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President's Podium



Kevin L. Bachler

Building Volunteers

The key to the success of organizations like the ICA is it's membership. The ICA is a volunteer organization, and slowly we are building a new core of volunteers to help us improve chess opportunities in Illinois. This is leading to some key ideas which we will announce in the next ICB.

- » **The Ex-Urban Tour:** A new tour event to attract more ICB members and chess participation outside of the Chicago metro area.
- » **Illinois Banquet:** The next Illinois Banquet and some new ICA awards will be announced in the next issue.
- » **Illinois Open:** The next Illinois Open will be announced in the next ICB. We anticipate announcing some important changes in this event.
- » **Scholastic Calendar:** A tentative 2002-2003 scholastic calendar will be included in the next ICB.

The Illinois Chess Association can still use some additional volunteers. Key for the next year are plans to help ICA work more closely with organizers throughout the state. We'd like to help organizer use the ICB and the ICA website as consistent and cost-efficient methods to promote chess in Illinois.

To that end, one of the key volunteers we are looking for is a webmaster. While we are open to any number of web improvements, we would like to maintain our core objective of using Microsoft Office as our basic software tool. Consequently, while CGI, PERL, Flash, etc are all tools that we would be happy to have as part of our web arsenal, we would like the basic web management to be based on FrontPage. Additionally, we are interested in building tools that could assist our state organizers in accepting tournament entries online, processed through ICA, with entry files passed to the organizer.

If you are interested in leading or being a part of this development and web management effort, please contact me. We can use you!

We can always use more volunteers. A simple thing is to write an article for the ICB!

If you would like to volunteer, but don't know what to do, just send us your available time and some skills. We'd love to have you help out!

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Editor's Page Commentary and Letters

To The Editor:

I thoroughly enjoyed ICA President Kevin Bachler's "Who is the ICA?" column in the recent ICB – a column that I believe needs to be written from time to time to remind our constituents of the value of an ICA membership. As a former officer, I can well appreciate the time and effort Kevin has undertaken on behalf of all of us, and I would like to thank him for his tireless efforts.

I was saddened, however, by the lack of any mention of one of the most enduring benefits of ICA membership and affiliation that has been in place for almost 20 years – and that is **Chessphone**. Since much of the lifeblood of the ICA revolves around the advertising and publicity of tournaments, including those on the Illinois Tour, it is my opinion that Chessphone has been vital to helping make these events successful. Advertising of events on Chessphone is **specifically** reserved for those organizations and clubs that become affiliates of the ICA. At \$25 a year, this has proven to be one of the most cost-effective advertising tools for an organizer anywhere! Additionally, while membership in the ICA is certainly not a prerequisite for calling Chessphone, individual players always know where he or she can find a place to play at an ICA-affiliated event near them. What is Chessphone and how did it get started?

Chessphone is a recorded line available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is accessible by dialing **630-832-5222**. It was the brainchild of former ICA President Fred Gruenberg, who was the initial voice for several years when it was begun back in the early 1980's. Since its inception, it has been an important source of information to local players. I have been told by some that it takes up a speed dial button on their phones! It is typically updated twice a week – Tuesday evenings with information on where to play chess on the weekend, and Saturday mornings, which sometimes contains information on upcoming events, but more often has the very latest world and local chess news to keep listeners informed of the goings-on across the globe. If you've never called, give it a try!

On a personal note, this spring will mark 15 years that I have been the voice of Chessphone, and I must say I have immensely enjoyed providing this service to our players. During a time when I have had to significantly scale back my involvement in chess activities due to professional and family responsibilities, it has allowed me to at least in a small way be of continued service to

the chess community. I mention this to echo what Kevin mentioned in his article. You don't have to be a big-time tournament organizer or director to help promote the game we all love. I encourage you to think of a small way you can "give back" to the game that has given us so much pleasure. Help set up, help clean up, bring snacks. You will find as much if not more satisfaction than a well-played game. The true payoff is that our chess community will grow, prosper, and surely benefit from your involvement.

Sincerely yours,
Todd Barre
International Arbiter & Former ICA Treasurer

"Kevin Bachler responds:"

Mea culpa. Sometimes in trying to make the main points, someone forgets about some of the really, really important details. Chessphone has been an important part of the ICA for many years, and we appreciate Todd Barre's efforts in this area.

Illinois Class Clock Survey

by Bill Smythe

The following survey was taken by walking through the tournament room about an hour after the start of the last round. My apologies to those who dropped out, or finished their final games early, for not having their votes counted.

Digital

- 15 Chronos
- 5 Saitek
- 3 DGT
- 1 GameTime
- 24 total digital

Analog

- 2 BHB
- 1 white Russian
- 1 Jerger
- 1 other
- 5 total analog

The percentage of digital clocks (almost 83%) is one of the highest ever for a major Illinois tournament. Organizers in other states report much lower figures. Perhaps this can be explained by Illinois' tradition of encouraging juniors to play in open tournaments, and by the greater tendency of young people to embrace the latest technology.

RICHARD W. VERBER, 57 Chess master saw beauty in game

By James Janega
Chicago Tribune staff reporter
Published December 16, 2001

By the time Chicagoan Richard W. Verber amassed enough tournament points at 17 to be rated a master by the U.S. Chess Federation, the city's chess community already was in a stir.

Four years before, Chicago-born Bobby Fischer—a future world champion—had won the first of four consecutive U.S. men's championships. Mr. Verber, who began playing seriously at 15, seemed poised to continue Chicago's dominance at a time when chess—once thought of as elitist—was regaining popularity in the United States.

When he died Monday, Dec. 10, in Vencor Hospital in Northlake, at age 57 of complications from diabetes, Mr. Verber was ranked a senior master—shy maybe of the glowing predictions of Chicago newspaper writers in the 1960s, but a player whose games became a part of the serious chess student's pedagogy nonetheless.

Perhaps more important, said former U.S. Chess Federation President Tim Redman, Mr. Verber expanded his role from great Chicago chess player to great Chicago chess organizer, and then to great Chicago chess teacher.

"He was a precociously talented player as a teenager, and became a master in the early '60s, a senior master in the early '70s. He had a prodigious talent for the game, both as a tactician and strategist," Redman said.

Chess scholars said Mr. Verber played intuitively—he employed tactics based chiefly on his board position rather than relying on advance calculations of his opponents' possible moves, said John Thomas, a friend, former U.S. Amateur Championship winner and rated chess master.

Although Mr. Verber's dedication to the game was unquestioned, he remained at heart a bon vivant whose side interests may have kept him from being a grand master, Thomas said.

"He knew he'd be very good, but never the best in the world," Thomas said. "There were other things that interested him."

Mr. Verber was a vivacious conversationalist with a background in art history who read widely in a number of languages. He also had a talent for planning that extended beyond the chessboard. In 1973, he organized what was then the largest U.S. Open Chess Tournament in history, bringing more than 700 players to the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago. Already a former member of the U.S. Student Team that played in Dresden, Germany, and Tel Aviv, Mr. Verber was president of the Chicago Chess Club in the early 1970s and continued organizing smaller chess tournaments into the mid-1980s.

Since then he taught private lessons and coached teams at elementary and secondary schools in the Chicago area.

"Chess as an educational tool has great potential in helping kids be coaxed gently into abstract thinking," Mr. Verber told the Tribune in 1994.

His experience with competitive chess began at St. Ignatius High School on the West Side. He studied under Harold Leef in daily lessons at the Chicago Chess and Checker Club and attained master player's status in 1961.

He received his undergraduate degree from Loyola University in 1966 and did graduate studies in art history at the University of Chicago.

"He could take a serious issue and put it in whimsical context," said his sister, Marianne Clifford. "He was very educational in that way."

A longtime resident of Rogers Park, he most recently lived in Westmont, and he continued studying great chess games as his health confined him to his home.

"It was the type of beauty that you see in art. He saw something beyond just a competitive game. There was something to be treasured and saved at the end of it," Thomas said. "That's the thing that gave him the most pleasure—creating that type of beauty in chess."

Other survivors include a brother, John; and seven nieces and nephews.

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Special thanks to the Chicago Tribune for permission to reprint this article, and to Mr. Janega for writing such a great article for our good friend Richard.

Memories of Richard

By Dennis Bourgerie

I remember meeting Richard Verber for the first time sometime in the early 1970's. I had some extra time, but few dollars and decided to renew my interest in chess. It was the start of the Bobby Fischer boom as Fischer was beginning his drive past Taimanov, Larsen, Petrosian and Spassky to the World Chess Championship.

I heard of the Chicago Chess Club, which was then located in The Loop in downtown Chicago. Richard Verber and Dennis Keen seemed to be the Chicago Chess Club. In those days, you concentrated on your toughest moves, while "L" trains went by generating great noise and gusts of wind. It was the time of Greg DeFotis, Richard Verber, Andrew and Erik Karklins, Craig Chellstorp, John Turns, Judge George Leighton, Paul Tautvaisas, Ed Vano, Angelo Sandrin, Bill Martz and numerous other colorful characters. Richard seemed to be a part of every significant chess event in the Chicago area. Richard was younger than me, but in my mind he always seemed older than me, probably because he organized large chess events and at that time I organized no chess events. He was a 2400 rated player and my OTB rating at that time was 1350-1650.

Whenever Richard promoted an event, we were severely warned to get our entries in early because there was limited seating capacity and only the first "x" amount of entries would be accepted. Late entries would be barred!!! Richard did this with his own inimitable sense of drama—as soon as I got home, my entry went into the mail! Later I would look around the tournament and see enough seating for another 40 players, but it didn't matter because I had gotten my money's worth of drama and chess fun.

I remember Richard being a part of the organization of the 3 way playoff between Sammy Reshevsky, Robert Byrne and Lubosh Kavalek in 1973 to determine which 2 would go to the interzonals. Richard dragooned me into taking care of the demo board for part of the event. After Richard's exhortations, I was thoroughly convinced that these games were as important as Alekhine-Euwe or Botvinnik-Bronstein.

After moving to Normal, IL in 1979 I lost track of Richard for a few years. Later I became involved in chess organizing in Central Illinois and made trips to Illinois Chess Association meetings with Bill Naff and Garrett Scott. I also went to Chicago tournaments, where usually I would talk to Richard or possibly share a meal. Richard had a beautiful command of the English language and with raised eyebrows, gestures and rolling eyes could make a story come alive. I can

remember sharing meals with Richard and laughing so hard that my sides hurt.

Richard always seemed to have stories about chess players and chess events: He told me a story about the 1988 National Open involving Mikhail Tal. Richard was 1 of the Chicago organizers of the event who extended an invitation to Mikhail Tal to participate in the National Open. Naturally Tal's participation would be used in all the publicity in order to generate enthusiasm for the event. I can't vouch for the story's authenticity, but here is how Richard related the story of Mikhail Tal's arrival in Chicago:

"We went to the airport to pick up Mikhail, who was coming in on a Aeroflot direct flight from Moscow to Chicago. The passengers started de-planing and then we saw Tal, wearing only a light sport coat (it was winter in Chicago) and carrying 2 brown shopping bags by the handles, 1 in each hand. We came up to warmly greet Mikhail and during the greetings, I looked in the first paper bag; perhaps it would be copies of Shackmaty bulletins or MCO's? The first bag contained several bottles of vodka. The 2nd bag was a twin to the first. Here we are, greeting the world-famous Grandmaster and his most precious possessions of the moment are these 2 bags filled with vodka bottles. During the flight to Chicago, I believe he had availed himself liberally of his provisions."

Richard continues; "We took Tal back to his hotel room for some rest, as later in the day a reception had been arranged. While at the room, Tal fell and hit his head quite hard. Everyone was quite concerned for Mikhail. My first thought was that I (Richard) would be best remembered for letting the greatest attacking player of the 20th century die while under my care."

"Along with my organizing duties at the National Open, my main job was keeping Mikhail Tal out of trouble. The latter job was harder than the former."

"After the tournament was over and Tal's plane was in the air, going to New York, I breathed a sigh of relief knowing that my duties were over and that I was returning the famous Russian Grandmaster and ex-World Champion safe and sound and that his further safety in America would be someone else's responsibility."

In many of the Illinois Chess Association meetings, Richard would get the floor and begin talking with great enthusiasm about some subject, soon the gavel would begin pounding and Fred Gruenberg or Al Losoff or whoever was in charge would be shouting "You're out of order, you're out of order, Richard!" Richard would continue his oratory, unmindful of the rebukes from the chair. After more cries of "you're out of order" from the chair, Richard would finally yield back the floor with a mischievous look on his face. He would say "I was only half-done with my presentation."

The gavel got a workout when Richard attended the ICA meetings.

I don't whether we got a lot of work done at these ICA meetings or a little work done, but the meetings were always more interesting when Richard was there.

I attended a small tournament, perhaps late 1980's or early 1990's, at a club Richard ran not far from the Loyola "L" station, where the "L" crosses Sheridan Road on the far north side of Chicago. I arrived an hour early—Richard was playing blitz with someone, who I can't recall at the moment. He won game after game maybe 10 or 12 total. Most chessplayers make a move and then punch the clock - it seems to be 2 separate motions. Richard moved and punched the clock in 1 separate motion that was silky smooth. Richard started the tournament. I played White and lost in the first round to Bill Smythe in about 20 moves. Later I looked up the opening of the Smythe game in my opening books. The opening was not in any of the 5 volumes of ECO.

Richard, we are going to miss you! I don't know whether you were a sinner or a saint, but I know the sun will not be as bright with you gone and I know I was blessed to be a part of your life

Farewell, Richard.

Memories of Richard

Ron Suarez

I just learned of the passing of Richard Verber. All of our chessic lives are a poorer for the loss of Richard but much richer for his spending some time with us and the game. My experiences with Richard were brief but rich. About nine months ago Colley Kitson told me of taking lessons from Richard. I had taken a few master lessons earlier but found it very difficult to travel to where them with my busy schedule. Richard was living in a very southwest suburb of Chicago, which shortened the travel time considerably. Colley asked me to accompany him for a lesson. I had a Saturday free and went. I must say that I was very impressed with how well Richard could relate to the common, adult player. He took a very matter-of-fact approach to help us improve our game and more importantly our enjoyment of the game. His command of the subject matter was on a level equal to that of IM's and GM's that I have had the pleasure to take lessons from.

Richard's health was poor. Diabetes was ravaging his body. When Richard discussed chess though, it was as if the subject actually elevated him out of his body so that material things like bodies did not matter. I took that one lesson from Richard with Colley in the spring and then again managed to travel to see Richard one more time by myself on a weekday in

early September. Richard wanted to show me the Gurgednidze system that he so cherished. I must confess that I felt a bit like the crew from Gilligan's Island. The proverbial three hour lesson turned into one of seven and one half hours! Richard apparently entered that zone where he was elevated beyond the limitations of his disease ravaged body and showed me an energy of someone thirty years younger and without disease. He went from variation to variation with an enthusiasm unrivaled by many. Please understand, the lesson went a continuous, uninterrupted seven and one half hours. Neither he nor I got up from our chairs during that period. The only subject we covered was the Gurgednidze opening system. When I finally looked at the time (8:00 PM) and told him that I still had a three hour drive home and needed to be going, he reluctantly relented and said I "could" go if I felt I needed to. He wanted to keep going! Yes, we were there for that total time solely on Richard's desire, with me as a willing participant. When I offered to pay him for his time Richard would only take the amount agreed upon for the three hour cruise, er I mean lesson. This man was really dedicated to the beauty and wonderment of the game.

I knew his health was failing and only a few weeks after that last lesson Richard entered a hospital in a very serious condition. Colley and I talked of going up to visit Richard but we were both too busy with our life responsibilities and the trip just didn't happen. I spoke with Richard's sister a few times on the phone since Richard entered the hospital. She said that his students were a bright spot in his life. I will miss him.

Ron Suarez

Richard's Games

By Colley Kitson

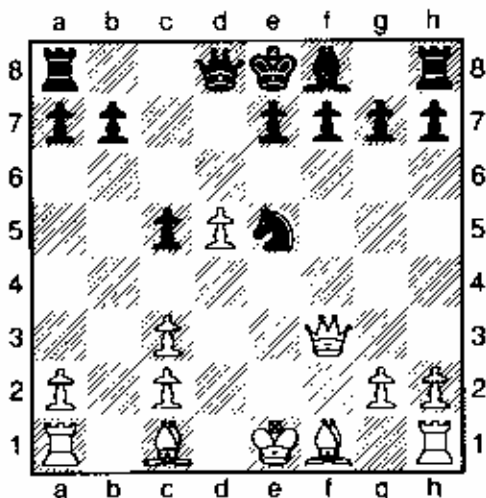
Richard was the first chess professional I ever met. I took five one day lessons from Richard over the last year or so. I love chess like few other things. However, if you ever took a day long lesson with Richard you probably know how I felt. Ouch! and Can we please talk about something other than chess?! It was chess overdose, my brain always hurt!

Lucky for me Richard broke it up with some great stories and his rich laughter. The following two pages are some of the thousands of games Richard played. Rest in peace Chess Mate.

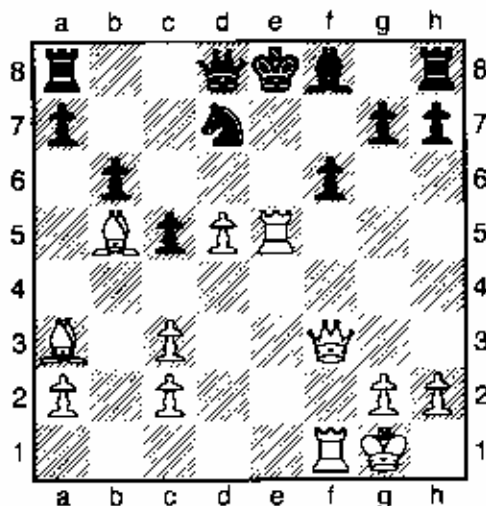
(34) Verber, R – Evans, L [B02]

Chicago Chicago, 1968

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.Nc3 Nxc3 4.bxc3 c5 5.d4 d6 6.f4
dxe5 7.fxg5 Nc6 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.d5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nxe5
Diagram



11.Bb5+ Nd7 12.0-0 f6 13.Ba3 b6 14.Rae1 e5
15.Rxe5+ Diagram



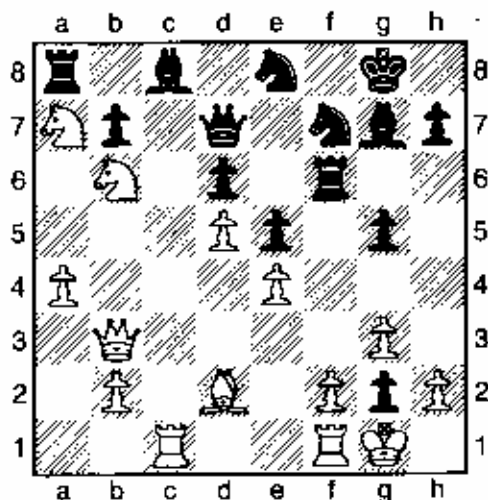
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(63) Verber, R – Anderson, J [E62]

Western Open Western Open, 1971

1.g3 g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 0-0 5.Nf3 d6 6.0-0
e5 7.d4 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.c5 Nd7 10.cxd6 cxd6 11.Nd2
f5 12.Nc4 Nf6 13.Nb5 Ne8 14.a4 f4 15.Bd2 g5 16.Ba5
Qd7 17.Qb3 Nf5 18.e4 Nh6 19.Rac1 Rf6 20.Bd2 Nf7

21.Nxa7 f3 22.Nb6 fxg2 Diagram

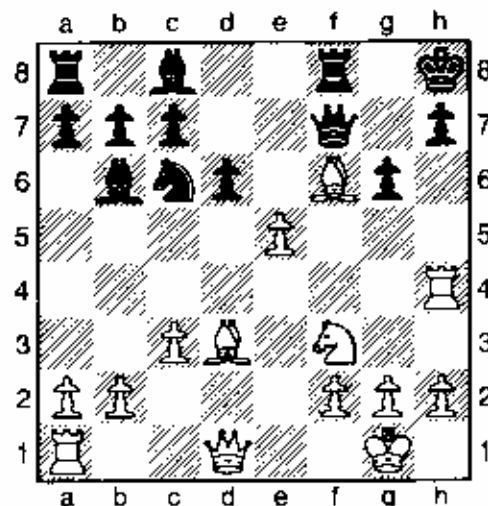


23.Nxd7 gxf1Q+ 24.Rxf1 Rxa7 25.Nxf6+ Bxf6
26.Qb5 Kf8 27.Rc1 Ra8 28.f3 Bd8 29.a5 Nc7 30.Qb3
Ne8 31.Kg2 Nf6 32.Qb5 g4 33.Bb4 gxf3+ 34.Kxf3
Bg4+ 35.Ke3 b6 36.axb6 Rb8 37.b7 Ne8 38.Qa6 Nf6
39.Rc8 Nd7 40.Qa8 Rxb7 41.Qxb7 Nf6 42.Kd3 Bxc8
43.Qxc8 1-0

(41) Verber, R – Taylor, D [C65]

Chicago Chicago (6), 1968

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.c3 Bb6 6.d4
Nxe4 7.Re1 f5 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nxe4 fxe4 10.Bg5 Qe8
11.Rxe4 Qg6 12.Bc4+ Kh8 13.Bd3 Qf7 14.Rh4 g6
15.dxe5 d6 16.Bf6+ Diagram



16...Qxf6 1-0

(83) Verber,R - Stein,P [B30]

Illinois State ch Illinois State ch, 1986

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.0-0 d5
6.e5 Ne7 7.Re1 Ng6 8.b3 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Ba3 Qa5
11.Na4 c4 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.d4 cxd3 14.cxd3 f6
15.Rc1 Rb8 16.Qc2 Rb7 17.Nc5 Rb4 18.Qd2 Qb6
19.d4 Qb8 20.exf6 Rxf6 21.Ng5 Rh6 22.g3 Nf5
23.Ngxe6 Bxe6 24.Nxe6 Qd6 25.Ng5 Rb8 26.f4 Rg6
27.Re5 Rf6 28.Rce1 Rbf8 29.Re6 Rxe6 30.Rxe6 Qd7
31.Re5 h6 32.Ne6 Rf6 33.Qd3 Nd6 34.Nc5 Qg4
35.Kh1 Nf5 36.Re8+ Kh7 37.Ne6 h5 38.Ng5+ Kh6
39.Re3 h4 40.h3 Nxc3+ 41.Rxc3 Qf5 42.Qxf5 Rxf5
43.Rg4 c5 44.Rxh4+ Kg8 45.Nf3 c4 46.bxc4 dxc4
47.Ne5+ 1-0

(4) Verber,R - Sweig,M [B88]

Illinois Open Illinois Open, 1962

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6
6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.a3 Qc7 9.Ba2 b5 10.Be3 Na5
11.Qe2 Bd7 12.Rad1 Rc8 13.Bc1 Nc4 14.Rd3 Be7
15.Rg3 Kf8 16.Kh1 h6 17.f4 Qb6 18.Rd3 Qc7 19.Bxc4
bxc4 20.Rg3 Kg8 21.e5 Ne8 22.f5 exf5 23.e6 fxe6
24.Nxe6 Bxe6 25.Qxe6+ Kf8 26.Rxf5+ Bf6 27.Nd5
Qd8 28.Bf4 Rc6 29.Rg6 Qc8 30.Rxf6+ gxf6 31.Qe7#
1-0

(47) Verber,R - Hechtlinger,J [A38]

Chicago Chicago, 1969

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.Nf3 d6 6.0-0
c5 7.d3 Nc6 8.a3 a6 9.Rb1 Rb8 10.b4 cxb4 11.axb4 b5
12.cxb5 axb5 13.Re1 Bd7 14.d4 Qc8 15.Qb3 Bg4
16.Be3 Bxf3 17.exf3 Qd7 18.Bf1 Na7 19.Ra1 d5
20.Ra5 e6 21.Rea1 Rb7 22.Qa3 Rc8 23.Rxa7 Rxc3
24.Qxc3 Rxa7 25.Rxa7 Qxa7 26.Bxb5 h6 27.Qc8+
Kh7 28.Bc6 Qa1+ 29.Kg2 g5 30.h3 Qb1 31.b5 Qb4
32.Qc7 1-0

(52) Byrne,R - Verber,R [B90]

Chicago Chicago, 1970

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6
6.Be3 e5 7.Nf3 h6 8.Bc4 Be6 9.Qd3 Bxc4 10.Qxc4
Nbd7 11.0-0 Rc8 12.Qd3 Qc7 13.Rfd1 Qc4 14.Qxc4
Rxc4 15.Nd2 Rc7 16.f3 Be7 17.Nf1 b5 18.Rd2 g6
19.a3 h5 20.Bg5 Nb6 21.Ne3 Rxc3 22.Bxf6 Bxf6
23.bxc3 Bg5 24.Rd3 Bxe3+ 25.Rxe3 Kd7 26.g3 Rc8
27.f4 Ke7 28.Rd3 Nc4 29.Kf2 Nb2 30.Rf3 Na4 31.fxe5
dxe5 32.Rf1 f6 33.Ke1 Rc6 34.Kd2 Rd6+ 35.Ke2 Rc6
36.c4 bxc4 37.Rb1 Nc5 38.Re3 Ne6 39.Kd2 Nd4 40.a4
Ke6 41.Rb8 f5 42.exf5+ gxf5 43.Kc3 Rc5 44.Rb6+ Kd5
45.Rxa6 Nc6 46.Ra8 h4 47.gxh4 f4 48.Re1 1-0

(32) Martinovsky,E - Verber,R [E66]

North Central Open North Central Open, 1968

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 d6 6.Bg2
Nc6 7.0-0 a6 8.d5 Na5 9.Nd2 c5 10.Qc2 e5 11.b3 Rb8
12.a3 b6 13.b4 Nb7 14.Qa4 Bd7 15.b5 a5 16.Qc2 Qe7
17.Na4 Nd8 18.Nb3 Nh5 19.Bd2 f5 20.Nxb6 Rxb6
21.Nxa5 e4 22.Ra2 Bxb5 23.cxb5 Rxb5 24.a4 Rb8
25.Nc4 Nf6 26.Bg5 Nf7 27.Bxf6 Bxf6 28.a5 Qa7 ½-½

(71) Verber,R - Marovlich,M [B33]

Illinois State Speed Illinois State Speed, 1977

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6
6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4 e5 8.Bg5 a6 9.Na3 Be7 10.Nc4 b5
11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Ne3 Nd4 13.Ncd5 Be6 14.Bd3 Rc8
15.c3 Nc6 16.a4 Rb8 17.axb5 axb5 18.b4 Qd7 19.Qf3
Rg8 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Qxf6 Ne7 22.0-0 Ng6 23.Nf5
Nf4 24.Bxb5 Bxf5 25.Bxd7+ Bxd7 26.Qxd6 Rc8
27.Qxe5+ Ne6 28.f4 1-0

(57) Verber,R - Chase,S [A14]

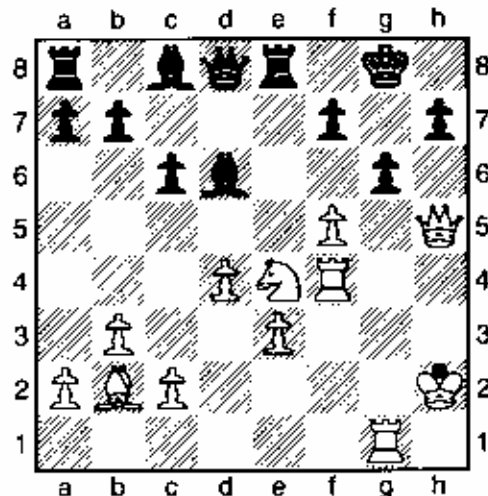
USA USA, 1970

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 c6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Bg2 e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.0-0
Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nc3 b6 9.e3 Ba6 10.Qe2 Rc8 11.Rfd1
Qc7 12.Rac1 Rfd8 13.d3 Qb8 14.e4 dxe4 15.dxe4 e5
16.Bh3 Bd6 17.Rc2 Qc7 18.Rcd2 Ne8 19.Ba3 Bxa3
20.Rxd7 Rxd7 21.Rxd7 Qb8 22.Ng5 Nf6 23.Rxf7 Re8
24.Bd7 Nxd7 25.Qh5 1-0

(65) Verber,R - Karklins,E [A01]

Midwest Chess Congress Midwest Chess Congress, 1

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 d6 3.e3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.h3
Nbd7 7.f4 exf4 8.gxf4 Nc5 9.Nc3 d5 10.Nge2 Nfe4
11.0-0 c6 12.Kh2 Bf6 13.d4 Nxc3 14.Nxc3 Ne6 15.f5
Ng5 16.h4 Ne4 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Nxe4 Re8 19.Qg4
Bxh4 20.Rf4 Be7 21.Rg1 g6 22.Qh5 Bd6 Diagram



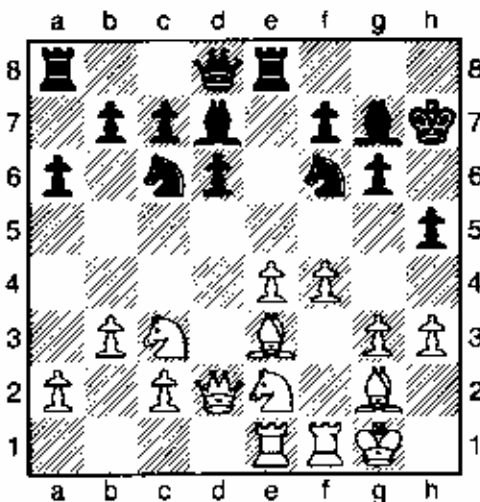
23.fxg6 Bxf4+ 24.exf4 1-0

(1) Young,A (2400) – Quan,Z (2105) [A00]

Midwest class (4), 11.10.2001

[Albert Chow]

1.d3! 7.g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.h3! 0-0 5.Nf3 d6
 6.e4 e5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Be3 Kh7 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.Qd2 Be6
 11.d4! exd4 12.Nxd4 Ne5?! With a weird move order
 play has transposed into a type of Pirc – Philidor's
 defence where black needs a plan to gain freedom
 with exchanges. [More active was 12...Nxd4! 13.Bxd4
 c6!] 13.b3! Bd7 14.0-0 a6 15.f4 Nc6 16.Nde2! Re8
 17.Rae1 h5?!



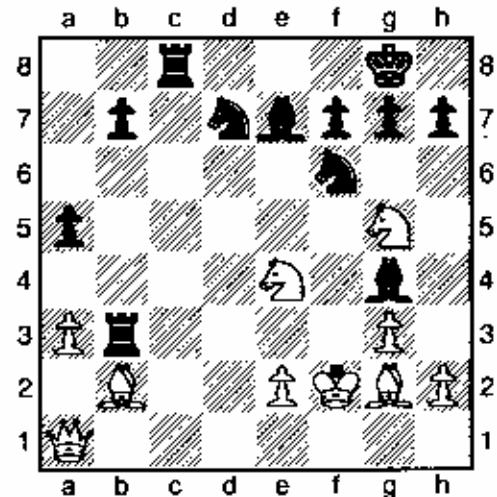
18.f5 Qc8 19.Bg5 Ng8 20.g4 Ne5? [A better defence
 was 20...hxg4 21.hxg4 Ne5] 21.gxh5 gxf5 22.Ng3 f4
 23.h6 Nxh6 [Was 23...Bxh6 24.Bxh6 fxg3 25.Bf4 Bxh3
 a playable defence?] 24.Rxf4 Rg8 25.Rh4 Qf8 26.Nd5
 f6 27.Be3 Ng6 28.Rh5 [The direct 28.Rxh6+ Bxh6
 29.Bxh6 Qxh6? 30.Nxf6+ Kg7 31.Ngh5+ wins.]
 28...Re8 29.Rf1 Re5 30.Nf5 Re5 31.Bxh6 Bxf5
 32.Bxg7+ Kxg7 33.exf5 Rh8 34.Rxh8 Nxh8 35.Nxc7
 black resigns 1-0

(2) Friedman,D (2005) – Szpisjak,S (2230)**[A07]**

Midwest class (3), 13.10.2001

[Albert Chow]

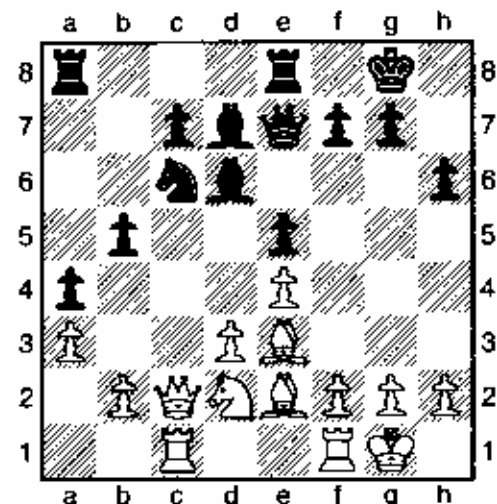
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Bg4 4.d3 e6 5.Nbd2 Be7
 6.0-0 0-0 7.c4 c6 8.b3 Nbd7 9.Bb2 Qb8! 10.Rc1
 [Solid in the center was 10.d4] 10...a5 11.a3 e5!
 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Rc2 Bd6 14.Qa1 Re8 15.Rfc1 e4!
 Steve puts the question to white's Reti system with
 counterplay in the center. 16.dxe4 dxe4 17.Ng5 e3!
 18.fxe3 Rxe3 19.Nde4 Be7 20.Kf2 Rxb3 21.Rc8+
 Qxc8 22.Rxc8+ Rxc8



23.Qa2 Nxe4+! 24.Bxe4 [Better was 24.Nxe4]
 24...Rxb2! 25.Qxb2 Bxg5 26.Qd4 Be6 27.Bd5 Bxd5
 28.Qxd5 Nc5! 29.Kg2 Be7 30.Qf5 Rc6 31.Qe5 Bf8
 32.h4 a4 33.g4 Re6 34.Qb2 Ra3 35.g5 g6 36.Kf2 Rb3
 37.Qd4 Rxa3 38.e4 Ne6 39.Qd7 Bc5+ 40.Ke2 Nf4+
 41.Ke1 Re3+ 42.Kf1 Rf3+ 43.Ke1 Bb4+ 44.Kd1 Rd3+
 white resigns 0-1

(3) Peter,P (2410) – Palos,O (2450) [A28]Midwest class (4), 12.10.2001 *[Albert Chow]*

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d3 h6! 5.e3 [Another
 typical English development is 5.g3 Bc5 6.Bg2 d6]
 5...Bb4 6.Bd2 0-0 7.Be2 [Also good was 7.a3] 7...Re8
 8.0-0 Bf8! 9.a3 d5 10.cxd5 Nxd5 Play has
 transposed to an the Schevenigen variation of the
 Sicilian with colors reversed! 11.Qc2 Nb6 12.Rac1
 [This was a good chance to push 12.b4!] 12...a5!
 13.Na4 Nxa4 14.Qxa4 Bd7 15.Qc2 a4! 16.e4 Bd6!
 17.Be3 Qe7 18.Nd2 b5!?

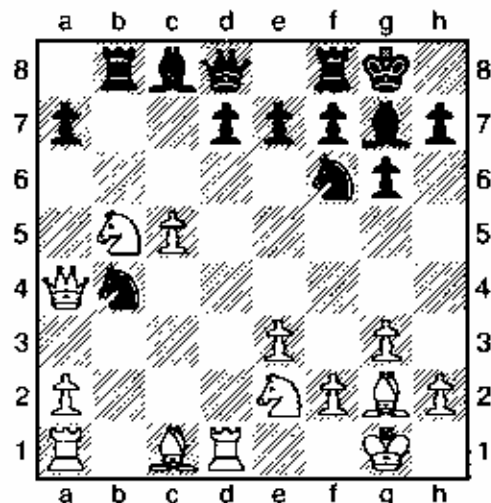


19.Bg4? Nb4! 20.axb4 Bxg4 21.Bc5 Qg5 22.Be3 [Better was 22.Kh1] 22...Qg6 23.f3 Bh3 24.Nb1 Bxb4 25.Kh1 Bd7 26.Qxc7 Qe6 27.d4 exd4 28.Bxd4 Bd6 29.Qc3 b4! Palos pushes his bishops and queenside pawn majority for advantage over the sidelined horse on b1. 30.Qa3 Rec8 31.Nd2 Bb5! 32.Rfd1 Rxc1 33.Rxc1 Rc8! 34.Rd1 Rc2 35.f4? Qg4! Unable to defend the tactical threats, white resigns. 0-1

(4) Pelts, P (2410) – Dean, J (2230) [A36]

Midwest class (2), 11.10.2001 [Albert Chow]

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.e3 Bg7 6.Nge2 0-0 7.0-0 Rb8?! [The classical strategy of pushing the center pawn to develop the bishop with 7...d6! 8.d4 cxd4 9.exd4 Bf5 is better.] 8.d4 Na5?! [Moving the same piece twice in the opening, instead of the almost forced 8...d6!] 9.dxc5! Nxc4 10.Qa4! Na5 11.b4 Nc6 12.Rd1 b5? [An unsound gambit in place of the solid 12...a6] 13.Nxb5 Nxb4

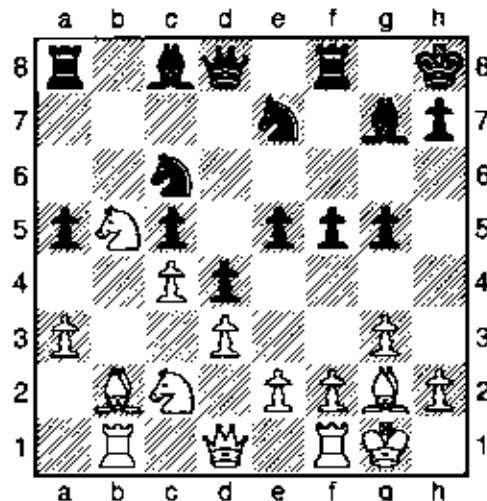


14.Bd2 [Why not try to eat everything with 14.Qxb4! a6 15.Ned4! axb5 16.Nc6!+-] 14...Nd3?? [The best chance was 14...Ba6! 15.Nbd4 Bxe2 16.Nxe2 Nd3] 15.Ba5! Nxc5 16.Qa3! Rxb5 17.Bxd8 Rxd8 18.Rab1 black resigns 1-0

(5) Young, A (2410) – Pelts, P (2400) [A37]

Midwest class (5), 11.10.2001 [Albert Chow]

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 [Another plan is 4.e3] 4...Bg7 5.Bg2 e6 6.0-0 Nge7 7.a3 [A solid central development in this symmetrical English is 7.d3 0-0 8.Bf4] 7...0-0 8.Rb1 a5 9.b3? [Again better could be 9.d3 d5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Bf4] 9...d5 10.Bb2 d4! 11.Nb5 e5! 12.d3 f5 13.Ne1 Kh8 14.Nc2 g5! 15.b4 b6 Black gains and maintains an impressive space advantage. [If 15...axb4 16.Qd2!] 16.bxc5 bxc5

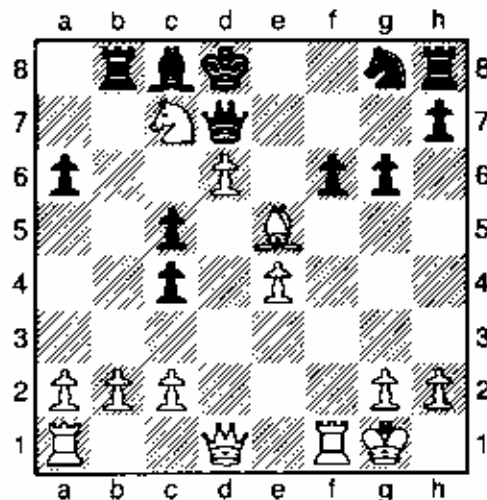


17.e3 Ra6! 18.exd4 exd4! 19.a4 f4! 20.Na1 Ne5! 21.Nb3 f3! 22.Bh1 Qd7! 23.Re1 Qh3 Pelts knows all the best attacking moves. Looking at this position GM Goldin said, "It has to be mate!" and he was right. 24.Nd2 Ng4 [Also strong was 24...Rh6 25.Nf1 Nf5+] 25.Nf1 Nxf2! 26.Rxe7 Rh6!+- 27.Nxd4 cxd4 [Or 27...Nxf1+] 28.Rxg7 Nxf1! 29.Bxf3 Ne3! 30.Rg8+ Kxg8 31.Bd5+ Nxd5 white resigns before black can checkmate. With this win Pelts gained a share of first prize. 0-1

(6) Palos, O – Quan, Z [A44]

Midwest class (3), 11.10.2001 [Albert Chow]

1.d4 c5 2.d5 d6 3.e4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.f4! This Kings gambit busts black's blockade Benoni. 5...Nd7 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.Nb5 Ndf6? [The best developing defence was 7...Qb6!] 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.d6! Kf8 10.Nxe5 Nd7 [White has strong pressure after 10...Nxe4 11.Qd5! Bxe5 12.Qxe5+-] 11.Nf3 a6 12.Nc7 Rb8 13.Bc4 Ne5 14.Bg5! Qd7 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.0-0 f6 17.Ne6+ Ke8 18.Bf4 b5 19.Bxe5! bxc4 20.Nc7+ Kd8



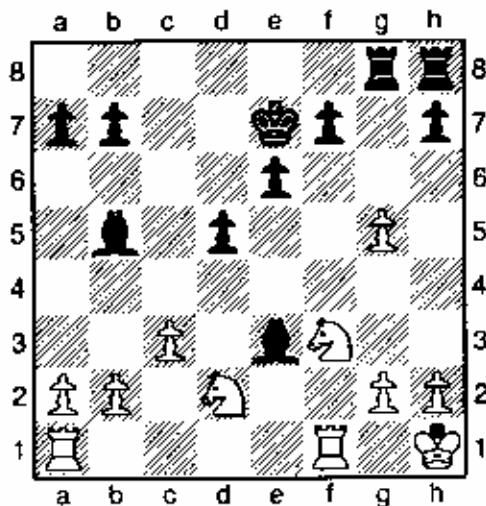
21.Rxf6! Qg7 22.d7! Bxd7 23.Qd6 [Also winning was 23.Ne6+! Kc8 24.Qd6! Bxe6 (or 24...Rb7 25.Rf8+ Qxf8 26.Qxf8+ Be8 27.Qxe8#) 25.Rf8+ Kb7 26.Rxb8+ Ka7 27.Qxc5#] 23...Nxf6 [No better was 23...Qxf6 24.Bxf6+ Nxf6 25.Ne6+ Ke8 26.Qxb8+ Ke7 27.Qxh8+--] 24.Ne6+! Ke8 25.Qxb8+ [Also 25.Nxg7+ Kd8 26.Ne6+ Ke8 27.Bxf6 Kf7 28.Qe7+ Kg8 29.Qg7#] 25...Kf7 [If 25...Ke7 26.Qd6+ Kf7 27.Bxf6!+-] 26.Ng5+ Ke7 27.Bd6# 1-0

(7) Szpisjak,S (2250) – Pelts,P (2410) [A45]

Midwest class, 10.10.2001

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 The sharpest counter to the Trompowski indian. 3.Bf4 c5 4.f3 Nf6 5.dxc5 [The central push 5.d5 is a Benoni – like alternative.] 5...Qa5+ 6.Qd2?! [More accurate is 6.Nc3! Qxc5 7.e4 with a transposition to the Sicilian.] 6...Qxc5 7.Qc3?! e6! 8.e4 d5! A transposition to a good French defence. 9.Qxc5 Bxc5 Black has a lead in development and more central pawns. 10.Bxb8 Rxb8 White forces the exchange of his attacking pieces, losing tempo and the initiative. 11.Bb5+ Ke7! 12.e5 Nd7 13.f4 g5! Undermining the base of the chain. 14.Bxd7 Bxd7 15.fxg5 Bd4! 16.c3 Bxe5 17.Nf3 Bf4 18.0-0 Rbg8! 19.Nbd2 Be3+ 20.Kh1 Bb5



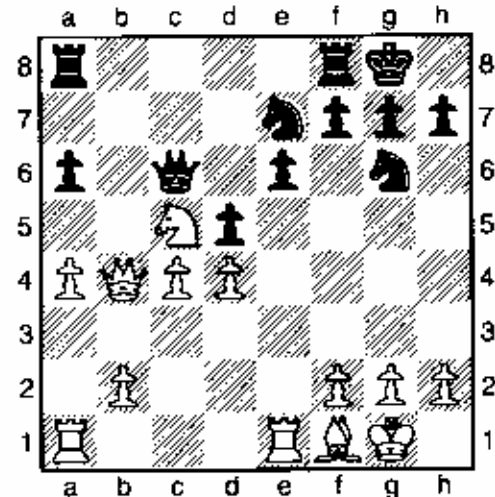
21.Rfe1 Bxd2 22.Nxd2 Rxc5 Pelts has quickly gained a winning endgame. 23.Nf3 Rg4 24.Nd4 Bd3 25.h3 Rg7 26.Re3 Be4 27.Rg1 Rhg8 28.Re2 f5 29.Kh2 Rg3 30.Rf2 f4 31.Nb3 e5 32.Nd2 Bd3 33.Re1 e4 34.Nf1 R3g6 35.Rd2 Kd6 36.g4 fxg3+ 37.Kg2 b5 38.Ne3 h5 39.Nf5+ Kd7 40.Re3 Rg5 41.Nh4 a5 white resigns 0-1

(8) Quan,Z (2105) – Karklins,A (2375) [A46]

Midwest class (2), 11.10.2001

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Be7 6.Bd3 b5 [Somewhere between now and the next ten moves it was correct to castle the king for example: 6...0-0!] 7.0-0 a6 8.Nbd2 Bb7 9.c3 Nc6 10.Re1 Nd5 11.Bxe7 Nxe7 12.Ne4 Qc7 13.Nc5 Bc8 14.a4 b4 15.c4 Nf4 16.Bf1 d6 17.Ne4 Bb7? [Better was 17...0-0! 18.Qd2 d5!] 18.Qd2! d5 19.Nc5 Bc5 20.Ne5 Nfg6 21.Nxc6 Qxc6 22.Qxb4 0-0 Diagram



White already has a winning advantage. 23.Qc3 e5 24.b4 exd4 25.Qxd4 dxc4 26.Qxc4 Rfc8 27.g3 Rab8 28.Nxa6 Qf6 29.Qe2 Rb6 30.Ra3 Nc6 31.Qe4 Nd4 32.Rd1 Rd6 33.Nc5 Ne5 34.Kg2 Nec6 35.Rad3 Rdd8 36.b5 Re8 37.Qf4 Qxf4 38.gxf4 Na5 39.Rxd4 Rxc5 40.Rd8 Kf8 41.Rxe8+ Kxe8 42.Rd6 Rc3 43.Ra6 Nb3 44.b6 Nc5 45.Ra8+ Kd7 46.Bb5+ Kd6 47.Rd8+ Ke6 48.Rc8 black resigns 1-0

(9) Odonell,R – Stannov,A (2250) [D18]

Midwest class (2), 13.10.2001

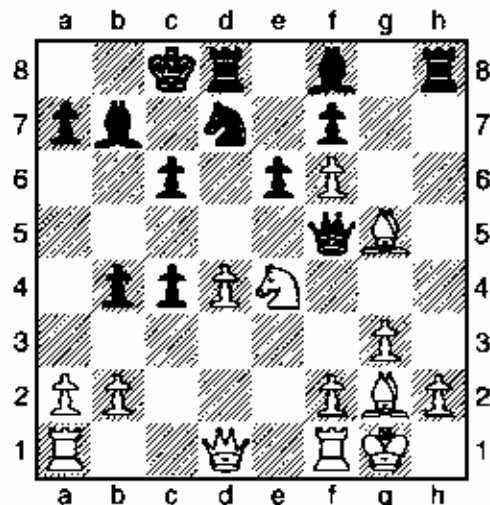
[Albert Chow]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 Nbd7 The classical main line of the Slav-Queen's gambit, accepted. 9.Qe2 Bg4 10.h3 Bh5 11.Rd1 Qe7 12.e4 e5 13.d5 h6 14.g4 Bg6 15.Nh4 Nh7 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Bb3 Bc5 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.Be3 Rd8 20.Bxc5 Qxc5 21.Be6 Nhf8 22.Qc4 Qe7 23.Bxd7+ Nxd7 24.Qxc6 0-0 25.Rd3 Qh4 26.Rf1 Nf6 27.Re3 Rd2 28.Ne2 Kh7 29.Qc3 Rfd8 30.Qxe5 Nxg4! 31.hxg4 Rxe2! 32.Rg3 [If 32.Rxe2 Qxg4+ and Qxe2.] 32...Rdd2 33.b4 Rb2 34.b5 Ra2 incomplete scoresheet, black won before time control. 0-1

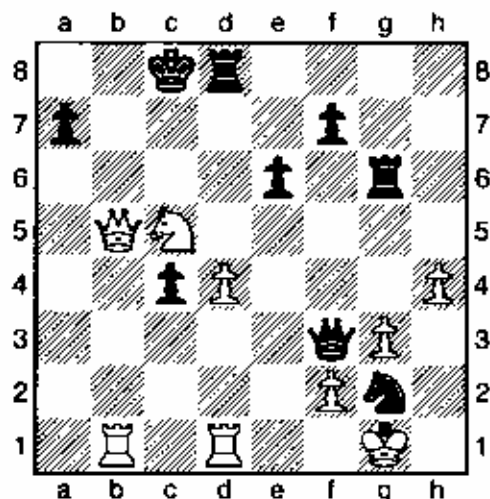
(10) Goldin,A (2700) – Hoover,N [D44]

Midwest class, 10.10.2001 [Albert Chow]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c8 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4
 b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Nxg5 hxg5 10.Bxg5 Nbd7 The
 Botvinnik variation of the Semi Slav defence to the
 Queen's Gambit declined! 11.g3 Qa5 12.exf6 Bb7
 [Black might improve with 12...Ba6 ; or 12...b4 13.Ne4
 Ba6] 13.Bg2 0-0-0 14.0-0 b4 15.Ne4 Qf5



16.Qe2 Nb6 17.Rfd1 Ba6 18.h4 Bb5 19.Qc2 Nd5
 20.Rac1 Bh6 21.Bxh6 Rxh6 22.a4! bxa3 gains a
 pawn endgame advantage if 22...Ba6 23.Nc5 Qxc2
 24.Rxc2 Bb7 25.Rxc4 Rxf6 26.Bxd5 cxd5 27.Rxb4+--
 23.bxa3 Nxf6 24.a4! Nd5? [Black could defend
 24...Ba6 25.Nc5 Qxc2 26.Rxc2 Bb7 27.Rxc4+--
 25.axb5 cxb5 26.Qd2 Rg6 27.Qa5 Nf4 28.Nc5 Nxg2
 29.Qxb5 Qf3 30.Rb1



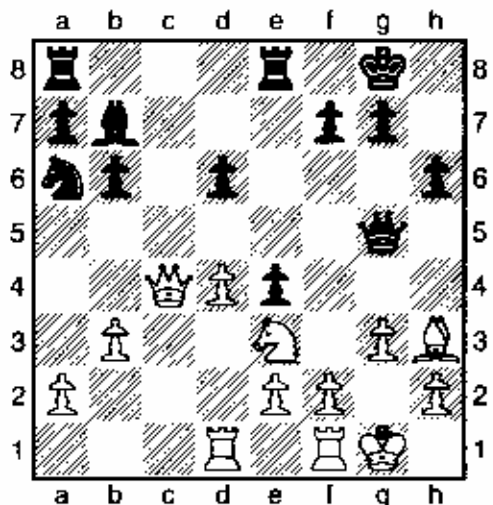
black resigns before he gets checkmated. 1-0

(11) Chow,A (2270) – Goldin,A (2594) [E15]

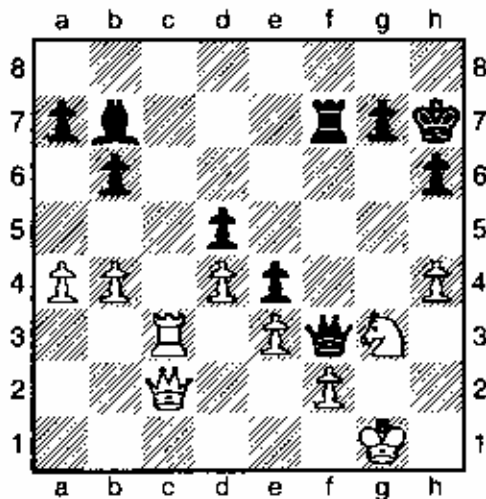
Midwest Class (2), 13.10.2001

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 The Queen's Indian
 defence. 4.g3 Ba6 5.b3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Bg2 d5
 8.cxd5 exd5 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.Qc2 Na6 The
 middle game moves take on the character of the
 Exchange variant of the Catalan Queen's gambit.
 12.Rad1 h6 13.Nh4! Re8! 14.Nf5 Bf8 15.Bf4 Ne4
 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Qc4 Qf6 [after the game, Mr. Goldin
 thought better was 17...c6!] 18.Ne3 Bd6 [Or again
 18...c6!] 19.Bxd6 cxd6 20.Bh3! Qg5



White controls the c file, and has the more active
 minor pieces. GM Goldin began to become more
 interested in finding a plan of counterplay. As a result,
 both players used up time on the clock. 21.b4 d5
 22.Qb3 [Also good seems 22.Qc3] 22...Nc7 23.Rc1
 Qd8 24.Rc2 Ne6 25.Bxe6 Rxe6 26.Rfc1 Re7 27.Rc3
 Rd7 28.a4 Qf6 29.Rc7 Rad8 30.Qd1 Qd6 31.Rxd7
 Qxd7 32.h4?! White should NOT weaken his castled
 pawns position. However, this dubious risk had one
 plus: black started using clock time looking for a forced
 win that may not exist. [More accurate was 32.Rc3!
 Rc8 33.Rxc8+ (Not 33.Qc2? Rxc3 34.Qxc3 Qxa4
 35.Nxd5 Qd1+! 36.Kg2 Qxe2) 33...Qxc8 34.Qc2 with
 drawish equality.] 32...Kh7 33.Kg2?! White need not
 fear black's Qh3 as then white's Qf1! defends easily.
 [Better was 33.Rc3!] 33...f5 34.Rc3! Rf8 35.Qc2 Rf7!
 36.Nf1 f4 37.gxf4?! [More solid was 37.b5] 37...Qg4+
 38.Ng3 Qxf4! [White is solid after 38...Qxh4 39.e3]
 39.e3 Qf3+? [Blitz . Black has an extra passed h pawn
 after 39...Qxh4! 40.Rc7 Qf6] 40.Kg1 Worried about
 white's threat to invade with Rc7, black lost by time
 forfeit! He may have counterplay with 40...Qf6 due to
 the weakness of white's h pawn. So I was a bit lucky.
 The highest rated GM I have scored a win on to date.



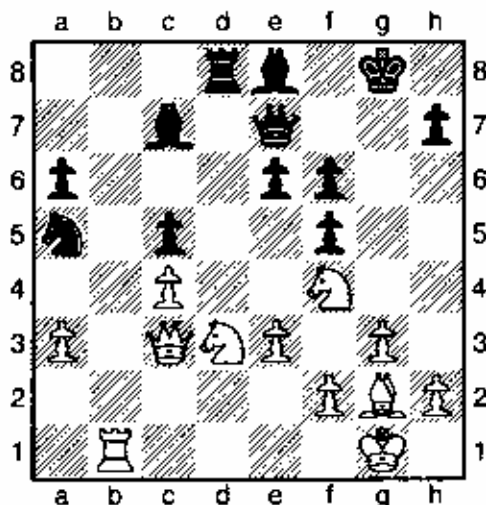
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(12) Goldin, A (2700) - Karklins, A (2410)
[E42]

Midwest class (4), 14.10.2001

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Nge2 d6 6.a3
Ba5! 7.g3 Nc6 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7 10.b3 Rb8
11.Bb2 a6 12.dxc5 dxc5 13.Qc2 Qe7 14.Nf4 Bc7
15.Rfd1 Rfd8 16.Nd3 Na5 17.Ne2 b5 18.Bxf6! gxf6
19.Rab1 bxc4 20.bxc4 Rxb1 21.Rxb1 Be8 22.Nef4 f5
23.Qc3 f6



24.Nxc5!? Qxc5 25.Nxe6 Qe7 26.Nxd8 Qxd8
27.Bd5+ Kg7 28.Qd4 Bd7 29.Qc5 Bc8 30.Qa7 Kg6
31.h4 h8 32.Kh2 Kg7 33.Kg2 Kf8 34.Qd4 Qd6
35.Qd1 Kg7 36.Qh5 Qe7 [Better was 36...Be6!]
37.Rb4 Qd7 [37...Bd6! 38.g4!? Bxb4 39.gxf5! Qf8

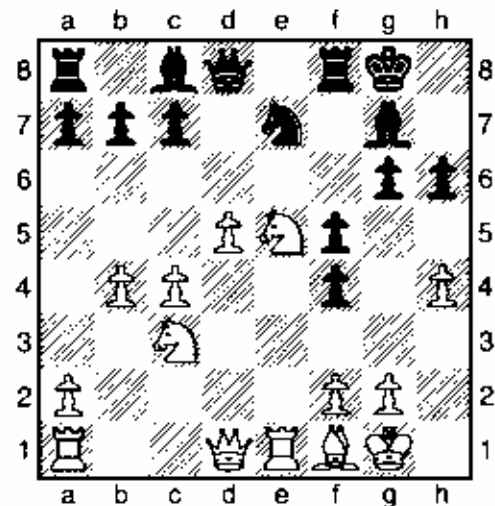
40.axb4 Nb7 41.Qg6+ Kh8 42.Be6 Nd6 with knight for
three pawns.] 38.Rb1 Qe7 [Or 38...Nxc4! 39.Bxc4
Qc6+=] 39.a4 Nxc4! 40.Rc1 Ne5 41.Qe2 Qd7 42.Ba8
Bb6 43.Rb1 Ba7 [Most natural was 43...Bb7+!
44.Bxb7 Qxb7+] 44.Qd1 Nd3 [An equal ending was
44...Qxd1 45.Rxd1=] 45.Kg1 Nc5 46.Qc2 [Also equal
was 46.Qxd7+ Bxd7 47.a5=] 46...f4?! [Good enough to
draw seems 46...Qxa4! 47.Qxa4 Nxa4 48.Bb7 Be6
49.Bxa6 Nc5=] 47.exf4 Qxa4 48.Qe2 Qd7 49.f5 Kf8
50.Rd1 Qe7?? [The best defence was 50...Qe8!=]
51.Qh5! Bd7 52.Qxb6+ Qg7 53.Qf4 Kg8 54.Bd5+
Kh7 55.Qf3 Be8 56.Re1! Qf8 57.Qe3 Bf7 58.Qe7!
Kg8 59.Bxf7+ Qxf7 60.Qd8+ Karklins resigned before
Goldin could move his rook down the e file, pinning
black's queen. 1-0

(13) Young, A (2400) - Friedman [E97]

Midwest class, 11.10.2001

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 d6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.d4 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3
e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 Nf4 11.Bf1
f5?! [The correct counter is critical in this Classical
King's Indian. For example 11...a5!] 12.Bxf4! exf4
13.e5! h6 14.h4 dxe5 15.Nxe5



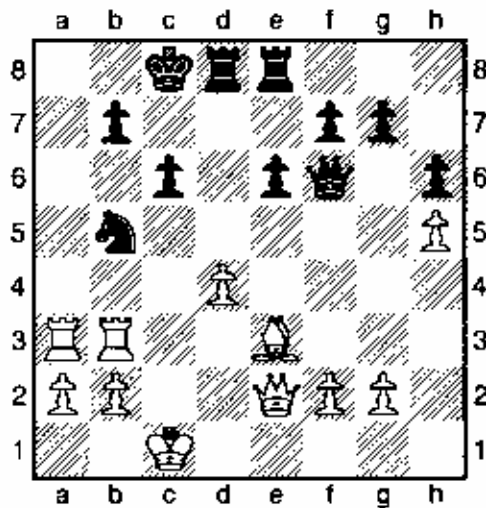
15...g5? Black's kingside pawnstorm only opens lines
and holes in in front of his own king! [Again better was
15...a5!] 16.hxg5 hxg5 17.Qh5! g4 18.c5 Rf6? [A
better defence was 18...Bxe5 19.Rxe5 Kg7] 19.Bc4
Kf8 20.Rad1 Qe8 21.Qxe8+ Kxe8 22.d6! cxd6
23.cxd6 Be6 24.dxe7 Kxe7 25.Nd7 Rh6 26.Nd5+ Kf7
27.Rxe6 Rxe6 28.Nxf4 black resigns 1-0

(14) Stannov,A (2260) – Quan,Z (2105)**[B19]**

Midwest class, 10.10.2001

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6
 The classical main line of the Caro-Kann. 6.h4 h6
 7.h5 Bh7 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 e6 11.Bd2
 Nbd7 12.0-0-0 Qc7 13.Ne4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Nf6 15.Qe2
 Bd6 16.Rh4 0-0-0 [Kingside castling 16...0-0 was also
 playable.] 17.Ne5 Qe7 18.Rh3 Bc7 19.Ra3 Bb6
 20.Be3 Nd5 21.Nc4 Qf6 22.Nxb6+ axb6 23.c4 Nc7
 24.Rdd3! b5 25.Rdb3 Rhe8 26.cxb5 Nxb5



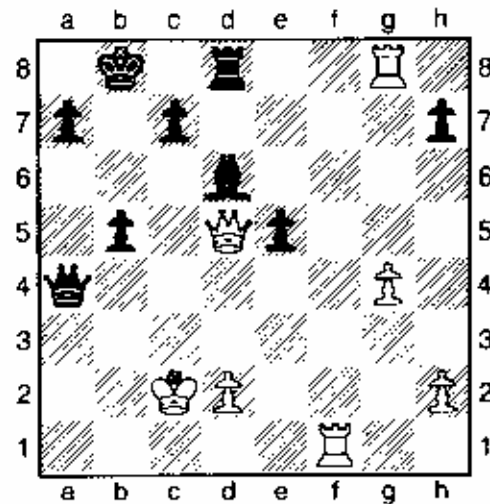
27.Rxb5! cxb5 28.Qxb5 Qf5 Alex opens the attack
 with an intuitive exchange sacrifice. [Maybe 28 Kb8!?
 but the tactical toll was adding to time pressure.]
 29.d5 [Also dangerous was 29.Qb6!+-] 29...Kb8
 30.Ba7+ Ka8 31.Bc5+ Kb8 32.Qb6? [Stannov misses
 his mating combination 32.Bd6+! Rxd6 33.Qxe8+ Kc7
 34.Qe7+++ Kb6 35.Qxd6+ Kb5 36.Rb3+ Kc4 37.Qc7+
 Kd4 38.Rb4+ Kxd5 39.Rb5+ Kd4 40.Qc3+ Ke4
 41.Qe3#] 32...Qf4+! 33.Kc2 Qc4+ 34.Rc3 [Or 34.Kb1]
 34...Qa4+ 35.Rb3 Qe4+ 36.Rd3? [The game could be
 drawn by perpetual check after 36.Kc1=] 36...Rxd5
 37.Bd4?? An unlucky blunder. [The draw by 3 time
 repetition was 37.Qa7+! Kc8 38.Qa8+ Kc7 39.Qa5+
 Kd7 40.Qb5+=] 37...Qe2+ 38.Rd2 Rc8+ 39.Kb3 Rb5+
 40.Ka3 Qxd2 white resigns 0-1

(15) Karklins,A (2400) – Stannov,A (2230)**[C42]**

Midwest class (5), 14.10.2001

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nd3!? Nxe4 5.Qe2
 Qe7 6.b3 Bf5 7.Bb2 Nd7 8.Na3!? [8.Nc3] 8...0-0-0
 9.Nc4 Nef6 10.Ne3 Bg5 11.0-0-0 Re8 12.Qf3 Ne5
 13.Nxe5 dxe5 14.Bc4 Qb4 15.Rhe1 Qa5 16.Qh3+
 Kb8 17.f4?! [17.a4] 17...Qxa2 [17...exf4 18.Nd5 Rxe1
 19.Rxe1 Qxa2 20.Nxf6 Ba3!+-] 18.b4 Qa4 19.Bb3
 [19.f5! Bxb4 20.fgx6 hxg6 Black has three pawns for
 white's light squared bishop.] 19...Qxb4 20.g4
 [20.fxe5] 20...Qxf4+ 21.Rf1 Qg5 22.Qg3 Ne4 23.Qe1
 Nc5 [23...Nd6+-] 24.Bxf7 Bxf7 25.Rxf7 Na4 26.Qe2
 Nxb2 27.Kxb2 Qg6 28.Qc4 Bc5 29.Ka1 Re6
 [29...Rhf8] 30.Rdf1 Ra6+ 31.Kb2 Qb6+ 32.Qb3 Qc6
 33.Nc4 b5 34.c3 Bd6 [34...Rd8+-] 35.Ne3 Ra3 36.Qd5
 Qa6 37.Rxg7 Rd8 38.Nc2 Rxc3? [38...Ra4!] 39.Rg8?
 [39.Kxc3!+-] 39...Rxc2+? 40.Kxc2 Qa4+



The game now enters the sudden death time control.
 41.Kb1 Rxg8 [41...Qb4+ 42.Kc1 Qa3+ 43.Kd1 Qa4+
 44.Ke2] 42.Qxg8+ Kb7 43.Qd5+ Kb6 44.Rf3 Qxg4
 45.Rc3 Qg6+ 46.Kb2 Qe8 47.Qe4 Bc5 48.Rh3 h5
 49.Rg3 Qd7 50.Rg6+ Ka5 51.d3 Qd4+ [51...Bd4+]
 52.Qxd4 Bxd4+ 53.Kb3 Be3 54.Rc6! Bf4 55.h3 h4
 56.Rxc7 Kb6 57.Rh7 Bg3 58.Rh6+ Ka5? [58...Kb7
 59.Kb4 a6=] 59.Rf6 Be1 60.Rh6 b4 61.Rh5 Bc3
 [61...Bg3 62.d4±] 62.Rxh4 Kb5 63.Rh8+- a5 64.Rb8+
 Kc5 65.h4 Bd2 66.h5 Bf4 67.Rd8 Bd2 68.Rh8 Kd4
 69.Kc2 Bg5 70.h6 b3+ 71.Kxb3 Kxd3 72.h7 Bf6
 73.Rd8+ Ke2 74.h8Q Bxh8 75.Rxh8 e4 76.Kc2 a4
 77.Rh2+ Ke3 78.Kd1 Kd3 79.Ra2 black resigns 1-0

**Illinois Class
November 24-25, 2001**

MASTER-EXPERT						score	tour	
1	FELECAN Florin	2498	X 7	W9	D 2	W4	3.5	15M
2	YOUNG Angelo	2400	W3	W6	D 1	W8	3.5	15M
3	STEVANOVIC Miomir	2000	L 2	W10	W	15W	3	8MX
4	CHOW Albert	2274	D16	W13	W8	L 1	2.5	5M
5	CHRISTIAN King	2092	L14	W17	D12	W11	2.5	5MX
6	BROCK William	2066	W15	L 2	D14	W12	2.5	5MX
7	GORLIN Andrey	2019	F 1	H	W13	W14	2.5	5MX
8	PANGAN Camilo	2299	W17	W14	L 4	L 2	2	4M
9	YEE Patrick	2286	W10	L 1	W11	L 3	2	4M
10	RODRIGUEZ Jose	1850	L 9	L 3	W18	W15	2	4MXA
11	ARAMIL William	2130	D13	W16	L 9	L 5	1.5	3MX
12	LONCAREVIC Robert	1845	H	H	D 5	L 6	1.5	3MXA
13	SMYTHE Bill	1832	D11	L 4	L 7	B	1.5	3MXA
14	DUNCAN Jason	1831	W5	L 8	D 6	L 7	1.5	3MXA
15	FLORES Joshua	1823	L 6	B	L 3	L10	1	2MXA
16	LONCAREVIC Robert	1845	D 4	L11	-	-	0.5	
17	AARON Michael E	1970	L 8	L 5	-	-	0	
18	SMYTHE extra game	1832	-	-	L10	-	0	

CLASS A						score	tour	
1	COHEN Howard	1847	W4	W3	W5	D 2	3.5	15A
2	MIDDLETON Douglas	1965	W6	D 9	W8	D 1	3	8A
3	FORD Samuel	1923	W13	L 1	W9	W7	3	8A
4	LAZEBNIK Yakov	1942	L 1	D 7	B	W9	2.5	5A
5	MODES Dan	1941	W12	W10	L 1	D 6	2.5	5A
6	CAVITT Dexter	1897	L 2	W12	W11	D 5	2.5	5A
7	WATTS Bradley	1913	D 8	D 4	W10	L 3	2	4A
8	NIENART Christopher	1670	D 7	W13	L 2	D10	2	4AB
9	CONDON James	1900	W11	D 2	L 3	L 4	1.5	3A
10	BURNETT Jim	1648	X	L 5	L 7	D 8	1.5	3AB
11	VENUSO Michael	1603	L 9	H	L 6	-	0.5	1AB
12	KARAGIANIS Pete	1790	L 5	L 6	-	-	0	
13	LECHNICK William	1771	L 3	L 8	-	-	0	

CLASS B						score	tour	
1	BALE Leslie	1789	W10	W4	W3	W6	4	28B
2	ZAZOVSKIY Vilorik	1646	L 4	W9	W5	W7	3	8B
3	BARTHEL Jim	1795	W7	W5	L 1	D 4	2.5	5B
4	DECMAN Stephen	1791	W2	L 1	W6	D 3	2.5	5B
5	BLAINE Roger	1765	W8	L 3	L 2	W9	2	4B
6	BUTLER Edward	1716	W9	W10	L 4	L 1	2	4B
7	SILVERMAN Scott	1444	L 3	W8	W10	L 2	2	4BC
8	POTTS Kevin	1496	L 5	L 7	D 9	W10	1.5	3BC
9	GLISPIE Willie George	1466	L 6	L 2	D 8	L 5	0.5	1BC
10	SAGO Walker	1600	L 1	L 6	L 7	L 8	0	

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CLASS C		score	tour
1	KASSIN David	1456	W12 W17 W11 D 4 3.5 15C
2	MONTGOMERY Josh	1527	L 7 W5 W16 W6 3 8C
3	PETTYE Isaiah	1461	L 8 W19 W17 W11 3 8C
4	BLACKMAN William	1444	W14 D13 W8 D 1 3 8C
5	BRONNER Ben	1439	D 9 L 2 W14 W13 2.5 5C
6	LOPEZ Philip	1407	W10 D 8 W13 L 2 2.5 5C
7	ANDERSON Aaron	1404	W2 L11 W10 D 9 2.5 5C
8	MC DONALD Jordan	1295	W3 D 6 L 4 W15 2.5 5CD
9	MC CLURE Eugene	1585	D 5 L10 W12 D 7 2 4C
10	DUEKER John	1579	L 6 W9 L 7 W17 2 4C
11	SCHMIDT Scott	1521	W16 W7 L 1 L 3 2 4C
12	LYON Derek	1276	L 1 B L 9 W16 2 4CD
13	JURGENSEN Alan	1341	W19 D 4 L 6 L 5 1.5 3CD
14	HIERONYMOUS April	1209	L 4 H L 5 B 1.5 3CD
15	PADILLA Rudy	1500	L17 L16 B L 8 1 2C
16	LEWIS Otis	1387	L11 W15 L 2 L12 1 2CD
17	OHLHAUSEN David	1340	W15 L 1 L 3 L10 1 2CD
18	LENG Yize	1164	- - - W20 1
19	GRUENBERG Fred	1518	L13 L 3 - - 0
20	HIERONYMOUS extra game	1209	- - - L18 0

CLASS D		score	tour
1	LANG Tristan	1234	W5 W5 D 2 D 2 W7 W7 D 3 W3 6.5 19D
2	CHEN Byron	1318	W12 W12 D 1 D 1 D 3 D 3 D 5 W5 5.5 11D
3	WALNY Yair	1202	W7 W7 W6 W6 D 2 D 2 D 1 L 1 5.5 11D
4	LEWIS Richard	1286	D 6 L 6 D 5 L 5 B B D 7 D 7 4 8D
5	SINGHAM David	1079	L 1 L 1 D 4 W4 W6 W6 D 2 L 2 4 8DE
6	LENG Yize	1164	D 4 W4 L 3 L 3 L 5 L 5 B B 3.5 7DE
7	BALE Rick	-	L 3 L 3 B B L 1 L 1 D 4 D 4 3
8	PADILLA Rudy	1500	- - - - W10 W10 - - 2
9	LYON Derek	1276	- - W11 W11 - - - - 2
10	LEWIS extra game	1286	- - - - L 8 L 8 - - 0
11	BALE extra game	-	- - L 9 L 9 - - - - 0
12	ISAACMAN Scott	-	L 2 L 2 - - - - - - 0

CLASSES E/BELOW		score	tour
1	JASEMI Farid	1158	W3 W3 D 4 D 4 D 2 D 2 W5 W5 6 14E
2	EPHGRAVE Ryan	923	W7 W7 D 3 D 3 D 1 D 1 D 4 W4 5.5 11EF
3	ROMAN J P	943	L 1 L 1 D 2 D 2 W7 W7 W6 W6 5 10EF
4	SUMMERS Todd	1049	W6 W6 D 1 D 1 D 5 D 5 D 2 L 2 4.5 9E
5	ISAACMAN Scott	-	B B H H D 4 D 4 L 1 L 1 4
6	SLOAN Ronald	939	L 4 L 4 D 7 D 7 X X L 3 L 3 3 6EF
7	ANISFELD An	-	L 2 L 2 D 6 D 6 L 3 L 3 B B 3

UNRATED PLAYERS' SECTION		score
1	SINGH Renzo	- W4 W4 W2 W2 W3 W3 - - 6
2	POPKES Matthew	- D 3 D 3 L 1 L 1 X 4 X 4 D 3 W3 4.5
3	PALACIOS Pedros	- D 2 D 2 D 4 W4 L 1 L 1 D 2 L 2 3
4	PUDDICOMBE Art	- L 1 L 1 D 3 L 3 F 2 F 2 - - 0.5

Illinois State All Grade Chess

Doug Hillary

On October 27, Bloomington/Normal Area Scholastic Chess hosted the 2001 Championship. Over 390 students were in attendance for this tournament, held at the Interstate Center in Bloomington.

We would like to thank all of those that were in attendance at this event and we hope to see you again in the future.

The final results are listed below:

Grade K

No.	Name	Pts	USCF Team
1	Gold, Martin	5.0	LFH60
2	Rush, Adam	4.0	OKLBL
3	Tagala, Aaron	3.5	TRIVA
4	May, Tyler	3.0 651	PRRNO
5	Monatelli, Eric W.	3.0 447	IND16
6	Leifheit, Brandon	2.5	OKLBL
7	Valentine, Sarah	2.5	CLNNO
8	Seguine, Joseph	2.5	ORREV
9	Robinson, Atticus	2.5	ORREV
10	Smith, Cody	2.0	OKLBL
11	Lung, Brittany	2.0 100	FRAPR
12	Walle, Kyler	1.0	TRIVA
13	Volgman, Caroline	1.0	LTNCH
14	Witmer, Emma	0.5	OKLBL

Grade 1

No.	Name	Pts	USCF Team
1	Kasiurak, Zoe	5.0 539	HOUGH
2	Dubinsky, Brian	4.0 513	INDI7
3	Cather, Elise	4.0 580	PRRNO
4	Morley, Jennifer	4.0 586	PRRNO
5	Boutillier, Sasha	3.0 961	ORREV
6	Frantz, Kent	3.0 737	WSHBL
7	Law, Benjamin K	3.0	ORREV
8	Papoutsis, Paul	3.0 769	LTNCH
9	Belsly, Jayme	3.0	424 WSHWA
10	Jones, Austin M	3.0	474 INDI9
11	Goveia, Travis	3.0	436 TRIVA
12	Lung, Brandon	3.0	719 FRAPR
13	Goveia, Trevor	2.5 207	TRIVA
14	Anderson, Jacob	2.5 466	BNTBL
15	van Gelder, Bob	2.5	LFH60
16	Wang, Kevin	2.5	PACPE
17	Hillary, Blake	2.0 283	TRIVA
18	Walling, Alex	2.0 206	METNO
19	Miller, Abraham	2.0 329	TRIVA
20	Ludwig, Robert	2.0 310	GLNNO
21	Olson, Michael	2.0	CLNNO
22	Kulb, Athena	2.0 0	TRIVA
23	Giliberto, Danny	2.0 217	BNJWC
24	Kolasa, Carter	1.5	LFH60

25	Spurgeon, Courtney	1.5	WSHWA
26	Lu, Anders	1.0	BNTBL
27	Manint, Mason	0.5 100	TRIVA
28	Ficket, Katherine	0.5	PACPE

Grade 2

No.	Name	Pts	USCF Team
1	Mallers, Jack	5.0 971	ORREV
2	Tsao, Matthew	4.0 923	PRRNO
3	Delateur, Matthew	4.0 567	SGLGR
4	Chien, Jason	4.0 745	BNTBL
5	Wiese, Curtis	4.0 958	OKLBL
6	Linton, C J	4.0 796	WSHBL
7	Sandler, Zachary	4.0 618	LNCEV
8	Castillo, David	4.0 689	METNO
9	Martin-Chadwick,	3.5 876	SUGNO
10	Wert, Timmy	3.5 694	TRIVA
11	Brzezinski, John D	3.5 569	SGLGR
12	Ludwig, Spencer M	3.0 689	GLNNO
13	Peterson, Christine	3.0 728	TRIVA
14	Marcotte, Andrew	3.0 697	TRIVA
15	Martin, Michael	3.0 871	ORREV
16	Roberts, Chad	3.0 1030	TRIVA
17	Braun, Jeremy	3.0 647	GLNNO
18	Moore, Nathan C.	3.0 712	GLNNO
19	Lauder, Steve	3.0 498	WSHBL
20	Meduri, Aakaash	3.0 0	HOLME
21	Roach, Jimmy	3.0 664	TRIVA
22	Ciesielski, Alexander	3.0 539	GLNNO
23	Nibbelin, Amanda	3.0 271	METNO
24	Shannon, Brenna	2.5	LFH60
25	Evans, Jordan	2.5 363	TRIVA
26	Amsler, Joseph T	2.5 413	SGLGR
27	Dahms, Blake	2.5 563	TRIVA
28	Kortenkamp, Joshua	2.5 390	SGLGR
29	Korman, Maia	2.5 424	LNCEV
30	St. John, Dylan	2.0 494	MLKRO
31	Cerny, Jack	2.0 786	WSHBL
32	Nutick, Elizabeth	2.0 496	WSHBL
33	Madigan, Megan	2.0 355	SGLGR
34	Chaviano, Kate	2.0 427	LTNCH
35	Cassel, Justice	2.0 509	PACPE
36	Rubio, Jerry	2.0 104	MLKRO
37	Ismail, Kyle N	2.0	LFH60
38	Burling, Max	2.0 295	PACPE
39	Oakman, Zane	1.5 538	MLKRO
40	Stiger, Cory	1.5	GLNNO
41	Sy, Loyd	1.5	MLKRO
42	Hall, David	1.5 761	GLNNO
43	Clancy, Bryan C	1.5 502	SGLGR
44	Fike, Jesse	1.5 395	TRIVA
45	Bates, Marah	1.0 319	CLNNO
46	Sougoumarane, Balu	1.0	CLNNO
47	Lindeman, Cole	1.0 313	OKLBL
48	Seguine-Hall, Sarah	1.0 281	ORREV
49	Couillard, Chris	0.5 261	CLNNO
50	Shaffer, Morgan	0.0 0	TRIVA

51	Stevenson, Chas N	0.0	LTNCH	53	Zhou, Fengyee	0.5	1129	FRHMU
				54	Cathcart, Taylor	0.0		LFH60

Grade 3

No.	Name	Pts	USCF Team
1	Van Pelten, C J	5.0	947
2	Burns, Matthew	4.0	922
3	Tanaka, Brian	4.0	753
4	Flach, Nic	4.0	632
5	Boutillier, Misha	4.0	1007
6	Medina, James	4.0	764
7	Burling, Stephen	4.0	1071
8	Nogulich, Nicolaus	4.0	867
9	Schmidt, Eric	3.5	1024
10	Nayak, Luke	3.5	720
11	May, Nathan	3.5	827
12	Connour, Kyle	3.5	745
13	Ayers, Josh	3.0	816
14	Greenberger, JD	3.0	820
15	Leali, Dominick	3.0	100
16	Swindell, Megan	3.0	489
17	Hillary, Brandon	3.0	592
18	Hanley, Grant	3.0	880
19	McGregor, Scott	3.0	
20	Wegner, John	3.0	608
21	Rosen, Ethan	3.0	
22	Arbuckle, Nicholas	2.5	521
23	Jones, Nicholas D	2.5	596
24	Johnson, Dylan	2.5	778
25	Deatherage, Kelli	2.5	558
26	Seelinger, George	2.5	
27	Roig, Joseph	2.5	
28	Smith, Chad	2.5	
29	Gulati, Vivek	2.5	503
30	Johnson, Max	2.5	
31	Anderson, Carter	2.5	449
32	Cedarbaum, Sam	2.5	
33	McNeese, Blaise	2.5	333
34	Atkinson, Theodore	2.0	684
35	Nelson, Max	2.0	604
36	Potter, Drew	2.0	690
37	Tyson, Evan	2.0	616
38	Bendetto, Kyle	2.0	
39	Parod, Sereana	1.5	
40	Robinson, Harry K	1.5	540
41	Nath, Varun	1.5	
42	Maloney, Adam	1.5	
43	Rosen, Aaron	1.5	
44	Enochs, Connor	1.5	
45	Bielfeldt, Max	1.5	
46	Smith, Brian P	1.5	348
47	Whalen, Michael	1.0	258
48	Pelo, David	1.0	172
49	Demanes, Gus	1.0	
50	Ghantous, Nathan	1.0	
51	O'Brien, Kirby	1.0	
52	Chestney, Spencer	0.5	478

Grade 4

No.	Name	Pts	USCF Team
1	Chen, Byron H	5.0	1318
2	Kasiurak, Zachary	4.5	1237
3	Swindell, Frankie	4.5	1237
4	Raife, Ashok	4.0	1018
5	Brzezinski, Chris	4.0	1043
6	Volgman, Robert	4.0	981
7	Serrani, Xavier F	4.0	752
8	Laske, Lucas	4.0	908
9	Korman, Noah	4.0	948
10	Damashek, Aaron	4.0	953
11	Barton, Aaron	3.5	1145
12	Sun, Jimmy Hong	3.5	1013
13	Nibbelin, Dan	3.5	730
14	Birlingmair, Jacob	3.0	980
15	Spector, A. J.	3.0	1035
16	St. John, Ryne	3.0	746
17	Makulec, Troy	3.0	926
18	Berman, Jeremy	3.0	
19	Morley, T J	3.0	861
20	Gliwa, Derek	3.0	929
21	Fickel, James	3.0	
22	Cather, Eric	3.0	1077
23	Saajasto, Kegan	3.0	770
24	Scheets, Philip	3.0	735
25	Wiese, Nicholas	3.0	980
26	Terry-Penak, Brent	3.0	
27	Sharp, Dillon	3.0	571
28	Stinger, Curtis	2.5	
29	Moore, Nicole	2.5	453
30	Kulicke, Alexander	2.5	780
31	Deighan, Patrick	2.5	640
32	Aydoner, Adem	2.5	803
33	Tookey, Jonathan	2.5	
34	Leventhal, Eric	2.0	
35	Califf, James	2.0	701
36	Foote, Jamar	2.0	822
37	Shaffer, Alex	2.0	676
38	Tsao, Felix	2.0	904
39	Nutick, Stephen	2.0	592
40	Harrison, Collin	2.0	573
41	Tyler, Nathaniel	2.0	461
42	Patil, Karthik	2.0	556
43	Stevenson, Robert	2.0	308
44	Walling, Ian	2.0	557
45	Lindeman, Cory	2.0	450
46	Furry, CJ	2.0	626
47	Pounds, Ian	2.0	475
48	Kneeland, Matt B.	1.5	373
49	Harson, Joseph J.	1.5	497
50	Hoobler, Allison	1.5	598
51	Madigan, Ryan P	1.5	318

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52	Ragan, Jennifer	1.0	PACPE
53	Alexander, Kyle	1.0 442	OKLBL
54	Sweeney, Alex	1.0	PRRNO
55	Pearson, Jonathan	1.0	PACPE
56	Deatherage, Charise	1.0 423	WSHWA
57	Shah, Saurin	1.0 262	METNO
58	Enochs, Kyle	1.0	SATEV
59	Rogers, Sarah	0.5 425	TRNBL
60	Sell, Dylan	0.0	LFH60
61	Choban, Andrew	0.0 629	GLNNO
62	Smith, Blair	0.0 492	BNTBL
63	Lawler, Amanda	0.0 396	BNTBL
64	Evans, Susanna	0.0	TRIVA

41	Walle, Kip	1.0	TRIVA
42	Evans, Brittany	1.0	TRIVA
43	Witmer, Andrew	1.0	OKLBL
44	Eades, Cameron	1.0	BNTBL
45	Sathyam, Sid	0.0	CLNNO

Grade 6

Grade 5

No.	Name	Pts	USCF Team
1	Lung, Jonathan	4.5 1410	FRAPR
2	Leng, Yize	4.0 986	IND14
3	Star, Jonathan	4.0 1162	LTNCH
4	Griffin, Sean F	4.0 971	SGLGR
5	Mellon, Dalton	4.0 992	TRIVA
6	Gottlieb, Margaux	4.0 923	LTNCH
7	Brzezinski, Jimmie	3.5 943	SGLGR
8	Comerford, Sean	3.5 1178	WSHBL
9	Fischer, Melanie E	3.5 889	BNJWC
10	Barjaktarevic, Krago	3.5 960	DEWEV
11	Senno, Aref	3.0 1044	AVCGL
12	Fishman, Joey	3.0 1296	LTNCH
13	Peterson, Kevin	3.0 1119	TRIVA
14	Delateur, Nicholas	3.0 872	SGLGR
15	Shankar, Krishna	3.0 1314	OKLBL
16	Leifheit, Benjamin	3.0 867	OKLBL
17	Whalen, Bradley	3.0 480	BNTBL
18	Rockwell, David	3.0 776	MLKRO
19	Gordon, Ross	3.0 1233	AVCGL
20	Switzer, Jacob	3.0 795	BNTBL
21	Wishnoff, Matthew	3.0 602	LTNCH
22	Capodice III, Jack	3.0 482	METNO
23	Oduyanya, Tobi F.	3.0 678	MLKRO
24	Papoutsis, Joseph	2.5 918	LTNCH
25	Ayers, Carolyn	2.0 817	METNO
26	Nickels, Jeff	2.0	LFH60
27	Parod, Julius	2.0	SATEV
28	Smith, Kyle W	2.0 657	BNJWC
29	Kulb, David	2.0 819	TRIVA
30	Diekhoff, Brandon	2.0 739	METNO
31	Fulton, Kevin	2.0 767	WSHBL
32	Helgeson, Maria	2.0 457	METNO
33	Crow, Jenny	2.0 315	METNO
34	Wallace, Peter	2.0 616	TRIVA
35	Shah, Neesath	2.0	METNO
36	Rodriguez, Aley	2.0 390	IND19
37	Clark, Brandon	2.0 389	MLKRO
38	Kinser, Cody	1.0	PRRNO
39	Reilly, Kyle	1.0 612	WSHBL
40	Simon, Camille	1.0 389	MLKRO

No.	Name	Pts	USCF Team
1	Schmidt, Scott	5.0 1366	BLMBL
2	Jones, Joshua T	4.0 960	IND11
3	Cather, Evan	4.0 1150	PRRNO
4	Chaviano, Alex	4.0 1158	LTNCH
5	West, Matthew	4.0 987	CLNNO
6	May, Matthew	4.0 792	PRRNO
7	O'Brien, Jack	3.5 927	LTNCH
8	Swindell, Jacqueline	3.5 1041	SGLGR
9	Brown, John Ray	3.0 1078	INDI3
10	Hass, Matthew W	3.0 926	SOLNO
11	Meier, Eric	3.0 981	PRRNO
12	Mc Daniel, Kim	3.0 780	BNJWC
13	Burns, Michael	3.0 911	CLNNO
14	Strong, Joshua A	3.0 889	BLMBL
15	Spurgeon, Brett	3.0 793	WSHWA
16	Moore, Ben	3.0 846	GLNNO
17	Wang, Tao	3.0	GLNNO
18	Califf, Michael	3.0 518	PRRNO
19	Spanton, Derek	2.5 736	CLNNO
20	Lieberman, Noah	2.5 1000	NCHEV
21	Chertok, Elina	2.0 688	INDI4
22	Tookey, Chris	2.0 652	WSHWA
23	Banzhaf, Drew	2.0 766	PRRNO
24	Audo, Lucas	2.0 587	CLNNO
25	Rodriguez, Luke	2.0 641	GLNNO
26	Hammerstrand, M	2.0 791	TRNBL
27	Johnson, Cameron	2.0 811	BLMBL
28	Barjaktarevic, Lazar	2.0 1044	NCHEV
29	Braun, Joshua	2.0 713	GLNNO
30	Taylor, Zach	2.0 719	BLMBL
31	Ludwig, Andrew J.	1.5 661	GLNNO
32	Knezevic, Luke	1.0	LFH60
33	Marshall, Anthony	1.0	GLNNO
34	Vancil, Kyle T.	1.0 551	GLNNO
35	Deatherage, Robert	1.0 556	WSHWA
36	Strickland, William	1.0 681	WSHWA
37	Hubbert, Ryan	1.0 374	WSHWA
38	Ghantous, David	0.5 375	CLNNO

Grade 7

No.	Name	Pts	USCF Team
1	Rodriguez, Jose	4.0 1796	IND18
2	Lyon, Derek	4.0 1276	LTNCH
3	Sethi, Rishi	3.0 1465	IND23
4	Damashek, Elliot	3.0 1240	NCHEV
5	Summers, Todd	3.0 1049	NCHEV

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6	Rickert, Karl	3.0	698	SGLGR
7	Singham, David	3.0	1079	NCHEV
8	Tanaka, Justin	3.0	593	METNO
9	Giliberto, Frank E	2.5	1410	BNJWC
10	Singh, Dipanjot	2.5	1128	CHTEV
11	Warfield, Charlie	2.0		LFH60
12	Skrzypczynski, SD	2.0	519	BNJWC
13	Lieder, Michael	2.0	635	BLMBL
14	Saajasto, Zachary	2.0	788	METNO
15	Claude, Matthew J	2.0	366	BNJWC
16	Lagouros, Andrews	2.0	539	PACPE
17	Schertz, Michael	2.0	642	PJHNO
18	Foote, Timothy	2.0		PJHNO
19	Kaufman, Matt	2.0		PJHNO
20	Thoenes, Carrie	2.0	421	METNO
21	Sieg, Bryce	1.5		PJHNO
22	Nissen, Tyler	1.0		PJHNO
23	Widick, Matt	1.0		PJHNO
24	Johnson, Sam	1.0		PJHNO
25	Scharf, Jay	1.0	325	METNO
26	Gillies, Stephen	1.0	398	METNO
27	Kusch, Kyle	1.0		PJHNO
28	Chelgren, Joshua	1.0		PACPE
29	Zagaroli, Eric	0.5		PJHNO
30	Greiner, Evan	0.0		PJHNO
31	Doetsch, Rueben	0.0	706	NCHEV

Grade 8

No.	Name	Pts	USCF Team
1	Lindner, Eric J	3.5	1382 BNJWC
2	Berry, Nicholas	3.0	1333 CHTEV
3	Mc Daniel, A R	3.0	1426 BNJWC
4	Banzhaf, Alex	3.0	1036 NCHEV
5	Applebaum, Andy	3.0	1116 INDI1
6	Roman, John Paul	3.0	943 IND20
7	Decker, Samuel	2.5	1094 NCHEV
8	Sandler, Justin	2.5	1155 NCHEV
9	Wakeman, Steven	2.0	IND24
10	Fodor, Tim	2.0	803 CHTEV
11	Lulay, Brandon	2.0	588 WSHWA
12	Kibler, Mike	2.0	798 WSHWA
13	Rodriguez, Jay	2.0	845 CHINO
14	Patel, Naman A	1.5	873 BNJWC
15	Starr, Michael	1.0	804 CHTEV
16	Connelly, Alex	1.0	911 INDI5
17	Long, Ben	1.0	WSHWA
18	Wallace, Stuart	0.5	457 TRIVA
19	Lane, Stephan	0.5	CHINO
20	Morehead, Justin	0.0	CHINO

Grade 9

No.	Name	Pts	USCF Team
1	Beach, Zack	3.5	1494 AUBUR
2	Lacey, Patrick	3.0	1454 IND13
3	Klaege, Adam	3.0	1044 UHGNO

4	Hoobler, Kevin	3.0	1023	NWTGL
5	Cobia, Timothy	3.0	900	NWTGL
6	Rozman, Jon	2.5	883	AUBUR
7	Maromyguin, Alex	2.0	1083	IND15
8	Rickert, Matthew	2.0	713	GHSGR
9	Giridharan, Durgushankar	1.5	437	UHGNO
10	Berman, Jesimin	1.5		LFH60
11	Schertz, Brian	1.0	778	NCWNO
12	Mishra, Mrutunjaya	1.0	495	UHGNO
13	Spanton, Randy	1.0	946	NCHSN
14	Joseph, Bennett	0.0	1668	IND12

Grade 10

No.	Name	Pts	USCF Team
1	Fritsch, Paul	3.5	1225 UHGNO
2	Turner, Darian	3.5	1168 ISMAR
3	Garivaltis, Alex	3.0	ISMAR
4	Heinemann, Adam	3.0	924 AUBUR
5	Cassarotto, Chad	2.0	1065 AUBUR
6	Connelly, Patrice	2.0	752 INDI6
7	Serrano, Alex	2.0	ISMAR
8	Ma, Alex	2.0	ISMAR
9	Driscoll, David	1.5	ISMAR
10	Doyle, Justin	1.0	781 WCCOM
11	Palmer, Brett	0.5	WCCOM
12	Dupuis, Erik	0.0	1716 LKFHS

Grade 11

No.	Name	Pts	USCF Team
1	Chen, Aaron	4.0	1988 ISMAR
2	Chambers, Adam	3.0	1691 UHGNO
3	Wyles, Jeremy	3.0	OLYOL
4	Peregoy, Patrick	2.5	1554 UHGNO
5	Quimby, Robert	2.5	1183 ISMAR
6	He, Kevin T	2.5	1320 ISMAR
7	Willis, Daniel	2.0	1253 UHGNO
8	DeLoria, Alan	2.0	701 OLYOL
9	Neese, Brian	2.0	1271 IND17
10	Kerley, Joseph	2.0	716 ISMAR
11	Gulotta, Daniel	2.0	983 ISMAR
12	Hieronimus, Josh	1.5	1066 OLYOL
13	Dang, Cynthia	1.0	ISMAR
14	Uzoaru, Ijeoma	1.0	ISMAR
15	Garg, Dhaval	1.0	ISMAR
16	Wang, Qing	0.0	ISMAR

Grade 12

No.	Name	Pts	USCF Team
1	Belding, Tyler	3.0	1469 WCCOM
2	Macauley, Tom	2.0	949 WCCOM
3	Achelpohl, Jon	1.0	1104 UHGNO
4	Donacheck, David	0.0	1094 AUBUR

Love of Chess takes Marine to Remo, Italy

OKINAWA, Japan – The love of chess and serving in the Marine Corps have taken a Downer's Grove, IL, native to San Remo, Italy.

Lance Cpl Matthew A. Poynter, an air control electronics operator, competed at the XII NATO Chess Championship in October, placing 46 out of 61 in the competition.



The annual tournament, organized by the Joint General Staff of the Ministry of Defence of Italy, brought together chess players from Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom and the United States.

The Downers Grove High School graduate was one of three Marines and three Army soldiers competing on the U.S. team.

Marines are known for winning battles with tactics on the battlefield. In the game of chess, the mission is the same...to win. Poynter said chess players are warriors of the mind.

"The same strategies and problem solving skills that are used to win chess games can certainly be applied to combat strategy," said Poynter, who joined the Marine Corps in 1999. "Problem solving skills are an essential part of everything that gets done in life. So, the internal struggle of examining your own thought process and recognizing weakness, and finding ways to overcome that weakness, will definitely help me to be successful in life and as a Marine."

There are many comparisons that can be drawn between chess theory and Sun Tzu's "The Art of War," according to Poynter.

"One comparison is that chess teaches you how to recognize weakness in your own camp and your opponent's camp," Poynter said. "Then you take all other factors into account to find the proper solution."

Poynter, whose mother taught him how to play chess at 5 years old, looks at chess as a mental exercise and challenge.

"I play tournament chess because I like the mental challenge of it," Poynter said. "Playing chess keeps me mentally sharp."

As a Marine and a chess player, Poynter enjoys all forms of competition.

"I like competition, and I feed off of the stress and intensity of tournament chess," Poynter said. "I view the game as a puzzle that must be solved."

Poynter also said this is a game where you can clearly see the results of how well you prepare.

"To be a good chess player you have to be able to analyze the way that you think," Poynter said. "You need to be able to recognize when your thoughts are being affected by your feelings."

"Once you have identified and overcome, you have to make a decision based upon logical thought," Poynter said. "That takes a lot of discipline."

There are many ways that the Marine Corps is comparable to playing chess, according to Poynter.

"When you play chess you are the leader of an army," Poynter said. "You make the decisions that determine whether or not you will achieve victory."

"As Marines we are all leaders and must be ready to step up and take command and make decisions," Poynter said. "In chess, the quality of the decision about what to move will determine whether you win or lose. In battle there is more at stake, but the quality of the decisions that are made by leaders will still determine the outcome."

A master title is given to players with the rating of 2200-2400 points. To get 2200 points or above, a chess player has to win a lot of tournaments, according to Poynter.

"I would like to earn a master title one day," Poynter said. "But if I don't get the title, I will continue to play and enjoy chess."

In a tournament in August, Poynter competed against the Army and Navy chess teams at Ft. Myers, Va., where he was defeated by the Army and scored only half a point out of six.

However, of the six Marines that participated in the tournament, Poynter placed 3rd.

"My goal is to beat the Army next year," Poynter said. "I got stomped by them this year, but I was coming off of a 16-month layoff. Next year there will be redemption"

In addition, Poynter has won other chess tournaments such as the Senior Division State Championship in Downers Grove North High School and competed in the Chicago Open and Super Nationals in 1997.

"I believe that winning battles and having a competitive spirit is an essential part of being a Marine," Poynter said. "So, anything you do that is competitive helps you to become a better Marine."

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Top 100 Active Players in Illinois,
December 1, 2001

Rank	Date	Reg	Player	Rank	Date	Reg	Player
1	12-01	2719	<u>Goldin,Alexander</u>	49	12-00	2125	Zabal, Sandy
2	12-01	2646	<u>Gurevich,Dmitry</u>	50	12-01	2124	<u>Bungo,D Gregory</u>
3	12-01	2498	<u>Felecan,Florin</u>	51	12-00	2122	Van Buskirk, Douglas
4	12-00	2481	Manion, Josh	52	12-01	2122	<u>Enriquez,Clodolfo T</u>
5	12-01	2400	<u>Pelts,Peter</u>	53	12-01	2122	<u>Nguyen,Tam Ducminh</u>
6	12-01	2397	<u>Pasalic,Mehmed</u>	54	12-00	2117	Tubic, Bisi
7	12-01	2385	<u>Young,Angelo</u>	55	12-01	2116p	<u>Londinski,Al</u>
8	12-01	2368	Palos, Osman	56	12-01	2114	<u>Scott,Gene G</u>
9	12-01	2359	Karklins, Andrew	57	12-01	2113	<u>Splinter,Joseph C</u>
10	12-01	2345	<u>Pedzich,Dominik</u>	58	12-01	2110	<u>Moose,Floyd H</u>
11	12-01	2309p	<u>Vassilev,Stoyan</u>	59	12-01	2109	<u>Sitevitch,Paul D</u>
12	12-01	2299p	<u>Golovey,Tamara</u>	60	12-01	2104p	<u>Williams,Brian D</u>
13	12-01	2291	Chow, Al	61	12-01	2099	<u>Bossaers,Phil J</u>
14	12-01	2285	<u>Mote,David B</u>	62	12-01	2087	<u>Gorlin,Yelena</u>
15	12-01	2282	Yee, Patrick	63	12-01	2083	<u>Fagan,James B</u>
16	12-00	2278	Dandrige, Marvin	64	12-01	2083	Brock, William
17	12-01	2269	Maksimovic, Dejan	65	12-00	2082	Marema, David
18	12-01	2263	<u>Martin,Jeremy L</u>	66	12-01	2082	<u>Jakstas,Kazimieras</u>
19	12-01	2249	<u>Kornfeld,Allen I</u>	67	12-01	2080	<u>Gast,Bryan D</u>
20	12-01	2247	<u>Rowland,Todd W</u>	68	12-01	2079	<u>Riddell,Joshua S</u>
21	12-01	2245	Stamnov, Aleksander	69	12-00	2077	Flaga, Krzysztof
22	12-01	2242	Pangan, Camilo	70	12-00	2069	Obierak, Wladyslaw
23	12-01	2239	<u>Acosta,Mariano A</u>	71	12-01	2068	<u>Merli,Christopher A</u>
24	12-00	2238	Renault, Robert	72	12-00	2063	Golubev, Ljudmilla
25	12-01	2237	<u>Machaj,Blair L</u>	73	12-01	2057	<u>Musumeci,Jim</u>
26	12-01	2227	<u>Szpisjak,Steven J</u>	74	12-01	2057p	<u>Krishnan,Sudharsan</u>
27	12-00	2227	Burke, John	75	12-01	2046	<u>Lahvic,James R</u>
28	12-01	2223	<u>Berry,Vince William</u>	76	12-01	2041	<u>Wallach,Cliff</u>
29	12-01	2222	<u>Stein,Kurt W</u>	77	12-01	2041	<u>Wiewel,Jeff K</u>
30	12-01	2221	<u>Tennant,Steven</u>	78	12-00	2040	Minin, Serge
31	12-01	2216	<u>Mohr,Ken C</u>	79	12-01	2038	<u>Gorlin,Andrey</u>
32	12-01	2215	<u>Ashuev,Yuri</u>	80	12-01	2038	<u>Lawson,Keyin W</u>
33	12-01	2211	<u>Weber,Len J</u>	81	12-00	2035	Argiris, Athanassios
34	12-00	2209	Cromzac, Brent	82	12-01	2035	Mladenovic, Miodrag
35	12-01	2208	<u>Wallach,Kenneth T</u>	83	12-01	2034	<u>Kleban,Yuliy</u>
36	12-01	2206	Bachler, Kevin	84	12-01	2034p	<u>Rose,Keith</u>
37	12-00	2201	Rhine, Fredrick	85	12-00	2029	Berry, Greg
38	12-01	2200	Elezaji, Esao	86	12-01	2028	<u>Damocles,Job C</u>
39	12-01	2186	<u>Klug,Steffen</u>	87	12-01	2027	<u>Inumerable,Florentino V</u>
40	12-01	2176	<u>Galiot,Goran</u>	88	12-01	2026	Bondar, Leonid
41	12-01	2174	<u>Marshall,James A</u>	89	12-01	2024	<u>Santana,Miguel Angel</u>
42	12-01	2168	<u>Gratz,Glen E</u>	90	12-01	2024	<u>Panner,Glenn E</u>
43	12-01	2162p	<u>Vassilev,Stefan</u>	91	12-01	2020	<u>Fridman,Viktor</u>
44	12-01	2157	Quan, Zhe	92	12-00	2020	Lee, David
45	12-01	2140	Stein, Peter	93	12-01	2019	<u>Gordon,Wallace J</u>
46	12-01	2137	<u>Dastgir-Butt,Ghulam</u>	94	12-01	2018	<u>Zinytch,Miron</u>
47	12-01	2133	<u>Aramil,William J</u>	95	12-01	2017	<u>Daw,Peter</u>
48	12-00	2131	Kras, Timothy	96	12-01	2017	Connor, Peter
				97	12-01	2013	Sax, Robert
				98	12-01	2013p	<u>Grabowski,Ryszard</u>
				99	12-01	2013	<u>Henderson,Scot L</u>
				100	12-00	2011	Robledo, Mark

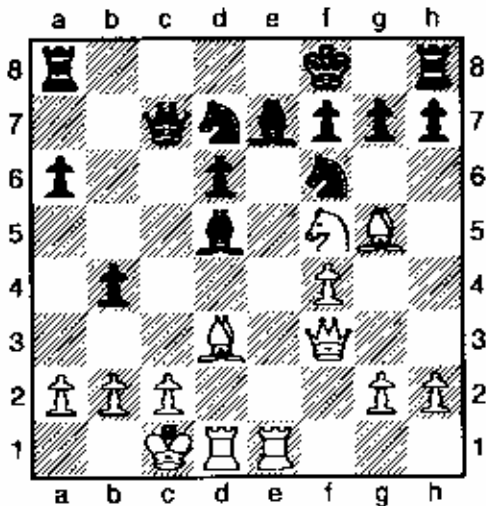
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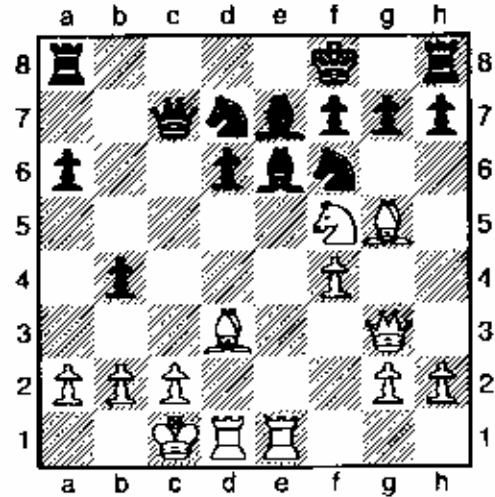
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[NM Blair Machaj]

While on the Internet Chess Club I noticed this game between 2 very strong young Juniors. This game showed some wonderful tactics, by the young GM's, and was a pleasure to view. White was Teimour Radjabov 13, who just became the youngest GM ever. Black was Maxim Turov an "elder" GM at the age of 21. This game showed the wonderful depth of their play. 1.e4 B97: Sicilian Najdorf: Poisoned Pawn 1...c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qb6 8.Nb3 Nbd7 9.Qf3 Qc7 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Bd3 b4 12.Nd5!# 12...exd5 13.exd5 Be7 14.Rhe1 Kf8 [14...Bb7 15.Bf5 Kf8 16.Bxd7 Qxd7 17.Na5 Rc8 18.Nxb7 Qxb7 19.Re2 h6 20.Bh4 Ng8 21.Bg3 Bf6 22.Rde1 Ne7 23.Qg4 Rd8 24.Bh4 Nxd5 25.g3 Bxh4 26.Qxh4 Qd7 27.Qh5 Nf6 28.Qa5 Rc8 29.Qxb4 Kg8 30.Re7 Qc6 31.Qb3 d5 32.g4 Qd6 33.R7e5 Rb8 34.Qc3 Nxd4 0-1 Ayas Fernandez,A-Kolev,A/Castellar 1995/EXT 97 (34)] 15.Nd4 Bb7 16.Nf5 Bxd5?? Diagram



Even the The Silicon Monster Fritz does not want to grab this pawn. Although it attacks the Queen, it forces it to a much stronger square g3. [16...Bd8 Bd8 saving the bishop looks very promising at first. A deeper look seems to give white compensation for the sac. 17.Qg3 Rg8 (17...Bxd5?? 18.Bh6!! The game would be over. This crushing tactic is unstoppable.) 18.Nh6 Nh5 19.Bxd8 Rxd8 20.Qh4 gxh6 21.Qxh5 Rg7*] 17.Qg3± Now White threatens e7 and the crushing Bh6!! 17...Be6



[17...Bxa2? Greed does not pay. Taking this pawn and ignoring the attack would prove fatal for Black. 18.Rxe7 (18.Bh6 Ke8 19.Bxg7 Rg8 20.Nxe7+-) 18...Nh5 19.Qf3+-] 18.Bh6!! # This move looks to destroy the pawn shield that black has and is quite effective. 18...Nh5? leading to a quick end [18...gxh6? The piece can't be taken or white will gain his arterial back, more, and still have a crushing position. 19.Qg7+ Ke8 20.Rxe6 Rf8 21.Rxe7+ Kd8+-; 18...Ke8 At first I though this might give Black a chance, but he is down material and will not be able to get his pieces out. 19.Qxg7 Rg8 20.Rxe6 Rxd7 21.Rxe7+ Kd8 22.Bxg7 Nd5 23.Rxf7+-] 19.Bxg7+ [19.Nxg7!! This would have been much better and would have lead to a quicker death for Black. Even very strong GM's make mistakes, well not really they just make good moves sometimes instead of great moves. 19...Qa5 20.Nxe6+ Ke8+-] 19...Ke8 20.Qf3 Rc8 [20...Rg8 21.Qxa8+ Qd8 22.Qxd8+ Kxd8 23.Nxe7 Rxd7 24.Nc6+ Kc7 25.Nxb4 Nxf4+-] 21.Rxe6! Annihilating the defensive pawn and keeping the pressure on Black to defend. [Not 21.Bxh8 Nc5 22.Nd4 b3 23.axb3 Qa5+-] 21...fxe6 22.Qxh5+ [22.Bxh8?! is much worse 22...Nhf6 23.Nd4 Nc5 24.Bxh7 Kd7 25.Bxf6 Bxf6+-] 22...Kd8 23.Nd4 [inferior is 23.Bxh8 exf5 24.Qxh7 Qc5+-] 23...Nc5 24.Bxh8 Kd7 25.Qxh7 Nxd3+ [25...Qd8 cannot change destiny 26.Bf6 Qf8 27.Bg5+-] 26.Rxd3 Re8 27.Bf6 Qc4 28.Bxe7 [28.Qf7 Qd5 29.f5 Qe4 30.fxe6+ Kc7 31.Bxe7 Rc8 32.Bd8+ Kb8+-] 28...Rxe7 29.Qe4 d5 [29...Qd5 hardly improves anything 30.Qxd5 exd5 31.Kd2+-] 30.Qe5 Qxa2 [30...Qc7 a last effort to resist the inevitable 31.Qxc7+ Kxc7+-] 31.Nb3 a5 32.f5 a4 33.fxe6+ Kc8 34.Qxd5 axb3 [34...Qxb2+ does not win a prize 35.Kxb2 a3+ 36.Kc1 Kb8 37.Qb5+ Ka7 38.Qc5+ Ka6 39.Rd6+ Kb7 40.Qb6+ Kc8 41.Rd8#] 35.Qd8+ Kb7 36.Qxe7+ Great game by both sides! [36.Qxe7+ Kb6 37.Rd6+ Kc5 38.Qc7+ Kb5 39.Qb6+Ka4,40.Qa6#]1-0

Chess From the Middle

Wizard's Chess and Where the Fun Is

Happy New Year to you, my fine chessic friends. I hope the year, 2002, treats you all very well. Have you seen the Harry Potter movie yet? Well, if you haven't I suggest you see it. It is really a well-done movie. It even has chess in it! The author and creators must have taken the idea from the Battle Chess computer game that has been around for a few years now. I do like how the game was an integral part of the plot of the movie. They really treated the game well from what I can see here in the Middle. I think the tournament halls would get a bit loud and messy if all our games went like those in Harry Potter's school.

At the beginning of our year, it is customary to make an assessment of one's life and see if there is anything that you would like to improve. When you come upon something that needs improvement you are to make a firm resolution to remedy that area in the upcoming year, yes immediately. These ideas are called New Year's Resolutions.

I think it a good idea to apply this same technology to our chess lives. To make your life simple, I have devised an easy, step-by-step program to guide you through this procedure. Get a blank piece of paper and a pen or pencil and write down the things that need improvement in YOUR life:

1. Let us start at the very beginning. Take a look at your chess equipment. Yes, this is the beginning. If you don't have a chess set, the only chess you can play is blindfold. Does any of your chess stuff need to be improved or added to? Stop! I REALLY mean for you to take a hard look at your stuff. Most chess players have really disgusting equipment. Come on, admit it, you really could use a new. . . write it down. You probably have some money from the past holiday season. You might even have a gift that you really don't want and can return for money. Pry open your tightly clenched fingers and spend some of that money on some really nice chess stuff. Wooden pieces are really nice. A new board is also a nice thing to have. The

- digital clocks have never been this inexpensive.
2. All right, now let's take a look at your chess books and software. Is there anything you really should have? Well, write it down.
3. To finish off the material aspect of this assessment, let us discuss your chess clothing. Once again I am serious. Some of you guys really dress like bums when you come to play chess. To do this step you need to get an un-obstructed view of yourself in a full-length mirror. After you have recovered from the initial shock and collapse, you need to list the things to improve. A haircut and shampoo and combing/brushing will start at the top. If you don't want to part with your lucky shirt, think about washing it more than once every six months. Your pants should have less than three holes in them and none should be in embarrassing areas of the pants, otherwise consider new ones or patching. Your socks should be washed at least once a week, even if you do change them every three days. Last but not least, chess shoes.
4. How is your opening repertoire? Are there any bad moves or attitudes you need to change? How about some of those openings? Are any of them in need of repair or replacement? Now is the time to look and decide. As White, consider: 1. g4 , 1. b4 , 1. Na3 , or some other move that might shock your opponent. As Black think outside of the box and look at new openings too. Remember, while your opponent is laughing you will catch him off guard.
5. Now look at your Middlegame. Being here in the Middle is of great benefit for this task. Are there any resolutions you need to make here? Try, "I promise I won't hang my Queen in the first three moves again." There is always the, "I promise I will only make moves intended to stun, daze, or entertain my opponent." Remember, if you can't win, you might as well laugh.
6. The endgame is a tough one to make New Year's resolutions about. Let's face it; this is the part of the game that is at the END

not the beginning. By the time you get to the endgame you will have forgotten or forsaken all your resolutions anyway. So, save yourself time and energy and don't worry about it.

7. Now take a moment for a complete overview of your chess activities and see if there is any area that needs improvement. What about a resolution to play in at least two tournaments a month? Don't worry, you really didn't want to stay married anyway. How about a resolution to not spit at your opponent before, during or after the game? Hey, why not make resolutions on things you don't do anyway? Look at how easy it will be to keep them. Quit daydreaming and write stuff down!
8. Now, take a moment and reflect on your attitude in playing the game. Are you really having fun? Are you too serious? Do you need to be more serious? Do you need to be nicer? Are you too nice? Do you need to send me large sums of money? Do you need to make sure others are learning and having fun too? Decide and demand. It is the only way to improve.
9. Finally, look at how you are sharing your exquisite hobby with others. No matter how much she says she isn't interested, doesn't your wife REALLY want you to sit her down and show her some interesting chess games, ideas and variations? Isn't it high time you got your neighbor interested in the game? Once you show him the moves, he really wants to be repetitively beaten by you. Pay no attention to that look of utter disgust or the cussing coming from him. Come now, write these thing down.

Well, if you have listed the things you want to change, good. Now that the list is written, you can do with it what you want. Burning is a nice option. Just the act of getting that stuff off your soul and on to paper is a total reward all by itself. If you really want, you can make a few New Year's Resolutions from what you have written. Come February, most people have forgotten those pesky New Year's Resolutions anyway. What you should do is play more chess, be happy and live life.

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March 9 & 10, 2002

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2001 NATIONAL YOUTH ACTION CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Joseph R. Guth, Jr.

The 2001 National Youth Action Championships drew 441 players representing 17 states to the Best Western Clock Tower Resort in Rockford, Illinois, over the weekend of November 9-11. The United States Chess Federation and the Rockford Chess Association partnered to host the inaugural NYAC.

Between the main tournament and blitz tournament, the NYAC had over 50 team trophies, over 230 individual trophies, and 100 team plaques up for grabs. In addition, every participant in every section received a medal at the conclusion of the event.

This tournament took on a special meaning for the lower-rated players in attendance. Many underdogs realized that if they could just hang in against the heavyweights, they might be able to land that Sunday punch in the waning moments of the round. Instead of a badge of honor, a high rating at this national event was more like a bulls-eye painted squarely on a pre-tournament favorite. The top players present not only accepted that challenge, but also relished it. This promised for exciting action throughout the weekend.

Friday, November 9

The weekend was kicked off on Friday evening when GM Gregory Kaidanov gave an excellent lecture before a standing-room-only audience. Players, coaches and parents all found Kaidanov's interactive question-and-answer style to be entertaining and effective.

Players then hustled over to the six-round blitz tournament, which featured a total of 66 players competing in K-12 and K-6 sections. Trophies were awarded to the top 25 players in each section, and every team that participated received

a trophy. NTD Walter Brown, NTD Tim Just and Blair Machaj directed.

In the 41-player K-6 section, top-rated Steven Zierk (1553) of California never left Board One, allowing only a final-round draw on his way to first place with 5.5 points. St. Gilbert of Grayslake, IL, grabbed top team honors with 15 team points.

The individual competition in the 25-player K-12 section centered on the top two boards in the final round. Top-rated Aaron Chen (1988) faced Timothy Harrington-Taber (1716) on Board 1 and Bennett Joseph (1625) played against David Black (1058) on

Board 2. All four players entered the final round with 4 out of 5. Harrington-Taber pulled the upset against Chen, and Joseph nailed Black. Thus, there was a two-way tie for first with five points each. Timothy Harrington-Taber's tiebreaks proved superior to Bennett Joseph's. Benjamin Middle School of West Chicago, IL, prevailed in the team competition, scoring 12.5.

Saturday, November 10

With the undercard completed, the stage was set for the two-day main event. Nine rounds of exciting G/30 action packed into two harrowing days meant the combatants had to be strong and fast. Players had to adapt to the pace of the format. However, the fast time control was somewhat mitigated by the nine rounds. The field would have plenty of time to separate into contenders and pretenders.

The upset bug turned into a verifiable epidemic by the end of the first day. Upsets of 400 points or more were commonplace. As projected, this day would begin to test everyone's mettle. The tournament was definitely taking on the appearance of a prizefight that would have to go the distance.

On Saturday evening, GM Kaidanov took the stage again, this time to play a simultaneous exhibition in front of another standing-room-only crowd. A total of 45 players tried themselves against the top American seed in the upcoming FIDE world championships. The Rockford Chess Association sweetened the deal by offering a \$40 USCF gift certificate to any player who defeated Kaidanov, and a \$20 certificate to any player who drew.

The simul began at 7:00 p.m. 45 games, 45 wins, two hours and six minutes later. Kaidanov had thrown back every challenger. Had Kaidanov not ignored the traditional "three passes max" rule in several cases, and not granted takebacks in games, then the display would likely have been even shorter. He was also very generous with photographs and signatures, making himself available to players and families before and after both his exhibitions.

Sunday, November 11 – Judgment Day

"This is Judgment Day, kids," a coach was heard telling her team before the start of round six Sunday morning. And indeed, this day's play would pass judgment in a number of ways. As the clocks started for round six, only one thing was certain: anyone planning on dragging the biggest hardware would definitely have to earn it.

The morning began with the distribution of the awards from Friday night's blitz tournament. A large and enthusiastic crowd turned out to cheer the winners of the blitz event.

Sunday morning also featured a coaches' seminar. The moderator was USCF Vice President Stephen Shutt. Shutt is also the chess coach at Masterman High in Philadelphia, PA. As anyone who follows national scholastic chess knows, Masterman has made an almost monotonous habit of winning at every level. The coaches who attended his seminar engaged in an excellent discussion on many topics, including coaching, fundraising and garnering administrative support. The forum was perfect for coaches on almost any level, from the new volunteer who wants to get a club established to the coach who wants to figure out how to take a team to the next level.

The players fought through four more rounds, battling fatigue and distraction (especially the NFL showdown between the Chicago Bears and Green Bay Packers that ground just about everything in the hotel to a halt in the early afternoon). And, as the event drew to a close, those who would be King (or Queen) made their way to the forefront.

The K-3 section drew 110 players. One of them, the aforementioned Steven Zierk, was going through a case of déjà vu. As in the blitz tournament, he was again the top seed, and was again fighting for first place. Steven eventually wound up with eight points, which tied for first place with 16th seed Adam Ford (944) of Michigan. Adam had an outstanding result, beating several top-10 players (including Steven!) and most likely gaining more than 200 rating points. However, as so often happens in ties, the higher seed enjoyed superior tiebreaks, giving Steven his second first place trophy in eleven hours (he'd collected the first place K-6 blitz trophy earlier). The K-3 section held most closely to form, as the next five players in the standings all started the tournament seeded in the top 10.

The K-3 team competition featured some outstanding teams, such as Indiana state champion Canterbury and Illinois state champion Orrington, of Evanston, IL. However, the admission of club teams made a substantial difference in the final awards for this section, as the Twin City Chess Club of Bloomington-Normal, IL, combined depth and balance for a total of 23 team points and clear first place. Canterbury finished second, with 22.5 points, while Orrington and King Elementary, of Rockford, IL (listed in descending tiebreak order) tied for third with 18 points each.

In the 155-player K-6 section, Jonathan Lung came in two weeks removed from securing the Illinois grade 5

championship, and had to be favored as the number one seed. However, two early losses effectively removed Jonathan from title contention, though he did finish with seven points.

The final round saw Indiana's Kevin Krenk playing Illinois' Scott Schmidt for the tournament title. Krenk came in with 7.5 points, while Schmidt had 7. Scott had the law of averages working for him – this was the third time he'd played a last-round game for a national individual title, and he'd come up just short in his two previous attempts. Kevin, however, gave an excellent empirical demonstration of the fallacy of the law of averages. He got the knockout against Scott to finish with a massive 8.5 out of 9. This score not only won the K-6 individual competition by a full point, but was also the highest individual score in any section of the entire event.

Another team dogfight developed, as the top four teams clearly distinguished themselves from the rest of the field. In the end, the Twin City Chess Club secured their second team title of the event with 26 points. The Latin School of Chicago, Meridian Middle School of Chicago, and St. Gilbert of Grayslake, IL (listed in descending tiebreak order) tied for second place, scoring 25 points each.

The 97-player K-9 section was a bad place to be single-digit seed. Top-seeded Bennett Joseph of Illinois was just one of a long list of upset victims, eventually finishing twelfth. In fact, after all was said and done, the top 10 looked like someone had randomly drawn names from the starting wallchart! Only one player in the top 10 was originally seeded in the top five.

Fifth-seeded Patrick Lacey of Illinois scored 7.5 points to tie for first with another Illinoisan, Derek Lyon. After the tiebreaks were calculated, Derek – whose #15 seeding would not have tabbed him as an early favorite – claimed the first-place hardware, while Patrick took second.

Another major surprise came in the form of David Black. David, the tournament's 29th seed, is from Machesney Park, just north of Rockford. David dropped a tough final-round game in the K-12 blitz, but finished fifth with excellent tiebreaks. Apparently, he liked the idea so much that he decided to do it again in the K-9 main event! His 5-2 record against eventual top-25 finishers was enough to give him his second fifth-place trophy for the weekend. David joined Steven Zierk, Kevin Krenk and Aaron Chen as the only players to post top-five finishes in the blitz and main tournaments.

Epilogue

The team competition eventually boiled down to a two-way fight between Benjamin Middle School of West Chicago, IL, and Lake Shore Café Junior High of Chicago, IL. Benjamin featured the tournament's ninth, tenth and eleventh seeds, while Lake Shore had depth. Lake Shore had to be the sentimental favorites, sponsored by Chicago legends Tom and Maxine Fineberg. (The Finebergs were profiled in the November 2001 Chess Life.)

In the end, Lake Shore didn't have a single player score more than six points. However, five players scored exactly six points each, placing them between 11th and 23rd individually and giving them clear first place team honors with 24 points. Benjamin took second place with 22.5 points. Grissom Junior High of Tinley Park, IL, finished third on tiebreaks over Eastside Middle School of Anderson, IN, both with 20.5 points.

The 79-player K-12 section "smart money" had Illinois' William Aramil (2115) as the pre-tournament favorite, given his flair for tactics and blitz ability. Either he or one of the other top players from Illinois – Aaron Chen (1988) or Yahshua Hosch (1969) – figured to win the event.

Hosch suffered three upsets of 400+ points each, eventually taking 11th place with 6 points. Aramil took losses in rounds five and seven, finishing third with 7 points. As for Chen, he and Pennsylvania's Zachary Tokar (1762) entered the last round with seven points each, but Chen had to be favored on tiebreaks, as he had defeated Tokar in round six. Chen and Tokar were certainly odds-on favorites in their final round pairings with, respectively, Kevin Potts (1496) and Glenn Moore (1489), both of Illinois.

However, Chen could only manage a draw with the fast-rising Potts, while Tokar defeated Moore. So, Zachary Tokar took clear first place with 8 out of 9, while Aaron Chen settled for clear second place with 7.5. Chen did have the distinction of being the only undefeated player in the section, with six wins and three draws.

In the team competition, Evanston and New Trier proved that their schools' long-running rivalry extends to the chessboard as well. Evanston's depth finally prevailed, as their 24.5 team points took first place. New Trier High of Winnetka, IL, finished a close second with 24 points, while Hoffman Estates High of Hoffman Estates, IL, took third with 21 points.

With an event this size, the small army of people behind it cannot be underestimated. Rockford parents and coaches turned out in abundance to help, and when combined with the top-quality TD staff assembled for this event, organizational success was inevitable.

As Chief TD, NTD Tim Just put together a great group of directors that turned the unique trick of putting out every round of a national tournament on time. Chuck Beach of the Rockford Chess Association organized a strong, experienced and friendly group of volunteers to help with the event, and some parents even volunteered their assistance during the event. USCF Scholastic Director Tom Brownscombe and USCF Assistant Scholastic Director Diane Reese expertly organized and oversaw the entire tournament.

TD staff: NTD Michael Zacate (pairing chief), NTD Walter Brown (K-12 chief), ANTD Jeff Wiewel (K-9 chief), Wayne Clark (K-6 chief), Ken Sloan (K-3 chief), Betsy Dynako, Gary Janssen, Blair Machaj, Glenn Panner, Gary Sargent, John Sherpinkas, Kim Sherpinkas, Andrew Wang, Michael Youngberg.

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Special thanks to: USCF Vice President Stephen Shutt, GM Gregory Kaidanov, and the management and staff of the Best Western Clock Tower Resort.

The 2002 National Youth Action Championship is scheduled for November 15-17 at the same site. Rockford is a very accessible location with great family amenities, and this tournament offers hundreds of trophies. Next year's NYAC promises to be even better than this year's. We hope to see you there!

Twin City Chess Club of Bloomington, IL

Wins 2 National Team Championships at Rockford.

By Dennis Bourgerie

Rockford, IL hosted the 2001 National Youth Action Championships on November 10-11. This was a 9 round, game in 30 minutes tournament for players in grades K through 12. There were 4 sections, K-3, K-6, K-9 and K-12.

The Twin City Chess Club had a large and talented contingent organized by coach Garrett Scott. We had high hopes for our players and they exceeded our best expectations by winning the 1st place K-3 National Championship team trophy and the 1st place K-6 National Championship team trophy.

Twin City Chess Club (TCCCIL in cross-tables) led most of the way in the K-3 section to cruise to first place, but the K-6 section was hotly contested. After 8 rounds, Twin City was trailing closely behind, but they won 3 of the 4 games in the final round to take 1st place in the K-6 section.

The 4 top scores comprised the team score. Here are the team members in K-3 and their scores:

Eric Schmidt	6.5
Dylan Johnson	6.0
Nic Flach	5.5
Curtis Wiese	5.0
Matthew Tsao	5.0
Avery Martin-Chadwick	5.0
Josh Ayers	5.0
Luke Nayak	5.0
Jason Chien	4.5
Elise Cather	4.5

Max Nelson	4.0
Jennifer Morley	3.5
Brandon Leifheit	2.0

110 players competed in the K-3 section.

Here are the team players from the K-6 section and their scores:

Scott Schmidt	7.0
Sean Comerford	7.0
Evan Cather	6.0
Nicholas Wiese	6.0
Eric Cather	5.0
Derek Gliwa	5.0
Joshua Strong	5.0
Benjamin Leifheit	5.0
Cameron Johnson	5.0
Aaron Barton	4.5
Felix Tsao	4.5
Carolyn Ayers	4.5
Dan Nibbelin	4.0
T. J. Morley	3.0

161 players competed in the K-6 section.

A special big thanks goes out to the parents of the players who gave generously of their time and money so that their children could play and achieve success in this National Championship tournament.

Stamnov wins 2001 Normal, IL November Mini-Tour; Stein 2nd.

By Dennis Bourgerie.

Alexsandar Stamnov (2258) (pictured below) of Berwyn, IL defeated Kyle Miles (1724), Phil Jarrette (1899), David Black (1054) and Larry Cohen (1959) to win the Normal, IL tournament with a 4-0 score.



Pete Stein (2145) (pictured below) defeated Gregory Fischer (1711), drew with Mike Leali (1868), defeated Girdharan Durgashankar (437) and Miomir Stevanovic (2000) to finish at 3.5-0.5 for an undisputed 2nd place.



Larry Cohen (1959), Kyle Miles (1724), Mike Leali (1868), Jeff Davis (1739), Surya Kopula (1688), Dan Modes (1941) and William Barton (1683) all had 3 points and tied for the Under 2000 prize money.

Paul Fritsch (1225) of Normal, IL took the undisputed prize for the top scorer in the Under 1600 category with 3 points.

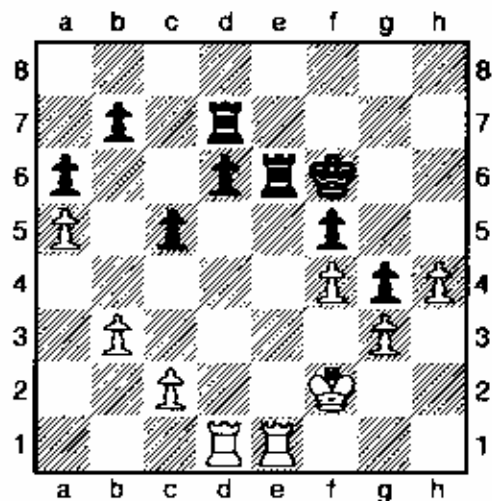
The Under 1200 Category was a massive tie at 2 points and the winners were: David Black (1054), James Jursich (1141), Jeff Smith (1104), Girdharan Durgashankar (437), Matthew Conte (984), Jordan McDonald (1193), Josh Strong (889), Pete Lamonica (664), Jerry Bennett (1132) and Michael Beatty (1051).

Dennis Bourgerie and Colley Kitson directed the 46 player, 4 round Mini-Tour Tomado, played at game in 80 minutes. Here is the deciding 4th round encounter between Stamnov and Cohen on board 1:

Stamnov, Alexsandar (2258) – Cohen, Larry (1959) [B07]

2001 Normal, IL Nov. Mini-Tour (4), 3.2001

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be2 Bg7 The Pirc Defense. 5.h4 h5 6.Nh3 Nc6 7.d5 Ne5 8.Bg5 Bd7 9.f3 c6 10.Qd2 Qc7 11.Nf2 a6 12.0-0 c5 13.a4 0-0 14.a5 Containing the Black queenside. 14...Rae8 15.Bh6 Kh7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b3 Nh7 18.f4 Ng4 19.Nxg4 hxg4 20.Qe3 f5 21.Bc4 e5 22.dxe6 Bxe6 23.Bxe6 Rxe6 24.Nd5 Qf7 [A mistake would be... 24...Rxe4 25.Qc3+ Kf7 26.Nxc7] 25.Qc3+ Nf6 26.exf5 gxf5 27.Rad1 Kg6 Getting out of the pin & liquidation to an endgame. 28.Nxf6 Qxf6 29.Qxf6+ Kxf6 30.Rfe1 Rd8 31.Kf2 Rd7 32.g3 Diagram



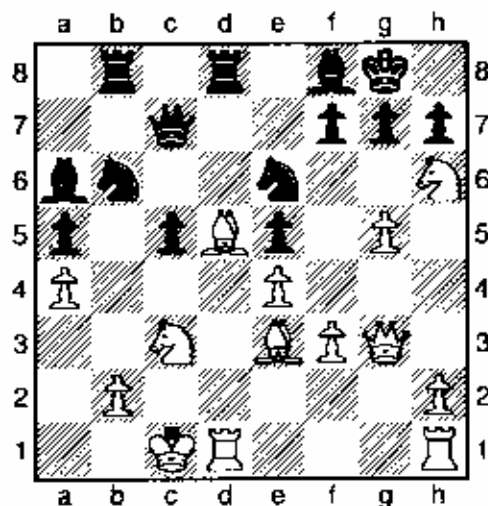
The passed White pawn on h4 looks like a good endgame asset for White. 32...d5 33.Rxe6+ Kxe6 34.Re1+ Kf6 35.Re5 c4

36.Ke2 cxb3 37.cxb3 d4 38.Kd3 Both kings are working hard in this ending. 38...Rd6 39.b4 b5 40.Rc5 Re6 Black decides his best chance lies with an active rook. 41.Kxd4 Re4+ 42.Kd5 Rxb4 43.Rc6+ Kf7 44.Ke5 A better move than taking the a6 pawn immediately. 44...Ra4 45.Rxa6 b4 46.Kxf5 b3 47.Rb6 Black resigns at this point...the finish might be..... 47...Rxa5+ 48.Kxg4 Ra3 49.Kg5 b2 50.g4 Ra2 51.h5 Kf8 52.f5 and the 3 White pawns on the kingside will be stronger than the 1 Black pawn on the queenside. 1-0

Stein and Stevanovic met on board 2 for the 4th round. The winner would finish in the money.

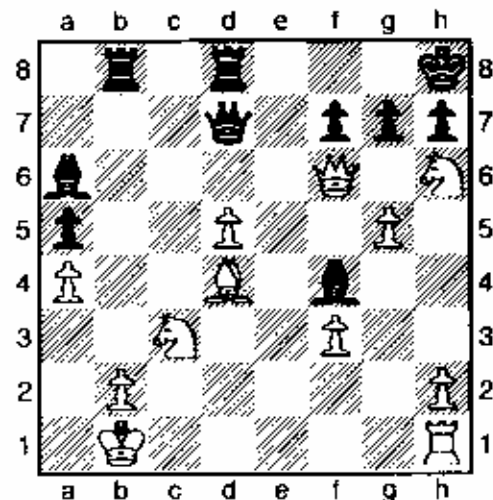
Stein, Pete (2145) – Stevanovic, Miomir (2000)

1.d4 d6 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.f3 Nbd7 5.Bc4 e5 6.Nge2 Be7 7.Be3 0-0 The Old Indian Defense? 8.Qd2 b5 9.Bb3 Nb6 10.a4 b4 11.Na2 a5 12.0-0-0 Qc7 13.g4 White starts his attack on the kingside. 13...c5 14.dxc5 dxc5 15.g5 Rd8 16.Qe1 Nfd7 17.c4 Stops Black's threatened ...c5-c4. [17.Ng3? c4! and now Black would have the advantage.] 17...bxc3 [17...Ba6 How does White defend the c4 pawn?] 18.Naxc3 Ba6 19.Ng3 Headed for the strong post at f5. 19...Nf8 20.Nf5 Ne6 21.Bd5 Rab8 22.Qg3 Bf8 23.Nh6+ Diagram



23...Kh8 [If Black takes the knight, this is 1 of the ways that he could lose. 23...gxh6

24.gxh6+ Kh8 25.Bxe6 Rxd1+ 26.Rxd1 fxe6 27.Bg5 Be7 28.Bxe7 Qxe7 29.Qxe5+ Kg8 30.Rg1+ Kf8 31.Qh8+ Kf7 32.Rg7+ Kf6 33.Rg8+ Kf7 34.Qg7#] 24.Qxe5 Nxd5 [24...Qxe5 25.Nxf7+ Kg8 26.Nxe5] 25.exd5 Bd6 26.Qf5 Nd4 27.Rxd4 cxd4 28.Bxd4 The White bishop, queen and knight are all aiming at the Black kingside. 28...Bf4+ 29.Kb1 Qd7 [29...Qc8? 30.Bxg7+ Kxg7 31.Qf6+ Kf8 32.Qxf7#] 30.Qf6! Diagram

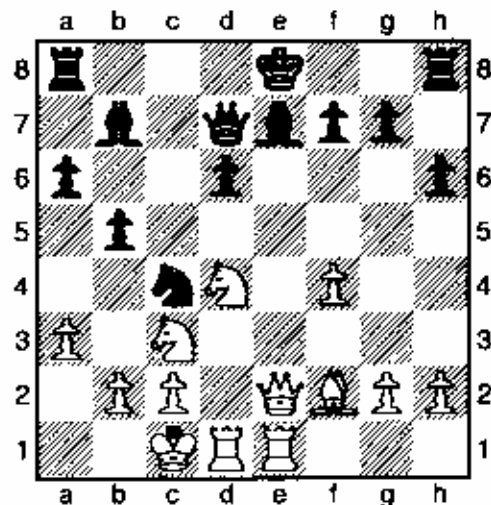
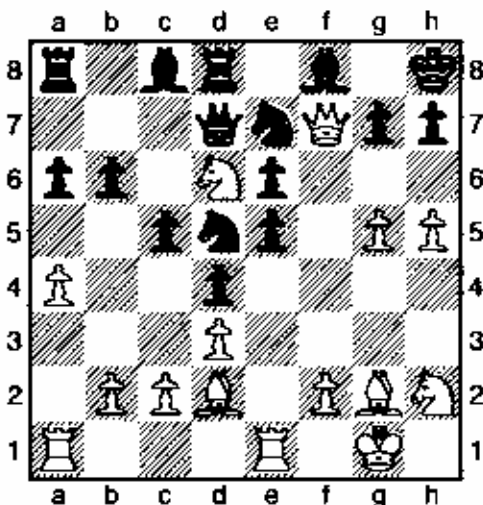


30...Bd3+ [30...gxf6 31.Bxf6#] 31.Ka1 Black resigned at this point because of..... 31...Rg8 32.Nxf7+ Qxf7 33.Qxf7 1-0

Gerolimatos, George (1048) – McDonald, Jordan (1193) [A08]

2001 Normal, IL November Mini-Tour (1), 03.11.2001

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 The King's Indian Attack versus the French Defense. 6...d4 7.0-0 Be7 8.a4 b6 9.Nc4 Bb7 10.Re1 0-0 11.e5 Nd5 12.h4 Qd7 13.Nh2 Rfd8 14.h5 Bf8 15.Bd2 Nce7 16.g4 a6 17.Nd6 Bc8 18.Qf3 f6 19.g5 fxe5 20.Qf7+ Kh8 Diagram



21.Be4 Qxd6 Black is up a piece and has a won game if he is careful. **22.Ng4 Nf5** [22...Rb8 23.Nh6 b5? Black can still lose the game if he forgets White's mating possibilities. (23...gxh6 24.Qxh7#) 24.Qg8+ Nxc8 25.Nf7# the old smothered mate trick] **23.Nh6 gxh6 24.gxh6 Rd7 0-1**

Fritsch, Paul (1225) – Mrutunjaya, Mishra (495) [C41]

2001 Normal, IL November Mini-Tour (3),
03.11.2001

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 If you don't feel like the Petroff, then the 4 knights game is a nice alternative. **3...d6 4.d4 Nc6 5.Bb5 a6 6.Ba4** [White can also try.... 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.dxe5 dxe5 (7...Ng4 8.Bf4) 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Nxe5 Ke8 for an advantage.] **6...b5 7.Bb3 h6 8.a3 exd4 9.Nxd4 Bb7 10.Bd5 Qd7 11.Be3 Nxd5 12.exd5 Ne5 13.Qe2 c5 14.dxc6 Nxc6 15.0-0 Ne5 16.f4 Nc4 17.Bf2+ Be7 18.Rhe1**
Diagram

18...0-0 [Perhaps Black could have tried... 18...Kf8 19.Nf5 Re8 20.g4 g6 21.Nxe7 Rxe7 22.Qd3] 19.Qxe7 Qxe7 20.Rxe7 Bxc2 21.Nf5 Bh3 22.Nxd6 Nxd6 23.Rxd6 Bf1 24.Re1 Be4 25.Rg1 f6 26.Ne4 Kh7 27.Rd7 Rae8 28.Rgxg7+ Kh8 29.Rh7+ Black resigned because of... 29...Kg8 30.Rdg7# 1-0

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Normal, IL Open Cross-Table Nov, 2001

MINI-TOUR

No.	Name	Pts	USCF	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4
1	STAMNOV, ALEKSANDAR	4.0	2258	W4	W18	W20	W3
2	STEIN, PETE	3.5	2145	W22	D5	W12	W11
3	COHEN, LAWRENCE	3.0	1959	W7	W17	W25	L1
4	MILES, KYLE, J	3.0	1724	L1	W27	W37	W19
5	LEALI, MICHAEL E.	3.0	1868	W13	D2	W23	-H-
6	DAVIS, JEFFREY E.	3.0	1739	W19	D9	D16	W21
7	KOPULA, SURYA	3.0	1688	L3	W37	W24	W20
8	FRITSCH, PAUL	3.0	1225	W31	L14	W35	W22
9	MODES, DAN R.	3.0	1941	W32	D6	-H-	W17
10	BARTON, WILLIAM, J	3.0	1683	L11	W36	W40	W18
11	STEVANOVIC, MIOMIR	2.5	2000	W10	D12	W15	L2
12	COHEN, HOWARD	2.5	1847	W21	D11	L2	W32
13	WENSE, DUSTIN, A	2.5	1294	L5	W24	W26	D14
14	CONDON, JAMES	2.5	1900	L17	W8	W38	D13
15	CHAMBERS, ADAM, D	2.5	1691	D16	W45	L11	W25
16	NAFF, WILLIAM	2.5	2004	D15	W44	D6	-H-
17	GRIFFITH, JEREMY, W	2.0	1446	W14	L3	W34	L9
18	JARRETTE, PHIL	2.0	1899	W33	L1	W27	L10
19	WILLIS, DAN	2.0	1253	L6	W34	W29	L4
20	BLACK, DAVID E.	2.0	1054	W42	W33	L1	L7
21	HENDRICKS, JOSHUA	2.0	1290	L12	W35	W28	L6
22	FISCHER, GREGORY, A	2.0	1711	L2	W38	W36	L8
23	JURSICH, JAMES, A	2.0	1141	W26	D32	L5	D33
24	SMITH, JEFF	2.0	1104	W39	L13	L7	W35
25	DURGASHANKAR, G.	2.0	437	W41	W43	L3	L15
26	CONTE, MATTHEW	2.0	984	L23	W41	L13	W36
27	McDONALD, JORDAN	2.0	1193	W46	L4	L18	W40
28	STRONG, JOSH, A	2.0	889	L38	W30	L21	W37
29	LAMONICA, PETE	2.0	664	L36	W46	L19	W38
30	BENNETT, JERRY L.	2.0	1132	L35	L28	W46	W39
31	BEATTY, MICHAEL W.	2.0	1051	L8	L39	W43	W42
32	MEYER, WILLIAM L.	1.5	1637	L9	D23	W39	L12
33	ANDERSON AARON J.	1.5	1396	L18	L20	W41	D23
34	FLYNN, RUSSELL	1.5	1015	W43	L19	L17	-H-
35	MRUTUNJAYA, MISHRA	1.0	495	W30	L21	L8	L24
36	MILLIGAN, JEREMY, L	1.0	1155	W29	L10	L22	L26
37	BARTON, AARON	1.0	1145	W40	L7	L4	L28
38	SPIROS, GEORGE N.	1.0	1156	W28	L22	L14	L29
39	SCARLETT, TODD	1.0		L24	W31	L32	L30
40	KLAEGE, ADAM	1.0	1044	L37	W42	L10	L27
41	ACHLPOHL, JON, M	1.0	1104	L25	L26	L33	W46
42	BEVERAGE, DARREN J.	1.0		L20	L40	-B-	L31
43	RUTH, JAMES	0.5	1199	L34	L25	L31	-H-
44	SHANKAR, RAMAMOORTHY	0.5	1545	D45	L16	-U-	-U-
45	SHANKAR, KRISHNA	0.5	1314	D44	L15	-U-	-U-
46	GEROLIMATOS, GEORGE C.	0.0	1048	L27	L29	L30	L41

St. Charles Chess Club

by Dan Pradt

On August 30, GM kAlek Wojtkiewicz gave a 20 board simul. He gave up two losses and a draw.

On Sept. 30 we had our third Theme night of the year. The opening was the Najdorf: 1. e4,c5 2 Nf3,Nc6 3.d4, cd 4. Nxd4,d6 5.Nc3,a6. All the games were positional in nature-no poisoned pawn or other wild variations. Black came out ahead in the contests,10-8.

With one week to go, Jeff Wiewel appears to have once again triumphed in the ladder tournament, by winning his last head-to-head encounter with Paul Friedel. The leading point standings are Wiewel 21.5, Paul Freidel 20.5, Jesse Freidel 17, Jason Duncan 16.5, Marcus Stinson and Mike Aaron 16, Wally Alberts 15.5, Jeremiah Freidel 15, Carl Staples, Bo Meissen, and Jim Oberweiss 14.5, Chuck Giertz and Blair Machaj 14, Derek Smith 13.5, John Suits, Rudy Padilla and Dan Pradt 13

Elmhurst Chess Club News

by Vince Hart

As Roger Birkeland is currently on a covert operations assignment with the CIA, I have agreed to take over the Elmhurst Chess Club news with the sole proviso that I will never let the truth get in the way of a good story.

Elmhurst Chess Club's fifth season began with its Members' Appreciation Simul held September 9, 2001. Twenty-seven club members took a free shot at IM Dominik Pedzich who went 14-3-10. Wins were scored by Steve Tennant, Jason Duncan and your correspondent while the point splitters included four juniors, Frankie Giliberto, Jonathan Lung, Byron Chen, and Chris Nienart.

The simul was followed by a leisurely three round Swiss played on September 16, 23 and 30 at a time control of 40/100 SD/30 for those players who like to carefully calculate a few variations before they hang a piece. First place was shared by James Duffy and your correspondent with scores of 3-0.

Ralph Wakerly has been playing himself into shape with several recent appearances at the club and it showed on October 28 and November 4 when he took first place (3.5-.5) in a Game 45 Swiss. His pigeons included your correspondent who thinks it might be time for Ralph to take another hiatus. Chris Nienart, Robert Tomazic and Frankie Gilberto each scored three points to share in the prize money.

On November 11, Dejan Maksimovic administered one of his patented (6-0) spankings to a field of sixteen in a Game 12 Swiss. Rumor has it that second place finisher Mariano Accosta (5-1) forced Max to wake up, open his eyes and actually pay attention during their game, but Max's other opponents refused to verify the claim. Adam Widelka (4-2) and Vladimir Djordjevic (2.5-3.5) took U1800 and U1400 respectively.

Sixteen players turned out for Game 29 quads on November 18. George David tied your correspondent for first place in the top quad thereby quieting those of his many victims who insist that they could have overcome his creative tactics at a little longer time limit. The next three quads were taken by Andrew Hubbard, Mike Sullivan and Rudy Padilla.

On November 25, Blair ("Call-me-master") Machaj took first place in a five round Game 15 Swiss with a 4.5-.5 score. Blair claimed that his late entry was necessitated to keep the field at an even number, but his victims suspect that he was waiting to make sure there was enough money in the pot to warrant putting his growing reputation on the line. Second place was shared by Adam Widelka and Ely Sollano at 4.0-1 while George David (3.5-1.5) and Vladimir Djordjevic (3-2) took U1600 and U1400.

The ECC 2001 tournament schedule will continue to see many happy winners and much wailing and gnashing of teeth by losers at weekly USCF rated events with a variety of time controls. In addition, on January 27, the CICL will be sending a team to receive its fifth annual thrashing at the hands of the Elmhurst Chess Club and on February 10, GM Alex Goldin will get together with his old teammate FM Dejan Maksimovic for a leapfrog simultaneous in which the masters have the burden of figuring out each others moves as well as their opponents. Spring highlights also include two scheduled ICC Maxi-Tour Events on January 19-20 and March 23-24. Come out and enjoy the fun.

Richard Martin wins Springfield Holiday Open

By Dennis Bourgerie



Richard Martin Left playing White against John Bonwell.

Richard Martin (1897), defeated Kevin Guo (1385), Jon Bonwell (1652), Kyle Miles (1735) and Richard Kujoth (1900) to take first place with a 4-0 score.

2nd place was a 2 way tie between Kevin French (1840) of Decatur, IL and Terry Trippe (1741) of the St. Louis area, both with 3.5 - 0.5. French gave up a draw to Dennis Bourgerie (1712) in round 2 and Trippe had a draw with Derek Sparks (1544) in round 3. Jon Bonwell (1652) of Minier, IL and Kyle Miles (1735) of Windsor, IL tied for 4th and 5th with 3.0-1.0.

The top scorers for players rated under 1400 were Jonathon Hoffsuemmer (1353), David Black (1309) and Joe Boyd (1026) all with 2 - 2.



Kyle Miles Tied for 4th.

The playing area was a spacious room with linen cloths over the tables and for most of the games, the players had an entire table for themselves!

The tournament was directed by David Long and Tom Knoedler on Saturday, December 15th and attracted 28 players to the excellent site at the Signature Inn in Springfield, IL. To get to the site, you get off of Interstate 55 at exit 94 (Stevenson Drive) and proceed west for about 1 mile.



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Bradley Summer Open

August 18, 2001

								score	tour	
1	ALI Raheem-Muhammad	1997	W19	W16	D 2	W	4	3.5	7.5	XA
2	FLORES Joshua	1804	W11	W10	D 1	W	15	3.5	7.5	XA
3	NAFF William A	2005	W29	W27	D 6	H	3	4	X	
4	MECHEM Paul	1879	W23	W28	W13	L1	3	4	XA	
5	BARTHEL Jim	1816	W30	W14	D 8	D7	3	4	XA	
6	LONG David	1802	W20	W17	D 3	D8	3	4	XA	
7	KLINKNER Konrad L	1689	D15	W21	W22	D5	3	4	XAB	
8	MILES Kyle J	1674	W34	W25	D 5	D6	3	4	XAB	
9	RODRIGUEZ Jose A	1669	L25	W33	W19	W	18	3	4	XAB
10	BAUMGARTNER Chris	1599	W36	L 2	W25	W	16	3	4	XABC
11	RYNER Randy L	1404	L 2	W24	W28	W	26	3	4	XABC
12	MERLI Christopher	2101	W18	L13	W17	D14	2.5	2.5	X	
13	ANDERSON Phil	1800	W31	W12	L 4	H	2.5	2.5	XA	
14	ENGELEN Mark S	1630	W24	L 5	W31	D12	2.5	2.5	XAB	
15	SOMERVILLE Jeffrey	1176	D 7	W37	W26	L2	2.5	2.5	XABCDE	
16	KARAGIANIS Pete D	1729	W39	L 1	W29	L10	2	2	XAB	
17	HARRINGTON Tim	1627	W35	L 6	L12	W	33	2	2	XAB
18	SUAREZ Ronald J	1477	L12	W39	W27	L9	2	2	XABC	
19	PETTYE Isaiah	1434	L 1	W23	L 9	W	34	2	2	XABC
20	SCHMIDT Scott	1403	L 6	W35	D21	D22	2	2	XABC	
21	KAPLAN David	1262	D26	L 7	D20	W	28	2	2	XABCD
22	BRODERICK John M	1086	H	X38	L 7	D20	2	2	XABCDE	
23	CRUM Jeremy J	926L	4 L	19W	36W	29	2	2	XABCDEF	
24	CHUANG Kangway V	760L	14L	11W	39W	31	2	2	XABCDEFG	
25	LEALI Michael E	1893	W 9	L 8	L10	H	1.5	1.5	XA	
26	SANDER Keith Daniel	1738	D21	X32	L15	L11	1.5	1.5	XAB	
27	BOURGERIE Dennis	1702	W33	L 3	L18	H	1.5	1.5	XAB	
28	TECH James W	1665	W40	L 4	L11	L21	1	1	XAB	
29	MOSES Greg	1445	L 3	W34	L16	L23	1	1	XABC	
30	KITSON Colley Eric	1406	L 5	W40	-	-	1	1	XABC	
31	HELM Bret	1387	L13	W36	L14	L24	1	1	XABCD	
32	SHANKAR Krishna	1327	W38	F26	-	-	1	1	XABCD	
33	VOSS Andy S	1191	L27	L 9	W40	L17	1	1	XABCDE	
34	TILTON Noah K	998L	8 L	29W	35L	19	1	1	XABCDEF	
35	STEPHEN Christopher	-	L 17L	20L	34W	39	1			
36	MOORE Ryan Kendall	-	L 10L	31L	23W	40	1			
37	ZIMMERLE R Wayne	1517	H	L15	-	-	0.5	0.5	XABC	
38	RAMAMOORTHY Shank	1690	L32	F22	-	-	0			
39	BENNETT Jerry	1199	L16	L18	L24	L35	0			
40	ROBART Jason	774L	28L	30L	33L	36	0			

Elmhurst Game/60

December 16, 2001

							score	tour
1	PALOS Osman	2368	W36	W11	W 9	D 2	3.5	7.5 M
2	STAMNOV Aleksandar	2245	W37	W35	W14	D 1	3.5	7.5 M
3	ARAMIL William J	2133	W31	W47	D 16	W 7	3.5	7.5 MX
4	STEVANOVIC Momir	2000	W39	D 6	W18	W19	3.5	7.5 MX
5	RODRIGUEZ Jose A	1850	D 42	W41	W30	W25	3.5	7.5 MXA
6	BAUMGARTNER Chris	1685	W45	D 4	W26	W16	3.5	7.5 MXAB
7	QUAN Zha	2157	W38	W48	W10	L 3	3	4 MX
8	MODES Daniel R	1945	W32	W27	D 25	H	3	4 MXA
9	SOLLANO Ely O	1900	W23	W20	L 1	W27	3	4 MXA
10	REED Boyd M	1841	W46	W22	L 7	W29	3	4 MXA
11	NENART Christoph	1710	W50	L 1	W32	W33	3	4 MXAB
12	LONCAREVIC Robert	1892	H	H	D 37	W38	2.5	2.5 MXA
13	HART Vincent J	1871	W33	D 30	L 19	W39	2.5	2.5 MXA
14	FLORES Joshua	1850	W43	W21	L 2	D 22	2.5	2.5 MXA
15	NYBERG Darwin V	1823	L 44	W34	W40	D 23	2.5	2.5 MXA
16	COVIC Mehmed	1800	W34	W44	D 3	L 6	2.5	2.5 MXA
17	RAMOS Fabian	1696	D 57	D 42	D 43	W44	2.5	2.5 MXAB
18	ENGELN Mark S	1660	D 24	W57	L 4	W43	2.5	2.5 MXAB
19	EASTON Richard Dw	1652	H	W24	W13	L 4	2.5	2.5 MXAB
20	PADILLA Rudy R	1636	W52	L 9	D 44	W37	2.5	2.5 MXAB
21	SETHI Rishi	1578	W53	L 14	W45	H	2.5	2.5 MXABC
22	SULLIVAN Michael	1569	W54	L 10	W50	D 14	2.5	2.5 MXABC
23	MC DANIEL Anthony	1420	L 9	W51	W47	D 15	2.5	2.5 MXABC
24	BARNES Christopher	1021	D 18	L 19	W41	W47	2.5	2.5 MXABCDE
25	EIDELMAN Vova	-	W29	W55	D 8	L 5	2.5	2.5 M
26	LAZEBNIK Yakov	1931	W40	D 28	L 6	D 30	2	2 MXA
27	WITEK Gregory A	1679	W51	L 8	W42	L 9	2	2 MXAB
28	VENUSO Michael A	1603	W59	D 26	-	H	2	2 MXAB
29	OKUNEVICH Matthew	1602	L 25	W49	W53	L 10	2	2 MXAB
30	EGERTON Brian J	1578	W60	D 13	L 5	D 26	2	2 MXABC
31	PETTYE Sarah	1468	L 3	L 45	W51	W49	2	2 MXABC
32	DIXON John P	1453	L 8	W52	L 11	W50	2	2 MXABC
33	GILBERTO Frank E	1412	L 13	W54	W48	L 11	2	2 MXABC
34	O'BRIEN Matthew M	1315	L 16	L 15	W52	W53	2	2 MXABCD
35	STOLTZ Robert M	1746	W49	L 2	-	H	1.5	1.5 MXAB
36	POTTS Kevin J	1519	L 1	L 50	D 46	W54	1.5	1.5 MXABC
37	BACKSTROM Orr U	1510	L 2	W58	D 12	L 20	1.5	1.5 MXABC
38	BLACKMAN William	1469	L 7	D 56	W57	L 12	1.5	1.5 MXABC
39	LEVINE Gary T	1464	L 4	D 46	W56	L 13	1.5	1.5 MXABC
40	WANG Andrew Patrick	1424	L 26	W59	L 15	D 45	1.5	1.5 MXABC
41	GLISPIE Willie	1416	D 55	L 5	L 24	W56	1.5	1.5 MXABC
42	SEIBEL Dennis	1407	D 5	D 17	L 27	D 46	1.5	1.5 MXABC
43	ANDERSON Aaron J	1404	L 14	W60	D 17	L 18	1.5	1.5 MXABC
44	LINDNER Eric J	1356	W15	L 16	D 20	L 17	1.5	1.5 MXABCD
45	GONZALEZ Marcos A	1150	L 8	W31	L 21	D 40	1.5	1.5 MXABCDE
46	GEROLIMATOS Gerog	1006	L 10	D 39	D 36	D 42	1.5	1.5 MXABCDE
47	ALBERTS Walter A	1700	W58	L 3	L 23	L 24	1	1 MXAB
48	SOWA Walter S	1698	W56	L 7	L 33	-	1	1 MXAB
49	HARRIS Joshua S	1271	L 35	L 29	W59	L 31	1	1 MXABCD
50	FERGUSON James R	1260	L 11	W36	L 22	L 32	1	1 MXABCD
51	BARKER Gary F	1106	L 27	L 23	L 31	W59	1	1 MXABCDE
52	FLYNN Andrew S	1001	L 20	L 32	L 34	W57	1	1 MXABCDE
53	GREENBLATT Loren	-	L 21	B	L 29	L 34	1	1 M
54	MELTON Curtice	-	L 22	L 33	W58	L 36	1	1 M
55	LONCAREVIC Robert	1892	D 41	L 25	-	-	0.5	
56	CHEN Byron H	1257	L 48	D 38	L 39	L 41	0.5	0.5 MXABCD
57	CUNNINGHAM Robert	1193	D 17	L 18	L 38	L 52	0.5	0.5 MXABCDE
58	GILBERTO Frank P	1259	L 47	L 37	L 54	-	0	
59	MEDURI Aakaash	806	L 28	L 40	L 49	L 51	0	
60	BLASKOVIC Robert	-	L 30	L 43	-	-	0	

ICA Meeting-October 7, 2001

Officer's Meeting-1200 pm

Agenda for the meeting was discussed.

The ICB should be almost caught up by the Nov.-Dec. issue.

Director's Meeting

The meeting was called to order by president Kevin Bachler at 108 pm

Present Kevin Bachler, Tim Just, Rhys Read, Roger Birkeland, Bill Smythe, Garrett Scott, Larry Cohen, Howard Cohen, Helen Warren, Jim Warren, Tom Larson, Dennis Bourgeois, Tom Fineberg, Mike Zacate, and Colley Kitson .

Secretary's Report

Helen Warren moved and Tim Just seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2001 meeting.

Warren Junior Program report.

The annual letter soliciting donations for the program will be sent out soon. James Fagan will be taking over the school assignments on January 1, 2002. He will also be teaching in the program. Helen Warren will continue handling the teaching assignments for the top 50 lists. The treasury will be divided between the two of them. Funds at this time are \$2940.32. Last year the Program paid out about \$16,000.

Treasurer's Report

We have about \$6500 in the bank. No report on the status of the Vanguard fund, but it is sure to be down. An estimate of total funds is about \$20,000. All bills have been paid.

Membership Secretary's Report

Memberships are down slightly, but this doesn't include memberships that were taken at the Illinois Open. Membership stand at 601 without Illinois Open memberships.

President's Report

The ICB is at the printer. Colley Kitson is the new editor of the ICB. Submissions should be made directly to him. Blair Machaj is acting as assistant games editor.

A mailing was supposed to be done for the All-Grade Championship. At this late date it should probably be done by the organizers. They were going to pay the ICA \$1 per player up to 400 players and \$2 per player over 400. Since these mailings haven't been done this price will be negotiated lower. A letter soliciting donations will be sent to Century, Gold and Patron members. The Illinois Open drew about 250 players-the most ever. This was probably the largest state tournament in the country.

Downstate Vice President's Report

We are happy to have more downstate involvement and to have Colley Kitson as the new ICB editor.

The scholastic chess scene downstate is very strong. It is always a concern how to keep scholastic players in chess.

New Business

The 2002 U. S. Masters is moving along nicely. 14 players have entered already, including GMs Serper, Blatney, Schulman, Ibragimov, Fedorovich, Gurevich, Goldin. Some juniors with expert ratings will also be invited. The ICA needs to transfer the funds from the Martinovsky bequest to the Midwest Chess Association by January 1. Help is needed for demo boards, set up, etc. The names of these people should be in place by November. A photographer (or more than one) is also needed, not only for photos for the ICB but also for Chess Life. Donations would also be greatly appreciated.

USCF is in serious financial difficulty. Memberships are down. Accounts payable are about \$500,000, and the Life Membership Asset Fund is about \$675,000-down from \$1,700,000 at one time. Scholastic membership dues need to be raised! The Games Parlor contract (for US Chess Live) is supposed to be renegotiated but that hasn't been done yet.

Dennis B. wants to compile an email list of active tournament players. Kevin Bachler will send Colley Kitson a list of ICA members and he will get it to Dennis in a usable form.

We need to try to involve more downstate players. Many downstate players don't realize the benefits and purpose of the ICA. Kevin Bachler reminded the board of a proposal to increase non-metro Chicago area ICA participation. This was referred to the officers with power to reformulate and act at the last meeting.

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Cont. Meeting minutes

USCF Report by Helen Warren

The Life Membership Asset Fund has not been managed very well lately. There are still many problems with the Life Membership list. Many people still need to be taken off the list.

There is still a major debt of about \$700,000. The bank has called for the repayment of this loan, and this money will have to come from the LMA. The upcoming USCF Executive Board election was discussed.

Roger Birkeland
 Secretary

Elmhurst Chess Club presents

Elmhurst Class Game/120 Maxi-Tour

March 23 & 24

4-round Swiss. Frick Center, Elmhurst College,
190 Prospect, Elmhurst

5 sections: Master/Expert, A, B, C, & D/below.
EF: \$44 ECC members & juniors if postmarked
by March 18. \$49 others. All \$60 on site. Play in
your class or one above (\$10 to play up). Unrated
may play in any class but may not win more than
\$100 except in M/X section. One 1/2 pt. bye in
any round if requested with registration.
Registration 11:45-12:30 March 23. Rounds at
1:00 & 5:30 each day. ICA membership required-
\$18, juniors \$10. **An ICA Tour maxi-event.** ECC
annual dues only \$10!

Prize fund \$3000 b/80

**M/X:\$300-\$240, U2200-\$200,
A:\$240-\$180-\$120,
B:\$240-\$180-\$120,
C:\$240-\$180-\$120,
D/below:\$240-\$180-\$120,
U1200-\$100.**

**Free snacks & soft drinks throughout the
tournament!**

Info & entries: Blair Machaj 3N050 Springvale,
West Chicago, IL 60185

630-231-6245. E-mail: BenStudent@aol.com

Elmhurst January Classic

January 19 & 20

What: 5-round Swiss. Game/90. Frick
Center, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect,
Elmhurst, IL.

Entry Fees: EF: \$40, \$35 Elmhurst CC
members & juniors if postmarked by 1/14.
\$50 on site for all. Add \$10 to play up one
section. 1/2 pt. bye any rd. w/reg.

Three sections: Open, Under 1800 & Under 1400.

Registration: Sat. 11:30-12:30, rds. Sat. 1, 4
& 7:30, Sun. 1 & 4:00.

ICA membership required \$18, juniors \$10.

An ICA Tour Maxi-event.

Prize fund \$2000 b/68
**Open Section: 1st-\$300, 2nd-\$200,
3rd-\$100, U2200-\$160 U2000-\$140**
**Under 1800 Section: \$250-
\$180 U1600-\$140 Under 1400**
Section: \$160-\$120 U1200-\$100
U1000-\$80

Free Snacks & Soft Drinks

Info: Roger Birkeland (630) 832-1754.
E-mail: rogerdb9@earthlink.net

2001 ICA TOUR LEADERS

by Bill Smythe

NOTE: The 2001 ICA Tour has been extended to fifteen months, ending March 31, 2002. Future years' Tours will revert to twelve months, but will run from April 1 through March 31.

These standings reflect the following 2001 Tour events:

January 5-7, 2001	MAXI	Mid-America Class, Rosemont
January 13, 2001	mini	Peoria Tornado
January 14, 2001	mini	Elmhurst Game/60
January 20-21, 2001	MAXI	Tim Just Winter Open, Grayslake
March 17-18, 2001	MAXI	Elmhurst Class
April 7-8, 2001	MAXI	Greater Peoria Open
May 19, 2001	micro	Wicker Quicker, Chicago
May 25-28, 2001	MAXI	Chicago Open, Oak Brook
June 16, 2001	micro	Wicker Quicker, Chicago
June 22-24, 2001	MAXI	Master Challenge, Elmhurst
June 30, 2001	mini	Peoria Tornado
August 18, 2001	mini	Bradley Summer Open
September 1-3, 2001	MAXI	Illinois Open
September 15, 2001	micro	Wicker Quicker, Chicago
September 15, 2001	mini	Illinois Valley Tornado, Oglesby
October 12-14, 2001	MAXI	Midwest Class, Oak Brook
October 20, 2001	mini	Peoria Tornado
October 27, 2001	micro	Wicker Quicker, Chicago
November 3, 2001	mini	Normal November Mini-Tour
November 18, 2001	micro	Wicker Quicker, Chicago
November 24-25, 2001	MAXI	Illinois Class, Joliet

Not included (tournament held after press deadline)

Master Tour Points:

STAMNOV Aleksandar	144.3
PALOS Osman	84.5
GOLDIN Alexander	71
YOUNG Angelo	70
SZPISJAK Steven J	54
STEVANOVIC Miodir	46.3
ARAMIL William J	45.5
GORLIN Andrey	43
CHOW Albert C	41
BROCK William	40
GUREVICH Dmitry	39
QUAN Zhe	36
LONCAREVIC Robert	31.5
KARKLINS Andrew	28
ILIC Stanimir M	26
LAZEBNIK Yakov	25
FELECAN Florin (2)	24
RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr	24
DUNCAN Jason	22.5
AARON Michael E	22
MAROVITCH Mark	20
PEDZICH Dominik (1)	19
AROND Dean	18
GAST Bryan (2)	18
GOLOVEY Tamara (2)	18
GORLIN Gennadiy	18

PELTS Peter	(2)	18
FLORES Joshua		17.5
MODES Daniel R		17
CAVITT Dexter		16
GORLIN Yelena		16
LEALI Michael E		16
REED Boyd M		16

Expert Tour Points:

STEVANOVIC Miodir	59.1
ARAMIL William J	55.5
GORLIN Andrey	54
LONCAREVIC Robert	47.5
BROCK William	40
QUAN Zhe	36
AROND Dean	33
LEALI Michael E	31.5
FLORES Joshua	30
NAFF William A	30
DUNCAN Jason	29.5
AARON Michael E	28
RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr	28
ILIC Stanimir M	26
KARKLINS Erik	25
LAZEBNIK Yakov	25
PADILLA Rudy R	23.5
RIDDELL Joshua S	23
ZINYTCH Miron	23

BENESA Amulfo	21
NGUYEN Tam Ducmin	21
FAGAN James B	20
MAROVITCH Mark	20
BOURGERIE Dennis	19.5
GAST Bryan (2)	18
GORLIN Gennadiy	18
MC CONAGHIE Peter	18
MODES Daniel R	17
NORDAHL David	17
SAX Robert D	17
SCOTT Gene G (2)	17

Class A Tour Points:

LAZEBNIK Yakov	62
MODES Daniel R	56
LONCAREVIC Robert	47.5
RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr	47
DUNCAN Jason	40.5
FORD Samuel M	40
GORLIN Gennadiy	38
ILIC Stanimir M	38
COVIC Mehmed	36.5
QUAN Zhe	36
BONDAR Leonid	34
AROND Dean	33
CAVITT Dexter	33
LEALI Michael E	31.5

December 16, 2001	mini	Elmhurst Game/60
January 5-6, 2002	MAXI	Tim Just Winter Open, Grayslake

Scheduled or probable future 2001 Tour events.

January 19-20, 2002	MAXI	Elmhurst Classic
January 20, 2002	micro	Elmhurst Game/10
January 26, 2002	mini	Peoria Winter Tornado
March 9-10, 2002	MAXI	Greater Peoria Open
March 23-24, 2002	MAXI	Elmhurst Class (note new dates)

Other Tour events will be added as the year progresses. Check Chess Life, the Illinois Chess Bulletin, ChessPhone (630-832-5222) or the web (www.illinoischess.org) for details.

For players with fewer than three 2001 Tour events, the number of events (1 or 2) is shown in parentheses. A player must have played in at least three Tour events during the Tour year (1-1-01 thru 3-31-02) to be eligible for year-end Tour prizes.

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

Scheduled or probable 2002 Tour events:

April 6, 2002	mini	Illinois Valley Spring Tornado, Oglesby
May 24-27, 2002	MAXI	Chicago Open, Oakbrook
Aug 31 - Sep 2, 2002	MAXI	Illinois Open
October 18-20, 2002	MAXI	Midwest Class, Oakbrook
November 9, 2002	mini	Normal November Mini-Tour
Nov 30 - Dec 1, 2002	MAXI	Illinois Class

FRIDMAN Viktor	31
FLORES Joshua	30
COHEN Howard	29.5
HOSCH Yahshua	(2) 27
KORIN Mark	25
PADILLA Rudy R	23.5
LUNG Richard	22
PULLIN Matthew	22
KUHN Peter B	20
NORDAHL David	20
REED Boyd M	20
BOURGERIE Dennis	19.5
MC CONAGHIE Peter	18
COHEN Lawrence S	17.5
JOSEPH Bennett	17.5
BAUMGARTNER Christop	16.5

Class B Tour Points:

BAUMGARTNER Christop	71.5
ZAZOVSKIY Viktor	61
DUPUIS Erik G	55.5
NIENART Christopher	49
PADILLA Rudy R	45.5
REED Boyd M	44
WITEK Gregory A	42
GANDHI Rajen C	39
RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr	35.5
BALE Leslie	(2) 34
WALLENBERG Ben	34
ENGELN Mark S	32
EASTON Richard Dw	30.5
GROEGER Andrew T	29
DUEKER John T	28
BLACKMAN William	26
FLORES Joshua	26
SETHI Rishi	26
NAPOLI Anthony	(2) 25
RAMOS Fabian	24.5
MILES Kyle J	24
STOLTZ Robert M	22.5
NAPOLI Carmelo S	(2) 22
ALBERTS Walter A	21
FREIDEL Paul	(2) 21
JOHNSON Eric L	20
KANNIAH Suresh	20
BOURGERIE Dennis	19.5
FISCHER Gregory A	19.5
HORNOR Richard R	19.5

Class C Tour Points:

PADILLA Rudy R	68
BAUMGARTNER Christop	67
LUKASIK Michael	45
WITEK Gregory A	43
BLACKMAN William	39
KASSIN David	36.5
DUPUIS Erik G	35
PEKOVIC Jusuf	35
PETTYE Isaiah	33
DUEKER John T	32
WALLENBERG Ben	32
SCHMIDT Scott	31.5
MORAN Philip D	31
SAHS James W	31
ROGERS Nathaniel	30
SETHI Rishi	30
LEWIS Otis	28.5
POTTS Kevin J	28
NIENART Christopher	27
BRONNER Benjamin G	26
LOBRACO Michael J	25
MC CLURE Eugene L	25

NAPOLI Anthony	(2) 25
SULLIVAN Michael	24.5
DICKEY Douglas E	24
GORODETSKIY Steve	24
LEVINE Gary T	23.5
ENGELN Mark S	23
LUNG Jonathan	23
RAMOS Fabian	22
SMITH Orfan B	22

Class D Tour Points:

LANG Tristan J	38
KASSIN David	34
HORNOR Richard R	32.5
JENKINS Drake B	(2) 32
PEKOVIC Jusuf	32
OHLHAUSEN David B	30
LOPEZ Philip	29
POTTS Kevin J	28.5
HIERONYMUS April M	28
CHEN Byron H	26.5
BLOCK Joe	(2) 26
MORAN Philip D	26
WISNER Michael	25
DUEKER John T	24
LEWIS Otis	24
SETHI Rishi	23.5
KREPICH Daniel S	22
LEWIS Richard	22
LYON Derek	22
SCHMIDT Scott	21.5
BRONNER Benjamin G	21
GORODETSKIY Steve	21
SEIBEL Dennis	21
SLIGOWSKI Scott J	21
DUPUIS Brian M	20.5
DICKEY Douglas E	20
MC DONALD Jordan	20
ORIBELLO Avelino	(1) 20
WALNY Yair	20
ANDERSON Aaron J	19.5
BLACKMAN William	19.5

Class E Tour Points:

LU Henry	43
YARNOFF Zach D	(2) 40
GASUNAS Anthony C	32
SLIGOWSKI Scott J	29
JIN Der-Long	24
LYON Derek	24
DE LA MORA Salvador	22
JASEMI-ZERGANI Fana	22
HENSON Casey J	21
CARROLL Sean	(1) 20
SHANKAR Krishna	20
CHODAK David N	(2) 19
SMITH Derek E	19
TRAGER Geoffrey	(1) 19
ILIC Lazar S	18.5
GARVEY John G	18
LAWRENCE Danyul	18
LOPEZ Eugene C	18
MAROMYGUIN Alex	18
OHLHAUSEN David B	18
LEWIS Richard	17
VAN RYN Larry	17
DUPUIS Brian M	16.5
SETHI Rishi	16.5
KREPICH Daniel S	16
MORAN Wesley	16
SUMMERS Todd	(2) 16
ABRAMS Scott	15

EPHGRAVE Ryan W	(2) 15
GORDON Ross S	15
MC DONALD Jordan	15
WALNY Yair	15

Class F Tour Points:

LYON Derek	24
SHANKAR Krishna	20
JEEVANADAM Vines	(2) 19
BARNES Christopher	19
EPHGRAVE Ryan W	(2) 15
GARVEY John G	13
HASS Matthew Y	13
PAUL Gabriel S	(2) 13
SILESSEY Seth	(1) 12
GRIFFIN Danny L	11
WALNY Yair	11
EDELSTEIN Sam	10
GORDON Ross S	10
PAUL Barry S	(2) 10
ROMAN J P	(1) 10
THOMPSON Charles	10
CHEENIN Y Juny	(2) 9
CRUM Jeremy J	(2) 9
NASH James	(1) 9
BARRINGTON Erwin	8
DAVIS Jacob H	(2) 8
HAUGHTON Jonatha	(2) 8
JACONETTE Steven	(2) 8
MOHIUDDIN Shoeb	(2) 8
WASSERMAN Marc D	(2) 8
WLNIECKI Robert	(2) 8
BIALER Jacob	(1) 7
KREPICH Daniel S	7
SUMMERS Todd	(2) 7
KASURAK Zach	6.5
TILTON Noah K	6.5

Class G Tour Points:

LYON Derek	21
SHANKAR Krishna	20
BARNES Christopher	18
GRIFFIN Danny L	11
JACONETTE Steven	(2) 8
CRUM Jeremy J	(2) 7
KREPICH Daniel S	7
GOULD Robert	(2) 6
LERMAN Ben	(1) 6
PAUL Gabriel S	(2) 6
VON HATTEN Jerem	(2) 6
WASHINGTON Andre	(1) 6
DUBIN Joshua	(2) 5
MOHIUDDIN Shoeb	(2) 5
SZKODZINSKI Jeff	(1) 5
WIRTZ Rob	(1) 5
JONKE Matthew	(1) 4
TILTON Noah K	4
GARVEY John G	3
GORDON Ross S	3
LERMAN Jeff	(1) 3
LERMAN Joe	(1) 3

ICA Club Affiliates

Organizations wishing to be listed here should mail an affiliation fee of \$25.00 for one year (check payable to Illinois Chess Association) to the ICA membership secretary, Bill Smythe, 7042 N Greenview Av #1-S, Chicago 60626-2833. Include a short paragraph, similar to those below, listing your club's activities.

Addison Trail High School, Dupage HS District 88, 101 W Highridge Rd. Villa Park 60181.

Alternativa Group, Peter Pelts, 7135 Greenleaf Av, Niles 60714. 847-965-6469.

American Postal Chess Tournaments sponsors postal events and sells chess books & equipment. Jim or Helen Warren, PO Box 305, Western Springs 60558. 630-663-0688, apct@aol.com. Organizers of the U.S. Masters.

Avery Coonley School Chess Club, 1400 W Maple Av, Downers Grove 60515.

Central Lake County Chess Club meets Fridays 7:15 pm to midnight, College of Lake County, Bldg 1, Washington at Rt 45, Grayslake. Dennis Grant, 1657 McKay, Waukegan 60087. 847-336-5188.

Chess Central sponsors rated tournaments in the Grayslake / Zion area. Tim Just, 37165 Willow, Gurnee 60031. 847-244-7954, timjust@Lnd.com.

Chess Utopia sponsors rated tournaments in the Lake County area, Fridays 6 pm. Frank Swindell, 847-816-0869, Swinchess@aol.com. www.ChessUtopia.org.

Chessterton Chess Club meets at Westchester Public Library, 200 W Indiana, Chesterton IN. Joe Alford, Joe.Alford@Kemper.com.

Chicago Industrial Chess League organizes frequent competition among commercial or

government teams with awards, ratings, and special events. Pat Sajbel, 847-391-2134.

FIDE Master **Albert Chow** gives private lessons by appointment. 3513 N Seminary, Chicago 60657. 773-248-4846, ChowMasterAl@yahoo.com.

Concordia Community Chess Club meets Tuesdays 7-11 pm, Concordia University, Koehnke Community Center, SW corner Division & Bonnie Brae (1 block west of Harlem), River Forest (campus map www.curf.edu/evcal.shtml). Ken Marshall, 357 W Grove, Lombard 60148. 630-932-1455.

Continental Chess Association runs major tournaments nationwide, including the annual World Open in Philadelphia and the Chicago Open in late May each year. PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577. Bill Goichberg, www.chesstour.com.

Crossroads Chess Club meets Tuesdays 6 pm, K Square Mall Food court, I-57 / I-70 exit 160, Effingham. Cameron Feltner, 217-844-2645.

DesPlaines Community Chess Club, 1072 Lee St, DesPlaines.

Downers Grove Park District Chess Club meets Thursdays 6:30-10 pm, Lincoln Center, 935 Maple Av, Downers Grove. George Uffner, 630-960-9382.

Elmhurst Chess Club meets, and holds frequent USCF events. Sundays 6 pm (7 pm in the summer) to 11 pm, Room 021, North Hall, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754. rogerb@elmhurst.edu.

Emerald Knight Chess Club, Fountaindale

Public Library, 300 W Briarcliff Rd.
Bolingbrook. Patrick Flynn, 630-759-7128.
patrickjf@hotmail.com.

Evanston Township High School Chess Club,
1600 Dodge Av. Evanston 60204. Ken
Lewandowski, 847-492-7932.

Fox Valley Chess Club meets Mondays 7-10 pm,
Oberweis Dairy, 2nd floor training center, 951 Ice
Cream Dr, Aurora. Bob Renaut, 630-983-0934.

Greater Peoria Chess Federation meets
Mondays 7 pm. Site information Wayne
Zimmerle, 514 W Loucks Av, Peoria 61604. 309-
692-4480 (day), 309-686-0192 (evenings).
ctrlalt@flink.com.

Hammond Chess Club, Charles Higgins, 116
Crestview St, Crown Point IN 46307. 219-663-
8938.

Holy Trinity Northshore Chess Club meets
Tuesdays 7-10 pm, Holy Trinity Church, 2828
Central Rd at Shermer, Glenview. Drop-ins
welcome. Dale Hurst, PO Box 284, Glenview
60025. 847-729-9000. NSChess@aol.com.

House of Chess meets Saturdays 4:30 pm, 1st
Baptist Church, 146 S Main St, Glen Carbon
62034. Paul Holland, 618-288-4117,
members.aol.com/housechess.

Illini Chess Club meets Wednesdays 7-10 pm,
Loomis Lab room 139, Green & Goodwin
(summer, Education room 33, 6th &
Pennsylvania), Urbana. www.uiuc.edu/ro/chess.

Illinois Chess Coaches Association is open to
scholastic chess coaches in Illinois. Mike Zacate,
708-479-9380, mezacate@aol.com.

Illinois Valley Chess Association organizes rated
tournaments in the LaSalle-Peru area. Bill
Schulte, 520 First St, LaSalle 61301. 815-223-
1505. bill.schulte@juno.com.

Le Echees Connoisseur is a clearinghouse for

chess study partners. Contact Walter Griesmeyer,
815-472-0421, and an attempt will be made to
match you with a study partner.

Mahomet-Seymour High School Chess Club,
Dan Pirtle, 302 W State, Mahomet 61853. 217-
586-4962, dpirtl@ms.k12.il.us.

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tournaments to the Chicago area.
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Midway Chess Enterprises, PO Box 388765,
Chicago 60638, whizline@home.com.

Orland Hills Chess Club meets most Fridays
6:30-10:00 pm, Orland Hills Village Hall, 16033
S 94th Av, Orland Hills 60477. Glenn Bilina,
708-349-7211, or Len Weber, shri33@aol.com.
The club is looking forward to a permanent home
in the fall at the Orland Hills Community Center.
Childrens' classes available.

Park Forest Chess Club meets Thursdays 7-10
pm, Freedom Hall (next to the library), Lakewood
Blvd just west of Orchard, Park Forest. Larry
Cohen. 630-834-2477.

Rudy Lozano Library Chess Club, 1805 S
Loomis, Chicago 60608. Hector Hernandez, 312-
746-4329, whizline@home.com.

Smythe Dakota Competitions encourages and
offers financial support for Plus-Score Mini-Tours
at sites in Chicago and adjoining suburbs. Bill
Smythe, chiechess@enteract.com.

St Charles Chess Club meets Thursdays 7-11
pm, Baker Community House, 101 S 2nd (Rt 31),
St Charles. Jeff Wiewel, 1931 Dunhill Ct,
Arlington Heights 60004. 847-818-8913,
jwiewel@ntousa.com.

**The South Suburban Chess Club of Greater
Chicago** meets Fridays 7-11 pm. Oak View

Recreation Center, 110th & Kilpatrick, Oak Lawn. Joe Bannon, 773-445-0631.

Springfield Chess Club, David Long, 2021-1/2 S Fourth St, Springfield 62703. 217-793-3426.

SquareHopper, Joshua Flores, Chess Professional. Available for any chess-related activity at reasonable rates. Specialties are tournament directing/organizing, coaching and teaching. Willing to travel. 630-430-CHES(s) anytime.

Tuley Park Chess Club holds frequent Saturday tournaments at Tuley Park Field House, 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

Twin City Chess Club meets Tuesdays 7-10 pm, Lincoln Leisure Center, 1206 S Lee St, Bloomington 61701. Dennis Bourgeois, PO Box 157, Normal 61761. 309-454-3842. schoolstreeter@msn.com.

West Middle School Chess Club, 1900 N Rocktoon Av, Rockford 61103. Ralph Sullons, 815-966-3220.

Wicker Park Chess Club meets Wednesdays 7 pm to 1 am, Myopic Books, 1468 N Milwaukee Av, Chicago. Pat Jones, 773-772-1369, pjones@artic.edu.

Wild Onion Chess Club is open Thursdays and Fridays 6-12 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays for tournaments. 6136 N Clark St, Chicago 60660. Tom Kirke or Angelo Young, 773-262-1328 or 773-274-4043. TomKirke@uic.edu.

Windy City Chess Club (VBCM), PO Box 340, Worth 60482. YWBerry@aol.com.

Woodfield Country Chess Club, Carl Troyer, 723 N Main, Fureka 62530. 309-467-6055.

National Youth Scholastic Championship

by Blair Machaj

Did you miss your chance to watch some of the best scholastic players battle head to head? Well not if you were in Rockford November 10-11. The tournament was held at the Clock Tower Resort, which is one of the finest site many chess players have seen. For the first time ever the USCF decide to run a 9 rounds G/30 national. These new ideas provide for what could only be described as a slugfest. Many would say G/30 does not give anyone enough time to play a great game of chess, well you will have to see some of these games. The tournament had some very strong players going at it.

In the K-12 section we saw many of the strongest IL juniors going at it. William Aramil showed a lot of heart to put his ratings points on the line to support his New Trier team. Will out rated everyone by at least 150 points. Aaron Chen coming back from pseudo retirement was here and had a strong showing with 7.5 points placing second. Elmhurst Chess Club's own Kevin Potts and Mike Sullivan despite going into the event seeded 15th and 9th played very well to take 4th and 5th place. Zach Tokar from Masterman in Philadelphia placed 1st with a score of 8 out of 9.

The K-9 section saw some strange action; Patrick Lacey and Derek Lyon tied for 1st with 7.5 despite both players losing their last round games. 1 bad round for each player didn't matter when they had already played 8 great rounds! Rishi Sethi, James Jacobsen, Dan Cohen, and David Black from Rockford tied for second with a score of 7.

In the K-6 Kevin Krenk from Indiana plowed his way through the section with 8.5 points. Nathan Wong came in strong with 7.5 points from Illinois. Followed by Jonathan Lung, Scott Schmidt, Jordan Cohen, and Sean Comerford with 7 points.

In the K-3 section out of state player held many of the top spots. Illinois did have many bright spots though Misha Boullier, and Josh Dubin stepped up big with their 7 points. Curtis Van Petten and Eric Schmidt had 6.5 points to tie for 8th.

A special thanks has to go out to Boyd Reed who organized this event and provide one of the best nationals anyone can remember. Boyd made sure that players, parents, and TD's were very well taken care of. Any one who was there cannot wait for Boyd to organize another national. Also a special thanks to all of the parents who volunteered their time to help run this tournament. Also a big thanks the TD's Chief TD Tim Just, Section Chiefs Walter Brown, Jeff Wiewel, Wayne Clark, Ken Sloan, Pairings Chief Mike Zacate, and John and Kim Sherpinkas, Dan Pradt, Gary Janssen, Gary

Tournament & Events Calendar

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

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

Organizers: Please clear your events through the ICA Tournament Calendar. **Calendar coordinator is Bill Smythe**, 7042 N Greenview Av #1-S, Chicago 60626-2833, 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:

Event starting date:	Deadline:	To appear in:
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

January 4, 2002 (and most Fridays), Friday Night Tournaments. State Bank of the Lakes, Center St 1/2 mile west of Rt 45, Grayslake. EF \$3 per round. Two sections: **1000-AND-OVER** game/45, **UNDER-1000** game/30 **BOTH:** Rd 1 at 6. Frank Swindell, 847-816-0869, info@chessutopia.org, www.chessutopia.org.

January 5-6, 2002, Tim Just's Winter Open/Reserve XVII. 5-SS, 40/90, then SD/30. College of Lake County, Rt 45 & Washington, Main Building, Grayslake. EF \$35. \$4 less by 12/29, but ONLY if USCF and ICA memberships are current or mailed with entry (otherwise, extra \$4 charged at site). \$52000 b/70. Two sections: **OPEN:** \$250-175-150: X. A/below each \$125-100. **RESERVE** (u1800): \$250-175-150, C \$125-100, D/below \$100, unr \$75. **BOTH:** Unrated may win only top prizes in Open or unr prize in Reserve. Reg 8-8:40, rds 9-1:30-6, 10-2:30. Wayne Clark, 2140 N Masters Ln, Lake Villa 60046. 847-223-1819, wclark@Lnd.com. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.** ICA membership required.

January 6, 2002, Elmhurst Game/10. RR in 1 or 2 sections depending on entries. Room 21, North Hall, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. \$\$ to top 3 or 4 each section, 85% of EFs returned. Reg 6:30-6:55, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net.

January 12, 2002, Tuley Park Quick #1. 5-SS, game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago. EF \$12, u19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. \$5250 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57.

(Scho) **January 12, 2002, Annual Illini Classic.** Not USCF-rated. For teams of five HS players. 4-SS, game/60. Illini Union, U of I Campus, Urbana. EF \$5 per player, must have at least one varsity team, may enter additional teams. Awards to top 3 teams and top 3 on each board in each division. Reg 7:45-8:30, rds 9-11:15-1:45-4:00. Chris Merli, 217-384-5530, clmerli@soltec.net.

January 13, 2002, Elmhurst Game/30. 3-SS. Room 21, North Hall, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$15, ECC members \$10. \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u1800, u1600, u1400, 85% of EFs returned. Reg 6:30-6:55, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net.

January 19, 2002, Local Group Open. 4-SS.

game/60. Wild Onion Chess Club, 6136 N Clark, Chicago. 773-262-1328. EF \$20. \$\$225 b/15. \$100-60. bottom 63% \$40-25. Reg ends 11:30, rds 12-2:15-4:30-6:45.

January 19-20, 2002, Elmhurst Classic Maxi-Tour. 5-SS, game/90. Frick Center, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$40 (jrs \$35, ECC members \$35) by 1/14, all \$50 at site. Add \$10 to play up 1 section. \$\$2000 b/68. Three sections: **OPEN:** \$300-200-100, u2200 \$160, u2000 \$140. **UNDER-1800:** \$260-180, u1600 \$150. **UNDER-1400:** \$200-130, u1200 \$100, u1000 \$80. **ALL:** Unrated may play in any section but may win only place prizes in Open, max \$150 in Under-1800, or max \$80 in Under-1400. Reg Sat 11:30-12:30, rds 1-4-7:30, 1-4. Blair Machaj, 3 N 050 Springvale, West Chicago 60185. 630-231-6245. BenStudent@aol.com. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.** ICA membership required.

January 20, 2002, Elmhurst Game/10 Micro-Tour. 5-SS, game/10. Frick Center, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$15 if playing in Elmhurst Classic (above), \$25 others. \$\$500 b/36: 1st \$G 100, prizes to 2nd, Expert, A, B, C, D/below based on entries. Reg 6:30-7:15, rd 1 at 7:30. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net. **An ICA Tour micro-event.** ICA membership required.

January 26, 2002, Peoria Winter Tornado. 4-SS, game/80. Lakeview Museum, 1125 W Lake Av, Peoria. EF \$14 by 1/24, \$17 at site. \$\$G 400: \$125-75; A,B,C,D/below each \$45; upset \$20. Reg 8-8:45, rds 9-12-2:45-5:30. Fred Malcome, 810 W Progress, Metamora 61548. 309-367-4833, fmalcome@bwsys.net. **An ICA Tour mini-event.** ICA membership required.

January 26, 2002, January Cheap Quads. 3-RR, game/90. Wild Onion Chess Club, 6136 N Clark, Chicago. 773-262-1328. EF \$7. No prizes. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

(Scho) **January 26, 2002, Evanston Invitational.** For teams of eight HS players, not USCF-rated. Also JHS section for teams of five JHS players, USCF-rated. Evanston HS, 1600 Dodge Av, Evanston. Ken

Lewandowski, 847-492-7932, lewk@eths.k12.il.us.

(Scho) **January 26, 2002, Chess Utopia K-12 Scholastic.** Woodland Elementary School, 17261 W Gages Lake Rd, Gages Lake 60030. EF \$15 by 1/25, \$25 at site. Three sections: **K-5 UNDER 400:** 5-SS, game/30. **K-12 UNDER 1000:** 5-SS, game/35. **K-12 1000 AND OVER:** 5-SS, game/40. **ALL:** Awards to top 10 individuals and top 3 teams in each section (team is top 4 players from each school). Reg 8-8:15 am. rd 1 at 8:30. Chess Utopia, 17658 W Warren Av, Grayslake 60030. Frank Swindell, 847-816-0869, january26entry@chessutopia.org, www.chessutopia.org.

January 27, 2002, Elmhurst vs CICL Team Match. Not USCF-rated. Frick Center, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net.

February 1, 2002 (and most Fridays), Friday Night Tournaments. State Bank of the Lakes, Center St 1/2 mile west of Rt 45, Grayslake. EF \$3 per round. Two sections: **1000-AND-OVER** game/45. **UNDER-1000** game/30. **BOTH:** Rd 1 at 6. Frank Swindell, 847-816-0869, info@chessutopia.org, www.chessutopia.org.

February 2, 2002, Tuley Park Quick #2 (Big #1). 5-SS, game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago. EF \$15, u19 \$8, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$350 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57.

February 3, 2002, ICA Board Meeting. Site TBA. 1 pm. All ICA members are welcome to attend.

February 3, 2002, Elmhurst Game/12. 6-SS. Room 21, North Hall, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$15, ECC members \$10. \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u1800, u1600, u1400. 85% of EFs returned. Reg 6:30-6:55, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net.

February 9, 2002, Vostok \$20 Quads. 3-RR,

game/90. Wild Onion Chess Club, 6136 N Clark, Chicago. 773-262-1328. EF \$20. \$\$45-20 each quad. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

February 9, 2002, Springfield Winter Open. 4-SS, game/80. Signature Inn, Dirksen Pkwy & Stevenson Dr (just west of I-55 Stevenson exit). EF \$17 by 2/1, \$20 at site. \$\$ 300 b/40: \$100-55, 1600-1999 \$50, 1200-1599 \$40, u1200 \$30, unr \$25. Reg 7:30-8:30, rds 9-12-3-6. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth St, Springfield 62703. 217-206-6056 day, 217-523-7265 nite, knoedler.thomas@uis.edu.

(Scho) **February 9, 2002, ICCA Individual HS Championships.** Not USCF-rated. Sandburg HS, Orland Park. Patrick LaTortue, 708-361-4600 x224.

(Scho) **February 9, 2002, Midwest Scholastic Class.** Hadley JHS, 240 Hawthorne, Glen Ellyn. EF \$15 by 1/30, \$25 by 2/6. No on-site entries. Three sections: **MIDDLE SCHOOL** (6-8): 4-SS, game/50. **ELEMENTARY** (4-5): 5-SS, game/35. **PRIMARY** (K-3): 5-SS, game/30. **ALL:** Sections will be further subdivided into small groups by rating. Many trophies for teams and individuals. Verify entries 8:30, rd 1 at 9. Mike Miele, 736 Forest Av, Glen Ellyn 60137. 630-790-6450 x130, GlenEllynChess@aol.com.

February 10, 2002, Elmhurst "Leapfrog" Simul with GM Alexander Goldin and FM Dejan Maksimovic. Not USCF-rated. Room 21, North Hall, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$15, ECC members \$5. Reg 6-6:45, simul begins at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net.

February 15-17 or 16-17, 2002, U.S. Amateur Team Midwest. 5-SS, 30/90, then SD/60. 2-day option in Amateur, rds 1-2 game/60. Scholastic (Sat-Sun only) game/60 throughout. Hyatt Oakbrook, 1909 Spring Rd, Oakbrook. Hotel rates \$89-89, 800-233-1234, 630-573-1234, reserve by 1/29. Two sections: **AMATEUR:** Open to 4-player teams with 1 optional alternate. Average rating of 4 highest players must be under 2200. EF \$110 by 2/7 or online by 2/13, \$140 at site. Plaque plus 4 clocks to top 3 teams and to 1st team with average rating 1800-1999, 1600-1799, 1400-1599, u1400. **SCHOLASTIC:** Open to 4-player

teams of K-12 players (same school not required) with 1 optional alternate. Average rating of 4 highest players must be under 1200. EF \$90 by 2/7 or online by 2/13, \$120 at site. Trophies (1 large, 4 small) to top 3 teams and to 1st team with average rating 800-999, u800. **BOTH:** Clock to top scorer each board and all 5-0 scores. No phone entries. Any changes at site, \$20. Dec 2001 annual rating list used, not Feb 2002 supplement. Individuals seeking teams, register at site until 1 hr before rd 1, Amateur \$35, Scholastic \$30. Amateur 3-day reg ends Fri 7 pm, rds 8, 11-5, 10-3:30. Amateur 2-day reg ends Sat 10 am, rds 11-2-5, 10-3:30 (merge after rd 2). Scholastic reg ends Sat 12 noon, rds 1-4, 10-1-3:30. Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577. Enter online www.chesstour.com or www.entry.cc. For help forming teams chesstour@aol.com or 630-834-2477. **A USCF National Event.**

February 17, 2002, Central Tuneup Quads. 3-RR, game/90. Wild Onion Chess Club, 6136 N Clark, Chicago. 773-262-1328. EF \$7. No prizes. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

(Scho) **February 23, 2002, Latin Scholastic.** Latin School HS campus, 59 W North Av (corner of Clark St), Chicago. EF \$15 by 2/16, no entries accepted thereafter, max 400 players. Three sections. **PRIMARY:** 5-SS. **ELEMENTARY:** 5-SS. **JUNIOR HIGH:** 4-SS. **ALL:** Trophies for teams, individuals, grades. Rd 1 at 9. Checks payable Latin School of Chicago. Zack Fishman, 1943 N Kenmore, Chicago 60614. 773-281-2993, Zackfish@aol.com.

February 23-24, 2002, Illinois Commemorative Class. 5-SS, game/120. Elk Grove Holiday Inn, 1000 S Busse Rd, Elk Grove. EF \$60 by 2/12, \$70 by phone/internet w/credit card by 2/18, \$80 at site. \$5 less to rated juniors (u18) and players rated u1400. Add \$2 by 2/18 or \$5 at site to play up 1 or 2 classes. Special EF for unrated \$10 by 2/18, \$20 at site. \$\$5000 b/200. Five sections: **EXPERT** (2000-2199): \$350-250-150-100, u2100 \$125. **CLASS A** (1800-1999): \$350-250-150-100, u1900 \$125. **CLASS B** (1600-1799): \$350-250-150-100, u1700 \$125. **CLASS C** (1400-1599): \$350-250-150-100, u1500 \$125. **CLASSES D/BELOW/UNRATED** (u1400 or

unr): \$300-200-125-75, u1200 \$120-80, u1000 \$100, unr \$60, upset \$40. **ALL:** Unrated must play in D/BELOW and can win only Unrated prize. Reg 8:45-9:30, rds 10-2:30-7:15, 10-2:30. Larry Cohen, PO Box 6632, Villa Park 60181. 630-834-2477.

February 24, 2002, Elmhurst Game/15. 5-SS. Room 21, North Hall, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$15, ECC members \$10. \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u1800, u1600, u1400, 85% of EFs returned. Reg 6:30-6:55, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net.

February 28 - March 3, 2002, Eugene Martinovsky Memorial U.S. Masters. 7-SS, 40/120, then SD/60. Hyatt Regency, 1909 Spring Rd, Oak Brook. Hotel rooms \$94-94, 630-573-1234, reserve by 2/14, mention tournament. Open only to masters, published former masters, and invited junior experts. EF \$85 by 2/20, \$100 by 2/25. No on-site entries. GMs/IMs free but must confirm in writing by 2/20. \$\$G 22,000: \$6000-4000-2500-1500-1000-700, 2400-2499 \$600-350-150, 2300-2399 \$600-350-150, 2200-2299 \$500-250-100, u2200 \$500-250-100, top non-Master junior \$400. \$1500 in point-pool prizes to non-winners of above. Best game \$200, best endgame \$150, best combo \$150. Rds 8, 10:30-5, 10:30-5, 9:30-4. Checks to Midwest Chess Assn. Helen Warren, PO Box 305, Western Springs 60558. 630-663-0688, fax 630-663-0689, apcl@aol.com. **A USCF National Event.**

March 2, 2002, Tuley Park Quick #3. 5-SS, game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 501 E 90th Pl. Chicago. EF \$12, u19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$250 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57.

(Scho) **March 2, 2002, ICCA Historic Class A Team Championship.** Not USCF-rated. For teams of five HS players. Georgetown-Ridge Farm HS, Georgetown. Mike Zacate, 708-479-9380 7-10 pm.

March 3, 2002, Elmhurst Game/35 Quad. 3-RR in 4-player sections. Room 21, North Hall, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$16, ECC members \$12. \$\$30-10 in each quad. Reg 6:30-6:55,

rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net.

March 8-10, 2002, National Open. 6-SS, 40/120, then SD/60 (unrated section 6 double rounds, 12 games total, game/90). Riviera Hotel & Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Blvd South, Las Vegas NV 89109. Hotel rates \$80 single or double. 800-634-6753 or 702-734-5110, reserve by 2/19 and ask for chess rates. EF \$110 by 2/22, \$125 by 3/6, \$150 on site. \$30 off advance EF only for juniors under 20, seniors over 65, or second family member at same address. Add 50 cents to advance EF for 1st round half-point bye. \$\$ 32,000 b/400. Prize fund doubled to \$64,000 if 800 players and raised proportionally if fewer (lowest attendance in the last 10 years was 850). Four sections: **CHAMPIONSHIP** (open to all): \$4000-2000-1000-500-400-250-250-250-250-125-125-125-125-125-125-125-125-125, u2500 \$1000, u2400 \$900, u2300 \$800, u2200 \$700, u2100 \$600. 5 points wins at least \$500, 4.5 at least \$200. **RESERVE** (under-2000): \$2000-1000-500-250-125-50-50-50-50-50, u1900 \$800, u1800 \$700, u1700 \$600. 5 points wins at least \$200. **BOOSTER** (under-1600): \$1000-500-250-100-50-25-25-25-25-25, u1500 \$750, u1400 \$650, u1300 \$550, u1200 \$450, u1100 \$350, u1000 \$250, u900 \$200, u800 \$150. 5 points wins at least \$100. **UNRATED** (for players with no USCF or convertible international rating): this section only, play both white and black against each opponent. \$\$ in USCF gift certificates: \$300-150-75, under age 20 \$150-100-50, under age 12 \$100-50-25. 10 points wins at least \$50 gift certificate. **ALL:** Unrated must play in Championship or Unrated section. Minimum prizes for 4.5 or 5 points unconditionally guaranteed. Plus-score bonus in addition to any other prizes: 3.5 points (6.5 in unrated section) or more wins a \$25 USCF gift certificate (plus-score certificates awarded on site only). Reg Thu (March 7) 6-8 pm, Fri (March 8) 9-10:30 am, rds 12-7, 10-5, 10-5. U.S. Chess Federation, 3054 NYS Rt 9W, New Windsor NY 12553, attn: National Open Entries. Credit card entries 9-5 Eastern at 800-388-KING or 845-562-8350. For free hotel brochure, tournament flyer, & Las Vegas area map send 80-cent SASE to: National Open, PO Box 157, Morton Grove, IL 60053. Info: Alan Losoff, 847-966-5559, 7-10 pm CST.

Alan@Losoff.com, www.64.com/natloopen/. **A USCF National Event.** Also: Simuls Thu (March 7) afternoon, WBCA Blitz Thu evening, Quick tournament Mon (March 11).

March 9, 2002, International Open. 3-SS, game/90. Wild Onion Chess Club, 6136 N Clark, Chicago. 773-262-1328. EF \$20. \$\$225 b/15: \$100-60, bottom 63% \$40-25. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

(Scho) **March 9, 2002, State Warm-Up.** Not USCF-rated. For teams of eight HS players Bradley-Bourbonnais HS North, Bradley. John Hasset, 815-937-3707 x2946.

March 9-10, 2002, Greater Peoria Open. 5-SS, game/120. Lakeview Museum, 1125 W Lake Av. Peoria. EF \$35 by 3/4, \$45 at site, \$20 for unrated joining USCF for first time. Players rated 2200+ play free. \$\$ 80% of EFs, \$400 min: 15%-10%: Expert,A,B,C,D/below each 7%-3%; unr 2%, upset 1.5%, cumulative upset 1.5%. Reg 8:30-9:30, rds 9:45-2:15-6:30, 9:30-2. Checks payable Wayne Zimmerle, 514 W Loucks #2, Peoria 61604. 309-686-0192, ctrlait@flink.com, www.flink.com/users/test. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.** ICA membership required.

March 10,17, 2002, Elmhurst Game/45. 4-SS. Room 21. North Hall, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$17, ECC members \$12. \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u1800, u1600, u1400, 90% of EFs returned. Reg 6:30-6:55 on 3/10, two rounds at 7 each Sunday. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net.

(Scho) **March 22-23, 2002, IHSA Team Championship.** Not USCF-rated. For teams of eight HS players. Peoria Civic Center, Peoria. Beth Saucer, 309-663-6377.

March 23, 2002, Tuley Park Quick #4. 5-SS, game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago. EF \$12, u19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$250 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12 Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57.

March 23-24, 2002 (note corrected dates), Elmhurst Class Maxi-Tour. 4-SS, game/120. Frick Center, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$49 (jrs \$44, ECC members \$44) by 3/18, all \$60 at site. Add \$10 to play up one class. \$\$3000 b/80. Five sections: **MASTER-EXPERT:** \$300-240, u2200 \$200. **CLASS A:** \$240-180-120. **CLASS B:** \$240-180-120. **CLASS C:** \$240-180-120. **CLASSES D/BELOW:** \$240-180-120, u1200 \$100. **ALL:** Unrated may play in any class but may not win more than \$100 except in MX. Reg Sat 11:45-12:30, rds 1-5:30 each day. Blair Machaj, 3 N 050 Springvale, West Chicago 60185. 630-231-6245. BenStudent@aol.com. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.** ICA membership required.

March 24, 2002, March Cheap Quads. 3-RR, game/90. Wild Onion Chess Club, 6136 N Clark, Chicago. 773-262-1328. EF \$7. No prizes. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

April 6, 2002, Illinois Valley Community College Spring Tornado. 4-SS, game/80. Cafeteria, Main Building, Illinois Valley Community College, 815 N Orlando Smith Av, Oglesby 61348. EF \$12 by 4/4, \$15 at site. \$\$G 125: \$75-50, trophies top A,B,C,D/below, unr. Reg 8:30-9. rds 9-12-3-6. Ron Suarez, 3313 W Saymore Ln, Peoria 61615. 309-241-2120, suarez@bwsys.net. **An ICA Tour mini-event.** ICA membership required.

(Scho) **April 11-14, 2002, National High School.** Louisville KY. www.uschess.org.

April 13, 2002, Tuley Park Quick #5 (Bigger). 5-SS, game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago. EF \$18, u19 \$9, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$G 420: \$120-75-35, u1900 \$40, u1750 \$35, u1800 \$30, u1450 \$25, u1300 \$25, u1150 \$20, unr \$15. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57.

April 20, 2002, Springfield April Showers Open. 4-SS, game/80. Signature Inn, Dirksen Pkwy & Stevenson Dr (just west of I-55 Stevenson exit). EF \$17 by 4/12, \$20 at site. \$\$ 300 b/40: \$100-55, 1600-1999 \$50, 1200-1599 \$40, u1200 \$30, unr \$25. Reg

7:30-8:30, rds 9-12-3-6. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth St, Springfield 62703. 217-206-6056 day, 217-523-7265 nite, knoedler.thomas@uis.edu.

April 20-21, 2002, Wild Onion Mini-Tour. 5-SS, rds 1-3 game/90, rds 4-5 game/120. Wild Onion Chess Club, 6136 N Clark, Chicago. EF \$30. \$\$G 500: \$200-100, u2000 \$75, u1800 \$50, u1600 \$50, upset \$25. Reg 11-11:45, rds 12-3:15-6:30, 12-4:30. **An ICA Tour mini-event.** ICA membership required.

(Scho) **April 25-28, 2002, National Elementary Championship.** Portland OR. www.uschess.org.

April 27, 2002, April Cheap Swiss (tentative). Wild Onion, Chicago.

May 4, 2002, Tuley Park Quick #6. Chicago.

(Scho) **May 9-12, 2002, National Junior High Championship.** Milwaukee, WI. www.uschess.org.

May 12, 2002, May \$20 Quads (tentative). Wild Onion, Chicago.

May 18, 2002, Normal May Open. 4-SS, game/80. Fairfield Inn, 202 Landmark Dr, Normal. EF \$17. students \$13, free to players rated 2100+. \$\$160-90, u2000 \$90, u1800 \$90, u1200 \$90. Trophies to 1st,A,B,C,D,E,u1000,unr. Reg 8-8:45, rds 9-12-3-6. Dennis Bourgerie, Box 157, Normal 61761. 309-454-3842, Schoolstreeter@msn.com.

May 18, 2002, Chicago Tuneup Quads (tentative). Wild Onion, Chicago.

May 24-27 or 25-27 or 26-27, 2002, 11th Annual Chicago Open. Oak Brook. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.** ICA membership required.

June 1, 2002, Tuley Park Quick #7. Chicago.

June 7-9, 2002, CCA Mid-America Open. Des Moines IA. Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577. 845-496-9658, www.chesstour.com.

June 8, 2002, Springfield Spring Open. Thomas

Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth St, Springfield 62703. 217-206-6056 day, 217-523-7265 nite, knoedler.thomas@uis.edu.

June 9, 2002, 2nd Annual Greater Hong Kong Metroplex Open (tentative). Wild Onion, Chicago.

(Scho) **June 10-14, 2002, Nouredine Ziane's 2002 National Summer Camp Tour.** Science and Arts Academy, Chicago. For boys and girls age 5-16. USA Chess Inc, ILcamp@chesscamp.com, www.chesscamp.com. Katie Stone, Camp Director, 214-495-8445.

June 22, 2002, Tuley Park Quick #8 (Big #3). Chicago.

June 29, 2002, June Cheap Quads (tentative). Wild Onion, Chicago.

June 30, 2002, Wild Onion Scholastic (tentative). Not USCF-rated. Chicago.

July 3-7, 2002, 30th Annual World Open. Philadelphia PA.

July 6, 2002, Underworld Open (tentative). Wild Onion, Chicago.

July 12-14, 2002, Master Challenge (tentative). Frick Center, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. Blair Machaj, 3 N 050 Springvale, West Chicago 60185. 630-231-6245. BenStudent@aol.com. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.** ICA membership required.

July 20, 2002, Tuley Park Quick #9. Chicago.

July 21, 2002, U.S. Tuneup Quads (tentative). Wild Onion, Chicago.

July 27 - August 4, 2002, U.S. Open. Cherry Hill NJ. **A USCF National Event.**

August 17, 2002, Tuley Park Quick #10 (Big #4). Chicago.

August 24, 2002, Springfield Summer Sauna Open.

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**August 31 - September 2, 2002, Illinois State
Championship. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.** ICA
membership required. **Twin City Chess Club** meets
Tuesdays 7-10 pm, Lincoln Leisure Center, 1206 S
Lee St, Bloomington 61701. Dennis Bourgerie, PO
Box 157, Normal 61761. 309-454-3842.
schoolstreeter@msn.com.

West Middle School Chess Club, 1900 N Rocktoon
Av, Rockford 61103. Ralph Sullons, 815-966-3220.

Wicker Park Chess Club meets Wednesdays 7 pm to
1 am, Myopic Books, 1468 N Milwaukee Av, Chicago.
Pat Jones, 773-772-1369, pjones@artic.edu.

Wild Onion Chess Club is open Thursdays and
Fridays 6-12 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays for
tournaments. 6136 N Clark St, Chicago 60660. Tom
Kirke or Angelo Young, 773-262-1328 or 773-274-
4043, TomKirke@uic.edu.

Windy City Chess Club (VBCM), PO Box 340, Worth
60482. VWBerry@aol.com.

Woodfield Country Chess Club, Carl Troyer, 723 N
Main, Eureka 62530. 309-467-6055.

(55) Tautvaisas, P - Verber, R [B50]

Chicago Chicago (4), 1970
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 a6 4.Bc4 e6 5.a4 Qc7 6.0-0
Nf6 7.d3 Be7 8.h3 0-0 9.Nh2 b6 10.f4 Bb7 11.Ng4
Nbd7 12.Ne3 Kh8 13.g4 g6 14.Bb3 Bc6 15.Ne2 b5
16.axb5 axb5 17.Rxa8 Rxa8 18.Ng3 c4 19.dxc4 bxc4
20.Bxc4 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Bxe4 22.Qd4+ Nf6 23.g5 e5
24.Qc3 Nd7 25.Bd5 Qxc3 26.bxc3 Bxd5 27.Nxd5 Bd8
28.fxe5 Nxe5 29.Be3 Kg8 30.Kf2 Nc4 31.Bf4 Rc8
32.Rd1 ½-½

(82) Tennant, S - Verber, R [B06]

Iceland p1of Iceland p1of (1), 1982
1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.c3 d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Be2 Nf6
6.Bf3 Qd8 7.Ne2 0-0 8.0-0 c6 9.Nd2 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3

11.Nxf3 Nbd7 12.Re1 e6 13.Nf4 c5 14.dxc5 Nxc5
15.Qxd8 Rfxd8 16.Be3 Na4 ½-½

(77) Tennant, S - Verber, R [B06]

Illinois League Illinois League, 1980
1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.c3 d6 4.f4 Nf6 5.e5 dxe5 6.fxe5
Nd5 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Bd3 c5 9.dxc5 Nc6 10.Be4 Be6 11.0-0
Nxe5 12.Ng5 Qc7 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Nd2 Qxc5+ 15.Kh1
Ne3 16.Rxf8+ Rxf8 17.Qg1 Bh6 18.Nb3 Qb6 19.Bxe3
Bxe3 20.Qd1 Rf4 21.Bf3 Nxf3 22.gxf3 Qc6 23.Kg2 Bb6
24.Qe2 g5 25.h3 h5 26.Qd3 Kg7 27.Rh1 Qd5 28.Rd1
Qc6 29.Rh1 Kf6 30.Nd2 Qd5 31.Qe2 g4 32.hxg4 hxg4
33.Kg3 Bc7 34.Kf2 Qf5 35.Rf1 gxf3 36.Nxf3 Re4
37.Qd2 Qg6 38.Rg1 Bb6+ 39.Nd4 Bxd4+ 40.cxd4
Qf5+ 41.Kg2 Rg4+ 42.Kh1 Qh5+ 43.Qh2 Qxh2+
44.Kxh2 Rxd4 45.Kxg1 Kf5 0-1

(62) Penhec, T - Verber, R [A26]

North Central Open North Central Open, 1971
1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 e5 4.Nc3 d6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.d3
Nge7 7.e4 h6 8.Be3 Nd4 9.h3 Be6 10.Nd5 c6 11.Nxe7
Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 Qxe7 13.0-0 Qd7 14.Kh2 0-0 15.Qe2 f5
16.exf5 gxf5 17.f4 Rfe8 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Qh5 Qf7
20.Qe2 Qd7 21.Qh5 Qf7 22.Qe2 Qg6 23.Bf3 Bf7
24.Bg2 Qh7 25.Qf2 Bg6 26.Bxa7 f4 27.gxf4 Bxd3
28.Rfe1 Qf5 29.fxe5 Qxf2 30.Bxf2 Bxe5+ 31.Kg1 Bxb2
32.Rxe8+ Rxe8 33.Rd1 Bf5 34.Rd6 Kh7 35.Bg3 Bg6
36.Bf4 Bg7 37.Kf2 Ra8 38.Rd2 Bc3 39.Re2 Bd4+
40.Be3 Bf6 41.Bf4 Bd3 42.Re6 Rxa2+ 43.Ke3 Re2+
44.Kxd3 Rxe6 45.Be4+ Kg7 46.Bf5 Re8 0-1

(64) Verber, R - DeFotis, G [B90]

Illinois Open Illinois Open (6), 1971
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Nf3 a6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6
6.Be3 e5 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bg5 Ne8
11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Qd2 Nf6 14.Qe3 Nxd5
15.Bxd5 Qe7 16.Rfd1 Be6 17.Qa3 Rad8 18.Bxc6 bxc6
19.Nxe5 Qb7 20.Nd3 c5 21.f3 g5 22.Qc3 f6 23.b3 h5
24.h4 Qg7 25.hxg5 Qxg5 26.Qd2 Kh7 27.Qxg5 fxg5
28.Kf2 Kh6 29.Ke3 Bc8 30.Rd2 Rde8 31.Nb2 Rf6
32.Rad1 Ree6 33.Nc4 1-0

(22) Neukirch, D - Verber, R [B35]

Harrachov Harrachov, 1967
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7
6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Qa5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bb3 d6 10.h3 Bd7
11.Qd3 Rac8 12.f4 Nb4 13.Qe2 Na6 14.Bc4 Nh5
15.Bxa6 bxa6 16.Qf3 Qd8 17.Rae1 Rc4 18.Nce2 e5
19.Nb3 exf4 20.Nxf4 Nxf4 21.Bxf4 Qc8 22.Rf2 Be6 ½-
½

Greater Peoria Open

March 9 & 10, 2002

IL Maxi-Tour & USCF Heritage event

WHAT: 5SS, SD/120

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SECTIONS: Open to all

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Players rated 2200 or over play for free.

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Three sections: Open, Under 1800 & Under 1400.

Registration: Sat. 11:30-12:30, rds. Sat. 1, 4 & 7:30, Sun. 1 & 4:00.

ICA membership required \$18, juniors \$10.

An ICA Tour Maxi-event.

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