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## ***The President's Podium***

### **1997 U.S. Masters**

Helen Warren's commitment to reward excellence in chess makes possible this year's U.S. Masters. I hope all of our masters and former masters will play in this year's tournament, which incorporates Midwest Masters X. If you have not yet achieved masterdom, you can still come by and watch. I encourage spectators to come out on March 6-9, and see the best players in the nation compete for \$17,000; and, root for their favorite player. Will GM Dmitry Gurevich post another 7-0 score again? Will someone else be the winner? How will the young players fare against the established, or veteran, players?

### **ICA Banquet**

When Fred Gruenberg volunteered to organize and conduct the 1997 ICA Banquet I knew this was going to be an extra special activity. Why? Because his chess motto has always been this: "Put the Fun Back into Chess!" He is always looking for ways to reward player support and do something different for the players. This time around, for example, Banquet attendees will have a chance to play 5-minute chess games against G.M. Dmitry Gurevich. A great dinner, fun and "sur-prizes", special awards and cash prizes for the 1996 Illinois Tour winners, it will all be happening on Sunday, March 16 at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant in Westmont. Space is limited to 100 people, so be sure to reserve your seat early. For more information call Fred at (708) 489-5800.

### **Latin Wave**

There has been a lot of interest and a certain level of chess activity in Latino communities in Illinois over the last few years. The efforts of people involved in this area are beginning to bear fruit. There are now three Illinois Hispanic players in

USCF's Top Fifty lists: Alicia Gaytan, Top Girls Under 13; Jose A. Rodriguez, Top Age 8/Under, and Miguel Angel Santana-now an Expert-, Top Age 17-18. (Illinois has a total of 21 players on the Top Fifty lists). Mark Robledo is the undisputed 1996 U.S. Class C Champion, and, 1996 ICA Tour Class C Champion. Finally, I.M. Roberto Martin Del Campo, who leads by example, has tied for first place in the last two editions of the Illinois Open.

### **The Whitney Young High School Team**

The Whitney Young H.S. chess team has been very active of late and they have achieved a couple of outstanding results. October, 1996 saw them compete at the National Scholastic K-12 Championships in Terre Haute, IN where they came home with a second place team trophy-Senior Division, ahead of famous Orr H.S. These two teams have an intense, friendly rivalry. Their team pulled off another second place finish at the 1997 Illinois State All-Grade Chess Tournament, in Evanston. Salar Jahedi, the main animator on the team, Martin Szafran and Boris Tse are all seniors worthy of recognition, hats off to them and Mr. Mason, their sponsor. Salar is also the 1996 U.S. Class D Champion, 1996 ICA Tour Class D Champion, and 1996 Midway Challenge Champion.

A matter of high interest with the ICA Executive Board is the reflection of scholastic chess in the pages of the ICB. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage coaches and/or parents to write articles about your most dedicated and/or successful scholastic players. Send all material to our Editor.

Lastly, I hope everyone who got to play at the U.S. Amateur Team Midwest had a wonderful time. Is it time to start selecting and preparing your team for next year's competition?

*Hector R. Hernandez*

## ***News Flash! News Flash! News Flash! News Flash! News Flash!***

From Fred Gruenberg

**Dmitry Gurevich, Illinois' only Grandmaster, is on a tear in Europe. After a poor result in Amsterdam, Dmitry has won or tied for first in his last three tournaments. In Geneva, Switzerland, Dmitry tied for first against 130 players and 30 Grandmasters. In Franfort, Germany, he again tied for first against a field of 16 Grandmasters. Dmitry has beaten the last four Grandmasters he has played and hasn't lost to a Grandmaster in the last three tournaments. Dmitry will be at the ICA Banquet this March 16th. He will play most of you in a five minute blitz game. Play or watch... but don't miss the Gurevich Blitz at the ICA Banquet.**



*Where the Editor Puts Forth His Unwashed-for Opinions*

For a while I thought this was going to become as the issue that slipped. Everyone involved in submitting material was more than compliant with my wishes to get their material to me in a timely manner, but then when it came time to actually do my end, I ended up staying in bed ill more than I have in quite a while. But here it is, in your hands. Not as soon as I had hoped, yet still...

First, a word about this issue's content. Unfortunately, a problem arose at the last second and Alan Watson's Opening Theory Corner article refused to join the issue, as in the computer file took a dive. This is a real pity as I had the chance to read it ahead of time and it may well be his best one yet. I'm sure the problem will be resolved and you will get to enjoy it next issue. Second, you'll see material from some sources new to the ICB. Each is pretty much self-explanatory and I think you'll enjoy each of them. I'm continually looking for new items to share with you. There is a possibility of receiving more material from GM Gufeld in the future and I am looking into that. Of course, that brings me to the next issue, your feedback on the ICB.

Maybe there were many of you suffering the fate of the weather as I did but for whatever reason, there was nearly no mail this time, excluding a couple of short personal notes. I really like putting together a letters column and I think most people are interested in reading one, but when there is no mail - there's no column. Whenever I add or remove a column I always wonder what the response of the readers is. Maybe I'm putting out material that only I find interesting. Send your comments and be as specific as you wish. You have the opportunity to directly influence the content of this magazine.

Next issue I hope to bring some detailed coverage of the US Masters. I will be there spectating, etc., from beginning to end,

and will try to dredge up as much material as I can. From the latest version of the player roster that I've seen, the talent that will be in attendance is incredible. Hopefully, I can get interviews with the top players before they leave town and maybe even arrange some special Guest Articles.

I don't typically deem it appropriate to cover international events in great detail in the ICB unless one of our own is involved however I wanted to point out some things you may or may not be aware of. The latest two big international tournaments have both been won by Gary Kasparov. They were both among the very strongest of all time. Kasparov appears to have reached an even higher level of play and is without doubt the strongest player in the world at the moment, if not all time. I bring this up because looming closely is the Kasparov-Deep Blue re-match. I won't bore you with the technical specifications, but Deep Blue has been greatly enhanced from the hardware side. Additionally, IBM has spent some big dollars on GM consultation to beef-up their program to specifically play Kasparov. Last year, Deep Blue did not physically exist weeks before the first match and then it went into the match virtually untested. A year of dedicated work is hard to quantify but the result should be interesting. Gary has the experience in how to handle Deep Blue now (compare his first game disaster with the later match games when he totally dominated DB), but IBM seriously wants to win. I expect Kasparov to win but it will be interesting to see how the match pans out. Last year Deep Blue was a lot of hype, this year it may be for real. Look to see Kasparov giving interviews on TV and if IBM thinks they can really win they'll probably use the opportunity to advertise themselves and the event. Regardless of the outcome, I can hardly wait. Until next issue...

*- Timothy Williams*





# A Merry Olde Time at Holiday Classics

Report by TD Larry Cohen, Annotations by NM Alan Watson

The final Tour Event of the year was held Dec 28-29. Since this was a Maxi event almost every tour position was up for grabs. The Master/Expert section saw Al Chow cruise to victory. A draw in the final round clinched first in the tournament and on the Tour. Second place went to an A class player. John Porter (1852, but not for long) was the odd man in round 1 and received a full point bye. However, he earned the rest of his points by drawing Kevin Schmuggerow (2135), beating Steve Szpisjak (2287), and getting a draw from Al Chow (2366) in his final game. Third place was decided by the last round game of Szpisjak-Martinovsky. After about 15 moves Steve claimed a draw against Eugene on the basis of third repetition of the position. This gave Martinovsky third in the tournament and Szpisjak second in the Tour. Top experts were Steven Wagner and Anthony Marquez.

The A class saw ex-president Jim Oberweis sweep through the field. He scored 3.5 points against 4 of the top 5 players in the class. Top rated Howard Cohen finished second, only losing to Oberweis. His final round game against brother Larry was to the death over the board, this time it was Howard trouncing Larry in the end. In third were Jim Egerton and Mike Cronin. For a time it appeared that Cronin was going to beat Oberweis for a three-way tie. Oberweis fought back from a piece down and the players agreed a draw.

In the B class section Bryan Gast secured his spot in the Tour with a perfect score. Only one other section could boast of having a 'Mr. Perfect.' Bryan only needed a draw to clinch

everything, but instead went and won his final game. Tied for second and third were Chris Baumgartner and John Klein.

The C class was the only class that could not affect the Tour standings. Taking first with 3.5 points was Brian Egerton. His last round draw with D player Michael Loblaco clinched the victory. Tying Loblaco for second place was Scott Silverman. Both players ended the event with 2.5 points. This and the D section were the smallest sections of the event with only 7 players. Four of the players were D class rated. Next year more C players should play.

In the D class section Salar Jahedi posted the other perfect score. This allowed him to streak into first in the D class of the Tour. Aaron Chen, a class E player, finished second with a score of 3 points. His only tournament loss was to Jahedi. Top rated Boris Tse had 2.5 points, which gave him third place. This was a small section due to 4 D players playing up a class.

The E/Unr section was by far the largest. First and Second was split between Nathan Harbacek and Winston Huang after they drew in the final round. Third place went to Noah Miller who scored 3 points. Thomas Singura was the top Unrated, scoring 2 wins along with his 1/2 point bye from the first round. Over half of the section was unrated or rated under 1000. Next year look for an under 1000 prize.

Plans are already in the works for a 1997 version of this tournament. In three of the six sections prize winners were players who played up a section.

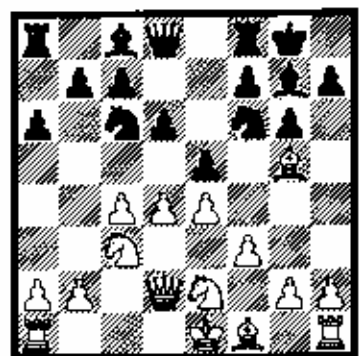
In the 1997 events players who play up a class will be ineligible for the place prizes. Instead there will be a separate prize in each section specifically for players who play up a class. Also, Masters and Experts will be in two separate classes. Mark your calendar now for Dec 27-28.

☐ Mikolyzk,T  
 ■ Shellhammer,T  
 Holiday Classic (1), 1996

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 e5 4.♘f3 exd4  
 5.♗xc4 ♗c5 6.♗g5 ♖b6 7.♙d2??  
 [Oops! A typical first round disaster.]  
 0-1

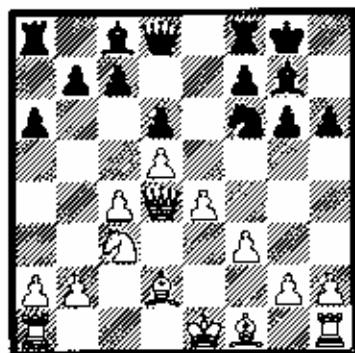
☐ Baumgartner,C  
 ■ Gast,B  
 Holiday Classic (1), 1996  
 [Alan L. Watson]

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6  
 5.f3 0-0 6.♗g5 ♗c6 7.♗ge2 ♖6 8.♙d2  
 e5?!

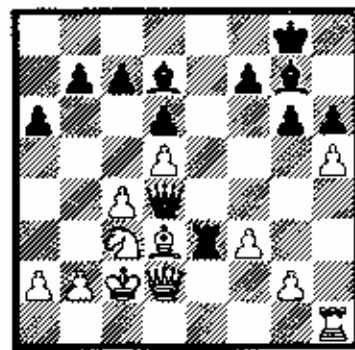


[Bryan is a talented Illinois junior whose enthusiasm and diligence of study are second to none his age., However, on this occasion he mistakes the present position for a different one where White's dark squared bishop is instead placed on e3. Both 8...♗b8 and 8...♗d7 are typically played here.] 9.d5 ♗d4  
 [9...♗a5!? 10.♗g3 b5! 11.cxb5 axb5

12.♖c2! (12.♗xb5 ♖b3?) 12...b4  
13.♗b5±] 10.♗d4 exd4 11.♗d4 h6  
12.♗d7



[Walking into the fire without an extinguisher! Necessary was 12.♗xf6 ♗xf6 13.♗d2 when Black would have some play for the pawn but probably not enough in the long run.] 12...♗e4! [Now everything is back in order and the tactics click one after another as if pre-programmed.] 13.♗g1 [13.♗xe4 ♗e8+] 13...♗xd2 14.♗xd2 ♗e8 [It is also possible to reserve this development in place of 14...c6 which would grant Black's queen access to the unopposed dark squares on the queenside.] 15.h4 ♗f6 16.♗d3 ♗d7 17.♗f2 ♗f4+ [More accurate was 17...b5! with the idea of rapidly opening queenside lines.] 18.♗c2 ♗e3 19.♗a1 ♗a8 20.♗e3 ♗e3 21.♗d2 [21.♗e1] 21...♗d4 22.h5?



22...♗d3! [Displaying a keen tactical eye.] 23.♗xd3 ♗f5 24.♗c4 ♗xb2+ 25.♗d1 ♗a1+ 26.♗d2 ♗xh1 27.g4 ♗g2+ [27...♗xc4! 28.♗xe4 gxf5+] 28.♗e3 ♗g1+ 29.♗e2 ♗xe4 30.♗xe4 ♗h2+ 31.♗d3 ♗e5 32.hxg6 ♗xe4+ 33.♗xe4 ffg6 34.a4 ♗f7 35.f4 h5! [Securing an outside passed pawn.] 36.gxf5 gxf5 37.♗f5 c6 [37...♗f6!] 38.♗g5 exd5 39.exd5 h5! [This second passer decides the issue

as White's king is not sufficiently fleet of foot to cover both sides of the board simultaneously.] 0-1

□ Oberweis, J  
■ Amundsen, S  
Holiday Classic (1), 1996

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗c4 ♗f6 4.♗g5 d5  
5.exd5 ♖a5 6.♗b5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6  
8.♗e2 h6 9.♗h3 ♗d6 10.♗c3 0-0  
11.d3 ♗d5 12.♗f3 ♗c7 13.♗g1 ♗b8  
14.♗ge2 ♗h7 15.b3 f5 16.0-0 ♗d6  
17.♗xd5+ cxd5 18.♗b5 ♗b6 19.♗xc7  
♗xc7 20.f4 ♗b6+ 21.♗h1 e4 22.♗b2  
♗c5 23.♗d4 ♗a6 24.♗e1 ♗c6 25.♗e5  
♗b7 26.♗d4 ♗d7 27.♗e3 ♗e6 28.♗g3  
♗f7 29.♗h5 exd4 30.♗xd4 ♗c7  
31.♗xh6 ♗xc2 32.♗xa6 ♗c7 33.♗f1  
♗c1 34.dxc4 fxe4 35.♗b5 ♗xf1+  
36.♗xg1 ♗xf4 37.♗d1 ♗f7 38.♗d2  
♗f1+ 39.♗g1 ♗c5 40.♗e3 ♗f7 41.g3  
♗e6 42.♗g2 ♗e1 43.♗xc1 ♗xc1 44.♗e2  
♗e5 45.♗xa7 d4 46.♗d2 d3 47.h3 ♗e1  
48.♗f2 ♗h1 49.♗e3 ♗e1+ 50.♗f2 ♗h1  
51.b4 ♗h1 52.♗c5 ♗d5 53.♗f8 g6  
54.a3 ♗c4 55.♗g7 ♗h1 56.♗f6 ♗b5  
57.♗e3 ♗e1+ 58.♗d4 ♗a4 59.♗g5  
♗xa3 60.b5 ♗h1 61.♗xe4 ♗xb5  
62.♗xd3+ ♗b2 63.♗d6 ♗b4+ 64.♗e5  
♗c2 65.♗f4 1-0

□ Martinovsky, E (2344)  
■ Sax, R (2073)  
Holiday Classic (1), 1996

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 c5 3.a3 g6 4.♗f3 ♗g7  
5.♗c3 0-0 6.♗e2 exd4 7.exd4 d5 8.0-0  
♗c6 9.h3 h6 10.♗e1 ♗e6 11.c5 ♗e4  
12.♗b5 ♗xc3 13.bxc3 ♗a5 14.a4 ♗h7  
15.♗d2 ♗c7 16.♗c1 ♖a5 17.♗f4 ♗c8  
18.♗a2 ♗c4 19.♗c5 ♗xe5 20.♗xe5  
♗xe5 21.♗xe5 b6 22.cxb6 axb6  
23.♗e3 ♗c7 24.♗c2 ♗a7 25.♗c1 ♗d6  
26.♗e1 ♗c8 27.♗f3 ♗g7 28.♗e3 ♗c7  
29.g4 ♗a3 30.c4 ♗a1+ 31.♗g2 ♗xc4  
32.♗xc4 ♗xc4 33.♗xe6! fxe6 34.♗xe6  
♗c7 35.♗xd5 ♗xa4 36.♗e4 ♗b4  
37.♗g6+ 1-0

□ Cohen, H (1980)  
■ Cohen, L (1948)  
Holiday Classic, 1996  
[Alan L. Watson]

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.c3 ♗f6 4.e5 ♗d5  
5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 d6 7.♗c4 ♗h6  
8.♗b5 [White pins the knight in order  
to avoid the variation 8.♗b3 dxe5  
9.d5 ♗a5 which would forfeit the two  
bishops without gaining a pawn  
weakness as compensation.] 8...♗d7?!

[8...dxe5 9.♗xe5 ♗d7 10.♗xc6 ♗xc6  
11.♗xc6 bxc6 12.0-0 e6 13.♗g4 h5!  
14.♗f3 ♗d5 15.♗d3 ♗e7 16.♗c3 ♗d7  
17.♗f3 ♗d5 18.♗c4 ♗f6 19.♗f4 ♗d5  
20.♗fe1 ♗xe4 21.♗xe4 ♗xe4 22.♗xe4  
♗d7 23.♗e5= Kwiatkowski-  
Naumann, Hastings 1988/89] 9.♗c3?!  
[The proper way to capitalize on  
Black's last move was 9.exd6 exd6  
10.0-0 with superior play.] 9...a6  
10.♗xc6 ♗xc6 11.d5 ♗d7 12.0-0  
[12.exd6 exd6 13.♗b3 ♗c8 14.♗c3  
♗c4 15.♗xb7±] 12...♗g4 13.♗e1 dxe5  
14.h3 ♗f3 15.♗xf3 ♗d7?! [Not bad  
yet, but passive play could have been  
entirely avoided by 15...♗d6 knowing  
that White's knight is tied to c3 in  
order to protect d5.] 16.♗c4 f6?  
[16...♗a5! 17.♗c3 ♗c8?] 17.♗c3 g6  
18.♗a1 ♗g7 19.d6 0-0 20.dxe7 ♗xe7  
21.♗c7 ♗c8 [21...♗d8 22.♗xb7 ♗b8  
23.♗d6±] 22.♗xb7 [22.♗xf6+! ♗xf6  
23.♗d5+ ♗b8 24.♗d7±] 22...♗e6  
23.♗d1 ♗f8 24.♗d6 [24.b3 f5 25.♗d6  
fxe4 26.♗xf8+ ♗xf8 27.♗xe6±]  
24...♗xa2 25.♗xf6+ ♗b8 26.♗d7?  
[Missing the decisive conclusion  
26.♗xg7!!] [26.♗xg7!! ♗xg7 27.♗b7+  
♗h8 (27...♗f7 28.♗b6+)] 28.♗h6+]  
26...♗d8 27.♗g5 e4 28.♗xe4 ♗e8  
29.♗h4 ♗b1+ 30.♗h2 ♗c4 31.♗xe4  
♗xe4 32.♗f6 ♗xf6 33.♗xf6 ♗f4 34.♗g3  
♗f5 35.♗c6 [Preparing to invade the  
7th rank at e7 in due time.] 35...a5  
36.♗f7 ♗b8 37.♗cc7 ♗g5+??  
[37...♗xf6 was necessary in order to  
prolong the game but offered little  
hope in the long run.] 38.♗h2 ♗h5  
39.♗g7 ♗xh3+ 40.gxh3 ♗xb2 41.♗g8#  
1-0

□ Martinovsky, E (2344)  
■ Chow, A (2400)  
Holiday Classic (3), 1996

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 b6 4.g3 ♗a6  
5.b3 ♗b4+ 6.♗d2 ♗e7 7.♗g2 ♗b7 8.0-0  
0-0 9.♗c3 ♖a6 10.♗bd2 c5 11.e3  
♗c8 12.♗e2 ♗c7 13.♗b2 ♗b8 14.e4  
exd4 15.♗xd4 d6 16.♗fe1 ♗c5 17.f3  
a6 18.♗f1 ♗a8 19.♗c3 ♗fd8 20.♗ad1  
♗cd7 21.♗f1 ♗e5 22.♗g2 ♗f8 23.♗h3  
b5 24.cxb5 axb5 25.f4 ♗ed7 26.♗g4  
exg4 27.♗xg4 ♗f6 28.♗h4 ♗xe4  
29.♗d3 d5 30.f5 e5 31.♗f3 ♗a7+  
32.♗b1 ♗f2+ 33.♗g2 exd3 34.♗xd3  
e4 35.♗g5 ♗c2+ 36.♗h3 h6 37.♗xe4  
♗xb2 38.♗xd8 dxe4 39.♗d7 ♗f2 0-1

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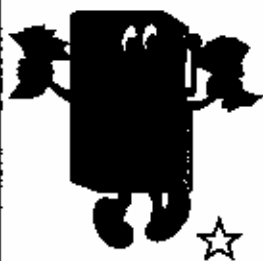
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# A Blow by Blow Account



By NM Alan Watson



318 chessplayers gathered at the Clarion Hotel O'Hare from November 22-24, 1996 to battle for honor and cash prizes in ten different sections. In the end, only GM Gregory Serper (2707) emerged from the jungle of talented individuals to post a 4-1 score in the Open Section and carry away a \$1500 prize. Other champions were 1) Miron Zinytch & Pete Stein sharing honors in the Expert section; 2) Steve Amundsen, Class A; 3) Bryan Gast & Matt Sellers, Class B; 4) Mark Robledo with a perfect 5-0 in Class C; 5) Salar Jahedi with a perfect 5-0 in Class D; 6) Pete Karagianis with a perfect 5-0 in Class E; 7) Daniel Alekna, <1000; 8) David Jachyra, <800; and 9) Aleksey Makeyev in the Unrated Section. Congratulations to these people and all the individuals that competed.

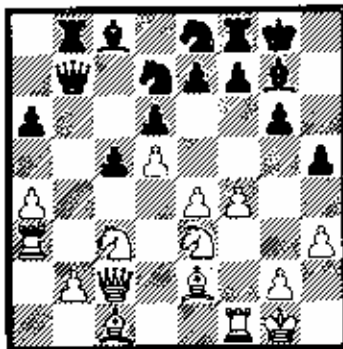
## Round 1

The surprises in this tournament began early as Emory Tate reentered with a half-point bye after losing his first game Friday night game to Dr. Steve Tennant. Marvin Dandridge lost a difficult game to the unrated but talented (and at least high-expert strength!) B. Tubic, and Albert Chow

was held to the first of ultimately 3 draws.

□ Dandridge, M (2329)  
 ■ Tubic, B (Unr)  
 US Class (1), 1996

1.d4 e6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 b5 4.exb5 a6 5.b6!? [With this move, White both renounces his intention of holding onto the gambit pawn and disallows the "a" file's opening. Although initially quite popular and dangerous, the last several years have seen a decline in this variation as reasonable means were found for dealing with it. It remains quite dangerous, however, and should not be underestimated by the second player.] 5...Qxb6 [5...d6 6.Qc3 Qbd7 7.e4 g6 8.Qf3 Qg7 9.Qe2 0-0 10.0-0 Qxb6±] 6.Qc3 d6 7.e4 g6 8.Qf3 Qg7 9.Qe2 0-0 10.0-0 Qbd7 11.Qd2 Bb8 12.h3 Qe8 13.Qc4 Qc7 14.Qc2 Qb6 15.Qc3 Qh7 16.a4 Qd7 17.Qa3 h5 18.f4



[Satisfied that Black's last move has seriously weakened the castled position and confident that his opponent's passive position presents no danger, Marvin initiates his direct assault.] 18...Qc7 19.Qc4 Qa8 20.Qa5 Qb7 21.Qxb7!? [While proceeding with his strategy of enforcing e4-e5, I cannot but help believe that this exchange of a powerful knight for passive bishop was not strictly necessary. Alternative plans for White involved the further repositioning of his forces with moves

such as Qh1, Qf3, and Bb3, or perhaps the consideration of f4-f5 targeting the weakened g6 square.] 21...Rxb7 22.e5 Bf8 23.e6 Qf6 24.exf7+ Qxf7 25.Qd3 Bb4 26.Qxg6+ Qg8 27.Qe2 Qxd5 28.Qxd5!? [White begins along a dangerous path which opens as many lines for Black's pieces as it does his own. A more controlled means of proceeding was 28.Qxh5! after which the king's position is getting rather drafty.] 28...Qxd5 29.Qxe7 B4b7 30.Qe2 c4 31.Qd1 Qc5+ [31...Qe7 32.Qf3 Qxf3 33.Qxf3 d5±] 32.Qe3 Qxe3+ 33.Qxe3 d5 34.Qe5 d4 [34...h4!?] 35.Qxb5 Qxb5 36.Rxb5 d3 37.Qg5 Qf7 38.Qf5+ Qe6 39.Qa5 Qxb2 40.Qxa6+ Bb6 41.Rxb6+ Rxb6 [Although substantially ahead in material, Black's pawns are far advanced and quite dangerous. White lost in the ensuing time scramble.] 0-1

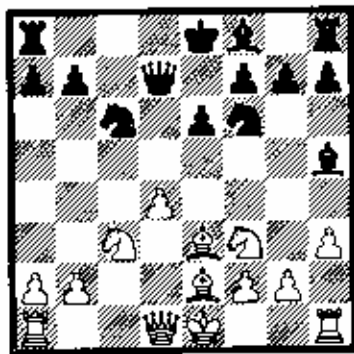
□ Betanell, A (2268)  
 ■ Serper, G (2707)  
 US Class (1), 1996

1.d4 e6 2.Qf3 d5 3.e3 e5 4.c3 Qbd7 5.Qd3 g6 6.Qbd2 Qg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.b4 b6 9.Qe5 Qxe5 10.dxe5 Qg4 11.bxc5 Qxe5 12.Qe2 bxc5 13.Qb3 c4 14.Qd4 Qa5 15.Qc2 Qd3 16.a4 e5 17.Qb5 Qf5 18.Qd2 a6 19.Qa3 axb5 20.Qxf8 Rxf8 21.axb5 Qxb5 22.g4 Qe6 23.Qf1 Qd7 24.Qxd3 cxd3 25.Qxd3 e4 26.Qb5 Qxb5 27.Rxb5 Qxc3 [And White resigned on move 35.] 0-1

□ Sevillano, E (2581)  
 ■ Zaremba, A (2254)  
 US Class (1), 1996

1.e4 e5 2.c3 [The popularity of the Alapin Variation is continuing unabated at all levels of play and must be well-known by any enthusiast of the Sicilian Defense.] 2...d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Qc6 5.Qf3 Qg4 6.Qe2 e6 7.h3 Qh5 8.Qe3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Qf6 10.Qc3 Qd7





11.g4!? [Starting a tactical assault against the Black's uncastled position and light squared bishop which is marooned on the kingside.] 11...Qg6 12.e5 Qc8 13.Qa4 Qd6 14.h4!? 0-0 15.Qxc6 bxc6?! [As White's queen is much more active than her counterpart, Black should instead have continued with 15...Qxc6! with a good play against Enrico's overextended position.] 16.h5! Qe4 17.Qxe4 Qxc4 18.Qc1 Qb8 19.Qf3 Qf6 20.Qxc6 Qd7 21.Qa6 Qxa4 22.Qxa4 Qxb2 23.Qxa7 Qb1+!? [For the sake of evening material, Black willingly exchanges his own active rook for another that has yet to move. A serious disadvantage, however, is that White's King now rushes unopposed into the center to personally direct and support his remaining troops in ushering the a-pawn forward to victory.] 24.Qe2 Qxh1 25.Qxh1 Qxg4 26.a4 Qxe3 [The distant a-pawn proves such a serious menace that not even opposite colored bishops are unable to benefit Black. Retaining the knight would ultimately have been no different.] 27.fxe3 f5 28.a5 Qf7 29.Qa6 Qd7 30.Qa8+ Qf7 31.a6 Qf6 32.Qb7 e5 33.Qe8 cxd4 34.a7 d3+ 35.Qd1 1-0

□ Pangan, C (2290)  
 ■ Deshpande, A (2131)  
 US Class (1), 1996

1.e4 c5 2.Qf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Qf6 5.Qd3 Qc6 6.Qxc6 dxc6 7.0-0 e5 8.Qd2 Qc5 9.Qc4 Qe7 10.Qf3 0-0 11.Qg3 Qd7 12.Qh1 Qe8 13.f4 exf4 14.Qxf4 f6 15.Qd6 Qxd6 16.Qxd6 Qe5 17.Qxe8 Qxe8 18.Qxf6 1-0

□ Tate, E (2411)  
 ■ Tennant, S (2295)  
 US Class (1), 1996

1.e4 c5 2.Qf3 Qc6 3.Qb5 g6 4.0-0 Qg7 5.c3 Qf6 6.e5 Qd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 0-0 9.Qc3 Qc7 10.Qf4 d6 11.exd6 exd6 12.h3 Qxb5 13.Qxb5 Qb6 14.a4 a6 15.Qxd6 Qxd4 16.a5 Qxb2 17.Qxd4 Qxd4 18.Qxd4 Qxd4 19.Qac1 Qe6 20.Qf1 Qg7 21.Qxb7 Qac8 22.Qb1 Qc4 23.Qd6 Qfc8 24.Qc5 Qf5 25.Qb6 Qd4 26.Qxa6 Qc1 27.Qxc1 Qxc1+ 28.Qh2 Qxb6 29.Qxb6 Qb1 30.Qc7 Qc8 31.Qc5 f6 32.Qg3 Qf7 33.Qf4 Qb5 34.Qe4 Qb4 35.Qe3 Qe6 36.f3 h6 37.Qd3 Qb2 38.g3 f5 39.Qd6 Qd7 40.Qf7 g5 41.Qxb6 Qb3+ 42.Qd4 Qe6 43.g4 f4 44.Qd8 Qa6 45.Qxg5 Qxf3 46.h4 Qf1 47.Qf5 Qb7 48.h5 Qd1+ 49.Qc3 f3 50.Qe3 Qe4 51.Qg3?? Qd3+ 52.Qc4 Qxe3 53.h6 f2 54.Qf1 Qe1 55.b7 Qxb7 56.b7 Qc1+ 57.Qd4 Qc8 0-1

## Round 2

All mid-level players ran aground on the reef this round. While Chow and Dandridge remained winless with draws against Zaremba and Ronneberg, Pangan and Tennant got fed to the sharks on the top boards. Vasik Rajlich demonstrated that his adoption of the Elephant Gambit was not a fluke with an interesting win over Szpisjak.

□ Serper, G (2707)  
 ■ Pangan, C (2290)  
 US Class (2), 1996

1.e4 g6 2.e4 Qg7 3.d4 c5 4.Qf3 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Qc6 6.Qe3 Qf6 7.Qc3 0-0 8.Qe2 b6 9.0-0 Qb7 10.f3 Qb8!? [Initiating and unusual idea by which Black seeks to reorganize his heavy pieces on the back rank in preparation for challenging White's control over d5. More commonly seen are 10...Qc8, 10...d6, 10...Qe8, and 10...Qh5.] 11.Qd2 e6? [11...Qd8! 12.Qdb5 d6 13.Qf1 Qd7 14.Qac1 Qf8 15.Qf1 Qad8 16.Qf2 e6 17.Qd4 Qe5= Georgiev-Morovic, Novi Sad 1990] 12.Qdb5 d5!? [A radical measure dictated by Black's last incorrect move. Against anything else, White comfortable settles a piece on d6 and squashes any counterplay.] 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Qxd5 Qxd5 15.cxd5 Qe7 [15...Qd8 16.d6±] 16.d6 Qd5 17.Qd4 Qd8 18.Qxg7 Qxg7 19.Qc4 Qf6

20.Qf1 Qc8 21.Qd4 a6 22.Qc3 b5 23.Qb3 Qc6 24.Qad1 Qb6 25.Qxb6 Qxb6 26.d7 Qd8 27.Qe7 a5 28.Qxf7+ Qb6 29.Qxb5! Qxd7 [29...Qxb5 30.Qxf6±] 30.Qxd7 Qxd7 31.Qxd7 Qxb5 32.h4! [Providing a flight square for the White king while restricting the squares available to his counterpart.] 32...Qc6 33.Qa7 Qb7 34.Qf2 Qh5 35.Qg3 h6 36.Qe6! [Unexpectedly forcing Black to yield a piece in order to stave off the threatened mate on g4. 36...g5 is also not feasible because of 37.Qf7+] 1-0

□ Brooks, J (2245)  
 ■ Sevillano, E (2581)  
 US Class (2), 1996

1.d4 c5 2.dxc5 Qa6 3.e3 Qxc5 4.b4 Qe6 5.c4 Qd6 6.Qc3 a5 7.b5 Qc5 8.Qa3 e6 9.Qa4 Qc7 10.Qf3 b6 11.Qe2 Qb7 12.0-0 Qe7 13.Qc1 0-0 14.Qd4 Qad8 15.Qb3 d6 16.Qd4 Qf4 17.Qb2 Qc8 18.Qf3 f5 19.Qa4 Qxa4 20.Qxa4 Qf6 21.Qf1 Qf7 22.Qb3 Qc7 23.Qb2 Qb8 24.Qd3 Qd7 25.Qc2 e5 26.Qc6 Qxc6 27.bxc6 Qxc6 28.Qdc1 g6 29.g4 Qc5 30.Qe2 Qa4 31.h3 Qg7 32.Qd5 e4 33.Qb1 Qb8 [The remaining moves are illegible. White resigned on move 75.] 0-1

□ Szpisjak, S (2315)  
 ■ Rajlich, V (2233)  
 US Class (2), 1996

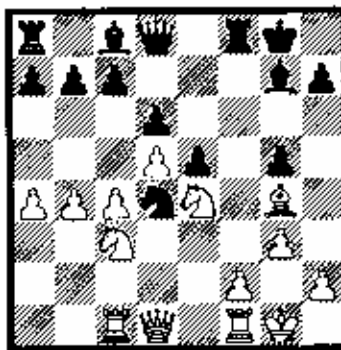
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□ Zaremba, A (2254)  
 ■ Chow, A (2409)  
 US Class (2), 1996

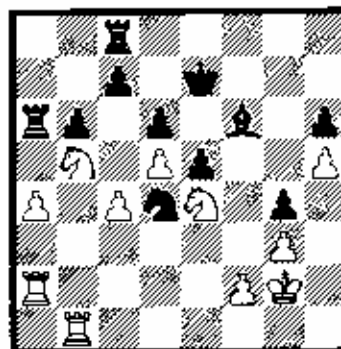
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 5.♁xd4 ♁c6 6.♁e2 e5 7.♁b3 ♁e7 8.0-0  
 0-0 9.♁e3 ♁e6 10.♁f3 ♁m5 11.♁na5  
 ♁xa5 12.♁d2 ♁c7 13.♁ac1 b6 14.♁b5  
 ♁b8 15.c4 a6 16.♁a3 b5 17.exb5  
 axb5 18.♁b4 ♁a4 19.♁xb5 ♁xb5  
 20.♁xb5 ♁xa2 21.♁fd1 ♁d8 22.b4  
 ♁d7 23.♁c3 ♁b2 24.♁b1 ♁xb1  
 25.♁xb1 ♁b7 26.b5 ♁d7 27.♁e2 ♁b6  
 28.♁xb6 ♁xb6 29.♁a1 ♁b8 30.♁a6  
 ♁f8 31.♁f1 ♁e8 32.♁e1 ♁c8 33.♁a7  
 ♁b7 34.f3 ♁d8 35.♁d5 ♁xd5 36.exd5  
 ♁b6 37.♁a6 ♁d8 38.♁d2 ♁d7 39.♁c4  
 f5 40.♁d3 g6 41.♁a4 ♁c5 ½-½

□ Manion, J (2410)  
 ■ Tennant, S (2295)  
 US Class (2), 1996

1.d4 ♁f6 2.c4 g6 3.♁c3 ♁g7 4.e4 d6  
 5.♁e2 0-0 6.♁f3 e5 7.0-0 ♁c6  
 [Introducing the complicated Mar Del  
 Plata Variation which has fascinated  
 attacking players for decades; with  
 "book" in some major variations  
 extending all the way up to move 30!]  
 8.d5 ♁e7 9.b4! [The Bayonet  
 System is perhaps White's most  
 forthright continuation. Without  
 delay, he captures Queenside space  
 while preparing the critical c4-c5  
 pawn lever and hopes to distract  
 Black's attention from the opposite  
 wing by being the first to create  
 significant threats.] 9...♁b5 10.♁d2!?  
 [The modern Grandmaster circuit  
 frequently sees 10.♁e1 ♁f4 11.♁f1  
 with an interesting battle ahead.]  
 10...♁f4 11.a4 f5 12.♁f3 g5 13.exf5  
 ♁xf5 14.g3 ♁d3?! [Ever since the  
 piece sacrifice 14...♁d4 has been  
 discovered better for White, King's  
 Indian fanatics have been desperately  
 searching for a satisfactory  
 alternative. Both 14...♁g6 and  
 14...♁h3+ 15.♁g2 ♁d7 are the primary  
 lines under investigation; with  
 14...♁d3 regarded as slightly  
 dubious.] 15.♁de4 [15.♁a3!]  
 15...♁xc1 16.♁xc1 ♁d4 17.♁g4!



[A key strategic move which intends  
 to render any Kingside attack by  
 Black impotent by virtue of having  
 exchanged his most dangerous piece.  
 White can then proceed about his  
 own business in a favorable  
 middlegame/ending featuring good  
 knight vs. bad bishop.] 17...♁xg4  
 18.♁xg4 a5 19.bxa5 ♁xa5 20.♁g2 b6  
 21.♁b1 ♁c8 22.♁xc8 ♁xc8 23.h4 g4  
 24.h5! [Isolating the ♁g4.] 24...♁f3  
 25.♁a1 ♁f7 26.♁bb1 b6 27.♁b5 ♁a6  
 [27...♁ca8?! 28.♁xa5 ♁xa5 (♁b...bxa5  
 29.♁b5 ♁c8 30.♁bxd6+--)] 29.♁b5±  
 28.♁a2 ♁e7 29.♁b1 ♁f6 30.♁b5 ♁d4?!



[Steve may certainly be despondent  
 over the fact that White's bind  
 excludes any possibility of active  
 counterplay, but why rush forward  
 into a simplified ending which is  
 possibly lost? The position dictates  
 that he sit patiently and wait to see  
 how Josh plans to proceed.] 31.♁xd4  
 exd4 32.♁xf6 ♁xf6 33.♁d1 ♁ca8?!  
 34.♁xd4 ♁g5! [34...♁xa4 35.♁xa4  
 ♁xa4 36.♁xg4 ♁f5±] 35.♁e2 ♁xb5?!  
 [The final error after which there lay  
 no hope. 35...♁g8! maintained a fairly  
 level position which might have been  
 drawn with best play.] 36.♁e7! ♁xa4  
 [36...♁a7 37.♁g7 c5 38.♁dxc4 ♁xg7  
 39.♁xg7 ♁xa4 40.♁h3 ♁a3 41.f4+--]  
 37.♁g7! [The trap has closed and  
 Black cannot prevent checkmate in at  
 most 6 moves.] 37...b5 38.♁f4 1-0

□ Karklins, E (2100)  
 ■ Satterlee, R (2070)  
 US Class (2), 1996

1.e4 c5 2.♁f3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.♁xd4  
 ♁f6 5.♁c3 a6 6.♁f3 ♁b6 7.♁de2 ♁c6  
 8.a3 e6 9.b3 ♁e7 10.♁b2 ♁d7 11.h3  
 ♁c8 12.♁d3 ♁e5 13.♁d4 ♁c7 14.♁f4  
 0-0 15.♁e2 ♁fd8 16.0-0 b5 17.♁d3  
 ♁xd3 18.cxd3 ♁e8 19.♁e3 ♁f6  
 20.♁fc1 ♁c5 21.♁d5 ♁xb2 22.♁xc5  
 ♁xc5 23.♁h1 ♁xa3 24.b4 ♁c2 25.♁d1  
 ♁b2 26.♁xb2 ♁xb2 27.♁b6 ♁a8  
 28.♁b7 ♁d8 29.♁b6 ♁f6 30.♁c7 ♁e8  
 31.♁xd7 1-0

## Round 3

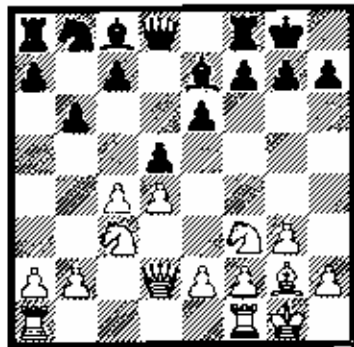
In the game of the round, IM  
 Sevillano outgunned GM Serper in a  
 flawed game that could actually have  
 gone either way. Chow climbed into  
 the win column with a brutal victory  
 over NM John Brooks, as did Marvin  
 Dandridge by demonstrating his deep  
 knowledge of a particular Nimzo-  
 Indian line. Josh Manion chose to  
 take the evening off with a half point  
 bye. Finally, the game Satterlee-  
 Solano is included to serve as a  
 example of attacking prowess.

□ Sevillano, E (2581)  
 ■ Serper, G (2707)  
 US Class (3), 1996

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 ♁xd5 4.d4 ♁f6  
 5.♁f3 e6 6.♁d3 ♁e7 7.0-0 0-0 8.♁e1  
 ♁c6 9.♁e3 ♁d8 10.♁bd2 ♁g4 11.h3  
 cxd4 12.cxd4 ♁xe3 13.fxe3 ♁d7  
 14.a3 ♁c8 15.♁c1 ♁e8 16.♁c3 ♁h5  
 17.♁c2 ♁b8 18.♁e4 ♁d6 19.♁c4 ♁g3  
 20.♁c1 ♁e7 21.♁ce5 f6 22.♁c4 f5  
 23.♁d3 ♁d5 24.♁ce5 ♁xc3 25.♁xc3  
 ♁h6 26.♁c4 ♁d6 27.♁h1 ♁f6 28.♁a5  
 a6 29.♁f1 ♁c8 30.♁b4 ♁e7 31.♁g5 b5  
 32.♁a2 ♁h8 33.♁xd6 ♁xd6 34.♁g7+  
 ♁xf7 35.♁xf7+ ♁g8 36.♁xd6 ♁c2  
 37.♁xe6+ ♁f8 38.♁xf5 ♁c7 39.b4 g6  
 40.♁g3+ ♁e7 41.♁f7+ ♁xe6 42.♁f3  
 ♁c1+ 43.♁h2 h5 44.h4 g5 45.d5+ ♁e7  
 46.hxg5 h4 47.g6 ♁xg3+ 48.♁h3 ♁c8  
 49.♁g4 ♁d6 50.♁f6+ ♁xd5 51.♁xa6  
 ♁e4 52.♁b6 ♁c2 53.♁h3 ♁xe3  
 54.♁xb5 ♁f4 55.♁c5 ♁d2 56.g7 ♁d8  
 57.b5 ♁g8 58.♁c4+ ♁f5 59.♁g4  
 [White won in a desperate time  
 scramble.] 1-0

□ Chow, A (2409)  
 ■ Brooks, J (2245)  
 US Class (3), 1996

1.d4 e6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 [The Catalan Opening figures prominently in the repertoires of some of the worlds' best players as a means of gaining a more sustained initiative than regular lines of the Queen's Gambit Declined.] 3...d5 4.ig2 e6+ 5.ig2 e7 6.ig3 e4 7.0-0 e2d2 8.ig2d2 [8.ig2d2 0-0 9.e4 dxe4 10.ixe4 e2d7 11.ig2 e2f6 12.ig2d1 c6 13.ig2e5± Honfi-Dely, Miskolc 1963] 8...0-0 9.ig2c3 b6?



[By undertaking the fianchetto of his g8, Black critically weakens the a8-h1 diagonal just long enough for Albert to slice it open and win material. The resolute 9...c6 was necessary but offered White an easy game due to his greater command of space and piece activity.] 10.cxd5 exd5 11.e2d5! [Thusly disappears the last baricade!] 11...exd5 12.ig2e5 d6 13.ig2x8 d8 14.ig2d1 f6 15.ig2c4 g6 16.ig2c3 c6 17.d5! [A surprisingly powerful move which opens lines for White's major pieces to penetrate into the Black position. White's play in this game is both powerful and relentlessly precise, diminishing his master level opponent to a mere tyro.] 17...cxd5 18.ig2d5 fxd5 19.ig2d5 e2c6 [19...exd5 20.ig2xe7+] 20.ig2d1 h5 21.e2d6 gxe3 22.fxe3 e6 23.ig2xb5 gxa2 24.b3 a6 25.ig2b6 e5 26.ig2b8+ g7 27.e4 e2c6 28.ig2b6 e2b4 29.fxd8 1-0

□ Pangan, C (2290)  
 ■ Tubic, B (Unr)  
 US Class (3), 1996

1.e4 c5 2.ig2f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.ig2xd4 e2f6 5.ig2c3 e5 6.ig2db5 d6 7.e2d5 e2xd5 8.ig2xd5 e2b8 9.c4 e7 10.ig2d3 0-0

11.0-0 f5 12.f3 e2d7 13.ig2e3 a6 14.ig2c3 g8 15.b4 g5 16.f4 g2d1 17.ig2xd1 e4 18.ig2c2 a5 19.a3 g2f6 20.ig2b5 axb4 21.ig2xb4 f2a2 22.ig2f2 e7 23.ig2b3 f2a6 24.ig2c2 e2f6 25.c5 g2g4 26.ig2d4 e2f6 27.ig2xf6 g2f6 28.ig2c3 e3 29.ig2xd6 e2f2 30.ig2e1 f2xd6 31.cxd6 e2c4 32.ig2xe3 e2xd6 33.ig2c1 g2g7 34.ig2g3+ e2h6 35.ig2c7 f2h8 36.ig2d1 e2c4 37.f2h3+ g2g6 38.ig2h5+ e2h6 39.ig2e8# 1-0

□ Betanell, A (2268)  
 ■ Ronneberg, E (2252)  
 US Class (3), 1996

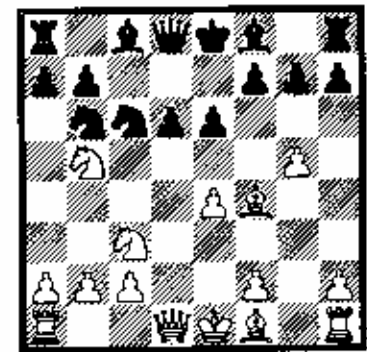
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□ Bachler, K (2146)  
 ■ Karklins, E (2100)  
 US Class (3), 1996

1.e4 e5 2.ig2f3 e2c6 3.ig2b5 g8e7 4.0-0 e2d8 5.d4 c6 6.ig2c4 d6 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.b3 g2g4 9.h3 g2h5 10.g4 g2g6 11.ig2a3 g8e7 12.ig2xf8 e2xf8 13.ig2bd2 e2f6 14.a4 g8e7 15.ig2c2 e2d7 16.ig2c3 f6 17.ig2h4 g8c5 18.ig2g3 e2f7 19.ig2ad1 e2b6 20.ig2f5 g2xf5 21.exf5 e2d6 22.ig2e6 e2d5 23.ig2xd5 cxd5 24.c4 d4 25.ig2fel f2e8 26.ig2d3 e2f7 27.f4 exf4 28.ig2f3 f2e3 29.ig2xd4 g2xd4 30.ig2xd4 f2h3 31.ig2e6 g2g3+ 32.e2f2 [Black's flag fell.] 1-0

□ Satterlee, R (2070)  
 ■ Sollana, E (2000)  
 US Class (3), 1996

1.e4 c5 2.ig2f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.ig2xd4 e2f6 5.ig2c3 d6 6.g4 e2c6 7.g5 e2d7 8.ig2db5 e2b6 9.ig2f4



9...e5?! [A more flexible method of defense was offered by 9...e5 which brought the e6 closer to the looming battleground on the Kingside and was not so quick to compromise the central light squares.] 10.ig2e3 e6 11.e2d5! [Forcing a favorable alteration to the central pawn structure.] 11...exd5 12.exd5 e2e7 13.c4 e2f5 14.ig2d2 [14.ig2xb6!? g2xb6 (14...axb6?) 15.f2a4 e2d8 16.ig2h3 g2g6±] 14...a6 15.ig2c3 e7 16.ig2d3 e2d4 17.ig2e4 e2d7 18.ig2c3 g2b6 19.ig2g4 e2c5 20.ig2xc5 dxc5 21.0-0 0-0 22.ig2e1 f2d8 [22...f5 23.g2f6 g2xf6 24.f2h5 g6 25.ig2xg6 h2xg6 26.ig2xg6+ e2h8 27.f2e3+, 22...e2d6 23.f2e3! (Unabashedly threatening a blitzkrieg attack along the h-file.) 23...f5 24.g2xf6 f2xf6 25.f2h4 f2h6 26.f2e4 f2f8 27.ig2g3±] 23.f2xe5 e2d6 24.f2e3 f5 25.g2xf6 f2xf6 26.ig2xd4! cxd4 [26...g2xd4 27.f2e6+ e2h8 28.ig2xd6+] 27.f2e6 f2d8 28.f2h5 h6 29.f2h6! [A fitting conclusion to an excellent attack! Mate follows 29...g2h6 30.ig2g6+ e2h8 31.f2h7+] 1-0

## Round 4

It was Sevillano's turn to be upset this round; but now without an epic battle in which he looked to be better most of the time. GM Serper rebounded from his prior loss with a interesting victory against Manion King's Indian. Kevin Bachler missed a number of easier wins vs. Benesa (Some absolutely beautiful; check it out!) but emerged victorious nonetheless.

□ Tate, E (2411)  
 ■ Sevillano, E (2581)  
 US Class (4), 1996

1.c4 e5 2.♖f3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4.♘c3 ♘g7  
5.♘g2 d6 6.0-0 ♗e7 7.d3 0-0 8.♞b1  
a5 9.a3 h6 10.b4 axb4 11.axb4 ♘e6  
12.b5 ♘a5 13.♙c2 f5 14.♘d2 b6  
15.♞fc1 ♞d7 16.♞a1 f4 17.♙a2 ♘h8  
18.♘d5 ♗f5 19.♘e1 ♘d4 20.♘b4 ♞ac8  
21.♞d1 fxg3 22.hxg3 ♙f7 23.♗f3  
♗xb5 24.♘e1 ♘xd5 25.cxd5 ♘d4  
26.♗xd4 exd4 27.♞dc1 ♞ce8 28.♘h3  
♞e7 29.♘e6 ♙f6 30.f3 ♘b7 31.♗f2 ♘c5  
32.♘h3 ♞fe8 33.♗f1 ♞e5 34.♞ab1 ♙f6  
35.♞c2 ♘h7 36.♘g2 ♞e3 37.♞b4 h5  
38.♗f1 ♞e7 39.♘h3 ♙g5 40.♞b1 ♞f8  
41.♘g2 ♞e7 42.♞h1 ♞e5 43.♙c4 ♘g8  
44.♗f1 ♘xg3 45.♞g1 ♞e5 46.♘xd4 b5  
47.♙a2 ♗xd3 48.♘e6+ ♘h7 49.exd3  
♞xf3+ 50.♘g2 ♞xd3 51.♙a8 ♘f2+  
52.♘xf2 ♙f4+ 53.♘e1 ♞d1+ 54.♘xd1  
♙xd4+ 55.♘e2 ♙xg1 56.♙g8+ ♘h6  
57.♙f8+ ♞g7 58.♞xc7 [White shortly  
won. This game drew more spectators  
than any other in the tournament.] 1-  
0

□ Serper, G (2707)  
■ Manion, J (2410)  
US Class (4), 1996

1.c4 g6 2.e4 ♘g7 3.d4 d6 4.♘c3 ♗f6  
5.♘g2 c6 6.♘g3 a6 7.♗e2 h5 8.cxb5  
axb5 9.b4 0-0 10.0-0 ♘a6 11.♞b1  
♗c7 12.♘b2 e5 13.h3 h5 14.♞e1 ♞e7  
15.♗f1 ♘b7 16.♘e3 exd4 17.♙xd4 c5  
18.♞d1 ♗xe4 19.♗xe4 ♘xe4 20.♘g7  
♗xg7 21.♘d3 c4 22.♗xc4 d5 23.♘a5  
♞e5 24.♞c1 ♞fe8 25.♞c5 f5 26.♘xe4  
fxe4 27.♙a1 ♞ac8 28.♙xe5+ ♞xe5  
29.♞e1 ♞e7 30.♗xc6 ♞d7 31.♗d4 ♗f6  
32.f4 ♞e7 33.♗f2 e3+ 34.♗e2 ♞e4  
35.♞c6+ ♘e6 36.♞xe6+ ♞xe6 37.♞xc8  
♞e4 38.♗f3 ♞xf4 39.♗xc3 ♞e4+  
40.♗d3 ♞c4 1-0

□ Rajlich, V (2233)  
■ Chow, A (2409)  
US Class (4), 1996

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.♗xd4  
♗f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♘g5 e6 7.♙d2 ♗e7  
8.0-0-0 0-0 9.♘h3 ♙b6 10.f3 ♞d8  
11.♗b1 d5 12.♗xf6 ♗xf6 13.exd5  
♗xc3 14.♙xc3 ♞xd5 15.♞xd5 exd5  
16.♘d3 ♘e6 17.♙c5 ♙c7 18.♗d4 ♞e8  
19.g3 ♗xd4 20.♙xd4 ♙c5 21.♙xc5  
♞xc5 22.♞d1 ♗f8 23.c3 ♗e7 24.♗c2  
h6 25.♗c1 b6 26.♘b3 ♗d6 27.♞d4 ♞c7  
28.♗d2 ♗c5 29.a3 ♞d7 30.♘a4 b5  
31.♗c2 a6 32.♗e3 ♞e7 33.b4+ ♗c6  
34.♘b3 f6 35.♞d7?? d4+ 0-1

□ Claffone, B (2238)  
■ Dandridge, M (2329)  
US Class (4), 1996

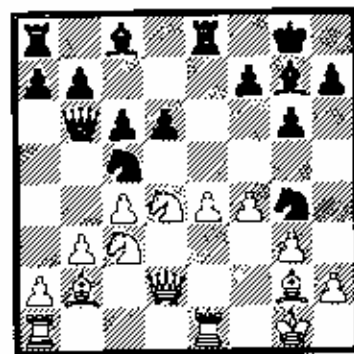
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36.♗xc3 ♗e4+ 37.♗d3 f5 38.♘b5  
♞d8+ 39.♗e3 ♗e7 40.g4 ♗d6 41.♘d3  
♗f6 42.♞c1 ♞e8+ 43.♗f3 fxg4+  
44.hxg4 ♗f7 45.♘g3 ♞d8 46.♞c3 ♗e5  
47.♘b5 ♞d4 48.f4 ♗f7 49.♞d3 ♞xd3+  
50.♗xd3 ♗d6 51.a4 e4 52.♗e2 ♗e4+  
53.♗f3 c3 54.bxc3 ♗xc3 55.♘b5 ♗xb5  
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□ Bailey, G (2000)  
■ Brooks, J (2245)  
US Class (4), 1996

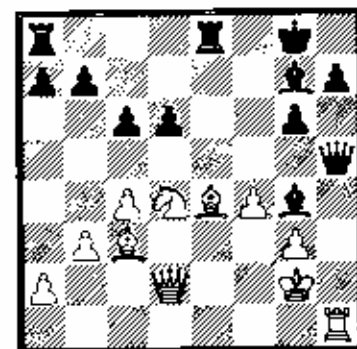
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♙e7 9.♗e2 0-0-0 10.♗bd2 ♗h5  
11.♙c2 ♗f4 12.♗xf4 ♗xf4 13.0-0-0 f5  
14.♗g1 ♗e5 15.d4 ♗c4 16.♗xc4 ♗xd1  
17.♙xd1 c5 18.exf5 cxd4 19.♗e6+  
♗b8 20.e4 g6 21.♗f3 gxh5 22.♗xf5  
d3 23.♞e1 ♙c5 24.♗e6 ♞he8 25.♗b1  
♙f2 26.♞e4 ♙xg2 27.♗d5 ♗xh2  
28.♗e1 ♙g6 29.♙f3 ♙g1 30.♞xd3 ♗c7  
31.♗d3 ♙g6 32.♗c2 ♙b6 33.a3 ♘g3  
34.♙e2 ♙g6 35.♗b3 ♞xe4 36.♗xe4  
♞e8 37.♗xg6 ♞xe2 38.♗c2 a5 39.♗fd4  
♞h2 40.♗c3 ♗e5 41.♗d3 ♞g2 42.♗e4  
♞g1 43.♗f3 ♞g3 44.b4 a4 45.♗e3 ♗b2  
46.♗c2 h5 47.♗e2 h4 48.♗f2 ♞g4  
49.♗d5 h3 50.♗e3 ♞g7 51.♗e4 ♞e7  
52.♗c2 ♗xa3 53.♗xa4 ♗xb4 54.♗d5  
♗c5+ 55.♘g3 ♞h7 56.♗f6 h2 57.♗xh2  
♗d6+ 58.♗f3 ♞xh2 59.♗d5 ♞h4  
60.♗b5 ♗c5 [And Black was unable to  
make progress, with the game being  
declared a draw on move 136 due to  
the fifty move rule.] ½-½

□ Benesa, A (2100)  
■ Bachler, K (2146)  
US Class (4), 1996

1.♗f3 g6 2.d4 ♗f6 3.c4 ♘g7 4.♘c3 d6  
5.g3 0-0 6.♘g2 ♗bd7 7.0-0 e5 8.b3  
c6 9.e4 ♙b6 10.♘b2 ♞e8 11.♙d2 exd4  
12.♗xd4 ♗c5 13.♞fe1 ♘g4 14.f4?!



[Perhaps anticipating that the straightforward 14...♗c6 can be satisfactorily met by 15.♗c2, White fails to consider two other more deadly approaches. 14.♞ad1 was both safe and sound.] 14...♗d3?! [The wrong choice! A delicious brevity could have instead been concluded with the accurate 14...♗xb3!, after which White would be unable to avoid big material losses, i.e., 14...♗xb3! 15.axb3 ♗xd4+ 16.♗f1 (16.♗h1 ♗f2+ 17.♘g1 ♗xe4+-) 16...♗e3! 17.♙c2 (17.♙d3 ♗xh2+ 18.♗e2 ♘g4+ 19.♙f3 ♗xf3#; 17.♗a4 ♗xh2+ 18.♗e2 ♘g4+ 19.♗d3 ♙xb3+ 20.♙c3 ♙xc3+ 21.♗xc3 ♘f2+) 17...♗xh2+ 18.♗c2 ♘g4+ 19.♗f3 ♗xf3+ 20.♗d3 ♙d4#] 15.♗c2 ♗xe1?! [Another miscalculation again fails to quickly bring home the victory. Best was 15...♗xb2 (In this case the bishop is more valuable than a rook!) and if 16.♙xb2 c5! -+] 16.♞xe1 f5 17.h3 ♗f6 18.♗c3 ♗xe4 19.♗xe4 fxg4 20.♗xe4 ♗xh3 21.♗h2 ♘g4 22.♗c3 ♙c5! [Preparing a shift over to the weakened Kingside.] 23.♘g2 ♙h5 24.♞h1



24...♞xe4!? [Enterprising, but not strictly necessary. The calmer 24...♙c5 25.♞e1 d5! would have also opened the position to Black's advantage.] 25.♞xh5 gxh5 26.♗f3

[26.♖d3 ♖ac8 27.♗f2 h4] 26...♖ac8  
27.♗e5 [27.♗g1 ♖e2+ 28.♗xe2 ♖xc2+  
29.♗xc2 ♗xe2 30.♗xg7 ♗xg7-+]  
27...♗xe5 28.♖xe5 ♖dxe5 29.♗b4 ♖e2+  
30.♗f1 ♗xf3 31.♗xb7 ♗g4 0-1

## Round 5

The tournament concluded with a number of interesting games, among which was another Sevillano-Chow encounter. Don't these two seem to get paired every tournament in which they both compete? All of Tennant's tricks failed to impress Dandridge in a theoretical KID which gave Marvin his third consecutive win, and Stein-Benesa featured a powerfully effective attack against an uncastled king seemingly secure behind a wall of pawns.

□ Serper, G (2707)  
■ Tate, E (2411)  
US Class (5), 1996

1.e4 ♖f6 2.♗c3 ♖g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 ♗g7  
5.♗ge2 ♖a6 6.♗g3 c5 7.d5 ♗d7 8.♗e2  
h5 9.0-0 h4 10.♗h1 ♗b6 11.♖b1 h3  
12.g3 e6 13.♗e3 exd5 14.cxd5 0-0  
15.f3 ♖a5 16.♗d2 ♖b8 17.a3 ♖fc8  
18.♖fc1 b5 19.b4 ♖xa3 20.♖a1 ♖xa1  
21.♖xa1 cxb4 22.♗d1 ♖xe4 23.♖xe4  
♗xa1 24.♖a2 ♗e5 25.♖xa6 b3 26.♗hf2  
b2 27.♖xb2 ♗xb2 28.♖xd6 ♖b7 29.e5  
♖e8 30.♗d3 ♗c3 31.♖f6 ♖b6 32.♗xb6  
1-0

□ Sevillano, E (2581)  
■ Chow, A (2409)  
US Class (5), 1996

1.e4 c5 2.e3 d5 3.exd5 ♖xd5 4.d4 ♖f6  
5.♗f3 ♗g4 6.♗e2 e6 7.h3 ♗h5 8.♗e3  
cxd4 9.cxd4 ♖c6 10.♖c3 ♗d6 11.♗b3  
♗b4 12.g4 ♗g6 13.♖e5 ♗e7 14.♖xg6  
hxxg6 15.♗xb4 ♗xb4 16.a3 ♗a5 17.b4  
♗b6 18.g5 ♗g8 19.d5 ♗xe3 20.dxc6  
♗d4 21.♖e1 bxc6 22.♗f3 ♗xc3+  
23.♖xc3 ♖e7 24.b5 ♖c8 25.bxc6 ♗d5  
26.♗xd5 exd5 27.♗d2 ♖e7 28.c7 ♗d7  
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32.♗e3 d4+ 33.♗xd4 ♖xc5 34.♖xc5  
♖xc7 35.♖xc7+ ♗xc7 36.♗e5 ♗d7  
37.f5 gxf5 38.♗xf5 ♖e7 39.g6 fxxg6+  
40.♗xg6 ♖f8 41.a4 ♗g8 42.a5 a6  
43.♗g5 ♗h7 44.♗f5 ♗b6 45.♗e6 g5  
46.♗f6 ♗h5 47.♗g7 g4 48.hxxg4+ ♗xxg4  
49.♗f6 ♗f4 50.♗e6 ♖e4 51.♗d6 ♗d4

52.♗c6 ♖c4 53.♗b6 ♗d5 54.♗xa6 ♖c6  
55.♗a7 ♖c7 1/2-1/2

□ Manion, J (2410)  
■ Szpisjak, S (2315)  
US Class (5), 1996

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 d5 4.cxd5  
exd5 5.♗g5 ♗e7 6.e3 ♖bd7 7.♖c2 c6  
8.♗d3 ♖h5 9.♗xe7 ♖xe7 10.♗ge2  
♗df6 11.h3 ♖g6 12.0-0-0 ♗g7 13.g4  
♗e6 14.f3 b5 15.g5 ♗d7 16.h4 ♗f5  
17.e4 dxe4 18.♖xe4 ♗g4 19.♖hf1 0-0  
20.♗b1 ♖e6 21.e5 ♖c7 22.♗c4 ♗g7  
23.♖e4 b5 24.♗d3 ♗d5 25.♖xc6 ♖c3  
26.♗d6 ♖xd1 27.♖xd1 a6 28.♖f1  
♗xe2 29.♗xe2 ♖e6 30.♗f3 ♖h3 31.♖h1  
♖g3 32.♖e4 ♖ad8 33.♗h5 ♖b6  
34.♗e2 ♖c8 35.♗b7 ♖de8 36.♖f1 ♖h8  
37.♖d5 ♖ef8 38.♗d8 ♖xh4 39.♖d7  
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□ Dandridge, M (2329)  
■ Tennant, S (2295)  
US Class (5), 1996

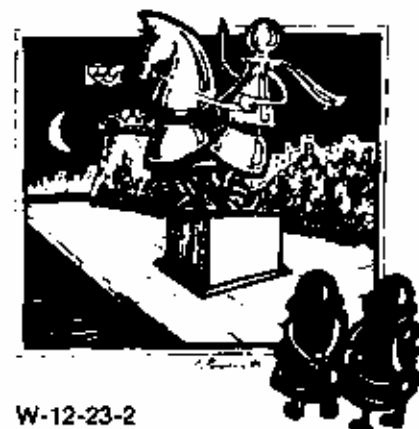
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♖f8 19.♖b5 g4 20.♖a1 g3 21.♖c7  
gxxh2+ 22.♗xh2 ♖xc7 23.♖xc7 ♖c8  
24.♖xc8 ♖xc8 25.♗xa5 ♖e7 26.♖h1  
♗f6 27.♗e1 ♖h4 28.♗xb4 ♖xb4  
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38.♖d2 ♖d8 39.♖b6 ♗g7 40.♖h3 ♖c8  
41.♖h4 ♖a6 42.♖xd6 ♖e8 43.♖c7+  
♖e7 44.♖c3 ♖b5 45.♖xf4 ♖f1+ 46.♗h2  
♖xe4 47.♗h5+ ♗f7 48.♖xe4 ♖xd1  
49.♖f3+ 1-0

□ Zaremba, A (2254)  
■ Rajlich, V (2233)  
US Class (5), 1996

1.d4 ♖f6 2.♗f3 ♖g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 0-0  
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♗g4 26.♖c2 ♖xe2 27.♖xe2 a5 28.♖c4  
h5 29.♗f3 ♖b4 30.♖xb4 cxb4 31.♖b5  
♗d4 32.♖xa5 b3 33.♖d8+ ♗g7  
34.♖xc7 b2 35.♖b7 ♗f6 36.♖b4 ♖e7  
37.e5 ♖e8 38.♖b8+ ♗d7 39.♖xd6+  
♖e8 40.♖b8+ ♗d7 1-0

□ Stein, P (2129)  
■ Benesa, A (2100)  
US Class (5), 1996

1.e4 c5 2.♗c3 d6 3.f4 ♖c6 4.♗f3 ♖g6  
5.♗b5 [The chosen move order by  
both players has resulted in a trade off  
with regard to the appropriate strategy  
of each. On one hand, the ♖c6 is  
unable to occupy d4 as in other lines,  
but on the other the first player is  
unable to double Black's pawns. The  
game is fairly level.] 5...♗g7  
[5...♗d7?] 6.0-0 ♗d7 7.d3 [The  
immediate capture on c6 is more  
accurate so as to preclude Black from  
playing his knight to d4. 7...e6?!  
[Seeking to connect knights with  
8...♗ge7 then occupy d4, Benesa  
allows White the split second to  
defuse the threat with an exchange on  
c6.] 8.♗xe6 ♗xc6 9.♖e1 [With his  
center secure, White's queen plays to  
the kingside in anticipation of the f4-  
f5 break. Another purpose is to lend  
assistance to the ♗c1 in controlling  
the newly-opened dark squares.]  
9...♖e7 10.♖h4 ♖c7 11.a4 d5 12.♖b5!  
♖d7 13.♖e5! [White's knights are  
galvanized into action as they leap  
forward to attack the weak points in  
Black's position.] 13...♗xe5 [13...♗d8  
14.exd5 exd5 15.♖e1±] 14.♖xe5 ♖xb5  
15.♖xb5 dxe4 16.♗e3! [An important  
zwischenzug which simultaneously  
threatens c5 and completes  
development.] 16...♖xb5 17.♖xf7 ♖d7  
[17...♗xf7 18.♖f6+ ♗g8 19.♗h6 ♖f5  
20.♖xc6#] 18.♖f6 ♖g8 19.♖xc5 ♗d5  
20.♖f8+ 1-0



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# Quick Kills from the American Open.

By NM Alan Watson

Given strong reader interest in the column I did on "Quick Kills From the World Open," I have re-examined the games I collected from the American Open held in Los Angeles over the Thanksgiving holiday and hereby present the fourteen shortest contests from this event.

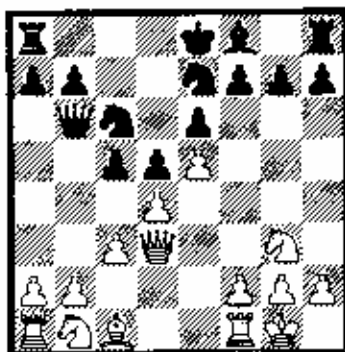
As before, these feature all levels of players, from the rankest amateur to prominent Grandmasters, and illustrate errors as well as brilliancies. Each game is fascinating and unique.

□ Wagner, J (1800)  
 ■ Smolensky, R (1907)  
 American Open (8), 1996

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗d4 e5 5.♗b5 d5 6.cxd5 ♗xd5?? [Book continues here with 6...Be5 followed by castling, and black should have known this before playing the system. He's about to get an education on just what's wrong!] 7.♗xd5! ♗b4+ [7...♗xd5 8.♗c7+ ♗d8 9.♗xd5+-] 8.♗1c3 1-0

□ Goldberg, P (1407)  
 ■ Comp, Milano Pro  
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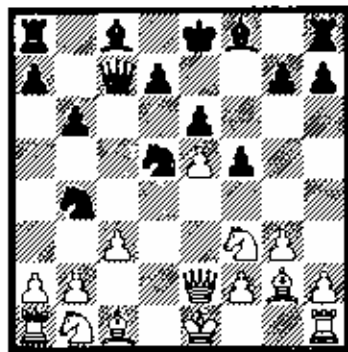
1.e4 [Throughout the American Open, Saitek was requesting opponents for their newest computer in order to get in enough games for a rating. The offer of \$50 per win and \$25 per draw added to the interest and made for long lines of volunteers.] 1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♗d3! ♗xd3 5.♗xd3 e6 [Black has also played 5...♗a5+ 6.c3 ♗a6 in order to secure an ending in which white's dark-squared bishop plays a very passive role.] 6.♗e2 e5 7.c3 ♗c6 8.0-0 ♗ge7 9.♗g3 ♗b6



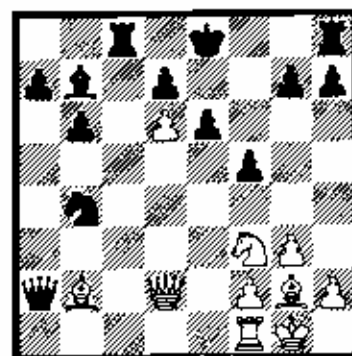
10.a3?? [I have no idea what the player of the white pieces was thinking here, for the text move simply loses a pawn without compensation. 10.♗d1 retained only a slight inferiority.] 10...cxd4 11.♗e2 ♗g6 12.f4 d3+ 13.♗f2 ♗c5 0-1

□ Duckworth, M (2382)  
 ■ Browne, W (2641)  
 American Open (3), 1996

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3! [Although occurring closer to Thanksgiving than the Fourth of July, all the spectators were still expecting fireworks from these two uncompromising Californians. Indeed, that's just what we got; the result was a fascinating game and one of the more interesting theoretical novelties of the year!] 3...♗f6 4.e5 ♗d5 5.♗xd4 e6 6.♗f3 ♗c6 7.♗e4 f5 8.♗e2 ♗c7 9.g3 b6 10.♗g2 ♗cb4



11.♗a3! [This move appears new. Ken Smith notes only that the game Baker-Basman, London 1978 continued to Black's advantage after 11.♗d2 ♗a6 12.cb ♗xb4 13.♗c3 ♗xc3 14.a3 ♗b1.] 11...♗xc3! 12.bxc3 ♗xc3+ 13.♗d2 ♗xa1 14.0-0 ♗xa2 15.♗b2 ♗b7 16.♗b5 ♗c8 17.♗d6+ ♗xd6 18.exd6

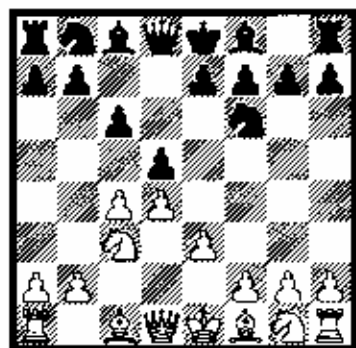


18...♗d3?? [Certainly this is what Black banked on, but White's reply clearly demonstrates why its insufficient. The sane retreat 18...♗c6 which covers e7 instead appears winning.] 19.♗g5+- [When informed of this critical game after the tournament, Ken Smith eagerly requested a copy for study and inclusion into his next compendium.] 1-0

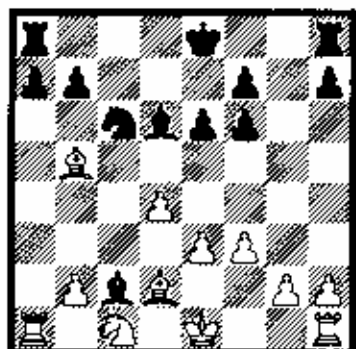


□ Watson, J (2425)  
 ■ Meirding, L (2117)  
 American Open (1), 1996

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♖c3 ♠f6 4.e3!?



[A devious little-known move which actually introduces one of White's better weapons against the Slav. Both 4...e6 and 4...d6 are regarded as best here, but what could possibly be wrong with the normal development ♠f5!? 4...♠f5?! 5.cxd5! cxd5 6.♖b3 ♖b6? [6...b6? 7.♖b5+-; 6...♖c8! 7.♠f3 e6 8.♠e5 ♖e7 9.♠d3 0-0 10.f4 a6 11.0-0 ♠bd7 12.♠d2± Boleslavsky-Vismjukas, USSR 1971] 7.♠d5! [Perfectly sound in light of the check which follows from f6.] 7...♖xb3 [7...♠xd5 8.♖xd5 ♖b4+ 9.♠d2 ♖xb2 10.♠c1 ♠d7 11.♠f3 e6 12.♖c4 ♠c6 13.♠e2↑ Tal-Fuchs, Kislovodsk 1964] 8.♠xf6+ gxf6 9.♠xb3 [White's superior center and open lines represent a powerful strengths which far outweigh the extra but doubled pawn. All that he needs to do now is careful catch up in development.] 9...e6 10.♠d2 ♠d6 11.f3 ♠c6 12.♠b5 ♠c2 13.♠e2 ♠xb3 14.♠c1 ♠c2

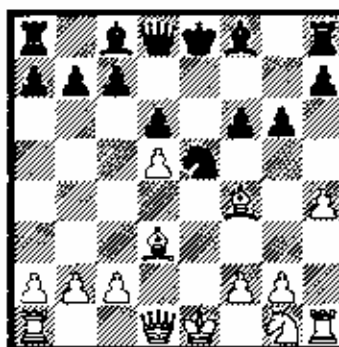


15.e4 [Closing the only door available for the escape of Black's

bishop.] 15...♠e7 16.♠xc6 bxc6 17.b4 ♠b8 18.♠a6?! [Slightly careless, as 18.♠a2! ♠b1 19.♠b2 seemed simpler. There is little difference in the end result, however.] 18...♠xc4? [18...♠b1!=] 19.fxe4 ♠b4 20.♠d3! 1-0

□ Rozsa, AM (1915)  
 ■ Alonso, F (2217)  
 American Open (1), 1996

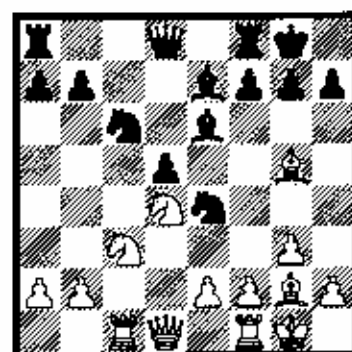
1.e4 d6 2.d4 f5 3.♠c3 ♠f6 4.♠d3 ♠c6 5.d5 fxe4 6.♠xe4 ♠e5 7.♠xf6+ exf6 8.♠f4 g6 9.b4



9...♠g7 10.♠xe5 dxe5 11.h5 f5 12.hxg6 hxg6 13.♠xb8+ ♠xb8 14.♠f3?? [Overly optimistic about his chances of plundering material from the white kingside white misses a gaping tactical hole in his calculations.] 14...e4 15.♠h3?? [15.♠e2 Not much better. 15...♠xd5 16.♠c4 ♠a5+ 17.c3 ♠xc3+-] 15...♠xb2 16.♠b5+ e6 17.c3 cxb5 18.♠b1 ♠a3 19.♠b8+ ♠f8 20.♠g8 ♠f6 0-1

□ Hummel, P (2033)  
 ■ Schiller, E (2200)  
 American Open (7), 1996

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♠c3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.♠f3 ♠c6 6.g3 ♠f6 7.♠g2 ♠e7 8.0-0 9.♠g5 ♠e6 10.dxc5 ♠xc5 11.♠c1 ♠e7 [Schiller notes in his 1984 work on this opening that Black has now transposed into the inferior lines which normally arise after 9.♠g5 cxd4 10.♠xd4 ♠e6?! In the aforementioned work he instead recommends 11...♠b6!] 12.♠d4 ♠e4?!



13.♠xe7 [13.♠xe4! ♠xg5 14.♠xg5 ♠xg5 15.♠xc6 bxc6 16.♠xc6±] 13...♠xe7 14.♠xc6 bxc6 15.♠xe4 ♠xe4 16.♠xe4 ♠a2 17.♠xc6 ♠ab8 18.♠c2 ♠b4 19.♠a1 ♠xb2?? [Eric afterwards claimed that this blunder spoiled an interesting novelty on his part and cost the game, when in fact he already stood worse.] 20.♠a2 1-0

□ Duckworth, M (2382)  
 ■ Stein, A (2325)  
 American Open (5), 1996

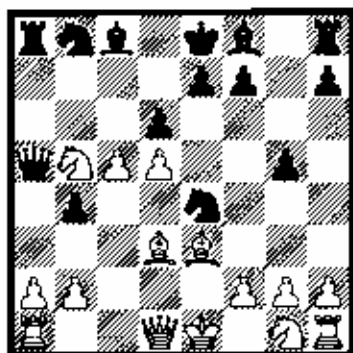
1.d4 ♠f6 2.♠c3 d5 3.♠g5 ♠bd7 4.f3 c5 5.e4 dxe4 6.d5 e3 7.♠d3 g6 8.♠xe3 ♠g7 9.0-0 0-0 10.b4 [The Versov is a well-practiced Duckworth specialty, and here gives him the unbalanced type of position he likes.] 10...b5 11.g4 ♠a5 12.♠h6 ♠xb6 13.♠xb6 b5 14.gxh5 ♠xb5 15.♠h3 ♠df6 16.♠g5 b4 17.♠xe4 [White is finally able to break the kingside bond exerted by his opponent's knight and make short work of the king.] 17...♠xa2 18.♠xf6+ ♠xf6 19.h5 ♠a1+ 20.♠d2 ♠xb2 21.♠d3 1-0

□ MontReynaud, J (2265)  
 ■ Youngquist, E (2140)  
 American Open (8), 1996

1.d4 ♠f6 2.c4 e6 3.♠c3 ♠b4 4.♠f3 b6 5.♠g5 ♠b7 6.e3 h6 7.♠h4 d5?? [This thoughtless move costs black a piece due to the pin along the a4-e8 diagonal and allowed Jardy to watch all the top-board action.] 8.♠a4+ ♠c6 9.♠e5 ♠xc3+ 10.bxc3 ♠d6 11.cxd5 ♠xd5 12.♠b5 0-0 13.♠xc6 ♠xc3 14.♠c4 ♠xc6 15.♠xc6 ♠e4 16.♠e7 ♠d7 17.♠xf8 ♠xf8 18.♠e5 ♠e7 19.0-0 c5 20.♠d3 ♠f6 21.dxc5 ♠xc5 22.♠d7 1-0

□ Rupel,D (2143)  
 ■ Jaradat,S (2093)  
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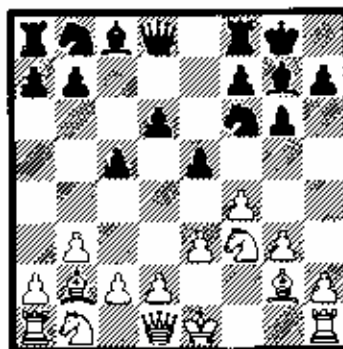
1.d4 e6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.exb5 a6  
 5.♗c3 [The exciting Zaitsev Variation of the Benko Gambit. White declines the offered pawn in favor of rapid development and the creation of his own attack.] 5...axb5 6.e4 b4 7.♗b5 d6 8.♗f4 g5! 9.♗e3 ♖re4! [Black chooses the most opportune moment for destroying White's center, for there are no threats of ♗e2, ♗xd6+ with the e-file closed.] 10.♗d3 ♗a5



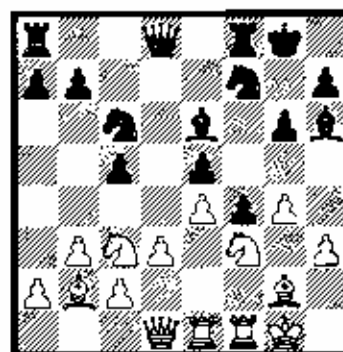
11.♗xe4?! [11.♗c2! f5 12.0-0 f4 13.♗c1 ♗f6 14.♗c1 ♗f7 15.b3 ♗bd7 16.♗b2 ♗e5 17.♗xe5 dxe5 18.♗c4 ♗g7 19.a4 ♗d7 20.♗a2 h5 21.♗a1 Draw! Hansen-Fedorowicz, Amsterdam 1990] 11...♗xb5 12.♗g5 ♗a6! 13.♗e2 ♗g7 [There is no satisfactory answer to the pressure exerted by Black's well-posted and powerful bishops. He already maintains a substantial advantage which the following weak response does nothing to dissipate.] 14.♗d2 [14.♗c1 ♗d7?] 14...♗xe2+ 15.♗xe2 ♗xe2 16.♗xe2 ♗xb2+ 17.♗d3 ♗xa1 18.♗xa1 ♗d7 19.♗d2 ♗a5 20.♗c2 ♗b6 21.♗e1 ♗xa2+ 22.♗b1 ♗a7 23.♗b5+ ♗d8 0-1

□ Kurosaki,T (2186)  
 ■ Saldy,A (2464)  
 American Open (2), 1996

1.e3 e6 2.f4 c5 3.♗f3 g6 4.b3 ♗g7 5.♗b2 0-0 6.g3 [An unusual move at this stage which indicates White's desire to post his king's bishop on the a8-h1 diagonal instead of the more customary a6-f1 diagonal.] 6...d6 7.♗g2 e5!?



[A dramatic intensification of the central tension 8.fxe5 ♗g4 9.0-0 ♗e6 10.♗c3 dxe5 11.e4 f5 12.b3 [Many moves have both strengths and weaknesses, and this is no exception. It is clear that the ♗g4 is powerful and must be chased, but doing so now weakens g3. See the consequences on move 23!] 12...♗h6 13.d3 ♗e6 14.♗d2 ♗f7 15.♗ae1 ♗h6 16.♗d1 f4 [The signal for Black's kingside attack has just been issued, and we shall attempt to follow Saidy's thought process as he carries it through to conclusion.] 17.g4

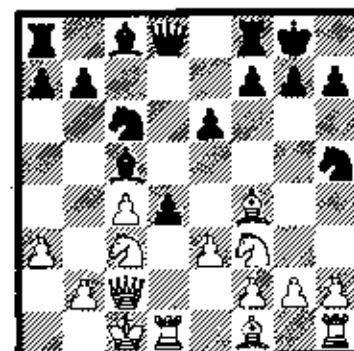


17...♗d4! [Black's first step is to remove the piece which restricts black's access to the kingside dark squares such as g5 and h4.] 18.♗d5 ♗xf3+ 19.♗xf3 ♗h4 [The second priority is to develop an advantage in force by calling up the reserves to shift as many pieces towards the critical area as possible.] 20.♗f2 ♗g5 21.♗g2 ♗xd5 [Third: eliminate any extraneous pieces which may unexpectedly cause trouble. In this case, the ♗d5 is white's best developed piece and must therefore be removed.] 22.exd5 f3 [Black's attack is approaching critical mass now, so the fourth stage is to open additional lines. The f-file and c1-h6 diagonal are important factors which only increase the attacker's momentum.]

23.♗f1 [23.♗xf3 ♗ch3+ 24.♗g2 ♗xf2+ 25.♗h1 ♗xf3; 23.♗xf3 ♗xf3 24.♗xf3 ♗g3+ 25.♗g2 ♗ch3+ 26.♗h1 ♗f4+] 23...♗g3+ [We at last reach the final stage, clean up. If everything has worked to perfection, the opponents pieces have little scope and poorly placed to cope with your threats. All that remains is to raise the dagger and thrust it deeply into the weakest point; here signified by White's inability to both defend against the check and protect the ♗f2 simultaneously. Chess seems simple when played by strong players, doesn't it?] 0-1

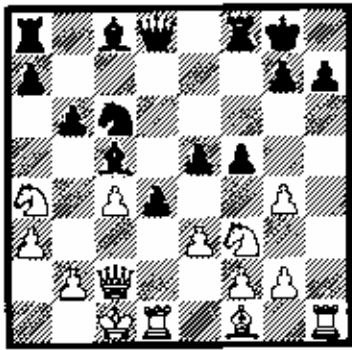
□ Sharafuddin,K (2268)  
 ■ Comp,Milano Pro  
 American Open (CRA), 1996

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 ♗f6 4.♗c3 ♗e7 5.♗f4 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 ♗xc5 8.♗c2 ♗c6 9.a3 d4 10.0-0-0 ♗h5!?



[A typical computer move shunning the maxim against developing one's pieces to the wing. Black's best replies are instead considered to be 10...♗e7 and the interesting sacrifice 10...dxc3 11.♗xd8 cxb2+ 12.♗xb2 ♗xd8+] 11.♗g3 ♗rg3 12.hxg3 f5 13.♗a4?! [Tit for tat in accordance with Black's 10th, but far less effective than 13.♗b5 after which the recapture on d4 will lead to a clear advantage.] 13...b6 14.g4 e5

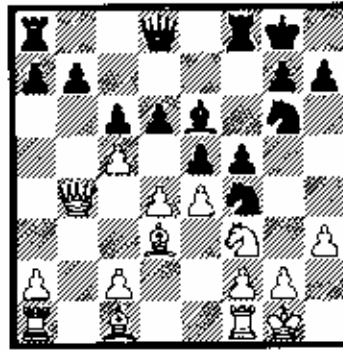




[This move intuitively leads one to the key question as to who is attacking whom? Both sides are bracing up for an uncompromising battle to the death.] 15.gxf5 Qxf5 16.Qd3 Wf6 17.Qb4? [A tactical miscalculation which allows Black to immediately turn the tables. 17.Qxc5 bxc5 would have retained a slight advantage for the first player by virtue of his pressure along the h-file.] 17...Qxd3 18.Wxd3 Wxf2+ 19.Edel Ead8 20.Qf3 g6 21.Qe4 d3 22.Qd2 Qa5 23.Eh7f1 Qh3+ 0-1

□ Ramirez,H (2178)  
 ■ Longren,W (2409)  
 American Open (4), 1996

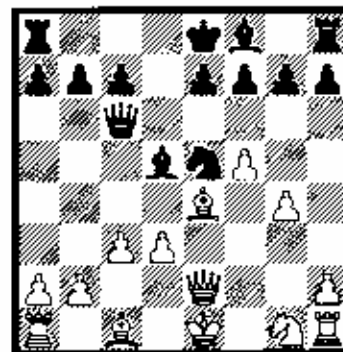
1.e4 e5 2.Qf3 Qf6 3.Qc3 Qc6 4.Qh5 Qb4 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 Qxc3 7.bxc3 d6 8.h3!?! [This represents an unnecessary loss of tempo since there is nothing to be gained by black in pinning White's king knight.] [8.Ee1 Qe7 9.d4 Qg4 10.h3 Qh5 11.g4 Qg6 12.d5 Qb8 13.Qh4 Qxe4 14.g5 Qxd5 15.Qxc4 Qxc3 16.Wd3 Qxc4 17.Qxe4 c6 18.Qf5 Qe6 19.Qd3 g6 20.Qh6+ Qg7 21.Qh4= Janowski-Vidmar, Carlsbad 1907] 8...Qe7 9.Qe2 Qg6 10.c4 Qh5 11.d4!?! [After first leaning towards a positional game, White has reluctantly decided to become aggressive. The result is a double-edged position in which both sides are put on notice that a single error may spell immediate disaster.] 11...f6 12.c5 Qhf4 [12...c6!?!] 13.Qc4+ Qe6 14.Qb4 c6 15.Qd3 f5!?



[The text introduces a complicated position with a great deal of tension, but in the end it is White who profits from the newly opened lines. 15...dxc5 followed by capturing on d3 maintained a slight edge.] 16.cxd6 Qxd3 17.cxd3 fxe4 18.Qg5! Qd7 19.dxe5 Qxe5 20.Qxe4 [With a double attack against both e5(e6) and h7.] 20...Ef5 21.Qxe6 Qxe6 22.f4 Wf7 23.g4 1-0

□ Esmall,S (1765)  
 ■ DeCredico,R (1710)  
 American Open (2), 1996

1.e4 Qf6 2.Qc3 d5 3.e5 Qe4 4.Qxe4 dxe4 5.f3!?! [5.d4 exd3 6.Qxd3 Qc6 7.Qf3 Qg4!?! 8.Qf4 Qd5=] 5...Wd4 6.f4 Qc6 7.c3 Qb6 8.Qe2 Qf5 9.g4 Qe6 10.f5?! [10.Qg2+] 10...Qd5 11.Qg2 Qxe5 12.Qxe4 Qc6 13.d3

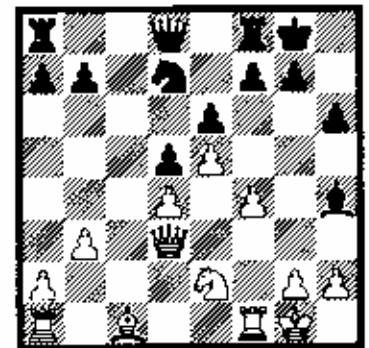


13...Qxd3+! [Black proves himself tactically alert with this shot, and absolutely devastates the White position.] 14.Qxd3 Qxh1?! [Whether greedy or simply careless after finding such a nice tactic the move before, the result of this oversight is that Black loses his queen and and at once negates all that he has gained. 14...a6 was best.] ] 15.Qb5 0-0-0

16.Qxc6 Qxc6 17.Qf4 e5 18.Qg3 e4 19.Ed1 Ee8 20.Qe3 b6 21.Qf4 Ee7 22.f6 gxf6 23.Wxf6 1-0

□ Shaked,T (2519)  
 ■ Walsh,P (2247)  
 American Open (4), 1996

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Qf5 4.Qf3 e6 5.Qe2 Qd7 6.0-0 h6 7.h3 [Young Tal Shaked is a very dangerous player who devotes a great deal of time towards opening research and study; never fearing critical theoretical lines. His games are always interesting to observe.] 7...Qg6 8.c4 Qe7 9.Qc3 Qf5 10.Qd3 Qe7 11.Qe2 Qh4 12.Qxh4 Qxd3 13.Wxd3 Qxh4 14.f4 0-0 [14...g6] 15.cxd5 cxd5



16.f5 [By opening both the f-file and c1-h6 diagonal, white's otherwise potentially dormant pieces are given expressways towards the opponent's king with nary a stoplight or traffic policeman in sight to impede their progress.] 16...exf5 17.Wxf5 Qe7 18.Ef3 Ee8 19.Qf4 Qb6 [19...Qb6 20.Qh5 Qd7 21.Qxg7! Eex1+ (21...Qxg7? 22.Qxh6+!! This 2-piece sacrifice is absolutely beautiful! 22...Qh8 23.Qh5+) 22.Eex1 Qxg7 23.Wxd7 Qxd7 24.Ec7+] 20.Qh5 Ee6 21.Qg3 g6 22.Qxh6 [Completing the blitz against black's position by puncturing a significant breach in the castle walls.] 22...Qb7 23.Qh3 Qc8 24.Qf6+ [Tal's play since move 16 has been unerringly powerful and illustrates the value of possessing advantages in time and force in a key sector of the board.] 1-0

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# THE BIGGER THEY ARE....



By GM Ilya Gurevich & GM Ron Henley

[GM Ilya Gurevich, the 1990 World Junior Champion, is one of America's youngest and most popular grandmasters, a Member of the American Stock Exchange and is currently working on a number of publishing projects with GM Ron Henley.]

[During the last year my good friend, 1990 World Junior Champion Ilya Gurevich, has become a Member of the American Stock Exchange. This is very good news for me as I now have a fellow GM as a sparring partner. Neither of us play professionally anymore, but we get together every week or two for some blitz, analysis sessions, Chinese take out, and NBA action! In early December, Ilya informed me he was planning to take a trip to Las Vegas to play some Blackjack and take part in the North American Open. We therefore stepped up the training pace, and I was curious to see how he would perform at the chessboard after some time away from competition. I must say I was very impressed as his score of 4 wins and 2 draws enabled him to share first prize with full time professionals like Gregory Kaidanov, Igor Ivanov, and Sergei Kudrin. Upon his return to the Amex trading floor, Ilya was kind enough to share his encounters with two of the "heavyweight" personalities of the chess world. The first game is merely an appetizer, but his win with Black versus GM Eduard Gufeld I found to be a very instructive strategical game - GM Ron Henley.]

□ GM Gurevich, Ilya  
 ■ Hanken, Jerry  
 North American Open, 1996

Notes by Ilya Gurevich and  
 Ron Henley

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3. ♖c3 c5 4.dxc5  
 ♖a5 5. ♗d2 ♗xc5 6. ♗d5 ♖a6

Snatching the pawn with 6... ♗b2 needs to be examined.

7. ♖f3 e6?!

This tempting attack on the advanced White knight, merely succeeds in weakening the dark squares in the Black position, after White's excellent rejoinder!

8. ♗c3!

Alertly exchanging Black's best piece.

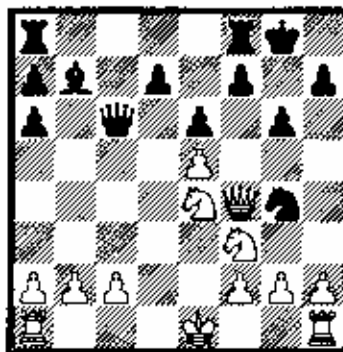
8... ♗xc3+ 9. ♖xc3 ♖f6 10. ♗d2 0-0  
 11.e5 ♗g4?!

Trying to play aggressively, merely leads to the knight becoming stranded. Preferable was 11... ♖e8, but White already enjoys a clear positional advantage.

12. ♖a6 bxa6 13. ♖e4 ♗c6?!

The decisive mistake as the knight on g4 now comes under attack. Black's best prospect for counterplay was 13... ♗b6! hitting the White pawn on b2.

14. ♗f4 ♗b7?



It was too late to save the game by trying to rescue his knight with 14...f5! 15.exf6 d5, as after 16.f7+

♖xf7 17. ♗xg4 dxe4 18. ♖e5 ♗xc2 19. ♖xf7, White has a winning advantage. In this line, the alternative 15... ♗b7 gives White a serious kingside attack after 16. ♖fg5.

15. ♖ed2!

This simple retreat seals the fate of the Black knight.

15... ♖xf2 16. ♖xf2 ♗xc2 17. ♗b4!

A few accurate defensive strokes leaves black without compensation.

17... ♖xf3 18. ♖he1! ♗f5 19. ♖xf3

Black struggled on until move thirty, to no avail (1-0).

The following game was played in the critical last round, where both players needed to win to have a chance at first prize.

□ GM Gufeld, Eduard  
 ■ GM Gurevich, Ilya  
 North American Open, 1996

Notes by Ilya Gurevich  
 (with Ron Henley)

1.e4 c5 2. ♖f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4. ♖xd4  
 a6 5. ♗d3 ♗b6

Eddie had never seen this before. The idea is to remove the White knight from d4 before setting up my Scheveningen formation.

6. ♖f3 ♖c6 7.0-0 ♗c7 8.b3!?

A very reasonable plan of development for White.

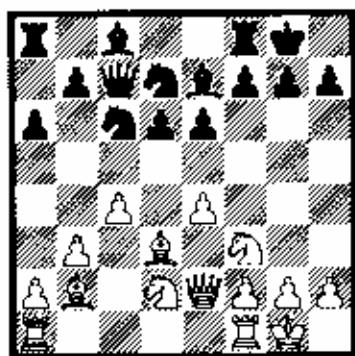
8... ♖f6 9. ♗b2

Now a normal plan for counterplay is to swing my knight to g4, but with the White bishop patrolling d4 and e5, this excursion makes no sense. Therefore I settle into my favorite Hedgehog-Scheveningen formation.

9...d6 10. Qbd2

I simply did not understand the placement of this knight, and the further course of the game does nothing to enlighten me on the matter. A more normal path would be 10.c4 Qe7 11. Qc3 0-0 12. Ec1, when 13. Qd5! is threatened, and therefore Black should respond 12... Qe5! with approximately level chances.

10... Qe7 11. Qe2 0-0 12.c4 Qd7!



It is strategically important to exchange the dark-squared bishops, which reduces White's chances for a kingside attack, and leaves him with the weak bishop on d3.

13. Eac1 Re8 14. Hf1 Qf6 15. Qxf6 Qxf6 16. Qf1

We can see White now must invest more time in finding gainful employment for this knight.

16...b6 17. Qb1 Qb7

Both sides have nearly completed their development. Here I felt Black had no worries, which in a Hedgehog formation already means Black may actually have the preferable prospects!

18. Qg3

I felt this was misguided, and expected centralization with 18. Qe3

when the "natural" 18... Ead8? would allow 19. Qd5! disrupting the Black position after 19...cxd5 20.cxd5. Of course I would have met 18. Qc3 with 18... Qe7 attacking the White pawn on e4, to obtain counterplay.

18... Ead8 19.h3 Qb8

As we have seen from the previous notes, it very useful to remove my queen from the "eye" of the White rook on c1.

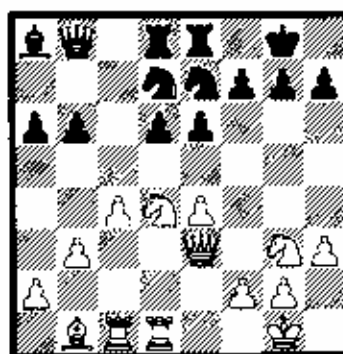
20. Qe3

This one move attack on my b6-pawn does not constitute a strategic plan.

20... Qa8

Defending the b6-pawn and preparing for the thematic b5 break.

21. Qd4 Qe7!



"This is not chess! How can you play like this and expect to win," - Gufeld. Nonetheless, the text is more flexible than the seemingly obvious 21... Qe5, as I can answer f2-f4 with a timely e6-e5, to break up the White pawn duo. From e7 the knight can go to g6, and may offer added support for the d5-pawn break. In addition, my knight offers more protection for my f5-point.

22. Ee1

This surprised me, as I felt 22.f4 was more to the point.

22...b5

Executing the first thematic Sicilian pawn break, the goal of which is to remove the White pawn on c4.

23.cxb5 axb5 24.b4 e5!

This advance is now possible as my centralized pieces guarantee I will be able to follow with d6-d5 at the proper moment.

25. Qd75 Qg6!

By preserving this knight I maintain added coverage for my kingside and prepare to exploit the weak f4-square. In addition the White knights on g3 and f5 can easily become redundant. Meanwhile I still have enough central firepower to enforce the desired d6-d5 advance.

26.Qg5

Having clearly lost the strategic battle, Gufeld plays for tactical tricks on the kingside. His threat is 27. Qxg7 Qxg7 28. Qf5+ and 29. Qxf6.

26... Ee6!

This rook lift is forced, but provides an excellent lateral defense for my knight on f6, and my kingside in general. I need only to temporarily neutralize White's kingside foray long enough to execute the aforementioned strategically desirable d6-d5 pawn break!

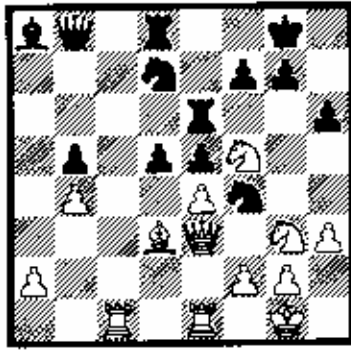
27. Qe2?!

If White wants to place this bishop on the a2-g8 diagonal why not play a2-a3 and then Qb1-a2? The White pawn on b4 would then be protected, and the c-file would not be blocked even temporarily.

27...h6

The White queen is repelled.

28. Qe3 Qf4 29. Qb3 d5



At last, the moment has arrived! Note how the White kingside knights are no longer effective, while the Black steeds are supporting my central activity.

30. **Ec5 Ee8!**

I no longer need to defend my third rank. By retreating this rook, I unpin my d-pawn and threaten 31...dxe4. Thus White is forced to resolve the central tension in Black's favor.

31. **exd5 d6xd5 32. Qxd5**

Surrendering this bishop gives Black a strategically clearly winning position, but defending the b4-pawn with 32. **Qd2** would lose to either 32... **Qf6**, followed by 33... **Qd3**, or 32... **Qxg2** 33. **Qxd5 Qxd5** 34. **Exd5 Qxc1** etc.

32... **Qxd5** 33. **Qe4 Qe6!**

Another simple but powerful retreat, which exploits the loose White knight on f5, and the weakness of the d3-square. White can no longer avoid a decisive loss of material. Note that being in a rush to collect dividends with a knight fork on d3 might allow White some counterchances: 33... **Qxe4** 34. **Qxe4 Qd3?** 35. **Qg4 g6** 36. **Qxb6+ Qf8** (36... **Qg7?** 37. **Qf5+ Qf8** would be better for Black.) 37. **Qf3 Qa7** (37... **Qd7** 38. **Qd1!**; 37... **Qe7** 38. **Qf6**) 38. **Qf6** and White has compensation.

34. **Qxb6+ Qf8!**

Much stronger than 34...gxf6? 35. **Qf6+ Qg7** 36. **Qxe8+ Exe8** 37. **Exe5** when White no longer stands worse, and the Black king is even a bit exposed.

35. **Ec3**

Guarding the d3-square, and playing for **Qe3-c5+**. After 35. **Qg4 Qd3** White would have little to show for the Exchange.

35... **Qe7!**

This threatens both 36... **Qd5** and 36...gxf6 winning material. With Eddie in time pressure I did not want to allow any tricks, but after 35... **Qd5!**? 36. **Qc5+ Qe7** 37. **Qg3 gxb6** I do not see any continuation of the White attack.

36.g3 **Qd5** 37. **Qg5 Qxc3** 38. **Qf6?!**

After 38. **Qxc3** it is important to not be greedy with 38...gxf6?? (both 38... **Qd4!** and 38... **Qxb3!** are winning for Black.) 39. **Qxb6+ Qe8** 40. **Qb8+ Qd7** 41. **Qd1+ Qc7** 42. **Qxb5+** and White wins.

38... **Qd5!**

No points for 38...gxf6? 39. **Qg8** mate or 38...gxf6 39. **Qxb6** mate.

39. **Qh7+ Qe8** 40. **Qxg7 Qd7!**

By simply running my king to the queenside, away from his queen and two knights, I bring Eddie to the realization that he is simply a rook down in material.

41. **Exe5 Qc6** 42. **Qe1 Qb7 0-1** ♚

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(Holiday Classic cont'd.)

□ Porter, R  
 ■ Szpisjak, S  
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1.e4 **Qc6** 2.d4 **d5** 3.e5 **f6** 4.f4 **fxe5** 5.fxe5 **Qf5** 6.c3 **e6** 7.Qf3 **Qd7** 8.Qh4 **Qe4** 9.Qd3 **Qe7** 10.Qh5+ **Qd8** 11.Qxe4 **dxe4** 12.0-0 **Qe8** 13.Qg4 **Qd7** 14.Qxe4 **Qh5** 15.Qf3 **Qf8** 16.Qe3 **Qh6** 17.h3 **Qf5** 18.Qf2 **Qh6** 19.Qbd2 **g5** 20.b4 **Qh4** 21.Qg3 **a6** 22.a4 **Qg6** 23.Qe2 **Qf5** 24.Qh2 **g4** 25.hxg4 **Qxg4** 26.Qe4 **Qhg8** 27.b5 **axb5** 28.axb5 **Qd8** 29.Qf6+ **Qxf6** 30.exf6 **Qe8** 31.Qxc7 **Qxf6** 32.Qa8 **Qe7** 33.d5 **Qf7** 34.Qxg8 **Qxg8** 35.Qe1 **Qg5** 36.Qxg5 **Qxg5** 37.dxe6 **Qh4** 38.Qd8+ **Qxd8** 39.Qd3+ **Qc7** 40.Qd7+ **Qb6** 41.Qd6+ **Qa5** 42.Qa1+ **Qxb5** 43.c4+ **Qxc4** 44.Qa4+ **Qb3** 45.Qa3+ **Qc2** 46.Qc4+ **Qd1** 47.Qa1+ **Qe2** 48.Qe4+ **Qc3+** 49.Qxe3+ **Qxe3** 50.Qe1+ 1-0

□ Whited, W (1863)  
 ■ Giertz, C (1731)  
 Holiday Classic (3), 1996

1.e4 **e5** 2.Qf3 **d6** 3.d4 **exd4** 4.Qxd4 **Qf6** 5.Qc3 **g6** 6.f3 **Qg7** 7.Qe3 **0-0** 8.Qd2 **Qc6** 9.0-0-0 **Qd7** 10.g4 **Qc8** 11.b4 **Qa5** 12.Qe2 **Qe5** 13.Qh6?! [Black's exchange sacrifice is so strong as to gain both the initiative and advantage.] 13...Qxb6 14.Qxb6 **Qxc3!** 15.bxc3 **Qxc3** 16.Qb3 **Qc8** 17.Qd2 **Qxf3!** [Regaining one pawn while weakening all of White's others on the kingside.] 18.Qxc3 **Qxc3** 19.Qxf3 **Qxf3** 20.e5 **Qe8!** [20...Qxg4 21.exd6 **exd6** 22.Qxd6 **Qf5** 23.Qd2 **Qg7?**] 21.g5 **Qa4?!** [The activity of this piece is quite limited on the edge of the board; therefore it was advisable to reserve development for the c8-h3 diagonal. Better was 21...Qf2 not allowing the tempo-gain

by Nd4.] 22.exd6 **Qxd6** 23.Qhe1 **Qf5?** [Black should not willingly grant White's rooks avenues for invasion. Better was 23...Qf8 keeping everything closed. White now gains the advantage.] 24.Qd4 **Qf4** [24...Qf2! 25.Qxf5 **gxf5** 26.Qxe7 **Qxc2+** 27.Qb1 **Qc8±!**] 25.Qxf5 **gxf5** 26.Qxe7 **Qc6** 27.h5 [27.Qd8+ **Qg7** 28.h5] 27...Qg7 28.Qd6 [28.h6+ **Qg6** 29.Qd6+ **Qxg5** 30.Qxf7] 28...Qe4 29.Qc7 [Excellently played. Even though White would easily win the resulting rook vs. bishop ending, Black's precarious king's position makes a direct attack much more deadly.] 29...f4 30.Qf6 [30.g6! **hxg6** 31.hxg6+] 30...Qd5 31.Qc8! [With threat of checkmate.] 31...h6 32.Qxb6 [32.gxf6+! **Qh7** (32...Qxf6 33.h7+) 33.Qc5±] 32...Qe6 33.Qhh8 **f5** 34.Qhd8 [34.h6+! **Qf7** 35.Qh7+ **Qg6** 36.Qg7+ **Qh5** 37.h7+] 34...Qc6 35.Qd7+ **Qf7** 36.Qxc6 **hxc6** 37.g6 1-0 ♚

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# Better Minor Piece Placement



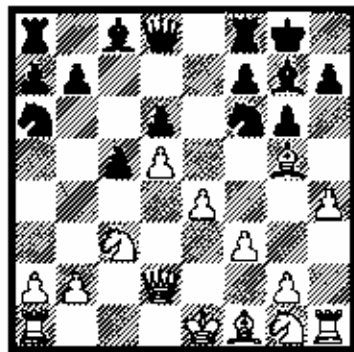
By IM Josh Manion

I have noticed that class players and even some experts and masters have trouble fully maximizing the advantages held by superior minor pieces. The advantages are often subtle and difficult to exploit. The following two games are good examples how better minor piece placement can win the game.

Pay special attention in the first game to the way that black plays against the white knight. From moves 39 to 51, at each turn, it is very difficult for white to move the knight, and he must constantly be concerned with losing it. In addition to the battle between black's bishop and white's knight in the end game, the reader should also note the prolonged battle that takes place over the d3 square.

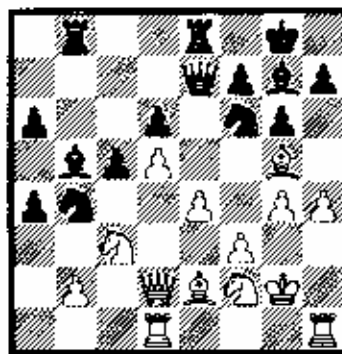
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1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3. ♔c3 ♖g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6. ♖g5 Hoping for 6...e5 7.dxe5 dxe5 8. ♖xd8 ♔xd8 9. ♔d5 winning a pawn. 6...e5 7.d5 e6 8. ♖d2 exd5 9.cxd5 ♔a6 10.h4

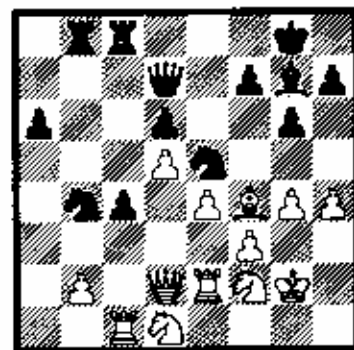


This starts a plan that I have always thought was a little dubious. After h4 and g4 the white king usually has a hard time finding a safe hiding place. 10... ♔d7 11.g4 ♔b8 12.a4 ♔b4?!

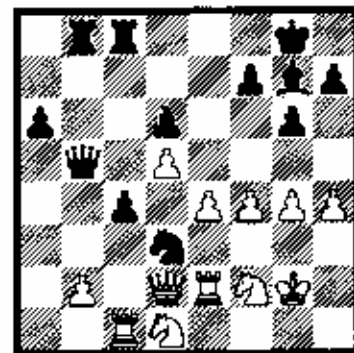
Putting the knight here is somewhat of a mixed blessing. The knight finds a nice outpost, but could be out of play if the action turns to the king side. Also, the knight on b4 sometimes blocks the b-file for black which is one of his main sources of play in this type of variation. 13. ♔h3 ♖e7 I have learned from experience that black should place his queen on e7. In a game I played about 4 years ago against IM Richard Delaune, I played ♖a5 and my queen was completely out of play. Which later lead to me getting mated. 14. ♔e2 ♔e8 15. ♔d1 a6 16. ♔f2 Putting an end to any ideas of sacrificing on e4 or g4. 16... b5 17. ♔f1? This just loses a pawn. There is no reason not to play 17.axb5 axb5 18. ♔f1. 17... bxa4 18. ♔g2 ♔b5



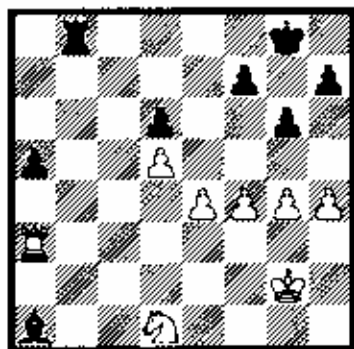
Black begins the fight for the d3 square. His plan is to bring his other knight to e5, and then exchange bishops on e2 followed by c4. 19. ♔he1 ♖c7 20. ♔e1 Introducing the threat of 21. ♔xb5 axb5 22. ♖xb4. 20... ♔xe2 21. ♔xe2 Nd7 22. ♔xa4 ♖a5 Not ♔e5 immediately because of f4. 23. ♔c3 ♔e5 24. ♔cd1 ♖b5 For the next few moves, White tries to play f4 without allowing the black knight to c4. 25. ♔c3 ♖d7 26. ♔cd1 ♔ec8 Getting ready for c4. 27. ♔f4 c4



28. ♔xe5 White has no choice since he cannot allow black to play ♔d3. 28... ♔xe5 29.f4 This weakens the king's side horribly, but it is hard to suggest alternatives. 29... ♔g7 30. ♔e3 ♖b5 Black continues to fight for the d3 square. 31. ♔ed1 ♔d3

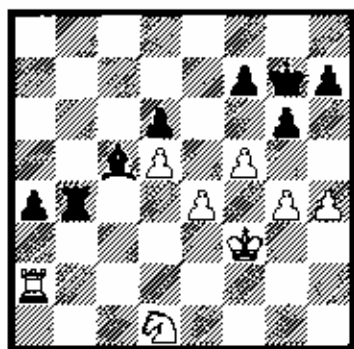


The time for the occupation of the d3 square is at hand. 32. ♔xd3 cxd3 33. ♔e3! The game has become very complicated. It is important for white not to take the rook on e8 so that the c-file does not fall into black's hands. 33... ♔xe1 34. ♖xe1 ♔xb2 35. ♖d2 Not 35. ♔xb2 ♖xb2 36. ♔xb2 ♔xb2 37. ♔f3 ♔b3 with the idea of 38.d2 winning. 35... a5 36. ♖xd3 ♖a4? 36... ♔c1 leads to a much quicker win. Now black still has a lot of work to do. 37. ♖b1 ♖a1 Black's only move. 38. ♖xa1 ♔xa1 39. ♔a3

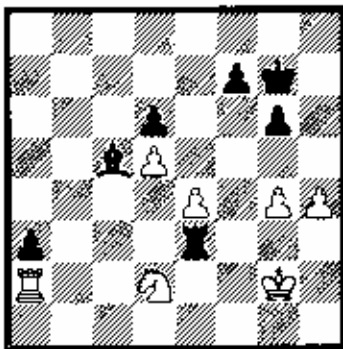


It looks like black has lost a pawn, but he still has a couple tricks up his sleeve. 39... Qd4! Now if 40. Exa5 Eb1 winning the white knight. Or if 40. Ea4 Eb4! 40. Qf3 Eb5 Black begins to prepare the advance of the a-pawn. 41. Qe2 Qc5 42. Ea2 Eb4 43. Qf3?

Even though White would lose both his e and d pawns his chances of holding are much better after 43. Exa5. 43... a4 After this the combination of the powerful black bishop, and the outside passed a-pawn, are too much for white to cope with. 44.f5 Qg7



Probably the most important part of winning a won position is preventing your opponent's counter play. By playing 44... Qg7 black stops any possible back rank threats, and prepares the advance of his king on the weakened dark squares. 45.fxg6 Of course not 45.g5 when 45... gxf5 wins most of the white pawns. 45... hxg6 46. Qh2 Eb3+ 47. Qg2 a3 48. Qc4 Ec3 49. Qd2 Qb4 With the idea of Ed3. 50. Qf2 Qc5+ Now I see the right idea. 51. Qg2 Ec3 0-1

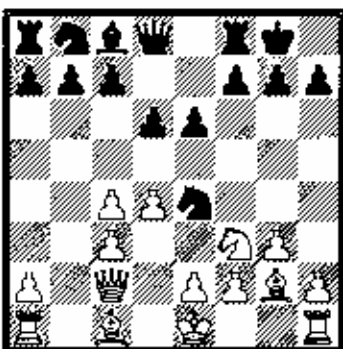


It might seem like it is a little early to resign but 52... Ee2 cannot be allowed. Play might have continued 52. Qf1 Eg3 53.g5 Eg1+ 54. Qe2 Eg2+ 55. Qf1 Eh2, and there is no way to break the pin on the knight. Therefore 56... Qb4 will be decisive.

In the next game, notice the careful way that the black bishop is restricted from move 23 on. The bishop is so restricted that it cannot or should not move for 18 moves, and when it does move it allows the simplification to a winning king and pawn endgame. In effect, black is playing down a piece after move 28.

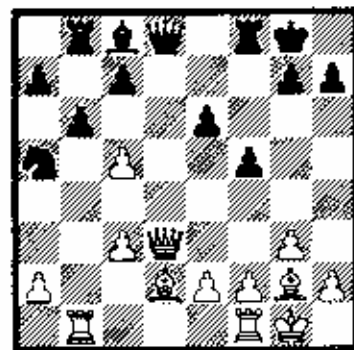
□ Manion, Josh (2410)  
 ■ Betaneil, Alex (2290)  
 North Central Open, 1996

1.d4 Qf6 2.c4 e6 3. Qc3 Qb4 4.g3 0-0  
 5. Qg2 d6? Black should take the knight on c3 before white plays Qb3.  
 6. Qf3? white should have played 6. Qb3. 6... Qxc3+ 7.bxc3 Qe4 8. Qc2?

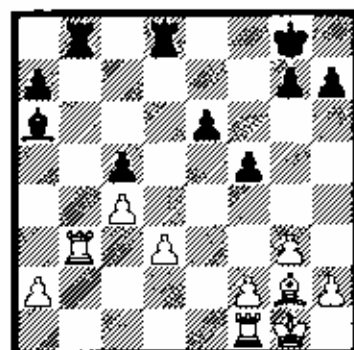


This move just loses a tempo when later the queen has to move to d3 to defend the c4-pawn. Better would have been 8. Qd3. 8... f5 9.0-0 Qc6 10. Qd2 Qnd2 11. Qxd2 Qa5 12. Qd3 Eb8 With the idea of 13...b6 and 14...

Ba6. 13. Eab1 b6 14.c5 Whites only move. 14... dxc5 15.dxc5

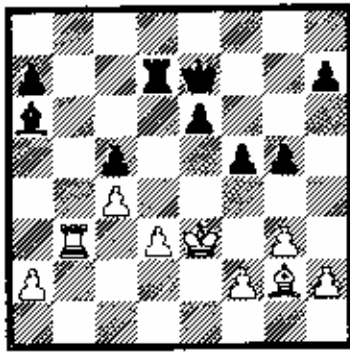


15... Qxd3 16.exd3 Qa6 17.c4 Qb7 On 17... Qfd8 18.cxb6 axb6 19. Qxa5 bxa5 20. Exb8 Exb8 21. Ee1 White has the advantage due to his much more active bishop. 18.cxb6 cxb6 19. Qb4! It is important to control the c5-square so that the black knight can be exchanged if it tries to enter the game. 19... Efd8 20. Eb3 Qc5 This is the only way not to lose material. 21. Qxc5 bxc5



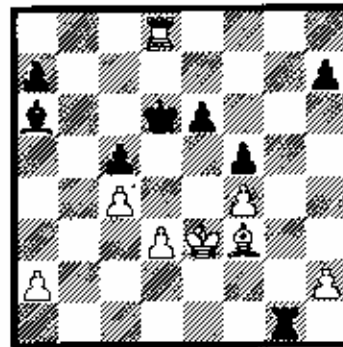
At this point, black offered a draw, but with control of the b-file and the more active bishop, I thought that I was better. 22. Efb1 Exb3 A sad necessity because of 22... Ec8 23. Ea3 Ed6 24. Ebb3 Ed8 25. Ea5 and the c-pawn cannot be defended because on 25... Ec8 26. Eba3 is winning. 23. Exb3 Ed7! The only move. After 23... Ed6 24. Ea3 with the idea of 25. Ea5 winning the c-pawn. 24. Qf1? This move loses a tempo over the more direct 24.f4 25. Qf2, etc. 24... Qf7 25. Qe2 Qe7 26. Qe3 g5?



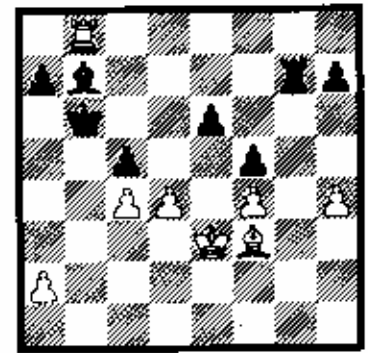


In general when you are defending an inferior position, you should attempt to hold back your pawns as far as possible, by advancing the g-pawn, black creates a new weakness, in the h-pawn. 27.f4 gxf4? 27... g4 offers stiffer resistance. Play might have continued 28. Ra3 Qb7 29. Qf1 Qc6 30. Ra5 Qd6 31.d4 with a structural advantage for white. 28.gxf4 Qd6 If black tries to sit tight with 28... Rc7, white could make progress by playing 29. Ra3 Bc8 30. Ra5 Kd6 31.d4. 29. Bb8 this move not only prevents the black bishop from moving, but begins to introduce threats of white advancing his h-pawn to h6 and then playing Bg7.

29... Bg7 Black is trying to create some counter play on the g-file. 30. Qf3 Bg1 31. Bb8+!



The most accurate. The next series of moves either forces black to retreat or to give up a pawn with check. 31... Qc7 32. Ra8 Qb6 33. Rc8 Bg6 This retreat is not pretty, but all of the alternatives lose material 34.h4 Qb7 This loses right away, but black is hard pressed to find a move anyway. 35. Bb8 certainly not 35.h5?? Bg3 winning for black. 35... Bg7 36.d4!



The point! After this white enters a winning king and pawn endgame by force. 36... Qb6 37. Qxb7+ Bxb7 38. Bxb7 Qxb7 39.dxc5 a5 The order that black advances his king and pawns does not matter. White is going to queen a couple of moves before black. 40. Qd4 a4 41. Qe5 Qc6 42. Qxc6 Qxc5 43. Qxf5. 1-0

In conclusion, always remember that a small advantage can sometimes grow simply by playing against your opponent's inferior minor pieces. ♔

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**Announcement:** Prize of the President of Armenia for best games of the Yerevan, 1996 Olympiad

To: All participants  
Chess Journalists

Prizes donated by President Levon Tet-Petrosian:

First prize: \$4000 (US\$)  
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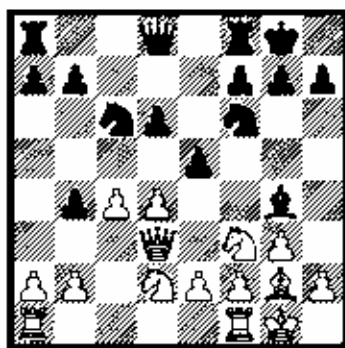
Prizes will be awarded on Armenian Independence Day, September 21, 1997.

- GM E. Gufeld  
11 Dec 96

**Editor's Note:** Here are some of the candidates for the best game awards from the most recent Olympiad. All of these games are of outstanding quality and I present them for your study with pride. As you will notice the notes are by one of the participants in each case, so you can get some added insight into the actual mechanics of how moves were selected. Next issue there will be a couple more that I also have annotations for. Now the exciting part- If you read the announcement to the left you will see that YOU have the opportunity to vote for your choice of the best game. Anyone wishing to cast a ballot can write me with their choice and I will submit the votes to GM Gufeld who is the source of these games/notes also. I hope you find these games as interesting as I do. -Editor

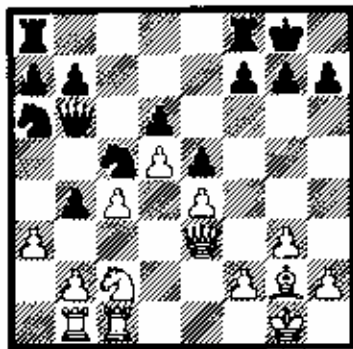
□ Ilincic  
■ Dizdar, G  
Yerevan ol, 1996  
[GM Dizdar]

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗f3 ♘b4+ 4.♗d2  
c5 5.♗xb4 cxb4 6.g3 0-0 7.♗g2 d6  
8.0-0 ♗c6 9.♗d3 c5 10.♗b2 ♗g4

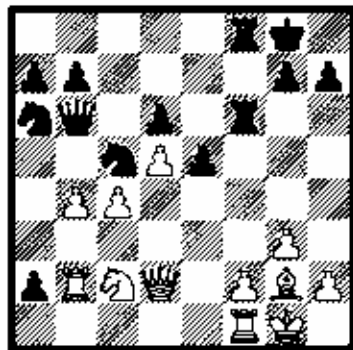


This is a novelty. My intention was to fight for blockade in the center keeping a rook on the f-file. Black has usually played 10... Re8 11.e4 Bg4. 11.e4 ♗d7 I rejected 11... Qb6 because complications after 12.c5 looks quite promising for White. The move I played gives Black another possibility. 12.♗f1 White is ready to meet 12.Qb6 with 13.c5! 12...♗f6!

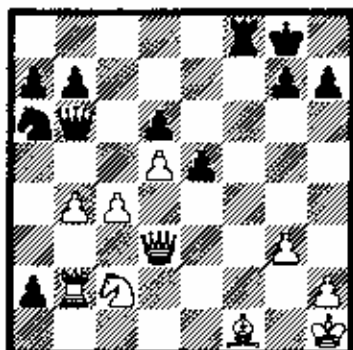
Another good square for the Black queen. In this way Black is keeping pressure on the center, avoiding tactical stroke c4-c5. 13.d5 ♗cb8 14.a3 ♗xf3 15.♗xf3 ♗a6 16.♗e3 ♗dc5 17.♗e1 A typical maneuver. White will fight against the Black pawn b4. If he forces Black to exchange on a3, and then push his pawn on b4, his position would be strategically winning. 17...♗d8 Queen is in a hurry to help keeping Black position on queen side. 18.♗c2 ♗b6 19.♗ab1



Now, White is ready to increase a pressure with b3, Qd2. It was premature to play 19.b3 for 19... bxa3 20.Rxa3 Nb4 gives Black excellent position. 19...f5! Opening a new front at a right moment. 20.exf5 Rxf5 21.b3 Rxf8 22.Rf1 R5f6 I played that move to make life easier in possible complications. In some lines rook can be attacked with White's minor pieces. 23.Qd2 White plays consistently, but Black is ready. 23...bxa3 24.b4 a2! 25.Rb2

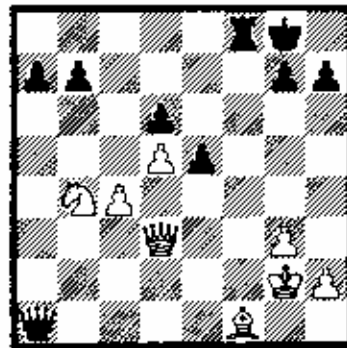


25...Qd3!! A quiet sacrifice with tremendous effect. 26.Qxd3 Rxf2 27.Qh1 Black's task would be easier after [27.Rxf2 Qxf2+ 28.Qh1 a1Q+; 27.c5 Qxc5! 28.Qc3 Qxc2!] 27...Rxf1+ 28.Qxf1



28...Qxb4!! "Show must go on!" White could survive after [28...Qf2 29.Rxa2 Qxf1+ 30.Qxf1 Rxf1+ 31.Qg2

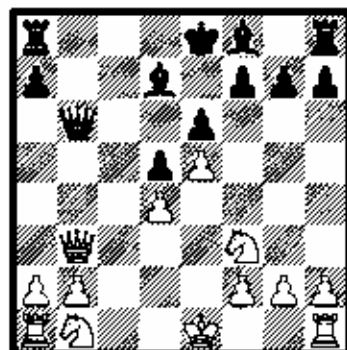
Rb1 32.b5 Qc5 33.Qe3 a6 34.Qf5!] 29.Rxb4 Black would have faced more problems after [29.Qd1! However, after 29...Qxc2 30.Rxc2 Rf2! due to passed a-pawn and Black's control of second rank, White's position would be hopeless. After some forced moves 31.Rc1 Qb2 32.Qg1 Rxb2 33.Qe1 simplest way is 33...Rc2! 34.Rd1 Qb3! with Rb2 and Rb1. For instance, 35.Qd3 (35.Qh3 Rb2 36.Qe6+ Qh8 37.Qf5 g6 38.Qe4 Qxc4) 35...a1Q! or] 29...Rxb4 30.Qxb4 a1Q 31.Qg2



31...Qe1! 32.Qc2 Qf2+ 0-1

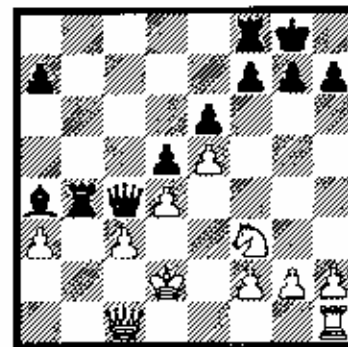
□ Kaminski, M (2525)  
 ■ Timoshchenko, G (2530)  
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 [Timoshchenko]

1.e4 e6 The first Caro-Kann in my life! 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5!? Black sacrifices a pawn and hopes to intercept initiative. 4.dxc5 Qc6 5.Qb5 e6 6.Qe3 Qge7 7.c3 Qd7 8.Qxc6 Qxc6 9.Qf3 After 9.f4 Black can play 9...g5!? with complications (David-Khenkin 1996). 9...Qc7 10.Qd4 Qxd4 11.cxd4 b6! 12.cxb6 [12.b4 a5] 12...Qxb6 13.Qb3N

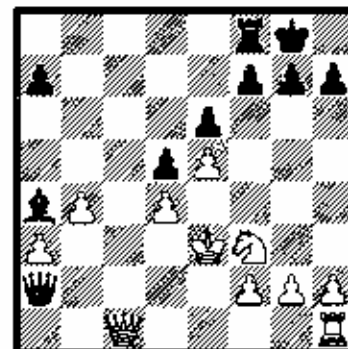


[13.0-0] 13...Qa6! After 13... Qxb3 Black could get good ending, but I preferred to play for attack. 14.Qc3 Qe7 15.Qc2 Qb8 16.Qb1 With the idea

17.Qe2. The move 16.0-0-0? leads to Black's win after 16... Ra3. 16...Qb4 17.a3 Qa4! An important tempo for future attack. Inferior was [17...Qxc3+ 18.bxc3 0-0 19.Qd2! and Black can not take a pawn 19...Qxa3 because of (19...Qa4 20.Qa2) 20.Ra1] 18.Qe1 Qxc3+ 19.bxc3 0-0 20.Qd2! [20.Rb4? Rxb4 21.axb4 now Black has a very unpleasant move. (1.cxb4 Rb8) 21...Qd3!] 20...Qc4 21.Rb4 Rxb4



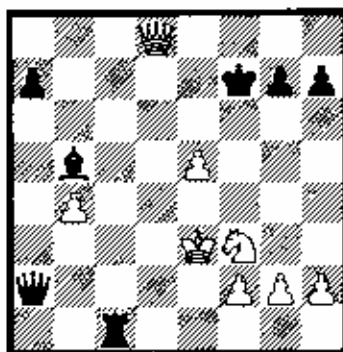
22.cxb4!? It seems this move is better than [22.axb4 Rb8 A) 23.Qb2 A1) 23...Qc6! more ambitious 24.Ra1 Qb5 25.Qc2 (25.Rxa7 Qd3+ 26.Qe1 Qf1+ 27.Qd2 Qxf2+) 25...Qe2+ 26.Qe1 Qf1+ 27.Qb2 Qxg2 28.Rxa7 Rb8 29.Qe1 Qxh2 and the h-pawn is very dangerous.; A2) 23...Qb5 24.Qc2 Qe2+ 25.Qe1 Qc4 26.Qd2 (26.Qb2 a5!) 26...Qe2+ with a draw; B) 23.Qe1 23...Qa2+ 24.Qe3 Qc2! 25.Qa1 Qb3 26.Qd2 Qe4 27.Qc1 (27.Qc1 Rb6 28.Qe3 Ra6 and Ra2) 27...a5! 28.Qxa5 (28.bxa5 Rb4 29.a6 Ra4 30.a7 Rxa1 31.Rxa1 Qb2+ and Qxa1) 28...Qb2+ 29.Qd1 Qxf2 Black is better.] 22...Qa2+ 23.Qc3!



White king plans a walk to g3 via f4. Immediately loses 23.Qc1 because of 23... Bb5 24.Nd2 Ba6! and Rc8. 23...f6! Black begins to open the position of White king. 24.exf6 Inferior was [24.Qc3 fxe5 and White has no time for 25.dxe5? because

(25.♠a1! □ exd4+ 26.♣xd4 ♣c2 Black is better.) 25...d4+1 26.♣xd4 ♣b5! and Black wins after 27.♠e1 ♣b3+ 28.♣d2 ♠c8! 29.♠c1 ♣a2+! 30.♣e3 (30.♣d1 ♣a4+) 30...♣xa3+] 24...♠f6 After [24...♣b3+ 25.♣f4! ♠f6+ 26.♣g4! Black has problems with his attack, e.g. 26...♣d3 (26...♠g6+ 27.♣g5 ♣d7 28.♣c8+ ♠f8 28.♣xe6+ ♣h8 29.♠c1 ♣d1 30.♣f7! ♣xf3+ 31.♣xf3 ♣xd4+ 32.♣g3 ♣f6 33.♣xf6 ♣xf6 with winning ending for White.] 25.♣c8+? This move leads to Black's advantage. White was afraid the maneuver Rf6-c6 after 25.♣c3 e5! 26.dxe5 and have forced Black rook to come back to f8. But the right move was 25.♣c3! [25.♣c3! at once. After 25...e5! White has a choice between A) 26.dxe5! is better 26...♠c6 27.♣d3! Now after a natural move A1) 27...♠c2 leads to White's advantage after 28.♠d1! ♠xf2 29.♣xd5+; A2) 27...♣h8! The right move, e.g. 28.♣d4 (28.♠e1 ♣c2 29.♣b5 ♣xa3+ 30.♣e2 ♠c8= 31.♣xd5 ♣b3 32.♣d4 ♣c4+) 28...♣c2 29.♣xc2 ♠xc2 30.♠f1 h6! better than... and only later ♣b2 or d5-d4 with an unclear position.(30...♣b2 31.♣xd5 ♣xa3+ 32.♣f4 ♣xb4+ 33.♣g3; 30...d4+ 31.♣f4! ♠c3 32.♣e4 ♣d2+ 33.♣f5! h6 34.h4±); A3) 27...♣c2 White has a sudden blow 28.♠a1! (During the game both opponents did not see this move!) 28...♣xa1 29.♣xd5+ ♣f8 30.♣xc6 ♣xa3+ 31.♣f4 ♣xb4+ 32.♣g3 White has kept extra pawn.; B) 26.♠a1 This starts a long variation - 26...exd4+ 27.♣xd4 ♣b3+ 28.♣d2 (28.♣d3?? ♠c6+-) 28...♠c6 (28...♠c6 29.♣e1!) 29.♣e5! ♣c2+ 30.♣e3 (30.♣e1? ♣b5! 31.♣e3 d4-) 30...g5! with the ideas 31... ♣f5 or 31... Bb5 32.♠c1 ♠e5 33.♣e5 ♣d3 mate. 31.♠e1! ♣b3+ 32.♣d2 (: 2.♣e2 ♣b5+) 32...♣a2+ 33.♣e3 ♣xa3+ 34.♣d2 ♣a2+ 35.♣e3 ♣b3+ 36.♣d2 ♣c2+ 37.♣e3 and it is not clear how to play for win, e.g. 37...♣f5 38.♣d2 ♣b3 39.♣d3 ♠xc1 40.♣xc1 and White is OK. ] 25...♠f8 26.♣c3 e5! 27.dxe5 [27.♠a1 exd4+ 28.♣xd4 ♣b3+ A) 29.♣e2 ♣b5+ 30.♣d2 (30.♣e1 ♠e8+ 31.♣e5 ♣c2) 30...♠c8!; B) 29.♣d2 29...♣c2+ 30.♣e1 (30.♣e3 ♣h8!?) 30...♣b5 31.♣xd5+ ♣h8 32.♣xb5 ♣c3+ 33.♣e2 ♣xa1 Black is clearly better - White king is too open.] 27...d4+! 28.♣xd4 The best chance was [28.♣xd4! ♣xf2+ 29.♣d3 ♠d8! with the threat 30... Bb5 30.♣c4+ ♣h8

31.♠c1 ♣b3! or (31...h6! with a threat 32... Bb5 33.♣xb5 ♠xd4+ 34.♣c3 ♣d2) 32.♣c5 (32.♣xb3? ♠xd4+ 33.♣c3 ♣d2#) 32...♣c6! and if 33.b5 ♣xg2! with a new threat 34... ♣f3 35.♣c2 ♣e4 36.♣c3 ♣e3.] 28...♣b5! 29.♠e1 ♣b3+ 30.♣d2 ♣a2+ 31.♣e3 ♣xa3+ 32.♣d2 ♣a2+ 33.♣e3 ♣b3+ 34.♣d2 ♣a2+ Black repeats moves for accumulation of time. 35.♣e3 ♣b3+ 36.♣d2 ♠c8! With a threat of 37... ♠c2. 37.♠c1 ♣a2+ 38.♣e3 ♠xc1 39.♣d8+ ♣f7

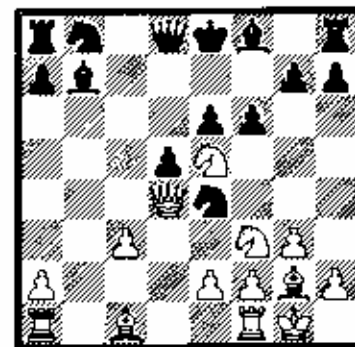


40.e6+! The last chance! If now 40... Ke6, 40...♣xe6+ [40...♣xe6? 41.♣g8+; 40...♣g6? 41.♣g5#] 41.♣d2 ♣c8! After [41...♣h6+ 42.♣g5+ ♣g6 43.f4 The Black pieces stand awkwardly.] 42.♣g5+ ♣g6 43.♣d6+ ♣h5 44.g4+ ♣xg4 The move 44... Kg4! was more cruel. 45.♣xc1 ♣xg5+ 46.f4 ♣g1+ 47.♣b2 ♣xh2+ 48.♣a3 ♣g3+ 0-1

□ Marin, M (2530)  
 ■ Aleksandrov, A (2550)  
 Yerevan 01, 1996  
 [Marin, M]

1.♣f3 Apparently not a very aggressive move, but things will get very much alive very soon. 1...e6 2.g3 b5 Aleksandrov had used many times and not without success the line [2...d5 3.♣g2 g6 4.0-0 ♣g7 5.c4 ♣c7 6.d4 ♣bc6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.♣c3 0-0 but I was obviously well prepared for that.] 3.♣g2 ♣b7 4.d4 ♣f6 5.0-0 e5 With this system, Black intends to gain as much space as possible on the queen-side, but the slight delay of the development might prove itself very dangerous. 6.♣a3 Some other moves have been tried here as 6.c3 or 6.Bg5 but the text seems the most logical to me. First of all, one should first develop the knight and only then the bishop as the book says and secondly Black is asked to take some measures

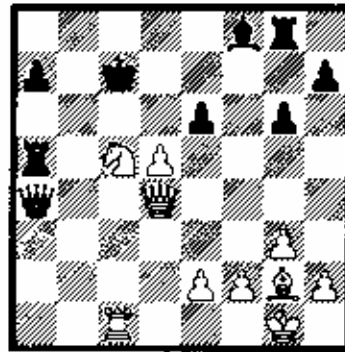
with the daring b5 pawn. 6...b4! This hasn't been played very often, but I don't remember having seen White winning against it so my opponent's choice seems understandable. More popular continuations are [6...a6 7.c4 b4 8.♣c2 or; 6...♣b6 7.c4 (7.dxc5!? ♣xc5 8.b4 ♣xb4 9.♠b1 ♣xa3 10.♣xa3 is an interesting idea of Romanishin.) 7...b4 8.♣c2 in every case with some advantage for White.] 7.♣c4 exd4 8.♣xd4! Without doubt the most challenging move. Because of the weakness of the d6 square Black has to move another pawn while his king didn't make any progress in securing himself a safe life. 8...d5 9.♣c5 Threatening "just" Ng5. 9...♣e4 10.c4 Interesting but not very promising is [10.♣xf7!? ♣xf7 11.♣e5+ ♣c8□ 12.♣xc4 dxe4 13.♣xd8+ ♣xd8 14.♣f7+ ♣e8 15.♣xh8 g6 16.♠d1 ♣g7 17.♣xg6 hxg6 18.a3 a5 19.axb4 axb4 20.♠xa8 ♣xa8 followed by Bd5, Nc6.] 10...bxc3?! Rather surprising, especially from one of the former hopes of the Soviet school as I was told. The b-pawn is making his third move already, thus opening the b-file for the white rook. Necessary would have been [10...♣c5 11.♣d3 ♣b6 although White disposes over some tactics: (11...0-0 12.♣e3±) 12.♣g4! 0-0 13.cxd5 exd5 14.♣g5 h5! 15.♣e3 ♣xg5 16.♣xd5 ♣h6 (16...♣g6 17.♣xg6 feg6 18.♣g5) 17.h4] 11.bxc3 f6 The complement of the previous move. With the b-file open it is already too late to chose another way.



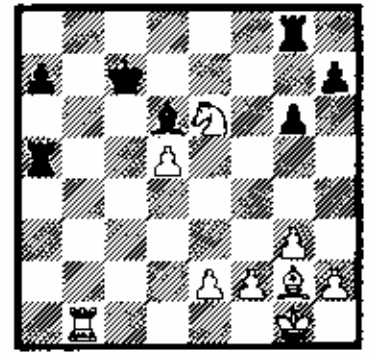
12.♠b1! I made this move without giving it too much thought because once I had seen it while thinking over 11.bxc3, I knew that I couldn't resist the temptation. Besides 12.♠a4+ ♣d7 13.♣xd7 ♣xd7 14.♣xd7+ ♣xd7 15.c4 ♣c3 leaves the initiative to Black. [12.♠a4+ ♣d7 13.♣xd7 ♣xd7

14. ♖xd7+ ♔xd7 15. c4 ♖c3  
 12... ♖xe5 What else? 13. ♖xe5 ♖c5  
 The most solid defense. Other moves  
 are worse: [13... ♖c8 14. ♖xb8 ♖d6  
 15. ♖xg7+, 13... ♖d6 14. ♖a3 ♖d7  
 15. ♖d4 ♖c6 16. ♖xe6+ ♖xe6  
 17. ♖xe6+ with more threats than  
 Black might parry: Nxf8, Bxd6, Ne7,  
 and Bxd5.; 13... ♖d7 14. ♖xb7? better  
 than (14. ♖d4 ♖d6 15. ♖xe6+ ♖xe6  
 16. ♖xe6 ♖c6 17. ♖xg7+) 14... ♖xb7  
 15. ♖xe6+ ♖e7 (15... ♖e7 16. ♖xd5)  
 16. ♖e5 and Black is under  
 unstoppable attack.] 14. ♖h5+! The  
 best way to continue the attack.  
 Actually, I had foreseen this position  
 before making my eleventh move.  
 Very tempting but not so good would  
 have been [14. ♖xb7 ♖bd7! but not  
 (14... ♖xb7 15. ♖xe6+ ♖e7 16. ♖xd5+)  
 15. ♖c7 (15. ♖xd7 ♖xd7) 15... ♖xb7  
 16. ♖xb7 ♖c8 and the position is not  
 very clear.] 14... ♖d7 Bad is [14... g6  
 15. ♖e5 ♖g8 16. ♖xb7 ♖bd7 17. ♖e3  
 ♖xb7 18. ♖xe6+ ♖e7 19. ♖xd5! the  
 white queen might be trapped  
 after 19. ♖xg8 for instance (19. ♖xg8  
 ♖f5 20. ♖h8 0-0-0 21. ♖g5 ♖g7  
 22. ♖xf6 ♖xf6 23. ♖xh7 ♖h8) 19... ♖f6  
 20. ♖c6+ ♖f7 (20... ♖d7 21. ♖xf6)  
 21. ♖g5+ ♖g7 22. ♖xb7 ♖xb7 23. ♖xb7  
 and with three pawns for the  
 exchange. White shouldn't complain  
 about his winning chances.] 15. ♖e5+  
 ♖e8 [15... ♖c7 16. ♖f7 ♖e8 17. ♖e5+  
 and White would continue the attack  
 having gained the material advantage  
 as well.] 16. ♖g5 Before reaching this  
 point of the game I thought I might  
 win right away with [16. ♖f7 ♖e8  
 17. ♖d6+?? but I realised with  
 disappointment that after 17... ♖xd6  
 the queen is suddenly defended.]  
 16... g6 [16... ♖e7 is no improvement  
 17. ♖f7 ♖e8 18. ♖xe7 ♖xe7 19. ♖xh8+]  
 17. ♖h4 ♖e8 [17... ♖c7 18. ♖xg6 and  
 White recuperates material, intending  
 to continue the attack with c3-c4.]  
 18. ♖f6 ♖g8 19. c4!? During the game  
 I was not very happy with the  
 following variation: [19. ♖xb7 ♖d6  
 20. ♖xb7 ♖xb7 21. c4 ♖f8 22. cxd5  
 ♖xf6 23. ♖c1+ ♖c5 24. dxe6  
 threatening a check on b7 either with  
 the queen or with the bishop 24... ♖e7  
 25. ♖xe7 Now I think that (25. ♖f7  
 ♖xe6 26. ♖xd6+ ♖xd6 27. ♖xa8 should  
 be very good for White.) 25... ♖xe7  
 26. ♖xa8 ♖xe6 27. ♖d3± and although  
 White should be better, Black has  
 managed to exchange the queens.]  
 19... ♖bd7 20. ♖xb7! Once again an

intuitive move. Now the white  
 squared bishop will become the  
 monster of the long diagonal.  
 20... ♖f6 21. ♖xf6 ♖xb7 22. cxd5 ♖c7  
 [22... ♖a6 would have been hardly an  
 improvement: 23. ♖c6 threatening  
 ♖c3, coming closer to the enemy's  
 king 23... ♖g7 24. ♖f4 and the black  
 monarch can not find his peace.]  
 23. ♖e1 intending Nd3, thus  
 eliminating the last hope of the black  
 defense. 23... ♖b8 24. ♖d3 ♖b5 25. ♖a4  
 ♖a5 26. ♖d4 ♖xa4 I cannot see  
 anything better. The fact that  
 Aleksandrov was already in severe  
 time trouble didn't improve too much  
 his situation. [26... ♖e7 loses to  
 27. ♖b4+ and the rook on a5 is in an  
 embarrassing position.; 26... e5  
 27. d6+ ♖xd6 28. ♖d5+ is also bad.]  
 27. ♖xc5!



Unfortunately, not a real queen  
 sacrifice. 27... ♖xd4 28. ♖xe6+ ♖b7  
 29. ♖xd4 ♖d6 It goes without saying  
 that Black has to blockade somehow  
 this pawn. 30. ♖b1+ ♖c7 [30... ♖a8  
 would have allowed a nice end:  
 31. ♖b5 ♖b8 32. ♖c7+ ♖xc7 33. d6+]  
 31. ♖c1+ ♖b7 32. ♖b1+ ♖c7 Although I  
 still had some time left and my  
 opponent not quite, I decided to  
 repeat moves because one never  
 knows. With two pawns for the  
 exchange White should be winning  
 but I started to be somewhat tired by  
 the excitement. 33. ♖b5+?!  
 [33. ♖c6+ would have won very  
 easily

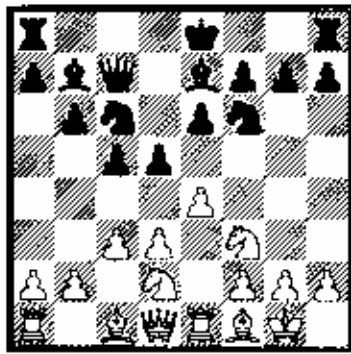


for instance: 33... ♖c8 (3... ♖d7  
 34. ♖b7+ ♖c8 35. ♖xh7 ♖a1+ 36. ♖g7  
 and now 36... a5?! only makes things  
 worse for Black, as it weakens the a6  
 square: 37. e3 a4 38. ♖g2 a3 39. ♖a6+  
 ♖b8 40. ♖d4+)] 34. ♖h3 curiously  
 enough, during the game I was afraid  
 that this move wouldn't threaten  
 anything 34... ♖a2 35. ♖d4+ ♖d8  
 (35... ♖c7 36. ♖b5+ and the black  
 bishop is lost.) 36. ♖b7+ 33... ♖d7  
 34. ♖h3+ ♖e7 35. ♖d4 ♖f6! Now the  
 black king considerably improves his  
 position and suddenly things are not  
 so clear any more. I had calculated,  
 thus almost exhausting my precious  
 time, only [35... ♖xd5 36. ♖b7+ ♖f6  
 37. ♖e6] 36. e4 ♖a4! 37. ♖d1 g5? The  
 decisive mistake. He should have  
 tried [37... ♖b8] 38. ♖d7 ♖c4 39. ♖f5  
 ♖e5 40. ♖h6 When I pressed the clock  
 after this last move, I noticed that I  
 had only six seconds left. Knowing  
 that I am already winning, I stood up  
 for a walk. When I returned I learned  
 that Aleksandrov lost on time. Sorry  
 for that, but after [40. ♖h6 ♖d8  
 41. ♖g4+ ♖e7 42. ♖xe5 ♖xe4 43. d6+  
 ♖f8 44. f4 gxf4 45. gxf4 ♖xf4 46. ♖h3  
 threatening Nc6 46... ♖f6 47. ♖d7+  
 White wins.] 1-0

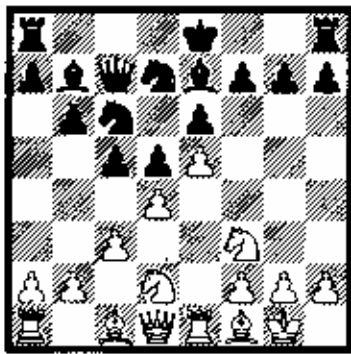
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1. e4 e5 2. ♖f3 e6 3. c3 3. d4 was too  
 boring. 3... ♖f6 4. d3 A well known  
 theoretical line of [4. e5 ♖d5 5. d4  
 cxd4 6. cxd4 d6 doesn't promise any  
 advantage to White. I decided to opt  
 for more complicated play.] 4... d5  
 5. ♖bd2 ♖c6 6. ♖e2 [6. g3 seemed more  
 logical, but during the game I was  
 worried by the possibility of 6... b6  
 7. ♖g2 ♖a6 though White can continue  
 8. ♖a4 ♖c8 9. cxd5 (9. ♖e5?? b5)  
 9... ♖xd5 (9... cxd5 10. ♖h3!±) 10. ♖e5  
 b5 11. ♖c4 with better chances.]

6...Qe7 7.0-0 Qc7 8.Ee1 b6 [8...0-0  
9.Qf1 dxe4 10.dxe4 Ed8 was safer.]  
9.Qf1 Qb7

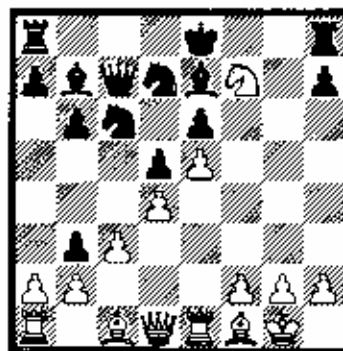


10.e5!? A very risky move, played  
after nearly 40 minutes thinking. A  
slow [10.a3 was less dangerous for  
Black: 10...0-0 11.e5 Qd7 12.d4 c4!?  
and White has a weak square on b3.]  
10...Qd7 11.d4



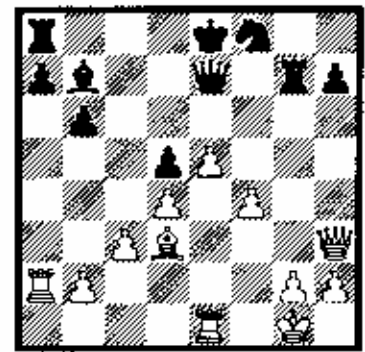
11...g5? Too bold. The correctness of  
White's 10.e5 and 11.d4 invasion  
would depend on [11...cxd4 12.cxd4  
Qb4 13.Ee3 Qc2 14.Qc1 variation.  
Here Black has two possibilities: A)  
14...Ee8 and now A1) 15.Qb3 is better  
15...Qg6 and now A1a) 16.Qd1!? Qc2  
(16...Qc2 and after 17.Qe1 Qg6 there  
is a repetition of moves.) 17.Qd3  
Qxe3 18.Qxe3 Qh5 19.Qb12! with the  
idea of Nf1-g3 and excellent  
compensation for the exchange. But if  
Black is not so hungry for material,  
he can avoid this danger playing;

A1b) 16.Ec3?! 16...0-0! (16...Qc2??  
17.Exc8+ Qxc8 18.Qc3+-) 17.Qd1  
Exc3 18.bxc3 Qc2?; A2) 15.a3?!  
leads to the excellent game for Black  
after 15...Qa2! as it's difficult to prove  
something after 16.Qb3 Qxc1 17.Exc1  
Qxb2; B) 14...Qg6 15.Ec3 Qc2 16.Qd1  
Qxa1 17.Qd3 f5 (17...Qh5 18.Qf1!  
with the idea of Ng3, h3 +-) 18.Ec7  
Qc8 19.Qf1 0-0 20.Qd2!7 with  
compensation for the exchange due to  
passive black pieces;] 12.Qb3!  
Calmly going to a piece sacrifice.  
12...c4 Not the only way to win a  
piece. After [12...g4 13.Qg5 h6  
14.Qxe6] if (14.Qxf7 Qxf7 15.Qxg4 h5  
16.Qf3+ Qe8 then he has some  
chances to escape the danger) 14...  
fxe6 15.Qxg4 Qf8 16.Qh5+ Qd7  
17.f4 White's initiative is very strong  
too. A prophalactic 17.Be3 is also  
good.] 13.Qxg5 exb3 Allowing  
another blow to own position.  
Nevertheless, it's difficult to say that  
[13...Qxg5 14.Qxg5 exb3 15.axb3  
would create more easy life to Black.  
In this case, White has a strong pair  
of bishops, a powerful pawn center,  
an open a-file for the rook, while all  
black pieces are passive and it's  
obvious that his king would never  
find peace on the kingside or  
queenside.] 14.Qxf7!



Stronger and more effective than  
14.axb3. 14...Eg8 Other possibilities:  
[14...Qxf7 15.Qh5+ Qg8 16.Ee3 Qf8  
17.Qd3! Qh4!? there is no time for

(17...Qd8? 18.Qg3+ Qg6 19.Qxg6  
hxg6 20.Qxg6+ Qf8 21.Qh6+ Exb6  
22.Qg8+ Qe7 23.Qg7#) 18.Qxh4 Qe7  
19.axb3 and White's position is  
technically won; 14...0-0 15.Qh6+  
Qb8 16.Qh5 with Bc3 following and  
an overwhelming attack.] 15.Qg5  
Qxg5 16.Qxg5 bxa2 17.Qg4 Now the  
time has come for a pawn on e6.  
17...Qd8 [17...Eg5 didn't help in view  
of 18.Qd3+-] 18.Qd3 White is not in  
a hurry. 18...Eg7 19.Qxd8 Qxd8  
20.Qxe6+ Qe7 21.Qh3?! The only  
White inaccuracy in the game. Going  
to the ending was much stronger  
[21.Qxe7+! Exc7 (21...Qxe7? 22.e6)  
22.f4] and Black is helpless against  
the avalanche of white pawns.]  
21...Qg7? The last mistake. The most  
stubborn defence was [21...Qf8  
22.Exa2 Qc8 I had intended to play  
23.Qc3 then with a clear advantage  
due to the strong pawn center and  
unsafe Black's king position, for  
example 23...Qf5 24.Qb5+ Qd7  
25.Qf1!± with b4, f4 following and  
then according to situation Re1 or  
Rf2 (5.e6? Qxe6 26.Qxe6 Qxb5?) ]  
22.Exa2 Qf8 23.f4 Now White's pawn  
center mass is quickly going to bury  
Black's position, so his resignation  
wasn't much premature.



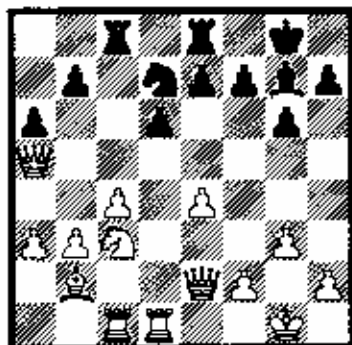
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## Not So Easy Moves

By GM Gabriel Schwartzman, 1996 US Open Champion



Black to Move

Your task was to find the best move for black.

So, my dear Academy members, have you enjoyed this puzzle? Probably not, because it is one of the most subtle and difficult ones you will ever see... As a matter of fact, I don't remember seeing so few find the right move before...

The position itself looks like it came out of a typical variation of the Symmetrical English. Who is better? Well, this is not an easy question to answer... Obviously, white has more space, and his pieces have all nice squares, but white also has some weaknesses. Black on the other hand, is a little more 'retreated', his pieces are more passive, but his pawn structure is almost perfect.

There are a few ways to reach the correct move, and in my opinion, you need to kind of combine all of them to find the move. Basically, it is a multitude of elements that should hint you towards the right move, and then, you also need enough perseverance to actually calculate the respective move...

So, where do all these elements come from? Well, as usual, from the position analysis... So, let's start it!

I am going to start with black this time. I can see only two major disadvantages right now: the knight on d7, undefended, on the 'd' file, and the black queen on a5. The knight doesn't worry me too much, because it is not clear what can happen because of it, but the queen, on the other hand, is clearly in the wrong place at this point: white threatens to chase her with b3-b4, if not even Ed1-d5.

So, I think there is the first hint: we need to worry about relocating the queen!

Now, let's move on to white. What can we say about his position? Plenty, thank you! First of all, there are a lot of important files and diagonals around there: the a1-h8 diagonal, with the white knight almost pinned, if the white bishop on b2 were not defended by the queen; the 'c' file, with the c4 pawn, and again the white knight under pressure; the b3 pawn, undefended, and finally, the fact that

white lacks the light squared bishop, and the resulting weakness of the light squares around the king side, and even the pawns on the queen side... Now, what does cover those squares right now? The white queen!

So, from the succinct analysis, we can get our other hints: taking advantage of white's light squares weaknesses (including pawns), and maybe getting rid of the white queen...

I am sure that you could think of a couple of moves that satisfy one or more of the above hints, but not all of those are effectual... I mean, you could play 1... ♖b6, but that is not going to win white's pawn, and the queen's position is not great, having in view white's knight. Not to mention that 1... ♖b6 doesn't get rid of white's queen...

As a matter of fact, there is only one move that responds to all of the above hints, and that is 1... ♖h5!!

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The move itself is not very hard to find, what is hard though, is actually calculating it, and not being thrown back by the fact that we end up with doubled pawns on the 'h' file...

Obviously, if white doesn't take our queen, 1... ♖h5 is definitely the right move, because it is a much better place for the queen, and it also puts pressure on the white king side and the weaknesses in that area. The real question is what happens if white does trade queens, after 2. ♖h5 gxh5.

Alright, so one thing is sure: we have doubled pawns. But what did we get for that? Well, at first glance not much, but if you look more carefully, the white queen was what held white's position together, now that she is gone, white has a lot of trouble keeping everything together. Here are his problems: the knight on c3 is pinned, which makes the e4 pawn virtually undefended; the b3 pawn is undefended, and not even able to be defended; the c4 pawn is only defended by the b3 pawn, etc...

I am now going to give you the pleasure of going through all the

variations yourselves, but I am just going to say that, believe it or not, white somehow ends up losing one of these pawns... The threat of ♕c5, succeeded by either ♕e4, ♕c3 and ♕e4, or ♕b3, or even ♕b3 and ♕c4, leaves white with way too many threats to defend. And the moment one of these pawns falls, white's entire position is certain to suffer a lot. Which explains why even GM Nikolic, one of the world's best defensive players, was not able to hold the ensuing position to a draw... ♔

## Book Review

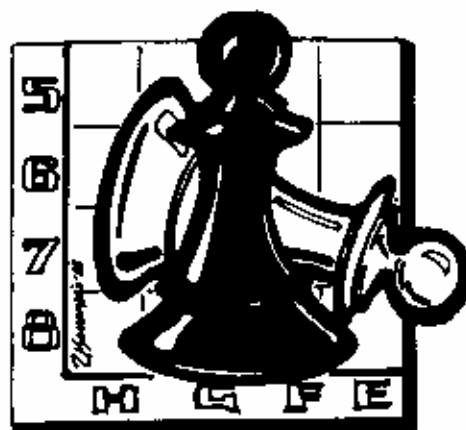
By Timothy Williams

**Elista Diaries: Karpov-Kamsky 1996** by GM Anatoly Karpov and GM Ron Henley, published by R&D Publishing. List Price \$29.95.

Ideally, books covering a world championship match should be a thrill to read. After all, you have two of the best players in the world competing against each other in a long match with everything on the line. For the most part, I have always found these books to be quite the disappointment. Sometimes the analysis is poor and rushed; other times the analysis is complete and detailed, but quite boring. Finally, a book covering the FIDE World Championship has been created that not only contains the games of the match with crisp, clear annotations, but also lets one into the excitement and behind-the-scenes happenings of the match itself. Elista Diaries was compiled and written by FIDE World Champion GM Anatoly Karpov and his chief second and trainer GM Ron Henley. Between the two of them they reveal the secrets of the games with quality annotations and provide complete coverage of the events that took place during the match. Nothing is left out, and despite following the match as diligently as possible while it was in progress myself, I still found their descriptions both engaging and revealing. They cover the whole gamut from the infamous exploits of Gata Kamsky's father to the daily incidents of their housing problems. Additionally, the book starts off with Karpov analyzing his favorite games of all the previous world champions and some earlier games of his own. His notes give some very insightful analysis into these classic games. It is very interesting to see him actually giving praise to his long-time rival in the notes to Kasparov's games. It is a rare opportunity to see a world champion analyze the games of someone else and in this case a real treat.

As if all of the above were not enough, there are also numerous pictures that help chronicle this event. In the end, what you get is a welcome change from the mass of other world championship books that give the games with notes, but never capture the feel of the event itself. In time, this book will be recognized as a classic that no dedicated chess-player would exclude from his library. Definitely, a must get. The only possible knock is that the analysis is not completely exhaustive, but then again the book never claims to be a reference work. I much prefer notes that are explanatory and revealing, as is the case here, to long reams of unexplained moves that leave one skipping the notes entirely. Karpov and Henley's notes to one game in this book were reprinted in a recent issue of Chess Life and can be checked out there should you wish to get a preview of their style.

Based on all of the above, and the level of enjoyment I derive just from sitting down and reading the text without a chess board, I rate this book, on a ten point scale, 10 for below Expert and 9 for Expert and above. ♔





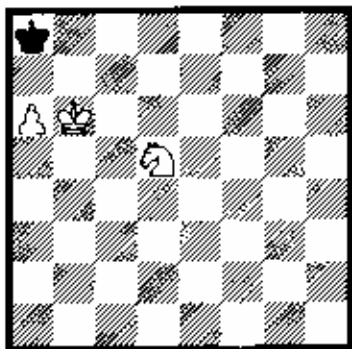
# Getting Maximum "Horse" Power



By Timothy Williams

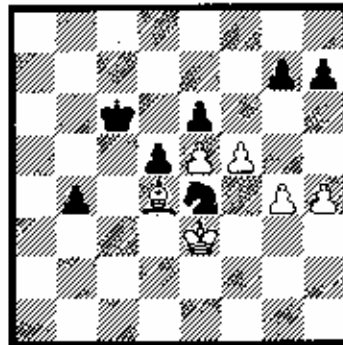
Bishops are better than knights, except... How many times have you seen that in an endgame book? A list of specific exceptions is of no real help. What we need is a basis for determining when to run with the knight and when to hedge our bets and avoid the confrontation. So where does this basis come from? Perhaps a few positions that are a little more simple to understand will shed some light.

First, we've talked extensively about the rook pawn and wrong bishop ending in this column, but off the top of your head can you definitely say whether a rook pawn and a knight against a king is a win or draw? Surprisingly, most players below Expert haven't usually thought about it. I didn't until the possibility faced me in a real game, whereupon I figured out the key position in my calculations and saw that it's always a win!



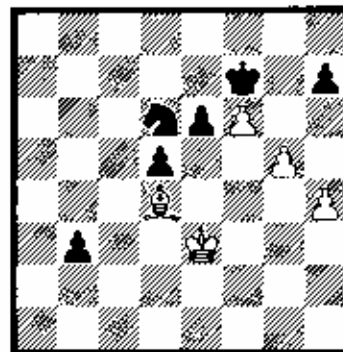
This is the position to remember. Either side to move is a win for White. White to move 1.Nc7+ Kb8 2.a7+ Kc8 3.a8(Q)+ or Black to move 1... Kb8 2.Nc7 Kc8, etc. Pretty simple, eh? Keep this position in mind for later reference.

The following is from a Chicago Industrial Chess League match game, Ellice, W (1950) - Williams, T (2145). Pawns @ CASE, 1996:

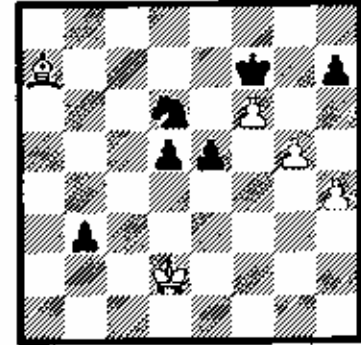


White has just played 41.f5

41... ♔d7 42.f6 ♗xf6 43.exf6 ♕e8  
The fastest way for Black to move forward is by retreating! [43...e5? 44.♖xe5 ♕c6 45.g5! b3 (45...♗xe5?? 46.f7 and white(!) wins.) 46.♖b2=] 44.g5 ♕f7  
Now that Black has blockaded the dangerous kingside pawns he can work on advancing his own.  
45.♕f4  
[45.♕d3 This makes more sense as the white king cannot penetrate into kingside.]  
45...b3 46.♕e3 ♕d6

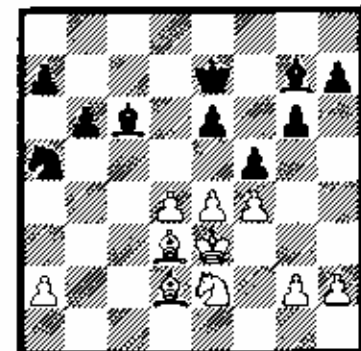


This creates a lot of problems for white. Nf5 appears to loom ominously but there is an even stronger continuation involving the knight.  
47.♕d2 e5! 48.♖a7  
[48.♖xe5?? ♕c4+ 49.♕c3 ♖xe5 50.♕xb3 ♕f3 is, of course, an easy win for Black.]



48...d4  
[48...e4? This would be wrong since White can begin to see hopes of a blockade. The game continuation leaves the bishop out of play.]  
49.♕d1 ♕c4  
Black will now be obliged to start giving up material to delay the inevitable.  
50.h5 d3 51.♕d4  
The only way to delay b2, but...  
51...exd4 52.g6+ hxg6 53.hxg6+ ♕xg6 54.f7 b2 0-1

Williams, T (1980)  
Kamber (1840)  
Chesterston Oct Open, 1995



So, who's better in this position? Black's knight is nearly out of play on the edge of the board. Neither of the White bishops occupy "good" diagonals, though White does seem to have better control of the center. Can White turn this ending into a winner?  
24.♖b4+!

Cutting off the dark squares from the Black king and setting up a strong follow-up.

24...♔d7 25.♖xx5!

A very strong move. White concedes the two bishops but begins to create a won position.

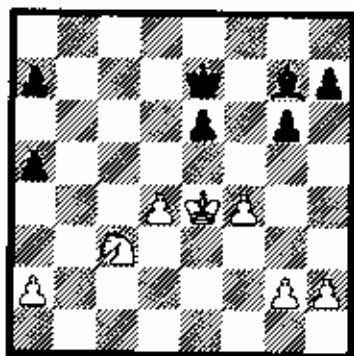
25...bxx5 26.♗c3 fx4

Black had no desire to see White play e5 when the bishop/knight combo will really look strong.

27.♗e4 ♖xe4

Black really did not have much choice, the bishop trade could not be avoided. But now isn't the dark square bishop a good piece?

28.♗xe4



White's king takes the center and nothing Black does can drive him away. The f- and d- pawns block in the bishop so White will maintain a lasting advantage. All White needs to do is seal the queenside and then begin the long maneuvering that will win the game.

28...♗e6 29.a4! a6

Black is trying to mark time but this move has a serious problem. Black can not protect a6 with anything but his king and then e6 would be unprotected.

30.♗d1

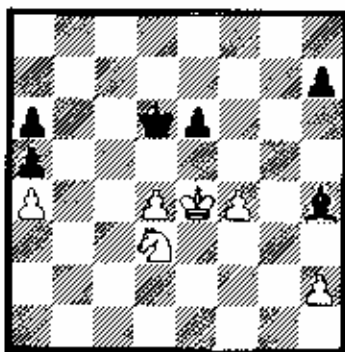
Based on the last note, guess where the knight is headed.

30...♗f6 31.♗f2 ♔d6 32.♗d3 g5 33.g3

White must maintain a pawn of f4 to keep the center firmly under control.

33...gxf4 34.gxf4 ♖b4

With pawns spread across the board you would think that the bishop would outplay the knight, but that is not the case.



35.♗c5

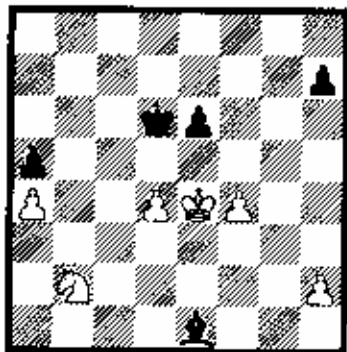
White wins a pawn. Maybe not an important-looking pawn but a sign of things to come.

35...♗e1 36.♗xa6 ♗d2 37.♗c5 ♖b4 38.h3 ♗e1

[38...♗xc5? The kind of continuation White would love to see. 39.dxc5+ ♗xc5 40.♗e5 ♖b4 41.♗xe6 ♖xa4 42.f5 ♖b3 43.f6 a4 44.f7 a3 45.f8♞ and White has won the pawn race with plenty of time to spare.]

39.♗d3 ♖h4 40.♖b2 ♗e1

or else Nc4+ winning the other a-pawn.



41.♗c4+ ♗e7 42.♗e5

White is in no hurry to force the issue. He will continue to maneuver until Black can no longer keep up.

42...♗d2 43.♗f3 ♖b4 44.♗g5 h6 45.♗f3 ♖f6 46.♗e5 ♗d6 47.♗c4 ♗e7 48.♗e3 ♗d6 49.f5

White is ready to turn up the heat by creating a passed pawn.

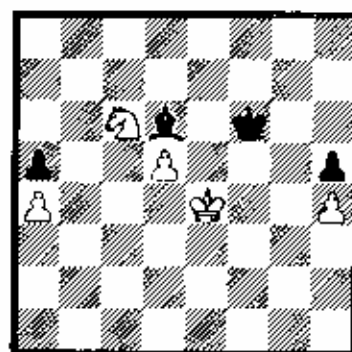
49...exf5+ 50.♗xf5 ♗f8

The bishop is stuck here unless the h-pawn advances, which is just what White wants.

51.d5 h5 52.h4

Fixing the pawn on the light square.

52...♗e5 53.♗d4 ♗d6 54.♗c6!



No secret technique for this move. White was forced into calculating out the continuation to a won position that follows the pawn trade.

54...♗g3

[54...♗c7 is better for a more prolonged defence, but there are still alternative knight maneuvers if Black declines trading his a-pawn for the Black h-pawn.]

55.♗xa5 ♖xb4 56.♗c4

Now White threatens to advance both of his remaining pawns.

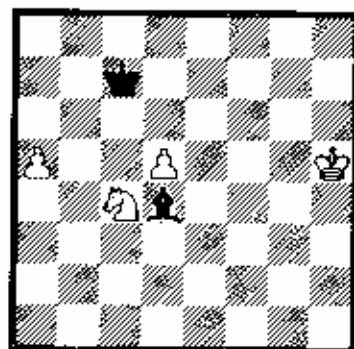
56...♗f2 57.♖f3

Since the time control was sudden death (and time quickly becoming short), White wants to make sure Black cannot get a win on time. After winning the h-pawn White can do no worse than draw regardless of the time. This route by the king gains a tempo by threatening the bishop.

57...♗d4 58.a5 ♗e7

Trying to get back and help stop the pawns.

59.♖g3 ♔d7 60.♖h4 ♗c7 61.♖xh5



Now it can be seen how strongly the knight is posted, Black only has one path to the pawns and it is too slow.

61...♗e5 62.♖g5 ♖b4 63.♖f5 ♖b7

[63...♗xa5? 64.♗xa5 ♔d6 65.♗e4]

64.d6

Now the importance of knight and rook pawn endings becomes clear.

64...♗xd6

[64...♔a6 is no help either, 65.♗c6 ♖e1  
 66.d7 ♖h4 67.♗f7 wins.]  
 65.♗xd6+ ♔a6 66.♗c4 ♗b5 67.♗e6 ♔a6  
 [67...♗xc4 68.a6 ♗b5 69.a7]

68.♗d6 ♔a7 69.♗c6 ♔a6 70.♗c5 ♔a7  
 71.♗b5 ♗b7 72.♗d6+ ♔a7 73.a6 ♗b8  
 74.♗b6 ♔a8 75.♗e8 ♗b8 76.a7+ 1-0



## What in the World Does THAT Mean?

A Quick Guide to Algebraic Notation Comments by Tim Williams

Often you will see symbols among the game annotations that may look like another language to you. These symbols have been established by FIDE and ECO to help make algebraic notation understandable regardless of language. Though there are even more than listed below, the following list should cover all the symbols you are likely to see in the ICB.

→	with attack	+	white has a won game
↑	with initiative	±	white is better
⇌	with counterplay	±	white is slightly better
Δ	with the idea of ...	=	equal
○	space advantage	≠	black is slightly better
⊙	zugzwang	≠	black is better
⊖	development advantage	+	black has a won game
↔	file	#	mate
↗	diagonal	≡	dynamically equal
⊕	time, time trouble	♖♗	bishops of same color
⊞	center	♗♘	bishops of opposite color
□	only move	♗♘	pair of bishops
♞	king's side	⊥	endgame
♝	without	♞	queen's side
△	better is	≡	with compensation
⊥	with	×	weak point

**April 5**  
**Saturday Plus-Score Mini-Tour**  
 4-SS, G/60  
 Chicago Chess Club  
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 Calendar.  
**An ICA Tour mini-event.**

**April 26-27**  
**Chicago Chess Club Spring Mini-**  
**Tour**  
 5-SS  
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# RESULTS FROM EVERYWHERE: DOUBLE SPOTLIGHT!



Scholastic Editor: Ken Lewandowski

## Current Standings of the North Suburban Chess League

(The top two teams in each division meet for a Championship Playoff series.)

6-0-0 Evanston	4-0-0 Glenbrook South
5-0-1 New Trier (Lost to NRP)	4-0-1 Fremd (Lost to RM)
4-1-1 North Ridge Prep (Drew AES, Lost to ETHS)	3-0-1 Rolling Meadows (lost to GBS)
3-1-2 Stevenson	4-0-2 Lake Forest (Lost to GBS & Fremd)
1-0-3 Niles West	2-1-2 Maine South
0-0-5 Niles North	1-0-4 Buffalo Grove
0-0-3 Loyola	0-1-2 Highland Park
0-0-4 Waukegan	0-0-3 Deerfield

## West Suburban Total Conference Team Rankings

Team	Points	Record (W-L)
Glenbard West	367	6-1
Wheaton-Warrenville S	334.5	5-2
Downers Grove North	289.5	5-2
Hinsdale South	289.5	5-2
Naperville North	244.5	4-2
Oak Park River Forest	266	4-3
Downers Grove South	214	3-3
Proviso West	145	2-3
Westmont	37	0-3
Hinsdale Central	78	0-4
Leyden	47	0-4
Glenbard East	0	0-5

## Dusable Invitational Team Quick Chess

December 16/17

1. 4-0 Orr
2. 3-1 Whitney Young
3. 3-1 Hyde Park
4. 2-2 Phillips
5. 2-2 Bowen
6. 2-2 Simeon
7. 2-2 Robeson
8. 1-3 Lindbloom
9. 1-3 DuSable

### Junior Varsity Results

#### Board 1

1. Joe Osgood Wheaton Warrenville South
2. Jon Falconer Auburn I
3. Tim Carroll Meridan

#### Board 2

1. Achal Modi Auburn I
2. Phil Newhouse North Boone
3. Will Little Meridian

#### Board 3

1. Muffadal Attarwaib Danville
2. Nathaniel Glasser Auburn I
3. Sean Kollman Mattoon I

#### Board 4

1. Bill Donley North Boone
2. Nathan Gabrielson Auburn I
3. Bob Becker Mattoon I

#### Board 5

1. Geoff Federmerger Danville
2. Adam Flemming Mattoon I
3. Kenny Estes Ottawa

Team Results from the Illini Classic (Jan 18, Urbana II.). This is a 5 player team match using the old IHSA 3-2-2-2-1 scoring for the

boards.

### Varsity

1. 4-0-0 Auburn (Rockford)
2. 3-0-1 University High, Normal
3. 3-0-1 Mattoon
4. 2-1-1 Moline
5. 2-0-2 Uniniversity High, Urbana
6. 2-0-2 Danville
7. 2-0-2 Bradley-Bourbonais
8. 2-0-2 Georgetown-Ridge Farm
9. 1-1-2 Urbana
10. 1-0-3 Jefferson (Rockford)
11. 1-0-3 Bismark-Henning
12. 0-0-4 Tri City

### Junior Varsity

1. 3-1-0 Auburn I (Rockford)
2. 3-1-0 Mattoon I
3. 2-1-1 Auburn II (Rockford)
4. 2-0-2 Danville
5. 2-0-2 Urbana
6. 2-0-2 Mattoon II
7. 1-1-2 Moline
8. 1-1-2 Bismark Henning
9. 1-0-3 Georgetown-Ridge Farm
10. 0-1-3 Bradley-Bourbonais

High School Team Results from the Ottawa Chess Tournament January 25, 5-player team tournament.

### Varsity

1. 4-0-0 IMSA I
2. 3-0-1 Auburn
3. 3-0-1 West Chicago
4. 3-0-1 Mattoon
5. 3-0-1 Ottawa
6. 2-1-1 IMSA II
7. 2-1-1 Wheaton-Warrenville South
8. 2-0-2 Evanston
9. 2-0-2 Rock Island
10. 2-0-2 Jefferson (Rockford)
11. 2-0-2 Proviso West
12. 1-1-2 Lincoln Way
13. 1-1-2 Hill Crest
14. 1-0-3 Danville
15. 1-0-3 North Boone
16. 1-0-3 Joliet Township
17. 1-0-3 Richards

### Junior Varsity

1. 3-1-0 Auburn I
2. 3-1-0 North Boone
3. 3-1-0 Danville
4. 2-1-1 Evanston
5. 2-1-1 Mattoon
6. 2-0-2 Wheaton Warrenville South
7. 2-0-2 Lincoln Way
8. 2-0-2 Meridian (Stillman Valley)
9. 2-0-2 Ottawa
10. 1-1-2 Auburn II
11. 1-1-2 Mattoon II
12. 1-0-3 Marmion
13. 1-0-3 LaSalle Peru
14. 0-0-4 Rock Island

### Individual Winners

#### Varsity Results

##### Board 1

1. Justin Sadanaka West Chicago
2. Asher Kach IMSA
3. Pat Laugher Auburn

##### Board 2

1. Mike Smith Mattoon
2. Kris Kecker Auburn
3. Natasha Zlobin Wheaton/Warrenville S

##### Board 3

1. Andrew Galperin IMSA II

#### Junior Varsity Results

##### Board 1

1. Joe Osgood Wheaton Warrenville South
2. Jon Falconer Auburn I
3. Tim Carroll Meridian

##### Board 2

1. Achal Modi Auburn I
2. Phil Newhouse North Boone
3. Will Little Meridian

##### Board 3

1. Muffadal Attarwalb Danville

2. David Pitt Mattoon
3. Matt Deegan Ottawa

##### Board 4

1. Tom Johnson IMSA I
2. Dan Janck West Chicago
3. David Guill Mattoon

##### Board 5

1. Colin Ross Wheaton Warrenville South
2. Ben Lai IMSA
3. Karl Keyzer Auburn

2. Nathaniel Glaser Auburn I
3. Sean Kollman Mattoon I

##### Board 4

1. Bill Donley North Boone
2. Nathan Gabrielson Auburn I
3. Bob Becker Mattoon I

##### Board 5

1. Geoff Federinger Danville
2. Adam Flenning Mattoon I
3. Kerry Estes Ottawa

On Friday, January 31, the Chicago Youth Success Foundation sponsored a quick chess tournament for high

school students from the 18 schools they work with. 46 students from 11 schools participated in the 5 round Swiss held in the

lower level of the State of Illinois Center. The top 3 scores from each school determined the team results, as follows: 1st Mather 12.5. 2nd Bowen 11. 3rd Roosevelt 10. 4th Hyde Park 9.5. 5-6th (tie) Austin & Clemente 8. 7th Bogan 7. 8th Carver 6.5. 9th Dunbar 3. 10-11th (tie) Kelly & Marshall 2. Individual

winners: First with a perfect 5-0 Davor Palos, Mather. Second with 4.5 - .5 Irina Kleyman, Mather. Third with 4.5 - .5 Albert Burag, Hyde Park. Tied with 4 points: Johnny Strapp, Austin; David Flores, Roosevelt; Martin Woods, Bowen; Rogelio Zepeda, Bowen. Tom Fineberg directed.

### 1996-1997 S.L.C.A. CHESS CONFERENCE STANDINGS as of 2/1/97

North Division	pts w x d ind	West Division	pts w x d ind
1. Homewood-Flossmoor	7.0 6 0 0 400	1. Bradley-Bourbonnais	6.5 5 1 0 477
2. Argo	5.0 3 3 0 378	2. Sandburg	6.0 5 0 0 386
2. Oak Lawn	5.0 2 2 2 377	3. Bremen	4.0 3 2 0 292
3. Eisenhower	3.0 3 2 0 332	4. Hillcrest	0.0 0 5 0 259
4. Shepard	1.0 1 3 0 166	4. Joliet Township	0.0 0 6 0 192

East Division	pts w x d ind	South Division	pts w x d ind
1. Thornton	5.5 4 1 1 439	1. Bradley-Bourbonnais	6.0 5 1 0 477
2. Thornton Frac. North	3.0 3 3 0 298	2. Bloom-Trail	4.0 3 3 0 323
3. Thornwood	2.5 2 2 1 305	3. Lincoln-Way	3.5 3 1 0 292
3. Thornton Frac. South	2.5 1 3 1 247	4. Kankakee	3.0 3 2 0 326
5. Thornridge	1.0 1 5 0 247	5. Rich South	2.0 2 0 0 149
		6. Rich Central	0.0 0 6 0 201

### TOP 5 INDIVIDUAL SCORING LEADERS BY DIVISION

#### NORTH DIVISION

Pts Sch NAME  
100 HF Shachar Meron  
090 Ar Nenad Jovanovic  
075 El Laeland Snodden  
068 HF Greg Cohen  
062 Ar Jose Yanez

#### WEST DIVISION

Pts Sch NAME  
100 Sb Todd Freitag  
080 OF Jeffery Hartfield  
080 Sb Dan Edeus  
070 Hi Steven King  
068 OF Shawn Flynn

#### EAST DIVISION

Pts Sch NAME  
085 TS Joe Pritchett  
075 TT Rory Ippel  
070 Tw Nick Kogionos  
066 TT Ira McCray

#### SOUTH DIVISION

Pts Sch NAME  
105 RC John Bolton  
077 BB Gregory Burke  
074 BB Jason Warren  
071 BT Allen Peck

## Spotlight on Scholastic Talent

**Scholastic Editor's Note:** The ICB is highlighting a different high school player each month. The future of Chess in Illinois is carried by this young talent. The past two issues focused on players rated over 1600. This month I have chosen a lower rated player. High school chess works mostly as team competition, either 3 or 8 player teams. It is not enough for a school to have 1 or 2 1600's, they need 8 players to win at state. I have known Miriam all through her high school chess career and I have rarely found a more dedicated, friendly player. This past summer she attended a chess camp in Wisconsin and is starting to beat 1500's regularly. She is the kind of player every school in Illinois would be proud to have on its team. My team welcomes her when she goes to tournament alone and she has practiced with us during the summer. [ICB Editor's Note: Stay tuned for yet a second spotlighted player following Miriam as another youngster has also made quite a name for himself!]

### Miriam Rubinson - High School Chess Epitomized!

Submitted by her coach

This issue's spotlight focuses on Miriam Rubinson of Niles North High School, Skokie, IL. Although not highly rated in USCF terms (1043), Miriam has established herself as one of the area's up and coming players. Her high school coach says of her, "In almost thirty years of coaching chess at Niles North I cannot recall any player who has brought greater enthusiasm or a higher degree of commitment to both chess in general and the Niles North team specifically. If cutting the school's front lawn with a pair of scissors would help the chess team, Miriam wouldn't rest until the job was completed. She

epitomizes what high school chess should be about--a love of the game, a desire to compete with good sportsmanship, and a commitment to the entire team."

Miriam's grandfather was a strong player, and she recalls learning the rudiments of the game around age seven or eight. She didn't become serious, however, until her sophomore year, when she decided to drop in on a meeting of the Niles North Chess Club. So limited was her experience with chess that she loves to relate the story of how Mr. Cardulla was explaining to

new members that "If your clock (flag) falls, you lose the game," and she kept wondering how and why the clock would ever fall off the table and onto the floor! This naivete soon vanished.

Miriam soon began to read and study seriously. She credits Mr. Cardulla as being the person who "inspired and motivated me," and in addition she studied formally with Steve Arlinsky for a year and a half. This past summer she attended a Wisconsin Chess Camp, where she studied with Dean Ippolito (2400). Now a veteran of numerous tournaments, both within and outside of

the IHSA, Miriam cites her highest accomplishments as placing 2nd among females in the Wisconsin Junior Open and tying for 1st in the C Section of the Whitewater Falls Tournament. During this tournament she defeated two players with ratings of 1500 and 1843 respectively. Miriam also spends much time during the summer practicing with the Evanston Chess Team.

Miriam has submitted the following two games as representing some of her best efforts. The games are in descriptive notation, which Miriam strongly prefers over algebraic.

- Rubinson, Miriam (1000)  
 ■ Pierre (Maine South) (1500)

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|----------|----------|
| 1. P-K4  | P-QB4    |
| 2. P-QB3 | P-Q4     |
| 3. P-K5  | N-QB3    |
| 4. N-KB3 | B-N5     |
| 5. B-N5  | P-K3     |
| 6. P-Q4  | N(N1)-K2 |
| 7. P-KR3 | BxN      |

- |              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| 8. QxB       | P-QR3    |
| 9. BxNch     | PxN      |
| 10. PxP      | N-N3     |
| 11. B-B4     | BxP      |
| 12. P-QN4    | B-K2     |
| 13. 0-0      | 0-0      |
| 14. N-Q2     | Q-B2     |
| 15. Q-N3     | P-B3     |
| 16. R(R1)-K1 | NxB      |
| 17. QxN      | R(R1)-K1 |
| 18. N-B3     | PxP      |
| 19. QxP      | B-Q3     |
| 20. Q-N5     | P-K4     |
| 21. N-R4     | Q-K2     |
| 22. Q-N4     | R-B5     |
| 23. N-B5     | Q-Q2     |
| 24. N-R6ch   | Resigns  |

- Linquist, Daniel (1843)  
 ■ Rubinson, Miriam (1048)

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|----------|-------|
| 1. P-K4  | P-KN3 |
| 2. N-KB3 | B-N2  |
| 3. B-B4  | P-QB3 |
| 4. N-B3  | P-K3  |
| 5. Q-K2  | N-K2  |
| 6. 0-0   | 0-0   |
| 7. R-K1  | P-QN4 |
| 8. B-N3  | B-R3  |

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|--------------|----------|
| 9. P-Q3      | P-Q4     |
| 10. PxP      | NxP      |
| 11. N-K4     | N-Q2     |
| 12. P-B3     | Q-K2     |
| 13. P-Q4     | P-QB4    |
| 14. P-QR4    | NPxP     |
| 15. B(N3)-B4 | BxB      |
| 16. QxB      | N(Q4)-N3 |
| 17. Q-N5     | PxP      |
| 18. PxP      | R(R1)-B1 |
| 19. B-B4     | Q-Q1     |
| 20. R(R1)-B1 | RxR      |
| 21. RxR      | N-Q4     |
| 22. B-Q6     | R-K1     |
| 23. QxP      | N(Q4)-B3 |
| 24. N-B5     | N-N3     |
| 25. Q-B6     | N-B1     |
| 26. N-N7     | Q-Q2     |
| 27. QxQ      | NxQ      |
| 28. B-B5     | P-K4     |
| 29. P-Q5     | P-K5     |
| 30. N-Q4     | NxB      |
| 31. N-N5     | NxN      |
| 32. R-B7     | N(N2)-Q3 |
| 33. NxN      | NxN      |
| 34. RxRP     | BxP      |
| 35. Resigns  |          |

### Jose A. Rodriguez - Great Young Talent!

Submitted by Hector Hernandez

Jose A. Rodriguez is an 8 year-old, Mexican-American boy from Chicago's Pilsen community. He learned to play chess from his father, Jose Sr. Mr. Rodriguez used a smaller version of the regular chess board to teach his son how the pieces move. Soon after, in December of 1993, Jose's parents started taking him to the chess club at the Chicago Public Library's Rudy Lozano Branch. He is a second grade student at the Ted Lenart Regional Gifted Center where he studies French in addition to his other classes. He has excellent interpersonal skills, all of his grades are "fantastique", and chess seems to be a very positive influence on his overall academic achievement.

Besides club competitions, Jose played in only two USCF tournaments in 1994. It was not until 1995 that he really started playing tournament chess. He has achieved some very promising results since then. The 1995 Illinois Open brought the opportunity for "Knight Moves"-the Rudy Lozano chess



Jose A. Rodriguez

team players to have a 4-board match against a team of visiting Russian children. Jose played board 4 and beat Yuri Rashck. Knight Moves won the match with a 4-0 performance. The visiting children, led by chess author Alexander Kostyev, had earned their trip to the U.S. by winning academic honors in subjects including Geography of the United States. During October-

November, 1996 Jose racked up 25 of a possible 27 points in local, regional and national competitions.

Jose's name appeared in USCF's Top Fifty Lists for the first time in December, 1996. He was tied for 42nd-43rd places in the Age 8 and Under list, and was the only Illinois player listed. He moved up to 39th place in the February, 1997 list. He participates not only in scholastic, but also in open tournaments as well. He has already played in two Illinois Opens, two Midway Amateurs, the recent U.S. Class Championships, and a Chicago Chess Club tournament, among others.

In Illinois, Top Fifty status brings special teaching co-sponsored by the ICA-Warren Junior program. Therefore, Jose is currently an active participant in the program. He has also enjoyed the benefits of lectures by Mexican IM Roberto Martin Del Campo, Mexican Women's Champion Yadira Hernandez, FM Albert Chow, and John Tomas.

Hector Hernandez has been working with him on a regular basis.

Here are some of Jose's more meritorious tournament results:

Year	Tournament	Section	Place
1995	U.S. Junior Open	Age 6	1st Place
	Tri-State Scholastic	First Grade	2nd Place
1996	IL St. Grade School	First Grade	1st Place
	Jensen Academy Schol.	K-3rd	3rd Place overall
	U.S. Junior Open	Age 7	1st Place
	Chicago Public Schools	First Grade	1st Place
	Chi. Pub. Lib. Latin ch	K-8th Grade	1st Place
	Columbus Day	K-8th Grade	1st Place
	Tri-State Schol. Open	Primary	1st Place overall (6-0)
Glenn Ellyn Fall Class.	Primary	3rd Place overall	
1997	Illinois All Grades	2nd Grade	2nd Place
	Jensen Academy Schol.	K-3rd Grade	1st Place (5-0)

Jose's initial contact with the library chess club was prompted by a feature article in Exito newspaper. With the passage of time, he himself has been featured in a special WSNS-TV Channel 44 program, as well as in newspaper articles in La Raza, Extra and Lawndale News. Such media coverage has, in turn, attracted new children to the Knight Moves Chess Club.

Jose has a great deal of natural talent and ability. He often-times finds hidden resources in barren-looking positions. More seasoned players are frequently surprised when he readily finds moves not seen, or considered, by them. I believe his natural talent and ability, coupled with study and discipline, can carry him far in this field. A promising career lies ahead of him.

Here is a selection of short games played by Jose.

□Rodriguez, Jose A. Jr.

■Flay, Robert

Tri-State Scholastic, 1996

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nf3 d6 4. b3 Nf6 5. Nc3 0-0 6. Bd2 a6 7. Qc1 Bf5 8. Bh6 Bxh6 9. Qxh6 Qd7 10. Ng5 Rd8 11. Nd5 e6 12. Nxf6+ Kh8 13. Qxh7#

□Rodriguez, Jose A. Jr.

■Rashek, Yuri

Knight Moves vs. Russian Academic All-Stars, 1995

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nf6 4. 0-0 Bb4 5. e3 Bc5 6. b4 Bb6 7. Bxc6 dxc6 8. a4 0-0 9. a5 Bxf2+ 10. Rxf2 Bg4 11. h3 Bh5 12. g4 Nxe4 13. Re2 Ng3 14. Rg2 e4 15. Nd4 c5 16. bxc5 b5 17. gxh5 b4 18. cxb4 Qxd4+ 19. Kh2 Qxa1 20. Na3 Qb1? 21. Nxb1 Rfe8 22. Rxc3 Re5 23. Bb2 Rf5 24. Rxc7+ Kh8 25. Rg5+ f6 26. Rxf5 h6 27. Rxf6+ Resigns.

□Albrecht, Adam

■Rodriguez, Jose A. Jr.

1996 National Scholastics K-12

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bc4 Bc6 4. Ng5? Bxc4 5. d3 Be6 6. Nc3 h6 7. Nxc6 fxc6 8. Be3 Nf6 9. 0-0 d5 10. exd5 exd5 11. d4 e4 12. Bf4 Bd6 13. Be3 Qd7 14. Re1 Ng4 15. Kh1 Qf5 16. f3 Nxe2 17. g4 Qxf3+ 18. Qxf3 Nxf3 19. Rf1 Ne6 20. Rad1 Nb4 21. a3 Nxc2 22. Bc1 Nxd4 23. Nxd5 0-0 24. Be3 Ne2 25. Rf2 Ng3+ 26. Kg2 Nh4+ 27. Kh3 g5 28. Ne7+ kg7 29. Bd4+ Kh7 30. Rxf8 Rxf8 31. b4 Ne2 32. Bc5 Nf4+ (32. ... Rf3#) 33. Kg3 Nfg6+ 34. Bxd6 exd6 35. Nd5 Rf3+ 36. Kh2 Rf2+ 37. Kg3 Rg2+ 38. Kh3 e3 39. Nf6+ Kh8 40. a4 Nf4#

□Rodriguez, Jose A. Jr.

■Mendoza, Eric

Knight Moves vs. McKinley Park Library C.C. Match, 1996

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. Bc4 Nf6 5. Ng5 Be7 6. Nxf7 Qd7 7. Nxe8 Qg4 8. f3 Qd7 (8. ... Qxc2 is more interesting) 9. Bf7+ Kf8 10. d3 g6 11. Bh6#





# Action in Your Neighborhood



## **Oak Park - River Forest CC**

By Ken Marshall

**Speed/Blitz (Game/5) Championship:** On Nov 5, Paul Prause scored 12-4 to become the OP-RF CC Blitz/Speed Champion for the second year in a row. Prause won 11 games, lost three, and drew two in this double round-robin tourney. Boguslowicz tallied 10-6 to finish third. Best Below 1800 was Bill Barker with his 7.5-8.5 result. Lukasz Matuzczyk garnered Below 1600 honors by posting a 9.5-6.5 score.

**USCF Game/15 Round-Robin:** Seven players competed in this Nov 19 tournament, which Bob Hansen won by finishing 5.5-5. Paul Prause who drew with Hansen, followed at 5-1. Bill Barker's 3.5-2.5 earned him third place.

**USCF "Action Chess":** Robert Stoltz, Paul Prause, and Christopher Nitura each posted 3-1 results to tie for the top places in this eight player event which concluded on Dec 17. Marty Ptacek won the 1999-1700 prize, while Joe Cygan was best among those 1699-below.

**USCF Game/10 Round Robin:** Six players competed in this Jan 21 "Quick Play" tournament, which Paul Prause (1856 QP rating) won by finishing 4-1. Prause drew with Marty Ptacek (1763) and Mariusz Gorski (1639), who tied for second and third at 3.5-1.5 apiece. Harold (Butch) Thomas (1490) took Below 1600 honors.

## **Elmhurst CC**

By Roger Birkeland

Our new club now has 60 members since opening in September, and we are holding USCF events almost every Sunday night.

**November 3, 10, 17 Fall Quad:** This slow-time-control tournament drew 16

players who competed in 4 quads. Les Bale won the top section with a perfect 3-0. Chris Savage and Scott Silverman split the 2nd quad with scores of 2 1/2-1/2. The 3rd quad was taken by Craig Vieregge with 2 1/2-1/2, and Karl Schultz swept the bottom section with an undefeated 3-0.

**December 8:** This Game/20 event was held in two sections. The top section, contested as a double round robin, was won by Sam Sheynin with 5 1/2-1/2. The reserve section, with 7 players, ended in a 3-way tie with Roger Birkeland, Mathew Joseph and Chris Nitura all scoring 5-1.

**December 15:** Our first all-day tournament was a Game/100 Quad contested by 11 players. Les Bale, Todd McAuliffe, and Chris Nitura emerged as the winners of the 3 sections and took home \$60 each for their efforts.

**January 12-19:** Players took part in this Game/29 Quad. Paul Prause, one of the fastest players in town, took the top section even though out rated by all 3 of the other wood pushers. Stephen Decman, playing in his first ECC event, scored a perfect 3-0 to take the 2nd quad, as did Paul Garafolo in the 3rd quad. Chris Nitura and Ted Shellhamer split the \$40 prize in the 4th quad, and unrated Moon Ki Cho took the bottom section. Thanks to Ken Marshall for directing.

**January 19:** This all-day tournament was our biggest so far, attracting 29 players rated between 973 and 2135. The format was a 4-round, Game/60 Swiss in 2 sections. The open section was very hard fought with no one scoring a perfect 4 or even 3 1/2. Bob Stoltz, Paul Prause and Aniruddha Deshpande each scored 3-1 and split \$180. Chris Savage took home \$50 for best under 1800 with 2 1/2-1/2. A clear winner did emerge from the reserve section, with Scott Silverman

earning \$75 with 3 1/2-1/2. Kermit Dodson, Chris Nitura and Stephen Lauger each netted \$25 for scoring 3-1. Many thanks to Gary Janssen for directing.

## **College of Lake County Caveman CC**

By Tim Just

The 1996 Caveman Club Championship was won for the second year in a row by Brian Ruggiero with a score of 5-0. The club reserve Championship trophy was claimed by Orn Backstrom's 4-1 effort. Orn is only the second player to have both a club Reserve Championship title and the club Championship title in his resume. Other top finishers include Abraham Untermyer in class A, Ignacio Sanchez and Tim Just tied for class B, Grant Wartnik topped class C, Aaron Ashman was the best in class D, and Ernest Fornander won the Unrated prize.

Weekly rated tournament games are provided on Fridays from 7:30 pm to Midnight. For more information call Tim at (847) 244-7954.

## **Fox Valley CC**

By Roy Frye

The January 25th Fox Valley Naperville Chess Club SATURDAY IN JANUARY OPEN drew 34 contestants in spite of a morning wind chill measuring 24 below zero. This was a four round game 60 Swiss event with a guaranteed prize fund of \$500. Bisi Tubic took first place in the tournament and won \$120.

A brief look at the tournament results over the past few months will show you Bisi was an unrated player in November. Now performing at a +2000 level, Bisi appears to be doing quite well. But, while the tournament results appear to show Bisi doing well... Bisi doesn't

think so. The reason is, competitive chess is certainly not new to him. Just over a year ago, Bisi relocated from Yugoslavia to the U.S. According to Bisi, he was quite active in chess in his former country, including being a National Team member between the ages of 17 and 20 years. Bisi says he obtained the status of FIDE Candidate Master as a result of play in Yugoslavia.

Bisi says he only recently got involved in chess here in the U.S. because he couldn't find a local club. After a little research in a local library, he learned of the Fox Valley / Naperville Chess Club. Perhaps he will consider joining the club! More winners in the January 25th tournament: Second place - \$80 earned by James Condron. First place Class A - \$70 earned between James McNamara

and Deon Horton. First place Class B - \$60 earned between Vincent Huang and Jim Froelich. First place Class C - \$60 earned between Scott Silverman, Orlan Smith, and Tom Wachter. First place Junior - \$40 earned by Kenneth Huang

Congratulations to all who played in this event!

### "Hey! What a deal!" - Buying on the Internet

by Roy Frye (Reprinted from the Fox Valley CC Newsletter)

Buyer beware is not an unfamiliar phrase to most people. It applies to almost every transaction where there is an exchange of goods or services for money (or other goods or services). However, in recent history, the need to be as "aware" is perhaps not as important as it once was. Retailers for the most part have adopted a "satisfaction guarantee" that usually includes a no risk investment in their goods. If you are not happy for any reason - simply return the product for exchange or cheerful refund. This represents a major reason that consumers have become quite comfortable in trading with their local merchant or major catalog retailer. It also makes it easy to let our guard down when it comes to "buyer beware".

In addition to storefront and catalog merchants, a new way to trade is via the internet. However, today's market has not yet created the need for aggressive marketing that includes our typical "satisfaction guarantee"... or at least the need to promptly and honestly honor it. I learned the lesson recently.

A few weeks before Christmas I received a really neat gift. The giver wanted me to buy something I would really like "that has to do with that chess stuff". Even though she obviously doesn't appreciate the game, she knew I did. After giving the matter a little thought, I decided now would be a good opportunity to acquire a nice hand-crafted wood set. But, investigating the catalogs I possessed only brought dreams - the prices were well beyond the budget - and I stored the thought for a while.

Two weeks before Christmas, I was still faced with the decision as to what "chess stuff" I would choose. Then I stumbled onto the website [www.chess-shop.com](http://www.chess-shop.com) not to be confused with [www.chessshop.com](http://www.chessshop.com). With nice graphic representation of what they were selling - I found a 4" ebony/boxwood set that included a rosewood box, for about half the price I had seen elsewhere. Also located was a 2 1/4" rosewood board that I thought would look great under the ebony. I called the number and put my "buyer beware" skills to work. Upon reaching the Village Chess Shop, Ltd. and explaining I saw the site - I was told the prices were promotional and lower than their in-store price. I asked about their satisfaction guarantee or refund policy. No refunds. However, they "stand behind their products and will replace any defective merchandise within 10 days." (I didn't ask if that was 10 days from the time I ordered the item or 10 days from the time I received the items.) Satisfied with that, I added the needed money to my gift allowance and ordered the gifts. About 10 days later, the items arrived via UPS. I must say, I was quite pleased at first glance and placed the items aside in order to finish my workday. Over the course of the next couple days, there were some little things that started to bother me -- the 4 inch king was only 3 3/4 (give or take a 32nd) - the beautiful rosewood / boxwood board had irregular shaped squares on the 7th (2nd) rank that became really hard to overlook -- then there was the vertical stress crack in one of the black bishops. When I called to find out what the deal was, I was instructed to return the board and defective piece and they would

immediately reship the replacements. I was advised that I would probably have to pay for the shipping again from New York. With insurance and priority shipping to New York the investment went up another \$18.

Knowing the approximate shipping time, I called the day the package arrived in New York (in order to authorize the credit card amount needed to pay for more shipping costs). I was told the package had arrived and they would "get it back out" and call me if I was going to be billed for more shipping. I called a few days later to get the shipping date and was told they had been too busy taking care of "customers" to reship and would likely get to it within a week or so. Five or six phone calls later - the package finally went out. To say the least, I was happy to see the shipment from the Village Chess Shop arrive. At least I was happy until I opened the package. The replacement bishop? - with a little oil it will match the set. The board? - though scratched a little, slightly bowed to the point that it rotates nicely on a table, and made from walnut instead of rosewood, will play just fine. Sooner or later it would have gotten scratched anyway - and having it reverse bowed under a set of wood clamps on my coffee table for 2 days fixed the "lazy Susan" effect. Actually, returning the board again would place my investment (shipping and phone calls) at more than twice the original selling price.

Lesson learned? Buyer beware... Especially of internet offers that sound too good to be true. Deal with those you know and trust.

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# Shakespeare Annotates!

By NM Alan Watson

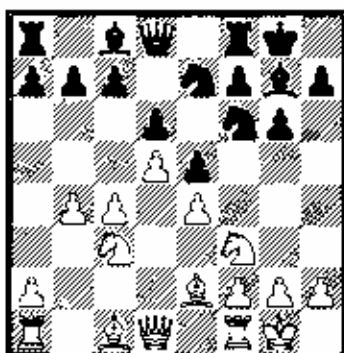
There came a strange feeling over me one evening as I was producing bulletins for the 1996 World Open held in Philadelphia over the last July 4th holiday. While it is a well-documented fact that our First Lady Hilary Clinton has recently conversed with the likes of Eleanor Roosevelt and others, no such entity had ever sought voice through me before.

I churned about in bed that entire restless evening, and also the one immediately following my return flight to Chicago. The sensation eventually became so great that out of sheer desperation in an effort to quell the restless spirit within me I took pen to paper and recorded all that I had been told.

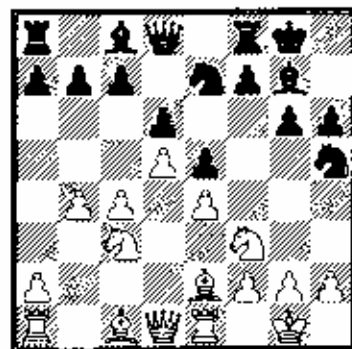
What lies before you, then, are either true spiritual revelations or the musings of a middle-aged high school Literature class underachiever ... you decide. So that these thoughts might be intelligible to those not normally receiving of divine transmissions, I have immediately followed each with a translation in our present-day Chess lexicon.

□ IM Jean Hebert (2560)  
 ■ Boris Krelman (2577)  
 World Open, 1996  
 [William Shakespeare & Alan Watson]

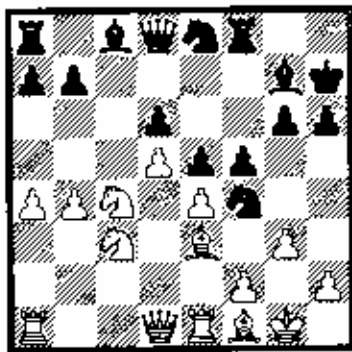
1.♠f3 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♠c3 ♘g7 4.e4 d6  
 5.d4 0-0 [The web of our life is of a mingled yarn, good and ill together. The King's Indian is a complex hypermodern opening which first rose to international prominence in the 1940's at the hands of Soviets Boleslavsky and Bronstein. Black concedes both center and space to stabilize the pawn structure then prepare a powerful flank attack.] 6.♚e2 e5 7.0-0 ♘c6 8.d5 ♘e7 9.b4



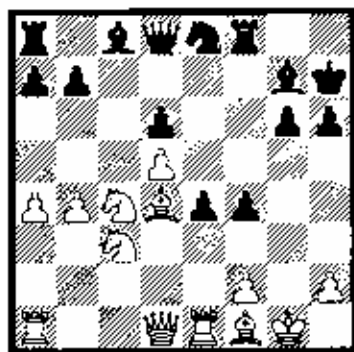
[There's a skirmish of wit between them. While Kreiman regularly favors the King's Indian defense, Hebert has been known to prefer the English Opening or other closed systems. Why has White opted for the Bayonet variation, and what has he prepared?] 9...♘h5 10.♚e1 [The neighing steed and the shrill trump, the spirit-stirring drum, the ear-piercing fife, the royal banner, and all the quality, pride, pomp, and circumstance of war! This interesting move clearly indicates the rapid advancement of modern opening theory, and was not even considered by Keene in his 1992 work "The Complete King's Indian". White will allow the ♘h4 to temporarily settle at f4 in the knowledge that he can be later ejected by g3 when retreat will be difficult at best.] 10...h6?!



[The rankest compound of villainous smell that ever offended nostril. Shakespeare has actually gotten a little carried away here (especially since the King's Indian wasn't popular in his day and he certainly isn't abreast of the latest theory!). But Nunn & Hurgess do regard this method as too slow; instead suggesting the immediate 10...f5 as more decisive.] 11.♘d2 ♘f4 12.♘f1 ♖b7 [Curse his better angel from his side, and fall to reprobation. A further loss of time with the intention of maneuvering the queen's knight to secure the weakened d6 base after White's forthcoming c4-c5 and ♘c4. Hebert is beginning to dictate the course of events in this game at a point when there is but a hint of Black's play.] 13.c5 ♘g8 14.♘c4 ♘f6 15.cxd6 cxd6 16.a4 ♘e8 [Something is rotten in the state of Denmark. That the culmination of this knight's long journey b8-c6-e7-g8-f6-e8 should leave him at e8 indicates all is not well with Black's play. White's queenside pawns are marauding up the board to engage their counterparts while Black has but a lone knight on f4 overlooking the battlefield.] 17.♚e3 f5 [Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste of death but once. Of all wonders that I have yet heard, it seems to me most strange that men should fear; seeing that death, a necessary end, will come when it will come. Shakespeare notes that Black has already prepared the coming sacrifice, but further laments that the tendency of modern players to favor conservative play has greatly diminished such "interesting" chess.] 18.g3

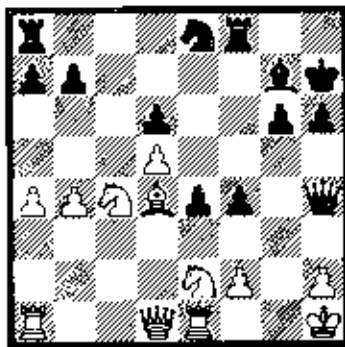


18...fxe4 [Our doubts are traitors,  
And make us lose the good we oft  
might win by fearing to attempt.  
The play's the thing wherein I'll  
catch the conscience of the king.  
Upon such sacrifices, my Cordelia,  
the Gods themselves throw  
incense. No guts, no glory! Kreiman  
perhaps reasoned that his position was  
already inferior but was confident that  
he can take out this overrated Canadian  
with a direct kingside attack. After all,  
it's always nice to end a tournament  
such as this with a dramatic flourish.]  
19.gxf4 [Out of this nettle, danger,  
we pluck this flower, safety. OK, I  
took the horse; now show me what  
you've got!] 19...exf4 20.Qd4

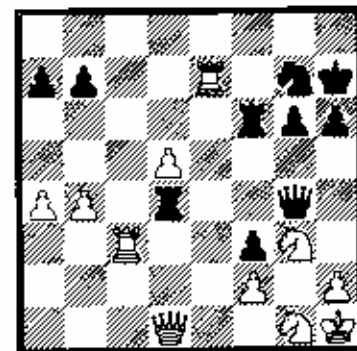


[Gratiano speaks an infinite deal  
of nothing, more than any man in  
all Venice. His reasons are as two  
grains of wheat hid in two bushels  
of chaff; you shall seek all day ere  
you find them, and when you find  
them, they are not worth the  
search. Despite its ominous appearance  
at first blush, Hebert doesn't believe that  
Black's attack provides sufficient

compensation for the material that has  
been sacrificed.] 20...Bg5+ [Here  
comes the lady: O! so light a foot.  
Will ne'er wear out the everlasting  
flint. Black's queen enters the fray with  
tempo and single-handedly hopes to  
deliver the decisive blow along the  
weakened light squares.] 21.Qh1 Qg4  
22.Qe2 Qxe2 23.Qxe2 Wh4



[The miserable have no other  
medicine but only hope. Black can't  
find anything better than allowing the  
exchange of his valuable dark-squared  
bishop. But, at least the drunken knight  
(c.f. moves 13-16) is brought nearer the  
White king.] 24.Qxg7 Qxg7 25.Qxd6  
[By medicine life may be prolong'd,  
yet death will seize the doctor  
too. Black's fate is probably sealed after  
this further capture. Although Kreiman  
prolongs the game, there is no way to  
salvage it.] 25...Bxd8 26.Qxe4 f3  
27.Qg1 Bg4 [Now would I give a  
thousand furlongs of sea for an  
acre of barren ground. Black sure  
wished that he'd played less aggressive  
against this guy; he'll now be lucky to  
reach a lost ending!] 28.Qg3 Bf4  
29.Ba3! [I have been in such a  
pickle since I saw you last. Black  
looks like he's walking all over me, but  
my reserves are arriving just in time.]  
29...Bd8 [There's small choice in  
rotten apples. Boris has no alternative  
but to defend the advanced f-pawn; for  
without it there are not even any  
swindling possibilities.] 30.Be7 Bxf6  
31.Bc3 Bd4



[Let us not burden our  
remembrances with a heaviness  
that's gone. They say best men  
are moulded out of faults. And,  
for the most, become much more  
the better for being a little bad.  
(Somehow the Bard must have  
temporarily tuned his psychic receiver  
to the wrong frequency and here picks  
up Boris Kreiman's thoughts.) Thank  
God it's the last round and I get to head  
back to New York tomorrow. Think I'll  
take a break before playing in another  
tournament, then study this line again to  
come back even stronger.] 32.Qc1  
[Why, then the world's mine  
oyster; Which I with sword will  
open. Double, double toil and  
trouble; fire burn and cauldron  
bubble. This guy's history. He can't  
stop me from doubling rooks on the 7th  
rank with decisive threats.] 1-0

#### Game Summary:

Why, man, he doth bestride the  
narrow world like a colossus; and  
we petty men walk under his huge  
legs, and peep about to find  
ourselves dishonorable graves. Men  
at some time are masters of their  
fates: The fault, dear Brutus, is  
not on our stars, but in ourselves,  
that we are underlings. Shakespeare  
truly believes that such a fine game  
clearly demonstrates that Hebert  
deserves his IM title, but such grand  
accolades seem a bit excessive for  
anyone less than a titled Grandmaster.]

# Readers' Showcase



By NM Alan Watson

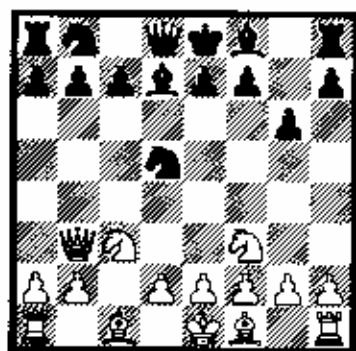
The following games have been submitted by you, the ICB readers. This is your magazine, and any material you wish to share is always welcome!

## A Tale of Two Bishops

I was asked to annotate this game for the "Captain's Corner" column of Northwest Chess and include it here because of the instructive nature of the contrasting roles played by each player's dark-squared Prelates. In the end, it is Black's piece which gains dominance while its opposite number is virtually forced from the edge of the board.

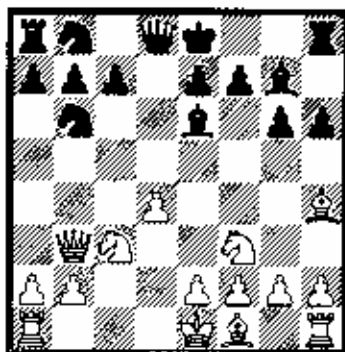
□ GM F. Brglez (2385)  
 ■ GM A. Zilberberg (2580)  
 Corr. USA Vs. Slovenia, 1996

1.♠3 ♠6 2.c4 g6 3.♠c3 d5  
 [Indicating Black's desire to paint the game's canvas with broad hypermodern brushstrokes characteristic of the Gruenfeld Defense. Such an approach is enterprising but somewhat risky given White's flexible development and unweakened pawn structure.] 4.cxd5 ♠xd5 5.♠a4+ ♠d7 6.♠b3!?



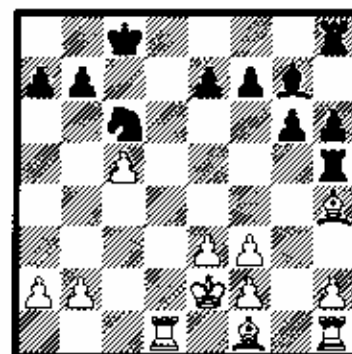
[Of the various replies available to White at move 6, this is perhaps one of the least dangerous. Modern attention has instead been focused on 6.♠h4 when Black has numerous difficulties after either 6...♠c6 7.♠d4! f6 8.e3 or 6...♠xc3 7.dxc3 ♠c6 8.♠g3!?.] 6...♠b6 7.d4 ♠g7 [7...♠e6! (Interesting!)] 8.♠b5+ ♠c6 9.♠e5 ♠d7

10.♠xd7 ♠xd7 11.c3 0-0-0 12.♠e2 e5 13.0-0 a6 14.♠b3 exd4 15.♠d1 ♠c7 16.♠a4 ♠xa4 17.♠xa4 ♠b4 18.♠xb4 ♠xb4 19.a3 ♠c5 20.e4? 0-1, 32 Djordjevic-Kling, Cr. WE MKL 1992] 8.♠g5 h6 9.♠h4 ♠e6!

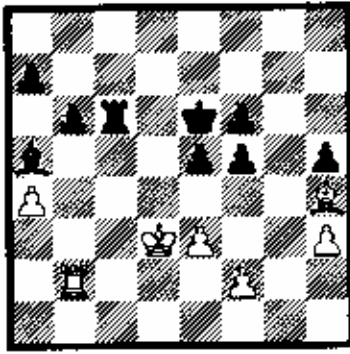


[An accurate reply preparing for rapid activity in the center now that White's ♠h4 has been ushered to a less powerful diagonal. Not as effective is 9...♠c6 10.♠d1 0-00 11.e3 a5 12.♠e2 a4 13.♠a3 ♠e8 14.♠e4 ♠d5 15.0-0 b6 16.♠c4 ♠cb4 17.♠ed2 ♠c2 18.♠d3 ♠cb4 19.♠e2 a3 20.♠b1 ♠a4 21.b3 ♠d7 22.c4 ♠f6 23.♠xf7+! when Black was forced to resign in the game Tal-Sully, Lublin 1974] 10.♠d1?! [Rather passive. Gulko-Bagirov, Moscow 1973 saw instead 10.♠c2 0-0 11.e4 ♠xd4 12.♠xd4 ♠xd4 13.♠xc7 ♠e8 14.♠h4 ♠c6 15.♠b5 ♠b4 16.♠d2 e6 when Black had nothing to fear.] 10...c5! [Dynamic play by Black which attempts to capitalize on his superior development and the offside position of White's ♠h4. White's central position is now under severe pressure.] 11.e3 ♠c6 12.dxc5?! [While Black's pressure against d4 has certainly become irritating, opening the long diagonal for Black's king's bishop amounts to nothing less than positional suicide. 12.♠b5 was necessary whatever the ramifications.] 12...♠d5 [This continuation of Black's strategy further opens the a1-h8 and trades off

White's powerful ♠c3 for a slightly weaker piece. Black's advantage in development is reaching alarming proportions while Grandmaster Brglez is still two moves away from castling!] 13.♠xd5 ♠xd5 14.♠d2 ♠xf3 15.gxf3 ♠xd2+ 16.♠xd2 0-0-0+ 17.♠e2 ♠d5 18.♠d1 ♠h5!



[Noted as best by Zilberberg, this Zwischenzug doubly aggravates the problems with White's development by forcing the already awkward ♠h4 to a less active position and precluding disentanglement of his kingside with ♠h3+.] 19.♠g3 ♠xb2 [As the c5 pawn will not run away, Black consumes another delectable morsel while saving it for a later dessert.] 20.♠h1 ♠c3 21.♠b3 ♠a5 22.♠b2 ♠d8 23.♠g2 ♠xc5 24.f4 ♠d7 25.f5 [Desperately trying to activate his two bishops in exchange for material considerations, White lobs another pawn over the side of his sinking ship. The proper end, however, is not to be denied.] 25...gxf5 26.♠f4 ♠b4 27.♠d1 ♠xd1 28.♠xd1 ♠d5 29.♠xd5 ♠xd5+ 30.♠e2 h5 31.♠c2+ ♠d7 32.a4 e5 [Having deployed his pieces on their most powerful posts, Zilberberg now begins the final phase of embarrassing the hapless ♠f4.] 33.♠g5 ♠d6 34.h3 ♠c6 35.♠b2 b6 36.♠d3 f6 37.♠h4 ♠e6



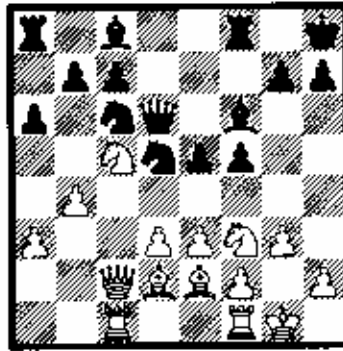
[As his position is hopeless with not even the slightest opportunity for active play, White resigns. This game represents yet another admirable demonstration of positional skills by the USA's newest Correspondence GM.] 0-1

### An Interesting Upset

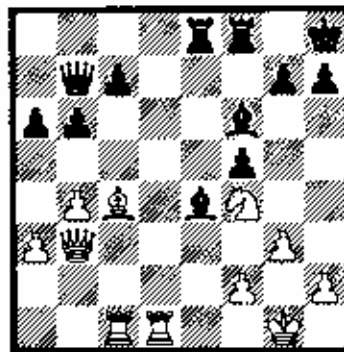
There is a great deal of chess played at the Chicago Chess Club on 1149 W. Lunt, and it should surprise no one that the "rough and tumble" atmosphere of club chess should result in a number of interesting games.

□ Kornfeld, A (2331)  
 ■ Sax, R (2012)  
 Choose Your Opponent Open, 1996

1.e4 f6 2.d3 e5 3.f3 d6 4.d3 b4 5.d2 0-0 6.e3 [White indicates his willingness to play this opening in the same fashion as a "Reversed Sicilian." 6...d5 7.exd5 dxd5 8.a3 d7 9.b4!? [Not necessarily bad, yet dangerous in light of the fact that White's dark-squared bishop has already been developed to d2 instead of the more natural b2. Both 9.Bc1 and 9.Qc2 were more restrained.] 9...a6 10.Qe2 Qe6 11.0-0 f5 12.Wc2 Qf6 13.Bac1 Qh8 14.Qa4 Wd6 15.d5 Qc8 16.g3



[Such an advance is quite peculiar to the amateur and seems to violate the rule that "pawns in front of one's king should never be advanced unless absolutely necessary for fear of creating weakness." While a secure knowledge of such basic principles can enable rapid advancement through the "C", "B" and "A" classes, true Mastership is only gained when the exceptions are well understood. In order to challenge the center and gain a bit of space, White is preparing e3-e4. He rightly fears d5-d4, however, and thereby rules it out while preparing a potential redeployment of his own Qe2 along the powerful a8-h1 diagonal.] 16...b6 17.Qb3 Qb7 18.Bfd1 Qae8 19.e4 Qde7 20.d4?! [Premature, as demonstrated by Black's excellent response.] [20.exf5! Qxf5; 20.Qc3 Qe6=] 20...Qxd4! 21.Qxd4 [21.fxd4 exd4 22.Wxc7 Qxc7 23.Bxc7 Qxc4 24.Qxa6 Qd5 25.Bcc1 Qf3?] 21...Qxe4 22.Qh3 [22.Qxf5!? Qxc2 23.Qxd6 Qxd1 24.Qxe8 Qxe2 25.Qxf6 gxf6 26.Qg2 Qd5?] 22...exd4 23.Qf4 Qd5! 24.Qc4 Qh7 25.Qxd4 [25.Qxd4 g5!] 25...Qd5 26.Qe6 Qxf4 27.Qxf4



27...Qg5! [Preparing to cede the bishop pair in exchange for a decisive weakening of White's castled position.] 28.Ed7 Qc6 29.Bcd1 Qxf4 30.gxf4 Qf3 31.Qf7 [A final swindling attempt never hurts when there is no

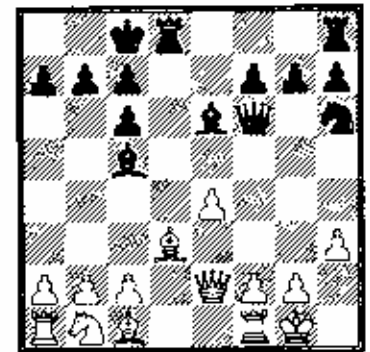
other hope, but Rob sees through the ruse and strikes at the weakest point with his next move.] 31...Qxd7! 0-1

### The delicate art of turning wins into losses.

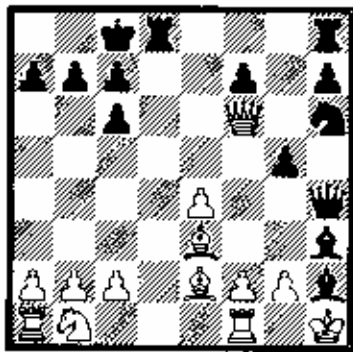
Jim Marshall plays the majority of this game quite well, even securing a powerful attack against his opponent's king. When it comes to the crunch time, however, several lackadaisical moves spoil the position and hand over all advantage to his opponent.

□ Robeldo, M Sr. (1669)  
 ■ Marshall, J (2178)  
 CCC Fall Open 11/30, 1996

1.e4 e5 2.f3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Qxd4 Qc5 5.Qxc6 Wf6 6.Qd2 dxc6 [IM Gary Lane notes that this is a more solid recapture than the enterprising 6...bxc6 or slightly dubious 6...Wxc6.] 7.Qd3 Qe6 8.0-0!? [8.Qc3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 Qd4 10.Qd2 Qe7 11.f4 Qhe8 12.e5 Qh4+ 13.g3 Qh3 14.0-0-0 f6 15.exf6 gxf6 16.Edel Qf7 17.Qf1 Qh5 18.f5 Qe5 Draw, Smagin-Mainka, Prague 1992] 8...0-0-0 9.Qe2 Qh6 10.h3



[This seemingly inconsequential pawn move guarding g4 in reality has just the opposite effect and strongly encourages a vigorous Black attack against this new weakness in the king's field. The old adage that pawns in front of one's king should never be moved unless absolutely necessary is perfectly true .. and this game will show you why despite the result.] 10...Qh4! 11.Qf3 g5! [Let the hunt begin!] 12.Qe3 Qd6 13.Qf6 Qh2+!? [13...Qxh3!? 14.e5 (14.gxh3 Qxh3 15.e5 Qg4 16.Qf5+ Qb8 17.Qxg4 Qxg4+?) 14...Wg4 15.Qxg5 Qxe5?] 14.Qh1 Qxb3?! 15.Qe2?



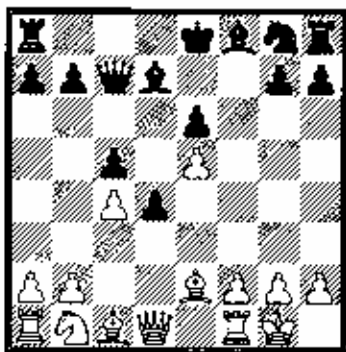
[Much too slow for the position's needs. Black can now sweep the White king off the board with an accurate series of moves ... but don't forget the clock is ticking away precious time. If 15. Qxg5 Qxg2+ (15... Qg4 16. gxh3 Qxh3 17. Qxh6+-) 16. Qxg2 Qg4+ (16... Edg8 17. Qd8+!! Exd8 18. Qxh4+-) 17. Qh1! (17. Qxh2? Qh5+=) 17... Qd6 18. Qxh6=] 15... Qhg8? [15... Qd6!+-] 16.g3 Qxe4+ 17. Qf3 Qc4? [17... Qf5! 18. Qxf5+ Qxf5+] 18. Ec1 Qxg3? [The final error after which Black's once-promising attack dries up like rainwater in a desert heat.] [18... Eg6=] 19. Qxh6± Qg4 20. Qxg4+ Qxg4 21. ffg3 Ed1 22. Qd2 Ee1 23. Ee1 Qe2 24. Qxb7! [And now it is White beginning to take on the role of attacker.] 24... Eg6 25. Ee1 Qxe3 26. Qh8+ Qd7 27. Exf7+ Qd6 28. Qc4+ 1-0

### A Brilliant Finish.

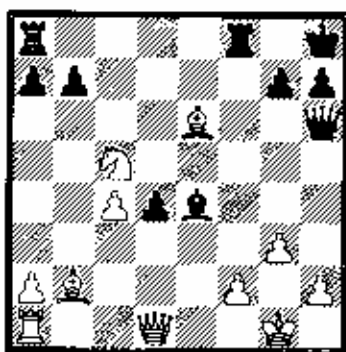
Steve Szpisjak gains a rapid advantage in this theoretical opening and brings home the full point with fine middlegame play. What sets the game apart, though, is its dramatic and powerful conclusion.

□ Caveney, J (2119)  
 ■ Szpisjak, S (2315)  
 CCC Fall Open, 12/01, 1996

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qc6 5.Qf3 Qd7 [The Euwe Variation of French Defense Advance.] 6.Qe2 f6 7.0-0 fxe5 8.Qxe5 Qxe5 9.dxe5 Qc7 10.c4 d4!?



[10...0-0-0 11.cxd5 Qxe5 12.Qf3 exd5 13.Ec1 Qd6 14.g3 Qf6 15.Qf4 Qa6! 16.Qc3 d4= Sveshnikov-Vaiser, Sochi 1984] 11.b4? [I strongly suspect that White begins to go astray at this point. As this flanking blow could not be prevented in the long run, it was more accurate to first maintain the cramping e-pawn with 11.Ec1 (11... Qxe5?? 12.Qh5+ +-) followed by completing development.] 11... Qxe5 12.Qb2 Qf6 13.bxc5 Qxc5 14.Qd2 Qc6 15.Ee1 0-0!? [15... Qd6 maintains the pawn and is certainly a more greedy approach, but Steve plans to utilize the open lines himself after first securing his king against surprises.] 16.Qg4 Qf4 17.Qxe6+ Qh8 18.g3 Qh6 19.Qh3 Qe4! [An underestimate move which at once points out the significantly weakened nature of White's castled position. The conclusion is as both beautiful and thematic.] 20.Ee4 [20.Qxc5 Exf2! 21.h3 Ed2!] 20... Qxe4 21.Qxc5



[Equally unappetizing is 21.Qc2 d3! 22.Qxc4 Exf2.] 21... Exf2!! 22.Qxf2 Qe3+ [Checkmate follows 23.Qf1 Ef8+. This was a splendid game.] 0-1

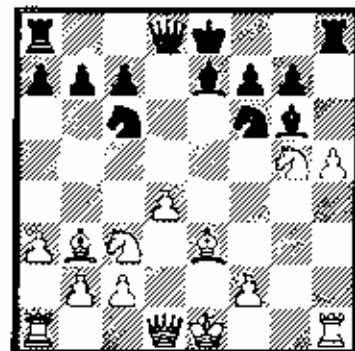
### An Extraordinary Game

It is rather ironic but true that the most extraordinary games of any

given tournament are seldom played on the top board. This was the highlight from the U.S. Class held in late November.

□ Porter, J (1881)  
 ■ Vakil, B (1908)  
 US Class (1), 1996

1.e4 Qf6 2.Qc3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.Qc4 Qb6 5.Qb3 Qc6 6.a3 Qf5 7.d3 e6 8.h4 h6 9.g4 Qg6 10.Qf4 Qd6 11.Qe3 Qe7 12.Qf3 Qd7 13.d4 Qf6 14.h5 Qh7 15.g5 hfg5 16.Qxg5 Qg6



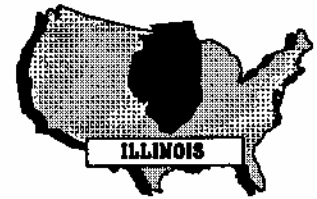
[Carefully noting the pin along the h-file, Black now anticipates winning White's advanced rook's pawn. But no! Whether by necessity or inspiration, White plays the "impossible" move to unleash his pieces in an almost Morphy-like attack against the opposing king.]

17.hxg6! Qxh1+ 18.Qe2 Qxd4+! [18... Exd1? 19.gxf7+ Qf8 (19... Qd7?? 20.Qxe6+ Qd6 21.Qb5#) 20.Qxe6+ Qxf7 21.Qxd8+ Qe8 22.Exd1 Exd8 23.Qa4+-] 19.Qxd4 Exd1 20.gxf7+ Qd7 21.Qxe6+?! [Better was the immediate 21.Exd1 Qd6 22.Qxc6 Qc7 23.Qf1 when the position remains full of possibilities for White's numerous and active pieces.] 21... Qc6 22.Exd1 Qh8 23.Qe3 [23.Qxf6! A] 23... Qh5+ 24.Qf3 gxf6 (24... Qxf6 25.Qd7+ Qb6 26.Ed5+-) 25.Qd7+ Qb6 26.Qd5+; B) 23... Qxf6 24.Qd7+ Qb6 25.Qd5+ Qa6 26.Qxc7+ Qb6 27.Qxa8+ Qxa8 28.Ed6+ Qc7 29.Qe8+-] 23... Ed8 24.Eg1 Qh5+ 25.Qf3 Qf8 26.Eg5 Qh7 27.Qf5 Qh1 28.Qe5+ Qd6 29.Qg6 [29.Qb5+!7 Qe7 (29... Qxe5 30.Qd7+ Qe4 31.Qc3#) 30.Qc5+ Ed6+] 29... c5? [The final error in a complicated game. 29...b6 was necessary in order to control c5.] 30.Qxe5+ [30.Qxf8 may be slightly better.] 30... Qe7 31.Qxf8 Exf8 32.Qxf8 Qh7 33.Qxh7 Qxh7 34.Qd6+ Qd7 35.Qb6+ 1-0



Crosstables and Tour Points Standings from ICA Events

# Tournament Results



Reported By Bill Smythe

Chicago Chess Club Fall Open, November 30 - December 1, 1996

rank	name	score	tour	W	D	L	H	W3	4	6 M
1	SEVILLANO Enrico	2315	H	W7	W8	H	W3	4	4 M	
2	SEVILLANO Enrico	2134	W9	W4	L3	W5	W7	4	6 MX	
3	CAVENNEY Jeff	2119	W6	W5	W2	D8	L1	3.5	3.5MX	
4	SMYTHE Bill	1900	W12	L2	D6	W10	W8	3.5	3.5MXA	
5	ROBLEDO Mark Jr	1669	W7	L5	W10	L2	W11	3	3 MXAB	
6	ROBLEDO Mark Jr	1581	L3	W11	D4	L7	W12	2.5	2.5MXKAB	
7	MARSHALL James	1578	L3	L1	W9	W6	L2	2	2 MX	
8	AMUNDSEN Steve	1563	W11	D10	L1	D3	L4	2	2 MXA	
9	BYCHOWSKI Steve	1596	L2	L10	L7	W11	W11	2	2 MXKAB	
10	PADILLA Rudy	1614	W9	D8	L5	L4	L13	1.5	1.5MXAB	
11	DOBOS Gordon	1515	L8	L6	W12	L9	L5	1	1 MXKAB	
12	SHELLHAMER Ted	1452	L4	L11	L9	W10	L6	1	1 MXKAB	

Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score, December 8, 1996

rank	name	score	tour	W	D	L	H	W3	4	6 M
1	SEVILLANO Enrico	2578	W13	W11	W8	W6	4	14 M		
2	SEVILLANO Enrico	2287	W16	W10	W4	H	3.5	7.5M		
3	GAZMEN Eblshert	2100	W17	L4	W13	W10	3	4 MX		
4	WATTS Bradley	1959	W14	W3	L2	W17	3	4 MX		
5	KORIN Mark	1746	L10	W16	W19	W9	3	4 MXAB		
6	HEON Ben	1734	W7	W9	W15	L1	3	4 MXAB		
7	SCOTT Gene	2133	L6	W20	W11	D8	2.5	2.5MX		
8	BROCK Bill	2037	W12	W18	L1	D7	2.5	2.5MX		
9	BAX Bob	2073	W20	L6	W17	L5	2	2 MX		
10	CONNOR Peter	2000	W5	L2	W18	L3	2	2 MX		
11	SMYTHE Bill	1995	W19	L1	L7	W18	2	2 MXAB		
12	WARTNIK Oran	1434	L8	L13	W16	W15	2	2 MXAB		
13	WONO Brian	1855	L1	W12	L3	H	1.5	1.5MXA		
14	WONO Kevin	1285	L4	L17	B	H	1.5	1.5MXADC		
15	ZINYYCH Miran	2194	L18	W19	L6	L12	1	1 MX		
16	KAMBER George	1819	L2	L5	L13	W19	1	1 MX		
17	JOHNSON Henderson	1614	L3	W14	L9	L4	1	1 MXAB		
18	STIDD Ben C	W15	L8	L10	L11			1 M		
19	KWONYN Igor	1550	L11	L15	L5	L16	0			
20	SMITH Orlan	1500	L9	L7	-	-	0			

Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score, December 15, 1996

rank	name	score	tour	W	D	L	H	W3	4	6 M
1	SEVILLANO Enrico	2378	W5	W4	W8	W9	4	14 M		
2	SEVILLANO Enrico	2287	W14	W7	W9	H	3.5	7.5M		
3	CONNOR Peter	2000	L9	H	W12	W8	2.5	2.5MX		
4	SMYTHE Bill	1995	W13	L1	D6	W7	2.5	2.5MXA		
5	CONNOR Peter	1918	L3	W13	W11	D15	2.5	2.5MXA		
6	JOHNSON Henderson	1612	L7	D4	W14	W10	2.5	2.5MXAB		
7	CONNOR Peter	1973	W6	L2	L4	W11	2	2 MXA		
8	KAMBER George	1819	W10	W11	L1	L5	2	2 MXA		
9	LEVIN Michael	1743	W3	W10	L2	L1	2	2 MXAB		
10	MARQUEZ Anthony	2280	L8	L9	W13	L6	1	1 M		
11	MARQUEZ Anthony	2000	W12	L8	L5	L7	1	1 MX		
12	HEON Ben	1734	L11	W14	L3	L13	1	1 MXAB		
13	JANUS Christopher	1648	L4	L3	L10	W12	1	1 MXAB		
14	STIDD Ben C	L2	L12	L6	H		0.5	0.5M		
15	SMYTHE extra game	1995	-	-	-	D5	0.5			

Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score, December 15, 1996

rank	name	score	tour	W	D	L	H	W3	4	6 M
1	ENOELLEN Mark	1745	W9	W6	W3	W4	4	14 B		
2	MAYES WIM	1796	W11	L3	W9	W4	3	4 B		
3	ROBLEDO Mark Jr	1627	W10	W2	L1	W8	3	4 B		
4	BYCHOWSKI Steve	1578	W7	W8	W5	L1	3	4 BC		
5	TANO Michael	1453	D8	W11	L4	W9	2.5	2.5BC		
6	STRVENIS Joseph	1501	W12	L1	W7	L2	2	2 BC		
7	FLOYD Kelly	1252	L4	W10	L6	W12	2	2 BCD		
8	ROBLEDO Mark Jr	1774	D5	L4	W10	L3	1.5	1.5B		
9	REDDIVARI Dusanyth	1345	L1	W12	L2	L5	1	1 BCD		
10	JONES James C	1261	L3	L7	L8	W12	1	1 BCD		
11	SMITH Orlan	1500	L2	L5	-	-	0			
12	HAMBURG-OAL Ann	943	L6	L9	L7	L10	0			

Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score, December 21, 1996

rank	name	score	tour	W	D	L	H	W3	4	6 M
1	GAZMEN Eblshert	2100	W18	W11	W5	D2	3.5	7.5MX		
2	SEVILLANO Enrico	2287	W15	W3	D7	D1	3	4 M		
3	SMYTHE Bill	1995	W13	L2	W15	W7	3	4 MXA		
4	CONNOR Peter	1918	L6	W19	W11	W9	3	4 MXA		
5	CONVC Melissa	1602	W9	W8	L1	W10	3	4 MXAB		
6	ALBERT Steven	1402	W4	W8	L9	W12	3	4 MXKAB		
7	WASHINGTON Ron	2054	W19	W17	D2	L3	2.5	2.5MX		
8	SCOTT Gene	2133	L5	L6	W18	W16	2	2 MX		
9	MARQUEZ Anthony	2000	L5	W12	W6	L4	2	2 MX		
10	WATTS Bradley	1959	L11	W16	W17	L5	2	2 MXA		
11	BYCHOWSKI Steve	1578	W10	L1	L4	W17	2	2 MXAB		
12	BAUMANN Herb	1700	D16	L9	W13	L6	1.5	1.5MXAB		
13	PADILLA Rudy	1600	L3	D14	L12	W18	1.5	1.5MXAB		
14	BARR James S	1674	L17	D13	D16	-	1	1 MXAB		
15	BAUMGARTNER Chris	1669	L2	W18	L3	-	1	1 MXAB		
16	REDDIVARI Dusanyth	1345	D12	L10	D14	L9	1	1 MXABCD		
17	PARK William	1170	W14	L7	L10	L11	1	1 MXKAB		
18	HALE Bob Lloyd	1650	L1	L15	L8	L13	0			
19	JOHNSON Henderson	1614	L7	L4	-	-	0			

Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Quick, December 22, 1996

rank	name	score	tour	W	D	L	H	W3	4	6 M
1	SCOTT Gene	2012	D6	W3	D2	W4	W5	W7	5	3.5X
2	FORD Ben	2000	W7	W4	D1	W6	L3	W9	4.5	2.5X
3	ZINYYCH Miran	2143	W8	L1	W5	W6	W2	W4	4	1 X
4	MARQUEZ Anthony	2014	W9	L2	W7	L1	W8	W5	4	2 X
5	CONNOR Peter	1922	H	H	L3	W9	L1	D8	2.5	L2XA
6	SMYTHE Bill	1870	D1	W8	L2	L3	W7	L9	2.5	L2XA
7	ANDERSON Romie	1465	L2	W9	L4	W8	L6	L1	2	1 XAB
8	WATTS Bradley	1959	L3	L6	W9	L7	L4	D5	1.5	0.5XA
9	GATES Sophia	1829	L4	L7	L8	L5	W6	L2	1	0.5XA

Holiday Classics, December 28-29, 1996

rank	name	score	tour	W	D	L	H	W3	4	6 M
1	CHOW Albert C	2366	W4	W9	W3	D2	3.5	15 M		
2	PORTER John	1852	B	D8	W6	D1	3	8 MXA		
3	MARTINOVICH Eugene	2344	W7	W10	L1	D6	2.5	5 M		
4	WAGON Steven	2017	L1	W7	D3	W10	2.5	5 MX		
5	MARQUEZ Anthony	2000	L8	X	D4	W9	2.5	5 MX		
6	SEVILLANO Enrico	2287	H	W11	L2	D3	2	4 M		
7	BAX Robert	2073	L3	L4	W11	B	2	4 MX		
8	BOHLMUGGEROW Kevin	2335	W3	D2	-	-	1.5	3 MX		
9	BOBAEAD Phil	2075	X	L1	D10	L5	1.5	3 MX		
10	CONDORON James	2000	W11	L3	D9	L4	1.5	3 MX		
11	BACHLER Kevin	2144	L10	L6	L7	-	0			

Holiday Classics, December 28-29, 1996

rank	name	score	tour	W	D	L	H	W3	4	6 M
1	OSBER-WIN James D Jr	1861	W5	W2	W6	D4	3.5	15 A		
2	OSBER-WIN James D Jr	1971	W10	L1	W3	W6	3	8 A		
3	EGERTON Jim	1947	D8	W5	L2	W9	2.5	5 A		
4	CRONIN Mike	1906	L7	W8	W9	D1	2.5	5 A		
5	AMUNDSEN Steve	1952	L1	L3	X10	W8	2	4 A		
6	CONNOR Peter	1958	W9	W7	L1	L2	2	4 A		
7	GHERTZ Charles	1751	W4	L6	L8	B	2	4 AB		
8	WHITBY William	1863	D3	L4	W7	L5	1.5	3 A		
9	FLORES Joshua	1811	L6	W10	L4	L3	1	2 A		
10	CHYTRK Mike	1886	L2	L9	F3	-	0			

Holiday Classics, December 28-29, 1996

rank	name	score	tour	W	D	L	H	W3	4	6 M
1	GART Bryan	1759	W3	W7	W2	W6	4	28 B		
2	KLEIN John	1716	W11	W4	L1	W7	3	8 B		
3	BAUMGARTNER Chris	1669	L1	W12	W9	W8	3	8 B		
4	DELAJ Joe	1691	W6	L2	D8	W10	2.5	5 B		
5	ROUSTAN Pierre	1659	W10	D8	L6	W11	2.5	5 B		
6	ROBLEDO Mark Jr	1774	L4	W11	W5	L1	2	4 B		
7	DUFFY James	1700	W12	L1	W10	L2	2	4 B		
8	ANDERSON Dean	1735	D9	D5	D4	L3	1.5	3 B		
9	ROBLEDO Mark Jr	1627	D8	L10	L3	B	1.5	3 B		
10	ENOELLEN Mark	1745	L5	W9	L7	L4	1	2 B		
11	PADILLA Rudy	1600	L2	L6	W12	L5	1	2 B		
12	RIDDLE Robert	1424	L7	L3	L11	-	0			

Holiday Classics, December 28-29, 1996

rank	name	score	tour	W	D	L	H	W3	4	6 M
1	EGERTON Brian	1536	W6	W5	W4	D3	3.5	15 C		
2	SILVERMAN Scott	1516	D3	D4	W6	D5	2.5	5 C		
3	LOBRANCO Michael	1540	D2	H	W3	D1	2.5	5 CD		
4	HUANG Kenneth	1503	B	D2	L1	D6	2	4 CD		
5	SHELLHAMER Ted	1444	W7	L1	L2	D2	1.5	3 C		
6	REDDIVARI Dusanyth	1345	L1	W7	L2	D4	1.5	3 CD		
7	MKOLZYTK Tom	1324	L5	L6	-	-	0			

Holiday Classics, December 28-29, 1996

rank	name	score	tour	W	D	L	H	W3	4	6 M
1	JAHEDI Salar	1122	W7	W4	W2	W5	4	28 D		
2	CHEN Aaron	1186	B	W3</						

## 1996 ICA TOUR -- IT'S CHOW AGAIN

by Bill Smythe, ICA Tour statistician

Again in 1996, the winner of the Illinois Chess Association Tour is Albert Chow. Things got a bit more interesting than in past years, however, because of last-minute spurts by runners-up Steve Szpisiak and Enrico Sevilano. Steve finished second as Enrico passed up an

opportunity by foregoing the last Tour event of the year to play in a big-money event in Las Vegas instead.

Tour winners in each class are shown below. Prizes will be awarded at the annual ICA Banquet, Sunday, March 16, 1997, in Westmont.

Master: 1st: \$350 Albert Chow  
2nd: \$250 Steve Szpisiak  
3rd: \$150 Enrico Sevilano

Expert: 1st: \$160 Miron Zinytch  
2nd: \$80 Robert Sax

Class A: 1st: \$130 Steve Amundsen  
2nd: \$65 Lawrence Cohen

Class B: 1st: \$100 Bryan Gast  
2nd: \$50 Mark Engelen

Class C: 1st: \$70 Mark Robledo Jr  
2nd: \$35 John Klein

Class D: 1st: \$40 Salar Jahedi  
2nd: \$20 Mike Wishner

Class E: 1st: \$25 William Park

### Number of events participated in:

twenty-two tour events:  
SMYTHE Bill

nineteen tour events:  
SZPISIAK Steven J

eighteen tour events:  
PADILLA Rudy R  
SCOTT Dean G

seventeen tour events:  
CHOW Albert C  
SAX Robert D  
STEVENSON Joseph M

sixteen tour events:  
MARQUEZ Anthony

fifteen tour events:  
GASUNAS Anthony C  
WISNER Michael  
ZINYTCH Miron

fourteen tour events:  
JOHNSON Henderson

thirteen tour events:  
COVIC Michael

twelve tour events:  
COHEN Lawrence S  
SHELLMAYER Ted C

eleven tour events:  
FAGAN James B  
GLOBER Andrew  
WONG Brian M

ten tour events:  
DELA Y Joe  
ENGELSEN Mark  
PARK William  
ROBLEDO Mark Jr  
SEVILANO Enrico M  
SILVERMAN Scott A

nine tour events:  
AMUNDSEN Steven A  
BALMIGARTNER Clark  
JOHNSON Eric L  
SHOCKLEY Robert  
WASHINGTON Ronald

eight tour events:  
COHEN Howard  
DANDRIDGE Marvin  
GANT Bryan  
GERTZ Charles E  
HAYES Will  
HERON Ben  
LEWIS Richard  
LOBRACO Michael J  
MCNALLY Michael  
PORTER John  
ROBLEDO Mark Jr

seven tour events:  
BACHER Kevin L

BENESA Arnulfo  
COX William G  
CRONIN Mike  
DOBOS Gordon J  
FERGUSON William  
FISCHER Gregory A  
FORD Samuel M  
HENDRICKSON William  
JORDAN Roland V  
KLEIN John P  
LEALI Matthew  
LEUNG Daniel Y  
MARKOVIC Arpad  
MARSHALL James A  
RIDDLE Robert  
SMITH Orion B  
WACHTER Thomas W  
WONG Kevin D

six tour events:  
ALLISON Roger D  
BALE Leslie  
BISHOP Jack  
BOONE Foster  
BUTTNY William P  
CADMAN Chuck  
CHU-KUNG Benjamin  
ROBERTSON James  
FLOWER Joshua  
PROBHUJAH Jim  
GATER Elise Sophie  
GAZMEN Ethelbert  
GERTZ Barney  
GORJIK Markuz  
HALE Bob Lloyd  
HAYES Christopher  
HERNANDEZ Hector  
HUANG Kenneth  
HUBBARD Andrew  
KUNG Harold  
LAUER Stephen C  
LORINO Steven W  
PANOAN Camilo C  
RIDDELL Joshua B  
SATTERLEE Ray Doyle  
STEIN Peter  
TSE Boris

five tour events:  
BEREZANSKIY Stan  
BLANDIN Mike T  
BOURGIER Dennis  
BROCK William  
BYRNER Randy Mich  
CHEN Aaron  
COCHRAN Craig  
CONNOR Peter Y  
COVARRUBIAS Sofia  
DOBROVOLNY Charles B  
GIANNOKOPOULOS Dimitri  
HAYES Michael J  
HUANG Winston  
NUMERABLE Florentino  
JAYEDI Sezar  
KARCLINS Erik  
KREZNER Michael  
KNOX Terrance  
LEALI Michael B  
LEUNG Chung  
MEHTA DeVing  
MENDOZA Orlando  
MOHRER Michael J

OBERWIS James D Jr  
PRAUBER Paul  
REGIETO Thomas  
SMUTNIAK James  
VAN BUREK Douglas  
VERBOG Craig  
WATTS Bradley  
WISSE James  
WILLARD Gary D  
YOUNG Mark  
ZANE Norahilina  
ZIMMERLE R Wayne

four tour events:  
ALBERSKY Melvin  
ALIND Doug  
BALTARAK Mark A  
BARTHELEIM  
BLANCAFLORES Monerito  
BOLTHO Thomas G  
BOWWELL Jonathan  
BYCHOWSKI Steven John  
CLAY Harry  
CLOUGH Patrick  
CONDRON James K  
DODSON Kermit  
ROBERTSON Brian  
FLAGA Krzysztof  
GANT Thomas A  
GAPUZ Wilfredo C  
GASZCZAK Alan F  
GLAZUTH Bruce  
GLUZMAN Jurij  
HARBACEK Nathan  
HENDERSON S E Jr  
HENDERSON Scott L  
HORNOR Richard R  
HUBBARD Dave  
KHOMYIN Igor  
KOEHLER Tom  
LEDEBMA Eduardo  
LEVIN Michael A  
MARTINOVICY Bogdan  
MEYERLE Paul C  
MONTONA Fernando  
PETRAITE Anton T  
PETTY Dan  
REDDIVARI Dedyward  
RENAUER Daniel  
RICHMOND M Boris  
RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr  
ROSOVIC William  
RADAURKAE Justin  
KANTANA Miguel An  
SERCHECK Mark M  
SHMUTS Sergey  
STAPLES Carl  
STEWART Allan  
SUAREZ Edward S  
SZAFRAN Martin  
TOWNSEND Chester  
VERBO Michael A  
VERO Carl M  
WAGNER Steven J  
WARREN Helen E  
WARREN James E  
WHITED William B  
WOLFRON Jesse

Upcoming 1997 Tour events:

Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini	March 1, 1997
Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Quick	micro	March 2, 1997
Mid-America Class Championship	MAXI	March 21-23, 1997
Chicago Open	MAXI	May 23-26, 1997
Midway Amateur Class, Oak Lawn	MAXI	July 12-13, 1997
Illinois Open	MAXI	August 30 - September 1, 1997
Illinois Class	MAXI	November 22-23, 1997

Other Tour events will be added as the year progresses. Consult the Illinois Chess Bulletin, Chess Life, or ChessPhone (630-832-5222) for details.

These Tour standings reflect all 1996 Tour events:

Peoria Tornado	mini	January 20, 1996	Rating Wars, Burr Ridge	mini	August 10, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini	January 20, 1996	Bradley Summer Open, Peoria	mini	August 17, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini	January 21, 1996	Illinois Open, O'Hare	MAXI	Aug 31 - Sept 2, 1996
Tim Just Winter Open, Grayslake	MAXI	January 27-28, 1996	Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini	September 28-29, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini	February 4, 1996	Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini	October 12, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini	February 10, 1996	Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Quick	micro	October 13, 1996
Greater Peoria Open	MAXI	March 2-3, 1996	Midwest Class Championship, Oak Brook	MAXI	October 25-27, 1996
Mid-America Class Championship, O'Hare	MAXI	March 15-17, 1996	Peoria Quick Tornado	micro	October 26, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini	March 30, 1996	Tuley Park Quick, Chicago	micro	November 9, 1996
Heathen Open, Burr Ridge	MAXI	April 5-7, 1996	U.S. Class, O'Hare	MAXI	November 22-24, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Spring Open	mini	April 20-21, 1996	Chicago Chess Club Fall Open	mini	Nov 30 - Dec 1, 1996
Chicago Open, Oak Brook	MAXI	May 24-27, 1996	Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini	December 8, 1996
Master Challenge, St Charles	MAXI	June 21-23, 1996	Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini	December 15, 1996
Peoria Quick Tornado	micro	June 29, 1996	Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score	mini	December 21, 1996
All American Class, Burr Ridge	MAXI	July 6-7, 1996	Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Quick	micro	December 22, 1996
Chicago Chess Club Summer Open	mini	July 20-21, 1996	Holiday Classics, Burr Ridge	MAXI	December 28-29, 1996
Midway Amateur Class, Oak Lawn	MAXI	August 3-4, 1996			

For players with fewer than three 1996 Tour events, the number of events (1 or 2) is shown in parentheses. A player must have played in at least three Tour events during 1996 to be eligible for year-end Tour prizes.

NOTE: ICA membership is required for all Illinois residents playing in ICA Tour events. Residents of other states are not required to join ICA if they are members of their home state chess associations. However, Tour points earned by out-of-staters do not count unless they are ICA members.

Tour prizes will be awarded at the annual ICA Banquet, Sunday, March 16, 1997, in Westmont.

FINAL TOUR POINTS STANDINGS FOR 1996

Master Tour Points:

CHOW Albert C	149.5
SZPISIAK Steven J	125
SEVILLANO Enrico M	123
SAX Robert D	57
SMYTHE Bill	51.2
DANDRIDGE Marvin	51
ZIANE Noureddine	46
ZINYTCH Miron	44.8
SCOTT Gene G	40.8
MARQUEZ Anthony	40
BACHLER Kevin L	38
PANGAN Carmilo C	33
MARSHALL James A	32
MARTINOVSKY Eugene	29
BENESA Arnulfo	28
COHEN Lawrence S	27.5
GAZMEN Ethelbert	27.5
GUREVICH Dmitry	(2) 26
HERNANDEZ Hector	25.5
WONG Brian M	24.5
AMUNDSEN Steven A	24
FAGAN James B	24
COHEN Howard	23.5

VAN BUSKIRK Douglas	23.5
CADMAN Chuck	22
WARREN James E	21
BURKE John F	(2) 20
WASHINGTON Ronald	20
MANION Josh	19
PORTER John	19
JOHNSON Eric L	18.5
EGERTON James	18
SATTERLEE Ray Doyle	18
TYEHIMBA Bern	(2) 18
PADILLA Rudy R	17.5
ACOSTA Mariano A	16
ROBLEDO Mark Sr	16
COVIC Mehmed	15.5
STEVENS Joseph M	15.5
COX William G	15
MARTIN DEL CAMPO	(1) 15
WALLACH Kenneth T	15
BAUMGARTNER Chris	14.5
BROCK William	14.5
ALSBERRY Melvin	14
HENDERSON Scott L	14
KARKLINS Andrew	(2) 14

SPLINTER Joseph C	14
FISCHER Gregory A	13
SCHMUGGEROW Kevin	13
JOHNSON Henderson	12.5
MARKOVIC Armand	12.5
NAFF William A	12.5
MOTE David B	(1) 12
PTACEK Martin F	(2) 12
RIDDELL Joshua S	11
WAGNER Steven J	11
GETZ Barney	10.5
HAYES Will	10.5
JORDAN Roland V	10.5
SHEYININ Sam	10.5
FLAGA Krzysztof	10
GIERTZ Charles E	10
HERNANDEZ Yedra	(1) 10
HRON Ben	10
MIDDLETON Douglas	10
SADAUSKAS Justin	10
TUTUSH Dusan	(2) 10
KNOX Terrance	9.5
BALE Leslie	9
CRONIN Mike	9

FLORES Joshua 9  
 FORD Samuel M 9  
 MACHAJ Blair L 9  
 OBERWEIS James D Sr 9  
 STEIN Peter 9  
 ROZOVICS William 8.5  
 STERIEV Larry Cat 8.5  
 ZIMMERLE R Wayne 8.5  
 BOSSAERS Phil 8  
 CONDRON James K 8  
 GATES Elise Sophia 8  
 INUMERABLE Florentin 8  
 KRAMER Charles W (2) 8  
 SAJKOWSKI Daniel 8  
 SHELLHAMER Ted C 8  
 WOLF Dan (1) 8  
 GASUNAS Anthony C 7.5  
 ROBLED0 Mark Jr 7.5  
 ROWLAND Todd (1) 7.5  
 SILVERMAN Scott A 7.5  
 BALINAS Rosendo (1) 7  
 BOGAN Timothy J (2) 7  
 DOBROVOLNY Charles R 7  
 ELLICE H Wayne 7  
 FELTNER Cameron (2) 7  
 FRISKE Thomas G 7  
 GROEGER Andrew 7  
 KIRZHNER Mikhail 7  
 MANNE Kieran K 7  
 MAREMA David B 7  
 RYDBERG Steve A (2) 7  
 SHMUTS Sergey 7  
 USISKIN Robert (2) 7  
 VERO Carl M 7  
 WISHNER Michael 7  
 ZINGHEIM Scott (1) 7  
 ANDERSON Phil 6.5  
 BOURGERIE Dennis 6.5  
 CAVENEY Jeff (2) 6.5  
 CHU-KUNG Benjamin 6.5  
 GAST Bryan 6.5  
 HORNOR Richard R 6.5  
 MOSHER Michael J 6.5  
 PARK William 6.5  
 BREWER Kevin P (1) 6  
 CORLEYA Daniel J (1) 6  
 COTTLE Gregory L (2) 6  
 DONHOWE Kenneth (1) 6  
 GAPIZ Wilfredo C 6  
 KINNAIRD Rodney (1) 6  
 LEDESMA Eduardo 6  
 LEUNG Daniel Y 6  
 MC ALISTER Keivi (2) 6  
 MECHEM Paul (2) 6  
 ROGAN Marvin (2) 6  
 WATTS Bradley 6  
 WONG Kevin D 6  
 BOLITHO Thomas G 5.5  
 CLARK Wayne D (2) 5.5  
 LEVIN Michael A 5.5  
 ALLISON Roger D 5  
 ASH Robert B (1) 5  
 BRASKET Curt Jus (1) 5  
 BUTTNY William P 5  
 DOTSON John B (1) 5  
 GODDARD Paul J (1) 5  
 GORAL Bradley D (1) 5  
 GRAVES William E (1) 5  
 HALE Bob Lloyd 5  
 HUBBARD Dave 5  
 LORING Steven W 5  
 MAURER Patrick J (2) 5  
 MITCHELL Gary (1) 5  
 OBERWEIS Julie 5  
 PAGAN Victor R (2) 5  
 RAMOS Alex T (1) 5  
 REICH Richard M (1) 5  
 SHERNOFF Leon (2) 5  
 STAPLES Carl 5  
 STINSON Marcus E (2) 5  
 WACHTER Thomas W 5  
 WILLARD Gary D 5  
 CONNOR Peter Y 4.5  
 IKEUCHI Curtis K 4.5  
 LEALI Matthew 4.5  
 WEBB James 4.5  
 WILDMAN Eric 4.5  
 SUAREZ Edward S 4.2  
 ADDUCI Thomas A (2) 4  
 ALBERT Steven (2) 4  
 ANDERSON Cliff J (1) 4  
 BLANCAFLOR Mamerto 4  
 BOHANNON Ted (1) 4  
 BUCIOR Sylvester 4  
 BYCHOWSKI Steven Job 4  
 CAMARGO Miguel 4  
 GUTH Joseph R (1) 4  
 HEUBAUM James 4

JAKSTAS Kazimier (1) 4  
 JOHNSON Jeffrey (2) 4  
 KELLY James R 4  
 KORIN Mark (1) 4  
 KORNFIELD Allen (1) 4  
 KUNG Harold 4  
 LEALI Michael E 4  
 MC NAMARA James 4  
 MENDOZA Gildardo 4  
 MENGELIS Ainis (2) 4  
 MONTOYA Fernando 4  
 PARNABY Mark S (1) 4  
 PETRAITIS Anton T 4  
 REYES Jorge (2) 4  
 RODRIGUEZ Jose A Sr 4  
 SANTANA Miguel An 4  
 SCANLON John (1) 4  
 SEGRETO Thomas 4  
 STERN Howard (1) 4  
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 STOLTZ Robert M (2) 4  
 TUBIC Bisi L (1) 4  
 ULTCH Douglas A (2) 4  
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 HENDERSON S E Jr 3  
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 MC NALLY Michael 3  
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 PRAUSE Paul 3  
 ROKITA Mark (1) 3  
 STINSON Sarah E (1) 3  
 GENCHANOK Yefim (2) 2.5  
 KHOMYN Igor 2.5  
 LONG David (1) 2.5  
 MONTALTI Gianhuc (2) 2.5  
 SLIVINSKAS Minde (1) 2.5  
 ANDERSON Richard (2) 2  
 BARTHEL Jim 2  
 BLACK Douglas (1) 2  
 BLANCAFLOR Carlo 2  
 BONWELL Jonathan 2  
 CISNEROS Ivan 2  
 ESTES Dan (1) 2  
 GIANNOKOPOULOS Dumit 2  
 GLUZMAN Yuri 2  
 GORSKI Mariusz 2  
 HELM Brent R (1) 2  
 JENKINS Mike (2) 2  
 KACH Asher (2) 2  
 LEVY Adam D 2  
 LYON Mark A (2) 2  
 NOVY Gerard (1) 2  
 PINDAK Kim C (2) 2  
 RANGE Johnny (1) 2  
 RIDDLE Robert 2  
 RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr 2  
 RUSSETT John (1) 2  
 SCHNEIDER Boris (2) 2  
 SEFCHECK Mark M 2  
 SHOCKLEY Robert 2  
 STEVENSON Wilfor (1) 2  
 STOTLER Richard E 2  
 TOMAS John S (1) 2  
 TOWNSEND Chester 2  
 VENUSO Michael A 2  
 WALKER Charles (1) 2  
 WARTNIK Grant (1) 2  
 WEBER Greg 2  
 WHITENER Ken (1) 2  
 YOUNG Mark 2  
 BLANDIN Mike T 1.5  
 CASTRO Natalia (2) 1.5  
 ENGELN Mark 1.5  
 JUTOVSKY Mark (1) 1.5  
 LARSON Shay 1.5  
 MOORE Rod 1.5  
 PAGE Michael P 1.5  
 STIDD Sean C (2) 1.5  
 TRAHAN Justin P (1) 1.5  
 BANKS Jeremy (1) 1  
 BARR James S (1) 1  
 BEREZHANSKIY Stan 1  
 BOYLE Sean P (1) 1  
 BURIAN David M (2) 1  
 COLLARO Tony (1) 1  
 ESTES Kevin (1) 1  
 FERGUSON John (2) 1  
 GODLEY Jonathan (1) 1

HART Dan (1) 1  
 JANUS Christopher 1  
 MARKOV Igor 1  
 MELTZER Jonathan D 1  
 MENENDEZ Ciprian (2) 1  
 MILLER Matt (1) 1  
 NADAREVIC Hana H (2) 1  
 PESIC Radovan (1) 1  
 PETERAF Sarah (1) 1  
 REDDIVARI Dushyanth 1  
 SCHULTE Bill (2) 1  
 SMITH Oran B 1  
 STINSON Trevor P (1) 1  
 WEBER Jerry W (2) 1  
 LIU Michael Y (2) 0.5  
 SILESKY Jesse (2) 0.5

Expert Tour Points:

ZINYTCH Miron 115.8  
 SAX Robert D 95  
 SMYTHE Bill 76.9  
 SCOTT Gene G 74.6  
 MARQUEZ Anthony 56  
 BENESA Arnulfo 46  
 MARSHALL James A 43  
 JORDAN Roland V 41  
 FAGAN James B 40  
 STEIN Peter 37  
 BACHLER Kevin L 35  
 SATTERLEE Ray Doyle 35  
 GAZMEN Ethelbert 33.5  
 FLAGA Krzysztof 33  
 CADMAN Chuck 30  
 COHEN Lawrence S 29.5  
 ALSBERRY Melvin 29  
 WASHINGTON Ronald 29  
 INUMERABLE Florentin 28  
 SPLINTER Joseph C 28  
 KARKLINS Erik 27  
 WARREN James E 27  
 HERNANDEZ Hector 26.5  
 COHEN Howard 26  
 MAREMA David B 25  
 WONG Brian M 24.5  
 AMUNDSEN Steven A 24  
 COX William G 24  
 PORTER John 23.8  
 RIDDELL Joshua S 23  
 FADILLA Rudy R 21.2  
 BROCK William 19.5  
 JOHNSON Eric L 18.5  
 CRONIN Mike 18  
 EGERTON James 18  
 MARKOV Igor 18  
 WAGNER Steven J 18  
 SHERNOFF Leon (2) 17  
 ROBLED0 Mark Sr 16  
 COVIC Mehmed 15.5  
 LEALI Michael E 15.5  
 NAFF William A 15.5  
 STEVENS Joseph M 15.5  
 BAUMGARTNER Chris 14.5  
 AHMED Jahangir 14  
 HENDERSON Scott L 14  
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 IKEUCHI Curtis K 13.5  
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 CONDRON James K 11  
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 HENDERSON S E Jr 3  
 HUBBARD Andrew 3  
 JANKAUSKAS Kazys (1) 3  
 KACH Asher (2) 3  
 LEUNG Chung 3  
 MC NALLY Michael 3  
 MICHALIK Philip (1) 3  
 PRAUSE Paul 3  
 ROKITA Mark (1) 3  
 SOLLANO E O (1) 3  
 STINSON Sarah E (1) 3  
 GENCHANOK Yefim (2) 2.5  
 LONG David (1) 2.5  
 MONTALTI Gianluo (2) 2.5  
 ANDERSON Richard (2) 2  
 CISNEROS Ivan 2  
 GIANNOKOPOULOS Dimit 2  
 GLUZMAN Jury 2  
 GORSKI Marusz 2  
 HUANG Kenneth 2  
 JENKINS Mike (2) 2  
 LYON Mark A (2) 2  
 NOVY Gerard (1) 2  
 PINDAK Kim C (2) 2  
 RANGE Johnny (1) 2  
 RIDDELE Robert 2  
 RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr 2  
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 RUTERMAN Keith (1) 2  
 SCHNEIDER Boris (2) 2  
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 STEVENSON Wilfor (1) 2  
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 TOWNSEND Chester 2  
 VENUSO Michael A 2  
 WALKER Charles (1) 2  
 WARTNIK Grant (1) 2  
 WEBER Greg 2  
 WHITENER Ken (1) 2  
 YOUNG Mark 2  
 BIGGERS Bruce W (1) 1.5  
 BLANDIN Mike T 1.5  
 ENGELIN Mark 1.5  
 FRANEK Martin (1) 1.5  
 GOODWIN Kimberly (1) 1.5  
 HUANG Winston 1.5  
 JUTOVSKY Mark (1) 1.5  
 LOBRACO Michael J 1.5  
 LYONS Mack (1) 1.5  
 MOORE Rod 1.5  
 PAGE Michael P 1.5  
 PHILLIPS Sean (1) 1.5  
 RENAUER Daniel 1.5  
 SCHOLL Paul E (1) 1.5  
 TRAHAN Justin P (1) 1.5  
 BISHOP Jack 1.2  
 BANKS Jeremy (1) 1  
 BARR James S (1) 1  
 BOYLE Sean P (1) 1  
 BURIAN David M (2) 1  
 CAIN Andrew (2) 1  
 GODLEY Jonathan (1) 1  
 HANSEN Steven E (1) 1  
 HART Dan (1) 1  
 JANUS Christopher 1  
 MENENDEZ Ciprian (2) 1  
 MILLER Matt (1) 1  
 PESIC Radovan (1) 1  
 PETERAF Sarah (1) 1  
 PETRAITIS Anton T 1  
 REDDIVARI Dushyanth 1  
 SCOTT Winfield (1) 1  
 SHIVE Jason C (1) 1  
 SHIVE Jeremy R (1) 1  
 SMITH Orlan B 1  
 STINSON Trevor P (1) 1  
 VEERMAN Andy (1) 1  
 WEBER Jerry W (2) 1  
 YI Andrew D (2) 1  
 LAMONICA Andy (1) 0.8  
 MIDDLETON Keith (1) 0.8  
 SHEETS Billy (1) 0.8  
 LEWIS Richard 0.5  
 LIU Michael Y (2) 0.5  
 SCOTT Garrett H (1) 0.5

SILESKY Jesse (2) 0.5  
 TIBBS Kenneth (1) 0.5  
 FRITZ Cameron (1) 0.2  
 Class A Tour Points:  
 SMYTHE Bill 76.9  
 AMUNDSEN Steven A 65  
 COHEN Lawrence S 60.5  
 COHEN Howard 53  
 PORTER John 39.8  
 COX William G 38  
 OBERWEIS James D Sr 38  
 SANTANA Miguel An 38  
 CRONIN Mike 36  
 WONG Brian M 34.5  
 TUMS Valdis M 34  
 EGERTON James 33  
 FORD Samuel M 33  
 KIRZHNER Mikhail 33  
 RIUS Richard G (2) 33  
 BUTTNY William P 31  
 LORING Steven W 29  
 MARKOVIC Arandel 27.5  
 JOHNSON Eric L 26.5  
 MANNE Kiran K 26  
 GIERTZ Charles E 22  
 LEALI Michael E 21.5  
 PADILLA Rudy R 21.2  
 BALE Leslie 21  
 MOHAPATRA Tarunkant 21  
 HRON Ben 20  
 SADAUSKAS Justin 20  
 WILLARD Gary D 20  
 ZEMLINSKY Arna (1) 20  
 FISCHER Gregory A 19  
 GRUMMAN Feb 19  
 RIDDELL Joshua S 19  
 RYDBERG Steve A (2) 19  
 FLORES Joshua 18.5  
 GETZ Barney 18.5  
 COTTLE Gregory L (2) 18  
 WATTS Bradley 16.8  
 ALLISON Roger D 16  
 HENDERSON S E Jr 16  
 ROBLEDI Mark Sr 16  
 STEWART Allen 16  
 COVIC Mehmed 15.5  
 STEVENS Joseph M 15.5  
 GLUZMAN Jury 15  
 BAUMGARTNER Chris 14.5  
 JOHNSON Henderson 14.5  
 MOSHER Michael J 14.5  
 PRAUSE Paul 14  
 MACHAJ Blair L 13  
 RICHMOND M Bernie 13  
 GATES Elise Sophia 12.5  
 FRAZIER Thomas (2) 12  
 FRISKE Thomas G 12  
 MODES Daniel R (2) 12  
 PTACEK Martin F (2) 12  
 SAJKOWSKI Daniel 12  
 SEFCHECK Mark M 12  
 SHMUTS Sergey 12  
 LEVIN Michael A 11.5  
 ZIMMERLE R Wayne 11.5  
 BOGAN Timothy J (2) 11  
 SCHNEIDER Boris (2) 11  
 BARTHEL Jim 10.8  
 HAYES WM 10.5  
 BOLITHO Thomas G 10  
 JENNINGS Charles (1) 10  
 LEONG Gee Y (2) 10  
 MENDOZA Gildardo 10  
 MENDELIS Aina (2) 10  
 ANDERSON Phil 9.5  
 KNOX Terrance 9.5  
 BOURGERIE Dennis 9.3  
 MC ALISTER Kelvi (2) 9  
 SCHUSCHEL Hans (2) 9  
 STINSON Marcus E (2) 9  
 ROZOVICS William 8.5  
 SILVERMAN Scott A 8.5  
 STERIEV Larry Cat 8.5  
 VERO Carl M 8.5  
 SHELLHAMER Ted C 8  
 SOROKIN Vladimir (1) 8  
 MC NAMARA James 7.8  
 GASUNAS Anthony C 7.5  
 LEALI Matthew 7.5  
 ROBLEDI Mark Jr 7.5  
 BRUNNER Frank (1) 7  
 DOBROVOLNY Charles R 7  
 ELLICE H Wayne 7  
 EVANS Larry M (1) 7  
 GROEGER Andrew 7  
 LYON Mark A (2) 7  
 SANTIAGO Teodoro (1) 7  
 USISKIN Robert (2) 7

WISHNER Michael 7  
 CHU-KUNG Benjamin 6.5  
 GAST Bryan 6.5  
 HORNOR Richard R. 6.5  
 PARK William 6.5  
 BREWER Kevin P (1) 6  
 CORYBA Daniel J (1) 6  
 DONHOWE Kenneth (1) 6  
 GAPUZ Wilfredo C 6  
 LEDESMA Eduardo 6  
 LEUNG Daniel Y 6  
 MECHEM Paul (2) 6  
 REYES Catalino B (1) 6  
 SHOCKLEY Robert 6  
 VIRJEVICH Ognja (1) 6  
 WONG Kevin D 6  
 ALBERT Steven (2) 5.5  
 CLARK Wayne D (2) 5.5  
 DOTSON John B (1) 5  
 GODDARD Paul J (1) 5  
 GORAL Bradley D (1) 5  
 GRAVES William E (1) 5  
 HALE Bob Lloyd 5  
 HILL Robert (1) 5  
 HILTON James (2) 5  
 HIRSH Alan (1) 5  
 HUBBARD Dave 5  
 JASAREVIC Ersen (1) 5  
 MADEY Paul W (1) 5  
 MAURER Patrick J (2) 5  
 MITCHELL Gary (1) 5  
 OBERWEIS Julio 5  
 RAMOS Alex T (1) 5  
 REICH Richard M (1) 5  
 SHERIDAN Joseph (1) 5  
 SPIEGEL Leonard (1) 5  
 STAPLES Carl 5  
 STOLTZ Robert M (2) 5  
 WACHTER Thomas W 5  
 BONWELL Jonathan 4.5  
 WEBB James 4.5  
 WILDMAN Eric 4.5  
 SUAREZ Edward S 4.2  
 ADDUCI Thomas A (2) 4  
 ANDERSON Cliff J (1) 4  
 BOHANNON Ted (1) 4  
 BYCHOWSKI Steven Joh 4  
 BYRNES Randy Mich 4  
 CAMARGO Miguel 4  
 GUTH Joseph R (1) 4  
 JOHNSON Jeffrey (2) 4  
 KELLY James R 4  
 KORIN Mark (1) 4  
 KUNG Harold 4  
 LEIGHTON George (1) 4  
 MONTOYA Fernando 4  
 PARNABY Mark S (1) 4  
 REYES Jorge (2) 4  
 RODRIGUEZ Jose A Sr 4  
 SCANLON John (1) 4  
 SEGRETO Thomas 4  
 TSE Boris 4  
 WARREN Helen E 4  
 WHITED William E 4  
 WOLFSON Jesse 4  
 WRZOSEK Bob 4  
 MUIRHEAD Andrew (2) 3.5  
 STOTLER Richard E 3.2  
 DITSWORTH Todd P 3  
 DOBOS Gordon J 3  
 EGERTON Brian 3  
 FERGUSON William 3  
 HUBBARD Andrew 3  
 IOFFE Gennady 3  
 KACH Asnar (2) 3  
 LEUNG Cheung 3  
 MC NALLY Michael 3  
 MICHALIK Philip (1) 3  
 ROKITA Mark (1) 3  
 STEPHENS Louis (1) 3  
 STINSON Sarah E (1) 3  
 WHITED William (1) 3  
 GENCHANOK Yefim (2) 2.5  
 LONG David (1) 2.5  
 MONTALTI Gianluo (2) 2.5  
 ANDERSON Richard (2) 2  
 CISNEROS Ivan 2  
 DOUGHTY Gregory (1) 2  
 GIANNOKOPOULOS Dimitri 2  
 GORSKI Marisuz 2  
 HUANG Kenneth 2  
 JENKINS Mike (2) 2  
 NOVY Gerard (1) 2  
 PINDAK Kim C (2) 2  
 RANGE Johnny (1) 2  
 RIDDLE Robert 2  
 RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr 2  
 RUSSETT John (1) 2

RUTERMAN Keith (1) 2  
 SISTEK Leonard A (1) 2  
 TOWNSEND Chester 2  
 VENUSO Michael A 2  
 WALKER Charles (1) 2  
 WARINIK Grant (1) 2  
 WEBBER Greg 2  
 WHITENER Ken (1) 2  
 YOUNG Mark 2  
 YUFA Ilya (1) 2  
 BIGGERS Bruce W (1) 1.5  
 BLANDIN Mike T 1.5  
 ENGELEN Mark 1.5  
 FRANEK Martin (1) 1.5  
 GOODWIN Kimberly (1) 1.5  
 HUANG Winston 1.5  
 FUTOVSKY Mark (1) 1.5  
 LOBRACO Michael J 1.5  
 LYONS Mack (1) 1.5  
 MOORE Rod 1.5  
 PAGE Michael P 1.5  
 PHILLIPS Sean (1) 1.5  
 RENAUER Daniel 1.5  
 SCHOLL Paul E (1) 1.5  
 TRAHAN Justin P (1) 1.5  
 BISHOP Jack 1.2  
 CONNOR Peter Y 1.2  
 BANKS Jeremy (1) 1  
 BARR James S (1) 1  
 BOYLE Sean P (1) 1  
 BURLAN David M (2) 1  
 CAIN Andrew (2) 1  
 GODLEY Jonathan (1) 1  
 HANSEN Steven E (1) 1  
 HART Dan (1) 1  
 JANUS Christopher 1  
 KIRBY Kenneth G (1) 1  
 MENENDEZ Ciprian (2) 1  
 MILLER Matt (1) 1  
 PESIC Radovan (1) 1  
 PETERAF Sarah (1) 1  
 PETRAITIS Anton T 1  
 REDDIVARI Dushyanth 1  
 SCOTT Winfield (1) 1  
 SHIVE Jason C (1) 1  
 SHIVE Jeremy R (1) 1  
 SMITH Orlan B 1  
 STINSON Trevor P (1) 1  
 VEERMAN Andy (1) 1  
 WEBER Jerry W (2) 1  
 YI Andrew D (2) 1  
 LAMONICA Andy (1) 0.8  
 MIDDLETON Keith (1) 0.8  
 SHEETS Billy (1) 0.8  
 LEWIS Richard 0.5  
 LIU Michael Y (2) 0.5  
 SCOTT Garrett H (1) 0.5  
 SILESKY Jesse (2) 0.5  
 TRIBBS Kenneth (1) 0.5  
 FRITZ Cameron (1) 0.2

**Chas B Tour Points:**  
 GAST Bryan 110.5  
 ENGELEN Mark 89.5  
 COVIC Melamed 78.5  
 DELAY Joe 67  
 PADILLA Rudy R 60.2  
 BAUMGARTNER Chris 56.5  
 ROBLEDO Mark Sr 51.5  
 GROEGER Andrew 51  
 HAYES Will 47.5  
 KLEIN John P 45  
 SHOCKLEY Robert 40  
 JOHNSON Henderson 39.5  
 GIERTZ Charles E 38  
 DITSWORTH Todd P 37  
 JOHNSON Eric L 36.5  
 BYRNES Randy Mich 36  
 HART Vincent J (1) 36  
 BISHOP Jack 35.2  
 HAYES Christopher 34  
 WONG Brian M 33  
 KIRZHNER Mikhail 32  
 SUAREZ Edward S 31.2  
 FROEHLICH Jim 31  
 STEVENS Joseph M 30.5  
 GARAPOLLO Paul M (2) 30  
 KITTLESLEY Scott L 29  
 GASUNAS Anthony C 28.5  
 AROND Dean 28  
 HRON Ben 28  
 CLAY Harry 27  
 GANT Thomas A 26  
 LEE Allen 26  
 FLORES Joshua 24.5  
 SHELLHAMER Ted C 24  
 COBLA Paul (2) 23  
 MENDOZA Gildardo 23

GETZ Barney 22.5  
 COCHRAN Craig 22  
 IOFFE Gennady 22  
 LEVENSON Steven (2) 22  
 WISHNER Michael 22  
 CETERSKI Justin S 21  
 LEDESMA Eduardo 21  
 GAPUZ Wilfredo C 20  
 MAGEE Patrick (1) 20  
 LEALI Matthew 19.5  
 GASIECKI Alan F 18  
 KNOX Terrance 17.5  
 SILVERMAN Scott A 17.5  
 ZIMMERLE R Wayne 17.5  
 HUBBARD Dave 17  
 RATNER Jacob M (2) 17  
 SINCLAIR Sven (2) 17  
 BROWN Tony (2) 16  
 LEUNG Daniel Y 16  
 MONTOYA Fernando 16  
 WACHTER Thomas W 16  
 HOWELL Thomas W (2) 15  
 HUBBARD Andrew 15  
 SOOHOO Anthony P (1) 15  
 TOWNSEND Chester 15  
 CHU-KUNG Benjamin 14.5  
 MOSHER Michael J 14.5  
 ROBLEDO Mark Jr 14.5  
 BALTAZAR Mark A 14  
 ELLACE H Wayne 14  
 FERGUSON William 14  
 IMAI Toabao 14  
 GILRUTH Bruce 13  
 GORSKI Marisuz 13  
 LAUGER Stephen C 13  
 MACHAJ Blair L 13  
 OBERWEIS Julie 13  
 BACKSTROM Orr U (2) 12  
 HALE Bob Lloyd 12  
 HUGHES Robert (2) 12  
 LOVEN Dallas (2) 12  
 MEYERS Fred C 12  
 RIDDLE Robert 12  
 TSE Boris 12  
 WAKERLY Ralph T (2) 12  
 LEVIN Michael A 11.5  
 KUNG Harold 11  
 MATTHEWS Jerry (2) 11  
 TURNER Keith 11  
 BARTHEL Jim 10.8  
 PARK William 10.5  
 CAMARGO Miguel 10  
 COLEMAN George 10  
 HILTON James (2) 10  
 JANUS Christopher 10  
 JUST Timothy W (2) 10  
 PAULSEN David W (2) 10  
 PORTER Jay B (1) 10  
 SHMUTS Sergey 10  
 WARREN Helen E 10  
 WINCHESTER Terry (1) 10  
 WONG Kevin D 10  
 WRZOSEK Bob 10  
 GENCHANOK Yefim (2) 9.5  
 DOBROVOLNY Charles R 9  
 GORDON Patrick F (2) 9  
 KELLY James R 9  
 MC NALLY Michael 9  
 RODRIGUEZ Jose A Sr 9  
 STERIEV Larry Cat 8.5  
 WILDMAN Eric 8.5  
 BLUM Larry W 8  
 BOONE Foster 8  
 BYCHOWSKI Steven Joh 8  
 CANNONE Charles (2) 8  
 DOBOS Gordon J 8  
 DONNA Daniel (2) 8  
 FENNER Charles E (1) 8  
 GARNER Grady (1) 8  
 JAHEDI Selar 8  
 JOHNSON Thomas J (1) 8  
 RAMIREZ Rafael E (1) 8  
 REYES Jorge (2) 8  
 RODRIGUEZ Marco (2) 8  
 SMUTNIAK James 8  
 LOBRACO Michael J 7.5  
 STOTLER Richard E 7.2  
 BANNON Brian J (1) 7  
 BECKLEY Calvin (1) 7  
 BLACKMON Eric (1) 7  
 BUCK David J (2) 7  
 FLANAGAN Kevin (1) 7  
 FRETAS Todd M 7  
 HENDRICKSON William 7  
 JENKINS Mike (2) 7  
 KNOX Malcolm (1) 7  
 NOVAK James G (1) 7  
 PADILLA Frank A (1) 7

RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr 7  
 RODRIGUEZ Pete (2) 7  
 TERBELL William (1) 7  
 USISKIN Robert (2) 7  
 HORNOR Richard R. 6.5  
 MOORE Rod 6.5  
 BEZEHANSKIY Stan 6  
 BREWER Kevin P (1) 6  
 BRIDGEMAN Kurt P (1) 6  
 BUCHOR Sylvester 6  
 CHEN Aaron 6  
 CISNEROS Ivan 6  
 COVARRUBIAS Sofia 6  
 CYGAN Joseph 6  
 DONHOWE Kenneth (1) 6  
 FARRELL Kevin G (1) 6  
 GIANNOKOPOULOS Dimitri 6  
 HASEGAWA David (1) 6  
 HAUBER James S Jr 6  
 ISRAELSEN Kirk (1) 6  
 JOHNSON Lee A 6  
 LEUNG Cheung 6  
 MEHTA DeVang 6  
 MEYER William L (1) 6  
 MIHELICH Adam 6  
 MONTOKA Jose J (2) 6  
 MOSS Adam H (1) 6  
 NAPOLI Michael (2) 6  
 PINDAK Kim C (2) 6  
 ROSE Eric J (2) 6  
 SPRINGER Vincent (2) 6  
 SUMMERHAYS David (2) 6  
 SZAFRAN Martin 6  
 VEINOT Russell F 6  
 WALLACE Mark D 6  
 ALBERT Steven (2) 5.5  
 CLARK Wayne D (2) 5.5  
 ALLEN Henoc (1) 5  
 BIRKELAND Roger 5  
 BLANCAFLORE Mamerto 5  
 BLANCOFLOR Carlo (1) 5  
 COBIA Bonnie J (1) 5  
 COBIA Jeffrey (1) 5  
 DODSON Karmit 5  
 DRENDEL Tyler (1) 5  
 GORAL Bradley D (1) 5  
 GRANT Dennis S (1) 5  
 GRIESMEYER Walter (1) 5  
 HEUBAUM James 5  
 HULESMAN Ann (1) 5  
 KLAHN Matthew S (2) 5  
 MAURER Patrick J (2) 5  
 MITCHELL Gary (1) 5  
 PETERS Edward J (1) 5  
 PETTY Dan 5  
 RAMOS Alex T (1) 5  
 ROSTROM C Richard (1) 5  
 SALAZAR Jose (1) 5  
 STAPLES Carl 5  
 VIEREGG Craig 5  
 VONDRUSKA Richard (2) 5  
 WEBER T V (1) 5  
 WILHELM John H (1) 5  
 BONWELL Jonathan 4.5  
 WEBB James 4.5  
 ADDUCI Thomas A (2) 4  
 ALTSCHUL Sam (1) 4  
 ANDERSON Cliff J (1) 4  
 BATH Cheney (1) 4  
 BIELSKI Matthew (1) 4  
 BOHANNON Ted (1) 4  
 CAMARGO Martha (2) 4  
 CASTRO Alexandra (2) 4  
 CURRAN Thomas (1) 4  
 DE FREEUW Darren (2) 4  
 DUFFY James (1) 4  
 DURAN Lorena (2) 4  
 FODOR Mark (1) 4  
 GOUTH Joseph R (1) 4  
 HAYES Michael J 4  
 HULTBERG Gary (1) 4  
 JOHNSON Jeffrey (2) 4  
 KORIN Mark (1) 4  
 LAI Ben (2) 4  
 MC CULLEY Matthe (1) 4  
 MICKLICH Frank T (2) 4  
 MIRABAL Bob (1) 4  
 NAPOLI Carmelo (1) 4  
 PARNABY Mark S (1) 4  
 PIERGALSKI John (1) 4  
 SCHNEIDER Anton (1) 4  
 SEGRETO Thomas 4  
 SKLEBA Thomas J (2) 4  
 SUMMERHAYS Dennis (2) 4  
 TAKI Sotis M 4  
 TRBOJEVIC George (1) 4  
 VEGANTS Albert (2) 4  
 VILLAFLORE Elizabeth 4

WOLFSON Jesse 4  
 MURHEAD Andrew (2) 3.5  
 BANUELOS Noe (1) 3  
 BURIAN David M (2) 3  
 CASTRO Natalia (2) 3  
 CHEN Xi M (1) 3  
 COBIA Timothy (1) 3  
 EGERTON Brian 3  
 FAMBRO Paul (1) 3  
 FRAATS Daniel L (1) 3  
 HARBACEK Nathan 3  
 HELFER Cliff (1) 3  
 KACH Asher (2) 3  
 KISHI Nozar (1) 3  
 PATTON Terry W (1) 3  
 RASMUSSEN Robert (2) 3  
 ROKITA Mark (1) 3  
 SEIBEL Dennis (2) 3  
 SPEER Eric (1) 3  
 STINSON Sarah E (1) 3  
 STRAUS Erin (1) 3  
 VILLAPLOR Phillip 3  
 WHITED William E 3  
 ZELINSKI Daryl R (1) 3  
 MONTALTI Gianluca (2) 2.5  
 TANG Michael H (2) 2.5  
 ANDERSON Richard (2) 2  
 DE FREEUW Stephen (2) 2  
 ENDLER James 2  
 FLATT Eric Lynn (1) 2  
 FLOYD Kelley (1) 2  
 FODOR Tim (1) 2  
 HELLER Jack (1) 2  
 HUANG Kenneth 2  
 NOVY Gerard (1) 2  
 ORTEGA Ulises (2) 2  
 PECENIAK Michael 2  
 PORTER Edward J (1) 2  
 RANGE Johnny (1) 2  
 REDDIVARI Dashrath 2  
 VEGA Juan C (2) 2  
 VENUSO Michael A 2  
 WALKER Barry Woo (2) 2  
 WALKER Charles (1) 2  
 WARTNIK Grant (1) 2  
 WEBER Greg 2  
 WHITENER Kim (1) 2  
 WILLIAMS Douglas (1) 2  
 YOUNG Mark 2  
 BIGGERS Brian W (1) 1.5  
 BLANDIN Mike T 1.5  
 BOLTTHO Thomas G 1.5  
 OODWIN Kimberly (1) 1.5  
 HUANG Winston 1.5  
 LYONS Mack (1) 1.5  
 PAGE Michael P 1.5  
 PHILLIPS Sean (1) 1.5  
 RENAUER Daniel 1.5  
 TRAHAN Justin P (1) 1.5  
 BANKS Jeremy (1) 1  
 BARR James S (1) 1  
 BIELSKI William (1) 1  
 BOYLE Sean P (1) 1  
 CAIN Andrew (2) 1  
 GODLEY Jonathan (1) 1  
 HART Dan (1) 1  
 JONES James C (2) 1  
 MARSHALL Kenneth (1) 1  
 MENENDEZ Ciprian (2) 1  
 MILLER Matt (1) 1  
 PESIC Radovan (1) 1  
 PETERAF Sarah (1) 1  
 PETRAJIS Anton T 1  
 SHIVE Jason C (1) 1  
 SHIVE Jeremy R (1) 1  
 SMITH Orion B 1  
 STINSON Trevor P (1) 1  
 VEERMAN Andy (1) 1  
 WEBER Jerry W (2) 1  
 YI Andrew D (2) 1  
 LAMONICA Andy (1) 0.8  
 MIDDLETON Keith (1) 0.8  
 SHEETS Billy (1) 0.8  
 LEWIS Richard 0.5  
 LIU Michael Y (2) 0.5  
 SCOTT Garrett H (1) 0.5  
 SILESKY Jesse (2) 0.5  
 TIBBS Kenneth (1) 0.5  
 FRITZ Cameron (1) 0.2

Class C Tour Points:

ROBLEDO Mark Jr 83.5  
 KLEIN John P 70  
 STEVENS Joseph M 69.5  
 COCHRAN Craig 46  
 SHELLHAMER Ted C 46  
 ROVNSKIY Vitali (2) 38  
 DOBOS Gordon J 37

HART Vincent J (1) 36  
 LAUGHER Stephen C 35  
 SILVERMAN Scott A 34.5  
 HAYES Christopher 32  
 SMUTNIAK James 31  
 WACHTER Thomas W 29  
 GASUNAS Anthony C 28.5  
 COBIA Paul (2) 28  
 LOBRACO Michael J 27.5  
 LEUNG Daniel Y 26  
 SMITH Odan B 26  
 LEALI Matthew 25.5  
 EGERTON Brian 25  
 KHOMYN Igor 25  
 MONTOKA Fernando 24  
 GARAFALO Paul M (2) 23  
 PEDERSEN Ken 23  
 BALTAZAR Mark A 22  
 WISHNER Michael 22  
 MEYERS Fred C 21  
 WITEK Gregory A 21  
 BOONE Foster 20  
 HUBBARD Andrew 20  
 GAST Bryan 19.5  
 DE PERALTA Arturo 19  
 WARREN Helen E 19  
 HORNOR Richard R 18.5  
 MEHTA DeVang 18  
 RIDDLE Robert 18  
 BAUMGARTNER Chris 17  
 HUBBARD Dave 17  
 GORSKI Mariusz 16  
 WALLACE Mark D 16  
 BIRKELAND Roger 15  
 LEE Allen 15  
 BONWELL Jonathan 14.5  
 CHU-KUNG Benjamin 14.5  
 JOHNSON Henderson 14.5  
 BLANCAFLORE Mamerto 14  
 FERGUSON William 14  
 GASIECKI Alan P 14  
 GLAWE Chris (1) 14  
 GROVER David A (2) 14  
 LEDESMA Eduardo 14  
 RODRIGUEZ Marco (2) 14  
 SHOCKLEY Robert 14  
 GILRUTH Bruce 13  
 SPRINGER Vincent (2) 13  
 VEINOT Russell F (1) 13  
 SADEWATER Frank (1) 12  
 SZAFRAN Martin 12  
 TSE Bonnie 12  
 ZIMET Ron (1) 12  
 KUNG Harold 11  
 RODRIGUEZ Jose A Sr 11  
 TURNER Keith 11  
 MOORE Rod 10.5  
 PARK William 10.5  
 ABRAHAM Thomas C (1) 10  
 CAMARGO Miguel 10  
 CARDINALI Michael (2) 10  
 FELICIANO Hector (1) 10  
 GROEGER Andrew 10  
 LA ROSE Mark (1) 10  
 MICKLICH Frank T (2) 10  
 NAPOLI Michael (2) 10  
 SKLEBA Thomas J (2) 10  
 WOLFE Charlie M (2) 10  
 WONG Kevin D 10  
 WRZOSEK Bob 10  
 JOHNSON Lee A 9  
 KELLY James R 9  
 MAURER Patrick J (2) 9  
 MC CRIMON Carlos (1) 9  
 MC NALLY Michael 9  
 PETRAJIS Anton T 9  
 STERIEV Larry Cat 8.5  
 BLUM Larry W 8  
 BYCHOWSKI Steven Joh 8  
 DONNA Daniel (2) 8  
 EMERY Steven (2) 8  
 FENNER Charles E (1) 8  
 FERGUSON John (2) 8  
 JAHEDI Salar 8  
 JOHNSON Thomas J (1) 8  
 KALE Satish L (1) 8  
 MATUSZCZYK Richa (1) 8  
 MONKOWSKI John J (1) 8  
 REYES Jorge (2) 8  
 SOLSKI Jeffrey E (1) 8  
 STUTLER Richard E 7.2  
 BUCK David J (2) 7  
 FREITAS Todd M 7  
 GINSBERG Michael (1) 7  
 HENDRICKSON William 7  
 JENKINS Mike (2) 7  
 JOHNSON Jeffrey (2) 7  
 JONES Andre (2) 7

MENENDEZ Ciprian (2) 7  
 NOVAK James G (1) 7  
 RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr 7  
 RODRIGUEZ Pete (2) 7  
 STUBBLEFIELD Ed (2) 7  
 TERBELL William (1) 7  
 USISKIN Robert (2) 7  
 WHITE David James (1) 7  
 TANG Michael H (2) 6.5  
 BACKSTROM Orr U (2) 6  
 BEREZHANSKIY Stan 6  
 CHEN Aaron 6  
 CISNEROS Ivan 6  
 COVARRUBIAS Sofia 6  
 CYGAN Joseph 6  
 FARRELL Kevin G (1) 6  
 GIANNOKOPOULOS Dimit 6  
 HAUBER James S Jr 6  
 HUANG Kenneth 6  
 LEUNG Cheung 6  
 MIHELICH Adam 6  
 MONTOYA Jose J (2) 6  
 RACZKIEWYCZ Mark (1) 6  
 ROSE Eric J (2) 6  
 SCHWARTZ Josh 6  
 SUMMERHAYS David (2) 6  
 WALKER Barry Woo (2) 6  
 WEBER Greg 6  
 ALBERT Steven (2) 5.5  
 ADDUCI Thomas A (2) 5  
 BLANCOFLOR Carlo (1) 5  
 COBIA Bonnie J (1) 5  
 COBIA Jeffrey (1) 5  
 DODSON Kermit 5  
 DRENDEL Tyler (1) 5  
 GRIESMEYER Walte (1) 5  
 HULSMAN Alan (1) 5  
 KLAHN Matthew S (2) 5  
 KNIGHT Jerry (1) 5  
 MARTIN John B (1) 5  
 MITCHELL Gary (1) 5  
 MURADIAN Servan A (2) 5  
 PETTY Dan 5  
 RAMOS Alex T (1) 5  
 REDDIVARI Dushyanth 5  
 ROSE Alan J (2) 5  
 SALAZAR Jose (1) 5  
 STAPLES Carl 5  
 VIEREGG Craig 5  
 WEBER Jerry W (2) 5  
 WILHELM John H (1) 5  
 MONTALTI Gianluca (2) 4.5  
 WEBB James 4.5  
 ALTSCHUL Sam (1) 4  
 ANDERSON Cliff J (1) 4  
 BATH Cheney (1) 4  
 BIELSKI Matthew (1) 4  
 CAMAROG Martha (2) 4  
 CASTRO Alexandra (2) 4  
 DE FREEUW Darren (2) 4  
 DURAN Lorena (2) 4  
 ENDLER James 4  
 FODOR Mark (1) 4  
 GETZ Barney 4  
 GORDON Patrick F (2) 4  
 GRAN Bryan (1) 4  
 HAYES Michael J 4  
 HULTBERG Gary (1) 4  
 LAI Ben (2) 4  
 MC CULLEY Matthe (1) 4  
 NIKITIN Mike (1) 4  
 PIERGALSKI John (1) 4  
 RAMOS Fabian (2) 4  
 SEGRETO Thomas 4  
 SUMMERHAYS Danie (2) 4  
 TAKI Sonia M 4  
 VAN PETTEN John (2) 4  
 VIGANTS Albert (2) 4  
 VILLAFLORE Elizabeth 4  
 WOLFSON Jesse 4  
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 COBIA Timothy (1) 3  
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 STRAUTS Erin (1) 3  
 THOMAS Harold H (1) 3

VILLAFLORE Phillip 3  
 WHITED William E 3  
 WILDMAN Eric 2.5  
 ANDERSON Richard (2) 2  
 DE FREEUW Stephe (2) 2  
 FLATT Eric Lynn (1) 2  
 FLOYD Kelley (1) 2  
 FODOR Tim (1) 2  
 HELLER Jack (1) 2  
 HICKS Charles (1) 2  
 MEHRABIAN Elizab (1) 2  
 MIKOLYZK Thomas (2) 2  
 NOVY Gerard (1) 2  
 O'BRIEN Daniel (1) 2  
 OLSEN David J (1) 2  
 ORTEGA Ulises (2) 2  
 PECEKNIAK Michael 2  
 RANGE Johnny (1) 2  
 SPARROW Richard (1) 2  
 VEGA Juan C (2) 2  
 VENUSO Michael A 2  
 WARTNIK Grant (1) 2  
 YOUNG Mark 2  
 BARTHEL Tim 1.8  
 BIGGERS Bruce W (1) 1.5  
 BLANDIN Mike T 1.5  
 GOODWIN Kimberly (1) 1.5  
 HUANG Winston 1.5  
 PAGE Michael P 1.5  
 PHILLIPS Sean (1) 1.5  
 RENAUER Daniel 1.5  
 TRAHAN Justin P (1) 1.5  
 BISHOP Jack 1.2  
 PADILLA Rudy R 1.2  
 BANKS Jeremy (1) 1  
 BIELSKI William (1) 1  
 BOYLE Sean P (1) 1  
 CAIN Andrew (2) 1  
 GODLEY Jonathan (1) 1  
 MILLER Matt (1) 1  
 PETERAF Sarah (1) 1  
 SALEM Mohamed (1) 1  
 SHIVE Jason C (1) 1  
 SHIVE Jeremy R (1) 1  
 STINSON Trevor P (1) 1  
 VEERMAN Andy (1) 1  
 YI Andrew D (2) 1  
 LAMONICA Andy (1) 0.8  
 MIDDLETON Keith (1) 0.8  
 SHEETS Billy (1) 0.8  
 LEWIS Richard 0.5  
 LIU Michael Y (2) 0.5  
 SILESKY Jesse (2) 0.5  
 TIBBS Kenneth (1) 0.5  
 FRITZ Cameron (1) 0.2

Class D Tour Points:

IAHEDI Salar 68  
 WISHNER Michael 52  
 GASUNAS Anthony C 44.5  
 HENDRICKSON William 42  
 BOONE Foster 39  
 LOBRACO Michael J 38.5  
 SHELLHAMER Ted C 33  
 TSE Boris 33  
 HUBBARD Andrew 32  
 CHU-KUNG Benjamin 29.5  
 KUNG Harold 29  
 CHEN Aaron 28  
 HUANG Kenneth 28  
 YOUNG Mark 28  
 HAYES Michael J 26  
 BEREZHANSKIY Stan 25  
 ENDLER James 25  
 HUBBARD Dave 25  
 HAUBER James S Jr 24  
 CYGAN Joseph 23  
 GILRUTH Bruce 23  
 STAPLES Carl 23  
 SEGRETO Thomas 21  
 FRETAS Todd M 20  
 VAN PETTEN John (2) 20  
 ZIMMERMAN Scott (1) 20  
 ROSE Alan J (2) 19  
 PARK William 18.5  
 CAMAROG Miguel 18  
 KOEBELE Tom 18  
 NELSON Michael J (2) 18  
 LEUNG Daniel Y 17  
 WONG Kevin D 16  
 BLUM Larry W 15  
 BUCK David J (2) 15  
 LARSON Aaron (1) 15  
 PETERSON Ross (2) 14  
 REID Carl S (2) 14  
 SCHWARTZ Josh 13  
 EGERTON Brian 12  
 GIANNOKOPOULOS Dimit 12

KLAHN Matthew S (2) 12  
 LACKLAND Joe (2) 12  
 RODRIGUEZ Pete (2) 12  
 WEBER Greg 12  
 WRZOSEK Bob 12  
 DODSON Kermit 11  
 NAYLOR Samuel A (2) 11  
 RODRIGUEZ Jose A Sr 11  
 AKHMETOV Arsen 10  
 SALES Robert J 10  
 FERGUSON William 10  
 MONTOYA Jose J (2) 10  
 RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr 10  
 ROSE Eric J (2) 10  
 WEBB James 9.5  
 KELLY James R 9  
 LAI Ben (2) 9  
 MARTIN Brian (1) 9  
 MC NALLY Michael 9  
 MIHELICH Adam 9  
 MOORE Glenn (1) 9  
 TUCKER Anthony 9  
 STERIEV Larry Cat 8.5  
 CISNEROS Ivan 8  
 COVARRUBIAS Sofia 8  
 DONNA Daniel (2) 8  
 JOHNSON Thomas J (1) 8  
 MONKOWSKI John J (1) 8  
 REYES Jorge (2) 8  
 SAHS James (1) 8  
 SMUTNIAK James 8  
 BARKDOLL Michael (1) 7  
 BUSCA Jeffrey (1) 7  
 DIVINSKY Gregory (1) 7  
 FENTON Dean R (1) 7  
 JENKINS Mike (2) 7  
 METCALF Chris (2) 7  
 MIHELICH Nathan (1) 7  
 NOVAK James G (1) 7  
 HUANG Winston 6.5  
 ABOULLAH El Seba (1) 6  
 ANDHAVARAPU Venk (2) 6  
 CAMAROG Martha (2) 6  
 CRUDUP W Travis (1) 6  
 DURAN Lorena (2) 6  
 FARRELL Kevin G (1) 6  
 JIMENEZ Salvador (1) 6  
 KUTIN Brian J (1) 6  
 LEUNG Cheung 6  
 MARSHALL Kriz (1) 6  
 MONTOYA Fernando 6  
 SUMMERHAYS David (2) 6  
 THOMAS Raymond A (2) 6  
 VEGA Juan C (2) 6  
 VILLAFLORE Elizabeth 6  
 AHMED Aziz (1) 5  
 BLANCOFLOR Carlo (1) 5  
 BODEPUDI Gautham 5  
 COBIA Bonnie J (1) 5  
 COBIA Jeffrey (1) 5  
 DRENDEL Tyler (1) 5  
 GRIESMEYER Walte (1) 5  
 HULSMAN Alan (1) 5  
 HUNTER Josh (1) 5  
 KERSTEN Gordon (1) 5  
 PETTY Dan 5  
 REDDIVARI Dushyanth 5  
 TAKI Sonia M 5  
 VIEREGG Craig 5  
 WORDEN Chris L (1) 5  
 LIU Michael Y (2) 4.5  
 ALTSCHUL Sam (1) 4  
 BATH Cheney (1) 4  
 BIELSKI Matthew (1) 4  
 BLANCAFLOR Carlo 4  
 CASTRO Alexandra (2) 4  
 DE FREEUW Darren (2) 4  
 FODOR Mark (1) 4  
 HOWELLS Edward (1) 4  
 HULTBERG Gary (1) 4  
 LOBRACO Michael (1) 4  
 MC CULLEY Matthe (1) 4  
 MC KEARNEY John (2) 4  
 MOORE Joseph K (1) 4  
 RASMUSSEN Robert (2) 4  
 SUMMERHAYS Danie (2) 4  
 TAYLOR Kevin (3) 4  
 TAZUDEEN Wahid (1) 4  
 WHITMAN Rich (1) 4  
 WIMMER Ben (1) 4  
 WOLFSON Jesse 4  
 LEWIS Richard 3.5  
 BANUELOS Noe (1) 3  
 CASTRO Natalia (2) 3  
 CLOUGH Patrick 3  
 COBIA Timothy (1) 3  
 DOUGHERTY John W (2) 3  
 FAZEKAS Joshua (1) 3



HARBACEK Nathan 3  
 HELFER Cliff (1) 3  
 JONES James C (2) 3  
 KACH Aaber (2) 3  
 LEALI Matthew 3  
 PATTON Terry W (1) 3  
 ROKITA Mark (1) 3  
 SEIBEL Dennis (2) 3  
 SPEER Eric (1) 3  
 STINSON Sarah E (1) 3  
 STRAULTS Erin (1) 3  
 VILLAFLOL Phillip 3  
 WHITED William E 3  
 BONWELL Jonathan 2.5  
 BHATT Jay (1) 2  
 BREWER Ryan (1) 2  
 DE FREEUW Stephanie (2) 2  
 FERRELL Stewart (1) 2  
 FLATT Eric Lynn (1) 2  
 FLOYD Kelley (1) 2  
 FODOR Tim (1) 2  
 GARDUNIO Ricky (1) 2  
 HELLER Jack (1) 2  
 MIKOLYZK Thomas (2) 2  
 MONTALTI Gianluce (2) 2  
 ORTEGA Ulises (2) 2  
 PECENIAK Michael 2  
 RANGE Johnny (1) 2  
 VENUSO Michael A 2  
 BLANDIN Mike T 1.5  
 PAGE Michael P 1.5  
 RENAUER Daniel 1.5  
 BOYLE Sean P (1) 1  
 CAIN Andrew (2) 1  
 GODLEY Jonathan (1) 1  
 HEMPSTEAD Willie (1) 1  
 MILLER Matt (1) 1  
 PETERAF Sarah (1) 1  
 SALEM Mohamed (1) 1  
 SHIVE Jason C (1) 1  
 SHIVE Jeremy R (1) 1  
 STINSON Trevor P (1) 1  
 VEERMAN Andy (1) 1  
 YI Andrew D (2) 1  
 LAMONICA Andy (1) 0.8  
 MIDDLETON Keith (1) 0.8  
 SHEETS Billy (1) 0.8  
 SILESKY Jesse (2) 0.5  
 TIBBS Kenneth (1) 0.5  
 FRITZ Cameron (1) 0.2

Class E Tour Points:

PARK William 50.5  
 GASUNAS Anthony C 47.5  
 CHEN Aaron 42  
 HARBACEK Nathan 42  
 HUANG Winston 40.5  
 VIEREGG Craig 31  
 KANTER Brad M (2) 29  
 LEWIS Richard 29  
 COVARRUBIAS Sofia 25  
 MC NALLY Michael 25  
 PETTY Dan 25  
 KOEBELE Tom 24  
 TSE Boris 24  
 RENAUER Daniel 22.5  
 GIANNOKOPOULOS Dimit 22  
 BODEPUDI Gautham 19  
 CLOUGH Patrick 19  
 FERGUSON William 18  
 LEUNG Cheung 16  
 MC KEARNEY John (2) 16  
 CAIN Andrew (2) 15  
 RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr 14  
 VENUSO Michael A 14  
 HARRER William (1) 12  
 SEIBEL Dennis (2) 12  
 SUMMERHAYS David (2) 12  
 RICHARDSON Gregory M 11  
 RODRIGUEZ Jose A Sr 11  
 VILLAFLOL Phillip 11  
 BLANDIN Mike T 10.5  
 MONTOYA Jose I (2) 10  
 ROMANO Robert A (1) 10  
 VILLAFLOL Elizabeth 10  
 WHITED William E 10  
 PAGE Michael P 9.5  
 BLANCAFLOR Carlo 9  
 EGERTON Gary 9  
 JOH Thomas (1) 9  
 KAISER Michael C (1) 9

MC CLEARN Steve (1) 9  
 ANDHAVARAPU Venk (2) 8  
 CISNEROS Ivan 8  
 DONNA Daniel (2) 8  
 JOHNSON Thomas J (1) 8  
 KHORSHID Ibrahim (1) 8  
 MILLER Noah (1) 8  
 REYES Jorge (2) 8  
 WEBER Jon (2) 8  
 WONG Kevin D 7.5  
 FERRINI Joseph J (1) 7  
 NORDAHL David (1) 7  
 STRAIN Doug (1) 7  
 VILENCHIK Vlad (1) 7  
 WIMMER Jeremy (1) 7  
 BREZHANSKIY Stan 6  
 CAMARGO Martha (2) 6  
 DURAN Lorena (2) 6  
 FARRELL Kevin G (1) 6  
 FRITSCH Paul L (1) 6  
 JARRETT Talma (1) 6  
 KENNY Patrick W (1) 6  
 TAYLOR David (1) 6  
 VEGA Juan C (2) 6  
 VOIT Erik 6  
 STERIEV Larry Col 5.5  
 AKHTER Saqib (1) 5  
 BLANCOFLOR Carlo (1) 5  
 COBIA Bonnie J (1) 5  
 COBIA Jeffrey (1) 5  
 HUBBARD Andrew 5  
 HUBBARD Dave 5  
 LEVY Adam D 5  
 PEREGOY Patrick (1) 5  
 TAKI Sonia M 5  
 ALTSCHUL Sam (1) 4  
 ARNETT Douglas (2) 4  
 BIELSKI Matthew (1) 4  
 CAPIGATTI Andrew (2) 4  
 CARPENTER Eric (1) 4  
 CASTRO Alexander (2) 4  
 DE FREEUW Darren (2) 4  
 FODOR Mark (1) 4  
 HOWELLS Edward (1) 4  
 HULTBERG Gary (1) 4  
 MALLORY Michael 4  
 MC CULLEY Martha (1) 4  
 SUMMERHAYS Denise (2) 4  
 TAYLOR Kevin (1) 4  
 WIMMER John R (1) 4  
 BANUELOS Noe (1) 3  
 CASTRO Natalia (2) 3  
 COBIA Timothy (1) 3  
 DOUGHERTY John W (2) 3  
 FAZEKAS Joshua (1) 3  
 GILRUTH Jessica (1) 3  
 HELFER Cliff (1) 3  
 HORITA Ray S (1) 3  
 KONCZAL Ronald (2) 3  
 MORGAN Lee (1) 3  
 SPEER Eric (1) 3  
 STINSON Sarah E (1) 3  
 STRAULTS Erin (1) 3  
 BARRY James P (1) 2  
 BREWER Ryan (1) 2  
 DE FREEUW Stephanie (2) 2  
 FERRELL Stewart (1) 2  
 FLATT Eric Lynn (1) 2  
 FODOR Tim (1) 2  
 GARDUNIO Ricky (1) 2  
 KAMPNER Alex R (2) 2  
 LAKKARAJU Kiru (1) 2  
 ORTEGA Ulises (2) 2  
 PECENIAK Michael 2  
 SUPPES James (1) 2  
 YOUNG Mark 2  
 BOYLE Sean P (1) 1  
 BRYANT Kevin (1) 1  
 GODLEY Jonathan (1) 1  
 PALA Audrey E 1  
 PETERAF Sarah (1) 1  
 SHIVE Jason C (1) 1  
 SHIVE Jeremy R (1) 1  
 STINSON Trevor P (1) 1  
 VEERMAN Andy (1) 1  
 LAMONICA Andy (1) 0.8  
 MIDDLETON Keith (1) 0.8  
 SHEETS Billy (1) 0.8  
 LIU Michael Y (2) 0.5  
 SILESKY Jesse (2) 0.5  
 TIBBS Kenneth (1) 0.5

FRITZ Cameron (1) 0.2

Class 8 Tour Points:

HUANG Winston 25.5  
 VOIT Erik 17  
 GIANNOKOPOULOS Dimit 16  
 MC NALLY Michael 16  
 SUMMERHAYS Denise (2) 16  
 RODRIGUEZ Jose A Jr 14  
 LEUNG Cheung 13  
 CLOUGH Patrick 12  
 HARBACEK Nathan 12  
 REDDIVARI Dushyanth 12  
 RENAUER Daniel 12  
 RICHARDSON Gregory M 11  
 VILLAFLOL Phillip 11  
 DE FREEUW Darren (2) 10  
 WHITED William E 10  
 JOH Thomas (1) 9  
 CISNEROS Ivan 8  
 DE FREEUW Stephanie (2) 8  
 MILLER Noah (1) 8  
 PECENIAK Michael 8  
 TSE Boris 8  
 VILLAFLOL Elizabeth 8  
 WEBER Jon (2) 8  
 PEDERSEN Eric E (1) 7  
 CAMARGO Martha (2) 6  
 DURAN Lorena (2) 6  
 SILESKY Seth (2) 6  
 TAKI Sonia M 6  
 VEGA Juan C (2) 6  
 PAGE Michael P 5.5  
 AKHTER Saqib (1) 5  
 BLANCOFLOR Carlo (1) 5  
 COBIA Bonnie J (1) 5  
 EGERTON Gary 5  
 LEVY Adam D 5  
 PALA Audrey E 5  
 PEREGOY Patrick (1) 5  
 SILESKY Jesse (2) 4.5  
 ADELMAN Daniel (1) 4  
 ALTSCHUL Sam (1) 4  
 ARNETT Douglas (2) 4  
 BLANCAFLOR Carlo 4  
 CAPIGATTI Andrew (2) 4  
 CARPENTER Eric (1) 4  
 LEWIS Richard 4  
 MALLORY Michael 4  
 WIMMER John R (1) 4  
 BANUELOS Noe (1) 3  
 COBIA Timothy (1) 3  
 GILRUTH Jessica (1) 3  
 HELFER Cliff (1) 3  
 STINSON Sarah E (1) 3  
 BALLO Louis K (1) 2  
 FERRELL Stewart (1) 2  
 FODOR Tim (1) 2  
 GARDUNIO Ricky (1) 2  
 KAMPNER Alex R (2) 2  
 ORTEGA Ulises (2) 2  
 BRYANT Kevin (1) 1  
 PETERAF Sarah (1) 1  
 STINSON Trevor P (1) 1  
 VEERMAN Andy (1) 1  
 FRITZ Cameron (1) 0.2

Class 6 Tour Points:

VILLAFLOL Phillip 11  
 MAUCK James H (2) 10  
 WILLARD Matthew (2) 10  
 PECENIAK Michael 8  
 CAMARGO Martha (2) 6  
 VEGA Juan C (2) 6  
 PALA Audrey E 5  
 CARPENTER Eric (1) 4  
 VILLAFLOL Elizabeth 4  
 GILRUTH Jessica (1) 3  
 HELFER Cliff (1) 3  
 STINSON Sarah E (1) 3  
 BALLO Evan (1) 2  
 FODOR Tim (1) 2  
 KAMPNER Alex R (2) 2  
 ORTEGA Ulises (2) 2  
 BRYANT Kevin (1) 1  
 PETERAF Sarah (1) 1  
 STINSON Trevor P (1) 1  
 VEERMAN Andy (1) 1  
 FRITZ Cameron (1) 0.2

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# TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Organizers - remember it is ICA policy that an event must be published in the ICA bulletin and Chess Life marked as a tour event in order to be a tour event. Please send your tournament notices directly to the ICB Editor. Unless otherwise noted, all tournaments require USCF membership. Illinois Tour events also require ICA membership. Scholastic events are marked with a ☐.

**Mar 6-9, U.S. Masters, Oak Brook.** 7-SS, 40/2, 20/1, SD/30. Hyatt Regency Oak Brook, 1909 Spring Rd., Oak Brook, IL. \$\$G: 17,400. Open to players rated 2200 or over, or who ever have been so rated, plus six seeded juniors rated over 2000. FIDE Rated. For more info: Helen Warren, Midwest Chess Association, PO Box 305, Western Springs, IL 60558. (630) 663-0688. apct@aol.com

☐ **Mar 8, Roanoke-Benson, (8-bd)** Roanoke-Benson High School, 303 Joseph, P.O. Box 490, Roanoke, IL 61561 Contact: Greg Rasmuson (S) 309 923-8401; (H) 394-2272.

**Mar 8, Fox Valley-Naperville Chess Club Saturday in March** Radisson Hotel \$500 Guarantee Expert & Amateur, 4-SS, Game-60, Accelerated pairings, Open to players rated below 2200, Radisson Hotel Lisle-Naperville, 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL (2 blocks NE of the Naperville Exit of I-88). All Illinois entrants must be ICA members. Reg.: 9:00-9:45 AM at the hotel. Rounds 10-12:30-3:00-5:30, EF: \$20 at site, \$\$ discount for club members. \$\$ Guaranteed prizes: 120-80, A 80, B 70, C 70, D-below 50, Junior 40. Club membership encouraged but not required. Bring clocks! INFO: Richard Verber (630) 435-0049. NS. NC. ICA Mini-Tour Event.

**Mar 9, Sunday Plus-Score Amateur, Chicago.** 4-SS, game/60, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. Open only

to players rated below 2200 or unrated. EF \$14, juniors and CCC members \$12. Reg ends 11:30 a.m., round 1 at 12:00. Prizes by score: 4-0 \$80, 3.5-0.5 \$40, 3-1 \$20, 2.5-1.5 \$8. 773-761-5050.

**Mar 10, Fox Valley-Naperville Chess Club Monday Evening Game-12 Open, 5-SS, Game-12, Radisson Hotel Lisle-Naperville, 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle, IL (2 blocks NE of the Naperville Exit of I-88).** Reg.: 6:45-7:20 PM at the hotel. Rounds start 7:30 sharp. EF: \$10 (\$5 discount for club members) \$\$ Prizes depend on number of entries. Club membership encouraged but not required. Bring clocks! INFO: Richard Verber (630) 435-0049. NS. NC.

☐ **Mar 14-15, IHSA State Chess Team Tourney, University High School, Normal, IL.**

☐ **Mar 15, Deerpath Middle School, Lake Forest, IL.**

**Mar 16, Illinois Chess Association Annual Awards Banquet, Bohemian Crystal Restaurant, 639 N. Blackhawk Drive, Westmont, IL.** A few blocks west of Route 83 (Kingery) and Ogden Ave. FREE Five minute chess with Grandmaster Dmitry Gurevich, starting at noon. FREE - prizes for draws and winners. All you can eat sumptuous European-style dinner starts at 1:30 pm. Support you Illinois Chess Association! Bring friends and family. \$20 per person, must be paid in advance. Send check to: Chess Banquet, Box 100, Palos Heights, IL 60463. For a free map include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Info: Fred Gruenberg (708) 489-5800.

**Mar 16, Dmitry Gurevich Speed Chess Challenge, Bohemian Crystal Restaurant, 639 N. Blackhawk Drive, Westmont, IL.** FREE Five minute

chess with Grandmaster Dmitry Gurevich, starting at noon prior to the ICA Annual Awards Banquet. FREE - prizes for draws and winners. Info: Fred Gruenberg (708) 489-5800.

**Mar 16, Elmhurst Chess Club Game/29 Quad.** Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. 3 round RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players. EF: \$11 ECC members, \$16 non-members. Prizes: \$40 1st in each Quad. Reg. 6:00-6:50 PM, round 1 at 7:00. Info: Roger Birkeland (630) 832-1754. E-mail: rogerdb9@mail.idt.net. NS. NC.

**Mar 21-23, Mid-America Class Championships, Rosemont, IL.** GPP: 100. 5SS, 40/2, SD/1 (2-day schedule rounds 1 and 2 Game/90). Ramada Plaza Hotel O'Hare, 6600 N. Mannheim Rd., Rosemont, IL 60018 (less than one mile from O'Hare Airport with free Ramada pick up service). \$\$ 15,000 prize fund is fully guaranteed and will not be reduced. In ten sections. Master: \$\$G 2000-1000-500-300-200, Under 2400 500-200, Under 2300 300-100, Expert: \$\$G 1000-500-250, Under 2100 \$250. Class A: \$\$G 1000-500-250, Under 1900 \$250. Class B: \$\$G 1000-500-250, Under 1700 \$250. Class C: \$\$G 1000-500-250, Under 1500 \$250. Class D: \$\$G 500-250, Under 1300 \$150. Class E: \$\$G 300-200, Under 1100 \$100, Under 1000 \$100. Under 1000: Trophies to top 5. Under 800: Trophies to top 5. Unrated: \$\$G 200-100. EF for top six sections: 3-day \$69, 2-day \$68 if postmarked by 3/13, \$85 at the door. USCF juniors deduct \$30 (top six sections only). EF for Class E and unrated: 2-day \$23 if postmarked by 3/13, \$35 at the door. Unrated players joining USCF and ICA pay no entry fee to play in the unrated section. EF for Under 1000 and Under 800: 2-day \$18 by 3/13, \$25 at the door. Team discount: if four entries are sent together in advance, the player with the lowest

entry fee plays free. Unrateds may play in the master section or in the unrated section, not in any class section. Half point byes available in rounds 1-4 if requested in advance. Add \$.50 to advance entry for first round bye only. ICA membership \$14 adults, \$8 jrs under 20 is req'd of all Ill. residents. This is an ICA Maxi-Tour Event. You may play up one section higher than your rating for \$5 additional. CCA ratings may be used if higher than USCF Feb. supplement. Reg. 4-7pm on Fri. 3/21, 8-9am on Sat. 3/22. Rds. 3-day schedule (top six sections): 8, 10-5, 10-4:15. 2-day schedule rds. 1 & 2 at 10-1:30, then merges with 3-day for rd. 3 at 5pm. Free Raffle before round 5. Chess sets provided for tournament play only; not for skittles. Please bring chess clocks. Browse the Midwest's largest chess book concession by Jim and Helen Warren of APCT. HR: \$69-69-69-69, 847-827-5131. Make your reservation by 3/7 to be assured a room. Be sure to ask for chess rates. Special airfare discounts from Classic Travel 1-800-488-6080. Ent/Info: Alan Losoff, PO Box 157, Morton Grove, IL 60053, 847-966-5559 evenings. Email: alan@mcs.net. Visa & MasterCard accepted. Check out our page at [www.64.com/midam/](http://www.64.com/midam/) on the internet. NS, W, FIDE.

**Mar 22, '97 Tuley Park Quick Chess #4, Chicago, 501 E, 90th Place, EF: \$12, under 19 \$6. (\$1 off for registering before 11:30) Reg. 11:00-11:50, 1st Rd at 12. Prizes \$220 (b/24, kids count half) \$140G, \$60-\$40-\$30 best from middle 3rd \$30-\$20, best from lowest 3rd \$25-\$15. Time controls: If 14 of less; 4SS, Rd.1 G/18, Rds 2-4 G/29; if 16 to 26: 5SS Rds 1&2 G/15, rds 3, 4, 5 G/25. If 28 players or more: 6SS, rds 1-3: G/15, rds 4-6: G20, Info: Tom Fineberg (773) 721-3979.**

**Mar 29, Saturday High Noon Quads, Chicago. 3-RR, game/99, in 4-player sections of like-rated players. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. EF \$10, juniors and CCC members \$8, plus \$5 forfeit deposit returned upon completion of all games. Reg**

**ends 11:30 a.m., round 1 at 12:00. 1st prize in each quad: free EF to any two 1-day (or one 2-day) Chicago CC tournaments 3-30-97 thru 5-31-97. No late entries, no byes. 773-761-5050.**

**Apr 5, Saturday Plus-Score Mini-Tour, Chicago. 4-SS, game/60, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. EF \$17, juniors and CCC members \$14. Reg ends 11:30 a.m., round 1 at 12:00. Prizes by score: 4-0 \$100, 3.5-0.5 \$50, 3-1 \$25, 2.5-1.5 \$12. 773-761-5050. An ICA Tour mini-event.**

**Apr 6, Sunday Plus-Score Micro-Tour, Chicago. 6-SS, game/29, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. EF \$17, juniors and CCC members \$14. Reg ends 11:30 a.m., round 1 at 12:00. Prizes by score: 6-0 \$100, 5.5-0.5 \$60, 5-1 \$35, 4.5-1.5 \$20, 4-2 \$12, 3.5-2.5 \$5. 773-761-5050. An ICA Tour micro-event.**

**April 6, 13, 20, 27, Elmhurst Chess Club Championship, Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. 4-SS, 40/100, SD/30, EF: \$15 (ECC members only-club dues only \$10). Prizes: 1st-\$100 + trophy, 2nd-\$50, A,B,C/below depend on entries. Reg. 6:00-6:45 on April 6. Rounds start at 7:00 each Sunday. Half-point bye available rds. 1-3. Info: Roger Birkeland (630) 832-1754. E-mail: rogerdb9@mail.idt.net. NS. NC.**

**Apr 11-13, National Open, Las Vegas, NV.**

**Apr 12, '97 Tuley Park Quick Chess #5, Chicago, 501 E, 90th Place, EF: \$12, under 19 \$6. (\$1 off for registering before 11:30) Reg. 11:00-11:50, 1st Rd at 12. Prizes \$220 (b/24, kids count half) \$140G, \$60-\$40-\$30 best from middle 3rd \$30-\$20, best from lowest 3rd \$25-\$15. Time controls: If 14 of less; 4SS, Rd.1 G/18, Rds 2-4 G/29; if 16 to 26: 5SS Rds 1&2 G/15, rds 3, 4, 5 G/25. If 28 players or more: 6SS, rds 1-3: G/15, rds 4-6: G20, Info: Tom Fineberg (773) 721-3979.**

**□ Apr 19, ICCA "State" Individual, Bloom Trail High School, contact Mike Zacate.**

**April 19, Springfield G/80 Swiss, Springfield. 4-SS, G/80. Contact Tom Knoedler (217) 523-7265.**

**Apr 20, Sunday High Noon Quads, Chicago. 3-RR, game/99, in 4-player sections of like-rated players. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. EF \$10, juniors and CCC members \$8, plus \$5 forfeit deposit returned upon completion of all games. Reg ends 11:30 a.m., round 1 at 12:00. 1st prize in each quad: free EF to any two 1-day (or one 2-day) Chicago CC tournaments 4-21-97 thru 6-30-97. No late entries, no byes. 773-761-5050.**

**□ Apr 25-28, USCF "Super Nationals" Elementary, JHS, and HS Championships, Knoxville, TN.**

**Apr 26-27, Chicago Chess Club Spring Mini-Tour, Chicago. 5-SS, rds 1-3 40/90, then SD/60, rds 4-5 40/100, then 20/30, then SD/60, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. EF \$30, juniors, CCC members, and advance registrants (by 4-21-97) \$25. Reg ends 9:30 a.m. Saturday, rounds Saturday at 10:00-2:00-6:00, Sunday at 10:00-4:00. Prizes (based on 30 entries, half of each prize guaranteed): \$160-\$140-\$120, U-2200 \$100, U-2000 \$80, U-1800 \$60. Top U-1600 gets free EF to any two 1-day (or one 2-day) Chicago CC tournaments 4-28-97 thru 6-30-97. 773-761-5050. An ICA Tour mini-event.**

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28 players or more: 6SS, rds 1-3: G/15, rds 4-6: G/20, Info: Tom Fineberg (773) 721-3979.

**May 3-4, Illinois Senior Open, 4-SS.** 40/90, SD/1. Radisson Hotel, 3000 Warrenville Rd., Lisle, IL. Open to IL residents age 50 & over as of 1/1/97. EF: \$20 if by 4/28, \$25 at site. \$\$ (400G) 100-75-50 A, B 40 C, D/E/U 35. Best game 25. Reg: 8:30-9:15 am, Rds: 9:30-2:45, 9:30-2:45. ICA membership required. ENT: Lawrence Cohen, PO Box 6632, Villa Park, IL 60181. (630) 834-2477. NS W.

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**May 11, Sunday Plus-Score Micro-Tour, Chicago.** 6-SS, game/29, Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt. EF \$17, juniors and CCC members

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**May 26, Memorial Day Outdoor, 4-SS, G/60.** Spring Forest Deli Pavillion, 8390 Archer Ave. (Ill 171), Willow Springs, IL. (1-55 to US 45, S to Ill 171, S to site). Alt indoors if bad weather. EF: \$20 (includes lunch) ICA \$14 OSA. \$\$B/25 300. 75-45-30. Class b/5 in class. A 30, B 25, C, D, E, U, Schol. 20 each. Reg: 9-9:30 am. Rds: 9:30-12-2:15-4:30. Larry Cohen, TD. Ent: W. Griesmeyer, 1028 S. Mayfield Ave., Chicago, IL 60644 (773) 379-5756.

**June 21, Springfield G/80 Swiss,** Springfield. 4-SS, G/80. Contact Tom Knoedler (217) 523-7265.

**Jul 12-13, Midway Amateur Class Championships III,** Oak Lawn, 5-SS; Rds 1-3 G/120; Rds 4-5 40/120, SD/60. Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 South Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. \$3500 guaranteed prize fund, in 5 classes. EF: \$45, \$25 for juniors under 18 rated below 1500 or unrated, if postmarked by July 2; all: \$10 more at site. Add \$5 to play up a section. ICA membership is required of all Illinois residents. Non-residents must join ICA if they wish to be considered for ICA Tour points. ICA Maxi-tour event. Reg: 8:30-9:15; Rds: 10, 2:30, 7:00; 10, 5. Prizes: Expert 400, 200, 100; Class A 400, 200, 100; Class B 400, 200, 100; Class C 400, 200, 100; Class D/E/UNR 300, 150, 75; Top E 75; Under 1100 25; Unrated Chess clock, chess set. Please bring your own chess set, board and clock. Entries: Midway Chess Enterprises, PO Box 388765, Chicago, IL 60638-8765. Info: Hector Hernandez (773)

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**Aug 3-15, U.S. Open, Orlando, FL.**

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**Oct 18, Springfield G/80 Swiss,** Springfield. 4-SS, G/80. Contact Tom Knoedler (217) 523-7265.

**Nov 13-16, USCF National K-12 Scholastic Grade Championships,** Parsippany, NJ.

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