmitry Gurevich

did what many amateurs did – he avoided theoretical disputes, particularly with White. And what that meant, at least for the first part of his career, is that he often conceded the initiative and found himself counterpunching even with the White pieces.

One particularly amazing example is his 1997 game against Dmitry Gurevich.

**Eugene Martinovsky –
Dimitry Gurevich (GM)**
SD Governor's Cup, 1997
Queen's Pawn [A48]

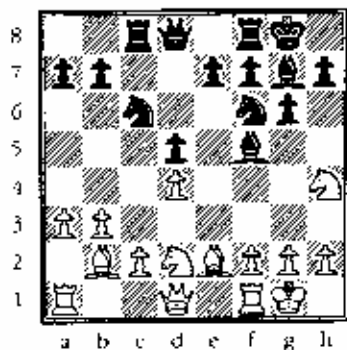
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3

Till the end of his days, Eugene would go to great lengths to avoid Benoni-type positions.

3...g6 4.Be2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3?!

On this move, Eugene commented that if he played the better c4 the game would transpose into a very good variation of the Grünfeld after ...d5. But this is just his lack of opening knowledge asserting itself – Martinovsky might not feel comfortable in those positions, but they certainly offer him better chances than his text move.

6...exd4 7.exd4 d5 8.Bb2 Nc6 9.Nbd2 Bf5 10.a3?! Rc8 15 11.Nh4!?

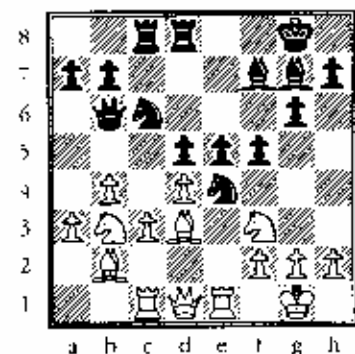


11...Be6

Both players had spent quite a bit of time here trying to evaluate the logical 11...Bxc2!? 12.Qxc2 Nxd4 13.Qd3 Nxc2- 14.Qxe2 Rc2 and now White's choice is critical:

1. 15.Bxf6? is a blunder: 15...Bxf6 16.Nhf3 Bxa1 17.Rxa1 when the rooks and pawns are much stronger than the knights.
2. 15.Be1 turns out to look good for Black too: 15...Ne4 16.Qd3 and now Dick Verber's suggestion of 16...Nc3! looks very strong. If instead 16.Rb1 Nc3 17.Qd3 Qc7 18.Rb2 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Ne2- 20.Qxe2 Qxc1+ 21.Nf1 Qxb2 winning.
3. 15.Be5! might well have been the reason that Dimitry avoided the line. The point is to eliminate Black's fianchettoed bishop and after 15...Ne4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 (forced) 17.Nhf3 Nc3 now has no force without the bishop.

12.c3 Qb6 13.b4 Rfd8 14.Re1 55 14... Ne4 15.Bd3 f5 16.Nhf3 Bf7 17.Nb3 e5 18.Re1



It's very clear that Black has the initiative because of his greater command of space. The question is, what can he do with it? And that is the essence of fine defensive play – it makes it as difficult as possible for the side with the advan-

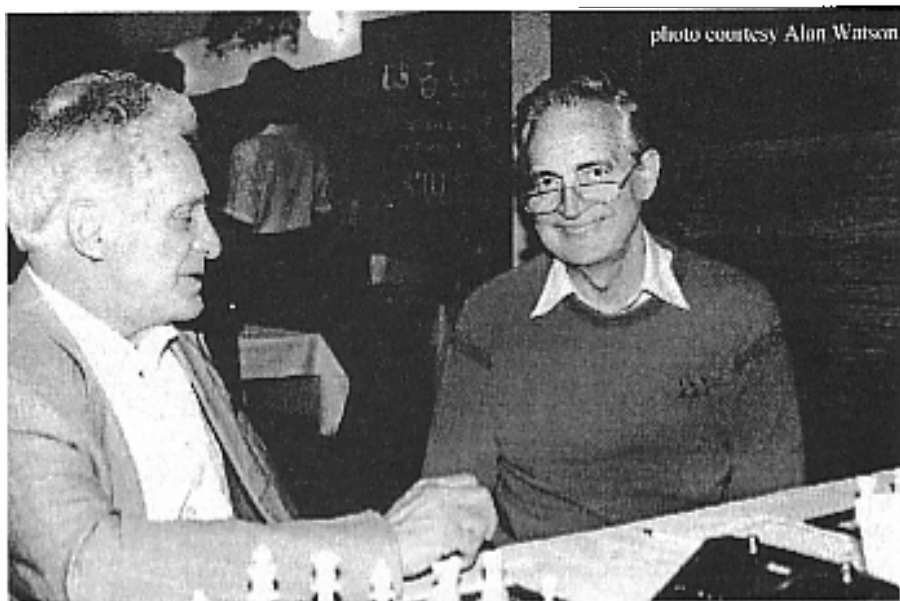


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tage to clarify his or her advantage.

18...a5?!

I'd be fascinated to know precisely how much Dimitry saw when he made this move.

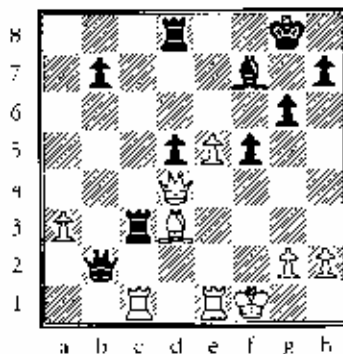
19.b5 a4 20.bxc6 Rxc6 21.Na5!

I suspect that Dimitry overlooked, or at least underestimated, this move.

21...Qxa5 22.Nxe5 Bxe5 23.dxe5 Nxf2

This looks like it accomplishes much more than it does. White still maintains dynamic equality.

24.Kxf2 Qb6+ 25.Kf1 Qxb2 26.Qxa4 Rxc3?! 27.Qd4 Rdc8?



The central position in the game. Gurevich is playing for a win and overlooks that his position can be just as precarious as White's appears to be. He can win a pawn with 27...Rb3 28.Qxb2 Rxb2 29.Rc7 Be6, when, despite, Black's extra pawn, it is he who is fighting for the draw. Better would be 27...Qxc1! 28.Rxc1 Rxc1- which is what Martinovsky feared. But Gurevich, rightly, felt that his bad bishop left him with few real winning chances. And so, feeling that he "must" be better, he plays a lemon.

28.e6! Bxe6 29.Rb1 Qd2 30.Rbd1! Rxd3

The only move!

31.Rxd2 Rxd4 32.Rxd4 Kf7

Martinovsky's sterling defense has left him an exchange up against a grandmaster.

33.Rb4 Rc7 34.Rb6?!

Normally, Eugene was very precise in advantageous endgames, but here he gives Gurevich some hope. 34.Rb1! forces the passive 34...Bc8 and White remains with a substantial advantage after 35.Ke2.

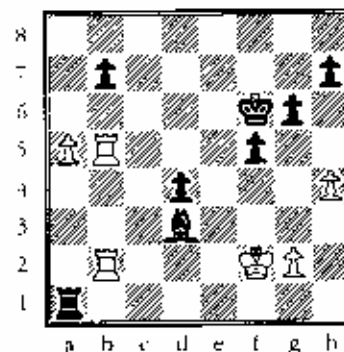
34...Bd7! 35.Reb1 Bc6

Now you see the difference – the bishop is very well posted on c6 and becomes even more so after White's next lemon.

36.a4? d4!

The position has turned again – now, Gurevich has the advantage, and Martinovsky will have to be very resourceful to draw

37.a5 Be4 38.R1b2 Rc1+ 39.Kf2 Ra1 40.R6b5 Kf6 41.h4! Bd3?



Gurevich spent quite a bit of time here

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trying to find a winning plan. And once again, faced with Martinovsky's unyielding defence, he produces a dubious idea. He has an original mating net in mind, but once Martinovsky sees through it, it turns out that he once again has the advantage.

42.Rxb7 f4 43.g4!

Avoiding 43...Rf1 checkmate!

43...fxg3+

43...Rf1-? is worse than useless: 44.Kg2 f3+ 45.Kg3 Ra1 46.Kf4 leaves Black in a mating net!

44.Kxg3 Rxa5 45.Rxh7 Ke5 46.Rb6 Bf5 47.Re7+ Kd5 48.Kf4 Kc4 49.Re5 49.Ra1?

No doubt short of time, Gurevich misses his last chance. 49...Rxe5! 50.Kxe5 d3 51.Rb1 d2 52.Rd1 Kc3 50.h5 draws.

49...Rf1+ 51.Kg5 Rg1+ 52.Kf6 d3 53.Rc6+ Kb4 54.Rd6 Rd1 55.h6! Rh1 56.Kg7 Ra1 57.h7 Ra7+ 58.Kg8 Ra8+ 59.Kf7 Kc3 60.Re8 Ra7+ 61.Kg8 Rxh7 62.Kxh7 g5+ 63.Kh6 g4 64.Kg5 1-0.

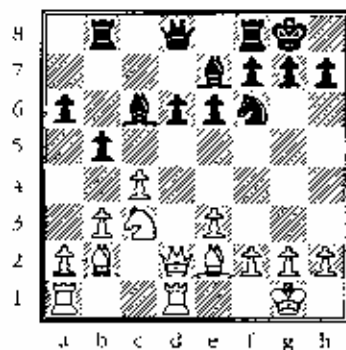
This ability to present grandmasters with the initiative and then to frustrate them with exceptional defense was long a characteristic of Eugene's mature play.

Here, the victim is six-time US Champion Walter Browne, then at the height of his powers and playing a position he knew exceptionally well.

Eugene Martinovsky – Walter Browne (GM)

Louis Statham Masters/Experts 1972
English Opening [A32]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.Nf3 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.e3 Be7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 Ne6 8.b3 d6 9.Bb2 Bd7 10.Nc3 a6 11.Qd2 Rb8 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Rfd1 b5

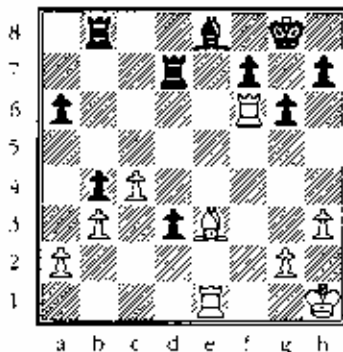


Walter made a living for years on the international circuit from positions like these. And here he already has his thematic break in!

14.Bd3! Qb6 15.Ne2 Qb7 16.f3 Rfd8 17.Nd4 Be8 18.Kh1 Qb6 19.Rac1 b4

Normally, I am exceedingly loath to criticize a grandmaster, but I cannot believe that it is good to close the queenside like this. It just gives Martinovsky a free hand on the denuded kingside.

20.e4 Nd7 21.f4! Bf6 22.Bb1 Ne5 23.Qe2 Qc7 24.Rf1 Qe7 25.Rccl g6 26.Qf3 e5! 27.Ne2 exf4 28.e5! dxe5 29.Nxf4 Bg7 30.Nd5 Qd6 31.Nf6+ Bxf6 32.Qxf6 Qxf6 33.Rxf6 e4 34.h3 Rd2? 35.Bc1 Rd7 36.Be3 Nd3 37.Bxd3 exd3



Having known Walter in those days, I can just visualize this scene: he has been in excruciating time pressure for some time – literally squirming in his chair with the most amazing facial contortions. Walter was a superb time-pressure player; he saw an enormous amount when he had to. But in the next few moves, Eugene proves that all his calculations were just wrong. You don't do that every day to a great grandmaster!

38.Rxa6 d2 39.Rd1 Re7 40.Bxd2! Rd8 41.e5! Bb5 42.Rd6 Ra8 43.Bxb4 Rxa2 44.e6! Rc2 45.Rd8+ Kg7 46.Bxe7 Bxc6 47.R8d2 1-0.

Throughout his career, Eugene was at his absolute best when players took chances against him. One recent case in point came from the 1998 Owens Corning Invitational in England against Grandmaster Chris Ward.

Eugene Martinovsky – Chris Ward (GM)

Owens Corning Wrexham 1998
English Defence, A40

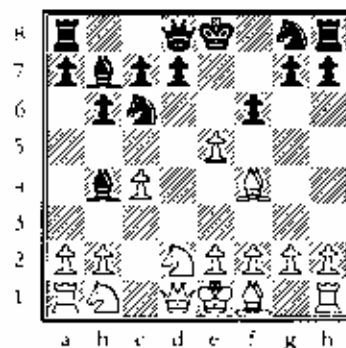
1.c4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Bg5!

The exclamation is for cheek! Ward tries to fool Martinovsky in the opening, only to see Martinovsky get out of any possible book.

3...f6 4.Bf4 e6 5.Nf3 Bb4+ 6.Nfd2 e5 7.dxe5 Nc6



Shown above (l-r) Richard Verber, journalist Colleen Senn, World Champion (1975-85) Ana-



8.e4

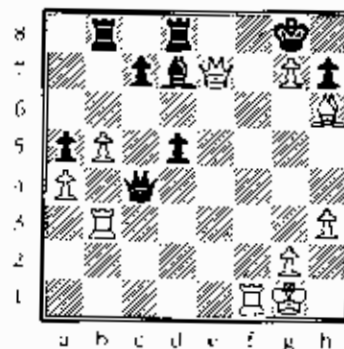
Unlike many Chicago players, Gene was never one to grab material whenever he could. Here, 8.exf6? gives Black an overwhelming lead in development AND open lines – just a bad bargain all the way.

8...fxe5 9.Be3 Nf6 10.Bd3 d6 11.0-0 0-0?

This move strikes me as a serious inac-

photo courtesy Alan Watson

24.e5! c4 25.Ra3 Qxb2 26.Bxc4+ d5
27.Rb3 Qc2 28.exf6 Qxc4 29.fxg7 Rd8
30.Bh6 Bd7



31.Qe7! Qe5+ 1-0.

Martinovsky in Chicago

All of the games I have given have been games against non-Illinois players. But Eugene didn't just play in national and international events. He was very active in both local tournaments and team matches. He loved to play chess so much that he would play in almost anything.

He had long running battles, in a wide variety of venues, with two of Chicago's better players: Albert Chow and Andrew Karklins. He played matches against both of them and came out more or less even over the long haul—down one to Chow over twenty years and three to Karklins over almost 35 years.

**Andrew Karklins—
Eugene Martinovsky**
Illinois State Championship 1975,
Sicilian Defense B67

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0
Bd7 9.f4 b5 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Re1 Be7
12.f5 Qb6 13.fxe6 fxe6 14.Nxc6 Qxc6
15.Bd3 Qc5 16.Qe2 0-0-0 17.a4? bxa4!
18.Bxa6+ Ke7 19.Nb5+ Kb6! 20.Na3
Rh8 21.Rhf1 Ka7 22.Rf3? Qb6! 23.
Be4 d5! 24.Nb5+ Bxb5 25.Bxb5 Qxb5
26.Qxb5 Rxb5 27.exd5 e5 28.d6 Bd8
29.Re4 Ra5 30.Rg3 Kb6 31.Rc4 Rd5
32.Rxa4 Rxd6 33.Rb3+ Kc6 34.Ra7
Bb6 35.Rc3+ Kd5 36.Re7 Ke4 37.Rc4+
Ke3 38.Rg7 f5 39.b4 f4 40.Re7 Bd4 41.
c3 Kd3 42.Rec7 Be3+ 43.Kb2 Rg8 44.
g3 f3
0-1

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Frank Skoff, World Champion
(1963-69) Tigran Petrosian, and*

*Dr. Eugene Martinovsky who is
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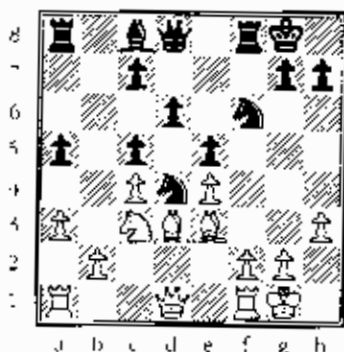
curacy on Ward's part. As you will see, he has something in mind, but Martinovsky proves it to be a chimera. Instead, an immediate ...Be5 seems better. 12.Nb3 Be8 13.h3 a5 14.a3 Be5 15.Nxc5 bxc5 16.Nc3 Nd4

But ...
17.f4! exf4
He can't have wanted to do this because it opens the position for Martinovsky's bishops. But if he allows f5, he faces a standard and very powerful kingside attack via g4, h4 and g5.

18.Bxf4 Qe8 19.Qe1 Rb8 20.Nb5!
All of a sudden the "powerful" knight on d4 is feeling the heat and Black's pawn weaknesses are beginning to make a difference. He can't play the otherwise desirable ...c6 because the "d" pawn hangs.

20...Qg6 21.Qe3
Both preventing ...Bxh3 and threatening an eventual e5.

21...Nxb5 22.exb5 Qf7 23.a4 Qb3
What is the Queen supposed to accomplish over here all by its lonesome? It certainly looks like Ward is in very bad time pressure and the next few moves confirm that diagnosis



I suspect that this was the position Ward had in mind when he castled on move eleven. He has what appears to be an unassailable knight outpost on d4 and hopes for pressure on the open "b" file.

Michigan Chess Association bids farewell to Dr. Martinovsky

What follows was given to Helen Warren by NM Fred Lindsay. It is an article written by Ben Crane for the magazine Michigan Chess, published by the Michigan Chess Association in January, 1973. Helen noted Dr. Martinovsky came to Chicago that year from Michigan, where he had lived and played for five years.

Much of what makes this tribute valuable are the games presented in the article. All notes in the games, reprinted from Michigan Chess, are that of Dr. Martinovsky's.

It is obvious that Michigan's losing Dr. Martinovsky in 1973 reflects much of the same feeling we have in Illinois today.

Farewell, Dr. Martinovsky

by Ben Crane

When congenial Dr. Eugene Martinovsky quietly moved to Michigan, the Ann Arbor players were delighted to find one of the nation's strongest masters living nearby. His unexpected arrival in 1968 sparked a new interest in local chess.

The first Michigan display of Martinovsky's powerful technique was revealed in the "2001" Masters and Experts Invitational tournament, held in Ann Arbor in November, 1968. He finished a full point ahead of the strong field in only five rounds. This result was nothing compared with some of his previous successes, but it did serve to wake up many of his complacent opponents.

Martinovsky's knowledge of the openings, superb endgame technique, and ability to move quickly kept him winning Michigan tournaments for four

years. Perhaps his greatest asset is his ferocious will to win. We saw him playing out many positions long after any normal chess player would have gone home. At first his opponents laughed—but then resigned. Who will forget the 1971 Flint Open, where Martinovsky adjourned in three hopeless positions, but played them out nonstop until 5:00 a. m., and eventually won the tournament 5-0!

But just as Michigan was beginning to take its Yugoslav import for granted, Dr. Martinovsky moved his medical practice to Chicago. We may never know whether he left us for professional reasons (as he says), or whether he really wants a crack at Greg DeFotis (as we suspect).

In any case, the good Doctor was kind enough to submit several of his recent games before he left. These are taken from the 1972 National Open (Sparks, Nevada) and the Stratham Masters Tournament (Lone Pine, California). All notes are by Martinovsky.

Sparks, 1972
Queen's Gambit Accepted
Martinovsky - Cowan

1. P Q4 P Q4
2. P Q B4 P x P
3. N K B3 N K B3
4. P K3 P K3
5. B x P P Q R3
6. O O P Q N4
7. B N3 B N2
8. Q K2 Q N Q2
9. R Q1 P B4

10. P Q R4 ...
Perhaps this is not best. A good alternative is 10.NB3 QN1 11.NK5! BQ3 (or 11... NxN 12.PxN QxP 13.NxP! BK2 14.NB3, with advantage to White. If Black varies with 12...NQ2 13.PB4 PB5 14.BB2 NB4 15.PQN4 PXPep 16.PxP PN5 17.NN5! also favors White) 12. NxN NxN 13.PQ5 PK4 14.

PQR4 gives White a small edge.

- 10... QN3
- Black should have tried 10... BK2 11.QNQ2 QN3 with approximate equality.
11. P x N P! P x N P
12. R x R+ B x R
13. N B3 P B5
- If 13...BB3 14.PQ5! NxP 15.NxN BxN 16.BxB PxB 17.RxP BK2 18.PQN4! favors White.

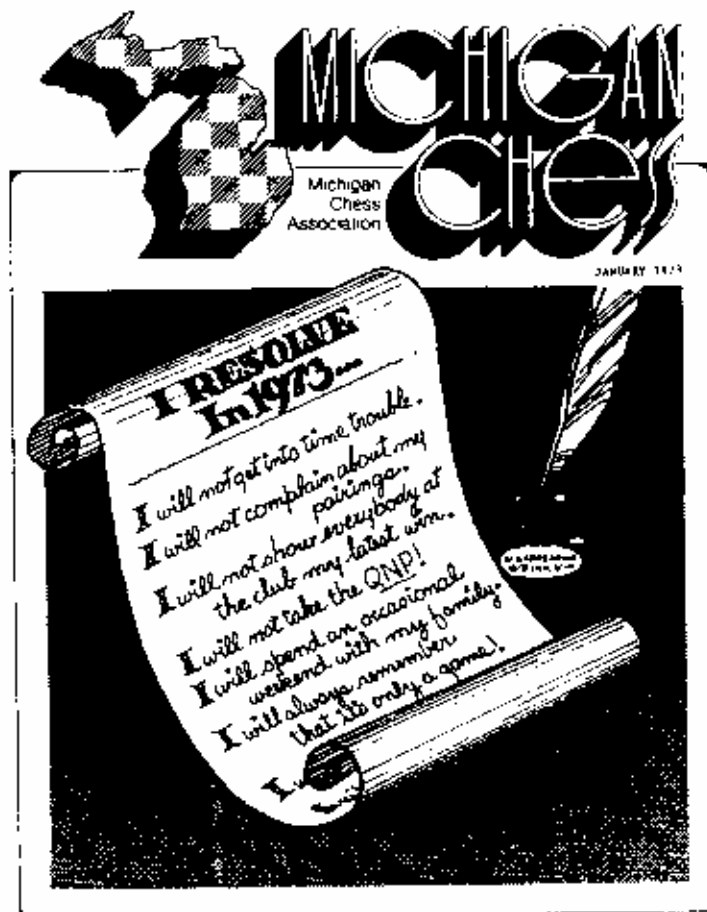
14. B B2 P N5
15. N Q R4 Q B3
16. P Q N3 P B6
17. P K4! B K2
- If 17...NxP 18.PQ5! PxP 19.NQ4, followed by PB3, and White wins.
18. P Q3 P x P
19. N Q4 Q N2
20. N K B5! P N3
- This leads to a quick loss. Black should have tried 20...

- P x P,
21. N x B K x N
22. P x P+ ...
- Now Black is defenseless.
- 22... K Q1
23. B N5 P R3
24. B x N+ N x B
25. Q K5 R K1
26. Q x N+ R K2
- Perhaps Black was hoping for 27.PQ6?? QxP mate.
27. N B5 Q N4
28. P Q6 Resigns

Sparks, 1972
English Opening
Anderson - Martinovsky

1. P K N3 P K4
2. B N2 P K N3
3. P Q B4 P Q3
4. N Q B3 N Q B3
5. P K3 P K3!
6. P Q3 B N2
7. K N K2 Q Q2

8. Q R4 K N K2
- Imprecise. 8...BR6 or 8... NQ1 would have given equality.
9. N Q5! ...
- Now White has a small edge.
- 9... N B1
- But not 9...OO 10.NxN· QxN 11.BxN PxB 12. QxBP.
10. B Q2 ...
- Not best. 10.PR4! PKR3 11. PK4 is strong for White.
- 10... O O
11. Q B B3 P B4
12. P B4 N N3!
13. Q B2 Q B2
14. N x N R P x N
15. O O P Q4
- Now the game is about equal. White should play 16.PxQP.
16. P x K P N x P
17. P x P B x P
18. P K4? ...
- An error. After 18.NB4 BxB



19.QxB PB3, Black has only a small plus.

18... BxRP!

The capture of this forgotten pawn gives Black a clear advantage.

19. BxN BxB

20. PQ4 BN2

21. PK5 ...

21.PQ5 was White's last chance.

21... PB3!

22. NB3 BN6

23. QB2 QRQ1

24. QK3 KRK1

25. NK4 PB4

26. PxP RxP

26...BxP was simpler, although Black still has a won game.

27. QN5! QK2!

28. QxQ RxQ

29. NQ6 PxP

30. NxNP RQ7!

31. RR8+ KB2

32. NQ8+ KB3

33. PR4? HXB+

34. Resigns

Sparks, 1972

Grunfeld Defense

Saidy - Martinovsky

1. PQ4 NKB3

2. PQB4 PKN3

3. NQB3 PQ4

4. NB3 BN2

5. BB4 OO

6. RB1 PB3

7. PK3 BN5!

This is the best way to equalize. 7...QR4 is not too good in view of 8.NQ2 and NN3. 7...Bk3 may be quite satisfactory however.

8. QN3 ...
The old equalizing line here is 8.PKR3 BxN 9.QxB QR4 10.BQ3 QN2 11.OO PxP 12.BxP PK4 13.PxP NxP 14.BxN QxB, Najdorf-Flohr, 1950. Saidy's move is more aggressive.

8... BxN!

Allowing 9.QxP BN5! 10. QxR QN3 11.PQN3 PxP, and with ...QNQ2, Black will catch the queen and win.

9. PxB QQ2

10. PxP PxP

11. BQN5 NB3

12. OO ...

Another move here is 12. NR4. Black can respond with 12...QR6 13.KK2 NQ1 14. NB5 NK3, or 12...KRB1 13. NB5 QR6, in both instances with a double-edged but even game.

12... QB4

Threatening ...NxP

13. NK2! PK4

14. BN3! PK5

14...PxP 15.BxN PxB 16. NxP and Black loses a pawn without compensation. 14... QxP 15.PxP! also lands Black in difficulties.

15. PxP NxKP

16. BQ3 QQ2

16...NxP? was not good: 17. BxQ NxN 18.KN2 NxR 19.RxN PxB 20.QxNP NR4 21.QxQP and the Black knight was trapped.

17. BxN PxB

18. RB5 ...

18.NB3 may have been better.

18... QRQ1

Draw agreed

The position is double-edged but about even. Saidy and I had used up most of our time at this point, and didn't want to risk playing this complicated position in time trouble.

Lone Pine, 1972

Queen Pawn Game

Martinovsky - Christiansen

1. PQ4 PQB4

2. PK3 NKB3

3. NKB3 PKN3

4. PQN3 BN2

5. BN2 OO

6. BQ3 PxP

7. PxP NB3

8. OO PQ4

9. QNQ2 ...

The quiet opening has led to an even, although not drawish, position.

9... NQN5

10. BK2 BB4

11. NK1 RB1

12. PQB3 NB3

13. BQ3 NK5?

13...QQ2 would have kept the game balanced.

14. BxN! BxB

15. PKN4! ...

With Black's QB stranded, White has a marked advantage.

15... PK4!?

A tricky move sacrificing a bishop for two pawns and some pressure. It turns out to be incorrect. But after 15... PKN4 16.NxB PxN 17. QK2 QQ4 18.NB2, intending QRK1, Black has no satisfactory defense of his KP.

16. PB3 PxP

17. PxP QN3

18. PxB NxP

19. KR1! PxP

20. NN2 KRK1

21. RB1 QRQ1

22. NQB4 QK3

23. BxN BxB

24. QK2 PK6

With the last eight moves White has consolidated his position. Black's 24...PK6 stops White from posting a knight on K3.

25. QRQ1 RQ4

26. PQR4 RK2

27. RQ3 BB4

28. KRQ1 R2Q2

29. N4xP! BxN

30. RxR! RxR

31. RxR QxR

32. QxB Q8+

33. NK1 QxKNP

With the elimination of Black's KP, White has achieved a clearly won game. But it still requires good technique to win!

34. NB3 PKR4

Defending against the threat 35.QK8+ KN2 36.QxP-KxQ 37.NK5+ etc.

35. QK8+ KN2

36. QK5+ KN1

37. QN8+ KN2

38. QxNP PR4

39. QQ5 KN1

40. QQ8+ KR2

41. QB6 KN1

42. NN1 ...

White must improve his king position in order to make progress.

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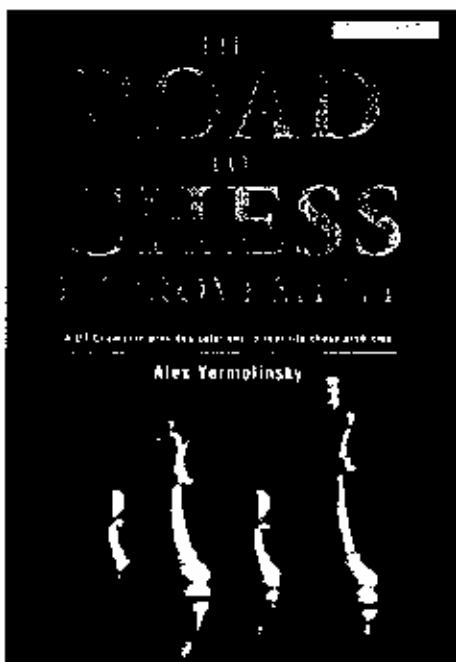
Review: *The Road to Chess Improvement* *IM John Watson's read on Yermolinsky book—exceptional*

by International Master John Watson

The Road to Chess Improvement Alex Yermolinsky; 224 pages; Gambit, 1999

These are great times for chess books, and even fairly straightforward compilations of opening and endgame theory are much more thoughtful and accurate than their equivalents of 20 years ago. But we are also seeing some remarkable writing by active grandmasters, players who until recently mostly seemed to shy away from writing, and who, when they did write, revealed little about themselves or their ideas.

Alex Yermolinsky, a U.S. Champion and 2600+ grandmaster, has not only opened his chess notebooks to one and all, but has given us fresh and insightful ideas about nearly every aspect of practical play. He is refreshingly frank, and doesn't shy away from presenting his own failings and frustrations. In my years of reviewing, I have never been tempted to make a dramatic 'book of the year' pronouncement, but I can't imagine anyone else topping this effort in the near future.



In the past, my main experience with Yermolinsky's writing came from magazines such as *New in Chess* and *Chess Life*, and from his website 'Yermo's Chess Diary' (quite a hoot, really; see <<http://www.concentric.net/%7EYermo/diary.shtml>>). In articles from those sources, his style has been extreme, comic, and controversial, which can be either delightful or off-putting; and I have sometimes been disappointed with what seem to me superficial annotations. Mind you, this is a man who has 3 1/2 - 1/2 score against me over-the-board, with a clean 4-0 in understanding (as evidenced by his brilliant post-mortem analysis). So I've always felt that, while his writing was compelling enough in the sense of grabbing one's interest, the profundity of the player himself was being lost in the glitz. Would such a style translate to a worthwhile book?

Fortunately, we don't get to find out. For one thing, the core of the book is, effectively, a thoroughly annotated collection of Yermolinsky's own games (93 of them, including fragments, with nine by other players). And what wonderful annotations he gives us: full of self-criticism, penetrating remarks about what happens both practically and psychologically at critical points of each game, and practical advice about how to approach a tremendous variety of positions. Furthermore (and most importantly, from my point of view), his notes relentlessly and accurately pursue the truth of the game under investigation, even if that means detouring into some lengthy analytical details which Yermo knows that many a reader will skip. The interesting thing is that, unlike Hübner or Speelman, Yermo limits these excursions to fundamentally critical positions, leaving himself plenty of space to address an enormous number of other issues (and it's worth noting that these are oversized pages, so the book's 224 pages are the equivalent of at least 300 conven-

tional pages). Thus it is that Yermo's pedagogic and philosophic ideas (discussed next) are backed up by numerous concretely analyzed examples.

Rather than try to describe the work as a whole, therefore, let me just cite some illuminating remarks and thoughts. Regarding his philosophy in the book, Yermo says: "The idea is to teach by example, rather than offer ready-to-consume recipes. Who knows, maybe chess should be observed, just like a language should be spoken around you, in order to be understood and transformed into a skill. I'll select a few examples on each area—knowledge, tactics, ability,

Yermo is repeatedly critical of the books and videos which offer simple systems 'to play and win', or which promise to reveal 'the secrets of the Soviet School of Chess'.

and intuition—that, serve as illustrations of how such work of improvement can be done." The first and foremost requirement for improvement is nothing new -- "Study your games"—but unlike other authors, he has detailed ideas of how to do it. Yermo is repeatedly critical of the books and videos which offer simple systems 'to play and win', or which promise to reveal 'the secrets of the Soviet School of Chess'. The first few chapters are concerned with practical matters such as dealing with one's emotions, putting up maximum resistance, and knowing your opponent (he even offers useful guesses about what to do based solely upon the relative ratings of the opponents). "The whole idea is to outline some options a chess-player may use during a practical game, regardless of their absolute value."

When he gets to openings and early middlegames, Yermo gives us wonderful tutorials in a number of sidelines to ma-

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for openings. e.g., 11.h3 in the main line of the Queen's Gambit Exchange Variation and 4.Nf3 g6 5.cxb5 a6 6.Qc2 in the Benko Gambit. He points out how simple the Benko is for Black to play in a stereotyped manner, and I have personally seen how successful he is after posing just about any kind of new problem for the Benko player, who likes to make 12-14 moves without thinking. Regarding the Modern Defence (1...g6), he is again skeptical of books and videos which promise Black an easy time, asking "Have you ever wondered why there is so much less theory there than in the Sicilian? Maybe because White's task of obtaining an opening advantage is achieved relatively free of problems?" He also points out that 1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.c4 (intending 3...c5 4.d5) involves Black in a lot more mainstream theory (or inferior lines) than the purveyors of this 'easy' system admit. The Grand Prix Attack is subject to 12 pages of harsh treatment, and linked with the Colle and Trompovsky as systems which are advertised to players as "secret" openings that would allow them to handle the resulting positions with ease, operating with 'ideas' and 'schemes' instead of memorizing variations and calculating tactics." At Yermolinsky's Chess Academy in Cleveland, he says, "we do not practice a 'quick fix approach' that is popularized by many teaching GMs", and students are urged to avoid

"primitive set-ups designed to avoid theory."

He explains that when he began to teach, "Like many amateur teachers, I was tempted to cut down...by offering 'simpler' opening systems. But soon I realized that...to teach chess off the top of my head...is not reliable. In fact, it's no more than an illusion, and practicing it borders on plain old cheating." That may sound harsh, but I wish that the many highly-paid chess teachers around the U.S. who put so little effort into their work would listen and respond accordingly. "The whole idea", he says, "is to reject any postulates in principle, only to be replaced by concrete analysis", a sentiment he echoes elsewhere in the book. "It's easy to deal with beginners", he says, who can be told to "develop pieces as fast as possible", 'try to capture space with the center pawns', 'don't move the same piece twice', and so on. Fair enough, but I don't think it works beyond the beginner's level." I agree.

I was very interested in Yermo's original observation that the styles of Botvinnik and Tal during their two matches differed by a lot less than many chess journalists claimed they did, and, moreover, in much subtler ways.

Yermo criticizes the classic books as 'misleading', telling his students, "Take Yermo's word for it, set those books aside and start working on your own." As for books since WWII, he says

"guess what, a lot of them just repeat each other. Same boring lists of positional elements, same 'tactics serve strategy' and 'attack only when prepared' hollow advice, same carefully selected games which are nothing but one-way beatings delivered by chess heavyweights to the tomato cans of amateur ranks." By contrast, Yermo offers complex, double-edged examples, and when one side makes an original exchange to get positional concessions, he says, refreshingly, that in the resulting position, "there was simply no way to tell who would prevail by simply referring to one dominant positional factor, such as with most 'positional games' shown in classical books...the outcome of the game was not decided by Black's brilliant recognition of a positional pattern. On the contrary, it strictly depended upon the accuracy of his calculation of the 'positional' tactics." A neat turn of phrase! I guess Karpov's 'post-positional tactics' would rank pretty high on the scale. Another gem: "The good old self-comforting thought, 'I did everything right positionally, so the tactics favour me' doesn't always ring true. Believe me, I know. I used to say this every time... but not any more...we should learn to accept the fact that the combinational style has the same right to exist as the positional approach." A simple and eloquent statement that cuts right through

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Rulebook tactics

Requested byes

by Tim Just

Take a look at your win-loss record for each individual round of the events you play in. Is there one particular round that you always lose or draw in? If so, you should consider requesting a half-point bye for that round in future events. Taking the bye will give you about the same results with a lot fewer rating points changing hands; furthermore, you will have more energy and be more focused for your next round game.

Check out these rulebook tactics for getting the bye you want, for any reason.

- Be certain you know the procedure for requesting byes. Not all tournaments use the same process.



National Tournament Director Tim Just

- Many TDs have a bye request sign up sheet available until about one hour before they do pairings.
- Typically byes can be requested at the time of your entry.
- Byes for the last round usually need to be asked for at the time you enter the event.
- Request your byes in plenty of time. TDs have a difficult time honoring your request if it is not received in a timely manner.

- Double check with the TD to make sure they have a record of the round and type of bye you requested.
- Find out what rounds you can get byes for. Some tournaments only allow half point byes in rounds one and two.
- If the tournament you are attending does not advertise byes, ask anyhow.
- If you cannot get a half point bye in the round you want, ask to receive a zero point bye.
- To prevent any difficulty for yourself and others change your bye requests in plenty of time.

Note: Changing that half point bye request for the last round or two will not rid you of those half points on the wall chart or for prize purposes. You may still be allowed to play those last rounds. You can still score a victory plus gain rating points at the end of the event; however, you are stuck with those half point bye requests on the wall chart for rounds at the end of a tournament. ☒

Twenty keys to chess success by Dr. Martinovsky

1. Find the keys and ways to work with them.
2. Coordinate pieces to work together.
3. Strive for useful penetration. e.g. Rooks on the seventh rank.
4. Gain a tempo whenever possible.
5. Check out all possible checks and captures!
6. Which side of the board will you play on?
7. Look for loose pieces or ways to make them loose—check piece position.
8. Is there another piece that can make the capture in a combo?
9. Don't waste time just checking individual moves, look for a plan—step back... look for imbalances and ways to use them.
10. Look for things you'd like to do... put on x-ray glasses and look for skeletons (patterns), then nonsensical moves begging to make sense.
11. To keep the king from escaping to one side, try coming at him from a different direction. Give angles.
12. Always look for mating patterns, all captures could be good sacs.
13. You are a spider, make sure you know exactly where your web is!
14. Don't run from ghosts, make sure of what you see.
15. If a good-looking combo just doesn't seem to quite work, try the inverse. e.g. Give up a rook instead of a bishop first.
16. Look for discoveries! If you have a discovery on a lesser piece try to replace it with a value piece.
17. 100% concentration!
18. Check each sequence only once and quickly. (As a goal.)
19. Forcing moves cut down your opponent's replies.
20. Look to use your checks as zwishenzugs!

Transcribed from the handwritten notes of Dr. Martinovsky given to Alan Watson.

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Illinois Chess Association Junior Chess News

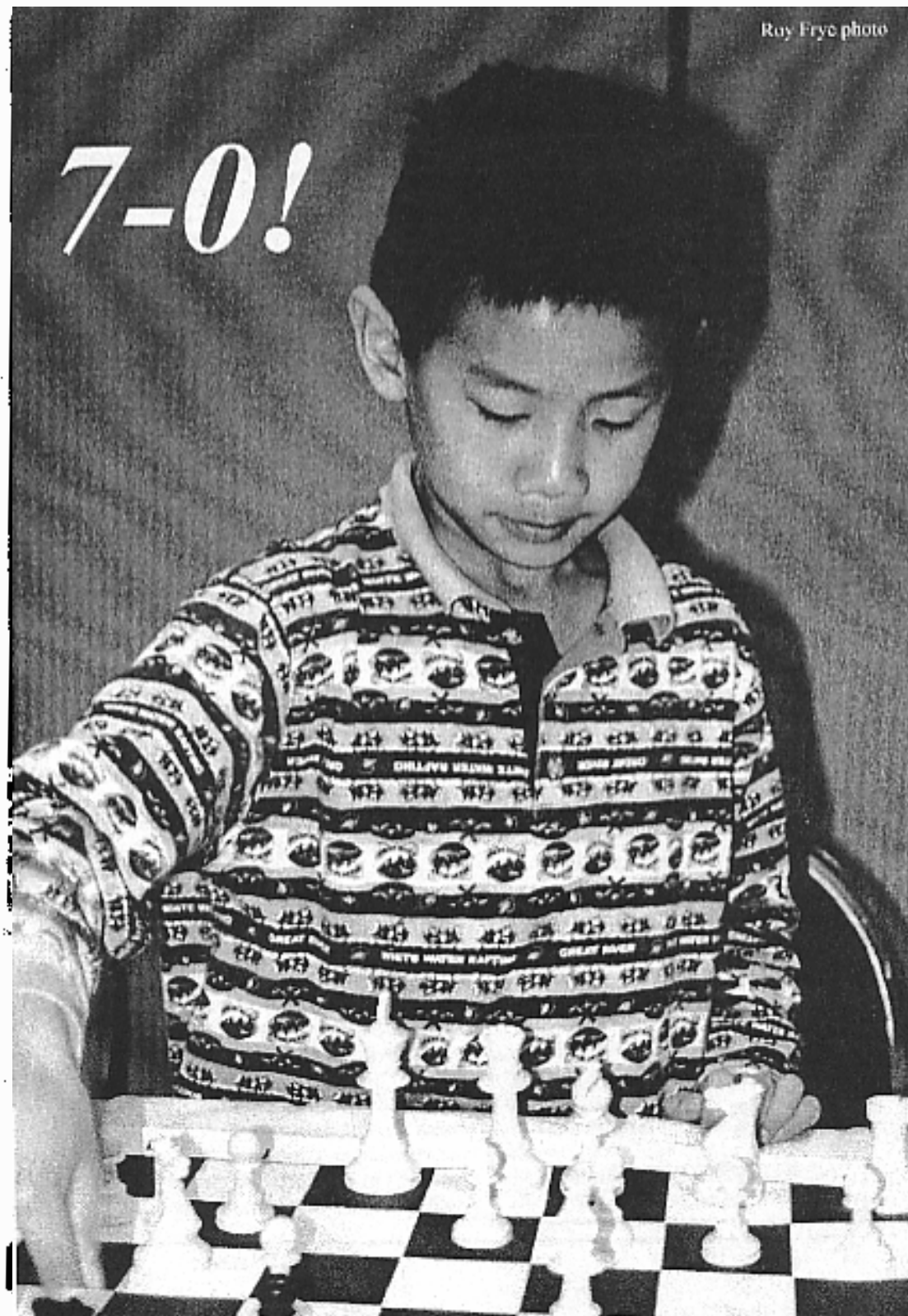
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**Byron Chen
earns a perfect
score in the
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Championship!**

**In a surprise
last-round win
against favored
Joey Fishman,
second-grader
Byron Chen
earns first in his
section.**

**Inside:
Learn Byron's
secret to great
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Byron Chen scores 7-0 in 2000 grade school finals

by Roy Frye

The final round of the 2000 Illinois Grade School Championship, held the weekend of March 24th in Schaumburg, brought a surprise to many as second-grader Byron Chen won his last round against third-grader Joey Fishman. Byron was the first to be surprised by his perfect 7-0 score. Claiming Joey was favored to win, Byron explained, "Joey won all of his other games and he was more likely to win because he's one of the best players in the Nation." According to Byron's dad, Xiangming Chen, "Joey has been the top-rated player in the Primary Section and hasn't lost a single game at the scholastic tournaments this season. Byron's rating is 831 against 1060 for Joey Fishman."

When asked about the point at which he felt the last game was won, Byron said, "When he [Joey Fishman] hung his rook I just started playing solid, and there wasn't much he could do about it."

The 2000 Grade School Championship represents another milestone for Byron. Byron said he has managed per-



Joey Fishman concentrates on his position. Joey was ahead on time, but short on material. This round went to Byron Chen.

fect scores in tournaments before - but never in a tournament of this size.

Byron Chen began playing chess in kindergarten following instruction from his dad Xiangming Chen, who serves as a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. However, dad's instruction was short-lived. Byron said, "Dad started me off, but then I started beating him." Byron says his dad doesn't feel too bad about that since "he can still give me a challenge." When asked if dad still provides chess instruction, he said, "No. He's not good enough. The one who teaches me is a Master named 'Max' [NM Dejan Maksimovic]. He has taught at Elmhurst Chess Club."

Dad got Byron playing chess with the help of a computer program from Mrs. Chen's colleague whose two sons are good chess players. Following some play with the program, Byron won as the Top Unrated in the first tournament he entered in Roundlake in the fall of 1998. Since then he has won a trophy in almost

every tournament he entered, with a total of 15 trophies now in his collection.

Dad says, "Byron has played regularly at a kids' chess club in the Elmhurst and Villa Park Public Libraries run by Mr. Ed Thomas. He also took some private lessons with Mr. Ed Thomas for about a year before starting to study with

Max about two months ago. As you can see, 'Max' has done a very good job with him."

If you are open to advice on how to get better tournament scores, Byron offers these suggestions: "If you're ahead, you should keep on trading pieces so that in the end you'll have

an advantage. And, if you think you might be losing - just keep on playing and don't give up. And, if you know for sure you are going to lose - ask for a draw!"

An excellent student, Byron plays piano and baseball. He loves to read history and autobiographies of famous Americans. Of course, like many his age, he is a Pokemon maniac. ☐

"...if you know for sure you are going to lose - ask for a draw!"

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State Grade School Championship 2000 a tribute to Erv Sedlock

Hundreds of grade-school students gather in Schaumburg to play chess under a banner giving thanks to Erv Sedlock for his contribution to scholastic chess in Illinois. Jeff Wiewel, now president of the St. Charles Chess Club, reports on the remarkable history of the event.

by Jeff Wiewel

In the fall of 1984 Donna Barstad wanted her son John to be able to play in scholastic tournaments, and she didn't like the tournaments that would start their final round of the day after 7 PM, or even 9 PM in some cases. Since John and his father Dick belonged to the Saint Charles club, Donna asked Erv (president of the club and the only director the club had at that time) if he would be interested in directing a scholastic tournament. Donna was perfectly capable of organizing an event, but didn't feel that she could direct one, particularly since she didn't play the game herself. That tournament of about 60 kids (originally for the benefit of the Benjamin and Evergreen kids and drawing

from other schools as well) in West Chicago started the Saint Charles club's involvement with scholastics. Like most of the one-day tournaments, the middle school section was four rounds and the elementary (and later also the primary) section was five rounds. Also, it was a team/individual tournament. That meant, first of all, that it was paired as a tournament of individual players with the exception that normally teammates would not be paired against each other. Secondly, the top four individual standings a team had would be used to determine the team score.

Donna and Erv decided to run a state championship just for the elementary and middle schools in March of 1995. It drew 110 Illinois players and 20 Indiana

players using it as a tune-up for their trip to the nationals. It was the first tournament I was involved with. The officially recognized state championship was still being run along with a high school tournament and an adult tournament. It would still be a couple of years before the ICA officially recognized the

People were so used to seeing Donna, Erv and I at the tournaments that some of them thought Donna and Erv were married and I was their son.

tournament Erv directed as the state championship. All of the state championships have been seven rounds with four on Saturday and three on Sunday.

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Yelena Gorlin wins Denker Qualifier!

*Yelena will represent Illinois
at the Denker Tournament of
State High School Champions
in St. Paul, Minnesota*

by Senior Master Richard Verber

Because of the unusually high number of promising chess juniors this year, the Illinois Chess Association Junior Chess Committee, chaired by Mike Zacate, decided to break with tradition and expand the Year 2000 Denker Qualifier into a 12-player five-round Swiss tournament. In recent years, our high school Qualifier has consisted of a six-player Round-Robin event. The new format was chosen to facilitate twice the number of participants.

Another change this year, was the decision to open the tournament to graduating eighth-graders. A bumper crop of talented eighth-graders, headed by Robert Riddle and nurtured by the Warren Junior Chess Program, has blossomed this year. It seemed an excellent opportunity to provide these kids with much needed experience against their older rivals.

Prior to the tournament, just about everyone agreed that the tournament favorites were Illinois Whiz-Kids: Tam Nguyen (2176) and Yelena Gorlin (2049). Their face-off in the third round provided one of this year's most exciting and complicated games played in Illinois in recent memory! WILD-CHESS advocates, like ICA Membership Secretary Bill Smythe, will 'go bananas' over this thrilling and crazy game—some of the positions near the end of the game look like they escaped from Todd Barre's "Chess Wizardry" Problems Feature. You will enjoy looking through their game (and others) with analysis from John Tomas later in this coverage.

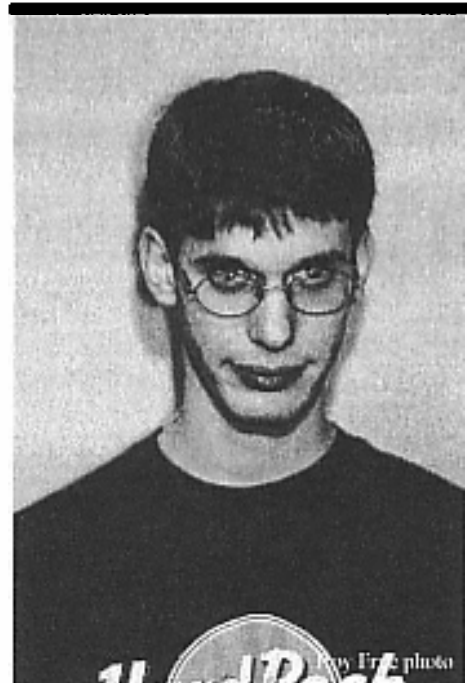
Thanks are in order for Tournament Organizer and Chess Master Kevin Bachler, and Blair Machaj, who did an extremely professional job. The tournament conditions at the lovely Four Corners Sheraton hotel, in Rosemont, Illinois, were near perfect.

In summary, this was a very rewarding experience for 12 of our most talented junior chess players.



*Tam Nguyen 2176
(10th grade) scored 3.5-1.5
placing second to Yelena Gorlin.*

Yelena Gorlin (shown right), a 10th grade student with a pre-tournament USCF rating of 2049, moved through the Denker Qualifier undefeated (4.5-.5) with her only draw in the final round.



*Matthew Pullin 1681
(11th grade) scored 3-2.*

And the winner is...

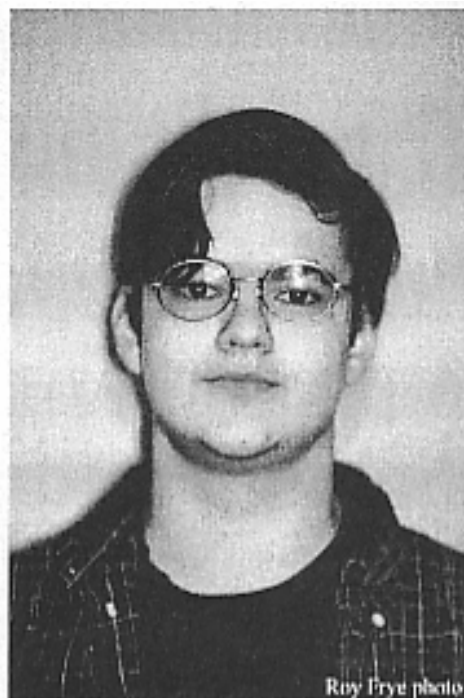




Andrey Gorlin 1879
(8th grade) scored 3-2.



David Nordahl 1880
(12th grade) scored 2.5-2.5.



Artem Akhmetov 1962
(12th grade) scored 2.5-2.5.

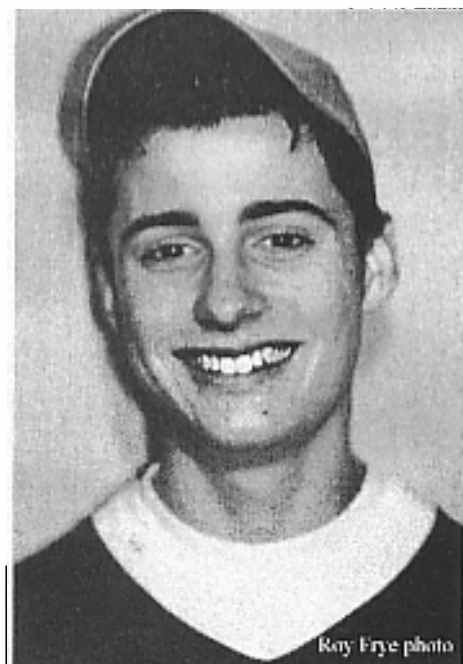
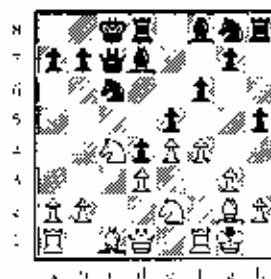
Tam Nguyen (2176) -
Yelena Gorlin (2049)
Denker Qualifier Chicago, 2000. French
Defense. C00

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nc3 d4 4.Nce2
The knight is going to find it extremely
difficult to get any play from this square.
Paradoxically, I believe that White

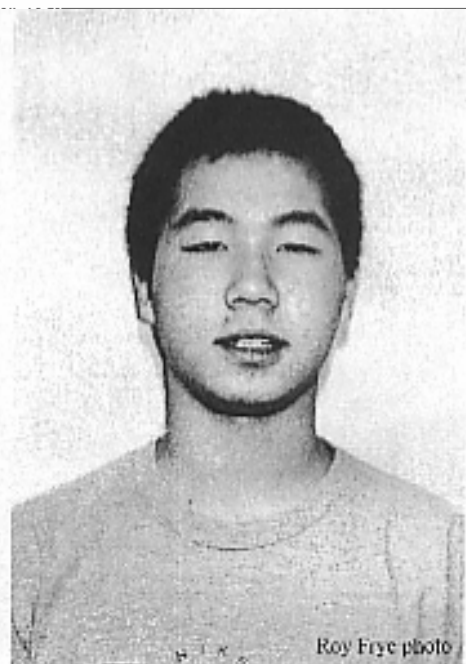
might be best served by 4.Nb1!
4...c5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Bd7 7.f4 Qb6 8.
Nf3 0-0-0 9.Nd2 f6 10.Ne4 Qc7 11.c3
c5 12.exd4 cxd4 13.0-0 h5 14.f5

(see diagram right)

I'm not sure why White avoids the natu-
ral 14.fxc5 fxe5 15.Bg5 Be7 16.Qd2
Nf6. Black still has the advantage, but
White at least has some space for his



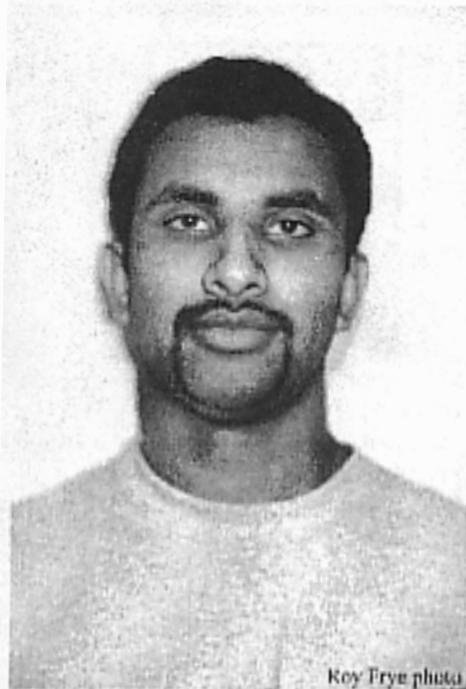
Robert Riddle 1965
(8th grade) scored 2.5-2.5.



Aaron Chen 1872
(9th grade) scored 2.5-2.5.



William Aramil 1842
(8th grade) scored 2-3.



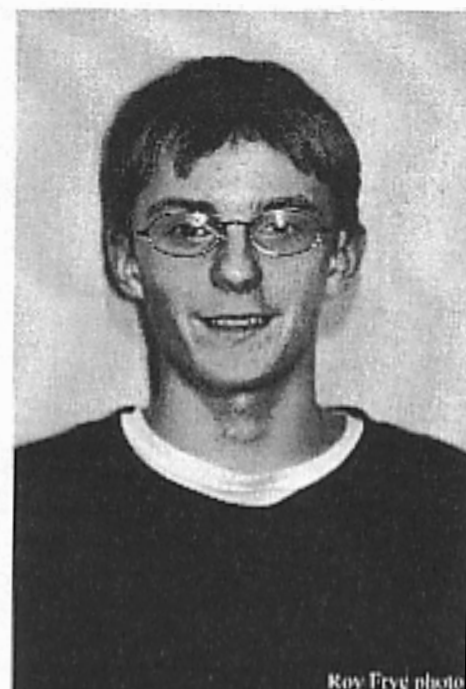
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Dushyanth Reddivari 1826
(12th grade) scored 1.5-3.5.



FOOTBALL
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Robert Rasmussen 1820
(8th grade) scored 1.5-3.5.



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Mark Rokita 1595
(8th grade) scored 1-4.

pieces.

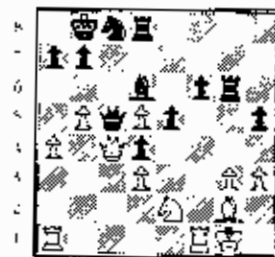
14...Nh6 15.h3 Be7 16.a3 g6

Not the only way to play the position. Black can also make use of a plan formulated 40 years ago by the great Soviet grandmaster Lev Polugayevsky by doubling on the "c" file and advancing his "b" pawn to drive the knight on c1 away. 17.Bxh6 Rxh6 18.b4 Bf8 19.Re1 Kb8

20.b5 Ne7 21.Qb3 Ne8 22.a4 Qc5 23. fxe6 Rxe6 24.Ne3

White finely sees a discovery that he likes.

24...Qa3 25.Qc4 Bd6 26.Nd5 Be6 27. Ra1 Bxd5 28.cxd5 Qc5



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**Blair Machaj, Denker Qualifier
Tournament Director**



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**Kevin and Socha Bachler arranged and oversaw the 2000 Denker
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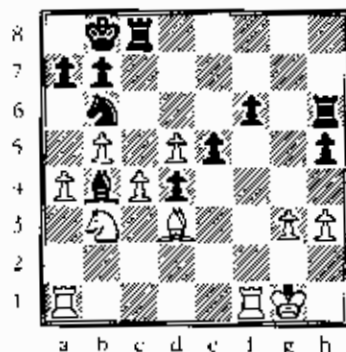
SQUARE ONE

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29.Be4 Qxc4 30.dxc4 Rh6 31.Nc1

It's hard to suggest an alternative here. 31.Kg2 Bc5 32.Nc1Ne7 is certainly no improvement.

31...Nb6 32.Bd3 Rc8 33.Nb3 Bb4!?

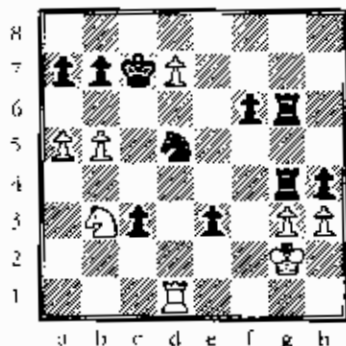


If a grandmaster came up with this idea, to activate the passive bishop, nobody would bat an eyelash. What she is trying to avoid is a white square blockade when the bishop will be more or less useless after 33...Nxc4 34.Bxc4 Rxc4 35.Nd2 followed by Ne4 when White has real compensation for the pawn. It is Yelena's bad luck that her idea also gives her opponent serious counterchances.

34.Rf1 Bc3 35.Rxc3!

Of course: good or bad, it had to be played.

35...dxc3 36.d6 e4 37.Be2 Rg6 38.Kf2 c3+ 39.Kg2 h4 40.Bg4 Rxc4 41.a5 Nd5 42.d7 Kc7 43.Rd1 Rxcg4



I've glossed over the preceding moves for a very good reason - I don't know what is going on! But here there is a question about whether White missed a win with the amazing 44.Rxd5?! Simple moves don't suffice: 44...Rg8 45.Nc5 Rd8 46.Ne6+ Kb8 47.Nxd8 e2 48.Ne6 and White will mate quickly. So, Black has to go in for 44...Rxcg3+ 45.Kf1 e2+! (surprisingly enough, there is no definite win after 45...Rg2+ 46.Kf1 Rg1+ 47.Ke2 R8g2+ 48.Kf3!) 46.Kxc2 Rg2+ 47.Kd3 Kd8! And now 48.Nc5

fails to 48...Rd2-

44.hxg4 Rg5 45.Nd4 Re5 46.a6 bxa6 47.d8Q+ Kxd8 48.Nc6+ Kc7 49.Nxe5 e2 50.Re1 fxe5

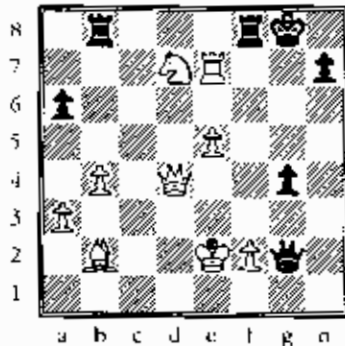
and Black eventually won - I assume by simply advancing her queenside pawns. 0-1

Aaron Chen (1872) -
Dushyanth Reddivari (1826)
Denker Qualifier Chicago, 2000
French Defense C02

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Nh6 6.a3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nf5 8.b4 a6 9.Bb2 f6 10.Bd3 fxe5 11.dxe5 Be7 12.Nc3 0-0 13.0-0 Qe8 14.Rc1 g5 15.Na4 Qh5 16.Nb6 Rb8



17.Bxa6 g4 18.Ne1 bxa6 19.Rxc6 Bb7 20.Rxe6 d4 21.Nd7 Ne3 22.Qxd4 Nxf1 23.Rxe7 Qxh2+ 24.Kxf1 Bxg2+ 25.Nxg2 Qh1+ 26.Kc2 Qxg2



27.Qc4+ 1-0
Nicely calculated, or lucky?! Only the players know for certain.

David Nordahl (1880) -
Aaron Chen (1872)
Denker Qualifier, Chicago 2000,
Pirc Defense B06

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bc4 d6 5.Qf3 e6 6.Nge2 Nf6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Bb3 h6 10.Bh4 e5 11.Qe3 Re8 12.Rad1 Qe7 13.f4 cxf4 14.Nxf4



14...Nf8?

The text is overly quiescent. Black should try to get some counterplay with 14...g5!? 15.Ng6 Qd8 16.Bg3 d5 17.Ne5 when White retains the advantage, but Black is certainly better off than in the game.

15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Nh5 Qh4 17.Rx17 Be6 18.Rxg7+ 1-0

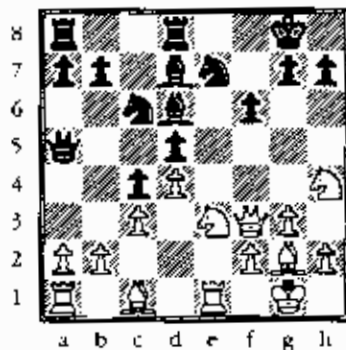
Mark Rokita (1595) -
Andrey Gorlin (1879)
Denker Qualifier, Chicago 2000,
French Defense, C00

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.g3 Bd6 5.Bg2 Ne7 6.Ng3 Nbc6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 f6?!

Either Qc7 or Bc7 is more accurate. 9.exd5

If Black had played accurately on the last move, this wouldn't be threatening. Even so, here I think ...Nxd5 is better - the "d" pawn will turn out to be very weak.

9...exd5 10.Nf1 Qc7 11.d4 c4 12.Ne3 Rd8 13.c3 Qa5 14.Nb4 Bd7 15.Qf3!?



White has played a trappy move in a position that does not demand traps.

15... Nxd4

This is perfectly alright, but Black must follow it up correctly. The position can quickly turn against him.

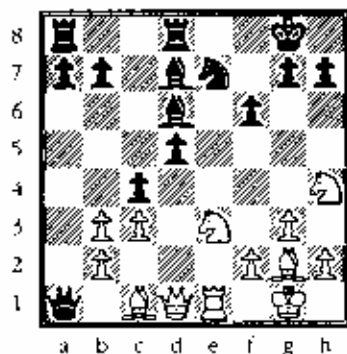
16.Qd1 Nb3?

I suspect that he thought his much

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| | Grade | Rating | | | | | | score | |
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| 1 | GORLIN Yelena | 10 | 2049 | W9 | W7 | W2 | W3 | D4 | 4.5 |
| 2 | NGUYEN Tam | 11 | 2176 | W8 | W6 | L1 | D4 | W5 | 3.5 |
| 3 | PULLIN Matthew | 12 | 1681 | D5 | W12 | W7 | L1 | D6 | 3 |
| 4 | GORLIN Andrey | 8 | 1879 | L12 | W5 | W10 | D2 | D1 | 3 |
| 5 | NORDAHL David | 12 | 1880 | D3 | L4 | W12 | W8 | L2 | 2.5 |
| 6 | AKHMETOV Artem | 12 | 1962 | W11 | L2 | D8 | D7 | D3 | 2.5 |
| 7 | RIDDLE Robert | 8 | 1965 | W10 | L1 | L3 | D6 | W9 | 2.5 |
| 8 | CHEN Aaron | 9 | 1872 | L2 | W11 | D6 | L5 | W10 | 2.5 |
| 9 | ARAMIL William | 8 | 1842 | L1 | L10 | W11 | W12 | L7 | 2 |
| 10 | REDDIVARI Dushyanth | 12 | 1826 | L7 | W9 | L4 | D11 | L8 | 1.5 |
| 11 | RASMUSSEN Robert | 8 | 1820 | L6 | L8 | L9 | D10 | W12 | 1.5 |
| 12 | ROKITA Mark | 8 | 1595 | W4 | L3 | L5 | L9 | L11 | 1 |

lower-rated opponent had blundered.
17.arb3! Qxa1 18.Nxd5?



Giving away a virtually winning position. Instead, 18.Bxd5+! Nxd5 19.Qxd5+ is very powerful. White will simply be material to the good.

18...Nf5?

This loses quickly, although it should not. Seemingly, Black's best defense is 18...Nc8? But that runs into the fantastic winning line 19.Nxf6+! gxf6 20.Bd5+

Kh8 21.Bg5!! winning the queen! But Black's best is probably 18...Bc6! when he has the advantage!

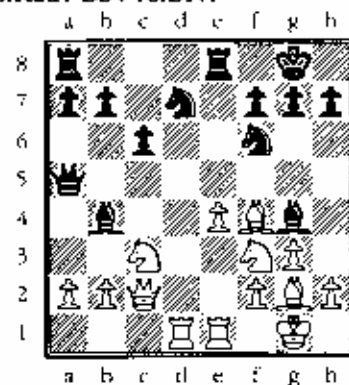
19.Qg4 Nxh4?

A final mistake in what has turned into a fascinating tactical skirmish. Black should play 19...Nh6! When 20.Nf6+ Kh8 21.Qg6!! (I'm not certain whether this or an immediate Qxg7- is best, but this is certainly prettier!) 21...Bf5 22.Qxg7- Kxg7 23.Bxb6+ Kxf6 24.Rxa1 cxb3 25. Nxf5 Kxf5 26.Bxb7 and the two bishops and three extra pawns more than outweigh the exchange.

20.Nxf6+ Kh8 21.Qxh4 Bf5 22.Nxh7 Bxh7 23.Be4 Kg8 24.Qxh7+ Kf8 25. Qf5+ 1-0.

Robert Rasmussen (1820) –
Arte Akhmetov (1962)
Denker Qualifier, Chicago 2000,
Catalan System, A13

1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.cxd5 exd5 4.Bg2 c6 5. Nf3 Nf6 6.0-0 Bd6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.d3 Re8 9.Re1 Bf5 10.Qb3 Qb6 11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.c4 dxc4 13.dxc4 Bg4 14.Be3 Qa5 15.Rad1 Bb4 16.Bf4?



16...Qh5 17.Re3? Bc5 18.Red3 g5 19. Bxg5? Bxf3 20.Rxf3 Qxg5 21.Rf5 Qh6 22.Nc2 Bb6 23.Qc3 Rad8 24.Rd6 Re6 25.c5 Rxd6 26.exd6 Ng4 27.h4 Bxf2+ 28.Kb1 Be3 29.Qb3 Nde5 30.Qxb7 Qxd6 31.Nc3 Nf2+ 32.Rxf2 Bxf2 0-1

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Originally, in those long lost days before pairing programs, Erv would handle the floor and I would do the pairings on cards in the back room and come onto the floor when no pairings needed to be done. Each organizer provided a platoon of mothers to put all the entries on pairing cards and transcribe the pairings from the cards to the pairing sheets. Initially Dick Barstad maintained the handwritten wall charts. People were so used to seeing Donna, Erv and I at the tournaments that some of them thought Donna and Erv were married and I was their son. With the advent of pairing programs in the early '90s Erv took over the back room (the program was on his computer) and I moved to the floor.

Initially there were three regular scholastic tournaments in the Chicago suburbs. They were the West Chicago tournament at the Benjamin or Evergreen school that Donna organized, the Glen Ellyn tournament at the Hadley school that Mike Miele organized, and the Villa Park tournament at the Albright school that Jerry Esposito organized. All three organizers obtained directors through the Saint Charles club. For the past few years Mike has also organized a second tournament with 27 grade and class sections.

Downstate has long had Garrett Scott in Bloomington and various people in



Roy Frye photo

Andrey Gorlin (1906) faces Richard Martin (1543) in the last round of the championship.

Peoria organizing and directing tournaments.

The suburban marriage between various organizers and the Saint Charles directing staff is very unusual. It does have a number of benefits over the standard situation with the organizer being the director. Many organizers would be burnt out doing more than two or three tournaments each year for hundreds of players each. This past year had Saint Charles directing nine tournaments for seven different organizers. Many of the organizers would have difficulties actually directing a tournament and resolving

some of the rules issues. We have had organizers that literally did not play the game, but were very good at organizing an event. Considering the size of the tournaments, even the organizers that are also good at directing often would have to slight one of those two large tasks on the tournament date. Since all of the current organizers are affiliated with a school, the perception of rulings biased in favor of the organizer's players can always exist. I don't know of any case of actual bias, but I have heard a number of anecdotal complaints that such bias has occurred, and have had difficulty convincing the people making the complaints that the directors involved would not make biased rulings. Since Frye and I have never been associated with any school, the possibility of that perception is greatly reduced. In the suburbs, parents and coaches have come to expect that the same type of rulings will be made at all the tournaments they take their kids to.

Lacking anybody else making the decision, Erv would decide each year which school could organize the state championship. Generally the schools had already talked it over and only one would make a bid. In 1987 we held the first state championship downstate in Peoria, starting three traditions. First, that the state would alternate each year between upstate and downstate. Second, that the downstate tournament would set a new record for attendance and the next upstate tournament would have an attendance between the previous two down-



Roy Frye photo

Felix Tsao demonstrates the patience of a Grandmaster as he waits for one of many tournament directors to assist.



Richard Martin plays his last round to a draw. Richard tied for first place with Andrey Gorlin—6.5-5.

state tournaments (that finally ended in 1996). Third, that the Saint Charles chess club was willing to provide a core of directors for the state tournaments downstate. By 1997 the local army of directors was large enough that in Peoria only Erv and I supplemented their staff. In Bloomington in 1999 Garrett Scott's seasoned staff only had Erv to aid them.

I know there is a lot of Illinois south of Peoria, but 1987 was still a big step for the suburban schools. Lou Betts organized that tournament and decided to have the first-ever state primary section. That section had 50 of the 230 total entries. Twenty-five of those 50 primary kids were from Lou's school, and even with pairing cards we were able to make sure none of those 25 kids played a teammate more than twice in the seven rounds and still keep the pairings legitimate. Since then the state tournament has made it to Peoria and Bloomington each multiple times. Springfield once, and next March will be held a little east of Saint Louis.

As time went on the size of the tournaments grew, with a significant part of that growth due to word of mouth. With that growth, some other schools felt that as long as they could find a directing staff they would be willing to organize a tournament. That is how the Saint Charles club started directing Saturday tournaments in Aurora (Holy Angels), Kankakee (Lincoln Cultural Center), Lake Forest (Deerpath), Park Ridge (Emerson - when Kevin Bachler isn't

doing it himself), Round Lake (Village School) and Hoffman Estates (MacArthur). We have also done some of the Jensen tournaments in Chicago. The current record for the state is the 707 we had in Schaumburg in 1996. Ever since 1995, the state has exceeded 600 players. A small one-day tournament now is 250 players, and this past school year there were Saturday tournaments with 368, 408 and 443 players. All tournaments have primary (K-3), elementary (K-5 - usually just with fourth and fifth graders), and junior high (K-8 - usually just with sixth through eighth

graders). The difficult rules questions usually occur in junior high, but any questions at all are rare. The primary section has a ton of questions, but the most common ones are "is this check-mate?" and "can I go to the bathroom?".

In the early '90s Erv decided to have Saint Charles start charging a directing fee of \$1 per player, with half of that going into the Saint Charles treasury and the other half going to Helen Warren's scholastic youth fund. Saint Charles has used that money to get a club laptop (second hand) and printer, over 100 sets that can be brought to the tournaments, some clocks to put on games of long duration (that started without a clock), and various other back room supplies. The only compensation the directors themselves get is getting fed on the day of the tournament and getting rooms for the state championship if necessary. The original core staff was Erv, Dan Pradt and myself. The current core staff consists of Blair Machaj, Gary Janssen, and myself. Over the years we have had some other people join or leave the core staff. I anticipate that the Saint Charles club can continue to provide the needed two to four more people per tournament to answer the easier questions. Erv will be returning for the state next March.

In the mid-90s, Erv pushed to have an organization of coaches formed that

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Nicholas Delatur (682) ponders the situation with his opponent while ready to record his next move.



WAR PAINT? Rigel Valentine shows his team spirit by painting his face to match teammates.

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would standardize the way the scholastic tournaments were organized and would also decide where each state championship would be held. That helped bring about the formation of CoChess (with a small initial donation from Saint Charles), which handles those issues as a part of its duties today.

It would probably surprise people used to adult tournaments to learn that after a few years the size of the tournaments were reaching the point that some advance entries would be turned away. Donna would limit her tournament to the first 200 non-West Chicago advance entries. Jerry would actually call coaches ahead of time and ask them to limit the number of players they were bringing so that he would have room for other teams. All suburban scholastic tournaments now take advance entries only and most still have a limit on the total. Since that limit can be easily reached once the tournament is listed at <www.ilchess.com/cochess>, rarely will a scholastic tournament need to be listed in *Chess Life* or the ICB, and any mailings are primarily to the coaches and parents on the CoChess mailing list.

Over the years we have come across four general types of parents and coaches. First are those that have experienced a number of scholastic tournaments, know what happens and why it happens, and only have occasional ques-

tions. This is usually an easy group for directors and organizers to work with. Second are those that are fairly new to the scholastic scene, have a number of procedural questions, and are fairly determined to get answers. This group takes more time to work with but we've found that, as long as you can answer them and explain what is happening, they eventually become part of the first group and they often end up handling those same questions in the future before directors or organizers ever have to worry about them. Third are those that are fairly new, don't understand why things are happening, and never ask questions. They are easy for directors and organizers to deal with on the tournament day since they are rarely visible. Unfortunately, they are often likely to get frustrated, pull their kids out of scholastic chess, and disappear. Even though answering questions takes time (and may sometimes be deferred until after a crunch time), I would much rather see people in this third group move to the second group. The fourth group consists of people who are determined to get things their way and will rarely be satisfied, particularly since we don't give in to unjustifiable requests. Fortunately, the number of people in this group is small and often is zero.

Following are some of the most common non-rules questions that parents and coaches have along with their answers.

How are the pairings determined? The accelerated swiss system is used (details are a little involved).

Why were unfair tie-breaks chosen which left my kid getting a worse trophy than another kid that he beat and that ended up with the same score? We are the first to admit that all tie-break systems are unfair. The pre-determined tie-breaks make that unfairness blindly consistent.

My kid finished his first game in ten minutes, why does he have to wait such a long time before playing his second game? The pairing system requires all of a round's games to be finished before pairing the next round. Until the rest of the games actually finish we can't definitely determine the pairings.

Why can't you tell me when the next round will start? This one is rarely seen in an adult tournament, but is common in the scholastic tournaments. The state championship has scheduled round times, but all other tournaments have a scheduled start time for the first round with subsequent rounds paired and started as soon as possible. It is common, particularly in primary section, for all games to finish long before the end of the time control. This allows us to sometimes start a round sooner than what would have been the expected end of the previous round. We have sometimes printed pairings (but not posted them) before the last game of a round has finished after making an educated guess as to the outcome. This allows us to be very aggressive in finishing a tournament and getting the kids home at a decent hour, but it also makes it difficult to safely go off site for an extended period of time. All organizers have a cafeteria available for people to eat at.

Why can't I watch my kid while he plays? After getting the players and the directors into the tournament room, there is very little room left over. Many kids are intimidated when many adults are present. Finally, there are always people who think signals are being passed regardless of how unlikely that is. I've heard complaints that a D-strength parent was signaling moves to his A-strength kid. There is one case where somebody complained about a parent giving signals. When it was pointed out that the parent's kid lost the response was "he signaled him to lose!"

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2000 State a success

by Blair Machaj

This New Year brought and another State Championship and it was a success. This year we saw 625 kids, from all over the state, come to Schaumburg to participate in this annual event. The chess was impeccable, many of the players showed some strong ability to play the game, and the desire to win caused many tough games. This was one of the most balanced years when it came to ratings and abilities—everyone had a chance. Hats off to the Hoffman Estates Mac Arthur Eisenhower community that ran the tournament, it was one of the best state events we can remember.

The Primary section was very close with Byron Chen edging out talented Joey Fishman in the last round. Byron went 7-0 and had a wonderful tournament. St. Gilberts edged out Tri-Valley 22.5-21.0 to take first place in the team standings.

In Elementary, David Kassin rolled to a 7-0 finish to take first. The team standings were even closer, with a tie between Dewey and Bernard Zell, each with 22 points. Dewey managed to hang on and take first on tiebreaks.

Andrey Gorlin and Richard Martin tied for first with 6.5 points. They dominated the field and were only stopped by each other with a draw in the last round. They were named co-champions.

Kevin Bachlers Caveman team took first, his team was not just high rated, but was very strong. They had many 6's, 5.5's and 5's which any coach would love to have.

I was very happy being a TD, many parents and coaches came up to me and said what a wonderful job we were doing. I knew that every round was up with plenty of time to spare and felt like we did a great job. Jeff Wiewel, Gary Janssen, Dan Pradt and many helpers from the St. Charles Chess Club made sure that all questions were answered. We were very happy to see Erv Sedlock back he provided us with some great help. We look forward to going downstate next year. E

And the winners were...

The 1999-2000 high school team winners

by M.E. Zacate

Competition in for high school chess teams occurred in conference competition and week-end tournaments. A listing of the champions from these competitions follows.

Gateway Conference (both Illinois and Missouri schools near St. Louis)

Highest placing Illinois school: O'Fallon H.S.

East-Central Illinois Chess Conference (central and eastern Illinois)

Champion: University H.S. (Normal)

North Shore Chess League (suburbs north and northwest of Chicago):

Played in two divisions —

West Division: Hoffman Estates H.S.

East Division: Evanston Twp. H.S.

Northern Illinois Chess League (high schools across the northern tier of counties)

Champion: Byron H.S.

West Suburban Chess League (near west suburbs):

Played in two divisions

Gold Division: Downers Grove So. HS

Silver Division: Glenbard West (Glen Ellyn) H.S.

DuPage Valley Conference (far west suburbs)

Champion: Wheaton-Warrenville So. HS

UpState Eight (Fox River Valley and west)

Champion: Waubonsie Valley HS (Aurora)

South Inter-Conference Association (south and southwest suburbs):

Played in five divisions

North Division: Argo (Summit) H.S.

West Division: Sandburg (Orland Park) H.S.

Central Division: Oak Forest H.S.

East Division: Thornwood (South Holland) H.S.

South Division: Kankakee H.S.

Chicago Chess Conference (private schools in and near Chicago):

Four divisions with a playoff

1st St. Ignatius (Chicago) HS--
Quadrant I

2nd University of Chicago Lab School--
Quadrant III

3rd St. Patrick (Chicago) HS--Quadrant I

4th Brother Rice (Chicago) HS--
Quadrant IV

Chicago Public League

(66 public high schools in 16 sections with 20 schools in a playoff)

1. Senn H.S.

2. Hyde Park H.S.

3. Roosevelt H.S.

4. Lake View H.S.

5. Whitney Young H.S.

Week-End Team Tournament Winners Knights of the Round Table at Bloom Trail H.S. (11/04/99):

Individually paired, top 5 as team
Champion: Evanston Twp. H.S.

West Chicago Invitational (11/11/99):

8-Board team, USCF rated

Champion: Glenbard West

(Glen Ellyn) H.S.

Frosh-Soph Championships at Wheaton-Warrenville South H.S. (12/06/99):

Five Board-Swiss

Champion: Evanston Twp. H.S.

Evanston Invitational (01/06/00):

5-Board team, USCF rated

Champion: Evanston Twp. H.S.

Illini Classic on the U of I, Urbana campus (01/13/00):

5-Board team

Champion: University (Normal) H.S.

Blitz Championship at St. Barbara (Chicago) H.S. (01/27/00):

Individually paired, top 5 as team

Champion: University (Normal) H.S.

Historic Class A Team Championship at Ohio H.S. (03/04/00):

5-Board team

Champion: University of Chicago Laboratory School

State Warm-Up at Bradley-Bourbonnais H.S. (03/11/00):

8-Board team

Champion: University (Normal) H.S.

IHSA Chess Team Championship on the ISU campus (03/24-25/00):

8-Board team

Champion: Evanston Twp. H.S.

Evanston captures fourth crown

Evanston demoralized their first three round opponents: 68-0!

by M. E. Zacate

Denied last year's championship by a stalemate on a lower board, Evanston Twp. powered its way to its fourth IHSA Chess Team Championship ('79, '83, '98, '00) March 24-25 at the Bone Student Center on the ISU campus in Normal, Ill. Evanston demoralized their first three round opponents by sweeping them by 68-0 scores. Conference rival Hoffman Estates H.S. scored the most points against Evanston but still lost by the lopsided score of 46-22 in the last round. Evanston finished with a perfect 7-0 match score. The ICA representative to the Denker H.S. Tournament of Championships, Yelena Gorlin, led the Niles North (Skokie) team to a second place trophy. Hoffman Estates wound up fourth on tie-breaks just behind last year's champion University H.S. (Normal), even though Hoffman Estates defeated University H.S. (Normal) in the fifth round (41.5 to 26.5). Tie-breaks sorrows were heard once again. The remaining 6-1 team, Illinois Math & Science (Aurora) (champions in '86, '87, '96, '97) placed fifth on tie-breaks. The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) presented trophies to the top three teams. Team members, their coach, and principal, received medals to commemorate the trophy winning achievement. In addition the IHSA presented medals to those individual players on first through fifth board who won all seven games.

**PERFECT SCORE MEDALS
BY BOARD**

First Board

Tam Nguyen (Senn--Chicago)
Jean Starkweather (O'Fallon)

Second Board

Yahshua Hosch (Evanston Twp.)
Peter Sommers (Lake Forest)
Anthony Gonzales (Argo--Summit)

Third Board

Jeff Buesa (Hoffman Estates)

Fourth Board

David Summerhays (Evanston Twp.)
Alesha Musa (DeKalb)

Fifth Board

none

Following the IHSA award ceremony, the teams did not rush home. Instead, they adjourned to another area where the Illinois Chess Coaches Association and The Illinois Chess Association presented special recognition to individuals and teams. The ICA presented plaques to the fourth and fifth place team in acknowledgment of their high standing in the large and talented field of teams. The ICCA announced George Beaver (Thornwood--South Holland) as the Coach of the Year selection. The declaration of Brent Collins (Maine South--Park Ridge) to receive the Larry Stillwell Award as the outstanding Freshman chess player was made as last year's winner. Yelena Gorlin observed. He will receive a plaque and clock. The team members and coach of the fourth and fifth place team received medals. Medals were also presented by the ICCA to the top places at each board (list below).

The gathering of chess teams from around the state provides a unique and important opportunity for communication. As entries in the tournament grew through the years, the opportunity for all to participate in discussions has diminished. A change in format this year avoided the problem. The discussions took place within conferences (independents made one discussion group) following a suggested agenda. Conference representatives then met with the officers of the ICCA to collate and reach agreement on suggestions to present to the IHSA Chess Advisory Committee and for ICCA officers to consider for next year's program.

All tournaments seem to have some problem somewhere along the way. It was nice that the only significant difficulty was early and merely an inconvenience rather than a major hassle. The IHSA presented each player with a com-

memorative pin. Even though they were distributed through the coaches, the result was a bottleneck and serious delay in the check-in processes that ultimately delayed the opening ceremony and start of round one. The most unfortunate incidence was the disqualification of a team for violating the 'stacking' rule. The only other time teams have been sent home has been for not having the minimum required number of players for a match.

Congratulations to Beth Sauser (IHSA Assistant Executive Director) and her Administrative Assistant, Jamie Thames, for their handling of this largest of all high school chess team tournaments both in number of teams (100) and players (880). This was the 26th year the IHSA has held the tournament. Remarkable was the low number of forfeits caused by incomplete teams. It has been common for a number of schools to bring only the minimum number of five players or be missing one or two. This year merely ten schools were missing an eighth board player and only three failed to have a seventh board.

**ICCA MEDAL RECIPIENTS
BY BOARD**

BOARD 1

1. Tam Nguyen (Jr.) Chicago (Senn)
2. Jean Starkweather (Sr.) O'Fallon
3. Stephen Range (So.) Dolton (Thornridge)
4. John Bolton (Sr.) New Lenox (Lincoln-Way)
5. Sean Monahan (Jr.) Orland Park (Sandburg)
6. Gabriel Lerner (Jr.) Northbrook (Glenbrook North)
7. Brian Ziebart (Sr.) Urbana (H.S.)
8. David Nordahl (Sr.) Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)

BOARD 2

1. Yahshua Hosch (So.) Evanston (Twp.)
2. Peter Sommers (Jr.) Lake Forest H.S.
3. Anthony Gonzales (Sr.) Summit (Argo)

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Evanston wins State HS Team Championship

100 teams, 837 players, make March 24-25 high school team competition in Bloomington-Normal largest ever!

by Ken Lewandowski

Italicized comments by

Matt Pullin

(Evanston Twp HS board 1)

The IHSA State Team Tournament is always an eagerly awaited event for HS Chess teams. This year it was even more so for the Evanston Team. Two years ago we won the tournament on tie breaks after losing a close match in the last round. Last year, we went into the event among the top seeds and performed well the first day. On Saturday we defeated two of our fellow league schools and went into the final round as the only 6-0 team playing Uni High from Normal (5.5). Things looked good for the first hour or so but several blunders reversed three games and we lost 38-29 and ended up third. We felt that we 'clutched'.

I prefer the term 'choked'. Had we 'clutched' we would have been fine.

Most of that team returned this season and we were eager to take another shot at it. Several new freshman and many returning players worked on improving themselves which made selecting only eight of them to represent Evanston even more difficult. During the season, the team dominated the North Suburban Chess League, starting with six, 68-0 sweeps. We started looking forward to the first of our matches with Niles North. Their top three boards were higher rated than any of our team and they were sweeping too. We were hoping to win the bottom boards and get a little on top. When the showdown finally came in February, Evanston won the top six boards! Only losing the bottom two. We

knew that it wasn't over. The playoffs for the league championship were in March and we would either have to defeat Niles North again or a team that had beaten them.

Two weeks before IHSA the four top teams in the NSCL met at Glenbrook South. Evanston had a narrow victory over Glenbrook South in the first round while Niles North upset Hoffman Estates to earn another shot at us. Due to other commitments, Evanston was short two of the middle boards but we thought our subs would be able to handle the middle of Niles. The match ended up as much a nightmare as the final round last year. We had better positions in several games and made errors that gave away two wins and a draw and ended up losing the league Championship.

With State only two weeks away, the team captains and I met and frantically tried to figure out how to choose the players who would give the best results, who wouldn't clutch. The top four were set but who was on the next four and in what order? Should we go with older experienced players from last year or some of the newer ones? We did not finally decide until Wednesday.

The first three rounds in Normal gave indications that we made good choices. Each was a 68-0 sweep with only a few games really being in doubt. Round four found us matched with Senn. They had won the Junior Division of the IHSA All-Grade Nationals in December while we were winning the Senior Division. Their first board was going to be very tough. We won a few boards early and the pressure was on their top players. Matt Pullin hung tough with Tam and fought back from pawns down to equalize when they were both in time pressure. A tactical trap brought the victory to Tam but they only won one other board so the match went our way, 49-19.

We knew leaving the Bone Center on Friday that both Niles North and Hoffman Estates were also undefeated so we were likely to get another shot at them. First round Friday matched us with Glenbard North, this is a team to fear as they were brand new this season and had performed exceedingly well. No one, including themselves, knew how good they were or could be. The match ended 56-12 in our favor. By now it was obvious to me that we had the correct line up. All of the Evanston players were focused and were beginning to taste the end.

Ours fears (hopes) were realized in round four when we faced Niles North (the other 5-0 team. Hoffman Estates played Glenbard West at 4-1). Although we knew we were doing well, they were also 5-0 and had many sweeps. After splitting the two earlier matches, could we do it again? We repeated our earlier pattern of winning a few games early and putting pressure on the top boards. They were *only* able to draw on 1 and 3 and we came away with a resounding 57-11 victory!

Niles North first board Yelena Gorlin: I had beaten her in a league match and the league playoffs, but despite having a winning position up through the last move, I could only draw her here, and was destined to lose to her in the Denker Qualifier the next month.

The last round finally started. Our last hurdle was Hoffman Estates. They joined our league last year and have many good, young players on the top boards with determined seniors below. Because they were in the Western Division, we had yet to play them. As expected, the games were very close. The first games that finished went in our favor. About 11:2 hours into the match, 8th board ended in a draw in a game where I thought my player was worse.

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SQUARE ONE

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This gave us 32 of the 35 match points needed to win. The remaining games were tight. The players were informed that any draw would win the match for Evanston. Matt Pullin on Board 1 forced a three-move repetition to clinch the victory. The game was in his favor but he did not want to gamble on falling for any tactic, this was simpler. I knew there was a reason he was chosen as team captain!

This retelling could be improved a little. It was not 'in my favor' I was

pretty much winning as I was up a whole piece. I had a penetrating attack with two rooks on Glenn Moore's back rank when the TD showed me a note saying ANY DRAW WINS. I knew Board 3 was lost and hadn't seen Board 5 in a while, but I took no chances and forced the perpetual check to win the tournament.

The remaining games finished quickly after that and we had a 46-22 victory, the IHSA Championship and had won the Seventh Round for the first time in six

years.

Last year I lost a huge game to Uni-High's Greg Weber in round seven, up a pawn I was crushed by a double piece sacrifice and forced mate occurred. I was glad to redeem myself by that finish, and end Evanston's dreaded record in the last round of States. This year's team really had the discipline and the talent it takes to win all the way.

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4. Brett Collins (Fr.) Park Ridge (Maine South)
5. Alan Rose (So.) Hoffman Estates (H.S.)
6. Tom Edwards (So.) Alton (Sr.)
7. Jake Adams (Jr.) Belleville (West)
8. Tyler Belding (So.) West Chicago (H.S.)

BOARD 3

1. Jeff Bucsa (So.) Hoffman Estates (H.S.)
2. Sergei Kozyrenko (Sr.) Skokie (Niles North)
3. Eugene Gordetsky (So.) Glenview (Glenbrook South)
4. Richard Lusk (Jr.) Downers Grove (North)

5. Ziyi Zhang (So.) Roselle (Lake Park)
6. Nate Comiskey (Jr.) Buffalo Grove

BOARD 4

1. David Summerhays (Jr.) Evanston (Twp.)
2. Alesha Musa (Jr.) DeKalb
3. Jim Shepard (Jr.) Charleston
4. Paul Albert (Jr.) Chicago Heights (Bloom Twp.)
5. Henry Lu (Fr.) Skokie (Niles North)

BOARD 5

1. Mike Taylor (Jr.) St. Charles
2. Sam Castie (Sr.) Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)
3. Andrew Cain (Sr.) Normal (University)

4. Ivan Rasskazov (Sr.) Glenview (Glenbrook South)
5. Daniel Summerhays (Fr.) Evanston (Twp.)

BOARD 6

1. Robbie Atchley (So.) Mattoon
2. Peter Sidoreczuk (Jr.) Buffalo Grove

BOARD 7

1. Steve Quimby (Jr.) Aurora (H. Math & Sci)
2. Mukarram Mohiude (Jr.) Carol Stream (Glenbard North)

BOARD 8

1. Shawn White (Jr.) Evanston (Twp.)
2. Ron O'Malley (Fr.) Oak Lawn (Richards)

World Chess Champion Contest Extended!

Your Chance to Win One of Three Chess Books!

Here'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 540, Montgomery, IL 60538 or icbnews@worldnet.att.net

Entries must be received by June 15th.

| 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 Wizardry

Thanks, George!

by Todd Barre, U.S. Expert Solver

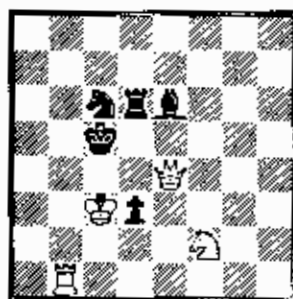
As a child growing up in Buffalo, New York, and having just learned how to move the pieces, I remember looking forward to the presentation of *Koltanowski On Chess*, a weekly program on my local PBS station. The great George Koltanowski would tell a few tales, and then go over an interesting master game or two. But at the end of each program, he would leave us with a problem, usually a two-mover, and would carefully go over the locations of all the pieces so that I would have time to carefully write down the position. I don't remember if I ever correctly solved any of them, but it didn't matter, since George would start next week's show with the solution from last week. I do remember, however, that that was the beginning of my love for problems, and chess as an art form.

Some 20 years later, I finally got the chance to meet my childhood hero. At the 1986 U.S. Open in Somerset, New Jersey, I had the privilege to go out for dinner with a group that included George Koltanowski. No sooner had pleasantries been exchanged then out came a pocket chess set and George was setting up a problem he recently saw. So there I was... eating Italian food, and trying to solve one of George's problems!

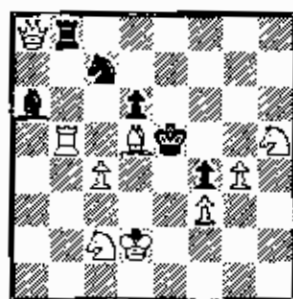
George is gone now, having passed away recently at the ripe old age of 96. But the memories will remain, as will the roots of my ongoing studies of historical and modern chess problems. In searching for a proper tribute, I discovered one of his books in my library (autographed) which included a selection of the problems he used on his television program. Most of these are light and lack the complexity of some of the compositions featured in this column. But for this month, I think it is only necessary to know that George liked these enough to include them on his program. Thanks, George! I imagine you're up there somewhere showing someone a problem on your pocket set.

The first two-mover (79) breaks a so-called cardinal rule: so watch out! 80 is the only composition I could find actually composed by George. The longer problems, 81 and 82, are not that difficult. Despite the length of 82, you should catch on quickly. George also loved studies; so breaking with tradition, I have included two studies for your solving attention. It is only necessary to find a continuation that leads to a winning position for White in 83 (mate or a decisive material advantage) or a draw in 84. White starts both of the studies, and though there is not a set number of moves, neither sequence is terribly long.

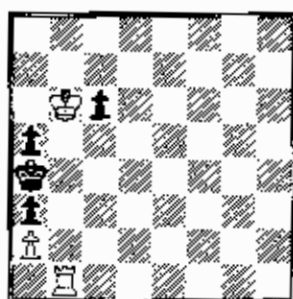
Scoring for this month's problems is three points for each for the two-movers, and seven points for the others. That's 34 points for a perfect score. Good solving!



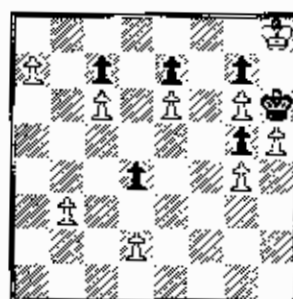
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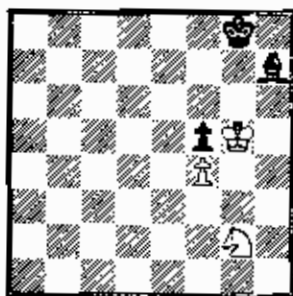
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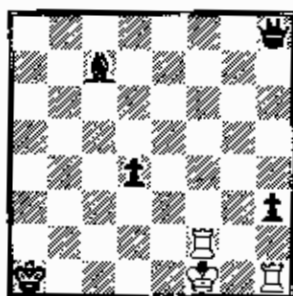
No. 81 Mate in 4



No. 82 Mate in 10



No. 83 White wins



No. 84 White draws

The Answer Box

In the January-February issue, we started with a couple of two-movers from Kenneth Howard. 67 is solved by 1 Rb4!, which results in a partial Knight wheel, as the stallion on d5 ends up moving to five different squares to deliver mate. The subtle 1 Qh1!, threatening 2 Qc6 in 68 sets up a pair of underpromotion mates: 1... Ne8, 2 dxc8N and 1... f6, 2 d8N. In my opinion, 69 (composed by Elkies) is a modern masterpiece. The key 1 Ne2+ gives the Black King four flight squares: 1... Ke4 is answered by 2 Bxd5+ while 1... Kg2 is defeated by the spectacular 2 Qh1+!! In fact, you will find that each of the four major pieces is sacrificed in answer to the King's "star-flight." In the first of our helpmates (70), Kupaev shows a delightful progression of Queen clearances. The solutions are (a) 1 Qa1 Qb2+, 2 axh2 Ne3, (b) 1 Qb2 Qc3, 2 Qb8 Nxh6, (c) 1 Qc3 Qd4, 2 Qc1 Ng3, (d) 1 Qd4 Qe5, 2 Qxd2 Nxf2, and (e) 1 Qe5 Qf6, 2 Bxe4 Qg5. Another set of clearances is shown in 71 (Karpuz and Wichagen) where Black's moves are precise to let the promoted h-pawn get at the King. The solutions are 1 Bb2 h8Q, 2 Bxa3 Qa1, 3 Bb2 Qa8 and 1 Rh2 h8Q, 2 Rxc2 Qh1, 3 Rh2 Qa8. Finally, a bit of brutality is required to set the mates up in Garai's 72. Our last problem is solved by 1 Rxb6 Hxc4, 2 Hxc4 Rh8, 3 Rxb2 Rxb2 and 1 Bxc6 Rxd3, 2 cxd3 Bb7, 3 Bxc2 Bxc2.

Join the ladder! Solve this month's problems and pick up 34 points to get started. Send your solutions by August 1, 2000 to Todd Barre, 418 Poplar Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126-4012 or by e-mail to saltod@gateway.net.

A no-vote for Garde clock

Electronic clock fails to pass the Smythe test

Review by Bill Smythe

This is the first chess clock I've seen that attempts to bridge the gap between analog and digital. The clock features two traditional analog clock faces, separated by an electronic readout with digits, a bar graph, and, optionally, a move counter. The clock is controlled by two analog-style buttons, which can be pressed halfway to stop both clocks. There is a close physical resemblance between this clock and Garde's earlier, analog-only, mechanical clocks which are still available.

Although the clock "looks" analog, inside it is digital. It is set using three small recessed buttons on the bottom. After the settings have been confirmed, the hands synchronize themselves with the digits by rotating automatically until the appropriate time is displayed. If, for example, the clock is being used for blitz, the hands will rotate clockwise to 5:55. This can take a long time, depending on the previous positions of the hands. Sometimes, the hands go around twice, apparently looking for 5:55 p.m. instead of a.m.

A mechanical flag is operated by the minute hand, just as on an analog clock. Because of this, and to ensure that the flag falls at the same time the digits go to 0:00, the minute hand does not move continuously. Rather, it points to the last complete minute, jumping ahead by a full minute every 60 seconds.

The clock has twelve modes, but only two of these, modes 2 and 8, are programmable. The remaining ten modes

either lack a delay, or have a FIDE- or Fischer-style cumulative increment which is illegal in USCF tournaments (unless announced in pre-tournament publicity). Tournament players, therefore, will be interested only in modes two and eight. Mode two works fine for a single control of up to one hour. Mode eight can be used with one, two, or three controls of any duration.

When I bought this clock, I wanted to like it. At last, I figured, I could satisfy my own preference for digital, without imposing it on an opponent who prefers to stick to his traditional ways.

I can usually get the flag to fall by banging on the clock, but this is not what electronic clocks are supposed to be all about.

Unfortunately, I have found a number of problems with this new clock.

The manual is poorly written, or poorly translated. To set the clock, one eventually figures out that one must start with the main time ("PE-1", first left, then right), continue with the five-second delay ("bo-1", first left, then right), then repeat these steps ("PE-2", "bo-2", etc) if there is a second or third control. Next, one must set "bo-P" to zero, as this is a byo-yomi style add-on not used in USCF tournaments. Finally, one must choose "bo-n" to designate the delay as non-cumulative (Bronstein). The other choice, "bo-A", is the illegal cumulative increment mentioned previously.

LCD displays seem to come in three varieties: low-quality, medium-quality, and high-quality. Unfortunately, this clock, like the Saitek and FIDE clocks, uses a low-quality display, black digits against a dark gray or dark green background. The Chronos, and perhaps more recent versions of the USCF GameTime, use a medium-quality display, black digits against a light gray background. I have never seen a high-quality LCD dis-

play, black digits against a bright white background, except on one laptop computer I once saw on a city bus a few years ago.

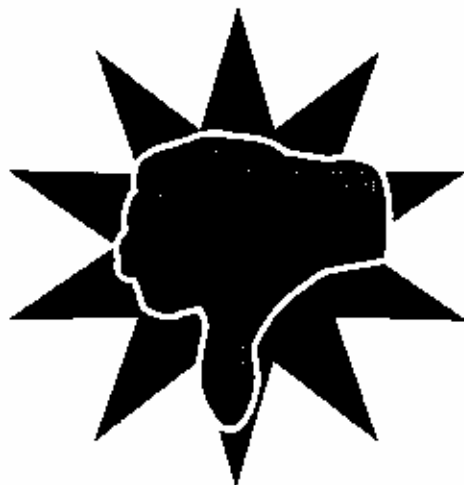
Not only is the display of poor quality, but the digits are small as well. Most of the LCD space is taken up by a bar graph, a time-keeping method familiar to neither digital nor analog clock owners.

The movement of the hands, in one-minute increments, could result in disaster. A player who thinks he has a full minute remaining could, in fact, have only seconds left. To prevent this, I would have to warn each opponent, before the game, to ignore the hands and look only at the digits once he has less than two minutes remaining. Thus, the clock does not truly satisfy the needs of those who prefer an analog display.

On top of that, on one side of my particular clock, the minute hand does not point squarely at the minute mark. When there are eight minutes remaining, it looks like about eight and a third. As a result, the flag does not fall reliably when it should. Nor will it fall next move, as the clock stops completely when the time has expired. I can usually get the flag to fall by banging on the clock, but this is not what electronic clocks are supposed to be all about.

I have one additional, relatively minor, beef. The clock sets itself to expire at 6:00 at the final control, rather than

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Chess from the Middle

Internet vs. the chess player

by Dr. Ron Suarez

Greetings, once again my fellow chess players. I am here to toss some Middle thoughts your way. Today I want to discuss the social side to our battle-type game. The internet has created a lot more chess activity in the Middle. When I get on the internet at the various playing sites, I find there are a lot of people playing chess on them. What I find missing is the close personal contact that comes with play at the board. Let's face it, no amount of typing or even live video-camming can match playing across the board from another human, face to face.

Playing with a living, in the flesh, person on the other side of the board has qualities of life that can't be duplicated with a computer. The variety of personalities out there provides entertainment that can't be had anywhere else.

I have decided to list some categories of characters for your viewing pleasure. Some people have more than one of these characteristics listed and you may find yourself here too. These characteristics aren't right or wrong. They describe neither good nor bad player. They just are...

The Farmer

Of course, living in the Middle, we will experience this fellow. He usually is wearing a seed company cap, like Pioneer, cocked back a bit on his head. He has that sun-worn face that tells of the time he has spent in the elements doing his duties. He usually has a grin on his face because he knows that he is really enjoying himself, win or lose.

This is a nice fellow to play with.

The Sleeper

This is the person that sits at the board with their arms folded and his eyes half shut. You can watch him for quite a

while and swear that he is at the threshold of dozing. Of course he is just thinking and sooner or later makes a move.

The Dresser (upper)

This is the person that comes to a tournament all duded up as if he were attending a wedding or a funeral. Wait a minute, maybe they are attending a funeral, their opponent's.

The Dresser (downer)

These guys come dressed to a tournament looking as if they just got done playing football with their buddies, in the mud. Their clothes are shabby and unkempt and are in disarray. I have seen one of these fellows in public on numerous occasions. He never looked as bad as he does at tournaments. Maybe this is some hidden technique of winning that I missed.

The Thinker

There are many variations in this category. First there is the classic, one fist under the chin, model. Then there are various positions that the fist is placed. There is also the open handed model, and its permutations. Let us not forget the numerous two handed options also. Chess is a THINKING activity so a thinker model is expected.

The Chess Clothing Wearer

This is the person that comes to the tournament wearing clothing with chess stuff on it. This would include USCF labeled clothing, tournament t-shirts, etc. All right, I am this guy too.

The Roamer

This person seems to have the inner burn to get up and roam the tournament area after every move. They may look at other games (their game is never important enough for their attention), or they may just wander around checking everything out. WARNING, this is not the person that gets up and does this on oc-

casions, but is a chronic roamer that should be shot on sight.

The Clock Slammer

This person feels he/she must really make sure the button on their side of the clock is pressed hard enough and that everyone in the county knows it too. Why is it that this person never seems to own their own clock?

Playing with a living, in the flesh, person on the other side of the board has qualities of life that can't be duplicated with a computer.

The Hair Arranger

This person really musses and plays with their hair while they are playing. When they get up from the board, their hair looks as if they just got out of bed.

The Wired One

This is the person that has a personal stereo with headphones going as they play. They can also have a cell phone and/or a pager. Golly, I'm this one too.

The Stander

This is the type that must stand either immediately after a move or during their move. They will stand in a number of positions, while looking at the board, even on their opponent's side of the board.

The Leg Bouncer

This is the person that is constantly "bouncing" a part of their body, usually their leg. I have seen the foot, one leg, both legs, parts of the arm and hand and parts or all of the upper body bounced. Yes, there is even the Whole Body Bouncer out there. All right already, this is also one of my traits.

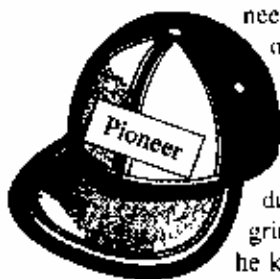
The Drinker

This is the person that brings in a super large drink to constantly sip on while playing. The funny thing is that, as time passes, they start making frequent trips to the bathroom. Well, so what if I believe in staying hydrated!

The Chess Whisperer

This is the player that has a constant dialogue with himself, while playing.

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Veteran TD Tom Fineberg continues to draw good crowds at Tuley Park

Saturday USCF tournaments on the South-Side of Chicago a success

by SM Richard Verber

Seventy-six-year-old Tom Fineberg has always loved blitz-chess and quick-chess much more than such "stodgy" alternatives as game/60 or (God forbid!) 40 moves in two hours. Since his retirement as a high school teacher and chess coach more than ten years ago, Tom has become the Johnny Appleseed for quick-chess in Chicago. Judging by the many strong chess players who habitually enjoy these 22-minute Saturday quick chess tournaments at Tuley Park Chess Club, Tom Fineberg is having no trouble in finding converts. Many of Chicago's strongest players have been showing up for the fun and big-cash prizes. Regular participants include: Osman Palos (2478), Albert Chow (2255), Miomir Stevanovic (2079), Gene Scott (2033), Samuel Ford (2016), David Hurchalla (2014), John Guzman (1979), Leonid Bondar (1975), John Buky (1947),

Vilori Zazovskiy (1940), Jamie Gregory (1907), Mark Korin (1900), Jerome Mitchell (1884), Joe Sima (1832), and Bill Smythe (1802) - [a sampling from the April QC#4].

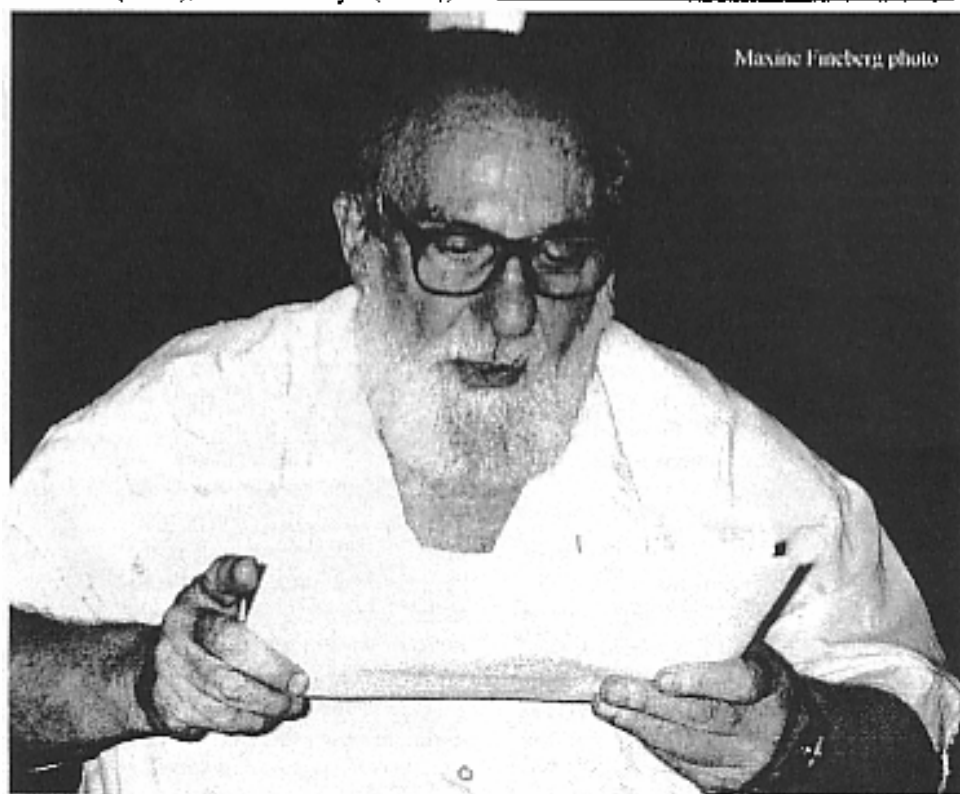
Although I don't have room here for the complete crosstables, the partial listing of results will give the reader a good idea of just how strong and popular these Tuley Park tournaments have become. Congratulations Tom Fineberg--keep up the good work.

Tuley Park QC #2 Game/22 February 5, 2000

| | | | |
|----|------------------|------|-----|
| 1. | Vilori Zazovskiy | 1876 | 5.0 |
| 2. | Gene Scott | 2044 | 4.0 |
| 3. | Ron Washington | 1985 | 4.0 |
| 4. | Samuel Ford | 1985 | 4.0 |
| 5. | Jamie Gregory | 1942 | 4.0 |
| 6. | Isaac Braswell | 1668 | 4.0 |
| 7. | Albert Chow | 2275 | 3.5 |
| 8. | Leonid Bondar | 2062 | 3.5 |
| 9. | Jerome Mitchell | 1889 | 3.5 |



Maxine Fineberg with Tom Larsen. Does Mr. Fineberg know about this? Tom Fineberg shown lower left.



Maxine Fineberg photo

Tuley Park QC #3 Game/22 March 4, 2000

| | | | |
|----|-------------------|------|-----|
| 1. | Samuel Ford | 1986 | 5.0 |
| 2. | Goran Gallot | unr | 4.5 |
| 3. | Leonid Bondar | 1965 | 4.0 |
| 4. | Vilori Zazovskiy | 1946 | 4.0 |
| 5. | Quazithes Davis | 1303 | 4.0 |
| 6. | Miomir Stevanovic | 2088 | 3.5 |
| 7. | Andrey Gorlin | 1708 | 3.5 |
| 8. | George David | 1658 | 3.5 |
| 9. | Albert Burae | 1455 | 3.5 |

Tuley Park QC #4 Game/22 April 1, 2000

| | | | |
|----|-------------------|------|-----|
| 1. | Osman Palos | 2478 | 5.0 |
| 2. | Albert Chow | 2255 | 4.0 |
| 3. | Vilori Zazovskiy | 1940 | 4.0 |
| 4. | Samuel Ford | 2016 | 4.0 |
| 5. | Gene Scott | 2033 | 3.5 |
| 6. | John Buky | 1947 | 3.5 |
| 7. | Mark Korin | 1900 | 3.5 |
| 8. | Miomir Stevanovic | 2079 | 3.0 |
| 9. | Jerome Mitchell | 1884 | 3.0 |

(MICHIGAN continued from page 21)

- 42... QN5
- 43. QKB3 QK8
- 44. KN2 QQ7+
- 45. NK2 QN5
- 46. PR3! QQ7
- 47. KB2 QN5
- 48. QK3 QR5+
- 49. KN2 QQN5
- 50. NQ4 QN2+
- 51. NB3 QB3

The sealed move. White's plan is now to produce a passed pawn on the queenside, at the same time keeping his king safe from checks.

- 52. QQ3 QB3
- 53. QQ4 QR3
- 54. QK5 QN3
- 55. QK8+ KN2
- 56. QN5 QQ1
- 57. PN4 ...

Black cannot survive much longer.

- 57... PxP
- 58. QxNP KR2
- 59. PR5 QQ6
- 60. QK7! QB7+
- 61. KN3 KN2
- 62. PR6 PR5+
- 63. QxP QB2+
- 64. QB4 Resigns

Lone Pine, 1972
English Opening
(by transposition)
Martinovsky - Browne

- 1. PQ4 NKB3
- 2. PQB4 PB4
- 3. NKB3 ...

I am not fond of 3.PQ5, allowing my grandmaster opponent to play his celebrated Benoni Defense, or even the Benko Gambit.

- 3... PxP
- 4. NxP PK3

This is a good way for Black to avoid

drawish lines.

- 5. PK3 BK2
- 6. BK2 OO
- 7. OO NB3
- 8. PQN3 PQ3

Black is consistent in avoiding simplifications and exchanges.

- 9. BN2 BQ2
- 10. NQB3 PQR3
- 11. QQ2 RN1
- 12. NxN BxN
- 13. KRQ1 PQN4

A typical breakthrough, but White's position is still super-solid.

- 14. BQ3! ...

This provides the White knight with the good retreat square, K2.

- 14... QN3
- 15. NK2 QN2
- 16. PB3 ...

A necessary move, but the weakening is not serious.

- 16... KRQ1
- 17. NQ4 ...

Here I offered a draw, but Browne was still playing for a win.

- 17... BK1
- 18. KR1 QN3
- 19. QRB1 PN5
- 20. PK4 NQ2
- 21. PB4! ...

Now White stands clearly better.

- 21... BB3
- 22. BN1 NB4
- 23. QK2 ...

23 QQB2 also looks good.

- 23... QB2
- 24. RB1 QK2
- 25. QRK1 PN3
- 26. QB3 ...

This imprecise move allows Black to equalize.

- 26... PK4!

Now Black has neutralized White's advantage in the center. Characteristically, however, Browne had only five minutes

left for the next 24 moves. I still had about half an hour. At this point I undertook a risky plan in order to exploit Black's time trouble.

- 27. NK2 PxP

- 28. PK5(!) ...

Objectively this move is not entirely clear. But for time pressure it's the best. Black now thought another two or three minutes.

- 28... PxP
- 29. NxP BN2
- 30. NQ5 QQ3

So far Black has defended well.

- 31. NB6+ BxN
- 32. QxB QxQ
- 33. RxQ PK5

Black has retained the plus pawn—at least temporarily. Now 34.BxP?? loses to 34...NxB 35.RxN RQ8-.

- 34. PKR3 RQ7?

A waste of time, but Browne has scarcely one minute left on his clock, and had to play blitz. Better was 34...RN2 or 34...NQ6. It still appears that Black cannot preserve the extra pawn for long.

- 35. BB1 RQ2
- 36. BK3 NQ6
- 37. BxN PxB
- 38. RxRP PQ7
- 39. RQ1 RK2
- 40. BxP! RQ1
- 41. PB5! BN4
- 42. RQ6 RR1
- 43. BxP RxP
- 44. PB6! ...

Now White is clearly winning.

- 44... RQB7?

This move loses a rook, but there was no relief to be had, e.g., 44...RB2 45.BB3 PB4 46.RQ8+ KB2 47.R8Q7+ etc.

- 45. RQ8+ KN2
- 46. BxR PxB
- 47. R8Q2 Resigns

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Chiu wins Normal April Open

Jason Duncan surprise second!



Jeff Davis (L) of Mahomet, IL challenges Scott Schmidt of Bloomington, IL for round four. Davis wins this round and earns third place. In back are see Shankar Ramamoorthy playing Joe Ochiltree.

by Dennis Bourgerie

Herman Chiu (2140) of Columbia, Missouri, a strong expert and former master, swept through the field at the Normal, IL April Open going 4-0. First prize was \$150. Just a month ago, he had done more devastation in Central Illinois, winning the Peoria Open with a 4.5 - 0.5 score. Herman also tied for first with Bill Naff and Chris Merli in the November 1999 Normal, IL Open.

Jason Duncan (1572) of Naperville, IL, who is a scholastic chess player (translation...he's young!) came in second place with 3.5 - 0.5 by defeating William Barton (1695) of Bloomington, IL, in the final round. It was almost a sweep for the Duncan family as his father, Tom came within a hair of winning the Under 1400 prize money. Jason received a check for \$90.

There was a six-way tie among the following players for the under 1900 prize of \$80:

Jeff Davis of Mahomet, IL
Suryaprakash Kopula from Bloomington, IL
James Webb of Urbana, IL
Shankar Ramamoorthy from Bloomington, IL
Andy McCormick of Charleston, IL
Allen Shepherd of Champaign-Urbana, IL,
all scored 3.0-1.0.

Colley Kitson of Mackinaw, IL and Aaron Burke of Rockford, IL scored 2.5 to tie for the under 1400 prize money of \$80.

Aaron recovered after a round-one loss... Colley only needed three rounds, as he was unable to play the final round and received a zero point bye. He was also the only player to slow down Jason Duncan with a draw in round two.

The following players won trophies:

First - Herman Chiu
Class A-unclaimed as there was only one class A player

Class B-Jeff Davis
Class C- Suryaprakash Kopula
Class D-Colley Kitson
Class E- Aaron Burke

Under 1000- Tony J. Scott of Belleville, IL.

Unrated- Frederik Ohles of Jacksonville, IL., who played some really nice games for an unrated player.

Thirty-eight players participated in the four-round game in 80 minutes tournament, that was directed by Dennis Bourgerie.

YEAR 2000 NORMAL, ILLINOIS APRIL OPEN, APRIL 8, 2000

| No | Name | Points | Pre | Post | Rnd1 | Rnd2 | Rnd3 | Rnd4 |
|----|-------------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | CHIU, HERMAN | 4.0 | 2140 | 2145 | W5 | W4 | W3 | W9 |
| 2 | DUNCAN, JASON | 3.5 | 1572 | 1593 | W12 | D11 | W15 | W10 |
| 3 | DAVIS, JEFFREY E. | 3.0 | 1677 | 1681 | W14 | W13 | L1 | W17 |
| 4 | KOPULA, SURYAPRAKASH S. | 3.0 | 1537 | 1544 | W16 | L1 | W30 | W14 |
| 5 | WEBB, JAMES | 3.0 | 1478 | 1486 | L1 | W30 | W21 | W15 |
| 6 | RAMAMOORTHY, SHANKAR | 3.0 | 1675 | 1656 | L11 | W19 | W28 | W20 |
| 7 | MCCORMICK, ANDY | 3.0 | 1485 | 1485 | W26 | L10 | W31 | W13 |
| 8 | SHEPHERD, ALLEN | 3.0 | 1494 | 1499 | W34 | L9 | W19 | W16 |
| 9 | FRENCH, KEVIN | 2.5 | 1944 | 1937 | W17 | W8 | D10 | L1 |
| 10 | BARTON, WILLIAM J. | 2.5 | 1695 | 1694 | W20 | W7 | D9 | L2 |
| 11 | KITSON, COLLEY | 2.5 | 1217 | 1427 | W6 | D2 | W27 | -N- |
| 12 | BURKE, AARON | 2.5 | 1172 | 1188 | L2 | D28 | W29 | W27 |
| 13 | DUNCAN, TOM | 2.0 | 1080 | 1128 | W25 | L3 | W18 | L7 |
| 14 | KENNELL, EARL I. | 2.0 | 1217 | 1218 | L3 | W18 | W24 | L4 |
| 15 | OHLES, FREDERIK | 2.0 | | 1156 | W24 | W34 | L2 | L5 |
| 16 | JOSEPH, LOUIS | 2.0 | 1100 | 1104 | L4 | W32 | W22 | L8 |
| 17 | SCHMIDT, SCOTT | 2.0 | 1280 | 1285 | L9 | W21 | W35 | L3 |
| 18 | SCOTT, TONY J. | 2.0 | 701 | 803 | W23 | L14 | L13 | W31 |
| 19 | HUNDMAN, KYLE | 2.0 | 991 | 1012 | W37 | L6 | L8 | W33 |
| 20 | OCHILTREE, JOSEPH | 2.0 | 1238 | 1240 | L10 | W31 | W33 | L6 |
| 21 | RHODES, BRETT A. | 2.0 | 917 | 945 | W38 | L17 | L5 | W34 |
| 22 | WHEELER, WILLIAM | 2.0 | 762 | 816 | L30 | W23 | L16 | W35 |
| 23 | TROYER, CARL R. | 2.0 | 983 | 931 | L18 | L22 | W36 | W32 |
| 24 | ACHELPOHL, JON M. | 2.0 | 849 | 875 | L15 | W38 | L14 | W30 |
| 25 | PAPPAS, BYRON G. | 2.0 | 1504 | 1452 | L13 | L27 | W37 | W28 |
| 26 | ROBINSON, DON R. | 2.0 | 1000 | 1019 | L7 | W29 | W32 | -N- |
| 27 | COULTER, LARRY | 1.5 | 1050 | 1068 | D29 | W25 | L11 | L12 |
| 28 | BOMMISSETTI, BHARAT K. | 1.5 | | 1089 | W33 | D12 | L6 | L25 |
| 29 | YADAVILLI PRAKASA | 1.5 | | 923 | D27 | L26 | L12 | W37 |
| 30 | WILLIS, DAN | 1.0 | 994 | 972 | W22 | L5 | L4 | L24 |
| 31 | MURPHY, JAMES | 1.0 | 934 | 900 | W36 | L20 | L7 | L18 |
| 32 | SHELLITO, BRADLEY | 1.0 | 611 | 642 | W35 | L16 | L26 | L23 |
| 33 | MORENZ, MARK | 1.0 | 857 | 836 | L28 | W36 | L20 | L19 |
| 34 | VERA, RICK | 1.0 | 1054 | 1011 | L8 | L15 | W38 | L21 |
| 35 | DITTMAR, BRAD | 1.0 | 958 | 892 | L32 | W37 | L17 | L22 |
| 36 | CONTE, MICHAEL | 1.0 | 576 | 571 | L31 | L33 | L23 | W38 |
| 37 | MEINHARDT, EDMUND | 0.0 | 733 | 693 | L19 | L35 | L25 | L29 |
| 38 | FLEMING, MIKE | 0.0 | 541 | 496 | L21 | L24 | L34 | L36 |



Joe Ochiltree of Bloomington, IL plays James Murphy of Champaign in round two. Recording his move in the background is Scott Schmidt.

Rxe6 Rgd2 49.Rc7+ Kd5 50.Rxc2 Rd1+ 51.Kh2 Kxc6 52.Kg3 Rd4 53. Rc3 Kd5 54.h3 Rb4 And the game was eventually drawn. 1/2-1/2

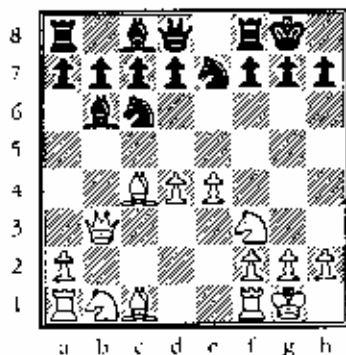
(1) French, Kevin (1944) - Chiu, Herman (2140) [B39]
Year 2000 Normal, IL April Open (4), 08.04.2000

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.c4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Nc3 Ng4 8.Nxc6 Nxe3 9.Nxd8 Nxd1 10.Rxd1 Bxc3+! 11.bxc3 Kxd8 Maybe White should play 12. c4-c5 at this point. 12.Be2 Kc7 13.0-0 d6 14.Rd2 Be6 15.Rb1 Rbc8 16. Rdb2 b6 17.f4 Kd8 18.Rb4 Rc7 19.Kf2 Rac8 Black has an advantage...one of the c pawns is bound to fall.

The next Normal, IL Open Tournament is planned for the middle of July, 2000.

Burke, Aaron (1177) - Duncan, Jason (1572) [C52]
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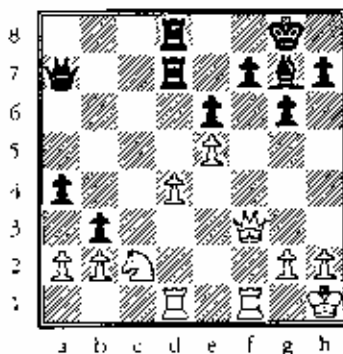
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qb3 0-0 9.cxd4 Bb6



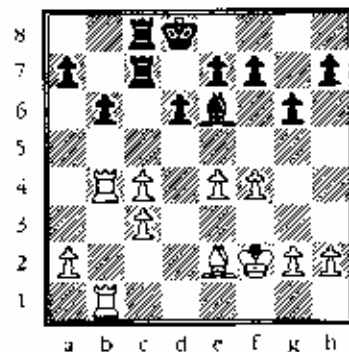
10.Bg5 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Bxd4 12.Nc3 Bxc3 13.Qxc3 h6 14.Bh4 Qe8 15.Rad1 Ng6 16.Bg3 d6 17.e5 Nxe5 18.Rfe1 Qc6 19.Bxe5 dxe5 20.Rxc5 Be6 21.Rd4 Rad8 22.Ree4 Bxc4 23.Rxe4 Rd1+ White resigns here...the finish would be 24 Re1 Qxc4 25. Qxc4 Rxe1+ 26. Qf1 Rxf1 and Black is way ahead on material. 0-1.

Duncan, Jason (1572) - Kitson, Colley (1219) [B21]
Year 2000 Normal, IL April Open, 08.04.2000

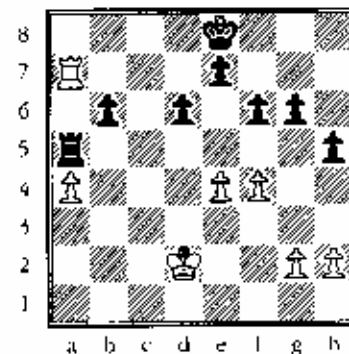
1.e4 e5 2.f4 d6 3.Nf3 g6 4.Bb5+ Bd7 5. Bxd7+ Qxd7 6.0-0 Bg7 7.d3 Nc6 8.Nc3 a6 9.Nd5 threat...10. Nb6 9...Qd8 10.c3 e6 11.Nc3 Nge7 12.Nc2 0-0 13.Qe2 Qb6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.fxe5 Rad8 17.Bg5 Rd7 18.Bxe7 Rxe7 19. Na3 Qc7 20.Rae1 b5 21.d4 cxd4 22. cxd4 Rd7 23.Qe4 Rfd8 24.Rc1 Qa7 25. Nc2 a5 26.Kh1 b4 27.Red1 a4 28.Qf3 b3



29.axb3 axb3 30.Nb4 Qa4 31.Nc6 Rc8 32.Re1 Kh8 33.Ra1 Qxc6 34.Qxc6 Rxc6 35.Ra8+ Bf8 36.Rxf8+ Kg7 37. Rb8 Rxd4 38.Rxb3 Rc2 39.h3 Rdd2 40.Rb7 Rvg2 41.Rxf7+ Kh6 42.Rxh7+ Kg5 43.h4+ Kg4 44.Rb4+ Kf5 45.Rf7+ Kxe5 46.Rb5+ Kd6 47.Rb6+ Kc5 48.



20.Ra4 Bxc4 21.Bxc4 Rxc4 22.Rxa7 R8c6 23.Kf3 Rxc3+ 24.Kg4 R3c4 25. Re1 f6 26.Kf3 h5 27.Rd1 Rc3+ 28.Kf2 Rc2+ 29.Kf1 Re1 30.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 31. Ke2 Ke8 32.Kd2 Rc5 33.a4 Ra5!



34.Rxa5 bxa5 35.h3 h4 36.Kc3 Kd7 37. Kd4 e6 38.Kc4 Kc6 39.Kd4 d5 40.f5 gxf5 41.exf5 e5+ White resigns. 0-1 With this win Chiu took first place.

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Webb, James (1478) -

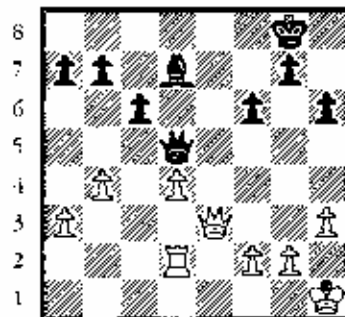
Ohles, Frederick (unrated) [A01]

Year 2000 Normal, IL April Open (4),

08.04.2000

1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 c6 3.c4 Be7 4.e3 0-0 5.
Nc3 c6 6.Nf3 Qc7 7.Be2 Na6 8.d3 d6 9.
a3 Nc5 10.b4 Ncd7 11.0-0 Ne8 12.Ne4
h6 13.Rc1 d5 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Ned2
Qd6 16.Qc2 Bf6 17.Nd4 Ne5 18.e4
dxe4 19.Nxe4 Qd5 20.Nxf6+ Nxf6 21.
Nf3 Re8 22.Nxe5 Rxe5 23.Bxe5 Qxe5
24.Rfe1 Qd6 25.Bf3 Bf5 26.Rcd1 Ng4
27.Bxg4 Bxg4 28.Rd2 Qg6 29.Kh1
Rd8 30.Re3 Bf5 31.Qc3 Qd6 32.d4 f6
33.h3 Qd5 34.Re7 Rd7 35.Rxd7 Bxd7
36.Qe3 White has a winning advantage
and he starts a slow but methodical way

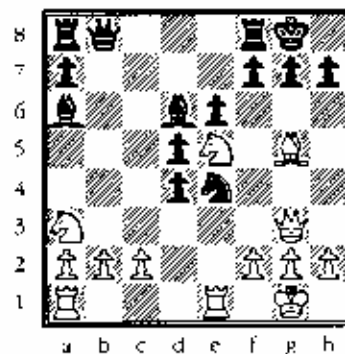
to win the game.



36...Kf7 37.Re2 Be6 38.Kg1 b6 39.Qf4
c5 40.Qe4 Qxe4 41.Rxe4 Bd5 42.Re2
cxd4 The win of a pawn is only tempo-
rary. 43.Rd2 Ke6 44.Rxd4 Kd6 45.Rd3
Ke6 46.h4 Now White starts a process
of putting his pawns on dark squares,
leaving the Black bishop nothing to at-
tack. 46...h5 47.g3 g6 48.f4 f5 49.Kf2
Kd6 50.Ke3 Ke6 51.Kd4 Be4 52.Rc3
Kd7 53.Ke5 If the rook can't penetrate,
the King will. 53...Bc6 54.Kf6 Be4 55.
Kxg6 Kd8 56.Kxb5 Bg2 57.Kg5 Bb3
58.Re3 Cutting off the Black King. 58...
Bg4 59.h5 1-0

(5) YADAVILLI, PRAKASA (2500) -
ROBINSON, DON R. (1000) [B10]
YEAR 2000 NORMAL, IL APRIL
OPEN (2), 08.04.2000

1.e4 c6 2.Be4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bb5+
Nc6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Ne5 Qh6 7.Bxc6+
bxc6 8.0-0 e6 9.Qf3 Bd6 10.Qc3 c5 11.
Na3 0-0 12.Qg3 Qb8 13.d4 cxd4 14.
Re1 Ba6 15.Bg5 Ne4



16.Rxe4 dxe4 17.Bf4 [17.Bf6 g6 18.
Ng4 Bxg3?? 19.Nh6#] 17...Qxb2 18.
Re1 Bxa3 19.Bh6 g6 Only move. 20.
Bxf8 Bxf8 21.Nd7 Bg7 22.Nc5 Re8 23.
Nxa6 Rxc2 24.h3 Re1 25.Rxc1 Qxc1+
26.Kh2 d3 27.Qb8+ Bf8 28.Nc5 Qxc5
0-1

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U.S. Champion wins 73 of 75 simul games

GM Boris Gulko gives up two draws in three exhibition performance

by Ken Marshall

International Grandmaster Boris Gulko, current United States Champion and America's highest rated chess player (USCF 2748), gave three simultaneous exhibitions in the Chicago area in mid March. Playing a total of 75 people, the GM won 73 games and drew two, going 19-0-0 at the Addison Public Library on March 13, 30-0-1 at the Concordia Community Chess Club (CCCC) on March 14, and 24-0-1 at the Helen Plum Memorial Library in Lombard on March 15. The Concordia draw was with Senior Master Albert Chow, former Illinois State Champion. At Helen Plum Gulko yielded half a point to Vladimir Djordjevic, who was the exchange up but facing a menacing pawn on the seventh rank when peace was made.

Ken Marshall, President of the CCCC, arranged Gulko's Midwest appearances in conjunction with the GM's anticipated participation in the U.S. Masters tournament (an event Gulko later decided not to play in). Marshall's wife Mary, a former librarian at Helen Plum who now is head of Children's Services at Addison, helped set up the library "simuls".

"GM Gulko does not give many 'simuls', so my Club was fortunate to get him," said Marshall. "He played quickly and efficiently at each exhibition. Other than in the Djordjevic game, he was never in any danger of possibly losing." Marshall hosted Gulko during the GM's visit. "He is a real gentleman," Marshall stated. "Obviously he is a tremendous chess player, but he is not fixated on the game. He has various interests outside of chess, including literature and politics."

Since the early 1980s the CCCC (formerly the Oak Park-River Forest Chess Club) has presented simultaneous exhibitions by top U.S. and foreign grandmasters at least once a year. Prior "simuls" have featured former World Champions Tigran Petrosian and Boris



Former Illinois State Champion Albert Chow makes his move against U.S. Champion Boris Gulko at the Concordia Community Chess Club simul.

Spassky and former Women's World Champion Susan Polgar, as well as former U.S. Champions Lev Alburt, Joel Benjamin, Alex Yermolinsky, and Nick deFirmian, among others. "The CCCC plans to continue giving Chicago area chess players the opportunity to face

members of the chess elite in 'simuls', Marshall said. "As long as the chess community supports this effort, I am confident that top players will remain willing to appear."

Here is the Gulko-Djordjevic game.
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U.S. Champion Boris Gulko prepares to move against Mark Englen.

Club news

Well matched Match

by Lawrence Cohen

On Tuesday March 28 the Elmhurst Chess Club and the Concordia Community Chess Club played a match. Almost all of the players play at both clubs, the exceptions being Larry and Howard Cohen. So, the first order of business was deciding who would play for which club. As a former member of the Elmhurst Chess Club Howard was the designated ringer for the match offering to play for either club, although for free.

Eventually the eight-player teams were formed and play began. Except for the first and eighth boards there was a difference of less than 200 points between opponents. The Concordia Community team had an average rating of 1745, while the Elmhurst team had an average rating of 1693. As might be expected from such an even match up each team scored four wins to tie the match.

A five-minute blitz playoff with reversed colors was then played, with Elmhurst winning 4.5 to 3.5. The most exciting and tensed-filled game of the match had to be between Howard Cohen and Robert Loncarevic [Game score appears on next page]. The tactics, tension, and time troubles caused both players to comment about the need for medical attention. Howard lost this game and the blitz playoff game as well. It was then suggested (by his brother), that at the next match, Howard be offered \$10 to play for the other team.

The next match between these two clubs will be in 2001 at Elmhurst. Hopefully more players will turn out from both clubs for this fun (& unrated) event. Maybe adding a blitz match to regular matches should be considered for the future.

The line-ups and results of the regular and blitz match are shown in the box to the right.

Dejan Maksimovic triumphs at Elmhurst Class

February 6 & 13

Eighteen players were able to commit two weeks of their time to a four-round Game/45 tournament. Larry Cohen defeated Mark Sefcheck to emerge from the contest with the only perfect score, 4-0. Bill Wenz came down from Wisconsin to join Sefcheck in a tie for second, both players at 3-1. A score of 2.5-1.5 was good enough to give Robert Loncarevic and Bob Stoltz a split of the under 1800 money, while Bennett Joseph, Kermit Dodson, Robert Shockley and Mark Engelen all scored 2-2 to share the under 1600 prize.

February 27

After a break for the Midwest Amateur Team Championship on February 20, in which a team featuring prominent club members Dejan Maksimovic and Blair Machaj finished a strong second, we resumed tournament action with a five round Game/15 event. Twenty players, ranging in rating from 2380 to 594, took part. Dejan Maksimovic, whose rating of 2380 put him first on the wall-chart, swept through the field with a perfect score of 5-0. George David, who lost only to "Max", finished clear second with 4-1. The under 2000 money was split by Ray Satterlee and Blair Machaj, both with 3.5-1.5. The rest of the prize money was shared by Rudy Padilla, Dar-

win Nyberg and young junior Chris Nienart, all at 3-2.

March 5

A good turnout of 24 players showed up to compete in a four-round Game/20 quick play tournament. When the smoke cleared, only Dejan Maksimovic was left with a perfect score of 4-0. The rest of the field was quite competitive, though, and seven players tied for second with 3-1. Blair Machaj, Ely Sollano, Vince Hart, Robert Loncarevic, George David, Brett Collins, and young Chris Nienart took home the rest of the prize money.

March 12

Word of our new, larger meeting room seems to be getting out, and attendance has been picking up. Our Game/35 Quad drew an excellent field of 28 players. Stanimir Ilic was in good form as he sailed undefeated through the tough top quad with a score of 3-0. Veteran Ray Satterlee was second with 2-1. In the second section, junior Will Aramil got the best of three older rivals to finish with a perfect 3-0, while Robert Loncarevic defeated the other two players to nail down second with 2-1. The evenly matched third quad produced a tie when both Rudy Padilla and Richard Lung finished with 2-1. Another strong junior, Brett Collins, swept through the fourth

| Regular (Blitz) | CONCORDIA (1745) rating | Regular (Blitz) | ELMHURST (1693) rating |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 0 (0) | Lahvic 2069 | 1 (1) | Maksimovic 2300 |
| 0 (0) | Sollano 1900 | 1 (1) | Machaj 1997 |
| 0 (.5) | Prause 1830 | 1 (.5) | L. Cohen 1884 |
| 1 (1) | Loncarevic 1750 | 0 (0) | H. Cohen 1829 |
| 0 (0) | Allen 1750 | 1 (1) | Birkeland 1642 |
| 1 (1) | Gorski 1720 | 0 (0) | Cygan 1538 |
| 1 (1) | Boguslowicz 1561 | 0 (0) | R. Lung 1500 |
| 1 (1) | D. Nyberg 1384 | 0 (0) | J. Lung 800 |
| 4 (3.5) | | 4 (4.5) | |

quad with an undefeated 3-0; Orlan Smith's 2-1 was good for second. The fifth section also featured a perfect score of 3-0, this time by Darwin Nyberg, who has played well since recently returning to competitive chess. Young junior Chris Nienart, who also has shown great improvement, dispatched the three other players in his quad to take the first place money, while Peter Levine was second. In the seventh quad, Jonathan Lung, the youngest player in the entire tournament, defeated three adults to claim the first place prize.

March 18 and 19

We reprised our popular Elmhurst Class, an ICA Tour Maxi-event. Despite being held on the weekend of the National Open (due to unavoidable scheduling conflicts), this second annual edition drew 77 players, who competed for \$1800 in prizes, to the Frick Center at Elmhurst College. The contestants enjoyed a spacious playing area, and the

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H. Cohen (1829) R. Loncarevic (1750)
Notes by L. and H. Cohen.

1. e4 c5 2. c3 d5 3. exd5 Qxd5 4. d4 Nc6 5. Nf3 Bg4 6. Be2 Also playable is 6. Nbd2. 6...exd4 7. exd4 e6 8. Nc3 Bb4 9. a3 Bxc3 10. hxc3 Nf6 11. Rb1 Qd7 12. 0-0 0-0 13. Ne5 Better is h6 to force the trade or kick the Bishop. 13...Nxe5 14. exd5 Bxe2 15. Qxe2 Nd5 16. Bd2 Rfe8 17. Rb3 Rc5 18. c4 Nb6 19. Rg3 Rxc4 20. Bb6 g6 21. Qf3 Nd5 22. Rd1 Qc7 23. h4 Rxb4 24. Bg5 Rc4 25. Rxd5!? White would be better to play Bf6 and then try for Qh6, since if Nxf6 then exf6 could still maintain some mate threats. 25...exd5 26. Bf6 Rc1 ch 27. Kh2 Qc2! 28. Qe3 If Qh5? Then Qd1 wins. Perhaps Qxd5 would be best leading to an unclear. And slightly unfavorable endgame. 28...Qb1! If Qd1 then Rh3 will allow the King to escape to g3. Note that Rh3 also could threaten Rxb7, but not if black can play Qh1ch and Qxb7. 29. Rh3 Rh1 ch 30. Kg3 Rxb3 ch 31. gxb3 Qg1 ch 32. Kh4 Re8 33. e6 Rc4 ch 34. Bd4 g5 ch 35. Kh5 Qd1 ch 36. Kh6! Qe2! 37. exf7 ch Kxf7 38. Qf3 ch Ke8 39. Qe3 ch Qe4 40. Qxg4 Rxd4 41. Qg8 ch Ke7 Qg7 ch Ke6 0-1 White Resigns.

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| MASTER-EXPERT | | | | | | | | score | tour |
|---------------|-------------------|----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|
| 1 | MAKSIMOVIC Dejan | IL | 2292 | W11 | W6 | D4 | W7 | 3.5 | 15M |
| 2 | CHOW Albert C | IL | 2321 | D7 | W8 | D3 | W4 | 3 | 8M |
| 3 | NGUYEN Tam Duemin | IL | 2150 | F1 | F1 | D2 | W8 | 2.5 | 5MX |
| 4 | MAROVITCH Mark | IL | 2090 | W9 | W12 | D1 | L2 | 2.5 | 5MX |
| 5 | SZPISJAK Steven J | IL | 2229 | L8 | D7 | W12 | D10 | 2 | 4M |
| 6 | ILIC Stanimir M | IL | 2081 | W10 | L1 | L8 | B | 2 | 4MX |
| 7 | ZINYTCH Miron | IL | 2075 | D2 | D5 | W9 | L1 | 2 | 4MX |
| 8 | GORLIN Gennady | IL | 1931 | W5 | L2 | W6 | L3 | 2 | 4MXA |
| 9 | COHEN Lawrence S | IL | 1884 | L4 | B | L7 | W12 | 2 | 4MXA |
| 10 | ARAMIL William J | IL | 1840 | L6 | L11 | B | D5 | 1.5 | 3MXA |
| 11 | GAST Bryan | IL | 2030 | L1 | W10 | - | - | 1 | 2MX |
| 12 | MARKOVIC Arandel | IL | 1800 | B | L4 | L5 | L9 | 1 | 2MXA |

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| CLASS A | | | | | | | | score | tour |
|---------|-------------------|----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|
| 1 | LORING Steven W | IL | 1894 | W10 | W11 | W4 | W6 | 4 | 28A |
| 2 | LONCAREVIC Robert | IL | 1711 | L4 | W15 | W13 | W9 | 3 | 8AB |
| 3 | MODES Daniel R | IL | 1925 | W5 | B | D6 | D4 | 2.5 | 5A |
| 4 | ZAZOVSKIY Viktor | IL | 1893 | W2 | W14 | L1 | D3 | 2.5 | 5A |
| 5 | NORDAHL David | IL | 1816 | L3 | W10 | D9 | W11 | 2.5 | 5A |
| 6 | DUNCAN Jason | IL | 1553 | B | W7 | D3 | L1 | 2.5 | 5AB |
| 7 | GORLIN Andrey | IL | 1906 | D13 | L6 | D12 | B | 2 | 4A |
| 8 | COHEN Lawrence S | IL | 1884 | L11 | L9 | W15 | W12 | 2 | 4A |
| 9 | HUANG Kenneth | IL | 1864 | D12 | W8 | D5 | L2 | 2 | 4A |
| 10 | LECHNICK William | IL | 1749 | L1 | L5 | B | W15 | 2 | 4AB |
| 11 | ALLISON Roger D | IL | 1700 | W8 | L1 | W14 | L5 | 2 | 4AB |
| 12 | AROND Dean | IL | 1689 | D9 | D13 | D7 | L8 | 1.5 | 3AB |
| 13 | CASE Rick | IL | 1800 | D7 | D12 | L2 | - | 1 | 2A |
| 14 | COVIC Mehmed | IL | 1800 | W15 | L4 | L11 | - | 1 | 2A |
| 15 | SOLLANO E O | IL | 1900 | L14 | L2 | L8 | L10 | 0 | |

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| CLASS B | | | | | | | | score | tour |
|---------|------------------|----|------|----|----|----|----|-------|------|
| 1 | RODRIGUEZ Jose A | IL | 1406 | L5 | B | W6 | W2 | 3 | 83C |
| 2 | FLORES Joshua | IL | 1764 | B | D4 | W3 | L1 | 2.5 | 5B |
| 3 | HUBBARD Andrew | IL | 1652 | D7 | W5 | L2 | W4 | 2.5 | 5B |
| 4 | GIANNOKOPOULOS D | IL | 1721 | W6 | D2 | D5 | L3 | 2 | 4B |
| 5 | BARTHEL Clark | SC | 1628 | W1 | L3 | D4 | D7 | 2 | 4B |
| 6 | LUNG Richard | IL | 1600 | L4 | W7 | L1 | B | 2 | 4B |
| 7 | ENGELLEN Mark | IL | 1561 | D3 | L6 | B | D5 | 2 | 4BC |

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| CLASS C | | | | | | | | score | tour |
|---------|------------------|----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|
| 1 | BURNETT Jim | IL | 1503 | W19 | W11 | W10 | W7 | 4 | 28C |
| 2 | GIERTZ Charles E | IL | 1565 | L11 | W15 | W18 | W8 | 3 | 8C |
| 3 | SHOCKLEY Robert | IL | 1542 | L5 | W21 | W13 | W11 | 3 | 8C |
| 4 | COLLINS Brett | IL | 1451 | D15 | D6 | W20 | W9 | 3 | 8C |
| 5 | NYBERG Darwin V | IL | 1384 | W3 | B | L7 | W10 | 3 | 8CD |
| 6 | MENDENHALL Ryan | IL | 1287 | D17 | D4 | W15 | W14 | 3 | 8CD |
| 7 | BODZIONY Piotr | IL | 1595 | W18 | D8 | W5 | L1 | 2.5 | 5C |
| 8 | MICKLICH Frank T | IL | 1497 | W13 | D7 | W14 | L2 | 2.5 | 5C |
| 9 | WEBB James W | IL | 1547 | W12 | L10 | W16 | L4 | 2 | 4C |
| 10 | SHELLHAMER Ted C | IL | 1489 | W20 | W9 | L1 | L5 | 2 | 4C |
| 11 | SMITH Orlan B | IL | 1402 | W2 | L1 | W17 | L3 | 2 | 4C |
| 12 | DUPUIS Erik G | IL | 1398 | L9 | L13 | W19 | W17 | 2 | 4CD |
| 13 | MORAN Phillip D | IL | 1341 | L8 | W12 | L3 | W18 | 2 | 4CD |
| 14 | KITTSLEY Scott L | WI | 1500 | W21 | H | L8 | L6 | 1.5 | 3C |
| 15 | SOMASUNDARAM V | IL | 1095 | D4 | L2 | L6 | W20 | 1.5 | 3CDE |
| 16 | MC ANULTY Mac | IL | 1020 | B | D17 | L9 | - | 1.5 | 3CDE |
| 17 | JURGENSEN Walter | IL | 1487 | D6 | D16 | L11 | L12 | 1 | 2C |
| 18 | BLACKMAN William | IL | 1427 | L7 | B | L2 | L13 | 1 | 2C |
| 19 | JURGENSEN Alan | IL | 1378 | L1 | L20 | L12 | X21 | 1 | 2CD |
| 20 | WRONSKI Edmond | IL | 1328 | L10 | W19 | L4 | L15 | 1 | 2CD |
| 21 | HUANG Winston | IL | 1355 | L14 | L3 | - | F19 | 0 | |

CHESS CLUBS

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CLASSES D/BELOW

| | | | | | | | | score | tour |
|----|-------------------|----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| 1 | KLINK Steven | IL | 1087 | W10 | W20 | W6 | W5 | 4 | 28DE |
| 2 | MARASCO Jon | IL | 1253 | D16 | W23 | W9 | W8 | 3.5 | 15D |
| 3 | LOPEZ Philip | IL | 1285 | W13 | 1.5 | W14 | W12 | 3 | 8D |
| 4 | MADAMALA Kisban | IL | 1240 | W14 | W19 | L5 | W10 | 3 | 8D |
| 5 | MIDDLETON David A | IL | | W21 | W3 | W4 | L1 | 3 | |
| 6 | BEAUBAN Brian | IL | 1268 | W17 | D8 | L1 | W13 | 2.5 | 5D |
| 7 | HIERONYMUS April | IL | 1180 | W18 | D9 | L8 | W16 | 2.5 | 5DE |
| 8 | NIENART Christoph | IL | 969 | W22 | D6 | W7 | L2 | 2.5 | 5DEF |
| 9 | MORAN Wesley | IL | 944 | W11 | D7 | L2 | W17 | 2.5 | 5DEF |
| 10 | LOPEZ Eugene C | IL | 1283 | L1 | W16 | W17 | L4 | 2 | 4D |
| 11 | GASUNAS Anthony C | IL | 1139 | L9 | L14 | W22 | W21 | 2 | 4DE |
| 12 | CARROLL Sean | IL | 1127 | L20 | W18 | W21 | L3 | 2 | 4DE |
| 13 | PENA Andy G | IL | 1107 | L3 | W22 | W19 | L6 | 2 | 4DE |
| 14 | LEVINE Peter D | IL | 1003 | L4 | W11 | L3 | W19 | 2 | 4DE |
| 15 | SLIGOWSKI Scott | IL | 1141 | L19 | L17 | D18 | W23 | 1.5 | 3DE |
| 16 | ILIC Lazar S | IL | 1059 | D2 | L10 | W23 | L7 | 1.5 | 3DE |
| 17 | DUNCAN Thomas | IL | 1084 | L6 | W15 | L10 | L9 | 1 | 2DE |
| 18 | DUPUIS Brian M | IL | 962 | L7 | L12 | D15 | D22 | 1 | 2DEF |
| 19 | PHILIPS Douglas | IL | 949 | W15 | L4 | L13 | L14 | 1 | 2DEF |
| 20 | FRANKEL Eitan | IL | 822 | W12 | L1 | - | - | 1 | 2DEF |
| 21 | LUNG Jonathan | IL | 652 | L5 | B | L12 | L11 | 1 | 2DEFG |
| 22 | BARKER Gary F | IL | 1184 | L8 | L13 | L11 | D18 | 0.5 | 1DE |
| 23 | BOHAN Phillip | IL | 980 | H | L2 | L16 | L15 | 0.5 | 1DEF |

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free snacks and soft drinks provided by the Club were liberally enjoyed by all. The 4-round, Game/120 format proved adequate to crown a clear winner in all five classes, and hopefully allowed the players to avoid the exhaustion found at some weekend events. In the Master/Expert section, Dejan Maksimovic took the \$230 first prize with a score of 3.5-.5, only yielding a draw to Mark Marovitch. Albert Chow claimed the second prize of \$150 with 3-1, the result of two wins and two draws. Tam Nguyen and Mark Marovitch shared the under 2200 prize of \$100. The 15-player A Class was won by Steve Loring, one of only three players in the entire tournament to record a perfect score of 4-0. Robert Loncarevic, playing up one class, showed his confidence was justified when he took clear second and \$100. Junior Jose Rodriguez, the youngest player in Class B (with a low Class C rating of 1406!) shocked his rivals to take clear first and \$150 with a score of 3-1. Josh Flores and Andrew Hubbard were second with 2.5-1.5. Jim Burnett (1503) turned in a very nice effort to take the 21-player C Class with a perfect score of 4-0. There was a log jam for second place as Chuck Giertz, Robert Shockley, Brett Collins, Darwin Nyberg and Ryan Mendenhall all finished with 3-1. The D/below Class also featured a

perfect score of 4-0 when young junior Steven Klink prevailed over the 23 contestants in the largest class of the tournament. Jon Marasco was clear second with 3.5-.5, while April Hieronymus and Chris Nienart split the under 1200 money with 2.5-1.5.

March 26

The Pedrag "Lola" Arsenijevic Memorial Blitz Tournament was held in memory of one of Dejan Maksimovic's closest chess friends, who passed away recently in Yugoslavia. Twenty-six players came out to compete for \$450 in prizes and five trophies in this 15-round, Game/5 event. Fittingly enough, "Max" Maksimovic and several of his students dominated the tournament. Max was the winner of the first place trophy and \$100 with a score of 13.5-1.5. His student Will Aramil, a fast-rising junior whose quick rating of 1469 is far below his strength, finished clear second with 10-5. Blair Machaj took the prize money and the trophy for Class A, and Robert Loncarevic, another of Max's students, was best in Class B. Brett Collins, also a dangerous junior and a student of Max's, snared the Class C trophy and prize money with the excellent result of 9-6. Darwin Nyberg and Bennett Joseph shared the Class D money with 8-6, but Bennett, yet another of Max's students, won the trophy in a playoff game. Free drinks and snacks were provided by Max, and a good time (and a lot of chess) was had by all.

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Wild Onion Chess Club results

Wild Onion Big Money March 11, 2000

| | | | | | | | | score | tour |
|---|-------------------|------|----|----|----|----|--|-------|----------|
| 1 | GALLOT Goran | | W2 | W8 | W6 | D3 | | 3.5 | |
| 2 | RAMOS Fabian | 1521 | L1 | W7 | W5 | W6 | | 3 | 4XABC |
| 3 | BENESA Arnulfo | 2083 | W5 | L6 | W4 | D1 | | 2.5 | 2.5X |
| 4 | MEILICKE Charles | 1208 | L6 | W9 | L3 | W8 | | 2 | 2XABCD |
| 5 | CUNNINGHAM Robert | 1126 | L3 | B | L2 | W9 | | 2 | 2XABCDE |
| 6 | GALINATO Carlos | | W4 | W3 | L1 | L2 | | 2 | |
| 7 | HORNOR Rich | 1376 | H | L2 | W8 | - | | 1.5 | 1.5XABCD |
| 8 | MAZLOOMIAN Hoda | 1197 | W9 | L1 | L7 | L4 | | 1 | 1XABCDE |
| 9 | LYDON Brian P | | L8 | L4 | B | L5 | | 1 | |

Wild Onion Quick February 12, 2000

| | | | | | | | | | score | tour |
|----|-------------------|------|-----|----|-----|-----|----|----|-------|--------|
| 1 | HURCHALLA David | 2006 | L2 | W8 | W10 | W4 | W3 | W5 | 5 | 3.8X |
| 2 | COHEN Lawrence S | 1824 | W1 | W7 | L6 | W5 | W4 | H | 4.5 | 2.5XA |
| 3 | BUKY John | 1940 | W7 | W9 | L4 | W6 | L1 | W8 | 4 | 2XA |
| 4 | ZAZOVSKY Valerik | 1892 | W8 | W6 | W3 | L1 | L2 | H | 3.5 | 1.8XA |
| 5 | FORD Sam | 1916 | H | H | W9 | L2 | W6 | L1 | 3 | 1.5XA |
| 6 | CIMA Joe | 1832 | W10 | L4 | W2 | L3 | L5 | W9 | 3 | 1.5XA |
| 7 | MCNAMARA James | 1752 | L3 | L2 | W8 | W10 | L9 | B | 3 | 1.5XAB |
| 8 | SCHWAIGER Anthony | 1726 | L4 | L1 | L7 | W9 | B | L3 | 2 | 1XAB |
| 9 | ALLISON Roger | 1639 | B | L3 | L5 | L8 | W7 | L6 | 2 | 1XAB |
| 10 | DNIS Peter Joseph | 1680 | L6 | B | L1 | L7 | - | - | 1 | 0.5XAB |

Fox Valley Chess Club is Back!

The Fox Valley Chess club is back to its roots, Aurora. Unlike the Marines who are looking for a few good men, we are looking for a lot of good chess players! Come one and all and join us Tuesday nights to enjoy friendly chess competition, speed chess tournaments, ladder tournaments and more!

The first meeting will be held on April 4th beginning at 7:00 P.M. The club is hosted by Oberweis Dairy, which has donated the use of its training center as the meeting location. The training center is located on the 2nd floor of the Oberweis Dairy / Oberweis Asset Management building located on conveniently just off I-88, take the Route 31 exit, go north one light, turn left on to Airport road, turn right when it dead ends into Randall Road and make the first right on to Ice Cream Drive. Come in the main entrance door (not the Dairy store entrance) go to the second floor and follow the signs to the training center.

For more information contact Bob Renaut at (630) 983-0934. The club will meet from 7:00-11:00 PM on Tuesday nights. See you there!

Fox Valley Chess Club

by Bob Renaut

The Fox Valley Chess club which ceased meeting last spring is back!

The club now meets on Tuesday nights at the Oberweis Dairy training center (2nd floor) on Randall Road in North Aurora. The first meeting saw 16 prior members come out for some friendly chess competition. The club meets from 7pm to 11pm and will host a variety of ladder tournaments and speed chess tournaments. Eight players participated in the first five-minute speed-chess tournament. The winner was Larry Cohen/Bob Renaut with a perfect 7-0 score. The cross table below shows how the rest of the field did.

NM Alan Watson was present distributing chess books from the late Dr. Eugene Martinovsky's collection. Dr. Martinovsky was a club member from our inception in 1990 and we will miss him. He was always a gentleman and a fierce competitor. A class act.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | total |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| 1. Steve Decman | x | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| 2. Ted Craig | 0 | x | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| 3. Marty Fitzgerald | 0 | 0 | x | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 4. Jim Oberweis | 1 | 1 | 1 | x | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| 5. Rudy Padilla | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 6. Bill Buttney | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | x | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| 7. Tim Hartman | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 0 | 0 |
| 8. Bob Renaut/ Larry Cohen | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | x | 7 |



Bob Renaut is seen challenging Jim Oberweis while a brown-mustached child promoting Oberweis Chocolate Milk appears to be observing the game.

Chicago Chess Club

by Bill Smythe

Weekend tournaments at the Chicago Chess Club appeal to players of varying strengths. The Plus-Score events are generally top-heavy, while the Quads attract players with less spectacular ratings. The eight-player Sectionals are somewhere in the middle, usually drawing players whose ratings begin with the digit 1.

Imagine our surprise on April 8, when 24 players showed up for the High on the Hog Sectional. The top section consisted of two Masters, four Experts, and only two A players. Osman Palos (2449) held off Allen Kornfeld's (2246) extra passed Pawn in the last round, as both scored 2.5 out of 3. The two A players, Johnson Chua and Leonid Bondar, finished at 2-1 ahead of the four Experts. Sections two and three were won by Vilorik Zazovskiy (1811) and David Middleton (1054), each at 3-0.

Once or twice a year we run a Choose-Your-Opponent tournament, where prizes are awarded, not by score, but according to who defeats the highest-rated opponents. On March 5, in round one top-rated Miron Zinytch (2075) chose second seed Gene Scott (2069), but Gene returned the favor by winning the game, and with it the tournament. Second was Jamie Gregory (1900), who chose, and defeated, Gene in the third round. Goran Gallot, though scoring 4-0, won nothing as he did not give himself an opportunity to play against the highest-rated players.

April 2 saw an interesting time phenomenon. At 12 noon, eight players were present for the High Noon Quads, so they were divided into two quads as play began. By 12:45, three additional players had made their appearance, having forgotten about Daylight Saving time. So the TD jumped in to create a

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the Grünfeld, partly due to the influence first of Botvinnik, later of Fischer, but that it was rare choice now. He felt that without knowing a great deal of analysis, Black faced too much danger in the exchange variation. I asked him where he

Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score April 9, 2000

| | | | | | | | score | tour |
|----|------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----------|
| 1 | SCOTT Gene G | 2014 | W13 | W10 | W2 | D5 | 3.5 | 7.5MX |
| 2 | PALOS Osman | 2449 | W4 | W7 | L1 | W8 | 3 | 4M |
| 3 | ZINYTCH Miron | 2042 | L10 | W12 | W8 | W7 | 3 | 4MX |
| 4 | GREGORY Jamie | 1900 | L2 | W6 | W13 | W12 | 3 | 4MXA |
| 5 | MARSHALL James A | 2199 | W9 | L8 | W10 | D1 | 2.5 | 2.5MX |
| 6 | CHUA Johnson | 1986 | D12 | L4 | W14 | W11 | 2.5 | 2.5MXA |
| 7 | AKHMETOV Artem | 1962 | W14 | L2 | W9 | L3 | 2 | 2MXA |
| 8 | COHEN Lawrence S | 1937 | W15 | W5 | L3 | L2 | 2 | 2MXA |
| 9 | STOYANOV Stoyan | 115 | W14 | L7 | W13 | | 2 | 2M |
| 10 | LEUNG Daniel | 1793 | W3 | L1 | L5 | H | 1.5 | 1.5MXAB |
| 11 | SMITH Orlan B | 1400 | H | H | H | L6 | 1.5 | 1.5MXABC |
| 12 | LOPEZ Philip | 1318 | D6 | L3 | W15 | L4 | 1.5 | 1.5MXABCD |
| 13 | PETROVIC Bill | 1663 | L1 | W15 | L4 | L9 | 1 | 1MXAB |
| 14 | NENART Chris | 1047 | L7 | L9 | L6 | W15 | 1 | 1MXABCDE |
| 15 | CHODAK David | 1046 | L8 | L13 | L12 | L14 | 0 | |

Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Leisure March 25-26, 2000

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|----|-------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|----------|
| 1 | SCOTT Gene G | 2069 | W13 | W11 | W3 | W4 | 4 | 14X |
| 2 | ZINYTCH Miron | 2075 | L6 | W14 | W12 | W7 | 3 | 4X |
| 3 | FORD Sam | 1954 | W12 | W10 | L1 | W6 | 3 | 4XA |
| 4 | GREGORY Jamie | 1900 | W9 | W6 | W5 | L1 | 3 | 4XA |
| 5 | COHEN Lawrence S | 1884 | W7 | H | L4 | D9 | 2 | 2XA |
| 6 | GIERTZ Charles | 1565 | W2 | L4 | W11 | L3 | 2 | 2XAABC |
| 7 | AILES Tim S | 1434 | L5 | W15 | W10 | L2 | 2 | 2XABC |
| 8 | GASUNAS Anthony C | 1139 | L10 | L12 | W15 | W13 | 2 | 2XAABCDE |
| 9 | SMYTHE Bill | 1807 | L4 | W13 | - | D5 | 1.5 | 1.5XA |
| 10 | HALE Bob Lloyd | 1579 | W8 | L3 | L7 | H | 1.5 | 1.5XABC |
| 11 | ARAMIL William | 1737 | W15 | L1 | L6 | - | 1 | 1XAB |
| 12 | ROGERS Nathaniel | 1550 | L3 | W8 | L2 | - | 1 | 1XABC |
| 13 | BLACKMAN William | 1427 | L1 | L9 | W15 | L8 | 1 | 1XABC |
| 14 | COVIC Mehmed | 1808 | H | L2 | F13 | - | 0.5 | 0.5XA |
| 15 | MENDENHALL Joe | 111 | L7 | L7 | L8 | L13 | 0 | |

third four-player section, dubbed the Non-Daylight Section. This section was won by Steven Salerno at 3-0, the only perfect score in any of the sections.

Those who like 40 moves in two hours found their niche on March 25-26, in our two-day Plus-Score Leisure Mini-Tour. Gene Scott took home the \$150 perfect-score prize, at the same time putting his name in lights at the top of the accompanying crosstable. Another such tournament will have been held May 6-7 by the time you read this.

A more conventional (for the Club) game/60 Tour event was held two weeks later, on April 9. Again Gene Scott was the winner, defeating Osman Palos in round three, then giving up a draw to James Marshall in the final round.

As for you Masters, you seem to like our Plus-Score events, but shy away from Quads. Why? If just four of you played on the same day, you could have a delicious round-robin with your peers. Don't let the lettered players have all the fun!

was from. He asked if I knew where Macedonia and its capital Skopje were. He must have been used to Americans who couldn't locate France on a globe, let alone some presumed Slavic backwater. (With any luck, people probably asked him if he was born far from Dracula's

castle.) I certainly knew. I mentioned that in any case, a chess player should recall that Fischer brilliantly won at Skopje, 1967 (years after Martinovsky's emigration). Late in our conversation he remarked that given what chess means,

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Concordia Community Chess Club

by Ken Marshall

USCF Game/20 Round Robin: This six player tournament took place on February 22 (three rounds) and on February 29 (two rounds). Top honors went to Dejan "Max" Maksimovic (Quick Play 2368) for his 5-0 finish. Robert Loncarevic (1754) was next at 3.5-1.5, trailed by Mariusz Gorski (1705) and Joe Cygan (1686), each with 2-3 scores.

USCF Game/12 Double Quads: Twelve players participated in this March 7 event. Quad 1 saw Mark Marovitch (Quick Play 2115, 5-1) outpace Robert Loncarevic (1754, 4-2) for first place. In Quad 2, Chuck Collins (1489), who had the lowest rating, put up a 3.5-2.5 mark to best Marty Ptacek (1675, 3-3) and Derek Schneider (1515, 3-3). Brett Collins (1423, 5-1), Chuck's son and the top rated player in Quad 3, headed the field in that quad, with Darwin Nyberg (1384, 4-2) coming in second. A fourth quad, made up of latecomers, resulted in a tie between Joe Cygan

(1686, 5-1) and George David (1633, 5-1).

GM Boris Gulko Simultaneous Exhibition: U.S. Champion Boris Gulko won 30 of 31 games, drawing only with former Illinois Champion Albert Chow, on March 14. More details about the "simul" are in the story on GM Gulko elsewhere in this ICB.

World Blitz Chess Association Game/7 Tournament: This March 21 round robin attracted 10 entrants. Showing no quarter, Max Maksimovic (WBCA 2390) continued his domination of Club events with a 9-0 score. Mark Marovitch (2101, 7-2) and Robert Loncarevic (1754, 7-2) tied for second. Best 1699-1450 honors were shared by father and son Chuck Collins (1489, 3.5-5.5) and Brett Collins (1454, 3.5-5.5). Pete Levine (Unr, 3-6) and Darwin Nyberg (Unr, 3-6) split the Unrated prize money.

Match with Elmhurst Chess Club: This friendly (most players are members of both clubs) eight board contest ended up a 4-4 tie. The teams then agreed that the

opponents on each board would switch colors and a Game/5 tie-break match would be played. The ECC won the blitz contest 4.5-3.5. [See the chart in *WELL MATCHED MATCH* by Larry Cohen.]

USCF Game/29 Quads: Three quads were played on April 4. Max Maksimovic (Quick Play 2369, 3-0) took Quad 1 ahead of Robert Loncarevic (1754, 2-1). Richard Lung (1494, 3-0), last on the wall chart in Quad 2, won that quad. In Quad 3, Dmitri Giannakopoulos (1424, 3-0) also posted a perfect score to out point Darwin Nyberg (1384, 2-1). Time Handicap Blitz Tournament: Proving that less time does lessen their skills, the two top rated players in this 14 player event took the two top places. Blair Machaj (USCF Quick Play 1919) led the way at 11.5-.5. Ray Satterlee 1909, 10.5-1.5) was next, but had to share runner up honors with seventh ranked George David (1633, 10.5-1.5). Robert Loncarevic (1754, 9.5-2.5. Wlad Boguslowicz (1656, 8.5-3.5), and Brett Collins (1423, 8-4) were next. ♘

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White: Boris Gulko

Black: Vladimir Djordjevic

(Simul - 25 boards)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bd2 c6 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.Nge2 Nbd7 8.f3 Bh5 9.0-0 e6 10.Ne4 Qc7 11.e4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Nf6 13.Bf4 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.e5 Qc7 16.Ng3 Bg6 17.Qe2 Qf4 18.Rad1 Rad8 19.b4 Nd5 20.Bxd5 Rxd5 21.Ne4 0-0 22.g3 Qc7 23.Nd6 b5 24.f4 h5 25.h3 Qe7 26.f5 Qg5 27.fxg6 Qxg3+ 28.Qg2 Qe3+ 29.Kb1 Rg5 30.Qf3 Rg1 31.Kh2 Qxf3 32.Rxf3 Rxd1 33.gxf7+ Kh7 34.Re3 Rxd4 35.Rxe6 g6 36.a3 Rd2+ 37.Kg3 Rd3+ 38.Kh4 Kh6 39.Nf5+ Kh7 40.Nd6 Kh6 41.Nf5+ Kh7 1/2-1/2



M. Ptacek photo

Concordia Community Chess Club members Ken Marshall, Ray Satterlee, Andy Schiller, and Derek Schneider concentrate on their games against GM Gulko during his simultaneous exhibition.

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the first. For example, if the control is 40 moves in two hours, then sudden death in one hour, the clock will set itself to 3:00 (instead of 4:00) initially. The first control would then expire at 5:00, the second at 6:00, instead of the standard 6:00 and 7:00.

Incidentally, the clock behaves interestingly if the second control is less than a full hour. With 40/90, then SD/30, the

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our ongoing obsession with 'tactics serving strategy'.

Well, there's so much more, including Yermolinsky's personal experiences with Soviet training and his gradual advance into the world's 2600+ elite. In conclu-

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he was sorry that chess players almost without exception dressed so poorly for tournaments. I immediately looked guilty, but he said no, no, I was fine. (Of course he always dressed with quiet beauty.) Maybe that was partly his native courtesy, but it's true that I was a long step up from jeans and a T-shirt that particular day. And although some-

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The volume of the talk ranges from just a whisper to something a tad below a scream. The content of the discussion can range from a discussion of what is happening on the chessboard to why someone is trying to kill them, or why they should kill someone else.

The Agonizing Chess Player

This player is a distant cousin to the "The Chess Whisperer". While playing, this person will moan, breath heavily as if they are single-handedly carrying a grand piano up four flights of stairs, look very distraught and even make you suspect that a dear loved one of theirs has suddenly passed away. Away from the board this person acts as serene and cheerful as someone receiving a pleasant birthday present. When asked about the game they will calmly state that they find the game interesting.

The Carrier

Once again there is more than one model of characteristic available here. The food carrier will often come with a picnic-sized cooler loaded with food to

clock would start at 3:30, with the first control expiring at 5:00. Then, as soon as either player's flag falls, both clocks move ahead 30 minutes, automatically, right before the players' eyes. This, I suppose, is good showmanship.

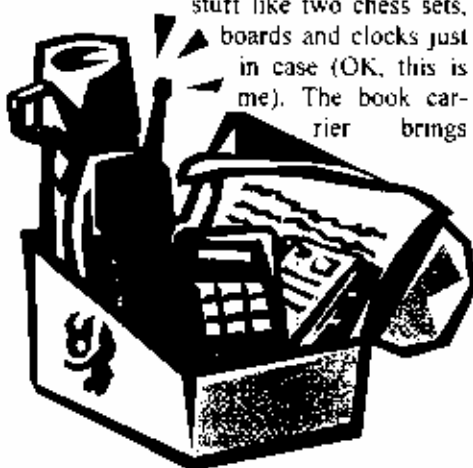
Although I like the idea of a digital/analog combination, I cannot recommend this clock. At the very least, the minute hand should move continuously, and the flag should be separate, much as

position. 'The Road to Chess Improvement' is an honest and sincere book, as well as a top-notch read. I should mention that it is primarily aimed at advanced players, but it could not fail to help those above 1600. For anyone looking to improve and to understand the modern game in a

times I either just plain relapse or (more often) barely have enough time to pack for the tournament after work and before driving several hours. I must say that since then I've tried to carry and present myself in a way that would meet his approval. I am also trying to play the Grünfeld better.

We parted cordially. At later tournaments we'd exchange friendly acknowl-

eat at various times in the tournament. The equipment carrier will bring lots of stuff like two chess sets, boards and clocks just in case (OK, this is me). The book carrier brings



EVERY chess book that they own to analyze their every move between games.

The Compact Player

This is the complete opposite of the Carrier series. This is the person that shows up to a tournament with nothing. They expect someone, maybe their mom, to provide all of their necessary

on the old Alpha clock where it was mounted at the 3:00 position, well away from the hands. The flag could then be operated electronically, directly from the clock's digital innards.

The Garde Electronic Clock is available to USCF members for \$109.95, plus shipping, from U.S. Chess Federation, 3054 NYS Route 9-W, New Windsor NY 12553.

fresh way. I believe that this is one of the most exciting and provocative works to appear in years. ♠

The book reviewed in this article is available from APCT - (630) 663-0688

edgements, even though my rating has never been within 200 points of his. (What a contrast from a lot of people I could mention.) Illinois chess has suffered one of its saddest losses.

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Urbana-Champaign*

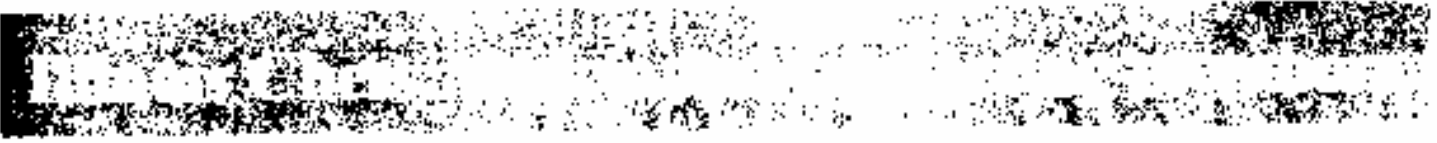
...by the way, your-our-state magazine is looking quite fine these days!

needs for the tournament. A chess clock, chess set, pen/pencil and chessboard seem to be completely unnecessary items to play in a tournament for this person. If everyone thought this way, we would all be playing blindfold chess.

The Hindsight Player

This is the chap that after the game is finished and the post mortem is underway, will always, always insist with total correctness that he had a winning position and indeed would have won if it wasn't for that one silly little blunder. This person does this even when their opponent is rated 400 points higher.

Well, I could go on but that's enough for now. I hope that you will take a moment and realize that the sociality of this game should not be lost to the internet. The saying, "Variety is the spice of life" does apply to our noble game. Just think of the entertainment and pleasure that you get from playing this game. Now, think of the loss you would feel if the various personalities you know and love were missing from the game. So, go out, play chess, be happy. ♠



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ICA TOUR LEADERS

These standings reflect the following 2000 Tour events:

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| 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 |
| March 11, 2000 | mini | Wild Onion Big Money, Chicago |
| March 18-19, 2000 | MAXI | Elmhurst Class Maxi-Tour |
| March 25-26, 2000 | mini | Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Leisure |
| April 9, 2000 | mini | Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score |

Not included (tournament held after press deadline):

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| 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 |

Scheduled or probable future 2000 Tour events:

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| May 26-29, 2000 | MAXI | Chicago Open, Oak Brook |
| June 3, 2000 | mini | Bureau County Mini-Tour, Ladd |
| June 10, 2000 | mini | Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score |
| June 16-18, 2000 | MAXI | Master Challenge, Elmhurst |
| June 24, 2000 | mini | Peoria Tornado |
| June 25, 2000 | mini | Officers' Appreciation #2 |
| July 8, 2000 | mini | Wild Onion Big Money, Chicago |
| 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.

Tour Points—top 30 in each category

Master Tour Points:

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|----------------------|------|
| CHOW Albert C | 43 |
| ILIC Stanimir M | 30 |
| PELZICH Dominik (2) | 26.5 |
| COHEN Lawrence S | 25.5 |
| SCOTT Gene G | 22.5 |
| CHIU Herman B (1) | 19 |
| YOUNG Angelo (1) | 19 |
| NGUYEN Tam D | 18.5 |
| MAKSIMOVIC Dejan (2) | 17.5 |
| GORLIN Gennadiy | 14 |
| ZINYTCH Miron | 14 |
| AROND Dean | 12.5 |
| FRISKE Thomas G (1) | 12 |
| LEALI Michael E (2) | 12 |
| NAYLOR Samuel (1) | 12 |
| SEIBEL Dennis (1) | 12 |
| SZPISJAK Steven J | 11 |
| COVIC Mehmed | 10 |
| ENGELN Mark | 10 |
| AKHMETOV Artem (2) | 8 |
| HUBBARD Andrew | 8 |
| MARKOVIC Arandel | 8 |
| PRJIC Abdulah (2) | 8 |
| ARAMIL William J | 7.4 |
| GARWOOD Brian (1) | 7.5 |
| GORLIN Andrey | 7.5 |
| SAX Robert D (2) | 7.5 |
| FRENCH Kevin (1) | 7 |
| MONATELLI David (1) | 7 |
| WALLACH Kenneth (1) | 7 |

Expert Tour Points:

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| SCOTT Gene G | 38.5 |
| ILIC Stanimir M | 37.5 |
| COHEN Lawrence S | 32.5 |
| ZINYTCH Miron | 25.5 |
| NGUYEN Tam D | 20.5 |
| CHIU Herman B (1) | 19 |
| LEALI Michael E (2) | 16 |
| GORLIN Gennadiy | 14 |
| AROND Dean | 12.5 |
| LONG David (2) | 12.5 |
| FRISKE Thomas G (1) | 12 |
| NAYLOR Samuel (1) | 12 |
| SEIBEL Dennis (1) | 12 |
| COVIC Mehmed | 10.5 |
| ENGELN Mark | 10 |
| GREGORY Jamie | 10 |
| ARAMIL William J | 8.5 |
| AKHMETOV Artem (2) | 8 |
| HUBBARD Andrew | 8 |
| MARKOVIC Arandel | 8 |
| PRJIC Abdulah (2) | 8 |
| GARWOOD Brian (1) | 7.5 |
| GORLIN Andrey | 7.5 |
| MOSES Greg (1) | 7.5 |
| NAFF William A (1) | 7.5 |
| SAX Robert D (2) | 7.5 |
| FRENCH Kevin (1) | 7 |
| GASUNAS Anthony C | 7 |
| MONATELLI David (1) | 7 |
| GORLIN Yelena (1) | 6 |

Class A Tour Points:

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| COHEN Lawrence S | 36.5 |
| LORING Steven W (1) | 28 |
| LEALI Michael E (2) | 16 |
| AROND Dean | 15.5 |
| GORLIN Gennadiy | 14 |
| COVIC Mehmed | 12.5 |

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| LONG David (2) | 12.5 | PRJIC Abdulah (2) | 5 | MAYE Erik R (1) | 12 | SIJGOWSKI Scott (1) | 3 |
| FRISKI Thomas G (1) | 12 | RODRIGUEZ Jose A (1) | 8 | SEIBEL Dennis (1) | 12 | SOMASUNDARAM V(1) | 3 |
| LONCAREVIC Rober (2) | 12 | SCHMIDT Scott (2) | 8 | SOMMERS David A (1) | 12 | TROYER Carl R (1) | 3 |
| NAYLOR Samuel (1) | 12 | MOSES Greg (1) | 7.5 | LOPEZ Philp | 11.5 | MAZLOOMIAN Hoda(2) | 2.5 |
| SEIBEL Dennis (1) | 12 | DELAY Joe (1) | 7 | DUPUIS Erik G (2) | 9 | HARKER Gary F (2) | 2 |
| GORLEN Andrey (1) | 11.5 | LECHNICK William (2) | 7 | MENDENHALL Ryan(2) | 9 | CUNNINGHAM Rob (2) | 2 |
| ENGELIN Mark (1) | 10 | RASMUSSEN Robert (1) | 7 | MORAN Wesley (2) | 9 | DONNA Daniel A (1) | 2 |
| GREGORY Jamie (1) | 10 | BRONNER Ben (1) | 6 | MADAMEA Kishan (1) | 8 | DUNCAN Thomas (1) | 2 |
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| AKHMETOV Artem (2) | 8 | C Tour Points: | | NIENART Christoph (1) | 8 | JOSEPH Louis C (1) | 2 |
| HUBBARD Andrew (1) | 8 | BURNETT Ira (2) | 50 | NYBERG Darwin V (1) | 8 | Class F Tour Points: | |
| MARKOVIC Arandel (2) | 8 | SHOCKLEY Robert (2) | 26 | SCHMIDT Scott (2) | 8 | MORAN Wesley (2) | 9 |
| PRJIC Abdulah (2) | 8 | ENGELIN Mark (2) | 21 | MOSES Greg (1) | 7.5 | NIENART Christoph (1) | 7 |
| GARWOOD Brian (1) | 7.5 | MC CLURE Seth (1) | 19 | ILIC Lazar S (1) | 7 | DIAMOND William (2) | 6 |
| MOSES Greg (1) | 7.5 | SHELLHAMER Ted C (1) | 15.5 | BRONNER Ben (1) | 6 | CHAVIANO Alex (1) | 5 |
| FRENCH J Kevin (1) | 7 | GASIECKI Alan F (1) | 12 | DIAMOND William (2) | 6 | PIELPS Douglas (2) | 5 |
| GASUNAS Anthony C (1) | 7 | MAYE Erik R (1) | 12 | PRJIC Abdulah (2) | 6 | FISHMAN Joey (1) | 4 |
| HUANG Kenneth (2) | 7 | SAHS James W (1) | 12 | REFK David (1) | 6 | FRANKEL Eitan (2) | 7 |
| LECHNICK William (2) | 7 | SEIBEL Dennis (1) | 12 | BEACBAN Brian (1) | 5 | MARRON Thomas (1) | 3 |
| MODES Daniel R (2) | 7 | SOMMERS David A (1) | 12 | BIELSKI William (1) | 5 | TROYER Carl R (1) | 3 |
| MONATEL I David (1) | 7 | PADILLA Rudy R (1) | 11.5 | CHAVIANO Alex (1) | 5 | DONNA Daniel A (1) | 2 |
| ZAZOVSKIY Viktor (1) | 6.8 | GASUNAS Anthony C (1) | 10 | ECK Frederick A (1) | 5 | DUPUIS Brian M (2) | 2 |
| HIERONYMUS April (1) | 6 | GIERTZ Charles E (2) | 10 | HUANG Winston (1) | 5 | HAMMOTHE Brandon(1) | 2 |
| MUSSELMAN Charlie (2) | 6 | HIERONYMUS April (1) | 10 | MC ANULTY Mac (2) | 5 | JOSEPH Louis C (1) | 2 |
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| ARAMIL William F (1) | 24.5 | WEBB James W (1) | 10 | Class E Tour Points: | | | |
| ENGELIN Mark (1) | 21 | DUPUIS Erik G (2) | 9 | KLINK Steven (2) | 30 | MC ANULTY Mac (2) | 2 |
| MC CLURE Seth (1) | 19 | LOBRACO Michael (2) | 9 | GASUNAS Anthony C (1) | 14 | SWINDELL Frankie (1) | 2 |
| SHOCKLEY Robert (1) | 18 | MENDENHALL Ryan(2) | 9 | MORAN Wesley (2) | 9 | SWINDELL Jacquell (1) | 2 |
| AROND Dean (1) | 15.5 | COLLINS Brett (1) | 8 | HIERONYMUS April (1) | 8 | BOHAN Phillip (1) | 1 |
| HUBBARD Andrew (1) | 13 | CYGAN Joseph (2) | 8 | NIENART Christoph (1) | 8 | COOLEY Robert D (1) | 1 |
| GASIECKI Alan F (1) | 12 | HURBARD Andrew (1) | 8 | SCHMIDT Scott (2) | 8 | GILIBERTO Frank (1) | 1 |
| LONCAREVIC Rober (2) | 12 | KITTSLEY Scott L (2) | 8 | ILIC Lazar S (1) | 7 | MC DANIEL Anthon (1) | 1 |
| MAYE Erik R (1) | 12 | LOPEZ Eugene C (1) | 8 | BRONNER Ben (1) | 6 | REBOLLEDO Enriq (1) | 1 |
| MUSSELMAN Charlie (2) | 12 | MORAN Philip D (2) | 8 | DIAMOND William (2) | 6 | STAR Jonathan (1) | 1 |
| SAHS James W (1) | 12 | NYBERG Darwin V (1) | 8 | CHAVIANO Alex (1) | 5 | DWYER Bill (1) | 0.5 |
| SEIBEL Dennis (1) | 12 | PRJIC Abdulah (2) | 8 | MC ANULTY Mac (2) | 5 | Class G Tour Points: | |
| SOMMERS David A (1) | 12 | RODRIGUEZ Jose A (1) | 8 | PHILIPS Douglas (2) | 5 | HAMMOTHE Brandon(1) | 2 |
| PADILLA Rudy R (1) | 11.5 | SCHMIDT Scott (2) | 8 | CARROLL Sean (2) | 4 | LUNG Jonathan (1) | 2 |
| SHELLHAMER Ted C (1) | 11.5 | MOSES Greg (1) | 7.5 | DUPUIS Brian M (2) | 4 | FRANKEL Eitan (2) | 1 |
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All tournaments are USCF-rated, unless otherwise noted (Quick-rated if game/29 or faster) and require USCF membership. ICA Tour events also require ICA membership. Memberships may be purchased at most tournaments. Scholastic events are marked with a ♒. Almost all tournaments prohibit smoking in the playing rooms.

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

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

Deadlines for ICB calendar submissions are as follows:

Tournament starting—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

May 6-7, 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 5/1) \$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.

♒ **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.

May 13, 2000, Tuley Park Quick #6. 5-SS, game/22 (or game/20, d3). 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.

May 13, 2000, Concordia College Mini-Tour. 4-SS, game/60. Koehnke Community Center, Concordia University, River Forest (southwest corner of Division and Bonnie Brae, 1 block west of Harlem, directly south of Grace Lutheran Church). EF \$25. CCCC members \$20. \$\$480 b/24- \$100-80, u2200 \$60, classes A,B,C, each \$60, classes D/E/unrated \$60. Reg 9-9:40, rds 10-12:30-2:15-5:15. Ken Marshall, 630-932-1455. An ICA Tour mini-event.

May 14, 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 5/15/00 thru 7/31/00. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

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

May 21, 2000, Sunday Plus-Score Quick. 4-round double Swiss (2 games vs each opponent, 8 games total), game/29. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$18, juniors and club members \$15. \$\$ by score: 8-0 \$100, 7.5-0.5 \$70, 7-1 \$50, 6.5-1.5 \$35, 6-2 \$25, 5.5-2.5 \$17, 5-3 \$10, 4.5-3.5 \$4. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

May 26-29, 27-29, or 28-29, 2000, 9th Annual Chicago Open. 7-SS, 40/120, then SD/60 (3-day option rds 1-2

game/75, 2-day option rds 1-4 game/45). Hyatt Regency Oak Brook, 1909 Spring Rd, Oak Brook 60521. 800-233-1234 or 630-573-1234, hotel rooms \$77-77-77-77, reserve by April. EF: 4-day \$199, 3-day \$198, 2-day \$197 if check mailed by 3/15. 4-day \$219, 3-day \$218, 2-day \$217 by 5/16, all \$250 at site. No checks at site. Credit card phone entries \$205 by 3/20, \$225 by 5/23, \$250 at site. Special EFs: \$50 less to juniors under 18 who are rated below 1500, over 2199, or play up. \$30 less to rated seniors over 65. Callers must request special EF or be charged full fee. Unrated section EF 4-day \$69, 3-day \$68, 2-day \$67 mailed by 5/16, all \$70 phoned by credit card by 5/23, \$80 at site. Open section EF \$50 more to under-1900 born after 5/29/79. \$100,000 guaranteed. Seven sections: **OPEN:** \$10000-5000-2500-1200-1000-700-600-600-500-500, u2400/unr \$2000-1000-800-600-400 **UNDER-2200:** \$6000-3000-1500-1000-700-500-400-400-400-400. **UNDER-2000:** \$6000-3000-1500-1000-700-500-400-400-400. **UNDER-1800:** \$6000-3000-1500-1000-700-500-400-400-400. **UNDER-1600:** \$5000-2500-1500-1000-700-500-400-400-400. **UNDER-1400:** \$4000-2000-1200-1000-700-500-400-400-400, u1200 \$1200-600-400-300, u1000 \$800-400. **UNRATED:** \$1000-600-300-200-100. **ALL:** See Chess Life for restrictions on foreign (or recently foreign) and provisional players, on players with recent large rating drops, and on players with only foreign or FIDE ratings. 4-day reg ends Fri 7 pm, rds 8, 12-7, 12-7, 10-4:30. 3-day reg ends Sat 11 am, rds 12-3-7, 12-7, 10-4:30. 2-day reg ends Sun 9 am, rds 10-12-2-4-7, 10-4:30. Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577. 914-496-9658 (entries or questions) weekdays, or 406-896-2038 (no questions) 24 hrs, or 914-496-7469 (recording). No phone entries after 5/23. www.chesstour.com. An ICA Tour **MAXI-event.**

June 3, 2000, Tuley Park Quick #7 (Big #3). 5-SS, game/22 (or game/20, d3). 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.

June 3, 2000, Bureau County Mini-Tour. 4-SS, game/80, Moose Hall, 1528 E Cleveland St, Ladd 61329. 9 miles west of LaSalle-Peru, 1-2 miles north of I-80. 815-894-2557. EF \$12 by 5/31, \$15 at site. \$\$75-50, 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. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

June 3, 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 6/4/00 thru 7/31/00. Reg ends 6:30, rd 1 at 7.

June 4, 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 6/5/00 thru 7/31/00. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

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

June 10, 2000, ICA Board Meeting. Ramada O'Hare Hotel at 1 pm. All ICA members are welcome to attend.

June 10, 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.**

June 16-18 or 17-18, 2000, Master Challenge. 5-SS, 40/120, then SD:60 (2-day option rd 1 game/75). Frick Center, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$50 by 6/12; jrs, Elmhurst CC members, & St Charles CC members \$45 by 6/12; all \$60 at site. Free to GIMs and IMs who enter by 6/12. \$\$4000 b/100: \$800-500-300, expert \$250-150-100, A \$250-150-100, B \$250-150-100, C \$250-150-100, D/below \$150-100-75-75. Chronos clock to top jr, Rolland clock for biggest upset. 3-day schedule: Reg Fri 6-6:30, rds 7, 1-7, 10:30-4:30. 2-day schedule: Reg Sat 9-9:30, rds 10-1-7, 10:30-4:30. Blair Machaj, 3 N 050 Springvale, West Chicago 60185. 630-231-6245, BenStudent@aol.com. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.**

June 24, 2000, Peoria Tornado. 4-SS, G/80. Garrett Center, 824 Duryea Pl Peoria 61625. EF \$12 by 6/22, \$15 at site. \$\$G 250: \$75-50, A,B,C,D/below each \$25, upset \$25. Reg 8-8:45, rds 9-12-2:45-5:30. Fred Malcome, 810 W Progress, Metamora 61548. 309-367-4833, finalcome@bwsys.net. 1/2 pt bye rd 1,2,3 only. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

June 24, 2000, Wild Onion Cheapie. 4-SS, game/60. Wild Onion Chess Club, 6136 N Clark St, Chicago 60660. EF \$8 by 6/16, \$14 at door. Book prizes to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, upset.

June 25, 2000, ICA Officers' Appreciation Mini-Tour #2. 4-SS, game/80. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. 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. Alan Losoff, PO Box 157, Morton Grove 60053. 847-274-2221, Alan@Losoff.com. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

June 28 - July 4, or June 30 - July 4, or July 2-4, 28th Annual World Open. 9-SS. Philadelphia. Seven sections. Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577. 914-496-9658 (entries or questions) weekdays, or 406-896-2038 (no questions) 24 hrs. No phone entries after 6/22. www.chesstour.com.

July 1, 2000, Tuley Park Quick #8. 5-SS, game/22 (or game/20, d3). 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.

July 1, 2000, Collinsville July Swiss. 3-SS, game/90. First Baptist Church, 723 St Louis Rd, Collinsville. EF \$20 by 6/29, \$25 at site. \$\$630 b/48. Two sections: **OPEN:** \$100; X,A,B each \$80. **RESERVE** (under-1600): C,D,E/below each \$80, unr \$50. Reg 9:30-10:15, rds 10:30-2-5:30. Paul Holland, 204 Sierra Point, Glen Carbon 62034.

July 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 7/2/00 thru 8/31/00. Reg ends 6:30, rd 1 at 7.

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

July 2, 2000, Chicago Scholastic Championship. 5-SS, game/45. Wild Onion Chess Club, 6136 N Clark St, Chicago 60660. EF \$18 by 6/25, \$25 at door. Two sections. High School and Grade School. Prizes in each: trophies & free lesson from IM Angelo Young to top 3: 10 hr, 8 hr, 6 hr.

July 8, 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 7/9/00 thru 8/31/00. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12

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July 8, 2000, Big Money Game/60. 4-SS. Wild Onion Chess Club, 6136 N Clark St, Chicago 60660. EF \$17 by 7/2, \$22 at door, \$2 less for juniors. \$\$125-50, A \$100-50, B \$75-25, C/below/unnr \$50-25. An ICA Tour mini-event.

July 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.

☐ **July 14-16, 2000, U.S. Junior Open.** Catonsville MD.

July 15, 2000, Normal July Open. 4-SS, game/75. Fairfield Inn, 202 Landmark Dr, Normal 61761. EF \$17, jrs \$12, both \$3 less by 7/12. Free entry to 2100+. \$\$385 guaranteed: \$150-90, u-1800 \$75, u-1400 \$70, Trophies to 1st, A,B,C,D,E,F,unnr. Reg 8-8:45, rds 9-12-3-6. Dennis Bourgerie, Box 157, Normal 61761, 309-454-3842. School-streeter@msn.com.

July 22, 2000, Tuley Park Quick #9. 5-SS, game/22 (or game/20, d3). 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.

July 22, 2000, Super Hot Tornado. DeKalb. Bill Reed, 815-758-1027.

July 22-23, 2000, Central States Class. 5-SS, rds 1-2 game/90, rds 3-5 40/90, then SD/60. Clarion Hotel, 5615 N Cumberland (near Cumberland station on CTA Blue Line), Chicago. Six sections: Master, Expert, A, B, C, D/below. Larry Cohen, PO Box 6632, Villa Park 60181. 630-834-2477. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.

August 5-13, 2000, U.S. Open. St Paul MN.

☐ **August 7-11, 2000, Denker Tournament of High School Champions.** St Paul MN.

August 12, Bradley Summer Open. 4-SS, G/80. Garrett Center, 824 Duryea Pl Peoria 61625. EF \$12 by 8/10, \$15 at site. SSG 250: \$75-50, A,B,C,D/below each \$25, upset \$25. Reg 8-8:45, rds 9-12-2:45-5:30. Fred Malcome, 810 W Progress, Metamora 61548. 309-367-4833, fmalcome@bwsys.net. 1/2 pt bye rd 1,2,3 only. An ICA Tour mini-event.

August 19, 2000, Tuley Park Quick #10 (Big #4). Chicago.

August 26, 2000, Springfield Summer Open. Springfield.

September 2-4, 2000, Illinois Open. 6-SS, 40/120, then SD/60. Sheraton Arlington Park Resort Hotel (formerly Hilton), 3400 W Euclid Av. Arlington Heights 60005, 847-394-2000 or 800-344-3434. \$\$G 7500. Two sections: **OPEN:** EF \$70 by 8/18, \$85 at site. \$1500-750-400-200-100, 2200-2399 \$300, Expert \$300-200, u2000 \$300-200. Chronos clock to highest-scoring junior, donated by APCT. **RESERVE** (under-1800 or unrated): EF \$60 by 8/18, \$75 at site. \$\$1000-500-200-100, class C \$300-200-100, class D \$250-100-50, classes E/below \$150-100-50, unrated \$100-50. Clock to highest-scoring junior, donated by Helen Warren Junior Program. **BOTH:** \$30 off for under age 18, unrated, or second family member (must be sent in one envelope). No multiple discounts. Add 50 cents for first-round half-point bye. Unrated may win only top prizes in Open or unrated prizes in Reserve. Reg 8:30-9:30, rds 10:30-5, 9-3:30, 9-3:30. Hotel rates \$82-82-82-82, reserve by 8/18. Checks payable Illinois Chess Association, Box 100, Palos Heights 60463. Fred@64.com. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.

September 9, 2000, Tuley Park Quick #11. Chicago.

October 8, 2000, ICA Officers' Appreciation Mini-Tour #3. Site TBA. An ICA Tour mini-event.

October 15, 2000, ICA Board Meeting and Annual Membership Meeting. Site TBA. All ICA members are welcome to attend.

October 21, 2000, Springfield Autumn Open. Springfield.

October 27-29, 2000, Midwest Class. Lisle. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.

November 4, 2000, Normal November Mini-Tour. Normal. An ICA Tour mini-event.

November 4, 2000, Collinsville November Swiss. Collinsville.

☐ **November 10, 2000, Illinois Scholastic K-12 Game/10 Championship.** Rosemont.

☐ **Nov 11, 2000, Illinois State K-12 All-Grade Championship.** Rosemont

November 18-19, 2000, Illinois Class Championships. Chicago. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.

December 10, 2000, ICA Officers' Appreciation Mini-Tour #4. Site TBA. An ICA Tour mini-event.

☐ **December 15-17, 2000, National Scholastic K-12 Grade Championships.** Orlando FL.

February 16-18 or 17-18, 2001, U.S. Amateur Team Midwest.

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partickjf@hotmail.com

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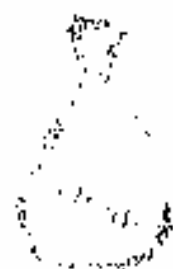
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