

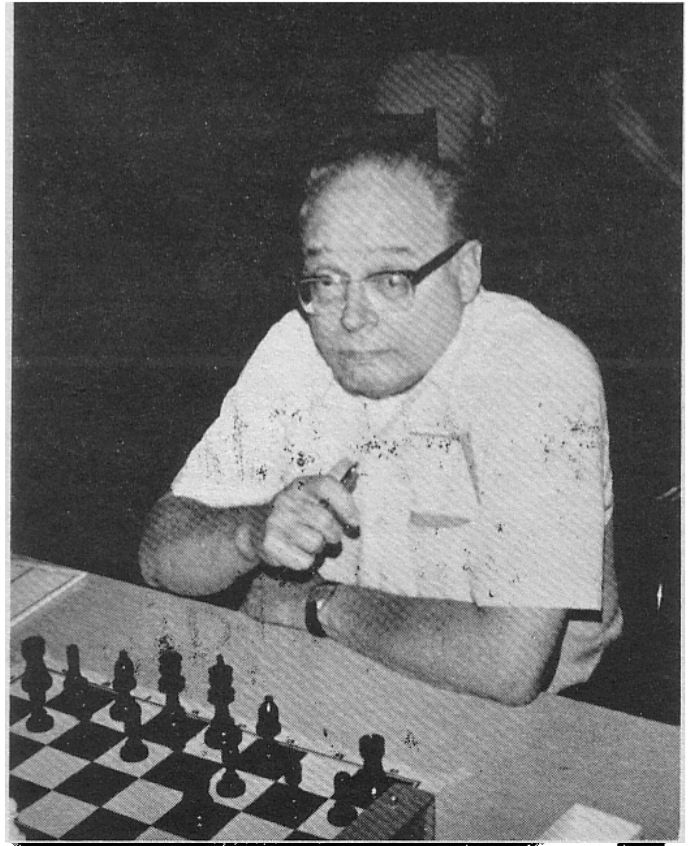
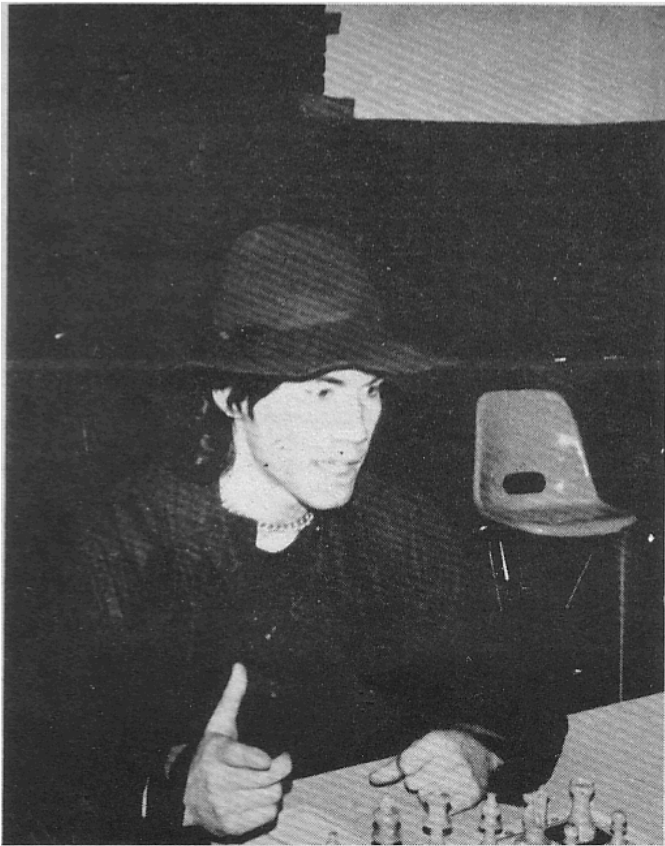
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Albert Chow and Angelo Sandrin, two of the co-winners at the Illinois Class. See page 10.

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Loose Pieces

Sorry about the delay

A new full-time job late last year, a death in the family, the usual Christmas shopping and travelling, and taking on an ICA officership on January 1 have conspired to keep us less diligent than we should have been at putting out this magazine. We expect (and fervently hope) that another editor can be found very soon. It's been fun, and we're not burned out, just busy. Perhaps full-time employment and ICB editorship are incompatible.

Next month

We say next month because we hope we can gain some ground and get the next issue to you closer to schedule. We'll have reports on the Tim Just Winter Open, the Chicago Chess Center Grand Prix Pawnorama, the Peoria Tornado, and the U.S. Amateur Team. We also expect to cover a futurity or three.

Chess mates

Wayne Palmquist reports that, just when he thought he would never get married because he couldn't find a woman who would permit chess at the reception, bingo! There was a bet, however, that a pretty lady would be able to interrupt the players' train of thought. The bet, it would appear from the photo, was lost.



Midwest Masters games book available

Now off the press is the complete games book for the 1986 Midwest Masters Invitational. We've received our copy, and it's impressive. It contains all 177 games from the event,

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TEAM BYES

by Bill Saythe

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Last issue we proposed the virtual elimination of byes through the extensive use of cross-round pairings. We're happy to note that some byes have been avoided in at least a few tournaments lately, possibly due to the physical presence of the editor and the fear of being written up.

Coming up soon is a tournament which presents even greater problems with byes: the U.S. Amateur Team Championship in mid-February at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. Team byes are even more troublesome than individual byes, because they affect four times as many players. In the December 1985 team event in Forest Park, at least 22 of the 69 players received at least one bye or forfeit win. In addition, other players had to sit out frequently because they were alternates on five-person teams.

Unfortunately, cross-round pairings are not feasible in a team tournament, because all four of the team's games would have to finish quickly. We hereby propose a new scheme for avoiding byes in team tournaments: the trye.

Instead of giving a bye to the lowest-ranked team (i.e. to the lowest-rated team with no points), the TD would give a trye to the lowest-ranked three teams. In a trye, board 1 of team X would play board 2 of team Y, board 1 of team Y would play board 2 of team Z, and board 1 of team Z would play board 2 of team X. A similar scheme (perhaps in reverse) would apply to boards 3 and 4. Team scoring would be as usual: a team scores a point by winning 2.5 or more of its four games.

Even with tryes, a few players (alternates, or opponents of teams which are short a player) will be left standing around. For these, I propose a small, separate rated event, perhaps a choose-your-opponent tournament with players registering round by round.

How about it, organizers? Give the players their money's worth by making sure that each player has an opponent every round.

LOOSE PIECES, continued

crosstable, photos, and opening index. Cost is \$6.95 plus 50¢ postage. Write to Midwest Chess Association, c/o Helen Warren, PO Box 305, Western Springs IL 60558.

Still available are the games booklets from the three previous Midwest Masters tournaments in 1982, 1984, and 1985, though the first two are in short supply. Cost is \$4, \$5, and \$6.95 respectively, plus 50¢ postage each. All four can be had for \$21, postpaid.

This year's event is coming up March 6-8. Financial contributions from supporters of master chess will, we are sure, be gratefully accepted.

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presidential ponderings

by ICA President Tim Just

1989 U.S. OPEN

In 1989 the USCF will celebrate its 50th year. It was first incorporated in 1939 right here in Illinois. Even though most of its operations are located in New York, the USCF still remains incorporated in Illinois.

The last time Chicago hosted the U.S. Open was in 1979. The next chance Chicago or Illinois has to host the Open is in 1989. **YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

The first step in getting the 1989 Open bid is to get a site. During the summer of 1986, under the guidance of Helen Warren, I began a search for that site. The ICA is now just a signature away from making the O'Hare Hyatt and the O'Hare Expo Center the official hotel and site for the 1989 U.S. Open. Obtaining a site is only a small part of a successful U.S. Open bid or tournament.

Because the Open has a round schedule of one game per night, the organizer of this event needs to provide daytime activities for the players and their families. This will make the U.S. Open an attractive vacation package. Some of those daytime activities can include

excursions to theme parks, theaters, shopping centers, and sports events; daytime quads and simuls; annual Delegates convention, workshops, and much more! All of this takes planning, time, and personnel.

The Open and its related activities need people to TD, set up sets/boards/scoresheets, staff information centers, collect funds, register people for the tournament and activities, staff the press/publicity center, etc.

Finances for the U.S. Open do not come entirely from the entry fees! Funds are needed to deposit a check with USCF to insure against loss, guarantee GM appearances, house GMs, do publicity, do mailings, etc. Somehow that funding must be raised BEFORE the Open.

The U.S. Open does not just happen! If WE want that tournament here in 1989, ALL of us need to contribute. The ICA needs people/clubs to make a commitment of time, energy, talent, or money to every aspect involved in running the 1989 U.S. Open.

The ICA plans to make a 9-day bid for the '89 U.S. Open. This would mean the Open would involve only 1 week of time from those playing in or working at the event. The organizers and many of the support people will have been working for many months before that time.

YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN by contacting me with information about how you are going to help bring the 1989 U.S. Open to Chicago, Illinois on the 50th anniversary of the USCF!

LOOSE PIECES, continued

Computer Chess Reports

An interesting magazine, or something, showed up in our mailbox a few weeks ago. Computer Chess Reports is a 148-page behemoth, for which the publishers are asking \$12.95 a copy. It is full of coverage of various computer-vs-computer and human-vs-computer tournaments, with articles, crosstables, and games. Some lively opinion is included, as well. Maurice Robinson and Larry Kaufman suggest diabolical goings-on with USCF's Computer Rating Agency, and support their conclusions with some interesting tales. In one all-computer tournament, for example, a bottom-of-the-line Fidelity unit resigned in an easy Pawn-up ending to a higher-priced version of the same brand, which went on to win the tournament.

We, too, have been suspicious at times of a possible cozy relationship between USCF and Fidelity. Some of Chess Life's supposedly factual computer articles read just a bit too much like Madison Avenue. But Computer Chess Reports must itself be taken with a grain of salt -- a retailer of a competing chess computer line jumped in at the last moment and partially sponsored the publication. If your appetite is whetted, though, write to CCD Inc, Box 474, Merrick NY 11566.

Caveman Futurity (reported by Tim Just)

On November 7, 1986 at the College of Lake County in Grayslake, the first round of the Caveman Futurity got under way. This Futurity was designed as a 6-player round-robin between

Al Chow (who coined the term Caveman Chess), Kevin Bachler (who built a club around the Caveman Chess idea), Morris Giles (honorary Caveman for playing the King's Gambit and remaining rated over 2400), Dr. Eugene Martinovsky, Andrew Karklins, and Bill Colias. Tim Just (who promotes Caveman Chess) was the TD.

Before the tournament started, the players drew for the position they would occupy on the round-robin crosstable. Players 1-3 would get the advantage of three Whites in the five-game tournament. Martinovsky, Colias, and Karklins got that advantage; however, it did not seem to help any of them finish in the money!

On November 9, 1986 the last game of this event, organized by Kevin Bachler, was over. Albert Chow and Morris Giles tied for first and second with undefeated scores of 4-1 each. Andrew Karklins was close behind with a score of 3.5-1.5.

A notable feature of this event was the varied misfortune of Dr. Martinovsky. In round 1, with a winning position against Chow, Martinovsky's flag fell as he made his 40th move. In round 2 against Colias, he was victimized by a technicality in the FIDE rules; and in round 3, he lost a piece-up position in a time scramble against Karklins. At this point Kevin Bachler (also 0-3) noted that he and Dr. Martinovsky made the top half possible. "Kind of like the Indianapolis Colts," observed Martinovsky.

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1987 ILLINOIS TOUR

A new system has been devised for calculating ICA Tour Points in 1987. The new system recognizes the need to award points to a larger number of players, while still rewarding excellence and keeping complexities to a minimum.

Tour Points will now be awarded according to score rather than place. A perfect score (e.g. 5-0 in a five-round event) will be worth 32 points in a MAXI event, 16 in a MINI. For each half-point below a perfect score, the point award will be halved. When this calculation would result in the Tour award being less than the score, the score itself will be used instead.

Tabulated below are examples for a five-round MAXI event and a four-round MINI event:

FIVE-ROUND MAXI EVENT:

Score:	Tour Points:
5	32
4.5	16
4	8
3.5	4
3	3
2.5	2.5
2	2
1.5	1.5
1	1
0.5	0.5
0	0

FOUR-ROUND MINI-EVENT:

Score:	Tour Points:
4	16
3.5	8
3	4
2.5	2.5
2	2
1.5	1.5
1	1
0.5	0.5
0	0

Tour Points will be awarded in six rating classes: Master, Expert, A, B, C, and D. A player's Tour Points will be awarded in all classes from the player's own up through the upper rating limit of the tournament or section in which the player participated.

EXAMPLES:

- (1) A master is awarded Tour Points in the Master class only.
- (2) An A player playing in an under-2000 section is awarded Tour Points in class A only. However, an A player playing in an Open section is awarded points in classes A, Expert, and Master.
- (3) A C player playing in an under-1600 section is awarded Tour Points in class C only. But a C player playing in an under-2000 section is awarded points in C, B, and A.

Points are never carried up or down. Instead, points are awarded in all applicable classes at the time of the tournament.

At the end of the year, the players with the most Tour Points in each class win cash prizes in that class. While the exact prize structure has not yet been finalized, it is expected that there will be cash prizes for the top four or five players in the Master class, and for the top two in each of the other classes. Watch for details in the March-April issue.

All players must complete in at least three ICA Tour events during 1987 to be eligible for Tour prizes. All Illinois residents must be ICA members. Out-of-staters need not join ICA if they can prove membership in their home state chess associations, but cannot win ICA Tour Points or Tour prizes unless they become ICA members.

LOOSE PIECES, continued

The next day saw Eugene draw his 4th and 5th round games. He was gracious enough to buy pizza for the players and the TD between rounds.

Many things make a tournament like this possible. The \$250 prize fund was not covered by the entry fee. Donations from Ed Asman, Marvin Bachler, the CLC Chess Club (home of Caveman Chess), and Tim Just covered the cost of the prize fund and the FIDE and USCF rating fees. Plans are under way to run a similar futurity in the spring at the same site.

Caveman Futurity

November 7-9, 1986

		1	2	3	4	5	6		
1	GILES Morris	2445	-	D	W	W	D	W	4
2	CHOW AI	2429	D	-	D	W	W	W	4
3	KARKLINS Andrew	2372	L	D	-	W	W	W	3.5
4	COLIAS Bill	2383	L	L	L	-	W	W	2
5	MARTINOVSKY Eug	2431	D	L	L	L	-	D	1
6	BACHLER Kevin	2227	L	L	L	L	D	-	0.5

MINUTES

ICA Board Meeting: 10/28/86, Holiday Inn, 5400 N River Rd, Rosemont. Minutes subject to approval by the Board.

1 p.m.: Called to order by Todd Barre for an ill yet present president Walter Brown.

Present: Walter Brown, Todd Barre, Tim Just, Fred Gruenberg, Tom Knoedler, Helen Warren, Jim Warren, Frank Skoff, Tom Fineberg, Harold Winston, Bill Saythe, Bill Naff, Wayne Paloquist, Eric Schiller, Richard Verber, Bob Bain, Dennis Grant, Glenn Panner, Ken Marshall, Jim Condon, Angelo Sandrin.

Motion: The board accept the minutes of the 6/29/86 meeting. By Fineberg, second by Panner, passed 18-0-0.

Motion: The board accept the Treasurer's current report. By Winston, second by Panner, passed 21-0-0.

Motion: The official ICA ballots reflect the previous state of candidates with official petitions that were running unopposed for ICA office. This slate will replace the current unopposed candidates listed on the unmailed printed ballots. The affected candidates have until 10/28/86 to accept this new arrangement. The ICB will notify the membership of this change in the next available issue after this meeting. By Barre, second and amended by Schiller, passed 18-3-0.

NOTE: The previous motion was made due to the withdrawal of one of the candidates (an hour before the meeting began) at the last second. This candidate's name and the unopposed slate they were on was already printed. The motion is intended to see that the spirit and letter of the constitution were followed and met in every possible way.

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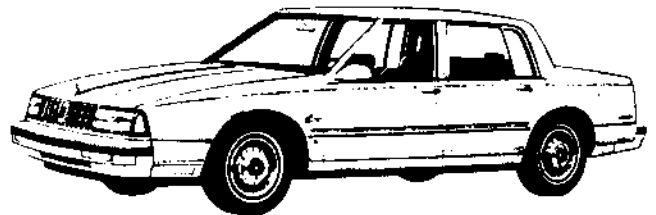
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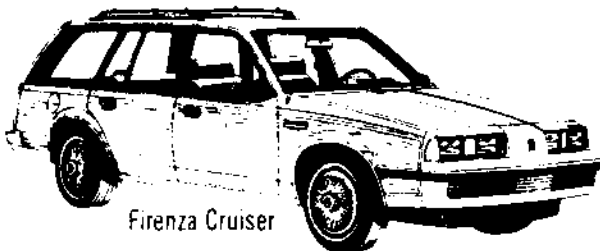
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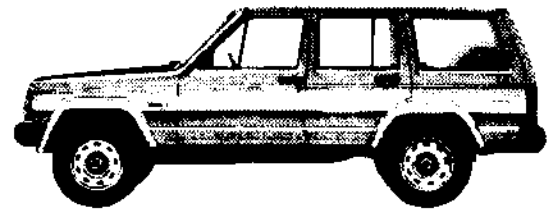
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GILES, SCHILLER WIN 1986 ICA TOUR

In the most exciting finish in ICA Tour history, Morris Giles and Eric Schiller finished in a dead heat with 50 points apiece. The 1986 version of this annual battle saw Giles emerging as the leader in mid-summer. He held and increased his lead through October, but then chose to stay home for the rest of the year. This allowed Schiller to catch up by tying for first in each of the final two Tour events. Ricardo Szaetan, Dr. Eugene Martinovsky, and Lester VanMeter also made a run for the money, spearing third, fourth, and fifth place in the Championship section.

Clear winner in the Expert division was ICA vice-president Bill Naff of Peoria, who also organized several of the Tour events during the year. Second in this class was Peter Stein.

Class A first place was garnered by Bernard Pukel, with some help from his class B days earlier in the year. Second in A was Robert Sax, by a mere half point over Phil Anderson.

Pukel also had the highest point total in class B, but Tour rules prohibit a player from winning a prize in more than one class. Eternally grateful for this rule are Leonard Spiegel and Barry Bouton, who thus finish first and second respectively. Gregory Novak and Karl Smart might also have shared part of Bouton's prize had they played in the required minimum of three Tour tournaments during the year.

Rudy Padilla edged out Mark Petersen by less than a point in class C, edging out Joseph Haines who had to settle for second place in the D class. The clear winner in the latter class was Michael Pratts, the strongest D player in six counties. Pratts, now 1663 and

still underrated, apparently will have to take on somebody his own size in 1987.

Several of the winners are also high on the Tour most active list. In addition to Giles, Pukel, Sax, and Padilla, our hats are off to Peter Stein, Larry Cohen, and Glenn Panner who each played in at least seven of the thirteen 1986 Tour tournaments.

Listed below are all players who accumulated ICA Tour points in 1986. For players who played in fewer than three Tour events, the number of events is listed in parentheses. Only players with at least three Tour events are eligible for Tour prizes.

Only ICA members can win Tour prizes. Out-of-staters who chose not to join ICA are listed with a ? mark. See the January-February 1986 Illinois Chess Bulletin for an explanation of how Tour points and Tour prizes are awarded.

Important: Report any errors to the Editor IMMEDIATELY, as the Tour prizes will soon be mailed.

MAXI- AND MINI-EVENTS REFLECTED ON THIS LIST:

Tia 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
Tia Just Open/Reserve, August	mini
Bradley Summer Open, August	mini
Illinois State Champ'p, Labor Day	MAXI
Lake County Open/Reserve, September	mini
Peoria Fall Tornado, October	mini
Illinois Class, November	MAXI
Illinois Valley Tornado, December	mini
Last Chance Mini Tornado, December	mini

Championship Tour Points:

Morris Giles	50.00
Eric Schiller	50.00
Ricardo Szaetan	39.17
Eugene Martinovsky	36.67
Lester VanMeter	30.56
Albert Chow	25.56
William Naff	21.25
Angelo Sandrin	20.00
Robert Gruchacz	20.00 (2)
? R Dzandzichashvili	20.00 (1)
George Umzinwa	17.50
Lawrence Chachere	16.67
Greg Small	16.25 (2)
Lynn Crewse	12.50
Peter Stein	12.50
Murrel Rhodes	12.50 (2)
David Mote	12.50 (1)
Mark Sokolowski	12.50 (1)
Bernard Pukel	10.00
Phil Anderson	10.00
Phil Bossaers	10.00 (2)
Andrew Karklins	10.00 (2)
Erik Karklins	10.00 (1)
? Bill Colias	7.50
Walter Brown	5.56 (2)
Warren Kreckler	5.00 (2)
Tom Smit	5.00 (1)
Richard Verber	5.00 (1)
? Roy Woll	5.00 (1)
? Mike Zelkind	5.00 (1)
Robert Sax	4.25

Ray Satterlee	3.00
Ken Wallach	3.00 (2)
Scott Zingheia	3.00 (2)
Ramsey Forbush	3.00 (1)
Douglas Ulch	1.81
Paul Mills	1.81 (2)
Luis Bernal	1.25
Glenn Panner	1.25
Matthew Crouse	1.25 (1)
Larry Cohen	.56
James Cooper	.56
Andy McGowan	.56 (2)
William Ralph	.56 (1)

Expert Tour Points:

William Naff	39.00
Peter Stein	32.14
Angelo Sandrin	24.00
Krzysztof Flaga	24.00 (2)
? Roy Woll	18.00 (1)
? Mike Zelkind	18.00 (1)
George Umzinwa	15.00
Virgilio Forro	12.00
? Tim McEntee	12.00 (2)
Mark Sokolowski	12.00 (1)
Luis Bernal	11.14
Ray Satterlee	9.00
Sandy Zabell	9.00
Walter Brown	9.00 (2)
Ramsey Forbush	9.00 (1)
Douglas Ulch	9.00
Gene Scott	6.00 (2)
Steve Surak	6.00

Jose Rodriguez	6.00 (1)
Tom Smit	6.00 (1)
? Lasa Goonetilleke	5.14 (2)
Alan Watson	5.14 (1)
? William Groeller	5.14 (1)
? James Kulbacki	5.14 (1)
? John Wygrecki	5.14 (1)
Kevin Gensler	3.00
Andy McGowan	3.00 (2)
Kazimieras Jakstas	3.00 (1)
? Dan Vasto	3.00 (1)

Class A Tour Points:

+ Bernard Pukel	29.50
Robert Sax	25.50
Phil Anderson	25.00
Carlos Vegh	22.00
Philip Shields	20.00 (1)
Allen Coffey	15.00
John Urbanik	15.00
+ Robert Forbis	14.00
Lawrence Cohen	13.00
Lynn Crewse	10.00
Algis Jonaitis	10.00 (2)
Murrel Rhodes	10.00 (1)
? Joel Mandeville	10.00 (1)
Ray Socha	10.00 (1)
Paul Mills	8.00 (2)
James Condon	7.50
Etheibert Gazwan	5.50
Robert Manaster	5.50
Phil Bossaers	5.00 (2)

Joel Heinrich	3.00	Edgardo Zablotsky	4.00 (2)	Paul Landau	2.00 (1)
Craig Sandford	3.00	Byron Pappas	3.33 (2)	George Yachan	1.50 (2)
Doug Ulitch	3.00	Winfield Scott	3.00	Kent Hieronymus	1.50 (2)
Peter Walhout	3.00 (2)	William Graves	2.67	Myron Cannell	.86
Gregory Berry	3.00 (2)	Bruce Kreisman	2.67	Calvin Hayes	.86 (2)
James Cooper	3.00 (1)	Steeve Rydberg	2.67	Michael Berdich	.86 (1)
Jonathan Goldean	3.00 (2)	Tom Friske	2.00	? Mike Morgan	.86 (1)
Lawrence Kosiba	3.00 (2)	Scott Kittsley	2.00		
William Ralph	3.00 (1)	Bruce Johnson	1.33 (1)	Class D/E Tour Points:	
Edward Ross	3.00 (1)	Charles Schlenker	1.33 (1)	Michael Pratts	20.00
Rhys Read	2.50	Doug Lundquist	1.00 (2)	Joseph Haines	12.00
Bill Saythe	2.50	Eric Bertelsen	1.00 (1)	David Carson	8.00
Keith Holzmaeller	2.50 (2)	Mack Lyons III	1.00 (2)	Mike Ginsburg	8.00 (2)
John Popovich	2.50 (2)			Rod Moore	6.00 (2)
George Leighton	2.50 (1)	Class C Tour Points:		? Shawn Halsey	5.00 (2)
? David Monatelli	1.67	Rudy Padilla	16.50	? Stan Biezynski	4.00
Phil Jarratte	1.67 (1)	Mark Petersen	15.86	David Muletin	4.00 (2)
? Michael Selig	1.67 (1)	+ Joseph Haines	14.25	Jim Burns	4.00 (1)
		Harvey Hensley	13.50	Gary Levy	4.00 (1)
Class B Tour Points:		Dave Sjoloh	12.00	? Danny Moore	4.00 (1)
Bernard Pukel	22.00	David Freeman	12.00 (2)	? Greg Parsons	3.00 (2)
Leonard Spiegel	22.00	? Mark Thompson	12.00 (2)	Bruce Chenoweth	2.00
Barry Bouton	16.00	Keith Prosterman	9.00 (2)	Dennis Cain	2.00 (2)
Gregory Novak	16.00 (2)	Thomas Shaffer	8.86	? Bill Burton	2.00 (1)
? Karl Smart	16.00 (1)	Donald Kirkpatrick	7.50	George Ferroni	2.00 (1)
+ Glenn Panner	13.00	Randy Eichler	6.00 (1)	Spenser Friel	2.00 (1)
Carl Vero	12.00	Robert Keepner	4.50	Michael McKown	2.00 (1)
Carlos Vagh	12.00	Bill Parker	4.50 (2)	Jeff Taylor	2.00 (1)
Jerry Stafford	8.00	George Spiros	4.50 (1)	? David Andrews	1.00 (1)
Iara Deli	8.00 (2)	Henderson Johnson	3.86	Guy Gruenberg	1.00 (1)
Matthew Crouse	8.00 (1)	Michael McCowan	3.00	Colin Smith	1.00 (1)
Greg Murphy	8.00 (1)	Glenn Panner	3.00	Mike Zimmer	1.00 (1)
Donn Nicholson	6.00	Keith Gardner	3.00 (2)	Timothy Hyink	.67 (1)
Victor Swanson	6.00 (2)	Mark Kerean	3.00 (2)	Randy Stevenson	.67 (1)
? David Kurfean	6.00 (2)	Ray Pope	2.25	? Jeremiah Farrell	.67 (1)
Robert Forbis	4.00	Evan Rynes	2.25		
Anthony Marquez	4.00	Dave Kelly	2.25 (1)	+ includes points carried up	
Rick Lutzke	4.00 (2)	Joseph Bannon	2.00 (1)	from lower class.	

ICA TOUR MOST ACTIVE

The following players played in three or more ICA Tour events during 1986. Within each group, players are listed alphabetically.

nine ICA Tour events:

PADILLA Rudolfo
SAX Robert

eight ICA Tour events:

COHEN Larry
PUKEL Bernard

seven ICA Tour events:

GILES Morris
PANNER Glenn
STEIN Peter

six ICA Tour events:

BERNAL Luis
CHOW Albert
GRAVES William
MAYMORN Barry
SNYTHE Bill
UNEZINWA George

five ICA Tour events:

ALLISON Roger
CANNELL Myron
FORBIS Robert
KEMPNER Robert
MARTINOVSKY Eugene
RYNES Evan
SANDRIN Angelo
ZABELL Sandy

four ICA Tour events:

BEASLEY Leonard
BIEZYNSKI Stan
CHACHERE Lawrence
CHENOWETH Bruce
COLIAS Bill
GENSLER Kevin
GRANT Dennis
GRUENBERG Fred
JUST Tie
KITTSLEY Scott
MARQUEZ Anthony
POPE Raymond
READ Rhys
RYDBERG Steeve
SCHILLER Eric
SEFCHECK Mark
SOLLAND Eleazar O
SZMETAN Ricardo

three ICA Tour events:

ANDERSON Phil
BALE Leslie
BALES Robert
BOUTON Barry
BROWN Anthony
BURKE Marcellus
CARSON David
CLARK Lawrence
COFFEY Allen
COLE Jay
CONDON James
CREWSE Lynn
DECHAN Stephen
FORRO Virgilio
FRISKE Thomas
GARINO Gerard
GAZMEN Ethelbert
GOTZ Jon
HAINES Joseph
HEINRICH Joel
HENSLEY Harvey
HOSHOR Mark
JOHNSON Henderson
KIRKPATRICK Donald
KRAMER Charles
KREISMAN Bruce
LYBARGER Dean

MANASTER Robert
MC COWAN Michael
MC NAMARA James
MELTZER Hal
MONATELLI Dave
MUNOZ Alberto
NAFF William
NICHOLSON Donn
PETERSEN Mark
PRATTS Michael
ROBINSON Harrison
SANDFORD Craig
SATTERLEE Ray Doyle
SCOTT Winfield
SHAFFER Thomas
SJOHOLM David
SPIEGEL Leonard
STAFFORD Jerry
STOLTZ Robert
SURAK Steve
ULTCH Doug
URBANIK John
VAN METER Lester
VAN PETTEN Stacy
VEGH Carlos
VERO Carl
WALLACH Cliff
YAKICH Bob
ZELINSKI Daryl

1986 ILLINOIS CLASS

Illinois Class

November 22-23, 1986

The Illinois Class Championships drew the likes of Roman Dzindzichashvili, Sergey Kudrin, Ricardo Szmetan, and Robert Bales to the Morgan Park Academy on the weekend before Thanksgiving, 1986. A total of 113 players in five sections kept things busy for TDs Walter Brown and Tim Just.

In the Master-Expert section, top-rated Dzindzichashvili was joined by punk-Amish Albert Chow and surprising Angelo Sandrin in a three-way tie for first. Right behind were Sergey Kudrin, Dr. Eugene Martinovsky, Peter Pelts, and Andrew Karklins. The first three of these managed a total of half a point in their three face-offs against Dzindzi, while Karklins suffered an early loss but then sailed through the remaining rounds.

Class A winner Philip Shields' performance has put him into the Expert class. He scored 4-0 to out-distance the pack.

Not to be outdone, Barry Bouton in class B also lifted himself out of his class with a 4-0 score. In class C, winner Harvey Hensley barely managed to stay a C player by scoring 3.5.

The D-E-Unrated section was won by unrated Donald Graft, who now sports a provisional rating well into the A class, and Michael Pratts, a B player in a 1200 disguise. Graft and Pratts drew their final-round encounter. Good performances were also turned in by the Bulmahn brothers and Joseph Haines.

The tournament entrance was clearly marked by Fred Gruenberg's famous orange chess cones. He declined to take a picture of these for the ICB, but our hats are still off to Fred as the prime instigator of this tournament.

The accompanying crosstable includes official pre- and post-tournament ratings from USCF. These ratings, more recent than the wallchart ratings used at the tournament, make it appear that some participants played in a lower section than they should have. We'll get you next time, guys.

MASTER-EXPERT		pre	post						
1	DZINDZICHASHVILI R DC	2573	2582	W27	W 6	W 5	D 4		3.5
2	CHOW Albert IL	2430	2438	W14	W13	D 3	W 8		3.5
3	SANDRIN Angelo IL	2235	2282	W10	W19	D 2	W11		3.5
4	KUDRIN Sergey CT	2587	2584	W15	D12	W 9	D 1		3
5	MARTINOVSKY Eugene IL	2381	2395	W22	W20	L 1	W13		3
6	PELTS Peter IL	2321	2333	W24	L 1	W22	W14		3
7	KARKLINS Andrew IL	2441	2436	L17	W24	W15	W12		3
8	KRAMER Charles IL	2251	2250	D21	W28	W17	L 2		2.5
9	TOMAS John IL	2234	2248	W30	D11	L 4	W23		2.5
10	FORRO Virgilio IL	1926	1974	L 3	Dbye	W28	W17		2.5
11	SZMETAN Ricardo IL	2424	2407	W28	D 9	D12	L 3		2
12	CHACHERE Lawrence IL	2292	2301	W29	D 4	D11	L 7		2
13	HOSHOR Mark IL	2292	2285	W16	L 2	W21	L 5		2
14	WONG Philip IL	2164	2179	L 2	W30	W19	L 6		2
15	STEIN Peter IL	2169	2177	L 4	W29	L 7	W24		2
16	GOLDMAN Jonathan IL	2090	2109	L13	D27	W25	D19		2
17	GOTZ Jon IL	2036	2057	W 7	D18	L 8	L10		1.5
18	COLIAS Bill IN	2361	2354	W23	D17	-	-		1.5
19	SCHILLER Eric IL	2326	2290	W25	L 3	L14	D16		1.5
20	FRIEDMAN Edward RI	2197	2174	W26	L 5	L23	D22		1.5
21	LUTCH Douglas IL	1994	2006	D 8	D25	L13	D28		1.5
22	ZABELL Sandy IL	2121	2121	L 5	W26	L 6	D20		1.5
23	SMYTHE Bill IL	1934	1953	L18	D22A	W20	L 9		1.5
24	BOLDEN Darren IL	2057	2049	L 6	L 7	W29	L15		1
25	WIEN Jeffrey IL	2037	2013	L19	D21	L16	D29		1
26	BEASLEY Leonard IL	2026	1997	L20	L22	Wbye	-		1
27	UNEZINNA George IL	2249	2241	L 1	D16	-	-		0.5
28	SOLLAND E D IL	2106	2072	L11	L 8	L10	D21		0.5
29	SAX Robert IL	1962	1942	L12	L15	L24	D25		0.5
30	BERNAL Luis IL	2071	2050	L 9	L14	-	-		0

CLASS A		pre	post						
1	SHIELDS Philip IL	1936	2016	W23	W11	W 5	W 3		4
2	VEGH Carlos IL	1928	1976	W26	D 9	W18	W 4		3.5
3	ANDERSON Phil IL	1972	1992	W17	W12	W 7	L 1		3
4	HERNANDEZ Hector IL	1870	1921	W21	W13	W 8	L 2		3
5	BASENSPILER Larry IL	1968	2000	W16	W 6	L 1	W10		3
6	SEFCHECK Mark IL	1767	1827	W27	L 5	W20	W 8		3
7	SPIEGEL Leonard IL	1778	1806	W22	W10	L 3	D14		2.5
8	LIPTEN Leon IL	1921	1935	W15	W18	L 4	L 6		2
9	MC NAMARA James IL	1811	1836	W20	D 2	D11	-		2
10	ALLISON Roger IL	1769	1781	W19	L 7	W13	L 5		2
11	STOLTZ Robert IL	1822	1839	W25	L 1	D 9	D12		2
12	BAUMANN Herbert IL	1862	1862	W14	L 3	D22	D11		2
13	GRAVES William IL	1817	1829	W28	L 4	L10	W23		2
14	GAZMEN Ethelbert IL	1956	1931	L12	W23	D19	D 7		2
15	OSTERLUND Russell IL	1817	1864	L 8	D24	W21	D16		2
16	JORDAN Roland IL	1949	1943	L 5	W27	Dbye	D15		2
17	COHEN Lawrence IL	1869	1861	L 3	L20	W26	W22		2
18	CHRISTIAN Raymond IL	1885	1881	W24	L 8	L 2	D20		1.5
19	VAN PETTEN Stacy IL	1803	1810	L10	W26	D14	-		1.5
20	MAYWORM Barry IL	1760	1768	L 9	W17	L 6	D18		1.5
21	MARQUEZ Anthony IL	1958	1943	L 4	D25	L15	W26		1.5
22	ANDRESEN Terry IL	1697	1693	L 7	D23X	D12	L17		1
23	DELRIICH Tom IL	1805	1775	L 1	L14	Wbye	L13		1
24	CONDON James IL	2052	2025	L18	D15	-	-		0.5
25	BERRY Gregory IL	1939	1919	L11	D21	-	-		0.5
26	KOSIBA Lawrence IL	1854	1803	L 2	L19	L17	L21		0
27	RYDBERG Steeve IL	1753	1740	L 6	L16	-	-		0
28	FERRIE David IL	1914	1894	L13	-	-	-		0

Prize winners and ICA Four Point winners were as follows:

1st:	R Dzindzichashvili	20	B:	Barry Bouton	16B
	Albert Chow	20		Edgardo Zablotsky	4B
	Angelo Sandrin	20		Bernard Fukul	4B
Exp:	Angelo Sandrin	24X	C:	Harvey Hensley	12
	Virgilio Forro	12X		Joseph Bannon	2
A:	Philip Shields	20A		Thomas Shaffer	2C
	Carlos Vagh	10A		Paul Landau	2C
	Phil Anderson		D/U:	Donald Graft	
	Hector Hernandez			Michael Pratts	8D
	Larry Basenspiller			Jeff Bulmahn	
	Mark Sefcheck			Scott Bulmahn	
				Joseph Haines	4D

CLASS B		pre	post						
1	BOUTON Barry	IL	1806	1910	W16	W 6	W 5	W14	4
2	ZABLITSKY Edgardo	IL	1789	1849	W17	W12	W 4	D 3	3.5
3	FUKEL Bernard	IL	1949	1971	W11	W19	W 9	D 2	3.5
4	YAKICH Bob	IL	1870	1888	W24	W 7	L 2	W10	3
5	TOWNSEND Donald	IL	1986	1987	W13	W10	L 1	W 9	3
6	NICHOLSON Donn	IL	1807	1835	W15	L 1	W14	W11	3
7	PANNER Glenn	IL	1749	1770	W23	L 4	W F	W13	3
8	LYONS Mack	IL	1660	1687	L10	D15	W23	W21	2.5
9	CLEMENS Gregory	IL	1603	1631	W20	W22	L 3	L 5	2
10	BROWN Anthony	IL	1655	1676	W 8	L 5	W12	L 4	2
11	PADILLA Frank	IL	1675	1690	L 3	W18	W16	L 6	2
12	CLARK Lawrence	IL	1648	1668	W21	L 2	L10	W15	2
13	FLORES Joshua	IL	1676	1692	L 5	W24	W19	L 7	2
14	RAMIREZ Rafael	IL	1778	1769	D22	W21	L 6	L 1	1.5
15	GRANT Dennis	IL	1609	1603	L 6	D 8	W22	L12	1.5
16	BURKE Marcellus	IL	1748	1736	L 1	D23	L11	W22	1.5
17	OSTROMSKY Bernard	IN	1654	1657	L 2	L20	D18	W23	1.5
18	POPE Raymond	IL	1570	1573	L19	L11	D17	W24	1.5
19	IRONS Robert	IL	1730	1714	W18	L 3	L13	-	1
20	HOFFMEYER Douglas	IL	1730	1704	L 9	W17	LF	-	1
21	VIRIJEVICH Dgnjan	IN	1829	1772	L12	L14	W24	L 8	1
22	HARRISON Matt	IL	1568	1540	D14	L 9	L15	L16	0.5
23	BLUE Bruce	OH	1807	1741	L 7	D16	L 8	L17	0.5
24	DIXON Raymond	IL	1651	1601	L 4	L13	L21	L18	0

CLASS C		pre	post						
1	HENSLEY Harvey	IL	1549	1595	W14	W11	D 3	W 2	3.5
2	BANNON Joseph	IL	1480	1539	W10	W12	W 5	L 1	3
3	SHAFFER Thomas	IL	1598	1629	W16	W 8	D 1	D 5	3
4	LANDAU Paul	IL	1376	1444	L 6	W16	W 8	W11	3
5	JONES Byron	IL	1599	1610	W 7	W 6	L 2	D 3	2.5
6	RYNES Evan	IL	1516	1534	W 4	L 5	W13	D 7	2.5
7	PADILLA Rudy	IL	1431	1463	L 5	W10	W 9	D 6	2.5
8	CANNELL Myron	IL	1541	1544	W13	L 3	L 4	W12	2
9	ERLEBORN Mark	IL	1538	1517	L11	W14	L 7	W13	2
10	KLUKOWSKI Joseph	IL	1316	1375	L 2	L 7	W15	W14	2
11	PANDIS John	IL	1370	1451	W 9	L 1	D12	L 4	1.5
12	GARINO Gerard	IL	1542	1525	W15	L 2	D11	L 8	1.5
13	PETERS James	IL	1457	1436	L 8	W15	L 4	L 9	1
14	BURBESS Fred	IL	1382	1376	L 1	L 9	W16	L10	1
15	KEMPNER Robert	IL	1485	1439	L12	L13	L10	W14D	1
16	ALLEN James	IL	1540	1479	L 3	L 4	L14	-	0

CLASSES D-E-UNR		pre	post						
1	GRAFT Donald	IL	-	1929	W10	W 4	W 3	D 2	3.5
2	PRATTS Michael	IL	1631	1663	W13	W 7	W 6	D 1	3.5
3	BULMANN Jeff	IL	1887	1818	W10	W11	L 1	W 6	3
4	BULMANN Scott	IL	1232	1381	W 9	L 1	W12	W 8	3
5	HAINES Joseph	IL	1432	1454	L11	W15	W13	W 7	3
6	PAULSEN Brian	IL	-	1468	W 8	W12	L 2	L 3	2
7	SUAREZ Ed	IL	-	1462	W15	L 2	W 9	L 5	2
8	CHEMONEWETH Bruce	IL	1249	1262	L 6	W14	W11	L 4	2
9	BALES Robert	IL	1122	1140	L 4	W13	L 7	W12	2
10	YOUNG Daniel	IL	1268	1343	L 1	L 3	W14	W13	2
11	NOVY Gerard	IL	-	1367	W 5	L 3	L 8	-	1
12	JACOBS Darryl	IL	-	1054	W14	L 6	L 4	L 9	1
13	MATTSON John	IL	1336	1173	L 2	L 9	L 5	L10	0
14	ZIGURSKI Joe	IL	1085	893	L12	L 8	L10	L15C	0
15	FENNER Charles	IL	1577	1488	L 7	L 5	-	-	0

Maybe Szaetan was happy because Black can't castle and White has the Bishop pair. But as the endgame approaches Black's King will be well placed in the center. And White's doubled c-Pawns are a long term disadvantage. The c4 Pawn has the potential to be attacked by all three Black minor pieces, but only White's Knight and light squared Bishop may defend it.

9 Ne5
White soon decides to retreat this Knight to b2 where it protects c4, an indication of Black's initiative. 9 Nd2 Nc6 is also good for Black. Notice how the doubled c-Pawns embarrass White's Bishops.

9 Ke7
10 f3 bNd7
11 Nd3
This is very awkward. I would have preferred 11 Nd7 followed by 12 e4.

11 b6
12 e4 Be6
13 Nb2 Ne5
14 Bg5 h6
15 Bh4
White rejects a chance for eventual equality with 15 Bxf6! since the dark-squared Bishop can't defend c4, but the Knight can attack it.

15 g5
16 Bg3 Nc6
17 O-O-O aRd8
18 Rxd8 Rxd8
19 h4 Ne5
20 hxg5 hxg5
21 Bf2 Rg8
22 Be2 Nd7
23 Be3?

23 Bg3 was forced. Why didn't Sandrin choose 23...Ne5! which seems to win the c4 Pawn?

23 Rg7?
24 Rh8 Ne5
25 Ra8 aNc6
26 Bf2?

This overlooks a simple refutation. 26 Rh8 was forced, when one possible winning plan is to protect the a7 Pawn with the King, then win white's c4 Pawn.

6 Bxc3+!
7 bxc3 dxc5
8 Qxd8+ Kxd8

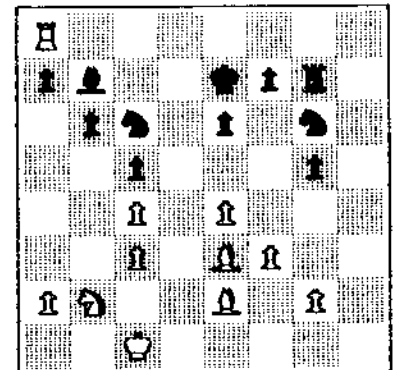
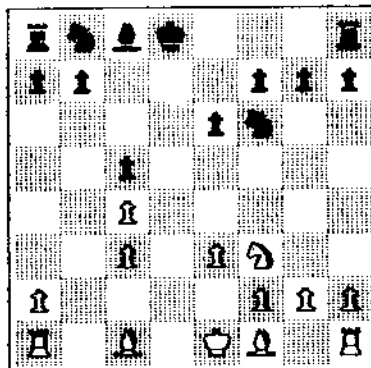


White: R. Szaetan (2424).
Black: Angelo Sandrin (2235).

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- 1 d4 Nf6
- 2 c4 e6
- 3 Nc3 Bb4
- 4 Nf3 c5
- 5 e3 d6
- 6 dxc5?!

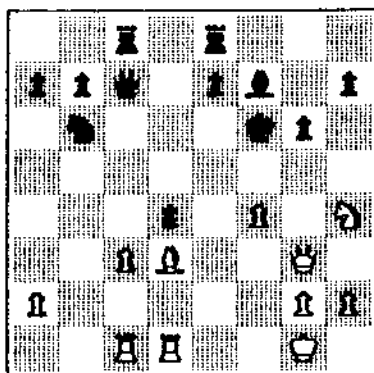
This exchange takes all the pressure off Black. Either 6 Bd3 or 6 Bd2 would have been more dangerous.



28 Bxg5+ f6
 29 Bh6 Rh7
 30 Rg8 Kf7
 31 Rxc6 Kxc6
 32 Bf4 e5
 33 Bg3 Rh1+
 34 0-1

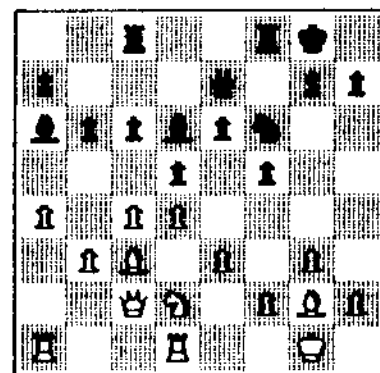
It's all over after 34 Nd1 Rg1 etc.

Not 23...exf6 24 Nf5+ and
 25 Nd6.
 24 f4! cxd4



11 Nxd7 Nxd7
 12 Nd2 f5
 A very interesting idea. The Pawn structure now resembles the Stonewall variations of the Dutch defense! By comparing this position with thematic positions of the Dutch, we can see Black has solved one of the big problems with the Stonewall, the activity of the light-squared Bishop. Both Karpov and Kasparov have played 12...Rc8. See for example game twenty-one of their 1986 match.

13 Qc2 Bd6
 14 e3 Rc8
 15 fRd1 Qe7
 16 a4 Nf6

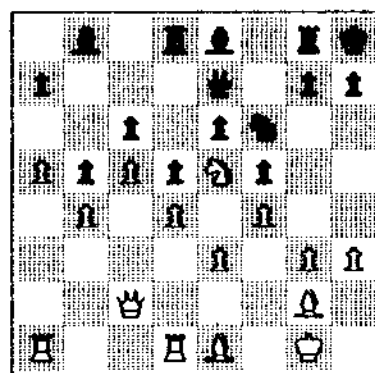


Black has equalized and may possibly be threatening to take the initiative with ...c5. To remove this possibility Dzindzi closes the Queenside, shifting play onto the Kingside. It should be mentioned that Dzindzi was a half point ahead of Kudrin and needed only a draw to ensure a tie for first place.

17 a5 b5
 18 c5 Bb8
 19 f4 cRd8
 20 Nf3 Bc8

Both sides prepare for the Kingside conflict by shifting their pieces toward the battle zone. Despite the blocked Pawns, the chances are not drawish, since either side may still open lines by advancing their g-Pawn.

21 h3 Bd7
 22 Ne5 Be8
 23 b4 Kh8
 24 Be1 Rg8



White: Lawr. Chachere (2292).
 Black: Sergey Kudrin (2587).

Annotated by Albert Chow.

1 d4 Nf6
 2 c4 g6
 3 Nc3 d5
 4 cxd5 Nxd5
 5 e4 Nxc3
 6 bxc3 Bg7
 7 Nf3 c5
 8 Be3 Qa5
 9 Qd2 Nd7

This is the start of a time consuming maneuver. Maybe the GM wanted to leave the book lines. But 9...Nc6 is very logical.

10 Rc1 Nb6
 11 Be2 Na4

I have to admit I do not understand the idea behind this move. Black's horse has jumped three times yet it has not created any threats. White continues his attack plan.

12 e5 0-0
 13 0-0 Rd8

Exchanging Queens with 13...cxd4 14 cxd4 Qxd2 15 Nxd2 soon gives White control of the seventh rank since Rc7 can't be prevented.

14 Bg5

14 fRd1 may have been stronger. Now after 14 Bg5 Black should try ...cxd4! when 15 Bxe7 Re8 is to Black's advantage. White's best is 15 cxd4 Qxd2 16 Bxd2 when Black can try either 16...Be6 or 16...Bg4.

14 Qc7?
 15 Qf4 Nb6
 16 Qh4 Re8
 17 Bh6 f6

Forced, since Ng5 must be prevented.

18 fRd1 Bf5?

Once again Kudrin places a piece where it must soon retreat. 18...Be6! at least attacks White's a-Pawn and creates distracting counter-play.

19 Bxg7 Kxc7
 20 Qg3! aRc8
 21 Nh4! Be6
 22 Bd3!

Threatening to sacrifice a piece on g6.

22 Bf7
 23 exf6+! Kxf6

25 cxd4?

White has played very accurately and now has a chance to beat a grandmaster who participates regularly in the U.S. Championship! Do you see the way to crush the exposed Black King? It's a shame Chachere missed 25 Nf5! with powerful threats. For example 25...gxf5 26 Qg5+ Ke6 27 Qxf5+ Kd6 38 Qe5+ Kd7 29 Bb5+ Kd8 30 Rxd4+ Nd5 31 Rxd5+ Bxd5 32 Qxd5+ Qd6 33 Qxd6+ exd6 34 Bxe8 Kxe8 35 Kf2 with a won Rook endgame.

25 Qxc1
 26 Qg5+ Kq7
 27 Rxc1 Rxc1+
 28 Kf2 Ra1!
 29 Nf5+ Kg8
 30 Qh6 Draw

It's perpetual check after 30...gxf5 31 Bxf5 Bg6 32 Bxg6 etc. A well played game by Chachere, proving GMs are not gods.

W: R. Dzindzchashvili (2573).
 B: Sergey Kudrin (2587).

Annotated by Albert Chow.

1 d4 Nf6
 2 c4 e6
 3 Nf3 b6
 4 g3 Ba6

This variation is very popular with grandmasters because more pieces stay on the board, increasing Black's chances of complicating the struggle.

5 b3 Bb4+
 6 Bd2 Be7
 7 Bg2 0-0
 8 0-0 d5
 9 Ne5

9 cxd5 could be tried, creating an unbalanced Pawn structure.

9 c6
 10 Bc3 fNd7!

Exchanging White's centrally placed Knight helps Black develop.

25 Qe2 g5?
 In a very difficult to evaluate position, Kudrin decidesg5 needs no more preparation. But the Rook will be vulnerable on g5, allowing White's dark squared Bishop to become dangerous on the h4-d8 diagonal. Instead 25....Ne4 26 g4 g5 was unclear with chances for both sides.

26 fxcg5! Rxcg5
 27 g4! fxcg4
 27....Rg8 28 Bh4 also leaves White a dangerous advantage in mobility.

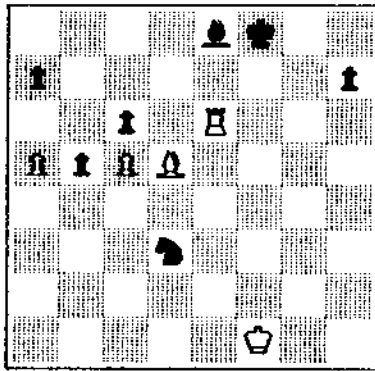
28 Bh4! Rxe5!
 This exchange sacrifice is the best practical chance, especially since Dzindzi was now in time pressure. Other Rook moves allow White pin pressure with moves such as Nxc4 and Rf1.

29 dxe5?
 What else? But now Black obtains a solid position with two Pawns for the exchange, while all White's remaining Pawns are weak. It was here that White missed the win, although it's easy to understand considering it's a difficult move to find, plus White's time pressure. After the game GM Dzindzichashvili pointed out 29 Rf1!! wins material afterRf5 30 hxg4!

29 Bxe5
 30 Qf2 Bg6
 The Knight at f6 has no defense after 30....Bxa1? 31 Rxa1.
 31 Ra2 Rf8
 32 hxg4 Qg7
 33 Bg3! Nxc4
 34 Bxe5 Nxe5
 35 Qg3 Nd3!
 36 Rf1 Bf5
 37 Qxc7+ Kxc7
 38 e4!

The best chance. It was amazing to watch Dzindzi find his only moves with seconds on his clock. Now 38....dxe4 39 Re2 gives good counterplay.

38 Bg6!
 39 Rxf8 Kxf8
 40 exd5 exd5
 41 Re2 Nxb4?
 41....Kf7! stops all counterplay, and should win.
 42 Re6! Be8
 42....Kf7? 43 Rxc6!
 43 Kf1 Nd3
 44 Bxd5!
 The only chance.



44 cxd5
 44....Nxc5 45 Rxe8+ Kxe8
 46 Rxc6+ Ke7 47 Bxb5 gives White better drawing chances than the game continuation, although Black should still win if he can win White's a-Pawn.
 45 c6 Nb4
 46 c7 Bd7
 47 Rh6 Ke7
 48 Ke2 Bc8
 49 Ke3 Na6
 50 Rxb7+ Kd6
 51 Rh6+ Kxc7
 52 Rh7+ Bd7
 53 Kd4 Nb8?

A very costly inaccuracy, allowing White an unusual "fortress" draw. After 53....Kd6 the Black win is easy.

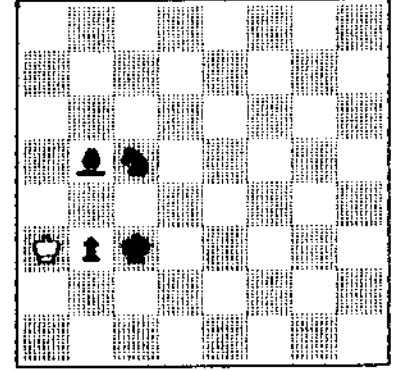
54 Kxd5 e6
 55 Kc5 Nc6
 56 Rh6!
 Suddenly Black finds it difficult to make progress. At first I found this hard to believe, but actually it's not impossible to understand if one remembers how difficult it is to mate with Bishop and Knight vs King and then realizes that here White has a Rook.
 56 Nxa5
 57 Rxa6 Nb7+
 58 Kd5 Be8
 59 Rf6 Bh5

The b-Pawn is lost if it advances, so Black tries to push White back, but this also draws. Gosh, it's sure hard to beat these GMs!

60 Kd4 Kb8
 61 Kc3 Ka7
 62 Kb4 Be8
 63 Kc3 Nc5
 64 Kb4 Na6+
 65 Ka5 Nc7
 66 Rh6 Kb7
 67 Rd6 Kc8
 68 Kb6 Na8+
 69 Ka7 Kc7
 70 Rh6 Bc6
 71 Ka6 Nb6
 72 Rh7+ Nd7
 73 Rh5!

Threatening Rxb5, White forces the b-Pawn to weaken.
 73 b4
 74 Ka5 b3

75 Rh2 Nc5
 76 Kb4 Kd6
 77 Rh6+ Kd5
 78 Ka3!
 Not 78 Rh5+ Kd4 79 Rxc5? b2.
 78 Be8
 79 Rb6 Kc4
 80 Rb4+! Kc3
 81 Rb5! Bxb5
 82 Draw



Stalemate!

White: Bill Saythe (1934).
 Black: Ed Friedman (2197).

Annotated by Morris Giles.

1 d4 d5
 2 c4 e6
 3 Nc3 c6
 4 Bf4
 5 dxc4
 5 e3 b5
 6 a4 Bb4
 7 axb5 Qd5

A Saythe original? I don't know this line but this game is embarrassing.

White has not yet threatened and 8 Be2 looks very strong, to seize the long diagonal. Instead Black should wait and see:Nf6.

8 Bxb8?
 8 Be2! White is definitely worse by trading developed pieces for pieces on the back row, freeing Black's cramp and giving up on pressing the long diagonal.

8 Rxb8
 9 Rxa7 cxb5
 10 Qf3 Qxf3?

10....Nf6 is simple and completes development. Black returns the favor and helps White develop now.

11 Nxf3 Nf6
 12 Nd2 O-O

I would quarrel with this (1) The King is more active in the center. (2) 12....Nd5 still presses c3, andBd7,Ke7, andRa8 is a

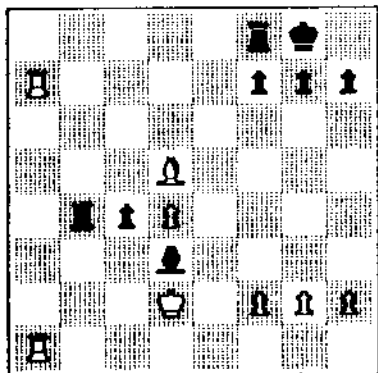
clear course retaining the Bishops.

13 Be2 Bxc3?
Bad policy.Nd5 anyway is very aggressive.

14 bxc3 Nd5
15 Nb1 e5
16 Bf3 Bf5
17 Bxd5 Bxb1?

Is this game lost by him who swaps developed pieces for pieces on the back row last?

18 Kd2 Bd3
19 hRa1 exd4
20 exd4 b4
21 cxb4 Rxb4



22 Rxf7!

The quickest way to exploit the seventh is best for either side. The back row mates will give White his winning tactics.

22 Rb2+
23 Kc1 Rc2+
24 Kd1 Re8
25 aRa7 Kh8
26 Bc6 c3?

26....Rb8 27 fRb7 Rf8 at least invites repetition. Black might draw as his threats ofc6 andRb2 are hard to contain. White would have to prove his advantage. As for 26....c3?, what did Black hallucinate?

That he had a perpetual check?

27 Bxe8 Rd2+
28 Kc1 Rc2+
29 Kd1 Rd2+
30 Kc1 Rc2+
31 Kb1 Rd2+
32 Ka1 Rd1+
33 Ka2 Bc4+
34 Ka3 c2
35 Rf8+ Bg8
36 Rc7 Ra1+
37 Kb2 Ra2+
38 Kc1 1-0



Whites: A. Karklins (2441).
Black: Peter Stein (2169).

Annotated by Morris Giles.

1 e4 c5
2 Nf3 Nc6
3 d4 cxd4
4 Nxd4 Nf6

5 Nc3 e5
6 dNb5 d6
7 Bg5 a6
8 Bxf6 gxf6
9 Na3 b5
10 Nd5 f5
11 exf5 Bxf5
12 Bd3!
12 Be6
13 Be4 Rc8
14 c3 Bg7
15 Qd3 h6
16 Nc2 0-0
17 cNe3

This makes possible a grip on the white squares, and White gains a tempo to get to the long diagonal.

White has a beautiful centralization from here on and Black's position is much too loose for any play.

17 Ne7
18 Rd1 Nxd5
19 Bxd5!

Not giving Black a chance for opposite-colored Bishops. White will have good Knight vs bad Bishop.

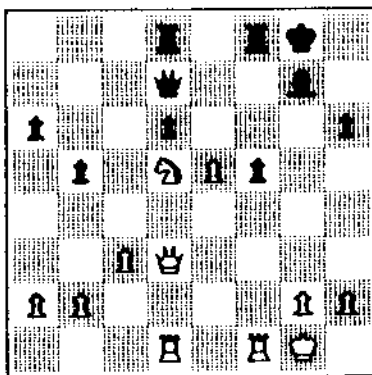
19 Qd7
20 0-0 Bxd5
21 Nxd5 cRd8
22 f4!

White will further break up Black's Pawns and open the f-file for play against the King.

22 f5

Black gives up a Pawn which should lose because of his weak Pawn islands.

23 fxe5



23 Bxe5
Not 23....dxe5 24 Nf6+ Bxf6
25 Qxd7.

24 Rxf5 Rxf5
25 Qxf5 Qa7+
If 25....Qxf5 then 26 Ne7+.

26 Kh1 Rf8
27 Qg6+ Qg7
28 Qxg7+ Kxg7
29 Kg1 a5
30 a3 h5
31 g3 Rf7
32 Kg2 Kg6
33 Nf4+ Kg5
34 Rd5 Rb7
35 Kf3 b4
36 axb4 axb4
37 c4 b3
38 Nd3 Kf5
39 c5 Ke6
40 Ke4 Bxb2

Here White's position is nicely centralized and Black miscombines from desperation.

41 Rxd6+
Not 41 Nxb2 Rb4+.
41 Ke7
42 Nxb2 Rb4+
43 Rd4 Rb5
44 Kd5 1-0

Black is simply a piece down and more passive.



W: R Dzindzichashvili (2573).
B: Peter Felts (2321).

Annotated by Morris Giles.

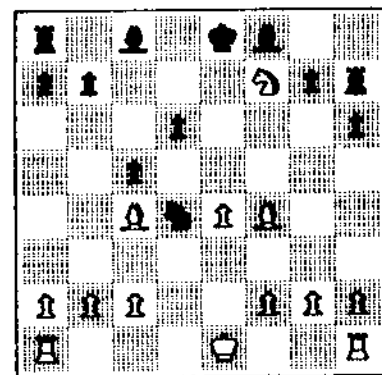
1 d4 Nf6
2 Nf3 c5
3 d5 e6?

Apparently White can use Bg5 to develop a piece grip unless Black confronts his plan.

4 Nc3 exd5
5 Nrd5 Nxd5
6 Qxd5 d6
7 e4 Nc6
8 Ng5!

White has calculated these tactics very well, and very far in advance. He will get away with Nxf7 because he will be able to win the Pawn on d6. 9....h6 will force White to prove his tactics, but he does.

8 Qf6
9 Bc4 h6!
10 Qxf7+ Qxf7
11 Nxf7 Rh7
12 Bf4 Nd4



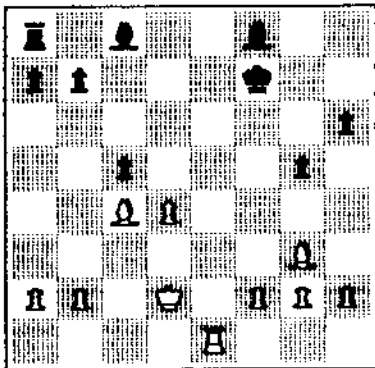
13 Rd1!

Wrong is 13 0-0-0 because it develops a disastrous check on e2: 13....d5!! 14 Bxd5 Ne2+, or 14 c3 dxc4 andKxf7. Black wins a piece, and Black's piece should beat White's Pawns. Black has to keep complicating, but White brings pieces into the game too quickly.

13 g5
14 Nxd6+ Kd7
15 Bg3 Bxd6
16 c3 Re7
17 cxd4 Rxe4+
18 Kd2!

The most unlikely looking move, but it does activate the King and Rooks. If 4...Rxd4+ 15 Kc3 Bxg3 16 hxg3 Rxd1 17 Rxd1+ and 18 Rh1 wins back the Pawn. Black's next move instead is a blunder which makes defeat instant.

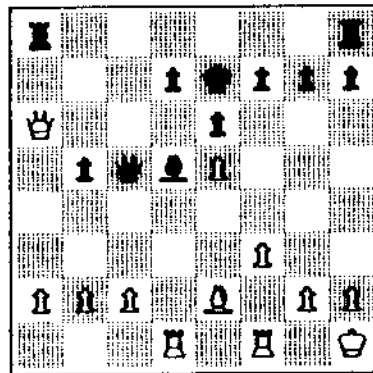
18	....	Bf8??
19	Bb5+	Ke6
20	hRe1	Rxe1
21	Rxe1+	Kf7
22	Bc4+	1-0



White will tie Black up completely with Re8 and Black is helpless.

lets Black hold on cleverly. With 12 aRd1 Be7 13 e5! White may have been able to prove Black too aggressive in the opening. His threats are all balanced and White is close to establishing a clear plus. After 12 aRd1, not ...Qe7 13 e5! Nd5 14 Nxd5 Bxd5 15 Bxe7 Kxe7 16 Qa3+ d6 17 Bf3! and White is winning. With 12...Rc8 Black secures ...Qc5 to interpose.

12	....	Rc8
13	aRd1	Be7
14	e5	Nd5
15	Nxd5	Bxd5
16	Bxe7	Kxe7
17	Qa3+	Qc5
18	Qxa6	Re8

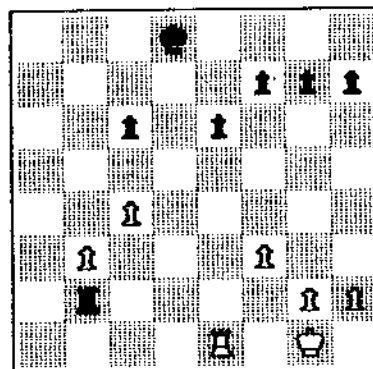


White's combination comes close at first but Black's ...Ra7 and well-placed King in the ending always give him the chances. If 19 Qxb5 Qxb5 20 Bxb5 Rxa2 21 c4 Rb8 22 Bxd7 Kxd7 23 cxd5 bRb2 Black is too safe.

19 Qd6+

Unfortunately nothing White does can win a Pawn. It is just possible he was safest not to begin his combination. All of the endings give Black the pull.

19	....	Qxd6
20	exd6+	Kxd6
21	Bxb5	Rxa2
22	c4	Rb8
23	fRe1	Kc7
24	b3	Bc6
25	Bxc6	dxcc6
26	Rd3	Rd8
27	Rxd8	Kxd8
28	Kg1	Rb2

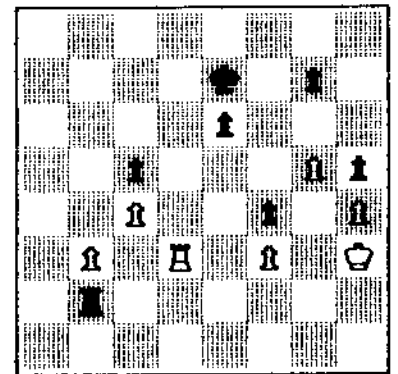


Black has good winning chances in this Rook ending. White's King can leave the first rank only by way of h2. His rook is misplaced.

29	Re3	Ke7
30	Rd3	c5
31	h4	h6
32	Kh2	Kf6
33	Kh3	Ke7
34	g3??	f5!

After some maneuvering White blunders and finds Black trapping his King.

35	g4	f4
36	g5	h5!

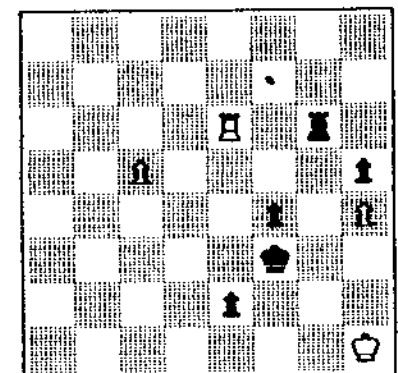


White's King has no way out. The only thing left is surrendering Pawns; moreover, the placement of Kings shows Black is won.

37	Rc3	Rf2
38	b4	cxb4
39	Rb3	Kd6
40	Rxb4	Rxf3+

Black will have united passed center Pawns, and everything else is active.

41	Kg2	Rg3+
42	Kf2	e5
43	Rb6+	Kc5
44	Rb5+	Kd4
45	Rd5+	Ke4
46	Rd7	Rc3
47	Rxg7	Rc2+
48	Kg1	Kf3
49	Re7	e4
50	Re6	e3
51	g6	Rg2+
52	Kh1	e2
53	c5	Rxg6
54	0-1	

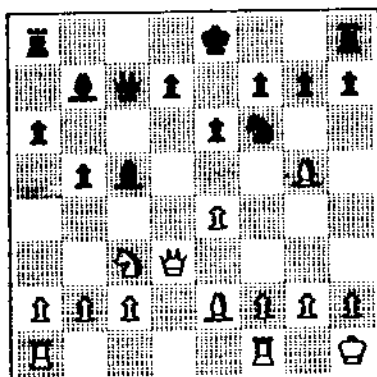


There is nothing to stop the e-Pawn.

White: Eric Schiller (2326).
Black: Angelo Sandrin (2235).

Annotated by Morris Giles.

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	e6
5	Nc3	Qc7
6	Be2	Nf6
7	0-0	a6
8	Kh1	Nxd4
9	Qxd4	Bc5
10	Qd3	b5
11	Bg5	Bb7



12 f3?

Up to this move White was sparing every tempo for attack rather than safety. It turns out that this was a wasted tempo



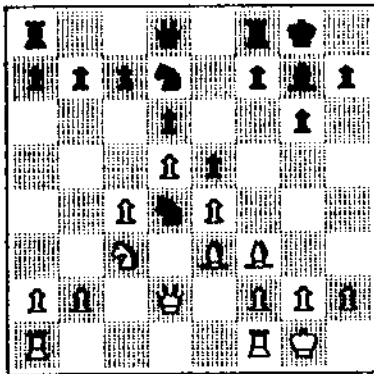
W: George Uezzinwa (2573).
 B: R Dzindzichashvili (2249).

Annotated by Morris Giles.

1	d4	g6
2	e4	Bg7
3	c4	d6
4	Nc3	Nf6
5	Be2	O-O
6	Nf3	Bg4
7	O-O	Nc6
8	Be3	Nd7
9	Qd2?	

A positional blunder after which Black is better because he will own the black squares. 9 d5 is absolutely necessary. It gains space and forces Black to prove he is equal after 9...Bxf3 10 Bxf3 cNb8 (10...cNe5 11 Be2 threatening 12 f4). Uezzinwa was too sure of his position here, and remained so for long enough to play into a drastic defeat by underestimating Black's original strategy and tactics. From now until his 17th move White should try to wriggle rather than confront.

9	....	Bxf3
10	Bxf3	e5
11	d5	Nd4



12 Bd1?
 12 Bxd4 exd4 13 Nb5 Ne5
 14 Be2 d3 15 Bxd3 Nxd3 threatening ...Bxb2 is ugly -- it gives Black a tremendous Bishop and the black squares -- but White would escape direct assault, with some hope of f4 and e5.

12	....	c5
13	Bg5?!	

This and the next move do nothing except give away a good Bishop for a bad one, and Black will have great Knights on central squares. Otherwise 13 dxc6 bxc6, and according to whether or not Black plays ...c5 White will have Nd5 or f4-f5.

13	....	f6
14	Bh6	f5
15	Bxg7	Kxg7
16	f4?	

Giving the Black Knight e5 assures Black a won game. Any ending features a good Knight vs a passive Bishop.

16	....	exf4
17	exf5??	

This loses a Pawn. 17 Rxf4 Ne5 18 b3 Qg5 (threatening ...Nf3+) would give Black an attack and the f-file but material would be even.

17	Ne5
18	b3	Rxf5
19	Ne4!?	

Not 19 Rxf4 Qg5 20 g3 Nf3+ 21 Bxf3 Nxf3+ 22 Rxf3 Qxd2.

19	f3
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Black plays hard to break White's Pawn coverup.

20	Ng3	Rf8
21	Qc3	fxg2
22	Rxf8	Qxf8
23	Kxg2	Qf4
24	Rb1	Rf8
25	Rb2	Nf5
26	Qe1	Ne3+
27	Kh1	Nd3
28	Qc3+	Qd4
29	Qxd4+	cxd4
30	O-1	

White cannot stop 30...Nxd1 and 31...Nf2+.



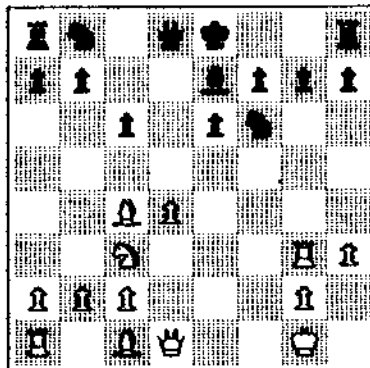
White: Ed Friedeen (2197).
 Black: E. Martinovsky (2381).

Annotated by Morris Giles.

1	e4	c6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	dxe4
4	f3	

Very daring against as clever and far-sighted a player as Martinovsky.

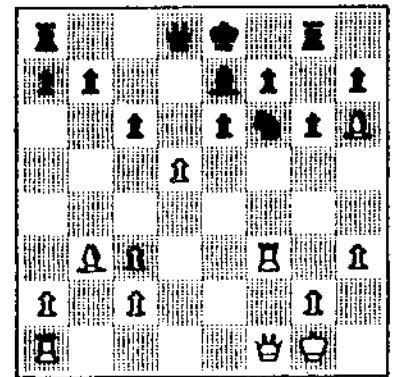
4	....	exf3
5	Nxf3	Bg4
6	Bc4	e6
7	O-O	Nf6
8	h3	Bxf3
9	Rxf3	Be7
10	Rg3	



What does White have for the Pawn? I think even 10...O-O is safe, though temporarily passive: 11 Bh6 Ne8 12 Qg4 Bf6 13 Rd1 Kh8. 10...g6

creates permanent holes. Note 12 Bxg7 Nxg7 13 Qg4 Bf6 14 Ne4! Bd4+ threatening ...f5 is not so overwhelming. Now Bh6 prevents ...O-O and White, in view of the weakness at f7, has his Pawn's worth. Black must castle Q-side and very likely will give up two pieces for a Rook (with a Pawn), but with f7 still weak he is in trouble. The good news is that White's white Bishop bites on granite.

10	....	g6
11	Bh6	bNd7
12	Rf3	Nb6
13	Bb3	bNd5
14	Qf1	Nxc3
15	bxc3	Rg8
Prevents	16 Bg7.	
16	d5!	



This line-opening sac is what Black deserves for his centralized King. Not 16...cxd5 17 Ba4+ and 18 Rxf7, nor 16...exd5 17 Re1 threatening Bg5 with problems along open files. White is near winning.

16	....	Qb6+
17	Kh1	Ne4
18	dxe6	f5!

Black maneuvers to keep lines closed as best he can, but may already be lost, as White has regained his Pawn and keeps the White King in the center.

19	Rd1!	
Prevents	Black from castling.	
19	....	Rd8
20	Re1	Nd2

Else 21 Rxe4 and 22 Rf7 will win (threatening Rxe7+).

21	Bxd2	Rfd2
22	Rd1	

Now White needs a definite plan. As played, the opposite colored Bishops and White's slow jockeying allow Black to hold on. 22 fRd3 Rf2 23 Qg1 intending Qh2-b8+ or 22...Rxd3 23 Qxd3 followed by 24 Qd7+.

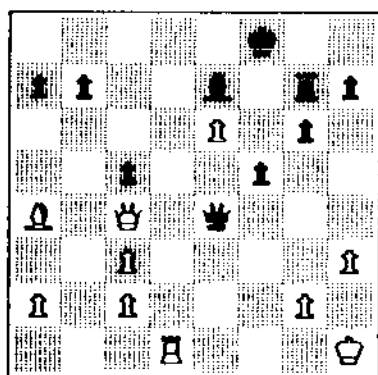
22	....	Rd6
23	fRd3	Qc7
24	Qf2	c5
25	Qd2?	

Exchanging first is decisive: 24 Rxd6 Rxd6 26 Qd2 Ke7 27 Qg5+ Ke8 28 Ba4+ Kf8 29 Qf6+. Else 26...Be7 27 Qd7+ or 26...Be5 27 Qd7+ Kf8 28 e7+.

25 Rxd3
 26 Qxd3 Rg7
 27 Ba4+!?

Friedman has missed a clear win, and wants to complicate to try to make the defense difficult and the direction of the attack unclear. But in any line the key square is d7, which should be occupied by the Rook. So 27 Qb5+ Kf8 28 Rd7 Qe5 29 Qd3 followed by 30 BdB+ was still winning. On 27....Qc6 28 Qa5 (threatening Ba4) Qb6 29 Qa4+ and 30 Qc4.

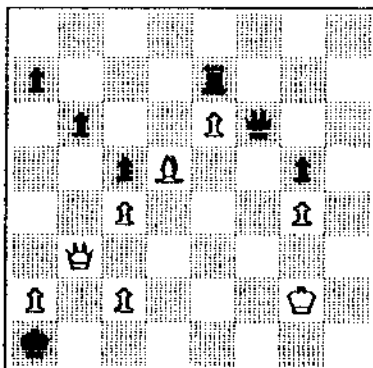
27 Kf8
 28 Qb5 Qc6
 29 Qc4 Qe4



30 Rd4??

White overlooks a combination. The fault is in not looking for Rd7 and not using the d-file. Now Friedman should lose, but the Pawn on e6 and the white square grip make Black's progress extremely hard. Martinovsky's reaction, to let the King hide on the dark Q-side squares, is very shrewd. White's Queen alone is not dangerous, while the looseness of the White King remains a factor.

30 Qe1+
 31 Kh2 Bd6+
 32 Rxd6 Qe5+
 33 Kg1 Qxd6
 34 Bb3 Re7
 35 Qh4 Kg7
 36 Bd5 h6
 37 c4 b6
 38 Qe1 Qf4
 39 g3 Qd4+
 40 Kg2 Kf6
 41 g4 fxg4
 42 Qh4+ g5
 43 Qxh6+ Ke5
 44 Qh8+ Kf5
 45 Qf8+ Qf6
 46 hxg4+ Ke5
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 49 Qg3+ Kd2
 50 Qd3+ Kc1
 51 Qe3+ Kb2
 52 Qb3+ Kai

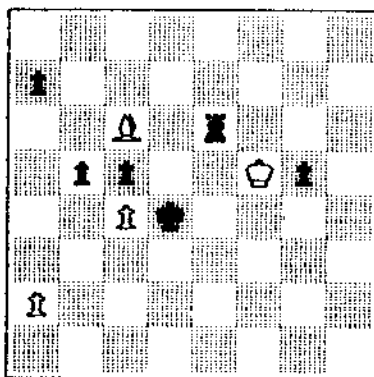


White runs out of checks and the King is safe, whereas the White King is a target. Black will win by threatening mate to force Queens off when returning the Exchange for the e-Pawn would leave Black ahead in the King-and-Pawn ending. Martinovsky has a lot of alternatives here but chooses not to prove that he can capture Pawns. It is only the Queen exchange and e-Pawn plus Bishop for Rook that he wants.

53 c3 Qf4
 54 Qc2 Qxg4+
 55 Kf1 Qf4+
 56 Kg2 Re8
 57 Qd1+ Kb2
 58 Qb3+ Kai
 59 Qd1+ Kb2
 60 Qb3+ Kc1
 61 Qa3+ Kd2
 62 Qb2+ Ke1
 63 Qc1+ Ke2
 64 Qc2+ Qd2
 65 Qe4+ Kd1+
 66 Kg3 Qxc3+

Martinovsky has timed the B-vs-R endings so that either he wins the e-Pawn outright for the Exchange and g-Pawn or sacrifices the Rook while his Pawns cannot be stopped on both wings by the Bishop alone.

67 Qf3+ Kd2
 68 Qxc3+ Kxc3
 69 Kg4 Kd4
 70 Kf5 b5
 71 Bc6 Rxe6



72 Kxe6

Now the King is one move too far away. Martinovsky wins neatly by a tempo.

72 bxc4
 73 Kf5 c3

So this Pawn must be stopped by the Bishop also, as the King cannot abandon the Bishop. Very nice finish.
 75 Bc2 g3
 76 0-1



White: Bernard Pukel (1949).
 Black: Robert Irons (1730).

Annotated by Irons.

Have you ever made a stupid move just when you thought the win was yours? This game was mine, until I gave it away.

1 d4 Nf6
 2 c4 e6
 3 Nc3 Bb4
 4 e3 b6
 5 Bd3 Bb7
 6 Nf3 0-0
 7 0-0 Bxc3
 8 bxc3 d6
 9 Qc2 bNd7
 10 e4 e5
 11 h3?!

Janowski-Niezovitch, St Petersburg 1914, continued 11 Bg5 h6 12 Bd2 Re8 13 aRe1, while Keres-Belevneto, training match 1939, went 11 Nd2 Nh5 12 g3 Qf6 13 Nb3 aRe8 14 f3. After the text I planned to post a Knight on f4, but I wanted to clarify the situation in the center.

11 Re8
 12 Re1 c5
 13 d5 Nf8
 14 Bf1 Ng6
 15 Kh2

Overprotecting h3 in preparation to play g3, but this line is rather time consuming.

15 h6
 16 g3 Nh7

Aiming for the new weaknesses on h3 and f3.

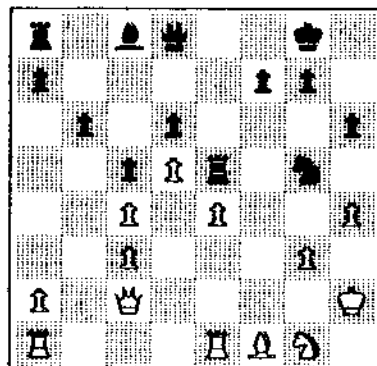
17 Be3 Ng5

If White captures on g5, Black can attack on the open h-file.

18 Ng1 Bc8
 19 f4

This attempt at counterplay further weakens the Kingside.

19 exf4
 20 Bxf4 Ne5
 21 Bxe5 Rxe5
 22 h4



22 Nxe4!
 If now 23 Bg2 Nf6 24 Rxe5
 Ng4+ and 25....Nxe5, while
 in the meantime Black threat-
 ensBf5. One possible
 line is 23 Nf3 Bf5 24 Nxe5?
 Nxc3! threateningQxh4+.

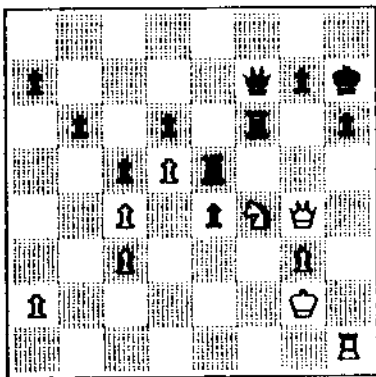
23 Rxe4 Bf5
 24 Bd3 Bxe4
 25 Bxe4 Qe7

Now after the Bishop moves,
 Black playsRe3 and
Qe5, attacking the weak
 Pawns on both wings, followed
 byRe8.

26 Re1?? f5

Now the win is just a matter
 of technique!

27 Rf1 fxe4
 28 Ne2 Rf8
 29 Nf4 Rf6
 30 Qe2 Qf7
 31 h5?! Rxc5+
 32 Kg2 Re5
 33 Qg4 Kh7
 34 Rh1



Now the move I had been build-
 ing up to,g5, would force
 a winning penetration into
 White's game. However, I
 noticed that if I attacked the
 Queen byRg5, the pin
 resulting on the g-file after
 the Queen moved would win the
 Knight byRxf4. However,
 I overlooked the importance of
 White's best move:

34 Rg5???

35 Qxg5 1-0

I fought on for 10 more moves,
 kicking and swearing all the
 way, before giving it up.



White: Robert Irons (1730).
 Black: Ray Pope (1570).

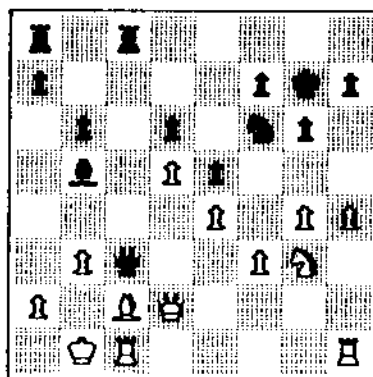
Annotated by Irons.

Yes, it's me again. This one
 is an interesting transposi-
 tion from a King Pawn opening
 to a highly theoretical King's
 Indian Saemisich line....

No, that's bull\$#!+. I'm
 submitting it because I love
 to see one of my games in
 print, and preferably a win.
 But it is a fair game with a
 nice attack at the end. We
 [sub-experts] do occasionally
 play good chess. But only

occasionally — that's why
 we're sub-expert.

1	e4	g4
2	d4	Bg7
3	c4	d6
4	Nc3	c6
5	Be3	Nf6
6	f3	O-O
7	Qd2	e5
8	d5	cxd5
9	cxd5	bNd7
10	Bd3	Nc5
11	Bc2	b6?!
12	O-O-O	Bd7
13	gNe2	Qe8
14	g4	Bb5?!
15	Ng3	Na4
16	Nxa4	Bxa4
17	b3	Bb5
18	h4	Qc8
19	Bh6	Qc5
20	Kb1	fRc8
21	Bxg7	Kxg7
22	Rc1	Qc3



23 Nf5+! Kh8
 24 Qh6 Nb8??
 25 Qf8+ 1-0



Roman Dzindzichashvili,
 Illinois Class co-winner



Rudy Padilla,
 ICA Tour class C winner

ILLINOIS VALLEY TORNADO

Illinois Valley Tornado

December 13, 1986

ICA Vice-President Bill Naff continues his Johnny Appleseed work in southern Illinois, aiding Byron Pappas in organizing and directing the Illinois Valley Tornado, an ICA Tour mini-event in LaSalle on December 13. Forty-four players showed, including Peter Stein and Eric Schiller who each scored 4-0 to take equal first. Stein had to upset Lester VanMeter to qualify for this honor, while Schiller had an apparently easier time of it, eating two Experts for lunch.

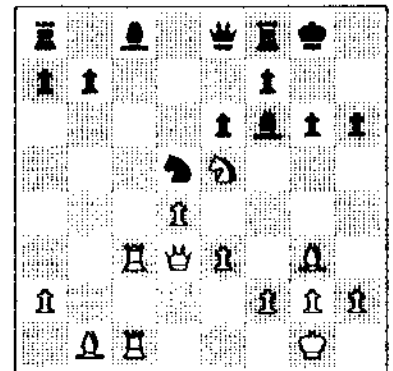
No players scored 3.5, but a horde of nine scored 3. Four new unrated players took part, providing a harbinger of growth in the LaSalle area. Bill Naff reports that some of the revenue from this tournament will become seed money for the newly formed Illinois Valley Chess Club.

Prize winners and ICA Tour Point winners were as follows:

1-2:	Peter Stein	12.50
	Eric Schiller	12.50
3rd:	Lester VanMeter	.56
	Walter Brown	.56
	Albert Chow	.56
	Andy McGowan	.56
	James Cooper	.56
	William Ralph	.56
	Lawrence Cohen	.56
	Paul Mills	.56
	Doug Ulitch	.56
Exp:	Peter Stein	12.00X
	Walter Brown	3.00X
	Andy McGowan	3.00X
A:	James Cooper	3.00A
	William Ralph	3.00A
	Lawrence Cohen	3.00A
	Paul Mills	3.00A
	Doug Ulitch	3.00A
B:	Jerry Stafford	8.00B
	Bruce Johnson	1.33B
	Byron Pappas	1.33B
	Charles Schlenker	1.33B
C:	George Spiros	4.50C
	Rudy Padilla	4.50C
D:	Michael McKown	2.00D
	Shawn Halsey	2.00D
	George Ferroni	2.00D

1	STEIN Peter	2196	W36	W 8	W11	W 3	4
2	SCHILLER Eric	2326	W24	W 9	W12	W 4	4
3	VAN METER Lester	2350	W16	W30	W 6	L 1	3
4	BROWN Walter	2125	W35	W34	W 5	L 2	3
5	CHOW Albert	2431	W22	W15	L 4	W13	3
6	MC GOWAN Andy	2072	W21	W10	L 3	W20	3
7	COOPER James	1872	W41	D14	D18	W21	3
8	RALPH William	1880	W26	L 1	W24	W22	3
9	COHEN Lawrence	1889	W27	L 2	W36	W19	3
10	MILLS Paul	1841	W40	L 6	W35	W18	3
11	ULTCH Doug	1994	WF	W20	L 1	W17	3
12	SURAK Steve	2056	W28	W19	L 2	D16	2.5
13	CONDON James	1974	D31	W33	W14	L 5	2.5
14	GENSLER Kevin	2151	W32	D 7	L13	W30	2.5
15	STEELE David	1900	W43	L 5	D17	W32	2.5
16	STAFFORD Jerry	1688	L 3	W26	W23	D12	2.5
17	JOHNSON Bruce	1790	W44	D29	D15	L11	2
18	STEELE Robert	1997	D33	W31	D 7	L10	2
19	SCOTT Winfield	1831	W39	L12	W25	L 9	2
20	GRAVES William	1824	W38	L11	W37	L 6	2
21	SPIROS George	1497	L 6	W38	W34	L 7	2
22	PAPPAS Byron	1721	L 5	W43	W40	L 8	2
23	MC KOWN Michael	1127	W39	L35	L16	W37	2
24	SCHLENKER Charles	1672	L 2	W27	L 8	W31	2
25	KALEEL David	-	L34	W28	L19	W35	2
26	HALSEY Shawn	1250	L 8	L16	W39	W42	2
27	FERRONI George	1296	L 9	L24	W44	W38	2
28	PADILLA Rudy	1421	L12	L25	W41	W40	2
29	SANDBOTHE Bill	1939	W37	D17	-	-	1.5
30	BORRI Craig	1870	W42	L 3	D32	L14	1.5
31	JOHNSON Jeff	1381	D13	L18	W33	L24	1.5
32	HIERONYMOUS Kent	1571	L14	W41	D30	L15	1.5
33	WOJCIECHOWSKI Don	1390	D18	L13	L31	W43	1.5
34	DECHMAN Stephen	1832	W25	L 4	L21	-	1
35	ANDERSON Rich	1542	L 4	W23	L10	L25	1
36	GRUENBERG Fred	1649	L 1	W42	L 9	-	1
37	SCHALLBERG Scott	1325	L29	W44	L20	L23	1
38	SIMMONS Ron	-	L20	L21	W43	L27	1
39	SMITH Terry	-	L19	L23	L26	W44	1
40	MATHEWS Dan	882	L10	Mbye	L22	L28	1
41	MITCHELL Byron	1224	L 7	L32	L28	Mbye	1
42	PARSONS Greg	1173	L30	L36	Mbye	L26	1
43	O'CONNELL Sean	1319	L15	L22	L38	L33	0
44	SNANK Gary	-	L17	L37	L27	L39	0
45	BURGESS Fred	1382	LF	-	-	-	0

5 e3 0-0
 6 Nf3 bNd7
 7 Rc1 c6
 8 Bd3 h6
 9 Bh4 dxc4
 10 Bxc4 Nb6
 10....Nd5 was more reliable.
 11 Bd3 bNd5
 12 0-0
 12 e4 would probably be best.
 12 Nxc3
 13 bxc3 c5
 14 Bb1 cxd4
 15 cxd4 Nd5
 16 Qd3 g6
 17 Bg3
 17 Bxe7 is objectively better.
 17 Bf6
 18 Ne5 Ne7
 19 Rc3 Qe8
 Sensing g6 will need more protection.
 20 fRc1 Nd5



Hoping to keep the Rooks out of c7, but this allows the combination:

21 Nxc6! fxc6
 22 Rxc8! Rxc8
 23 Rxc8 Qxc8

Loses, but after 23...Qf7 Black ends up two Pawns down.

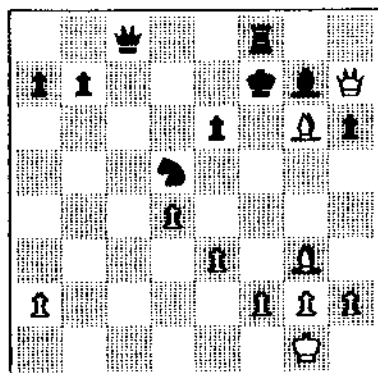
24 Qxc6+ Bg7
 25 Qh7+ Kf7
 26 Rxc6+ ...



Note: Doug Ulitch (1994).
 Black: Bruce Johnson (1790).

Annotated by Ulitch.

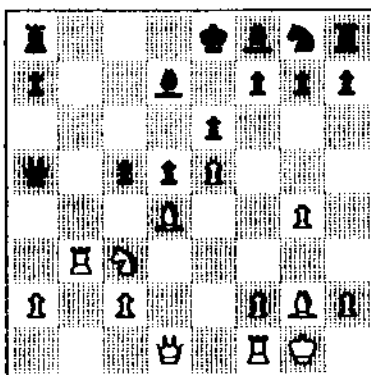
1	d4	d5
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	Nf6
4	B-e5	g-e7



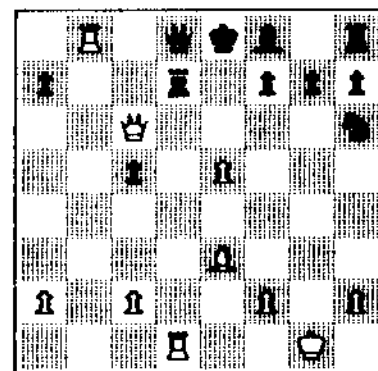
Or 26...Kc7 27 Qxg7+ Kd8
28 Qxf8+ Kd7 29 Qd6 mate.

3 e5 Bf5
4 Nc3 Qb6
5 g4
A move after the editor's heart.
5 Bd7
6 Bg2
Seemingly biting on granite, but wait till White's 15th.
6 e6
7 gNe2 c5
8 O-O cxd4
9 Nxd4 Nc6
10 Nxc6 bxc6
11 Be3 Qxb2
There's pizen in them thar hills.
12 Bd4 Qa3
13 Rb1 c5
14 Rb3 Qa5

If 15...cxd4 16 Nc7+ followed by 17 Bxa8 and 18 Rb7 or Qxd4, with plenty of compensation for the 2-pieces-for-Rook.
16 Bxd5 Rd8
17 Qf3 Nh6
18 Be3 Bxg4
19 Bc6+
Oh no you don't, Mr. Black light-square Bishop.
19 Bd7
20 Bxd7+ Kxd7
21 Qd5+ Ke8
22 Qc6+ Rd7
23 Rb8+ Qd8
24 Rdi



15 Nxd5! exd5



24 Qxb8
Black provides himself with a merciful end.
25 Qxd7+ 1-0



White: Peter Stein (2196).
Black: Les VanMeter (2350).

Annotated by the editor.

1 e4 c6
2 d4 d5

ICA LAST CHANCE MINI-TOUR TORNADO

Thirty-three players found their way to the Chicago Chess Center in late December to grab their last chance to win ICA Tour points. Successful in this endeavor were George Uezzinwa, Bill Colias, Ricardo Szaetan, and Eric Schiller, each of whom took advantage of the large players/rounds ratio to score 3-0. Among the four winners, only Ricardo Szaetan (2407) had to face another master.

Your editor got his first 1986 Tour points, perhaps undeservedly (see game below), after a year of trying.

Todd Barre directed. Our thanks to Jules Stein for the use of the Chicago Chess Center for the tournament.

ICA Last Chance Mini Tornado

December 20, 1986

	pre	post	W17	W10	W 8	3
1 UEZINWA George	2220	2235	W17	W10	W 8	3
2 COLIAS Bill	2354	2366	W20	W11	W 6	3
3 SZMETAN Ricardo	2407	2414	W25	W15	W 5	3
4 SCHILLER Eric	2305	2315	W26	W16	W 7	3
5 STEIN Peter	2216	2218	W18	W12	L 3	2
6 SCOTT Gene	2187	2186	W21	W13	L 2	2
7 RODRIGUEZ Jose	2029	2033	W27	W 9	L 4	2
8 SAX Robert	1929	1956	W22	W19	L 1	2
9 CHOW Albert	2436	2423	W14	L 7	W20	2
10 GAZMEN Ethelbert	2097	2089	W28	L 1	W23	2
11 HOLZMUELLER Keith	1999	2000	W30	L 2	W21	2
12 READ Rhye	2017	2019	W29	L 5	W24	2
13 SMYTHE Bill	1943	1943	W31	L 6	W22	2
14 PUKEL Bernard	1971	1998	L 9	W27	W19	2
15 RONNEBERG Erik	2095	2083	W23	L 3	D17	1.5
16 BERNAL Luis	2047	2036	W24	L 4	D18	1.5
17 NICHOLSON Donn	1885	1892	L 1	W28	D15	1.5
18 SPIEGEL Leonard	1806	1825	L 5	W29	D16	1.5
19 SANDRIN Angelo	2237	2198	W32	L 8	L14	1
20 KOVALIC Jeffrey	1964	1961	L 2	W30	L 9	1
21 WALLACE Mark	1622	1622	L 6	W31	L11	1
22 BULMAHN Scott	1381	1490	L 8	W32	L13	1
23 POPE Raymond	1562	1587	L15	W25	L10	1
24 KELLY Dave	1503	1620	L16	W26	L12	1
25 BOUTON Barry	1910	1882	L 3	L23	W30	1
26 ALLISON Roger	1781	1774	L 4	L24	W29	1
27 RYNES Evan	1536	1538	L 7	L14	W31	1
28 HAINES Joseph	1454	1461	L10	L17	W33	1
29 BULMAHN Jeff	1818	1713	L12	L18	L26	0
30 PADILLA Rudy	1462	1457	L11	L20	L25	0
31 MIDKIFF Brian	-	1300	L13	L21	L27	0
32 MADEY Paul	1763	1740	L19	L22	-	0
33 PICL William	1381	1316	-	-	L28	0

Prize winners and ICA Tour Point winners were as follows:

1st:	George Uezzinwa	7.50
	Bill Colias	7.50
	Ricardo Szmetan	7.50
	Eric Schiller	7.50
Exp:	Peter Stein	6.00X
	Gene Scott	6.00X
	Jose Rodriguez	6.00X
A:	Robert Sax	2.50A
	Ethelbert Gazmen	2.50A
	Keith Holzmueller	2.50A
	Rhys Read	2.50A
	Bill Saythe	2.50A
	Bernard Pukel	2.50A
B:	Donn Nicholson	6.00B
	Leonard Spiegel	6.00B
C:	Raymond Pope	2.25C
	Dave Kelly	2.25C
	Evan Rynes	2.25C
	Joseph Haines	2.25C
Unr:	Scott Bulmahn	



White: Bill Saythe (1943).
Black: Scott Bulmahn (1381).

1	d4	e6
2	c4	Nf6
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	e3	Bxc3+?

Black shouldn't do this until White forces it. White's sixth is the reason.

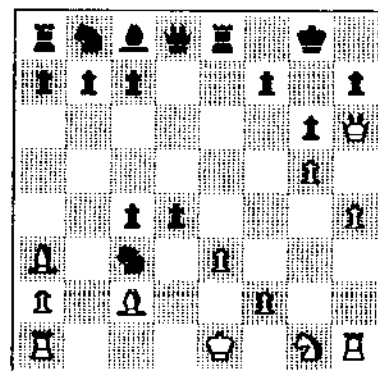
5	bxc3	O-O
6	Ba3	Re8
7	Bd3	d5
8	g4	

White was in no mood for simple development.

8	....	dxc4
9	Bc2	

Let's keep this Bishop where it is still attacking.

9	....	e5
10	g5	Nd5
11	Qh5	g6
12	Qh6	Nxc3
13	h4	exd4



What are four or five Pawns between friends?

14	h5	dxh3
15	Nf3	exf2+
16	Kf1	Bf5!
17	hxg6	Bxg6?

17....Bd3+ was much more enterprising.

18	Bxg6	1-0
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MARTINOVSKY IN THE U.K.

by Dr. Eugene Martinovsky

I would like to first make a comment on the Fourth British Commonwealth Championship held in London on August 11-19. In 1986 the tournament was thrown open to all players, even those living outside the British Commonwealth, because of the concurrent Kasparov-Karpov match in London. We played at the Great Eastern Hotel (formerly Bedlam, the famous hospital for the insane) between 12:30 and 4:30 pm, sometimes till 6:30. Then most of us went to the K-K match on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the Park Lane Hotel.

Many Commonwealth, European, and American players took part in the tournament including Shamkovitch, DeFirmaian, Kjartarsson and Murey. British players were quite aggressive; there were plenty of King's Gambits, Marshall Attacks, and Sicilian Gambits. The British are not positional players; they like to sacrifice. For example Hebden, a former winner of this tournament, always plays the King's Gambit against 1....e5 and the Panov attack against the Caro-Kann. And, if given a chance, he always plays the Marshall Attack -- quite successfully.

Kjartarsson from Iceland won the tournament. He is a young, methodical, positional player and as White he is a terror against the King's Indian Defense. Second was our DeFirmaian, an extremely versatile American player.

One trouble with this tournament was that the playing site was crowded and that smoking was allowed. Just about all of these Commonwealth and European players smoked, with a few exceptions -- ladies in particular.

My result, +3 -4, was a bit below par. However, I do think that I was a bit unlucky and my opponents had stronger FIDE ratings than mine. I started well, two out of two, and here are those two games:



White: T. Knight (champion of Island Guernsey, an island very close to France).

Black: Eugene Martinovsky.

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Bxc6	dxh4

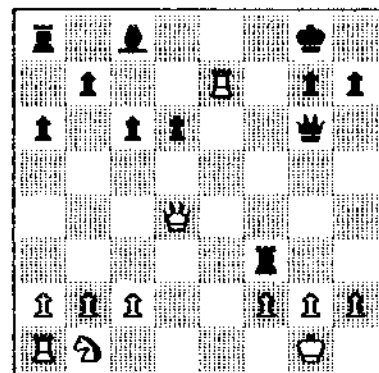
5	O-O	Bd6
6	d4	exd4
7	Qxd4	f6
8	e5	fxe5
9	Nxe5	Qf6
10	Re1	Ne7
11	Nf3	Qg6

A little risky but 11....Qxd4 seemed too dull.

12	Bf4	O-O!
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Risky but enterprising.

13	Bxd6	cxh4
14	Rxe7	Rxf3



15	Rxg7+	
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This wins a Pawn but is still a mistake. Black will have more than adequate compensation for a Pawn. Better was 15 Nd2!

15	....	Qxg7
16	Qxg7+	Kxg7
17	gxh3	Bh3

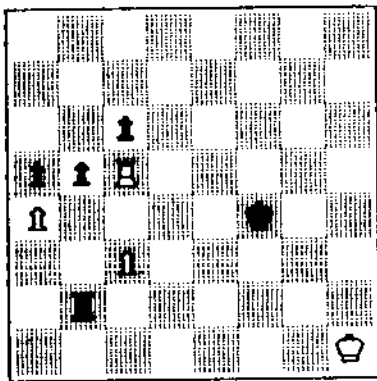
Black is a Pawn down but he has a better minor piece and

is better developed. Still it takes some skill and a bit of help from White to convert this position to a win.

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18 Nc3 d5
19 Ne2 Kf6
20 Nf4 Rg8+
21 Kh1 Bf5
22 c3 Ke5
23 Nh5 Bh3
24 f4+ Kf5
25 Re1 Bg2+
26 Kg1 Be4+
27 Ng3+ Kxf4
28 h3 h5
29 Kh2 Kf3
30 Nxe4 dxe4
31 Re3+ Kxf2
32 Rxe4 Kf3
33 Rb4 b5
34 a4 a5
35 Rh4 Rg2+
36 Kh1 Rxb2
37 Rxh5 Kg3!
38 Rg5+ Kxh3
39 Rh5+ Kg3
40 Rg5+ Kf4
41 Rc5

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41 .... bxa4!
42 Rxa5 Ra2
43 Rc5 a3!
44 Ra5 c5
45 Kg1 Ke3
46 Kf1 c4
47 0-1

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Winning this game made me feel pretty good. My opponent said later that he had not lost a game on the White side of the Ruy Lopez exchange variation in Guernsey for some 8 years.



The next game I played against a computer. It is interesting to notice that the computer went into complicated, sharp combination play at the end and got mated. I would have expected a computer to see the calculations well. I was a bit lucky here. My combination at the end worked but I spent my last seconds figuring it out. And the computer played till mated.

White: Eugene Martinovsky.
Black: Novag Fortey.

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1 d4 Nf6
2 Nf3 b6
3 g3 Bb7
4 Bg2 c5!
5 c3 e6
6 0-0 d5
7 Ne5 Be7

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7....bNd7 is probably more appropriate.

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8 Nd2 0-0
9 dNf3 bNd7
10 a4 Rc8
11 Bh3

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Underestimating my opponent a little.

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11 .... Nxe5
12 Nxe5 cxd4!
13 Qxd4

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13 cxd4 is bad because of 13....Qc7! plusQc2 and Black stands much better, maybe enough to win.

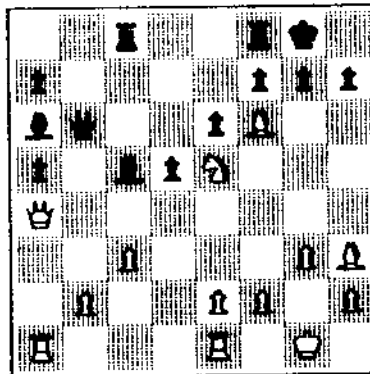
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13 .... Bd6
13....Ba6 seems better.
14 a5 Bc5
15 Qa4 bxa5
16 Bg5 Ba6
17 fRe1 Qb6?

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The computer is getting too optimistic!

18 Bxf6!
There is a lot of calculation involved in this move.



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18 .... Bxf2+
19 Kh1!

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Now Black cannot take the Rook by 19....Bxe1 because of 20 Qg4 g6 21 Qg5 and White wins. If White played 19 Kg2 then after 19....Bxe1 20 Qg4? Bf2+ and Black wins.

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19 .... gxf6
20 Nd7 Qxb2

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Computer does not see that he is being mated and continues with aggression. 20....Qd8 was better.

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21 Nxf6+!

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Only this move wins. 21 Nxf8 loses!

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21 .... Kh8
21....Kg7 is better but in the long run also loses due to the same tactical idea.
22 Qh4 Qc2
23 e4!

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I suppose the computer didn't see this when he played 17....Qb6 and later 20....Qxb2.

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23 .... Qxe4+
24 Rxe4 h5
25 Qxh5+ Kg7
26 Qg5+ Kh8
27 Qh6+ 1-0

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I was somewhat surprised to see that the computer played moves 23-27 until it got mated but by that time I was enjoying it very much.



White: Hebden
Black: Martinovsky

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1 e4 e5
2 f4 Bc5
3 Nf3 d6
4 Nc3 Nf6
5 Bc4 Nc6
6 d3 0-0

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ECO says that this move equalizes but the book says nothing about my opponent's next move. Black needs counterplay withd6-d5 but the details are left up to the players. I think next time I would rather play 6....Bg4 or what Hebden suggested, 6....a6.

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7 f5! h6
8 Nd5 Nd4

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This move does not seem to equalize but I have not found any sure way to equalize here.

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9 Nxf6+ Qxf6
10 Nxd4 Bxd4
11 c3 Bb6
12 Qh5!

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Such simple exchanges, and all of a sudden Black is in serious trouble. How to defend against g2-g4-g5? At this point I thought that I was really lost and the only chance was to playc6 and sac a Pawn withd5. And that is what I played:

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12 .... c6!
13 Rf1

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I was relieved when Hebden played this. I was more worried about 13 g4. However subsequent analysis showed that 13 g4 is too early and that Black has an adequate defense against it with 13....d5. For a critical moment the f-Pawn is not defended. On 14 g5 hxg5 15 Bxg5 Qd6 holds.

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13 .... d5!
14 exd5 e4!

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Hebden forced me to play well; I couldn't wait for g4, g5.

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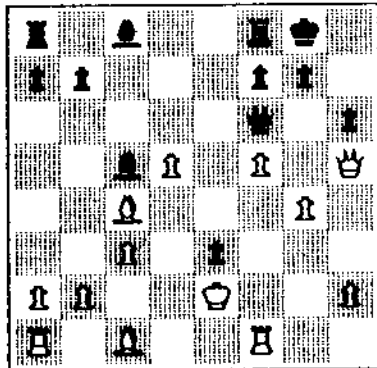
15 d4 c5!
16 g4?

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This logical move is ultimately not good. It would have been good if I had played 16....cxd4? 17 g5 Qe5 18 Qxh6 g6 19 Qg5 Bxf5 20 Bf4 Qe8 21 Qf6 1-0.

16 e3!
 This is a real star move. The
 te attack is stopped and if
 .. Bxe3 then 17....cxd4
 18 cxd4 Re8 and White is lost
 or 17....Re8 right away and
 White is in trouble.

17 dxc5 Bxc5
 18 Ke2



I was quite happy here. I
 refuted White's attack and
 White's position seemed
 terrible to me. His King is
 in the middle, his QB locked
 out, and my Pawn at e3 is
 cutting White's forces in two.
 I was confident I'd win this
 game. Now the problem was how
 to get to the white squares
 round White's King. This
 ..oved not to be so easy. I
 think I overestimated my
 position. White's position is
 quite defensible and Hebden
 defended very well.

18 b5!
 19 Bd3! Re8
 20 g5! hxg5
 21 Rf3!

White gives a Pawn back but
 creates threats on the h-file.

21 Bd7
 22 b4!

Very sharp but excellent.

22 Qxc3?

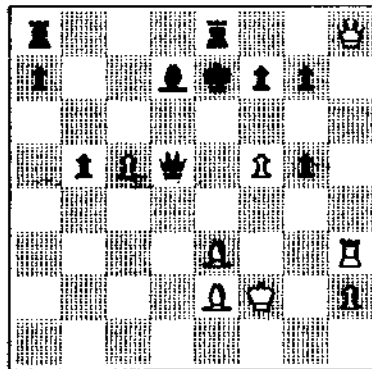
This is a mistake. 22....Bb6
 was correct with about an even
 game. I calculated 23 Rh3
 Kf8 24 bxc5 Qxa1 25 Qh8+ Ke7
 26 Rxe3+ Kf6! and Black wins
 — however I neglected to see
 23 f6! which should win for
 White. If 23....g6 then
 24 Bxg6 wins. The only
 defense for Black is
 23...gxf6 but still after
 24 Qh6 f5 25 Qxg5+ White
 should have a winning attack.
 My opponent however did not
 play 23 f6!

23 Rh3? Kf8
 24 bxc5 Qxa1
 25 Bxe3 Qxa2+

is turned out to be no good
 ..t in this type of position,
 in time trouble it is hard to
 guess the right move.

25...Qe5 was correct.

26 Kf1 Qa1+
 27 Kf2 Qa2+
 28 Be2 Qxd5
 29 Qh8+ Ke7



30 Qxg7?

Better is (and it probably
 wins) 30 Bxg5+ f6 31 Qxg7+
 Kd8 32 Qxf6+ Kc8 33 Qa6+.

30 Kd8
 31 Qxg5+ Kc8
 32 Rh6 Qxf5+
 33 Qxf5 Bxf5
 34 Bxb5 Rxe3

This is all in severe time
 trouble.

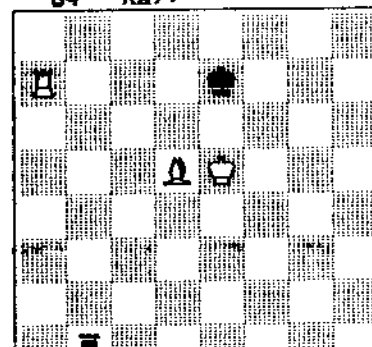
35 Kxe3 Rb8
 36 Rc6+ Kd8
 37 Bc4 Bg6
 38 Ra6 Rb7
 39 Kd4 Kc7?
 40 Bd5 Rb4+
 41 Kc3 Rh4
 42 Rxa7+ Kb8
 43 Re7 Rxh2

The time trouble is over, the
 material is even, but White's
 position is much better. In
 the ensuing play Black manages
 to stop White's c-Pawn but has
 to give up his Bishop for the
 Pawn and then defend the
 famous R+B vs R ending.

44 c6 Rc2+
 45 Kd4 f6!
 46 Rb7+! Kc8
 47 Be6+! Kd8
 48 Rd7+ Kc8!

48....Ke8 49 c7! f5 50 Ke5
 +-.

49 Rg7+ Kd8
 50 Rxg6 Rxc6
 51 Bf5 Ke7
 52 Rg7+ Kf8
 53 Ra7 Rc1
 54 Kd5 Re1
 55 Kd6 Re2
 56 Be6 Rb2
 57 Rf7+ Ke8
 58 Rxf6 Rb6+
 59 Ke5 Rb5+
 60 Bd5 Ke7
 61 Rf7+ Ke8
 62 Rf6 Ke7
 63 Ra6 Rb1
 64 Ra7+



64Kf8

Away from the White King, not
 allowing the Philidor position
 which would have been reached
 after 64....Kd8? 65 Kd6.
 This Philidor's position is
 won for White after careful
 correct play. So I did stay
 away from it but I was too
 confident in my ability to
 draw this. I drew this ending
 once against Dzindzichashvili
 so later on I became careless
 and met sudden death!

65 Be6 Ke8
 66 Kf6 Rf1+

Not a mistake yet but better
 was to play 66....Rd1 and
 stay on the d-file to protect
 my King withRd8 if White
 plays Ra8+. This aspect of
 the defense, Rook on d-file, I
 just neglected. I figured
 that as long as I don't allow
 Philidor's position and harass
 the White King away from the
 opposition White can do
 nothing to me -- how wrong!

67 Bf5 Kd8??

Away from opposition, away
 from the Philidor position,
 but still a blunder. I had to
 calculate in detail on every
 move but I did not do it here
 and you'll see what happened.

68 Rd7+! Ke8
 69 Rd2! Rf3?

Another mistake but even on a
 better move the game is still
 lost: 69....Rf4 70 Rh2 Kd8
 71 Rc2 and mate on c8! One
 can see now the need to have a
 Rook available to interpose on
 the d-file.

70 Rc2! 1-0

After this loss I lost another
 game, then draw a few games
 and won this interesting game!



White: J. Anderson.
 Black: E. Martinovsky.

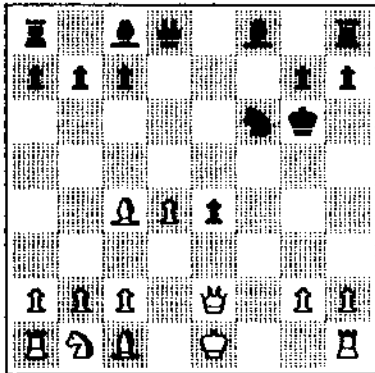
1 e4 e5
 2 Nf3 Nf6
 3 d4 d5
 4 Bd3 d5
 5 Nxe5 Nd7
 6 Nxf7

You can't have a quiet game
 even in the Petroff. This is
 a known sac; I knew about it
 but did not know exactly how
 to play further. I took the
 Knight rather quickly but the
 correct lines is 6....Qe7
 7 Nxh8 Nc3+ 8 Kd2 Nxd1 9 Re1
 Nxh2 10 Bxh7 Ns4+ 11 Rxe4
 dxe4 12 Bg6+ Draw!! (Zaicev-
 Karpov 1966).

6 Kxf7
 7 Qh5+ Ke7
 8 Qe2 Kf7
 9 Qh5+ Ke7
 10 Qe2

My opponent here offered a draw. However I decided to give a piece back and continue.

10	....	Nf6?!
11	f3	Kf7
12	fxe4	dxe4
13	Bc4+	Kg6

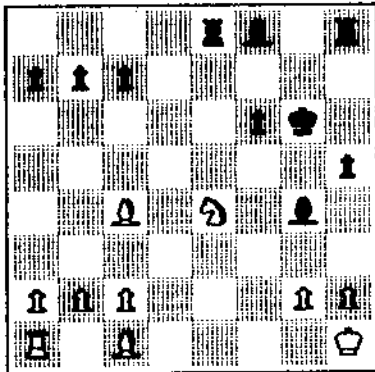


14 0-0?
He should not have sacrificed the d-Pawn.

14	....	Qxd4+
15	Kh1	h5!

Making an escape square for the King, and threateningBg4.

16	Nc3?	Bg4!
17	Rxf6+	gxf6
18	Qxe4+	Qxe4
19	Nxe4	Re8!
20	0-1	



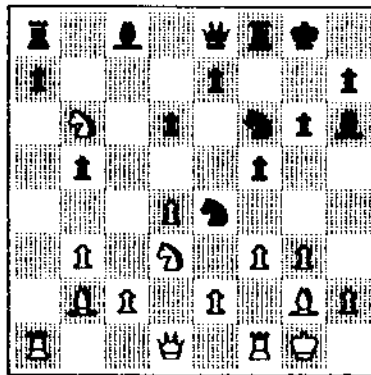
4	b3	Bg7
5	Bb2	0-0
6	Bg2	d6
7	0-0	Qe8
8	bNd2	bNd7
9	Nc4	Ne4
10	a4	dNf6
11	Ne1	c6
12	Nd3	

Here I thought I had a good degree of advantage:e5 is prevented, my Knights are on good squares, and with f3 I'll chase the Black Knight to Tiabuktu.

12	....	Bh6
13	f3	b5!?

I anticipated this counter and I thought I had a 100% refutation of it:

14	axb5	cxb5
15	Nb6!	



I am winning at least an Exchange.Be3+ cannot possibly compensate for loss of material. White King seems to be quite safe. Square f2 is well protected. I really thought that I was winning this game rather easily.

15	Be3+
16	Kh1	Nxg3+

Seems to me like a desperado -- and it is a desperado!

17	hxg3	g5
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The only way to attack, again a continuation of the same desperado. I got a bit worried here but I did have two seemingly good defenses: (A) Nf2 and (B) Bh3, Kg2. I chose the second, but in post-mortem, even with 18 Nf2 Black had a strong attack. Still this was a better defense.

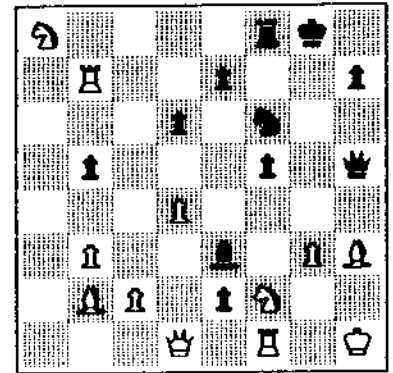
18	Bh3	g4
19	Nxa8	Gh5
20	Nf2	

I am now a Rook and a piece up and seemingly have a good defense around my King but in a few more moves things become alarming.

20	....	Bb7
21	Rxa7	

Probably better were 21 d5 or 21 Kg2 or 21 Qd3 but in all cases Black has a very strong attack.

21	gxf3
22	Rxb7	
22	fxe2



23	Qe1	
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Now I saw that the planned 23 Qd3 is no good:

23....Ne4! and if 24 Qxe3 exf0+, or if 24 Nxe4 Qxh3 mate. The situation is terrible. The Queen sac 23 Qxe2 also looks terrible.

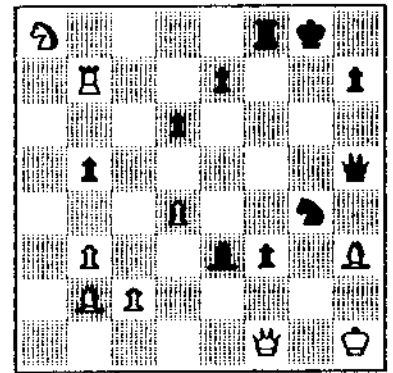
23	Ne4!
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Still the same killer move.

24	Kg2	exf0+
25	Qxf1	Nxf2
26	Kh2	f4!

Black's game seems to be playing itself.

27	g4	Nxg4+
28	Kh1	f3



29	Rb8	
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Now this is a real desperado!

29	Nf2+
30	Kh2	Bf4+
31	0-1	

All in all the Fourth Commonwealth Open was an enjoyable tournament with lots of fighting chess. The two big K's also had some real slugfests on the Big Board in London.

White: H. Barber (Australia).
Black: E. Martinovsky.

1 Nf3 f5
No kidding,f5 right away, no preparation, no nothing, justf5!

2	d4	Nf6
3	g3	g6

Leningrad Dutch. This opening gives me lots of trouble for some reason. I have studied various systems, I usually get good positions, but I still lose lots of games for some reason.

from beginner to Expert
in one year?

MIKE PRATTS — A SUCCESS STORY

by Richard Verber

[Note: This is a continuation of the article by the same name in the November-December issue. We had room for only a smidgeon of it last time. — Editor]

White: Michael Pratts (1262).
Black: Hal Meltzer (1616).

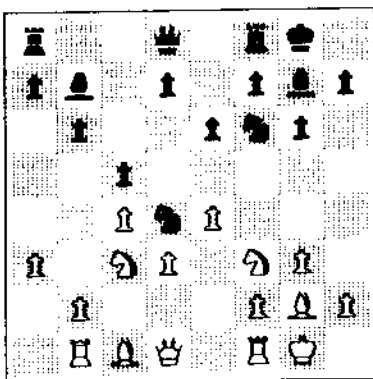
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1	Nf3	Nf6
2	g3	g6
3	Bg2	Bg7
4	O-O	O-O
5	d3	c5
6	c4	Nc6
7	Nc3	b6

.....d5 is a better way to
break the symmetry.

8	a3	Bb7
9	Rb1	e6
10	e4?!	Nd4

This continuation does not
give Black a fully satisfac-
tory game. Black should play
safely withd6, guarding
the Black squares.



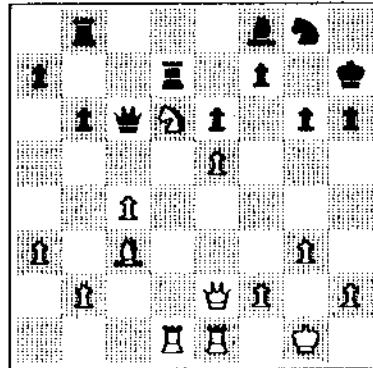
11	Bg5!	h6
12	Be3	d5?

Not much better was the
reasonable-looking move
12....Ng4?!. 13 Bxd4! cxd4
14 Nb5 e5 15 h3 Nf6 16 Nxe5
and White remains a Pawn
ahead.

13	Nxd4	cxd4
14	Bxd4	dx4
15	dx4	Rb8
16	Re1	Qc8

It would be bad enough if
White were just a Pawn ahead,
but he also threatens moves
like 17 Be5 or 17 e5.

17	Qe2	Rd8
18	bRd1	Kh7
19	e5	Ng8
20	Nb5!	Bxg2
21	Kxg2	Qc6+
22	Kg1	Rd7
23	Nd6	Bf8
24	Bc3!	



Fine technique, maintaining
the Knight on its strong
outpost, thanks to a tactical
shot.

24	Bxd6
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Black overlooks the point.
And 24....bRd8 also fails to
25 Nxf7!

25	Rxd6	Rxd6
26	exd6	Qxd6?

26....Rd8 puts up better
resistance.

27	Be5	Qd8
28	Rd1!	

Better than capturing the Rook
immediately. Now White's Rook
occupies the 7th rank.

28	....	Qc8
29	Bxb8	Qxb8
30	Rd7	Kg7
31	Qd3	

The only major lapse of the
game. 31 Qxe6! wins
immediately.

31	....	Nf6
32	Rd8	Qe5
33	Qd2	Ne4
34	Qd4	Qxd4
35	Rxd4	Nc5
36	b4	Nb3
37	Rd7	a5
38	Rb7	Nd2
39	c5	axb4
40	axb4	bxc5
41	bxc5	Kf8
42	c6	Nc4
43	c7	Nd6
44	Rb8+	1-0

White: Michael Pratts (1262).
Black: Jim Michalak (1756).

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1	Nf3	Nf6
2	g3	g6
3	Bg2	Bg7
4	O-O	O-O
5	d3	c5

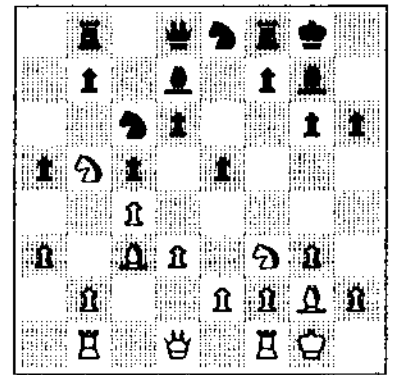
6	c4	Nc6
7	Nc3	Rb8
8	a3	a5?!

I have never been fond of this
move which closes the Queen-
side at the cost of badly
weakening key white squares
such as a4 and b5. Nonethe-
less, Black's best follow-up
is to playNe8,Nc7,
andb5 as quickly as
possible, so as to contest the
weak b5 square.

9	Rb1	d6
10	Bg5	h6
11	Bd2	Ne8
12	Nb5!	Bd7

12....Nc7 is still correct.
Black must get rid of White's
strong Knight on b5.

13	Bc3!	e5?
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Now Black is getting into
serious positional trouble.
Instead of the text, which
weakens both d5 and d6,
13....Nc7 was necessary.

14	e4	
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14 e3 is an attractive
alternative, with the idea of
keeping the e4 and d5 squares
available for White's minor
pieces. Apparently, Pratts
felt that 14 e4 would help
to blunt Black's chances for a
Kingside attack.

14	Nd4
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This turns out badly, but
14....f5 does not seem too
much better because of White's
strong continuation 15 Nh4!

15	fNx4	cx4
16	Bd2	Ra8

Better wasf5 now.

17	a4	Qb6
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Seriously misplacing the
Queen. Correct wasBc6.

18	f4	Nc7?
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Suicide. Black can never
allowf5! in such
positions.

19	Rc1?	Ne6?
20	f5!	Ng5
21	f6	Bh8
22	h4	Nh7
23	Bxh6	fRe8
24	h5!?	

24 Bg5 is also good, but
Pratts wants to pry open the
Kingside immediately.

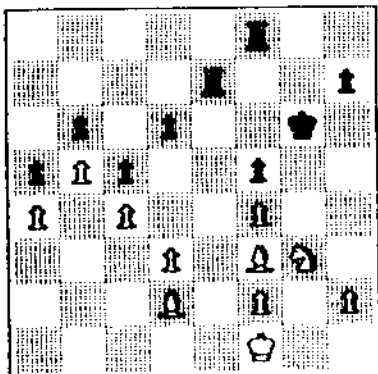
24	....	Nxf6
25	hxg6	fxg6
26	Qd2	Kh7
27	Qg5!	

ASK MIROSEG

by David Sprinkle

Q. Greetings Comrade Miroseg!

This is the final position of Capablanca-Alekhine, Nottingham 1936. Black resigned. Could you explain in step-by-step, easy to follow instructions how White wins?



A. "What do you think Miroseg? Pretty mysterious huh? I looked up Alekhine's notes in the tournament book and he seems to assume the answer should be obvious. But is it? He resigned without even bothering to check out the sealed move, which was 38 a4."

"This is good question, and shows why chess such tricky game. Don't you know three minor pieces better than two Rooks?"

After some quick math on my fingers I took the plunge. "Well no, don't they just add up to nine points while two Rooks add up to ten points?"

Miroseg hung his head and sighed just a little too audibly. "Davey-Davey-Davey.... Maybe Albanian chess officials right when they claim capitalists rig chess rating system. Real Masters know three minor pieces cooperate much better than lousy two Rooks. It quirk of chess. Often can force win of Exchange and then even you can count right. And look at position! Rooks huddled behind lines and do nothink while Bishops control board and Knight can go to d5."

"That's all just peachy, but let's see proof! Mr. Blair wants a step-by-step set of instructions, and I'm sure he



Miroseg Zog (left) and David Sprinkle

and your other loyal fans are not just going to take your word for it."

"Hokay! Mr. Capablanca could just send Knight back towards d5. Once it there Black Rook must guard b-Pawn. Then White play 1 Nxb6 Rxb6 2 Bxa5 Rb8 3 Bc3 and how do clumsy Rooks stop Pawns?"

I looked at that from the Black side for a while and felt like a Tampa Bay quarter-back facing an impending Bears blitz. I decided to check off at the line of scrimmage. "Okay, but what if Black is ready with his Rooks at a7 and b8 when the Knight reaches d5?"

"Then White play Bc3 and d4 while Black can only shuffle King around. Black position fall apart either way he recapture after White exchanges Pawn. Ifdxc5 then Bc5 followed by Bc7. Ifbxc5 then White rearrange so Bishop at c6, Knight back at d5, and then pushes b-Pawn."

With Marshall in my face and Dent breathing on my neck I fluttered out a weak pass. "Well maybe so, but why didn't Alekhine make Capablanca come up with all this over the board?"

"Davey, that only one way to win. Capa could also play to win f-Pawn. First chase Black King away with h4-5, then open lines with Bc3 and d4, and then go after f-Pawn with Bg2-h3 or Bd5-e6. Too many Black defenses to give specific lines, but surely Black must lose."

Richardson with the interception. Time for another question!

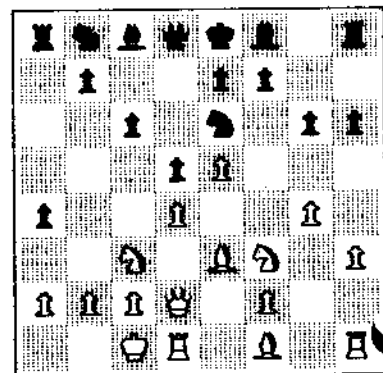
O Great Zog,

I was sitting here bored out of my skull when I had this great idea! I would clean out the toilets but no toothbrush. Wait! I know, I'll write to Zog and tell him how much I like his writing and send him a game to munch over. It was in the final of the 6th U.S. Postal Championship. I had never seen an opening like this one, and it called for an unusual solution.

Whites: Mitch Weiss
Blacks: Barry Spiro

Burgenidze System

1	e4	g6
2	d4	c6
3	Nc3	d5
4	Nf3	Nf6
5	e5	Nh5
6	h3	h6
7	Be3	Ng7
8	g4	a5
9	Qd2	Ne6
10	0-0-0	a4



Well, what do you think? He has nothing developed and I have everything developed. I must be winning right? Apparently somebody thinks the

position is closed and he can get away with this.

11 Bd3 Qa5
12 Nh4 Bd7
13 Ne2!

It seems he has very good play after all with moves likea3,N someplace,e6,Bb4 and junk like that. My crush down the f-file is not so fast. So it is in the endgame that his positional deficiencies become apparent.

13 Qxd2+
14 Kxd2! c5
15 c3 Nc6
16 f4 cxd4
17 cxd4 a3
18 b3 Nb4
19 Bb1 g5
20 Ng2 gxf4
21 gNxf4 Ng7
22 Ng3 Bc6
23 gNh5 Nbh5
24 Nbh5 Na6
25 dRf1 Nc7
26 Rh2 Ne6
27 Bd3 Nd8

He certainly knows how to "dig in." Only now when the position is finally opened do his pieces look silly.

28 hRf2 Kd7
29 e6+! Nxe6
30 Rxf7 Kd8
31 Nf4 Nxf4
32 Bxf4 e6
33 Bc7+ Kc8
34 Be5 1-0

A. "See Miroseg, a fan letter! I bet you didn't know that Mitch is a Master and editor of the Iowa state chess magazine. His address is 1541 N Madison, Mason City IA 50401, if anyone wants to check it out."

"Sure I know Mr. Weiss. Man of fine taste. He know writing Miroseg far more exciting than cleaning toilet."

"I'll say! Well, what do you have to say about the game? Pretty crazy opening, huh?!"

"I never seen 4....Nf6 before. Is not even in ICD so must be awful! e h3 is fine move, preventsBg4 to trade off Black's bad Bishop. Also threatens 7 g4 Ng7 B Bh6! which stuffs up Black

since trading black-square Bishops positional blunder."

"So that's why Black played 6....h6. But why didn't he tryh5 on the 7th or 8th move?"

"Then White just play Nh2 and set up f4-5 Pawn storm later. Not good for Black to open Kingside."

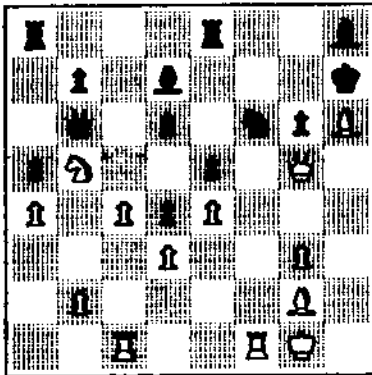
"So I take it you wouldn't recommend Black's opening?"

"Oh, I recommend for all my opponents! But don't you play Davey or you lose your inflated American rating!"

Keep those questions, comments, games and kickbacks coming to that award-winning chess animal, Miroseg Zog. You can write to Zog at:

Ask Miroseg
c/o David Sprengle
1913 Harding Dr
Urbana IL 61801

MICHAEL PRATTS, A Success Story, continued from page 25



Black has no adequate defense to the threat 28 Rxf6! with a mating attack. One picturesque example is 27....Bxb5 28 Rxf6! Bxf6 29 Qxf6 Kxh6 30 Kf2!! and mate in 2. (If 29....Qc7 30 cxb5! etc.)

27 Re6
28 Bh3 aRe8
29 Bxe6 Bxe6
30 Rc2

Prettier was 30 Rxf6! Bxf6 31 Qxf6 Kxh6 32 Rc2 Bg4 33 Rh2+ Bh5 34 Rxh5+ Kxh5 35 Qh4 mate.

30 Ng4
31 Bf8 Bg7
32 Bxd6 Bh6
33 Qh4 Kg8
34 Bxe5! Be3+
35 Kh1 Nxe5
36 Rh2 Nf7
37 Qh7+ Kf8
38 Qxg6 Ke7
39 Rxf7+ Kd8
40 hRh7 Qc6
41 Qf6+ Kc8
42 Na7+ Kb8
43 Nxc6+ bxc6
44 Rb7+ Ka8
45 Ra7+ Kb8
46 Qe5+ 1-0

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Notion: Tia Just and the '89 Open committee is thanked for their doing an excellent job of finding a hotel for the Open. They also did a fine job laying the groundwork for presenting the bid to USCF. By Verber, second by Grant, passed by acclamation.

At this point Tia Just pointed out that none of the fine work of the committee would have been possible without the work and advice of Helen Warren.

Notion: Accept the '89 Open Committee report with item #6 changed to read "The ICA appoint a committee chaired by a yet to be named individual to coordinate all projects and activities related to the U.S. Open once the bid is accepted." By Verber, second by Grant, passed 18-3-0.

NOTE: The committee basically is in favor of the ICA bidding on the 1989 U.S. Open. We favor a 9-day Open bid. The ICA has the talent to run such an event. ICA will continue to negotiate with the hotel(s) to get the best deal possible for a site.

Notion: The Staff-Verber debate regarding their past dealings no longer be a subject for discussion, debate, or motions at future ICA Board meetings. By ICA officers from the previous closed session meeting, passed 20-0-0.

Notion to adjourn by Greenberg, second by Winston, passed 20-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Tia Just, secretary

1987 ICA ELECTION RESULTS

Fred Greenberg delivered the ballots to the Morgan Park Academy, which was hosting the 1986 Illinois Class Championships, on November 23, 1986. Fred Holzrichter, an administrator at the Academy, counted the ballots. He was aided by ICA President Walter Brown. They have verified the following results:

President: TIA JUST 125, Mesgrave 3, Greenberg 2, H Warren 2, J Barstad 1, Chow 1, Goltz 1, McEatee 1.

Metro VP: HAROLD WINSTON 123, Just 2, J Warren 2, Backler 1, Brown 1, Gaznen 1, H Warren 1, Sedlock 1, Shaffer 1.

Downstate VP: WILLIAM MAFF 124, Knaedler 1, Jenkinson 1, Wilkinson 1.

Secretaries: GLENN PAMNER 125, Barre 2, Chow 2, Greenberg 2, Sales 1, Condon 1, Tomas 1, Verber 1, H Warren 1, Winston 1.

Treasurer: BILL SHYME 117, J Warren 2, Cannon 1, Just 1, H Warren 1, Wilkinson 1.

There was one ballot without a postmark that was not counted. Please note that the winning candidates ran unopposed.

I would like to extend a big thank-you to Morgan Park Academy's Fred Holzrichter for his time and effort in counting the ballots.

Respectfully submitted,
Tia Just, secretary

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Call ChessPhone, (312) 233-8500, for recorded tournament announcements and results, often more up-to-date than Chess Life or the Illinois Chess Bulletin. ChessPhone is provided through the courtesy of Fred Gruenberg.

All tournaments require USCF membership. ICA Tour events also require ICA membership. All phones are area (312) unless otherwise noted.

Regional Events and Events by ICA and its Affiliates

Feb 14-16: U.S. AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP MIDWEST. A USCF NATIONAL TOURNAMENT. Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Rosemont. See ad on inside back cover. Harold Winston, 475-7022.

Feb 14-15: For the Penny Pinching Pawn Pusher. Two one-day events, Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N Southport, Chicago. 929-7010.

Feb 21-22: Mating Mania. Two one-day events, Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N Southport, Chicago. Jules Stein, 929-7010.

Feb 28-Mar 1: Duffers Delight. Two one-day events, Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N Southport, Chicago. Jules Stein, 929-7010.

Mar 6-8: MIDWEST MASTERS INVITATIONAL V. For masters and former masters only. \$2000-\$1000-\$600-\$400, best game, others. EF \$48, no entries after 3/1. Hyatt Lincolnwood, 4500 N Touhy, Chicago. Helen Warren, 246-6665.

Mar 7-8: Bargain Basement Bononi. Two one-day events, Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N Southport, Chicago. Jules Stein, 929-7010.

Mar 13-15: 1987 NATIONAL OPEN. A USCF NATIONAL TOURNAMENT. Imperial Palace, Las Vegas, NV. \$20,000 in 2 sections: Open and Under-2000. Fred Gruenberg, 779-3360.

Mar 14-15: Greenstuff Rabbit. Two one-day events, Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N Southport, Chicago. Jules Stein, 929-7010.

Mar 21: Caveaan Saturday Spectacular. AN ICA TOUR MINI-EVENT. College of Lake County, Grayslake. Don Martin, 546-0291.

Mar 21-22: Fianchetto Fever. Two one-day events, Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N Southport, Chicago. Jules Stein, 929-7010.

Mar 28-29: GREATER PEORIA OPEN. AN ICA TOUR MAXI-EVENT. In 2 sections: Open (\$550 guar) and Under-1800 (\$375 guar). EF: \$20 by 3/26, \$25 at site. Bill Wilkinson, (309) 673-9455.

Mar 28-29: For the Penny Pinching Pawn Pusher. Two one-day events, Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N Southport, Chicago. 929-7010.

Apr 4-5: Chicago Chess Center Guaranteed Tournament. A two-day event. 2923 N Southport, Chicago. Jules Stein, 929-7010.

Apr 11-12: Chicago Chess Center events. Two one-day events, Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N Southport, Chicago. Jules Stein, 929-7010.

Other Events

Feb 14-15: Chicago Law Chess Assn, 476-5711
Feb 21: 3rd Alumni Tournament, 963-6799.
Feb 21: 3rd IL Grade School Class, 963-6799.
Feb 21: 8th IL High School Classic, 963-6799.
Mar 20-21: IHSA Team Championship, Evanston.

Upcoming Events

Apr 25-26: Tim Just Open/Reserve, Grayslake.
May 1-2: IHSA Individual, Ottawa.
May 23-25: 3rd PRAIRIE STATE MASTERS/EXPERTS.
Jun 12-14: MASTER CHALLENGE IX, Forest Park.

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