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EDITOR'S CORNER



Illinois fared well at the 1994 US OPEN. Al Chow, Leo Kaushansky and Dmitry Gurevich finished at the top of the heap, along with three non-Chicago players and the Fred Cramer Award of Journalistic Excellence was awarded to the *Illinois Chess Bulletin* as the *Best State Publication*. The award was presented by the American Chess Foundation!

I would like to personally thank all of the individuals who contributed to the ICB being selected as the "*Best State Publication*." This award would not have been possible without the countless hours of donated time and effort. First, I would like to thank National Masters Tom Cooper and Alan Watson. These two gentlemen worked hard as Games Editors during the past year and provided most of the games published. Ken Marshall and Todd Barre deserve thanks for trying to catch all my typing and grammatical mistakes (not an easy task!) with their proofreading efforts. Al Losoff and Marvin Rogan contributed their photographic skills. Finally, I would like to thank the many article contributors who help fill the magazine with solid chess stories. Specifically, I would like to thank Dr. Eugene Martinovksy, Ken Marshall, Helen Warren, Fred Gruenberg, Tim Just and Dan Pradt for their fine contributions.

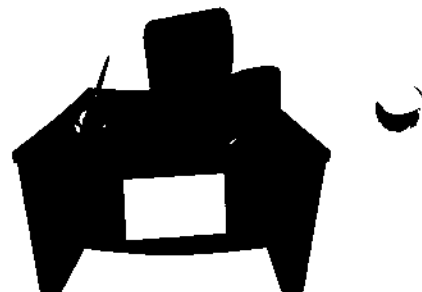
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—Bob Renaut

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PRESIDENT'S PODIUM



Three Illinois players, Dmitry Gurevich, Al Chow and Leo Kaushansky, tied for first (with 3 others) in the 1994 U.S. Open. One of the reasons the ICA tries to bring National tournaments to Illinois is to give local players a chance to show they can compete with the best.

Details are not yet firm for the 1995 U.S. Amateur Team Championships - Midwest. We expect it to be at the same site as last year over Presidents' Day weekend. Watch Chess Life for details.

It's not too soon to make plans for the 1995 National High School Championship, April 7-9. With well over a thousand players expected, the best hotel space will fill up early. Watch for details in the November Chess Life and School Mates. Don't forget that the high school championships are also open to elementary and junior high students.

I've just mailed off my annual donation to the Helen Warren Junior Chess program, and I hope you'll do the same. This program provides a variety of instructional opportunities for Illinois' most promising juniors.

The American Chess Foundation gave the Fred Cramer Award For Excellence an Chess Journalism to the *Illinois Chess Bulletin*. Congratulations to Bob Renaut and his staff for a job well done.

—Al Losoff

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 Peoria Spring Tornado (OPEN only)
 Fox Valley Low Cost Open #2
 Chicago International/Amateur,
 Chicago Open
 MCAC at DePaul,
 Fox Valley Low Cost Open #3
 Fox Valley Low Cost Open #4
 Bradley Summer Open
 Fox Valley Low Cost Open #5,
 Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score
 Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score

Not included (crosstable not yet received from organizer):

U.S. Open Sunday Mini-Tour

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Master Tour Points:

CHOW Albert	65
PANGAN Camilo	52.5
MANION Josh	39
GUREVICH Dmitry	37
MOTE David (2)	33
KITTILSEN Guy	31.5
STEIN Peter	30
VON KROGH Christophe	29.5
BUNGO D Gregory	28
ZINGHEIM F Scott	27
KARKLINS Andrew	26
COOPER Thomas	25
MARTINOVSKY Eugene	25

Expert Tour Points:

SZPISJAK Steve	48
KARKLINS Erik	33
SMYTHE Bill	32.5
HERNANDEZ Hector	31.5
KITTILSEN Guy	31.5
MC CARTHY Mike	31
SAX Robert	30
TUMS John	30
VON KROGH Christophe	29.5
FLAGA Krzysztof	28
OBERWEIS James D Sr	28
FAGAN James	25.5
HURCHALLA David	24

Class A Tour Points:

KITTILSEN Guy	41.5
OBERWEIS James D Sr	37
FAGAN James	36.5
SMYTHE Bill	32.5
SUKCHAROENPHON Kenga	29
FRISKE Thomas	28.5
LORING Steve	27
WILLIAMS Kent M	25
BOLITHO Thomas	22.5

Class B Tour Points:

ISRAELSEN Kirk	60
MIEL James	59.5
CLAY Harry	57
PADILLA Rudy	48.5

HENDERSON S E	42
OBERWEIS Julie (2)	33.5
PRATTS Michael	33
MC COY Damon	28.5
NOSTRANT Mark R (1)	28
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GAPUZ Wilfredo	25
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Class C Tour Points:

SIMS Mike	77
DELAY Joe	43.5
PRATTS Michael	36
PEDERSEN Ken	35.5
MITCHELL Gary	33
GORDIN Vladimir	31
MC COY Damon	28.5
GROEGER Andrew	28
ISRAELSEN Kirk	25.5
BACKSTROM Orn	24
BONWELL Jonathan (2)	22
CORNELIUS Brad	22
JASAREVIC Ersah	22

Class D Tour Points:

GETZ Barney	44
ROUSTAN Pierre	40.5
HORNOR Richard	38
HAMILTON Lloyd	35
STEVENS Joe	34
MARTIN William H (1)	32
STAPLES Carl	30
BALES Robert Jr	29.5
HENDRICKSON William	23

Class E Tour Points:

MARTIN William H (1)	32
HENDRICKSON William	23
ROBLEDO Mark Jr (1)	12
BOHLMAN Scott (1)	9
ZABACK Peter (1)	9
JOHNSON Nancy S	8
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ROBLEDO Mark (2)	8
HAWLEY Larry A (1)	7
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GM GUREVICH'S CORNER

by GM Dmitry Gurevich

Editor's Note: Please join me in welcoming Chicago's own resident Grandmaster, US Open Co-Champion, Dmitry Gurevich as a regular ICB contributor. GM Gurevich has agreed to join our contributor staff and provide his insights to the game of chess.

This year's Lloyds Bank Masters tournament was the strongest ever and featured representatives from 41 countries including 34 GM's. The main reason for this - it was a qualifying event for the Intel Speed Chess Challenge.

I think this tournament (unfortunately the last one with such a name, due to an interruption of sponsorship) also will be remembered for the birth of a new Russian star - 17 year old Aleksander Morozevich whose result (9.5 out of 10) and performance (2970) are among the top in chess history. The reader can see for himself the inspired play of this young Russian Grandmaster (not officially yet!). I chose to comment his game against Tony Miles.

Miles, A.J.
Morozevich, A.
Lloyds Bank Masters Tournament,
1994

1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘c6

Inviting White to play against the Chigorin Defence after 3.c4. In a few games of this event Morozevich made clear his preference for the old fashion systems in the opening.

3.g3

Choosing the quiet line. I am sure Anthony Miles knows a few ways of treating the

Chigorin because in the past he played it himself for Black (most notoriously against Anatoly Karpov in 1986).

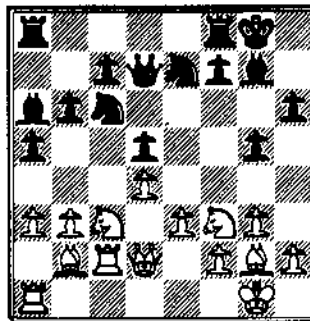
3...g6 4.♘g2 ♘g7 5.O-O e6 6.b3 ♘ge7 7.♘b2 O-O 8.c4 a5! 9.e3 b6 10.♙d2 ♘a6

Black has placed all his pieces comfortably. The position is considered equal.

11.♙c1 b6 12.cxd5 exd5
13.♘c3 ♙d7 14.a3 g5!

It looks like as White is going to launch his minority attack on the queenside, and Black on the King side of the board.

15.♙c2



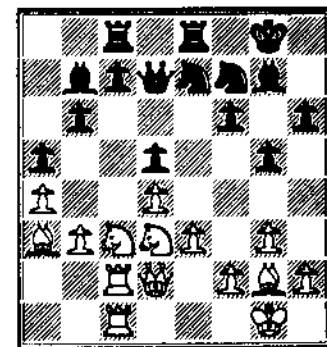
15...f6!

A very interesting strategical idea. Black recognizes the object of future White invasion - the e5 square - and covers it up. Anthony Miles won hundreds of Swiss tournaments where in similar situations his opponents would play 15..f5?!. Then White's play would have been easy: ♘ce2, ♙a4 and at the right moment ♘f3-e5!

16.♙a4

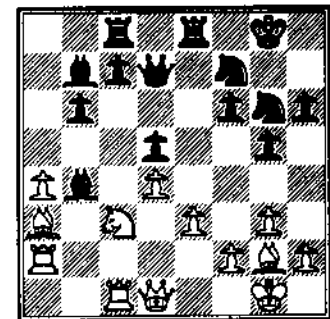
If now (or later) 16.e4 then 16...de4 17.♘xe4 ♘d5 18.♙a4 ♘ce7 and all the weaknesses are covered. This variation proves the particular importance of Black's 15th move.

16...♘b7 17.♘c1 ♘d8 18.♘d3 ♙c8 19.a4 ♘f7! 20.♙a3 ♙fe8!



Some players would have chosen the fancy looking but not so strong 19...♙f7 and 20...♘e6.

21.♙d1 ♘g6 22.b4 ♘f8! 23.♙a2 axb4 24.♘xb4 ♘xb4!

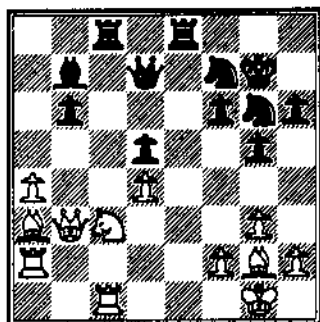


I think Morozevich anticipated this kind of position when he played 15...f6. I also noticed that he easily gives up his bishops for the knights (Chigorin reincarnated?).

25.♘xb4 ♘g7 26.♙b3?

If White has to blame something for his future misfortune, its this reckless move. He had a solid position after 26.♠d2 or even 26.♗a3

26...c5 27.♗a3 cxd4 28.exd4



28...♗a6!

If Miles saw this move before, he would never have played 26.♖b3?

29.♖d1

A sad necessity. Both 29.♖b6? and 29.♗xd5 lose to 29...♗xc3

29...♗c4 30.♞b2 ♞c6! 31.♞cb1 ♞e6!

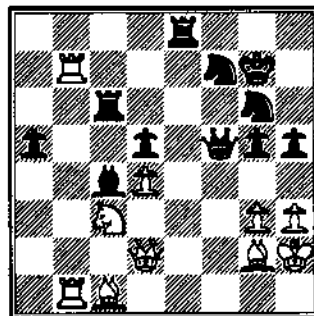
A Russian proverb says that "A good driver always has a green light". All Black's pieces are well located, while White's bishop and rooks are unemployed and the knight on c3 is an object of attack.

32.h3 f5 33.a5 bxa5 34.♞b7 f4 35.♞h2 fxg3+ 36.fxg3 ♖f5!

Preventing 37.♖f3? because of 37...♖f3 38.♗f3 ♞e3 39.♗d5 ♗d5 40.♗d5 ♞a3!

37.♖d2 h5! 38.♗c1

White finally found a job for his bishop, but for the price of weakening an important square not far from his King.

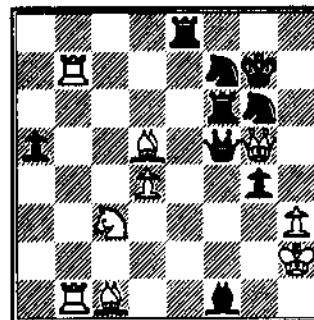


38...♗f1!

If now 39.♖xg5? then 39...♖xg5 40.♗g5 ♗g2 41.♞g2 ♞c3! and if 39.♗d5 ? then 39...♖h3 40.♞g1 ♖g3 41.♞f1 ♞f6!

39.g4?

Protecting the h3 pawn in a most unusual way. White loses a game but he still keeps his sense of humor. 39...hxg4 40.♗xd5 ♞f6 41.♖xg5 A final mistake in a lost position. I invite the reader to find Black's elegant combination.



41...♖f2+ 42.♞h1 ♗g2+ 43.♗xg2 ♞e1+ 44.♞h2 g3+!! 0-1

Chess News from around the World

Here are a few games from the PCA Candidate semi-finals.

White Anand, Viswanathan
Black: Adams, Michael

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3 dxe5 5. Nxe5 g6 6. g3 Bg7 7. Bg2 O-O 8. O-O c6 9. Re1 Bf5 10. c3 Nd7 11. Nf3 Re8 12. Nbd2 N7f6 13.

Nc4 Qc7 14. Nce5 Ng4 15. Nh4 Nxe5 16. Nxf5 gxf5 17. dxe5 e6 18. Qe2 Ne7 19. f4 Nd5 20. c4 Ne7 21. Be3 Rad8 22. b4 Rd7 23. Qf2 Nc8 24. a4 Red8 25. a5 f6 26. exf6 Bxf6 27. Rab1 Bc3 28. Rf1 Rd3 29. Kh1 Bd4 30. Bxd4 R3xd4 31. Rfe1 Qf7 32. Bd5 Qg7 33. Re5 R4xd5 34. cxd5 cxd5 35. g4 Ne7 36. Rxe6 fxe4 37. Qh4 Rd7 38. Rbe1 Kf8 39. f5 1-0

White: Kamsky, Gata
Black: Short, Nigel

1. d4 d5 2. c4 dxc4 3. e4 e5 4. Nf3 Bb4+ 5. Nc3 exd4 6. Nxd4 Ne7 7. Bxc4 Nbc6 8. Be3 O-O 9. a3 Bxc3+ 10. bxc3 Na5 11. Be2 b6 12. O-O Bb7 13. Qc2 Qe8 14. Rad1 Rd8 15. Bf4 Ng6 16. Bxc7 Bxe4 17. Qb2 Rxd4 18. cxd4 Bxg2 19. Kxg2 Qc6+ 20. D5 Qxc7 21. d6 Qb7+ 22. f3 Rd8 23. Kh1 Nf8 24. Rg1 g6 25. Rg5 Qb8 26. Qf6 Nd7 27. Qf4 Nc5 28. Rgd5 a6 29. Bf1 Nab7 30. Bh3 Re8 31. Re5 Rf8 32. Re7 Nd8 33. Qf6 Nc6 34. Re3 Qd8 35. Qxd8 Rxd8 36. d7 Kf8 37. Rd6 Na5 38. Rxb6 Nxd7 39. Rxa6 Nc4 40. Rd3 f5 41. f4 Ke7 42. Rc6 Ncb6 43. Bg2 Rb8 44. Rc7 Kd8 45. Rcxd7+ 1-0

White: Adams, Michael
Black: Anand, Viswanathan

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Nxe4 6. d4 b5 7. Bb3 d5 8. Dxe5 Be6 9. Nbd2 Nc5 10. c3 d4 11. Bxe6 Nxe6 12. cxd4 Nxd4 13. Nxd4 Qxd4 14. Qe2 Rd8 15. a4 Qd5 16. axb5 axb5 17. Qe4 Bc5 18. Qxd5 Rxd5 19. Ne4 Bd4 20. Nc3 Bxc3 21. Ra8+ Rd8 22. Rxd8+ Kxd8 23. bxc3 Ke7 24. f4 f5 25. exf6+ Kxf6 26. f5 Nc5 27. Be3 Ne4 28. Bd4+ Kf7 29. Be5 Re8 30. Bxc7 Nxc3 31. Ba5 Nd5 32. Rb1 b4 33. Rd1 Re5 34. g4 Ne3 35. Rd7+ Ke8 36. Rd8+ Ke7 37. Rd3 Rxa5 38. Rxe3+ Kd6 39. Re6+ Kc5 40. Re5+ Kb6 41. Re1 Rb5 42. Kf2 b3 43. Kf3 b2 44. Rb1 Ka5 45. Ke4 Ka4 0-1

MANION, YOUNG, TYEHIMBA TOP ILLINOIS OPEN

By Ken Marshall

Wisconsin Senior Master Josh Manion (2431), New York Senior Master Angelo Young (2431), and new Illinois resident Bem Tyehimba (2269) each finished 4.5-.5 to share the first three places and \$1,700 in the 1994 Illinois Open and State Championship. The five round Illinois Maxi-Tour event, sponsored by the Illinois Chess Association, took place September 3 through 5 and drew 157 players to the Ramada O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont. In the final round Manion defeated Lawrence Chachers (2393) and Tyehimba beat Andrew Karlins (2371), while Young drew with the only computer in the 69 player Open Section, COMPX B P (2297). As the sole Illinois resident among the winners, Tyehimba, who recently moved to the state and attends the University of Illinois in Champaign, was declared Illinois State Champion.

***Computer
Malfunction
Affects
Outcome of
Tournament***

Perhaps the major story of this year's Open was the Round 5 misadventure of COMPX B P. Having upset Andrew Karlins one round earlier, B P was paired with Young in the "money round". Young arrived late and then protested his pairing, stating that he did not want to play the computer. He eventually agreed to do so, provided that the 15 minutes which had run off his clock were put back on. That was done.

After nearly 5 hours of play, B P and Young each had fewer than five minutes of "sudden death" time left in a theoretically drawn, opposite color Bishops position. At the request of B P operator Bob Cullum, Assistant Tournament Director Walter Brown was about to declare the game a draw under the "no losing chances" rule applicable in "sudden death" play. At this critical point B P apparently thought it had lost on time and refused to move. Given the computer's "crash", Cullum resigned on its behalf. The half point gift enabled Young to share the first through third prize money, thereby decreasing both the money won by Tyehimba and Manion and also cutting down the prizes to be split by the four humans who ended up tied with B P (which was ineligible for prize money) for fourth and fifth places.



**New Illinois Open Champion - Bem Tyehimba (2269)
faces Andrew Karlins - Photo courtesy of Marvin Rogan**

Returning to the human side of chess: Peter Pelts, Albert Chow, Camilo Pangan, and Thomas Cooper all went 4-1, winning \$75 each, while Steven Szpisjak, Michael McCarthy, and John Tums divided the \$400 Expert money, each with 3.5-1.5 scores.

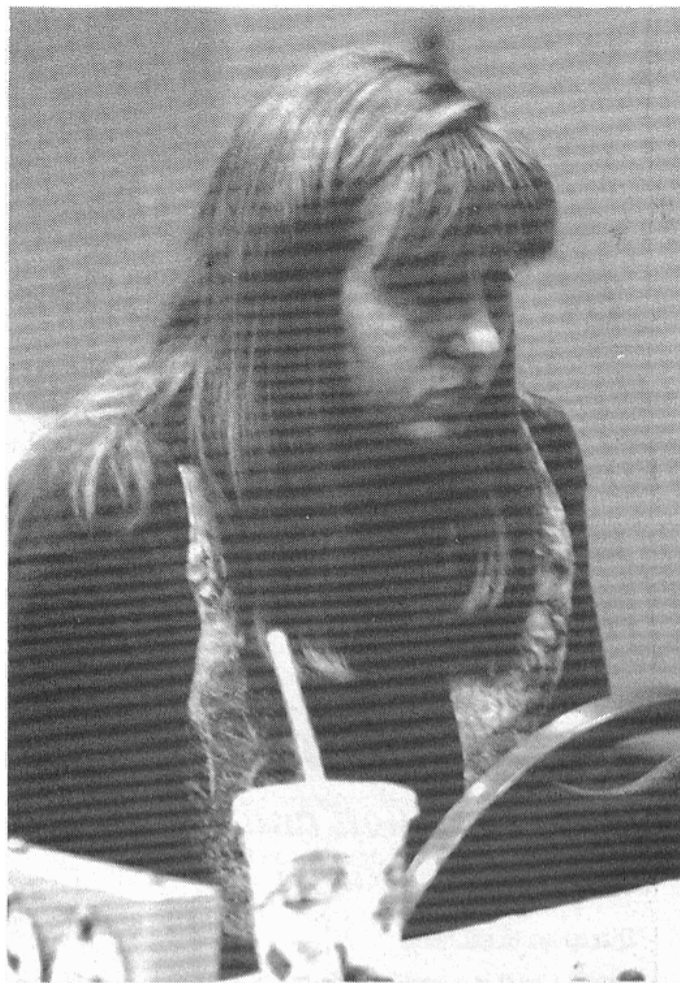
Top Class A honors were garnered by Timothy Bogan, whose 3.5-1.5 effort was good for \$250. Kent Williams, N. Eric Pedersen, Anna Zemlinsky, S.E. (Sam) Henderson, Jr., David Wulatin, and David Rockwell each scored 3-2 to win \$25 of the Class A \$150 second prize.

OBERWEIS, PRATTS SHARE RESERVE TITLE WITH 5-0 RESULTS

In the Reserve Section, Julie Oberweis (1651) and Dan Pratts (1573) posted perfect 5-1 results to top the 88 player field and take home \$275 apiece. Ratings were meaningless as far as the final standings were concerned: Oberweis, a senior at Aurora West High School and a long time student of Senior Master Richard Verber, was ranked fourteenth on the wall chart, while Pratts was ranked twenty seventh. Pierre Roustan, at 1348 the fifty third highest rated player, finished alone in third place at 4.5-.5 and won \$125. (Roustan did benefit from full point bye in Round 3, however.)

Splitting the \$75 fourth place money with 4-1 scores were Gennady Gertsman and Mark Engelen. Joe Delay, Damon McCoy, Craig Cochran, and Yaniv Inbar, each 4-1, tied for Class C honors and garnered \$50 apiece. Class D/E prizes totalling \$150 were shared by Ersan Jasaravic and Mark Robledo, Jr., who also ended up 4-1. (Robledo, Jr., rated 1165, beat three players rated 1540 or higher.) Martin Check lived up to his chess-related name and won \$75 as the top Unrated player for his 2.5-2.5 result. The \$15 Unrated second prize went to Gregory Witek, who finished 2-3.

Joshua Flores directed, assisted by Walter Brown.



Reserve Section Co-Champion Julie Oberweis (1651)
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The controversial game - BP vs Angelo Young -
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Fagan, J (1954)–Stein, P (2204)
KINGS' INDIAN [E90/5]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♕g7 4.e4
d6 5.♗f3 0-0 6.♕e3 ♗g4 7.♕g5
h6 8.♕h4 ♖e8 9.♕e2 ♗d7 10.0-0
c5 11.d5 ♗df6 12.♗d2 g5 13.♕g3
♗c5 14.♕xe5 dxe5 15.♖e1 e6
16.f3 ♗h5 17.♗f1 ♗f4 18.♗e3
♕d7 19.♖d2 h5 20.♖ad1 ♖f6
21.♕f1 g4 22.g3 ♗h3+ 23.♕xh3
gxh3 24.♖f1 ♕h6 25.♖e2 ♖g5
26.♗f2! ♖f8 27.dxe6 ♕xe6
28.♗cd5 ♗h8 29.f4 exf4 30.♗xf4
h4 31.♖h5! ♖xh5 32.♗xh5 f5
33.e5?! f4 34.gxf4 ♕xf4 35.♗xf4
♖xf4+ 36.♗e2 ♖e4 37.♖c1 ♖d8
38.b3 ♕g4+ 39.♖f3 ♖f8 40.♖f1
♖ef4?? 41.♗xg4 1-0

Round 3

**Bachler, K (2220)–
Curdo, J (2373)**
TWO KNIGHTS' def. [C56/5]

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♕c4 ♗f6
4.d4 exd4 5.0-0 ♗xe4 6.♖e1 d5
7.♕xd5 ♖xd5 8.♗c3 ♖a5 9.♗xe4
♕e6 10.♗eg5 0-0-0

Here Black sacs a pawn for
gobs of activity.

11.♗xe6 fxe6 12.♖xc6 h6 13.♖e2
♕d6 14.♕d2 ♖h5 15.♖e1 d3!
16.♖e4 ♖hf8! 17.cxd3 ♖xf3
18.gxf3 ♖xh2+ 19.♗f1 ♖h3+
20.♗e2 ♗d4+ 21.♖xd4 ♖xe6+
22.♗d1 ♖xa2 23.♖g4+ ♗b8
24.♖xg7

It almost looks like all of
Black's hard work is going to lead
to a prosaic winning endgame, but
there are more fireworks to come.

24...♖b1+ 25.♗e2 ♖e8+ 26.♕e3
♖c2+ 27.♗f1 ♖xd3+ 28.♗g2 b6
29.♖h1 ♖xe3!

An elegant finish!

30.fxe3 ♖e2+ 31.♗g1 ♖xe3+
32.♗g2 ♖e2+ 33.♗g1 ♕c5+ 0-1

**Chachere, L (2393)–
Denker, A (2299)**
KINGS' INDIAN [E94/6]

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♕g7 4.e4
d6 5.♗f3 0-0 6.♕e2 c6 7.0-0 e5
8.♖e1 ♕g4 9.♕e3 ♕xf3 10.♕xf3
♗bd7 11.♖d2 ♖c7 12.♖ad1
♖ad8 13.♖c2 ♖fe8 14.d5 c5 15.b4
a6 16.bxc5 ♗xc5 17.♖b1 ♖c8
18.♖ec1 ♗cd7 19.♕e2 h5 20.f3
♗h7 21.♖b2 ♖b8 22.♖c2 ♕h6
23.♕a7 ♖a8 24.♕f2 ♖ab8
25.♕a7 ♖a8 26.♕f2 ♖ab8
27.♗h1

Further repetition was
possible, but Chachere was not to
be denied his Grandmaster scalp.

27...♖ec8 28.♕a7 ♖a8 29.♕f2
♖ab8 30.♖a3

And again, repetition was a
reasonable resolution.

30...♕f8 31.♖cb2 ♗c5 32.♗a4
♗fd7 33.♖b4 ♖d8 34.♖b2 ♗xa4
35.♖xa4 ♗c5

The bishop will come to a7
no more, but Black's remaining
forces are huddled on the back
rank, and the pawn at c4 has no
lack of supporters.

36.♖b4 ♖d7 37.♖c2 ♕e7 38.g3
♖c8 39.♕f1 ♖c7 40.♕e1 ♖d7
41.h4 ♕d8 42.♗h2!?

The king takes on an active
role in the middlegame, in support
of the h3 square, taking away what
remains of Black's counterplay.

42...♖e8 43.♖b6 ♖cc8 44.♖6b2

White wisely declines the pawn at
d6, as the rook would be trapped
after Bc7. But the b-pawn is still
weak.

44...♗a4 45.♖xb7 .♕b6 46.♖xb8
♖xb8 47.♗g2 ♕a7?

Black would no doubt
have refrained from this plan had
he seen White's 53rd move, but it
is very tempting, as it is only a
temporary sacrifice. There is
serious counterplay against the
White king, but it takes the Black
queen away from the defense of
his own monarch which turns out
to be equally vulnerable. Perhaps
he should have played a quiet
move like Kg7, hoping to spring
the combination on the next
move. In any event, the entire
combination is a sign that the
veteran Grandmaster still
possesses a fertile imagination,
and this sacrifice almost joined his
considerable list of brilliant
strokes. But only almost...

48.♖xb8 ♖xb8 49.♖xa4 ♖b6
50.♗h3 ♖g1 51.♕g2 ♖xe1
52.♖d7! ♕f2 53.♖xf7+ ♗h6
54.♖g8

An exciting game in some
respects, though a messy one.
1-0

**Sharma, U (2006)–
Cotten, D (2177)**
ALBIN COUNTER gam. [D08/4]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4 4.♗f3
♗c6 5.a3 ♕g4 6.♕f4?!

Such pawns cannot be
held, and such materialism is not a
good strategy against a semi-sound
gambit like the Albin.

6...♗e7 7.♗bd2 ♗g6 8.♕g3
♖e7 9.h3 ♕xf3 10.♗xf3 0-0-0
11.♖a4 ♗b8 12.0-0-0 ♗xe5

13. ♖xe5 ♜xe5 14. ♜xd4 ♖f6
15. ♜b5 ♜xd1+ 16. ♜xd1 ♖c5
17. ♜c1

White has his extra pawn, but no development.

17... ♖xf2 18. ♜b1

Now he doesn't even have the pawn.

18... ♜d8 19. ♜c3

And the pieces are moving backwards...

19... ♖d4 20. ♜d1 ♖e1 21. g4 ♜xc4

22. ♖xc4 ♖xd1+

23. ♜a2

Now White is down a pawn.

23... ♖xb2

Who needs bishops of opposite color. Or bishops, for that matter.

24. ♖b3 ♖a1# 0-1

Round 4

Shabalov, A (2723)-

Rydberg, S (1952)

**SICILIAN- RICHTER ATTACK
[B65/9]**

1.e4 c5 2. ♜f3 d6 3. d4 cxd4
4. ♜xd4 ♜f6 5. ♜c3 ♜c6 6. ♖g5 c6
7. ♖d2 ♖e7 8. 0-0-0 0-0 9. f4 ♜xd4
10. ♖xd4 ♖a5

It takes a lot of guts to play the complex Classical Richter Rauzer against a national champion!

11. ♖c4 ♜d8 12. ♜d3?

What are we to make of the fact that Shabalov chose to deviate from the standard 12.Rhf1 here? That move is considered quite strong, and the theory has been fairly settled since the mid-1980s. But the text is an interesting try. Perhaps Shabalov was in an experimental mood, and the lift to d3 is certainly thematic, as seen in a number of games where Black chooses 11...Bd7, for example Shabalov-Inkirov, Gausdal 1991.

12... ♖c5 13. ♖xc5 dxc5 14. e5 ♜xd3 15. ♖xd3 ♜d5 16. ♖xc7 ♜xe7 17. ♜d1

White is better, since the Bc8 is bad, and the e4 square is open for business.

17... ♜c6 18. ♖e4 ♜d4 19. ♜b5 ♜e2+

The knight cannot be captured because of the back rank mate.

20. ♜b1 ♜f8 21. ♜d8+ ♜e7

22. ♜h8 ♜xf4 23. ♜d6 ♜d7

24. ♜xh7 1-0

Cunningham, W (2233)-

Stinson, M (2000)

ENGLISH OPENING [A35/1]

1. c4 c5 2. ♜c3 ♜c6 3. ♜f3 e5 4. c3 d6 5. d4 cxd4 6. exd4 ♖g4 7. ♖e2 ♜f6 8. d5 ♜e7 9. ♖b3 b6 10. a4 ♜d7 11. h3 ♜c5 12. ♖d1 ♖f5 13. b4 ♜e4 14. ♜xe4 ♖xe4 15. a5 ♖f5 16. c5 bxc5 17. bxc5 dxc5 18. ♜xe5 ♜b8 19. ♖a4+ ♖d7 20. ♖f4 f6 21. ♜xd7 ♜xd7

[21... ♜b4 22. ♜xf6+ gxf6
23. ♖xf6 ♜g8 24. d6 ♖g7
25. dxe7 ♖xf6 26. exd8=♖+
♜xd8 27. ♜a3 ♜b1 28. 0-0]

22. ♖a4+ 1-0

COMPX, BP (2297)-

Orlov, G (2628)

CARO-KANN [B17/18]

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. ♜c3 dxe4
4. ♜xe4 ♜d7 5. ♖c4 ♜gf6 6. ♜g5 c6 7. ♖e2 ♜b6 8. ♖b3 h6 9. ♜5f3 a5 10. a3 a4 11. ♖a2 c5 12. c3 ♖c7 13. ♜h3 ♖d7 14. ♖f4 ♖d6 15. ♖xd6 ♖xd6 16. ♜d1 0-0 17. 0-0 ♜a5

A bit artificial.

18. ♜fe1 ♖c6 19. ♜e5 ♖d5 20. dxc5 ♖xc5 21. ♖xd5 ♜bxd5 22. ♜d4 ♖c7

Clearly Orlov's opening strategy has not worked out well against the computer.

23. ♜c4 ♖e7 24. ♖d3 ♜b6 25. ♜d4 ♖c7 26. ♖e3 ♜bd7 27. ♜xd7 ♜xd7 28. ♖d3 ♜f6 29. ♜c4 ♖d8 30. ♖c2 ♖b6 31. ♜d1 ♜d8 32. ♜b4

The machine was happy here. At least that's how I interpreted the screen, which showed that the machine considered itself to be up more than half a pawn.

32... ♜xd1+ 33. ♖xd1 ♖a6 34. c4 ♖a8 35. ♜f4 ♖b8 36. g3 ♜e4 37. ♖d4 ♜c5 38. ♜d3 ♜xd3 39. ♖xd3 g5 40. ♖f3 b6 41. ♖e3 ♖d8 42. ♜xb6 ♜f5 43. ♜a6 ♖d1+ 44. ♜g2 g4 45. ♜b6 ♜h7 46. b4 axb3 47. ♜xb3 ♖c2 48. ♜c3 ♖a4 49. ♖e4 h5 50. h3 ♖d1 51. hxg4 hxg4 52. c5 ♜h6 53. ♜c4 f6

White has nothing better than going into an inferior rook ending now.

54. ♖xg4 ♖xg4 55. ♜xg4 ♜xc5 56. a4 ♜c2 57. ♜b4 ♜a2 58. g4 ♜g5

On the whole, the impression one gets from this game is that the human was sitting on the White side, while a program was conducting the play as Black.

1/2

Chow, A (2383)-Avery, R (2157)

KINGS' gam. [C34/6]

1. e4 e5 2. f4 cxf4 3. ♜f3 ♜f6 4. e5 ♜h5 5. ♖e2 d5 6. 0-0 ♖g4 7. d4 g5 8. c4 ♜g8 9. ♖b3 dxc4 10. ♖xb7 ♜d7 11. ♖xc4 ♜b8 12. ♖e4 ♜g6 13. ♜c3 ♖e7 14. b3 c6 15. ♖d3

Black's position seems to be an utter shambles, but it is not so easy to find a coherent plan for White.

15... ♜f8 16. ♖b2 ♜h6 17. ♜a4 ♜g7 18. ♜ac1 ♖f5 19. ♖e2 ♖d7 20. ♜d2 ♜f6

Black has consolidated, and White's formation lacks potential. In fact, it is becoming clear that his king has every reason to be nervous, while Black's, sitting comfortably in the center, might well have been smiling.

21. ♜c4 ♖d5 22. ♜e4 g4 23. ♜fc1 ♜g6 24. ♖e1 g3 25. hxg3 fvg3 26. ♜xc6!

The only move to stay in the game.

26... ♜f4 27. ♜xg6

The start of a necessary queen sacrifice.

27... ♜xd3 28. ♜xg7 ♜xe1 29. ♜g8+ ♜d7 30. ♜ac5+ ♖xc5 31. ♜f6+ ♜e6 32. ♜xd5 ♜xg8 33. ♜xc5 ♜d3 34. ♜f6

White has escaped into a drawish endgame.

34... ♖xc5 35. ♖xg8 1/2

**Hermansen,R (2176)--
Yermolinsky,A (2670)
SICILIAN-SOZIN [B57/9]**

1.e4 c5 2. ♖f3 ♖c6 3.d4 cxd4
4. ♖xd4 ♖f6 5. ♖c3 d6 6. ♖c4
♗b6

This has become one of Black's most popular replies to the Sozin.

7. ♖b3 e6 8.0-0

White is supposed to castle queenside if the plan is to play the bishop to g5 and transpose to Richter-Rauzer type positions. Therefore this move, in conjunction with the next, is misguided.

8...a6 9. ♖g5

Attention has shifted to the lines where White plays Bf4, preferably at move 8. The point is that even if White exchanges the bishop at g5 for the knight at f6 and doubles the pawns, there isn't enough firepower left to inflict much damage. In any event, such structures have been thoroughly examined in the context of the Richter-Rauzer, and Black has scored well. Kasparov is one of the recent converts to the plan with the bishop at f4.

9... ♖d7 10. ♗h1 ♖e7 11.f4 ♗c7
12. ♖e2

White has mixed a variety of plans and created a chop suey with little chance of developing a coherent strategy.

12...0-0 13. ♗e1 b5 14. ♖f3 ♗ac8

Black calmly develops, totally unimpressed by White's kingside ambitions.

15. ♗g3 ♗h8 16. ♗ae1 h6

Black has little to fear from the White attack, which is being conducted by just the queen and bishop with no supporting cast.

17. ♖h4 ♖g8 18.f5 b4 19. ♖d1
♖e5 20. ♖e3 ♗d8 21. ♖xe7 ♗xe7
22. ♖d1 ♖f6 23. ♗f4 ♖c6 24. ♖f3
♖xf3 25. ♗xf3 e5 26. ♗h4 d5

The thematic break comes, a sure sign that White is in deep trouble.

27. exd5 ♖xd5 28. ♗h3 f6 29. ♖a5

And I thought White was playing on the kingside...

29... ♖a8 30. ♖ec4 ♗fd8 31. ♗g4
♖f4 32. ♗h4 ♗f7 33. ♖e3 ♗d2
34. ♖b3

The knights have returned home after a fruitless excursion.

34... ♗xg2 35. ♗xg2 ♖xg2
36. ♖xg2 ♗xc2 37. ♗d1 ♖xg2+
38. ♗g1 ♗a7+ 0-1

Round 5

**Morris,M (2319)--
Curdo, J (2373)
RUY LOPEZ- STEINTZ . [C74/1]**

1.e4 e5 2. ♖f3 ♖c6 3. ♖b5 a6
4. ♖a4 d6 5. c3 ♖g4? 6. h3 ♖d7

If Black is going to place the bishop here anyway, what is the point of moving it to g4?

7.0-0 ♖ge7 8.d4 ♖g6 9. ♖bd2
♖e7 10. ♖b3 0-0 11. ♖c4 ♗h8
12. ♗h2 exd4 13. cxd4 ♖f6 14. ♖e3
♖a5 15. ♖c2 ♖c6 16. ♖d5! ♖h4
17. ♖xh4 ♖xh4 18.f4

Black has absolutely no pressure against White's big center.

18...f5 19.g3 ♖e7 20.e5 dxe5
21. ♖xe7 ♗xe7 22. dxe5
♗ad8 23. ♖e3 ♖b4 24. ♗c1 ♖c6
25. ♖b3 ♖d3 26. ♗c3 ♖e4
27. ♗fd1 b5 28. ♖c2 b4 29. ♗b3
♖c5 30. ♗c4 ♖e6 31. ♖xe4 fxe4
32. ♗xe4 c5

White's position is completely winning.

33.f5 ♖g5 34. ♗f4 ♖e6 35. ♗c4
♖g5 36. ♗f4 ♖e6 37. ♗f2 ♖d4
38. ♖xd4 cxd4 39. ♗xd4 ♗xd4
40. ♗xd4 ♗xf5 41. ♗e1 h6 42.e6
♗f6 43. ♗e4 ♗f2+ 44. ♗g1 ♗f8
45. ♗e2 ♗f6 46.e7 ♗f1+ 47. ♗h2
♗f2+ 48. ♗xf2 ♗xf2+ 49. ♗g2
♗e3 50. ♗a8+ ♗h7 51.e8=♗ ♗g5
1-0

Round 6

**Wachtei,H (2195)--
Cotten,D (2177)
ALBIN COUNTER gam. [D09/3]**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4 4. ♖f3
♖c6 5.g3 ♖e6 6. ♖bd2 ♗d7
7. ♖g2 ♖h3

Castling is normal, but this move is also interesting.

8.0-0 h5! 9. ♗e1? ♖xg2! 10. ♗xg2
h4 11. ♖f1 hxg3 12. fxg3 0-0-0
13.a3 ♖ge7 14. ♖g5 ♗e6 15. ♗a4
f6 16. exf6 gxf6 17. ♖d2 ♗b8
18. ♗c2 ♖e5 19. ♖xe5 fxe5
20. ♗e4 ♖g7 21. ♖g5 ♗df8
22. ♖xc7 ♗h3+
23. ♗g1 ♗xf1+ 24. ♗xf1 ♗xh2#
0-1

**Sheaf,M (2085)--
Denker,A (2299)
SICILIAN -DRAGON [B77/14]**

1.e4 c5 2. ♖f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4. ♖xd4 ♖f6 5. ♖c3 g6 6. ♖e3 ♖g7
7.f3 0-0 8. ♗d2 ♖c6 9. ♖c4 ♖d7
10.h4 ♗c8 11. ♖b3 ♖a5

The veteran Grandmaster resurrects an old variation, taking play away from the well-travelled paths of opening theory. On the other hand, this line has been discredited for decades, for good reason! It is slow, and the weakening of White's queenside is not worth the time expended by the knight maneuver.

12.0-0-0 ♖xb3+ 13.cxb3 b5
14. ♗b1 b4 15. ♖ce2 a5 16. ♖h6
♖xh6 17. ♗xh6 e5 18. ♖c2 d5
19.h5 ♗e7 20. ♗g5 d4 21. ♖cxd4!
exd4 22. ♗xd4 ♗fe8 23. hxg6 fxg6
24. ♗xa5

White has sacrificed a piece for three pawns, but also has an attack.

24... ♗b8 25. ♖f4 ♖b5 26. ♗xb4

Make that four pawns.

26... ♗e5 27. ♗a1 ♗xf4 28. ♗xb5
♗bc8 29.a4 ♗ed8 30. ♗c5 ♗a8
31. ♗c3

Suddenly the queen is aiming at the enemy king again.

31...♖a7 32.♗c8 ♗xc8 33.♞xc8+ ♞g7 34.♗c1

White is using his pressure to bring about a favorable endgame.

34...♞d6 35.♞c5 ♞b8 36.♞a2 ♗b7 37.♗c3 h5 38.e5 ♖g8 39.f4 ♖e7 40.♞d6! ♞xd6 41.exd6 ♖d5 42.♗c5 ♖b4+ 43.♞a3 ♖a6 44.♗c6 ♗a7 45.d7! ♗xd7 46.♗xa6 ♗d2 47.♗c6 ♗xg2 48.a5 1-0

**Moody,D (2003)--
Yakowenko,L (1643)
RUSSIAN def. [C42/1]**

1.e4 e5 2.♖f3 ♖f6 3.♗c4?

A line which has long been dismissed by theory, but has been investigated by Russian analysts for the past 8 years or so, and now borders on respectability.

3...♖xe4 4.♖c3 c6?

Black can just exchange knights, play ♖f6 and then fianchetto on the kingside, and hang on to the pawn. White does have some compensation, but not enough to force a win against best play. Just goes to show that you should be familiar with the classics, because the equalizing line is an old Morphy game.

[4... ♖xc3 5.dxc3 ♖6 (5... c6 6.♖xe5 d5 7.0-0 ♗d6 8.♗e1 ♗e6) 6.♖h4]

5.♗x17+

The attack plays itself.

5...♞x17 6.♖xe4 d5 7.♖xe5+ ♞c6 8.♞g4+ ♞xe5 9.d4+ ♞xd4 10.c3+ ♞e5 11.f4+ ♞xe4 12.f5+ ♞e5 13.♗f4+ ♞f6 14.♞g5+ ♞f7 15.♞xd8 ♗xf5 16.♗xb8 g6 17.♗f1 ♗g8 18.♞d7+ ♗e7 19.♗d6 ♗ge8 20.0-0-0 ♗ad8 21.♗xf5+ gxf5 22.♞xf5+ ♗f6 23.♞xh7+ ♞e6 24.♗f4 1-0

**Terrie,H (2200)--
Splinter,J (2056)
DUTCH - Leningrad [A87/1]**

1.c4 f5 2.d4 g6 3.g3 ♖f6 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.♖f3 0-0 6.b3 d6 7.♗b2 ♞e8 8.0-0 e5 9.dxe5 ♖g4

A pet line of expatriate American IM Jon Tisdall, now living in Norway.

10.♖c3 dxe5?!

But Tis got into trouble with this move. Better is Malaniuk's 10...Nxe5!

11.♖b5!?

White tries a new idea, which may be better than 11.h3 Nh6 12.e4 with a messy position, Loginov-Malaniuk, USSR 1987.

11...♖a6 12.h3 ♖h6 13.♞d2 ♖f7 14.♗fd1 ♞e7

[14... c6 15.♗a3 (15.♖d6! ♖xd6 16.♞xd6) 15... c5]

15.♗a3 c5 16.♗b2 ♖b4 17.a3 ♖c6 18.e3 ♗e6 19.♖c3 e4 20.♖c1 ♖ce5 21.♞c2 ♗ad8 22.♗xd8 ♗xd8 23.♗d1 ♗xd1 24.♞xd1 ♞d6 1/2

**Shabalov,A (2723)--
Schwartzman,G (2550)
QUEEN'S gam. SLAV [D17/1]**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♖f3 ♖f6 4.♖c3 dxc4 5.a4 ♗f5 6.g3 ♖a6 7.♗g2 ♖b4 8.0-0 ♗c2 9.♞d2 e6 10.♖a2 ♖e4 11.♞f4 ♖d5

Looking at this position it is hard to believe that White can survive, and most of the spectators and Alex's Grandmaster colleagues felt that the game would be over quickly with a major upset. But Schwartzman failed to find a knockout.

12.♞e5 ♖ef6

I didn't have much time to look at this game, but it seems to me that the other knight might have retreated with a cleaner, if smaller advantage.

12... ♖df6 13.♞f4 ♗d6 14.♞e3 ♗xa4 15.♖c3 ♖xc3 16.bxc3 ♖d5.

Now the game gets very complicated. But still, Black should have collected the full point.

13.♖c3 ♗f5 14.♖xd5 cxd5 15.♖h4 ♗c2 16.♗f4 h6 17.♗fc1 ♗h7 18.a5 g5

Black wins more material, but for some reason he just refuses to take it!

19.a6 b5

Take a piece!

20.e4 ♗g8

Take a piece! Take a piece!

21.exd5 ♖xd5

[21... gxf4 22.dxe6 ♗c8 23.♞xb5+ ♞e7 24.♗xc4]

22.♗e1 ♗e7 23.♗xd5 exd5

[23... ♞xd5 24.♞xd5 exd5 25.♗d6 gxh4 26.♗xe7+ ♞d8 27.♗xf7]

24.♞f6! ♗c8 25.♗e5 gxf4 26.♗ae1 ♗c7 27.♞xh6 ♗d3 28.♞xf4 b4

Black is up a piece, but he is paralyzed.

29.♞xd5 ♞c8 30.♗de5 ♞xa6 31.♗g5 1-0

**Young,A (2431)--Orlov,G (2628)
DUTCH - Leningrad [A87/4]**

1.♖f3 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.c4 f5 4.g3 ♖f6 5.♗g2 d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.b4 ♖e4 8.♗b2 c5 9.a3

A new move, I think. Bangiyev has played 9.b5 here. Young has a pawn sacrifice in mind.

9...♖c6 10.e3!?

White sacrifices a pawn, but there is sufficient pressure on the queenside to compensate.

10...cxb4 11.♖fd2 bxa3 12.♗xa3 ♖xd2 13.♖xd2 e5 14.♞a1 exd4 15.♗d5+ ♞h8 16.♗xc6 bxc6 17.♗xa7 ♗xa7 18.♞xa7 c5 19.exd4 f4 20.♗a1 ffg3 21.hxg3 ♞g8 22.dxc5 ♗xa1 23.♗xa1 dxc5 24.♖e4 ♗f5 25.♖xc5 ♞d4 26.♖b7 ♞xc4 27.♖d6 ♞d5 1/2

**Chow,A (2383)--
Yermolinsky,A (2670)
GRUNFELD def. [D86/5]**

1.d4

FM Al Chow graciously provided the commentary to this game.

1...♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.♖c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♖xd5 5.e4 ♖xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♗c4 0-0 8.♖e2 ♞d7

This old move surprised me, and it has been a long time since I studied it. I think that it looks rather strange. Perhaps it is one of Larsen's ideas?
 9.0-0 b6 10. ♖e3 ♗b7 11.f3 ♜d8
 12. ♞c1 ♗c6 13. ♖d2 ♗a5 14. ♗d3 c5

And so after a transposition of the move order, a typical Grunfeld Exchange Variation pawn structure arises.
 15.h4!

Black has the advantage on the queenside, with his potential pawn majority there. White's best chance is to try to exploit the position of the knight at a5 and the rook at d8, which leaves the Black kingside without defenders.

15... ♖a4 16. ♗h6 ♗c4

If Black accepts White's gambit with 16... Bxh6 17.Qxb6 Qa2, then 18.h5 Qe6 19.e5 gives White the attacking threats of 20.Nf4, 21.hxg6 and a sacrifice on g6. I thought Yermo might keep his dark square defender with 16... Bh8 but 17.e5 still gives White lots of play.

17. ♗xc4 ♗xh6 18. ♖xh6 ♖xc4
 19. ♖d2 ♗a6
 20. ♞f1 ♖d3!

With the dark squares weakened near Black's king, White's queen and knight make a dangerous team. Yermo correctly decides not to risk testing my tactics, and instead forces a technical ending where he hopes his great experience gives him practical chances.

21. ♞cd1 ♖xd2 22. ♞xd2 ♗xe2
 23. ♞exe2 cxd4 24. cxd4 c6 25. ♗f2 ♞ac8
 26. ♗e3 ♞c4 27. ♞d3 ♗f8
 28. ♞b2 ♗c7 29.g4 ♞c1 30. ♞dd2 ♞dc8
 31.g5 ♞h1 32. ♞h2 ♞xh2
 33. ♞xh2 ♞c3+ 34. ♗f4 ♗d6
 35. ♞d2 ♞c4 36.d5 ♞a4 37.dxe6+ ♗xe6
 38. ♞c2 ♞a3 39. ♞b2 1/2

Round 7

**Stein, P (2204) –
 Tamburro, P (2017)
 TWO KNIGHTS' def. [C55]**

1.e4 e5 2. ♗f3 ♗c6 3. ♗c4 ♗f6
 4.d4 cd 5.e5 d5 6. ♗b5 ♗e4
 7. ♗xd4 ♗c5 8. ♗e3 0-0 9. ♗xc6 bc
 10. ♗xc5 ♗xc5 11. ♗xc6 ♗a6
 12. ♗xa8 ♖g5 13. ♖xd5 ♖c1+

14. ♖d1 ♖xb2 15.f4 ♞xa8 16. ♗d2 ♞d8
 17. ♗f2 0:1

Round 8

**Schiller E (2224) –
 Schwartzman G (2550)
 FRENCH - CLASSICAL [C11]**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3. ♗c3 ♗f6 4.e5

I often play the Exchange Variation, but had something else in mind.

4... ♗fd7 5.f4 c5 6. ♗f3 ♗c6 7. ♗e3 ♖b6

This is the main line, but I had been studying the following game: Kasparov-Short, Euwe Memorial (Amsterdam) 1994: 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bc5 9.Qd2 O-O 10.O-O-O a6 11.h4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 b5 13.Rh3 b4 14.Na4 Bxd4 15.Qxd4 f6 16.Qxb4 fxe5 17.Qd6 Qf6 18.f5 Qh6+ 19.Kb1 Rxf5 20.Rf3 Rxf3 21.gxf3 Qf6 22.Bh3 Kf7 23.c4 dxc4 24.Nc3 Qe7 25.Qc6 Rb8 26.Ne4 Nb6 27.Ng5+ Kg8 28.Qe4 g6 29.Qxc5 Rb7 30.Rd6 c3 31.Bxe6+ Bxe6 32.Rxe6 1-0.

8. ♖d2 ♖xb2

I vaguely remembered that Black is not supposed to take the pawn here, but later, checking the reference books, I was unconvinced by the example provided.

9. ♞b1 ♖a3 10.dxc5!

A new idea, as 10.Be2, recommended in Harding's book, just didn't seem good to me at the board. Or afterwards. My plan is to get rid of dark-squared bishops, and attack on the kingside a la Kasparov-Short, while keeping in mind that I can probably hold the endings with knight against bishop, even a pawn down.

10... ♗xc5 11. ♗xc5 ♖xc5 12. ♗d3 a6 13.h4 ♗b6

A logical play, though after 13... Qe7 followed by Nc5 I would have to do a bit of work justifying the investment of a pawn.

14. ♞h3 ♗c4 15. ♗xc4 ♖xc4 16.a3!

This is an important move, freeing the Nc3 from defensive

duties so it can move to the kingside.

16... b5 17. ♗e2 ♗d7 18. ♗fd4!

By eliminating the enemy knight, I can breathe easier in any endgame.

18... ♗xd4 19. ♗xd4 ♞c8
 20. ♞bb3!

A necessary prelude to my kingside operations.

20... 0-0

Risky, but Gab said afterwards that he agreed with my assessment of the endgames as holding few winning prospects. So he aims for f6 and breaking open the position, targeting my exposed king.

21. ♞hg3 21... f6 22.f5!

Or !. Or ?. Or ?!. At the time my opponent thought this just lost, but he did not see one finesse. Still, I couldn't see anything better and had already spotted my 27th move, which I believed, correctly as it turns out, my opponent might overlook.

22... cxf5

[22... fxe5 23. ♖h6 ♞f7 24. ♞b4! ♖c3+!? (24... ♖c5 25.fxe6) 25. ♞xc3 gxh6 26. ♞g3+ ♗h8 27.fxe6 ♗e7 28.exd7 cxd4+ 29. ♗d2 ♞xd7 30. ♞xd4 and I felt that I could hold, calculating back at move 22.]

23. ♞bc3!

This is what he missed. I knew that the attack might succeed if his queen were exiled to the a-file.

23... ♖a4 24. ♖h6 ♞f7 25.exf6 g6
 26. ♞xg6+ hxg6 27. ♖xg6+

There was a more efficient mate in here, as Lputian pointed out later, but I saw this variation all the way to the end of the game and didn't bother to look for anything better.

27... ♗f8

[27... ♗h8 28. ♖xf7 ♞xc3 29. ♖f8+ ♗h7 30. ♖g7#]

28. ♖h6+ ♗e8

[28... ♗g8 29. ♞g3+]

29. ♖h8+ ♜f8 30. ♞e3+ ♘d8
 31. ♞xf8+ ♘c7 32. ♞c5+ ♘b8
 33. ♞d6+ ♜c7 34. ♞c3! ♞a5
 35. ♞xc7+ and the Grandmaster resigned, as the f-pawn advances. 1-0

Round 9

**Buckendorf, G (2000) –
 Hough, R (2151) SICILIAN-
 SCHEVENINGEN [B80]**

1.e4 c5 2. ♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
 4. ♘xd4 ♘f6 5. ♘c3 a6 6. ♙e3 c6
 7.f3 ♘bd7 8. ♞d2 b5 9.g4 ♘b6
 10.0-0-0 ♙b7 11. ♞g1

New to me, but this move makes very little sense. Best is 11.g5, taking advantage of the fact that Black has omitted h7-h6, which is usually seen somewhere along the path to this position.

11... ♞c8 12.g5 ♘f7 13. ♙d3
 White is mixing all sorts of plans here. Given the chosen formation, he ought to be pushing the h-pawn, though any chance for a serious opening advantage is already passed.

13... ♘e5 14.b3 d5 15. ♘cxb5
 White has every reason to feel desperate, but this sacrifice does not help matters.

15... axb5 16. ♙xb5+ ♘ed7 17. ♞a5 ♞a8!
 18. ♙xd7+ ♘xd7 19. ♞xd8+ ♘xd8
 20.a4 dxe4 21.fxe4 ♙xe4
 22. ♘b5 ♞c8 23.c4 ♙b4 24. ♞d4 ♙f5
 25. ♞gd1 e5 26. ♞d5 ♘e7 27. ♘d6 ♙a3+
 28. ♘d2 ♙xd6 29. ♘c3 ♙c5 0-1

**Shabalov, A (2723) –
 Bono, G (2424)
 PHILIDOR'S def. [C41]**

1.e4 e5 2. ♘f3 d6

Not the best choice of openings when paired way up to a Grandmaster. It is generally a good idea to avoid cramped positions and not allow the stronger player to start off with a significant advantage in space. 3.d4 ♘f6
 4. ♘c3 ♘bd7 5. ♙c4 ♙e7

Black has chosen one of the most passive lines in the Philidor.

6.0-0 0-0 7. ♞e1 c6 8.a4!

Shabalov acts quickly to secure a permanent spatial advantage.

8... b6 9. ♙a2 a6 10. ♙g5 ♘e8
 11. ♙e3 ♙b7 12. ♞d2 ♞c7
 13. ♞ad1 ♞d8 14. ♘e2 c5

Black finally abandons the trench warfare and attempts to get some counterplay. But White now increases his structural advantage.

15.dxe5 dxe5 16. ♘g3 ♘df6
 17. ♞c3 ♘xe4 18. ♘xe4 ♞xd1
 19. ♞xd1 ♙xe4 20. ♘xe5 ♙f6
 21.f4 a5 22. ♞b3 ♘d6

[Something of a trap. 23.Rxd6 is tempting, but loses to 23... Qxd6 24.Nxf7 Qd1+ 25.Kf2 Qxc2+.]

23.h3 h5 24. ♙f2 ♙a8 25. ♞e3 ♘f5
 26. ♞e2 ♘d4 27. ♙xd4! cxd4
 28. ♘xf7! g6 29. ♘e5+ ♘g7
 30. ♞xd4 ♞c5 31.c3

And now it is just a question of technique, in which Shabalov is not lacking. 31... ♞c8
 32.h4 ♞xe5 33.fxe5 ♙xe5 34. ♞c4 ♙xd4+
 35.cxd4 ♞xc4 36. ♙xc4 ♘f6
 37. ♘f2 ♙c6 38.b3 g5 39.g3 gxf4
 40.gxf4 ♘f5 41. ♘e3 ♘g4 42. ♙c6+ 1-0

**Fedorowicz, J (2601) –
 Orlov, G (2628)
 QUEEN'S gam. EXCHANGE [D35]**

1. ♘f3 ♘f6 2.d4 c6 3.e4 d5 4. ♘c3 ♘bd7
 5.cxd5 exd5 6. ♙f4 c6 7.e3 ♙e7
 8.h3 ♘f8 9. ♙d3 ♘g6 10. ♙h2 ♙d6
 11. ♘e5 ♙xe5 12.dxe5 ♘d7
 13.f4 ♘c5 14. ♙c2 ♞h4+
 15. ♘d2 f5 16.exf6 ♞xf6 17.g4 ♘e7

It was at about this point that John, looking at Art Bisguier's position, wondered how on earth Bisguier was ever going to get his king to safety. I just smirked. Talk about the pot calling the kettle black!

18. ♞f3 ♙c6 19. ♞af1 ♘c4+
 20. ♘e2 ♘xc3+ 21.bxc3 ♞xc3
 22. ♞c1 ♞b2 23.f5 0-0 24. ♞g3 ♘xf5

Forced, but strong. 25.gxf5 ♙xf5
 26. ♞e5 ♞b5+ 27. ♘d2

♞ae8 28. ♞c3 ♙xc2 29. ♞xc2 ♞f2+
 30. ♘c1 ♞xc2+ 31. ♘xc2 ♞e2+
 32. ♞d2 ♞xc3 33. ♞xe2 ♞xe2+
 34. ♘d3 ♞xa2 35. ♙d6

I can't recall a Grandmaster game with 5 healthy pawns for a piece that ended in a draw. Orlov is a phenomenally talented and creative player, but somehow he botches this fairly simple endgame.

35... ♘f7 36. ♞e1 b6 37. ♘d4 ♘f6
 38. ♙e7+ ♘f5?!

Chutzpah? All he needs to do is keep his king safe, and let the good pawns roll! Instead, he plunges into the lion's den. 39. ♞e5+ ♘f4
 40. ♙d6 ♞a4+ 41. ♘d3 ♘f3
 42. ♞c3+ ♘f2 43. ♞e2+ ♘f3
 44. ♞e3+ ♘f2 45. ♞e2+

The draw came as somewhat of a surprise to most spectators, who expected 45... Kf1. ½

**Yermolinsky, A (2670) –
 Finegold, B (2619)
 QUEEN'S gam. SLAV def. [D15]**

1.d4 d5 2. ♘f3 ♘f6 3.e4 c6 4. ♘c3 dxc4
 5.e4 b5 6.e5 ♘d5 7.a4 h6?
 8.axb5+ ♘xc3 9.bxc3 cxb5 10. ♙a3 ♙c6!

Black adopts an effective light-squared blockade without allowing a disruptive e5-e6 which might have been played if Black had stationed the bishop at b7.

11. ♙e2 ♙d5 12.0-0 e6 13. ♙xf8 ♘xf8
 14. ♘d2 ♘c6 15. ♙f3 ♘e7 16. ♞a6!

White sets up a useful blockade of his own.

16... ♘f5 17. ♞a1 g6

I decided to give back the pawn at the best possible moment. There's no need to be greedy, but connecting the rooks is always good!

18. ♞b1 ♙xf3 19. ♘xf3 ♞d5
 20. ♞a5 a6! 21. ♞xa6 ♘g7 22. ♘d2?

I think I've finally equalized, but the text move gives me the advantage. 22... ♘h4 23.f3 ♞xa6
 24. ♞xa6 ♞a8 25. ♞xb5 ♞xb5!

[Not 26...Ra2? 27.Qe8! Rxd2 28.Rb8 with unstoppable mate!]
 26. ♖xb5 ♖a2 27.g3! ♖xd2
 28.gxh4 ♖d3 29.♗f2 ♖xc3
 30.♖c5?

I think white should probably be able to hold after 30.d5, eliminating an important weakness.

30...♖c2+ 31.♗g3 c3 32.♖c8 ♖c1
 33.♗f4?

This loses by force. White still has chances to draw after 33.Kg2.

33...c2 34.♖c7 g5+ 35.hxg5 hxg5+
 36.♗e3 ♗g6! 37.♗d3 ♖d1+
 38.♗xc2 ♖xd4 39.♖a7 ♖d5
 40.♖a4 ♖xe5 41.♗d2 f5 42.h4
 gxh4 43.♖xh4 ♗g5 44.♖a4 f4
 45.♖a1 ♖c5 46.♖g1+ ♗f5 47.♖f1
 ♗e5 48.♗c2 ♗d4 49.♖d1+ ♗c4
 0-1

**Ippolito, D (2237) –
 Martinovsky, E (2428)
 CATALAN SYSTEM [E07]**

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 d5 4.g3
 ♗c7 5.♗g2 0-0 6.0-0 ♗bd7 7.♖b3
 c6 8.♗g5 h6 9.♗xf6 ♗xf6
 10.♗bd2 ♖b6 11.♖d3 c5 12.cxd5
 exd5 13.e3 ♖d8 14.♖ac1 ♖xb2

I know that fortune favors the brave, but this is ridiculous! It is amazing that Martinovsky escapes from this position only one pawn down! 15.♖b1 ♖xa2
 16.♖a1 ♖b2 17.♖b1 17...c4
 18.♗xc4! dxc4 19.♖xc4 ♗b6
 20.♖d3 ♗f5 21.♖xf5 ♖c3 22.♗e5
 ♗xe5 23.♖xc5 ♖d7 24.♖a5
 ♖xa5 25.♖xa5 ♗c4

Black must lose a pawn. Of course this is pretty far from the acceptance of the sacrifice at move 14, but when you mistreat a lady in such a fashion, punishment is usually lurking down the road. In any event, the open files on the queenside were going to amount to something someday.

26.♖xb7 ♖xb7 27.♗xb7 ♗xa5
 28.♗xa8 ♗c4 29.♗f1 ♗b6
 30.♗c6 g5 31.♗e2 f6 32.♗d3 ♗f7
 33.e4 ♗e7 34.d5

I am not so sure about this move. I think it might have been better to advance the f-pawn to f5

and keep the central squares under control. The king could then infiltrate via g4, since Black can't safely advance his h-pawn to h5. As it turns out, Black gets enough maneuvering room to hang on, and Martinovsky is well-known for his ability to hold rotten endgames.

34...a5

The plan is to distract the White king by forcing it to the queenside, and then go after the kingside pawns. Notice that there would be no entry squares if White had not advanced the d-pawn.

35.f4 gxf4 36.gxf4 a4 37.♗c3 a3
 38.♗b3 38...♗c4 39.♗b5 ♗d2+
 40.♗xa3 ♗xe4 41.♗b4 ♗d6
 42.♗c6 h5 43.♗c4 ♗d2+ 44.♗d3
 ♗f3 45.h3 h4 46.♗c4 ♗g1 47.♗f5
 ♗xh3 48.♗g4 ♗f2+ 49.♗xh4
 ♗e7 50.♗g3 ♗c4+ ½

**Brooks, M (2562) –
 Schiller, E (2224)
 TWO KNIGHTS' def. [C55]**

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗c4

I wanted to play in Spain, but he preferred Italy. Nevertheless, the game does proceed more along Spanish lines.

3...♗f6 4.d3 ♗c7 5.♗bd2 d6 6.c3
 ♗a5 7.♗b5+ c6 8.♗a4 b5 9.♗c2
 c5 10.0-0 0-0 11.♖c1 ♖c7

Black has achieved a decent Spanish Game.

12.♗f1 ♗c6 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4
 ♗g4 15.♗e3 ♖fc8?

Mindlessness. At first, I was well aware of the danger of the advance of the d-pawn, but after examining and rejecting a variety of methods of capturing at d4, with or without Bxf3 (my original intent), I simply forgot about 16.d5.

16.d5!

This, in combination with b4, seals Black's fate. Positionally, there is no source of counterplay, and my pieces are ineffective. Still, I did make my worthy opponent earn his point!

16...♗h5 17.♗d3 a6 18.♗f5 ♗g4
 19.♗xe7+ ♖xc7 20.h3 ♗d7

21.♗h2 h6 22.♖b1 ♗e8 23.b3
 ♗b7 24.b4 ♗d7 25.♗g4 ♖h4
 26.♖c3 ♗f8 27.g3 ♖e7 28.♗d2
 ♗h7 29.♖e1 ♗d7 30.h4 ♗h8
 31.♗e3 g6 32.♖f3 h5 33.♖ec1
 ♖xc1+ 34.♖xc1 ♖c8 35.♖d1
 ♖xc1 36.♖xc1 ♖d8 37.♖a3 ♖b6
 38.♗c2 ♗d8 39.♗e3 ♖b7 40.♖a5
 ♖c8 41.♖b6 ♗b7 42.♖xa6 ♗f6
 43.f3 ♗c8 44.♖a3 f5 45.♗d2 ♗d8
 46.♖c3 ♖b7 47.a3 fxe4 48.fxe4
 ♗f7 49.♗e3 ♗f6 50.♗f2 ♗g7
 51.♗e1 ♗h6 52.♗d1 ♖a7 53.♗c1
 ♖b6 54.♗c2 ♖a7 55.♗b2 ♖b6
 56.♗e1 ♗hg4 57.♗xg4 ♗xg4
 58.♗d2 ♖a7 59.♗g5 ♖b6 60.♗a2
 ♗e8 61.♖c8 ♖f2 62.♖c7+ ♗f7
 63.♗b2 ♖d4+ 64.♖c3 ♖b6
 65.♖c6 ♖d4+ 66.♗a2 ♖f2 67.a4
 bxa4 68.b5 ♖d4 69.b6 a3 70.♖b5
 ♗e8 71.♖b1 ♗a4 72.♗xa4 ♖xa4
 73.b7 ♖c4+ 1-0

Round 10

**Shahade, M (2313) –
 Coleman, G (1866)
 SICILIAN-MAROCZY [B36]**

1.e4 ♗f6 2.♗c3 g6 3.e4 c5 4.♗f3
 ♗c6 5.d4 cxd4 6.♗xd4 e5?

Mike usually is willing to agree to a draw, but against a move like this it would be embarrassing!

7.♗db5 d6 8.♗g5 ♗e7 9.♗xf6
 ♗xf6 10.♖xd6 ♖xd6 11.♗xd6+
 ♗f8 12.0-0-0 ♗g5+ 13.♗b1 ♗d4
 14.♗cb5 ♗xb5 15.cxb5 ♗e7
 16.♗c4 ♗e6 17.♗xe6 ♗xe6
 18.♗xb7 ♖ab8 19.♗c5+ ♗e7
 20.♖d7+ ♗f8 21.a4 a5 22.bxa6
 ♗e7 23.♖c1 ♗xc5 24.♖xc5 ♗g7
 25.♖cc7 ♖hf8 26.a7 ♖bc8 27.b4
 ♖fd8 28.♖xd8 ♖xd8 29.♖b7
 ♖a8 30.b5 1-0

**Knox, M (1653) – Gibson, W (1900)
 LATVIAN gam. [C40]**

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 f5?!

Black gets what he deserves for playing such junk, even against a B-player.

3.♗c4

I like 3.exf5 c4 4.Ng1! with a small but persistent advantage for White.

3...fxe4 4.♗xe5 d5 5.♙b3 ♗f6
6.0-0 ♙d6 7.d4 exd3 8.♗xd3 0-0
9.♙f4 ♙xf4 10.♗xf4 c6 11.c4 ♖c7
12.♖d4 c5 13.♗xd5 13...♗xd5
14.♖xd5+ ♗h8 15.♗c3 ♗d7
16.♗b5 ♖f4 17.♖fe1 ♗f6
18.♖xc5 ♗g4 19.♖d6 ♙d7
20.♖xf4 ♖xf4 21.♗d6 ♙c6
22.♖e7 ♖af8 23.f3 ♗h6 24.♗xb7
♗f5 25.♖c7 1-0

Stern,H (2116) – Denker,A (2299)
ALEKHINE'S def. [B03]

1.e4 ♗f6

Arnie is enjoying himself these days, playing openings which he hasn't touched in ages. After the game I told him I thought he hadn't played the Alekhine in about 50 years. Indeed, it was Hastings 1946! 2.e5 ♗d5 3.d4 d6 4.e4 ♗b6 5.f4 dxe5 6.fxe5 ♗c6 7.♙e3 ♙f5 8.♗f3 c6 9.♗c3 ♙g4 10.♖d2 ♙e7 11.c5 ♙xf3 12.cxb6 ♙h5 13.bxc7 ♖xc7 14.♙e2 ♙g6 15.♙d3 ♙xd3 16.♖xd3 ♖d8 17.♖e4 0-0 18.0-0 ♗xd4 19.♗h1 ♗c6 20.♙f4 a6 21.♖ae1 ♖d4 22.♖e2 ♙b4 23.♖h5 ♙xc3

White does not have the positional basis for such an attack, and the elimination of the knight makes it clear that he will never have a proper attacking position. 24.bxc3 ♖d3 25.♖e4 ♗c7 26.c4 ♖c6! 27.♖fe1 ♖fd8 28.h3 ♖3d4 29.♖xd4 ♖xd4 30.♖g5 ♗g6 31.♙c1 h6 0-1

Innumerable,F (2116) –
Hanken,J (2296)
[A44]

1.d4 c5 2.d5 e5 3.c4 d6 4.e4 ♗e7
5.♙e3 ♗g6 6.g3 ♙e7 7.♗f3 ♙g4
8.h4 ♗d7 9.♙e2 ♗f6 10.♗c3 a6
11.♗h2 ♙d7 12.h5 ♗f8 13.♖d2
♙h3

How can anyone in his right mind play such a move? The politics seem to have taken its toll, and maybe Jerry was just tired. More likely he was just tired. Or

perhaps the pressure of his plus-score streak is getting to him.

14.♖g1 h6?

Time to admit the error and retreat!

15.g4!

Say goodbye to the bishop, and goodnight to the game.

15...♗b7 16.♖g3 ♗g5 17.♙xg5
♙xg5 18.♖c2 ♙f4 19.♖xh3 ♗h7
20.♗f3 ♖b8 21.♖a4+ ♗f8
22.♖h1 ♖c8 23.♗h4 b5 24.cxb5
axb5 25.♗xb5 ♖a8 26.♖c4 ♖d8
27.♗f5 ♗g5 1-0

Chachere,L (2393) –
Lputian,S (2610)
QUEEN'S gam TARRASCH [D33]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 c5 4.cxd5
exd5 5.♗f3 ♗c6 6.g3 c4!?

Tarrasch-meister Lputian chooses the Swedish variation, which is not considered fully playable by some books, but does involve tricky play. In fact, I was planning to use it myself if paired against Chachere!

7.♙g2 ♙b4 8.♗c5 ♗ge7 9.0-0 0-0
10.♗xc6 bxc6 11.♗a4 ♙f5 12.f3
♙g6 13.e4 f5 14.a3 ♙a5 15.♗c5
fxe4 16.fxe4 ♖xf1+ 17.♖xf1 ♖b8
18.♖f2 dxe4! Some players would be reluctant to capture at e4, but Lputian correctly judges the power of the c-pawn.
19.♙f4 e3 20.♖xe3 ♖xb2
21.♙g5? ♙d2! 22.♖xc7 ♙xg5
23.♖xd8+ ♙xd8 24.♙xc6 c3
25.♗a4 ♙f6 26.♖d1 ♖d2 0-1

Hough,R (2151) – Levit,R (2358)
GRUNFELD def. [D79]

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♙g7 4.♙g2
c6 5.♗f3 d5 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.♗e5
0-0 8.♗c3 ♗c6 9.0-0 e6 10.♗xc6
bxc6 11.b3 c5 12.♙a3 cxd4
13.♗b5 ♗e4 14.♙xf8 ♗xf8
15.♖c1 ♗c3 16.♗xc3 dxc3 17.e4
♙a6 18.exd5 ♙xf1 19.♗xf1 exd5
20.♙xd5 ♖c8 21.♖f3 ♙f6 22.♙c4
♗g7 23.♖d5 ♖e7 24.♖c2 ♖d8
25.♖f3 ♖d2? 26.♖xc3 ♖xa2
27.♖d3?

White should have forced rooks off with 27.Re3 and 28.Re2,

after which the game is a total draw.

27...h5 28.♖d1 a5 29.♖d5 ♙c3
30.♖f3 ♙b4 31.♗g2 ♙c5
32.♖c3+ ♗h7 33.♖d2? After
33.Rf1 White might be able to hold.
33...♙b4 34.♖xb4 ♖xb4
35.♖xa2 ♗g7 36.♖a4 ♖d2 37.h4
f6 38.♗g1 g5 39.hxg5 fxg5 40.♙f1
♖c1 41.♗g2 ♗f6 42.♖c4 ♗e7
43.♖c5 h4 44.gxh4 gxh4 45.♙c4
♖e4+ 46.♗g1 ♖g4+ 47.♗h2 ♖f3
48.♖c5+ ♗f6 49.♖c6+ ♗f5
50.♖c2 h3 0-1

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Round 11

Bungo,G (2225) – Bono,G (2424)
SICILIAN def. [B20]

1.e4 c5 2.b4 d6 3.♙b2 b6 4.♙b5+
♙d7 5.♙c4 e6 6.b5 ♗f6 7.c5 dxe5
8.♙xe5 a6 9.♖f3 ♖a7 10.♖g3!

Up to this point, White's inferior opening (2.b4?) has worked out well, but this is a mistake, allowing Black to capture at b5.

10...axb5 11.♙xb8 ♖b7 12.♙xc6
♙xc6 13.♙e5 ♙c7 14.♗e2 0-0
15.0-0 b4 16.a3 ♗g4 17.♖f3 ♗xe5
18.♖xb7 ♙d5 19.♖a6 ♙c4
20.♖b7 ♙xe2
21.♖e1 ♙b5 22.♖xc5 ♙f6
23.♖e4 ♙xe5 24.♖xe5 ♖e8 0-1

Ostrowsky,B (1505) –
Miel,J (1788)
NIMZOWITSCH def. [B00]

1.e4 g5?

One of the pet junk openings of the Anglo-Armenian IM Mike Basman. But to get away with it, you must possess Basman's inventive talent, a huge tactical ability, and a little luck.

2.h3

Hardly the most challenging, but good enough.
2...♙g7 3.♗f3 h6 4.d4 d6 5.♗c3

c6 6. ♖c4 ♗d7 7. ♕e3 ♖c7 8. ♗d3
b5 9. ♕b3 a6 10. a3 ♗gf6 11. ♗c2!

The knight heads for g3, to take advantage of Black's error at move 1.

11...c5 12.c4 cxd4 13. ♕xd4 ♕b7
14. ♗g3 ♗c5 15. ♕xc5 ♖xc5
16.0-0 ♖c8 17. ♖ac1 b4 18. ♕a4+
♗d7 19.axb4 ♖xb4 20.b3 ♕c6
21. ♕xc6 ♖xc6 22. ♗f5!

Yes, this is how to exploit silly opening play. Keep in mind the weakness that your opponent creates, and gradually exploit it.

22... ♕f6 23. ♖fe1 ♗c5 24. ♗d5
♖b7 25.e5 .c6 26.exf6 ♗d7
27. ♗e5+ ♗c7 28. ♖xc6+ ♖xc6
29. ♗xc6 cxf5 30. ♗d4 ♗e4
31. ♗xf5

Not to belabor the point, but here is that square again!
31... ♗xf6 32. ♖e7+ ♗c6 33. ♖xf7
♗e4 34.f3 ♗d2 35. ♖c3 ♖c8
36. ♗e7+ ♗c5 37. ♖d3 ♗b1
38. ♖c3 ♗d2 39. ♖f5+ ♗d4

Black could use a lesson in resignation etiquette.

40. ♖e6 ♗d3 41. ♖d5+ ♗c3
42. ♖e3+ ♗c2 43. ♖e2 ♗xb3
44. ♖dxd2 and Black resigned 1-0.

**Chow,A (2383) - Byrne,R (2480)
KINGS' INDIAN def. [E70]**

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3. ♗c3 ♕g7 4.e4
d6 5. ♕d3 ♗c6 6. ♗ge2 e5 7.d5
♗d4 8. ♗xd4 exd4 9. ♗e2 0-0
10.0-0 ♖e8 11. ♗g3 c5 12.h3 a6
13. ♕d2 ♕d7 14.a4 ♖b8 15.b4
cxb4 16. ♕xb4 ♖b6 17. ♖d2 ♕c8
18.a5 ♖c7 19. ♖f4 ♖e5 20. ♖c1
♗d7

The idea of transferring the knight to c5 is too slow. Compare Bisguier- Andrew Karklins which was played on the next board! Byrne suggested that he should have played more slowly to see how that developed, since Karklins played it right.

21. ♖a3 ♕f8 22. ♗e2 ♗c5 23.f3?

Up to this point Chow had outplayed his Grandmaster opponent, but here he chooses a

faulty play. He should be aiming for f4 and e5.

23...f5 24. ♗xd4 fxe4 25.fxe4 ♕d7
26. ♕xc5?

This whole idea is a mistake, since the subsequent win of the exchange is misguided, and gives Black too many chances.
26...dxc5 27. ♗f3?! ♖be8?

[After 27...Bd6 Black was still fully in the game.]

28. ♗xe5 ♖xe5 29. ♖xf8+ ♖xf8
30. ♖f1

This is what Byrne missed.
30... ♖d4+ 31. ♗h2 ♖e3 32. ♖xf8+
♗xf8 33. ♖c3 ♗g8 34. ♖c2 ♗f7
35. ♖e2 ♖xe2 36. ♕xe2 ♗f6
37. ♗g3 ♗c5 38. ♗f3 ♕a4 39. ♗e3
h5 40.h4 ♕e8 41. ♕d1 ♕d7
42. ♕c2 ♕c8 43. ♕b3 ♕d7 44. ♕a2
♕a4 45. ♕b1 ♕b3 46. ♕d3 ♕a4
47. ♕f1 ♕e8 48.g3 ♕a4 49. ♕h3
♕b3 50. ♗d3 ♗d6 51. ♕c8 ♗c7
52. ♕c6 b6 53.axb6+ ♗xb6
54. ♗c3 ♕d1 55. ♕f7 a5 56.e5 ♗c7
57. ♕xg6 a4 58. ♕c2 1-0

CHESS SCRAMBLE
by NM Alan Watson

You have heard of a time scramble right? Now test your knowledge of the names of some of Illinois' best players (present and former!) by trying to unscramble the words below. The scoring is as follows:

- 14-15 Grandmaster
- 12-13 Senior Master
- 10-11 Master
- 08-09 Expert
- 06-07 A Class
- 04-05 B Class
- 00-03 Patzer!!

The unscrambled names are shown below...don't cheat .

- SCRAMBLED**
- 1) SINK LARK
 - 2) DIE SOFT
 - 3) REVERB
 - 4) OWCH
 - 5) GRIND ADDE
 - 6) MINE WAZU
 - 7) SLEPT
 - 8) LEG IS
 - 9) SABS
 - 10) CHIVE RUG
 - 11) INNARDS
 - 12) VARSITY MONK
 - 13) TELLS PORCH
 - 14) AUTA VISTAS
 - 15) BELT RAG

- UNSCRAMBLED**
- 1) KARKLINS
 - 2) DEFOTIS
 - 3) VERBER
 - 4) CHOW
 - 5) DANDRIDGE
 - 6) UMEZINWA

- 7) PELTS
- 8) GILES
- 9) BASS
- 10) GUREVICH
- 11) SANDRIN
- 12) MARTINOVSKY
- 13) CHELLSTORP
- 14) TAUTVAISAS
- 15) GELBART

CHOW CHOPS ALL
by unknown author

On June 12 and 13 seventeen players took refuge from the heat in the cool confines of the Chicago Chess Club. The four round Swiss tournament was split into two rounds each day (40/60, SD30) and T.D. Chris Baumgartner kept things moving quite smoothly. The competition

was too intense for some (one player withdrew after a first round loss), but when the smoke had cleared, club founder and Master Al Chow (2366) had emerged victorious. Chow scored 3.5 points out of 4, and took home \$79. On his way to the top Chow defeated Juantorena Crawford and Robert Curry before drawing with A-player Andrew Schultz (1973). In the final round, Chow played Expert Sam Sheynin (2181) in a King's Gambit (Falkbeer Counter Gambit) that exploded with tactics. Master Chow called the game "wild".

Sam Sheynin, Andrew Schultz, and Randall Swanson (1600) tied for second, third, and fourth places with 3 points. The three-way dead lock was broken when Swanson opted for the under 1700 prize of \$46 and Sheynin and Schultz split second prize for \$28.50 apiece. With continued play like this (and his strong performance at DePaul the week before), Swanson probably won't be able to claim the under 1700 award in many more tournaments. Swanson's final game against Chris Janus (1522) was an interesting battle in which Swanson sacrificed two pawns for pressure on the opposing King. While in the end, Janus had a won game, but under time pressure he missed Swanson's mating threat.

From an individual perspective, this really was a fun tournament. The CCC is very convenient for players living in Chicago or the near north suburbs. I had never traveled less than 45 minutes for a tournament before. As a result, everything seemed very laid back (except the chess of course) and I played two days of carefree chess. The beach was only half a block away, for between round strolls, and the

large skittles / analysis room 9with huge fans spinning overhead) had plenty of space for a player to go over games at their leisure and argue about the move they should have played which "obviously" would have won. As a matter of fact, everything seemed so nifty, I lounged back and ended up playing sloppy chess... but I anticipate a fantastic result in the next tournament and already looking forward to it.

RULE BOOK TACTICS

By NTD Tim Just

Declare your own flag down to spoil your opponent's victory celebration. In a regular time control period, your flag has just lost a game of hangman with the time demon. This monster failed to even put a noose around your adversary's flag. Your foe has plenty of time to claim the game point. In order to prevail, your enemy need only stop the clocks and present the TD with an accurate score sheet before his own flag tumbles. If there was a time scramble, it is very likely that both chess warriors have score sheets that are incomplete or littered with check marks; however, since your opponent's flag has yet to drop through the gallows, they still have a chance to fill in their missing moves. You can use your rule book tactics to deny them that possibility.

On page 25 in the 4th edition of the OFFICIAL RULES OF CHESS you will find the desired weapon: "13C2. Player may call own flag for protection."

This rule starts the time forfeit procedure as if your

opponent had made the claim. Therefore, any moves filled in or revised after the claim is made by either opponent can not be employed as part of the accurate score sheet presented to the TD as proof that the proper number of moves were not made in the allocated time (rule 13C3).

Are you worried because your own score sheet will be the instrument of your demise? Fear not, your score can not be used as the only proof against you in a time forfeit procedure (rule 13C8).

Since your rival has enough time after your flag dies to fill out his score sheet, he had enough time to fill it out before your flag fell. The "calling your own flag" rule is a penance your opponent must endure for not keeping the game score accurate move after move in accordance with rule 15A.

Even though TDs try very hard to be near all of the games that are experiencing time trouble, they sometimes get involved with verifying a time forfeit or draw claim at another board located some distance from your game; consequently, you may find it in your best interest to: (1) inform your opponent that any moves he fills in after the claim has been made will not be considered as part of an adequate score sheet, and (2) try and secure some witnesses to confirm how many moves (if any) your opponent fills in or corrects after your claim has been made.

If your claim is verified, expect the game to continue into the next time control. The TD may ask you and your adversary to update your scores before continuing. You might even be asked to diagram the position on the board for use as the starting point in the next time control.

VILLA PARK JUNIOR CHESS CLUB WELCOMES YOUNG PLAYERS

By Ken Marshall

Chicago's western suburbs are the scene of much scholastic chess activity. For youngsters not lucky enough to attend a school with a good chess program, however, opportunities to play are limited. A new chess club aims to change that. The Villa Park Junior Chess Club, founded and directed by Richard Hornor, opened on September 17, 1994. The Club, which meets Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Iowa Community Center at 338 N. Iowa Ave. in Villa Park, is for youths ages 7 to 18.

"I have three children - Jaime, 10, Heather, 8, and Michael, 7 - who play chess. Their interest in the game led me to establish the VPJ CC", said Hornor. "I live in Villa Park, and when I could find no chess club for children in the area, I called the village's Recreation Department and asked about renting a room in one of the Department's facilities. I got the space without any difficulty".

Hornor intends to provide a competitive but friendly environment in which young people can practice and improve their chess skills.

"We started out with about a dozen members, and more kids are joining every week", he said. Although present activities consist primarily of "skittles" and "blitz" play, Hornor plans to run U.S. Chess Federation rated tournaments and schedule chess lessons and simultaneous exhibitions featuring Chicago area Masters. "I've spoken to several Masters who may be willing to work with the kids", said Hornor. (continued on page 44).

OAK PARK - RIVER FOREST CHESS CLUB NEWS

By Ken Marshall

USCF "Game/10" Tournament: Mark Marovitch, Jonathan Meltzer, and S.E. (Sam) Henderson, Jr. outdistanced 13 other players to tie for first in this August 2 five round Swiss. Splitting the Under 1800 prize were Paul Prause and Mark Stamatakos.

Grandmaster John Fedorowicz Simultaneous

Exhibition: Sixteen players - a rather disappointing turnout - faced GM Fedorowicz on August 23. Disregarding the unwritten "simul rules" which grant the single player White on every board and prohibit consultation against him, "The Fed" allowed his opponents choice of color (most took White) and the freedom to discuss their

respective games with spectators and other players. Having thus strengthened his opposition, and perhaps somewhat tired by the rigors of two weeks play in the U.S. Open (where he finished tied for 7th through 12th with a 9-3 score) and by having given a 37 board "simul" at the Helen Plum Memorial Library in Lombard on August GM

Fedorowicz was not at his best against the small but strong field, which included one Master and at least three Experts. He nevertheless finished with 13 wins, 1 draw, and two losses, conceding the half point to Dean Arond and losing to Ray Satterlee and Mark Stamatakos. (Stamatakos was almost apologetic in victory, pointing out that the GM had a better position but missed the winning continuation.)

Club Closed Championship: Greg Bungo topped this round robin event to become the OP-RF CC Closed Champion. Bungo, who earlier had won the Club Open Championship, finished ahead of Catalino Reyes, Peter Kuhn, and Eric Ortega.

OP-RF CC Fall Open: Following a first round half point bye with four victories, Dave Wulatin won the 18 player Fall Open with a 4.5-.5 score. Brad Crawford (4-1) was second, while Mark Engelen and Mark Stamatakos tied for third in this Swiss System event.

SCHOLASTIC NEWS

By Dan Pradt

Denker Tournament of Champions. Steve Arlinsky of Illinois (2163) took sixth place in this tournament, held

concurrently with the U. S. open in Rosemont this August. Steve's chances for a share of first place received a fatal blow in the third round. Steve had sacrificed the exchange for a strong attack against James Wheat of Minnesota (2159), but Wheat found a decisive hole in the attack to take the point. Arlinsky then defeated Jason Early of Florida (1965), and Daniel Erlikhman of California (2139), to finish with 3.5-1.5.

Josh Manion of Wisconsin, (2431) a frequent player in Chicago area tournaments, finished in a five way tie for first with Dean Ippolito (New Jersey, 2237), Paul Rohwer (Nevada, 2299), Aaron Wenger (Kentucky, 2122), and Dimitri Zilberstein (California, 2247). Manion was the highest rated player, but was held to draws by Wheat and Ippolito in the third and fourth rounds and slipped into a share of first only when Rohwer and Wenger drew their last round game. Ippolito won the title on tie break.

Schedules: Neither Senior High nor lower grades will get started until October. Tournament schedules for grades K-8 are as follows: Oct. 29 All Grade Tournament. Waubansie Valley H.S., Aurora. 13 separate sections grade K-12. Details in Chess Life. Nov. 19 Hadley, Glen Ellyn. Dec. 3, Benjamin, West Chicago. Jan. 4, Holy Angles, Aurora. Jan 23, Macarthur, Hoffman Estates. Feb. 4, Lincoln Cultural Center, Kankakee. Feb. 16, Hadley, Glen Ellyn. Schedules for Senior high leagues and Tournaments will be printed as they become available.

Chris Van Krogh, 18, has just attained the rank of master. If I

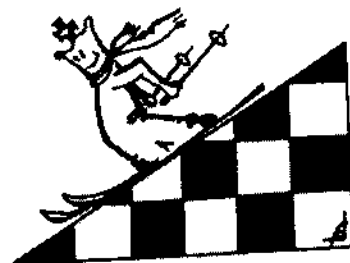
am right, this marks the first time Illinois has had a Junior master since Greg De Fotis and Craig Chellstorp, back in the early seventies.

St Charles Chess Club News

By Dan Pradt

Aug. 17 Jeff Wiewel and Erv Sedlock tied for first in a game 29 Tournament, each scoring 4-0. Jeff won the title on tiebreak. Joe Splinter was 3-0 along with the two winners after three rounds, but had had to skip the final round.

Sept. 29. With one week to go in the yearlong ladder tournament, it appears that the qualifiers for the Knight's and Squires cup tourneys have been established. Current leaders for the Knight's cup are: Jeff Wiewel 19.5, Jim Oberweiss and Ray Satterlee 15.5, Justin Saudaskas 14, Erv Sedlock, Joe Splinter, and Mickey Jacobsen 13.5, and Bill Buttny 13. In contention for the Squire's cup are: Chuck Giertz, Lenny Spiegle, and Dan Pradt with 12.5, Brent Lashinsky, Don Winsauer, Rudy Padilla, and Jim Little with 12, Phil Ploquin 11.5, Kevin Brewer 11, and Blair Machaj 10.5.



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Registration	Friday	6:30 - 7:30pm	
Round 1b		8:00pm	30/90 G/60
Round 2b	Saturday	10:00am	G/60

Both Schedules Merge

Round 3	Saturday	2:00pm	30/90 G/60
Round 4		8:00pm	30/90 G/60
Round 5	Sunday	10:00am	30/90 G/60
Round 6		4:00pm	30/90 G/60

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3 Day Schedule:

Registration	Friday	8:00 - 9:30am	
Round 1a		10:00am	30/75 G/60
Round 2a		3:00pm	30/75 G/60
Round 3a		8:00pm	30/75 G/60

2 1/2 Day Schedule

Registration	Friday	6:30 - 7:30pm	
Round 1b		8:00pm	30/75 G/60
Round 2b	Saturday	10:00am	G/45
Round 3b		Noon	G/45

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Round 6	Sunday	10:00am	30/75 G/60
Round 7		4:00pm	30/75 G/60

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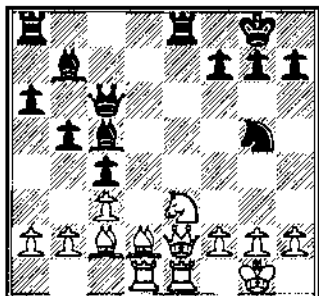
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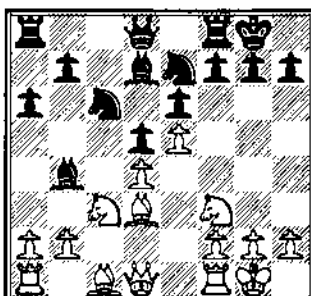
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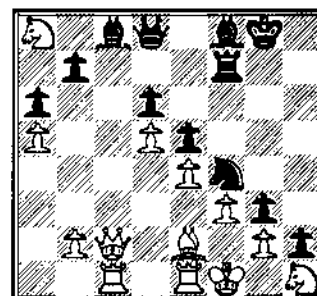
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Chicago Open (1), 1994
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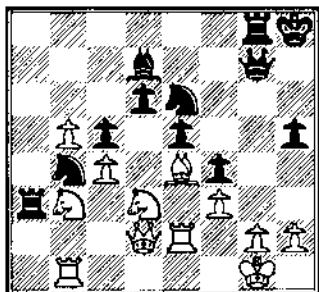
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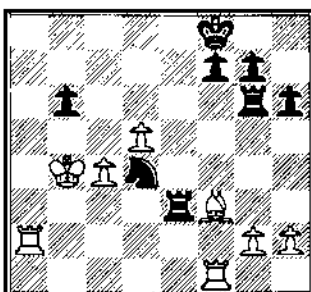
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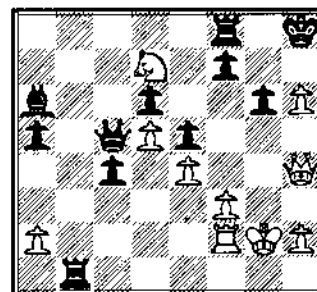
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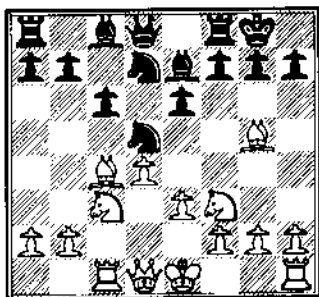
- (1) 22... ♖h3+ 23. ♜h1 ♖f4 24. ♜g4 ♜xe3 25. ♜xe3 ♜xg2+ 26. ♜xg2 ♖xg2 27. ♜xe8+ ♜xe8 0-1
 (2) 32... ♜xd3 33. ♜xd3 ♜xb3 34. ♜xb3 ♖d4 35. ♜c2 ♖xe2+ 36. ♜xe2 ♖h3 0-1
 (3) 11. ♜xh7+ ♜xh7 12. ♖g5+ ♜g6 13. ♜g4 f5 14. ♜g3 ♜c8 15. h4 ♜h8 16. ♖xe6+ ♜f7 17. ♜xg7+ ♜xe6 18. ♜f6# 1-0
 (4) 40... ♜b3+ 41. ♜a4 b5+!! (white cannot avoid the mate) 0-1
 (5) 29... ♖h3! 30. gxxh3 g2+ 31. ♜f2 ♜h4+ 32. ♜e3 ♜xe1! 33. ♜xe1 g1 ♜+ 34. ♜d2 ♖g2 35. ♜b1 ♜e3+ 0-1
 (6) 33... ♖g5! 34. ♜xg5 ♜g8 35. ♜xg8+ ♜xg8 36. ♖xc5 dxc5 37. ♜h3 ♜b6 0-1

ILLINOIS OPEN GAMES

Annotated by *W.M. Alan Watson*

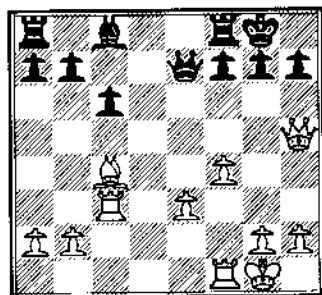
Warren, J - Riddle Illinois Open (01), 1994

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6
4.♙g5 ♗bd7 5.♗f3 ♙e7 6.e3
c6 7.♞c1 O-O 8.♙d3 dxc4
9.♙xc4 ♗d5



This introduces the Capablanca System of the Orthodox Defense to the Queen's Gambit. Black's aim is to simplify the position through exchanges and then prepare the liberating e5 to free the ♘c8.

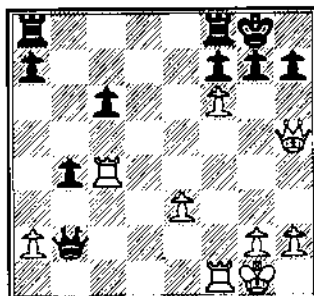
10.♙xe7 ♗xe7 11.O-O ♗xc3
12.♞xc3 e5 13.dxe5 ♗xe5
14.♗xe5 ♗xc5 15.f4 ♗e7
16.♗h5?



The most forthright reply to Black's 15th move is an immediate 16.f5 which

prevents Black from challenging bishops with 16...♗e6. 16...♗f6? This reciprocal error by Riddell allows the game to transpose into a variation already known as slightly better for White, with one major difference... Black is a full tempo down! Warren now takes total control.

17.f5! b5 18.♙b3 b4 19.♞c5
♙a6 20.♙c4 ♗xc4 21.♞xc4
♗xb2 22.f6!



Now that Black's queen has vacated the f6 blocking square, this dangerous little soldier storms the shield of pawns defending Black's king. In addition to creating holes, the ♗b2 is also cut off from the defense.

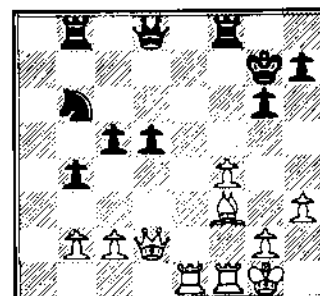
22...gxf6 23.♞g4+ ♗h8
24.♞h4 ♗c2 25.e4

And White shortly won.

25...♗xg2+ 26.♗xg2 ♞g8+
27.♗f2 ♞g7 28.♞g1 ♞ag8
29.♗h6 c5 30.♗xf6 1-0

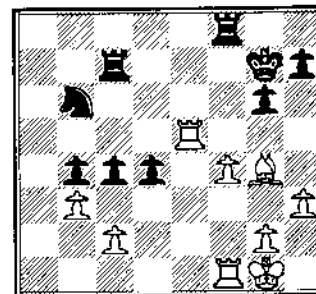
Szpisjak, S - Pelts, P Illinois Open (02), 1994

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 c5 3.d5 d6
4.♗c3 g6 5.e4 ♙g7 6.♙b5+
♗d7 7.a4 O-O 8.O-O ♙g4
9.h3 ♗xf3 10.♗xf3 ♗bd7
11.♗d1 ♗e8 12.♙e3 ♞b8
13.♗d2 ♗c7 14.♙e2 a6
15.♞ae1 b5 16.axb5 axb5
17.♙h6 b4 18.♗d1 ♗b6
19.♙xg7 ♗xg7 20.f4 e6
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23.exd5 ♗cxd5 24.♗xd5
exd5 25.♙f3?



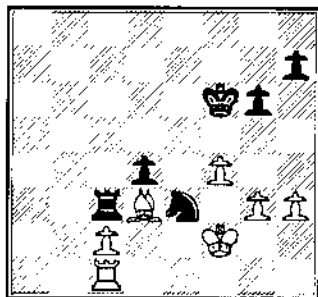
The alternative 25.♙g4! seems even more precise so as to enforce the advance f4-f5, thereby stripping the Black king of further shelter.

25...♗f6 26.♗e3! d4 27.♗e5
♗xe5 28.♞xe5 ♞bc8 29.♙g4
♞c7 30.b3 c4?



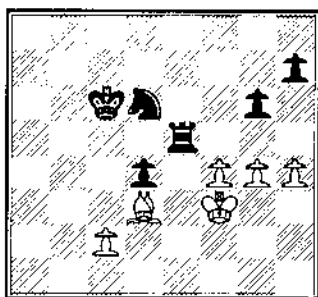
I can't believe that Pelts missed White's obvious reply, so I'm led to understand that he felt this desperate bid for complications was less painful and offered greater chances than a slow lingering death with no hope.

31.♖b5! ♖f6 32.♗xb4 ♖d5
 33.♗xc4 ♗xc4 34.♗xc4 ♖e3
 35.♗c1 ♖xc4 36.♗e2 ♖e3
 37.g3 ♗c6 38.♗d3 ♗c3
 39.♗f2 ♗f6?



Pelts misses a good drawing opportunity by not continuing 39...♖xc2! 40.♗xc2 [40.♗xc2 d3] ♗xd3 which would have eliminated both central pawns.

40.♗e2 ♖f5 41.♗f3 ♖d6
 42.♗a1 ♗c7 43.g4 ♗e6
 44.♗a4 ♗d5 45.♗a5+ ♗c6
 46.h4 ♗e7 47.♗e5 ♗xe5?

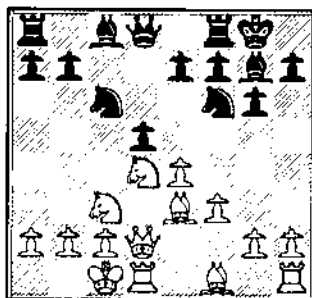


Pelts consistently heads for an indefensible ending! Black's only opportunity for defense lay in keeping rooks on while attempting to exchange pawns and minor pieces.

48.fxe5 ♖f7 49.♗e4 ♖h6
 50.♗e2 ♗c5 51.e6 ♗d6
 52.♗xd4 ♗xe6 53.♗f3 ♗e7
 54.c4 ♖f7 55.c5 ♗d7
 56.♗d5 ♖d8 57.♗e5 ♖e6
 58.c6+ ♗e7 59.g5 ♖c7
 60.♗d5 ♖b5 61.♗g8 ♖c7
 62.♗xh7 ♗f7 63.♗d6 ♖b5+
 64.♗d7 ♗g7 65.♗xg6! 1-0

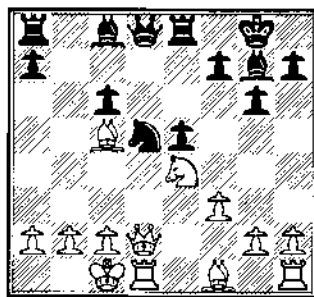
Chow, A - Wachtel, H
Illinois Open (03), 1994

1.e4 c5 2.♖f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
 4.♗xd4 ♖f6 5.♖c3 g6 6.♗e3
 ♗g7 7.f3 ♖c6 8.♗d2 0-0
 9.0-0 d5



This thrust which appears to lose a tempo is actually Black's most critical response to White's choice of variations. Play now becomes razor-sharp with both players staring each other down as if in a gunfight.

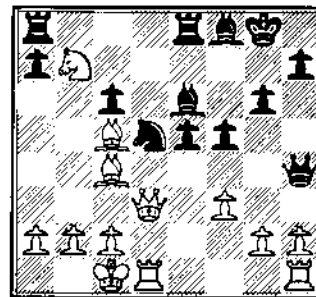
10.exd5 ♗xd5 11.♗xc6 bxc6
 12.♗d4 e5 13.♗c5 ♗e8
 14.♖e4?



This move which is fairly standard in the variations beginning 13...♗e6!

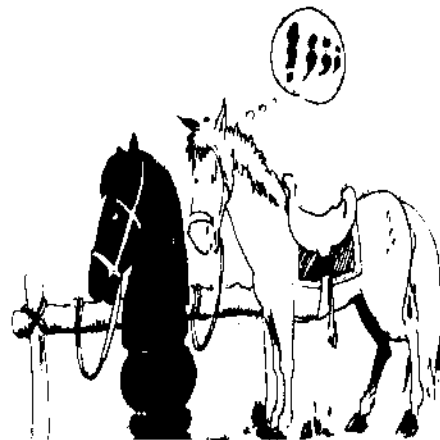
may well be an error here. Modern theory prefers both the experimental 14.♗c4 and the simplifying 14.♗xd5 cxd5 15.♗xd5 as leading to an advantage for White.

14...f5 15.♗d6 ♗f8 16.♗c4
 ♗e6 17.♖b7 ♗h4 18.♗d3



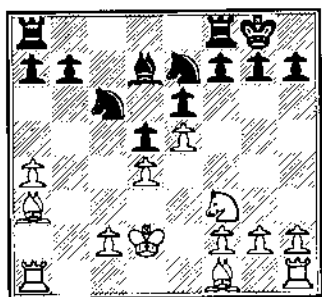
A theoretical novelty! Fedorowicz-Sosonko, Lone Pine 1981 continued instead 18.♗xd5 [18.♗xf8?! ♗xc4! -+] cxd5 [18...♗xd5! =+] 19.♗xf8 ♗xf8 20.♖c5 with a slight advantage for White. Wachtel plays the remainder of the game extremely well.

18...♗g7 19.♖a5 ♗ab8 20.♗a3
 e4 21.fxe4 fxe4 22.♗g3 ♖h6+
 23.♗b1 ♗xg3 24.hxg3 ♖c3+
 25.♗a1 ♖xd1 26.♗xd1 ♗xc4
 27.♖xc4 ♗bd8 28.♗e1 e3 29.b3
 c2 30.♗b2 ♗d1 31.♖b4 ♗g7+
 32.♗a3 ♗f8 0-1



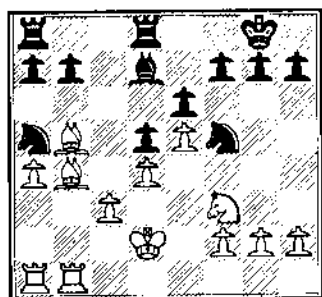
**Cooper, T - Wulatin, D
Illinois Open (04), 1994**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘b4
4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♘xc3+ 6.bxc3
♗e7 7.♗f3 ♗bc6 8.a4 ♘d7
9.♘a3 ♗a5 10.♗d2 cxd4
11.cxd4 ♗xd2+ 12.♔xd2
0-0?



The greatest danger to Black in this variation is that he will be left with a bad bishop against a superior White knight. After 12...♗c8! 13.♗e2 John Watson [no relative!] believes 13...♗a5! 14.♗hb1 b6! to be equal for Black.

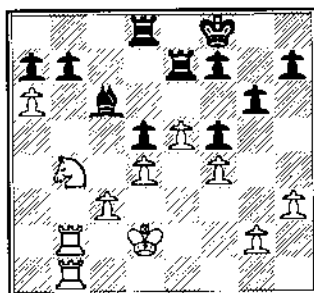
13.♗b5 ♗fd8 14.♗hb1 ♗f5
15.c3 ♗a5 16.♗b4!



White drives away the ♗a5 before Black can favorably exchange bishops and establish an outpost on c4. The Black pieces lack not only space but cohesion as well.

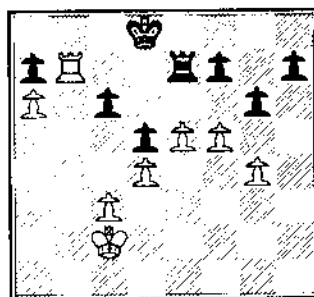
...In chess - as in any conflict-success lies in attack....Max Euwe

16...♗c6 17.♗d3 ♗xb4
18.♗xb4 ♗ab8 19.♗ab1 ♗c6
20.♗xf5 exf5 21.a5 ♗f8
22.♗e1 ♗d7 23.♗d3 ♗e7
24.♗4b2 ♗e8 25.♗b4 ♗d8
26.f4 g6 27.h3 ♗f8 28.a6!



A perfectly timed move which forces an entry into the Black position. All moves from now until the end of the game are essentially forced and represent a model game for the study of pawn breakthroughs!

28...♗c7 29.♗xc6 bxc6
30.♗b7 ♗dd7 31.♗xc7 ♗xc7
32.♗b7! ♗e7 33.♗c2 ♗e8
34.g4 fxg4 35.hxg4 ♗d8
36.f5!

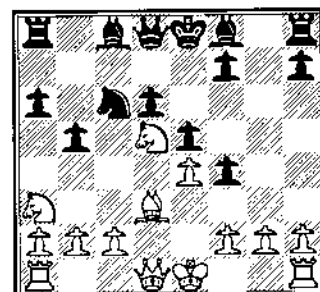


The game finale is rapidly drawing closer. Cover the remainder of the game and try to visualize what will happen next, then go back nine moves and try to do same thing!

36...h5 37.gxh5 gxh5 38.f6
♗d7 39.e6!! fxe6 40.f7 1-0

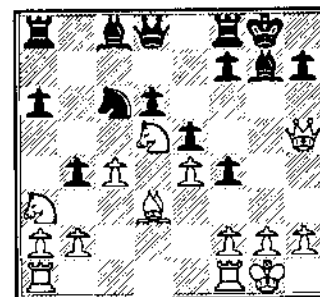
**Zemlinsky, A - Flaga, K
Illinois Open (04), 1994**

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.d4 cxd4
4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 e5
6.♗db5 d6 7.♗g5 a6 8.♗a3
b5 9.♗xf6 gxf6 10.♗d5 f5
11.♗d3 f4?



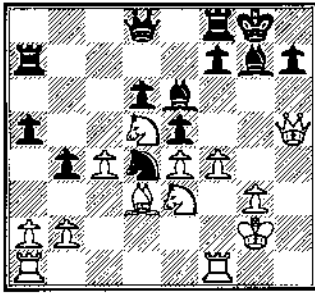
This poor move evidences Black's lack of theoretical preparation. Whereas 11...♗g5?! is risky but still occasionally played, 11...♗e6 has become standard in order to avoid prematurely fixing the kingside pawn structure.

12.♗h5 ♗g7 13.0-0 0-0
14.c4 b4?!



Black's last opportunity to transpose back into normal lines was 14...bc, when after 15.♗xc4 ♗e6 chances are considered balanced. After 14...b4 White has a lock on d5 while Black is denied activity and retains a bad ♗g7.

15.♗c2 a5 16.g3! fxg3
17.hxg3 ♗e6 18.♗ce3 ♗d4
19.♗g2 ♗a7 20.f4

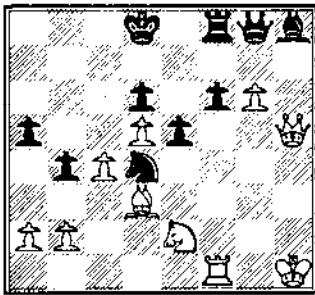


44.c5+!

A powerful move which opens a path for White's d-pawn and a gate into Black's position. Bad is now 44...♙xc5?? 45.♙f2+ ♖b5 46.♙e2+ ♖a4 47.♙e3 when checkmate on b3 cannot be avoided.

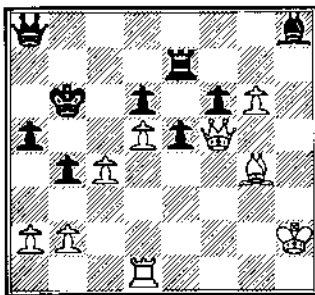
White's plan of action is clear while Black must be content to sit back and muddy the water any way he can.

20...f6 21.♞h1 ♗h8 22.f5 ♗xd5 23.exd5 ♞ff7 24.♞ac1 ♞ac7 25.♞h4 ♞g7 26.♞g4 ♙f8 27.♞h1 ♞xg4 28.♞xg4 ♙e7 29.♞f2 ♙d8 30.♞e4 ♞g7 31.g4 ♙f8 32.♞f1 ♙e7 33.g5 ♙g8 34.♙h1 ♞f7 35.g6! hxg6 36.fxg6 ♞f8 37.♞g3 ♙d8 38.♞e2

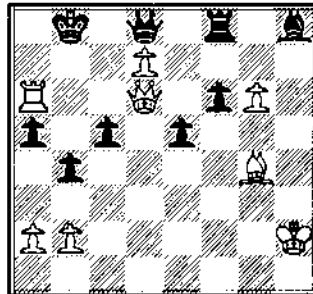


White seeks total control of f5 and so finally exchanges Black's only proud piece.

38...♞xe2 39.♞xe2 ♞e8 40.♞g4 ♞e7 41.♙f5 ♙c7 42.♞d1 ♙a8 43.♙h2 ♙b6



44...dxc5 45.d6 ♞e8 46.d7 ♞f8 47.♙e6+ ♙a7 48.♞d6 ♙d8 49.♞a6+ ♙b8 50.♙d6+?



More accurate at this stage was 50.♙c6! threatening 51.♞a8 Mate. but why quibble with such a well-played game! Anna should be extremely proud of her victory.

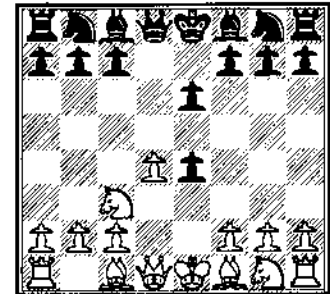
50...♙c7 51.♞a8+ ♙b7 52.♙a6# 1-0

Here is the controversial last round game between Angelo Young and the infamous computer. While the computer was not eligible to become the state champion, the outcome of this game did greatly affect the final results and cash prizes. People like Albert Chow and Josh Manion lost money because the computer "failed" to earn the simple draw and then lost when it became "confused." Should computers be allowed to play in the State Championship? Most players interviewed were opposed to this concept. Al Losoff, President of the ICA, when asked that question stated "I really didn't have much

choice this year, the tournament announcement did not prohibit computers, plus the owner of BP donated a substantial amount of hardware to the US OPEN. I had to let BP play. Next year we will make it a NC event!"

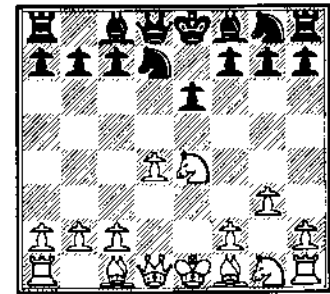
Comp,BP - Young,A
Illinois Open (05), 1994

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♞c3 dxc4

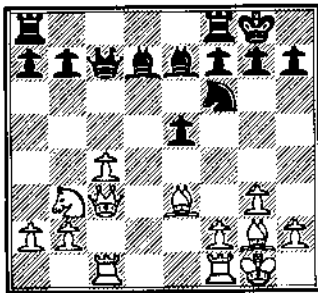


The Rubinstein Variation is much less seen than its relation 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♞c3 ♞f6 4.♞g5 dc which is named after A. Burn. Black cedes a space advantage in both but avoids the cramping e5 while developing rapidly.

4.♞xc4 ♞d7 5.g3!?

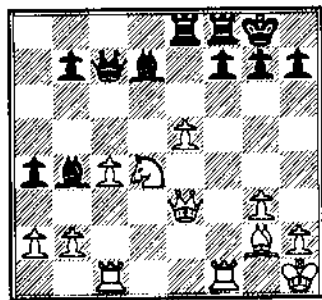


5...♞g6 6.♞xf6+ ♞xf6 7.♞g2 c5 8.♞e2 ♙b6 9.O-O ♞d7 10.c4 cxd4 11.♞xd4 ♞c5 12.♞b3 ♞e7 13.♞e3 ♙c7 14.♙d4 e5 15.♙c3 O-O 16.♞ac1



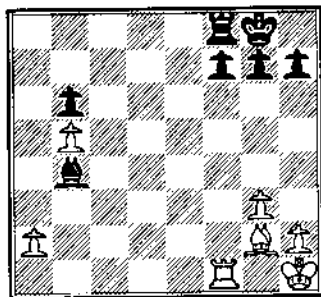
The opening is over, and White's queenside pawn majority and active bishops appear more potent than Black's center pawns.

16...a5 17.f4 g4 18.fxe5
 b4 19.d3 e3 20.xe3
 a4 21.d4 eac8 22.h1



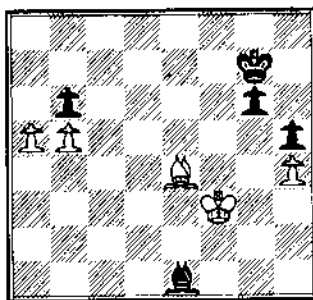
The pawn cannot be held, so White improves his freedom of movement by excluding any tricks along the a7-g1 diagonal.

22...Ee5 23.f4 d6
 24.f3 b6 25.b5 xb5
 26.cxb5 e7 27.d3 e2
 28.Ec2 Exc2 29.xc2 e5
 30.xa4 xb2 31.c4 b4
 32.xb4 xb4



The game is completely level at this point, and whereas most individuals would have been content to split the point and call it a day, Angelo banks on taking advantage of the weak endgame play typical of most silicon monsters.

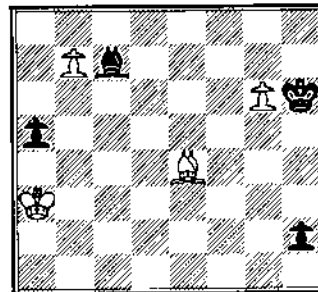
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 41.f7 d6 42.f3 c7
 43.g4 f6 44.d5 h6
 45.gxf5 f5 46.e4+ f6
 47.d3 d6 48.e4 b4
 49.g3 d2 50.g4 h5+
 51.f3 e1 52.g2 c3
 53.d5 g7 54.f2 b4
 55.e4 d6 56.f3 b4
 57.g2 h6 58.c6 d2
 59.f2 f4 60.f3 d6
 61.d5 e5 62.f7 h7
 63.c4 g7 64.b3 c3
 65.f2 f6 66.e2 g7
 67.f2 d2 68.c4 b4
 69.d5 f6 70.f3 e1
 71.e4 g7 72.a5



Twenty-one moves without a pawn being touched and the computer gets antsy! Angelo now recognized the potential of confusing the computer even more without risking loss, and allows for mutual passed pawns.

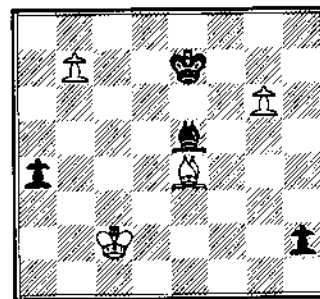
**Attack ! Always attack! -
 Anderssen**

72...bxa5 73.b6 b4 74.b7
 d6 75.c2 f6 76.e4
 b8 77.a4 e6 78.d4 g5
 79.hxg5 h4 80.c4 h3
 81.c6 h2 82.g6 f6
 83.e4 g7 84.b5 c7
 85.a4 h6 86.a3



The loud chorus of onlookers insisted BP play instead 86.b8/ e8xb8 89.xa5 with no question as to the outcome of the result, but BP now thought itself slightly better!

86...d6+ 87.b3 g7
 88.a4 c7 89.b5 f6
 90.c6 f4 91.c5 g7
 92.b5 c7 93.a4 f8
 94.b3 d6 95.d5 f4
 96.c3 d6 97.b3 g7
 98.e4 f6 99.c4 a4
 100.c3 g7 101.c2 e5
 102.b1 f6 103.c2 e7

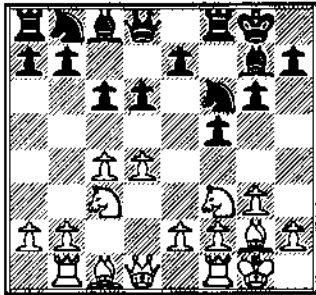


At this point an extraordinary event occurred: Black resigned due to a computer malfunction! This travesty which affected both the standings and prizes of our treasured state

championship can't be allowed to happen again. 0-1

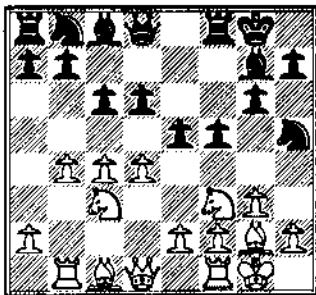
**Manion, J - Chachere, L
Illinois Open (05), 1994**

1.g3 f5 2.d4 Qf6 3.Qg2 g6
4.Qf3 Qg7 5.O-O O-O 6.c4
d6 7.Qc3 c6 8.Bb1



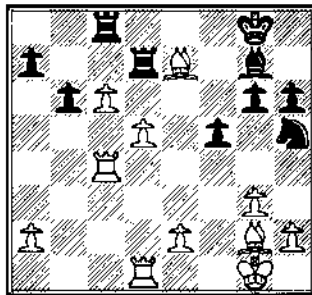
With this strange move, White removes his rook from the potentially dangerous a1-h8 diagonal and prepares to expand on the queenside with b2-b4. More common are the replies 8.d5 and 8.b3.

8...Qh5 9.b4 e5



Harding, in his monumental book on the Dutch Defense gives Black's last two moves as best and notes that 10.d5 is unplayable due to 10...e4! 11.Qd4 c5. However, he doesn't consider 10.dxe5. Both 8...a5 and 8...Ne4 are reasonable.

10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Qb3 Qe7
12.Qd1 h6 13.b5 Qf7
14.Qa3 Qe8 15.Qd6 e4
16.Qd4 Qd8 17.c5 Qd7
18.f3 Qxb3 19.Qxb3 cxb5
20.fxe4 b4 21.Qxb4 Qc6
22.Qxc6 Qxc6 23.Qd5 Qxd5
24.exd5 b6 25.Qc4 Qac8
26.Qe7 Qd7 27.c6!!

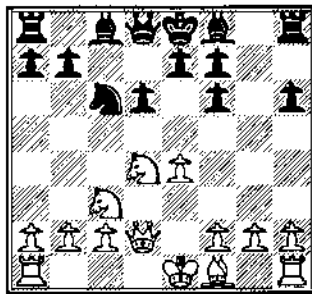


Other moves will win, but this is the most incisive and prettiest.

27...Qxe7 28.d6 Qf6 29.dxc7
Qxe7 30.c7 1-0

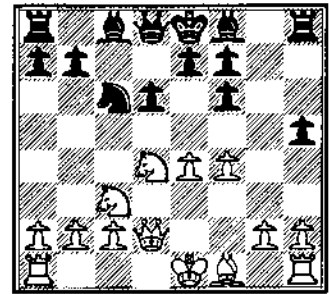
**Tychimba, B - Karklins, A
Illinois Open (05), 1994**

1.e4 c5 2.Qf3 Qc6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Qxd4 Qf6 5.Qc3 d6 6.Qg5
h6 7.Qxf6 gxf6
8.Qd2



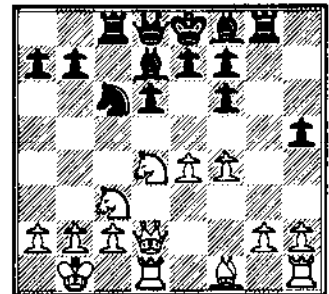
Karklins remains faithful to a complicated line which has proven quite difficult. Abbasi-Karklins, Chicago Intl 1994 continued 8.Qb3 f5 9.Qd3 fe 10.Qxe4 Qg7 11.Qf3 Qd7 12.O-O-O Qe5 13.Qe2 Qg4 with an unclear position.

8...h5 9.f4



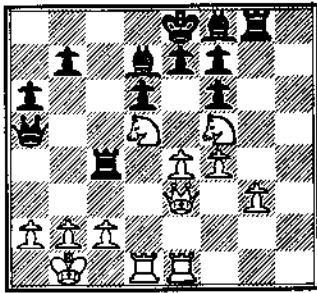
Less accurate was 9.g3 Qb6 10.O-O-O Qh6 11.f4 Qxd4 12.Qxd4 Qxd4 13.Qxd4 f5 14.Qb5+ Qf8! as in Sax-Karklins, Illinois Open 1993, when White managed a hard-fought draw after 42 moves.

9...Qd7 10.O-O-O Qc8
11.Qb1 Qg8?



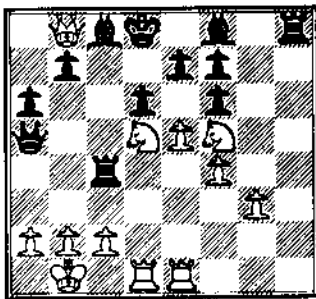
This unusual rook move is an attempted improvement upon a game vs. Chow at the 1992 Illinois Class, when after 11...a6 12.g3 h4 13.Qxc6 bc 14.Qxa6 Qa8 15.Qc4 e6 16.f5 Qa5 Black was worse though he did win in mutual time trouble

12.g3 a6 13.Qe2 Qa5
14.Qhe1 h4 15.Qe3 Qc4
16.Qxc4 Qxc4 17.Qf5 hxg3
18.hxg3 Qa5 19.Qd5



White's powerful centralization lies in sharp contrast to Black's sniping on both flanks. Black does possess two bishops and an additional center pawn, I hear you say, but he will never get a chance to utilize them!

19...♖d8 20.♗a7 ♘c8
21.♗b8 ♖h8 22.e5!



A powerful move which rips open the center to expose the bare flesh of Black's position. After several more accurate stabs, Black collapses without a whimper.

22...Re4 23.Rxe4 Qxd5 24.Red4
Qc6 25.exd6 e5 26.d7 exd4
27.dxc8Q+ 1-0

CORRECTION

Photographs appearing in the September - October Issue of the ICB were provided by Marvin Rogan (except the cover). My apologies to Marvin for this mistake. -- the editor.

READER'S SHOWCASE

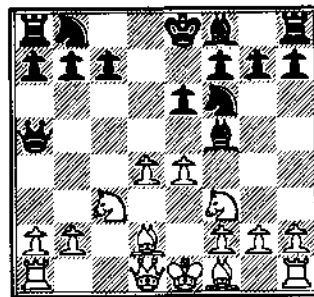
On August 22, 1994 GM John Fedorowicz gave a simultaneous exhibition at the Helen Plum Memorial Library in Lombard, Illinois. Thirty-seven opponents faced the GM, some playing black and some playing white according to their own choice. What follows is by no means the best-played of these games, but it proved to be the longest, and it taught me a number of worthwhile lessons - Dale Lehman.

Fedorowicz, J. (2600) -
Lehman, D. (unr)
Helen Plum Memorial
Library Simul, 1994
All notes by Dale except where
indicated.

1.♖f3 d5 2.c4 ♗f6

Lesson 1: I need to study my openings. In fact, I had been studying the Catalan over the weekend, but failed to recognize White's second move at the Reti.

3.cxd5 ♗xd5 4.♗c3 ♗a5
5.d4 ♗f5 6.♗d2 e6 7.e4



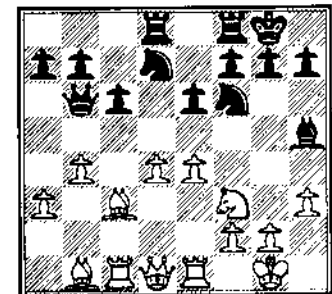
Another lost tempo. Had I been paying attention, I

would have played 5...♗g4 to start with.

7...♗g4 8.♞c1 ♗b4 9.a3
♗xc3 10.♗xc3 ♗b6 11.♗d3
♗bd7 12.O-O c6

At this point, I had resigned myself to fighting a losing battle. White has completed his development and has the two bishops

13.h3 ♗h5 14.♞e1 O-O
15.♗b1 ♞ad8 16.b4

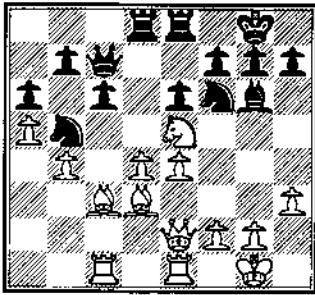


The previous week, I had done a bit of studying on minority attacks, and so I could see one coming, owing to White's stranglehold on the center. The defense against such an attack lies in the center, but I had little hope of that here.

16...♗c7 17.♗d3 ♗g6
18.♗e3 ♞fe8 19.a4 ♗b6

I took the first of my three passes while considering this move. My original plan was 20.a5 ♗c4, but after 21.♗e2 it appears that the knight has nowhere to go, but as it turns out, the move succeeds in thwarting White's minority attack.

20.a5 ♗c4 21.♗e2 ♗a3
22.♗d3 a6 23.♗e5 ♗b5



I took my second pass on this move in order to worry over 24. ♖xg6, but the bishop is doomed to be traded if White so desires, so I continued with my plan to lock up the Queenside.

24. ♖xb5

[RRR: White doesn't plan on trading off his good knight for Black's bishop on g6.]

24...cxb5 25.f3 ♖d6 26.♗d3 ♗h5? 27.♖e3 f6??

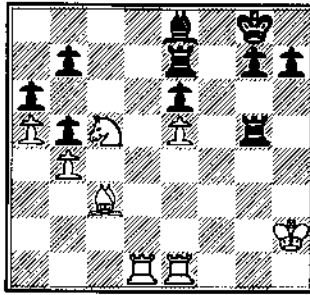
After a pretty good defense of a difficult position, I all but throw the game away by trapping my own knight. This blunder occurred only because I was looking to remove White's threat of e5 by playing f6.

28.♗c5 ♖e7 29.e5 ♖d5 30.g4 fxe5 31.dxe5 ♖f8 32.gxh5

[RRR: Winning the knight, but it does give Black some counter chances, but I am sure the GM Fedorowicz figures his endgame technique is better than his opponent's.]

32...♖xf3 33.♖g5 ♖xh3 34.♖g2 ♖xg2+ 35.♖xg2 ♖xh5 36.♖cd1

36...♖g5+ 37.♖h2 ♗e8



My plan here is to post the bishop at d5 to keep the Queenside locked up and hope for a draw. I didn't expect my passed pawns to do me much good against White's better pieces.

38.♖g1 ♖xg1 39.♖xg1 ♗c6 40.♗d6 ♗d5 41.♗d7 ♖f7 42.♖xe7+ ♖xe7

I wasn't comfortable trading off the rooks, but I was less comfortable letting him keep them. It looked drawish to me at this point, but unfortunately, I misunderstood one key aspect of the position.

43.♗d2 g6?

I was thinking the text prevents White from mounting a successful attack on the pawns, but the key to this position is Black's king is trapped on the back rank. Black needs to get his king in front of his pawns to have a chance

44.♖f2 ♖f7 45.♗h6 ♖e8 46.♖g3 ♖f7 47.♖h4 ♖e8 48.♖g5 ♖f7 49.♗d7 ♖e7 50.♗f6 ♗c4 51.♗xh7 ♗d3 52.♗f8+ ♖d7 53.♗c5 ♖c6 54.♗f6 ♗f5 55.♖f4 ♖c7 56.♖e3 ♖c6 57.♗e7 b6

I thought this pawn exchange might give me a way to force the elimination of the remaining pawns and yield a sure draw, but I was about to learn another lesson, this one in tactics.

58.axb6 ♖xb6 59.♗d7+ ♖c6 60.♗c5 ♖b6 61.♗d8+

So much for trading off the pawns!

61...♖a7 62.♖f4 ♗h3 63.♖g5 ♗f5 64.♖f6 a5??

The only explanation for this move was exhaustion. I just didn't see the bishop.

65.♗xa5 ♖b8 66.♗xc6 ♖b7 67.♗d4 ♗d3 68.e6 ♖c8 69.e7 ♖d7 70.♖f7 ♗c4+ 71.♖f8 1-0

Had I played 67...♗h3, I would have lasted another ten or fifteen moves longer although White could then have picked off the remaining Black pawns, traded his e-pawn for the bishop and queened his b-pawn, but wait till next time!



This next game is a good example of it's not over till its over!

**Tanaka, Jim (1825) -
Peterson, David (2105)
US Open G/30 (5), 1994**

1.f4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.e3 g6
4.b3 ♗g7 5.♙b2 O-O 6.♙e2
c5 7.O-O ♘c6 8.d4 b6 9.♙e5
♙b7 10.c3 ♙e4 11.♘d2 f5
12.♙xe4 ♙xe4 13.♙c1 ♙xe5
14.♙xe5 e6 15.♙g4 ♙e7
16.♙e2 h5 17.♙h3 ♙c6
18.♙xf8+ ♙xf8 19.♙f1 ♙xf1+
20.♙xf1 ♙f7 21.♙xf7+ ♙xf7
22.♙f2 ♙b5 23.g3 ♙e7
24.♙c1 ♙d7 25.♙e1 g5
26.g4 h4 27.♙f1=

At this point my draw offer was refused.

27...♙c6 28.h3 ♙f8 29.♙a3
a5 30.♙xb5+ ♙xb5 31.♙d2
a4 32.♙c2 ♙xb3+ 33.♙xb3
♙e7 34.♙d2 ♙d8 35.♙c2 c4
36.b4 ♙a4 37.♙c1 b5
38.♙b2 ♙e7 39.♙d2

It's a dead draw, but my opponent plays on and...

39...♙xb4?? 40.cxb4 c3+
41.♙xc3

At this point my opponent extended his hand thinking it was stalemate. When I did not do likewise he realized he had a legal move.
[41.♙xc3?? Stalemate]

41...♙a3 42.♙e1 ♘ 43.♙xh4
gxh4 44.g5

This should never have happened, but I'll take it. 1-0

SUDDEN DEATH: A RESPONSE

by Howard Wachtel

This is a response to Randy Pals' article "Sudden Death: The Facts" in the Sept.-Oct. issue of ICB.

Randy's facts do not in any way support the conclusions which he states. His computations of minutes per move (M/M) and hours of chess per day (HCPD) are based on rather arbitrary and questionable assumptions.

First of all, his computations of M/M (minutes/move) and HCPD (hours of chess/day) are based on several presuppositions (which he states without attempting to justify), including that every game lasts exactly 60 moves, and every player uses 100% of the time available to him. The number 60 here is completely arbitrary, and the situation of both players using all (or nearly all) allotted time is uncommon, and treating such a situation as the rule rather than the exception is not a reasonable assumption on which to base one's calculations. It would make more sense to survey a large sample of tournament games, record the percent of the maximum time used by the two players combined for each game in the sample, and use the mean of that sample of percents (which would be somewhere between 0% and 100%, though probably not near 100%) for the basis of calculating the expected time spent per game.

Also, the procedure of averaging over separate time controls is inappropriate. Each time control is a separate entity, and the first time control must be completed with each player having time remaining before the second

time control will be in force. For example, to say that a time limit of 40/90, then SD/30 is 2 minutes/move is nonsense; it is 2.25 minutes per move for the first TC, and the average time per move for the second TC is impossible to determine, since it depends on the length of the game. (What would you call the "average" of a TC such as 20/120, then SD/10?) The assumption that a typical game lasts 60 moves cannot be made by the player during the game, since he does not know how long the game will continue--after move 40 he cannot apportion his remaining time based on the assumption that the game will go 60 moves. A sudden-death situation is more like a speed game (even if you have 60 minutes for the rest of the game) in that a deficit of 5 or 10 minutes on the clock can become fatal in a nearly equal position--the "no losing chances" rule will not always save you (it is necessarily vague). Also using a weighted average of TC's for events which have different TC's for different rounds is not good either--if you throw a win away in time pressure in the first round, it is not much consolation that you will have more time in the later rounds.

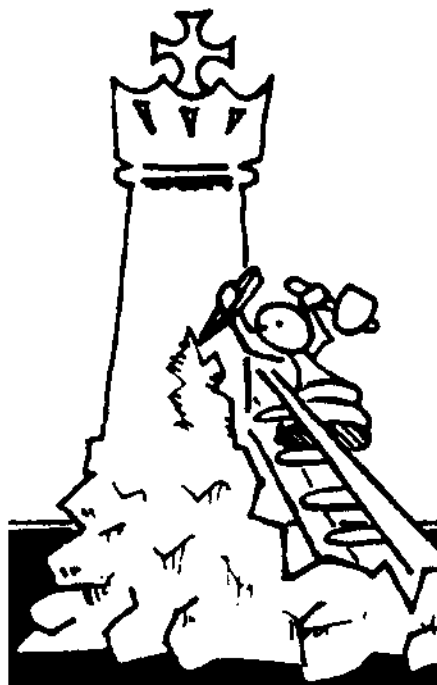
The statistic HCPD is purely a theoretical maximum, and not a measure of how exhausting a tournament is, as the article suggests (for example, by referring to a HCPD value of 13.2 as "punishing"). As mentioned previously, this calculation assumes that a game lasts exactly 60 moves and both players use all their time, which is highly atypical. (An example from my own experience: I just played a 12 round U.S. Open with a rating near 2200, and only one game of the 12 lasted into the second time control, and even in that game the loser could have safely resigned before move 50.) In any event, the number of hours the game lasts does not measure how tired the players are when the

game is over--more important is how many moves were made during those hours. Is it more tiring to play 1 game in 10 hours or 5 games in 5 hours? No matter how you rig the calculations, you cannot justify the conclusion that playing chess slowly is more tiring than playing chess fast.

Randy's comparison of Chess Life tournament listings of today and of the early 1970's overlooks the fact that in the earlier period, tournaments with TC's of one minute per move or faster, including G/30 or G/60 and the like, could not be rated in the same rating system as traditional tournaments (nor should they be) as is the case today, and were not included in the Chess Life listings at that time. Therefore his numbers exaggerate the growth in the number of tournaments during the period. The conclusion that tournament chess is alive and growing is misleading at best; more appropriately it could be stated that extremely fast chess is growing and replacing traditional tournaments. Only about 20% of tournaments today do not use SD. And why should 2 minutes per move be the definition of a "slow" tournament? Why is 30/60, then SD/60 a "slow" TC? When I began playing in tournaments, the most common TC was 50/120, and a 30/60 event was often called a "tornado"--and that was without a SD second TC!

There are other problems with sudden-death TC's. Sudden death, like blitz or like correspondence chess, uses a different set of rules from traditional tournament chess. For example, claiming a win on time or a draw by repetition is different in SD. The rulebook has had to expand considerably to accommodate SD, particularly the "no losing chances" rule which relies on a TD's judgment as to whether a C player could hold a position against a Master;

probably this rule cannot be improved so as to not require a subjective judgment on the TD's part. Thus in a "hybrid" TC such as 40/120, SD/60, you are effectively changing the rules in the middle of the game, just as if you played, say, a correspondence game for the first 40 moves and then played the rest of the game by phone or in person with a time limit enforced. (That is, SD should only be used as the first TC, or perhaps the third, but never the second.) Or how about 40/120, then SD/10?



A chess game should take as long as is necessary for a legitimate conclusion to take place.

Other sports do not have an absolute maximum time for the entire game. If adjournments are necessary, then by all means use them. Speeding up the game to great speeds is going to make the clock a major factor in most games, deteriorate the quality of the games and hinder improvement (you learn more from a "slow" game than from fast ones) and make the competition more tiring, not less. A better solution might be the use of the Shogi clock, which adds an incremental number of

seconds for each move. This eliminates wild time scrambles while not adding to the length of the game.

Recently in a critical final round on board 1 of the Cal Chess Championship, Black lost on time after White, unable to make progress on the board, blitzed off about 35 moves. Had Black claimed "no losing chances", a TD's subjective decision would have decided the state championship. Instead Black continued to blitz and built a mating net around White's king, only to have his flag fall and lose the state title. A normal tournament game degenerated into a blitz game.

Although I can understand why some players would prefer sudden-death to traditional time limits, I cannot understand how any reasonable observer could say that there are more choices of tournaments available now than in the past. There are not more choices, only different choices. Take any listing of rated tournaments and divide them into three categories, and see what you come up with: a) SD first time control; b) SD second time control; c) All other events. What percent are in the last category? For those accustomed to playing in traditional tournaments, a choice of G/15 or G/60 or 30/60 then SD/60 is no choice at all. Even the U.S Open, once the last bastion of the traditional event, is going to SD. If current trends continue I expect that, alas, the traditional tournament will be extinct in the near future.

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ICA-WARREN PROGRAM STARTS FOURTH YEAR

The ICA-Warren Junior Chess Program begins its fourth year (third full year). In addition to once again asking for your financial support, this letter will serve as an update of our activities and progress.

Three years ago Illinois had only six youngsters on the USCF Top Fifty by age lists. Today we proudly applaud the twenty-nine Illinois juniors on USCF's six honor rolls by age (June Cumulative Rating Supplement and August Supplement). Illinois surpasses California in the number of youngsters in the 8 & Under category and 9-10 year old category. We surpass New York in the Under 8 list. Both states have a far greater number of USCF members than Illinois. We now have two or more representatives in the older category; last year we had only one--or none--in the older groups.

Let's look at a few examples of individual progress of students in our program:

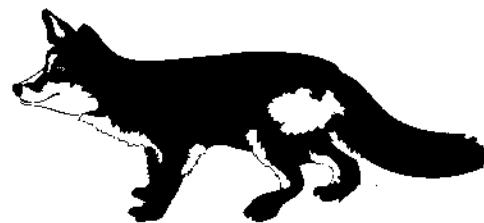
USCF Rating 12-18 months ago	Present USCF Rating		Age	Teacher
1400	1732	Brian Wong	11	Rodney Kinnaird
1500	1878	Josh Riddell	14	R Kinnaird & M Lonoff
1700	2000	Tommy Craggs	15	Vivek Rao
1700	1981	Anna Zemlinsky	15	R Verber & D Gurevich
1413	1679	Kim Goodwin	14	Richard Verber

The progress of our youngsters is not only a result of master lessons; a second ingredient is participation in open tournaments where they meet more consistent and challenging competition. Our aim is to allow promising kids to reach their full potential and embrace chess as a lifetime interest. Over thirty juniors played in the Illinois Open this past Labor Day! Compare this with the meager number of three or four years ago.

In a few weeks we will mail letters of eligibility for master tutoring to the following whose names are on USCF's Top Fifty by age lists:

Chris Von Krogh	18	2203	David Garrison	10	1357
Tommy Craggs	15	2000	Colin Sommers	10	1343
Kengas Sukchardenphon	16	1976	Lindsey Bollaert	10	1342
Anna Zemlinsky	15	1981	Mark Lewis	9	1362
Joshua Riddell	14	1878	Michael Saphavee	8	1381
Justin Sadauskas	14	1764	Matt Leali	8	1310
Kimberly Goodwin	14	1679	Saujanya Gumidyala	8	1267
Nicholas Kuyakanon	13	1650	Johnny Weier	8	1215
Brian Wong	11	1732	Sharon Ratcliff	8	1189
Andy Saphavee	10	1524	Chris Holmes	8	1158
Dan Otten	10	1448	Jon Hickey	7	1186
Chris LaGatta	10	1428	John Holmes	7	1211

CHESS ON THE



STEIN & CONDRON TIE IN LOW COST OPEN #5

The Fox Valley Chess Club sponsored the 5th of a continuing series of ICA Tour Events aimed at providing cost-effective entertainment for the local chess player.

Thirty six players including one master and three experts turned out for the event held on September 17th. The tournament was directed by Joe Oberweis with registration assistance from Bob Renaut and Jim Oberweis.

The Low Cost Open has a tradition of lower player upsets in the early rounds. This event was no different. Fox Valley Chess Club member, Matt McDonald (1176) defeated Hector Feliciano (1596) and Bryn Gast (1193) stopped Scott Silverman (1601) in round one ! Previous LCO winners Oberweis, Stein, Hernandez and Kittilsen all won in round one.

No major upsets were recorded in round two, but Scott Silverman continued to have his problems when he was defeated by Trey Standish (1220).

The fireworks started on the top boards in round 3. Peter Stein (2203) defeated Larry Cohen (2014), Hector Hernandez (2082) stopped last month's winner Jim Oberweis (1978) and Jim Condron defeated previous winner Guy Kittilsen.

Peter Stein beat Hector Hernandez to gain a share of the first place prize while Jim Condron enter the winner's circle by gaining a victory against Josh Flores.

Here is Matt McDonald's game:

McDonald,M. (1176)
Feliceand,H. (1596)
Low Cost Open #5, 1994

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 ♜c6 3.♜c3 e6
4.♗d2 ♗b4 5.a3 ♗xc3
6.♗xc3 ♜e4 7.d5 ♜xc3
8.bxc3 exd5 9.cxd5 ♜e7
10.♖f3 b6 11.c4 a5 12.a4
♗a6 13.e3 d6 14.♗e2 ♖f5
15.♖c2 ♜h4?? 16.♖e4+!

Matt finds the correct move to punish Black's poor placement of his Knight.

16...♗d7 17.♜xh4 ♖f6
18.O-O ♗he8 19.♖f5+ ♗d8
20.♖xf6+

Matt's training with NM Alan Watson is paying off. Watch

him systematically trade off all the remaining pieces to enter a won endgame!

20...gxf6 21.♗fe1 ♗e4
22.♖f3 ♗xc4 23.♗xc4 ♗xc4
24.♗ac1 ♗c5 25.♗xc5 dxc5
26.h3 ♗d7 27.e4 ♗d6
28.♜d2 ♗e5 29.f3 ♗d8
30.♜c4+ ♗d4 31.♜a3 f5
32.♗d1+ ♗e5 33.♜c4+ ♗f4
34.exf5 ♗xf5 35.g4+ ♗f4
36.♗f2 c6 37.♜xb6 cxd5
38.♜xd5+ ♗e5 39.♜e3 ♗d4
40.♗xd4 cxd4 41.♜c4+

Matt undaunted by Black's passed pawn sets out to eliminate all of Black's pawns.

41...♗d5 42.♜xa5 ♗c5
43.♜b3+ ♗c4 44.♜d2+ ♗b4
45.f4 ♗xa4 46.♗e2 ♗b4
47.♗d3 ♗c5 48.♜b3+ ♗d5
49.♜xd4 ♗d6 50.♗e4 ♗e7
51.♗f5 h6 52.♜c6+ ♗f8
53.♗f6 ♗g8 54.♜d8 h5
55.♜xf7 h4 56.♜h8!

A cute move by Matt. He doesn't need the Knight now and if Black captures, White gains control of the queening square on g8.

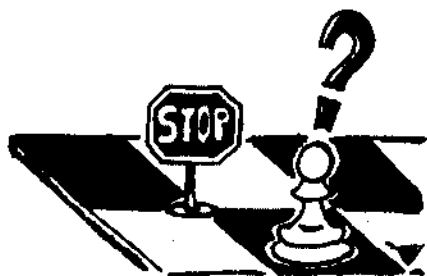
56...♗h7 57.♗f7 ♗h6
58.g5+ ♗h5 59.g6 ♗h6
60.g7 ♗h5 61.g8♗

A very nice game by Matt. You can be sure his rating is on the way up. 1-0

Here is another first round game.

McCoy, Damon	(1489)
Hernandez, H.	(2082)
Low Cost Open #5, 1994	

1.c4 ♖f6 2.♗c4 d6 3.♗c3 g6
4.d4 ♗g7 5.♗c3 O-O 6.♗d2 c6
7.♗ge2 b5 8.♗b3 a5 9.a4 b4
10.♗a2 ♗xe4 11.♗d3 d5 12.c3
♗a6 13.♗c2 ♗b6 14.♗acl ♗d7
15.O-O ♗fc8 16.♗d3 ♗xd3
17.♗xd3 bxc3 18.f3 ♗xb3
19.fxe4 dxe4 20.♗xe4 cxb2
21.♗abl ♗f6 0-1



Gazmen and Micklick Tie

Fourteen players competed in the Fox Valley Chess Club's Monday Knight Rated Chess event.

This game in thirty minutes event was directed by Jim Oberweis.

Ethelbert Gazmen (2122) shared top honors with Frank Micklich (1540). Both players had a perfect 3 - 0 score.

The top junior prize was won by Nick Howe (878) with a 2 - 1 score. Nick defeated Nathaniel Bell (989) the only other junior in the event. Nick also defeated club member Joe Moore (1268).

MORE SCHOLASTIC CHESS

Last issue we failed to mention several outstanding performances at the National High School Championship accomplished by Illinois teams or individuals. Here is the update on that story.

Open

Soren Dayton - 2nd under 1700
Kimberly Goodwin-3rd Under 1600

Under 1600

Zach Nelson - Co-Champion
Dan Hart - 4th
Peter Mueller - 6th
Andy Dougherty - 9th
Prashant Bhawe - 14th
Nick Fulkerson - 16th
Craig Lawson - 21st

Under 1500

Jimmy Owens - 3rd

Under 1200

Cesar Concepcion - 4th

Under 11

Kelley Floyd - 3rd

TEAMS

Rockford Auburn - 1st
Lane Tech - 4th
Evanston Township - 11th
Aurora West - 12th

Here are two games from that event.

Lee, P.	(2055)
Dayton, S.	(1655)
National High School Championship, 1994	

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5
a6 5.b6 d6 6.a4 a5 7.♗c3 g6
8.e4 ♗xb6 9.♗f3 ♗g7 10.♗e2
O-O 11.O-O ♗bd7 12.♗d2 ♗e5
13.h3 ♗a6 14.♗b5 ♗d8 15.♗e2
♗xb5 16.♗xb5 ♗e8 17.f4 ♗d7
18.♗c4 ♗b6 19.♗a3 ♗xc4
20.♗xc4 ♗c7 21.h4 ♗xb5
22.axb5 ♗b6 23.♗ff3 ♗fb8
24.♗fb3 a4 25.♗xa4 ♗xa4
26.♗xa4 c4+ 27.♗e3 ♗d4
28.♗xd4 ♗xd4+ 29.♗h2 ♗xe4
30.♗b4 ♗xf4+ 31.g3 ♗f2+
32.♗h3 ♗f1+ 1/2

Kim, Michael
Hart, Dan
National High School Championship, 1994

1.♗f3 ♗f6 2.g3 b5 3.♗g2 ♗b7
4.O-O g6 5.d3 ♗g7 6.♗bd2 d6
7.e4 c5 8.♗h4 ♗bd7 9.f4 ♗c7
10.a4 a6 11.axb5 axb5 12.♗xa8+
♗xa8 13.♗df3 c4 14.f5 ♗g4
15.♗el cxd3 16.cxd3 ♗c2 17.h3
♗ge5 18.fxg6 hxg6 19.♗xe5
♗xe5 20.d4 ♗d3 21.♗d1
♗xd4+ 22.♗h2 ♗xd1 23.♗xd1
♗xb2 24.♗xd3 ♗xc1 25.♗c3
♗b2 26.♗c8+ ♗d7 27.♗c2
♗e5 28.♗f3 ♗f6 29.♗cl ♗xe4
30.♗e5+ ♗xe5 31.♗xe4 ♗c8
32.♗bl ♗c5 33.♗d3 ♗c6
34.♗g2 ♗c3 35.♗fl ♗f6
36.♗bl b4 37.♗f3 b3 38.♗e2
b2 39.♗dl ♗cl 40.♗e4+ ♗d7
41.♗d2 ♗xd1+ 42.♗xd1 ♗g5
43.♗c2 ♗cl 44.♗c3 ♗e6
45.♗d4 f5 46.♗d5+ ♗f6
47.♗a2 e5+ 48.♗d3 e4+
49.♗e2 ♗e5 50.h4 d5 51.♗d1
e3 52.♗e2 d4 53.♗d3 f4
54.gxf4+ ♗xf4 55.♗e2 ♗g4
56.♗bl ♗xh4 57.♗xg6 ♗d2
58.♗d1 ♗g3 59.♗d3 ♗f2
60.♗c2 bl ♗+ 0-1

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G/30 - 5/SS

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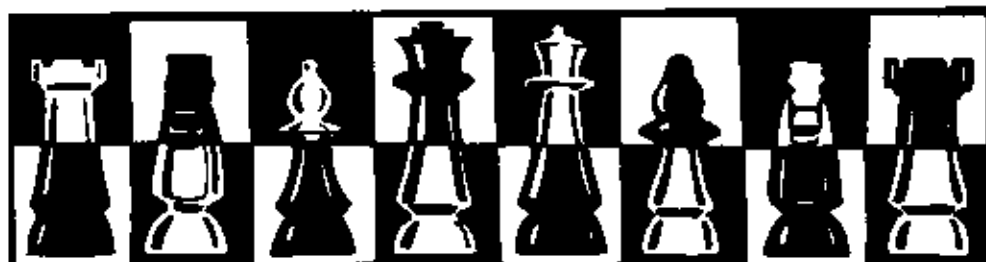
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ILLINOIS TOUR CROSSTABLES

Bradley Summer Open

	score	August 27, 1994				tour	
		W18	W14	W5	W3		
1 MOTE David	2243	W18	W14	W5	W3	4	14 M
2 LEALI Michael	1780	D10	W17	W21	W4	3.5	7.5MXAB
3 NAFF William	2130	W13	W21	W6	L1	3	4 MX
4 BOLITHO Thomas	1849	W23	W20	W15	L2	3	4 MXA
5 BOUGERIE Dennis	1846	W9	W12	L1	W15	3	4 MXA
6 SPHAR Robert	1791	W19	W24	L3	W12	3	4 MXAB
7 TOWNSEND Chester	1742	W25	L15	W14	D8	2.5	2.5MXAB
8 HIERONYMUS Kent	1729	L14	W10	W19	D7	2.5	2.5MXAB
9 BARTHEL Jim	1457	L5	W22	W24	D13	2.5	2.5MXABC
10 MOORE Rod	1450	D2	L8	W18	W16	2.5	2.5MXABC
11 SCULLEY David	1600	L15	L19	W22	W24	2	2 MXAB
12 BONONI David	1592	W16	L5	W20	L6	2	2 MXABC
13 STOTLER Richard	1555	L3	D25	W26	D9	2	2 MXABC
14 GATZ Barney	1413	W8	L1	L7	W23	2	2 MXABC
15 BUTCHER Donald	1084	W11	W7	L4	L5	2	2 MXABCDE
16 HIERONYMUS Joshua	949	L12	W23	W25	L10	2	2 MXABCDE
17 CRUM Randy	1615	L24	L2	H	W26	1.5	1.5MXAB
18 BANKS Jeremy	1556	L1	D26	L10	W25	1.5	1.5MXABC
19 SALAZAR Jose	1451	L6	W11	L8	D20	1.5	1.5MXABC
20 LEALI Matthew	1288	W22	L4	L12	D19	1.5	1.5MXABC
21 GOODWIN Kimberly	1673	W26	L3	L2	-	1	1 MXAB
22 COVERT Arthur	1641	L20	L9	L11	B	1	1 MXAB
23 SKAAR Andrew	1515	L4	L16	B	L14	1	1 MXABC
24 MARTIN Steven	1256	W17	L6	L9	L11	1	1 MXABC
25 KELLY James	1435	L7	D13	L16	L18	0.5	0.5MXABC
26 DEVORE Joseph	1399	L21	D18	L13	L17	0.5	0.5MXABC

Illinois Open

OPEN

	score	September 3-5, 1994				tour		
		W1	W41	D49	W51			
1 MANION Josh	2431	W41	D49	W51	W17	W9	4.5	19 M
2 YOUNG Angelo	2431	W59	W18	D7	W14	W6	4.5	19 M
3 TYEHIMA Ben	2269	W52	W40	W11	D9	W15	4.5	19 M
4 FELTS Peter	1413	W60	L11	W33	W29	W17	4	12 M
5 CHOW Albert C	1783	W33	W20	L17	W21	W22	4	12 M
6 COMPTON B P	12297	W42	W39	W37	W15	L2	4	12 M
7 PANGAN Camilo C	17248	W43	W22	D2	D26	W25	4	12 M
8 COOPER Thomas L	12210	W54	W62	L15	W27	W24	4	12 M
9 CHACKERE Lawrence	12393	W32	W13	W16	D3	L1	3.5	7 M
10 LEVINE David M	12233	W25	D14	D24	W40	D13	3.5	7 M
11 SZPISJAK Steven J	12138	W55	W4	L3	D34	W26	3.5	7 MX
12 MC CARTHY Michael	12097	H	L48	W63	W54	W30	3.5	7 MX
13 TOMS John M	12072	W27	L9	W42	W45	D10	3.5	7 MX
14 BUGAN Timothy J	11993	W63	D10	W48	L7	W34	3.5	7 MXA
15 KARKLINS Andrew	12371	W34	W50	W8	L6	L3	3	6 M
16 BUNGO D Gregory	12225	W61	W23	L9	L22	X41	3	6 M
17 WACHTEL Howard K	12195	W35	W36	W5	L1	L4	3	6 MX
18 FLAGA Krzysztof	12153	W45	L2	W60	L25	W42	3	6 MX
19 SATTERLEE Ray Doyle	12141	D26	D30	L34	W56	W40	3	6 MX
20 INNUMERABLE Florentino	21116	W46	L5	L25	W61	W45	3	6 MX
21 SOLLANO E O	12028	H	R	W35	L5	W48	3	6 MX
22 KLEBAN Yuliy	12000	W56	L7	W36	W16	L5	3	6 MX
23 WILLIAMS Kent M	11972	W69	L16	D56	W57	D28	3	6 MXA
24 PEDERSEN N Eric	19448	W65	H	D10	W37	L8	3	6 MXA
25 ZEMLINSKY Anna	11909	L10	W69	W20	W18	L7	3	6 MXA
26 HENDERSON S E	11850	D19	W38	W49	D7	L11	3	6 MXA
27 WOLATIN David J	11839	L13	W32	W41	L8	W39	3	6 MXA
28 ROCKWELL David	11833	L39	H	W58	W51	D23	3	6 MXA
29 MAYKA Tom R	112037	D48	W57	H	L4	D36	2.5	5 MX
30 PRISKE Thomas G	111962	D58	D19	H	W49	L12	2.5	5 MXA
31 FAGAN James B	11954	W64	L37	L45	D33	W55	2.5	5 MXA
32 FELTNER Cameron	11934	L9	L27	D47	W43	W56	2.5	5 MXA
33 MOHAPATRA Taranik	11928	L5	W46	L4	D31	W57	2.5	5 MXA
34 SMYTHE Bill	11924	L15	W47	W19	D11	L14	2.5	5 MXA
35 CADMAN Chuck	11885	L17	W66	L21	D38	W49	2.5	5 MXA
36 WALSH Bill H	11812	W67	L17	L22	W60	D29	2.5	5 MXA
37 WALLACH Kenneth T	11212	W53	W31	L6	L24	-	2	4 M
38 GAZHEN Ethelbert	11212	H	L26	D61	D35	D44	2	4 MX
39 SAX Robert D	11067	W28	L6	D53	D48	L27	2	4 MX
40 SCHULTZ Andrew H	11010	W68	L3	W62	L10	L19	2	4 MX
41 SUKCHAROENPHON Th	11948	L1	W44	L27	W62	F16	2	4 MXA
42 HANSEN Steven E	11921	L6	W68	L13	W59	L18	2	4 MXA
43 PORTER John	11911	L7	L56	W69	L32	W63	2	4 MXA
44 KUHN Peter B	11874	L49	L41	W64	H	D38	2	4 MXA
45 ALLEN Hence	11861	L18	W59	W31	L13	L20	2	4 MXA
46 KITTILSEN Guy O	11844	L20	L33	L59	W64	X60	2	4 MXA
47 RIDDELL Joshua S	11816	L50	L34	D32	D63	W59	2	4 MXA
48 GRUNMAN Feb	11814	D29	W12	L14	D39	L21	2	4 MXA
49 VON KROGH Chris	11811	W44	D1	L26	L30	L35	1.5	3 MX
50 WARREN James E	112061	W47	L35	D54	-	-	1.5	3 MX
51 COX William G	111983	D57	W58	L1	L28	-	1.5	3 MXA
52 STEWART Allen	111916	L3	D63	L57	W58	-	1.5	3 MXA
53 MENDELIS Ainis	111900	L37	W64	D39	-	-	1.5	3 MXA
54 STOLTZ Robert M	111886	L8	W65	D50	L12	-	1.5	3 MXA
55 BOLITHO Thomas G	111849	L11	L60	W65	H	L31	1.5	3 MXA
56 GAPEZ Wilfredo C	111744	L22	W43	D23	L19	L32	1.5	3 MXAB
57 HART Dan G	111542	D51	L29	W52	L23	L33	1.5	3MXABC
58 BARTHEL Jim	111457	D30	L51	L28	L52	W65	1.5	3MXABC
59 RAJENDRAN David	1943	L2	L45	W46	L42	L47	1	2 MXA

60 SUKCHAROENPHON Ke	IL	1943	L4	W55	L18	L36	F46	1	2 MXA
61 BUTTNY William P	IL	1900	L16	H	D38	L20	-	1	2 MXA
62 COLEMAN Gene D	IL	1866	W66	L8	L40	L41	-	1	2 MXA
63 GOODWIN Kimberly	IL	1673	L14	D52	L12	D47	L43	1	2 MXAB
64 FORDE Norris L	IL	1361	L31	L53	L44	L46	B	1	2MXABC
65 SAWYER Emerson	IL	-	L24	L54	L55	W69	L58	1	2 M
66 KARKLINS Erik	IL	2156	L62	L35	-	-	-	0	
67 LOSOFF Alan R	IL	1887	L36	-	-	-	-	0	
68 SBPHECK Mark M	IL	1804	L40	L42	-	-	-	0	
69 SOLANO Mario	IL	1463	L23	L25	L43	L65	-	0	

Illinois Open

RESERVE

	score	September 3-5, 1994				tour			
		W55	W54	W9	W6				
1 OBERWEIS Julie	IL	1651	W55	W54	W9	W6	W7	5	32 B
2 PRATTS Michael	IL	1573	W66	W64	W57	W18	W10	5	32 BC
3 ROUSTAN Pierre	IL	1348	H	W37	X	W36	W17	4.5	19 BCD
4 GERTSMAN Genady	IL	1755	W28	L38	W53	W50	W24	4	12 B
5 ENGELIN Mark	IL	1714	W71	W27	W38	L7	W26	4	12 B
6 DELAY Joe	IL	1513	W61	W34	W19	L1	W18	4	12 BC
7 MC COY Damon	IL	1489	W78	W20	W14	W5	L1	4	12 BC
8 INBAR Yaniv	IL	1486	W79	L14	W68	W47	W21	4	12 BC
9 COCHRAN Craig	IL	1450	W80	W47	L1	W48	W22	4	12 BC
10 JASAREVIC Erash	IL	1250	W69	W49	W21	W35	L2	4	12 BCD
11 ROBLEDO Mark Jr	IL	1165	W24	W25	L36	W34	X23	4	12 BCDE
12 HILTON James	IL	1710	L72	W65	W54	W25	D16	3.5	7 B
13 VONDUSKA Richard	IL	1697	L31	W33	D28	W64	W36	3.5	7 B
14 COX Paul H	IL	1678	W32	W8	L7	D27	W39	3.5	7 B
15 PADILLA Rudy R	IL	1641	W56	L17	W29	H	X38	3.5	7 B
16 SALAMANCA Ron	IL	1533	W82	W62	L18	W19	D12	3	7 BC
17 MEYERS Fred C	IL	1456	W88	W15	W48	H	L3	3.5	7 BC
18 VENSKE Dan	IL	1749	W41	W51	W16	L2	L6	3	6 B
19 CLAY Harry	IL	1700	W30	W52	L6	L16	W40	3	6 B
20 OLDS Steven J	OH	1686	W73	L7	W41	D38	D27	3	6 B
21 MARSHALL Kenneth	IL	1620	W33	W11	L10	W43	L8	3	6 B
22 WEBER T V	IL	1606	L64	W63	W31	W57	L9	3	6 B
23 WARGEL Stephen	IN	1603	H	W76	W84	D26	F11	3	6 B
24 SILVERMAN Scott A	IL	1601	L11	W44	W72	W58	L4	3	6 B
25 MICKLICH Frank T	IL	1540	W59	L11	W55	L12	W56	3	6 BC
26 SCHARFFER Gary	MO	1521	W75	W68	D35	D23	L5	3	6 BC
27 BISHOP Jack	IL	1512	W67	L5	W62	D14	D20	3	6 BC
28 BURDA Alex	IL	1431	L4	W59	D13	D52	W57	3	6 BC
29 SCOTT George A	IL	1400	L68	W75	L15	W74	W58	3	6 BC
30 PAVONE Frank P	IL	1337	L19	W78	L50	W77	W47	3	6 BCD
31 ROBLEDO Mark	IL	1330	W13	L21	L22	W62	W50	3	6 BCD
32 HARRIS Donald E	MN	1321	L14	D79	D77	W80	W53	3	6 BCD
33 REID Carl S	IL	1228	L21	L13	W61	W70	W52	3	6 BCD
34 BROADIE Richard	CA	1736	W70	L6	D52	L11	W60	2.5	5 B
35 CHAN Kheongsann	IL	1710	W43	W53	D26	L10	-	2.5	5 B
36 SORIANO Leo	IL	1609	D58	W40	W41	L3	L13	2.5	5 B
37 KEMPNER Robert H	IL	1594	H	L3	-	W83	W64	2.5	5 BC
38 WALKER Charles	IL	1533	W83	W4	L5	D20	F15	2.5	5 BC
39 BERKHEIMER Ed	IL	1479	L62	W66	H	W65	L14	2.5	5 BC
40 JOHNSON Jeff	IL	1470	L57	W74	H	W46	L19	2.5	5 BC
41 GETZ Barney	IL	1413	L18	W82	L20	D44	W66	2.5	5 BC
42 BALES Robert J	IL	1382	H	L36	D60	O66	W65	2.5	5 BCD
43 HORNOR Richard	IL	1346	L35	W67	W69	L21	D45	2.5	5 BC
44 COX Forrest T	IL	1248	L48	L24	W75	D41	W67	2.5	5 BCD
45 RABINOVICH Yevgeniy	IL	1164	L49	L69	W76	W71	D43	2.5	5 BCDE
46 CHECK Martin	IL	154	W73	D70	L40	W71	2.5		
47 MEMMED Covic	IL	1638	W63	L9	W71	L8	L30	2	4 B
48 GRANT Dennis S	IL	1634	W44	W72	L17	L9	-	2	4 B
49 WARRIN Helen E	IL	1585	W45	L10	W56	-	-	2	4 BC
50 CORNELIUS Brad S	WI	1576	W74	L57	W30	L4	L31	2	4 BC
51 GROVER David A	IL	1531	W60	L18	D64	H	-	2	4 BC
52 GROEGER Andrew	IL	1511	W76	L19	D34	D28	L33	2	4 BC
53 JOHNSON Henderson	IL	1500	W77	L35	L4	W55	L32	2	4 BC
54 GLAWZ Chris	IL	1464	W46	L1	L12	L56	W76	2	4 BC
55 GODDARD Timothy J	OH	1290	L1	W80	L25	L53	W77	2	4 BCD
56 WISHNER Michael	IL	1273	L15	W88	L49	W54	L25	2	4

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Nov 12 Fox Valley Low Cost Open #7, Aurora 4-SS, G/60, Church of God, Corner of Galena and Lancaster, Aurora, IL, EF: \$13, \$10 juniors. Reg: 8:00-8:30. Rnds 8:45, 11:00, 1:30, 3:45. Prizes (b20) \$50-\$25, Top A,B,C, D/E/unr \$15 each. For info call: Bob (708) 983-0934. mini

Nov 12-13 Turkey Tourney, Chicago, G/90, EFS 20, Reg 12-12:45 Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, 312-761-5050.

Nov 12 94 Tuley Park 5SS G/15-25 #1, Chicago, IL 5-SS, 501 E, 90th Place, EF: \$12, under 19 \$6. Reg. 11:00-11:45, 1st Rd at 12. Prizes if 16 or less 1st 35%, 2nd 25% best from lower half 20%, if 18 or more 1st 30%, 2nd 21%, middle 3rd 18% lowest 3rd 15%. Info: Tom Fineberg 721-3979.

Nov 19-20 Illinois Class Championships. 4-SS, 45/2, 15/30, SD/30. Palos Heights Recreation Center, 6601 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights, IL. \$\$G 2,250. 5 Sections: M/X, EF: \$38 (\$19 under 19). \$\$ 500-250-100, X 150. A, B, C, EF: \$34 (\$17 under 19). \$\$ 200-100-50. D/E, EF: \$30 (\$15 under 19). \$\$ 100-60-40. All: \$12 more after 11/14. ICA membership required \$14 (\$8 under 19), OSA. Play in your own class or 1 above. Unrated may play in any section but may not win more than 2nd place except in M/X. An unrated prize will be added to any section with 4 or more unrated players. Reg 8:30-9:30 AM. Rds 10-4 each day. 1/2 point bye available in round 1 or 2 if requested in advance. An Illinois Maxi-Tour Event! Free snacks and soft drinks throughout the tournament. Make checks payable to Illinois Chess Association. Ent: Todd Barre, 418 Poplar Av., Elmhurst, IL 60126, 708 834-0862.

Dec 1 Thursday Nite Kwik Sight, Chicago, G/20, EF \$12, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, IL, 312- 761-5050

Dec 3 Saturday Winter Warm up, Chicago, G/45, EF \$14, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, IL, 312- 761-5050

Dec 3 Tuley Park Quick Chess #12, Chicago, IL 5-SS, 501 E, 90th Place, EF: \$12, under 19 \$6. Reg. 11:00-11:45, 1st Rd at 12. Prizes if 16 or less 1st 35%, 2nd 25% best from lower half 20%, if 18 or more 1st 30%, 2nd 21%, middle 3rd 18% lowest 3rd 15%. Info: Tom Fineberg 721-3979.

Dec 4 Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score, 5-SS G/30, mini see ad.

Dec 10-11, Oak Park River Forest Winter Open, Oak Park River Forest, IL MAXI - See AD on page 25

Dec 15 Thursday Knight Klwk Kings, G/20, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, IL, 312- 761-5050

Dec 17 Tuley Park G/15-25 #2, Chicago, IL 5-SS, Rds 1-2 G/15, 3-5 G/25, 501 E, 90th Place, EF: \$12, under 19 \$6. Reg. 11:00-11:45, Rds: 12, 12:40, 1:20, 2:20 and 3:20. Prizes if 16 < 1st 35%, 2nd 25% from lower half 20%, if 18 or more 1st 30%, 2nd 21%, middle 3rd 18% lowest 3rd 15%. Info: Tom Fineberg 721-3879.

Dec 18 Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score G/60, mini, see ad. 1995

**Jan 7-8, Tim Just Open, Grayslake, IL
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**Feb 11-13, US Amateur Team Championships Midwest, Oakbrook,
Feb 18 Tuley Park Quick Chess #2, Chicago, IL 5-SS, 501 E, 90th Place, EF: \$12, under 19 \$6. Reg. 11:00-11:45, 1st Rd at 12. Prizes if 16 or less 1st 35%, 2nd 25% best from lower half 20%, Info: Tom Fineberg 721-3979.**

**Mar 11 Tuley Park G/? #2, Chicago, IL
Mar 24-26, Mid-America Class Championship, Chicago, IL.**

**Apr 1 Tuley Park G15 #2, Chicago, IL
Apr 7-9, National H.S. Championship, Chicago, IL.**

Apr 7-9, National Elementary Championship, Little Rock, AR.

**Apr 29 95 Tuley Park G/? #3, Chicago
May 5-7, National Open, Las Vegas.**

May 12-14, National Junior High, Dearborn, MI.

**May 20 95 Tuley Park G/15-25 #3,
May 28-30, Chicago Open, Oakbrook,
Jun 14-16, U.S. Junior Chess Congress - Midwest, Chicago, IL.**

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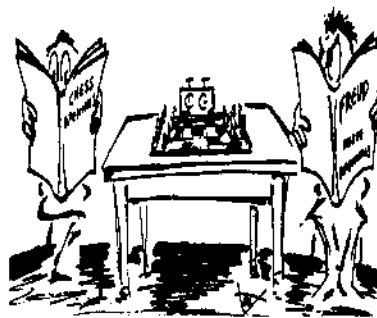
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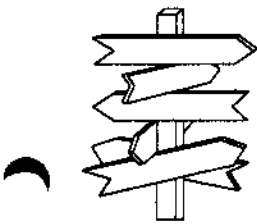
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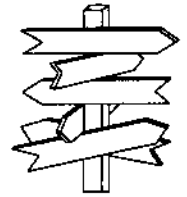
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