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## Last Supper

President Fred Gruenberg offers thanks to all with an appreciation dinner

'Tis the season!  
Dmitry Gurevich  
and Alexander Goldin  
earn State  
Champion  
title.

# ABRIDGED MINUTES

OF THE

## ICA MEMBERSHIP-BOARD-DINNER MEETING

SUNDAY; OCTOBER 15, 2000; 1:17 PM - 4:25 PM; GRECIAN CORNER RESTAURANT, WORTH, IL

By Tim Just

**President Fred Gruenberg** reported that the USCF failed to print the TLA for the ICA Class. Various volunteers will pass out flyers at upcoming events. A mailing to last year's participants is in the works. Currently the ICA cannot take credit cards; however we can accept payment via the internet service. A Web page is being constructed to accept memberships and credit cards. A retrieval letter to lapsed members and others by Dick Verber resulted in \$2,200 in memberships. Alexander Goldin now lives in Skokie. We have two GMs in Illinois. Fred ran the last Officer's appreciation event that included a lot of good chess, good food, and good fun.

**Secretary Tim Just** pointed out that a promotion allowing renewing USCF members to donate \$5 to their state organization netted \$35 worth of equipment buying power for the ICA. The ICA Board for 2001 will consist of the elected USCF Delegates and Alternate Delegates as per the recent USCF election. The ICA alternate Board members will be those candidates that did not get elected to USCF offices. Tim Just will make motions to fix the ICA Constitution to give the ICA more flexibility in selecting its own board.

**Treasurer Bill Brock** reported that the ICA has about \$15,000 in assets. By December the books should reflect about \$17,000 in assets. Fred Gruenberg pointed out that was almost the exact same amount of assets the ICA had when the current slate of ICA officers took over two years ago. Members are taking advantage of the current lower ICA dues rates still in effect until January 1, 2000-by renewing early. The ICA will have to file tax form 990 for the first time. Bill Smythe donated \$500.

The **Editor's Report** by **Roy Frye** recognized that Flores, LaBrocco, APCT, and the ICB received CJA awards and should be honored at the ICA banquet. The November ICB was on time; however, due to the late date of the ICA Board meeting, the next issue will be a little tardy.

**Helen Warren** said that St. Clement has been added to the WARREN-ICA JUNIOR CHESS PROGRAM. The program also passed along to the treasurer information requested at the last meeting. A motion by Dick Verber to praise the Warren Junior Program passed by acclamation. Helen gave a USCF report on the new TLA policy which will add significant dollars to the cost of the ads. Kevin Bachler presented an alternate to the proposed structure of the USCF ad rates. He and others from various states worked on this proposal. The ICA Board will inform the USCF Board and the USCF office of its endorsement of this alternate TLA ad rate.

**Membership Secretary Bill Smythe** reported that the ICA has about 800 members

A motion to require information about any program receiving \$500 or more from the ICA was defeated. Fred Gruenberg pointed out that only one program currently receives more than \$500 and such extra paperwork was not necessary. A second motion requiring information about any parties using the ICA name or logo was sent back to committee for rewording.

Mike Zacate indicated in his **Junior Chess Committee Report** that the committee has made a recommendation to the ICA regarding a pay a scale for instructors in the Warren/ICA Junior Chess Program. Details of a Chess Mentor program were presented. A motion to endorse the program passed. Essentially ICA Adult members can contribute funds to help purchase ICA Junior memberships. Zacate pointed out the committee's concerns about the cost of running the Denker Tournament which selects the Illinois representative at the U.S. Open Denker Tournament of Champions for high school aged players. A motion to allocate \$1500 to the committee to run ICA Junior promotions and programs for 2001 passed.

The ICA board gave **strong directives** (motions sent to the officers with power to act) to the ICA officers regarding ICA procedures and actions including: An ICA presence at Scholastic events, changing the regulations for the ICA Tour regarding TLAs, billing and collecting of ad revenue procedures for the ICB, the format of the minutes, the timing of ICA meetings, and the audit of the ICA books for the last two years.

A motion failed regarding the ICA officially objecting to the plans of the USCF to institute rating points for activity.

The meeting was adjourned and an excellent meal was had by one and all compliments of RAE Products (Fred Gruenberg).

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# President's Podium

**T**his will be my last President's page as I leave office at the end of the year and this is your last ICB until January 2001. The officers, tournament directors, club directors and volunteers that have supported and worked for the ICA for the past two years are many and extremely talented. There are a lot of individuals to thank for their efforts and it would take this whole issue to do everyone justice.

I also want to thank the chess players that support our clubs and tournaments. Without them there would be no organization. I know that your next set of officers, with Kevin Bachler as President, will get the same support and effort that you gave us. Again thank you all.

Your Illinois Chess Association is one of the strongest and most active state organizations in the federation. Just look at the TLA section in Chess Life - we constantly have more chess tournaments than any other state. Check it out.

We also have a prize winning chess publication - thanks to our editor, Roy Frye and his staff - a first class - timely - publication.

We also have a marvelous chess teaching program. The ICA Warren Junior Program, that is the envy of every state.

And Illinois is also the only state that I know of that has an annual awards banquet. All good reasons to support your ICA.

We are also fortunate to have TWO Grandmasters in Illinois. Dmitry Gurevich has been a long standing resident and now, with the help of the Illinois Chess Association, Alexander Goldin has moved here also. They make a formidable pair. Illinois is the only midwest state with

two grandmasters! Dmitry and Alexander just tied for first at the Illinois Open. So now we have two grandmasters representing Illinois as state champions. It can't get better than that!

We have also had some new exciting tournaments these past two years and the coup-de-grace will be the ICA's first All Grades Tournament November 11th-12th at the Ramada Inn in Rosemont. We hope this All Grades will be the first of an annual event. What say you Kevin??

Your ICA officers have also had a lot of fun bringing you the five Officer's Appreciation tournaments. Many of you have met us at these sites and had a lot of fun too.

The Illinois Open and the Illinois Class have been first class events in our state with prize funds totaling over twelve thousand dollars.

The ICA has also been very receptive to Bill and Brenda Goichberg - Continental Chess Association - who have brought two large prize fund tournaments to our state every year. We hope that you have played in some of these as that's what makes it all worthwhile.

There are really so many that contribute to this amazing chess organization we call the Illinois Chess Association it would be difficult to name them all. But here goes some.

A special thanks to Helen Warren who directs the ICA Warren Junior Teaching Program. Again, this program is the envy of every state. Yelana Gorlin is a product of this program and is in Seville, Spain playing in the World Under 18 Championships. Yelana also placed very well in her first US Women's Championships in Seattle - scoring four out of nine points.



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Helen also gave her time and considerable money to bring the US Masters back to Illinois and the Chicago area. Helen also represents Illinois on the Executive Board of the US Chess Federation - another tedious job.

APCT (owned by Helen and Jim) also contribute books and prizes to our major tournaments. Thanks to them for all they do!

A special WOW thanks to Richard Verber, Membership Drive Director. Richard, personally, sent out a few hundred handwritten letters to previous ICA members. The results are that the ICA has another sixty members and over two thousand dollars more in the kitty for our many programs. Many of these were two year renewals. Something to be said for 'low-tech'. Richard, as Membership Drive Director, also helped start an ICA Mentor Program. This program will seek donations for giving kids free ICA memberships. All the money collected will go to buy ICA Junior memberships. This program is already up and running with over three hundred dollars in donations already. Look for details and get involved. It looks like we'll have the ICA membership at over nine hundred by the end of the year. I believe that will be the largest total of paid members ever. Thanks Richard.

And where would we be without the efforts of Al Losoff!? Al never says no. Al does so much in front and behind the scenes it is impossible to remember it all. Al is always there to give a helping hand. Al does all the tournament advertising and mailings along with maintaining our website. And now Al and Mike Zacate are organizing the first All-Grades tournament this November 11th-12th.

Bill Brock, as treasurer, handles all the financials of the organization and the tournaments we sponsor. And thanks to Bill's investment strategies we didn't loose any of our reserves in the recent stock market crash. Our year-end financials will be strong. Bill is always at tournaments handling the entries and paying the

prizes. Bill also handles our state and federal taxes. A tedious job. We were lucky to have him.

Tim Just, as ICA Secretary, not only sends out the meeting notices, takes the minutes and fills out our state corporate forms but he is also the one who sends you your membership cards. He doesn't play the Center Counter anymore though. Oops, inside joke!

Bill Smythe, as Membership Secretary, keeps all the records for the Illinois tour events, provides labels and manages most of the tournaments at the Chicago Chess center.

Bill Naff, our Downstate VP has been very active in helping new clubs get started and supporting the chess efforts of all the downstate clubs.

Hey, let's not forget Todd Barre and Chess Phone. Call him and see what's going on in Illinois: 630-832-5222. Thanks Todd.

The ICA has almost one hundred patron members. All deserve a special "thanks". Thank you - thank you. And thanks for the almost fifty, "too many to mention" individuals that support chess in Illinois. Just check out the ICA Affiliates page in this magazine. Patron members, club directors, sponsors and contributors - there are hundreds of you. Thank you all!!

During the past two years the ICA has initiated new membership categories that has helped get more businesses involved in our programs. We have raised almost seventeen hundred dollars with these new categories. Please help us expand these memberships.

There are still some major tournaments yet to be played this year: The All Grades Tournament, November 11th-12th, The Illinois Class, the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 18th-19th and the Senior Open in December for those over fifty.

Have fun and play chess!

Eugene would be proud.

*Fred Gruenberg*

# Illinois State Championships

## *TALES from the Illinois Open* Tournament Director observations

By Tim Just

**M**embers of the TD staff at chess tournaments walk away from the event with a truckload of stories. Here are a few of my impressions from the 2000 Illinois Open.

### FROM ONE GM TO ANOTHER:

Dmitry Gurevich pointed out that Alexander Goldin's finish at the Open was a real warm welcome to the Illinois chess community. According to Dmitry the presence of another world class Illinois GM will provide the motivation for him to raise the bar on his own wood pushing skills.

### BLAST FROM THE PAST:

Adding to the holiday weekend highlights were visits and conversations with tournament MIAs Sandy Zabel and former ICB editor Marc Lonoff.

### WE MISSED YOU:

Eugene Martinovsky.

### VITAMINS AND HERBS:

Josh Flores instituted a regiment of vitamins, minerals and herbs. He finished with the only perfect score.

### QUEEN-A-MANIA:

There were seven Queens on the board in that Brock vs. Aramil game!?

### KUDOS:

The increase in size over last year's annual contest of both the site and TD staff produced a lot of player satisfaction.

### LOOKING GOOD:

His threads never looked better. His health never appeared better. He consid-

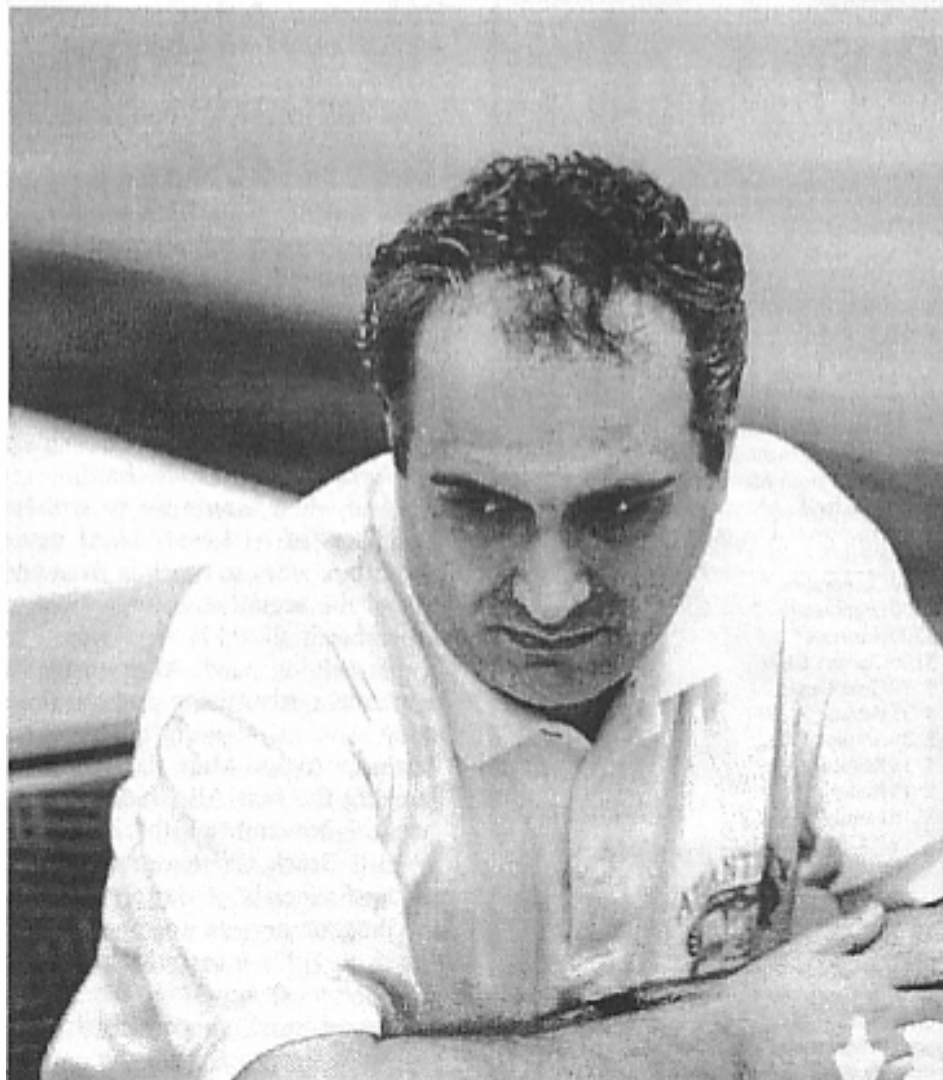
ered it a career highlight to go toe to toe for 45 moves with GM Goldin before posting a loss. He set up and took down the sets and boards for the tournament. He is Sam Ford.

### TEAM EFFORT:

ICA President Fred Gruenberg organized the event and secured the site. ICA Metro VP Al Losoff did the publicity.

organized the TD staff, and helped collect entry fees at the site. ICA Treasurer—plus a 4-2 Championship section finisher—Bill Brock was in charge of collecting entry fees, writing prize checks, and balancing the books for the tournament. Walter Brown processed the pre-entries along with helping to get round one under way. The on site directing staff consisted of Supervising TD— and ICA Secretary—Tim Just, Floor Chief Wayne Clark, and Pairings Chief Blair Machaj. When he was not essaying a game, Larry Cohen was on the TD

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Roy Frye photo

Dmitry Gurevich shares his Illinois State Champion title with Alexander Goldin



# ip coverage: Illinois Open

## *Flores produces only perfect score— takes First in Reserve*

**Josh gives a game-by-game account of his victory in the Illinois Open**

*by Josh Flores*

**W**hat was different about the 2000 Illinois Open? It was held at the same luxurious site as last year.

But that is where the similarities about ended. We had more room to play in. More money to play for. And had more competition in both the Open and the Reserve Sections. And for the first time in a long time - I was not acting as either Chief or assistant director. Instead I became a player. And I brought with me a newcomer - Isiah Pettey (3-3 tied for 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Unrated) and my study partner and friend Fabian Ramos.

I knew I was going to be playing in the event, but I was not sure which section, so I did not pre-register. When Saturday came along, I was on the second day of a very bad cold and tired from the previous day's activities. So that spurred me to join the Reserve Section. I loaded up on Ginseng, Vitamins C, D, and E, and on Iron Supplements and got ready to play. In between rounds, I went to my car and caught as much of a nap as possible. I tried to get as much sleep as possible after the games of the day were over.

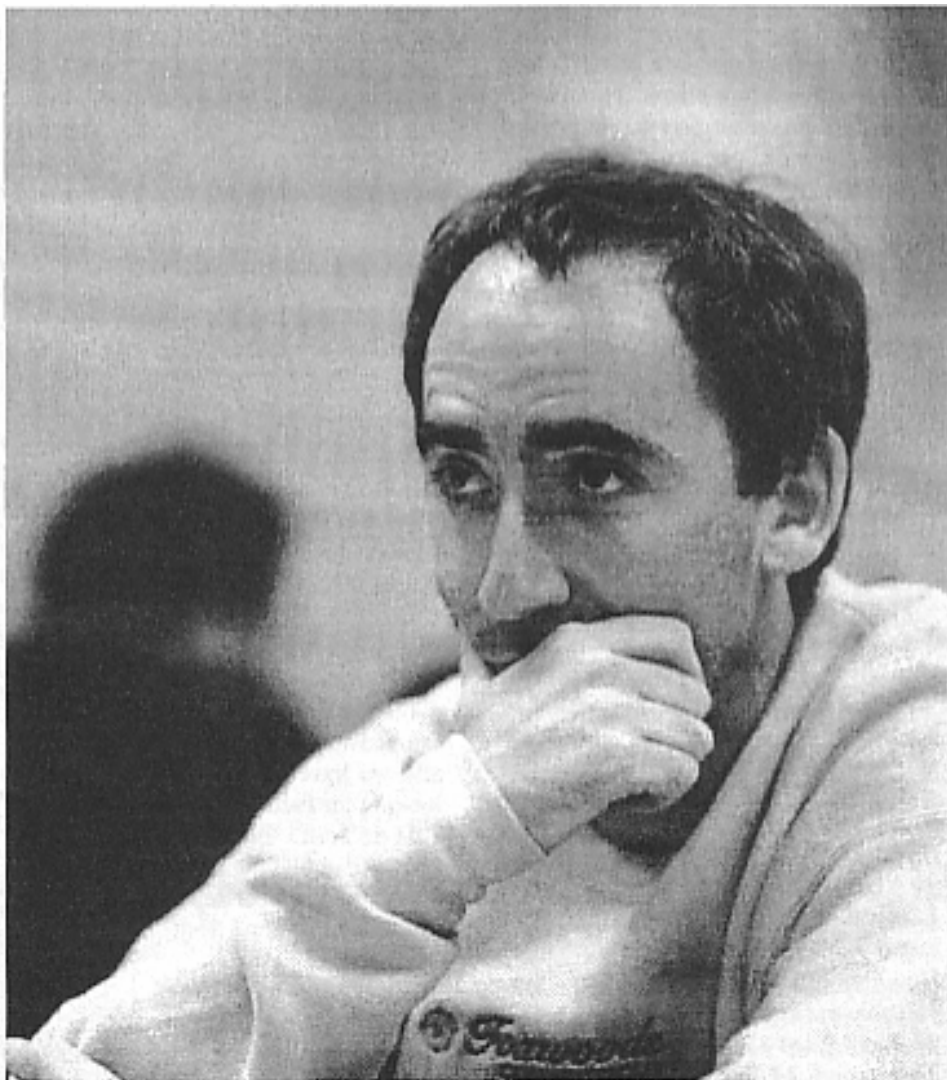
This all worked as I went undefeated and un-nicked for a perfect 6-0-0 winning the 2000 Illinois Open Reserve Championship.

Tim Just, Wayne Clark, and Blair Machaj all did a great job of directing a well run event. Kudos also to Fred Grunberg and his cast of helpers and friends who made sure that this event was the best ever.

Flores, J (1696)  
Freidel, J (1347) [A43]  
Illinois Open - Reserve Arlington Hts  
(1), 02.09.2000

This game against Jessie Freidel was fun for me, although probably not for Jessie. A word to the wise for those who will be facing him in the future.

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*Roy Frye photo*

Illinois' newest GM, Alexander Goldin ties Dmitry Gurevich for Illinois title

# ON THE COVER

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this young man has talent and strong potential as well as a supportive family. I believe all his brothers, as well as his father, play. He ended up in 36th place out of 167 with four points. Not bad. I predict that his is a name we will hear more often.

1.d4 c5

c5 is good move in most Q-pawn games for Black to play. Although it is not recommended to play it this early in the game, as White may go into a Benoni where he has not yet played e4, leaving that square available as a post for a Knight or a Bishop, which tends to be favorable for White.

2.e3

In keeping with the system I have played for many years. I hold my center pawn and also open up my queen so she may be able to challenge Black's possible Qb6 with Qb3.

2...exd4

I believe this is premature. Better would be to develop some pieces. Now White keeps the two center pawns. And the c file is now wide open for either side.

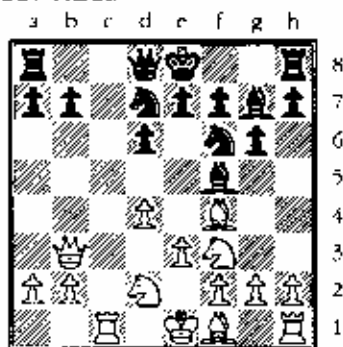
3.exd4 g6

Too passive perhaps?

4.♠f4 d6 5.♗f3 ♖g7 6.e3 ♗f6 7.♗bd2 ♠f5 8.♖c1

White gets to the e-file first.

8...♗bd7 9.♖b3



At this point I am seeing b7 as a target and also f7.

9...b6 10.♖c4 e6?

Castling is best.

11.♗xd6 ♗e4

Looks like a reasonable try. But Black failed to see that after White exchanges Knights, his Bishop no longer gives valuable protection to e6.

12.♗xe4 ♗xe4 13.♗xe6!

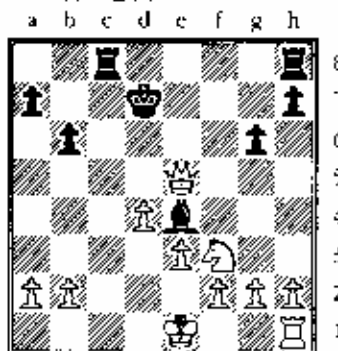
Threatening ♠f4, ♖xf7 mate. 13... ♗xe6 fails to ♗xc6+ followed by mate.

13...♖f6 14.♗xd7+

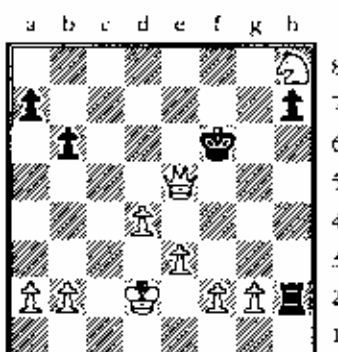
I chose this more because it was the more forcing of my choices. The rest of the game plays itself out.

14...♗xd7 15.♗e5 ♖f5 16.♖c7+ ♗d8

16... ♖e8 may have been a little better. 17.♖x7 ♖c8 18.♗c7+ ♖xc7 19. ♖xc7 ♗xc7 20.♖f7+ ♗d6 21.♖xg7 ♖ac8 22.♖e5+ ♗d7



23.♖xe4 ♖c1+ 24.♗d2 ♖xh1 25.♗e5+ ♗e7 26.♗xg6+ ♗f6 27.♗xh8 ♖xh2 28. ♖e5#



1-0

Langer, D (1441)

Flores, J (1696) [D03]

Illinois Open - Reserve Arlington Hts (2), 02.09.2000

This is the one game I feared I was going to lose. I know David is a strong player, although he suffers from the same syndrome that I do, that occasionally we have very bad results. I wasn't looking forward to playing this game.

1.d4 d5 2.♗f3 ♗f6 3.♗g5

I believe in playing moves that your opponent hardly ever sees and also moves that prevent him from achieving his opening goal easily.

3...♗bd7 4.e3 h6

Putting the question to his Bishop. If he retreats, then I have gained a move. If he takes then I have the two bishops as well as more room.

5.♗xf6 ♗f6 6.♗d3 ♗g4

This seemed right at the time. Although now, I think I would have been better just playing e6.

7.♗bd2 e6 8.h3 ♗f5

This move, Fritz 5.0 views as giving White a slight edge. But I was happy to play this move as it gave me a possible f4 break after we trade Bishops..

9.♗xf5 exf5 10.0-0 ♗d6 11.c4 0-0 12. cxd5 ♗xd5

Still eyeing f4.

13.♗c4 ♖e8 14.♗xd6 ♖xd6 15.♖e1 ♖e6 16.♖b3

Fritz likes White's game even more than before. And, quite honestly, I was starting to also. I let myself be distracted from my plan of playing f4 enough too worry about Qb7.

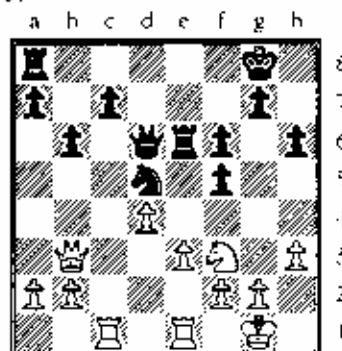
16...h6

Not good... weakens c6. Maybe ♖ae8 was better. At least it would have been in keeping with my plan.

17.♖a1

Aiming for c6

17...f6?



I let myself worry about c6 so much that I played this very bad move. Not only do I create a self pin, but I give White time to build up some more pressure. ♖f6 was best.

18.♗h4 f4

Finally! But is it any good now?

19.♗f5 ♖d7 20.e4

Here I started feeling a little bit sick. I thought for sure I was losing. I spent 20 minutes on thinking here.

20...♖ae8 21.f3

For the last four or so moves, David has found what Fritz believes to be the best moves. I am struggling.

21...♗h8

Had to break that horrible self-inflicted pin!

22.♗f2

Here is the critical moment that wins or loses the game for either side. White is threatening to eat my Knight on d5. I

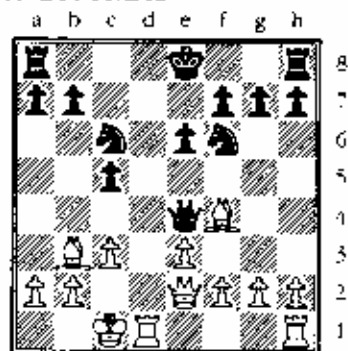


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5.0 already likes Whites game, and with Black's move, gives White a .75 point edge.

17.♟b3 ♖e4 18.♟c2



With the idea of winning the g7 pawn, if Black plays Qxg2. And if he doesn't I had dreams of trapping his Queen starting with Bc2.

18...♞d5

Best.

19.♞d6 b6?

Better would have been 0-0-0 or Rd8, conceding the pawn and trying for some counter play. This move just weakens the Queenside light squares too much.

20.h4

I am still dreaming.

21. ...Qxg2 is no good due to 22. Rdg1 trapping the Queen after 22. ... Qe4 and 23. Bc2. My threat is to play 22. Bc2. and After 22. ... Qxg2 23. Rdg1 nets the Queen.

20...♟g6 21.h5

Gaining some more time on the wayward Queen.

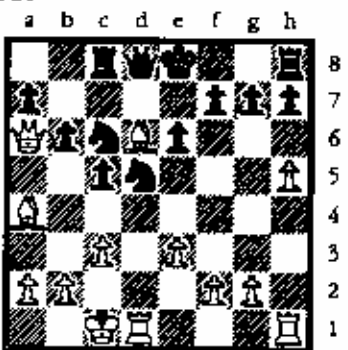
21...♟g5 22.♞a4

Now b6 shows. Too many wounds to be bound. How to stop the bleeding?

22...♞c8 23.♟a6

Another wound.

23...♟d8



Here Fritz tells me I can win with either c4 or b6. But I decided on a simpler line. To tell the truth, it was the only

line of thought I had as I was playing this. I didn't consider any other moves. Although both these moves are more my style and the move I chose isn't.

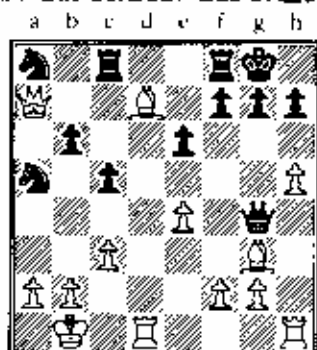
24.♞g3? 0-0 25.e4 ♟g5+

Black seems to get out of problems now. Although I still have a decisive positional advantage, it is not as easy as before.

26.♞b1 ♞c7?

Again Eugene refuses to mix it up and try for some counter-play. Instead he chases my Queen. 26. ... Nf4 or Nf6 is better

27.♟b7 ♞a5 28.♟xa7 ♞a8 29.♞d7 ♟g4



Looks like Frustration rears its ugly head again in Eugene's mind. He still should fight to keep the exchange with Rd8.

30.♞xc8 ♟xe4+ 31.♞a1 ♞xc8 32.♞d7 ♟f5

An interesting option was Qa4.

33.♞hd1 h6 34.♞d8+ ♞xd8 35. ♞xd8+ ♞h7 36.♟xa8

The rest of the game is just technique.

36...♟xh5 37.♞h8+ ♞g6 38. ♟e4+ ♞f6 39.b4 ♟d1+ 40.♟b1 ♟xb1+ 41.♞xb1 ♞c4 42.bxc5 bxc5 43.♞c2 ♞b6 44.♞d6 e4 45.♞b8 ♞d5 46.a4 e5 47.♞e8 e4 48.♞xe4 ♞b6 49.a5 ♞c8 50.♞c5 g5 51.♞e8 1-0

Ailes, T (1469)

Flores, J (1696) [C02]

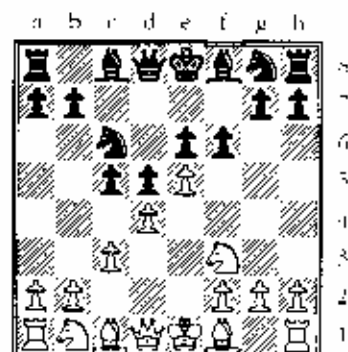
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(4), 03.09.2000

Tim is a tough competitor and has improved a lot over the years. With the help of Charles Giertz and other St. Charles Chess Club cronies, he is certainly someone to contend with, as Dennis Bourgerie and Wilfredo Gapuz found out in

earlier rounds. Both Dennis and Wilfredo are solid B players yet he took the point from both of them. Although I have played no one over 1500 in the first four rounds, I still have played four very good players. If you were only to go by ratings, you would think I had an easier time of it than I did and this is simply not true. Each of my opponents played well and their ratings are not true representations of their playing strength. Before this game started, I recalled that Tim usually plays the exchange variation of the French. This was fine by me, as I felt confident in my ability to out play him in the middle game and definitely in the endgame.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♞c6 5.♞f3 f6



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advanced variation, I decided to surprise him back with this move. This is not a very common move in this position. It is a risky move and in fact I only found 52 games in my BigBase and it shows Black losing most of them! The move usually played is Qb6.

6.♔d3 cxd4 7.cxd4

Here I have a chance to transpose into main line by Qb6. I continue with my philosophy I have had during this tournament, not to play into lines my opponent expects me to.

7...fxe5 8.♙xe5

White's d pawn is immune to capture because of 9. Qh5+

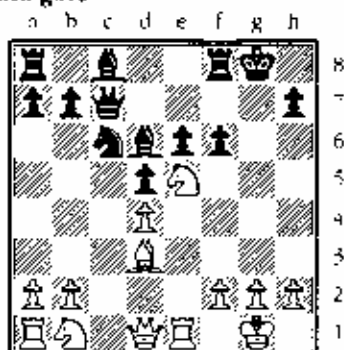
8...♙f6 9.0-0 ♔d6

Fritz 5.0 is now giving me equality in this position.

10.♞e1 0-0 11.♘g5 ♞c7

I am keeping with my plan on winning e5 so I can eventually do the e6 e5 push.

12.♙xf6 gxf6



Still according to my plan.

13.♙g4?

Better was either Nxc6 or Nf6. Now White gives me targets to work on, starting with the dancing Knight.

13...e5

My plan in fruition.

14.♙c3 ♞g7 15.h3 h5

This may be a little aggressive, but I felt it was justified, especially since h3 was played. I liked my position. Although Fritz feels it is still equal at this point. But this is tournament play and the pressure is on for both sides.

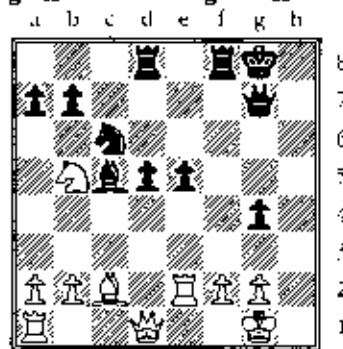
16.dxe5 fxe5

Here, Fritz tells me if White plays 17. Nc3, we are still equal. But it seems not to consider the position after 17. ... d4 but instead looking at Nd4 for Black. After playing the position out with 17. ... d4 for a few moves Fritz finally agreed that Black was better.

17.♙b5 ♙xg4

I supposed I could have retreated my King Bishop or even played it to e5 or even b4 to see what White was planning to do to save his Kingside, but I liked this move, connecting my rooks, removing an obstacle, and gaining a pawn.

18.hxg4 ♙c5 19.♞e2 hxg4 20.♙c2 ♞ad8



I am satisfied with my position. My immediate threat is g3 as well as a6 followed by Nd4.

21.g3 a6 22.♙c3 ♙d4 23.♞e3

Tim decides on giving up the exchange, but not in the way he expected me to do so.

23...♙xc2 24.♞xc2 ♙xe3 25.fxe3 ♞f3

Placing my Rook on a very important square.

26.♞g2 ♞g5

Instead of winning the pawn outright, I decided on this move. The reason I had was not to give White another line to try to get counter play with Nxd5. This move is more aggressive and safer.

27.♞e1 ♞d7

Agam my concern about Nxd5 shows. This Rook lift is essential if I am ever going to break into White's position.

28.e4

Now, I don't need to worry about Nxd5 and White has done me the favor of giving me a protected pass pawn.

28...d4 29.♙d5

A nice post for the Knight but it is too little too late.

29...♞d7

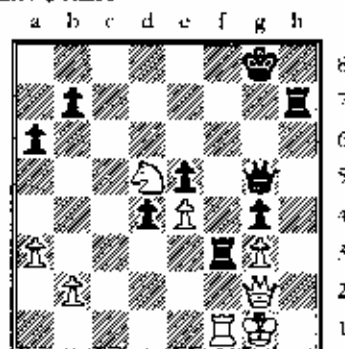
I was thinking about Rf2 here.

30.a3

Oops! Not anymore. White would take the two rooks for Queen in a heartbeat. My game, still winning, would be

harder to prove then.

30...♞h7 31.♞f1



Best, otherwise Rh3 would be the final nail.

31...♙xf1+ 32.♞xf1 ♞f7 33.♞e2 ♞f3

Retaking the post.

34.♙g2

Now the nice finish. I really like this winning idea.

34...d3 35.♞d1 ♞h6 36.♙e7+ ♙f8 37.♙f5

All of this was forced in my opinion.

37...♞h3+ 38.♙gl d2!

Tim resigned in light of

39. ... Rf1+ 40. Qxf1 Qxf1+ 41. Kxf1 d1/Q+.

Fritz liked another method to win starting with Rxf5. But a win is a win either way.

0-1

Szafran, M (1731)  
Flores, J (1696) [C06]  
Illinois Open - Reserve  
(5), 04.09.2000

On Saturday night, my friends that were riding along with me, with Salar Jahedi and Martin Szafran were figuring out how the pairings would be for Sunday morning. Salar, Martin and I, along with a fourth person - Gee Leong - had perfect 4-0 scores.

Salar Jahedi was a member of my McKinley Park Library Branch of the City of Chicago Chess Club for 2 years. This club was a sister club to Hector Hernandez' Rudy Lozano Knight Moves. It also sported members like Dusanth Redivari, Miguel Santana, Fabian Ramos as well as many others. Salar rekindled the Whitney Young H.S. Chess Club and team with information and advice he received from me. He has won several Class Tournaments and

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currently is heavily involved with the Chicago University Chess Club.

Martin is a good, if not best, friend of Salar. Both have learned something about the game from me. Although, it is their own skill, talent, and determination that has brought them their just rewards. I concluded I would be meeting Martin Sunday morning with the Black pieces. And, yes, Martin will be playing King Pawn – as he prefers, and I will play the French. Martin will choose the Tarrasch Variation – but not the f4 line – and I will have to be ready. So I did a little homework and looked at about 30 games and reviewed some of the ideas. But it probably wasn't necessary. Oh – I also decided not to play how he expected me to play... that is fast! I decided to take lots of time for my first 10 moves and then play accordingly to the position.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2

At this point, I had arrived five minutes late and had let my clock run down around 20 minutes more. Martin seemed in good spirits, so I jokingly told him I was looking at some lines where I took e4. He replied that he had also.

3...♗f6 4.e5 ♗f7 5.c3 e5 6.♗d3 ♗c6

Everything is occurring as expected, except that I have used over 40 minutes on my clock whereas Martin less than 10. Anyone who knows me, should be surprised, as it is usually the opposite way.

7.♗e2 ♖b6

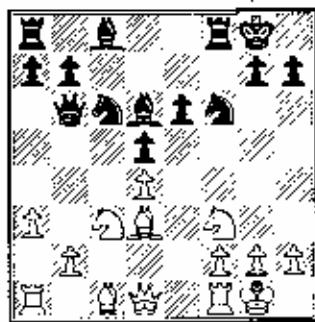
Martin seemed a little nervous that I was taking up so much time and that I was being too friendly and too jovial. At the same time, I was thinking about playing the sixth round, and it looked to me like Salar had the upper hand against Gee already. Either way, I felt I needed to be ready. So I offered Martin a draw. Even though it does go against everything I believe in, and teach. But I felt it was for the best. Martin, following my principles, if not my example, turned me down.

8.♗f3 exd4 9.exd4 f6

Now I was playing a little quicker. This move made Martin go into a long think. His time advantage of 40+ minutes went down to less than 20.

10.exf6 ♗xf6 11.0-0 ♗d6 12.a3 0-0 13. ♗c3

a b c d e f g h



This is a normal looking position in the Tarrasch French. White's d4 pawn is poison due to Bxh7+.

13...♗h8

Now the d4 pawn is tasty.

14.♗c2 h6?!

I am not too happy with this move, but I felt it was necessary to stop Bg5 which could be dangerous for me. This move also prepares a possible minority Kingside pawn attack.

15.b4?!

Seems to be wrong. It doesn't do anything for White on the Kingside. And I don't believe that there is any play on the Queenside for White as my pieces are all very agile and mobile. Better would have been Re1 or even Qd3.

15...♗d7 16.♗h4?!

Now right side of the board... but bad idea. This is easily refuted.

16...♗e7 17.♗f3?

Moving this piece again with no provocation. Also allowing me to reposition my Queen Knight for posting on the nice f5 square.

17...♗ac8

With my Knight gone from c6, this move is a no-brainer.

18.♗a4?!

I didn't expect this move. My Queen Bishop is my problem child in this opening, and here Martin gives me an excellent opportunity to get rid of it along of getting rid of one of his potentially dangerous pieces.

18...♗xa4 19.♗xa4

Now that his King Bishop is on the wrong side of the board. I can start wreaking havoc with my knights by posting them on f5 and e4.

19...♗e4

I know Martin was seriously thinking about Bd7 here as he took up a good 10 minutes. But that is answered by 20. ... Rc4 21 Bxe6 Bxh2+ and 22. ... Qxe6 with a nice position for Black.

20.♗d2

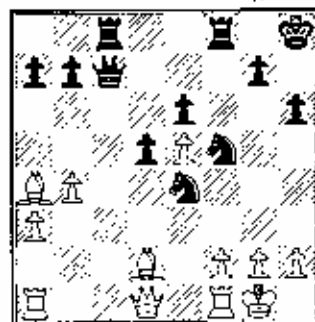
Not Bc2? Possibly afraid of Ne3.

20...♗f5 21.♗e5

I am sensing that Martin is losing the thread of the game here. He is going for one move attacks – which are always easily met. Here, not only do I meet it, but I garnish a pawn as well.

21...♗xe5 22.dxe5 ♖c7

a b c d e f g h



Obvious, simple and good. Stops Bc2 and eats up the e5 pawn.

23.♖e1

I Didn't understand this move too much. I didn't look troublesome to me, so I dismissed it and ate up my meal.

23...♖xe5 24.g4

Now it is becoming obvious. He wants to finally start a Kingside attack. But it is too late.

24...♗h4 25.f4

Reason for the Queen move.. Hits my Queen and my Knight on h4 with this move. But I have a way out.

25...♖b2

Much better than the check first.

26.♖xh4 ♖xd2 27.g5

Here I was worried... "This shouldn't work" I kept repeating to myself... it is only a 2 piece attack.. 2 piece attacks should never work. So I spent 20 minutes looking for an answer and I found it.

27...♖d4+ 28.♗h1 ♗xg5!

The point of the check! Now we see that White's attack was a desperado.

29.♗a2 ♖e4+

Mostly to protect my queen and the same time eyeing f3. Also notice that White's Bishop is still helpless on the Queen side.

30.♗g2 e5

Whenever Black can get e5 in without any bad repercussions in a French, then it usually means he is at least equal, if not winning.

31.♖g4

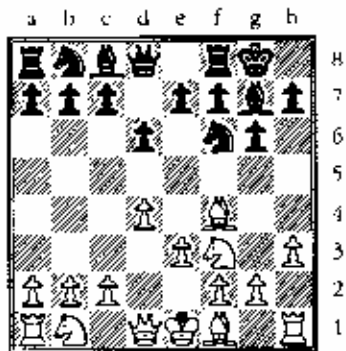
One last try for hope chess.

31...exf4 32.h4 f3  
Passed pawns are dangerous.  
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Flores, J (1696)  
Leong, G (1750) [A48]  
Illinois Open - Reserve  
(6), 04.09.2000

Martin was disheartened by his loss against me and ended up withdrawing from the event. Salar Jahedi managed to draw against Gee Leong in a very hard fought Knight vs. Bishop ending. So I knew I had to face Gee. I was very confident and my spirits were high. I had White. I had the draw advantage. I had momentum. So I played no-holds-barred chess. I have to take a moment here and reply to the many remarks I heard after the game was over. I was told time and again that I was playing for a draw. At no time during this game was I aiming for a draw. Yes, I would have forced one at some points - BUT only because I would have been down so much material that would have been the best result I could achieve. I'll let you judge for yourself. Oh, by the way, Fritz 5.0 had me as lost for a big part of the game.

1.d4 ♟f6 2.♟f3 g6 3.♟f4 ♔g7 4.h3 0-0 5.e3 d6



This is a standard position of the London against the King's Indian Defense.  
6.♟e2 b6 7.0-0 ♔b7 8.c3 ♗bd7 9.♗bd2 ♟e8

At this point I am thinking white square weakness. I begin to see f7 as the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

10.♟b3 e5 11.dxe5 ♟xe5

Knights can protect white squares. My Q-Bishop can't attack them ... so...

12.♟xe5 dxe5 13.♟ad1

Snatching an open file.

13...♟e7 14.♟h5?!

14. Bc4 is probably more accurate and

to the point. This move allows Black to bring his Rook back to f8 to support f7 with a gain of time.

14...♟ed8

Logically to challenge the d-file ... but what of f7?

15.♟c4 h6

To stop Ng5. Bh6 may have been a thought here too.

16.♗h4

Aiming for g6. Here Fritz tells me that Nd7 is a great response for Black ... As I would probably end up with two pawns for a piece with slightly better activity. But it probably won't be enough - as queens would be traded off.

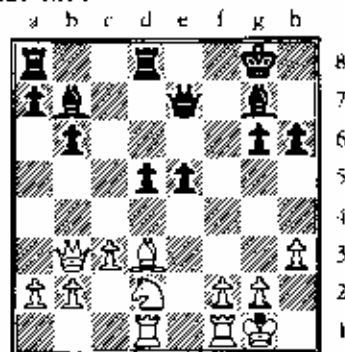
16...♗d5

Now my last move was justified. Just goes to show that many of us non-master level players have the same faults and short-sightedness.

17.♗xg6 fxg6 18.e4 c6

Here Fritz prefers I build pressure in the center and indirectly at g6 with 19 Bd3 followed by Rfe1.

19.exd5 exd5



I was happy with this position. White has a slight endgame advantage with two pawn islands against Black's three and Black's center pawns are targets. Also Black's King is a little exposed and his pawn shield is weak.

20.♟d3 ♗h7

From this point on, Fritz give Black a definite edge which keeps increasing. Although I felt quite differently while I was playing. I felt I was in total control and that everything was going accordingly to my plans. It is a wonder what faith does to a man.

21.♟de1

Why not the other rook? I was seeing f4 as a possible and very likely pawn thrust in the near future. I needed my f-rook there for that very daring plan.

21...♟f8 22.♟b1 ♟g5

Setting up the obvious d4.

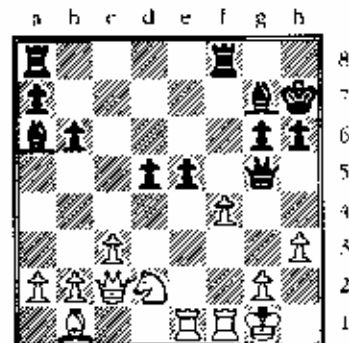
23.♟c2

Putting pressure on g6 and also preparing to meet d4 with Nc4

23...♟a6

This was a slight surprise to me. But I was in it for the full battle and had no fear of mixing it up.

24.f4!

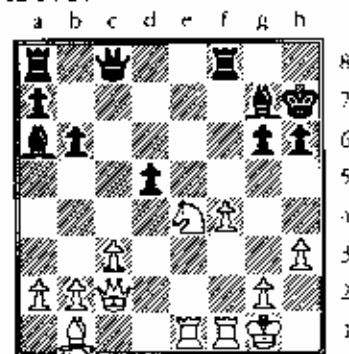


The only move I worried about here was 24. ... Qg3 after which I would play Rf2 and I would have to play Nf1 next.

24...♟f5 25.♟a4 ♟e8

Here I seemed willing to repeat moves and take a draw. But I will tell the truth, I knew my opponent couldn't accept a draw as a result, as that would take him out of the money. He had to score the full point. So I factored that into my decisions. I knew he would have to find a different move if he wanted to maintain chances of winning. If he had repeated the position a second time... I would have found another move like f5.

26.♟c2 e4 27.♗xe4?!



This was a spur of the moment sacrifice. I really didn't plan on doing this earlier. But it did get rid of Black's two dangerous center pawns and opened the e-file for my rook as well as kept my all important b1-h7 diagonal open. It seemed right at the time. Fritz gives Black a decisive advantage at this point.

27...dxe4

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# Illinois Open games

*FIDE Master Albert Chow presents instructive game analysis using games from the Illinois Open*

by Albert Chow

**H**ere are 23 fully annotated games from the Illinois Open and from Palos-Yelena Gorlin from Cohen's Central States Class. The games are arranged in sequence for your study, as the themes in the games build on each other. I am confident you will enjoy these games. Please send your games and comments to ChowMasterAl@yahoo.com or phone 773-248-4846.

**Palos,O (2450) - Gorlin,Y (2100) [C18]**  
Central States Class (2),  
[Albert Chow]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 e5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3

The main line of the Winawer variation of the French defense.

6...Qc7 7.Nf3 b6!? 8.h4!? Ba6

[Black exchanges her bad bishop while white gains space in the style of Bent Larsen, who wrote the book about winning by pushing the rook's pawn. Perhaps black should also advance on the kingside with 8...h5!?]

9.h5! Bxf1 10.Kxf1 h6 11.Rh3!

The developing rook lift to the third rank is pleasing to my eye for ideas.

11...Ne7 12.Nh4!

Inhibiting black's Nf5 outpost.

12...Nbc6 13.Rg3! Rg8

[The pressure forces black to make a concession since 13...00?? 14 Bxh6! is suicide. Another playable, but ugly, thematic defense was 13...Kf8]

14.Kg1

Osman demonstrates his ability to castle by hand the hardworking way. Yelena does not copy white's example and adheres to the orthodox and routine 14...0-0-0

[With the center closed one could try to prove the black king is a brave fighting

man with 14...Kd7!? in the style of the first world champion Wilhelm Steinitz; It may then be that this king is safe where it stands on e8 and need not move. To gain counterplay down the c-file, better was 14...Rc8!?

15.Qd3 Kb7

[Black might still hope to open the c file with c5 x d4 but is searching for the right timing. If it must be closed then now was not a bad tempo for 15...c4]

16.Rb1 Nc8?

[Soon it will be white to release the tension with d4xc5 so the more solid choice was 16...c4! 17.Qh7]

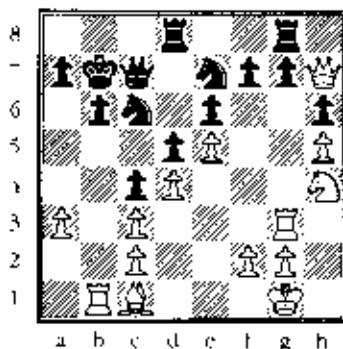
17.Nf3 e4! 18.Qh7

Threatening 19 Bxh6! but NOT the poisonous 19 Rxc7??

18...N8e7!!

The wily veteran IM Osman Palos understands he can not eat the poison pawn with 19 Rxc7?? Rh8!

19.Nh4



19...g5??

Young Yelena seems to panic, lashing out despite being unable to calculate the forcing variations correctly. [Yelena could use an ultra prophylactic waiting move in the style of Tigran Petrosian-with 19...Ka6! hoping for 20.Rxc7?? Rh8!+ trapping the white queen in shame. We should remember that the French was a favorite defense of the ninth world champion who was famous for defeating his opponents tactics before they could exist. It was also possi-

ble to counter attack in the style of another contender for the world championship, French defense super grandmaster Victor Korchnoi, with the active 19...f6! and counterplay.]

20.hxg6!

Osman knows about the winning EN-PASSANT when he see it. Could she have forgotten it?

20...Nxc6

[White also has a pawn advantage in the bank after the slight improvement 20...fxg6! 21.Qxh6 Rh8 22.Qf4]

21.Nxc6 fxg6

[Black could not be happy after 21...Rxc6 22.Rxc6 fxg6 23.Qxc6+]

22.Qxc7+ Kxc7 23.Bxh6 Rd7

White has both a pawn ahead and the more active pieces making the win a simple matter of technique for the International Master.

24.Bg5 Ne7 25.Rh3 Nf5 26.g4 Ne7 27.Kg2 Nc6 28.Rbh1 b5 29.Kf3! a5 30.Ke3! Kb6?! 31.Kd2 b4?

Again looking to attack and again losing material due to miscalculation.

32.axb4 axb4 33.cxb4 Ra7

Taking back loses a piece if 33...Nxb4? 34 Rb1! or 33...Nxd4? 34 Bc3!

34.Rb1 Kb5 35.Be3 Rga8 36.Rh6 Ra2 37.Rh7 Rb8 38.Kc3 Ra3+ 39.Kd2 Ra2 40.Kd1 c3 41.Rb3

Black resigns since she will soon lose more pawns.

1-0

**Flores,J (1700) - Friedel,J (1252)**

[A43]

Reserve.

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 c5 2.c3 cxd4 3.cxd4 g6 4.Bf4 d6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.e3 Bf5 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Rc1 Nbd7 9.Qh3 h6?

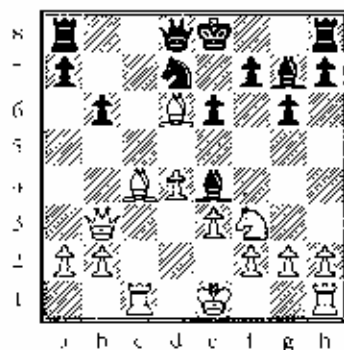
The best counter was 9...Rc8!

10.Bc4 e6??

The only way to defend f7 was for black to castle!



11.Bxd6! Nc4? 12.Nxc4 Bxe4



13.Bxc6!

Bone crunching!

13...Qf6 14.Bxd7+ Kxd7 15.Be5! Qf5  
 16.Re7+ Kd8 17.Rxf7! Qe8 18.Be7+  
 Qxe7 19.Rxe7 Kxe7 20.Qf7+ Kd6 21.  
 Qxg7 Rac8 22.Qe5+ Kd7 23.Qxe4  
 Rcl+ 24.Kd2 Rxb1 25.Ne5+ Ke6 26.  
 Nxc6+ Kf6 27.Nxb8 Rxb2 28.Qe5# 1-0

Flores,J (1700) - Gorodetskiy,E (1477)  
 [D02]

Reserve (3).

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.  
 c3 Bd6 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nd2 Bxe5

[Safe and solid was 7...0 0]

8.dxe5 Ng4 9.Nf3 Be4! 10.Ng5! Ngxc5  
 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Qd4! e5 13.Qxe4 Nc6  
 14.0-0-0 Qa5 15.Bc4 Nf6 16.Qf3 Qa4?  
 Now was a good time for black to castle  
 kingside with equality.

17.Bb3 Qe4 18.Qe2! Nd5 19.Bd6! b6  
 20.h4! Qg6 21.h5 Qg5 22.Ba4 Re8 23.  
 Qa6 Qd8 24.Bg3??

[The black king should be punished  
 while loitering in the center with the at-  
 tacking 24.e4!]

24...0-0! 25.e4 Qg5+ 26.Kb1 Ne7 27.  
 Qb7 Na5 28.Qxa7 Na8 29.Bd7 Qg4

[The exchange is also lost if 29...Rcd8  
 30.Bh4]

30.Bxc8 Qxe4+ 31.Ka1 Rxc8 32.Rd7  
 Qf5 33.Rhd1 h6 34.Rd8+ Rxd8 35.  
 Rxd8+ Kh7 36.Qxa8 Qxh5 37.Rh8+  
 Kg6 38.Qe4+ Kf6 39.b4 Qd1+ 40.Qb1  
 Qxb1+ 41.Kxb1 Ne4 42.bxc5 bxc5 43.  
 Ke2 Nb6 44.Bd6 e4 45.Rb8 Nd5 46.a4  
 e5 47.Re8 e4 48.Rxe4 Nb6 49.a5 Nc8  
 50.Bc5 g5 51.Re8

Black resigns

1-0

Flores,J (1700) - Leung,G (1750) [A48]

Reserve (6).

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.e3 0-0  
 5.h3 d6 6.c3 b6 7.Be2 Bb7 8.0-0 Nbd7  
 9.Nhd2 Re8 10.Qb3 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5

[Also equal was 11...dxe5]

12.Bxe5 dxe5 13.Rad1 Qe7 14.Bb5  
 Red8 15.Bc4 h6

[Exchanges simplify the defense after  
 15...Bd5!]

16.Nh4 Nd5

[The artificial threat to take pawn g6  
 could have been easily sidestepped with  
 16...Kf8!]

17.Nxg6! fxc6 18.e4 c6 19.exd5 cxd5  
 20.Bd3 Kh7 21.Rde1 Rf8 22.Bh1 Qg5  
 23.Qc2 Ba6 24.f4 Qf5

[Black must fight for tactical advantage  
 with 24...Qg3!]

25.Qa4 Qc8 26.Qc2 e4 27.Nxe4?

[The correct idea to keep material is 27.  
 Rf2!]

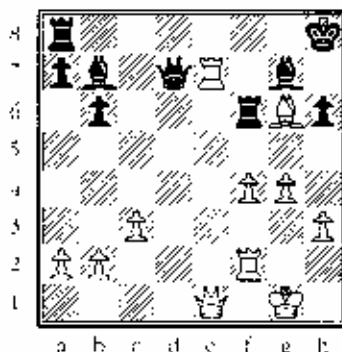
27...dxe4 28.Qxe4 Qf5 29.Qa4 Qc5+  
 30.Rf2 Be8 31.g4 Bb7 32.Re6 Qd5 33.  
 Bxg6+ Kh8 34.Qe4 Qd7

[Black could eat more with 34...Qxa2!]

35.Qe1 Rf6

[Solid was 35...Bf6]

36.Re7



36...Qd5??

[The only way to save material was the  
 accurate counter 36...Qd6!]

37.Be4! Re6 38.Bxd5 Rxe1 39.Rxe1  
 Bxd5 40.Re7!?

[With Rook and three pawns in ex-  
 change for two bishops white has a clear  
 plus The materialistic 40.a3 was good  
 but Josh is eager to gambit for big rook  
 attack.]

40...Bxa2 41.Rd2 Bf8 42.Re7 b5 43.  
 Rdd7 Be4 44.g5 hxg5 45.fxg5 Re8 46.  
 g6! Re1+ 47.Kg2 Re2- 48.Kf3 Rxb2  
 49.Rc8! Bg8 50.Rxf8 Rb3 51.Rh7# 1-0

Szalran,M (1730) - Flores,J (1700)

[C06]

Reserve (5).

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.  
 Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Qb6 8.Nf3 cxd4  
 9.cxd4 f6 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.0-0 Bd6

Josh likes black's chances in this branch  
 of the Tarrach variation vs. the French  
 defense.

12.Bc2?! 0-0 13.Nc3 Kh8 14.a3 h6?!  
 15.b4?

[Fresh development is better than weak-  
 ening pawn moves for example 15.Qd3  
 Bd7 16.Be3! and the b2 pawn is poison.]

15...Bd7 16.Nh4? Ne7 17.Nf3?

[White's tactical weaknesses are forked  
 if 17.Bc3 Qc7!]

17...Rac8 18.Na4 Bxa4 19.Bxa4 Ne4  
 20.Bd2?

[Defending d4 was solid with 20.Bb2!]

20...Nf5 21.Ne5?

[Active counter play was forced with 21.  
 Bd7! Rc7 22.Bxc6 Bxb2-! 23.Kxh2  
 Qxe6 24.Bf4!]

21...Bxe5 22.dxe5 Qc7 23.Qe1

Tactics favor Josh after [23.Bf4 Nc3! or  
 23.f4 b5!]

23...Qxe5 24.g4 Nh4 25.f4 Qb2! 26.  
 Qxh4 Qxd2 27.g5 Qd4+ 28.Kh1 Nxc5!  
 29.Ra2 Qe4+ 30.Rg2 e5 31.Qg4 exf4  
 32.h4 f3

White resigns

0-1

Gazmen,E (2000) - Gurevich,D (2635)  
 [B22]

Illinois State Championship.

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 g6!?  
 5.Be3 cxd4 6.Nf3

[Black has equal chances after 6.Qxd4  
 Nf6]

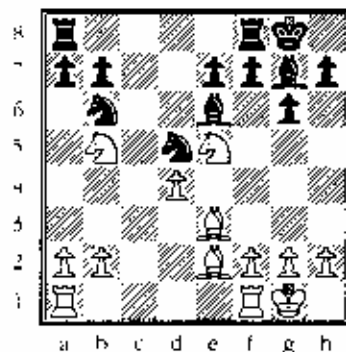
6...Nf6 7.cxd4 Bg7 8.Nc3 Qa5 9.Qb3?!

[Kingside development with 9.Bc4! 0-0  
 10.0-0 was better.]

9...0-0 10.Be2 Nbd7! 11.0-0 Nb6 12.  
 Ne5 Be6!

Gaining tempo and initiative.

13.Qb5 Qxb5 14.Nxb5 Nfd5



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15.Rfcl?

[Against the powerful technique of grandmaster Gurevich it is better to save the dark squares from capture with 15. Bd2!]

15...Nxe3! 16.fxe3 Bh6! 17.Rc7??

[White should at least try to defend solidly with 17.Kf2! Nd5 18.Nc4!]

17...Bxe3+ 18.Kf1 a6 19.Nc3

[d4 also falls after 19.Rxb7 Nd5]

19...Bxd4 20.Nf3 Bf6 21.Rxb7 Rfb8 22. Rxb8+ Rxb8 23.Rd1 Nc4

White resigns before black gains major amounts of material.

0-1

Gurevich, D (2635) - Benesa, A (2100)

[D90]

Illinois Championship (2).

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5. cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bd2 0-0 7.Rc1 e6?

[The hypermodern spirit demands counterplay vs. d4 for example 7...Nc6! 8.e3 e5! 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.Bc4 Qd6 or 8 e4 Nxc3 9 Bxc3 Bg4!]

8.e3 b6 9.Be2 Bb7 10.0-0 Nxc3?

[Better 10...Nd7!]

11.Bxc3 Nd7 12.b4! Nf6 13.Qb3 Qd6 14.Rfd1

The white minority attack vs. the backward c6 pawn prevents the thematic counter thrust ...c5.

14...Be8? 15.Ne5 Nd5 16.Nc4 Nxc3!?

17.Qxc3! [After 17.Nxd6 Nxe2 18.Kf1 Nxc1 19. Rxc1 exd6 20.Rxc6 Rd8 black gains a rook plus the bishop pair for queen and pawn.]

17...Qe6 18.Bf3 Ba6 19.Nd2 Bb5 20. Qc2 Rac8 21.a4 Ba6 22.Bxc6

The weakness falls.

22...b5 23.Qe4 Qxe4 24.Nxe4 Rb8 25. Nc5 Bc8 26.axb5 Rb6 27.Ra1 a6 28. bxa6 Rxc6 29.a7 Bb7 30.Nxb7 Ra8 31. Ne5 Rc7 32.b5 Rxa7 33.Rxa7 Rxa7 34.b6

Black Resigns

1-0

Gurevich, D (2635) - Stannov, A (2250)

[D45]

Illinois Open (4).

[Albert Chow]

1.c4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Be7

[Black might improve with the active 6... Bd6!]

7.h3 0-0 8.Be2 h6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Bb2 e5 11.Rfd1 a6?

[One cannot waste tempo on the wing moves from the opening against a GM rated 2635 without being punished. Better was 11...Rc8]

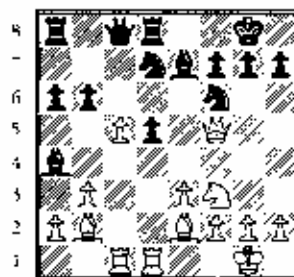
12.cxd5 exd5

[Perhaps 12...Nxd5!?

13.Qf5! Qc8?

Out of the frying pan and into the fire!

14.Rac1! Rd8 15.Na4! Bc6?! 16.dxc5! Bxa4?



a b c d e f g h

[The tactical weakness of blacks hanging center pawns is felt if 16...bxc5? 17. Bxf6! The best try was 16...b5!]

17.exb6!!

Discovered attack!

17...Bc6 18.Nd4 Nc5

[White also pins and wins material following 18...Bc5 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.b1 Qxb6 21.Bxf6 Nxf6 22.bxc5+]

19.b4 Bd7 20.Qf4 Ba4 21.Nf5! Qe6 22. bxc5

Black resigns a bit early but after 22... Bxd1 23 Bxd1 the connected passed pawns and threats over g7 only add up to more pain.

1-0

Gurevich, D (2635) - Palos, O (2435)

[D20]

Illinois Open (6).

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5. Bxc4 e6?!

[The correct move in this variation of the Queen's Gambit accepted is 5...Nb6!]

6.Nf3 b6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Nc3 Nxc3?

[If the idea of black's move 5...e6 was to maintain the d5 outpost than better was 8...Bb7!]

9.bxc3 Bb7 10.Qc2 Nd7 11.Rd1 Nf8?

[An negative development compared to the natural 11...0-0!]

12.Bb5+ e6 13.Bd3 Ng6 14.a4 Qc7?!

15.a5 Rb8 16.Be3 0-0 17.h4! e5

[Black drops a piece after 17...Nxb4 18. Nxb4 Bxb4 19.Qh5 or 17...Bxb4 18 Bxg6]

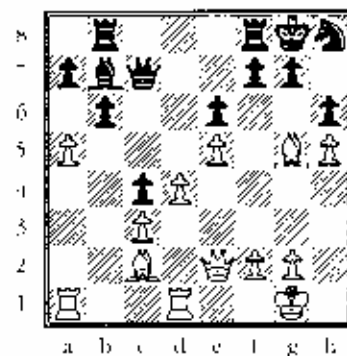
18.h5 e4 19.Bc2 Nh8

Punishment for retreating to the rim on move eleven. The dark horse is pushed into the penalty box.

20.Ng5 Bxg5

[Not 20...h6?? 21.Bh7#]

21.Bxg5 h6??



a b c d e f g h

22.Bxb6! f5

[It is easy to see 22...gxh6 23.Qg4+ Ng6 24.hxg6 is no fun to defend.]

23.exf6! Rxf6 24.Bg5 Qc6 25.d5! exd5

26.Bxf6 Qxf6 27.axb6 axb6 28.Ra7

Bc6 29.Re7 Rc8 30.Re6 Qf8 31.h6

Black Resigns

1-0

Goldin, A (2675) - Gurevich, D (2635)

[A50]

Illinois Open (5).

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 a6!? 3.Nc3 e5!

An important new contribution to opening theory! Dmitry has invented and is testing a new opening on move two!! The Gurevich Benoni !?

4.d5 b5 5.Qc2

[Winning a pawn with 5.exb5! axb5 6. Nxb5 Ba6 7.Nc3 d6 Transposes to the main line of the Benko gambit accepted and could be white's best chance for some tangible advantage.]

5...h4 6.Nd1 g6 7.e4 d6 8.f4 Bg7 9.Nf2

0-0 10.Nf3 e6 11.Bd3 cxd5 12.cxd5

Nbd7 13.0-0 Nb6 14.a3 a5 15.axb4

axb4 16.Rxa8 Nxa8 17.h3 Qb6 18.Be3

Re8

Draw Agreed in an equal and unclear position.

½-½

Goldin, A (2675) - Bachler, K (2220)

[E69]

Ill. Open (3).

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.e4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.Nf3 0-0

The Catalan vs. King's Indian defense.

6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5 8.e4 c6 9.h3 Qb6 10.e5!

A sharp gambit is risky but more ambitious than the many alternatives such as 10.dxe5, 10.d5, 10.Re1, 10.Rb1, or 10.b3.

10...dxe5 11.dxe5 Ne8 12.e6!

The gambit.

12...fxe6 13.Ng5 Ne5 14.f4 Nf7

[Also interesting is 14...c4+ 15.Kh2 Nd3 16.e5 with more complications.]

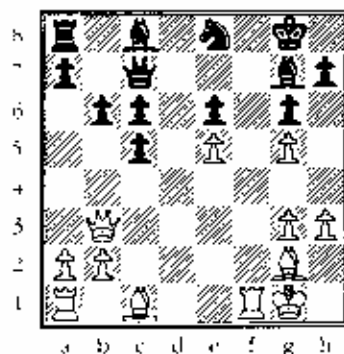
15.Nxf7 Rxf7?!

[After the more active 15...Bd4+! 16.Kh2 Rxf7 17.e5! white has strong compensation for black's extra doubled pawn.]

16.e5! Qc7 17.Ne4 b6 18.Ng5 Rf5?!

[Was 18...Re7 passive or playable?]

19.Qb3 Rxf5! 20.fxg5



20...Qxe5??

A tactical blunder. [It would have been interesting if Kevin followed up the exchange sac by 20...Bxe5! for example 21.Qf3? Qe7 22.Qxc6 Rb8 is at least playable.]

21.Bxc6 Rb8 22.Bf4 Qd4+ 23.Kh2 c4 24.Qf3

Black Resigns

1-0

Galiot,G (2275) - Goldin,A (2675)

[E29]

Illinois Open (4),

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.e4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 e5 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 Nc6

The doubled e-pawns and blocked center lines enhance the knight's abilities over bishops in the Nimzo Indian defense.

8.Nf3?!

[Instead of transposing to the Heubner variation a tempo down, theory of the

Saemisch variation gives 8.Nc2 as better not blocking the advance of white's f pawn.]

8...d6 9.e4 e5 10.d5 Ne7 11.0-0 h6 12.Ne1 Ne8 13.f4 exf4 14.Bxf4 Ng6! 15.Bg3 Nf6! 16.h3 Qe7! 17.Nf3 Nd7!

All aiming at e5 outpost.

18.Ra2 Nde5! 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Raf2 Bd7

The black pieces take up their ideal posts with long term pressure on white's structural weaknesses.

21.Qd2 f6 22.Be2 Nf7 23.Qf4 a6! 24.Rb1 b5!

Dynamic improvement!

25.Qe3 Rfb8 26.Rff1 bxc4 27.Bxc4 Bb5!

Say goodbye to the bishop pair.

28.Qc2 Ng5! 29.Rfe1 Bxc4! 30.Rxb8+

[White loses control of the b file rather than lose e4 after 30.Qxc4 Rxb1! 31.Rxb1 Qxc4]

30...Rxb8 31.Qxc4 Rb6! 32.Qa4 Nf7 33.Qa5 Qb7

Doubling up on the only open file.

34.Qa4 Kf8!

preventing any 35.Qe8 counterplay.

35.Kh2 Rb3 36.Qa5?

[White should avoid the trade of queens with 36.c4!]

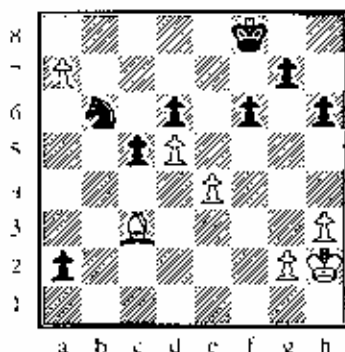
36...Qb6! 37.Qa4 Qb5! 38.Qxb5 axb5

White has been forced into an inferior endgame.

39.Ra1 Rxc3 40.a4

[Black is also better if 40.Rb1 Rxa3 41.Rxb5 Ra7]

40...b4! 41.a5 Ra3! 42.Rxa3 bxa3 43.Be1! Ne5 44.a6 a2 45.Be3 Nc4 46.a7 Nb6



47.Kg3 Ke7 48.Kf4 g6! 49.g4 Kd7?! 50.Ke3 Ke8 51.Kd3 Kb7 52.Bxf6 Kxa7 53.Kc2 Nc4

And black won the sudden death time scramble.

0-1

Young,A (2435) - Galiot,G (2300)

[E97]

Ill. Open (3),

[A.C.]

1.d4 Nf6 2.e4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0-0 Ne6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 a5 10.bxa5 Rxa5 11.Nd2 Nd7 12.Nb3 Ra8 13.Be3 f5 14.f3 f4 15.Bf2 Rf6!? 16.a4 g5 17.Qc2 Rg6 18.e5 g4!? 19.fxg4 Nxc5 20.Nxc5 dxc5 21.h3!?

[The sharp alternative 21.Bxc5 Bxg4 opens lines for both players.]

21...b6 22.a5 Bd7 23.Bc4 Kh8 24.axb6 cxb6 25.Bh4 Bf6 26.Bxf6+ Rxf6 27.Qb2 Rxa1 28.Qxa1 Ng6 29.Bb5 Bxb5 30.Nxb5 f3!? 31.g3

[White could eat the gambit pawn with 31.gxf3 or 31.Rxf3]

31...e4 32.Qc3 Qc8 33.Qe3 Qd7

The scoresheet gives no more moves but reads black won, perhaps on time. 0-1

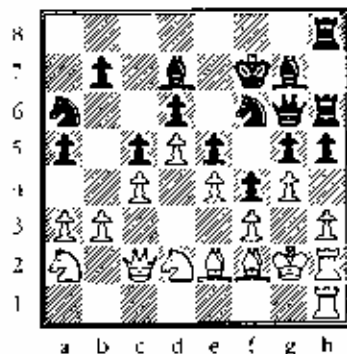
Brock,B (2100) - Aramil,W (1900)

[E92]

Illinois Open (5),

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.e4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Bg5 Na6 9.Nd2 Ne5 10.h3 c6 11.b3 Qc7 12.0-0 Ne8 13.g4 f5 14.f3 f4 15.Bh4 h5 16.Bf2 Na6 17.Kg2 g5 18.Rh1 Rf6 19.a3 e5 20.Rh2 Rh6 21.Qc2 Qf7 22.Rah1 Bd7 23.Rb1 Nf6 24.Qd1 Qg6 25.Qc2 Kf7 26.Na2 Rah8 27.Rbh1



27...h4 28.h4 Rxf2+ 29.Rxf2 Rxf2+ 30.Kxh2 Qh7+ 31.Kg2 Qh8 32.Qh1 Qd8 33.Nc1 Qb8 34.Nd3 b5?

[By maintaining the blockade pawn wall defence with 34...Bf8! the chances would remain even.]

35.exb5 Bxb5 36.Nc1!

Now white is able to exchange away his worst weakness, the bad light squared

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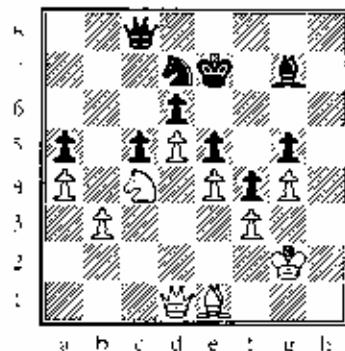
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bishop that has sat on e2 without moving the whole game.

36...Bxe2 37.Nxe2 Ke7 38.Nc3 Nc7 39. Nc4 Nb5 40.Nxb5 Qxb5 41.a4! Qa6 42. Be1

A sad fate for the isolated a pawn.

42...Qc8 43.Qd1 Nd7



44.Nxa5

[Also 44.Bxa5 should win easy.]

44...Nb6 45.Qd3 Qa8 46.Qb5 Nd7 47. Qb7?!

[The obvious 47.Nc6-! followed by 48 a5, 49 a6, and 50 Qb7 would promote the passer, win material and force black's resignation. Instead Brock uses the slow torture method.]

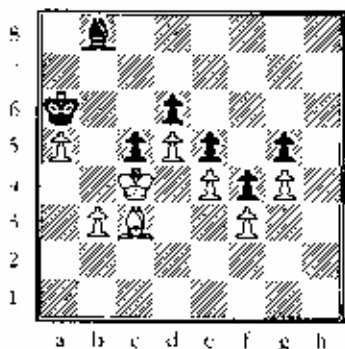
47...Qxb7 48.Nxb7 Nb8 49.Kf2?!

[Much stronger was 49.b4! Na6 50.b5!]

49...Kd7 50.Ke2 Bf6 51.Na5 Bd8 52. Nc4 Bc7 53.Kd3 Na6 54.Na3 Bb8 55. Kc4 Kc8 56.Nb5 Kd7 57.Nc3 Nb4 58. Ne2 Nc2 59.Bf2 Kc7 60.Kc3 Nb4 61. Nc1 Ba7 62.Be1 Bb6 63.Nd3 Nxd3 64. Kxd3 Kb7

White's bishop has good chances to attack all black's chained pawns while black's bishop is bad at passive defense.

65.Kc4 Ka6 66.Bd2 Bc7 67.Bc1 Bb6 68.Ba3 Ba7 69.Bb2 Kb6 70.Bc3 Bb8 71.a5+ Ka6



72.Bxe5!?

Break on through to the other side!

72...dxe5 73.Kxe5 Kxa5 74.d6 Ba7+

75.Kc6 Bb6 76.b4+ Ka6 77.Kd5 Kb5

78.Kxe5 Kc4 79.Kf5 Kd4 80.h5 Bd8

81.Ke6 Ke3 82.Kd7 Kxf3

[Moving the bishop also loses the race to crown a new queen 82...Ba5 83.e5 Kxf3 84.e6 Kxg4 85.e7 f3 86.e8Q]

83.Kxd8 Kxg4

[White also scores first after 83...Kxe4 84.h6 f3 85.b7 f2 86.b8Q f1Q 87.Qb7-!]

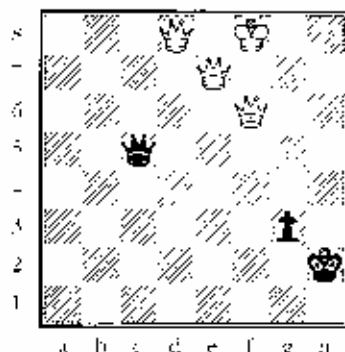
84.b6 f3 85.b7 f2 86.b8Q f1Q 87.Qc8+ Kh5 88.Qf5 Qa6

[White has the winning skewer tactic after 88...Qxf5 89.exf5 g1 90.f6! g3 for 90...Kg6 91.Kc7 g3 92.f7 g2 93.f8Q g1Q 94.Qg8-! 91.f7 g2 92.f8Q g1Q 93. Qh8+ and 94.Qg8+!]

89.e5 Qa8+ 90.Kc7 Qb7+ 91.d7 Qh4+ 92.Ke8 Qb5 93.Qf7+ Kh4 94.Qf2+ Kh3 95.Qe3+ Kh4 96.e6 g4 97.Qh6+ Kg3 98.e7 Kg2 99.Qf6 Qh5+?

[Better was 99...g3!]

100.Kf8 g3 101.d8Q Kh2 102.e8Q Qc5+ 103.Qee7

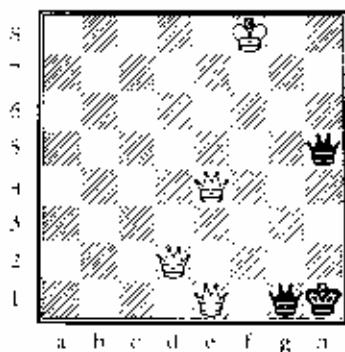


103...Qh5 104.Qd2+ g2 105.Qff4+ Kh1 106.Qee1+ g1Q

Five promoted queens, seven in the game all total.

107.Qf4+

Black resigns



1-0

Innumerable,F (2100) - Karklins,A (2375) [E00]

Illinois Open (2).

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.e4 e6 3.a3? d5 4.Nc3 dxe4

Transposing to a favorable type of Queen's Gambit accepted

5.e3 a6 6.Bxc4 e5 7.Nf3 b5 8.Be2 Bb7

9.0-0 Nbd7 10.b3 Bd6 11.Bb2 Re8 12.

Re1 Bb8 13.dxc5 Rxc5 14.Nd4 0-0 15.

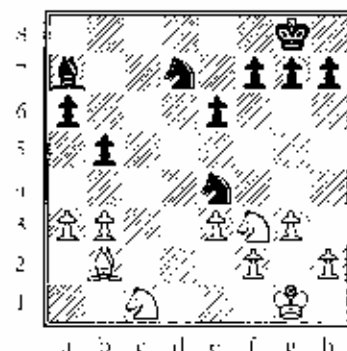
g3 Ba7 16.Bf3 Qa8! 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.

Qf3 Qxf3! 19.Nxf3 Rf6!

The lower rated player often has no plan other than to exchange all the heavy pieces and hope for a draw.

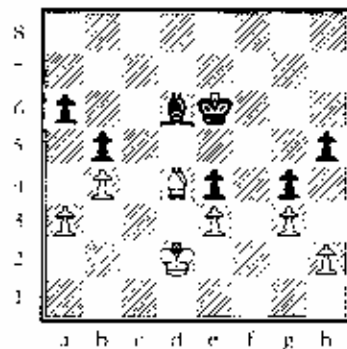
20.Ne2 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 22.Nxc1 Ne4

Strong-willed players like Mr. Karklins enjoy showing how creative imagination plus superior fighting spirit are an even greater psychological advantage in the endgame.



23.Nd3 Bc5 24.Kf1 f6! 25.Ke2 e5! 26. Nd2 Nxd2 27.Kxd2 e4! 28.Ne1 Kf7 29. f3 exf3 30.Nxf3 Bd6 31.Kc2 h5 32.Kd1 Nc5 33.Kc2 g5 34.Nd2 f5 35.b4 Ne4! 36.Nxe4 fxe4 37.Kd2 Ke6 38.Bd4 g4!

Andrew has created the winning advantage he wanted. Black's good bishop is able to target all white's weak pawns fixed on dark squares. But white's bad bishop can only try to defend without positive chances.



39.Ke2 Kd5 40.Kd2 Kc4 41.Kc2 Be7

42.Be5 Bd8 43.Bc3 Bc7 44.Bd4 a5 45.

bxa5 Bxa5 46.Ba7 Be7 47.Bd4 Bd6 48.

Bb2 Be7 49.Bc1 Be5

A perfect Zugzwang!

50.Kb2 Kd3 51.Kb3 Bxc3 52.Bxc3

**Kxe3 53.Kb4 Kd3 54.Kxb5 e3 55.a4 e2 56.a5 e1Q**  
White resigns  
0-1

**Chow,A (2300) - Riddell,J (2100)**  
[A90]  
Illinois Open (5).  
[Albert Chow]

**1.d4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.c4 d5**  
The Stonewall variation of the Dutch defense  
**5.Nh3!? e6 6.0-0 Bd6 7.Bf4 0-0 8.Nd2 Bxf4**

[Josh did not want to waste tempo by retreat with 8...Be7 in order to avoid exchanging dark squared bishops.]  
**9.Nxf4 Qe8?!**  
[A better development off the back rank was 9...Qe7 ]  
**10.Nf3 dxc4?!**

Opening a weak link in the great wall and transposing to an inferior type of Queen's Gambit accepted. Correct was the thematic 10...Nc4 11 Qc2 Nd7

**11.Ne5 Nd5**  
[Black could further weaken his structure with pawn thrusts such as 11...b5 12.a4! or 11...g5 12 Nb3]

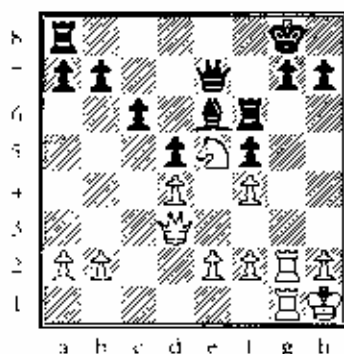
**12.Nxc4 Nxf4 13.gxf4**  
The doubled f-pawns only add to white's strategic progress.

**13...Qe7 14.Qd3 Nd7 15.Ne5 Nf6?!**  
[After 15...Nxe5 16.fxe5 Bd7 white has the better bishop.]

**16.Kh1! Nd5 17.Bxd5!**  
Forget the fianchetto!

**17...exd5**  
The good knight stands tall over the e5 outpost.

**18.Rg1! Rf6 19.Rg2 Be6 20.Rag1**  
Double trouble.



**20...g6 21.h4! Kg7 22.h5**  
Tear down the wall!  
**22...Rh8 23.Rh2! Qe8 24.Qh3 Bf7 25.Qh4! Re6 26.Qg5**

[The more energetic 26.hxg6! Bxg6 27.Qh6+ Kg8 28.Nxg6 Rxg6 29.Rxg6! Qxg6 30.Rg2! would have forced black to resign.]

**26...Qe7 27.Qxf5 Qf6 28.Qg4 h6? 29.hxg6 Be8 30.f5 Rd6 31.Qf4 Qe7 32.Rg3 Rf6 33.Rgh3**

Black resigns before another brick bites the dust.  
1-0

**Santana,M (2000) - Chow,A (2300)**  
[A34]  
Illinois Open (6).  
[Albert Chow]

**1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 d5 4.exd5 Nxd5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Nc7! 7.d3 e5 8.0-0 Be7**

Black has already established the Morozcy Bind strong point pawn structure over the central d4 square.

**9.Be3 0-0 10.Nd2 Bd7! 11.Nc4 f6! 12.a4! b6 13.f4 exf4! 14.Bxf4**

[Playable but unclear is 14.gxf4 ]  
**14...Nc6 15.Bd5 Kh8 16.e4 Ned4**



[Also unclear was 16...Nxf4 17.gxf4 Rc8]

**17.Nd6?? g5! 18.Nf7+**

[No better was 18 Nb7 Qe8 19.Nd6 Qg6]

**18...Rxf7 19.Bxf7 gxf4 20.Rxf4 Qf8 21.Be4 Bd6**

Bishop plus knight take initiative over rook and pawn in this middlegame.

**22.Rf2 Qg7 23.Nd5 Rf8 24.Ne3 Ne5 25.Qf1 Qh6 26.Re1 Bh3! 27.Ng2 Ng4! 28.Rf5 Nxf5 29.exf5 Be5**

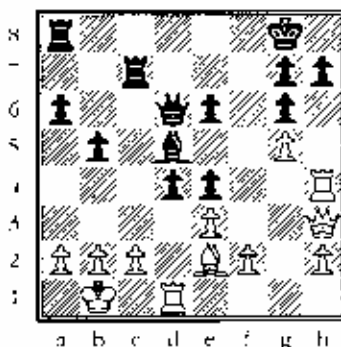
White resigns  
0-1

**Maksimovic,D (2300) - Gorlin,A (1950) [D02]**  
(2).  
[Albert Chow]

**1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 d5 4.e3 Bd6 5.**

**Ne5 0-0 6.Bd3 b6 7.Nd2 Bb7 8.Qf3**  
Solid but boring was 8 0-0.  
**8...Nbd7 9.Qh3 Re8 10.0-0-0! a6**  
Opposite wing castling exposes both kings to dangerous attacks on the razors edge requiring strong nerves, imagination and accurate calculation often leading to time pressure.

**11.Ndf3 Nf8 12.Ng5 Re7 13.g4 Ne4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Be2 b5 16.g5 Ng6 17.Rhg1 Bd5 18.Kb1 c5 19.Nxg6 fxc6! 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.Rg4 cxd4 22.Rh4 Re7!**



**23.cxd4?**  
[Better was 23.Rxd4! ; but not 23.Rxb7? d3! 24.cxd3 Qc6!]

**23...Qb4! 24.a3**  
[24.Rxb7! Bxa2+! 25.Kxa2 Qa4+ 26.Kb1 Qxc2+ 27.Ka2 Qa4+ 28.Kb1 Qc2+ is a draw by perpetual check.]

**24...Qa4 25.Re1?**  
[Better was 25.Rd2! Rac8! 26.Rxh7 Rxc2 27.Rh8- Kf7 28.Rxc8 Rxc8]

**25...b4! 26.c4 bxc3! 27.Rxc3 Rac8!**  
White resigns unable to stop black's now crushing attack.  
0-1

**Maximovic,D (2315) - Satterlee,R (1975) [D02]**  
Ill. Open (4).  
[Albert Chow]

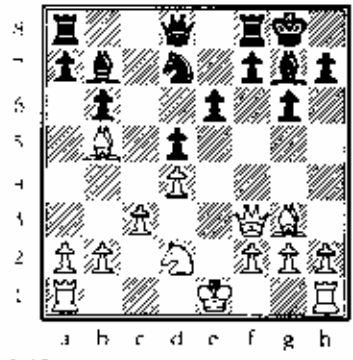
**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 h6 3.Bf4 Bb7 4.c3 d5 5.Nbd2 e6 6.Bd3 Be7 7.Ne5 0-0 8.Qf3 Nbd7 9.Qh3 g6 10.Qf3?!**  
Losing tempo just moving sideways  
**10...c5 11.c3 cxd4 12.exd4 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Nd7 14.Bg3 Bf6 15.Bb5 Bg7**

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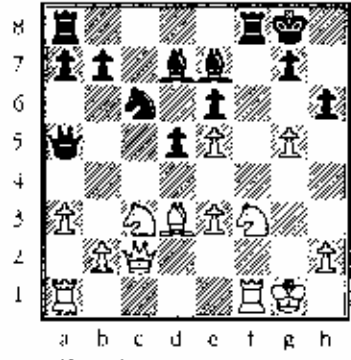


**16.h4?**  
[Correct was the simple and solid 16.0-0!]  
**16...e5!**  
The traditional response meeting white's flank thrust with central counterplay against the uncastled king.  
**17.Bxd7 Qxd7 18.Bxe5**  
[Also 18.dxe5 d4! is awkward for white.]  
**18...Bxe5 19.dxe5 d4!**  
[Better than 19...Rac8]  
**20.Ne4??**  
[Better was 20.Qg3!]  
**20...f5!**  
White loses a piece and so resigned. If 21.exf6 Bxe4 22.Qxe4 Rae8 pinning, 0-1

**Stamnov,A - Aaron,M [C02]**  
Illinois Open (6).  
[Albert Chow]

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Be3 exd4 6.cxd4 Qb6 7.Qd2 Nh6!? 8.Nf3**  
[Tempting looks 8.Bxh6!? gxh6 9.Nf3]  
**8...Nf5 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Bd3 Qa5**  
[Very natural was 10...Nxe3 11.fxe3

**Bd7]**  
**11.g4?**  
Now the white kingside castling pawn structure is badly over extended. [More to the point was 11.Bxf5!? exf5 12.0-0! Be6 unclear.; Best is the tried and true 11.0-0!]  
**11...Nxe3 12.fxe3 Bd7 13.0-0 f6 14.a3?**  
[Weak, doubled, isolated e pawns should be avoided with 14.exf6!]  
**14...fxe5 15.dxe5 0-0 16.Qc2 h6 17.g5?**

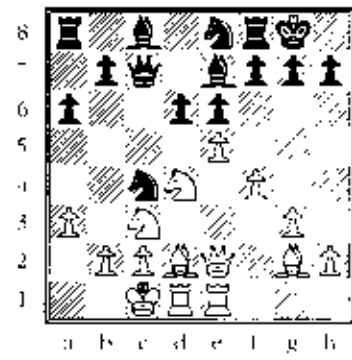


**17...Rxf3!! 18.Rxf3 Nxe5 19.Bh7+ Kh8 20.Rg3 Bxg5 21.Rf1 Qc5 22.Qb1 Rf8**  
[Black could take the free e pawn with check 22...Bxe3+!]  
**23.Rxf8+ Qxf8 24.Bc2 Bh4 25.Rg2 Qf3**  
[Also winning was 25...Nf3-! 26.Kh1 Ne1!]  
**26.Nd1 Bb5 27.Nf2 Qxe3 28.Qd1 Nf3+ 29.Kh1 Bxf2**  
White resigns  
0-1

**Karklins,A (2375) - Palos,O (2435)**  
[B43]  
Illinois Open (5).  
[Albert Chow]

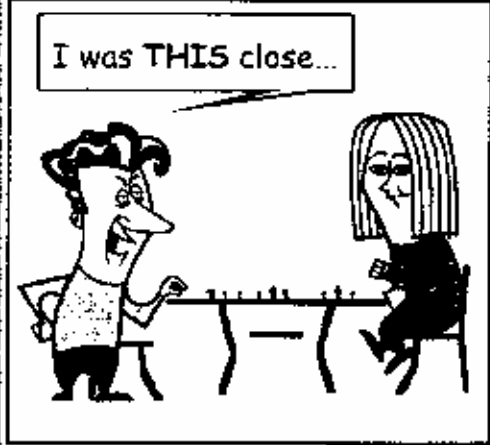
**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.g3 Bb4 7.Bd2 Qe5!? 8.Nf3**

**Qc7 9.a3 Be7 10.Bg2 d6 11.Qe2 Nd7**  
[Also good was 11...Nc6 ]  
**12.0-0-0 Ngf6 13.Nd4! 0-0 14.f4 Nb6 15.e5 Ne8 16.Rhe1 Nc4**



**17.Nf5! Nxd2**  
[White gains initiative after 17.exf5? 18.Nd5! however most interesting was 17...Bd8!]  
**18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Qxd2 dxe5 20.fxe5 Rb8 21.Qd8 Qc7 22.Ne4 Qxd8 23.Rxd8 Nc7 24.Red1 Nd5 25.Rxf8+ Kxf8 26.Rd3 b5 27.Nc5 Ke7**  
We see Andrew Karklins again enjoys pushing for advantage in the endgame.  
**28.Bxd5 exd5 29.Rxd5 Rb6 30.b4 Rh6 31.h4 Rg6 32.Rd3 Rg4 33.Kd2 b5 34.c3 g5!**  
Counterplay!  
**35.hxg5 Rxg5 36.Re3 Rg4 37.Rf3 Rg5 38.Re3 Rg4 39.Kc2 Rg5 40.Kb3 Be6-! 41.Kb2 Be4!**  
Active development is more fun than the passive 41...Bc8  
**42.Nxa6 Rf5! 43.Nc5 Rf2+ 44.Kc1 Rf1+ 45.Kd2 Rf2+ 46.Kd1 Ra2! 47.Ne4 Rxa3 48.Nd6 Ke6! 49.Nxc4 hxc4 50.Ke2 Rh3 51.Kf3 Kf5**  
The veteran international master demonstrates instructive defensive technique a pawn down.

## Grandmaster Luigi by Roy Frye



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52.Kg2 Rh2+ 53.Kh3 Rc2 54.b5 Rb2  
55.Rf3+ Kxe5 56.Rxf7 Rxb5 57.Rf4  
Kd5

Draw agreed  
½-½

Karklins,A (2375) - Nyguen,T (2150)

[B07]  
Illinois Open (3).  
[Albert Chow]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 The Pirc defense

4.h3 c6 5.a4 Qc7 6.Nf3 e5 7.b3!?

[More natural seems 7.Bc4 or 7.Bc3 but Andrew has his own original and creative ideas.]

7...exd4 8.Qxd4 Bg7

White's queen will soon have to retreat so maybe better was 8.Nxd4.

9.Bb2 0-0 10.0-0-0 Ne8 11.Qd2 Qa5

12.Nb1 Qxd2+ 13.Nbxd2 Be6 14.Ba3 c5! 15.Bb2 Nf6! 16.Bd3 Nc6 17.Rhe1 d5

With active moves it is already obvious black has few problems.

18.exd5 Bxd5 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4

Bxe4 21.Rxe4 Rad8 22.Rde1 Rd7 23.

Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Ne5 Nxe5 25.Rxe5 Rc8

26.Re7 Rec7 27.Rxd7 Rxd7 28.Re8 b6

29.Re8

[More accurate was 29.a5! since 29... bxa5? 30.Rc8 helps white.]

29...Kf6! 30.a5 Ke5! 31.axb6 axb6 32.

Rc6 Rd6

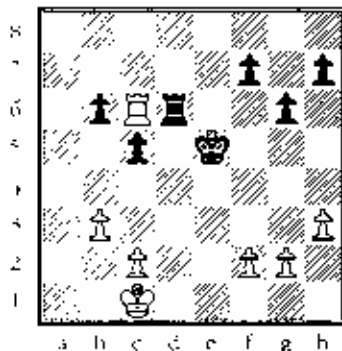
When our opponent plays well we

should accept what is objectively the

correct result. But being the higher rated

can blind the ego to the truth in the greed

for more.



33.Rc7?

[33.Rxd6 Kxd6 34.Kd2 Is a drawn pawn ending.]

33...Rf6! 34.f3 Kf4! 35.Rd7 Kg3

Reality can be a hard pill to swallow but now white's weak kingside pawns and inactive king are very ill.

36.Rd2 Re6 37.Kb2 f5 38.Kc3 b5 39.  
Rd5 Rc6 40.Rd2 Re6 41.Rd5 Kxg2!  
42.Rxc5 Kxf3 43.Rxb5 f4 44.Rg5 Ke2  
45.b4 f3 46.b5 f2 47.Rg2 Re4 48.Kb3  
Kf3 49.Rxf2+ Kxf2 50.c4 Ke3 51.Kc3  
Re5 52.b6 Ke4 53.h4 h6 54.Kb4 Kd4  
55.b7 Re1!

White resigns  
0-1

Gorlin,A (2100) - Szpisjak,S (2225)

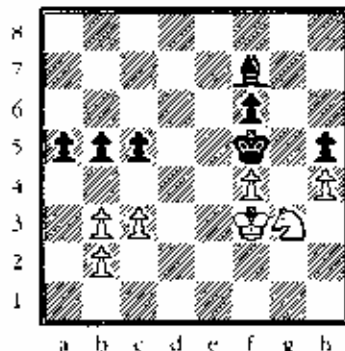
[C46]  
Illinois Open (5).  
[Albert Chow]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bc4 Bg7  
5.d3 Na5 6.Bb3 Ne7 7.Bg5 f6 8.Be3  
Nxb3 9.axb3 0-0 10.Qd2 Rf7 11.0-0  
d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.h3 b6 14.d4 Nxe3  
15.Qxe3 exd4 16.Qxd4 Qxd4 17.Nxd4  
Bd7 18.Rfe1 a5 19.Rad1 Re8 20.Rxe8+  
Bxe8 21.Ne6 Re7 22.Nxg7 Kxg7 23.f3  
Bc6 24.Kf2 Kf7 25.Re1 Rxe1

The pure bishop vs. knight ending is often surprisingly difficult to handle correctly as this game shows yet again. By retaining the rook for counterplay with 25...Rd7 chances are equal.

26.Kxe1 Ke6 27.Ke2 g5 28.g3! h5 29.  
h4! Be8 30.Ke3 Bg6 31.Ne2 c5 32.c3  
b5

[White need not fear 32...Bc2 33.b4!]  
33.f4! gxh4 34.gxh4 Kf5 35.Kf3! Bf7  
36.Ng3+



36...Kg6??

[Black should hold the draw by centralizing his king and fighting for the opposition with 36...Kc6! 37.Ne4 c4 38.bxc4 bxc4]

37.h4! axb4 38.cxb4 cxb4 39.Ke4 b3  
40.Kd4 Bc4 41.f5+ Kh6 42.Kc5 Bd3

The black king and bishop are reduced to helpless spectators.

43.Kd6 Kg7 44.Ke7 Bc2 45.Ke6 Bd1  
46.Ne4 Bg4 47.Nxf6 Kf8 48.Ke5 Be2  
49.Kf4 Kf7 50.Kg5

Black resigns. 1-0

## Illinois Open clock survey

by Bill Smythe

During the last round of the Illinois Open, I conducted a quick tour of the four playing rooms to see what kinds of chess clocks the players were using. The survey was conducted an hour after the round began, so early finishers (and drop-outs from earlier rounds) are not included.

The results are as follows:

- 26 Chronos
- 11 Saitek
- 6 USCF Game-Time
- 5 FIDE
- 2 other digital
- 50 total digital
- 9 USCF Master Quartz
- 5 white Russian
- 3 other large analog
- 11 BHB
- 1 Jerger
- 3 other small analog
- 32 total analog

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# Chess Wizardry

by Todd Barre, U.S. Expert Solver

*Solution to July-August puzzles.*

## The Answer Box

Our July-August set started with a couple of fine two-movers 85 (composed by William Barclay) leads to complex play after the key 1 Ne6!, threatening 2 N4c5. Two of the more interesting variations are 1...Rf5, 2 Nf6 and 1...Kxc6, 2 Ng5. In Dave Brown's 86, after the waiting key 1 Nf4!, there are eight different mating moves after eight different Black pawn defenses! More waiting in Milan Vukcevic's 89, which is solved by 1 Na2!. If Black answers with a King defence, White plays another waiting move, forcing Black to open a

killing line. If 1...Kxd2, then 2 Re1!, and if 1...Kxf2, 2 Nc1!, and in both lines, White will mate with 3 Ke5. The pawn defenses are also answered cleverly. If 1...exf2, 2 Re5+! Kxd2, 3 Kf5, and if 1...exd2, 2 Qc7+! Kxf2, 3 Kg5. Note that in these lines White's second move vacates the mating square for the White King. Conversely, 90 (Marcos) has only one line which is quite pretty. 1 Rh3! gxh2, 2 Na2! bxa2, 3 Ra3 a1Q, 4 Rxa1. The solver of our helpmate 91 (Jones) soon discovers that the mating positions are almost identical, but that the paths generated by the extra half move are quite different. Part (a) is solved by 1 Bxf4 Nxa6, 2 Bh6 Nxc7, 3 Ra7 Ne6, 4 Rg7 Nf8, while (b) produces 0...Ne4!, 1 fxe4 f5, 2 Bh6 f6, 3 Rg5 f7, 4 Rg7 f8N!. Finally, our proof game 92 (Kirtley) features a remarkable journey by Black's Bishop. The solution is 1 e3 d5, 2 Be2 Bh3, 3 Bh5 Qd7, 4 Qg4 Qa4, 5 Nf3 Nc6, 6 O-O Rd8, 7 Kh1 Rd6, 8 Rg1 Rf6, 9 Qe6 b6, 10 g4 Bf1!, 11 Rg3 Ba6, 12 Rh3 Bc8!. Very precise! ♀



# Chess from the MIDDLE

## *Matter and Campiness*

by Dr. Ron Suarez

I give greetings to you, oh great chess players from the Middle. I realize that by the time you read this it will be late October or early November. Roy Frye has certainly brought the timeliness as well as the look and format of the ICB to high standards. Good job, Roy! In our miniseries of discussing the aspects of the physical universe and chess, I will take a moment to look at the subject of Matter. "What does it matter?" you say. Bobby Fischer was known to take on terrible inconveniences to be up by just a pawn. Of the four forces in chess, and in life, Matter is often of the highest priority. There is a saying here in the Middle, "The one who dies with the most toys wins." That seems to be the truth in chess as well. I know there are always exceptions to the rule. I am talking about the rule though, not the exceptions.

Matter is the physical stuff that we move, change and use in our day-to-day lives. It is also the stuff that we move, change and use on the chessboard. The significance of what the Matter means is nothing more than an agreed upon reality. Who decided that diamond was worth more than quartz? Who decided that a Ferrari was worth more than a Volkswagen? Who decided that those pieces of paper we call money was worth anything? And, who decided the Queen was worth more than a Pawn? See, it's an agreed upon reality.

I do understand that when we play a game of chess we must take all of the aspects of the universe into account. The Matter thing is a Biggie though, you must admit. In this day and age of computer programs that play and analyze chess so well, the position is assessed in, yes, a Matter (material) manner. People are often judged in our society in a material form as well. When the World Championship is played (I'll be playing

in it in about two years) the prize fund is well in the millions of dollars. The Greater Peoria Championship here in the Middle didn't have a prize fund that high. In fact, there was no money prize fund, just a plaque (more Matter). Gary Kasparov has acquired a lot more Matter or money in the game of our society than most anyone I know. He also is very good at acquiring more Matter on the chessboard than most chess players I know. Mmm, do you think this might just be a coincidence? Well, I guess that we need to start paying attention to that Matter thing. I believe that if we control the Matter and not let it control us, we will be better off both in Chess and Life.

I would like to take a moment to discuss a very campy issue with you now. Yes, I am talking about Chess Camp. Back in August I took a much-needed vacation and attended the Wischess 2000 Chess Camp. I participated in the Adult Intensive Study section and let me tell you, it was intense. I figured this would be a nice relaxing break from my busy schedule as a doctor. I planned on getting my running program started again after a few months layoff. I also brought some other leisure reading and stuff to do in the quiet, non-productive time of the camp. There was no quiet, non-productive time. Now, don't get me wrong. I am not complaining. In fact, I am already eagerly waiting next year so I can attend again. This was GREAT. For anyone that likes chess there is nothing to compare.

The first point of greatness is the staff. There were FOUR Russian Grandmasters teaching as well as two other Russian masters known for their chess-training prowess. Think about it, here in the Middle there were SIX instructors in one place, at one time that all had Russian as their primary language. Wow! It was obvious to all that these guys grew up with Chess the way we Americans from the Middle grew up with things like Baseball, Math, etc. They were very natural in the treatment of the subject as

a real subject, the way I am when I lecture about the eye and vision. This was really cool. In addition to this the American version of Chess professionals were also top-notch. These guys are true Chess professionals in every meaning of the word professional. IM Josh Manion was the camp director and he did a GREAT job. There were in excess of 200 happy campers in the total camp. What a colossus of responsibility the staff had. Also in attendance as staff were Masters from the Middle par phenomenal. There was a five round tournament run over the week very smoothly and ably by Kevin-Caveman-Bachler. The whole staff was very friendly and helpful. They made the experience very chessically enriching.

The University of Wisconsin at Whitewater was a very nice place to have the camp. On Monday we got to experience a really hard, long rain. But that didn't stop the great Chess spirit. Our lecture rooms were very high tech with projected computer screens being the norm. I really got to know Chess-Base very well. The University of Wisconsin did sponsor the camp and I am impressed with the opportunity we campers had.

The lectures were of both high quality and quantity. In the short span of time the camp ran, they jam-packed a lot of chess experience and learning in. Remember how I said earlier that I was looking to restart a running program and stuff? Well, I only had time to sleep, shower, eat and play and study chess as part of the program. I suppose I could have run instead of slept. The camp participants were also very good to be around. In the Intensive Study section, there were many great people from all walks of life and many different parts of the world (One fellow came from Taiwan or Thailand). It was really something special and neat that we could come together, in the Middle, from different ages, cultures, professions and

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# US Open: Two perspectives

## The Cohen brothers report on the US Open

### U.S. OPEN REPORT

by Larry Cohen

**S**noopy was there to greet us at the 100th U.S. Open in St. Paul, Minnesota this August. There was a decidedly Illinois flavor to this event as almost the entire tournament directing staff was from Illinois. Among the Illinois players who turned in good results were Howard Cohen, Steve Szpisjak, James Fagan, and William Aramil. Perennial master Szpisjak started out 4-0 and proceeded to draw his last five games against some very strong competition. These included FM Mulyar and IM Larry Kaufman. Upcoming junior star William Aramil started at a blistering pace and was the class A recipient of the "Northwest Prize". This prize was not awarded until there was a clear class leader. With 5.5 out of 6 points there was no question about it.

One of the nice things about the US Open tournament is that you get a chance to play people you normally might not see. The 500+ player turnout should have made this happen in almost every round. However, the multiple schedules (morning, noon, & night) for those playing from day one allowed a player to play in all three schedules and take their best score. Also, there were the shorted 7-day and 5-day schedules as well to be considered. I know of one round where Howard Cohen was playing Brian Gast and Dennis Bourgerie was playing Jim Warren. I personally was lucky in avoiding any Illinois players. However, three of my eight opponents (I had a no show w/m) I had played before. It would have been nice to avoid playing either of the Indiana Masters I faced (I lost to Both), and the Wisconsin A player also probably would have preferred a different opponent.

The town of St. Paul is nice, but the downtown area is very empty on the weekend. The major attraction is the Mall of America, where you could liter-

ally shop 'til you drop. The camp snoopy and enormous *Lego* areas are perfect for kids no matter what age. There are plenty of golf courses and a number of scenic drives in the area (as some Illinois players who drove up to the tournament told me). Better planning could have been done on the side events and possible side trips. There were no attempts at scheduling group activities for the out-of-towners. Worse was the promotion of the side events and simultaneous exhibitions that were given. I do not think that any of the simulms had more than a dozen players, and that was with soliciting players at the last minute! The usual two days of delegates meetings were cut short because the last round was scheduled for 2pm. This meant that a lot less got done than usual, although it may be hard to tell the difference. One important item that did come up in the delegates meeting was the actual dates of the U.S. Open. It is quite possible that future U.S. Open's will start at the end of July. This resolution was passed to deal with the fact that school years are getting longer. However, all in all this was a well directed tournament. If you have never played in an U.S. Open plan to do so in the future. At least plan on playing the next time it comes to Chicago. ☞

### ON THE ROAD TO ST. PAUL AND CHOICES AT THE U.S. OPEN

(WINNING WHEN IT COUNTS MOST!)

by Howard Cohen

**T**he U.S. Open tourney in St. Paul this year had a little something for everyone. Besides the main event, there were several side events, simulms, speed chess, action chess, & even a bug house chess tourney! There was also the Denker tourney where the best of America's youth played, analysis of chess games, and a new Internet chess site being un-

veiled. A side room open 12 hours a day during the last 4 days of the tourney had over a dozen terminals with demo boards, computer chess help, speed chess games, chess variants to play, chat rooms & even simulms against strong IM & GM players! There were also various chess proposals discussed at the annual USCF chess policy board, executive board and two-day delegates meetings occurring during mornings and afternoons of the chess tourney.

I chose to rest, study chess, or visit some of the sites of the twin cities area, that include a world class museum and the famed Americas Mall, instead of playing in any side chess tourney events. While I rented a car and drove everywhere, my brother took advantage of the downtown walkways. He saw and photographed several of the Snoopy cartoon character sculptures that decorated the city in honor of their homeboy, Charles Schultz. I did get a chance to sample the new USCF Internet chess site, which I found to be very simple to use with a large of variety of games. I even got a chance to play speed chess against an IM (I lost on time with a brilliant losing position - the expected result). There also were plenty of chances to analyze your game or play speed chess in the 2 skittles rooms that were available. I had the fun experience of playing speed chess against a chess master player from Africa after one of my shorter tourney games. Fortunately I did not have to play any titled players when it counted!

I also had the chance to vote as a delegate for Arizona the last day of the delegates meeting because one of their delegates was voted to a lifetime delegate membership leaving a vacancy. Illinois chess was well represented. There were other Illinois chess players as delegates for Florida, New York, Arizona (me) & Illinois. Also there were some very good chess policy proposals proposed by fellow ICA members that included Tim Just, Alan Losoff, Larry Cohen, Harold Winston, and Kevin Bachler. Some of them even got passed!

We are also fortunate to have Tim Just as head of the TD Certification committee and Helen Warren as one of the 7 executive board members. A listing of all items that happened during the executive board & delegates' meetings could fill a book. In fact there was a booklet of over 30 pages provided listing proposals & bylaws plus handouts from several committees.

There were also plenty of choices for those who played in the main event. You could play with slow time controls with 1 chess game per day for 9 days, or play in a 7 day schedule, or for those with little time for chess vacations & love action chess a 6 day schedule that included 3 chess games on day #1. For the first 4 days you also had the choice of morning, afternoon or evening chess games if you choose the slow 9-day schedule. Also you could for a 2<sup>nd</sup> entry fee start over anytime during the first 4 days I dislike this feature & feel it is unfair to those winning in early rounds, but some like it and the organizers like the extra money they get with those extra entry fees. All the chess schedules merged on day 5. I was one of several people who decided to play the 7 day schedule at the 2000 U.S. Open in St. Paul, but with a creative twist. I took byes in the first 2 rounds and played 2 games on day #2 at game 90. This was done because I had only 6 days I could take off work. In fact I worked overtime at my job to finish the monthly closing early so I could go on vacation and play chess. This strategy had the expected result that I was still only even at 2 points (1 win, 1 loss & two 1/2 point byes) after 4 rounds.

I do feel that I won the bragging rights of being the better chess playing Cohen brother! Larry did have the highest score in the U.S. Open golf tourney again (I chose the water holes in the hotel - I needed a drink after some of my chess games as you will see), but I got the best chess score. He ended with only 5 1/2 points while I got 6 points and a small share of class A prize money. Of course he played 2 more games since he attended the entire tourney & had to play an IM and chess master. Then again he did not have to play any touch Illinois chess players while I had to play Bryan Gast. If I could have beat him I would have won the 1<sup>st</sup> place class A chess

prize, but he out played me in the opening & I lost. The fact I was at my floor rating of 1800 may also have affected the ratings of the opponents I played.

I was fortunate to win my last 3 games through hard work and a little bit of luck. My last two games included both a tactical game and a positional game (something my brother tends to specialize in more than me). First the final round positional game against an expert that earned me my (small) prize money:

**White = Jon Heyer (2030);**

**Black = H Cohen (1800)**

- 1.e4 d6
  - 2.d4 g6
  - 3.f4 Nf6
  - 4.Bd3 Bg7
  - 5.Nf3 c6
  - 6.Nc3 O-O
  - 7.Be3 b5
  - 8.a3 a6
  - 9.Qd2 Ng4
  - 10.Bg1 (to save the B)
  - 11... Nd7
  - 11.h3 Nh6 (Nf6 better?)
  - 12.Be3 f5 (the reason for Nh6)
  - 13.e5 Nb6
  - 14.b3 Qc7
  - 15.O-O Bb7 (e6 is better)
  - 16.Ng5 Qc8
  - 17.Be2 c5
  - 18.Bf3 Bf3
  - 19.Nf3 Rd8
  - 20.Qf2 ...
- At this point I could keep the tension and push the b-pawn, But after 20...b4; 21ab, cb; 22 d5!, Qc3; 23 Bb6, Rdc8 is unclear position. I did not feel my control of the c-file is worth his better center pawns. So I traded pawns with ... cd
- 21.Bd4 Nd7
  - 22.Nd5 Re8
  - 23.e6 Nf6

This is the 1st key position. White has the choice of forking my Q & R with Nb6, but this allows me to attack his c-pawn (if Qe6, then Ng5 wins for White) and end up with a P & N vs R in the end game. It will also allow my bad N at h6 to get back into play. My opponent stated during our post mortem he was worried about my center pawns being pushed in the end game if he won the exchange. One course of moves might have been 24 Nb6, Ne4; 25 Qe3 (or N x

Q, N x Q; Ne7+, Re7; Rf2, Re6 ), Qe6; 26 Bg7 Kg7; 27 Nd4, Qd7; 28 N:a8, Ra8 which is probably slightly better for Black due to the N post and the two center pawns that can be pushed. Yet white may open the b or c files and attack with his Rooks. ...

- 24.Bf6 Bf6
  - 25.Nf6+ e1
  - 26.Nd4 Kg7
  - 27.Rfe1 Ng8
  - 28.Re2 Ne7
- (finally getting my N into play)
- 29.R1e1 Qc5
  - 30.b4 Qc4
  - 31.Kh1 Rac8

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> key position. If both sides play conservative and make good moves, this game is probably a draw since both sides would have trouble making progress. Yet with a little over-aggressive play and some strange knight tours, anything can happen! Add to this confusion the fact that I am in slight time trouble (about 10 minutes left to make 10 moves), I even get away with putting my Q at a2!

- 32.Rd2 Nd5
- (let the pawn push to get the N post)
- 33.e7 Nc3
  - 34.Ne6+ Kg8
  - 35.Rd4 Qa2
- (Surprise move found in time pressure)
- 36.Qh4?! ...
- (He gives up the passed pawn for a King side attack that may not be the best choice. Perhaps my time trouble influenced his decision to try for the quick kill)
- 36... Re7
  - 37.Qf6 Rf7
  - 38.Qh4 Ne4
  - 39.Ng5 ...
- (at this point I can draw with Rc2; 40Nf7, Rg2 and Black gets a perpetual check, but I want more)
- 30. ... N x N
  - 40.Q x N Qa3
- (Time control made. Now a full hour for all my other moves)
- 41.Rd1d1 Rc2
  - 42.Rd6 Kg7
- (First I stop his attack by forcing Rook trades)
- 43.Rd7 Re1!
  - 44.Rf7 Kf7
  - 45.Qd8 Rdt+

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# JustRules

## RULEBOOK TACTICS

By Tim Just

### PLAY ONE GAME, GET TWO RATINGS!

It is two, two, two ratings in one! Starting January 1, 2001 you can get a Quick chess rating without ever playing in a Quick chess event! Games rated starting from a G/30 time control through a G/60 time control will now be double rated; i.e., you get both a Standard rating plus a Quick rating for playing in the same tournament.

Here is how it will work. Example: You sign up for a single time control G/30 tournament. At the end of the event the TD sends the rating report into USCF. The USCF will calculate your Standard rating as usual. They will then calculate your separate Quick Chess rating for that same tournament. The formulas for the two calculations are different.

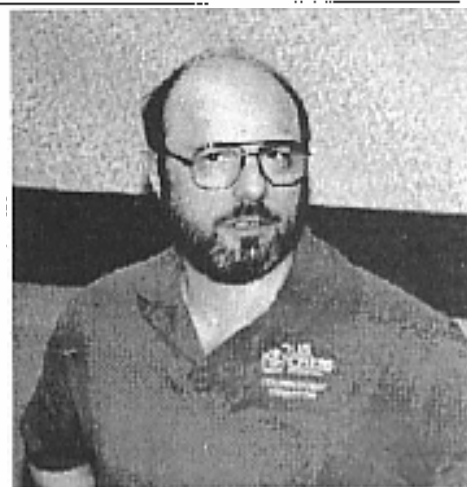
This procedure is the same for G/31, G/32, G/33, G/34, ...G/45, ...G/57, G/58, G/59, G/60. There are no options. It is automatic. All the players that participate in tournaments within that range of G/30-G/60 time controls will get their games double rated within both the Standard and Quick rating systems.

If you participate in a single time control G/61, G/62, G/63, ...tournament, only your Standard rating will be calculated by USCF.

Tournament games with single time controls of G/29, G/28, G/27, ...G/10 will still be rated within the Quick Rating system only.

For events with mixed time controls like 40/90, G/30 the slowest time control, 40/90 in this case, determines the rating system that will be used to rate all of the games in the event. Because 40/90 is the slowest of the two time controls, only the Standard Rating system would be used to rate this type of tournament.

An event with mixed time controls could only be double rated if the TD would submit a separate rating report.



NTD Tim Just

Of course, the TD should notify you that the separate rating report is being passed along to the USCF.

Why? Here is what the Ratings Committee in their annual committee report had to say: "This would allow for greater use of the quick chess rating system, and would thereby help to produce more meaningful quick chess ratings."

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46.Qd1 Qb4  
(Now I am a pawn up and it comes down to end game technique)  
47.Qd5+ Kg7  
48.Qb7+ Kh6  
(Hides the K & avoids perpetual checks)  
49.Qa6 Qc5  
(Threatens ...Qc1+; Kh2, Qf4+)  
50.Kh2 b4  
51.Qd3 Qf2!  
52.Qe4 Qd2  
53.Kh1 Qc3  
54.Qf1 Qe3!  
55.g4 h3  
56.g5+ Kb5  
57.h4 b2  
(White's last trick; if...Kh4?;Qf2+ draws)  
58.Kh2 Kh4  
59.Kh1 Qh3+  
and White resigns  
0-1

Lastly is my 8th round game. This is a

much more tactical affair, which I enjoy more. I like it as long as I get to make the better combos, cheap shots & avoid my opponent's threats! ...

White = H. Cohen (1800);  
Black = C. Gibson (1980)

1. e4 c5  
2. Nc3 Nc6  
3. f4 g6  
4. Nf3 Bg7  
5. Be4 e6  
(The Grand Prix Attack. If only I could play it as well as the British GMs!)  
6.O-O Nge7  
7.Qe1 O-O  
8.d3 Nd4  
9.Qf2 N7c6  
10.Be3 b6  
11.e5 Nf5  
12.Ne4 d5  
13.ed6 Bb2  
14.Rad1 Nd6?

(Black needs to get his B back to safety and counter the scope of White's killer B

pair. Thus either Ne3 or Bg7 was the better choice to equalize. Here I get to win the B)

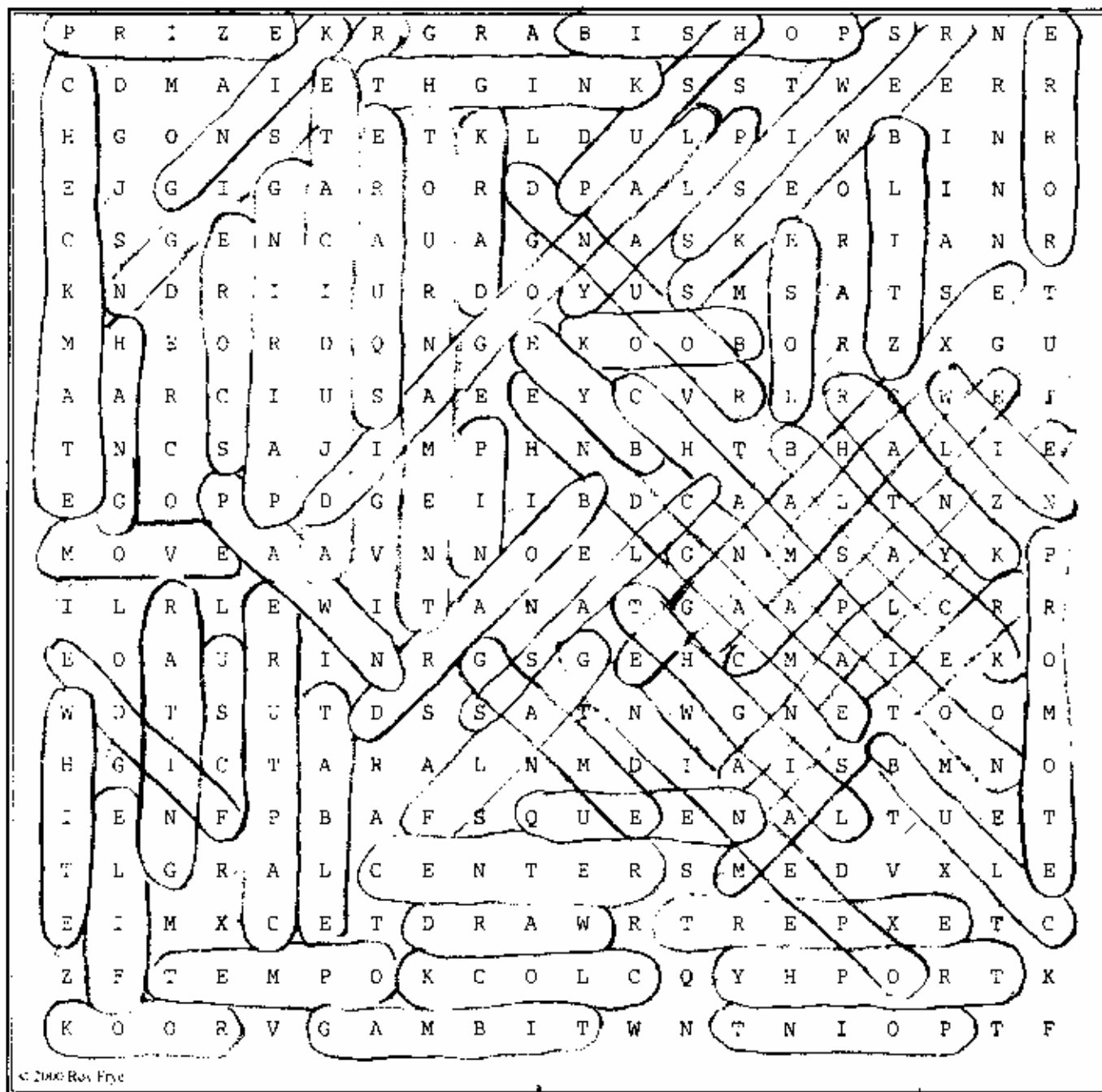
15.c3 Ba3  
16.Nd6 Qd6  
17.Nfd2 Bb4  
(I was threatening Nb1 which also wins the B)  
18.cb Nb4  
19.Ne4 Qe7  
20.Nc5! Nc6  
(If...bc; B:c5 skewers the Q & R resulting in won end game for white)  
21.Ne4 Bb7  
22.f5!  
(This P sacrifice is the essence of the Grand Prix. It opens up all sorts of lines for a really nice king side attack)  
22... ef  
23.Bg5 Qc7  
24.Nf6+ Kg7

Now starts the best tactics yet! I make a 2-piece sacrifice that results in mate...

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# Mystery message

Find the words in the grid. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Find the hidden message and e-mail to [icbnews@att.net](mailto:icbnews@att.net). Winners get their name published in a future issue. Solution with the next issue.



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# Off the beaten path

*If you are interested in unique chess sets, you may want to look for an excuse to take the family on a trip to Lake Geneva.*

## COLLECTOR'S CORNER

by Roy Frye

*This issue brings a new feature that will, hopefully, continue as a regular column in Illinois Chess. The Collector's Corner is intended to present a feature article on out-of-the-ordinary chess sets, boards, clocks or tables. If you have an unusual chess item, let the editor know.*

If you have ever vacationed in the area of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, you know this popular vacation area has a lot to offer. Like luxurious accommodations, great food, boating, and fishing. The lake water is clear enough to see the feet of children swimming.

Because Lake Geneva is only a couple hours from Chicago, many Illinoisans find it to be a great place to get away for a weekend.

Another popular feature of Lake Ge-

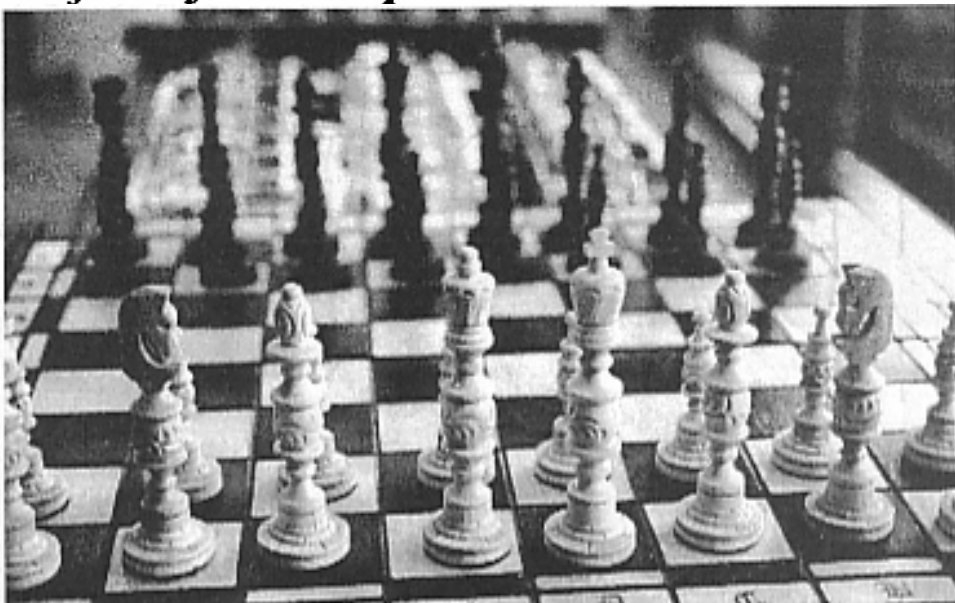


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**Pictured here is a set Ernie Gygax calls the Galant. This set includes the folding board / case shown.**

neva is its shopping district. This is an area that centers around Main and Broad Streets, then moves in four directions by about a block each way. There you find

stores that have reasonably priced quality merchandise. Missing is the typical souvenir junk store, theme-park-style attractions, and get-your-sepia-photo-of-you-holding-a-machine-gun store associated with many popular vacation places. But the shopping isn't limited to just this area.

If you travel north on Broad Street, about four blocks from the main tourist shopping area, you will find a place that most would not find interesting—unless they happen to be a chess player. The store is called The Game Guild.

Not being located in the heart of the shopping area, The Game Guild is easy to miss. That is unless you are walking to Manny's restaurant and get distracted by the unusual chess sets displayed in the windows of The Game Guild. The store windows show off hand-carved chess sets imported from Poland.

Because the store is close to Manny's, you can send the family along to grab a milk shake while you wander through the store checking out the chess sets

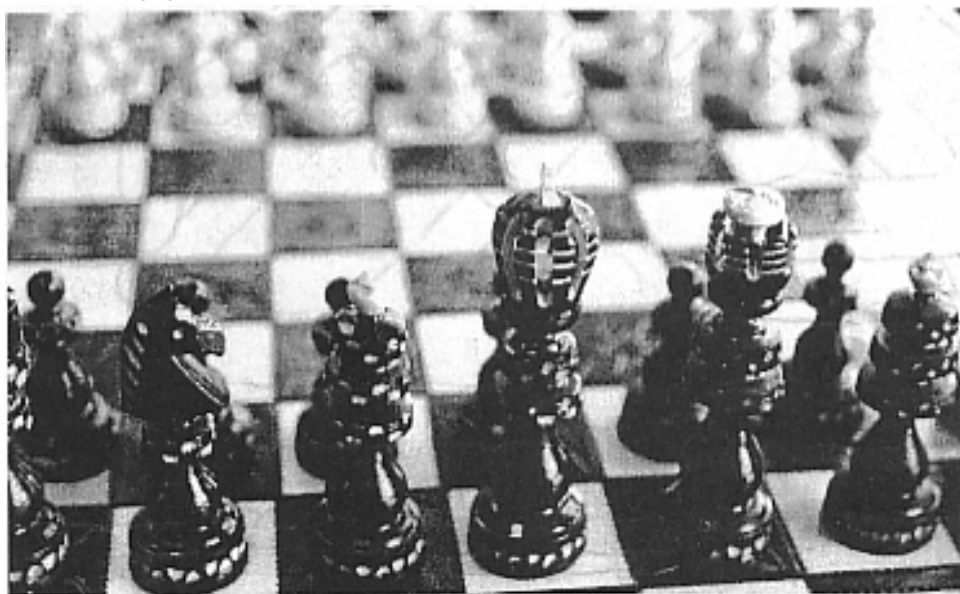


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**The Roman chess set is priced at only \$115. This photo shows the intricate detail in the carving of the pieces.**



Photo by Roy Frey

Store manager Ernie Gygas says Lake Geneva is mostly known for its outdoor activities, however, The Game Guild offers an alternative for those who wish to exercise their mental muscles. He said, "We are a store that specializes in games, everyone here is an active player as well as an employee. We have Poké-Mon for the youngsters, all sorts of role-playing games, such as Dungeons and Dragons, family board games, as well as more adult war games—and of course we proudly stock one of the oldest games of all chess."

Ernie's favorite chess sets are the ones imported from Poland. These are the sets on display in the window and pictured here. The sets are all handcrafted and made of different woods depending upon the availability of the wood in Poland. However, the design of imported sets are not limited to the two on display. There are dozens of variations in design.

"Our best seller, as well as my favorite value for the buyer, is the Galant which has a 5 1/2-inch king and retails for \$145," Ernie said. The value seems evident, given the intricate workmanship on the sets. An-

other value that seems evident is the Roman chess set (pictured with hollow crown) which sells for only \$115. The value stands out even more when you consider these sets come with a folding board/storage case.

Some may find the board that is included with many of the sets will clash with their décor. The design brings back images of the Mediterranean-style furni-

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ture that was popular in the late '60s. But if you choose to hide the board and place the pieces on a more traditional wood board, the value still seems good.

To find out more about these sets, call Ernie Gygas. Ernie says mail order business is encouraged and "we have a toll free number 1-888-56-GAMES."

*Next month: Avon calling!*

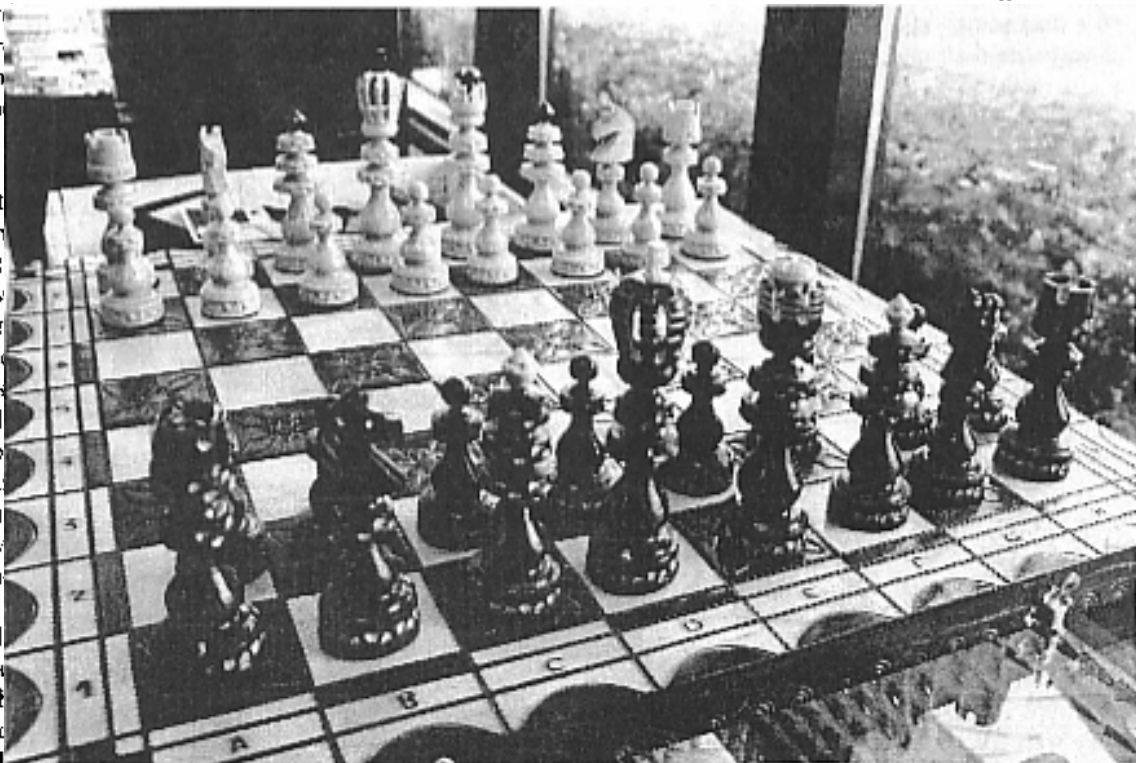


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**This set attracts the attention of chess players who walk by The Game Guild in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.**

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Another interesting and exciting possibility would have been 27. ... Bxf1! I would have answered by playing 28. Ng5-!! followed by Qxg6+ Black has to play very accurately or get mated. At best I have a draw by perpetual check or if I push it an endgame of R+B+2 passed Kingside pawns vs. 2R's which would have been hard to win.

28. Bxe4 29. Bxa4

Here Black could play Bb5.

29... Bc5+ 30. Bf2

Still Bb5 is playable as well as Bc4.

30... Bc8 31. g4

In order to possibly play 32. Bxg6+.

31... Bb7

Since I weakened the light squares around my King, Black tries to exploit them. 32. Be6 Still looking for taking g6.

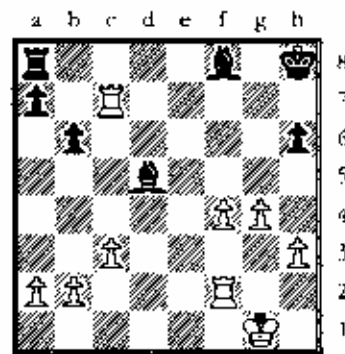
32... Bxd5

Threatening mate and hitting my Rook.

33. Bxg6+! Bxh8 34. Bxe4!! Bxd7 35. Bxe1 Bf6?

Now I could trade wood off with Re8+, but I decided on a more aggressive line. Fritz did a complete turn-around with this move - giving White the decisive edge.

36. Be7 Bxd5?? 37. Bxe4! Be6 38. Bxd5 Bxe1+ 39. Bxe1 Bxd5 40. Be7 Bf8 41. Bc7?



I lost all my hard earned advantages with this one very hasty move. Black could have just played 41. ... Bc5 pin

ning and eventually taking my rook on f2. I would end up three pawns for a Bishop. Fritz gives me a slight edge.

41... Bxa2?! 42. Bd2 b5 43. Bdd7 Bc4 44. g5

I just love passed pawns.

44... hxc5 45. fxc5 Be8 46. g6 Be1+ 47. Bg2 Be2+ 48. Bf3 Bxb2?

Better than the simple 49. g7+

49. Bc8! Bg8 50. Bxf8 Bb3??

But there was nothing else that could be done anyway.

51. Bh7#

1-0

This tournament was very rewarding to me. I have been part of the Illinois Chess Scene for over 20 years now and yet have never managed to secure a title as meaningful as this one. Now that I have, I feel more goals that I have set for my chess career are about to be reached.

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staff. The sets and boards were in place at the start of the event and put away at the end of the event thanks to efforts of Sam Ford, who got some assistance from Fred Gruenberg and others.

#### CLOCKS:

TDs and players alike still have a devil of a time setting all those various digital clocks with their multiple settings.

#### THEY DO PLAY AFTER ALL:

Helen Warren.

#### REENTRY:

I got talked into allowing a Class C player to re-enter the tournament after a score of zero at the end of round one in the Championship section. This player wanted to test their skills against the higher rated opponents in that section. Essentially it seemed like paying for chess lessons. With another loss in round two, the player wanted to re-enter the Championship section again with the appropriate number of re-entry byes. After being denied a second re-entry, they requested a placement in the Re-

serve section. With the appropriate byes for rounds one and two in the Reserve section, this player posted wins in rounds three and four. After a defeat in round five this Class C chess general handed his round six opponent a free point by not appearing at the sixty-four squared battlefield.

#### SIDE BET:

Kevin Bachler got a feeling in round 3 that when he faced Goldin on board 1 and Al Chow faced Gurevich on board 2, that the two GMs had a private contest to see who could win the quickest.

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25. Bh6+! Kh6

26. Qh4+ Kg7

27. Rf5!! h6

(If ... gf: Qg5-, Kh8; Qh6, any move: Qh7 Mate)

28. Ng4 Rh8

(the threat was Qh6+, Kg8; Nf6 Mate)

29. Qf6+ Kg8

30. Bf7+ Black resigns

1-0

(I hear pleas of "No More"! White's attack is too strong to stop! One pretty finish is... Kf8: Qh8+, Ke7; Nf6+, Kd6; Rd5 Mate. This mates Black using all of white's pieces.

I do enjoy these tactical affairs! So next time your opponent seems to be offering a piece for free, you had better watch out (especially vs. a Cohen)! The sacrifice may be sound, and you may get mated. So be careful out there, and have fun playing winning chess ... unless you play me of course.

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playing abilities for the sharing of one common goal. Chess. Josh Manion and his wife really planned and ran a great camp. Of course there was the University staff that had a hand in it also and they were also very good. I also want to mention Deb and her husband Kevin Bachler who live and work here in the Middle. They were very active in the

administration and running of the camp. The total package was quite good. I can think of no better way for a person interested in playing chess to get learning and a rich chess experience than this camp. Now if they could just get those youngsters to not beat up on us old geezers over the chessboard.

Well, you've wasted another fine moment reading this column. I hope that

you have gotten something from my articles this past year. Feel free to send comments or questions to me via our illustrious editor. As we approach the winter Holiday season I would like to wish you and yours a healthy and prosperous one.

Remember, we play Chess and that is a good thing.



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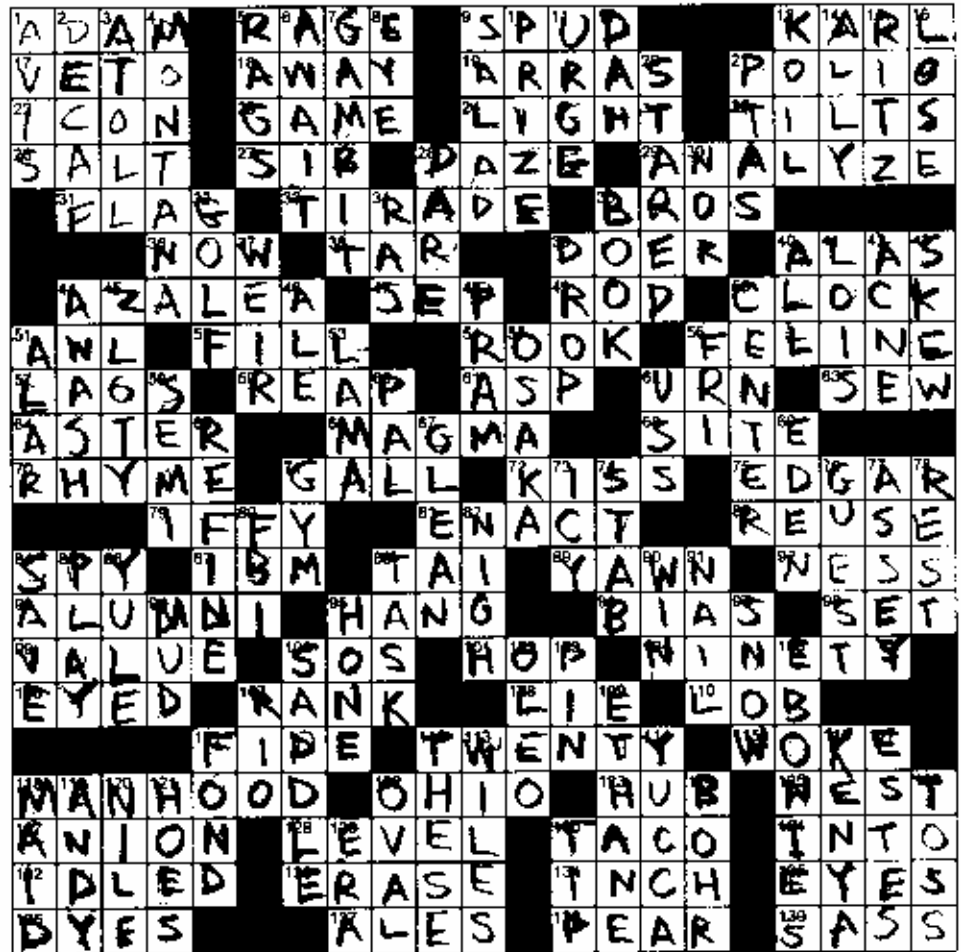
by Roy Frye

## Chess Vocabulary

This crossword puzzle contains at least 17 words commonly used by chess players as they talk about their game.

Looking for a clue or two? Check out Mystery Message. You will find the 17 "chess words" listed there as well.

The solution to the puzzle will be in the next issue.



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Eve's husband
  - 5 Anger
  - 9 Sharp spade
  - 13 Socialism's Marx
  - 17 Refuse to sign a bill
  - 18 Out
  - 19 Tapestry
  - 21 Crippling disease
  - 22 Computer "button"
  - 23 Sport
  - 24 Dark's opposite
  - 25 Slants
  - 26 Sodium
  - 27 Sibling
  - 28 Sun
  - 29 Parse
  - 31 Banner
  - 33 Long scolding
  - 35 Sisters sibs.
  - 36 Today
  - 38 Sticky black substance
  - 39 One who gets things done
  - 40 Alack's partner
  - 44 Flower
  - 47 Last month?
  - 49 Pole
  - 50 Time measuring device
  - 51 Hole punching tool
  - 52 Sattate
  - 54 Crow
  - 56 Pussy's formal name
  - 57 Country in SE Asia
  - 59 Harvest
  - 61 Viper
  - 62 Vase
  - 63 Quilt
  - 64 Spring flower
  - 66 Molten rock
  - 68 Location
  - 70 Clue and shoe, for example
  - 71 Make angry
  - 72 Buss
  - 75 Author Poe
  - 79 Fluke
  - 81 Establish
  - 83 Recycle
  - 84 Observe secretly
  - 87 Large computer co.
  - 88 Thai
  - 89 Gape
  - 92 Loch \_\_ monster
  - 93 Graduates
  - 95 String up
  - 96 Prejudice
  - 98 Rested
  - 99 Appreciate
  - 100 Distress call
  - 101 Bunny movement
  - 104 Very old age
  - 106 Looked

- DOWN**
- 1 Car rental agency
  - 2 Coffee shop order
  - 3 Coral reef
  - 4 MT
  - 5 Torn up material
  - 6 Expect
  - 7 Risky stratagem
  - 8 Look
  - 9 Green dish
  - 10 Hold dear
  - 11 Exhort
  - 12 Dit's partner
  - 13 Loop
  - 14 Unite in alliance
  - 15 Round cracker brand
  - 16 Misplace
  - 20 Looked
  - 21 Parent groups
  - 28 Challenge
  - 30 Neither's partner
  - 32 Club game
  - 34 Radiation dose
  - 35 Volume
  - 37 River dam
  - 39 Let fall
  - 40 Ivory
  - 41 Superman's Ms. Lane
  - 42 Inflammatory disease
  - 43 Alter
  - 44 Flooded
  - 45 Polish currency
  - 46 Brew
  - 48 Bone
  - 50 Core
  - 51 Winged
  - 53 Dalai \_\_
  - 55 Japanese city
  - 56 Day of the week (abbr.)
  - 58 Very large truck
  - 60 Friend
  - 62 Ship initials
  - 65 Purify
  - 67 Harvest
  - 69 Eve's garden
  - 71 Workout place
  - 73 Freezing
  - 74 Prod
  - 76 Invited person
  - 77 Analyze quality
  - 78 Perch
  - 80 Federal Bureau of Investigation
  - 82 At hand
  - 84 Spare
  - 85 Drama
  - 86 Christmas
  - 88 Undertaking
  - 90 Defeat
  - 91 What a hammer hits
  - 94 Soil
  - 95 Polish
  - 97 Coke
  - 100 Horse tack
  - 102 Fake butter
  - 103 Metal fastener
  - 105 Black keys
  - 107 Rio de Janeiro
  - 109 Gaseous
  - 111 Adoring
  - 112 Not those
  - 113 Cunnings
  - 114 Desert plant
  - 116 African country
  - 117 Painter Richard
  - 118 Hotel room cleaner
  - 119 Comedian
  - 120 African river
  - 121 Garden tools
  - 122 Elliptic
  - 124 Danish physicist
  - 126 Stir up
  - 129 Epoch
  - 130 End

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## St Charles Chess Club

by Dan Pradt

Our last theme night of the year was the Benko Gambit: 1.d4, Nf6 2. c4, e5 3.d5, b5. Participants chose the full range of possibilities, the Benko declined, the standard main line (4.cxb5, a6 5.bxa6 or e3), the tricky Zaitsev (5.Nc3, axb5 6.e4) and others. Of the 15 games, white scored 6.5-0.5 on the top seven, and only 2.5-5.5 on the bottom eight, whatever that may mean. The most interesting game was Marcus Stinson's persistent King side attack against Ray Satterlee, Ray finally conceding the point with less than 10 seconds left on either clock.

With one round to go in the Ladder, the qualifiers for the Knight's cup appear to be: Jeff Wiewel 24, Blair Machaj 21, Jim Oberweiss 17, Ray Satterlee 17, Marcus Stinson 17, Chuck Giertz 16.5, Mike Aaron 16.5, and Jason Duncan 16.5. For the Squires' Cup: Paul Friedel 16, Wally Alberts 15.5, Dan Pradt 15, Jim Marshall 14.5, Bill Buttny 14, Tim Ailes 14 Rudy Padilla 14, and Bo Meisen 14.

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## Springfield Chess Club

by Thomas B Knoedler

On Saturday, August 26, 2000, the Springfield IL Chess Club held the Springfield Summer Open at the Hampton Inn hotel on South Dirksen Parkway. The field was moderately large with 48 players in attendance. The chief TD was Thomas Knoedler, the assistant TD was David Long; David Long also served as the 'houseman' midway through the tournament. Andy McCormick and Tony Brown tied for the Top Scorer honors.

### Springfield Summer Open

Name	rtng	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	RFI
1 McCormick, Andy	1599	W 38	D 2	W 9	W 7	3.5
2 Brown, Tony	1325	W 11	D 1	W 37	W 12	3.5
3 Long, David	1953	H---	1G---	W 25	W 18	3.0
4 Kujoth, Richard	1921	L 9	W 34	W 35	W 19	3.0
5 Trippe, Terry	1788	W 18	L 9	W 26	W 21	3.0
6 Pappas, Hyron	1500	L 20	W 40	W 41	W 22	3.0
7 Miles, Kyle	1470	W 21	W 23	W 8	L 1	3.0
8 Chambers, Adam	1470	W 22	W 14	L 7	W 20	3.0
9 Moses, Greg	1409	W 4	W 5	L 1	W 23	3.0
10 Little, Jonathan	1391	L 14	W 41	W 40	W 29	3.0
11 Barnard, Thomas A	1800	L 2	W 35	D 34	W 36	2.5
12 Cockrell, Robert	1271	D 16	W 24	W 17	L 2	2.5
13 Earl, Joseph	unr	D 28	L 25	W 43	W 34	2.5
14 Taylor, Tom	1893	W 10	L 8	W 24	U---	2.0
15 Bourgerie, Dennis	1707	L 19	W 26	W 27	U---	2.0
16 Blickhan, Gary	1576	D 12	W 20	D 19	U---	2.0
17 Bononi, David	1524	W 39	D 19	L 12	H---	2.0
18 Eck, Frederick	1288	L 5	W 36	W 30	L 3	2.0
19 Ochiltree, Joseph	1281	W 15	D 17	D 16	L 4	2.0
20 Yates, Steve	1260	W 6	L 16	W 32	L 8	2.0
21 Boyd, Joseph C	1250	L 7	W 47	W 31	L 5	2.0
22 Barnes, James M	1250	L 8	W 28	W 42	L 6	2.0
23 Juranek, Robert	1199	W 33	L 7	W 47	L 9	2.0
24 Darr, George Allen	1167	W 29	L 12	L 14	W 37	2.0
25 Bennett, Jerry	1143	L 31	W 13	L 3	W 42	2.0
26 McNeil, Steve	1110	W 42	L 15	L 5	W 43	2.0
27 Eilering, David	1090	W 43	L 33	L 15	W 44	2.0
28 Achelpohl, Jon	961	D 13	L 22	D 38	W 45	2.0
29 Achelpohl, Donald	951	L 24	W 49	W 39	L 10	2.0
30 Schweickert, Steve	918	L 34	W 44	L 18	W 47	2.0
31 Wheeler, William	867	W 25	L 39	L 21	W 38	2.0
32 Fieser, Justin	846	L 35	W 45	L 20	W 40	2.0
33 Peterson, Paul D	1422	L 23	W 27	D 36	U---	1.5
34 Spiros, George	1149	W 30	L 4	D 13	L 13	1.5
35 Boyd, Clarence E	1135	W 32	L 11	L 4	H---	1.5
36 Willis, Daniel	1064	W 45	L 18	D 33	L 11	1.5
37 Beard, Michael	986	W 46	D 38	L 2	L 24	1.5
38 Vines, Gary	1273	L 1	D 37	D 28	L 31	1.0
39 Schmidt, Roger	1271	L 17	W 31	L 29	U---	1.0
40 Hite, Darrell D	1101	W 49	L 6	L 10	L 32	1.0
41 Shores, Michael	1089	W 44	L 10	L 6	L 1	1.0
42 Vines, Kevin	817	L 26	W 46	L 22	L 25	1.0
43 Fleming, Mike	561	L 27	W 48	L 13	L 26	1.0
44 Vignone, Justin	519	L 41	L 30	W 46	L 27	1.0
45 Sobkowiak, Chris	unr	L 36	L 32	W 48	L 28	1.0
46 Witczak, Kerry	unr	L 37	L 42	L 44	W 48	1.0
47 Grigalonas, Dustin	unr	W 48	L 21	L 23	L 30	1.0
48 Spalding, Alex	973	L 47	L 43	L 45	L 46	0.0
49 Meinhardt, Edmund	733	L 40	L 29	U---	U---	0.0

# Clubnews

## Chicago Chess Club

by Bill Smythe

Osman Palos breezed through the Plus-Score Micro-Tour on August 13 with a score of 8-0. In the process he defeated, twice each, the players who finished second through fifth in this game/29 quick-rated event.

On September 16, with the time control slowed to game/60 for a Plus-Score Mini-Tour, Palos ran into a buzz saw in the form of a second Bosnian, Mehmed Pasalic, playing in his first American tournament. Pasalic's FIDE rating of 2360 proved no fluke as he finished 4-0.

The following weekend, September 23-24, saw a two-day Plus-Score Leisure Mini-Tour played at 40 moves in two hours. Pasalic returned, again defeating Palos, but losing to eventual winner Steve Szpisjak. Steve also drew Palos en route to his 3.5 finish.

See the accompanying crosstables for each of the above three ICA Tour events.

Osman Palos breezed through a couple of non-Tour events, the Airhog Sectional on August 12 (3-0) and a Game/60 Plus-Score on August 20 (4-0). But then, on September 10, Californian Michael Aigner (2167) spent part of his Chicago vacation at the Club, where he had the tournament of his life, scoring 3-0 against Palos, Szpisjak, and near-master Miomir Stevanovic in the top section of the Waterhog Sectional. Michael has since gone on line (rec.games.chess.politics) lamenting the lack of bonus points in three-round tournaments.

Check Chess Life, the ICB calendar page, or the web ([www.illinoischess.org](http://www.illinoischess.org)) for details of future Club events, including Hog tournaments (8-player sectionals) and Plus-Scores.

Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Quick August 13, 2000												
									score	tour		
1	PALOS Osman	2482	W3	W3	W4	W4	W2	W2	W5	W5	8	11M
2	STEVANOVIC Miomir	2046	W6	W6	W5	L5	L1	L1	W7	W7	5	2.5MX
3	CAVITT Dexter	1818	L1	L1	W8	W8	W6	W6	L4	W4	5	2.5MXA
4	ZINYTCH Miron	2045	W7	W7	L1	L1	L5	W5	W3	L3	4	2MX
5	MODES Daniel	1919	W8	W8	L2	W2	W4	L4	L1	L1	4	2MXA
6	WEBER T V	1645	L2	L2	W7	W7	L3	L3	W8	W8	4	2MXAB
7	WITEK Greg	1521	L4	L4	L6	L6	W8	W8	L2	L2	2	1MXABC
8	WEBER Becky	795	L5	L5	L3	L3	L7	L7	L6	L6	0	

Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score September 16, 2000										
									score	tour
1	PASALIC Mehmed	2360	W11	W5	W4	W2	4		14M	
2	PALOS Osman	2454	W10	W6	W3	L3	3		4M	
3	STAMNOV Aleksandr	2291	W9	W12	L2	D7	2.5		2.5M	
4	STEVANOVIC Miomir	2171	W13	W7	L1	D5	2.5		2.5MX	
5	COHEN Lawrence S	1999	W14	L1	W12	D4	2.5		2.5MXA	
6	CAVITT Dexter	1849	W8	L2	D11	W10	2.5		2.5MXA	
7	SMYTHE Bill	1800	W16	L4	W9	D3	2.5		2.5MXA	
8	PEKOVIC Jusuf	1312	L6	D10	W14	W11	2.5		2.5MXABCD	
9	SAHS James W	1577	L3	W15	L7	W13	2		2MXABC	
10	STEVENS Joseph M	1605	L2	D8	W13	L6	1.5		1.5MXAB	
11	BODZIONY Piotr	1587	L1	W14	D6	L8	1.5		1.5MXABC	
12	ANDREW Earl		W15	L3	L5	-	1		1M	
13	LEDDINGTON Jason		L4	W16	L10	L9	1		1M	
14	DUEKER John	1375	L5	L11	L8	W15	1		1MXABCD	
15	METZ Veronica	996	L12	L9	W16	L14	1		1MXABCDE	
16	LOPEZ Eugene C	1245	L7	L13	L15	-	0			

Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Leisure September 23-24, 2000										
									score	tour
1	SZPISJAK Steven J	2200	W10	W2	D4	W5	3.5		7.5M	
2	PASALIC Mehmed	2360	W13	L1	W8	W4	3		4M	
3	COHEN Lawrence S	1999	W8	L4	W11	W6	3		4MXA	
4	PALOS Osman	2454	W7	W3	D1	L2	2.5		2.5M	
5	STEVENS Joseph M	1605	W9	H	W6	L1	2.5		2.5MXAB	
6	PARSONS Robert G	1674	W11	W12	L5	L3	2		2MXAB	
7	BODZIONY Piotr	1587	L4	L8	W9	W11	2		2MXABC	
8	NIENART Christopher	1320	L3	W7	L2	W10	2		2MXABCD	
9	GASUNAS Anthony C	1102	L5	W10	L7	W13	2		2MXABCDE	
10	DUEKER John	1375	L1	L9	W13	L8	1		1MXABCD	
11	WISHNER Michael	1274	L6	W13	L3	L7	1		1MXABCD	
12	SMYTHE Bill	1800	H	L6	-	-	0.5			
13	LEDDINGTON Jason		L2	L11	L10	L9	0			

Bradley Summer Open August 12, 2000										
									score	tour
1	MILES Kyle	1470	W9	W14	W7	W3	4		14XABC	
2	MERLI Christopher	2129	W12	W4	D6	W11	3.5		7.5X	
3	LEALI Michael E	1926	W16	W5	W11	L1	3		4XA	
4	CHAMBERS Adam D	1470	W17	L2	W13	W6	3		4XABC	
5	OCHILTREE Joseph	1281	W22	L3	W19	W14	3		4XABCD	
6	LONG David	1856	W13	W18	D2	L4	2.5		2.5XA	
7	LEALI Matthew	1455	D15	W10	L1	W18	2.5		2.5XABC	
8	COCKRELL Robert C	1271	L14	W15	W20	D9	2.5		2.5XABCD	
9	BEAUBAN Brian	1183	L1	W12	W18	D8	2.5		2.5XABCDE	
10	PAINTER Jameson R	1691	L19	L7	W21	W15	2		2XAB	
11	SUAREZ Ronald J	1484	W20	W19	L3	L2	2		2XABC	
12	OHLES Fredrik	1251	L2	L9	W22	W20	2		2XABCD	
13	ALBRITTON Kyle	1224	L6	W21	L4	W19	2		2XABCD	
14	KAPLAN David		W8	L1	W16	L5	2			
15	DUEKER John	1399	D7	L8	W17	L10	1.5		1.5XABCD	
16	IBANEZ Jonathan C	1232	L3	D17	L14	W22	1.5		1.5XABCD	
17	HITE Darrell D	1101	L4	D16	L15	W21	1.5		1.5XABCDE	
18	LITTLE Jonathan	1391	W21	L6	L9	L7	1		1XABCD	
19	KENNEL Earl L	1190	W10	L11	L5	L13	1		1XABCDE	
20	VOSS Andy S	1186	L11	W22	L8	L12	1		1XABCDE	
21	GALAZYUK Anton		L18	L13	L10	L17	0			
22	LITTLE William L		L5	L20	L12	L16	0			

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

Organizers: Please clear your events through the ICA Tournament Calendar. Calendar coordinator is Bill Snythe, 1159 W Lunt #259, Chicago 60626-3519, 773-761-2455, 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

**November 26, 2000, Elmhurst Game/29 Quad.** 3-RR in 4-player sections. North Hall Room 21, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$16, ECC members \$11. \$\$30-10 in each quad. Reg 6-6:45, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

**November 28, 2000, Concordia Game/15.** 5-SS. Koehneke Community Center, Concordia University, River Forest (southwest corner of Division and Bonnie Brae). EF \$15, CCCC members \$10. \$\$ (90% of EFs) to 1st, 2nd, u1800, u1600, u1400/unr. Reg 7-7:30, rd 1 at 7:45. Ken Marshall, 630-932-1455.

**December 2, 2000, Tuley Park Quick**

**#14.** 5-SS, game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$12, u19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$250 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

**December 2, 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 12/3:00 thru 1/31/01. Reg ends 6:30, rd 1 at 7.

**December 2, 2000, ICCA Frosh-Soph Individual/Team Championships.** Not USCF-rated. A school may enter only 1 player each in Boards 1 through 4 sections, but as many as desired in Board 5 section. Wheaton-Warrenville South HS. Mike Zacate. 708-479-9380.

**December 3, 2000, Chicago CC Plus-Score.** 4-SS, game/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$18, juniors and club members \$15. \$\$ 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.

**December 3, 2000, Elmhurst Game/15.** 5-SS. North Hall Room 21, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$15, ECC members \$10. \$\$ (85% of EFs) to 1st, 2nd, u1800, u1600, u1400. Reg 6-6:45, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

**December 9, 2000, Concordia Community Mini-Tour.** 4-SS, game/60. Koehneke 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, Expert \$60, A \$60, B \$60, C \$60, D/below \$60. Reg 9-9:40, rds 10-12:30-2:45-5:15. Ken Marshall, 630-932-1455. An

**ICA Tour mini-event.**

**December 9, 2000, Springfield Holiday Open.** 4-SS, game/80. Hampton Inn, Dirksen Pkwy and Stevenson Dr, Springfield. EF \$12 by 12/2, \$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.

**December 9, 2000, West Chicago Invitational** (note date change). For 8-board teams. West Chicago HS. Joe Splinter, 630-213-9523.

**December 9, 2000, North Boone Invitational.** Individually paired with team awards. Don Ward, 815-765-2850.

**December 9, 16, 2000, ICCA High School Bughouse/Blitz Championships.** Not USCF-rated. Metro sectional at Downers Grove, Prairie Sectional at Normal. Winners' play-off March 24 before ICCA awards ceremony. <http://chicagotribune.com/link/icca>.

**December 10, 2000, Chicago CC 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.

**December 10, 2000, Elmhurst Game/35 Quad.** 3-RR in 4-player sections. North Hall Room 21, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$16, ECC members \$11. \$\$30-10 in each quad. Reg 6-6:45, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

**December 12, 19, 2000, Concordia Game/45.** 4-SS. Koehneke Community Center, Concordia University, River Forest (southwest corner of Division and Bonnie Brae). EF \$15, CCCC members \$10. \$\$ (90% of EFs) to 1st, 2nd, u2000,

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u1800, u1600, u1400/unr. Reg 7-7:30 Dec 12. 2 rds each week at 7:45 Ken Marshall, 630-932-1455.

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

**December 16, 2000, Tuley Park Quick #15.** 5-SS, game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$12, u19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$250 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12 Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

**December 17, 2000, Elmhurst Game/20 Swiss.** 4-SS. North Hall Room 21, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$15. ECC members \$10. S \$ (85% of EFs) to 1st, 2nd, u1800, u1600, u1400. Reg 6-6:45, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

**December 30-31, 2000, Y2.001K Open.** 5-SS, game/90. Clarion Hotel, 5615 N Cumberland, Chicago. Larry Cohen, PO Box 6632, Villa Park 60181. 630-834-2477. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.**

**January 5-7, 2001, Mid-America Class Championships.** Rosemont. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.**

**January 7, 2001, Elmhurst Game/10.** RR in 2 or 3 sections depending on entries. North Hall Room 21, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$12. ECC members \$8. \$\$ (85% of EFs) to 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each section. Reg 6-6:45, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

**January 13, 2001, Peoria Tornado.** 4-SS, game/80. Garrett Center, 824 Duryea Pl, Peoria 61625. EF \$14 by 1/11, \$17 at site. SSG 250: \$75-50; A,B, C/D/below each \$25, upset \$25. Reg 8-8:45, rds 9-12:45-5:30. Fred Malcome, 810 W Progress, Metamora 61548. 309-367-4833, fmalcome@bwsys.net. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

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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.

**LJ January 13, 2001, Illini Classic.** Not USCF-rated 5-board teams, varsity and junior varsity. Illini Union, University of Illinois, Urbana. Jerry Parker, 217-235-1453.

**January 14, 2001, Elmhurst Game/60 Mini-Tour.** 4-SS. Frick Center, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$29, ECC members \$25. \$\$1000 b/48: \$225-150, Expert \$120, A \$110, B \$110, C \$110, u1400 \$110-65. Reg 12-12:45, rds 1-3:15-6-8. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerb@elmhurst.edu. **An ICA Tour mini-event.**

**LJ January 20, 2001, Northwest Scholastic.** Hoffman Estates. Steve Froelich, SGFlaxman@aol.com.

**January 20-21, 2001, Tim Just's Winter Open/Reserve XVI.** 5-SS. 40:90, then SD/30. College of Lake County, Main Building, 19351 W Washington at Rt 45, Grayslake 60030. \$\$2000 b/70. EF: \$31 if rec'd by 1/16, \$35 at site. Two sections: **OPEN:** \$\$250-175-150; X, A/ below each \$125-100. **RESERVE** (under-1800 or unr): \$\$250-175-150; C \$125-100; D/below \$100; unr \$75. **BOTH:** Unrated may win only top prizes in Open or unrated prize in Reserve. Reg 8-8:40, rds 9-1:30-6, 10-2:30. Tim Just, 37165 Willow, Gurnee 60031. 847-244-7954, timjust@Lnd.com. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.**

**LJ January 27, 2001, Evanston Invitational.** 8-board teams. High school and Junior High sections. Evanston HS. Ken Lewandowski, 847-869-8246.

**February 3, 2001, Tuley Park Quick #2 (Big #1).** 5-SS, game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 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.

**LJ February 3, 2001, Hadley Scholastic Class.** Glen Ellyn. Mike Miele, MMiele1947@aol.com

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