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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It's 5 a.m. on deadline day, and this "dedicated young editor" is too tired to editorialize. But hey, duty calls.

This ICB is a relatively short one, but you can look forward to an issue full of games from the just-finished U.S. Masters in the May-June issue. Tournament participants are urged to annotate one of their favorite games from the tournament for this issue (deadline: May 9).

Congratulations to the clear winner, GM Tony Miles, whose 6.5-0.5 score earned \$5,000. U.S. Co-Champion Stuart Rachels took second with 6 points, while GMs Rohde, Shamkovich, and Kudrin tied IM Michael Brooks for third; top Illinois honors went to Peter Pelts, who also copped a share of the Under-2400 prize for his fine 5-2 score. And our thanks should go to Helen Warren and her organizational staff, who put together a splendid tournament despite seemingly insuperable last-minute difficulties (about which more next issue). 120 players from 29 states, Canada, and Yugoslavia participated.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bill,

Colias's articles are outstanding.

From the top-100 list, you left out Bob Ash (2116) and Glen Gratz (2127).

Tom Worley, Urbana

Oops! My apologies to the forgotten ones; I also missed Kevin Bachler (2161). I plan to run an updated USCF list in one of the summer issues.

Glad you enjoyed Bill Colias's analysis—several other readers also thought the two endgame articles were very instructive and exceptionally good.

Dear Bill:

I enjoyed the recent ICB, but have a few friendly comments or suggestions. Bill Colias did an outstanding job of annotating the Burnett-Martinovsky game, but I suggest that you publish the score of the entire game in the next ICB, preferably with comments from either the players or Colias on the opening and middle game. It was, by far, the key game of the Illinois Class, and I am sure the readers were disappointed in not seeing the entire score.

Is there any way the typographical errors in the game scores could be eliminated? I would be happy to help [proofread]

Bill Naff, Peoria

I use a database program to enter the game scores; as the program is supposed to make sure that every move is legal, I think the game scores themselves were

relatively error-free. However, there were an unacceptably high number of typos in the last issue. This issue is a bit cleaner, I hope. Thanks for the offer!

Here's the first 36 moves of Burnett-Martinovsky 1989:

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.f4 Bc5 4.Nf3 d6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.d3 exf4 7.Bxf4 Bg4 8.a3 a6 9.Qd2 Bxf3 10.gxf3 Nh5 11.Bg5 Nd4 12.O-O-O f6 13.Be3 Nxf3 14.Qf2 Bxe3+ 15.Qxe3 Ne5 16.Be6 g5 17.d4 Nf4 18.dxe5 Nxe6 19.exd6 cxd6 20.e5 fxe5 21.Ne4 Nd4 22.Rxd4 exd4 23.Nxd6+ Kd7 24.Qxd4 Kc7 25.Rd1 Qf8 26.Qc5+ Kb8 27.Qxg5 Rg8 28.Qd5 Qg7 29.Nf5 Qg2 30.Qd6+ Ka7 31.Qd4+ b6 32.Qd7+ Qb7 33.Ne7 Rae8 34.Nxg8 Rxxg8 35.Qxb7+ Kxb7 36.Rd7+ Kc6 (1/2-1/2, 142 moves) *One must be extremely brave to annotate such a game....*

Dear Bill—

.... If we submit material on a diskette, do you have a format preference? (I work mainly on MS-DOS, in WordPerfect 5.1)....

Kevin L. Bachler, Waukegan

A question dear to my heart, Kevin! I would be eternally grateful to contributors who submit articles through MS-DOS diskettes. (Both 5.25" and 3.5" diskettes are fine.) Most of the ICB is done in WordPerfect 5.0; my preference is for files in WordPerfect versions 5.0 or below. A simple ASCII file is fine, too. No Apple/Macintosh files, please. Of course, typed or neatly printed copy is still accepted!

Your letters are welcome, even if they are about chess. Letters may be edited for space.

KARPOV 4, TIMMAN 2

After six games of their Kuala Lumpur match for the right to play Garri Kasparov, Anatoly Karpov has beaten Jan Timman twice, with the other games ending in draws.

TULEY PARK NEWS

Bill Colias (2386) won another one of Tom Fineberg's tournaments, the '90 Tuley Park 1/4k #1. Chuck Kramer (2225) and Charles Friske (1916) tied for second; Alan Stewart (1700) beat Kramer and Larry Cohen on his way to the best score in the bottom half of the field.

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This scholarship sounds like a wonderful opportunity for those who qualify; please pass this information on if you know a Senior Master who may be interested. Out-of-state readers who may not be familiar with Shimer should know that it's an excellent four-year liberal arts college located between Chicago and Milwaukee, with a curriculum influenced by Hutchins's "Great Books" program. For more information, write to Bobbie Groth, Director of Admissions, Shimer College, P.O. Box A500, Waukegan IL 60079; or call 708/623-8400.

CHOW, HAUPTFELD WIN TIM JUST'S WINTER OPEN/RESERVE VII

by Tim Just

What do Dennis Bourgerie, Peter Connor, Robert Sax, and Anthony Marquez have in common? All four were victims of Albert Chow's 4.5-0.5 romp at the 70-player 1990 Tim Just's Winter Open Reserve VII, held January 20-21 at the home of Caveman Chess, the College of Lake County campus in Grayslake, Illinois. Caveman Kevin Gensler's draw with Chow in the last round spoiled Al's hopes for a perfect score, but it was sufficient to guarantee clear first place. The victory was worth \$225 to the 1989 Illinois Tour winner, who now has a head start on the field for the 1990 Tour. Gensler and Steve Szpisjak battled to 4-1 scores and split the \$150 second prize. Top-ranked Bill Colias finished out of the money; Marquez upset him in Round 1, while Caveman Kevin Bachler held him to a draw in Round 5. Part-time Master Bachler, Caveman Scott Haubrich, and high school whiz Brad Crawford tied for the top Expert honors with 3.5 points, garnering \$75 each. 1st-2nd Class A was also a three-way tie: Caveman David Rockwell, Roger Allison, and Dennis Bourgerie each took home \$75.

Former ICB Editor Bill Smythe has a theory about class tournaments: the highest-rated players rarely win.

5th-ranked Sven Hauptfeld provided more empirical evidence for Smythe's Law by taking clear first, winning \$225 for his 4.5-0.5 score. Sven narrowly averted an upset in the first round, escaping with a draw against Charles Hicks, but then proceeded to demolish his other opponents. There was a four-way tie for 2nd-3rd place in the Reserve section—Caveman Roger Owiecki, Bill Madera, Mark Engelen, and Bob Parsons all had 4 points. (As all players in the tournament were rated, the \$50 Unrated prize was converted into a third-place award.)

Rudy Padilla, who has made a habit of cashing Illinois Tour checks, scored 3.5 to take the \$125 1st Class C prize. Tied for 2nd Class C were Caveman Boyd Reed, Charles Hicks, and Ronald Waller. Rich Whitman's 1.5 netted him the \$125 first prize in Class D, while Caveman Morris Gibbs took home \$100 for 2nd Class D.

Tim Just and Don Martin organized the tournament; Dave Shiner directed. Kevin Bachler, Dennis Grant, and Mike Dennis all helped make the Winter Open a smooth-running event with their efforts behind the scenes.

A selection of games from both sections follows.

Tim Just Winter Open		January 20-21, 1990									
OPEN SECTION	wall chart	w11	w30	w14	w8	w8	d2	score	tour		
1 CHOW Al	2399	W11	W30	W14	W8	D2		4.5	16	M	
2 GENSLER Kevin	2223	W32	W17	D4	W16	D1		4	8	M	
3 SZPISJAK Steven	2233	L18	W24	W10	W14	W9		4	8	M	
4 HAUBRICH Scott	2033	W13	W15	D2	L6	W8		3.5	4	MX	
5 BACHLER Kevin	2192	W19	W10	L8	W21	D6		3.5	4	MX	
6 COLIAS Bill	2413	L8	W31	W30	W4	D5		3.5	4	M	
7 CRAWFORD Brad	2058	W24	L8	Dbye	W25	W16		3.5	4	MX	
8 MARQUEZ Anthony	2024	W6	W7	W5	L1	L4		3	3	MX	
9 GORDON Wallace	2031	W23	L14	W29	W15	L3		3	3	MX	
10 COHEN Howard	2039	W12	L5	L3	W22	W24		3	3	MX	
11 BOURGERIE Dennis	1950	L1	D26	W31	W20	D15		3	3	MXA	
12 ALLISON Roger	1816	L10	W19	Dbye	D17	W21		3	3	MXA	
13 ROCKWELL David	1804	L4	W27	Dbye	D18	W25		3	3	MXA	
14 SAX Robert	2062	W25	W9	L1	L3	D18		2.5	2.5MX		
15 CONDRON Jim	2075	W27	L4	W22	L9	D11		2.5	2.5MX		
16 PUKEL Bernard	1971	Dbye	W18	W21	L2	L7		2.5	2.5MXA		
17 KAMEN Dan	2046	W20	L2	Dbye	D12	D19		2.5	2.5MX		
18 BUTTNY Bill	1932	W3	L16	Dbye	D13	D14		2.5	2.5MXA		
19 BOUTON Barry	1914	L5	L12	W23	W29	D17		2.5	2.5MXA		
20 RACE Thomas	1827	L17	W32	Dbye	L11	W26		2.5	2.5MXA		
21 COHEN Larry	1998	W28	W29	L16	L5	L12		2	2	MXA	
22 ALBERTS Wally	1868	L29	W28	L15	L10	W31		2	2	MXA	
23 WHEELER Stephen	1800	L9	D25	L19	W32	D27		2	2	MXA	
24 WHITED William	1861	L7	L3	W27	WF	L10		2	2	MXA	
25 WULATIN David	1894	L14	D23	W26	L7	L13		1.5	1.5MXA		
26 BYRNES Randy	1848	L30	D11	L25	W31	L20		1.5	1.5MXA		
27 GRAVES Bill	1909	L15	L13	L24	W28	D23		1.5	1.5MXA		
28 DENNIS Mike	1720	L21	L22	Dbye	L27	Wbye		1.5	1.5MXAB		
29 MC NAMARA Jim	2060	W22	L21	L9	L19	-		1	1	MX	
30 CONNOR Peter	2057	W26	L1	L6	LF	-		1	1	MX	
31 LEONG Gee	1955	Dbye	L6	L11	L26	L22		0.5	0.5MXA		
32 SEFCHECK Mark	1922	L2	L20	Dbye	L23	-		0.5	0.5MXA		

RESERVE SECTION	wall chart	w17	w10	w2	score	tour			
1 HAUPTFELD Sven	1704	D12	W33	W17	W10	W2	4.5	16	B
2 ENGELLEN Mark	1663	W27	W5	W20	W3	L1	4	8	B
3 PARSONS Bob	1660	W36	W6	W16	L2	W11	4	8	B
4 MADERA Bill	1672	W32	W18	L10	W22	W12	4	8	B
5 OWIECKI Roger	1740	W24	L2	W18	W21	W10	4	8	B
6 FRAATS Daniel	1778	W19	L3	W23	D8	W17	3.5	4	B
7 MARSHALL Ken	1734	W26	L10	W24	D20	W19	3.5	4	B
8 HOLLAND Kirnes	1686	Dbye	W29	D11	D6	W16	3.5	4	B
9 PADILLA Rudy	1505	L21	W35	Dbye	W28	W20	3.5	4	BC
10 MICHALAK Philip	1651	W15	W7	W4	L1	L5	3	3	B
11 REED Boyd	1421	W22	W23	D8	D12	L3	3	3	BC
12 HICKS Charles	1510	D1	W37	W13	D11	L4	3	3	BC
13 SINGER Robby	1688	W25	D17	L12	D16	W23	3	3	B
14 WARFIELD Thomas	1702	L16	L34	W27	W26	W21	3	3	B
15 WALLER Ronald	1451	L10	W26	L22	WF	W28	3	3	BC
16 PALMER Ken	1509	W14	W28	L3	D13	L8	2.5	2.5BC	
17 GRANT Dennis	1627	W30	D13	L1	W32	L6	2.5	2.5B	
18 TERRANCE Terry	1616	W35	L4	L5	D24	W29	2.5	2.5B	
19 KITTSLY Scott	1604	L6	W36	Dbye	W30	L7	2.5	2.5B	
20 INGRAM Randy	1632	WF	W21	L2	D7	L9	2.5	2.5B	
21 VIGANTS Albert	1682	W9	L20	W34	L5	L14	2	2	B
22 JOHNSON Eric	1725	L11	W31	W15	L4	-	2	2	B
23 HUGHES Nathaniel	1679	W34	L11	L6	W33	L13	2	2	B
24 FULTON Steve	1583	L5	W27	L7	D18	D25	2	2	BC
25 GASIECKI Alan	1507	L13	D30	L28	W31	D24	2	2	BC
26 LESTER Michael	1555	L7	L15	W36	L14	W30	2	2	BC
27 HIBBS Robert	1466	L2	L24	L14	W36	W33	2	2	BC
28 KEMPNER William	1731	D33	L16	W25	L9	L15	1.5	1.5B	
29 BIEZYNSKI Stan	1419	D37	L8	Dbye	W35	L18	1.5	1.5BC	
30 WHITMOR Rich	1270	L17	D25	Wbye	L19	L26	1.5	1.5BCD	
31 BALES Robert	1407	Dbye	L22	D33	L25	D35	1.5	1.5BC	
32 KEMPNER Robert	1497	L4	WF	Dbye	L17	-	1.5	1.5BC	
33 CLARK Wayne	1532	D28	L1	D31	L23	L27	1	1	BC
34 GORDON Steve	1494	L23	W14	L21	LF	-	1	1	BC
35 GIBBS Morris	1227	L18	L9	Dbye	L29	D31	1	1	BCD
36 BERKHEIMER Ed	1458	L3	L19	L26	L27	Wbye	1	1	BC
37 MC ALISTER Kelvin	1638	D29	L12	-	-	-	0.5	0.5B	
38 RECTER Richard	1408	LF	LF	-	-	-	0		

OPEN SECTION:

**Al Chow (2398) -
Dennis Bourgerie (1950)
Round 1**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.O-O Nc6 8.Nb3
O-O 9.Kh1 Be6 10.Bg5 Na5 11.Nd5
Bxd5 12.exd5 Rc8 13.Nxa5 Qxa5 14.Bf3
e5 15.c3 Rfe8 16.Re1 Nd7 17.Qd2 f5
18.Be2 b5 19.a4 bxa4 20.b4 Qb6 21.Be3
Qb7 22.Rxa4 Nb6 23.Ba6 Qd7 24.Ra5
Nc4 25.Bxc4 Rxc4 26.Rxa7 Qc8 27.Rea1
Rxc3 28.Ra8 Qxa8 29.Rxa8 Rc1+
30.Qxc1 Rxa8 31.g3 e4 32.Kg2 h5
33.Qc7 h4 34.b5 Bf6 35.b6 Bd8 36.Qxd6
1-0

**Barry Bouton (1873) -
Kevin Bachler (2192)
Round 1**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7
5.Bd2 c5 6.Qg4 Nbc6 7.Nf3 O-O 8.Bd3
f6 9.Bxh7+ Kxh7 10.Qh5+ Kg8 11.exf6
Rxf6 12.Ng5 cxd4 13.Qh7+ Kf8
14.Qh8+ Ng8 15.Nh7+ Kf7 16.Ng5+
Ke7

"My King likes to go for a walk"

17.Qxg7+ Kd6 18.Nce4+ dxe4
19.Bxb4+ Nxb4 20.O-O-O Kc6 21.Nxe4
e5 22.Rhe1 Nxc2 23.Nxf6 Nxf6 24.Fxe5
Qd6 25.Qg5 Bg4 26.f3 Rg8 27.Qd2 Qxe5
28.Qxc2+ Kd7 29.fxg4 Rc8 0-1

**David Rockwell (1804) -
Scott Haubrich (2096)
Round 1**

1.e4 c5 2.d4 e6 3.d5 Nf6 4.dxe6 fxe6
5.e5 Nd5 6.c4 Ne7 7.Nc3 Qc7 8.Nf3 a6
9.Bd3 Nbc6 10.Bf4 b5 11.cxb5 Nb4
12.O-O Ned5 13.Be4 Bb7 14.Bxd5 Nxd5
15.Nxd5 exd5 16.bxa6 Rxa6 17.Re1 Be7
18.Bg3 Qb6 19.Qc2 O-O 20.h4 h6 21.e6
dxe6 22.Ne5 d4 23.Nd7 Qc6 0-1

**Pete Connor (2086) -
Al Chow (2398)
Round 2 [Annotated by Bill Colias]**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nf3 cxd4 4.Nxd4 b6
5.Nc3

Perhaps 5.f3 with the idea of 6.e4;
otherwise, White may have problems
developing his King Bishop.

5...Bb7 6.e3 e6 7.Ndb5

A waste of time—Black is now able to
set up a comfortable Hedgehog formation.
7...d6 8.b3 a6 9.Nd4 Nbd7 10.Bb2 Qc7

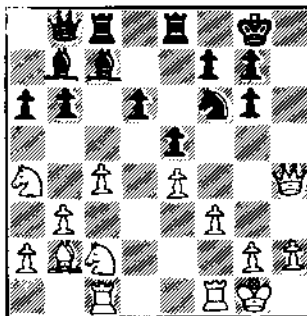
11.Rc1 Rc8 12.f3 Be7 13.Bd3 O-O
14.O-O Qb8

Removes the Queen from the c-file,
thus enabling Black to play for the
thematic breaks ...b5 or ...d5.

15.Qe2 Rfe8 16.Na4 Bd8

Another subtle move. After setting up
a battery with ..Bc7, Black will have ...d5 in
the air, threatening ...Bxh2+.

17.Qf2 Bc7 18.Qh4 Ne5 19.Bb1 Ng6
20.Bxg6 hxg6 21.e4 e5 22.Nc2



21...b5!

Very nice. Black dissolves White's
Maroczy bind and advantageously opens
the board for his two Bishops.

23.cxb5 axb5 24.Nc3 Ba5 25.b4

25.Nxb5? would fail to 25...Ba6 26.a4
Bxb5 27.ab Bd2 28.Rcd1 Rxc2

25...Bb6+ 26.Kh1 d5! 27.Nxd5 Nxd5
28.exd5 Bxd5 29.Na3 e4

Black's two Bishops and more active
pieces more than offset his doubled g-
pawns. Another plan worth considering is
29...Bxa2, with the idea of meeting 30.Rxc8
with 30...Rxc8 31.Nxb5? Bc4.

30.fxe4 Rxe4 31.Qg5 Rxc1 32.Rxc1 Bxa2

Both sides are in serious time
trouble—Black's move isn't bad, but he
misses the impressive-looking 32...Qb7!,
threatening 33...Re2.

33.Nxb5 Rxb4

Black has pocketed a pawn. More
important than the material balance,
however, is the shakiness of White's
Kingside.

34.Ba3 Rc4 35.Rd1 Rc8 36.Nd6 Rd8
37.Qe7 Bb3 38.Rf1 Rf8 39.Ne4 Re8 0-1

Unfortunately, Connor lost on time
here. With his last few moves, he had
managed to apply pressure to Chow's
position—Albert only had only one minute
left himself. Although Black still has some
technical problems, I think he should win.
Black's advantage consists not only in his
extra pawn, but also in his two Bishops,
which give him possibilities to play against
White's Kingside, perhaps with a future
...Bd5 and ...Qb7. White can look for
counterplay with 40.Qh4 (idea: 41.Ng5

and 42.Qh7+); after 40...Be3 41.Bb2
(threatening 42.Nf6+ gxh6 43.Bxf6 and
44.Qh8 mate) 41...Re6, however, Black
appears to have consolidated and can
soon switch over to an attack. Still, there
was a lot of play left.

**Dan Kamen (2047) -
Kevin Gensler (2216)
Round 2**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Nc6
5.Bd3 d5 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.O-O Qc7 8.Re1
h6 9.e4 cxd4 10.cxd4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nd5
12.a3 b6 13.Bd2 a6 14.Rc1 Qd7
15.Rxc6?! Qxc6 16.Ne5 Qc7 17.Qf3 Bf6
18.Rc1 Bxe5! 19.Rxc7 Bxc7 20.Nc3 Bb7
21.Be4 Rd8 22.g3 Rd7 23.Nxd5?! Bxd5
24.Bxd5 Rxd5 25.Bb4 a5 26.Bc3 Ke7
27.Qe2 Ra8 28.Qg4 Kf8 29.Qe4 Kg8
30.Qe2 b5 31.Kg2 Bb6 32.Qe4 Rc8
33.Qe1 a4 34.Qe4 Rc4 35.Qf4 Bxd4
36.Qb8+ Kh7 37.Bxd4 Rxd4 38.Qe8
Rf5 39.Kf1 Rd2 40.f4 Rxb2 41.Qc6 Rd5
42.Qc1 Rxh2 43.Qb1+ g6 44.Kg1 Rdd2
45.Qxb5 Rdg2+ 46.Kf1 Rb2 0-1

**Brad Crawford (2058) -
Tony Marquez (2004)
Round 2**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Be2 Nf6 4.d4 exd4
5.e5 Ne4 6.O-O Bc5 7.Bd3 d5 8.exd6
Nxd6 9.Re1+ Ne7 10.Qe2 f6 11.c3 Bg4
12.cxd4 Bxd4 13.Nc3 c6 14.Bf4 Bxf3
15.gxf3 Nf7 16.Bc4 Ne5 17.Bxe5 fxe5
18.f4 Ng6 19.Qg4 Qf6 20.Ne4 Qxf4
21.Nd6+ Kf8 22.Qxf4+ Nxf4 23.Nf7 b5
24.Bb3 Nd3 25.Re2 Nf4 26.Ree1 Nd3
27.Re2 Nc5 28.Nxh8 Nxb3 29.axb3 c5
30.Ra6 Kg8 31.Rc6 Kxh8 32.Rc7 a5
33.Rb7 b4 34.Rb5 h6 35.Kg2 Kh7
36.Kg3 a4 37.bxa4 Rxa4 38.f4 exf4+
39.Kxf4 Ra1 40.Ke4 Rf1 41.Kd3 Rc1
42.Rc2 Rb1 43.Ke2 Bxb2 44.Rbxc5 b3
45.Rd2 Bf6 46.Rb5 b2 47.Kd3 Kg6
48.Rb3 h5 49.Rb6 h4 50.Rxf6+ Kxf6
51.Kc2 Rc1+ 52.Kxb2 Rc5 53.Rd4 g5
54.h3 Kf5 55.Kb3 Re5 56.Rd3 Kf4
57.Kc2 Re4 58.Kd2 g4 59.hxg4 Kxg4
60.Rd8 h3 61.Kd3 Re5 62.Kd4 Re6
63.Rg8+ Kf3 64.Rf8+ Ke2 65.Rh8 Re3
66.Ra8 Kf2 67.Rf8+ Rf3 68.Rh8 Kg2
69.Rg8+ Rg3 70.Rh8 h2 0-1

Tony Marquez (2004) -
Kevin Bachler (2160)
Round 3 [Annotated by Bill Colias]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.exd5 exd5
5.Bg2 Nf6 6.d4

Better is 6.Nge2 d4 7.Nxe4 Nxe4
8.Bxe4 Nd7 9.d3 Nf6 10.Bg2 Bd6 with
equal chances, Spassky-Korchnoi (m),
1968. After 6.d4, White's exposed Queen
just helps Black develop quickly.

6...cxd4 7.Qxd4 Nc6 8.Qd1 d4 9.Nce2
Bc5 10.Nf3 O-O 11.O-O Qb6

11...Bf5 would transpose to Suttles-
Tal, Hastings 1973.

12.a3 a5 13.Qd3 Re8 14.Rd1 Bg4

White stands much better due to his
active pieces. White may also have some
problems developing his Queenside.
Black's d-pawn is actually good, as it
keeps White's pieces from coordinating.

15.h3 Bh5 16.Nf4 Ne5

Black has played with a lot of energy
and now gains a material advantage.

17.Nxe5 Bxd1 18.Qf5 Bxc2

Here, I think Black should've played
18...Rxe5 19.Qxe5 Bxc2, when the Bishop
on c2 would lend support to the d-pawn
and prevent White's Knight from posting
up on d3.

19.Qxc2 Rxe5 20.Nd3 Rae8 21.Nxe5
Rxe5 22.Bf4

Now if 22...Re8, White has some
pressure after 23.Rc1. Therefore, Black
decides to swap his d-pawn for White's f-
pawn.

22...d3 23.Qxd3 Bxf2+ 24.Kh2 Re8
25.b4 Nh5 26.Qf3 Nxf4 27.Qxf4 Be3
28.bxa5 Qxa5 29.Qc4 g5

Black is playing for the win, a
dangerous decision, as White can pile up
on f7 with Rf1 and Bd5. Perhaps the
cautious 29...Qa6 was in order.

30.Rf1 Re7 31.Bxb7! Qxa3 32.Bd5 Qb2+
33.Kh1 Kg7

Either here or on the next move,
...Qa6 could have been played to
exchange Queens and split the point.
34.Bxf7 Bf2 35.Bh5 Kh6 Or 35...Bxg3,
threatening 36...Qh2 mate. The Queen
ending is drawn after 36.Rf7+ Rxf7
37.Qxf7+ Kh6 38.Qf8+ Kxh5 39.Qf3+ Kh6
40.Qxg3.

36.Qc6+ Kxh5 37.Qf3+ Kh6 38.Rxf2
Re1+?

Black should keep his Rook back for
defensive purposes; perhaps 38...Qe5.

39.Kh2 Qb6 40.h4!

Black's King gets swept away by this
new wave of attack.

40...Qg6 41.Qf8+ Kh5 42.g4+ Kxh4
43.Qf3 1-0

Tony Marquez (2004) -
Al Chow (2398)
Round 4 [Annotated by Bill Colias]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.Bc4
Nf6 5.Nf3 c6 6.Qe2

More common is 6.d4, staking a claim
in the center and opening a path for the
Queen Bishop's development.

6...Bf5 7.Nd4 Bg6 8.d3 e6 9.O-O

So far, White's opening play has been
artificial. His best practical chances may
lie in the sacrifice 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.Nxe6.
Although the sac may not be sound, at
least it's consistent with the plan initiated
by 6.Qe2 and 7.Nd4. Now these moves
make no sense, and Black takes the
initiative.

9...Bh5 10.Qe1 Be7 11.Bf4 Qd8 12.Nde2
O-O 13.Bg3 c5!

Enabling the Black Knight on b8 to
take up an active role in the center with
...Nc6. White's pieces don't do anything
together—where can they attack? On the
other hand, Black can choose between
two good plans: he can start a Queenside
minority attack, or he can work to increase
his spatial advantage.

14.Nb5 Nc6 15.Nf4 Bg4 16.h3 Bf5
17.Bh2 g6 18.Nc3

18.g4 would be answered by 18...d5.
18...Nd4 19.Bb3 Bd6 20.Qe3

Walking into a nasty pin.

20...Qc7 21.g4

The following combination gains a
winning material advantage while retaining
the initiative.

21...Bxg4 22.hxg4 Nxg4 23.Qh3 Nxh2
24.Kxh2 Bxf4+ 25.Kg2 Qc6+ 26.f3 Nf5
27.Rh1 h6 28.Ne2 Be5 29.c3 Rad8
30.Kf2 Rxd3 31.Bc2 Bg3+ 32.Kg1 Qxf3
33.Nxg3 Qxg3+ 34.Qxg3 Rxf3+ 35.Kf2
Rg5 (0-1, 53 moves)

Bernard Pukel (1987) -
Kevin Gensler (2216)
Round 4 [Annotated by Bill Colias]

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 e6
5.Nf3 Nd4

A good way to unbalance the game,
as 6.Nxd4 isn't any good: Black would
control the center after 6...cxd4.

6.e3

I don't like to put so many pawns on
Black squares; more important, this move
shows White's hand prematurely. The
noncommittal 6.O-O is preferable.

6...Nxf3+ 7.Qxf3 Rb8 8.Qf4

Putting the Queen in an
uncomfortable position vulnerable to
Black's attack. Black was probably afraid
of 8...b5 and 9...Bb7, but 8.O-O would

have protected the Bishop.
8...d6 9.d4 cxd4 10.exd4 Bd7 11.O-O a6
12.Re1 Be7 13.g4 h6 14.Qg3 g5 15.b3
b5 16.h3 Rg8 17.Be3 b4!

Black closes up the Queenside, then
turns his attention to a Queenside attack.

18.Ne2 h5 19.c5 d5

As long as Black keeps the position
blocked, his King is safe in the center.
20.f3 Rc8 21.a3 bxa3 22.Rxa3 Bb5 23.Nc3
hxg4 24.hxg4 24.fxg4 may have been
better, to open up the h1-a8 diagonal for
White's Bishop and the f-file for his major
pieces.

24...Nd7 25.Nxb5 axb5 26.Rea1 e5
27.Bf1 exd4 28.Bxd4 Nxc5 29.Bxb5+
Kf8 30.b4 Ne6

Although White has managed to
maintain the material balance, Black's
pieces have more opportunities. One
Rook is on the c-file, the other is poised to
seize the h-file, and the Knight is headed
for its ideal home on f4. White's a-file
battery looks nice, but it doesn't do
anything; his white-square Bishop is
awkwardly placed.

31.Bc3? Qb6+ 32.Kg2 Nf4+ 33.Kh2
Rxc3

Pockets a piece, as 34.Rxc3 Rh8+ is
curtains.

34.Ra8+ Kg7 35.Rxg8+ Kxg8 36.Ra8+
Kg7 37.Qe1 Rc2+ 38.Kh1 Qh6+ 39.Kg1
Qh2+ 0-1

Kevin Bachler (2192) -
Larry Cohen (1996)
Round 4

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Ne7 4.Ng3 Nd7
5.g3 b6 6.Bg2 Bb7 7.O-O Rb8 8.e5 d4
9.Re1 c5 10.Nc4 Ng5 11.a4 Qc7 12.Qe2
Bxf3 13.Bxf3 a6 14.h4 b5 15.h5 bxc4
16.hxg6 hxg6 17.dxc4 Be7 18.b3 Rd8
19.Bd2 Nb8 20.Qe4 Qb6 21.Kg2 Kd7
22.c3 Nc6 23.b4 dxc3 24.Qxc6+ Qxc6
25.Bxc6+ Kc7 26.Be3 Kxc6 27.b5+ Kb6
28.Rec1 a5 29.Rxc3 f6 30.Re1 fxe5 31.f4
Rh5 32.Bc1 Bf6 33.fxe5 Be7 34.Rf3 Rf5
35.Re4 Rd1 36.Be3 Ra1 37.Rf2 Rxf2+
38.Kxf2 Ra2+ 39.Kf3 Rxa4 40.Rg4 g5
41.Re4 Ra1 42.Kg4 Re1? 43.Bxc5+ 1-0

Al Chow (2398) -
Kevin Gensler (2216)
Round 5

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 e6 5.e3
Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 a6
9.e4 c5 10.e5 cxd4 11.Nxb5 axb5 12.exf6
gxf6 13.O-O Qb6 14.Be4 Bb7 15.Bxb7
Qxb7 16.Nxd4 Rg8 17.Qf3 Qxf3 1/2-1/2

Brad Crawford (2058) -
Bernard Pukel (1987)
Round 5 [Annotated by Bill Colias]

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 g6 4.Nd2 Bg7
5.f4

Since Brad plays the Dutch as Black, he's happy to go into the Stonewall with an extra tempo.

5...c6 6.Ngf3 Nbd7 7.O-O O-O 8.Qe1

Preparing the standard Kingside attack.

8...c5 9.c3 b6 10.Qh4 Bb7

White has an ideal position and now needs to decide how to attack. White's next move was probably played with the intention of discouraging ...Ne4. Another idea here is 11.Ne5, which gains space and reserves the g5 square for the other Knight. Since 11.Ng5 doesn't stop Black from getting in ...Ne4, White should play the active 11.Ne5; in the game, the Knight winds up on the less desirable f2.

11.Ng5 h6 12.Nh3 Ne4 13.Nf2 f5 14.g4 Ndf6 15.Ndx4 fxe4 16.Be2

Both sides have bad Queen Bishops; the position is closed, but I prefer White due to his Kingside initiative. I don't really see where Black can attack.

16...Bc8 17.g5 hxg5 18.fxg5?

18.Qg5 is better, with the idea of Kh1 and Rg1. As the game goes, Black is able to get in ...e5, taking control of the center. This wouldn't have been possible had White's pawn remained on f4.

18...Nh7 19.Bg4 e6 20.Nh3 Rxf1+ 21.Kxf1 e5 22.dxe5 Bxe5 23.Kg2 Bxg4 24.Qxg4 Qc8 25.Nf2 Qf5 26.Qxf5 gx f5 27.h4

An interesting endgame: Black's central majority versus White's two kingside pawns. In general, the center pawns are to be preferred—they control more space and therefore are harder to stop.

27...Kg7 28.Nh3 Rd8 29.Bd2 Kg6 30.Rf1 Nf8 31.Rh1 Kh5 32.c4

Another idea would have been to play Be1-Bg3-Nf4+, but this plan may be too slow. Instead, White plots to swap the Bishops off.

32...dxc4?

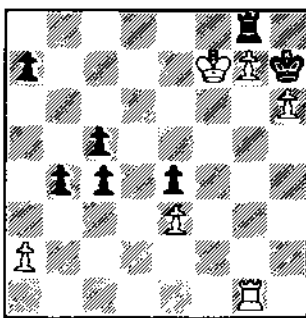
A mistake, as it hampers Black's chances of creating a passed pawn and allows White to offer the Bishop exchange. The correct plan was to put the central majority in motion with 32...d4.

33.Bc3 Bxc3 34.bxc3 Ng6 35.Kg3 Rd3

Not the most efficient way to get the Queenside pawns rolling: 35...b5 and 36...b4 would be faster. Furthermore, the Rook will soon be needed to keep White's g-pawn from promoting, and the maneuver Rd3-Rxc3-Rd3-Rd8-Rg8 takes

too much time.

36.Nf4+ Nxf4 37.Kxf4 Rxc3 38.Rg1 Rd3 39.g6 Rd8 40.g7 Rg8 41.Kxf5 Kh6 42.Kf6 b5 43.Kf7 Kh7 44.h5 b4 45.h6



45...b3?

Black should try 45...a5, after which the endgame is unclear. [Play might go 46.Rg5 Rb8 (46...Rc8 47.Rxc5! or 46...c3 47.Rxc5 look unappetizing; note that Black's Rook is tied to the back rank.) 47.Rxc5 Rb7+ 48.Kf6 Rb6+ 49.Kg5 b3 50.Rc8 winning. Perhaps 45...c3! is Black's best try; if 46.Rg5 Rb8 47.Rxc5 Rb7+ 48.Kf6? Rb6+ 49.Kg5 Rg6+! 50.Kf5 Rxf6, so maybe White allows the perpetual after 48.Kf8 Rb8+ 49.Kf7 Rb7+. Improvements, readers?—Ed.]

46.axb3 cxb3 47.Rc1!

Black must have overlooked this move when he played 45...b3.

47...b2 48.Rb1 Rb8 49.Rxb2 Rg8 50.Rc2 1-0

David Rockwell (1804) -
David Wulatin (1908)
Round 5

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Qb6 8.Bc2 Nb4 9.O-O Nxc2 10.Qxc2 Rc8 11.Nc3 Ne7 12.Be3 Nf5 13.Kh1 Be7 14.g4 Nh4 15.Nxh4 Bxh4 16.f4 Qa6 17.f5 Bb5 18.Rfd1 Be7 19.Qf2 Bd3 20.Rac1 Kd7 21.Qd2 Bb5 22.Bg5 Bb4 23.Bh4 h6 24.Qf2 Rhf8 25.Nxb5 Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Qxb5 27.fxe6+ fxe6 28.Qg2 Qd3 29.h3 Qxd4? 30.Qc2 Qxe5 31.Qa4+ Kd6 32.Qxb4+ Kd7 33.Qe7+ 1-0

RESERVE SECTION:

Charles Hicks (1496) -
Sven Hauptfeld (1763)
Round 1

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6 3.a4 Nc6 4.g3 Nf6 5.d3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Bg2 e5 8.Nbd2 f6 9.O-O Be6 10.Re1 Qd7 11.Nc4 Bh3

12.Nfxe5! fxe5 13.Qh5+ g6 14.Qxh3 Qxh3 15.Bxh3 Ndb4 16.Re2 Be7 17.c3 Nxd3 18.Bh6 Kf7 19.Rd1 Rad8 20.Bg2 Bf6 21.Red2 b5 22.axb5 axb5 23.Rxd3 bxc4 24.Rd7+ Rxd7 25.Rxd7+ Ne7 26.Bd5+ Ke8 27.Rd6?!

27.Be6 would leave Black tied up; the exchange of pieces gives him a little luft.

27...Nxd5 28.Rxd5 g5 29.h4 gxh4 30.g4 Kf7 31.Rxc5 Rb8 32.Bc1 Rd8 33.Be3 Rd1+ 34.Kg2 Rb1 35.Rb5 e4 36.Rb4 Ke6 37.Rxc4 Rxb2 38.Rc6+ Kf7 39.c4 Rc2 40.g5 Bc3 41.Rh6 Be1 42.c5 Kg8 43.Rxh4 Rc4 44.Kf1 Bb4 45.f4 Bxc5 46.Bxc5 Rxc5 47.Ke2 Rc4 48.Ke3 Kg7 49.Rh6 Ra4 50.Re6 Kf7 51.Rxe4 Ra3+ 52.Kf2 Kg6 53.Re3 Ra2+ 54.Kf3 Ra4 55.Kg4 Kf7 56.Rf3 Kg8 57.Rd3 Ra5 58.Rd6 Kg7 59.Rd7+ Kg6??

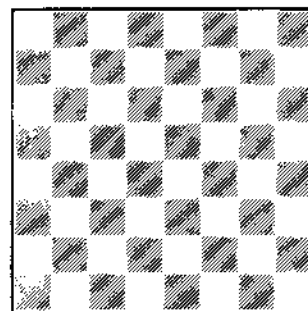
After hours of patient defense, a blunder—60.f5+! wins a Rook. Fortunately for the tournament winner, his opponent is misled into believing that Black has established a permanent blockade. Moral: don't let your tactical antennae down in "simple" positions!

60. 1/2-1/2??

Hauptfeld needed no luck in the following game:

Sven Hauptfeld (1763) -
Philip Michailik (1680)
Round 4

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.Ngf3 c5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.O-O O-O 8.Re1 b6 9.e5 Nd7 10.Nf1 Bb7 11.h4 Re8 12.N1h2 Bf8 13.Ng5 h6 14.Ngf3 g6 15.Ng4 Kh7 16.Qd2 h5 17.Ngh2 Bg7 18.Ng5+ Kg8 19.f4 Nf8 20.g4 Nh7 21.Ngf3 f6 22.gxh5 gxh5 23.Qf2 Qe7 24.Kh1 Qf7 25.Bh3 f5 26.d4 c4 27.c3 Kf8 28.Rg1 Ke7 29.Bd2 Rg8 30.Ng5 Nxf5 31.hxg5 Bf8 32.Bf1 Kd7 33.Be2 Qg6 34.Qh4 Rh8 35.Rg3 Bg7 36.Kg2 Rg8 37.Rh1 Bxe5 38.fxe5 Nxe5 39.dxe5 d4+ 40.Kg1 Bxh1 41.Kxh1 f4 42.Qxf4 Rf8 43.Qxd4+ Ke7 44.Qh4 Rf2 45.Rg2 Rf7 46.Bxc4 Rhf8 47.Bd3 Qxd3 48.g6+ Kd7 49.gxf7 Rxf7 50.Qd4+ 1-0



DOUBLED PAWNS

by Bill Colias

[In order to get the most out of the following article, you may want to read it in conjunction with a book on the middlegame. Fine's *The Middle Game in Chess*, Pachman's *Complete Chess Strategy, Vol. 2*, and (of course) Nimzowitsch's *My System* all have a chapter on play with doubled pawns. The two Nimzowitsch games were taken from Keene's wonderful book *Aron Nimzowitsch: A Reappraisal—Ed.*]

The doubled pawn can be weak for one or more of the following reasons:

1. The doubled pawn can make a pawn majority incapable of generating a passed pawn. For example, **White: Kg1, Pa2, b2, b3, g2, h2. Black: Kg8, Pa7, b7, f7, g7, h7**—in this position, White's Queenside play has been taken away because he cannot create a passed pawn. Black, however, is able to create a passed pawn on the Kingside.

2. The doubled pawn creates holes which allow the enemy to penetrate. For example, in the position **Kg1, Pf2, h2, h3**, there are four squares in front of White's castled King which have been weakened because they can never be defended by a Pawn: f3, f4, h3, and h4. These weak squares become natural homes for Black's attacking pieces. Furthermore, doubled pawns are often weak in themselves. White's isolated doubled pawns are also weak because none of them can ever defend each other. This would not be the case if the h3 pawn were still on g2.

3. Because the doubled pawn is not only weak in itself, but also weakens other points, this means that pieces which could be taking up attacking positions will instead be forced to passively defend the weak doubled pawn or the weak points created by the doubled pawn. The following games exemplify methods of successfully exploiting this third kind of weakness against pawn complexes with doubled c-pawns, a structure that often arises from ...Bxc3 in the Nimzoindian and the Winawer Variation of the French Defense.

Shipman - Fine New York 1945

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Bd3 Bb7 6.Nf3 Ne4 7.Qc2 Bxc3+

Although theory evaluates the resulting position as equal, I would prefer Black both in the short term (Kingside attack) and long term (play against the doubled pawns).

8.bxc3 f5 9.O-O O-O 10.Ba3

A mistake, as Black wants to play ...d6 anyway, when White's Bishop is still locked out. Correct was 10.Ne1 or 10.Nd2, playing to kick or swap Black's strong Knight on e4.

10...d6 11.Nd2 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 Nd7 13.f3 Qe7 14.e4

White tries to open up the center for his Bishops; however, Black's pieces are well placed to keep the center blocked.

14...fxe4 15.fxe4 e5

White's c4 pawn will become a serious weakness once all of the major pieces are exchanged, because Black can attack it

with both his minor pieces (Ba6, Na5), while White can only defend with one. 15...e5 not only stops White from getting considerable play with 16.e5, but also puts pressure on White's c4.

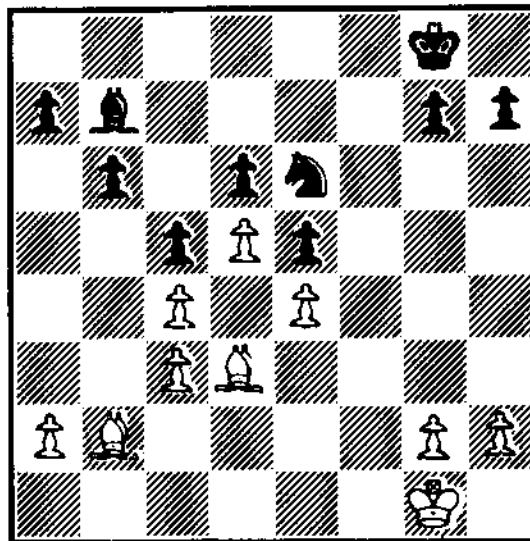
16.Qe3 Rxf1+ 17.Rxf1 Rf8 18.Rxf8+ Qxf8 19.Qf3 c5

Black fixes the White c-pawn.

20.Qxf8+ Nxf8 21.Bb2 Ne6!

Black forces White's d-pawn to advance; at the same time, the Knight makes for a5 to attack the c-pawn.

22.d5



22...Nf4

More accurate was 21...Nd8 with the plan 22...Ba6, 23...Nb7, 24...Na5, 25...Bxc4.

23.Bc2 Ba6 24.Bb3 Kf7 25.h3 Ng6!

Black's Knight heads for a5 via h8!

26.Bc1 Kf6 27.g3 Nh8 28.Kg2 Nf7 29.Kf3 Nd8 30.Be3 Nb7 31.Ke2 Na5 32.Kd3 Bc8

Black needs to bring his King into the game, which he accomplishes by opening up the Kingside.

33.g4 h6 34.Ke2 Kg6 35.Kd3 h5 36.Bd1 hxg4 37.hxg4 Ba6 38.Bb3 Kf6 39.Bc1 Nxb3

Just when it appears that White can hold, Black hits on a great idea to win because of the opposite-colored Bishops.

40.axb3 Bc8 41.g5+ Kg6 42.Be3 Bg4 43.Bc1 Kh5 44.Be3 Bd1 45.b4 Kg4 46.Bc1 g6

Black avoids one last pitfall: 48...Kf3? 49.g6 and 50.Bh6. 47.bxc5 bxc5 48.Be3 Kf3 49.Bc1 Be2+ 50.Kd2 Bxc4 0-1

Gygli - Nimzowitsch Winterthur 1931

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qb3 Qe7 5.Nf3 b6 6.g3 Bb7 7.Bg2 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3

8.Qxc3 was better—White probably thought he would get play for his Queen Bishop along the a3-f8 diagonal.

8...Nc6 9.Ba3 d6 10.Qa4 Qd7

A precautionary measure against White surprises along the g2-a8 diagonal.

11.Nd2 O-O 12.e4 e5

A thematic move in this type of position, since the advance of White's d-pawn would cripple his c4 pawn.

13.O-O Rfe8 14.Bb2 Na5 15.Qc2 c5

Trying to force White to play d5 by increasing the pressure on d4.

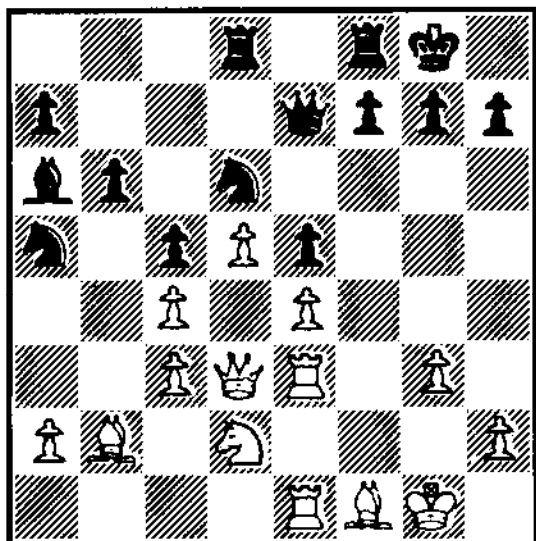
16.f4 Rac8 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.d5

It may appear that White's position should be preferred due to his two Bishops and passed d-pawn. On close inspection, however, one sees that White's pawns block his Bishops and his d-pawn will be easily blockaded once Black maneuvers his Knight to d6. Finally, as in the Shipman-Fine game, White's c-pawn is bound to fall eventually.

18...Qe7

In order to answer a possible Exchange sac with ...Qxf6.

19.Qd3 Ba6 20.Rae1 Rcd8 21.Re3 Rf8 22.Rfe1 Ne8 23.Bf1 Nd6



24.Qc2 Qd7

Black could win the c-pawn, but since it's not going anywhere, Nimzowitsch decided to play for more.

25.Bc1 f6

Since White's position is passive, Black puts more potential energy into his position by doubling his Rooks on the f-file.

26.Rf3 Rf7 27.Rf2 Rdf8 28.Qd1 Bc8 29.Bd3 Qg4 30.Be2 Qd7 31.Bd3 Qe8 32.Be2 Bd7 33.Bd3 Qc8 34.Bf1 Bg4 35.Qc2 Bh3 36.Bd3 Qd7

Any exchange of White-squared Bishops would leave White's c-pawn doomed.

37.Qd1 Bg4 38.Qc2 h5

Playing on both wings. Black can take the c-pawn when he pleases, but he also has the option of attacking the White King. 39.Nf1 Naxc4 40.Bxc4 Nxc4 41.Qb3 Nd6 42.c4 f5 43.Nd2 Nxe4 0-1

White resigned (somewhat prematurely) in view of his light-square weaknesses: e.g., 44.Nxe4 fxe4 45.Rxf7 Qxf7 46.Qe3 Bh3.

Mannheimer - Nimzowitsch
Frankfurt 1930

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.exd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Ne7 6.Bd3 Nbc6 7.h3 Bf5 8.Bxf5 Nxf5 9.O-O Bxc3

Doubling the c-pawns.

10.bxc3 O-O 11.Qd3 Nd6

Not only removes the Knight from attack, but eyes the outposts at c4 and e4.

12.Ng5 g6 13.Bf4 Qf6 14.Bd2

Although Bishops are usually better than Knights, this position is an exception. White should have played 14.Bxd6, because once the Knight goes to c4 or e4, the White Bishop will be rather passive. (Note that c4 is a weak square because of the doubled pawn.)

14...h6 15.Nf3 Kh7 16.Nh2 Qh8

16...Qg7 appears to save a tempo, but 17.Ng4 h5 18.Bh6 wins the Exchange.

17.Qe3 Qg7 18.Qf3 Ne4 19.Bc1 f5 20.Qd3 Na5

Heading for c4, after which both Knights will strike into White's position.

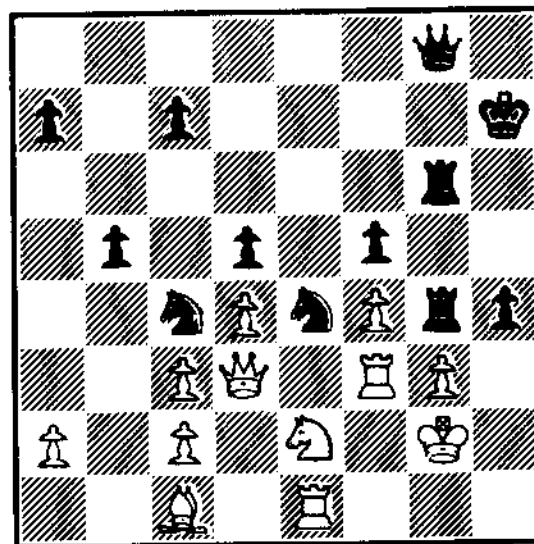
21.f4 Qd7 22.Nf3 Qc6 23.Ne5 Qe6

23...Qxc3 wins a pawn, but since the c-pawn isn't very meaningful, Nimzowitsch decides to play for a Kingside attack.

24.Rb1 b6 25.Kh2 Nc4 26.Be3 g5 27.g3 Rf6 28.Rbe1 Rg8 29.Bc1 b5 30.Nf3 g4 31.hxg4 Rxc4 32.Ng1 Rfg6 33.Rf3 Qg8 34.Ne2 h5

Black has an overwhelming position due to his two Knights and the tripling of his major pieces on the g-file.

35.Kg2 h4



36.Rh1 Rh6 37.Rh3 Qg6 38.Be3 Qa6 39.Bf2 Qxa2 40.Be1 a5

"The finish is not lacking in humorous touches," writes Keene—White is completely helpless against the advance of Black's a-pawn.

41.Kf1 Qb1 42.Ng1 a4 43.Ke2 a3 44.Rf1 a2 0-1

In all three of the above games, White was forced to play defensively in order to maintain his doubled pawns. As a result, White's passive play gave Black more freedom for operations elsewhere on the board.

JUST ANOTHER GRANDMASTER DRAW!!

by Cyrus Bondari

I had intended to share the following game with ICB readers for some time, but I was truly inspired to submit this article when I went over the game Fred Gruenberg - Tim Just: 1.e4 d5 Draw!! Sometimes I wonder how many of the draws that appear in the crosstables are really fighting chess. You will, too, after you go over the following game!

I have always enjoyed studying Tal's games; his imaginative play and creativity have always amazed me. The following game is one of the most exciting draws that I have ever seen.

Lajos Portisch - Mikhail Tal
Amsterdam 1964

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d6 3.d4 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.O-O O-O 6.c4 Bg4 7.Nc3 Qc8

My books recommend 7...Nc6. If 8.d5, then 8...Na5. One possible line is 9.b3 c5!; 9...Nxd5?? is bad because of 10.Nxd5 Bxa1 11.Bd2 c6 12.Nxe7! +, if 11...Nxb3, then 12.Qxb3 is much better for White.

8.Re1 Re8 9.Qb3

Now Black can no longer play 9...e5, because of the reply 10.Nxe5!!

9...Nc6 10.d5 Na5

Better is 10...Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd4 12.Qa4 Nxf3+ =. If White plays 11. exf3, then 11...Nd4 followed by ...c5 with an equal position. But Tal has something else in mind.

11.Qa4 b6 12.Nd2 Bd7 13.Qc2 c6

certainly would have preferred 13...c5. Now White stands much better.

14.b4

How is Tal going to respond to this? I think it's time to panic! After 14...Nb7, Black's chances look very bleak.

14...Nxc4?!?!

The start of a very complicated but creative and entertaining combination. How far ahead do you think Tal has calculated?

15.Nxc4 cxd5 16.Na3

The only move. Both 16.Nd2 and 16.Ne3 lead to inferior positions after 16...d4. E.g., 16.Ne3 d4 17.Bxa8 Qxa8, and one of the Knights must go. Or 16.Nd2 d4 17.Bxa8 dxc3, and White must lose another piece.

16...d4!! 17.Bxa8

Very greedy. I wouldn't have given up the Bishop, but after 17.Nd1 d5, Black gets some counterplay for the piece.

17...Qxa8 18.Ncb5 Rc8 19.Qd1 Ne4 20.f3 a6

20...d3 would win back an Exchange, but obviously Tal does not care about the material!

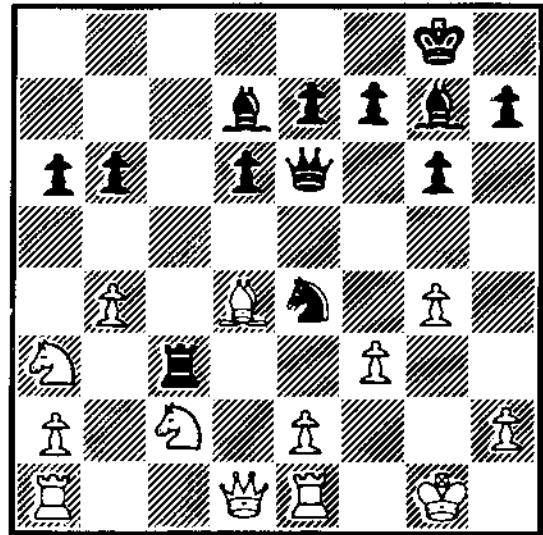
21.Nxd4 Qd5 22.Be3

22.Nac2 was another possibility; play might go 22...Nc3 23.Qd3 e5 24.Nb3 Qe6, with the idea ...Bb5.

22...Rc3 23.Ndc2

23.fxe4 might be better. For example, 23...Qxe4 24.Bf2 Rxa3 25.Rc1 +-. The text move also should win, but it leads to an extremely complex position.

23...Qf5 24.g4 Qe6 25.Bd4



Although it's miraculous that Tal got so much play from an inferior opening, he now looks completely busted. What is the most logical move?

25...h5!!

So obvious! Already a Rook down, with almost every piece hanging, it makes sense to push a pawn!

26.Bxg7 hxg4 27.Nd4

27.Bc3 is much better. After 27...g3 28.fxe4 Qh3 29.hxg3 is a draw, but White can improve with 28.Qd4 gxh2 29.Kh1 Ng3+ 31.Kxh2 Qh3+ 32.Kg1 e5 33.Qxb6 Bf5 34.Bxe5 dxe5 35.Qb8+ Bf5 36.Qxe5 and White should win, but then it's not easy calculating these moves when the great Tal is sitting across the table from you and the clock is ticking away!

27...Qd5 28.fxe4 Qxe4

Analyzing this position is like opening a can of worms; the possibilities are endless! Perhaps 29.Qd3!?

29.Nf3 Qe3+ 30.Kh1 Bc6 31.Rf1 Rxa3 32.Qc1 gxf3!! 33.Qxc6

33.Qxe3 is bad because of 33...fxe2+ 34.Kg1 exf1+ and ...Rxe3, winning easily.

33...Qxe2 34.Rg1

A fantastic endgame arises after 34.Rxf3 Rxf3 35.Bd4 Rf1+ 36.Rxf1 Qxf1+ 37.Bg1; or after 34.Qc8+ Kxg7 35.Qh3 f2 36.Qg2 (not 36.Qxa3 Qe4+ mating) 36...Rf3. In both cases, Black should have better chances with his massive central pawns moving against White's immobile heavy pieces! [I'd take the side with the extra Rook. Who has the better chances, readers? Be sure to pack a lunch—Ed.] But Portisch avoids the endgame.

34...Kxg7 35.Rae1 Qd2 36.Rd1 Qe2 37.Rde1 Qd2 38.Rd1 Qe2 39.Rde1 1/2-1/2!!

White cannot allow Black to play ...Rxa2, while the other Rook has to remain on g1, leaving White no choice but to take the draw. A fantastic battle between two true fighters!!





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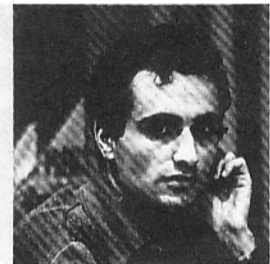
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ADRIAN INGRAM, SCHOLASTIC STAR

Bill Brock & Jonathan Godfrey

Who is Adrian Ingram, and why was his name on the cover of the April 1990 *Chess Life*? The 12-year-old from Bloomington has already become a dominant player on the Illinois scholastic chess scene. As of December, Adrian's 1772 rating made him the 13th-best player in the nation under 13. Adrian recently pushed his rating up to 1845 with a undefeated 4-1 result in the Under-2000 section of the Ohio Winter Open. This new rating should put him on the Under-16 list! Clearly, Adrian has the potential to contend for the highest national scholastic honors.

Before his ascension to Class A, Adrian had already enjoyed considerable success in tournament chess. He played in his first tournament at the age of nine and earned an impressive rating of 1466. In 1988, he won the Illinois Elementary Championships; in 1989, he placed seventh in the National Elementary Championships. Adrian's previous results in adult tournaments had been less spectacular but quite solid, including a respectable score of 3 1/2 points in the 1989 U.S. Open, and 4 out of 6 in the Under-1900 Section of the Micro Resales Champaign-Urbana Open.

How did Adrian become such a strong player at such a young age? His father, Randy, had a lot to do with it. Randy is an ICA member and a solid B-player who taught Adrian how to play at the age of six. Three years later, Adrian began to accompany his father on visits to the Twin Cities Chess Club. There, he got the chance to face strong players such as Andy McGowan, a strong Expert who tied for third place in the 1989 Illinois Open. Andy now serves as Adrian's chess trainer.

In addition, Adrian is fortunate to live in a region with active scholastic chess programs. Twin Cities organizers like ICA Metro Vice-President Garrett Scott have taught elementary school youngsters the basics of the game and made it possible for them to enjoy tournament competition. This program has also produced other strong players: Mike Nichols, for example, who earned a ranking of 26th in the nation with a 1611 rating. Other scholastic programs could profit from following the example of Bloomington-Normal. [Champaign's David Asher is 34th on the list, with a 1577 rating.]

It should be noted that Adrian's success is not the result of a monomaniacal dedication to the game. He is an excellent student, having earned straight A's in his first two semesters of 7th grade at Bloom Junior High School—geography and math are among his favorite subjects. He enjoys tennis and golf, but he may not have been able to play either sport for a couple weeks because he recently broke an arm playing basketball. When the fracture was set, Adrian told his family he was planning to intimidate his next scholastic opponent by brandishing his cast as a weapon. Adrian, his father, his mother, Patricia, and his younger sister Sarah live in Bloomington; his older sister Lisa is at college.

It's difficult to evaluate Adrian's true strength from the following games, as none of his three opponents are able to offer a contest. It's obvious that Adrian has not yet memorized ECO—his opening play is simple and unpretentious. This pragmatic approach to the game may be due to the influence of

his two favorite players, Lasker and Capablanca. With the White pieces, Adrian plays 1.e4; as Black, he is fond of the King's Indian and the Spanish. Yet Adrian has also begun to read *Chess Informant*, and Timman is one of his contemporary heroes.

As we go to press, we learn that Adrian had two more excellent tournament results in March. He finished second in the Illinois Junior High championship, just behind the top-seed, Israeli exchange student Nitzen Rosenfeld. He then won a five-round adult Action Chess tournament. Adrian's further progress, however, may be endangered by the imminent loss of his trainer; Andy McGowan may soon be leaving the Twin Cities for law school. We hope that as Adrian and his peers improve, steps are taken to make advanced lessons available to them.

David Trent (1850)

Adrian Ingram (1772)

1990 Ohio Winter Open

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 O-O 5.d3 e6 6.Bd2 d5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Rc1 c6 9.Nf3 Re8 10.O-O Nbd7 11.b4 a6 12.Na4 Qe7 13.Nd4 Ng4 14.e3 Nge5 15.Be1 Nf6 16.Nb6 Rb8 17.Nb3 Bf5 18.Nc5 Nfd7 19.Nbxd7 Nxd7 20.e4 dxe4 21.dxe4 Nxc5 22.exf5 Rbd8 23.Qc2 Nd3 24.Rb1 Nxe1 25.Rfxe1 Qxe1 + 26.Rxe1 Rxe1 + 27.Bf1 Rdd1 28.fxg6 hxg6 29.Kg2 Rxf1 30.Qc4 Bd4 31.f4 Rf2 + 32.Kh3 Rdd2 33.Kh4 Rxh2 + 34.Kg5 Rh5 + 0-1

Adrian Ingram (1772)

Donald Chesbrough (1805)

1990 Ohio Winter Open

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 c6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 Bxf3 7.Bxf3 e6 8.a3 Nf6 9.O-O Bd6 10.Re1 Qc7 11.h3 Be7 12.Bg5 Nbd7 13.Qe2 h5 14.d5! Ng4 15.Bxg4 hxg4 16.Bxe7 cxd5 17.Qxg4 Nb6 18.Bh4 Qc4 19.Qxc4 dxc4, and White soon won.

Adrian Ingram (1772)

Joseph Yu

Bloomington-Normal, 1989 [Annotated by Bill Colias]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6

The most energetic move, although Black could also try 4...d6 or 4...Qe7.

5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4 + 7.Bd2

White could enter the great complications of the Möller Attack with 7.Nxc3 Nxe4 8.O-O Bxc3 9.d5.

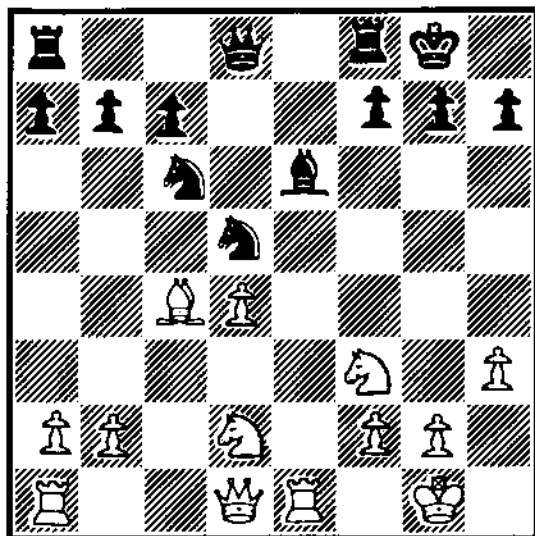
7...Bxd2 + 8.Nbx2 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.O-O

10.Qb3 is usually played here; why does theory say it's a

better move than the natural 10.O-O? Perhaps the reason is that after 10.Qb3 Nce7, Black no longer has the resource ...Na5 (see the following note)

10...O-O 11.Re1 Bg4 12.h3 Be6

I think Black should have maintained the pin with 12...Bh5. White's Queen would then be a little uncomfortable: e.g., 13.Qb3 Na5.



13.Bb5!

Nice. White threatens to double Black's pawns, and after 13...Nce7, Black's Queen no longer covers the g5 square.

13...Nce7 14.Ng5 Bd7 15.Bxd7

Not bad, but I don't like to exchange pieces when it develops an enemy piece. The Bd7 was in the way; now Black's Rooks will be connected.

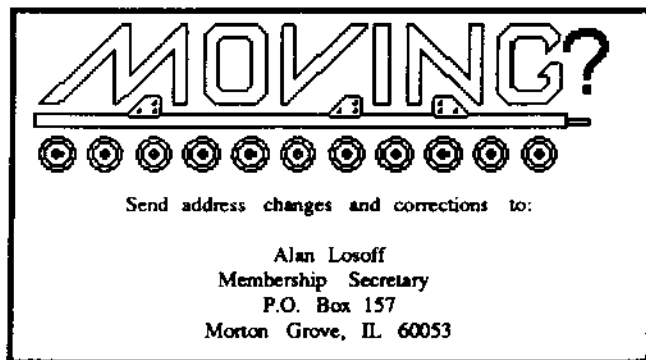
15...Qxd7 16.Ndf3 Rfe8?

This Rook was needed on f8 to protect the f7 pawn. White wastes no time bringing the point home with some nice shots.

17.Ne5 Qf5 18.Qh5 f6 19.Qf7+ Kh8 20.Ne6 Rg8 21.Qxe7!

21...Nxe7 22.Nf7 mate.

21...h6 22.Nf7+ Kh7 23.Qc5 Rae8 24.g4 Qg6 25.Qxd5 Qxf7 26.Ng5+ 1-0



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WHEELER Stephan	4 (2)
VERO Carl	3.5(1)
ALLISON Roger	3 (1)
BOLITHO Thomas	3 (1)
BOURGERIE Dennis	3 (1)
CALDWELL Scott	3 (1)
FULLER Bret	3 (1)
LEALI Michael	3 (1)
ROCKWELL David	3 (1)
STAFFORD Jerry	3 (1)
BUTTNY Bill	2.5(1)
MILLS Paul	2.5(1)
PUKEL Bernard	2.5(1)
RACE Thomas	2.5(1)
ALBERTS Wally	2 (1)
BARBIER Mark	2 (1)
LEBO Steven	2 (1)
STOTLER Richard	2 (1)

Look for Barry Bouton and Larry Cohen to battle it out on both the Expert and Class A fronts this year—fight fair, guys, no sandbagging!

Next issue, we'll incorporate the results from the Greater Peoria Open. Although there's plenty of Illinois tournaments to play in this spring, the Tour takes a breather until June. Plan ahead, because we'll have Tour events on three consecutive weekends: on the 9th of June, it's the **1990 Peoria Tornado**; June 16, hop off the Tri-State for the **Harry Nelson Pillsbury Memorial** in Hammond; and June 22-24, experience the thrills and chills of accelerated pairings at **Master Challenge XII**.

WHITED William	2 (1)
WILLIAMS Mike	2 (1)
BYRNES Randy	1.5(1)
DENNIS Mike	1.5(1)
GRAVES Bill	1.5(1)
WARFIELD Thomas	1.5(2)
WULATIN David	1.5(1)

Class B Tour Points:

HAUPTFELD Sven	16 (1)
ENGELN Mark	8 (1)
MADERA Bill	8 (1)
OWIECKI Roger	8 (1)
PARSONS Bob	8 (1)
WARFIELD Thomas	4.5(2)
FRAATS Daniel	4 (1)
HOLLAND Kirnes	4 (1)
MARSHALL Ken	4 (1)
PADILLA Rudy	4 (1)
VERO Carl	3.5(1)
CALDWELL Scott	3 (1)
FULLER Bret	3 (1)
HICKS Charles	3 (1)
LEALI Michael	3 (1)
MICHALAK Philip	3 (1)
REED Boyd	3 (1)
SINGER Robby	3 (1)
STAFFORD Jerry	3 (1)
WALLER Ronald	3 (1)
GRANT Dennis	2.5(1)
INGRAM Randy	2.5(1)
KITTSLY Scott	2.5(1)
PALMER Ken	2.5(1)
TERRANCE Terry	2.5(1)
BARBIER Mark	2 (1)
FULTON Steve	2 (1)
GASIECKI Alan	2 (1)
HIBBS Robert	2 (1)
HUGHES Nathaniel	2 (1)
JOHNSON Eric	2 (1)
LEBO Steven	2 (1)
LESTER Michael	2 (1)
STOTLER Richard	2 (1)
VIGANTS Albert	2 (1)
WILLIAMS Mike	2 (1)

BALES Robert	1.5(1)
BIEZYNSKI Stan	1.5(1)
DENNIS Mike	1.5(1)
KEMPNER Robert	1.5(1)
PAMPPEL William	1.5(1)
WHITMOR Rich	1.5(1)
BERKHEIMER Ed	1 (1)
CLARK Wayne	1 (1)
GIBBS Morris	1 (1)
GORDON Steve	1 (1)
KIRKPATRICK Donald	1 (1)
WARREN Harry	1 (1)
MC ALISTER Kelvin	0.5(1)

Class C Tour Points:

PADILLA Rudy	4 (1)
FULLER Bret	3 (1)
HICKS Charles	3 (1)
REED Boyd	3 (1)
WALLER Ronald	3 (1)
PALMER Ken	2.5(1)
BARBIER Mark	2 (1)
FULTON Steve	2 (1)
GASIECKI Alan	2 (1)
HIBBS Robert	2 (1)
LEBO Steven	2 (1)
LESTER Michael	2 (1)
BALES Robert	1.5(1)
BIEZYNSKI Stan	1.5(1)
KEMPNER Robert	1.5(1)
WHITMOR Rich	1.5(1)
BERKHEIMER Ed	1 (1)
CLARK Wayne	1 (1)
GIBBS Morris	1 (1)
GORDON Steve	1 (1)
KIRKPATRICK Donald	1 (1)
WARREN Harry	1 (1)

Class D Tour Points:

BARBIER Mark	2 (1)
WHITMOR Rich	1.5(1)
GIBBS Morris	1 (1)
WARREN Harry	1 (1)

CHICAGO CHESS CENTER

Casual chess is moving up in the world! Evening skittles games are now played in the same room used for tournaments (and if you know the CCC, you know what a difference playing upstairs makes).

Unrated **Mehrdad Pedram** won his second CCC tournament, **Lust for Sacs #2** (Jan. 14), with a 4-0 score. **Gerald Seldner** (2166) beat Chuck Kramer (2166) to win **Rook Romp #1** (Jan. 20); **Kramer** recovered to win **Rook Romp #2**. **Allan Calhmer** (1810) upset top-seeded Brad Crawford (2058) to take **Point Pay-Off #1** (Jan. 27). **Chris Baugh** (1921) beat two Experts on his way to 4-0 in **Benoni Bash #1** (Feb. 3); **Andy Wittie** (2210) scored 3.5-0.5 in **Bash #2**—Baugh took the A/B prize; **Todd Fuch** (1594) and **Mark Wallace** split the C/D honors. **Angelo Sandrin** (2178) won **Cheap Thrills #1** on Feb. 10; **Jammie Gregory's** 3-1 was good for clear first in **Cheap Thrills #2**. **Gene Scott** (2083) copped the first prize on Feb. 17, while **Greg Fischer** (1879) had a perfect 3-0 on Feb. 18. **Brad Crawford** won

on March 3 with a 3.5-0.5 score, while Michigan's **Robin Cunningham** (2204) swept the field 4-0 on March 4. Finally, **Angelo Sandrin** won yet again on March 10.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS COMING TO TWIN CITIES

Garrett Scott tells us that a scholastic chess camp is being planned for late June at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington. For information, call Garrett at 309/452-8116.

Immediately after the camp, the **Midwest International Cadet Tournament** will give Twin Cities players under 16 a chance for friendly competition with players from Bloomington-Normal's sister cities Vladimir, USSR, and Canterbury, England.

Finally, Garrett tells us the Illinois Wesleyan is the likely site for the U.S. Junior Closed Championship, to be held July 7-18. If so, local organizers will likely hold a parallel event. We hope to have more information on all of the above for the next ICB.

THE JOY OF LOSING

Randy Pals

[Regular ICB chess humorist David Wulatin is taking a brief sabbatical to write for money. Randy Pals kindly fills in for Dave with a tale of chess pathos—Ed.]

In the Class A section of the recent Illinois Class Championships, I lost all my games. Two of these games were to B players who were playing up. While contemplating my worst-ever tournament result, I thought, "Let's look at the bright side. There must be something good about losing." And there are good things. Lots of them.

1. A bye, instead of a neutral yawner, becomes a positive boon. A little 1/2 point gift can be the only thing standing between you and a complete goose egg. For example, I took a bye in one round of the Illinois Class, and lucky I did! Now instead of occupying a position of infamy at the very bottom of the crosstable, I will be relegated to one of mere obscurity. [Sorry, Randy, you were still at the very bottom of the crosstable: see the last issue—Ed.]

2. You don't have to mark your result on the pairing sheet. After all, what's the worst that could happen? Double forfeit? You should be so lucky. Declared **persona non grata**? That would put you in some good company. Subjected to a FIDE-sponsored Spanish Inquisition? Far too extreme to be expected.

Failing to record your result can be used as a vent for your hostility. For example, when the T.D. drones, "You must mark your result on the pairing sheet," you can chuckle to yourself, "In your face, buddy!"

3. After hitting your USCF rating floor, you can trash your flaccid, wimpy openings in favor of the openings that **real** men play. Imagine the terror that will grip the hearts of your regular opponents when, instead of your normal King's Indian Reversed, you trot out **1.f3!** followed by **2.Kf2!**—the "Hammerschlag." What a macho name! It's useful for impressing your semi-chess-playing friends when they ask what opening you play. A booming, "I play the Hammerschlag" beats a nasal "I play the Barcza System" any day.

It would be remiss not to offer a similar repertoire for the Black side. Consider the shock value when, in response to **1.e4**, you spurn your Classical Caro-Kann, and play **1...f5!** with the calm confidence of a Christian holding four aces. If that variation fails to impress, you could always fall back on Panno's innovation against Fischer at Palma 1970: **1...Resigns!** Although Panno used this variation against the English, it seems playable against almost any nationality.

4. Of course, the same "reckless abandon" strategy applied equally well to the middlegame. Who among us hasn't drooled over moves like Fischer's **...Nxf2!!**, Colle's **Bxh7+!**, or Tal's trademark **YxZ!** (good for any Y > Z). Now is your chance to play these moves yourself. The positions may not exactly match those in the above-mentioned games, but don't let details deter you. It is better to have given than to have taken away.

5. A long string of losses will inspire tremendous overconfidence in your opponents. Just before your game, reinforce their attitude with some idle chatter: "I used to play the Pirc (pronounce this **perk**) but I got tired of zugzwanging my King's Bishop. Then I switched to Alekhine's Defense (pronounce this **AL-ex-hines**), but my Knight always became isolated. Now I'm doing much better with the Sicilian by applying the quartgrip down the semi-open rank, while leveraging off my bad-squared Rook. By the way, I like Bogoljubov's (pronounce this correctly) chances in the next Interzonal. Who do you like?" This is the caissic equivalent of the fumblerooski. It'll be like starting the game a piece up.

6. Finally, you can write articles about losing and actually get them published. Which beats getting your losses published—hands down.

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Bright, reliable, trustworthy chessplayer wanted to work in the ICCF-U.S. correspondence chess office. When not helping maintain the chess data base and its tournaments, you will assist in the general operations of an investment management business. Part-time or full-time employment in northwest Chicago suburb. \$6.00-\$8.00 to start depending on experience and ability. References and resume required.

Write: Max Zavanelli, ICCF-U.S. Secretary,
729 South Prospect, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

ICA SCHOLASTIC CLINIC ON MAY 5

Chess coaches are reminded that the ICA is organizing a clinic for scholastic players at all levels on May 5 at the College of Lake County in Grayslake. There will be three hours of classes in the morning, followed by a three-round Action Chess event open to all. Contact Tim Just for more information: 708/246-6665.

ROCKFORD WEST, OAKLAND ELEMENTARY WIN AT ILLINOIS GRADE SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Rockford West Junior High School captured the State Junior High School championship, open to teams of students in 6th-8th grade. Bloomington's Oakland Elementary walked away with the other two team awards: the Elementary Championship, for 4th-5th graders; and the Primary Championship, for 1st-3rd grade teams. We'd be happy to run a fuller report in the May-June issue if someone sends us more information.

GUREVICH, CHOW GRAND PRIX WINNERS

Two Chicago players are to cash checks as winners in the 1989 Novag Grand Prix. GM Dmitry Gurevich won \$1,500 for finishing fourth in the nation, while FM Albert Chow snuck in to win the final prize, \$100 for twentieth.

PLUS-SCORE UPDATE

More results from Bill Smythe's Plus-Score Opens at Chicago Chess Mates. Chuck Kramer (2278) won #16 (held February 18) with a 4-0 score; Al Chow (2399) was upset by Leonard Beasley (1872) in the first round. Chow came back to win #17 (March 10), also with a perfect score. The next day, he tied with Anthony Marquez (2024) in #18: Chow was upset again, this time at the hands of Marquez.

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Tournament Calendar

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April 17-May 15: Chicago Chess Mates 5-Tuesday Evening Swiss. 5-SS, 40/90. 1261 W. Loyola, Chicago. EF at site: \$21. REG: 6-7 p.m. 312/262-9100.

April 21: The Pawn Storms of Spring Open. 3-SS octagonal, 30/1, SD/30. Washington Park Pavilion, north of corner of Park Ave. & S. Grand Ave. W., Springfield. EF: \$18. \$135 b/section of 8. ENT: Thomas B. Knoedler, 2104 S. 4th St, Springfield 62703. 217/523-7265. NS, W.

April 21-22: Woodpusher "Class-1C." Two one-day events. 3-SS, 40/1, SD/30. Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N. Southport. Three sections: Over 1999, 1600-1999, 1599/Under. EF: \$25. \$75% of entries, b/4 entries. REG: 9-9:45 a.m. 312/929-7010. NS.

April 28-29: Oak Pk.-Forest Pk. CC Spring Open. 5-SS, 40/90, 15/30, Mohr Community Center, 7640 Jackson, Forest Pk. EF: \$15 if rec'd by 4/25, \$20 site. \$265 b/30. ENT: Ken Marshall, 357 W. Grove, Lombard 60148. 708/932-1455. NS, W.

April 28-29: Points on Interest. Two one-day events. 3-SS, 45/90, SD/30. Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N. Southport. EF: \$15. \$30/3 pts.; 20, 2.5 pts.; 10, 2 pts. REG: 9-9:45 a.m. 312/929-7010. NS.

May 5-6: Jules Stein Open. 4-SS, 40/100, 25/1, SD/30. Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N. Southport, Chgo. 60657. EF: \$35 by 4/30, \$37 at site. \$1,000 b/30. REG: 8:30-9:30 a.m. 312/929-7010. NS.

May 12: '90 Tuley Pk. 1/4 k Action Swiss #3. 4-SS, G/30. 501 E. 90th Pl., Chicago. EF: \$15. REG: 11-11:45. \$200 guar.; \$300 b/21. Tom Fineberg, 312/721-3979.

May 12-13: Woodpusher's Dream. Two one-day events. 3-SS, 30/1, SD/30, Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N. Southport. EF: \$14 if rec'd by 5/7, \$17 at site. \$200 b/20. REG: 9-9:45 a.m. 312/929-7010. NS.

May 19-20: Sicilian Social. Two one-day events. 3-SS, 45/90, SD/30, Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N. Southport. EF: \$17 if rec'd by 5/14, \$20 at site. \$300 b/20. REG: 9-9:45 a.m. 312/929-7010. NS.

May 26-27: Patronage for Pawns. Two one-day events. 3-SS, 45/90, SD/30, Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N. Southport. EF: \$10. \$30/3 pts.; 20, 2.5 pts.; 10, 2 pts. REG: 9-9:45 a.m. 312/929-7010. NS.

June 2-3: Pawn-ography. Two one-day events. 4-SS, 40/1, SD/30, Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N. Southport. EF: \$14 if rec'd by 5/28, \$16 at site. \$200 b/20. REG: 9-9:45 a.m. 312/929-7010. NS.

June 9-10: A Touch of Class. Two one-day events. 3-SS, 45/90, SD/30, Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N. Southport. EF: \$15 if rec'd by 6/1, \$17 at site. Three sections: 1800-2199, 1400-1799, & Under 1399. \$70 b/6 per class. REG: 9-9:45 a.m. 312/929-7010. NS.

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	chart	score	tour
1 BONDARI Cyrus	2248 W19 D12 W20 W 6 W 4	4.5	8 M
2 ASH Robert	2116 W10 W 8 D 7 D 5 W 6	4	4 MX
3 ANDERSON Phil	2010 W16 W14 L 6 W 9 W 8	4	4 MX
4 COHEN Larry	1998 W 9 D 5 W15 W 7 L 1	3.5	3.5MXA
5 VERO Carl	1798 W21 D 4 W12 D 2 D 7	3.5	3.5MXAB
6 CALDWELL Scott	1749 W17 W23 W 3 L 1 L 2	3	3 MXAB
7 BOLITHO Thomas	1898 W24 W13 D 2 L 4 D 5	3	3 MXA
8 BOUTON Barry	1914 W22 L 2 W16 W13 L 3	3	3 MXA
9 FULLER Bret	1599 L 4 W21 W19 L 3 W17	3	3 MXABC
10 LEALI Michael	1732 L 2 W22 L13 W18 W12	3	3 MXAB
11 STAFFORD Jerry	1642 L13 W24 L14 W21 W15	3	3 MXAB
12 MILLS Paul	1907 W15 D 1 L 5 W20 L10	2.5	2.5MXA
13 SLATER Michael	2038 W11 L 7 W10 L 8 -	2	2 MX
14 WHEELER Stephan	1800 W18 L 3 W11 -	2	2 MXA
15 LEBO Steven	1514 L12 W19 L 4 W22 L11	2	2 MXABC
16 STOTLER Richard	1616 L 3 W18 L 8 L17 W21	2	2 MXAB
17 CALLAHAN Patrick	- L 6 L20 W24 W16 L 9	2	
18 BARBIER Mark	1382 L14 L16 W22 L10 W24	2	2 MXABCD
19 WILLIAMS Mike	1748 L 1 L15 L 9 W24 W20	2	2 MXAB
20 WARFIELD Thomas	1702 D23 W17 L 1 L12 L19	1.5	1.5MXAB
21 WARREN Harry	1330 L 5 L 9 Wbye L11 L16	1	1 MXABCD
22 KIRKPATRICK Donald	1529 L 8 L10 L18 L15 Wbye	1	1 MXABC
23 SANDBOTHE Bill	2085 D20 L 6 - -	0.5	0.5MX
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Unless otherwise noted, all tournaments require USCF membership. Illinois Tour events also require ICA membership for Illinois residents.

NATIONAL EVENTS

June 8-10: National Open, Las Vegas, NV. 6-SS. The New Riviera Hotel and Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Blvd. S. **\$25,000 in guaranteed cash prizes.** SEE AD IN THE CENTERFOLD OF THIS ICB. For more info, send a SASE to Fred Gruenberg, 2035 W. 110th Pl., Chicago 60643. 312/779-0306 evenings. NS, W.

August 5-17: U.S. Open, Jacksonville, FL

ILLINOIS TOUR EVENTS

June 9: 1990 Peoria Tornado. 4-SS. Garrett Center, 824 N. University, Peoria 61606. AN ICA MINI-TOUR EVENT. EF: \$11 if rec'd by 6/7, \$13 at site. \$\$125 guaranteed; \$25 b/6 class for classes A, B, C/under. SEE HALF-PAGE AD IN THIS ICB. REG: 8:00-8:45. Bill Naff, 212 W. Vail Ct., Peoria 61614.

June 16: Harry Nelson Pillsbury Memorial. 4-SS, 30/60, 15/30, SD/30. Hammond Public Library, Howard Branch, 171st & Grand Aves., Hammond, Indiana. AN ICA MINI-TOUR EVENT. EF: \$15. \$350 b/30. REG: 8-8:45 a.m. Jim Enochs, 6436 Jefferson Ave., Hammond, IN 46324.

June 22-24: Master Challenge XI, Forest Park. 5-SS, 40/100. Mohr Community Center, 7640 Jackson, Forest Pk. EF: \$34 if rec'd by 6/19, \$40 at site. AN ICA MAXI-TOUR EVENT. **\$3,000 in guaranteed cash prizes.** ENT: Ken Marshall, 357 W. Grove, Lombard 60148. 708/932-1455. NS, W.

OTHER EVENTS

April 6-8: Greater Chicago City Championship Grand Prix. 5-SS, 40/2, 20/1. Chicago Chess Mates, 1261 W. Loyola, Chicago 60626. Two sections: Master/Expert and Under 2000. \$\$800 b/40, 300 guaranteed. EF at site: \$30. REG: 5-7 p.m. Richard Verber, 312/262-9100.

April 7: 1st Libertyville Membership Trmt. 4-SS, 60/1. American Legion Hall, 715 N. Milwaukee, Libertyville. EF at site: \$14, youth \$8. REG: 7:30-8:30 a.m. Carl Simonson: 708/816-7550. NS.

April 7-8: King's Ransom. Two one-day events. 4-SS, 40/1, SD/30. Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N. Southport, Chicago 60657. EF: \$16. \$\$240 b/20. REG: 9-9:45 a.m. Ray Socha: 312/929-7010. NS.

April 8: SICL Almost Easter Open. 3-SS, 30/70, 40/1. Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon, at I-57, I-64, and Ill. Rt. 15. EF at site: \$20. REG: 8-9:15 a.m. Mark Oestreich: 618/532-5733. NS.

April 12: Chicago Chess Mates Every Thursday Action Tournament. 3-SS, G/30. Chicago Chess Mates, 1261 W. Loyola, Chicago 60626. EF: \$10. REG: 6-7 p.m. 312/262-9100.

April 14: Rockford Spring Ratings Open. 4-SS, 40/1, 20/30. Burpee Center-Rockford College, 5050 E. State St. & Bus. US 20, Rockford. EF: \$12 by 4/11, \$15 at site. Gary N. Sargent, 2764 Panorama Dr., Rockford 61109. LS, W.

April 14-15: Big Bang for Seven Bucks. Two one-day events. 4-SS, 40/1, SD/30. Chicago Chess Center, 2923 N. Southport. EF: \$7. REG: 9-9:45 a.m. 312/929-7010. NS.

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