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President's Podium

Bill Brock

Rare is the photographer who has the talent to capture the alertness and the dynamism that characterizes my personality and my play. But Betsy Dynako was up to the task:

Maroczy Bind: more space = more nap time for White? What was that first sign that I was in for rough sledding at the HB Global Chess Challenge? Having used IM



Larry Kaufman's book to prepare the Berlin Defense, my first-round pairing was against the amiable Mr. Kaufman, who played 1.e4. But I and more than 1600 others had a wonderful time nonetheless. And a few Illinois players even won big bucks: Todd Freitag won \$20,000 in the Under 1600 section, and Sam Edelstein won \$4,750 for equal 2nd in the Under 2000 section.

The treat (and my personal suffering) continued the next weekend at the Chicago Open: in addition to the normal passel of strong GMs, we had Yusupov and Milov and Najer and HB winner Izoria, among others.... Congratulations to our local players who scored upsets against the grandmasters: Andrew Karklins, who defeated Dashze Sharavdorj, Jon Burgess, who drew Vladimir Epishin, to Mehmed Pasalic, who held against Jaan Ehvest and Epishin (!), and to Igor Tsyganov, who split the point with super-GM Arthur Yusupov.

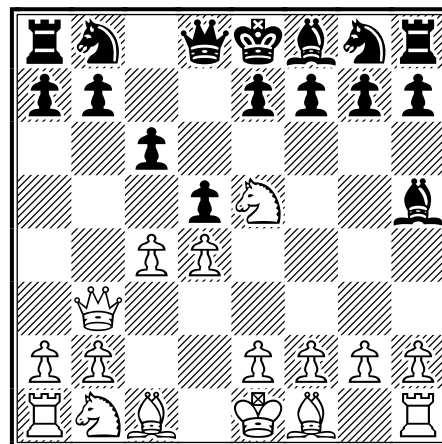
You'll find more on the Chicago Open and our Illinois achievers in this issue, and much more next issue. For now, I'd like to draw readers' attention to one remarkable accomplishment: National Master Erik Karklins, who, according to USCF, was 90 years old as of June 1, 2005, scored an impressive 4-3 in the Under 2200 section. We're accustomed to celebrating our *Wunderkinder*, but it's good to remember that chess excellence happens at all ages.

Our hats are off to the Rockford Chess Association for organizing the "Rockford Second Saturday Open and ICA Membership Drive," held this past May 14th at the Sweden House Lodge. Tournament winners James Healy and David Black, as well as seventeen

other participants, received new ICA memberships (or had existing memberships extended) by one full year. In return, ICA gladly comped the Rockford Chess Association's affiliate membership.

Do your club and ICA a favor—organize a membership drive event!

According to ...According to Kramnik, vol. 4 (actually according to Khalifman), what is **Black's** best move in the position below? Be careful!



Answer below—no peeking!

Just like *Newsweek* and the *Times*, we make errors:

- Malecki-Dubin (May-June, p. 32) was annotated by Jon Burgess, not Josh Dubin—our apologies to both.
- Jan.-Feb., p. 6: Per a recent chessbase.com interview with Vishy Anand, Anand was in Chennai on the day of the tsunami.

Mark your calendars: Labor Day weekend, September 3-5, 2005, a **great** event—the 2005 Illinois Open—returns to a **great** site—the Sheraton Northwest Hotel—with a **\$10,000 guaranteed prize fund!** Organizer Sevan Muradian and TDs Tim Just and Wayne Clark will assure us a professionally-run and fun event. See you there!

Solution: Black should grovel with 5...Qc8 (Khalifman), one point being that 5...Qb6? loses to 6.Qh3! with a double attack on the bishop and the c8 square.

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Spontaneous Chess

By David Long

On the morning of May 28, I woke up and felt like playing chess. So, I grabbed my stuff and headed for Oak Brook to register for the three-day schedule of the Chicago Open. The first round began at noon, so I had just enough time to grab some lunch at the mall across the street before starting to play.

The three-day schedule began in the smaller playing rooms downstairs, with a relatively short time limit (G/75).

David Long (1974) – Mark Cobb (1893) [C41]

Chicago Open (1) 5/28/2005

My opponent played an unusual variation of the Pirc defense, and I found myself in some trouble as the middlegame began.

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nbd7 4. Nf3 e5 5. dxe5 dxe5 6. Bc4 Bb4 7. 0-0 c6 8. Bd2 0-0 9. Qe2 Qc7 10. h3 b5 11. Bb3 a5 12. a4 Bxc3 13. Bxc3 b4 14. Be1 Nc5 15. Nd2

Black, on move, could cripple my queenside pawns with ...Nxb3, and I would have to recapture with the pawn because of the threat of ...Ba6. However, that course of action would give my knight a good square on c4, so he opted for 15...Ne6 instead; I was not prepared to let his knight land on d4 or f4.

15...Ne6 16. Bxe6 Bxe6 17. f3 Nh5 18. Bf2 Nf4 19. Qe3 Rfd8 20. Rfd1 Rd7 21. Nf1 Rad8 22. Qe1 b3

This move I had not expected. It looks strong though, trying to weaken the d3 square. I have to force him to make some recaptures to prevent him from taking immediate advantage of this.

23. cxb3 Bxb3 24. Rxd7 Rxd7 25. Bg3 Ne6 26. Qc3 Nd4 27. Kh2 f6 28. Ne3 Qb6 29. Rc1 Bxa4??

Both of us are running a little short of time here. I didn't expect him to take the pawn though.

30. Qc4+ Kf8 31. Qxa4 Qxb2 32. Rf1 Qe2 33. Qa3+ Kf7 34. Rf2 Qb5 35. Rb2 Qa6 36. Qc5 a4 37. Qc4+ Qxc4 38. Nxc4 The rest of the score is lost to time pressure. I won on move 50. **1-0**

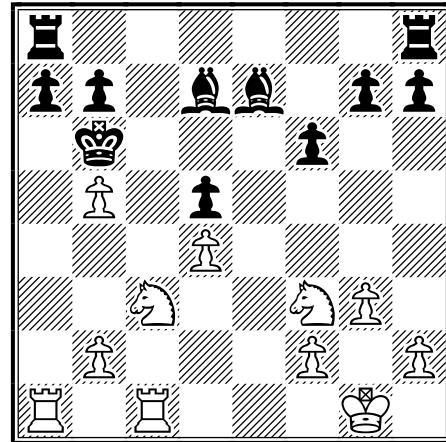
After the game was over, I remembered that I had to work on Tuesday morning. There was just enough time to go to the TD's headquarters and request the last-round bye before the pairings for Round 2 went up.

Gilberto Luna (1918) – David Long (1974) [B13]

Chicago Open (2) 5/28/2005

Playing Black against Gilberto Luna, visiting from Miami. I didn't dig myself into a hole in the opening this time (that would come later!) but had decided on a strategy of weird king moves hoping to snag a pawn or two.

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. Bd3 Nc6 5. c3 Nf6 6. Bf4 Qb6 7. Qb3 Qxb3 8. axb3 e6 9. Nf3 Nh5 10. Bc7 Kd7 11. Be5 f6 12. Bg3 Bd6 13. b4 Nf4 14. Bxf4 Bxf4 15. g3 Bd6 16. Nbd2 Kc7 17. b5 Ne7 18. 0-0 Bd7 19. c4 dxc4 20. Bxc4 Nd5 21. Rfc1 Kb6 22. Ne4 Be7 23. Bxd5 exd5 24. Nc3



24...Bd6

I had not considered this line when playing my king out. c7 had to be defended, and ...Be6 was out of the question because of 25. Re1. Here, he can play 25. Nxd5+ Kxb5 26. Nc7+ which gives me the choice between conceding a rook on the seventh rank with ...Bxc7 27. Rxc7, or moving the king and relying on Tarrasch's proposal that a rook and two bishops are approximately equal to two rooks and a knight. Computer analysis after the game showed that the former course of action was preferable because 26...Kb6 27. Nxa8+ Rxa8 28. Nd2 still presents a problem. Perhaps he wanted something a little more promising for him, because he played

25. Nxd5+ Kxb5 26. Nd2 Rxc8

I offer to concede a pawn to 27. Rxc8 Rxc8 28. Rxa7, but in doing so I activate my pieces (at last!) and have good chances with my better-placed king and two bishops against two knights. He keeps the pressure on with

27. Ne4 Rxc1+ 28. Rxc1 Bb8 29. Rc5+ Ka6 30. b4 b6 31. Nc7+ Bxc7

My rook is still trapped in the corner. The two knights are dominating the two bishops here! 31...Kb7 runs into 32. Nd6, checkmate!

32. Rxc7 Rd8 33. Nc3

Once again, the remainder of the game score is lost to time pressure, which is a shame because the knight-bishop ending which followed was very interesting. My bishop found itself having to stop the advance of pawns on two sides, but I was able to create a passed queen's rook's pawn which diverted his king just long enough to set up a defensive position. I escaped with the draw on move 57. **½-½**

The third round, held Saturday evening, was the round where the three-day schedule merged with the four-day schedule, and the entire Under 2000 section moved up to the large tournament room on the main floor. The time limit for this round and all the remaining ones was 40/2, SD/1.

David Long (1974) – Thomas Triplett (1882) [B38]

Chicago Open (3) 5/28/2005

1. e4 c5 2. c4 Nc6 3. Nf3 g6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Bg7 6. Be3 Nf6 7. Nc3 0-0 8. h3 Nxd4 9. Bxd4 d6 10. Be2 Be6 11. 0-0 Qa5 12. Qb3 Qc7 13. Rac1 Qd7

We both missed 13...Nxe4!

14. Rfd1 Rfc8

Black is just starting to turn up the pressure when I decided to rip the position open.

15. e5 Ne8 16. Bf3 Rxc4 17. Qxb7 Qxb7 18. Bxb7 Rb8 19. Bd5 Bxd5 20. Nxd5 Rxc1 21. Rxc1 Bxe5 22. Bxe5 dxe5 23. Nxe7+ Kf8 24. Rc8 Rxc8

Computer analysis found that Black could go pawn-munching: 24...Rxb2 25. Nd5 Rb7 (else he loses the knight), but 26. Ra8 f5 27. Nf6 Re7 28. Nxe8 Rxe8 29. Rxa7 Rxa7 recovers the pawn and gives White slightly better chances.

25. Nxc8 a6

Phew! The board was demilitarized very quickly.

26. Kf1 f6 27. Ke2 Kf7 28. Kd3 Ke6 29. Kc4 Kd7

I had almost expected 29...Nd6+ but he wanted to keep the knights on the board.

30. Nb6+ Nc6 31. Na4 f5 32. b4 Nd6 33. Kb3 Ne4 34. f3 Nd6 35. Nc5 e4?

Something else unexpected. I thought he was going to play ...a5, after which I would have to spend time considering whether to play Nd3 or Ne6.

36. fxe4 fxe4 37. Nxa6 e3 38. Nc5 e2 39. Nd3 g5 40. a4 Ne4 41. Kc4 Nf2 42. Ne1 Nd8 43. b5+ Kb6 44. Kb4 h5 45. a5+ Kb7 46. Kc5 h4 47. a6+ Kb8 48. b6 Ne3 49. Kc6 g4

Given enough time, black could force a promotion with ...Nxb4. However, my pawns are sufficiently far advanced that I could checkmate him before he could do anything about it. For example: 49...Nxb4 50. a7+ Ka8 51. Kc7 Nxe1 52. b7+ Kxa7 53. b8=Q+ Ka6 54. Qb6, checkmate.

50. a7+ Ka8 51. hxb4 Nc4 52. b7+ Kxa7

Eliminating any possibility of stalemate.

53. Kc7 1-0

David Long (1974) – Azmat Hussain (1960) [B09]

Chicago Open (4), 5/29/2005

With Sunday came Round 4. A mistake of mine in the opening went unpunished. Still, I found myself behind in development.

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. f4 Bg7 5. Bd3 Bg4 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. e5?! dxe5

Or 7...Bxf3!

8. fxe5 Nd5 Be2 Qd7 9. Be2 Qd7 10. 0-0 0-0 11. Ne4 Rad8 12. c3 Qc8 13. Qc1

I thought of playing Qb3, but I felt like that would be barking up the wrong tree since it looks like the fighting will take place on the kingside.

13...Bf5 14. Qh4 h5

Playing 14. Ng3 would only have blocked the diagonal I intended to use to develop my queen. Now, with his last move, I can start thinking about possibly sacrificing on h5, if the position allows it.

15. Ng3 f6 16. exf6 Rxf6?

I think this move does him nothing but harm. Suddenly he has a lot of kingside weaknesses. I develop my remaining pieces swiftly, and win a little material in the process.

17. Bg5 Rf7 18. Nxf5 Rxf5 19. Bd3 Rdf8 20. Bxf5 Rxf5 21. Rae1 Qf8 22. Qe4 Nf6 23. Qe6+ Kh7 24. Bd2 Ng4 25. Ng5+ Kh6 26. Nf7+ Kh7 27. Rxf5 gxf5 28. Ng5+ Kh8 29. Qg6 Nf6

Here, 30. Re6 almost puts him away, but after ...Kg8 31. Rxf6 Qxf6 there's no mate.

30. Qxf5 Qg8 31. Qe6 Qe8 32. Qf7 Qd7 33. Ne6 Ne8 34. Nxg7 Nxg7 35. Bh6 Nf5 36. Re6 Ncxd4

Trying to bring his pieces into the game, but it's too late.

37. Bg7+ Nxg7 38. Rh6# 1-0

The two-day schedule merged into the main tournament at this point, and when I checked the updated wall charts, I saw the Under 2000 section had 101 players. (A few of them were re-entries.) When the pairings went up for the fifth round, I got a pleasant surprise: my third white in a row.

David Long (1974) – Warren Harper (1866) [C17]

Chicago Open (5), 5/29/2005

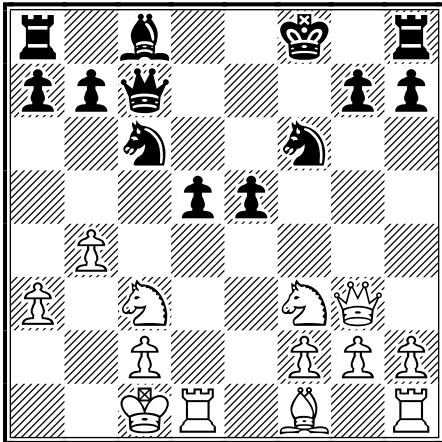
My opponent was 14-year-old Warren Harper, from Houston, played an odd variation of the Winawer French, a variation which I had seen occasionally playing on FICS, but not yet in a tournament. During the middlegame, I found myself with an air-conditioned king, undefended pieces, and a pawn structure in shambles, but there were enough defensive resources to end the threat of checkmate, and start making some threats of my own. Of all the games I played in the tournament, this one was the most enjoyable.

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Ba5 6. b4 cxd4 7. Qxd4 Bc7 8. Nf3 Nc6 9. Qg4 Kf8 10. Bf4 f6 11. exf6 Nxf6 12. Bxc7 Qxc7 13. Qg3 e5

Here, ...Nxb4 is a nasty threat, with the twin threats of ...Qxc3+ and ...Nxc2+. Right now, his central pawns are adequately defended. If I can just find a way to keep the pressure on them, and maybe end some of his threats as well, I might have a playable position. I thought for almost 40 minutes and came up with

14. 0-0-0!

Spontaneous Chess



My king is only marginally safer here than it was in the center, but the move ends the possibility of ...Nxb4-xc2+, in fact ...Nxb4 allows 15. Qxe5 holding everything. He also needs to do something about his queen's pawn, which is now attacked.

14...Bf5

I can take advantage of the fact that his queen is temporarily undefended to complete my development and end the mate threats.

15. Bd3

Now, the pawn is a lot less appetizing because 15. Nxd5 Nxd5 16. Rxd5 Nxb4 runs into some hard-to-stop mate threats.

15...Bxd3 16. Rxd3 Rc8 17. Re1 e4

It looks like the pawn fork works now, but I have an ace up my sleeve:

18. Qxc7 Rxc7 19. Ng5 exd3 20. Ne6+ Kf7 21. Nxc7 Rc8 22. N7b5

Here begins the second phase of defense, which my opponent referred to during post-game analysis as the "rickety knight chain".

22...Kg6 23. Nd6 Rc7 24. Re3 dxc2 25. Rg3+ Kh5 26. f4

Now, suddenly it is the black king in greater danger. I threaten 27. Rg5+ and 28. Nf5#

26...Nd4 27. Ndb5 Nxb5 28. Nxb5 Rc4

The only reasonable move, keeping the rook on the c-file and threatening the white pawn on f4, which means I can't set up the same mate threat again.

29. Rg5+ Kh4

Giving black a chance to fall asleep and play 29...Kh6, after which 30. Nd6, threatening 31. Nxc4, Nf5#, or Nf7#. He can't stop them all! 30...Rxf4 31. Nf7 is still checkmate. Forcing the king to h4 also tactically protects the pawn on f4 for the moment.

30. Rxg7 Ne4 31. Rxh7+ Kg4 32. Rc7 Nf2 33. Rxc4 Nd3+

Black's knight arrives on this square a moment too late.

34. Kxc2 dxc4 35. g3 a6 36. Nd4 Kh3 37. Kc3 b5 38. f5 Kxh2 39. f6 Ne5 40. Nf3+ 1-0

On Monday morning, I found myself once again on the short side of the opening.

Garrett Smith (1962) – David Long (1974) [B01]

Chicago Open (6), 5/30/2005

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Qxd5 3. Nc3 Qa5 4. d4 Nc6 5. d5 Ne5 6. Qd4 Nd7 7. Bd2 Qc5 8. Qxc5 Nxc5 9. Bf4 c6 10. 0-0-0 Nf6 11. dxc6 bxc6 12. Be2 e6 13. Bf3 Bb7 14. Nge2 Be7 15. Nd4

He piles up on my weak pawn.

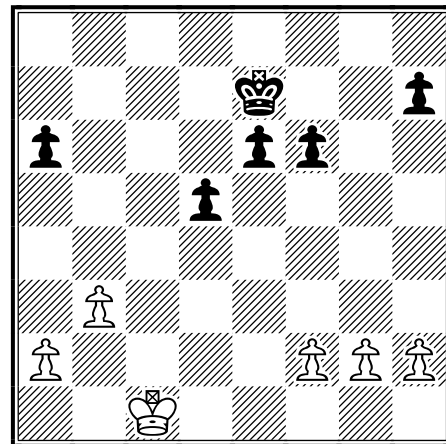
15...Nd5 16. Nxd5 cxd5 17. Nb5 0-0 18. c4 Rfd8 19. cxd5 Bxd5 20. Bxd5 exd5 21. Rhe1 Ne6

I thought he could win a pawn with 21. Nc7 Rac8 22. Kb1 d4 23. Nb5, but instead he brings his last piece into action.

22. Be3 a6 23. Nd4 Rac8+ 24. Kb1 Bf6 25. Nxe6 fxe6

I think this improves my pawn structure. Now the weak pawn is now a protected passed pawn!

26. Bd4 Kf7 27. b3 Rc6 28. Bxf6 gxf6 29. Rc1 Rdc8 30. Rxc6 Rxc6 31. Rc1 Rxc1+ 32. Kxc1 Ke7



I liked my chances in the king and pawn ending better than keeping the rooks on the board, especially since his rook would get active. I have a passed pawn, but he has a potential passed pawn on the queenside. I have to prevent him from making a passed pawn on the kingside at any and all costs.

33. Kd2 Kd6 34. f4 h5 35. f5 e5

He tries to break up my pawn formation, but fails and gives me the two connected passers instead. He may still try to get a passer on the kingside, but my pawns are too fast.

36. Kd3 Kc5 37. a3 a5 38. g3 e4+ 39. Ke3 a4

Prying open an entrance for my king.

40. b4+?

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Chicago Industrial Chess League

Brian Smith

The CICL's 48th consecutive year of team chess competition in the greater Chicago-area was filled with many "firsts" and uniquely interesting moments. The League originated with chess teams representing companies, but teams from government agencies, colleges, chess clubs, and other organizations joined later. Indeed, the start of this season saw the first-ever CICL team fielded from a chess club: the St. Charles Chess Club. Also, for the first time in a number of years, a team representing a college, Northwestern University, joined the CICL. Altogether, 240 players participated, a 33% increase from just two seasons ago. Three new teams have already applied to join the CICL for its next season starting in the Fall. Surely this is evidence of a renewed interest in Chicago-area adult chess!

The CICL's regular season saw competition within each of the Leagues' four geography-based divisions. The East Division was won by the Alumni Aces with a perfect regular season match score; Getco was the runner-up. The Near West Division concluded play with Argonne National Labs in first place, and the Pawns in second. The North Division came down to the last match of the regular season, but was finally won by the Motorola Knights, with the Excaliburs finishing second. The Far West Division also came down to the last match, with the St. Charles Chess Club squeaking by the Lucent Tyros on tie-breaks.

The overall CICL champion was determined by a three-round, Swiss-system playoff tournament among each division's winner and runner-up. The first round saw, unusually, two of the four matches finishing with toughly fought draws. Going into the last round, the Aces were in lone first place with two match points, and their line-up was well-stocked with experts. Their opponents, the Lucent Tyros with 1.5 match points, were in a must-win situation. The first four games of the match split evenly, so the final two games of the Aces vs. Tyros match would determine the entire season's results. The tension was unnerving. In the very last minute of the five-hour time control, the Tyros clinched a match win. They thus became this season's co-champions with the St. Charles CC, as both achieved 2.5 match points. For the first time ever, two teams from the same division were crowned CICL co-champions! For two years in a row, the Aces were taken out of championship contention by the 2nd place finishers of the Far West division. A key playoff game from board one of both co-champion teams is included at the end of this article: F. Innumerable (Aces) vs. Peter Stein (Tyros), notes by Stein; and Yuri Fridman

(Knights) vs. Jeff Wiewel (St. Charles), notes by Wiewel.



The CICL co-champion Lucent Tyros team is pictured above. Front row is: Julian Guio, David Hahne, and team captain Pablo Diaz. Back row is: Peter Stein, Bob Buchner, and Brian Smith. Missing from the photo are Bob Stoltz, Joe Karpierz, and Wayne LaForge.



Pictured above is the CICL co-champion St. Charles Chess Club team. Team captain Jeff Wiewel is shown in the front row, to the far right.

On the same day and site as the last two rounds of the team champions, the CICL holds the G/60 **CICL Open** for individuals not competing in the team playoffs. The first three rounds saw the site-host of the playoffs, C-class rated Matt Vail, winning three in a row against higher-rated opponents, including an expert. He and master Gustavo Garzon faced off in the last round in a thrilling game. It saw Matt "David" Vail achieving a won position on the board against "Goliath" Garzon,

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only to lose on the clock. Matt and Gustavo's game is included at the end of this article, with notes by Gustavo. Gustavo won the CICL Open with a perfect 4-0 score, with Matt and Paul Raso finishing second with 3-1. Pictured below are Paul, Gustavo, and Matt.



Perhaps it is good karma to host the playoffs site, as Matt would go on not only to finish second in the CICL Open, but was awarded the "Most Improved Player" trophy in the League. Matt's trophy as well as the league championship, division leaders, and other trophies were awarded at the CICL's annual Awards Banquet. Also recognized at this time were 11 officers and team captains for the 21 teams who (on a completely volunteer basis) keep the League running so smoothly. Notable among the officers are League President Jim Thomson, Art Olsen (Ratings Chairman, Playoff TD, and North Division Chairman), and Tom Friske (Bulletin Editor, Games Editor, and Webmaster). The Banquet included a country clubhouse feast, GM lecture and speed tourney.

This CICL season will long be remembered for its unique and interesting happenings. The league's next season starts in the Fall. If you might be interested in joining, more info about the CICL can be found at our website: www.chicagochessleague.org or by contacting Brian Smith with email to Publicity@chicagochessleague.org or by phone on (630)983-9316.

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CICL 2004/2005 Playoff Results

	Team	Total Pts.	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3
1	Lucent Tyros	2.5	D 5	W 4	W 3
2	St. Charles Chess Club	2.5	D 4	W 5	W 6
3	Alumni Aces	2	W 6	W 7	L 1
4	Motorola Knights	1.5	D 2	L 1	W 7
5	Getco	1.5	D 1	L 2	W 8
6	Argonne Rooks	1	L 3	W 8	L 2
7	Pawns	1	W 8	L 3	L 4
8	Excaliburs	0	L 7	L 6	L 5

**(1) Innumerable,F (2206) - Stein,P (2186)
[E98]**

CICL 04/05 Playoffs Rnd 3 Brd 1 (3.1), 14.05.2005
[Stein,P]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Ne8 A very flexible setup which modern GM play has shown to be superior to the old Nd7. Black's strategy is to keep this N on e8 to watch d6 & c7. This N typically enters the fray via f6 or g7 when black's kingside attack is well under way. **10.Nd3 f5 11.f3?!** I don't like this move for white and it has scored quite poorly in my huge Chessbase database. If white is going to develop the queen B to d2 then he should do so now. Black's inattentive f4 before Nf6 would be a positional blunder on account of 12. Bg4!. **11...f4 12.c5 g5 13.Bd2 Ng6 14.Rc1 Rf7 15.Be1?** A serious strategic error. White needed to play cxd immediately as GM John Nunn has demonstrated on several occasions that Bf8 followed by Bxd6 solves the Indian bishop problem in a most satisfactory way. **15...Bf8 16.cxd6 Bxd6 17.Nb5 h5 18.Bf2 a6 19.Nxd6 cxd6 20.Rc3 Rh7 Rg7** might actually be better since black's Q would rather go to h4 eventually rather than g5 where attention must be given to a white R on the g file. **21.Qd2 g4 22.Rfc1 Bd7 23.b3?!** This takes away too many options for pressuring black's queenside. **23...Qg5** Amazingly enough Fritz 8 evaluates this position as plus for white. An obviously absurd evaluation since any master strength Kings Indian player dreams of reaching positions like this. **24.Nb2?!** In light of the threats against white's king perhaps the N was better placed on e1. **24...Nh4!** A standard KI attack schema. Suddenly ole Fritz isn't so enthusiastic about white's position anymore. **25.g3?** It's usually not wise to push the pawns in front of your king when faced with an onslaught. White is trying to make something out of the pinned f pawn, but just accelerates the opening of the h file. **25...Ng6** [25...Nxf3+ 26.Bxf3 gxf3 27.Rxf3 h4µ is a murkier path to a plus

for black.] **26.Nc4 h4 27.fxcg4?** [27.gxh4 Nxh4 28.fxcg4 Bxcg4?] **27...hxcg3 28.Rxcg3 Rxh2?** Almost squandering the win. I had a gut feeling that both b5 and Nf6 were superior, but with the clock ticking couldn't thread my way through the complications. [28...Nf6! 29.Bf3 (29.Rg2 Nxe4 30.Qc2 Nxf2 31.Rxf2 Rc8 32.Qb1 e4 33.Nxd6 Rxc1+ 34.Qxc1 e3 35.Rg2 Nh4 36.Ne4 Qe7-+) 29...Nh4 30.Bh1 Nxg4 31.h3 Qg6 32.Rgc3 Ne3+ 33.Kh2 Nf3+ 34.Bxf3 Rxh3#; 28...b5!! 29.Nb6 Rxh2 30.Rgc3 Qh6 31.Bf3 Bxcg4-+] **29.Kxh2 fxcg3+ 30.Bxcg3 Nf4 31.Ne3?!** [31.Bxf4 exf4 32.Kg1 Bxcg4 33.Bxcg4 Nf6 34.Rf1 Qxcg4+ 35.Qg2 Qxcg2+ 36.Kxcg2 Nxe4 37.Rxf4 Nc3 38.Nxd6 Rd8 39.Nxb7 Rxd5?] **31...Nf6!µ 32.Bf3 Bxcg4 33.Nxcg4 Nxcg4+ 34.Kh1 Kf7! 35.Bxcg4 Rh8+ 36.Bh2™ Qxcg4 37.Qf2** [37.Rf1 Ke8-+] **37...Qg6?** [37...Ke7! The white R cannot leave the back rank on account of Qd1+ followed by Qf3+ mating.] **38.Qf3??** [38.Re1 Ke8-+ 39.Qc2 Qg4!-+] **38...Rh3 39.Qxh3 Qxe4+ 40.Kg1 Nxh3+ 0-1**

**(2) Fridman,Y (2294) - Wiewel,J (2085)
[E70]**

CICL 04/05 playoffs Rnd 1 Brd 1 MyTown, 14.05.2005
[Jeff Wiewel]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.f3 [5.e5 is interesting and different] **5...c6 6.Be3 d5 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.e5 Ne8 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.Rc1 f6 11.exf6 Bxf6** [11...Nxf6 is better. I overlooked his next move.] **12.Nxd5 Bxd4** complications to keep material parity **13.Bxd4 Nxd4 14.Bc4 b5 15.Qxd4 bxc4 16.Ne2** [16.Qxc4 Be6] **16...Be6 17.Ne3 Qa5+ 18.Nc3 Nd6 19.0-0 Qb6 20.Qe5 Nf5 21.Rfe1 Rf6** preparing for Bf7 and Re6 **22.Ne4 Bf7** I thought N+2P for the R and isolating my e-pawn was okay **23.Nxf6+ exf6 24.Qc3 Re8 25.Kf2 Nxe3 26.Rxe3 Rxe3 27.Qxe3 Qxb2+ 28.Kg1 Qxa2 29.Qc3 Qa6 30.Ra1 Qd6 31.Qe3 a6 32.Qa7 c3** the pressure from pushing this pawn is worth the a-pawn **33.Qxa6 Qd4+ 34.Kh1 c2 35.Qf1**

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Bc4 36.Qe1 Be2 I made multiple sac offers to improve my piece position **37.h3 Qd1 38.Qg1 Qd5 39.Qe3 Qd1+ 40.Qg1 Kg7 41.Kh2 Qd6+ 42.Kh1 Qd2 43.Kh2** a time pressure blunder by white **43...Bxf3 44.Qa7+ Kh6 45.Qg1 Bd1 46.Qc5 Bf3 47.Qf8+ Kh5 48.Qc5+ f5 49.Qg1 Be4 50.Qf1 f4 51.Kg1 Qe3+ 52.Kh2 Qg3+ 53.Kg1 f3 54.Ra5+** the rook is better on the first rank **54...g5 55.Rc5 Qxg2+ 56.Qxg2 fxxg2 57.Rc4 Kg6** heading to d2 0-1

(3) Vail,M (1487) - Otero y Garzon,G (2244) [A48]

CICL Open 2005 Chicago (4), 14.05.2005

[Gustavo]

A48 **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.c4 0-0 5.Nc3 d6 6.e4** With this pawn structure the bishop is not in its best square at f4. More common here is e3 to create a solid centre and limit the scope of the g7 bishop. **6...Nbd7 7.Bd3** e2 seems to be a better place for this bishop, it does not block the d file and will not be subject of the attack of black's knights. **7...c5 8.d5 Ng4 9.Bd2?! I** do not understand this move. There were many better options: [9.h3; 9.0-0] **9...a6 10.h3 Nge5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Qe2** I would have preferred to retreat the bishop since white would reject the knight and fight for a solid space advantage. [12.Be2] **12...e6 13.Bf4** It is clear that the bishop had nothing to do at d2. **13...exd5 14.cxd5** [It was better: 14.Nxd5 Be6 15.0-0=] **14...b5?! Until** now white has neglected a bit his development and it was time for black to strike in the centre. Instead I kept on playing by general grounds, without the necessary focus. Much stronger would have been: [14...f5 15.exf5 (15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.0-0 fxe4 17.Nxe4 Qh4µ with attack.) 15...Nxd3+ 16.Qxd3 Bxf5 17.Qd2 Re8+ 18.Be3 b5µ] **15.0-0 Re8 16.a3?! Seems** to be somehow pointless. **16...Bd7 17.Rab1?** Pointless again and gives black the possibility of obtaining a considerable advantage. [Better would have been: 17.Rfd1] **17...Nxd3-+ 18.Qxd3 b4 19.Ne2 Bb5 20.Qe3 a5?** So far black has played mechanically but given that white conceded time with the bishop and rook moves and gave up the light squares, the position is falling down for white. The pressure on the e column and the f1-h6 diagonal is difficult to handle. But I was disconnected of the game and played a horrible move instead of winning with: [20...f5 21.Bg5 (21.f3 fxe4 22.fxe4 Qe7-+) 21...Qb6 22.f3 Bd4 23.Nxd4 cxd4-+] **21.Rfe1** Now white solved the problems in both lines. **21...Ra7 22.Kh1 Qb6 23.Ng3 Rae7 24.f3 Rc7?! This** is not a bad move in itself but it shows the lack of concentration and a weak play from my part. [Black may have maniobrate patiently with: 24...h5] **25.Bh6 Bxh6** Not the most accurate since it brings white's pieces close to the king. [Preferable was: 25...Be5 26.f4 Bd4 27.Qd2 f6 and black is OK.] **26.Qxh6 f6 27.Nf5?** Matt goes for a bold attack that is just a bluff. [A quiet option would be: 27.Qe3 with a more or less leveled game.; A

more ambitious plan would be: 27.h4 Bd3 28.Rbd1 c4 but white has to be carefull. For example: 29.h5 Qf2 30.Kh2 Qxb2 31.axb4 axb4 32.hxg6 Rg7 33.Nf5 Rxxg6µ] **27...gxf5-+ 28.exf5 Rf7** [Exchanging a pair of rooks was also a good option: 28...Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Rf7 30.Re6 bxa3 31.bxa3 Qd8-+] **29.Re6 Qd8** [Another good option is to defend f6 and reject the rook at e6 later: 29...Ref8 30.Rbe1 bxa3 31.bxa3 Bd7 32.R1e4 Qb2 33.Rg4+ Kh8-+] **30.Rbe1 Bd7 31.R1e4 Bxe6 32.Rg4+ Kh8 33.dxe6 Rb7 34.axb4 axb4 35.Rg6** Black is a rook up and has a passed pawn that should have decided the game. Instead I played in a very materialistic way. **35...Rf8** [It is hard to see how white will handle the advance of this pawn. 35...d5 36.Rxf6 d4 37.g4 d3-+ White cannot progress and the d pawn gets promoted.] **36.g4 Ra7?** I lost my composure, but it is not very surprising given that so far I have not made a single good move. We were both with a few minutes left, with the pressure of playing the decisive game of the tournament. [Black was winning with: 36...c4 37.g5 c3 38.bxc3 b3 now is this the pawn that promotes. 39.gxf6 b2 40.e7 b1Q+ 41.Kh2 Rxe7] **37.Kg2?** The pressure goes both sides... [37.g5 was natural and much better since black has to admit a balanced game being a rook up. 37...Qa8 38.Kh2 Re8 39.gxf6 Qxf3 40.e7 Qe2+=] **37...c4?** Now black shouldn't win. [Black had another chance of finding the right plan: 37...Rg8 38.Rxf6 d5-+] **38.g5 Rg8?! [Given** the situation it was almost impossible to find the defense: 38...fxg5 39.f6 Rxf6 40.Rxf6 Kg8=] **39.Rxg8+= Kxg8** Here I took the decision of playing my chances with the few seconds Matt had left though white has winning chances. [39...Qxg8 40.Qxf6+ Qg7 41.Qd8+=] **40.gxf6² Qf8 41.Qg5+?** [41.Qh4 Kh8 42.e7 Qg8+ 43.Kf2 Ra8 44.Qh5 and black has to return material in a worse position. 44...Rf8] **41...Kh8?** The comedy goes on. It was not difficult to see that black wins instantly with: [41...Rg7 42.fxxg7 Qxxg7 43.Qxxg7+ Kxxg7 and the b pawn decides the game.] **42.e7** Now white has a clear win. **42...Qf7 43.Qg7+ Qxxg7+ 44.fxxg7+ Kxxg7 45.e8Q c3 46.bxc3 bxc3 47.Qb5 Rc7 48.Qb6 Rf7 49.Qd4+ Kg8 50.Qxc3 Rxf5** white flagged. 0-1

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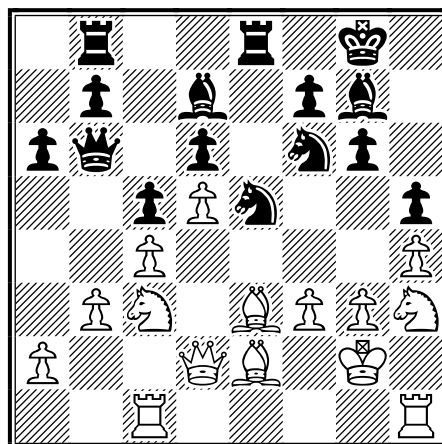
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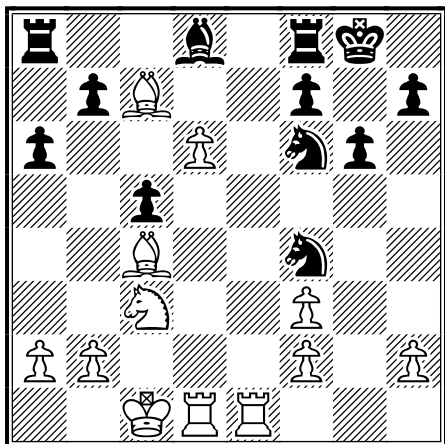
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6.d3 Be7 7.Bd3 c5 8.0-0 cxd4 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.exd4
0-0 11.c3 d6 12.Ne4 Be7 13.Bc2 Nd7 14.Qd3 g6!
15.Rfe1 Nf6 16.Nfd2 Nh5!? 17.Qe3 Kh7 18.a4 f5!



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22.05.2005

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 a6 [7...Bg7 is the main line Modern Benoni.] 8.Qe2!? Bg4 9.e5! Bxf3 10.gxf3 dxe5 11.Qxe5+ Qe7 12.Bf4 Nbd7 13.Qxe7+ Bxe7 14.0-0-0 Nh5 15.Bc7! Bd8 16.d6 Nf4 17.Bc4 0-0 18.Rhe1 Nf6



19.Nd5! N4xd5 20.Bxd5 Bxc7 21.dxc7 Rac8 22.Re7 Ne8 23.Bxb7 Rxc7 24.Rdd7! Rxd7 25.Rxd7 Ng7 26.Bxa6 Ne6 27.Bc4+- Ra8 28.Kb1 h5 29.b3 Kf8 30.Kb2 h4 31.a4 g5 32.Bxe6 fxe6 33.Rc7 Ra5 34.Kc3 c4 35.Rxc4 Rf5 36.f4 black loses the endgame. 1-0

(6) Young,A (2486) - Davis,L (2211) [B02]

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[AI Chow]

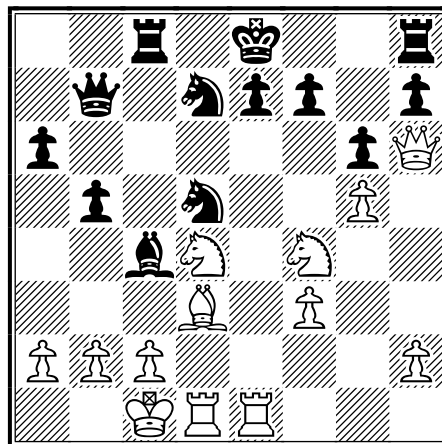
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(7) Ibragimov,I (2701) - Tate,E (2431) [B06]

HB Global Chess Challenge Minneapolis (2.9),
19.05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 Nd7!? 5.Nf3 c5 6.Qd2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 a6 8.f3 Ngf6 9.Bh6 Bxh6 10.Qxh6 b5 11.0-0-0 Bb7 The English - Yugoslav attack vs. the Dragon - Najdorf Sicilian. 12.Bd3 Rc8 13.Nce2! Qb6 14.g4 d5 15.exd5 Bxd5 16.Rhe1! Qb7 17.Nf4 Bc4 18.g5 Nd5



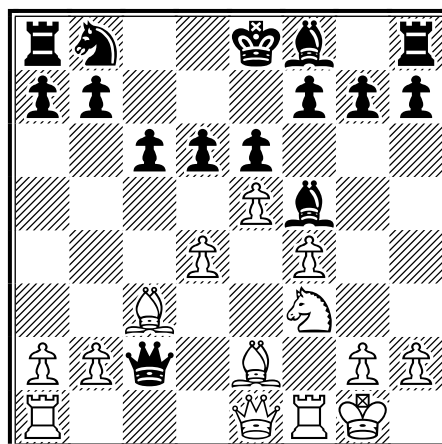
19.Nxg6! Bxd3 20.Nxe7! Nxe7 21.Rxd3 Qc7 22.Rxe7+! Kxe7 23.Nf5+ Ke8 24.Ng7+ Ke7 25.Nf5+ Ke8 26.Nd6+! Kd8 27.Rc3 Nc5 28.Rxc5! Qe7 [28...Qxc5 29.Nb7+ fork.] 29.Rxc8+ Kd7 30.Qh3+ Kxd6 31.Qg3+ 1-0

(8) Goldin,A (2705) - Young,A (2486) [B07]

HB Global Chess Challenge Minneapolis (8.24),
22.05.2005

[FM AI Chow]

1.d4 d6 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.f4 Qa5 5.e5 Ne4 6.Bd2 Nxc3 [6...Nxd2! 7.Qxd2 Bf5 may improve.] 7.Bxc3 Qd5 8.Nf3 Qe4+ 9.Be2 Bf5 [9...Qxf4 10.0-0 was another promising gambit.] 10.0-0!? Qxc2 11.Qe1! e6



12.d5!! dxe5 13.dxe6 fxe6 14.Nxe5 Bc5+ 15.Kh1 0-0 16.Bc4! Qa4 17.Bb3 Qb5 18.Bc4 Qa4 19.b3 Qa3 This is an example of the danger from moving the queen too many times in the opening. 20.g4! b5 21.gxf5

bxc4 22.Nxc4 Qa6 23.Qxe6+ Rf7 [23...Kh8 24.f6! wins.] 24.Ne5 Qb7 25.Rad1 Bb6 26.Qxf7+ Qxf7 27.Nxf7 Kxf7 28.Rf3 black resigned. 1-0

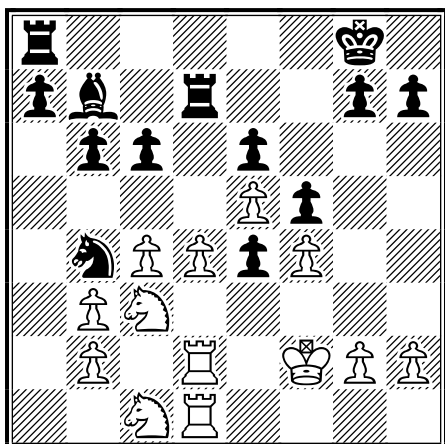
(9) Ibragimov,I (2701) - Young,A (2486)

[B07]

HB Global Chess Challenge Minneapolis (6.18),
21.05.2005

[AC]

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24.N3a2 Na6 25.Ne2 Rad8 26.Ke3 h6 27.b4 Kf7 28.Nec3 g5 29.g3 Nc7 30.b3 Rg8 31.Ra1 gxf4+ 32.Kxf4 h5 33.Ke3 h4 34.gxh4 Ke8 35.Ne2 Rh7 36.Nf4 Rxh4 37.Rf1 Rgg4 38.Nc1 Na6 39.Na2 Nc7 40.Rdf2 Kf7 41.Nc3 Na6 42.Nxe4! fxe4 43.Ng2+ Kg6 44.Nxh4+ Rxh4 45.Rg2+ black resigned. 1-0

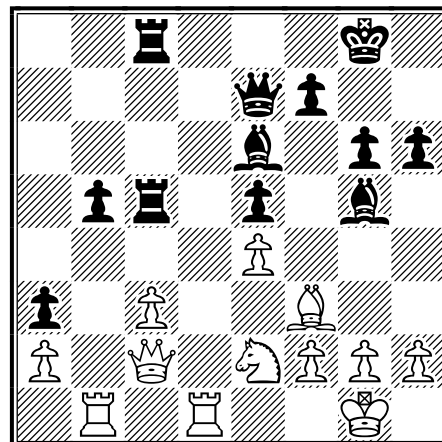
(10) Larota,F (2350) - Gurevich,D (2580)

[B07]

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19.05.2005

[Albert C.]

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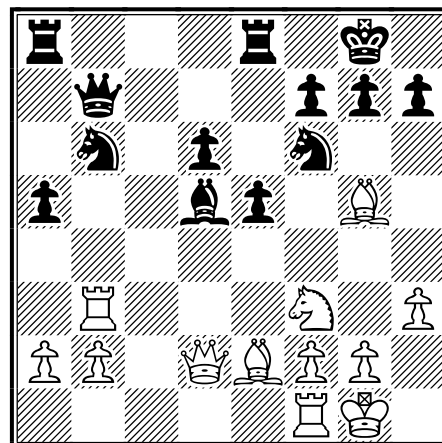
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(11) Parsons,M (1737) - Burgess,J [B07]

Normal Open. (3), 14.05.2005

[A. Chow]

1.d4 d6 2.e4 c6 3.Nf3 Qc7 4.Be2 e5 5.0-0 Nf6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 b5 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.Ne2 Re8 11.Ng3 Nf8 12.h3 a6 13.c4 Ng6 14.Rac1 White has gained a good Old Indian. 14...Qb7 15.d5 Bd7 16.Nf5 bxc4 17.Nxe7+ Nxe7 18.dxc6 Bxc6 19.Rxc4 Bxe4 20.Be2 Ned5 21.Bg5 Nb6 22.Rb4 a5 23.Rb3 Bd5



24.Rxb6! Qxb6 25.Bxf6 gxf6 [25...Bxf3?? 26.Qg5! g6
27.Qh6 and mate on g7.] 26.Qxd5 e4 27.Bc4! Ra7
28.Qd4! Qc7 29.Re1! Qe7 30.Re3! Rb7 31.Nh4! Qe5
32.Rg3+ Kf8 33.Qe3! Rxb2 34.Qh6+ Ke7 35.Qxh7
Kd8 36.Qxf7 Rd2 37.Ng6 Qd4 38.Be6 [38.Bb5! wins.]
38...Rxe6! 39.Qxe6 Rxf2! 40.Kh2 Rf1 41.Qg8+ Kc7
42.Rb3?? [42.h4! Qg1+ 43.Kh3 was the winning an-
swer.] 42...Qg1+ 43.Kg3 Qf2+ 44.Kh2 Qg1+ 45.Kg3
draw by perpetual check. ½–½

(12) Chiles,S (1526) - Burgess,J [B12]

Normal Open. (1), 14.05.2005 [A.C.]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d6 3.Nc3 Qc7 4.f4 Nd7 5.Nf3 e5 6.Be2
Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 A King's gambit declined
Philidor defence. 9.h3 b5 10.d5? [10.a3 was solid.]
10...b4! 11.dxc6 bxc3 12.cxd7 Bxd7 13.bxc3 Nxe4
14.fxe5 dxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Qxd7 Nxc3 17.Qd3?
[17.Qd2 was better.] 17...Rad8!-+ 18.Rf5 Nxe2+
19.Kf2 Qg3+ 20.Kxe2 Rxd3 21.cxd3 Re8 22.Rf3
Qxg2+ 23.Rf2 Qxh3 24.Rg1 Bg5 white resigned. 0-1

(13) Georgiev,V (2635) - Ehlvest,J (2693)

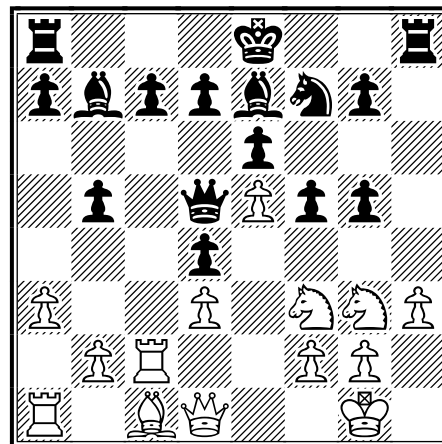
[B14] HB Global Chess Challenge Minneapolis (4.2),
20.05.2005

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 Nf6 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 d5 6.Nc3
Bb4 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bd2 Nc6 9.Bd3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0
11.Qe2 Bf6 12.Qe4 g6 13.Rad1 Bg7 14.Bg5 Qa5!
15.Qh4 Nxc3! 16.bxc3 Qxc3 17.Bh6 f6 18.Rfe1 Re8
19.Be4 Ne7 20.d5 Bd7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.dxe6 Bc6
23.Nd4 Rad8 0-1

(14) Adianto,U (2688) - Kamsky,G (2777)

[B40]HB Global Chess Challenge Minneapolis (9.6),
22.05.2005 *[FM Chow]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d5 4.e5 d4!? 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.0-0
Nge7 7.Na3 Ng6 8.Re1 Be7 9.cxd4 cxd4 10.Nc4 Nb4
11.Bxg6 hxg6 12.a3 Nc6 [12...Nd3? 13.Re4] 13.d3 b5
14.Ncd2 Bb7 15.Ne4 Qd5 16.Ng3 f6 17.Re4 g5 18.h3
f5 19.Re2 Nd8 20.Rc2 Nf7 The opening has turned
out clearly better for black.



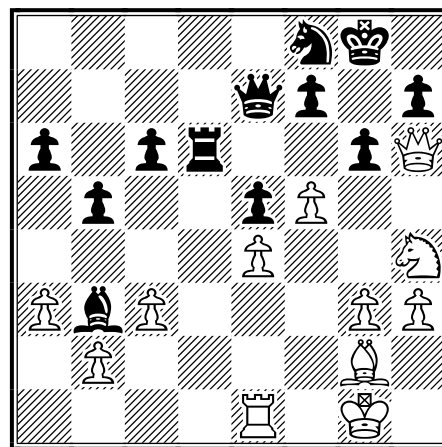
21.Rc7 Rc8 22.Rxc8+ Bxc8 23.Qe2 Bb7 24.Bd2 Bc5
25.Rc1 Bb6 26.Bb4 Kd7 27.Bd2 g6 28.a4 a6 29.axb5
axb5 30.Ra1 Ra8 31.Rxa8 Bxa8 32.Qe1 Bc7! 33.Qf1
Nxe5 34.Nxg5 Nxd3! 35.Nh7 Ke7 36.f3 Qb3 37.Kh2
Bd5 38.Bg5+ Kf7 39.Nf6 Bc4 40.h4 Qxb2 41.h5 gxh5
42.Nfxh5 Nf4! white loses and quit. 0-1

(15) Markovic,A (1880) - Palos,O (2480)

[B41] Chicago Chess Club (4), 26.07.1998

[A. Chow]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Be2 Qc7
6.0-0 Nf6 7.Bf3 Bd6!? 8.h3 Nc6 9.Nxc6 dxc6!?
10.Nd2 b5 11.Re1 Bb7 12.Qe2 Bc5 13.c3 0-0= About
equal after the opening. 14.g3?? Nd7?? [14...Qxg3+!
15.Bg2 Qc7--+ the tactical gain of a pawn was good for
black, but moving to fast in the quick chess time con-
trol is the common error.] 15.Bg2?? Bd6? 16.Nf3 e5
17.Nh4 g6 18.Bh6 Rfe8 19.Qg4 Bf8 20.Rad1 Bc8
21.Bxf8 Nxf8 22.Qg5 Qe7 23.Qh6 Be6 24.a3 Rad8=
25.f4!? Bb3 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.f5! Rd6



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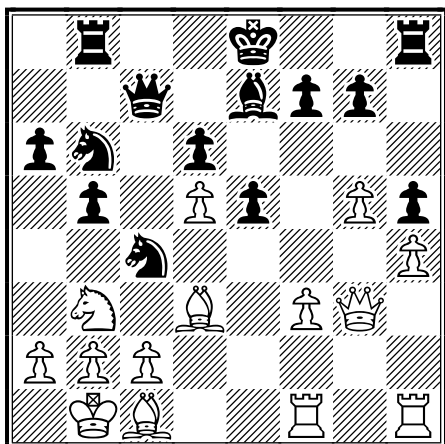
28.Rf1! g5?? [28...Bc4 was better.] 29.f6! Qa7+ 30.Kh2 Ne6 31.Rf5!+- Rd1 [31...gxh4 32.Rg5+ Kh8 33.Rh5! hxg3+ 34.Kxg3+- The attack wins.] 32.Rxg5+! Kh8 33.Nf3! Bc2 34.Rxe5 Kg8 35.Nd4! Bd3 36.Rg5+ Kh8 37.Rg7 Bxe4 38.Bxe4 black resigned. 1-0

(16) Thayler,M (2150) - Valazquez,K (1835) [B90]

Supernationals (1), 08.04.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.f3 Qc7 9.g4 h6 10.Qd2 Be6 11.0-0-0 Nbd7 12.h4 b5 13.Kb1 Nb6 14.Qf2 Rb8 15.Bd3 Nfd7 16.Qg3 Nc4 17.Bc1 Ndb6 18.g5 h5 19.Rdf1 Na4 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.exd5 Nab6 The English attack vs. the Sicilian Najdorf always creates double edged tactics.



22.Be4 [22.g6! attacking counterplay!] 22...g6! 23.f4 exf4 24.Rxf4 0-0 25.Nd4 Ne5 26.b3 Na4? [26...Qc5! was good.] 27.Nc6 [27.bxa4! bxa4+ 28.Ka1 Qb6 29.c3! white could accept the sacrifice and win.] 27...Rfc8? 28.Rhf1 Bf8 29.Qf2?? [29.Nxb8! Nc3+ 30.Ka1 white should eat the gambit and defend to win.] 29...Nc3+ 30.Ka1 Bg7 31.Bb2 Nxc6 32.dxc6 Qa5! Now black attack is crushing. 33.a4 bxa4 34.Rf5 Qb4 35.Rxf7 Bd4 36.Qf3 axb3 37.Bxc3 Bxc3+ 38.Kb1 bxc2+ 39.Kxc2 Qb2+ 40.Kd3 Qd2+ 41.Kc4 Qd4# 0-1

(17) Waidyaratne,K (2100) - Velazquez,K (1835) [B92]

Supernationals (5), 09.04.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.Be3 Be6 9.g4 h6 10.Rg1 d5!? 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.Qd2 Bc6 14.0-0-0 [14.Qxd8+ Bxd8 15.0-0-0 was good.] 14...Nd7 15.Na5

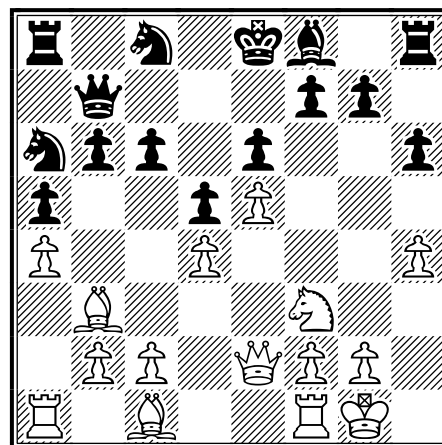
Rc8 16.f3?! [16.Nxc6! Rxc6 17.Bf3 looks strong.] 16...Qc7 17.g5? [17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.Kb1 was correct.] 17...Ba4! 18.Nb3 hxg5! 19.Bxg5 Bb4! 20.c3 Nc5! 21.Kb1 Nxb3 22.axb3 Bxb3 23.cxb4 Bc2+ 24.Ka2 f6 25.Be3 Bxd1 [25...Qc6! more dangerous.] 26.Rxd1 Rd8 27.Bd3 [27.Qxd8+ Qxd8 28.Rxd8+ Kxd8 29.Bg1 an interesting ending was possible.] 27...e4! 28.fxe4 Rxh2 29.Bf2?? [29.Qe1! was forced but then unclear!] 29...Qd7 30.e5 Qxd3! 31.Qxd3 Rxd3 32.Rxd3 Rxf2 33.exf6 gxf6 34.Rc3 Kd7 and black won. 0-1

(18) Tate,E (2431) - Hook,W (2200) [C00]

HB Global Chess Challenge Minneapolis (1.71),

18.05.2005 [Albert Chow]

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 b6 [3...c5! 4.b4!? Wing gambit Tate attack.] 4.Nc3 Ne7 5.d4 Qd7 6.Bb5! c6 7.Ba4! a5 8.Bb3 Ba6 9.a4 h6 10.h4!? Nc8 [10...Bc4!? 11.Bxc4 dxc4 may work.] 11.Ne2! Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Na6 13.0-0 Qb7



14.c3! Na7 15.Bc2 c5 16.Be3 Nc6 17.Bd3 Nc7 18.Ne1! 0-0-0 19.f4 f6 20.h5! f5 21.g4! c4 22.Bc2 Ne7 23.Ng2 g6 24.Nh4! gxh5 25.gxf5 Rg8+ 26.Kh2 Rg4 27.Qf2 Black seems to have resigned under heavy positional pressure. 1-0

(19) Bonwell,J - Karagianis,P [C34]

Normal Open. (2), 14.05.2005

[Al Chow]

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 h6 4.Bc4 d6 5.d4 g5 6.Nc3 Bg7 Black wins a pawn in the King's Gambit accepted. 7.Qd3 Nc6 8.Bb5 a6 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Bd2 Ne7 11.0-0 0-0 12.g3 [12.h4!? with counterplay.] 12...fxg3 13.hxg3 Ng6 14.Ne2 Bg4 15.Nh2 Be6 16.Kb1 d5 17.e5 c5! 18.c3 Qd7 19.g4 cxd4 20.cxd4 c5! 21.Ng3 cxd4 22.Nf5 Nxe5 23.Qh3 Bxf5+ 24.gxf5 f6 25.Ng4? Qxf5+ 26.Ka1 Qxg4 27.Qb3 Nc4 28.Bc1 Rab8 29.Qa4 Qe4 30.Rde1 Ne3 31.Rh3 Nc2+ white resigned. 0-1

(20) Burgess,J - Rodney (1640) [C42]

Normal Open. (2), 14.05.2005

[A.C.]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 c6 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Nc3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bg4 A sharp Petroff. 12.Rb1 b6 13.Rb5 a6? [13...Bc7 is best.] 14.Rxd5! Bxh2+ 15.Nxh2! Qxd5 16.Qxg4 f5 17.Qe2 b5 18.a4 bxa4?? 19.Bc4 black resigned. 1-0

(21) Kaufman,L (2352) - Brock,W (2042)

[C67]

HB Global Chess Challenge Minneapolis (1.101), 18.05.2005

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Qe2!? Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Qxe5+ An alternative attack against the Berlin wall. 7...Be6 [7...Qe7!?] 8.Nd4! Qf6 9.Re1! Qxe5 10.Rxe5 Kd7 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.d3 Nf5 [12...g6!?] 13.Nd2 Bd6 14.Re4 Rae8 15.Nf3 the black pawn structure has been degraded. 15...e5 16.c3 Rhf8 17.Bd2 Nh6? 18.Bxh6! gxh6 19.Rae1 Rxf3 [19...Rf5 20.d4 pins and wins.] 20.gxf3 Rf8 21.Kg2 c5 22.Rg4 Rf7 23.Ree4 b5 24.Rh4 Rf6 25.Rh5 1-0

(22) Kopula,S - Karagianis,P [C70]

Normal Open. (4), 14.05.2005

[Albert C.]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 f5 A Schliemann variation. 5.0-0 fxe4 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Nxe5 Qd4 8.Qh5+ [8.Ng4 was safer.] 8...g6 9.Nxg6? [9.Qg5! was better.] 9...hxxg6 10.Qxxg6+ Kd8 11.Nc3 Bd6 12.g3 Ne7 13.Qxe4 Qg7 14.d3 Bf5 15.Qe3 Kd7 It is black with the attack on the white queen and king. 16.Qg5 Qh7 17.h4 Rag8 18.Qf6 Rg6 19.Qd4 Rg4 20.Qxxg4 [20.Qe3 Qxh4 is also lost.] 20...Bxxg4 21.Ne4 Qg6 22.Bg5 Kc8 23.Rfe1 Nf5 24.Nxd6+ Qxd6 25.Bf4 Qg6 26.Re5 Nd4 white resigned. 0-1

(23) Ishkhamov,T (2364) - Georgiev,V

(2635) [C78]

HB Global Chess Challenge Minneapolis (6.28), 21.05.2005

[Al Chow]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.a4 Bb7 9.d4 Bb6 10.Re1 0-0 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 exd4 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.cxd4 g5 16.Bg3 Re8 17.d5 Na5 18.Bc2 Nc4 19.b3 Ne5 20.Nd4 Bb7 21.b4 Bc8 22.Nc3 Bg4 23.Nce2 Nh5 24.h3 Nxg3 25.fxxg3 Bxe2 26.Rxe2 Qf6 white loses material and resigned. 0-1

(24) Goldin,A (2705) - Beliavsky,A (2660) [D18]

HB Global Chess Challenge Minneapolis (4.2), 20.05.2005

[Al Chow]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nh4 Bg6 10.Nxxg6 hxxg6 11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.Ba2 Rad8 14.h3 a5 15.Ne2 Rfe8 The Solid Slav. 16.e4 e5 17.Bg5 exd4 18.Rxd4 Nf8 19.Rxd8 Rxd8 20.Be3 Qe5 21.f3 Ne6 22.Bxe6! Qxe6 23.Rd1 Rd7 24.Nf4 Qe7 25.Rxd7 Nxd7 26.Nd3 Ne5 27.b3 Nxd3 28.Qxd3 Bc5 29.Kf2 Bxe3+ 30.Kxe3 Qg5+ draw agreed. 1/2-1/2

(25) Milov,V (2783) - Shulman,Y (2606)

[D30]

HB Global Chess Challenge Minneapolis (9.10), 22.05.2005

[FM Chow]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxc4!? 5.Qa4+ Nbd7 6.e4!? c6! 7.Qxc4 Qb6! 8.Nbd2!? [8.Qc2 c5 black is OK.] 8...Qxb2 9.Rb1 Qa3 10.Bd3 h6 11.Bh4 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 White has compensation for a Queens gambit accepted poison pawn. 13.Qc2 Qa5 14.Nc4 Qd8 15.Rfd1 Nb6 16.Na5 Nh5 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Bf1 Nf6 19.Rdc1 Qc7 20.Rb3 Rd8 21.e5 Nh7 22.Nc4 Nxc4 23.Bxc4 b6 24.Bd3 Nf8 25.Be4 Bb7 26.h4 Rac8 27.Rc3 c5! 28.Bxb7 [28.dxc5?! Bxe4 29.Qxe4 bxc5 30.Rxc5 Qxc5! 31.Rxc5 Rxc5 favors black.] 28...Qxb7 29.dxc5 bxc5 30.Rxc5 Rxc5 simplified draw agreed. 1/2-1/2

(26) Quan Zhe (2402) - Serper,G (2617)

[D38]

HB Global Chess Challenge Minneapolis (9.29), 22.05.2005

[FM Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Qc2 c5 7.Bg5 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.e3 Nxd4 10.exd4 0-0 11.Be2 Qb6! 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.0-0! Qxd4 14.Rad1 Qc5 15.Rxd5 Qc7 16.Bf3 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Be6 18.Rd4 Rac8 Black has a slight but long lasting advantage against the backward c pawn. 19.Rc1 b6 20.Bd5! Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Rfd8 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Re1 g6 24.g3 Qc6 25.Re4 Kg7 26.h4! h5 27.c4 Qf6 28.Kg2 Rc8 29.Rf4 Qe5 30.Qd3 Rc7 White's defence is active and equalizes. 31.Qd8 Re7 32.Kh2 Qc5 33.Qd3 Re6 34.Qf3 Qc7 35.Re4 Rxe4 36.Qxe4 Qc5 37.Kg2 a5 38.a4 Kf6 39.Kg1 Qd6 40.Qf3+ Kg7 41.Qc3+ Kg8 42.Qf3 Qe6 43.Qb3 Qc6 44.Qc2 Kf8 45.Qb3 Ke7 46.Qe3+ Kd7 47.Qd3+ Kc7 48.Qb3 f5 49.Kh2 Kb7 50.Kg1 Kc7 51.Kh2 Kb7 52.Kg1 1/2-1/2

(27) Muhammad,S (2445) - Georgiev,V (2635) [D45]

HB Global Chess Challenge Minneapolis (8.28), 22.05.2005

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 a6 6.Qc2 c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Be2 Nc6 9.0-0 Be6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Nb5 Ne4 12.Nbd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Rc8 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Qb3 Qb6 16.Qa4+ Qc6 17.Qd1 0-0 18.Bd3 Bd6 19.Bd2 Be5 20.Bb4 Rfd8 21.Ba3 b5 22.Rc1 Qb6 23.Be7 Rxc1 24.Qxc1 Re8 25.Bb4 a5 26.Be1 b4 27.a3 Nc5 28.Bb1 g6 29.h4 Qb5 30.axb4 axb4 31.f4 Bd4?? 1-0

(28) Karagianis,P (2225) - Chien,J (1800) [D93]

Normal Open. (3), 14.05.2005

[Albert C.]

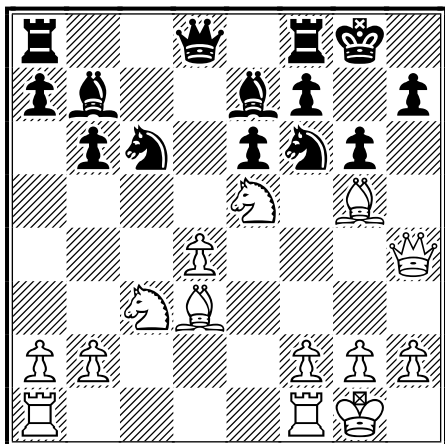
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(29) Jussupow,A (2701) - Gurevich,D (2580) [E14]

HB Global Chess Challenge Minneapolis (8.17), 22.05.2005

[FM Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 c5 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 The Colle system is met with a Queen's Indian defence. 6.c4! Be7 7.Nc3 cxd4 8.exd4 d5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 White's attacking initiative is more than enough compensation for the isolated d pawn, in the hands of a super grandmaster. 10.Ne5! 0-0 11.Qh5! Nf6 12.Qh4 g6 13.Bg5 Nc6??



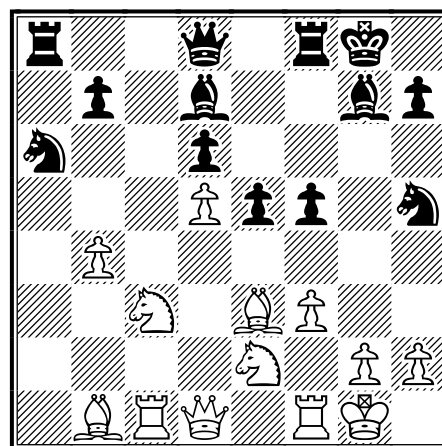
[13...a6 was a better defence.] 14.Ba6! h6 15.Bxh6 Nd5 16.Qh3 Nxc3 17.bxc3 Bxa6 18.Nxc6 Qd6 19.Nxe7+ Qxe7 20.Bxf8 Rxf8 21.Rfe1 Bc4 22.Qh6! with the idea Re3 - Rh3. Black resigned. 1-0

(30) Gurevich,D (2580) - Milov,V (2783) [E88]

HB Global Chess Challenge Minneapolis (4.7), 20.05.2005

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 c6 8.Bd3 cxd5 9.cxd5 Nh5 10.Nge2 f5 11.exf5 gxf5 12.0-0 Nd7 13.Rc1 Nc5 14.Bb1 a5 A complex Saemisch King's Indian. 15.a3 Bd7 16.b4 axb4 17.axb4 Na6



18.Na4!? Nxb4 19.Nb6 Ra3 20.Nxd7 Qxd7 21.Qd2 Kh8 22.Bf2 Rb3 23.Rc4 Qb5 24.Rh4 Nf6 25.Bxf5 Nbx5 26.Ng3 Ne7 27.Qxd6 Nxf5 28.Nxf5 Rb1 29.Be1 Qd5 30.Qxd5 Nxd5 31.Nxg7 Kxg7 32.Re4 Re8 33.f4! Kf7 34.fxe5+ Ke6 35.Bd2 Rb2 36.Be1 Rb1 draw agreed. 1/2-1/2

(31) Van de Mortel,J (2510) - Nagle,S (2376) [E92]

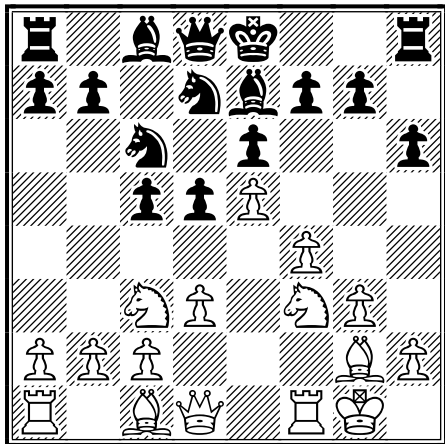
HB Global Chess Challenge Minneapolis (7.32), 21.05.2005 [AC]

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.c4 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e4 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Nd2 Na6 9.h4 h5 10.Nf3 Nc5 11.Ng5 c6 12.Be3 cxd5 13.cxd5 Bd7 14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.a4 Ne8 16.Bb5 Nd6 17.Bxd7 Qxd7 18.Qe2 Ra6 19.Nb5 Rb6 20.Nxd6 Qxd6 21.0-0 Bh6! 22.Rfc1 Bxg5 23.hxg5 Rb4 24.Rc4 Qa6 25.b3 Rxb3 26.Qc2 Rb2 27.Qxb2 Qxc4 28.Qxe5 Qd3 29.Rc1 c4 30.Kh2 Qd2 31.Rxc4 Qxf2 32.Rc3 Qh4+ 33.Rh3 Qg4 34.Rf3 Qd7 35.Qd4 Qg4 36.Qe5 Qd7 37.Qd4 Qg4 Draw. 1/2-1/2

(1) IM Young,A (2480) - IM Adu,O (2300)

[A00]HB Global Bern, 2005

1.Nc3 Vangeet- Stevanovic opening 1...d5 2.e4 c6 3.d3!? As of this writing I havent found a concrete line for white against the Caro- Kahn setup. 3...Nf6 [3...g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.Nge2 0-0 7.0-0 e5 8.Bg5 Be6 9.Qd2 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Qb6 11.Be3 Qc7 12.f4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 exf4 14.Nxf4=] 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 e6 6.Nf3 c5 7.g3 Nc6 8.Bg2 Be7 9.0-0 Sicilian closed by transposition. 9...h6 Diagram



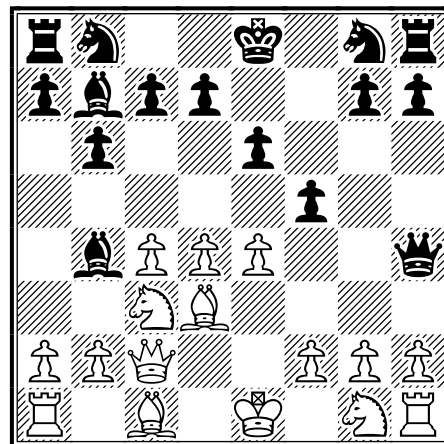
I was thinking of stopping black idea with h4 but I'm not sure so I played a more natural move Ne2.10.Ne2 g5!? 11.h3! I didn't like the idea that black can close the kingside with g4. 11...Rg8 12.c3 gxf4 13.gxf4 My chess program says Black is better! But I think white is not bad at all. I can do a Kingside break with d4 - f5 , Queenside play with a3 - b4 . 13...f5 14.Be3 b6 15.a3 Bb7 16.Kh2 Qc7 17.b4 Kf7 18.Rg1 Rg6 19.Bh1 Rxf1 20.Nfxg1 Rg8 21.d4 Ba6 22.Ng3 Qd8? Black overlooked my next move. 23.Qh5+- Kg7 24.Bxd5 Black Resign. 24...exd5 25.Nxf5+ Kf8 26.Qxh6+ Ke8 27.Qxc6 1-0

(1) Szpisjak,S (2204) - IM Young,A (2480)

[A40]2005 Midwest Amateur Team Bern, 02.2005

[Young,Brent]

1.c4 After winning almost every tournament last year I decided to form a team for the Midwest amateur chess team. I called it the Chess Priest (We Pray for your Chess Sins). 1...e6 2.d4 b6 The English Defense 3.Nc3 Bb7 4.e4 Bb4 Pressuring the e4 pawn . 5.Qc2 Qh4 Keeping the pressure notice that white can't play f3. 6.Bd3 f5! Diagram



This is key part of black's main idea, White wont have an easy life developing his pieces.7.g3 Qh5 Depriving white Knight to f3. 8.a3? [8.Be2 Qf7 9.f3 fxe4 10.fxe4 Nf6 11.d5 0-0 12.Nf3 Qg6 With a good game for black] 8...Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Nf6µ 10.f3 fxe4 11.fxe4 d6! Exclam! with flexibility I could try castling on the Queenside with Nbd7 then 0-0-0, I could fix white pawns with c5 & e5 and the most logical idea is to stop white from playing Knight to f4 which can thwart black kingside play.. 12.Ne2 e5 13.c5 [13.Be3 Ng4 14.Bg1 Qf7 15.h3 Qf3-+; 13.0-0 Qg4 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Rf5 Nbd7 16.Rg5 Qh3 17.Rxg7 h6 18.Rb1 Kf8 19.Rg6 Kf7-+] 13...Nbd7 14.cxd6 cxd6 15.0-0 0-0 16.Bd2 Qg4 17.d5 Nc5 18.c4 Nxd3 19.Qxd3 Qxe4 20.Qxe4 Nxe4 21.Bb4 a5 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.Be1 Ba6 I ended with 4.5 pts. out of possible 5 points and loss on tie break for the board 1 award. 0-1

(1) GM Ibragimov,I - IM Young,A [B07]

HB Global, 2005

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 Pribyl Defense 4.f4 Qa5 5.e5 Ne4 6.Bd3 d5 7.Bd2 Qb6?! 8.Bxe4 dxe4 9.Nge2 f5 10.Na4 Qc7? My first mistake! I played this move instantly without paying attention to Qd8 which is the correct move. 11.c4 e6 12.Rc1 Now! I have to move back my Queen to d8 to stop d5 which will creates a passed pawn. 12...Qd8 13.0-0 Be7 14.Qb3 0-0 15.Bb4 Na6 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Nac3 17...Qb4!. 18.Rcd1 Qxb3 19.axb3 Nb4³ Diagram # 20.Rd2 b6 21.Rfd1 Bb7 22.Nc1 Rfd8 23.Kf2 Rd7 24.Ke3 Rad8 25.N3a2 Na6 26.b4 h6 27.Ne2 Kf7 28.Nec3 g5 29.g3 Nc7 30.b3 Rg8 31.Ra1 gxf4+ 32.Kxf4?! h5 33.Ke3 h4 34.gxh4 Ke8 35.Ne2 Rh7 36.Nf4 Rxh4 37.Rf1 Rgg4 38.Nc1 Na6 39.Na2 Nc7 40.Rdf2 Kf7? [40...b5! Diagram # Was the correct move! 41.Nc3 bxc4 42.bxc4 Ba6 43.Ra1 Rxf4 44.Rxf4 Rh3+ 45.Kd2 Rxh2-+] 41.Nc3 Na6?? As I held the Knight I saw the sacrifice coming . 42.Nxe4! fxe4 43.Ng2+ Kg6 44.Nxh4+ Rxh4 45.Rg2+ Kh6 46.Rf6+ 1-0

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By Senior TD Larry Cohen



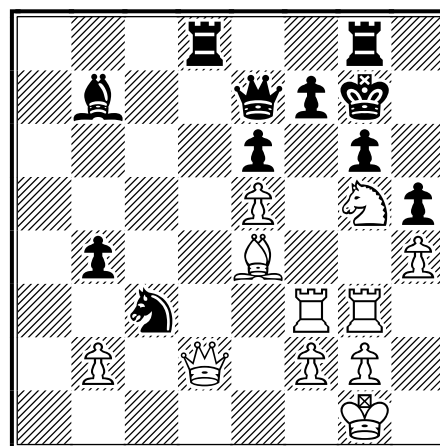
Larry Cohen

Being a TD means answering a lot of questions. "Where is the washroom? Where can I get a cup of coffee in the hotel? What are the eateries in the area?" Of course it involves a lot of chess work as well. The pairings may be computer-generated, but that doesn't stop people from asking questions about them. The most common questions are, "Why do I have two blacks in a row?" and "What does 'please wait' mean?" Sometimes there are unusual problems: the printer refuses to print; someone is paired with a reentered player for the second time. All of these happened at the 2005 Chicago Open. As anyone can understand, players sometimes become upset. This can and often does result in raised voices. Having this happen while 300 other people are trying to play chess quietly is not a good thing. At any tournament there is the usual and the unusual. Usual questions at any big tournament include, "How long do I have to wait for a 'no-show opponent' before I get a forfeit win? Also, how do I mark the result?" It's more unusual to be asked if a claim of "no losing chances" can be made, especially when the player had over 20 minutes remaining on his digital clock, and it was still only the first time control! And I hate being asked to set some clock I have never seen before. However, being a TD is not all hard work and solving problems. There are some perks. Although I can't win a four-figure payout, I don't spend three figures over the weekend, either. I do see some really nice chess and I get a modest payday. Finally, I do get copies of a number of the tournament games from the tournament. Here are two of the

games from the top board of the Open section of the 2005 Chicago Open.

(1) Milov, V (2695) - Fridman, D (2657) [D47]
Chicago Open (5), 29.05.2005
[Larry Cohen]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.e4 b4 10.Na4 c5 11.e5 Nd5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Nxc5 Bxc5 14.0-0 Qc7 15.Qe2 h6 16.Bd2 Qb6 17.Rac1 Rd8 18.Rc2 Be7 19.Rfc1 Kf8 20.Rc4 g6 21.h4 Kg7 22.Rg4 h5 23.Rg3 Bc5 24.Bg5 Be7 25.Qd2 Bxg5 26.Qxg5 Rdg8 27.Be4 Qd8 28.Qd2 Qe7 29.Rc4 Rd8 30.Rd4 a5 31.Ng5 Rhg8 32.a3 Rc8 33.axb4 axb4 34.Kh2 Rcd8 35.Kg1 Ba8 36.Rdd3 Bb7 37.Rdf3 Nc3 Diagram



Before you read any further, cover up the rest of the game and try to find White's best move. Now look to see what GM Milov actually played. I suspect that this may become a classical tactical position for future lessons. **38.Nxf7!! Rxd2** [39.Qh6 mate was threatened. If 38...Kf8 then 39.Nd6+; the discovered check leads to mate; Only 38...Qxf7 avoids mate, but after 39.Rxf7+ Kxf7 40.Qf4+ Black is lost; 40...Ke8 (if instead 40...Ke7 then 41.Qf6+ leads to mate)] **39.Rxg6+ Kh7 40.Rh6+ Kg7 41.Rh7+** [Black resigned, as after 41.Rh7+ Kf8 42.Nd6+ leads to mate] **1-0**

(2) Ehlvest, J (2693) - Milov, V (2695) [E94]
Chicago Open (6), 30.05.2005
[Larry Cohen]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0-0 Na6 8.Be3 Ng4 9.Bg5 Qe8 10.Re1 exd4 11.Nxd4 Qe5 12.Nf3 Qc5 13.Bh4 Be6 14.Nd2 Ne5 15.Rc1 Qb6 16.b3 Nb4 17.Nf1 Qa5 18.Qd2 Nec6 19.Na4 Nd4 20.Ne3 a6 21.Bd1 c5 22.f4 b5 23.Nc3 Nbc6 24.Bg4 f5 25.exf5 gxf5 26.Bh5 Rab8 27.h3 Kh8 28.Kh2 bxc4 29.Nxc4 Qc7 30.Ne3 d5 31.Qf2 Qd6 32.Na4 Rb5 33.Bg5 h6 34.Bh4 Nb4 35.Red1 Nxa2 36.Qxa2 Qxf4+ 37.Bg3 Qxe3 38.Nxc5 Nxb3

39.Nxe6 Nxc1 40.Qxa6 Rb6 41.Qxb6 Qxb6 42.Nxf8 Bxf8 43.Rxc1 Bd6 44.Bf3 44...Kg7 [After the game, the two GMs briefly looked at this position 44...Bxg3+ 45.Kxg3 they now preferred 45...Qe3, but I suggested 45...Qb8+! winning the rook. My comment was ignored, yet the White king has only two squares to choose from: f2 and h4, and both lose by force. 46.Kf2 (46.Kh4 Qf4+) 46...Qb2+] 45.Rd1 d4 46.Rd3 Bxg3+ 47.Kxg3 Qb2 48.Bd1 Kf6 49.Kf3 Qc1 50.Kf2 Qf4+ 51.Rf3 Qh4+ 52.Kf1 Ke5 53.Bc2 f4 54.Bd3 Kd5 55.Be2 Qg5 56.Kf2 Qe5 57.Kf1 Qb8 58.Kf2 h5 59.Kf1 draw agreed 1/2-1/2

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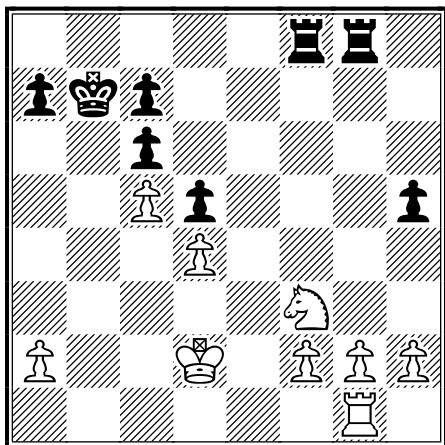
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Intermediate move.

By Ilya Korzhenevich

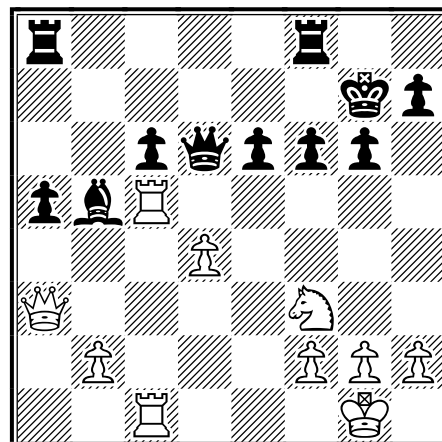
In this issue, we'll take a look at another dangerous tactical weapon – an intermediate move. The idea of an intermediate move is to delay a capture by playing another move first. The following elementary example should make the definition clear:



Black to move.

The reader's first impression might be that Black wins a piece with **1...Rxf3**. However, this move would be a blunder, since White can play **2.Rb1+** first, breaking the pin and winning the Exchange after **3.gxf3**.

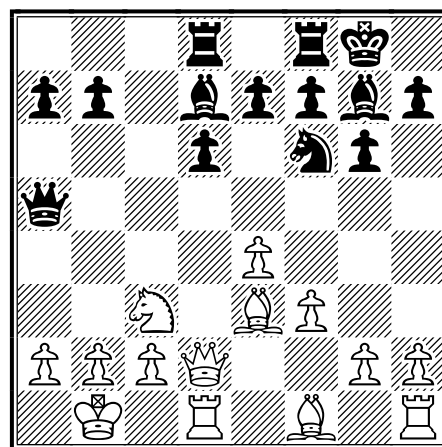
Intermediate moves can be used not only for thwarting the opponent's tactics, but also for one's own combinations:



White to move

It looks like Black has everything guarded, but White wins a piece by playing **1.Rxb5 Qxa3 2.Rb7+!** (intermediate move!) and **3.bxa3**.

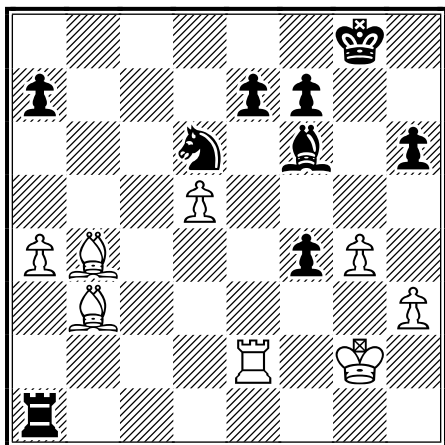
Below is a similar example, very typical for the Sicilian Dragon:



White to move

1.Nd5! Qxd2 2.Nxe7+ (intermediate move) Kh8 3.Rxd2, and White wins a pawn.

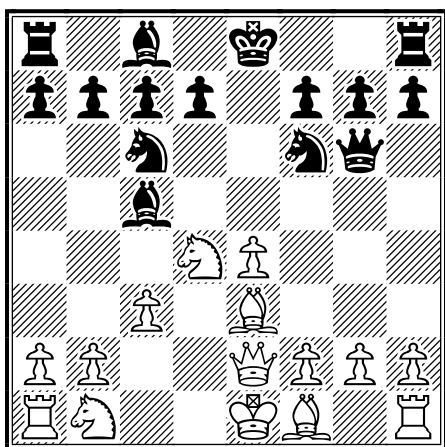
So far, our examples have been very straightforward. Here is a slightly trickier one:



Black to move:

It might seem that if Black skewers White's Bishops by playing **1...Rb1**, White can save material by playing **2.Bxd6**. Indeed, if Black captures either Bishop immediately, the other one escapes. However, Black *can* win both Bishops! The trick is to capture one of them with a check. Our old friend decoy helps out here: **2...f3+!** After the forced **3.Kxf3**, Black wins a piece.

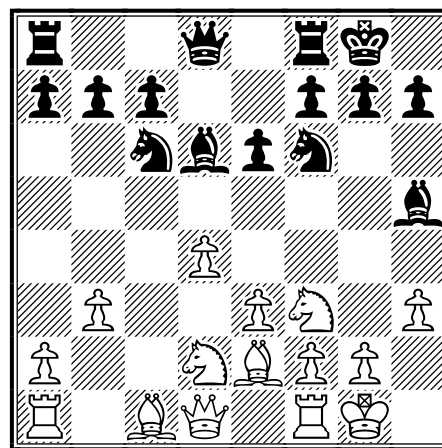
Sometimes, an intermediate move can be paired with another intermediate move and so on, leading to a series of intermediate moves by both sides, as in the following example:



White to move

Does **1.Nxc6** win material in this position? The only hope for Black is **1...Bxe3**. Now both White Knight and Black Bishop are under attack, so the immediate capture of the Bishop would lead to material equality. However, White can attempt to win the Bishop without losing the Knight by playing **2.Ne5** (intermediate move). Is the Bishop dead now? Not yet, since Black can play **2...Qg5**, attacking the Knight (another intermediate move!). However, White emerges victorious with **3.Nf3!** (yet another intermediate move!). After Black Queen moves away, White finally captures the Bishop.

Finally, let's take a look at a "desperado" combination. It occurs when a piece makes a series of intermediate moves, often landing on the squares where it could be captured:

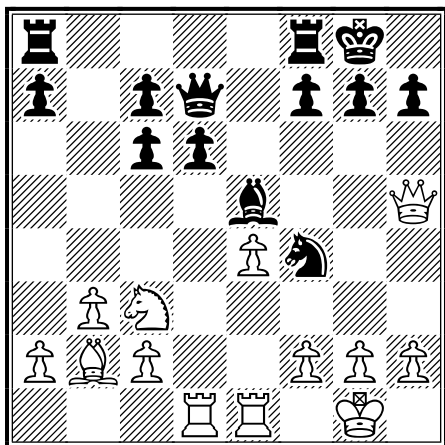


Black to move

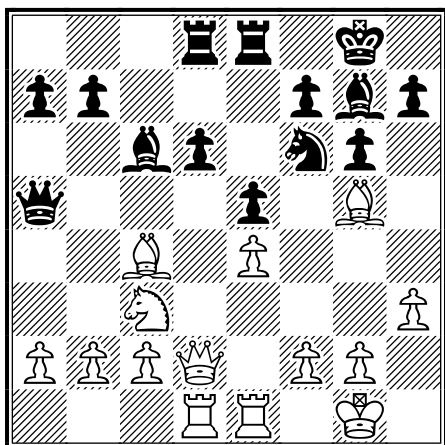
In this theoretical Queen's Gambit Accepted position, the liberating move **10...e5** does not work. Indeed, White can play **11.Nxe5! Bxe2** (if **11...Nxe5** or **Bxe5**, White wins a pawn with **Bxh5**) **12.Nxc6! Bxd1** **13. Nxd8** (an amazing career for a humble Knight!) **13...Bxb3** (Black's Bishop has also gone berserk) **14.Nxb7**, and White is a pawn up. Remarkably, White's Knight has escaped with his life!

Tactics

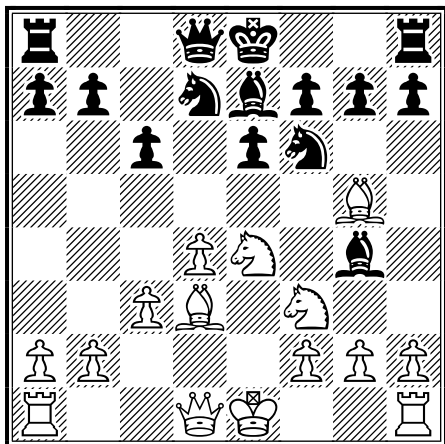
Now it's your turn to find a clever intermediate move to win material or to refute a tactic:



Is 1.Qxe5 a good move for White?



White to play and win material



Black to play and win a pawn

Solutions to the problems in the last issue:

Problem 1: 1.Ne7+! Qxe7 2.Qxh7+!! Kxh7 3.Rh5+ Kg8 4.Rh8#

Problem 2: 1.Rxb6! axb6 2.Nf6+ Kh8 3.Qd6+ Re7 4.Qd8+ Re8 6.Qxe8#

Problem 3: 1.Rc6+!! Bxc6 2.Nc5+ Ka5 3.Bc7#

If you have any questions or comments about this article, or if you would like to see a specific tactical theme covered in future issues, please feel free to email me at ilya@ChessScholars.com.



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Road Warrior

by Pete Karagianis

We were somewhere in Kansas, I remember, and I had just been woken up in a car-sleep, interstate haze and rushed into a Waffle House when Mike leaned quietly over the plastic menus and said, "We forgot our cowboy hats."

Quickly regaining my senses, I noticed just how accurate his statement was. For the Waffle House virgins among you, it works like this: you walk in and there is a long bar where everyone sits next to each other, then a few booths at the end for the anti-socials. Aside from the two women accompanying the four gents at the end of the counter, Mike, Tim and I were the only folks in the joint not sporting our ten-gallons and Snakeskins (that's "boots" for the colloquialism-challenged).

Of course, we had walked into the "local" Waffle House- you know, one of those custom jobs with the all-Hank Williams, all-the-time jukeboxes, special plaid-covered stools, mom-and-pop uniforms, and "house syrup" that's lumped in with the rest of the varieties and only used by the truly stout of heart.

It was much the same scene at the twenty-four hour IHOP in Stillwater, Oklahoma- Nascar promotions, derby chapeaus, colorful footwear... and had I been more awake, or rather less hungry, I would have made some comment to the effect of, "We really need to avoid these open-all-night, wheat-based breakfast domestic-labeled establishments," but, alas, such glib repartee was far beyond my capabilities at the time.

Not being the country music buff that I... um... should be, it would seem silly for me to drive some eight hours due south of Des Moines into the Middle America that all those John Cougar Mellencamp songs seem to be about just for a chess tournament, or even worse, a syrup-slathered meal. The oddness of the decision might then be magnified by the fact that a tournament of adequate size- namely, the Chicago

Open- was held the same weekend a short two hours from my residence.

Enter Frank Berry.

I met Frank for the first time in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 2003, in an over the board match. After hanging a piece, I proceeded to conjure a lucky mating attack out of nowhere, only to lose anyway by one or two tempi. He also directed both the 2003 and 2004 Lindsborg FIDE events I played in, which last year drew a slew of Grand Masters, including such world class competitors as Alexander Moiseenko and Kamil Milton. On several occasions, I have received e-mail notifications of Oklahoma tournaments organized and directed by Berry and his brother, James. More often than not, the e-mails are personal invitations, not blanket advertising.

In this instance, I suppose, I simply could not resist the classic Frank charm:

Pete:

Bring you and other Iowa fish... we'll put you up- for free. Blitz tournament Saturday night, too.

-Frank

The event, the North American FIDE Open, even offered free entry to all FIDE rated players. The concept was simple- get strong competition for the local players, and anyone with any OTB strength who showed up was guaranteed one FIDE rating norm. (To get a FIDE rating, one is required to play 2 FIDE events, versus four FIDE opponents in one and five in the other.) The entry for non-FIDE players was 40\$, fifty big ones if you procrastinated and paid at the door. The prize fund was a wonderfully inflated \$1000-900-800-700-600-500, with \$600 to be divided amongst each class, X-D. Needless to say, the Berry brothers weren't in it for the money, but to see some good chess and, more importantly, to have a good time.

We arrived in Stillwater Friday afternoon. Upon entering the tournament hall, located in the surprisingly upscale Holiday Inn Stillwater, we were greeted by a large banner, "Welcome Chess Champions!" and a wall collage of laminated chess articles, magazine covers, tournament results, signed scoresheets, and other memorabilia collected and preserved by the Berry's. We were also greeted by Frank's booming voice, "Now entering the tournament hall, Pete Karagianis, Tim McEntee, and Mike Parsons!" and a brief round of applause. (As we discovered, every player was so greeted- we even joined in the gallery of clappers for later arrivals.)

What drew me to the tournament, what impressed me the most, was epitomized in that first-day greeting: the atmosphere. Since "atmosphere" itself is an abstract term, let me throw a few facts at you number-crunchers out there to get your calculators working

to determine just how "fun", "competitive", and "enjoyable" the tournament mathematically was.

- 1) The event was 9 rounds long, with 2 rounds Friday, 2 Saturday, 3 on the marathon Sunday, and 2 more on Monday. There were 61 entrants at the start of the tournament. Of that, 51 of the fatigued combatants took part in Monday's final round- a staggering 83 %.
- 2) Between rounds 5 and 8, 14 of the 20 games on the top 5 boards were decisive. Of those games, the majority went well over 40 moves, even though there was no secondary time control.
- 3) Three new players received one FIDE rating norm. The average USCF rating of these players was 1940.

Every round, a large crowd gathered around the last few boards still fighting. The players were here to play chess because they enjoyed it- they were chess enthusiasts and competitors of the heartiest kind. My ninth round game with Movsisyan (included below) was the last game going of the tournament and a substantial crowd observed as we blitzed it out with less than 30 seconds each on a delay clock. It struck me that no one had simply packed up and left after their tournament was over- instead, they all wanted to see how it ended.

The event took on almost a story book character- everyone was everyone else's bitter enemy on the board, but best friend after the match. IM Stanislav Kriventsov, against whom I hung a piece in round five (doh!), laughed and analyzed the Brooks-Braunlich barn-burner with me in round six (neither of us could decide if it would be a win for Brooks or a draw. For the curious among you, it was a draw). The Open (and there was only one section, by the way) became more than a tournament, it became a weekend, a memory, something I will do absolute best to return to as often as I can.

I could relate any number of anecdotes to further my point- from GM Kudrin taking twenty minutes to go over his game with Tim despite having very little time before the next round, to Frank and Jim going the extra mile to get clock trophies for the individual class winners, to Chris Classen (one of the young up-and-comers who gained almost 30 rating points) bringing the remnants (and there were quite a few of them) of his sister's graduation cake for all to have on Sunday... but the one I will leave you with is this:

Saturday night the fourth round ended around 7 pm and the Berry's threw a pizza party for all the participants just before the blitz tournament got underway.

In the hotel lobby, several chess players had gathered around a ping-pong table (NM Michael Langer, it so happened, was quite the table-tennis expert). One of the pongers, a 1400-rated woodpusher from Kansas, was offering point-odds against him, under the condition that if you lost, you had to sign a scoresheet saying that he defeated you. I did not see one single player, from novice to master, decline his offer, myself included. The next day, he wore a grand smile on his face as he walked around the tournament room during the fifth and sixth rounds, and I found myself wondering, as I played Kriventsov, just how many scoresheets he had racked up, and if he had taken a scalp from my opponent as he had from me.

As it so happened, the extra-wide grin as he walked by our board told me all I needed to know.

(1) Karagianis,Pete (2259) - Movsisyan,Movses (2300) [D89]

NAO, 31.05.2005

[Karagianis]

192MB, Fritz8.ctg, ACROPOLIS 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 0-0 9.0-0 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Be3 Bg4 12.f3 Na5 13.Bd3 Be6 14.d5 Bxa1 15.Qxa1 f6 theory, theory, theory. 16.Bh6 Re8 17.Nf4 Bf7 not the standard move... Bd7 is more common. I did not play the recommended Kh1, and perhaps black is trying to take advantage of that. I could play Kh1 now, however, and transpose to main line with Black's bishop on f7 instead of h7. However, I got greedy. 18.e5 [18.Qb2 Qb6+ Fritz surprisingly evaluates this ending as equal. Trading queens, however, is definitely not in the spirit of the opening.] 18...g5!? on 18... Bxd5 I had intended 19. ef6 ef6 20. Nxd5 Qxd5 Qxf6. [18...Bxd5 19.exf6 exf6 20.Nxd5 Qxd5 21.Qxf6 Qc5+ 22.Kh1 Re7 23.Bxg6 hxg6 24.Qxg6+ Kh8 25.Bg5 Rf7 a strange line, where white probably has to take the perpetual.] 19.e6 gxf4 20.exf7+ Kxf7 21.Be4 I also considered Rd1, but this seems more to the point. Also, I want my rook on the e-file. 21...Qd6 22.Qe1 now a queen transfer to the Kingside is threatened, and black's play is forced. (22. ...Nc4? Qh4 and its difficult to see how black proceeds) 22...f5 23.Bxf5 Qxh6 24.Be6+ Kg7 25.Qxa5 Qf6 26.Qb4 I had envisioned this position. Objectively, black is better, but it's difficult to see how he should proceed. My queen controls the dark squares, and I have a target on f4. Moreover, white's bishop controls the c and g-files, and white will have time to generate play while black co-ordinates his pieces. 26...b6 27.Re1 Rad8 28.Re4 Rf8 29.Qe1 a5 30.Re5 White's pressure is mounting. Threatened is a bishop move followed by Rxe7+. 30...Kh8 31.Qe4 b5 32.h3 b4 33.Rh5 Fritz feels I have been irresponsible in allowing black's queenside pawns to advance. It's difficult to disagree, however I was playing with one goal: attack the king. 33...Qa1+ 34.Kh2 Qg7 35.Bf5 h6

36.Qxf4 Rd6 37.Qe3 Rdf6 38.Be6 a4 39.Rh4 Rg6 40.Qd2 A major slip- I saw that Qe2 would have been better, to not allow Qe5. **40...Rb8 41.f4** I needed the defense 41. Bf5, but after Qd2? it was not possible. f4 is an attempt to scrape together a defense. Both players are under one minute. **41...b3 42.axb3 axb3 43.Bf5 b2 44.Bb1 Rg8** A mistake! with less than 20 seconds to play black allows the removal of the dangerous pawn... it never hurts to get lucky... **45.Bxg6 Qxg6 46.Qxb2+ Kh7 47.Qf2 Qd3 48.Rh5 Rd8 49.Re5 Rd7 50.Qf3 Qb5** At this point I had 8 seconds on my clock, and the remaining moves have been lost to history and bad handwriting. Thanks to the delay, I did not flag, but traded queens instead and could not win the R+P ending with such little time. $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

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Illinois Kids Rock at SuperNationals

By Brad Rosen

Back in April of this year a sizeable contingent of talented young chess players from Illinois were among the 5230 participants who competed at the 2005 SuperNationals in Nashville, Tennessee. This was the largest scholastic chess tournament ever--- with players coming from 1300 schools and representing 48 states.

Not surprisingly, the young players from Illinois took home their fair share of the hardware and turned in some outstanding performances. However, there are a few performances worthy of special mention. In the K-9 Championship Division, standout Kevin Velazquez scored 5.0/7.0 and finished in 7th place while scoring victories over two of the strongest young players in the country, Michael Thaler (2103) of New York and Kasun Waidyaratne (2045) of Ohio. See Kevin's annotations of these games as part of this coverage.

In the K-5 Championship Section, Josh Dubin also had a sensational weekend, both at and away from the chessboard. At the opening ceremony, Josh was named to the Trophies Plus All American Chess Team, one of the highest honors a young US chess player can achieve. Josh, along with other team members, received an honorary red, white and blue windbreaker. Josh then proceeded to show why he deserved to wear it by going on to score 6.0/7.0 with 5 wins and 2 draws, including one with Christian Tanaka, the eventual Section champion.

In the Unrated Section, Ben Rothschild of Skokie, Illinois won the championship scoring a perfect 7.0/7.0, while leading his Niles North squad to the team championship as well. In the K-6 Blitz competition, Eric Rosen scored 8.0/8.0 and also brought home the 1st place trophy.

Other award winners from Illinois are as follows:

K-1 Championship: Bryce McClanahan (6 points – 10th place), Gurveer Singh (5.5 points – 21st place), Nirish Nuganswaren, Zach Holocek, and Elias Panamitrios (5 points each – honorable mention awards)

K-3 Championship: Kenton Steffens, Alexander Su, and George Ruan each had 5 points and received honorable mention awards.

K-5 Championship: Aakash Meduri (6 points – 10th place), Adarsh Jayakumar (5.5 points – 20th place), Aaron Lebow (4.5 points, Under 1200 class award)

K-6 Championship: Jason Chien and Eric Rosen each had 5 points and received honorable mention awards. Stephen Phan (4.5 points, Under 1400 class award)

K-8 Championship: Ilan Meerovich (5 points – 20th place), Gordon Ruan (5 points – 21st place), Joey Fishman (5 points – honorable mention), Mudrek Goderya (4.5 points – U1600 class award) and Jonathan Star (4.5 points – U1400 class award).

K-9 Championship: Tony Cao (5 points – 8th place), Frankie Swindell (4.5 points – 21st place), Bryon Chen (4.5 points – 24th place) and Dan McNally (4.5 points – honorable mention).

K-12 Championship: Patrick Lacey (5.5 points – 11th place) and Adm Strunk (5 points – 25th place).

K-3 Under 800: Andrew Bates (5.5 points – 25th place), Austin Kemp, Henry McDonald, Christian Kemp and Aaron Clarke each scored 5 points and earned honorable mention awards.

K-6 Under 1000: Partha Nookala (5 points – honorable mention).

K-8 Under 1250: Tyler Lerner (6 points – 5th place), Christopher Brezinski (5.5 points – 12th place), Jimmie Brezinski and Curtis Van Pettan each scored 5 points and earned honorable mention awards).

K-8 Under 1000: John Wollney (5 points – 25th place), John Stanley and Jayanth Madheswaren each scored 5 points and earned honorable mention awards.

K-8 Under 750: Akhilendra Vohra (5.5 points – 8th place).

K-12 Under 1500: Mases Hagopian and Zach Samples each scored 5 points and earned honorable mention awards.

K-12 Under 1200: Marshall Britton (6 points – 5th place), Scott Ripperda and Alex Strunk each scored 5 points and earned honorable mention awards.

K-12 Under 900: Drew Devore (6 points – 7th place).

K-12 Unrated: Joseph Liu (6.5 points – 2nd place), Rasesh Patel (6 points – 6th place), Igor Fortel (5 points – 24th place).

K-6 Blitz: Michael Auger (7.5 points – 6th place) and Aakash Meduri (7 points – 10th place).

IL Kids Rock at SuperNationals

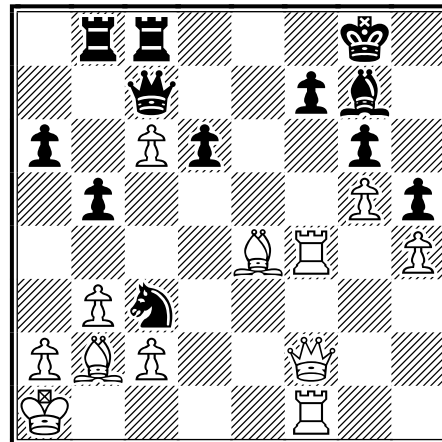
K-8 Blitz: Ilan Meerovich (7.5 points – 9th place)

And from the SuperNationals in Nashville, Tennessee, that's the way it was.

(1) Michael Thaler 2150 - on the - Kevin Velazquez 1835 - Chris Merli

Supernationals III TN (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Black chooses the popular Najdorf Sicillian. This is a heavily analyzed system and requires both sides to be up on the latest theories. **5...a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.f3 Qc7 9.g4** Up to this point white has had the luxury of a choice as to which side of the board he would attack. This move firmly establishes his plan. White will castle queenside and play for the kingside attack while black will counter with an attack of his own on the queenside. **9...h6 10.Qd2 Be6 11.0-0-0 Nbd7 12.h4 b5 13.Kb1 Nb6 14.Qf2 ?!** In a race to the opponent's king it is important to constantly strive to further your own attack while spending only minimal effort to slow the opponent's plans. [14.Rg1 and Both; 14.Qg2 seem more consistent with white's attack.] **14...Rb8 15.Bd3 Nfd7 16.Qg3** Perhaps not an error so much as confirmation of reason Qf2 was not best. Notice how white ends up using 3 moves to get his pieces to squares that should have taken two. **16...Nc4 17.Bc1 Ndb6 18.g5 h5 19.Rdf1 Na4 ?!** This has only one point and if the white knight moves then black has wasted time. **20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.exd5 Nab6 22.Be4** [22.g6 %05White can strike more quickly with the immediate g6. 22...f6 23.Qh3 Nxd5 24.Qe6 Nde3 25.Re1] **22...g6 23.f4 exf4 24.Rxf4 0-0 25.Nd4 Ne5 26.b3 ?!** White creates unnecessary weaknesses in the queenside. Instead he should continue to build pressure with Rhf1. **26...Na4 ?** Black vastly overestimates the strength of the attack. White's pieces are much better placed and will easily be able to defend. **27.Nc6 ?** [27.bxa4 bxa4+ 28.Ka1 White has 4 pieces involved in the defense while black can barely muster 3 for an attack. The white pieces also have excellent control of access points to the queenside as well as a serious counter attack on the kingside.] **27...Rfc8 28.Rhf1 Bf8 29.Qf2 ?** white gets too anxious and his earlier mistake comes back to haunt him. [29.Bd2] **29...Nc3+ 30.Ka1 Bg7 ?!** [30...Nxc6 ! By eliminating the white knight first Black makes the Bg2 threat decisive.] **31.Bb2 ?** [31.Nd4 White needs to use every resource to block the long diagonal.] **31...Nxc6 32.dxc6** Diagram



? A final mistake but white may already be lost. [32.Rxf7 Nxe4 33.Qf4 Bxb2+ 34.Kxb2 Qb6 35.Qxe4] **32...Qa5 33.a4 bxa4 34.Rf5 Qb4 ?** Unnecessary as capturing the rook leads to a simple %04win. **35.Rxf7 Bd4 36.Qf3 ?!** White can hardly be blamed for this mistake. [36.Rf6 %05The computer finds an amazing drawing resource. 36...Bxf2 37.Rxg6+ Kf8 38.Rxf2+ Ke7 39.Rff6 Nxe4 40.Rg7+ Ke8 41.Rg8+] **36...axb3 37.Bxc3 Bxc3+ 38.Kb1 bxc2+ 39.Kxc2 Qb2+ 40.Kd3 Qd2+ 41.Kc4 Qd4# 0-1**

(2) Kasun Waidyaratne 2100 Kevin Velazquez

Supernationals III TN (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.Be3 Be6 9.g4 h6 10.Rg1 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.Qd2 Bc6 14.0-0-0 Nd7 15.Na5 Rc8 16.f3 Qc7 17.g5 Ba4 18.Nb3 hxg5 19.Bxg5 Bb4 20.c3 Nc5 21.Kb1 Nxb3 22.axb3 Bxb3 23.cxb4 Bc2+ 24.Ka2 f6 25.Be3 Bxd1 26.Rxd1 Rd8 27.Bd3 e4 28.fxe4 Rxh2 29.Bf2 Qd7 30.e5 Qxd3 31.Qxd3 Rxd3 32.Rxd3 Rxf2 33.exf6 gxf6 34.Rc3 Kd7 0-1

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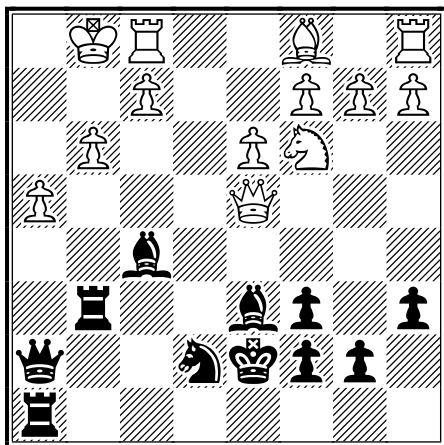
In the May June edition of the Illinois Chess Bulletin, it should be noted that Jon Burgess notated the game on page 32 between Alex Malecki and Josh Dubin. Josh Dubin should be credited with the win in that game, but not its annotation as is erroneously stated.



Pete Karagianis Wins 2005 Bloomington May Open; Phil Jarrette, Wayne Zimmerle tie for 2nd

by Dennis Bourgerie

Surya Kopula 1689



Pete Karagianis 2190

In round 4, Pete used the open and half-open h, g, f, e and d files to win against Surya Kopula and finish 1st with a 4-0 score.

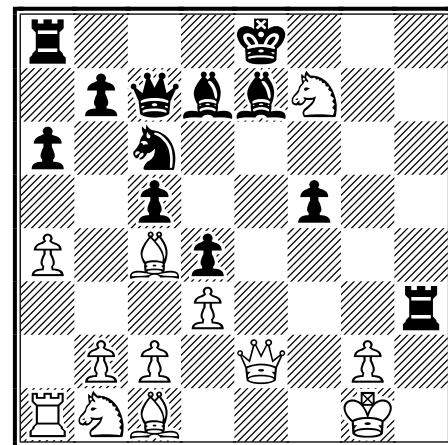
19...Rg4 20.Qxg4

(20. Qf6 Ng8 [20. Qe3 Qxh4])

Bxg4 21.Ne4 Qg6 22.Bg5 Kc8 23.Rfe1 Nf5 24.Nxd6+ Qxd6 25.Bf4 Qg6 26.Re5 Nd4 and White resigned 0-1



Wayne Zimmerle 1718



Jon Burgess 2242

Wayne has just played 18...Rxh3, demolishing the pawn structure of the White king and went on to win this game and tie for 2nd with Phil Jarrette at 3.5-0.5.

19.gxh3 Qg3+ 20.Kf1 f4 21.Qf2 Bxh3+ 22.Ke2 Bg4+ 23.Ke1 Qh3 24.Nd6+ Bxd6 25.Bxf4 Qh1+ 26.Kd2 Qd1# # 0-1

2005 Bloomington Open



Jon Burgess

The top finishers were as follows:

1st: Pete Karagianis (2190)—4-0;
2nd: Phil Jarrette (1812) and Wayne Zimmerle (1718)—3.5-0.5;
Under 1600: Rudy Padilla (1591) and Chuck Giertz (1507) with 2.5-1.5;
Under 1200: Steve Wakeman (959)---2.0-2.0;
Best unrated: Bruce Michel---2.0-2.0.



Steve Wakeman

When I first met Steve Wakeman, he was about 5 feet, 4 inches tall and was a freshman. Today, he is about 6 feet, 1 inch and is finishing high school at Illinois

Math and Science Academy, where he plays on the chess team that finished in 3rd place at the state tournament.

Steve won the upset prize in round 1 and then had the biggest upset in round 2 also, defeating Matthew Waller (1693) and then Ivan Wijetunge (1764) respectively. In round 3, he had Wayne Zimmerle (1718) in trouble before succumbing and in round 4, he was the exchange ahead against Rudy Padilla (1591), but Rudy managed to win the game nevertheless. This was a fine tournament performance by Steve.



Laszlo Naszodi & Rod Fett

I directed the 34 player tournament with assistance from Colley Kitson, Seth Chiles and Mark Nibbelin. Thank you to State Farm Employees Chess Club & State Farm Insurance Company for providing the facilities.



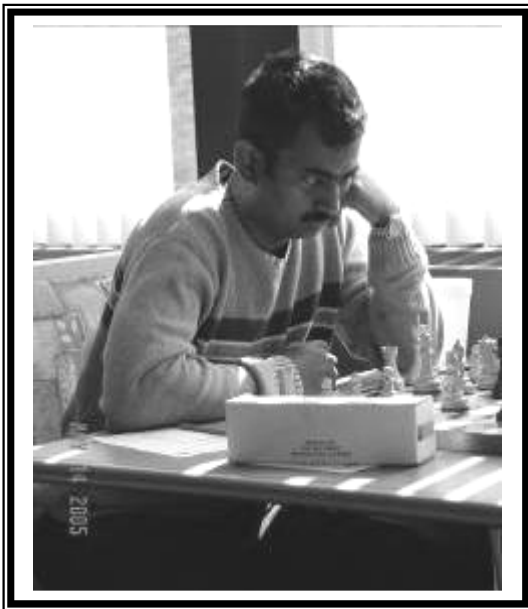
Seth Chiles



Phil Jerrette



Kyle Miles



Surya Kopula



Rudy Padilla



Dylan Johnson

This tournament also has a quite interesting postscript: several players who participated in this tournament went on to play in the HB Global Chess Challenge Tournament and the Chicago Open. Three did exceptionally well: **David Long (1985)** of Springfield took 1st place in the Under 2000 section of the Chicago Open with 6 from 7; **Ivan Wijetunge (1764)** (from Wisconsin) finished in 4th place in the Under 1800 section at the HB Global Challenge with 7.5 from 9 and in 10th place at the Chicago Open (Under 1800) with 5 from 7; **Sababreesh Krishnamoorthy (1394)** of Bloomington finished in 7th place (Under 1400) at the HB Global Challenge with 7 from 9. Congratulations to all!

The End

2005 Bloomington May Open

No.	Name	Pts	Rate	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4
1	Karagianis, Pete D	4.0	2190	W14	W6	W15	W4
2	Zimmerle, R Wayne	3.5	1718	-H-	W12	W13	W9
3	Jarrette, Phil	3.5	1812	-H-	W32	W11	W10
4	Kopula, Suryaprakash	3.0	1689	W30	W16	W5	L1
5	Long, David	3.0	1985	W24	W7	L4	W15
6	Bonwell, Jonathan	3.0	1667	W33	L1	W24	W18
7	Kanniah, Suresh	3.0	1600	W23	L5	W16	W17
8	Waller, Matthew W.	3.0	1693	L13	W21	W27	W14
9	Burgess, Jon L	2.5	2242	W27	W19	D10	L2
10	Parsons jr, Michael	2.5	1737	W21	W25	D9	L3
11	Padilla, Rudy R	2.5	1591	-H-	W34	L3	W13
12	Giertz, Charles	2.5	1507	-H-	L2	W31	W22
13	Wakeman, Steven M	2.0	959	W8	W17	L2	L11
14	Naszodi, Laszlo	2.0	1444	L1	W26	W19	L8
15	Chien, Jason W	2.0	1636	W29	W18	L1	L5
16	Michel, Bruce W	2.0	W20	L4	L7	W33	
17	Wijetunge, Ivan	2.0	1764	W31	L13	W20	L7
18	Miles, Kyle	2.0	1783	W34	L15	W22	L6
19	Fett, Roddney	2.0	1640	W26	L9	L14	W25
20	Helm, Bret	2.0	1534	L16	W33	L17	W26
21	Nibbelin, Mark L.	1.5	999	L10	L8	W29	-H-
22	Johnson, Dylan	1.5	1176	-H-	W29	L18	L12
23	Frank, Brian	1.5	L7	L24	W33	-H-	
24	Krishnamoorthy, Sabareesh	1.0	1394	L5	W23	L6	-U-
25	Kitson, Michaela M	1.0	230	-B-	L10	L28	L19
26	Codding, Doug L	1.0	861	L19	L14	W30	L20
27	Chiles, Seth D	1.0	1526	L9	W30	L8	-U-
28	Bourgerie, Dennis	1.0	1700	-U-	-U-	W25	-U-
29	Frank, Cassia K	0.5	761	L15	L22	L21	-H-
30	Frank, Cole B	0.5	930	L4	L27	L26	-H-
31	McCarron, Joe	0.5	1166	L17	-H-	L12	-U-
32	Kitson, Colley Eri	0.5	1476	-H-	L3	-U-	-U-
33	Kitson, Jason E	0.0	880	L6	L20	L23	L16
34	Terlizzi, Calvin J	0.0	1386	L18	L11	-U-	-U-



Cassia Frank, Jason Kitson, & Michaela Kitson

St. Charles Chess Club

By Dan Pradt

April 14 All games were Fischer Random. The opening setup, chosen by computer was BNNQRKRB, not bad for those who like fianchettoes. Nobody castled Queenside, some did not castle. There were some fresh and unusual tactical situations, including Matt Pivovitz' smothered mate on me in 18 moves. Nobody really hated the idea, and quite a few liked the novelty, so we will have Fischer Random back next year (for one session).

May 6 marked the final week of the Chicago Chess League season. St. Charles tied with Lucent Tyros in the regular season of the Far West Division, St Charles record 7-1-2 and Lucent 8-2-0. So it may have been fitting that St. Charles and Lucent emerged as co-champs in the three round play-offs both 2.5-0.5. St. Charles drew its' first round match, beat GetCo 4-2 in the second round and Argonne Knights 4-2 in the third, while the Lucent Knights drew the last round. Joe Splinter led the charge in the final rounds by winning games in 13 and 19 moves. Mainstays of the team during the season were Jim Marshall, Joe Splinter, Jeff Wiewel, Paul, Jesse and Jeremiah Freidel, Clive Hutchby, and Wally Alberts. Over 30 members played in at least one match.

May 26 Our game 10 tournament drew 34 players, and a strong field at the top. Second ranked Jeff Wiewel (QR1904) was upset in the second round by Jeremiah Freidel (1610), but the other leaders went through three rounds unbeaten. In round 4, Jim Marshall (2051) and last year's 10 minute champ, Paul Raso (1774) collided. Marshall played the Black side of a Naidorf, which just seemed to get more complicated as time got less. With less than 40 seconds for each player, Jim was pressing an endgame advantage vigorously. Paul managed to win material, unfortunately just before his flag fell. In the fifth round Jim and Joe Splinter (1829) played even for 7 minutes. Jim again prevailed in the final time scramble, taking the point and the title, 5-0. At second through fifth were Wiewel, Splinter, Raso, and Jesse Freidel (1662), all 4-1. The lone 3.5 pointer was Rudy Padilla (1428).

Rockford Membership Drive Tournament

By Joe Guth, Rockford Chess Association

The first ICA Membership drive was held in Rockford as a part of our 2nd Saturday May Open. We had a good event! There were 18 players who showed up and one "House-Man" for those odd player rounds.

The ICA got revenue from 19 one-year memberships, both new and renewals. This proves once again that chess can be played for the love of the game (though a few were preparing for much bigger events).

1st Place Trophy	Healy 3.5/4
2nd Place Trophy	Black 3.5/4
(Dave was only a 1386, not anymore!!)	

Medals to:	
Jaconette	Class B
V. Glispie	Class C
W. Glispie	Class D
Adams	Class E and below

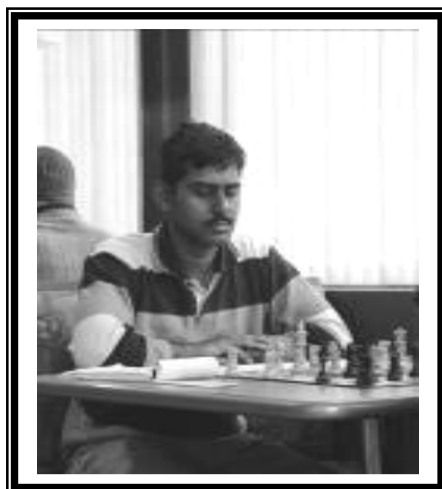
Everyone walked away with a one-year membership to the ICA!

Ratings ranged from 1080 to 1740. It turned out to be a nice Swiss event.

We will have our second annual ICA Membership drive in May of 2006. I would encourage areas which have lean numbers of ICA members to try such an event.

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Suresh Kanniah Wins April Tournament



By David Long

Fourteen chess players plus two housemen participated in the April 16 Springfield tournament. This tournament restored the usual G/80 time limit. Suresh Kanniah, of Bloomington, swept the tournament with a perfect score of 4-0, and took first place overall.

There was a three-way tie for second, which included the A-B prize and the unrated prize. Dennis Bourgerie, of Normal; Bruce Michel, of Stonington; and Richard Kujoth, of Jacksonville, each scored 3 points.

David Bononi, of Springfield, won the C-D prize with 2.5 points, while the E-and-under prize was shared between Peyton Russell House, of Edwardsville, and David Wiedman, of Effingham. They each scored 1 point.

Complete results below.

Rank	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Suresh Kanniah	1600	W12	W6	W2	W7	4.0
2	Richard Kujoth	1900	W8	W10	L1	W9	3.0
3	Dennis Bourgerie	1700	W9	D7	W5	Half	3.0
4	Bruce Michel	unr.	L5	W13	W-Z	W8	3.0
5	David Bononi	1417	W4	D-H	L3	W11	2.5
6	Gary Blickhan	1687	Fwin	L1	D7	Half	2.0
7	John Renze	1605	W11	D3	D6	L1	2.0
8	Laszlo Naszodi	1400	L2	W12	W10	L4	2.0
9	Raymond Boske	1370	L3	W11	W12	L2	2.0
10	Greg Moses	1680	W13	L2	L8	L-H	1.0
11	David Wiedman	934	L7	L9	W13	L5	1.0
12	Peyton Russell House	705	L1	L8	L9	W13	1.0
13	Richard Karpes	1014	L10	L4	L11	L12	0.0
14	Robert Soucie	1272	Forfeit	--	--	--	0.0
H	Tom Knoedler	1591	--	D5	--	W10	1.5
Z	Leonard Ferguson	1648	--	--	L4	--	0.0

Tour Standings as of May 31, 2005. The following tournaments are included in the calculations: Tax Relief Open 16-Apr-05; 1st Annual Illinois Classic April 23-24; Des Plaines Open 30-Apr-05; Peoria Spring Tornado 30-Apr-05; Rockford Second Saturday Open 14-May-05. Tour points for the Chicago Open were not available as of May 31. In order to be eligible for Tour prizes, players must be ICA members and must compete in three or more ICA Tour events. Players competing in less than three events are indicated by parenthetical.

MASTER TOUR POINTS:

14.0	BURGESS, JON L	
14.0	KARAGIANIS, PETE D	(1)
7.5	JARRETTE, PHIL	(1)
7.5	ROSEN, ERIC S	(2)
7.5	STAMNOV, ALEKSANDA	(1)
7.5	SZPISJAK, STEVEN J	(2)
7.5	ZIMMERLE, R WAYNE	(2)
7.0	CAVENEY, GEOFFREY	(1)
7.0	GUREVICH, DMITRY	(1)
6.5	NORDAHL, DAVID	(2)

EXPERT TOUR POINTS:

14.0	KARAGIANIS, PETE D	(1)
11.5	KOPULA, SURYAPRAKA	
10.0	ZIMMERLE, R WAYNE	(2)
8.5	ALLSBROOK, FRED S	(2)
8.0	LONG, DAVID	(2)
7.5	JARRETTE, PHIL	(1)
7.5	ROSEN, ERIC S	(2)
7.0	CAVENEY, GEOFFREY	(1)
7.0	LUNG, RICHARD E	(1)
7.0	PEKOVIC, JUSUF	(1)

CLASS A TOUR POINTS:

18.0	KANNIAH, SURESH	
15.0	CAVITT, DEXTER	(1)
12.0	BUKY, JOHN P	(2)
11.5	KOPULA, SURYAPRAKA	
10.0	ZIMMERLE, R WAYNE	(2)
8.5	MC NALLY, DANIEL M	(2)
8.0	GREGORY, JAMMIE	(1)
8.0	LONG, DAVID	(2)
8.0	MALONEY, MICHAEL A	(1)
8.0	MEEROVICH, ILAN	(2)
8.0	RUAN, GORDON J	(1)

CLASS B TOUR POINTS:

26.0	KANNIAH, SURESH	
17.5	KOPULA, SURYAPRAKA	
17.0	APPLEBAUM, ANDY F	(2)
16.0	DUBIN, JOSHUA	(2)
15.0	BONWELL, JONATHAN	
15.0	CHEN, BYRON H	(1)
14.5	ROSEN, ERIC S	(2)
14.0	CEN, KENT Y	(1)
12.0	DZANANOVIC, MUHAME	
10.0	ZIMMERLE, R WAYNE	(2)

CLASS C TOUR POINTS:

15.0	GALLIFORD, CHRIS	(1)
15.0	SEJKO, TEME	(1)
8.0	JAYAKUMAR, ADARSH	(1)
8.0	SCHMAKEL, SAM A	(2)
8.0	SUMMERS, TODD M	(1)
7.5	BLACK, DAVID E	(1)
7.0	DOS SANTOS, NICOLA	(1)
7.0	JOHNSON, YULIYA	(1)
7.0	MEDURI, AAKAASH	(1)
6.5	HU SR, YAODI	(2)

CLASS D TOUR POINTS:

15.0	ERICKSON, DAVID R	(1)
10.0	FULLER, RAY	(1)
10.0	MEDINA, STEVEN A	(2)
8.0	BRIDLE, NICK S	(1)
8.0	DATLA, SIDDARTH S	(1)
8.0	JAYAKUMAR, ADARSH	(1)
7.5	BLACK, DAVID E	(1)
7.5	MEDINA, JAMES M	(2)
7.0	CHARLESTON, NEAL J	(1)
7.0	DATLA, SAMEER S V	(1)
7.0	MUSIC, ADEM	(2)

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CLASS E TOUR POINTS:

8.0	BRIDLE,NICK S	(1)
7.5	MEDINA,JAMES M	(2)
6.0	DICKINSON,TRAVIS	(1)
5.0	LOPEZ,EUGENE C	(1)
4.0	GATTO,CHRISTOPHER	(1)
3.0	JURGENSEN,ALAN S	(1)
2.0	HU,YAODI	(2)
2.0	WAKEMAN,STEVEN M	(1)
2.0	WIDELKA,MALGORZAT	(1)
2.0	WILLIS,MATTHEW J	(1)

MASTER EX-URBAN TOUR POINTS:

28.0	KARAGIANIS,PETE D	(1)
15.0	JARRETTE,PHIL	(1)
15.0	ZIMMERLE,R WAYNE	(2)
8.0	BONWELL,JONATHAN	
8.0	KANNIAH,SURESH	
8.0	KOPULA,SURYAPRAKA	
8.0	LONG,DAVID	(2)
5.0	BURGESS,JON L	
5.0	GIERTZ,CHARLES E	(1)
5.0	PADILLA,RUDY R	(1)

EXPERT EX-URBAN TOUR POINTS:

28.0	KARAGIANIS,PETE D	(1)
23.0	KOPULA,SURYAPRAKA	
20.0	ZIMMERLE,R WAYNE	(2)
16.0	LONG,DAVID	(2)
15.0	JARRETTE,PHIL	(1)
10.0	BONWELL,JONATHAN	
8.0	CHIEN,JASON W	(2)
8.0	CREMEENS,MATTHEW	(1)
8.0	KANNIAH,SURESH	
7.0	BOURGERIE,DENNIS	

CLASS A EX-URBAN TOUR POINTS:

36.0	KANNIAH,SURESH	
23.0	KOPULA,SURYAPRAKA	
20.0	ZIMMERLE,R WAYNE	(2)
16.0	LONG,DAVID	(2)
15.0	BOURGERIE,DENNIS	
15.0	JARRETTE,PHIL	(1)
10.0	BONWELL,JONATHAN	
10.0	NASZODI,LASZLO	
9.0	RENZE,JOHN D	(2)

CLASS B EX-URBAN TOUR POINTS:

36.0	KANNIAH,SURESH	
23.0	KOPULA,SURYAPRAKA	
20.0	ZIMMERLE,R WAYNE	(2)
15.0	BLACK,DAVID E	(1)
15.0	BOURGERIE,DENNIS	
15.0	HEALY,JAMES D	(1)
10.0	BONWELL,JONATHAN	
10.0	NASZODI,LASZLO	
9.0	RENZE,JOHN D	(2)
8.0	BOSKE JR,RAYMOND	(2)
8.0	CHIEN,JASON W	(2)
8.0	CREMEENS,MATTHEW	(1)
8.0	JACONETTE,RICK L	(2)

CLASS C EX-URBAN TOUR POINTS:

15.0	BLACK,DAVID E	(1)
10.0	NASZODI,LASZLO	
8.0	BOSKE JR,RAYMOND	(2)
8.0	CREMEENS,MATTHEW	(1)
6.0	KRISHNAMOORTHY,SA	(2)
5.0	BONONI,DAVID H	(1)
5.0	GIERTZ,CHARLES E	(1)
5.0	GLISPIE,VINCENT	(1)
5.0	GLISPIE,WILLIE	(1)
5.0	HELLER,MICHAEL L	(1)
5.0	HU SR,YAODI	(2)
5.0	KNOEDLER,THOMAS B	(1)
5.0	KOSTERIS,DIMITRIO	(2)
5.0	PADILLA,RUDY R	(1)

CLASS D EX-URBAN TOUR POINTS:

15.0	BLACK,DAVID E	(1)
8.0	BOSKE JR,RAYMOND	(2)
6.0	KRISHNAMOORTHY,SA	(2)
5.0	GLISPIE,VINCENT	(1)
5.0	HELLER,MICHAEL L	(1)
4.0	BROWN,JOHN R	(1)
4.0	SCHAEFFER,JOHN D	(1)
4.0	WAKEMAN,STEVEN M	(1)
4.0	WILLIS,MATTHEW J	(1)
3.0	ADAMS,CLIFFORD L	(1)

CLASS E EX-URBAN TOUR POINTS:

4.0	WAKEMAN,STEVEN M	(1)
4.0	WILLIS,MATTHEW J	(1)
3.0	ADAMS,CLIFFORD L	(1)
3.0	JOHNSON,DYLAN C	(1)
3.0	NIBBELIN,MARK L	(1)

June 25, 2005 Bloomington/Normal Summer Scholastic Chess *Unrated Scholastic* Northside Church of Christ, Bloomington. 1908 Towanda Barnes Road. Registration 8:00 am to 8:30 am. Should finish before noon. Rounds: G/20 beginning at 9:00 am with following rounds ASAP. Sections: U600, U1000, OPEN (players may play up 1 section). Cost: \$3.00 per player. Awards: Medals: 1st – 3rd place, ribbons to all others. Email intention to play to Mark Nibbelin - marknibb@verizon.net Registration limited to 1st 60 players

July 9, 2005 Bloomington/Normal Summer Scholastic Chess *Unrated Scholastic* Northside Church of Christ, Bloomington. 1908 Towanda Barnes Road. Registration 8:00 am to 8:30 am. Should finish before noon. Rounds: G/20 beginning at 9:00 am with following rounds ASAP. Sections: U600, U1000, OPEN (players may play up 1 section). Cost: \$3.00 per player. Awards: Medals: 1st – 3rd place, ribbons to all others. Email intention to play to Mark Nibbelin - marknibb@verizon.net Registration limited to 1st 60 players

July 16, 2005 Tuley Park Quick (Bigger) 6-SS, rds 1-6 G/18 (or G/16+3sec). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$14, u19 \$7, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$G 330: \$80-50-35, 1899-1650 \$40, 1649-1400 \$35, 1399-1150 \$30, 1149-900 \$25, 899-100 \$20, Unrated \$15. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, Tuley Chess Website - <http://www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57/>

July 16, 2005. McHenry Area Chess Holiday Inn Hotel, 495 Airport Road, Elgin, IL 60123 (By I-90 and Rt 31). Four round Swiss. G/60 Reg 8:30 AM. Rds 9:30, 11:35, 2:15, 4:20. Prizes: Based on entries. Typical for a thirty player event is \$70 first, \$55 second, \$40 third, \$30 Under 1500, \$10 biggest upset Win. EF: only \$10. For more info, call Bob at 815-459-4856 or visit our website at www.McHenryAreaChess.org.

July 23, 2005 Bloomington/Normal Summer Scholastic Chess *Unrated Scholastic* Northside Church of Christ, Bloomington. 1908 Towanda Barnes Road. Registration 8:00 am to 8:30 am. Should finish before noon. Rounds: G/20 begin-

ning at 9:00 am with following rounds ASAP. Sections: U600, U1000, OPEN (players may play up 1 section). Cost: \$3.00 per player. Awards: Medals: 1st – 3rd place, ribbons to all others. Email intention to play to Mark Nibbelin - marknibb@verizon.net Registration limited to 1st 60 players

July 30, 2005 TTCCOM July Quick Open. 5SS, Game/15. Reg: 2:30 to 3:00pm, Round 1 at 3:15. Sheraton Chicago Northwest, 3400 W. Euclid, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. See front desk clerk or doorman for directions to tournament. EF: \$20 at site. Prizes: 80% of EFs distributed based on entries. Prizes will be posted before round 1 is paired. Any player may elect to take a refund and withdraw before round 1 is paired. Info: 815-467-2775 contact Bradley Watts - Bradley-SWatts@sbcglobal.net

July 30 Illinois State Rapid Championship. ICA Mini Tour Event. Rockford College Roper Center, 5050 E State Street, Rockford 61108. EF \$20 if rec'd by 07/23, \$25 at site. 7 SS.G/10. Rd 1 starts 15 minutes after the last Saturday rd of the FCO. Cash prizes: 70% of EF's = prize fund. 1st place = 15% of prize fund (**plus \$100 Guaranteed**), 2nd = 14%, 1st expert, A, B, C, D, E = 6%, best Unrated = 5%. Ent: (Check Payable to) Rockford Chess Association 2764 Panorama Drive, Rockford, IL. 61109.

July 30, 2005 U.S. Action G/30 Championship 7SS, Holiday Inn Express, 411 S. Larkin Ave., Joliet, IL 60436, 800-465-4329. HR: \$65. EF: (cash-checks, no cr. cards) \$60 (\$110 if entering both G/30 & G/15 events), \$50 for Scholastic players (\$100 if entering both events). Reg: 8:00-9:45am. Rds: 10, 11:15, 1:15, 2:30, 5, 6:15, 7:30. No byes for rounds 5-7. Prize fund based on 100 entries, Master/Expert \$500-325-250-200-150, Class A \$325-225-150-75, Class B \$250-200-150-75, Class C \$200-150-125-75, Class D \$200-150-100-75, Class E \$150-100-75-60, Unrated \$75-50 book prize. USCF memb. req'd. Early entries please mail by 7/22 to: Dennis Doyle, 536 Springwood Dr., Joliet, IL 60431. for master simul/lecture information held on Fri. 7-29th <http://www.ijc.edu/clubs/chess>

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July 30-31 Forest City Open. An ICA Mini-Tour and Ex-Urban Tour Event. Rockford College Roper Center, 5050 E State Street, Rockford 61108. EF \$40 if rec'd by 07/23, \$50 at site. Reg: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Strict. No checks at site.

USCF/ICA memb required. Out of state players require home state membership or must join ICA. TD reserves right to accelerate pairings if conditions warrant. Ent: (Check Payable to) Rockford Chess Association 2764 Panorama Drive, Rockford, IL. 61109. www.ROCKFORDCHESS.org

.Questions: 815-399-4303. Email:

ChessXpert_2000@yahoo.com. Advance entries posted at www.ilchess.org. BRING CLOCKS

- NONE PROVIDED. NO SMOKING. TD Gary Sargent. Open Section: 4SS, 30/90 1 SD. \$(b/32) **1st Place Guaranteed \$500**; 2nd \$300; Expert \$250; Class A \$250. Class B \$200. Rds: Sat. 10, 3:30 Sun. 10, 3:30. Reserve Section (1699 and below): 5SS, G/75. \$(b/32) **1st Place \$300**; 2nd \$200; Class C \$175; Class D \$175. Class E/Below \$175. Unrated \$100. Unrated can only win Unrated Prize in this section. EF \$40 if rec'd by 07/23, \$50 at site. Rds: Sat. 10, 1, 4 Sun. 10, 1.

July 31 2005 U.S. Action G/15 Championship Quick Chess 8SS, Holiday Inn Express, 411 S. Larkin Ave., Joliet, IL 60436, 800-465-4329. HR: \$65. EF: (cash-checks, no cr. cards) \$60 (\$110 if entering both G/30 & G/15 events), \$50 for Scholastic players (\$100 if entering both events). Reg: 12:00-1:00pm. Rds: 1:15, 2:00, 2:45, 3:30, 5:30, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45pm. No byes for rounds 6-8. Prize fund based on 100 entries, Master/Expert \$500-325-250-200-150, Class A \$325-225-150-75, Class B \$250-200-150-75, Class C \$200-150-125-75, Class D \$200-150-100-75, Class E \$150-100-75-60, Unrated \$75-50 book prize. USCF memb. req'd. Early entries please mail by 7/22 to: Dennis Doyle, 536 Springwood Dr., Joliet, IL 60431. for master simul/lecture information held on Fri. 7-29th <http://www.jjc.edu/clubs/chess>

August 13-14, First Annual Land of Lincoln Open. An ICA Maxi-Tour & Ex-Urban Event. 5-SS, G/110. Hopedale Community Center, Hopedale, Ill., between Lincoln and Morton in Tazewell County, central Illinois. Conveniently located between Springfield, Bloomington, Peoria, and Decatur! ICA membership required; \$18, OSA. \$51,200 b/40: \$250-200-150; X,A,B,C,D,E&under

each \$80, Unrated \$70, Biggest upset \$50. EF: \$29 if received by 8/10, \$39 at site. Registration: 8-9:45. Rounds: Sat. 10-2-6, Sun. 10-2. Boxed lunches available on request. Ent/Info: knoedler.thomas@uis.edu or tknoe1@uis.edu 217-206-6056, 2104 South 4th St., Springfield, Ill. 62703; (217) 523-7265 after 6:30, except Weds. Info only: David Long, 2021 1/2 South 4th St., Springfield, Ill. 62703; (217) 522-0489. DIRECTIONS: From I-155, take Exit 19, go east 2 miles, and drive to the bottom of the water tower. For more detailed directions, call Matt Cremeens at (217) 741-6582. NS,NC,W.

August 20, 2005. Tuley Park Quick (Medium). 6-SS, rds 1-6 G/18 (or G/16+3sec). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$14, u19 \$7, \$1 off before 11:30. \$G 330: \$80-50-35, 1899-1650 \$40, 1649-1400 \$35, 1399-1150 \$30, 1149-900 \$25, 899-100 \$20, Unrated \$15. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, Tuley Chess Website - <http://www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57/>

August 20, 2005. McHenry Area Chess Holiday Inn Hotel, 495 Airport Road, Elgin, IL 60123 (By I-90 and Rt 31). Three round Quad. G/80 Reg 8:30 AM. Rds 9:30, 12:50, 3:35. EF: Only \$10. USCF membership required. No other fees or memberships necessary. Prizes: Trophies for first and second in each Quad. For more info, call Bob at 815-459-4856 or visit our website at www.McHenryAreaChess.org.

August 27, 2005 TTCCOM August Quick Open. 5SS, Game/15. Reg: 2:30 to 3:00pm, Round 1 at 3:15. Sheraton Chicago Northwest, 3400 W. Euclid, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. See front desk clerk or doorman for directions to tournament. EF: \$20 at site. Prizes: 80% of EFs distributed based on entries. Prizes will be posted before round 1 is paired. Any player may elect to take a refund and withdraw before round 1 is paired. Info: 815-467-2775 or contact Bradley Watts - BradleySWatts@sbcglobal.net

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, Jeff Smith: **19439 Lakeside Lane Bloomington, IL 61704 , 309-378-2078**

ICAMembership@msn.com

Include a short paragraph, similar to those below, listing your club's activities.

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

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

The **Center Chess Club** meets 3rd Saturday of each month, 7-10 pm, Crystal Lake Park District, One East Crystal Lake Av (intersection of Walkup), Crystal Lake 60014. Also rated tournaments on most of these same dates, 4 rounds, game/60, register by 8:45 am, round 1 at 9 am. Jeff Buchman, 815-455-5288, buchadolph@aol.com.

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

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Chess in Chicago is dedicated to developing and promoting chess in Chicago, and scholastic players are the priority. Zack Fishman. www.chessinchicago.org.

Chess Scholars offers professional individual, group, and school chess instruction at reasonable rates. We will travel to any location in the Chicago area. Ilya Korzhenevich, Director, 4310 1/2 N. Keystone Av. #1D, Chicago 60641, 773-286-2941, ilya@ChessScholars.com, www.ChessScholars.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.

Chicagoland Community Chess Club (formerly Concordia) meets Tuesdays 6-11 pm, Border's (Cafe Espresso), 7100 Forest Preserve Dr, Norridge. Howard Fried, 773-889-8553, hfried1@sbcglobal.net, or Robert Loncarevic, 773-282-5148, TLSchgo@speedsite.com.

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

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.

Elmhurst Chess Club meets, and holds frequent USCF events, Sundays 6:30 to 11 pm, Room 18, Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net, ElmhurstChess@aol.com.

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

Greater Peoria Chess Federation meets Mondays 7 pm, Lakeview Museum, 1125 W Lake Av, Peoria 61614. Wayne Zimmerle, 514 W Loucks Av #2, Peoria 61604. 309-692-4480 (day), 309-686-0192 (evenings), wzim@sbcglobal.net

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

Highland Park High School Chess Team, 433 Vine Av, Highland Park 60035. Tesc Schultz, tschultz@d113.lake.k12.il.us.

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

Illini Chess Club meets Thursdays 7-10 pm, College of Education Building, Room 37, 6th & Pennsylvania, Urbana. www.uiuc.edu/ro/uichess. Jeff Davis.

Chicago Industrial Chess League (CICL) organizes team competition among companies, chess clubs, colleges,

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government agencies, and other organizations in the greater Chicago-area (downtown and suburban) with awards, ratings, and special events. Brian Smith, 630-983-9316, publicity@chicagochessleague.org website: www.chicagochessleague.org

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

Illinois Valley Chess Association meets Thursdays 7-10 pm, Illinois Valley YMCA, Adult Lounge, 300 Walnut St, Peru 61354. Bill Schulte, 520 First St, LaSalle 61301. 815-223-1505, bschulte@rivalins.com.

Illowa Chess Club meets Tuesdays 6:30-10 pm, St Ambrose University, Davenport IA. Matt Nemmers, gcchess@mchsi.com, www.quadcitychess.com.

Joliet Junior College Chess Club meets Thursdays 6:30 pm, Joliet Junior College, Building J, cafeteria, 1215 Houbolt Rd (I-80 exit 127), Joliet. Maps www.jjc.edu/maps/maincampus.html. Tim Owens, c/o JJC-IET, 214 N Ottawa St, Joliet 60432. 815-280-1513, towens@jjc.edu. Or Steve Decman, 1418 Devonshire Dr, Joliet 60435. 815-744-5272, www.jjc.edu/clubs/chess.

Lakeview Cuyler Chess Club meets Wednesdays 7-10 pm, Cuyler Covenant Church, Fellowship Hall, 3901 N Marshfield Av (corner of Byron St), Chicago 60613. Drew Morissee, 1614 W Byron St, Chicago 60613. 312-494-1300 x12, WindyCityKnight@yahoo.com, <http://LakeviewCuylerChess.tripod.com>.

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

Metcalf School Chess Club, Meeting in Metcalf School Library, Illinois State University, Tuesday's 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Mid-America Chess Association sponsors the popular website at www.64.com, and brings national tournaments to the Chicago area. midam@64.com

Midway Chess Enterprises, PO Box 388765, Chicago 60638, whizline@home.com.

Murphysboro Chess Club, Murphysboro 62966. <http://mysite.verizon.net/res0bz47/>.

New Lenox Chess Club, c/o Vince Berry & Cindy Misiak, 815-463-9975, leave message. VWBerry@aol.com.

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. www.tuxdomain.com/pfcc_club.html.

Renaissance Knights Community Chess Club meets Sundays 3:30 to 11 pm at the Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel, 933 Skokie Blvd, Northbrook. Weekly rated tournaments. The club mission is to promote, stimulate and

encourage the study and play of the game of chess as a means of intellectual and social development. Visit our web site www.RenaissanceKnights.org. Sheila Heiser 847-526-9025.

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White can still force a draw with 40. bxa4! d4+ 41. Kd2 (41. Kxe4? Kc4) 41...Kc4 42. a5 e3+ 43. Ke1 Kc3 (43...Kb5 44. h3) 44. a6 d3 45. a7 d2+ 46. Ke2 Kc2 47. a8=Q d1=Q+ 48. Kxe3 Qg1+ 49. Ke2 (49. Kf4?? Qc1+ 50. Kf3 Qh1+) 49...Qd1+ (...Qxh2+? 50. Kf1 Qxg3 51. Qg2+ wins for White) 50. Kf2 Qd2+ 51. Kf3 Qd1+ 52. Kf2 Qd1+ 53. Kf1 Qd1+ 54. Kg2 Qe2+ 55. Kh3 Qg4+ etc.

40...Kc4 41. h3 d4+ 42. Kd2

If 42. Kxe4 d3 43. Ke3 Kc3 and the passed pawn wins.

42...e3+ 43. Kd1 d3 44. g4 hxg4 45. hxg4 Kc3 46. g5 e2+ 47. Ke1 Kc2 48. Kf2 d2 0-1

After my last round bye, my score was 6 points out of 7. An inspection of the wall charts showed that there were three other players in my section with 5 points after 6 rounds. Two of them would have to play each other, and the third would play someone with 4½. I had been planning to leave immediately after Round 6, so I could get to sleep early and get up for work Tuesday morning, but since I found myself in a position to do no worse than a three-way tie for first place, I decided to stick around and watch the last round. There were two games which could affect the number of people with 6 points, which I watched for several hours, until finally, they both broke the way I had hoped for. Two of the players with 5 points had drawn each other, and the other one had lost, leaving me in clear first place in the section.

I didn't get home until 3:30 a.m., leaving me with only a very short time to sleep before the work day started at 7:00 (I work construction.) But, it was worth it for an enjoyable weekend and some great chess.

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