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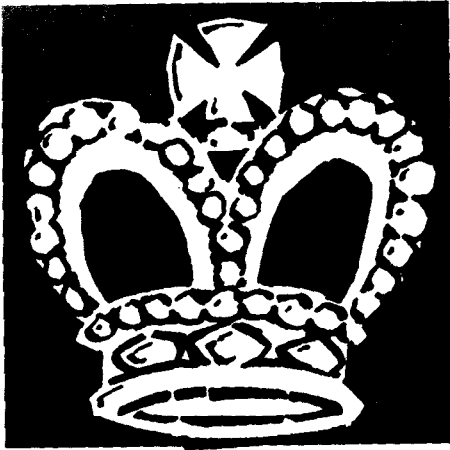
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*...One of the singular joys of editorship consists in providing a podium for talent.*

*Your editor takes special satisfaction in bringing to these pages the work of Edmar Mednis, International Master, author of "How Karpov Wins", "Practical Endgame Lessons", and most recently, "How to Beat the Russians". There is a story behind the appearance of this two-part feature, and a remarkable one at that. In our next issue we will relate it to our readers. Meanwhile, to IM Mednis, our thanks for gracing our pages. HW*

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## WHERE PROFESSIONALS ARE KINGS

BUDAPEST HUNGARY INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT, 1978

by Edmar Mednis

*HUNGARIAN CHESS...why it is successful...*

For a country to succeed in a given field, there must be support for this either by public or private means. That both routes can lead to success is shown by the progress of chess in Hungary and Great Britain since the advent of the Fischer era in 1972.

The head man in Hungary, Janos Kadar, is an avid chess enthusiast and he has arranged that a cadre of chess professionals--GMs, IMs, and masters--can devote their efforts to chess on a full time basis. Each of them gets a direct monthly stipend from the state and this stipend is fully consistent with what other professionals--engineers, lawyers, doctors, etc.--earn. For his stipend, the master is supposed to spend his time studying and playing chess so that maximum chances for creative and competitive success result. The Hungarian Chess Federation, a member of the parent Sports Federation, exists to support and reward quality chess. I must admit that I was envious to see that throughout the course of the tournament the Hungarian players kept receiving a continuous stream of chess publications from the world over from representatives of their federation. And equally important to the actual help given is the attitude associated with the help. The Hungarian Chess Federation doesn't feel that it is doing a great favor to its masters by helping them to compete effectively; instead it realizes that such assistance is a natural part of its existence. With such an attitude and emphasis it is not surprising that the successes of Hungarian chess have been many and outstanding: a never ending stream of IM and GM titles, personal successes and team successes, such as the second place at the 1977 European Championship.

That private support can be equally meaningful is demonstrated by the performance of British masters over the past two to three years. With few international successes until 1972 and with no GMs until 1976, Great Britain now has four (Miles, Keene, Stean, and after this tournament, Nunn). With a crop of talented youngsters in the wings, the future of British chess is bright. This has been accomplished by the enlisting of private foundations such as the Slater Foundation, as well as industrial corporations into the support of chess playing. Note that both Hungary and Great Britain support the actual playing of chess; it is exactly this area where the US professional has the greatest of difficulties in making a living.

## "TUNGSRAM"

The premier annual international tournament in Hungary is the one sponsored by "Tungsrám", the popular name for "The United Incandescent Lamp and Electrical Co. Ltd." company. Tungsrám, though now a conglomerate, is mostly known for its light bulbs and exports its products to over 100 countries including the United States. In fact, those reading financial publications may have noted that Westinghouse has been complaining to the US Government that Tungsrám has been selling its light bulbs (\$4 million worth in 1977) at too low a price.

The 1978 Tungsrám tournament, the fourth in the series, was held from August 12-30 at the company's facilities on the outskirts of Budapest. Compared to 1976 (when Norman Weinstein and I played) the prize fund had been increased by about 50%, with eight prizes ranging from 30,000 forints (about \$1500) for first down to 4,000 forints (\$200) for eighth, with the other eight participants receiving point money at the very modest rate of 200 forints per point. The forint is a perfectly good currency in Hungary, as the stores are full of good quality products. Its inconvertibility into hard currency is, however, a serious problem for players from Western countries. The USCF would be making a significant contribution to the welfare of US international players by establishing something like a bank where we could exchange our prize winnings for dollars useful for paying the inevitable bills at home.

Apart from the problem of what to do with our prizes, everything else was quite pleasant. The foreign players stayed at the Hotel Gellert, probably the second finest hotel in Budapest, we were given sufficient food and pocket money, bulletins came out regularly, the weather was lovely, and the Hungarian Chess Federation was as helpful as possible to its guests. At the awards ceremony I had no qualms about saying a few words of appreciation to our hosts.

### KUDOS...

The USCF International Affairs Committee, with Bill Goichberg doing an exceptional job for the European area, had originally selected Ken Rogoff and me to be the US representatives. The lowering of the expected Category 10 designation to Category 9 made the gaining of GM norms significantly more difficult and Rogoff decided that it is more logical to lead the US Team to the World Student Championship than to go to Budapest. On short notice, Ken Regan, the 1977 US Junior Co-champion, was picked to try to gain the one game still missing from his IM title. The Hungarians were agreeable to paying our round trip air fare from London to Budapest. This still left us with the problem of getting to London. In this regard I want to gratefully acknowledge the significant help of the American Chess Foundation in enabling me to play in this tournament. Without this assistance I would not have been able to go. It seems to me that the quiet, but very effective job that the ACF is doing on behalf of US Chess is not yet fully appreciated by the average chessplayer.

The organizers originally expected to have a Category 10 tournament (avg. rating = 2476-2500), but a late decision to include their very talented junior champion Attila Groszpetér changed the mathematics drastically. Though clearly of 2400+ strength (he gained an IM norm here and achieved a performance rating of about 2470) he had to be carried at a provisional rating of 2230 and this lowered the category to 9. Instead of having to score 60% (9-6) for a Category 10 tournament GM norm, the requirement became 9.60 which gets rounded up to 10 points. Perhaps the mathematician can explain how the change in one person's rating can lead to the requirement of having to score two more wins; but no one who is a mere player can understand it. It seems long overdue to make the norm requirements conform to the basic elements of logic.

The surprise, though deserved, winner of the tournament was IM John Nunn of England. In addition, he made the GM norm. This was his second one (his 5th place finish at London, 1977 was the first one) and the 24 games achieved are exactly sufficient for him to become England's fourth grandmaster. Throughout the tournament he demonstrated fine

creative and sporting form. Unfazed by a loss in the first round, he worked up to a +3 score; again an unwelcome loss in Round 10 against Barczay was brushed aside and John finished with 4 points out of his last 5 games. His style can be characterized as a sound striving for the initiative, with a sufficiently broad and well prepared opening repertoire. In Budapest he was successful in all kinds of positions--as long as they offered prospects for active play. All around he is a most remarkable young man. Born on April 25, 1955 he learned chess at four. A string of victories in "under 12" tournaments demonstrated early on his chess talents. He became an International Master at twenty by winning the 1975/76 European Junior Championship. At 15 he entered Oxford University and graduated in 1973 at 18 with a Bachelor's degree in mathematics--with both ages being among the lowest in the past 200 years. Early in 1978 he received the Ph.D. degree in Mathematics from Oxford and presently works there as a Junior Research Fellow doing both research and teaching.

Hungarian GM Istvan Csom was the only undefeated player and demonstrated good practical play. Some short draws allowed him to save energy and this energy was well utilized in other tough games where he successfully gained the desired wins or draws. Talented young Hungarian GM Andras Adorjan also combined energy saving draws with good chess to finish in a third place tie. Gennady Kuzmin of the Soviet Union was the pre-tournament favorite and he finished with a respectable score. This, though, was mostly gained as a result of gifts from his opponents, including a draw against Nunn, where the latter overlooked the simple win of the Queen. Kuzmin jokingly remarked that his most important task now is to prevent the tournament bulletins from being seen in the Soviet Union--so that no one can notice the quality of his moves.

I had a rather eventful tournament. I won my first four games in good style and also my last game, but in between the going was tough! The need to score 10 points made many victories necessary and I had little difficulty in winning six times (the second highest number after Nunn), but unwelcome companions were too many losses for a better result. Hungarian GM Laszlo Vadasz started slowly, but three wins in a row near the end allowed him to achieve a good result. The last two prize winners were East German GM Malich and Czech GM Jansa. Jansa was +4 as late as Round 10, but had a disastrous finish, scoring only one point in his last five games. Also dissatisfied was Malich who at 2535 rating was together with Kuzmin the highest rated player. He lost only one game, but the wins were hard to come by.

The play of the other participants is well reflected by their results in the crosstable. The IM norm for 18 year old Groszpetter was mentioned earlier. Ken Regan of the United States was also still 18 at the time of the tournament. Talented and dangerous, he found his opening repertoire a serious handicap in this his first foreign tournament. Systems which may well be suitable for American Swisses do not work when employed against the professionals of Europe. Ken realizes this and once he surmounts it, his next start can be quite a successful one.

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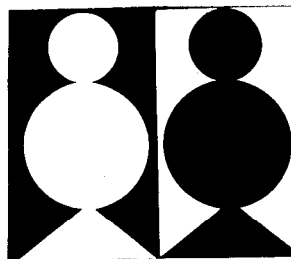
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*Our next issue will present  
three games from the Budapest  
event.*



## The President's Page

by MIKE ZACATE

Hello! I'm the new president of the Illinois Chess Association. But do you know who I am? My election was without challenge, perhaps because of my past record of chess action. I'm not one for chess politics. There are those chess politicians who delight in political intrigue, who delight in carrying stories and half truths about people. They upset people and strain relationships; they prevent communication and suggest ideas that will never be fulfilled. All for the sake of holding power, not for the betterment of chess. Such people are identified by how much they talk, and by how much time they have to talk, not by what they accomplish. And what all is it that I have done?

My earliest and continuing interest in chess organization has been with high school chess. As a high school teacher, football coach, and as father of two, this is only natural. In 1968 I organized the first statewide high school team tournament held in Illinois, and continued to hold it until, with the help of other interested high school chess coaches, I persuaded the Illinois High School Chess Association to take charge of the activity. I remain on the IHSA Advisory Board, and while on the board, completed the difficult task of writing a 44 page rule book for IHSA team chess. I am pleased to say that this book has been used as a model for reconciling the differing requirements of the USCF and state high school association rules. I began linking USCF and high school chess early in my organizing activity, holding numerous USCF events at my school, Evergreen Park. In addition, I recently founded the Illinois Junior Chess Foundation, and currently serve as its president.

I have also been active in state and national chess activities. I served as ICA secretary and for almost two years held the difficult and time consuming position of editor of the ICB. Representing the USCF members of Illinois, I have attended all but one of the USCF business meetings as Delegate from Illinois. As such, I am especially proud of having authored the motion creating the Participating Junior membership, and the Rule of Order ensuring that items proposed by the state representatives at the USCF business meeting will not die for lack of time at the meeting, but will be acted upon by the Policy Board.

This is my past record of action, but what of the present? As president of the ICA, I have submitted position papers on key problems facing the ICA to my fellow ICA officers for review and recommendation prior to presentation at the March 4 ICA Board of Directors meeting. These position papers suggest a new selection procedure for USCF Delegates from Illinois, create new Illinois title tournaments (such as Woman's, a class and an amateur) and suggest bidding procedures for organizers wishing to hold those tournaments, suggest a new procedure for selecting the ICA Board of Directors which will avoid any conflict of interest, provide for a less questionable election procedure

for the ICA, and arrange for the long overdue updating of the ICA constitution, in line with the Illinois Bar Association model for non-for-profit organizations.

As president, I hope for a renewed membership growth for the ICA, and ask you to encourage your friends to join. I look forward to directing the 1979 US OPEN in Chicago, and hope that you will plan to participate in this prestigious event.

Above all, I urge you to join with me in being active for Illinois chess.

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*ICA President Zacate  
at the microphone in Phoenix...*

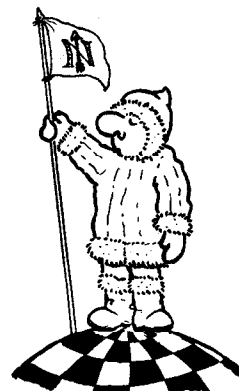
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GAMES EDITOR NORTH....

*Those of you who suffered through this cruel Chicago winter will marvel that tournaments WERE actually played. The logo at the right catches the spirit...*

*Notes to this game by Jeremy Silman*

This month's meat is a spirited encounter between Illinois Open Champ Roy Benedek and Master Jeremy Silman, played at the New Year's Festival at the Chicago Chess Center.



J Silman	R Benedek	Sicilian Def.
1 e4	c5	(a) The well-known 11 f4 Bb7 12 f5 e5 13 Ne6 may be good for White, but such an early sacrifice is not to my taste.
2 Nf3	e6	(b) I am doubtful about the soundness of this plan. Better is 11... Bb7 12 h5 g6! 13 Rh1 Bg7!
3 d4	cd4:	(c) Guarding the important c3 square. Black will soon find that his pieces will be pushed back.
4 Nd4:	Nf6	(d) Perhaps 14...Bb7 is better.
5 Nc3	d6	(e) 15 Bc4 ed4: 16 Nd5! is good for White, but Black plays 15...Qc4: with a reasonable position.
6 g4	a6	(f) 15...Bb7 16 f5 Rd8 17 Rd3 is also good for White, but Black would not be without chances.
7 g5	Nfd7	(g) With an eye toward an endgame with good knight at d5 vs bad bishop at f8.
8 Be3	b5	(h) 17...Qc4 is bad due to 18 Ncd5! Nd5: 19 Nd5: Bd5: 20 Rc3! Qa4 21 Qd5:
9 a3	Nb6	(i) 22 Qb6 Qb6: 23 Rc8+ Qd8 24 Nc7+ Kd7 25 Rd8:+ Kd8: 26 Na6 Nf3+ 27 Ke2 gives White the better endgame, but I wanted more.
10 Rg1	N8d7	(j) 23 Be5: Rd4: 24 Bd4: is also strong, but in such a position the simplest course is the wisest.
11 h4!?	Ne5!?	(k) 26 Nf6+ gf6: 27 gf6: Bf6: 28 Rg1+ Kh8 29 Qh6 Qe7 when 30 Rf3 is met by 30...Rg8! and not by 30...Rc6? 31 Rf6:!. Still I was going to play this due to the move 30 Rcg3 with the crushing threat of Rg7...
12 Rg3!	Qc7	Then I noticed that Black does not have to take the piece and after 26 Nf6+ Kh8 27 Rd7 Qc6 28 Re7: gf6: he is alright. So I chose the simple move in the text.
13 f4	Nec4	(l) 27...Rc8 28 Qe5: is also lost.
14 Bc1	e5(d)	(m) 30...Qa7 31 Qd6 Re8 32 Qe5!
15 Nde2!	ef4: (f)	(n) Not 32 gf6: Rb4:
16 Nf4	Bb7	(o) This traps the Black King.
17 Bc4!	Nc4 (h)	(p) 43...Kf4 44 Rd6 is hopeless.
18 Ncd5	Bd5:	
19 Nd5:	Qb7	
20 Rc3!	Rc8	
21 Qd4!	Ne5	
22 Bf4(i)	Rc4	
23 Qe3 (j)	Be7	
24 0-0-0	0-0	
25 Be5!	de5:	
26 Rc4: (k)	bc4:	
27 Qc3	Rb8 (l)	
28 Ne7+!	Qe7:	
29 Qc4:	Qb7	
30 Qb4!	Qb4:(m)	
31 ab4:	f6	
32 c3 (n)	fg5:	
33 hg5:	Rb6	36 Rf5 Re6 39 c4 Rd6+ 42 Kc3 Kg5
34 Rf1! (o)	h6	37 Kd2 g6 40 Rd3 Rc6 43 Kc4 Resigns (p)
35 gh6:	Rh6:	38 Rf3 Kg7 41 c5 Kf6

MORE GAMES....

B Smythe (1870)-Kroll (2310) CC Center Irregular 1 d4 Nc6 2 d5 Ne5 3 e4 e6 4 Bf4 Ng6 5 Bg3 Nf6 6 de6: fe6: 7 e5 Nd5 8 Bd3 Qe7 9 c3 Qf7 10 Qc2 Bc5 11 Nf3 Ngf4 12 Bh7: Ng2:+ 13 Ke2 Ndf4+ 14 Kd2 Qh5 15 Be4 0-0 16 h4 d5 17 ed5: cd6: 18 Bf4: Rf4: 19 Rh3: d5 20 Bg6 Rf3:!. 21 Bh5: Rf2:+ 22 Be2 Nf4 23 Ke1 Nh3: 24 Qa4 Nf4 25 Qe8+ Kh7 26 Bf1 e5 27 b4 Rf1:+ 28 Kd2 Rf2:+ 29 Ke1 Nd3+ 0-1

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# What's new

Lots this month....

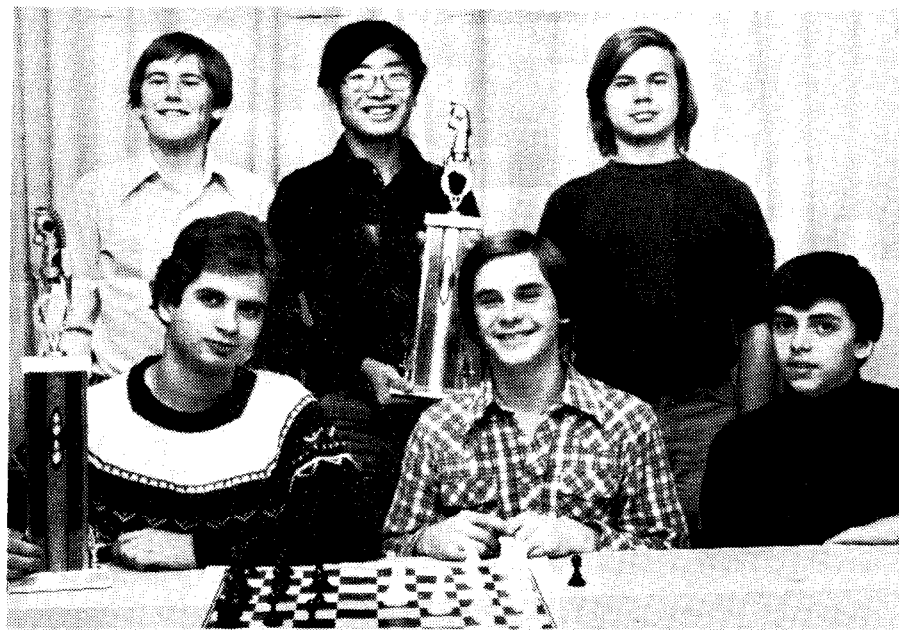
HOLZMUELLER WINS NORTH SHORE OPEN...The strongest tourney in five years drew 43 players to Evanston Twp. HS for the North Shore Open. KEITH HOLZMUELLER, a Northwestern U student topped the field of five experts that included IL Junior Champ Steve Budrys (2028) and Ed Vano (2021), both of whom tied for 2nd with Hugh Wheeler and Jeff Hyland. A five-way tie for top C saw H Keer, C Slupik, R Young, S Van Petten and D Greenstein; top D/F were Tom Harris and R Welland. The tournament was earmarked by big upsets and fine performances by young local players. The event was directed by Paul Segedin and sponsored by the Chess Mates Chess Club. In another event at CMCC,

ambitiously called the 2nd UNofficial World Chess Championship, DAN VASTO (2090) and PETER VESELY tied with 4-0 scores. An unusual twist to the tourney: 9 of the 24 competitors were unrated and only three were rated over 1500! Class prizes went to J Wires (C), Martin Franek and Greg Papas (D/E) and Wallace Gordon (Unr.). Paul Segedin directed.

The horrendous winter weather did not deter over 40 from visiting the Chess Mates CC over the holidays to hear DAVID SLATE talk about CHESS 4.7 and a dozen players took on IL JUNIOR CHAMP STEVE BUDRYS in a simul. Steve acquitted himself well, posting nine wins, with a sprinkling of draws and a loss.

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LARRY STILWELL again proved he is among the top scholastic organizers in the country with a tremendous turnout for his IL HIGH SCHOOL NOVEMBER series of tournaments held at Proviso West High School. 94 players competed in the high school division with freshman surprise finisher on top SHERMAN CHUI of Proviso, scoring 4-0. He was followed closely with  $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$  scorers: Mel Alsberry, Keith Bradley, Mark Petersen, and Mario Spinoza. Top teams were in order: Proviso West, Carver, and Chicago Vocational. Another 90+ junior high students competed in another division with Deer Creek's DAVE UTPAL pacing the field with 4-0. Three pointers were Leon Rebodos and John Blum. Top teams were KOMAREK, EISENHOWER JR HS only a wee half point back, followed by Sundling and Gower, Deer Creek and Ray.



FIRST PLACE PROVISO TEAM: from left rear: Conroy, Chui, Chizzo; bottom, Slupik Petersen, Di Marco



93 players made it through the winter snow play in the three-section tournament sponsored by the U of C, the HYDE PARK OPEN, Scholastic & Groundhog Open. The 39 player Open section saw Danish Master OVE KRÖLL (2300) and JOHN QUIGLEY (1837) tie for top honors with 4-0, while close behind with 3½ was PETER VESELY. ALAN HOFFMAN took the E prize, unrated was split between SZPISJAK brothers, Steven and Dale, and ESTER MILLER with 2 EISENHOWER JR HS dominated the Scholastic section with 34 players. Gower, Komarek, and Carver followed. First place individual went to JAMES TSUGAWA; he was followed by DAVID FROST and WENDY HARROW. The trophy for 6th grade and under was taken by PETER KLASEK. 20 played in the 3rd Groundhog Swiss, with top honors won by KEITH KIENKER followed by LARRY WHITLOW in the second section and EUGENE DILLE in the third. The event was directed by Harold and Joan Winston.



First place Scholastic Team: Komarek  
Winners at the Proviso tourney  
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ILLINOIS AT THE PAN AM...

16 Illinois teams competed and 7 won prizes! The CHICAGO A team won the trophy for top 1900 scorer and shared in 7th place team money, NORTHERN IL shared prize money for top team in the 1800s sparked by JIM EGERTON'S fine 7-1 performance. The IITB team won its prize with stellar performance from PETE STEIN. Other prize winners were ILLINOIS/URBANA B, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS VALLEY, WESTERN ILLINOIS.

The weather has been hard on tournaments, but it didn't prevent 36 stalwarts from making it to the Chicago Chess Center for the New Year's Smorgasbord Festival. It was one of the strongest local events of the year with three masters and four experts. Top rated JEREMY SILMAN took 1st with 4½-½, defeating state champ Roy Benedek. OVE KRÖLL, JIM ELLIS, and DAN VASTO tied for 2nd with 4-1. Class prizes went to JIM CONDRON (B), HOWARD COHEN (C), MICHAEL BROOKS (D), and UNRATED to BRENT WAKAMATSU. Ray Socha directed.

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The Chicago Chess Club Guaranteed Prizes Open attracted 18 in Chicago's most miserable winter in memory. Taking top honors were ALAN KORNFELD and RICHARD (yes, he's playing again!) VERBER with 3-0; PETER GOST won top C, R DAMON first D/E and there was added (unannounced) prize of \$15 for Unrated taken by JOHN GLOWINKE. In the Chicago Chess Club's US OPEN PRELIM in Feb. (also at the No-Exit, new home of the CCC) TOM MAYKA and VERBER tied at 3-0, each winning half a US Open entry fee. Hot on their tails was BILL SMYTHE, who, while out of the money, won for his 2½ a souvenir games booklet of the 1974 US Championship; C ROSTRUM's 2½ took the C prize. In a two-way tie for B were B SCHNEIDER and BILL HARRIS. D/E went to BILL LIENER.

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VERY LATE NEWS FROM TIM REDMAN, USCF V-P, PHONED FROM LOS ANGELES...

The USCF Policy Board, meeting in Los Angeles, took some significant action in several areas. The US WOMEN'S INVITATIONAL was awarded to Santa Monica, Philip Chase, Organizing the event. Under consideration was a proposal from I KASHDAN and patron L STATHAM for the US CHAMPIONSHIP based on REGIONAL QUALIFICATION AND PLAYOFFS together with seeded entrants. This novel approach could be an excellent promotional device. The US AMATEUR went to NEW JERSEY, with the guarantee that all profits revert to USCF. The MEDNIS-SHAMKOVITCH playoff is scheduled for this MAY with a \$750 purse--\$500 to the winner. The NATIONAL OPEN was awarded to ATLANTA for April 28-MAY 2. (They waited a long time to decide this one.)

We can expect additional details, fresh news, updated in our next issue...

## YALE WINS PAN-AMERICAN INTERCOLLEGIATE

by HAROLD WINSTON, ICLA Historian

Eighty five teams and 369 players from 25 states, Canada, and the Dominican Republic came to the Ramada O'Hare Inn in Chicago to compete in the Pan American Intercollegiate, held December 26-30. The powerful field included eleven teams with average ratings in the expert class topped by Yale A (2226), defending champions University of Pennsylvania A (2196), and Florida (2154). Yale was lead by International Master Michael Rohde; Yale's board two, Jon Tisdall (2345), was stronger than most teams' top player! Penn had two masters, brothers Rich and Tom Costigan, while Florida's lineup included National HS Champion Greg Small. In all, fifteen masters competed including Canadians Peter Nurmi and David Lavin on York University's team. Diana Lanni, 14th ranked US woman, played 2nd board for the University of Michigan.

There were a few close matches in the early rounds. York (2003) had a tough time with Purdue B (1678) when Lavin lost and Nurmi had to struggle for 8 hours to win his first round game. The only unrated team, Chicago State, surprised Arkansas at Little Rock (1763) by tying them. Two of the top six teams were tied in the second round: Arizona State by St Louis U. (1859) and Columbia (2062) by Toledo A (1853). In the fourth round Minnesota A upset Toronto to move into a four-way tie for the lead with Yale A, Penn A, and Florida. Yale then smashed Florida 4-0 while Penn edged Minnesota 2½-1½ to set up the meeting of the top two teams in round six.

Yale and Penn had been co-favorites since the tournament's start and a close match was expected. Insetad Yale overpowered Penn 3½-½ while Arizona State moved into 2nd by upsetting Florida 2½-1½. Yale took Minnesota in the finale while Penn crushed Arizona State to take 2nd. Toronto downed Florida to capture 3rd.

Yale A not only won 8 matches, but also lost none of their 32 individual games! Rohde scored 7-1, Tisdall 4½-½, Wuersch 5½-1½, Levi 6½-½ and Gold 4-0, the last two winning their board prize. Other board prize winners were Sergey Kudrin of Columbia on Bd. 1, Tom Costigan of Penn A 7½-½ on Bd. 2 and Pete Stein of IITB 7-1 on Bd. 3. Trophies based on average team rating were awarded to Chicago A (1900s), Ohio State C (1800s), Cincinnati B (1700s), Syracuse (1600s), Illinois B (1500s) and Navy (below 1500). This was the first time the US Naval Academy entered a team. Kurt Stein of Johns Hopkins topped 67 players in the speed championship (7½-½) and Dave Sprenkle of Illinois was 2nd. Next came four players rated over 2300: Kudrin, Fred Lindsay of Michigan, Leonid Bass of Purdue, and Bob Rowley of ASU. Johns Hopkins won the Small College prize for the 2nd straight year while College of Lake County was top 2 year school.

The Pan Am was sponsored by the University of Chicago and Illinois Institute of Technology and was organized by Robert Kahn and Harold Winston with aid from Milo Nekvasil, Keith Kienker, Wendy Klabman, and John Witkowski. Bill Smythe and Harold Winston were the co-directors and Walter Brown and Randy Pacetti were the chief assistants. Joan Winston, John Quigley, and Greg Smagala completed the directing staff. Randy Pacetti and Karen Lawson ran the speed tournament and Karen's overall assistance was much appreciated. Tim Redman helped out at registration and visited the annual ICLA Business Meeting at which Robert Sutter of St Louis Univ was elected President of the Intercollegiate Chess League of America (address: 2412 Caverhill Dr., St Louis, MO 63136). Bids for next year's Pan Am are expected from Los Angeles, Atlanta, and NYC.

### THE TOP TEN PRIZEWINNERS

1 YALE UNIVERSITY A	8-0	6 COLUMBIA UNIV.	6-2
2 UNIV. OF PA A	7-1	7 ARIZONA STATE UNIV.	5½-2½
3 UNIV. OF TORONTO	6½-1½	8 MIT	5½-2½
4 UNIV. OF MINN A	6-2	9 PURDUE UNIV. A	5½-2½
5 OHIO STATE UNIV. A	6-2	10 UNIV. OF CINCINNATI A	5½-2½

FOR MORE ON THE PAN AM...ILLINOIS AT THE PAN AM...SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING NEWS PAGE!

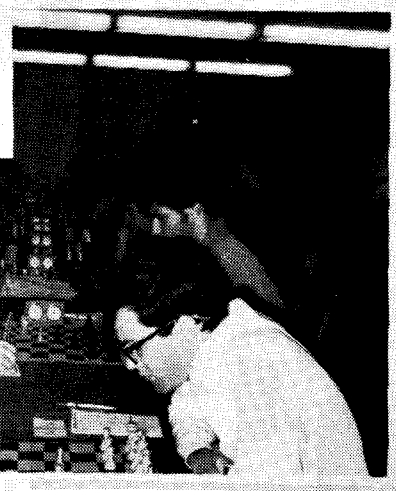
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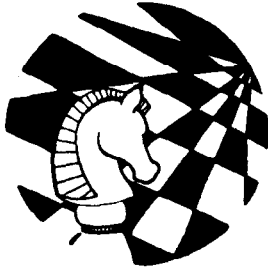
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THE GREENING OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB.....

Helen Warren

Draw a straight line due west from Chicago's Loop; just beyond the city limits you find yourself in the village that boasts the birthplace of Ernest Hemingway, a trove of Frank Lloyd Wright houses--and the home of the Oak Park Chess Club. My introduction to the "old"

Oak Park Club came over 20 years ago when I battled a heavy spring downpour to play a board in a simul given by Chicago Master Paul Tautvaisas. The site has changed, but the "new" Oak Park Club is every bit as vital as its predecessor.

Every chess club assumes the flavor of its environment. "A Day in Our Village" is an annual outdoor community effort in Oak Park, and the chess club was a part of the warm weather event at Mills Park off Lake Street. OP Chess Club members, who bring their sets and fold-up boards, take on all comers in casual play, publicize the club's activities, sell the game as a sociable encounter--and sign up new members. *OAK LEAVES*, the suburb's widely read newspaper, is generous with space for write-ups of the club's activities--and this makes for wide community acceptance. While the majority of the club's 68 members come from Oak Park or adjacent suburbs, a good number travel from as far away as Oak Brook for the weekly Tuesday night club meetings.

The hub of it all is the Harvard Church at Kenilworth and Harvard Aves. A spacious, well-lit basement easily accomodates 100 or more--with elbow room to spare. Since the rejuvenation of the club in spring of 1977 a variety of events have been held. The ladder tournament is the steady feature with ratings computed weekly; simuls by Chicago masters Richard Verber and Andrew Karklins attracted eager participants last year. The Oak Park Open with 43 entries was won by Steve Surak last year, and the Tuesday night Swiss, spanning many weeks of the most miserable winter weather in Chicago history, had 36.

Oak Park entered THREE teams in the Booster section of the Illinois Chess League this year--evidence of its support of team play. It hopes to repeat a triple entry next time around as well!

Dues in the Oak Park CC is \$18 a year, \$25 for two-members in the same family, and \$10 for juniors.

Oak Parkers will agree on one thing: the vitality of this neighborhood club is due

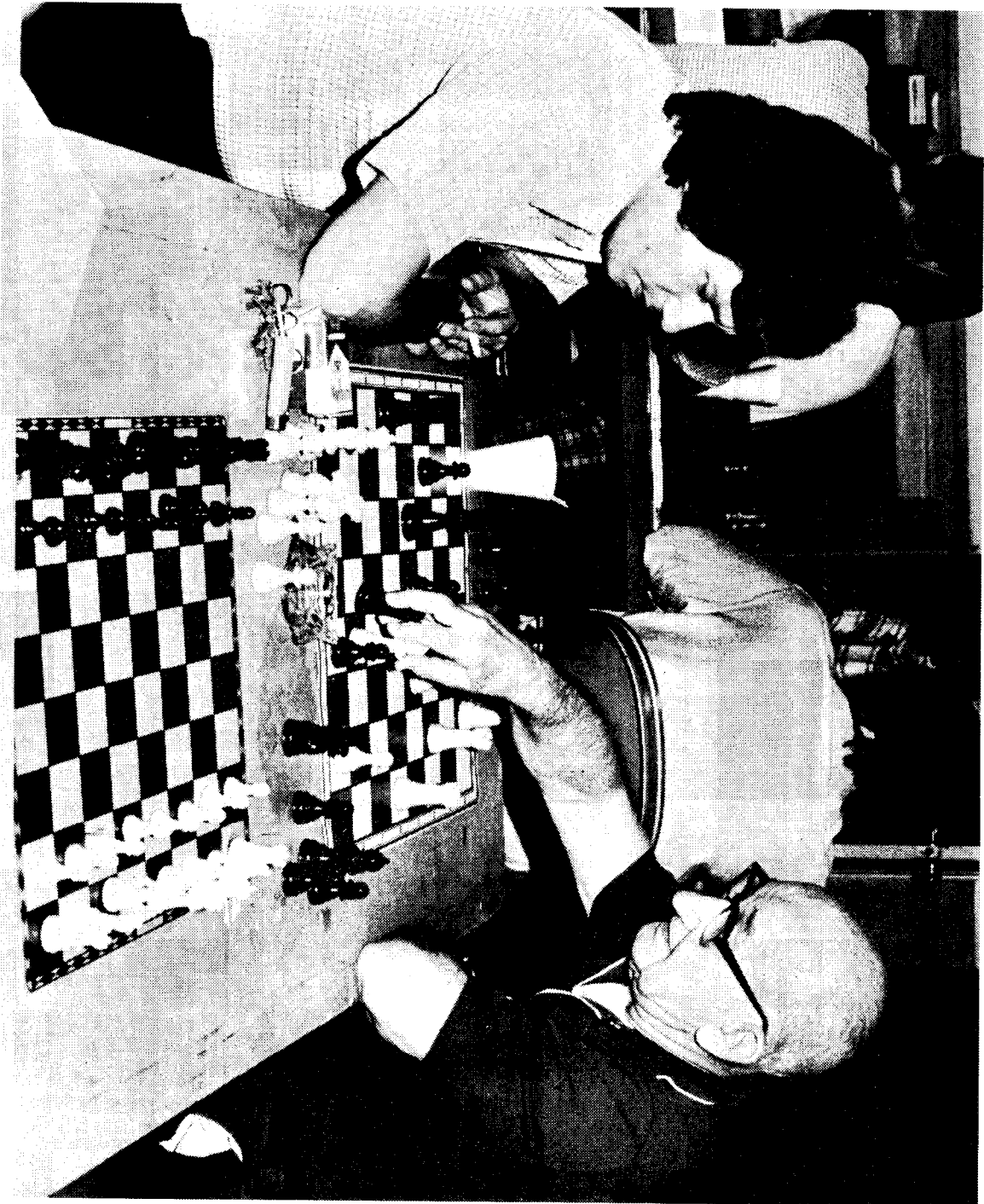
to the spirited efforts of its officers in general--Mark Coleman, pres.; Secretary Dick Bodenstab and Treasurer Greg Minnis. But the man all tip their hats to for his dogged determination in bringing quality chess events to this growing club is V-P and TD-organizer Chris Musgrave. It's time chess celebrated the steady contribution of its doers--and Chris is one of them.

Two events of importance are in the offing for Oak Park: the FEB. 23-25 OAK PARK WINTER OPEN which will offer a \$350 prize fund based on 50 entrants (and there will be AT LEAST that number). How often does a "neighborhood club" make the "big time"? Oak Park will do it this June by hosting a GRAND PRIX event with a \$1300 guaranteed prize, directed by an NTD. Dates are June 22, 23, 24 and details will be in your CL&R and next ICB. A great warm-up for the US Open! An ambitious project, you bet.

Meanwhile, come visit us at Oak Park. We're only five blocks from the Congress Expwy, west of Oak Park Ave. There's always a cup of coffee and friendly game waiting for you here.

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*Oak Parkers Morso and Brokaski play a fast one at Oak Park...at right*



INSTRUCTION..

## Will the Endgame Prove to be Your End?

BY USCF MASTER JEREMY SILMAN

Several years ago I played a chap of about 13 years of age. As White I played 1 e4; he instantly pushed his c-pawn two squares. Move after move he continued at a superhuman pace until we reached the 19th move of a sharp line of the Najdorf Sicilian. Up to that point he had used 6 seconds on his clock, but now he had to think. After twenty minutes thought he moved...and on the 23rd move he resigned!

At this point the reader may ask, "What happened?" The answer is simple: my opponent was a weak player who understood nothing whatever about the game. As soon as his book knowledge ran out he became disoriented and confused. The result was a quick loss.

As the years went by I ran into many book players. Invariably, when about to encounter such a player, a friend will warn me, "Watch out, he really knows his openings." This usually produces a smile on my face. After all, the only thing of importance is not if he is an openings expert...the important question is: Does he play well?

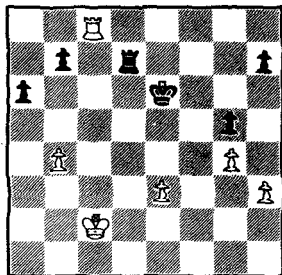
In this age of instant soups, puddings, etc., the lazy chessplayer is looking for the formula for instant mastery. By memorizing a few lines the 'student' hopes to take a short cut to good play. Some respectable players are even teaching this doctrine! An example of this is the following: Recently two young hopefuls started taking lessons from me. When we first got together they had pen and paper ready, waiting to take down the opening moves they thought I would convey to them, so that they could later be memorized at leisure. I was horrified! It seems that their previous teacher simply had them memorize openings. They were both being given a course in memory retention when they should have been learning logical and structured thinking.

Now, after all this chatter has been put down on paper, I ask the reader the following question: DO YOU PLAY WELL? If you answered "yes" to this you are one of three things: 1) a strong grandmaster, 2) an egotist, 3) deluded. If your answer was "no" I will throw one more question at you: WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY WELL? (If you answer "no" to this, may I suggest you give up chess for something more suited to you...perhaps bondage!?) Most people, of course, would like to improve. Here are several helpful pointers that may help you toward this goal:

- 1 Always be honest with yourself. Discover your weak points and strive to eliminate them.
- 2 Be willing to lose. Play people better than yourself.
- 3 Learn from your mistakes. Don't explain away your losses. "I was sick." "You were lucky." We have all heard these. Remember--you lost due to mistakes, be them practical or psychological.
- 4 Learn all basic endgames. This is extremely important. The endgame is the key to both the opening and the middlegame. While endgame potential is always a major consideration in the middlegame, the opening is also influenced by endgame possibilities. Learn the game backwards (ending, middlegame, opening ideas and plans, memorization.) By understanding what is in store for you in the late stages of the game, one can better understand how to use one's resources in the beginning.
- 5 Grow to understand the concepts behind the different types of centers and pawn formations.
- 6 Understand your minor pieces. Bishops and Knights are the astral body of chess. (Philidor said that pawns are the soul.) The importance of knowing how to make a Knight better than a Bishop (or vice-versa) cannot be overstressed.
- 7 Learn the plans inherent in each opening set-up. Only with an understanding of the previous points can one truly understand how to formulate an extensive game plan.
- 8 Get a teacher. He will explain things in a far clearer way than a book could. Prices range from \$5 to \$25 an hour. (I charge \$15) Of course, this is a luxury...I recommend a teacher mainly for serious tournament players.

With the completion of the study program we can now look at examples from actual play. The examples will illustrate the following factors: 1 It is important to feel comfortable in endgames. 2 Ego adversely affects one's play. 3 Overconfidence is a sin...never relax until the game is over. 4 Be patient...do not rush things. 5 View the game in its totality: the opening, middlegame, and ending form a whole.

DIAGRAM #1  
SILMAN



R ERVIN

Lone Pine, 1975 Black to move

In the diagrammed position Black should hardly lose. (For instance, a Rook trade would be to Black's advantage.) But the player of the White pieces was much better at endgames than I, and to tell the truth, I felt uncomfortable...this factor eventually led to a blunder.

1...Kd5 2 Kd3! Getting his King into play. White prepares to make use of his passed e pawn; he is even willing to give up both his K-side pawns to do this. 2...Ke5+ 3 Kc4 Ke4 4 Re8+ Kf3 5 e4 Kh3 (5...Kf4! 6 e5 Ke4 7 e6 Rc7+ and Ke5 leaves White trying for the draw.) 6 e5 Kg3 7 e6 Rc7+? (7...Rd1! 8 e7 Re1 9 Kd5 Kg4 10 Kd6 h5 and Black has all the chances.) 8 Kd5 Kg4 9 Rf8 h5. I did not understand how this was happening to me. His silly little e pawn was actually going to win my Rook! 10 Kd6 Rc6+ 11 Kd7 Re6 12 Ke6 h4 13 Rb8 h3 14 Rb7 Black has been playing for a draw the whole time. Now I felt that it was an easy draw and I relaxed. Then several prominent players started looking at the position...my ego swelled! I decided to play a move that they could appreciate,

so for the gallery I uncorked 14...Kf4?! Upon making this move I beamed at the spectators. Their reaction was unexpected: they all shook their heads sadly and walked away! Of course, 14...h2 was correct and after 15 Rh7 Kg3 16 Kf5 Kg2 17 Kg5 h1=Q 18 Rh1 Kh1 19 Kf5 Kg2 the game would be drawn. 15 Rf7+! Ke4??(15...Kg3! 16 Rg7 Kf4! still holds the draw.) 16 Rh7! g4 17 Rh4! Kf4 18 Kf6 Kg3 19 Kg5 h2 20 Rg4+ Kh3 21 Rh4+ Kg3 22 Rh5!1-0

No excuse for my terrible play. I lost because 1) I was uncomfortable in an endgame. 2) I was an egotistical ass and got deservedly punished.

Due to this game I finally learned that if I could play like a genius in the opening and middlegame, but hacked up the ending, I would still get the same score as if I had played badly throughout...zero.

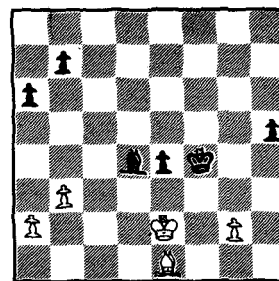
The next example shows what a lack of experience can do. Early in the game I had won a pawn and as a result played quickly thinking that the game would win itself. The game was adjourned in this position. When I looked at it I was shocked to discover that the win was very difficult. Today, of course, I would have made an all-out attempt to avoid such a position. But then...well, ignorance is no excuse.

Black's problem is that White's King completely blockades Black's extra pawn. This is what must be done: 1) The White Bishop must be deflected from the e1-h4 diagonal. 2) The Black King must then attack the White g pawn, thus drawing the White King away from the blockade on e2.

3) Then Black will have two hopes: to win the g pawn for the e pawn or to gain the f3 square for the King. Actually, another chance exists: if White, in an attempt to save tempi, advances his b pawn, Black could decisively penetrate on the Q-side via the weakened c4 square.

1 Bh4 Bc3! taking away the e1 square. 2 Bf2 Bb4! 3 Be3+ (White eventually has to allow penetration. 3 Bh4 Kg4 4 Bf2 b5 5 a4 [5 Kf1 Bd2! 6 Bb6 Kg3 leads to play similar to the game.] 5...ba4 6 ba4 Ba5! 7 Kf1 Kf4 followed by Ke5, Kd5, Kc4

DIAGRAM #2  
SILMAN



RIDDLE

Position with W to move



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RICHARD VERBER, Sr. Reg. V-P

The plans for the 1979 U.S. Open in Chicago have been finalized and publicity for the tournament began in the February CHESS LIFE & REVIEW. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the USCF Policy Board -- especially George Cunningham and Gary Sperling -- for agreeing to raise the U.S. Open prize fund to \$13,500 ( a 35% increase). The prizes are now more attractive than ever before for Class C, D, and E players: \$500 - \$250 in each class. Likewise, top prizes of \$3000, \$2000, \$1000, etc. are larger than the prizes in most European IGM tournaments. We expect a huge attendance, perhaps a record-breaking 1000 players from all over the world!

Many Chicago organizers have already promised to help me in organizing the U.S. Open. Chris Musgrave of the Oak Park Club has agreed to serve in the capacity of Entries Chairman; Tom McCormack has accepted the position of Publicity Director; and Gompers Park President Winton Fulk, a Loop attorney, has volunteered to work as Finance Chairman. ICB Editor Helen Warren will be in charge of producing the 1979 U.S. Open booklet. Anyone willing to help with the Open can contact me at 935-8316.

The Chicago Chess Club's move to the No Exit Cafe in Rogers Park is turning out to be an unqualified success. Despite the bad weather, the USCF tournaments and the Illinois Speed Championship which I organized drew big crowds. I was very happy to see fellow masters Greg DeFotis and Jeremy Silman compete with me in the Blitz tournament -- which also drew about 10 experts. I think we can look forward to a renaissance of master-expert chess in Chicago. It's about time. Chicago has been falling far behind New York and California.

Last week Grandmaster Ken Rogoff phoned me to say that he may be moving here to Chicago next Fall. This would be wonderful for Chicago chess. Ken and I have been friends for a number of years, having been teammates at the 1970 Student Olympics in Haifa, Israel. Ken's current rating is about 2520.

The USCF's old computer system SECOS is about to go out of business. For the next few months, there will be no rating reports. Recently USCF purchased a computer: it will be in operation by late May. Look for improved service in the future.

Guaranteed prize fund tournaments are much better than "based-on" prizes in my opinion. Some tournament organizers want to guarantee profits but not prizes. They habitually over-estimate attendance to puff-up the tournament -- then cut the prizes. I urge Illinois organizers to begin guaranteeing prize funds: Illinois players deserve to know in advance what the prize fund will actually be. They will patronize clubs that guarantee prizes.

One of the hardest working tournament organizers in Illinois is Bill Wilkinson of Peoria, who is sponsoring a big tournament in Peoria the weekend of April 21-22. With guaranteed prizes of almost \$1000 -- \$300 for 1st -- the Peoria tournament will make a pleasant weekend vacation for Chicagoans. Likewise, this June Chris Musgrave is sponsoring a big \$1200 tournament at Oak Park. Plan to attend both of these tournaments.

Chess in St. Louis is on the rise thanks to the work of talented organizers like Jim Davies, William Merrrell, and Robert Sutter. Check CHESS LIFE & REVIEW for details on the "SHOW-ME" Classic March 17-18. Nearer to Chicago, there is a tournament in Rockford Saturday, March 10 -- organized by David Brown, the well-known chess problem composer.

AND A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL...It had been a long time since anyone had seen Greg DeFotis play anything save bridge or backgammon, but he was playing chess this time. And a long time, too, since the Old Fox Paul Tautvaisas, broad smile and hearty hand, greeted long time friends. It was more like 'old home week', and it ran without a hitch, smoothly paired and just great fun. The editor figured the average rating for this event--allotting provisional figures to the two unrateds--and came up with an astonishing 1850! Had the weather been even humane, the thirty might have been forty-five. Special kudos to TD Zacate, who in the late rounds, was confronted with some lulu pairing puzzles, and delivered with usual aplomb.

This event succeeded in spite of threats of boycott from some quarters disgruntled over the method of awarding this tournament to its eventual organizer/promoter. A previously unannounced prize was added to the kitty and 19 new ICA members were enrolled at the event. We are all looking forward to the 1979 Speed Championship to be held, we hope, when the snows are gone. Crosstable and prize summary below was provided by organizer Dick Verber.

ILLINOIS SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP -- JANUARY 28, 1979 -- NO EXIT CAFE  
Co-sponsored by the Chicago Chess Club and the Illinois Chess Association

1. Jeremy Silman	2355	W19	W18	W7	W2	W4	D3	W6	W11	L10	L5	7	1/2
2. David Slate	2013	D20	W16	W10	L1	W17	L6	W14	W4	W7	W3	7	1/2
3. Richard Verber	2391	L14	W28	W22	W9	W12	D1	W4	W7	W6	L2	7	1/2
4. Greg DeFotis	2446	W22	W9	W12	W6	L1	W11	L3	L2	W8	W10	7	-3
5. Bob Hansen	2000	L24	W25	W21	L10	L14	W20	W23	W18	W11	W1	7	-3
6. Rubin Reyes	2045	W27	W14	W13	L4	D7	W2	L1	W12	L3	W11	6	1/2
7. M. Marovitch	1963	W30	W11	L1	W8	D6	W9	W12	L3	L2	W16	6	1/2
8. M. Stevanovic	2072	W23	L13	W19	L7	W22	W21	L11	W14	L4	W12	6	-4
9. Boris Schneider	2000	W25	L4	W29	L3	W23	L7	W16	L10	W13	W21	6	-4
10. Jim Warren	1945	W28	W17	L2	W5	L11	L12	W21	W9	W1	L4	6	-4
11. P. Tautvaisas	2150	W15	L7	W27	W18	W10	L4	W8	L1	L5	L6	5	-5
12. T. Redman	2023	W28	W24	L4	W13	L3	W10	L7	L6	W14	L8	5	-5
13. Nick Ballard	1962	W21	W8	L6	L12	W26	L14	L18	W15	L9	W25	5	-5
14. Keith Esses	1850	W3	L6	L18	W28	W5	W13	L2	L8	L12	W26	5	-5
15. Gene Coleman	1701	L11	L29	L20	L25	W30	W28	W24	L13	W27	W22	5	-5
16. Chris Musgrave	1589	L17	L2	L26	W30	W29	W19	L9	W20	W18	L7	5	-5
17. Walter Brown	2042	W16	L10	D24	W20	L2	L18	W25	W19	F	F	4	1/2
18. K. Holzmüller	1977	W26	L1	W14	L11	L21	W17	W13	L5	L16	D19	4	1/2
19. Ed Perelmutter	1800	L1	W30	L8	L26	W28	L16	W27	L17	W24	D18	4	1/2
20. Tom Fineberg	1487	D2	L27	W15	L17	W24	L5	L22	L16	W29	W28	4	1/2
21. Elio Morso	UNR	L13	W23	L5	W27	W18	L8	L10	D22	W26	L9	4	1/2
22. Dr. M. Pimsler	1900	L4	W26	L3	W24	L8	L23	W20	D21	D25	L15	4	-6
23. David Millson	1695	L8	L21	W25	W29	L9	W22	L5	L26	L28	W27	4	-6
24. Bill Dembski	1465	W5	L12	D17	L22	L20	D27	L15	W30	L19	W29	4	-6
25. Bill Leiner	1393	L9	L5	L23	W15	D27	W26	L17	W28	D22	L13	4	-6
26. Earl Berry	1380	L18	L22	W16	W19	L13	L25	W30	W23	L21	L14	4	-6
27. Martin Ptacek	1666	L6	W20	L11	L21	D25	D24	L19	W29	L15	L23	3	-7
28. Tom Lucero	1525	L12	L3	W30	L14	L19	L15	W29	L25	W23	L20	3	-7
29. Kazakevicius	UNR	L10	W15	L9	L23	L16	W30	L28	L27	L20	L24	2	-8
30. Mike Zacate	1351	L7	L19	L28	L16	L15	L29	L26	L24	bye	F	1	-9

1st Place Trophy went to Jeremy Silman on tie-break, ahead of David Slate and R. Verber. (\$50 1st, \$25 2nd, \$15 3rd -- equals \$90 divided 3 ways -- each got \$30. Mark Marovitch won \$25 prize for A-below. Chris Musgrave won \$25 for top 1800-below. All EFs (30 X \$5 equals \$150) were returned in prizes: \$140 in cash and \$10 trophy. ICA Pres. Mike Zacate donated his services as T.D., assisted by Helen Warren. The Chicago Chess Club donated \$65 for publicity and the tournament site (50 plus 15). Chicago experts John Tomas and David Oshana were spectators, having arrived late because of the snow. The Chicago Chess Club is located at the NO EXIT CAFE, 7001 N. Glenwood, Chicago -- a half block from the Morse Ave. Elevated.

and Black will soon swallow up the White a pawn.) 3...Kg3 4 Kf1 Bd6 5 Bf2+ Kh2 6 Be3 (6 Bg1+ Kh1! 7 Be3, to stop Black's Bf4, 7...Bh2! 8 Bh6 Bg1! 9 Bf4 e3 10 g3 [Black threatened 10...e2+] 10...Bh2 winning.) 6...Be5 7 Kf2 h4?? This draws. Today I would hesitate to put my pawn on the same color as the enemy Bishop. Correct was 7...Bg3+! 8 Kf1 Kh1! 9 Bg5 Bd6 10 Be3 Bh2! transposing into a previous note. 8 Kf1 Kg3 9 Bc5?? Oblivious to danger. 9 Bf2+ Draws. 9...Kg4 10 Ke2 Bf4 11 Bd4 Kg3 12 Bf6!= 9 h3! Resigns 0-1 After 10 Bf2+ Kg4 11 gh3+ Kf3.

(Ed. note: This is the first of two articles by Master Silman. The second will appear in the MAY issue of the ICB.)

# Dear Editor

Your views, preferably brief, are most welcome on this page. We edit for reasons of space.... It's your place to 'sound off'. If you prefer that your comments not be published, please so state. Unsigned letters will not be considered for publication.

Dear Helen,

Allow me to congratulate you on the splendid chess magazine you edit. It always amazes me to see so much good material in the ICB since you took over! You are setting the pace for all state chess bulletins. And I hope you continue the good work for years to come. Hope to see you and all other Illinois friends at the US Open in Chicago this coming summer.

Best wishes,

GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI (signed)

*(Ed. note....from one Belgian to another...the above made our day...)*

Dear Sirs,

Please forward any information which you may have on second-hand, antiquarian, and out of print books in English, French, German, Dutch or Swedish. I am particularly interested in pre-war games collections, tournament books, and bound magazines, but any great tournament is of interest. Yours sincerely, M.J. Sheehan, 5, Pembroke Ave., Berrylands, Surbiton KT5 8HN, ENGLAND

FROM HAROLD WINSTON....Second Thoughts on Tournament Life

In December an article, which mentioned this writer's name, defended the new policy of charging \$3 a line for Tournament Life announcements. This fee replaces the traditional free space CL&R provided to affiliates holding rated events. The old policy encouraged organizers to list their events and provided a service to members by including most if not all open rated events in their area. The new plan penalizes organizers listing events unless they attract a large number of players. This hurts small and mid-sized tournaments which have brought in many USCF members. This also hurts events held in Northern states during winter since bad weather can severely limit attendance or even force cancellations. This helps big city major events and could actually give the World Open, for example, a lot of free advertising since the TL fee is subtracted from the rating fee.

Look through 1979 CL&Rs and you'll notice the great decrease in TL announcements. Will this help or hinder chess promotion? ...most Illinois events averaged six lines (in the Jan. issue). How many players are needed for the rating fee to absorb the TL fee? A 5 rd event would need 30 players, a 4 rd. 36, and a 3 rd. 48! So the new policy may discourage 3 rd events which have become popular. In fact any type of experimental format may be discouraged because of the increased cost.

The cost is not the only irritant of the TL fee. The organizer must pay the fee well in advance...allowing USCF to get interest on the fee. Also the organizer must retain credit slips from the time he pays the fee until the rating report is sent in. Suppose the slips are lost? In the past a few organizers did submit long TL notices. This could have been cured by limiting the size of the free TL notice to 7 or 8 lines and to one free announcement per event....I hope either the Policy Board or the Delegates will change the new system.

*(Ed note... The above constitutes a rebuttal to USCF VP Tim Redman's article of last issue discussing the new USCF TL policy. We think most TDs (those we know at any rate) are capable of keeping track of credit slips....*

*.....If 3rders have become so popular, won't they come near or attain the needed figure to break even?)*

FROM PAUL SEGEDIN, Evanston

"...all in all, I was very impressed with the Dec. ICB. I was very happy to see David Sprenkle's article on the National High School Championships. I competed on the ill-fated

# USCF commentary

by USCF Vice-President TIM REDMAN

Troubles inherited from the previous USCF administrations continue to plague the new Policy Board as two new problem areas came to light last month. The first and most serious was an adverse ruling by the IRS concerning USCF's tax exempt status. Due in part to the increased amount of revenue generated by federation catalog sales, the IRS has threatened to revoke our exemption from Federal income tax for all years after June 30, 1972. We have already filed an appeal of the ruling with the Regional Director of Appeals, and are of the opinion that the IRS has erred in certain crucial matters of fact in arriving at their opinion. Nevertheless, the situation is worrisome and is being closely monitored.



The second problem is potentially less serious, though it will cause some inconvenience to USCF members in the upcoming months. SECOS, the computer company from whom the USCF has been leasing time, is due to go out of business in a couple of weeks. Since our program for this computer is uniquely non-compatible with other computers (a situation that USCF should never have entered, analagous to buying a rare, and therefore unserviceable, foreign automobile) we will have to do without computer service for the next few months. This situation would not have occurred had the previous computer arrangement utilized a more common business programming language. The problem will delay the appearance of the next rating list, and orders for crosstables and mailing labels, but will not in any way affect the processing of memberships or book orders. The new computer authorized by the computer subcommittee of the Policy Board (Cottell, Cunningham, and Redman) will be operational by May, will utilize a common business language, and will, after it is purchased, save the USCF about \$100,000 per year in computer expense.

So there is good reason for optimism. The current Policy Board has already successfully dealt with other problems inherited from the previous administrations: an \$80,000 budget deficit, the mass resignation of five of the federation's senior staff, and a threatened \$200,000 lawsuit by US Customs. The new problems should cause no additional worry. And there are other reasons for optimism. There is an increased interest in chess in this country, due in part to the Korchnoi-Karpov match, to the "leisure revolution", to the growing popularity of chess microprocessors, and to the possible return of Bobby Fischer to active play. USCF membership showed a gain of over a thousand in both October and November, and catalog sales are stronger than ever. There is every prospect for a chess boom in this country and a stronger USCF.

You may have noticed a new look to *Chess Life and Review*. Spearheaded by motions introduced by Mike Zacate and John Larkins of Northern California, the USCF Delegates mandated a new approach and new emphases for the USCF magazine. Editor Burt Hochberg has responded admirably, and has already implemented changes designed to give the magazine a broader audience appeal by including features of humorous and human interest nature. In this way the magazine will more successfully interest a greater number of our members and potential members. Susan Benoit and myself, serving as the Policy Board subcommittee for *CL&R*, contemplate even greater improvements in the upcoming months, and the magazine will be a major subject of discussion at both the February and May Policy Board meetings. You can expect the April issue to have a new look, and by August you will see a very much changed and improved magazine.

As you know, Richard Meyerson is the new Staff Director of the USCF, chosen by an 8-0 vote at the last meeting of the Policy Board. A personable and diplomatic man, as well as an able administrator, Dick continues the "son of USCF" tradition started by Edmondson and Morrison. Meyerson is an 1870 rated player who will lead a business office team consisting of Peter Prochaska, Gerry Dullea, and George Cunningham in the forthcoming US Amateur Team Tournament in New Jersey.

Our sincere thanks go to George Cunningham, USCF Treasurer, who served as interim USCF Staff Director in the difficult four months after the surprise resignations of the New Windsor senior staff. Not only did George learn the new job in record time, he also improved the service and cut costs. A habitual 6 am earlybird, George put in many a 12 and 14 hour day, and finished off many a can of worms opened by some of the previous staff. Out thanks also to his charming wife Evelyn, who put up with his long absences in service to the USCF.

From the grapevine: GM-to-be Jack Peters is soon to be married, and rumor has it that GM Lombardy may also be contemplating mate. Kash reports that Gligoric may play in the record-breaking (\$45,000) Statham event at Lone Pine this year, if the match which he is currently negotiating with Fischer is postponed. Popular "Gligo" recently lost his bid for the presidency of FIDE by a very narrow margin in a three way election. The vote? 31-30-29, with GM Olafsson of Iceland winning the two-way runoff. Speaking of record breakers, innovator Bill Goichberg has just announced a \$46,000 prize fund for his Philadelphia World Open this year. See you there!

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LETTERS, continued

SEGEDIN

Evanston team, but the article brought back more good memories than bad. (I've done my best to erase the 8th rd from my memory!) It should also be mentioned that Proviso HS finished 6th in the novice section. With Illinois' scholastic teams doing so well in National competition I hope we will see more articles on this subject (and Sprenkle would be a good person to write about it. I also enjoyed Harold's (Winston) article and Tim Redman's. Jules Stein's sketch was also a worthy inclusion.

The one complaint I have on the issue was the use of two whole pages on the problem between Zacate and Graft. While this was certainly an important matter between the people involved, it was an isolated incident...if space is to be used on players being ejected from tournaments, I feel a better topic would be the incident at the Dec. 16 event at the Chess Center. Players throwing games for their own sadistic or rating purposes is fairly common and deserves more mention.

In the "Focus on the Clubs" department I feel Chess Mates CC strongly deserves to be written up. With CMCC's anniversary (its sixth) coming up and being one of only two Illinois clubs open 7 days a week, we certainly deserve the article..."

(Ed. note...you're on for an early appearance on the 'Focus' page, Paul...re the Graft material: sometimes material is 'mandated' to an editor and appears contrary

to his best judgment. In this issue, the publication in full--with an extra reduction at that!-- of the ICA constitution seems 'lost space' when it might have been a meeting handout at the March ICA Bd. meeting. We commiserate with you when the 'powers' snatch our space!)

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"Presently I am confined in the Georgia State Prison at Reidsville. After reading the article in the January issue of CL&R, "We Need Your Help", I felt the need to write to a member of the Prison Chess Committee of USCF.

Since 1974 I've been a member of USCF. However, my membership expired in July, 1978. During that month, this institution was plagued with racial violence. We are still under a form of lock down and since then the chess club has not been operating.

As a prisoner and chess player, I am very interested in the USCF's attempt at bringing chess behind the walls. There are so many areas that I need assistance in the game of chess, that I had to take this opportunity to find out just what type of individual assistance you could offer. I'm rated by the USCF as 1307. Ms. Warren, any information or assistance you can give prisoners concerning the game of chess, I would appreciate it very much.

(Signed) Hosuton E Mays

(Your editor's efforts on the Prison Chess Committee will be described in the next issue. Specifically, however, we can assist in three ways: get magazines and some equipment to you and you club, provide the opportunity for postal chess if you can handle the postage, and work with you to rejuvenate your prison chess club. You will hear from us--may, in fact, have already.)



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### GAMES, Tomas, continued

LOPEZ-SCHNEIDER, US Class, Unr. K-I 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 f3 Nbd7 6 Be3 e5 7 d5 0-0 8 Qd2 Ne8 (...Nh5!) 9 g4 c6 10 h4 f6?! 11 0-0-0 Qa5? (...Rf7! 12 h5 g5 13 h6 Bf8) 12 h5 g5 13 h6! Bh8 ± 14 Bd3 Nc5 15 Bc2 Rf7 16 Ng2 Qb4 17 Bc5: Qc5: 18 Ng3 b5 (...Qc4: 19 Bb3 +- ) 19 cb5: cb5: 20 Kb1 a5 (...Re7?!) 21 Rc1 Bd7 22 Bd3 Qb6 23 Nd1 Nc7 24 Ne3 Na6 25 Ngf5 Nc5 26 Be2 Rac8 27 Rc2 Be8 28 Rhc1 Rfc7 29 b4!+- ab4: 30 Qb4: Qa6 31 Nd6!: Qd6: 32 Nef5 Qb6 33 d6 Rca7 (...Re6 34 Ne7+) 34 Rc5: Rc5: 35 Rc5: Bd7 36 Bc4+! Kf8 37 Rc8+! 1-0 (...Be8 38 d7+ Qd6 39 d8(R) #)

RHINE (1927)-BOHANNON (1851) US Class, "A", Caro-Kann 1e4 c6 2 Nc3 d5 3 d4 de4: 4 Ne4: Nd7 5 Nf3 Ngf6 6 Nf6:+ Nf6: 7 Ne5 Bf5 8 Bc4 (8 a3±) e6 9 g4 Be4 10 f3 Bd5 11 Bd3 Bd6 12 g5 (12c4? Be5: 13 fe5: Ng4: 14 cd5: Qh4+ 15 Kd2 Ne5:!) 7) Be5: 13 de5: Ng4! 14 Qe2 h6! 15 Rg1 Bf3: 16 Qf3: Ne5: 17 Qg3 Qd4! 18 Be2 hg5: 19 Qg5: Rh2: 20 Qe3+ Qh4+ 21 Qg3 Qe4 22 Be3 (Qe3! ?) Qc2: 24 Bf3: Qh2: 25 0-0-0 Qe5 26 Rge1 Qa5 17 Kb1? Qf5+ 0-1

D VASTO (2030)-M NEKVASIL (2043) IL Chess League; Homewood-F1.-U of C, Ruy Lopez 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 Ne4: 6 d4 b5 7 Bb3 d5 8 de5: Be6 9 c3 Be7 10 Nd2 Nc5 11 Bc2 d4 12 cd4: Nd4: 13 Nd4: Qd4: 14 Nf3 Od1: 15 Rd1: Bg4 16 Be3 Nd7 17 Rac1 0-0-0 18 Bf4 Bf3: 19 gf3: Nc5 20 Bf5+ Kb8 21 Re1 Rhf8 22 Be3 Nd3 23 Bd3: Rd3: 24 Rc6 Kb7 25 R/1c1 Rd1+ 26 Rd1: Kc6 27 Bf4 Bc5 28 Kg2 Re8 29 Rc1 Kb6 30 b3 Re6 31 Rd1 f6 32 ef6: Rf6: 33 Be3 Rcb 34 Rd6: cd6: 35 b4 Be3: 36 fe3: Kc6 37 e4 d5 38 h4 de4: 39 fe4 Kd6: 40 Kf3 Ke5 41 Ke3 g6 42 Kf3 h6 43 a3 g5 0-1

### Dandridge (1804)-Kroll (2336) Sicilian

1 P-K4 P-QB4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 P-Q4 PxP  
4 NxP P-KN3 5 NxN NPxP 6 Q-Q4 P-B3 7  
B-QB4 N-R3 8 BxN BxB 9 0-0 Q-N3 10 Q-B3  
B-B5 11 Q-QN3 Q-Q5 12 N-B3 R-QN1 13 Q-R4  
Q-Q3?! 14 B-N3 BxP+ 15 K-R1 Q-B5 16 P-N3  
Q-R3 17 K-N2 P-Q3 18 QxP+ B-Q2 19 Q-B7  
B-R6+ 20 K-B3 R-QB1 21 Q-N7 Q-R4+ 22  
K-K3 Q-B4+ 23 K-K2 B-N5+ 24 K-Q2 Q-Q5+  
25 K-B1 P-KR4 26 N-Q5 R-R2 27 P-QB3 R-B4  
28 Q-N8+ K-Q2 29 QxRP+ K-K1 30 Q-R8+ B-B

31 N-N6 Q-Q6 32 R-Q1 Q-R3 33 QxQ BxQ 34 R-R1 BxP  
35 PxB R-KN4 36 N-Q5 B-Q6 37 N-B7+ K-Q2 38 N-K6  
BxP 39 N-B8+ K-K1 40 NxR 1-0

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Your editor welcomes your game scores with or without analysis. We print games as space permits; next issue....  
Friedman-Martinowsky; Fink-Martinowsky  
Moore-Sedlock; Stein-Rhine....

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## Problem Section

EDGAR HOLLADAY  
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With the problems in this issue we are starting a ladder-type solving contest. At the end of the first three sets of problems (those in this issue and the following two issues), the solver with the highest score will receive a token prize, at which time his score will be cancelled and he may start again at the bottom of the ladder, and it is expected that a prize will be given every two issues thereafter. The frequency and number of prizes can be adjusted as activity makes desirable. A solver of average ability would reach the top of the ladder in due course. The scores of inactive solvers will be retained for extended periods of time.

For each correct key (White's first move) and/or cook (unintended solution) or a correct, specific claim of "no solution," two points are given for a two-mover, three points for a three-mover, etc. One point is deducted for any incorrect claim. However, in no case will a solver receive a minus score for a problem or more than seven points for a problem. Any exceptions to the above in an individual problem will be stated when the problem is published. Algebraic or descriptive notation can be used. Solutions to the problems in a given issue must be mailed to me (note new address above) before the next issue is published.

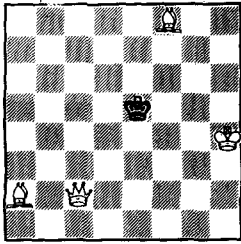
Should doubtful situations or situations not covered by these rules arise, I shall try to be reasonable, but my decisions must be final. Ladder scores will be published when prizes are awarded. Good luck!

Each of the problems in this issue (which range from easy to fairly difficult) has several model mates. As readers may recall, a model mate is one in which each square around the black king is guarded by only one white man, or is not guarded by White if occupied by a black man, and all of the white force (with the permissible exception of king and pawns) is necessary for the mate.

*SPECIAL REQUEST: Does any reader have a copy of the issue in which problems 12-17 appeared which he can lend me long enough for me to make a xerox copy of the problem section?*

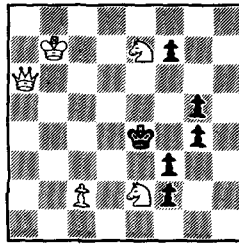
Solutions to problems in the last issue:

- No. 48 Ovchinnikov. Set 1...Qxe5+ 2 Rxe5. 1...Qh5+ 2 Sf7 (Sg6?). 1...Qb5+ 2 Sc6. Solution 1 Sc5 Qxe5+ 2 Se6 (threat). 1...Qh5+ 2 Sg6 (Sf7?). 1...Qb5+ 2 Sd7 (Sc6?). 1...Qxd2 2 Sc4 (Sg4?). 1...Qg4 2 Sf3/Sc6.
- No. 49 Musante. Set 1...Sxd5 2 Bxf5. 1...Rxd5 2 Qc2. Try 1 Se6?, threat 2 Rd4. 1...Sxd2 2 Sxc5 (eSg5?). 1...Rxd5 2 eSg5 (Sc5?). 1...Pf4! Try 1 Sxf5? Sxd5 2 Sd6 (Qxe3?) Rxd5 2 Qxe3 (Sd6?). 1...Sd7! Solution 1 Sc6, threat 2 Rd4. 1...Sxd5 2 Sd2 (Sg5?). 1...Rxd5 2 Sg5 (Sd2?). 1...Kxd5 2 Qd3.
- No. 50 Ellerman. Set 1...Pc6 2 Bb6. 1...Pe6 2 Rxc7. 1...Pg6 2 Qxe7. 1...Pg5 2 Qc1. Solution. 1 Sd6 threat 2 Sb7. 1...cPxd6 2 Bb6. 1...ePxd6 2 Rxc7. 1...Kxd6 2 Qxe7. 1...Qxd6 2 Qc1.
- No. 51 Swedowski. Set 1...Be5 2 Sf5. 1...Se3 2 Qxg7. 1...Rxe4 2 Sf3. 1...Bxe4 Sb3 (Sf3?). 1...Pxe4 2 Rc4 (Sf3?). Solution 1 Sc4, threat ? Qxd5. 1...Be? Qxe5. 1...Se3 2 Qxe3. 1...Rxe4 2 Sf5 (Oxa7?). 1...Bxe4 2 Qxg7 (Sf5) 1... Pxe4 2 Qd8 (Sf5? Qxg7?) 1...Pxc4 Rxc4. 1...Kxe4 2 Qxh4, pure mate.
- No. 52 Vukceвич. Set 1...Qxf5 2 Rb3. Try 1 Bb2? threat 2 Qf4. 1...Kf3 2 Re7. 1...Kxe3 2 Rb3. 1...Bxe3 2 Rf7 1...Kxf5 2 Rb5. 1...Qc7! Solution 1 Bg7, threat 2 Qf4. 1...Kf3 2 Rb3. 1...Kxe3 2 Re7. 1...Bxe3 2 Rb5. 1...Kxf5 2 Rf7. 1...Qxf5 2 Re7.
- No. 53 Loshinski and Schiff. Try (emphasizing the 1...fRf4 and 1...gRf4 set play) 1 Qb1?, threat (Rxb4) 2 Qa2+. 1...fRf4 2 Qe4+ Rxe4 3 Sf6. 1...gRf4 2 Qf5+ Rxf5 3 Rd4. 1...Pxc5 2 Rd7+. 1...Rc4! Solution 1 Sd7, threat 2 Sxb6+. 1...fRf4 2 Rd4+ Rxd4 3 Qf5. 1...gRf4 2 hSf6+ Rxf6 3 Qe4. 1...Rg6 2 Rc6. 1...Ke6 2 Re4+



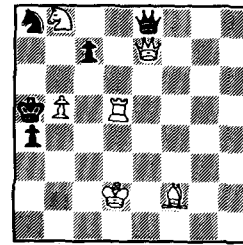
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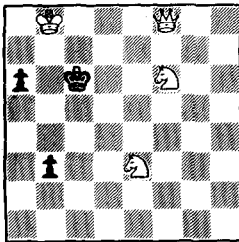
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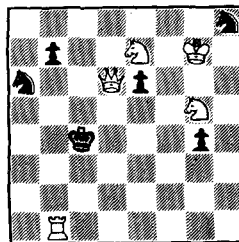


No. 56 MATE IN TWO  
Vojtech Kosek  
Honorable Mention  
Strategie 1900-1902

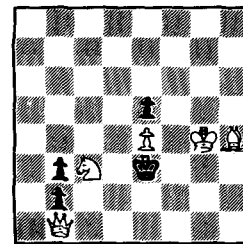
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No. 57 MATE IN THREE  
Miroslav Havel  
Zlata Praha  
1904



No. 58 MATE IN THREE  
C. A. Lucas Bull  
Casopis Ceskych Sachistu  
1923



No. 59 MATE IN THREE  
Godfrey Heathcote  
Reading Observer  
1904

Your solutions are to be sent to Edgar Holladay at above address by APRIL 21.

BOOK REVIEW... JOHN TOMAS

R.H.M. SURVEY OF CURRENT CHESS OPENINGS: KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE I. Algeb.  
117 pp., Loose-leaf, \$7.95. Binder \$2.00.

For several years now readers of RHM books have been tantalized by mention of a soon to be released survey of current chess openings. Finally it has been released and it is the best opening buy on the current book market.

The Survey follows the same essential format of RHM's two opening books The French Defense and The Sicilian Najdorf. Each major variation (here the Averbakh, Saemisch and Four Pawns) is given a separate section where an illustrative game is analyzed in depth by a GM who specializes in it. Major deviations are analyzed in supplementary games or, if less important, in the text itself. This format allows extensive explanation of the strategical aims of the variation and its historical development at a level of use to players of all strengths. Because the authors are active GMs the analyses are accurate and up-to-date, the evaluations meaningful. This survey contains an added bonus in the form of a review of the latest games by English GM Bill Hartston, one of the most lucid and intelligent expositors of contemporary opening theory around. Each section concludes with a selection of recent games (32 for Averbakh, 61 for the Saemisch), many of which are not easily available.

The Survey is essential for players rated "A" and above--I'm sure that even masters will want it if only for the games. It is useful for all other classes of players because of the depth of its general remarks. A superb buy!

Summary of Minutes of past ICA meetings, submitted by Walter Brown, ICA Secretary

Oct. 10, 1978, Evanston HS. Ballots for ICA offices were counted with following results: Pres.: M Zacate 139, H Winston 9, P Segedin 2, J Winston 1, Brown 1, Smythe 1  
1st V-P: J Winston 87, H Warren 71; 2nd V-P: D Sprenkle 149, P Ilosvay 1, R Verber 1, Smythe 1, H Warren 1. Secretary: W Brown 98, R Pacetti 53, R Kahn 1, Treas.: Gelbart 88, Tomas 62, Keen 1, H Winston 1, Brotsos 1. Minutes of last meeting were approved. Changes to constitution Section C passed 122-2 and D passed 124-1. Officers reports were given. The editor reported on revenues through paid advertising and discussed need for prompt report of address changes. H Winston reported that IL would have 5 delegates and 12 VMs this yr. Treas. Rogan reported \$636 in checking and \$427 in savings. The Keen proposal for nominating USCF VMs was defeated 13-0. A committee (Brown, J Winston, Sprenkle) was appointed to investigate policy of direct elections of delegates. A bylaw was to be formed to list criteria for appointment USCF delegates and VMs. Election procedures for the just completed election were discussed. It was agreed that a PO box would be rented for receipt of ballots and that ballots would not be sent directly to the secretary as they were in this election. The two-yr \$5 dues was eliminated. The Ill Chess League was reported as having difficulty recruiting teams. R Pacetti became membership secretary and committed himself to provide computerized mailing labels as needed. The editor submitted her resignation. The Pan Am was announced as scheduled for Dec. 26 at the Ramada O'Hare Inn. The US Open was awarded to Chicago and is scheduled for the Palmer Hs. July 29-  
Aug. 10. A letter was sent to USCF Pres. Sperling on behalf of ICA indicating support for retention of Arpad Elo as Secretary of the Qualifications Comm. of FIDE. The next ICA business meeting was scheduled for March.

ICA OFFICERS MEETING, OCT. 23, 1978. The editor situation and possible replacements were discussed. The editor's position would be offered in the following order: 1 Helen Warren, 2 Kevin Bachler, 3 H Winston. A committee was set up to formulate an editorial policy. Zacate introduced a position paper on the selection of USCF delegates and VMs. These were then selected by the criteria listed. 5 delegates, 12 VMs and 19 alternates were selected. Joan Winston registered protest at the selection of Tom McCormack as delegate. The placement of Helen Warren on the Voting Member list was made with the understanding of the possibility of her resuming the editorship. If she turned down the job as editor, she would be placed elsewhere on the VM list, with everyone else moving up.

ICA OFFICERS MEETING, JAN. 21, 1979. It was decided that in the interest of efficiency all ICA memberships should be sent to Helen Warren. She will then send monies to the Treasurer and the names of new members to the membership secretary. It was mandated that the membership secretary give TWO label printouts to the editor prior to mailing of each issue of the ICB. Tom McCormack as membership chairman was to form a committee to recruit new ICA members. Guidelines for the ICB were drafted by a committee consisting of Redman (Chrmn.), Tomas, Smythe, H Winston, and H Warren, but one member (H Winston) disagreed with one sentence of the report and it was therefore sent back to committee. It has been promised for completion at the March 4 ICA meeting. Treas. Gelbart reported that the ICA treasury had \$579 in checking and \$432 in savings. Minutes were to be sent three weeks prior to the March meeting, a bulk mail permit was to be sought, stamps purchased for officers use. Helen Warren presented ICA stationery she designed and had printed for the officers use. K Bachler asked to be reimbursed for expenses incurred while he was a candidate for the editor's post. This was remanded to the March meeting. Mr Graft and/or his representative will be asked to appear at the March 4 meeting to discuss the events which transpired at the IL Open, and a possible penalty, if any, might be imposed. Bidding procedures for tournaments were discussed along with what titles should be awarded. A possible dues change was discussed: \$5 for adults, \$3 for juniors. This was to be presented at the March meeting.

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Kornfeld.....1992	Coffee.....1743	Young.....1551	Zingheim.....1384
Tomas.....1974	Perelmuter....1741	Wilbern.....1540	Patton.....1376
Stevanovic....1964	Ilosvay.....1737	Stone.....1546	Kazakevicius..1341
Hansen.....1956	Morso.....1734	Dobbins.....1535	Walasek.....1339
Schneider.....1954	McGowan.....1721	Lucero.....1532	Blum.....1338
Berry.....1953	Dodson.....1713	Warren, H.....1523	Mulkey.....1335
Artidello.....1933	Winston, H....1711	Larson.....1522	Dripps.....1298
			Zacate.....1283
			Stefek.....1283
			Untermeyer, A..1255
			Kondic.....1255
			Schennberg....1240
			Vann.....1238
			Flanagan.....1218
			Untermeyer, Al.1148
			Esposito.....1148
			Byun.....1137
			Robinson.....1126
			Wein.....1123
			White.....1099
			Kamp.....1084
			Milfajt.....1071
			Klaser..... 957

Does your chess club hold speed events? You can have them rated, with players participating listed on this speed rating ladder, by sending your event's results to TOM FINEBERG at 7321 South Shore Dr., Chicago, 60619.

Players who are inactive for TWO ISSUES of the ICB will be removed from the rating list.

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CALL FOR INTEREST IN HOLDING ICA CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS,  
Mike Zacate, Pres.

The ICA has been without a policy for selecting what titles and what organization would hold the event for too long. In accordance with a 5-0 vote of the ICA officers, a policy I recommended is being implemented. It will be submitted to the ICA Board of Directors for consideration as a by-law to establish a more permanent and continuing policy.

An organization interested in holding a tournament to determine state champions in the following areas is sought:

ILLINOIS OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP, ILL. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP, ILLINOIS CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP, ILLINOIS RAPID CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP, ILL. JUNIOR INVITATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Any organization which wants to promote chess in Illinois and to work actively is welcome. More information on any or all tournaments will be supplied upon request that will provide the general parameters and expectations of the tournament.

Deadline for inquiries is MARCH 4 for the ILL JUNIOR INVITATIONAL. The deadline for inquiries on all others is April 1. Write to me at:

Mike Zacate, ICA PRES.  
9401 Birch RR#3  
Mokena, IL 60448

# CICL news...

CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE

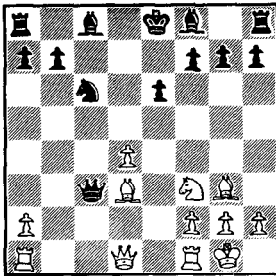
entering its  
22nd year of  
team play...

The testy weather kept many matches unplayed as the CICL season headed for the half-way mark. In the FAR WEST DIVISION, WHEATON COLLEGE led the way with the two ARGONNE teams in pursuit, followed by AMOCO. In the NEAR WEST DIVISION The WESTERN ELECTRIC CHARGERS had chalked up 4½ out of 5 match points to open a half point gap between them and the ANL KNIGHTS. The EAST DIVISION had two teams with untarnished records: 1st NATIONAL BANK and SEARS #1, while the NORTH DIVISION LEADER was MOTOROLA. Sufficient progress should have been made by our next issue to report significant results. Meanwhile, IL OPEN CHAMP ROY BENEDEK has provided us with the following game from CICL competition.

R BENEDEK (Argonne Rooks) M FLYNN (WESCOM)

1 N-KB3 N-KB3  
2 P-B4 P-B4  
3 N-B3 P-Q4  
4 PxP NxP  
5 P-K3 (a) N-B2 (b)  
6 P-Q4 PxP  
7 PxP P-K3  
8 B-Q3 N-B3  
9 B-KB4 (c) N-Q4  
10 B-N3 Q-R4 (d)  
11 O-O (e) NxN  
12 PxN QxBP (f)

FLYNN



BENEDEK

Position after 12...QxBP

- (a) In this innocuous-looking position, Black can easily go astray. Best is 5...P-K3.  
(b) This loses time, and the Knight is poorly placed.  
(c) Indirectly protecting the QP.  
(d) At this point I was surprised that my opponent apparently thought his position could support a pawn-grabbing expedition. Now 11 Q-N3 is possible; however, Black's threat can be ignored.  
(e) I felt that (as a sage once remarked in a similar situation) "if this sacrifice is not correct, something must be wrong with the game of chess."  
(f) An almost identical position occurred in the game Gligoric-Bernstein, Belgrade vs Paris match, 1950, with the difference that White's QB was on its original square. Gligoric still won without much difficulty, although the defense could perhaps have been improved.  
(g) Also strong is an immediate 13 B-N5.  
(h) If 14...B-K3 15 B-N5 B-K2 16 R-B1 Q-R4 17 N-Q4 O-O 18 BxN wins a piece in a way similar to the game continuation.  
(i) No better is 16...B-Q2 17 R-B1 QxN 18 QxQ NxQ 19 BxB+ KxB 20 R-B7+.  
(j) White wins a piece.

13 P-Q5 (g)	PxP	20 RxB	Q-R6
14 R-K1+	B-K2 (h)	21 R-K3	QxP
15 B-N5	Q-B4	22 B-Q6	R-Q1
16 N-Q4	O-O (i)	23 NxP	B-N5
17 BxN (j)	PxB	24 Q-K1	P-Q5
18 R-B1	Q-R6	25 R-K4	P-Q6
19 R-K3	QxP	26 NxR	Resigns

ILLINOIS CHESS LEAGUE UPDATE... The absence of effective leadership, failure to disseminate league rules to captains, and lack of communication plagued the top section of four teams (U of C, Hillside, H-F, and Evanston). The Booster section moved through the winter in admirable style in spite of organizational impediments. Standings follow:

1 HILLSIDE	(4)	18½-5½
2 OAK PARK "A"	(4)	16-8
3 U OF C	(2)	6½-5½
4 OAK PARK "B"	(4)	11½-12½
5 HOMEWOOD-FL.	(3)	5½-12½
6 OAK PARK "C"	(3)	2-16

Standings in the top section are not available because IL Chess League Chairman S Tennant refused to submit reports, EVEN TO THE TEAMS PARTICIPATING, THOUGH HE HIMSELF IS A MEMBER OF A PARTICIPATING TEAM.

The matter of ICL structure and management will be a topic for discussion at the March 4 ICA meeting. Information provided by Chris Musgrave and S Gelbart.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS IN ILLINOIS: A DIRECTORY

CHICAGO CHESS CENTER, 2666 N Halsted, Chicago, Jules Stein, 2-midnight (929-7010)  
CHICAGO CHESS CLUB, No Exit Cafe, 7001 Glenwood, Chgo., Tues. pm (743-3355 or (935-8316)  
GOMPERS PARK CHESS CLUB, 4224 W Foster Ave., Chgo., Friday nights, W Fulk (676-2170)  
87th ST CHESS CLUB, Tuley Park, 90th & King Drive., Chgo, T Fineberg  
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO CHESS CLUB, Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E 59th., Mon. 7-10, H Winston  
(947-0503)

CHESS MATES CHESS CLUB, 517 Demster, Evanston, nightly 7-12 (869-4100)  
ILLINOIS JUNIOR CHESS FOUNDATION, Mike Zacate, 9401 Birch, RD #3, Mokena, 60448 (479-9380)  
HILLSIDE CHESS CLUB, Hillside Baptist Church, L Stilwell, Fri. PM (449-9364)  
KOMAREK CHESS CLUB, Komarek School, 8924 W 24th St. No. Riverside, grade school club open  
to all, meets lunchtime daily, Dick Temple (447-8030)  
OAK PARK CHESS CLUB, Harvard Church, Harvard & Kenilworth, Oak Park, Tues. PM, Chris Musgrave  
or M Coleman (386-2803)  
YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN CC, 'kolo', 333 N Michigan Ave., Chgo., 60601  
RANTOUL CHESS CLUB, Rantoul Public Library, corner of Rts 45 & 136, Wed., 7 PM  
PARK RIDGE CHESS CLUB, "Log Cabin", Sibley & Forest View, Park Ridge, 60068, Tues. 7:30,  
T Sprandel, (692-3411)  
SPRINGFIELD CHESS CLUB, Washington Park, Wed. PM, J Donnelly, (529-7261)  
NORTHWESTERN UNIV. CHESS CLUB, Norris Center, 1999 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, B Smythe  
(864-0576)

Clubs listed above are affiliates of the ICA. If you would like to see your club listed in our next issue, your \$10 annual affiliate dues, payable to Helen Warren, will assure you a space. Your editor welcomes your club news and tournament announcements, results of your events, etc. Be sure to include local address and meeting time as well as name of an officer to contact for queries. A phone number is always useful.

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IF YOU MOVE....

The post office provides change of address cards for your use in notifying us of an address change. To assure proper mailing label in time for use on next issue, we should know of address change by April 10

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MEETING NOTICE...HEAR YE!

The next meeting of the ICA Board of Directors, open to all ICA members, will be held on MARCH 4, Sunday, at the HARVARD CHURCH, home of the Oak Park Chess Club, Harvard and Kenilworth Avenues. Meeting time: 1:30 PM.

Many crucial items are on the agenda for this meeting including proposals for amendment of the ICA constitution. Voting members should make a special effort to attend; alternates should be in attendance as well.

Notice: Any chess player who is owed prize money from any tournament should notify ICA President Mike Zacate, 9401 Birch Rd RD #3, Mokena, IL 60448, stating how much he is owed and the particulars of the tournament--date, place organizer/director, and specifically what prize was won.

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

FEB.

- 23-25 OAK PARK WINTER CLASSIC, 5-SS, Harvard Church, OPCC (A)
- 24-25 EVAN-CHI OPEN, 5-SS Chess Mates CC (A)

MARCH

- 3 Chess Mates, Evanston, Fish Fry, below 1700 (A) \*
- 3 Chicago Chess Center, Saturday Typhoon, Above 1700 (A)
- 4 Homewood-Flossmoor, Second South Suburban Swiss
- 10 Chess Mates, Evanston; 1701, Chess Odyssey above 1700 (A)
- 10 Chicago Chess Center; Saturday Deluge, below 1700 (A)
- 10 38th Caissa Open, Rockford College, Rockford
- 10-11 Chicago Chess Club, No Exit Cafe Championship, 4-SS (A)
- 11 Eisenhower JR HS Women's (Open to Everyone)
- 17-18 Chicago Chess Center, Potzer's Paradise Revisited (A)
- 24 Public League Playoffs, Rd. 1 and 2
- 31 Public League Playoffs, Rd/ 3 and 4; Springfield; Rantoul

MARCH 17-18 2nd Shoquoquon Open, 5-SS, Burlington, IA (cf Feb. Q.&R)

APRIL

- 7 Rockford
- 6-7 High School Team Championship
- 7-8 Midwest Women's Open: 5-SS at Chicago Chess Center (A)
- 8 Eisenhower Junior HS; 3-SS
- 14 Tuley Park Chess Club; Octahex., 3-SS (A)
- 20-21 High School Individual Championship
- 21-22 Chicago Chess Club (A)
- 21-22 Greater Peoria Open, 5-SS
- 28 Downers Grove North, 4-SS
- 28 Chicago Chess Center, 4-SS (A)
- 28-29 Chess Mates, Evanston, 5-SS (A) \*
- 29 Chicago Chess Center, 4-SS (A)

MAY

- 5-6 Springfield
- 6 U High Open, Scholastic, and 3-SS, Hyde Park (A) \*
- 12 Chicago Chess Center, 4-SS (A)
- 13 Chicago Chess Center, 4-SS (A)
- 19 Industrial Chess League Tornado, 4-SS Open
- 19-20 Chicago Chess Center, Agony and the Ecstasy, 5-SS (A)
- 26-28 Chicago Chess Club, GREATER CHICAGO OPEN (A) GUARANTEED PR.
- 26-27 Rantoul

JUNE

- 9-10 Illiwis Open, 5-SS (Guar. Pr.) Central Lake Co. Club
- 22-24 OAK PARK CLUB; GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENT, \$1250 GUARANTEED PRIZE FUND (A)

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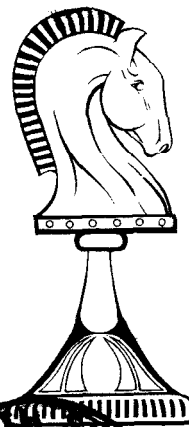
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