

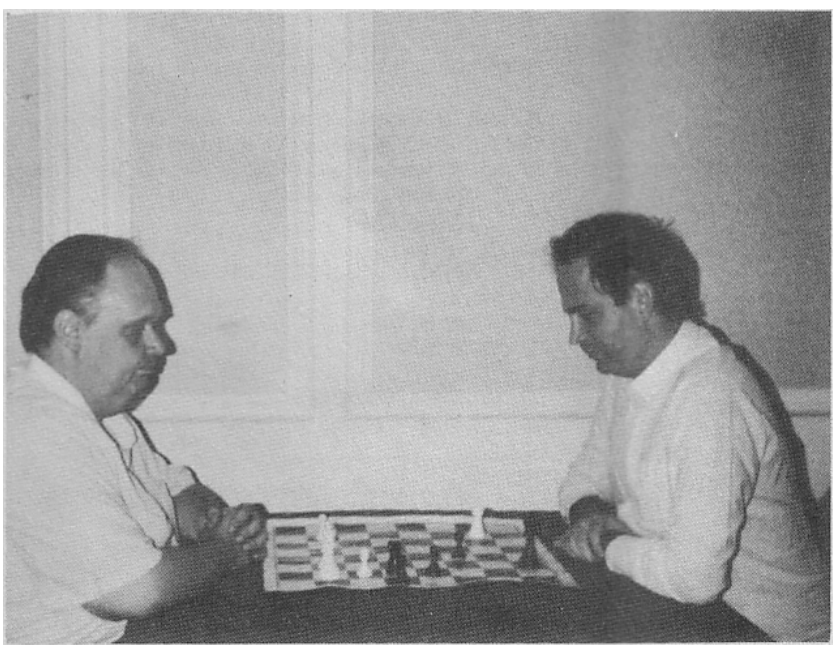
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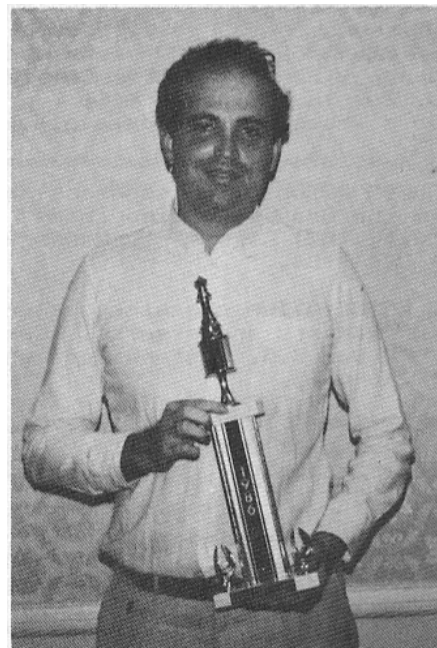
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Ricardo Szmecan, winner
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ICA MEMBERS MEETING

The annual ICA Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 26, between the rounds of the ICA Officers Tornado in Morgan Park. There is a slight possibility that the date will be changed to Saturday, October 25, or that the site will be changed to the University of Chicago, so keep in touch with ChessPhone [(312) 233-8500] for updates.

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We just got our October Chess Life, and we note that, right off the bat on page 8, there is a game in descriptive notation.

Fifteen years ago, Chess Life was an all-descriptive publication. Reader surveys indicated that a majority of readers (though a declining majority each year) preferred descriptive; this was used as an excuse to exclude algebraic notation altogether.

Obviously, a lot of progress has been made. Most tournament players now use algebraic, Chess Life is mostly algebraic, most state magazines have switched to 100% algebraic, and players are now required to use algebraic in FIDE-rated tournaments.

It seems to be taking forever to kill off the last vestiges of descriptive notation. Even though many younger players are now learning only algebraic, there are a few pages in each Chess Life that hark back to the dark ages.

Come on, USCF, go all the way! If authors submit their material in descriptive, convert it, just as we do in the Illinois Chess Bulletin. It's high time to take the final step.

Meanwhile, in case there are any of you left who refuse even to try algebraic, remember -- the Knight is *bold* and *gallant*, the Bishop resides in the church alongside the *cardinal* and *friar*, the Queen is *dame*, and the King is King *Edward*. And surely you don't need a mnemonic for the a- and h-files.

Loose Pieces

The Illinois Chess Bulletin has won three first-place awards and three honorable mentions in this year's national chess journalism competition sponsored by the Chess Journalists of America. The ICB ranked second nationwide in state chess publications, behind Chess Horizons of Massachusetts which won seven first-place awards and five honorable mentions. Also faring well was Rank and File of Southern California, which won one first-place and five honorable-mention awards.

The ICB's first-place awards came in the categories of Best Cover (the owl, May-June), Best Regular Column (Ask Miroseg by David Sprengle, tied with The Postal Scene in Chess Horizons), and Best Editorial (Digital Si, Kaisha No, January-February). We won honorable mention as Best State Magazine (Chess Horizons won first place), Best Editorial (Women's Tournaments -- an Old Idea?, May-June), and Best Interview (Personal Profile by Guy Gruenberg, December 1985).

For the second week in a row, Channel 11 in Chicago has failed to carry the World Championship match due to technical problems they blame on the producing TV station in upstate New York. Sure. Channel 11 has never been enthusiastic about world chess, scheduling the

36 h3 or 36 h4 allows 36...Nf3+ and 37...Rh2+ mate).

Just some nit-pickin on your cotton-pickin.

Arthur Bisguier

LETTERS

[True. White would have to continue 36 Qh3 Nf3+ 37 Kh1 Rxb2+, transposing into my line at move 40, a saving of 3 moves. -- Editor]

In the last issue of the ICB Kevin Bachler offers us his rather controversial opinion that Greg DeFotis and Andrew Karklins are "the [two] strongest players in Illinois." Kevin reaches this conclusion on the basis of their performance in the 52-player Prairie State Masters and Experts Open.

I agree that Greg and Andrew are two of our finest masters, but it strikes me as premature to confer upon them some imaginary Illinois chess crown on the basis of only 1 tournament. A glance at the August 1986 USCF list of the top 50 in Illinois shows them ranked #5 and #10 respectively.

Objectively speaking, it seems that there are more outstanding Senior Masters in Illinois than ever before. Bob Gruchacz (2457), Morris Giles (2437), Al Chow (2429), Greg DeFotis (2427), Gene Martinovsky (2423), Ricardo Smetan (2411), and Andrew Karklins (2362) have each won major tournaments during the past year. Any one of these fine masters is quite capable of winning a given tournament. I don't see how Kevin can realistically assert that any one (or two) of these champions have proven any consistent superiority over their fellows.

Perhaps ICA should consider sponsoring an annual tournament of champions!

Dick Verber

I know you put a lot of work into the ICB and have helped make it a class publication.

As a fellow A player, I was very interested to see if you had found a flaw in the masters' analysis to the game Gruchacz-Ildiko on page 23 of [the July-August] ICB.

I think that I've found a drawing (at least a fighting) method for White. See any cooks?

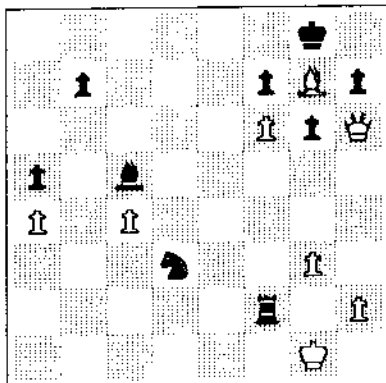
David Ferrie

[David produced a page of analysis at this point, much of it similar to lines discovered by others. Take a look at the Miroseg column on the next page. -- Editor]

ERRATA

Congratulations on another impressive issue.

Re your intelligent Editor's note on Gruchacz-Ildiko, page 23, July-August:



After 35 Kgl in Editor's suggested line:

Black could save many moves with 35...Ne1 (threatening Rook back and mate on f1, while

In the July-August issue, Chicago Midwest co-champion Robert Gruchacz was disguised a bit more than we had intended. The pictures of Gruchacz and Amateur section champion Leonard Spiegel on pages 20-21 were reversed at the printing house. Our apologies to both players for the mix-up.

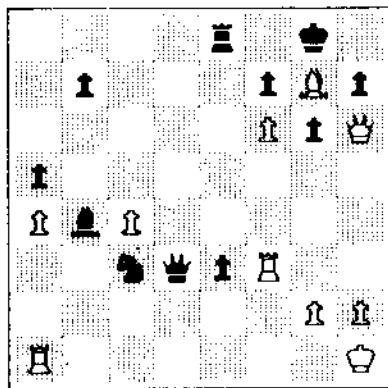
Matters were further complicated for Gruchacz in one of the cover photos, whose caption spoke of "Robert Gruchacz and TD Richard Verber" even though Verber was on the left.

Nominating petitions for ICA office are due in the Secretary's hands by October 1, not August 15 as stated on page 27 last issue. It should be noted, however, that there are already declared candidates for each of the five ICA offices.

ASK MIROSEG

by David Sprenkle

I was worried. Miroseg Zog set up the famous Bruchacz-Ildiko position from the cover of the last ICB and then gave it his full attention. For hours he sat and stared, lost in the labyrinth of intricate variations. I kept myself amused by perusing an article entitled "New Twists on the Spine" in his latest AJC (American Journal of Chiropractic). I was just getting to the description of those vital vertebrae which control our audio faculties when I heard a loud droning. Fortunately it proved to be Miroseg's distinct snore rather than any malfunction in my own column. I gently shook the addled Albanian awake before he settled on the board and scattered all the pieces.



"Hey, Miroseg, what's the scoop on this wild position?" A look of panic crossed the face of the exiled Albanian as he shot straight up in his chair.

"Excuse! Please to mash third vertebra till funny noise stops."

"Dops, that's just the phone. Try to pull yourself together and remember your insightful analysis while I answer it."

"I not in! Sophie wants me to meet her mother."

When I finished taking the message Miroseg was back to staring at the perplexing position.

"Save your eyes, Miro, some fellow named V.B. Ritchie called with a refutation of Smythe's analysis. After 28....e2 29 Re1 Ne4 30 Bh8! Bf8 [forced] 31 Rxd3 Bxh6 32 Rxe2 Black stays an Exchange down and faces a lost ending after 32....Kxh8 33 Rxe4 or 32....Nxf6 33 Rxe8+ Nxe8 34 Rd8. And of course 32....Ng3+ 33 hxg3 Rxe2 34 Rd8+ Bf8 35 Bg7 'is even worse.'" But Miroseg remained lost in thought, so I returned to the article until the phone rang again.

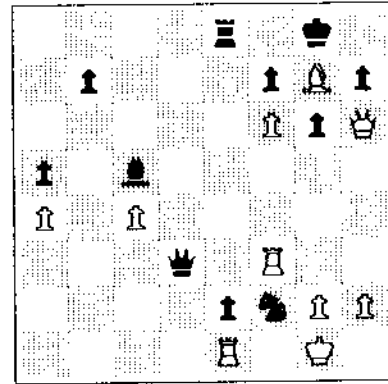
"False alarm, Miro. That was V.B. Ritchie again to tell us Black doesn't have to recapture the Queen immediately. After 30 Bh8 Bf8 31 Rxd3 Nf2+! 32 Kg1 Nxd3 33 Qd2 [or 33 Bg7 Nxe1 34 Bxf8 Nf3+] Nxe1 34 Qxe1 Bb4 it's Black who wins. You can stop analyzing. Miro? Miro!"

The phone rang again. Miroseg didn't stir. I

"Another false alarm, Miro. Ritchie now thinks White doesn't have to grab the Queen so quickly either. After 31 Bg7 there'll be a repetition of position, right? So it should be a draw. Miro? Gads, I've had enough of this. I'm going straight to the source."

In a flash I had our intrepid editor on the phone and got his side of the controversy.

"Hey Miro, Bill Smythe has set me straight. After Ritchie's 31 Bg7 Black wins with 31....Nf2+! 32 Kg1 [32 Rxf2 Qd1!] Bc5!



"What can White do? After 33 Bh8 Ng4+ 34 Kh1 Nxf6 35 Rxd3 Ng4! or 33 Rxd3 Nxd3+ 34 Kh1 Nf2+ 35 Kg1 Ng4+ it's all over. So what do you have to say about all this? You've been peering at that position for hours!"

I think this Smythe must be great master to be so good analyst and wise editor."

"Well, actually....but you are paid for YOUR wonderful analytical skills. How about a little production?"

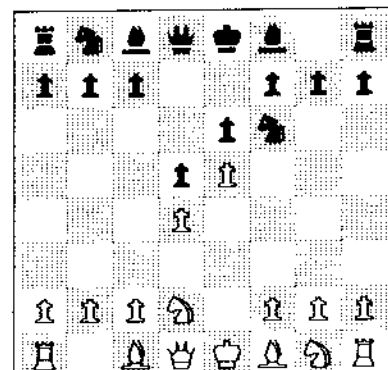
"If back not broken don't bend it.' Old Albanian proverb. Smythe has answered question for me. Who am I to question editor?"

On that note of wisdom we move on to another question. Does anyone see any deeper?

D. Dear Miroseg,

I have seen two masters from the Caveman country to the north experimenting with various lines against the French Tarrasch:

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| (1) | 1 | e4 | e6 |
| | 2 | d4 | d5 |
| | 3 | Nd2 | Nf6 |
| | 4 | e5 | |



4 Ng8!?
 5 Bd3 c5
 6 c3 Nc6

which is essentially an Advance variation a couple of tempi down. However, they have had reasonable success with this line claiming that the placement of the Knight on g8 is more flexible than on d7. What do you think?

(2) 1 e4 e6
 2 d4 d5
 3 Nd2 Nc6
 4 gNf3 b6

The intention isBb7 and Queenside castling afterQd7. How about this idea?

Cordially,
 Ugh Grunt, Caveman

A. "I'm not sure if 'Caveman' refers to his occupation or his town. Isn't there a Caveman, Illinois near Wilmette? Anyway, what about question #1?"

"Against normal move 4...Nd7 White often plays 5 f4 instead of 5 Bd3. Here it work even better, and is best plan against 4...Ng8. In Advance French White has no time for f4. Here two tempi up I think White can establish safe bind. Mr. Grunt should look at lines with 4...Nd7 5 f4 and then see difference after 4...Ng8? 5 f4. Is less pressure on e5 and take extra move to get King Rook to f-file."

"Okay then! How about question #2?"

"You have experience with this, Dave. Maybe you answer question for Mr. Grunt?"

I blushed. "If you're referring to Sprenkle-Bachler, Midwest Masters 1985, then I have nothing to say. I played 5 c4 and though the opening didn't turn out badly it certainly wasn't a refutation."

"I forget. How game turn out?"

"You slime. You know full well how it turned out. I lost. The game appeared in the ICB. Now answer Mr. Grunt's question!"

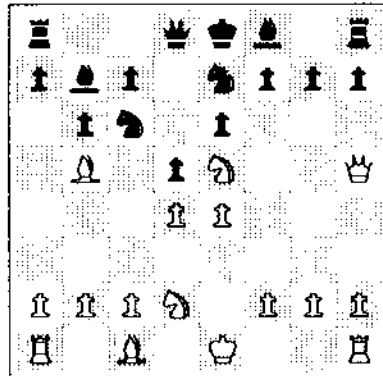
"Hokay, hokay, don't get hot-footed. All in good fun. I no like 4...b6 because center not fixed yet. Maybe after 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 then 4...b6 okay, if you play like Petrosian."

"So what should I have done?"

"5 c3 followed by Bd3 and O-O is fine and keeps you small edge. But why not 5 Bb5?"

"I thought of that. He can guard the Knight more times than I can attack it, and then he drives my Bishop away witha6."

"Ah, but here is idea. 5 Bb5 Bb7 6 Ne5 gNe7 7 Qh5!"



"Now 7...g6 8 Qf3 f5 forced, but after 9 exf5 exf5 10 Qc3 Qd6 11 O-O White has advantage because of outpost at e5 he can support with dNf3."

"Looks good! I only looked at 7 Qf3, but then Black can play 7...f6."

You too can have your every question answered by that award-winning chess animal, Miroseg Zog. Send your questions to: (note the new address!)

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to improve your play

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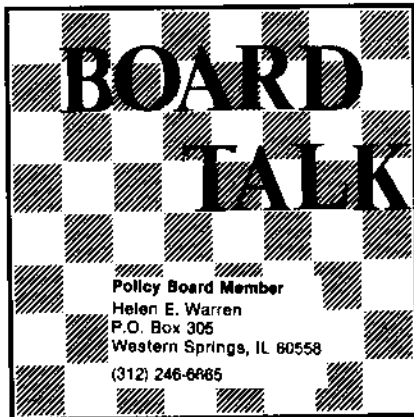
Mr. Verber will evaluate your game and make suggestions for improvement. Most players have a hard time evaluating their own mistakes. A master teacher can help you to avoid wasting time studying the wrong material.

CLUB SIMULS AND BLINDFOLD EXHIBITIONS

(LOOSE PIECES, from page 4)

program this time around at 7 am Saturday, a time of the week most of us didn't even know existed. Don't they know chess players are night people? Why not 1 a.m. Friday night or Saturday night, in place of one of their two consecutive half-hours of CNN Network News, one of which is carried simultaneously by Channel 38?

USCF has produced a philatelic souvenir (that means a stamp, in case you just arrived from Neptune) of the 1986 U.S. Open. Souvenirs are available: a cacheted envelope (25 cents, no cancel, or \$1.25 cancelled) or a limited edition of 50 covers bearing the signatures of 12 Grandmasters, including George Koltanowski, Reuben Fine, Samuel Reshevsky, and U.S. Open winner Larry Christiansen. The covers are \$50 each while they last; proceeds will go to the U.S. Chess Hall of Fame and Museum. Send check and large SASE to USCF Covers, Woodrow Harris, 1105 West End Drive, Emporia VA 23847.



THE U.S. OPEN MEETINGS

or

What Happened in Somerset, Willie?

Some information, observations, commentary, and downright opinion from Helen Warren....

THE PLAY'S THE THING....

GM Larry Christiansen accomplished what no other player has been able to do since the U.S. Open in Chicago 1979: he won the U.S. Open clear. In the process the Grandmaster from Pasadena, CA went undefeated, racking up a very impressive 10-2 score ahead of such luminaries as GMs Boris Spassky, Lev Alburt, and Alexander Chernin and IMs Victor Frias, Michael Rohde, and Michael Wilder, all a half point back. About 550 players congregated at the Somerset Hilton to do battle for \$25,000 in prizes. Nine Fidelity chess computers competed -- and one of them made history in beating IM David Strauss. Several Illinois players (and a few who have played here and so are familiar names) competed and scored well: Andrew Karklins, Ken Larsen, Adam Lief, among them, all at a creditable 8.5 points.

IM Joel Benjamin literally wore out Soviet GM Vitaly Cseshkovsky in a game that went 104 moves. Alexander Chernin, the other half of the Soviet exchange team, won the very strong speed tournament a half point ahead of Yasser Seirawan. And Danny Edelman of New York took top honors in the Denker High School Tournament of Champions. Our Illinois representative Eric Ronneberg performed very well, indeed, tying for 4th-9th place in a field of thirty-two players. Chief organizer of the Open was USCF President Steve Doyle with help from a huge corps of TDs and assistants.

THE ANNUAL POLITICAL MIGRATION ... or they all come home to roost ... tongue in cheek

Every year during the early dog days of August a particular scent hovers about the central week-end of the twelve-day U.S. Open. The politicians are moving in with their briefcases stuffed with financial sheets and

bids. You can tell from the set of their jaws that they are people of purpose, men with a cause, laden with a mission. They convene in knots in the bar (dimly lit, of course) or stalk the mezzanine, looking for compatriots from other states. This is their day in the sun.

In the aftermath of an unusually testy election during which such divergent groups as the Anti-Defamation League and the American Friends of FIDE anted their two cents into the political kitty, there was much for the gray-beards to chew over -- and chew over -- and chew over. The first Grandmaster ever had just been elected to the USCF Policy Board by a considerable margin; he had campaigned on a personal agenda of his perceived exclusion from an aborted USSR-USA match and the alleged immorality of potential U.S. participation in the Dubai Olympiad, scheduled for hosting by the Arab nation, United Arab Emirates -- and the voters had bought it. "We are playing with a different set of rules," opined PB candidate-loser David Welch. "Credentials mean nothing." What would the election mean for the USCF? For our Olympic team? For Boris Gulko playing in the Open? For Yasser Seirawan, a just-declared candidate for USCF president next year? Only time would tell. But clearly, this was the stuff of afternoon soap operas.

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I've never seen a sight like it. The lobby of the Somerset Hilton served as a revival meeting tent for a frenzied, arm-waving Haggard-like pontificator who decried "the evil conspiracy of the Policy Board" and urged "the impeachment of Steve Doyle". There is no entertainment tax on the first amendment.

TIME FOR THE GAVEL

Thirty-eight states sent 109 delegates to the Somerset meetings. Illinois as usual had its full contingent of five delegates, RVPs, Life Delegate, and PB rep, a total of nine voters. Only New York had more with fifteen. Attending from Illinois were Frank Skoff, Fred Gruenberg, Jim Warren, Walter Brown, Tim Just, Todd Barre, Tom Fineberg, Harold Winston, and Helen Warren.

Of incidental interest to Illinois readers may be the fact that USCF membership in our state fell below 3000. The number of voters allotted to states is determined by USCF population within the state. Last year our representation decreased by one voter, from thirteen to twelve, although our delegate number (five) remained the same. This is a worrisome trend. It impacts not only on our voting clout (I'm expected to use that word at least once in this report because everyone knows I'm a native Chicagoan), but it determines our SASP funds from the USCF. These dollars come from the USCF for use by the state associations in implementing their own programs. Last year we received about \$880 for a half year; this year for the full fiscal year we will receive \$1730.00. Hence, we have another reason to keep USCF membership growing in Illinois.

THE BUDGET ... looking good ... \$\$\$\$ & dddd

I always look at the bottom line first, then fill in the blanks. The bottom line was super with income exceeding expenses by \$161,229.

(You must never use the word "profit" in connection with a non-profit organization....) Much of the credit for this abundant black ink must go to the USCF Office staff, especially Al Lawrence who headed the sales effort. Computer sales were prominently brisk.

The Life Membership liability was considerably reduced through some accounting changes. The planning budget for fiscal 1986-1987 shows that USCF is now a \$3,000,000+ operation. Generation of revenues from increased membership seems an elusive goal. The hope is, of course, that the recently signed contract with Quorum Associates will set in motion a publicity and promotional program that will yield more members. Only time will tell.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Various committee reports always precede the meat of the agenda and many of these are more interesting than a lot of other stuff. This year there was significant work done by Bylaws. The Computer Chess committee always has a substantial contribution and this year was no exception. Ratings, Tournament Director Certification, Women's Chess (I always wonder about this one; perhaps this committee is in charge of another game, a chess variant, played exclusively by females on a seven-by-seven board?), and Regions and States -- all gave summary reports of value. The FIDE report, as expected, set the stage for subsequent debate....

NEW BUSINESS the delegates get in gear
.... sort of "BYE-BYE, NGM"

Last year the USCF PB inaugurated a new title: National Grandmaster. Its intent was to honor our American chess greats of the past who might have earned a "real" GM title, but who for one reason or another, didn't attain this goal. The delegates mandated the discontinuation of this title pending a report from ProChess. This was a good move, I think. The new NGM title was at best an artificial kudos, easily confused with the Grandmaster title awarded by strict criteria by FIDE.

SENIOR LIST In addition to the familiar lists published in CL (Top Fifty, Top Women, Top Under 19, etc.) will be TOP SENIORS, the highest rated fifty players over 65 years of age. Sammy Reshevsky has a hundred year mortgage on top slot in this category.

BUT NO BYE-BYE TO DUBAI

The Goichberg motion to keep our U.S. team home this November promised some hefty motivational debate. The delegates rarely disappointed. The discussion took on a bizarre turn, however, when outgoing PB member Jerry Hanken recounted a poignant tale of adolescent prejudice, culminating with the stirring, "I won't go where my friends aren't welcome!" A rabbi spoke, imparting selective wisdom on the impact U.S. participation in the Dubai Olympiad might have on U.S. foreign policy.

And, believe it or not, we even heard from THE PLAYERS, the guys who would be pushing the Pawns. Most of them expressed not only a willingness to play, but an eagerness to represent the U.S. In the end, a compromise of sorts was struck, the proposal of That Great Compromiser Gary Sperling of New York. His substitute motion passed 64-34. It's significant enough to quote in full:

1. The USCF (a) condemns the exclusion of Israel from this year's Olympiad, (b) reiterates its opposition to this continued injection (sic) of international politics into FIDE events, (c) declares that the amendment of the FIDE statutes, to prevent the exclusion of member federations in good standing from FIDE events, is vital to FIDE's continued existence, (d) instructs its FIDE representatives to exert their maximum efforts to achieve this amendment.

2. Reflecting the wisdom of a majority of our strongest players and the actions of colleague federations who join us in condemning the exclusion of Israel from this year's Olympiad, the delegates ratify the decision of the Policy Board to take part in the 1986 FIDE Olympiad and wish our teams all success. However, the delegates also direct that the U.S. Teams and Delegation shall be withdrawn immediately, should the proposed amendment to the FIDE statutes not be adopted.

A NEW APPROACH TO YOUTH CHESS THE SCHOLASTIC MEMBERSHIP

The Participating Youth membership has been abolished. In its place USCF has instituted a scholastic membership for youngsters under the age of 13. This membership will sell for \$6.00 a year and will include a quarterly magazine of about sixteen pages, geared to young players 10-12 years of age. This agreement also allows players under age eighteen to play in rated scholastic events without ANY USCF membership fee. In non-scholastic tournaments, however, such players must pay the appropriate membership fee. The rating fee for scholastic tournaments will be a discounted 15¢ a game. The new Scholastic membership becomes effective on July 1, 1987 at which time the first issue of the new scholastic magazine will be ready for distribution.

This new USCF membership will hopefully end the revolving door syndrome of the old Participating Junior membership which had an annual attrition rate of upwards of 70%. While youth membership in general may start off slowly at the program's initiation, it should prove a stabilizing effect in the long run. It is essential, of course, that this new scholastic magazine be a QUALITY product. Equally necessary is the imaginative and consistent promotion of this new membership with schools and chess coaches across the country.

I'm especially proud of the opportunity to have served with Harry Sabine and Tony Cottell on the PB sub-committee which created this scholastic membership. Harry deserves applause for his successful efforts in informing coaches across the country about the advantages and long-term good effects of the

BOBBY, WHERE ARE YOU?

Leland Fuerstman, a voting member from North Carolina, is a colorful fellow, a real Fischerphile. His motion to give a \$12,000 a year pension to Bobby Fischer was defeated, but he provided some welcome comic relief to the proceedings. Instead the delegates passed a motion which would establish a committee of GMs to contact Fischer and urge his involvement in USCF. Lots of luck.

ALLEGRO, FRESTO, PRESTISSIMO

The delegates approved the rating of games with a time limit of SD (Sudden Death)/30 for tournaments other than national events, American Classics, and Grand Prix tournaments. This was passed subject to approval by the Ratings Committee. Because of the urgency of the matter, the Ratings Committee is expected to act in only 90 days (pretty presto, eh?). One organizer commented with characteristic perspicacity, "This is a very valuable tool for local organizers. Imagine a one-day 8-SS tournament in which you are at home in time for dinner!" Hell, why home? Why dinner? In the spirit of the tournament, RUN, do not walk, to the nearest fast food joint.

FLIP, FLOP ON THE GULKO FLAP

ACF Executive Director Allen Kaufman proposed that Boris Gulko and his wife be included in the U.S. Championship and the U.S. Women's respectively. The delegates on the first vote count thought this was a *dynamite idea* until it was brought to their attention that the Gulkos had not even expressed an intent to reside in the U.S. and that they did not fulfil the other criteria (rating, etc.) for inclusion. It then dawned on the gathering that the inclusion of Gulko would mean some other player would be given the boot, or that the event would be expanded, thereby adding days to the length of the event, not to mention additional thousands of dollars in tournament costs. Ironically, U.S. players had not even been consulted on the matter, but this was hurriedly remedied as IMs Joel Benjamin and John Fedorowicz were summoned from the swimming pool to give their views. Whereupon the delegates had a shift in mood. The extemporaneous gallantry of newly elected Lev Alburt "to give up his own place" in favor of the Soviet defector did not have its desired effect. Even the bizarre sight of a former USCF president dabbing a tear from his eye with the pompous admonition that "we are a federation of law, not of men" paled before the clear thinking of our IMs. For once, there was more light than heat. In the end, the original motion was killed.

THE BOARD

Much work is done by the Policy Board before and after the annual convention. We include some of the major decisions along with several other activities of significance.

The Policy Board endorsed the Lucena-Keene ticket in the coming presidential election in FIDE. Lucena will oppose Campomanes. We are expecting our FIDE delegate Don Schultz to campaign actively in behalf of the Lucena-Keene ticket.

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Tournament bids were considered and the following decisions taken:

The 1988 U.S. Open will be held in Boston. The 1987 scholastic tournaments went to Terre Haute (Elementary), Los Angeles (Junior High) and Pulaski, VA (High School). We remind you that next year's U.S. Open will be in Portland, OR and the midwest arm of the U.S. Amateur Team event will be held right here in Chicago.

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The Policy Board voted to underwrite the cost of the Grand Prix program if a corporate sponsor is not found. Church's Fried Chicken, sponsor of the program for several years, has decided to cease support.

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The annual USCF Awards Luncheon honored the following individuals:

USCF MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD: Lincoln Chess Foundation, Suneil Weeramantry, and Ben Munson.

USCF OUTSTANDING CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Bob Dudley, Robert Erkes, Helen Hinshaw, Allen Hinshaw, George Mirijanian.

USCF SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD: Fred Gruenberg, Norman Peacor, Richard O'Keefe, and Ron Warnicke.

THE KOLTANOWSKI MEDAL: Mobil Corp, Prudential Life Insurance, Equitable Life Insurance.

THE U.S. CHESS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

This has surely been one of the federation's most ambitious and costly projects. After years of discussion and many months of planning, construction will soon begin at USCF headquarters in New Windsor. The Hall of Fame will honor U.S. chess players who have distinguished themselves by playing or have made significant contributions in promoting, writing, organizing, etc.

Initial induction ceremonies for two charter members and six initial inductees took place at the Somerset meetings, highlighted by an actual game between two of the honorees.

Paul Charles Morphy and Robert James Fischer became the first two members of the Hall of Fame, both legends. The first class of inductees was comprised of Reuben Fine, Isaac Kashdan, George Koltanowski, Frank Marshall, Harry Pillsbury, and Sammy Reshevsky. The commemorative game, played at a thirty-thirty time control, was between two American chess giants: Reuben Fine and Sammy Reshevsky. They had not played each other in over thirty years! The game was a draw. You'll see the game score, of course, in a future Chess Life. A packed house applauded the two players.

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I'm often asked, "What do you do on the Policy Board besides travel to meetings?" Each member of the PB has specific duties: committee assignments, liaison duties to

member committees, and, of course, the overall responsibility for "homework", the reading and digestion of board memos which often total a dozen pages per week, some requiring voting, others needing correspondence. The development of projects, short and long range, writing recommendations, phone calls, sometimes research, all require quite an investment of time and energy.

Policy Board members concentrate on areas of their expertise, but all are expected to be familiar with the total picture. Preparation for a Policy Board meeting, for example, requires hours of reading, review, and consultation with fellow PB members and Business Office staff.

Perhaps you'd like to know my responsibilities in particular, in addition to the work we must all do. My assignments include service on the following PB subcommittees: Tournament Standards, Morphy Anniversary Year (1987), Chess Journalists (liaison). In addition I serve as PB liaison to the Grants Committee, the Hall of Fame/Museum Committee (voted the most active committee in 1986), the Postal Chess committee, Seniors, and the yet to be formed College Chess Committee.

55,000 members and a \$3,000,000 budget is the collective responsibility of the PB and office staff between meetings of the delegates. It's serious business, but the annual meetings have a way of bringing a lighter element into the

picture. Occasionally I return home from these confabs wondering about our mode of governance, the soundness of our long range goals, our disappointments and failures. But I am constantly refreshed when I set to work again.



Two of Illinois' USCF delegation, Fred Gruenberg and Helen Warren, in a photo circa 1983.

BRADLEY SUMMER OPEN

There has been a lot of chess activity in Peoria this year, with two ICA Tour events so far and a third coming up in October. The Bradley Summer Open was won by David Mote and Murrel Rhodes, each with three wins and one draw. Tour Point winners were as follows:

David Mote	12.50
Murrel Rhodes	12.50 + 10.00 A
William Naff	1.25 + 9.00 X
Douglas Ultch	1.25 + 9.00 X
Paul Mills	1.25 + 5.00 A
Matthew Crouse	1.25 + 8.00 B
Doug Lindquist	1.00 B
Scott Winfield	1.00 B
Eric Bertelsen	1.00 B
Mack Lyons III	1.00 B
Keith Gardner	3.00 C
Keith Prosterman	3.00 C
Michael McCowan	3.00 C
Rod Moore	4.00 D
Jeremiah Farrell	.67 D
Timothy Hyink	.67 D
Randy Stevenson	.67 D

?? Out of state, not an ICA member;
Tour points do not count.

Bradley Summer Open

August 16-17, 1984

1 MOTE David	2207	W13	W26	W14	D 3	3.5
2 RHODES Murrel	1972	W28	D 8	W20	W 9	3.5
3 NAFF William	2024	W19	W10	D 5	D 1	3
4 MILLS Paul	1830	W17	D11	D 8	W14	3
5 ULTCH Douglas	2044	W22	D20	D 3	W 7	3
6 CROUSE Matthew	1652	L14	W23	W26	W15	3
7 COHEN Lawrence	1825	W29	D21	W11	L 5	2.5
8 LUNDQUIST Doug	1731	W32	D 2	D 4	D10	2.5
9 WRIGHT David	1893	D18	W15	W21	L 2	2.5
10 SCOTT Winfield	1763	W23	L 3	W17	D 8	2.5
11 BERTELSEN Eric	1672	W24	D 4	L 7	W26	2.5
12 VERO Carl	1811	W27	L14	D22	W20	2.5
13 LYONS Mack	1652	L 1	W18	D16	W21	2.5
14 MC GOWAN Andy	2087	W 6	W12	L 1	L 4	2
15 COLE Jay	1738	W31	L 9	W27	L 6	2
16 MOORE Rod	1308	L20	W30	D13	D23	2
17 GARDNER Keith	1477	L 4	W24	L10	W28	2
18 PROSTERMAN Keith	1491	D 9	L13	D28	W29	2
19 MC COWAN Michael	1555	L 3	D31	D29	W22	2
20 MATA Victor	1741	W16	D 5	L 2	L12	1.5
21 WALTON Clarence	1689	W30	D 7	L 9	L13	1.5
22 KIRKPATRICK Donald	1570	L 5	W25	D12	L19	1.5
23 FARRELL Jeremiah	1319	L10	L 6	W32	D16	1.5
24 HYINK Timothy	1200	L11	L17	D25	W32	1.5
25 STEVENSON Randy	1336	L26	L22	D24	W30	1.5
26 SANDER Daniel	1774	W25	L 1	L 6	L11	1
27 HOAR John	1387	L12	W32	L15	-	1
28 LYBARGER Dean	1545	L 2	D29	D18	L17	1
29 MA Yung-Kuan	1474	L 7	D28	D19	L18	1
30 MILTON Arthur	1189	L21	L16	Wbye	L25	1
31 CHEN Patti	1264	L15	D19	-	-	0.5
32 MILEFCHIK Marty	-	L 8	L27	L23	L24	0

ICA TOUR UPDATE

Listed below are all players who have accumulated ICA Tour points so far in 1986. The number of events for each player is listed in parentheses. If you believe you see an error, please contact the editor immediately.

MAXI- AND MINI-EVENTS REFLECTED ON THIS LIST:

Tim Just Winter Open, January	mini
Greater Peoria Open, April	MAXI
Eighth South Suburban Open, May	mini
Master Challenge VIII, June	MAXI
Chicago Midwest Championship, July	MAXI
Tim Just Open/Reserve, August	mini
Bradley Summer Open, August	mini
Illinois State Champ'p, Labor Day	MAXI

Players earn ICA Tour Points by finishing first, second, or third overall, or first or second in their class, in a Tour event. Cash prizes, both championship and class, are paid at the end of the year to the highest finishers. Details are in the January-February ICB.

UPCOMING ICA TOUR EVENTS:

Lake County Open/Reserve IX	mini-event, September 27-28
Peoria Fall Tornado	mini-event, October 18
ICA Officers' Tornado	mini-event, October 26
Illinois Class Championships	MAXI-EVENT, November 22-23
Last Chance Tour Tornado	mini-event, December 20

Championship Tour Points:

Morris Giles	40.00 (6)
Eugene Martinovsky	35.00 (3)
Eric Schiller	30.00 (1)
Ricardo Szmetan	30.00 (1)
? Lester VanMeter	30.00 (1)
William Naff	21.25 (2)
Robert Gruchacz	20.00 (2)
Lawrence Chachere	15.00 (2)
Lynn Crewse	12.50 (3)
David Mote	12.50 (1)
Murrel Rhodes	12.50 (1)
Mark Sokolowski	12.50 (1)
George Umezina	10.00 (4)
Andrew Karklins	10.00 (1)
Erik Karklins	10.00 (1)
Albert Chow	5.00 (3)
Warren Kreckler	5.00 (2)
Walter Brown	5.00 (1)
Tom Smit	5.00 (1)
Richard Verber	5.00 (1)
? Roy Woll	5.00 (1)
? Mike Zelkind	5.00 (1)
Robert Sax	4.25 (6)
Ray Satterlee	3.00 (3)
Ken Wallach	3.00 (2)
Scott Zingheim	3.00 (2)
Ramsey Forbush	3.00 (1)
Glenn Panner	1.25 (5)
Luis Bernal	1.25 (4)
Matthew Crouse	1.25 (1)
Paul Mills	1.25 (1)
Greg Small	1.25 (1)
Douglas Ultch	1.25 (1)

Expert Tour Points:

William Naff	33.00 (2)
Krzysztof Flaga	24.00 (2)
? Roy Woll	18.00 (1)
? Mike Zelkind	18.00 (1)
George Umezina	15.00 (4)
Mark Sokolowski	12.00 (1)
Luis Bernal	11.14 (4)
Ray Satterlee	9.00 (3)
Ramsey Forbush	9.00 (1)
Douglas Ultch	9.00 (1)
Steve Surak	6.00 (2)
Walter Brown	6.00 (1)
Tom Smit	6.00 (1)
Peter Stein	5.14 (3)
? Lasa Goonetilleke	5.14 (2)
? William Groeller	5.14 (1)
? James Kulbacki	5.14 (1)
Alan Watson	5.14 (1)
? John Wygrecki	5.14 (1)
Kevin Gensler	3.00 (2)
Kazimieras Jakstas	3.00 (1)

Class A Tour Points:

Robert Sax	23.00 (6)
Phil Anderson	20.00 (1)
Allen Coffey	15.00 (3)
John Urbanik	15.00 (3)
+ Robert Forbis	14.00 (4)
Lawrence Cohen	10.00 (4)
Lynn Crewse	10.00 (3)
? Joel Mandeville	10.00 (1)
Murrel Rhodes	10.00 (1)
Ray Socha	10.00 (1)
Robert Manaster	5.50 (3)
Paul Mills	5.00 (1)
Joel Heinrich	3.00 (3)
Craig Sandford	3.00 (3)
Peter Walhout	3.00 (2)
Gregory Berry	3.00 (1)
Ethelbert Gazmen	3.00 (1)
Jonathan Goldman	3.00 (1)
Lawrence Kosiba	3.00 (1)
Edward Ross	3.00 (1)
John Popovich	2.50 (2)
Algis Jonaitis	2.50 (1)
George Leighton	2.50 (1)
? David Monatelli	1.67 (3)
Phil Jarrette	1.67 (1)
? Michael Selig	1.67 (1)

Class B Tour Points:

Gregory Novak	16.00 (2)
? Karl Smart	16.00 (1)
Leonard Spiegel	16.00 (1)
Carlos Vegh	12.00 (2)
Carl Vero	12.00 (2)
+ Glenn Panner	11.00 (5)
Bernard Pukel	10.00 (4)
Imre Deli	8.00 (2)
Matthew Crouse	8.00 (1)
? David Kurfman	6.00 (2)
Victor Swanson	6.00 (2)
Robert Forbis	4.00 (4)
Rick Lutzke	4.00 (2)
Anthony Marquez	4.00 (2)
William Graves	2.67 (3)
Bruce Kreisman	2.67 (3)
Steeve Rydberg	2.67 (3)
Tom Friske	2.00 (3)
Doug Lundquist	1.00 (2)
Eric Bertelsen	1.00 (1)
Mack Lyons III	1.00 (1)
Winfield Scott	1.00 (1)

Class C Tour Points:

Mark Petersen	15.86 (3)
Rudy Padilla	12.00 (5)
David Freeman	12.00 (2)
? Mark Thompson	12.00 (1)
Thomas Shaffer	6.86 (2)
Donald Kirkpatrick	6.00 (2)
Dave Sjolhm	6.00 (2)
Randy Eichler	6.00 (1)
Bill Parker	4.50 (2)
Henderson Johnson	3.86 (3)
Glenn Panner	3.00 (5)
Robert Kempner	3.00 (3)
Michael McCowan	3.00 (3)
Keith Gardner	3.00 (2)
Mark Kerman	3.00 (2)
Keith Prosterman	3.00 (1)
George Yachan	1.50 (2)
Myron Cannell	.86 (3)
Calvin Hayes	.86 (2)
Michael Berdich	.86 (1)
? Mike Morgan	.86 (1)

Class D/E Tour Points:

Michael Pratts	12.00 (2)
David Carson	8.00 (3)
Mike Ginsburg	8.00 (2)
Joseph Haines	8.00 (1)
Rod Moore	6.00 (2)
David Wulatin	4.00 (2)
Jim Burns	4.00 (1)
Gary Levy	4.00 (1)
? Danny Moore	4.00 (1)
Bruce Chenoweth	2.00 (3)
Dennis Cain	2.00 (1)
Spenser Friel	2.00 (1)
Jeff Taylor	2.00 (1)
? David Andrewski	1.00 (1)
Guy Gruenberg	1.00 (1)
Colin Smith	1.00 (1)
Mike Zimmer	1.00 (1)
? Jeremiah Farrell	.67 (1)
Timothy Hyink	.67 (1)
Randy Stevenson	.67 (1)

+ includes points carried up from lower class.

? denotes out-of-state non-member whose Tour points do not count.

Keep in touch with the Tournament Calendar (back page), ChessPhone [(312) 233-8500], or Chess Life for additions, cancellations, or changes. All players must have competed in at least 3 Tour events by year-end in order to be eligible for Tour prizes.

All players in Tour events must be ICA member except for out-of-staters who do not wish to be eligible for Tour prizes. Complete Tour rules and methods of calculation are on page of the January-February 1986 Illinois Chess Bulletin.

ICA TOUR MOST ACTIVE

SIX ICA TOUR EVENTS:

Morris Giles
Robert Sax

FIVE ICA TOUR EVENTS:

Rudy Padilla
Glenn Panner

FOUR ICA TOUR EVENTS:

Luis Bernal
Lawrence Cohen
Robert Forbis
Timothy Just
Barry Mayworm
Bernard Fukel
Bill Smythe
George Umezina

THREE ICA TOUR EVENTS:

Roger Allison
Leslie Bale
Leonard Beasley
? Stan Biezynski
Myron Cannell
David Carson
Bruce Chenoweth
Albert Chow
Allen Coffey
Jay Cole
Lynn Crewse
Thomas Friske
William Graves
Fred Gruenberg
Joel Heinrich
Henderson Johnson
Robert Kempner
Scott Kittsley
Bruce Kreisman
Robert Manaster
Eugene Martinovsky
Michael McCowan
Hal Meltzer
? Dave Monatelli
Alberto Munoz
Mark Petersen
Rhys Read
Harrison Robinson
Steeve Rydberg
Evan Rynes
Craig Sandford
Angelo Sandrin
Ray Doyle Satterlee
Mark Sefcheck
Ely Sollano
Peter Stein
Donald Townsend
John Urbanik
Cliff Wallach
Sandy Zabell

TWO ICA TOUR EVENTS:

James Abbott
Ajay Bahel
Robert Bales
John Barstad
Vincent Bautista
William Brock
Anthony Brown
Tony Brown
Gregory Bungo
Marcellus Burke
William Buttny
Lawrence Chachere
Bruce Chakuno
Lawrence Clark
Bill Colias
Charles Cunningham
Stephen Decman
Imre Deli
Robert Dreessen
Ron Easter
James Elliott
James Fagan
Krzysztof Flaga
Michael Flynn
Sam Ford
Virgilio Forro
Daniel Fraats
David Freeman
Keith Gardner
Gerard Garino
Evan Geller
Kevin Gensler
Michael Ginsberg
? Lasa Goonetilleke
Jon Gotz
Dennis Grant
Benjamin Greenstein
Isaac Griggs
Robert Gruchacz
? Scott Haubrich
Calvin Hayes
? Mark Hoshor
Nathaniel Hughes
Dan Kamen
Mark Kerman
Donald Kirkpatrick
Warren Kreckler
John Krom
David Kurfman
Chris Land
Doug Lundquist
Rick Lutzle
Dean Lybarger

Tim Macejak
Robert Marcowka
Anthony Marquez
Ed Marschall
Donald Martin
James McNamara
Alexander Mihajlov
Steve Monti
Allen Dean Moore
Rod Moore
William Naff
Gregory Novak
Bill Parker
Ray Pope
John Popovich
Michael Pratts
James Riffle
Jim Roy
Neil Ruzic
John Scanlon
Tony Schroeder
Brian Schuman
Thomas Shaffer
David Sjolholm
Charles Smith
Joseph Splinter
Kurt Stein
Robert Stoltz
? Stephen Storkel
Steve Surak
Victor Swanson
Stacy Van Petten
Eric Varela
Carlos Vegh
Carl Vero
Donald Walhout
Peter Walhout
Ken Wallach
Wayne Wheeler
Jerome Whitaker
David Wulatin
George Yachan
Bob Yakich
Daryl Zelinski
Scott Zingheim

Note: This is the last time this year we'll print the names of players with only two Tour events! If you want to keep your name in lights, you'll have to play again.

? denotes out-of-state non-member whose ICA Tour standings do not count.

SZMETAN WINS ILLINOIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Ricardo Szmetan scored four wins and one draw to win the annual Illinois Open and State Championship at Chicago's downtown Palmer House over Labor Day weekend. Szmetan's draw came in the last round against runner-up Richard Verber, who had been held to a draw by expert Roy Woll in the previous round.

Szmetan has been around. Originally from Argentina, he recently spent 5 years in Rumania playing chess against FIDE masters. He now resides in Evanston, where he is beginning a three-year effort at Northwestern University toward a Ph.D. in Romance languages. He is metropolitan Chicago's newest 400+ player.

Although most players now know Richard Verber primarily as an organizer and chess teacher, he proved in this event that he has not lost his touch. He defeated two experts and drew a third before holding the eventual tournament winner to a draw in the final round. Except for a small tornado a few months ago, this is Verber's first tournament in about four years.

Another notable performance was that of expert Roy Woll, who sent masters Morris Giles and Allen Kornfeld packing in the early rounds. Woll then drew Verber and Albert Chow in his final two games.

Other 4-1 scores were earned by Warren Kreckler and Mike Zelkind, who lost only to Szmetan and Verber respectively; and by Albert Chow and Dr. Eugene Martinovsky, both undefeated with two draws.

Notably absent were Greg DeFotis and Erik and Andrew Karklins, who apparently had concerns about the time control and the small number of rounds. In addition, many players noted the absence of free parking on Saturday, a difficulty which may help force next year's tournament back to last year's site, the Holiday Inn O'Hare. That site drew about 40% more players than this year's downtown location.

Illinois State Championship August 30 - September 1, 1986

CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION

1	SZMETAN Ricardo	2419	W37	W35	W16	W 4	D 2	4.5
2	VERBER Richard	2358	W63	W 7	W23	D 3	D 1	4
3	WOLL Roy	2173	W47	W56	W33	D 2	D 5	4
4	KRECKLER Warren	2233	W44	W36	W22	L 1	W15	4
5	CHOW Albert	2429	W39	D26	W 9	W 8	D 3	4
6	MARTINOVSKY Eugene	2425	W41	D 9	W26	D15	W17	4
7	ZELKIND Mike	2082	W13	L 2	W20	W32	W16	4
8	CHACHERE Lawrence	2249	W42	W27	D15	L 5	W29	3.5
9	SCHUMAN Brian	2126	W58	D 6	L 5	W52	W27	3.5
10	KRAMER Charles	2310	W20	L22	W28	D12	W25	3.5
11	FORBIS Robert	1777	D14	W29	D17	D30	W36	3.5
12	SOCHA Ray	1990	W60	L33	W58	D10	W30	3.5
13	COHEN Lawrence	1820	L 7	W64	D18	W55	W22	3.5
14	BERNAL Luis	2043	D11	L28	W59	W48	W24	3.5
15	UMEZINWA George	2174	W31	W57	D 8	D 6	L 4	3
16	SANDRIN Angelo	2189	W19	W55	L 1	W37	L 7	3
17	CZERNIECKI K A	2163	D50	W48	D11	W19	L 6	3
18	SAX Robert	1985	W59	L23	D13	D28	W42	3
19	JORDAN Roland	1856	L16	W65	W36	L17	W41	3
20	SMYTHE Bill	1883	L10	W53	L 7	W58	W38	3
21	URBANIK John	1859	L23	L59	W62	W46	W39	3
22	GENSLER Kevin	2079	W51	W10	L 4	D24	L13	2.5
23	STEIN Peter	2194	W21	W18	L 2	D25	-	2.5
24	ZELKIND Eduard	2329	W64	D25	D30	D22	L14	2.5
25	WALLACH Cliff	2061	W53	D24	D34	D23	L10	2.5
26	KROM John	2152	W45	D 5	L 6	W38	-	2.5
27	FORD Sam	2019	W38	L 8	D31	W40	L 9	2.5
28	SCHMUCKER Vivian	1768	D29	W14	L10	D18	D43	2.5
29	SOLLANO E O	2015	D28	L11	W63	W31	L 8	2.5
30	KAMEN Dan	2100	Dbye	W50	D24	D11	L12	2.5
31	SCANLON John	1856	L15	W62	D27	L29	W53	2.5
32	KREISMAN Bruce	1747	D43	D39	WF	L 7	Dbye	2.5
33	KORNFELD Allen	2218	W40	W12	L 3	-	-	2
34	COLIAS Bill	2340	D48	W43	D25	-	-	2
35	FLAGA Krzysztof	2125	W66	L 1	D40	D39	-	2
36	READ Rhys	1991	W49	L 4	L19	W44	L11	2
37	CREWSE Lynn	1911	L 1	W51	W49	L16	-	2
38	YAKICH Bob	1811	L27	W42	W55	L26	L20	2
39	COFFEY Allen	1935	L 5	D32	W45	D35	L21	2
40	GOLLA Roman	1864	L33	W60	D35	L27	D45	2
41	RUNDORFF Robert	1923	L 6	L58	W54	W47	L19	2
42	SULLIVAN John	1883	L 8	L38	W60	W51	L18	2
43	HUTTAR Charles	1992	D32	L34	L48	W49	D28	2
44	MC NAMARA James	1868	L 4	L49	W65	L36	W60	2
45	GREENSTEIN Benjamin	1838	L26	Dbye	L39	W63	D40	2
46	RAFAEL Behrouz	1967	Dbye	-	D47	L21	W54	2
47	HEINRICH Joel	1846	L 3	Dbye	D46	L41	WF	2
48	FORRO Virgilio	1901	D34	L17	W43	L14	-	1.5
49	GOLEC Frank	1727	L36	W44	L37	L43	D63	1.5
50	ALLISON Roger	1841	D17	L30	L52	L53	W64	1.5
51	DECMAN Stephen	1819	L22	L37	W64	L42	Dbye	1.5
52	WINSTON Harold	1953	L56	Dbye	W50	L 9	-	1.5
53	JOHNSON Marvin	1814	L25	L20	Dbye	W50	L31	1.5
54	RUZIC Neil	1711	Dbye	-	L41	W64	L46	1.5
55	EASTER Ron	1980	W65	L16	L38	L13	-	1
56	GILES Morris	2435	W52	L 3	-	-	-	1
57	MARCOWKA Robert	1968	W62	L15	LF	-	-	1
58	STAPAY Tim	1828	L 9	W41	L12	L20	LF	1
59	BELOVESICK Michael	1677	L18	W21	L14	-	-	1
60	ELLIOTT James	1681	L12	L40	L42	W62	L44	1
61	RHINE Fred	2196	-	-	-	W65	-	1
62	KERR H L	-	L57	L31	L21	L60	W65	1
63	HERNANDEZ Hector	1907	L 2	Dbye	L29	L45	D49	1
64	SEFCHECK Mark	1895	L24	L13	L51	L54	L50	0
65	MUNOZ Alberto	1346	L55	L19	L44	L61	L62	0
66	FINDAK Kim	1824	L35	-	-	-	-	0

The Reserve section was won by Gregory Novak, number 20 on the wallchart, with a perfect 5-0 score. Novak never faced any opponent higher rated than himself, because the 1700 players busied themselves proving the validity of last issue's editorial, Play Up! [July-August ICB, page 4]. The 1700's who chose the Championship section fared much better, as the following statistics demonstrate:

PERFORMANCE OF PLAYERS
RATED 1700-1799:

	Champ:	Res:
No. of 1700-1799 players:	5	15
Average score:	2.3	2.8
Average opponent rating:	2006	1547
Range of opponent ratings:	1868 to 2310	1262 to 1674
Average rating gain:	+49	-17
Number of players w/ rating gains:	5	2
Number of players w/ rating losses:	0	13
Average performance rating:	1950	1625
Total entry fees paid:	\$150	\$400
Total prizes won:	\$100	\$133
Ratio of prizes to entry fees:	.67	.33
Upsets scored vs higher opponents:		
100+ points:	9.5	0
200+ points:	6.5	0
Upsets suffered vs lower opponents:		
100+ points:	0	18.5
200+ points:	0	10

No doubt in disagreement with the table is Anthony Marquez, recently returned to Illinois chess, who finished second with 4.5 despite his 1758 rating. Another noteworthy Reserve section performance was turned in by Michael Pratts, whose opponents quickly found more fishiness in his 1262 rating than in his play. He will not be eligible for D/E prizes much longer.

RESERVE SECTION

1 NOVAK Gregory	1671	W52	W48	W41	W10	W14	5
2 MARQUEZ Anthony	1758	W49	W 8	W13	W11	D 3	4
3 LUTZKE Ricky	1674	W72	W45	W19	W 5	D 2	4
4 MARTIN Derrick	-	D 7	W73	W25	W29	W12	4
5 BROWN Tony	1611	W55	W61	W16	L 3	W18	4
6 BEANLEY Leonard	-	W26	D20	D 7	W23	W17	4
7 RAMIREZ Rafael	1707	D 4	W59	D 6	W46	W21	4
8 PETERSEN Mark	1594	W71	L 2	W66	W26	W24	4
9 GOSSAGE John	1610	L18	W55	W61	W22	W16	4
10 SHAFFER Thomas	1467	W57	W23	W17	L 1	D11	3
11 KITTSLY Scott	1637	W67	W42	W22	L 2	D10	3
12 BOUTON Barry	1633	W76	W18	D34	W20	L 4	3
13 NGUYEN Tri	1657	W40	W62	L 2	D28	W35	3
14 ROBINSON Harrison	1652	W56	W64	Dbye	W34	L 1	3
15 PUKEL Bernard	1651	L62	W68	W64	D19	W37	3
16 DELI Imre	1715	W53	W27	L 5	W41	L 9	3
17 WILSON Stephen	1667	W68	W63	L10	W42	L 6	3
18 PRATTS Michael	1262	W 9	L12	W30	W39	L 5	3
19 TOWNSEND Donald	1762	W50	W21	L 3	D15	Dbye	3
20 KAMBER George	1673	W31	D 6	W39	L12	Dbye	3
21 FREEMAN David	1596	W69	L19	W27	W43	L 7	3
22 BARSTAD John	1730	W74	W65	L11	L 9	W50	3
23 FLORES Joshua	1678	W58	L10	W48	L 6	W54	3
24 HAMADANI Davar Ali	1684	L48	W52	W63	W44	L 8	3
25 MEEKINS DuJuan	1750	D44	W38	L 4	D54	W49	3
26 BURKE Marcellus	1717	L 6	W31	W45	L 8	W44	3
27 JOHNSON Henderson	1555	W28	L16	L21	W63	W42	3
28 WHITAKER Jerome	1769	L27	W53	W50	D13	Dbye	3
29 GRAVES William	1785	L47	W74	W65	L 4	W38	3
30 MELTZER Hal	1616	L42	W67	L18	W52	W45	3
31 GRIGGS Isaac	-	L20	L26	W69	W65	W47	3
32 HUGHES Nathaniel	1449	L34	L66	W56	W61	W51	3
33 BROWN Anthony	1719	L45	WF	L44	W48	W46	3
34 IRONS Robert	1722	W32	W47	D12	L14	-	2
35 FLYNN Michael	1663	L63	W56	W62	D37	L13	2
36 FAGAN James	1569	D37	L39	W59	L38	W58	2
37 NICHOLSON Donn	1773	D36	D44	WF	D35	L15	2
38 GARDNER Keith C	1469	Dbye	L25	W40	W36	L29	2
39 MICHALAK Jim	1756	Dbye	W36	L20	L18	W59	2
40 RIFFLE James	-	L13	Dbye	L38	W60	WF	2
41 BARTOCCI Mario	1588	W66	W43	L 1	L16	-	2
42 TAYLOR Jeff	1354	W30	L11	W51	L17	L27	2
43 MONTI Steve	1751	W46	L41	W49	L21	-	2
44 GARINO Gerard	1477	D25	D37	W33	L24	L26	2
45 KUHR Peter	1427	W33	L 3	L26	W67	L30	2
46 RYNES Evan	1486	L43	W75	W57	L 7	L33	2
47 HAYES Calvin	1575	W29	L34	LF	W68	L31	2
48 FENNER Charles	-	W24	L 1	L23	L33	W62	2
49 STONE George	1502	L 2	W71	L43	W62	L25	2
50 MC COWAN Michael	1555	L19	W69	L28	W64	L22	2
51 VARELA Eric	1650	L64	W76	L42	W53	L32	2
52 KELZ Max	-	L 1	L24	W71	L30	W67	2
53 DEICHMAN Eric	-	L16	L28	W55	L51	W64	2
54 MARSCHALL Ed	1466	Dbye	-	W60	D25	L23	2
55 FRIEL Spenser	1341	L 5	L 9	L53	W75	W61	2
56 SANGORAM Ashvin	-	L14	L35	L32	W71	W69	2
57 BAUTISTA Vincent	1749	L10	WF	L46	W58	LF	2
58 GELLER Evan	-	L23	Dbye	W72	L57	L36	1
59 PADILLA Rudy	1442	Dbye	L 7	L36	W72	L39	1
60 CANNELL Myron	1593	L61	Dbye	L54	L40	W72	1
61 WILSON Marc	1171	W60	L 5	L 9	L32	L55	1
62 WOLL Arthur	-	W15	L13	L35	L49	L48	1
63 RADZILOWSKY George	-	W35	L17	L24	L27	-	1
64 WOLL Paul	-	W51	L14	L15	L50	L53	1
65 ALLEN James	1589	W75	L22	L29	L31	-	1
66 BALE Leslie	1790	L41	W32	L 8	-	-	1
67 YOUNG Daniel	-	L11	L30	W74	L45	L52	1
68 PANDIS John	-	L17	L15	W75	L47	-	1
69 WEINTRAUB Jon	1212	L21	L50	L31	W74	L56	1
70 WARREN Helen	1609	-	-	-	-	W74	1
71 BALES Robert	1178	L 8	L49	L52	L56	Dbye	0
72 GELLER Meredith	-	L 3	Dbye	L5P	L59	L60	0
73 FRAATS Daniel	1691	Dbye	L 4	-	-	-	0
74 BROOKS Tyrone	1452	L22	L29	L67	L69	L70	0
75 BAMEL Ajay	1142	L65	L46	L68	L55	-	0
76 WULATIN David	1374	L12	L51	-	-	-	0

Prize winners and ICA Tour
Point winners were as follows:

CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION:

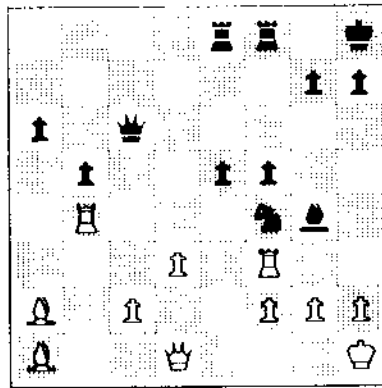
1st:	Ricardo Szmetan	30.0
2nd:	Richard Verber	5.0
	Roy Woll	5.0
	Warren Kreckler	5.0
	Albert Chow	5.0
	Eugene Martinovsky	5.0
	Mike Zelkind	5.0
Exp:	Roy Woll	18.0 X
	Mike Zelkind	18.0 X
A:	Robert Forbis	10.0 A
	Ray Socha	10.0 A
	Lawrence Cohen	10.0 A

RESERVE SECTION:

1st:	Gregory Novak	16.0 B
2nd:	Anthony Marquez	4.0 B
	Rick Lutzke	4.0 B
C:	Mark Petersen	12.0 C
	Thomas Shaffer	6.0 C
D:	Michael Pratts	8.0 D
	Jeff Taylor	2.0 D
	Spenser Friel	2.0 D
Unr:	Derrick Martin	

After 22 gxf3 Bh3 White will soon be mated byBg2+ andQg6.

22 Qc6
23 Rb4



23 Nxc2!
A nice sacrifice, exploiting the twin pins.
24 Kxg2 Rf6!
There is no defense toRg6.
25 Re4 Rg6!
26 Bf7 fxe4
27 Qd2 exf3+
28 Kh1 Bh3
29 Bxe5 Rxe5
30 d4 Qxc2
31 0-1

The consequences of this move must be weighed carefully. A good way to attack with much less risk was 13 c4.

13 hxc3
14 Nxc3?

The wrong capture! Now White will fail to open the b1-h7 diagonal. After 14 hxc3 the threat is 15 g4. After 14...Kf7 15 g4 Nh4 16 Nxc4 Rxc4 17 e6! Black has big problems, and 14...e6 15 g4 Ne7 16 Be3 leaves White in control.

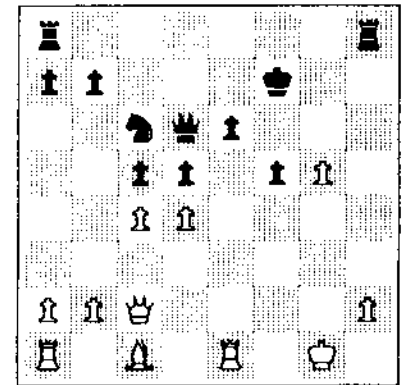
14 e6
15 Nxf5 gxf5
16 exf6 Bxf6

An important moment. Black now has the advantage, so White should stop attacking and try to defend, although the next few moves reveal that White was not aware of this fact. The White King is more exposed, White's Bishop is bad, and his Pawns, weak.

17 Re1 Kf7
18 Ng5+ Bxg5
19 fxc5 c5!
20 c4?

During the game Verber was afraid of 20 Qg3 seizing the h2-b8 diagonal and supporting the passed g-Pawn. And indeed this is White's best try. But after 20...Nd7 21 g6+ Kg7 Black is in no danger.

20 Qd6!
21 Qc2 Nc6!



White: Sam Ford (2019).
Black: Lawr. Chachere (2249).

Round 2.
Annotated by Albert Chow.

1 e4 c5
2 b4?

The Wing Gambit is not sound. The main problem is that White loses the c3 square for his Knight, allowing Black to strike the center withd5.

2 cxb4
3 a3 d5
4 exd5 Qxd5
5 Bb2 e5
6 Nf3 Nc6
7 a:b4 Bxb4
8 Nc3 Bxc3!
9 Bxc3 Nf6

Besides an extra Pawn Black has an advantage in the center plus lead in development.

10 Rb1 0-0
11 Rb5 Qd6
12 Bc4 a6
13 Rb1 b5
14 Ba2 Nd5
15 Ba1 Nf4
16 0-0 Bg4
17 Re1 aRe8

White's Bishops may seem dangerous, but actually it is Black who will attack Kingside.

18 d3 Kh8!
19 Re4? f5
20 Re3 Nd4
21 Kh1 Nxf3
22 Rxf3

White: Mike Zelkind (2082).
Black: Richard Verber (2358).

Round 2.
Annotated by Albert Chow.

1 e4 g4
2 d4 Bg7
3 Nc3 c6
4 f4 d5
5 e5 Nh6

Black waits for White's Nf3 so he can pin it withBg4. But it will eventually be necessary to prevent White's Kingside Pawn expansion so 5...h5 is better.

6 Be2! f6
Since Black must soon playh5, this weakens g6. There were other waiting moves, such as 6...b6 or 6...0-0.

7 Nf3 Bg4
8 0-0 Nf5
9 Ne1 Bxe2
10 Nxe2 h5
11 Qd3 Qb6
11...Nd7 or 11...e6 were solid alternatives.
12 Nf3 h4
13 g4!?

22 Be3
Black's pieces control the game. 22 dxc5 Qxc5 23 Be3 gives Black a choice between 23...d4 or 23...Qxc4. 24 cxd5 Nxd4! 23 dxe6 Kg6! 24 Qg2 Rxc2! is funny.

22 cxd4
23 cxd5 Qxd5
24 Bf4 Rh4
25 Bg3 Rg4
26 aRd1 Rh8
27 Rd3 Rxc5
28 Rb3 Kf6
29 Rxb7 Rxc3+
30 0-1

White: Richard Verber (2358).
Black: Peter Stein (2194).

Round 3.
Annotated by Albert Chow.

1 e4 c5
2 Nf3 Nc6
3 Bb5

Leaving normal book lines. Verber also used this to beat Dzindzichashvili in the 1983 Dzindzi vs Chicago Masters simul.

3 e6
4 Bxc6!

White doubles the Pawns before Black gets ingNe7.

4 bxc6?

This may already be the critical mistake. The resulting Pawn structure is similar to positions from the Nimzo-Indian where the doubled Pawn is very weak. After 4....dxc6 5 0-0 Nf6 White's best plan is less clear.

5 0-0 d5
6 e5 Ne7
7 Re1 Ng6
8 b3! Be7
9 Nc3! 0-0
10 Ba3! Qa5
11 Na4 c4

Black dissolves the doubled Pawn, as well as his Bishop pair. But if he just sits around, White builds up with d3, c4, Qd2 winning the c5 Pawn.

12 Bxe7 Nxe7
13 d4! cxd3
14 cxd3 f6

Black's Bishop is bad, his c-Pawn weak. It is not easy defending such positions. After 14....f6 there is another weakness, the e-Pawn.

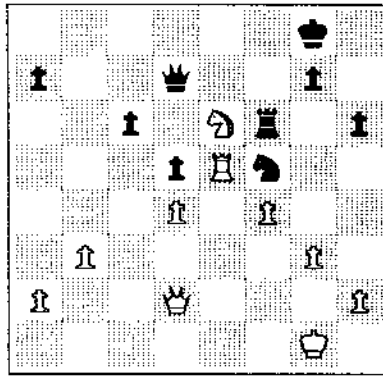
15 Rc1 Rb8
16 Qc2 Rb7?
17 Nc5 Rb4?
18 Qd2!

What is Black doing with that Rook? Now a3 is a threat.

18 Qb6
19 d4 Qb8
20 exf6 Rxf6
21 Ng5

White's strategic maneuvers pay off with interest. White wins a Pawn, after which the rest is easy. Verber's technique is instructive.

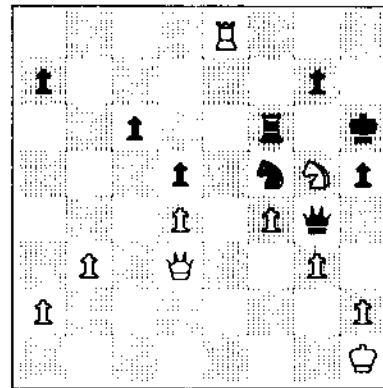
21 Rh6
22 g3 Nf5
23 gNxe6 Bxe6
24 Nxe6 Qd6
25 Ng5 Rb8
26 f4 Rg6
27 Re5 Rf6
28 cRe1 bRf8
29 Re6 Rxe6
30 Rxe6 Qd7
31 Re5 h6
32 Ne6! Rf6



33 Qd3!
Inviting 33....Rxe6 34 Qxf5.
33 Nd6
34 Nc5 Qg4
35 Kh1

Preventing 35....Rxf4.
35 Nf5
36 Re8+! Kh7
If the King flees to f7, 37 Ra8 wins the a-Pawn.

37 Ne6 h5?
White threatened 38 Nf8+ but the best defense was 38....g6.
38 Ng5+ Kh6



39 Re3!
There is no defense to the threat of 40 h3!

39 h4
40 h3! Nxc3+
41 Rxc3 Qf5
42 Qxf5 Rxf5
43 Rg4 c5
44 Rxc4+ Kg6
45 Nf3 c4
46 bxc4 dxc4
47 Ne5+ 1-0



White: Albert Chow (2429).
Black: Lawr. Chachere (2249).

Round 4.
Annotated by Albert Chow.

1 d4 Nf6
2 c4 e6
3 Nc3 Bb4
4 a3

The Saemisch variation.

4 Bxc3+
5 bxc3 c5
6 e3 Nc6
7 Bd3 d6
8 Ne2 e5
9 0-0 0-0

9....e4 10 Bc2 0-0 11 Ng3 Re8 12 f3 gives White good attacking chances.

10 e4! Ne8

White has strong compensation for the Pawn after 10....cxd 11 cxd4 exd4 12 Bb2.

11 d5 Na5?

Black begins to pressure the "weak" doubled c-Pawn, but I believe this is a risky idea. White can easily defend the Pawn, after which the Knight is out of play, far away from Kingside defense. Thus 11....Ne7!

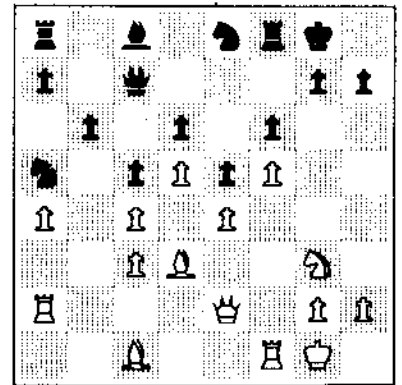
12 Ng3 b6
13 Ra2! Ba6
14 Qe2 Qd7
15 a4

White's 13th took the sting out ofNb3, and the 15th preventsQa4. All Black's threats have been met, and White now takes the initiative on the Kingside.

15 Qc7
16 f4 f6

16....exf4 17 Rxf4! does not solve Black's problem of Kingside defense.

17 f5 Bc8



18 Nh1!

This strange retreat is the best way to attack! The Pawn advance g4, g5 is possible, and the third rank cleared for Rf3, Rh3.

18 Bd7?

A serious mistake. By blocking the seventh rank, the Queen is cut off the defense. It was better to bring new pieces over to the Kingside with 18....Nb7, ideaNd8.

19 Qh5! Bc8!
20 Rf3

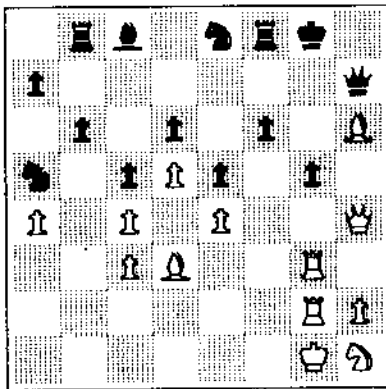
White now threatens 21 Rh3 h7 22 Rg3 with crushing threats. Black's next few moves are forced.

20 Qf7
21 Qh4 g5
22 fxc6 hxc6

23 Bh6! Qh7!
 24 aRf2 Rb8?
 The last mistake. 24....Rf7 was better, although White still holds the initiative after 25 h3! for example 25....g5 26 Qh5 Ng7? 27 Qxf7+!! Kxf7 28 Rxf6+ or 25....Rb8 26 g4 bRb7 27 Ng3.

25 g4!
 With threats of 26 g5 or 26 Rh3.

25 Bxg4
 26 Rg3 Bc8
 27 fRg2 g5



28 Rxg5+! fxc5
 29 Qxg5+ Kh8
 29....Kf7 30 Rf2+ 29....Ng7
 30 Bxg7.
 30 Bxf8 Rb7
 31 Bxd6! Nxd6
 32 Qd8+ 0-1



White: R. Szmetyan (2419).
 Black: W. Kreckler (2233).

Round 4.
 Annotated by Albert Chow.

1 d4 Nf6
 2 c4 e6
 3 Nf3 Bb4+
 4 bNd2 c5
 5 e3 cxd4
 6 exd4 0-0
 7 Bd3 b6

If 7....d5 White can advance 8 c5.

8 0-0 d5
 9 a3 Be7

It was possible to exchange pieces before isolating White's d-Pawn: 9....Bxd2 10 Bxd2 dxc4 11 Bxc4 Bb7.

Idea 10 c5.
 10 dxc4
 11 Nxc4 Bb7
 12 Bh2 hNd7

13 Re1 Rc8
 14 Rc1 Rc7
 14....Nd5 followed by 15....7Nf6 looks very solid.
 15 fNe5 Qa8
 16 Nxd7 Rxd7
 16....Nxd7 is more consistent, planning to double Rooks with 17....fRc8.

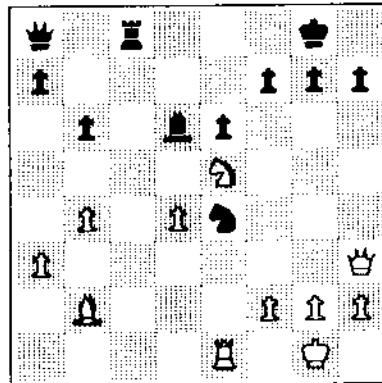
17 Ne5 dRd8
 18 Bf1 Rc8
 19 Qb3 Bd6?

White has attacking chances in the middlegame. Black's chances are in the endgame, where White has a weak Pawn structure. Therefore exchanging is a good idea. 19....Rxc1! and if 20 Rxc1 Rc8.

20 Qh3! Bd5
 21 Bd3 Be4?

21....g6! is difficult to bust. Black fails to sense the danger, and Szmetyan finds a deep combination:

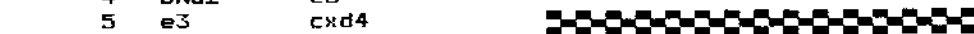
22 Rxc8! Rxc8
 23 Bxe4! Nxe4



24 Nxf7! Kxf7
 25 f3! Ng5

Perhaps a better practical try would have been 25....Rc2! After 26 Rxe4 Qd5! Black wins! But instead 26 Ba1! with continuing threats.

26 Qh5+ Kf6
 27 d5+ e5
 28 f4 1-0



White: Mike Zelkind (2082).
 Black: Angelo Sandrin (2189).

Round 5.
 Annotated by Albert Chow.

1 e4 c5
 2 Nf3 Nc6
 3 d4 cxd4
 4 Nxd4 e6
 5 Nb5 d6
 6 Bf4! e5

7 Be3 Nf6
 8 Bc4
 I prefer 8 Bg5 or 8 5Nc3.
 8 Be6

8....Nxe4! is very interesting. 9 Qd5 Be6 10 Qxe4 d5 or 9 Bxf7+ Kxf7 10 Qd5+ Be6 11 Qxe4 d5 are both very playable.

9 Nd2 Qa5
 Why not liquidate the weak d-Pawn with 9....d5 10 exd5 Nxd5 when Black has easy equality?

10 Nc3 Nxe4?
 This leads by force to a bad position. There were plenty of other moves: 10....Be7, 10....Rc8, 10....h6.

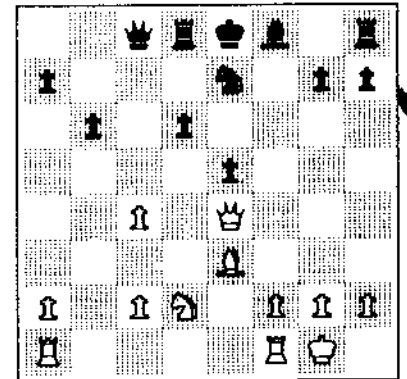
11 Bxe6! Nxc3
 12 Bxf7+ Kxf7
 13 Qf3+ Ke8?

The King would be much safer on g8.

14 bxc3 Qa6
 15 c4 Rd8
 16 Qg4?

Perhaps White thought anything was good, but now Sandrin is able to bring his Queen back into play and organize a tough defense.

16 b6!
 17 0-0 Qc8
 18 Qe4 Ne7



19 f4

It is easy to understand that White wanted to open lines, but the position is unique. Black's Kingside pieces are out of play, but when the d- and e-Pawns disappear, the Bishop will gain diagonals and the Rook can go to f8. White needs to open lines for his pieces without opening them for Black's pieces too! The answer is 19 a4! with the idea of a5, when White penetrates on the Queenside.

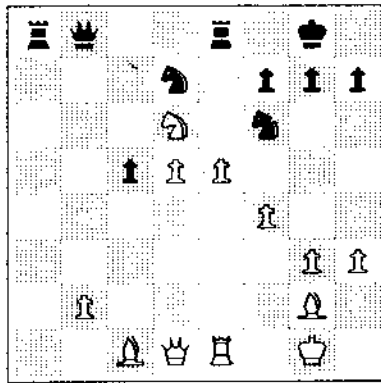
19 Qf5
 20 Qb7 Qd7
 21 Qf3 Nf5!
 22 fxe5 Nxe3
 23 Qxe3 dxe5
 24 Qxe5+ Be7

Not 25 Qxg7?? Bc5+.
 25 Rf8
 26 aRe1 Rf7

27 Kh1 Kf8
 28 Ng5 Bxg5
 29 Qxg5 Rc8
 30 h3 h6
 31 Qg6 Rxc4?

After an excellent defense, Andrin blunders, perhaps in time pressure. After 31...Kg8! the King is finally safe and White's extra Pawn worthless.

32 Qh7 fRf4
 33 Rd1 Qc7
 34 fRe1 Kf7
 35 Rd5 Qc6
 36 Rf5+ Rxf5
 37 Qxf5+ Kg8
 38 Re7 Qf6
 39 Re8+ Kf7
 40 Qd7+ Kg6
 41 Re6 1-0



Two central Pawns give tremendous compensation for the exchange.

24 Rd8?
 The Rook must go to f8, so as to avoid a possible fork after Nf5, Ne7, Nc6.

25 Nf5 Re8
 26 exf6 Rxe1+
 27 Qxe1 Nxf6
 28 Qc3 Qa7
 29 d6 Rb8
 30 Ne7+ 1-0



White: W. Kreckler (2233).
 Black: G. Umezina (2174).

Round 5.
 Annotated by Albert Chow.

1 d4 Nf6
 2 Nf3 e6
 3 c4 b6
 4 g3 Bb7
 5 Bg2 c5?

White can now gain space with d5! exd5 7 Nh4 and after capturing the Pawn the Black Queen Bishop is misplaced.

6 0-0?! Be7?
 Why doesn't Black exchange White's d-Pawn? White now gets another chance to push.
 7 Nc3?! 0-0?

Now White can advance without trouble. If Black wanted a Benoni Pawn structure, why is he playing Queen's Indian?

8 d5! exd5
 9 cxd5 d6
 10 Nd2 Re8
 11 Re1 bNd7
 12 a4 Bf8
 13 h3 a6
 14 Nc4 Ne5
 15 Na3!

Exchanges ease Black's cramped position. White will drive the Knight back with f4, then the Knight will return to c4.

15 Rb8
 16 f4 eNd7
 17 e4 Qc7?

It was essential to be ready to play ...b5 in response to Nc4. 17...Ba8 18 Qd3 is bad, but 17...Bc8 was possible. If 18 Nc4 b5 19 axb5 axb5 20 Na5 Qb6.

18 Nc4 Ba8
 19 e5! b5
 19...dxe5 20 d6 Qa7 21 fxe5 wins a Knight.

20 axb5 axb5
 21 Rxa8! Rxa8
 22 Nxb5 Qb8
 23 bNxd6 Bxd6
 24 Nxd

12 Qb1! Qxc5!
 An interesting decision. Against 12...0-0-0! I was intending 13 Qb5 with chances for both sides.

13 Qxb7 0-0
 14 c4?

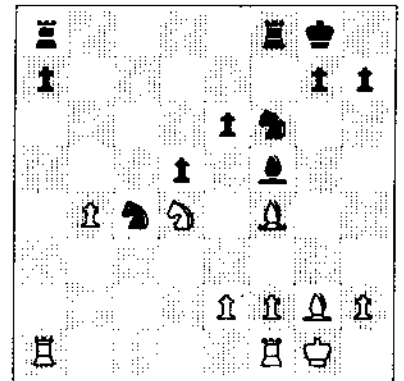
The insane gambit spirit made me dizzy, and I insisted on losing a Pawn. Correct was a move such as 14 aRc1. Then after 14...Na5 15 Qb4 Qxb4 16 axb4 Nc4 17 Nd4 the position is very similar to the game, except White does not drop a Pawn.

14 Na5!
 15 Qb4

15 Qb5? Qxc4 hits White's Bishop and White gets less than nothing.

15 Qxb4
 Now 15...Qxc4? 16 Bd6! and White gains material.

16 axb4 Nxc4
 17 Nd4



White: Albert Chow (2429).
 Black: Roy Woll (2173).

Round 5.
 Annotated by Albert Chow.

1 d4 f5
 2 Nc3 d5
 3 g4! Nf6!?

3...fxg4 wins a Pawn, but by playing an eventual h3 White creates pressure against Black's weak Kingside. Is White's initiative worth one whole Pawn? Woll didn't want to risk finding out the hard way, and so he declines my gambit.

4 gxf5
 I did not like 4 g5 Ne4, but R. Verber suggests 5 Nxe4 fxe4 6 f3.

4 Bxf5
 5 Bf4 e6
 6 Nf3 Bb4

6...Bd6 was another idea.
 7 a3 Bxc3+
 8 bxc3 c5
 9 Bg2! Qa5
 10 0-0! Qxc3
 11 dxc5! Nc6!

The best move, developing a piece and preventing Nd4. Woll is still not interested in eating any poison gambit Pawns. 11...Bxc2 12 Qc1, 11...Qxc5 12 c4!, and 11...Qxc2 12 Qxc2 Bxc2 13 Nd4 all give White great pleasure.

It seems White's active pieces and Black's weak Pawns give White just enough compensation for a Pawn. For example:

(a) 17...e5? 18 Nxf5 exf4 19 Ne7+; (b) 17...g6 18 Ra6 e5? 19 Rxf6!; (c) 17...a6 18 Nxf5 exf5 19 fRd1 fRd8 20 Bg5 Nb6 21 Bxf6 gxf6 22 Ra5.

17 Ne4
 18 Ra6

With ideas of fRa1 or Nc6. Instead of waiting for the pressure to build, Black forces a clarification of the position.

18 e5
 19 Nxf5 Rxf5
 20 Bg3?

20 Bxe4 dxe4 21 Be3 Nxe3 22 fxe3 would have been easy for White to draw. I saw this during the game but rejected it because the Verber-Szmetan game looked drawish which meant that if I won, I would tie for first! Black must play carefully since White threatens 21 Rd1 and 21 Bh3-Be6.

20 Rb8!
 21 Rxa7

21 Bh3 Nxc3 22 hxg3 Rf6 keeps Black on top.

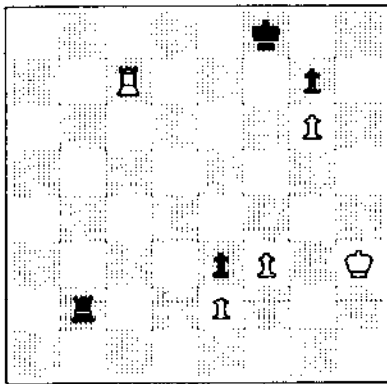
21 Rxb4
 22 Bxe4 dxe4
 23 Rd1 h6?

With both players running short of time, Black makes an inaccuracy. 23...h5! saves a tempo, giving Black an improved chance to win.

24 dRd7 Rg5
 25 aRc7! Kh7
 26 Re7! h5
 27 h4 Rg4
 28 Kh2!

Despite the Pawn minus, White stands better.

28 e3
 29 f3 Rg6
 30 Kh3! Kh6
 31 Re8 Kh7
 32 eRe7 Kh6
 33 Bh2 Kh7
 34 Bxe5 Nxe5
 35 Rxe5 Rb1
 36 Rxh5+ Kg8
 37 Rg5 Rxg5
 38 hxg5 Rb2!
 39 g6 Kf8



40 Kg4?

Both players had less than one minute at this point. A better try was 40 Rf7+ Ke8!
 41 Rxg7 Rxe2 42 Rf7 when Black must very quickly find the best moves: Not 42...Rf2? 43 Rf4 e2 44 g7 with a mating attack. Nor 42...Ra2? 43 Rf4 Ra7 44 Re4+ Kf8 45 f4!. But 42...Re1! draws. If 43 Kg2 e2 44 Kf2 Rg1! or 43 Rf4 Rg1.

40 Rxe2
 41 Kf5 Rd2
 42 Ke6 Rd8
 43 Rc1 e2
 44 Re1 Re8+
 45 Kf5 Re7
 46 Kg4 Re6
 47 Draw



White: R. Verber (2358).
 Black: R. Szmetan (2419).

Round 5.
 Annotated by Albert Chow.

1 e4 c5
 2 Nf3 e6

White tempts 3...d5 when the d-Pawn may become weak after 4 exd5 exd5 5 d4.

3 a6
 4 g3 Nc6
 5 Bg2 d6
 6 0 0 Be7
 7 d4

If White doesn't play d4, Black may prevent it withBf6.

7 cxd4
 8 Nxd4 Bd7
 9 Nxc6 Bxc6
 10 Bf4! Nf6

Now White is able to force a weakening of Black's Pawns. But preventing e5 isn't attractive. 10...e5 creates a hole on d5. 10...Qc7 11 Qg4 is lousy.

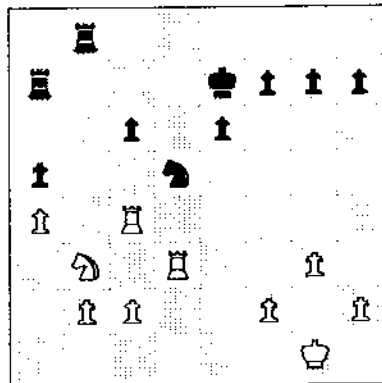
11 e5 dxe5
 12 Bxc6+ bxc6
 13 Bxe5 Qxd1?

By developing White's Rook Black loses control of the d6 square. 13...0-0 improves, for example 14 Qf3 Qa5.

14 aRxd1 0-0
 15 Bd6! Ra7
 16 Bxe7 Rxe7
 17 Na4 Rc8
 18 Nc5 Ra7
 19 Rd4! Kf8
 20 fRd1 Ke7
 21 IRd3 Rb8
 22 Nb3

22 b3 may be better, because it isn't good to tie up a knight for Pawn defense.

22 a5
 23 a4 Nd5
 24 Rc4



24 Nb4

White's Rooks are more active than Black's, so the simplest defense is to exchange with 24...Rb4 25 Rxb4 axb4 and now 26 Nc5 Ra5 or 26 a5 c5!

25 Rf3 Rb6
 26 Rc5

After 26 Nd4 Kd6 Black can defend. 27 Rb3 Rc7.

26 f6!
 27 Nxa5 Nxc2
 28 Nxc6+ Rxc6
 29 Rxc6 Nd4
 30 fRc3 Nxc6
 31 Rxc6 Rxa4
 32 Rc7+ Kf8
 33 Rb7 h5

24 h4 g5
 25 hxg5 fxg5
 26 Rb5 Rg4
 27 Rb7 h4
 28 Rg2 hxg3
 29 f3 Rd4
 30 Rg3 e5
 31 Rb5 e4
 32 fxe4 Rxe4
 33 Rf5+ Ke7
 34 Rg5 Re2
 35 b3 Kd6
 36 Kf4 Draw



So much for the master games and master analysis; now it's time for the fun stuff. Those who know Harold Winston can attest that his chess style is very different from his management style. In fact, the northerners would probably consider him Caveman Supreme. In the following game, Winston goes all out for a Kingside attack but at the crucial moment misses an exciting continuation.

White: Harold Winston (1953)
 Black: Brian Schuman (2126).

Round 4.
 Annotated by Winston.

1 e4 e6
 2 d4 d5
 3 Nc3 Bb4
 4 Bd3 c5
 5 Nf3 dxe4
 6 Bxe4 Nf6
 7 Bd3 Nc6
 8 dxc5 Nd5
 9 Bd2 Nxc3
 10 Bxc3 Bxc3+
 11 bxc3 Qa5
 12 Qd2 Qxc5
 13 0-0 0-0
 14 fRe1 b6
 15 Ng5 h6
 16 Ne4 Qe7

White now tries to exploit his attack on h6 and f6:

17 Re3 Bb7
 18 Rg3 f5
 19 Qxh6 fxe4

White sacrifices out of necessity and now tries to get control of h7.

20 Bxe4 Rf5

Black counted on this to break the attack. White keeps trying to attack ignoring material.

21 Re1 Rd8

Black exploits back rank mate threats.

22 h3 Qf6
 23 Rg6 Qxc3

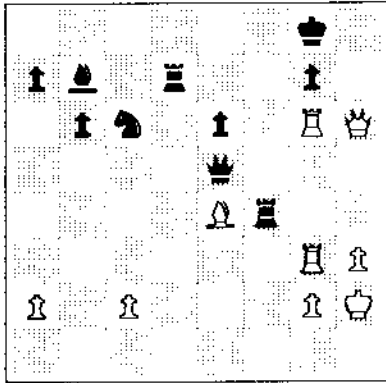
23...Qe5 might be better.

24 Re3 Qa1+
 25 Kh2 Qe5+
 26 eRg3 Rd7

White has all his pieces attacking.

27 f4 Rxf4

If 27...Qb2 or 27...Qa1 or 27...Qd4 then 28 c3 but now the diagonal to h7 is open and the Black Queen no longer pins the White Rook.



Here White started looking at 28 Qh7+!. If 28...Kxh7 29 Rxg7+ and 30 Rh7 mates. If 28...Kf7 29 Rxg7+ either mates or wins the Queen. However White was unhappy with 28...Kf8 29 Qh8+ Ke7 30 Rxg7+ Kd6 31 Rd3+ Kc5 which White thought unclear at the time. Schuman points out that in this line 32 Rg5! is very powerful: 32...Rf5+ 33 Qxe5+ Rxe5 34 Rxd7 Rxg5 35 Rxb7. Unfortunately not seeing this White continued:
 28 Rxe6? Rxe4!

Getting rid of the dangerous White Bishop.

29 Rxe5 Rxe5
 30 Qf4 Re8

Black has 10 minutes for 15 moves and finds good ones:

31 h4 Rf7
 32 Qa4 Re6
 33 Rd3 Re2
 34 Qc4? Rxg2+
 35 Kh3 Ne5

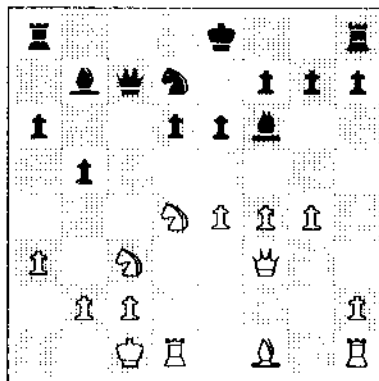
and Black wins.

White: V. Schucker (1768).
 Black: R. Sax (1985).

Round 4.
 Annotated by the editor.

1 e4 c5
 2 Nf3 d6
 3 d4 cxd4
 4 Nxd4 Nf6
 5 Nc3 a6

6 Bg5 e6
 7 f4 b5
 8 a3 Qc7
 9 Qf3 Bb7
 10 0-0-0 bNd7
 11 g4 Be7
 12 Bxf4 Bxf6



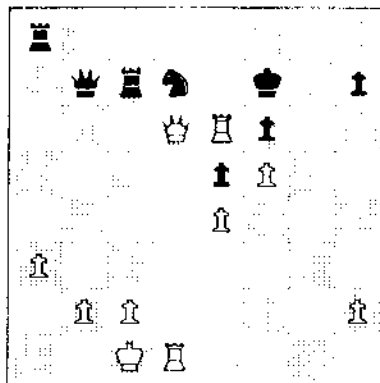
13 Bxb5?

This is a good sac in some variations of this opening. Here it is unclear, but fun.

13 axb5
 14 dNxb5 Qc6
 15 Nxd6+ Ke7
 16 Nxh7 Qxb7
 17 g5 Bxc3
 18 Qxc3 f6
 19 hRg1 Kf7
 20 Rd6 hRc8
 21 Qd4 Rc7

Possibly 21...Nc5, threatening 22...Nb3+, would refute White's sacrifice.

22 Rd1 Ke7
 23 gxh6+ gxf6
 24 f5 e5
 25 Re6+ Kf7
 26 Qd6



26 Kg8
 26...Re8? 27 Rxe8 Kxe8
 28 Qe6+ could get a little uncomfortable.

27 Rg1+ Kh8
 28 Qe7 Nf8
 29 Qxf6+ Rg7
 30 Qxg7+

At first glance it may seem there should be no hurry to exchange, as Black's gR isn't going anywhere anyway. However, if 30 Rxe5, Black

might try 30...Ng6?! 31 fxg6 and now 31...Rb8 or 31...Qa7 or 31...h6 to retain the Queens and keep things exciting for a while longer.

30 Qxg7
 31 Rxg7 Kxg7
 32 Rxe5 Kf6
 33 Rd5 Re8
 34 Rd4 Ke5
 35 c3

White could try to save the Pawn with 35 Rd1 Kf4 36 Rf1+ Ke5 37 Kd2 Rd8+ 38 Ke3 Rd4 39 Rf4. However, instead of 36...Ke5 Black could play 36...Ke3 and White must drop the Pawn or submit to a repetition.

35 Kf4
 36 Kd2 Rxe4?
 37 Rxe4+?

Both players missed 37 Rd8! winning the Knight. Besides, White should be in no hurry to exchange Rooks. 37 Kd3 first would make a big difference.

37 Kxe4
 38 f6 Ke5
 39 Ke3 Kxf6
 40 a4?

The position here is similar to King and Pawn vs King, where the attacking King belongs in front of the Pawn. Better is 40 Kd4, perhaps followed by 41 Kd5 or 41 Kc5.

40 Ne6
 41 a5 Ke5
 42 b4

Again 42 Kd3 is preferable.

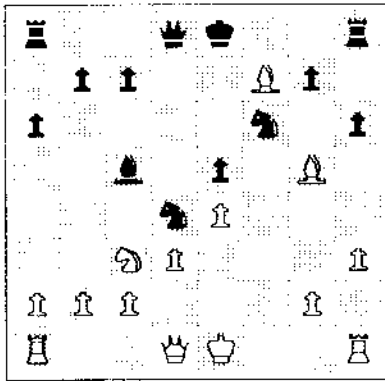
42 Kd5
 43 Kd3 Nf4+
 44 Ke3 Ne6
 45 Kd3 Nf4+
 46 Ke3 Ne6
 47 Kd3 Nf4+
 48 Draw

White: Barry Bouton (1633).
 Black: Derrick Martin (UNR).

Reserve section, round 5.
 Annotated by the editor.

1 e4 e5
 2 Nc3 Nc6
 3 Bc4 Bc5
 4 f4 d6
 5 Nf3 Nf6
 6 d3 Bg4
 7 h3 Bxf3
 8 Qxf3 Nd4
 9 Qd1 a6
 10 fxe5 dxe5
 11 Bg5 h6
 12 Bxf7+

White no doubt looked at Black's rating (UN) and decided to go for the quick kill.



12 Kf8
Apparently Black feared such
lines as 12...Kxf7 13 Bxf6
gx6 14 Qh5+ Kf8 15 0-0.
17 Bxf6 Qxf6
14 Qg4

Of course, the Bishop isn't
takeable now, but Black is
unimpressed with the whole
idea:

14 Nxc2+
15 Kd2 Nxa1
16 Qe2 Qg5+

Black could win easily with
16...Qf2, but he'd rather win
another piece and keep the
spectators happy.

17 Kd1 Kxf7
18 d4
An all-out attack is the only
hope now.
18 Bxd4
19 Qc4+ Kg6!
Black finds the best square
and ends all the baloney.
20 Rf1 hRf8
21 Nd5 Rxf1+
22 Qxf1 c6
23 Ne7+? Kh7!
24 Qf7 Rd8
25 g4 Bg1+
26 Ke2 Qe3+
27 0-1

TIM JUST OPEN/RESERVE

August 2-3, 1986

by Tim Just

The two highest rated players in this north suburban tournament did not score enough to qualify for any prize. Instead, an A player recently out of chess retirement tied for first-second. Another A player had to prove he could mate with Knight and Bishop vs King. In the Reserve section an unannounced Upset Prize was offered by one of the players. That is a lot of drama for a 34-player event.

Lynn Crewse (1911) and Mark Sokolowski (2106) each scored 4-1 to top a 14-player Open section and tie for first. On the way up Lynn Crewse beat top ranked Morris Giles (2435).

Steve Surak has been missing from the tournament scene for several months. The layoff apparently did not hurt too much, as Steve scored 3-2 to take home first place honors in the Expert class. He also had a hand in keeping Morris Giles away from the prizes, by drawing with him in round 4.

Class A saw Judge George Leighton and Algis Jonaitis each score 3-2 to share first place in this class. In round 2, Judge Leighton had to prove to Jonaitis that he could mate with Knight and Bishop vs King. The Judge scored the point with only minutes to go before round 3 was to begin.

The potential for this same ending also existed in the Reserve section in the same round. Bernard Pukel had the two pieces and a few Pawns against the few Pawns of Robert Forbis. Just as it was starting to look as though the Pawns would all disappear, Pukel sacked one of his pieces for counterplay. He went on to win without having to prove his point the way the Judge did, and ended up winning the 20-player Reserve section with a 5-0 score.

Many of you may remember Phil Pilgrim, who
Phil Smith, who knew

OPEN SECTION

1 CREWSE Lynn	1911	W13	W 3	D 9	D 2	W 4	4
2 SOKOLOWSKI Mark	2106	W12	W 8	D 4	D 1	W 5	4
3 GILES Morris	2435	W 5	L 1	W10	D 4	W 9	3.5
4 SURAK Steve	2056	W 6	W10	D 2	D 3	L 1	3
5 LEIGHTON George	1931	L 3	W 6	W 8	W 9	L 2	3
6 JONAITIS Algis	1858	L 4	L 5	Wbye	W 7	W 8	3
7 KURFMAN David	1810	L 8	D12	W13	L 6	W10	2.5
8 SAX Robert	1985	W 7	L 2	L 5	W10	L 6	2
9 ZABELL Sandy	2144	Dbye	W11	D 1	L 5	L 3	2
10 MONATELLI Dave	1819	W11	L 4	L 3	L 8	L 7	1
11 READ Rhys	1991	L10	L 9	W12	-	-	1
12 URBANIK John	1859	L 2	D 7	L11	LF	-	0.5
13 WHITAKER Jerome	1769	L 1	D14	L 7	LF	-	0.5
14 JUST Tim	1705	-	D13	-	-	-	0.5

RESERVE SECTION

1 PUKEL Bernard	1651	W 6	W 2	W14	W 3	W 5	5
2 FORBIS Robert	1777	W19	L 1	W11	W 8	W 6	4
3 MARQUEZ Anthony	1758	Dbye	W15	W 9	L 1	W 8	3.5
4 SJOHOLM Dave	1413	Dbye	L 8	W18	W16	W 9	3.5
5 YACHAN George	1544	W18	L14	W17	W 7	L 1	3
6 GINSBERG Michael	1320	L 1	W20	W12	W14	L 2	3
7 PARKER Bill	1518	D13	W18	Dbye	L 5	W15	3
8 GRANT Dennis	1673	D17	W 4	W16	L 2	L 3	2.5
9 ZIMMER Mike	1231	D10	W13	L 3	W19	L 4	2.5
10 POPE Raymond	1629	D 9	L16	W13	D15	D11	2.5
11 SMITH Colin	1356	L14	W19	L 2	W17	D10	2.5
12 KITTSLY Scott	1637	L15	D17	L 6	W18	WF	2.5
13 KEMPNER Robert	1441	D 7	L 9	L10	Wbye	W19	2.5
14 MAYWORM Barry	1685	W11	W 5	L 1	L 6	-	2
15 BIEZYNSKI Stan	1247	W12	L 3	Dbye	D10	L 7	2
16 CHAKUNO Bruce	1336	Dbye	W10	L 8	L 4	LF	1.5
17 BRODDE Jeff	1323	D 8	D12	L 5	L11	L10	1
18 NEALE Lisa	-	L 5	L 7	L 4	L12	W17	1
19 PADILLA Rudy	1442	L 2	L11	Wbye	L 9	L13	1
20 ZELINSKI Daryl	1521	-	L 6	-	-	-	0

Phil as both teacher and chess coach, set up a special \$10 upset prize in the Reserve section in Phil's honor. Wisconsin teacher Stan Biezynski (1247) beat Wisconsinite Scott Kittsley (1637) to take the upset honors.

ICA Tour Point winners were as follows:

Mark Sokolowski	12.5 + 12.0X
Lynn Crewse	12.5 + 10.0A
Morris Giles	5.0
Steve Surak	6.0X
George Leighton	2.5A
Algis Jonaitis	2.5A
Bernard Pukel	8.0B
Robert Forbis	4.0B
Dave Sjoholm	6.0C
George Yachan	1.5C
Bill Parker	1.5C
Michael Ginsberg	4.0D
Colin Smith	1.0D
Mike Zimmer	1.0D

PEARLE MANN

A Recollection by Helen Warren

Almost thirty years ago my dad and I ventured out of Illinois for the first time to play in a chess tournament. We took the old North Shore line up to Milwaukee for the Western Open, shuffled into the crowded lobby of the handsome Plankinton Hotel, and immediately fell in love with what was to become a family tradition for a dozen years. Part of the flavor of those happy years was the friendly presence of the tournament directing staff, first Ernie Olfe and Pearle Mann, and later Pearle with various assistants.

It's flippant, I think, to say, "Pearle was a great TD" and leave it at that. She was, in fact, one of the essential ingredients for the success of great tournaments like the Western Open with its Fourth of July festivities and the North Central over Thanksgiving. There was an assurance about events she directed: on-time rounds, the predictable comfort of the tournament hall with its gleaming white tablecloths and set after set of chess pieces assembled on table after table. Yes, she was a teacher to a generation of TDs, but Pearle's competence was almost a taken-for-granted backdrop for her friendly manner in making players feel comfortable and welcome. I've never seen another TD handle problems with such cherry elan, expecting the best from both parties to the hassle.

Milwaukee had (still has, I think!) a notorious j'adoube-ovitch. He touched, fondled, moved, and then retracted moves countless times during the course of a game. Disconcerting. Downright exasperating. Especially for a novice like me for whom the

rules were hallowed commandments. After a dozen distractions and retractions, I complained to Pearle. "No witness? Can't really make him move the Knight to N5 but, let me talk to him." She coddled him into the lobby with dispatch, chatting constantly about "impetuous fingers". Two minutes later he returned to the board, visibly amused. The game continued without further incident and ended a couple of hours later. On our way to hand in our scoresheets, my opponent asked me, "Wouldn't you like to know what Pearle said to me?" "Yeah," I said, "Whatever it was, it worked because you sat on your hands for the rest of the game." "Pearle told me that if I touched a piece again without moving it once and for all, she'd make me chalk my fingers between moves so there was evidence of what I'd done....Do you think she meant it?" "Dunno," I said. "Sounds like a good idea to me." Pearle winked us out of the tournament hall, but I caught sight of a very large chunk of chalk on her TD table....

Pearle Mann died a few months back after a life of service to Milwaukee chess, to her state -- Wisconsin, and to the USCF. Her service in FIDE as Zonal President is often overlooked, yet she served faithfully and well. My most vivid recollection of her, however, is one I've never shared with anyone. Pearle had lost her race for a seat on the USCF Policy Board in the mid-seventies to Doris Thackrey, the first woman elected to that body. In 1982 after an especially bitter and exhausting race of my own for the Board, Pearle wrote me a note of commiseration. "...if you think elections are a reward for doing things, you haven't learned a thing. Get back up on the horse." Pearle rode a good race.

Farewell, by Richard Verber

On Saturday, July 26, Pearle Mann died of cancer. For almost three decades Pearle enriched chess life in Milwaukee organizing and directing tournaments that set a standard of excellence rarely matched elsewhere in the United States. During the 1960s Pearle's Milwaukee events regularly attracted grandmasters such as Bobby Fischer, Robert Byrne, Pal Benko, Arthur Bisguier, Petar Trifunovic, and Arturo Pomar. In 1986 it is perhaps easy for Chicagoans to forget the degree to which Pearle Mann made chess blossom in Milwaukee during the 1960s.

When Chicago decided to host the U.S. Open in 1963, it was to Pearle Mann that we turned for advice and guidance. Ten years later when the U.S. Open again came to Chicago, I again turned to Pearle and to Tim Redman to serve as chief TDs. As a tournament director, Pearle was unsurpassed. She shared with George Koltanowski that warm and friendly touch that is the mark of the great tournament director. Pearle was never officious. She liked people and it was very easy to like her. Pearle was always fair and I don't recall ever hearing her raise her voice (except perhaps the time some Chicago players released a live chicken in the tournament hall in Milwaukee!).

The richness of Pearle Mann's life is best judged by the hundreds of friends that she leaves behind in Milwaukee and Chicago. Our sadness in Pearle's death is tempered by the memory of the many happy experiences that we shared with her.



Pearle Mann

CHOW, VAN METER WIN MILWAUKEE FUTURITY

by Albert Chow

The Howard Johnson Executive Hotel in Milwaukee was the site of an internationally rated chess event August 8-10. Six Wisconsin players without FIDE ratings and four other Midwest players with FIDE ratings played. The games featured experimental international rules which allow each player one hour for all his moves. Thus time pressure was a factor in almost every game. This created some exciting, fighting chess, especially attractive for the spectators (and nerve-wracking for the players). When the dust settled, Lester VanMeter from Indiana and I finished in a first-place tie, 1.5 points ahead of the next two players, Lawrence Quigley of Michigan and Tom Moore of Wisconsin. Moore was the only Wisconsin player who scored high enough to earn a FIDE rating.

During the games the moves were transmitted by computer to the analysis room. The playing conditions were excellent, and the event ran smoothly. Tournament director Alan Losoff showed good judgment in settling the lone dispute. The tournament was made possible by organizer George Carian, who did an enormous amount of work bringing it all together. He worked in cooperation with the American Chess Foundation to provide funding, as well as providing rides, food, lodging, and bulletins.

The wild time control made certain nobody went undefeated. In round three I lost a crazy game to Williams, leaving VanMeter clear first with three points, while I was tied for second with two. Thus my fourth round was the critical game, because I would meet VanMeter. A win for me would put me equal first, but a loss would give Lester an easy two-point lead. A draw would mean a race to the finish, but with me having a one-point handicap. Thus I decided I must try to win, at all costs. We had played twice before; both times I had Black, both times I lost. And now I again was given the Black pieces. Yes,

but I figured the analysis would consume enormous time on the clock, giving me compensation. This move was played quickly, a good practical decision. With the unusual time control, discovering the "truth" was an expensive luxury.

Wisconsin Futurity, Milwaukee

August 8-10, 1986

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1 CHOW Albert	IL	2429	-	W	D	W	D	L	W	W	W	7
2 VAN METER Lester	IN	2362	L	-	D	W	W	W	W	W	D	7
3 QUIGLEY Lawrence	MI	2230	D	D	-	L	D	W	D	D	W	5.5
4 MOORE Thomas	WI	2323	L	L	W	-	D	D	D	W	W	5.5
5 BRASKET Curt	MN	2354	D	L	D	D	-	D	W	W	L	5
6 WILLIAMS William	WI	2240	W	L	L	D	D	-	D	L	W	4
7 WEBSTER Peter	WI	2236	L	L	D	D	L	-	D	D	W	3.5
8 PENKALSKI David	WI	2265	L	L	D	L	L	W	D	-	D	3.5
9 ALLEN Ethan	WI	2208	L	L	L	L	W	L	D	D	-	2.5
10 SMITH Daniel	WI	2190	L	D	L	L	L	D	L	L	D	1.5



White: L. VanMeter (2362).
Black: A. Chow (2429).

Annotated by Chow.

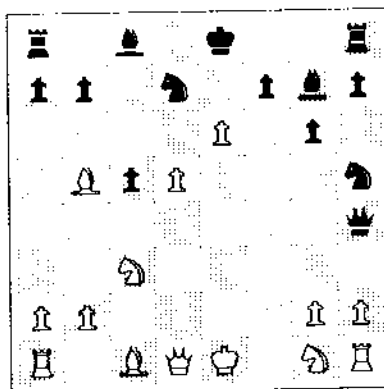
1 d4 Nf6
2 c4 c5
3 d5 e6

The Modern Benoni.

4 Nc3 exd5
5 cxd5 d6
6 e4 g6
7 f4 Bg7
8 Bb5+ bNd7!

A risky move since White can soon win material, but I was not interested in playing "solid".

9 e5! dxe5!
10 fxe5 Nh5
11 e6! Qh4+!



A weird, unclear position. Whose attack is the stronger?

12 g3

King moves may be possible, but I believe Black has interesting attacking chances.

12 Nvg3!

I was happy now. The game is totally insane, a perfect example of caveman chess. White has many confusing moves: 13 Bxd7+, 13 exd7+, 13 Nf3, 13 Qa4, 13 hxg3. Perhaps there is a way for White to get the advantage,

but I figured the analysis would consume enormous time on the clock, giving me compensation.

13 hxg3

This move was played quickly, a good practical decision. With the unusual time control, discovering the "truth" was an expensive luxury.

13 Qxh1
14 Be3

14 exd7+ Bxd7 15 Bxd7+ Kxd7 is unclear, for example 16 Qa4+ Kd8 17 Bg5+ f6 18 Be3 Re8 19 Kd2 Bh6.

14 0-0!
15 exd7 Bxd7
16 Bxd7 aRe8!
17 Bxe8 Rxe8

White has two extra Knights, but Black has the initiative. It seems that if White wants to win, he must return material.

18 Kd2

18 Kf2 Qh2+ 19 Kf3 Qh1+ is OK for Black. Other ideas worth investigating are 18 Qe2 Bd4 or 18 Kf1 Rxe3 19 d6.

18 Bxc3+!
19 Bxc3 Qxd5+
20 Kc2

20 Ke2? Bg2+.

20 Qe4+!
21 Qd3 Qxe3

Black has recovered some material and now has three Pawns for a Knight. If White exchanges Queens Black will win White's g-Pawn.

22 Rf1 Qe6

Now White threatens to exchange. Black exploits the exposed White King to fight for the initiative.

23 Kb2 b5!

Black must open lines in order to generate threats. If 24 Qxb5 both 24....Qe5 and 24....Rd8 are dangerous.

24 Rf2 c4
25 Qd4 b4!

26 Re2
26 cxb4 Qe1!
26 bxc3+
27 Kc1

Queen or King takes c3 were both possible, but we were each running short of time.

27 Qc6
 28 Rxe8+ Qxe8
 29 Qxc3 h5!
 30 Nf3 Qe2!
 31 a4
 31 Nd2 g5.
 31 Qf1+!
 32 Kc2 g5!

Black prepares counterplay withh4. Passed Pawns must be pushed.

33 Qe3
 Not 33 Nxg5? Qf5+.
 33 f6

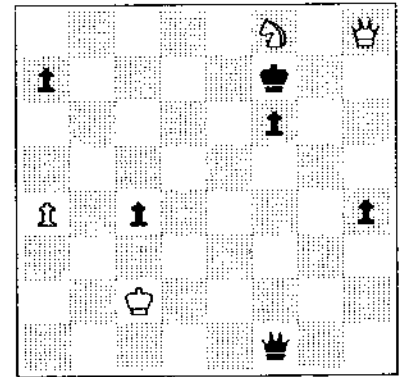
An important moment psychologically. Now and on the next few moves White could

draw by perpetual check.
 34 Qe8+ Kg7 35 Qe7+ Kg6
 36 Qe8+ Kf5 37 Qd7+ etc.
 34 Nd4 h4!

Pushing the passer as well as giving the King flight squares. Now 35 g4 Qg2+
 36 Kc3 Qxg4 37 Qe8+ Kg7
 38 Qe7+! Kg6 39 Qe8+ draws.
 35 gxh4 gxh4
 36 Qe6+? still draws. Now

the King is surprisingly able to escape.

36 Kg7
 37 Ne6+ Kh6
 38 Qh8+ Kg6
 39 Nf8+?
 39 Qxh4 Qe2+ wins the Knight.
 White had to try 39 Qe8+.
 39 Kf7!



40 Nh7 Qd3+
 41 Kc1 Qa3+
 42 Kb1 Qb3+
 43 Kc1 Qe3+
 44 Kc2 Qh6!
 45 0-1

AL SANDRIN WINS U.S. BLIND

Most Chicago-area chess players are personally acquainted with Angelo Sandrin, Illinois' most active player and number 5 on the national most active list. Less well known to short-time tournament players, but with an equally illustrious career, is Angelo's brother, Al Sandrin. One of Al's early accomplishments was his first-place finish in the 1949 U.S. Open despite failing eyesight.

Recently, Al Sandrin again finished first, this time in the 23-player U.S. Blind Championship in Findlay, Ohio in July. With a score of 3.5 out of 4 going into the last round, Sandrin needed a win against two-time champion Joe Kennedy of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who led the pack at 4-0. Sandrin came through in spectacular fashion, sacrificing his Queen to stave off a menacing attack and capture the victory with some well-organized minor pieces and passed Pawns. The beautiful win gave Al his second Blind Championship in five years.

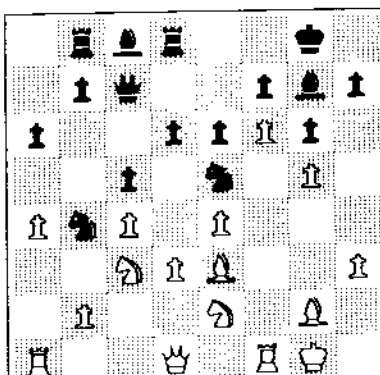
Many of the players in the tournament used special chess sets with securing apertures to help identify the pieces by feel. Your editor, however, remembers losing to Al with normal pieces in a tournament game about ten years ago. Al's feel for the size and shape of the board was so good that, if he moved a piece that had been misadjusted on its orig-

White: Joe Kennedy (2091).
 Black: Al Sandrin (2116).

Annotated by the editor.

1 c4 Nf6
 2 g3 g6
 3 Bg2 Bg7
 4 Nc3 c5
 5 e4 Nc6
 6 gNe2 d6
 7 0-0 0-0
 8 f4 e6
 9 d3 a6
 10 h3 Rb8
 11 Be3 Qc7

13 g4 Nb4
 14 f5 Nd7
 15 g5 Ne5
 16 f6



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inal square, it landed on its new square misadjusted by precisely the same amount in precisely the same direction.

The game that earned Al Sandrin the championship is shown below. Our thanks to USCF for providing general information and final standings, and to Al's brother Angelo for furnishing the game score and pointing out a couple of interesting possibilities.

16 bNxd3!
 Black decides that three Pawns (and probably four) is good enough for the piece.

17 fxg7 Nxb2
 18 Qe1 bNxc4
 19 Qg3 b5
 20 axb5 axb5
 21 Nf4 b4
 22 cNd5?!

White sees a combination that will probably force Black to sac the Queen:

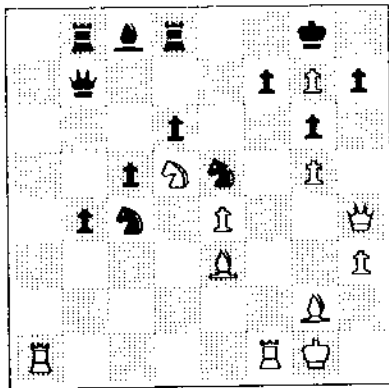
22 exd5
 23 Nxd5 Qb7
 24 Qh4

Also possible is 24 Nf6+ Kxg7
 25 Qh4, although Black might escape after 25....h5
 26 gxh6+ Kh8, or possibly even
 25 ... Nc3 26 Qxh7+ Kf8

SPASSKY SIMUL

Boris Spassky took on all comers Tuesday, August 19 at Forest Park's Mohr Community Center, site of the annual Master Challenge tournament. Spassky played 42 opponents simultaneously; after the last King was tipped at 2:30 Wednesday morning Spassky's score was 34 wins, 8 draws, and no losses.

The event was organized by Chris Musgrave, Ken Marshall, and Steve Healy of the Oak Park - Forest Park Chess Club. Two games from the simul are presented below, with a smattering of editorial annotations.



24 Qxd5!!
The threat was not so much as 25 Nf6+ would force the Queen sac anyway. Now Black gets two pieces, three Pawns, and strong threats for the Queen.

25 exd5 Nxe3
26 Rf4 b3
27 Be4 b2
28 Rb1 Bf5
29 Bxf5 Nxf5
30 Rxf5

All Queen moves drop the Exchange anyway, so White might as well do it this way.

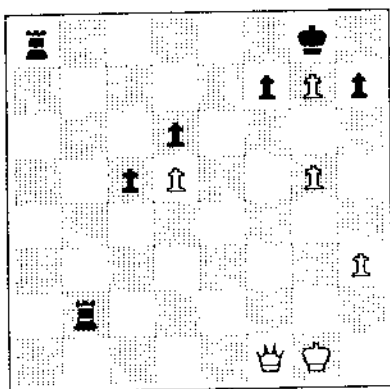
30 gxf5
31 Qf2 Rb4
32 Rxb2?

32 Qxf5 would put up stronger resistance, probably keeping Black's Rook out of play on the back rank.

32 Nd3
33 Qxf5 Rxb2!

Black finds the Knight less valuable than the mobility of his Rooks.

34 Qxd3 Ra8
35 Qf1



Now Black could win the Queen with 35....aRb8, but Sandrin is after bigger game:

35 c4!

White has no useful moves whatever. The only remaining try is a desperate Pawn storm:

36 h4 c3
37 h5 c2
38 g6 Rb1
39 gxf7+ Kxg7
40 0-1



White: Boris Spassky (2685).
Black: Jim Warren (2037).

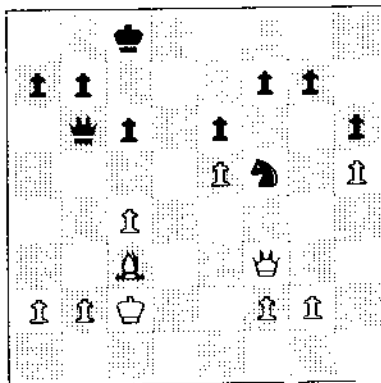
1 e4 c6
2 d4 d5
3 Nc3 dxe4
4 Nxe4 Bf5
5 Ng3 Bg6
6 h4 h6

Aw, darn, he saw it. No quick victory for the Grandmaster on this board.

7 Nf3 Nd7
8 h5 Bh7
9 Bd3 Bxd3
10 Qxd3 gNf6
11 Bd2 e6
12 0-0-0 Bd6
13 Ne4 Nxe4
14 Qxe4 Nf6
15 Qe2 Qc7
16 c4 0-0-0
17 Bc3 hRe8
18 Ne5 Ng8

To get rid of White's Knight without losing tempo.

19 Kbi Bxe5
20 dxe5 Rxd1+
21 Rxd1 Rd8
22 Kc2 Rxd1
23 Qxd1 Ne7
24 Qd3 Qb6
25 Qf3 Nf5



26 g4 does not win a Pawn because of 24....Nd4+.

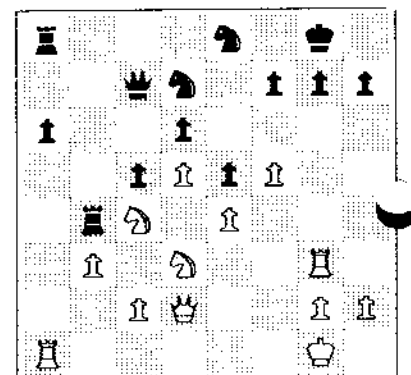
26 Kc1 Qc7
27 g4 Nh4
28 Qe4 Qb6
29 Qe2 Qc5
30 Kc2 b5
31 b4! Qxc4
32 Qxc4 bxc4
33 Kd2 a6

35 Ke3 Nxd4
36 Kxd4 gxh5
37 gxh5 Kc7
38 Kxc4 Kb6
39 a3 Kb7
40 Kc5 Kc7
41 Draw



White: Boris Spassky (2685).
Black: Bob Marcowka (1968).

1 e4 e6
2 d4 c5
3 d5 d6
4 Nc3 e5
5 Nf3 Nf6
6 Be2 Be7
7 0-0 Bg4
8 Nd2 Bxe2
9 Qxe2 Qc8
10 a4 bNd7
11 Nc4 0-0
12 Bd2 Ne8
13 f4 Bf6
14 f5 Qd8
15 Rf3 Bg5
16 Bxg5 Qxg5
17 Rd1 Qd8
18 Rh3 a6
19 a5 b5
20 axb6 Nxb6
21 Ne3 Qg5
22 Rg3 Qe7
23 Rf1 Nf6
24 Ng4 bNd7
25 Nf2 fRb8
26 b3 Qd8
27 Ra1 Qc8
28 cNd1 Rb4
29 Nb2 Qb7
30 Nc4 Qc7
31 Qd2 Ne8
32 Nd3



32 dNf6?
 Why defend when a fork opportunity presents itself?

33 Nxb4 Nxe4
 34 Rxa6!

Spassky is willing to give up the Queen, as long as he gets second Rook, mating threats, and possibly a piece.

34 Qc8
 35 Rxa8 Qxa8
 36 Rxc7+!

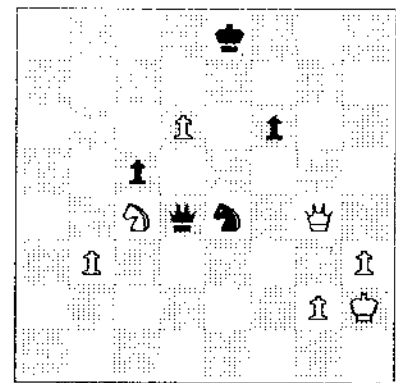
The Rook's dead anyway, so let it die in a blaze of glory.

36 Kxc7
 37 Qe1 Bxf6
 38 Nc6 Kh8

39 h3 Qa2
 40 Nxd6!
 Looks like there should be enough compensation here.

40 Qxc2
 No fair. Grab the Knight and play for the audience.

41 Nxe4 Nxe4
 42 Nxe5 Kg7
 43 Nc4 Qd3
 44 d6 Qd4+
 45 Kh2 Kf6
 46 Qh4+ Kxf5
 47 Qxh7+ Ke6
 48 Qh6+ Kd7
 49 Qf4 f6
 50 Qa4+ Ke8



51 Qe6+ Kf8
 52 Qe7+ 1-0

OTHER GAMES

White: W. Kreckler (2233).
 Black: A. Chow (2429).

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 Championship, July 1986.
 Annotated by Chow.

1 d4 Nf6
 2 Nf3 e6
 3 Bf4 c5
 4 c3 b6
 5 bNd2 Bb7
 6 e3 Be7
 7 h3!

7 Bd3? Nh5! gives Black the Bishop pair.

7 O-O
 8 Bd3 Nc6
 9 O-O cxd4
 10 exd4

10 cxd4 allows 10....Nb4.

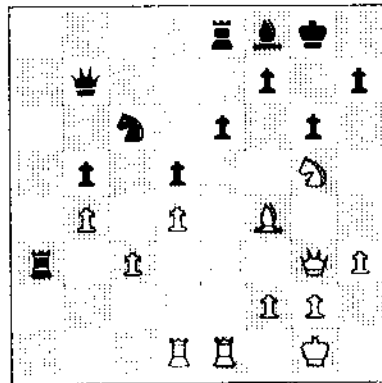
10 d6

With good development and no weaknesses, Black has equalized.

11 Qe2 Re8
 12 aRd1 Bf8
 13 Ra6?

Worried about the possibility of Black playinge5, White decides to simplify. But this allows Black to playd5 without fear of a bad Bishop.

13 Qc8
 14 Bxb7 Qxb7
 15 Ne4 Nxe4
 16 Qxe4 d5
 17 Qd3 b5
 18 Ng5 g6
 19 fRe1 aRc8
 20 b4 a5
 21 a3 Ra8
 22 Qg3 axb4
 23 axb4 Ra3



24 Re3?

Black was threatening to capture on b4. 24 Rd3! h6? 25 Nxe6! is horrible, but 24....Ne7 is better, with Black keeping the advantage.

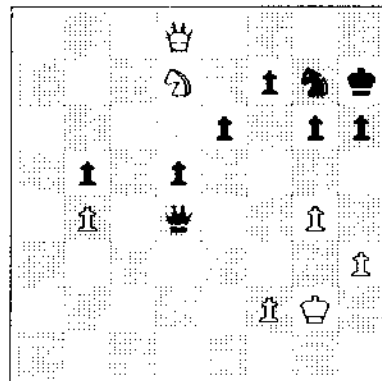
24 Ne7
 25 eRd3 Nf5

25....Rc8!?

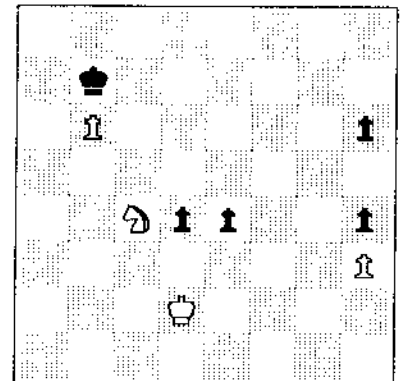
26 Qh2 Rc8
 27 g4 Ng7
 28 Bd6 Bxd6
 29 Qxd6 h6?

29....f6! wins a Pawn without allowing White counterplay. 30 Nxe6? Ra6 and if the Knight retreats it will not have the e5 square as in the game.

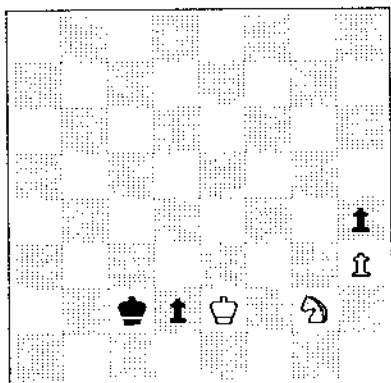
30 Nf3 cRxc3
 31 Qd8+ Kh7
 32 Ne5 Rxd3
 33 Rxd3 Rxd3
 34 Nxd3 Qa7
 35 Ne5 Qa1+
 36 Kg2 Qxd4
 37 Nd7



37 Nh5
 38 gxh5 Qe4+
 39 Kh2 Qf4+
 40 Kg2 Qe4+
 41 Kg1 Qe1+
 42 Kg2 Qe4+
 43 Kh2 Qf4+
 44 Kg1 gxh5
 45 Qf6 Qg5+
 46 Kh2 Qxf6
 47 Nxf6+ Kg6
 48 Ne8 Kf5
 49 Nd6+ Ke5
 50 Nxb5 d4
 51 Kg2 Kd5
 52 Kf1 e5
 53 Ke2 f5
 54 f3 e4
 55 fxe4+ fxe4
 56 Na3 h4
 57 Kd2 Ke5
 58 b5 Kd5
 59 b6 Kc6
 60 Nc4 Kb7



61 Nd6+ Kxb6
 62 Nxe4 Kc6
 63 Ke2 Kd5
 64 Nd2 Ke5
 65 Kf3 h5
 66 Ne4 Kf5
 67 Nc5 Ke5
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 71 Nf4 Kd4
 72 Ng2 Kc3
 73 Ke3 d2
 74 Ke2 Kc2



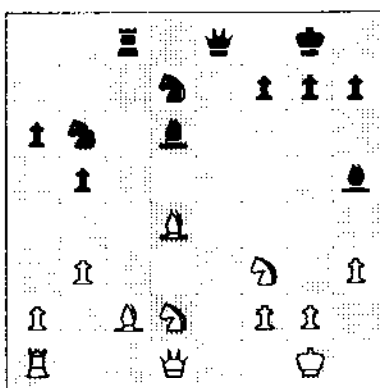
75	Ne3+	Kc1
76	Nd1	Kc2
77	Nf2	Kc1
78	Kf3	dQ+
79	Nxd1	Kxd1
80	Kg4	Ke2
81	Kxh4	1-0

waste any more time in getting the Knight back into the game. Korchnoi choseNa5 in his game against Fischer, although after the game Korchnoi opined thatNb6 would have been better. I think these lines need further practical tests before a final evaluation is to be declared.

15	bNd2	fNd7
16	h3	Bh5
17	Bb2	Re8
18	e5	cxd4
19	exd6	

Both 19 g4 and 19 e6 are interesting alternatives.

19	....	Bxd6
20	Rxe8+	Qxe8
21	Rxd4	Rc8



White: Bill Brock (2160).
Black: Bill Colias (2352).

Master Challenge, June 1986.
Annotated by Colias.

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6

A recent example of 3....g6 was seen in the game Sokolov-Spassky, Montpellier Candidates 1986.

4	Ba4	Nf6
5	O-O	Be7
6	Re1	b5
7	Bb3	d6
8	c3	O-O
9	d4	

A very interesting sideline over the more often played 7 h3. The move 9 d4 was played by Alekhine and even Fischer played it in his 1962 Stockholm game against Korchnoi.

9	....	Bg4
10	Be3	exd4
11	cxd4	Na5
12	Bc2	Nc4

Basically Black has three playable ideas after 12 Bc2. First there is 12....c5, an example of which was seen as far back as Yates-Bogolubov, New York 1924. The other two variations have to do with the placement of Black's Queen Knight (see below).

13	Bc1	c5
14	b3	Nb6

Black has come to the fork in the road. The main decision is which square to place the Knight on, a5 or b6. I chose b6 as I didn't want to have to

Black has come out of the opening-to-middle-game transition standing better. This is mainly due to the placement of the major pieces. Black's Queen and Rook are on open files while White's are still behind the lines.

22	Bxh7+	
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When considering 21....Rc8 I saw this possibility and this held my hand back from playing 21....Bb4. I finally convinced myself to play the Rook into the game; my black-squared Bishop will play a key role in defending the King on the 24th.

22	....	Kxh7
23	Ng5+	Kh6
24	g4	Bf4

Unfortunately for White he missed this move when considering his 22nd. Otherwise Black's position would be critical.

25	gxh5	Bxg5
26	Nf3	Qe7
27	Qd3	g6

27....Re1+ 28 Rxe1 29 Qc3 wins the g-Pawn.

28	Re1	Rc1
29	Rxc1	Bxc1
30	Qc2	Bg5
31	Nxg5	

and White resigned.

White: Bill Colias (2352).
Black: Ed Ross (1959).

Master Challenge, June 1986.
Annotated by Colias.

1	e4	c5
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Ed had played the Latvian 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 f5 in our last game.

2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	f4	

Black can now arrange his pieces in many different ways (consult Najdorf variation written by RHM, or the RHM survey booklet) or as in the game transpose to the Scheveningen. It is simply a matter of taste each leading to interesting play.

6	....	e6
7	Be2	Be7
8	Be3	b5
8...0-0	9 Qd2 Qc7	10 g4 h5
10	e5	

led to unclear play in Cejtin-Kuindzi, USSR 1971.

9	Bf3	fNd7
10	e5	
10	....	d5
11	O-O	O-O
12	a3	Bb7
13	f5	

White's 10th and 12th moves are directed to shut Black's c-Bishop out of the game.

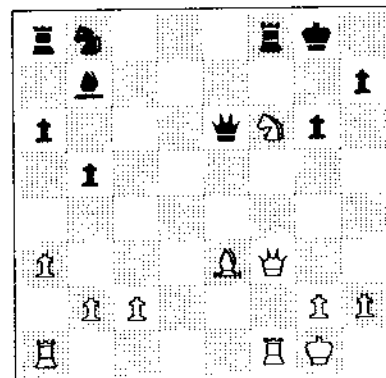
13	....	Nxe5
14	fxe6	f6

The expected move, but not the best, as Ed showed me after the game. 14....8f6 was better.

15	Nf5	
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White's pieces are off and running while Black's Queenside pieces are still in the starting gates.

15	....	g6
16	Nxe7+	Qxe7
17	Nxd5	Nxf3+
18	Qxf3	Qxe6
19	Nxf6+	

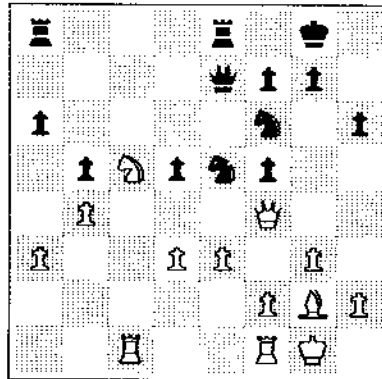


19 Kh8
 Forced, as Black is dead lost after 19....Kg7 20 Nh5+ or 19....Rxf6 20 Qxf6 Qxe3+ 21 Kh1 with the idea of aRe1 Qf7+ depending on what Black does.

20 Qxb7 Qxe3+
 21 Kh1 Qa7
 21....Ra7 would still have left Black a Pawn down but is nevertheless much better than the text. Now Black's Queen-side never moves.

22 Qd5 Rc8
 23 Nxb7 Rc5
 23....Kxh7 24 Rf7+ wins the Queen while 23....Qxh7 24 Qxa8 leaves Black 2 Pawns down with an exposed King.

24 Rf8+ Kg7
 25 Qd4+ Kh6
 26 Qf4+ Kg7
 27 Qf6+ Kh6
 28 Rh8 1-0



Pretty gruesome, eh? To add injury to insult, White is snatching a Pawn. But which one?

21 g6!
 22 Qxh6 a5!?

An interesting decision. I realized that I would need to attack with both barrels if I was to launch a successful, or even distracting, attack. The open h-file was, in the context of an already bad position, sufficient compensation for the Pawn. By that, I mean that the objective evaluation of the position is better after the Pawn sacrifice than before it. It is this sort of thinking which gets me labelled as an odd-ball! I had to wait until the Queen departed to bring my King up and swing one Rook to the h-file. By opening up the a-file, I was able to use both Rooks. Readers of Chess Life will remember a similar file-opening technique used to swindle Coe at the Midwest Masters.

I rejected attempts to trap the Queen with my Knights, because the Queen can slip out to f4 and d4 unless I exile my Knight with 22....Nh5, but then 23 Bxd5! Ng4 fails to 24 Qxg6+.

23 Qf4 Kg7
 24 fRd1 Rh8
 25 e4!?

Opening up the position and attempting to regain the initiative. But patience would have made life easier -- 23 h3 eliminates all of Black's threats.

25 axb4!
 26 axb4 fxe4
 27 dxe4 Ra2!
 28 exd5 fNg4

Now at least there is a clear plan -- to attack the weak points h2 and f2 with the help of a Knight at g4.

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White: Allen Coffey (1935).
 Black: Eric Schiller (2352).

Master Challenge, June 1986.
 Annotated by Schiller.

Despite spending most of my spare time writing opening books, I usually manage to catch the opening at some point and have to fight my way out of a bad position:

1 Nf3 d5
 2 g3 Nf6
 3 Bg2 c6
 4 d3 h6
 5 O-O Bf5
 6 bNd2 e6
 7 c4 bNd7
 8 a3 b5?

Premature. The Radulov setup must be properly timed. B...Bh7 comes into consideration, and then 9 b4 b5!.

9 cxb5 cxb5
 10 Nd4 a6
 11 Nxf5 exf5

Ordinarily I like this Pawn formation for Black, but the problem here is that a tempo had to be wasted on 10....a6, and this allows White to establish a strong initiative.

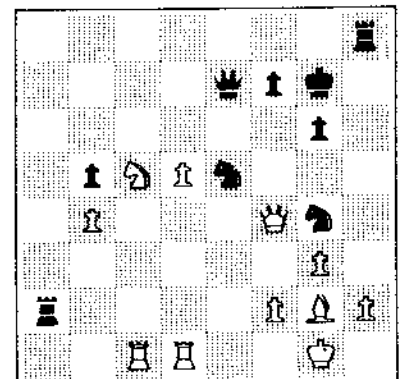
12 b4 Bd6
 13 Qb3! Be5!?
 14 Bb2 Bxb2
 15 Qxb2 O-O
 16 aRc1 Qe7
 17 Nb3 fRe8

Black's only chances lie in the weakness of the e-Pawn.

18 e3!

This seems to weaken d3 but it is difficult for Black to train his guns on that square.

18 Ne5
 19 Qd4! aRc8
 20 Nc5 Ra8
 21 Qf4!



29 d6 Qd8
 Now all White has to do is play d7 and Nb7 and the game comes to an end. But first the threat at f2 must be countered:

30 Rd2 Rxd2
 31 Qxd2 Rxd2
 32 Re1 Qh8
 33 Qd5??

With just five minutes left White completely overlooks the threat. 33 Qd4 protects the f-Pawn, pins the e-Knight, and leads to a certain win after 33....Rxd2+ 34 Kxg2 Qh2+ 35 Kf1 Qh1+ 36 Ke2 Qf3+ 37 Kd2, and if 37....f6, then 38 Ne6+ forces either K-back, where the Pawn will be able to

promote with check, or 38....Kf7 (orKh7) 39 Rxe5! Nxe5 40 Ng5+ fxd5 41 Qxe5 Qxf2+ 42 Kd3, which would leave the time control behind and lead to a winning Queen and Pawn endgame.

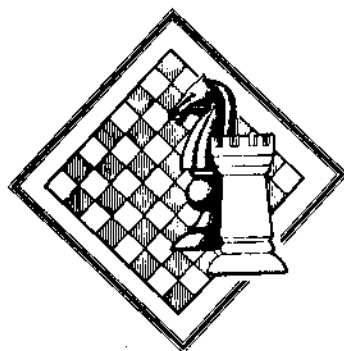
33 Rh1+
 34 Bxh1 Qh2+
 35 0-1

This game could be described as lucky, but on the other hand, the escapes were well-prepared. Leonid Shamkovich and I have prepared a book [Saving Lost Positions, Batsford] on this subject which will be available next year.

(LOOSE PIECES, from page 7)

The North Central Open, this year retitled the Bill Martz Memorial, will be held in Milwaukee November 27-30 with a \$5225 prize fund, including a \$1200 first prize, six other top prizes, and class prizes at 100-point intervals from 2100-2199 to 1500-1599.

The midwest arm of the U.S. Amateur Team Championship is set for February 14-16 at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. Room rates are \$55-\$60. Individuals wishing to be placed on teams should contact Harold Winston, (312) 475-7022. ICA is sponsoring the tournament.



Postal Chess

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SANDFORD WINS 1983 POSTAL TITLE

Craig Sandford of Round Lake Beach, IL has captured the 1983 Region VII Postal Championship and becomes the fourth to hold the crown of ICA Champion since the beginning of this series of competitions in 1980.

Sandford's achievement is all the more noteworthy since he had to win from former ICA postal champ David Taylor of Kankakee in the Finals. This crucial game was published in the last issue of the ICB. Both Taylor and Max Zavanelli qualified into their respective Finals sections with 6-0 scores, while Sandford had been held to two draws in his prelim, one with Don Field of Cedar Falls, IA and the other with Zavanelli. While Sandford was taking the measure of Taylor in one Finals section, Zavanelli yielded the crucial point to Don Walhout of Rockford. The weighted point totals made Sandford the clear victor.

Craig wins the top prize of \$150 plus trophy; Zavanelli and Taylor split 2-3 money, each earning \$75. Congratulations to the new Region VII Champion Craig Sandford!

Following is Craig's final game from 83-F-2 with Iowan Randy Pray:

PRAY-SANDFORD

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 a6 5 Nc3 Nc6
 6 Nxc6 bxc6 7 e5 Qc7 8 Bf4 f5 9 Be2 Rb8 10 Rb1 Bb4
 11 Qd3 Ne7 12 0-0 0-0 13 Nd1 Ng6 14 Qg3 Nxf4
 15 Qxf4 d6 16 exd6 Bxd6 17 Qh4 Rf6 18 f4 e5 19 Bc4
 Kh8 20 fxe5 Bxe5 21 Re1 Bd7 22 Rxc5 Qxe5 23 Qf2 c5
 24 Nc3 Rxb2 25 Re1 Qb8 26 Bb3 Be6 27 Nd1 Rb1 28 c4
 Rxb3 29 axb3 Qxb3 30 Qxc5 Qxc4 31 Qe7 h6 32 Qd8
 Kh7 33 Qa5 Rg6 34 Nf2 f4 35 Qe5 Bd5 36 g3 fxd3 and
 White resigned.

REGION VII TOP TEN PLAYERS

DAVID TAYLOR (IL)...1125 DON FIELD (IA).....1016
 MAX ZAVANELLI (IL)...1110 MITCH WEISS (IA).....1008
 ANDY AMELUNG (MO)...1073 JIM WARREN (IL)..... 966
 ADAM LIEF (CA).....1061 FRED BENDER (WI)..... 952
 DON WALHOUT (IL).....1057 CRAIG SANDFORD (IL).. 937

AMELUNG, A (MO)	1073
ANDERSON, A (IL)	859
ANDERSON, R (NE)	839
BACHLER, K (IL)	872
BAUMANN, H (IL)	747
BELICS, G (MO)	931
BENDER, F (IL)	952
BETHEL, R (IL)	755
BODZELL, V (IA)	787
BROWN, J (IA)	800
BUSTAMANTE, A (IL)	742
CHANEY, R (IA)	802
CHRISTEN, S (IL)	843
COLLISTER, C (IL)	820
CONNOR, P (IL)	830
CROUSE, T (IA)	825
DANGUY, F (IL)	763
DAVIES, J (MO)	896
DEAKIN, J (IL)	775
EICHHORN, G (IA)	863
EWALT, E (MO)	769
FAWBUSH, G (MO)	1001
FIELD, D (IA)	1016
FISHER, B (IL)	783
FOLEY, J (IL)	760
GAPUZ, W (IL)	830
GENSLER, K (IL)	765
GLASCOCK, D (OK)	860
GOTZ, J (IL)	884
GUSTAFSON, G (IL)	848
HAGEMANN, W (MO)	735
HARPER, R (MO)	706
HEALY, S (IL)	689
HEIMBAUGH, M (IA)	728
HEUSINKVELD, W (IA)	713
HINTERLONG, D (IL)	800
HOBSON, N (IL)	711
HOUSH, K (IL)	788
JABLOKOW, V (IL)	820
JAMASON, R (IL)	645
JAMISON, L (IL)	700
JOHNSON, B (IL)	764
JOHNSON, J (IA)	815
JONES, M (IL)	757
JUST, T (IL)	833
KLAUS, J (IA)	768
LAROSE, M (IL)	722
LAWRENCE, B (IL)	800
LEMKE, D (IA)	770
LEWIS, S (MO)	742
LIEF, A (CA)	1061
LOOMIS, H (MO)	740
LOVEN, D (IL)	811

MCKINNEY, C (IL)	737
MILBRATZ, W (IL)	950
NICKS, J (MO)	784
NURMI, R (IA)	727
O'HEARN, J (OR)	721
OLTMAN, T (IL)	818
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POPE, R (IL)	741
PRAY, R (IA)	776
RAMIREZ, E (IL)	781
REARDON, J (IL)	840
ROTHSCHILD, I (IL)	694
SANDER, D (IL)	746
SANDFORD, C (IL)	937
SCHREMSER, T (IL)	769
SCORZA, S (IA)	800
SEDLICK, E (IL)	851
SEXTON, C (IA)	769
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SMITH, M (IL)	680
SMITH, R (NE)	800
SOGIN, L (IL)	700
SPITZNAGEL, L (IL)	774
STEVENSON, D (NE)	820
SWICEGOOD, J (IL)	808
TAYLOR, D (IL)	1125
THOMPSON, M (IA)	849
URGENA, C (IL)	743
VANDERLINDEN, E (IA)	820
WALHOUT, D (IL)	1057
WALHOUT, P (IL)	883
WARREN, H (IL)	730
WARREN, J (IL)	966
WEISS, M (IA)	1008
WERNER, L (IL)	835
WHITE, D (MO)	800
WHITE, G (MO)	800
YOUNG, L (IL)	760
ZAVANELLI, M (IL)	1110
ZIEGLER, K (IL)	763

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Sep 20-21: Art of Sacs. Two one-day events, Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N Southport, Chicago. Jules Stein, 929-7010.

Sep 27-28: Lake County Open/Reserve IX, Zion. AN ICA TOUR MINI-EVENT. Tim Just, 1521 Circle Ct, Waukegan 60085. 244-7954.

Sep 27-28: Pawnic Stricken. Two one-day events, Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N Southport, Chicago. Jules Stein, 929-7010.

Oct 4-5: USCF REGION VII OPEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, St Louis, MO. See half-page ad in July-August issue.

Oct 4-5: For the Penny Pinching Pawn Pusher. Two one-day events, Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N Southport, Chicago. Jules Stein, 929-7010.

Oct 11-12: CHICAGO CHESS CENTER GRAND PRIX CLASS. In 4 sections: Master, Expert, A, B. EF \$95 by 10/8, \$115 at site. \$\$ 500-200 per section, more based on entries. Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N Southport, Chicago. 929-7010.

Oct 18: Peoria Fall Tornado. 4-round Swiss, Bradley U Student Center Cafeteria, Peoria. \$\$ 75-50, plus class prizes based on entries. AN ICA TOUR MINI-EVENT. Bill Naff, 4200 N Knoxville, Peoria 61614. (309) 691-4624.

Oct 18-19: Bargain Basement Benini. Two one-day events, Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N Southport, Chicago. Jules Stein, 929-7010.

Oct 18-19: St Charles event CANCELLED.

Oct 25: ICA SCHOLASTIC CLINIC. Tentative site: Morgan Park Academy, 2153 W 111th. Chicago. Call ChessPhone Oct 20-24.

Oct 26: ICA Officers' Tornado. 3-round Swiss. Tentative site: see Scholastic Clinic, above. AN ICA TOUR MINI-EVENT. Also see ICA MEMBERS' MEETING, page 3.

Nov 1: Peoria 4th Quarter. Bradley U Cafeteria. Over 1499 Quad, under 1500 4-rd Swiss. B. Wilkinson, 905 N Rebecca Pl, Peoria 61600.

Nov 1-2: Chicago Chess Center \$100 Guaranteed. Two one-day events, 2923 N Southport, Chicago. Jules Stein, 929-7010.

Nov 8: Central Illinois Scholastic Open. In 3 sections: grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-8. Illinois Central College, Route 24, East Peoria. Individual and team trophies. Murrel Rhodes, 1116 N Parkside Dr, Peoria 61606. (309) 676-0951.

Nov 8-9: Bargain Basement Benoni. Two one-day events, Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N Southport, Chicago. Jules Stein, 929-7010.

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