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We have recently started our yearly campaign to raise funds for the ICA/Helen Warren Junior Chess Program. Many youngsters benefit from this program through their schools, clubs, and/or one-on-one teaching as is the case of those who have achieved excellence by being on USCF's Top Fifty rating lists.

Two months into the campaign we have raised approximately \$3,500. This figure, which is far short of our \$10,000 goal, includes major contributions from the ICA, Helen and Jim Warren, Midway Chess Enterprises, Inc., and Bill Smythe.



Helen Warren discusses the ICA/Helen Warren Junior Chess Program with ICA president Hector Hernandez. The program, which has assisted hundreds of children over the past several years, was elevated to national prominence when featured on CNN last year.

President's Podium

We need further support from sponsors if we are to adequately meet the needs of the many schools wishing to participate in this matching-funds program. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to send in a contribution to this worthy cause. Checks can be sent to our Treasurer, Howard Cohen.

A donation coupon is provided on page 58 of this magazine, for your convenience. My gratitude goes out to everyone who has already demonstrated support for our program.

October was a very eventful month in Illinois chess. There was an ICA general membership meeting on the 12th, a four-master simultaneous exhibition at Chicago's Navy Pier also on the 12th, a citywide Chicago Public Schools team tournament on the 13th, the 1997 Annual High School Chess Coaches Association meeting on the 14th, the Tri-State Scholastic Open on the 18th, the Midwest Class Championships at month's end, as well as the appointment of the Junior Chess Committee members, and appointment of USCF Delegates, Voting Members, and Alternates. None of these events has taken place at the time of this writing, but you will read about them in the next issue of the ICB.

Please support Illinois chess whether it be by playing in a tournament and/or signing up a new member for the ICA. Good chess to all!

—Hector Hernandez, President
Illinois Chess Association

Delight and Trepidation

It is both delight and trepidation that I have accepted the job as editor of the *Illinois Chess Bulletin*.

I'm delighted to join a distinguished group of chess journalists who have shepherded this publication to national prominence and who have caused this journal to be awarded many honors and distinctions. The trepidation arises from these same facts: what can I add to this magazine's already distinguished history? You hold now my first attempt to answer that question.

As long as I am editor, I will think of the *ICB* as a work in progress. Your ideas for major improvements as well as small fine tunings are welcome. (And if you told me from

time to time what I'm doing right, that would be welcome, too.)

Thanks to those who have already offered advice, ideas, and assistance. Over the past several weeks I have met with many readers of the *ICB* at clubs and tournaments, notably at the Illinois Open, which I covered for this magazine. (On the first day, my camera was welcome. By the last—with the death of the Princess of Wales intervening—I was even accused by one person of being a paparazza! What a difference a death makes.)

My mailbox, phone, and email address are always at your disposal.

—M.L. Rantala

Editor's Notebo

Illinois Open Draws Titled Players

163 players competed in the 1997 Illinois State Open Championships, and the clear winner—GM Wojtkiewicz—emerged undefeated. IMs Sevillano, Palos, and Manion share the title.

Here is full coverage, including games analyzed by Josh Manion, one of Illinois's new title-holders; along with last year's winner, Al Chow; former ICB editor Bill Brock; and ICB games editor Alan Watson.



Tournament winner GM Alek Wojtkiewicz: not a single loss.

A European grandmaster breezed into the 1997 Illinois State Open Championship and a few days later left Chicago undefeated and \$1,200 richer. Alek Wojtkiewicz, a Polish GM, projected a quiet and modest demeanor as he totted up the only perfect score in the Open, by beating Steven Wagner (2020), Chris Von Krogh (2252), FM Albert Chow (2363), IM Enrico Sevillano (2575), IM Osman Palos (2469), and IM Victor Adler (2557). He entered the tournament with a USCF rating of 2702 and went home with 17 more USCF points on his résumé.

The tournament winner was not eligible for the state title because he does not reside in Illinois. That title was shared by the three players in second place, two of whom were victims to the Polish GM casually known as Wojo (presumably for ease of pronunciation and time economy). IMs Enrico Sevillano, Osman Palos, and Josh Manion, all a full point behind the winner with 5-1 scores, share the Illinois Open title for the next year. In the only head-to-head match-up between these three in the tournament, Sevillano beat Manion in round 5.

Just a half-point from the title winners was Andrew Karklins, whose only tournament loss was to Manion. Karklins also shared the point with William Brock in the second round.

A dozen players followed with 4-2 scores, including last year's winner, Al Chow. Others at 4-2 were Victor Adler, Aleksandr Betaneli, Alfredo Base, Steven Szpisjak, Chris Von Krogh, Kenneth Wallach, Kevin Bachler, Chuck Cadman, William Brock, Joshua Riddell, and Mikhail Kirzhner.

The Open section was a strong one. In addition to the GM who won the tournament and the three IMs who share the title, there was another IM (Victor Adler), eight players with ratings over 2300, plus another six players at master

Illinois Open Prize Winners

| | Player | Score | Prize |
|----------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------------|
| Open | 1st | GM Alek Wojtkiewicz | 6-0 \$1200 |
| | 2nd-4th | IM Osman Palos | 5-1 \$300 |
| | | IM Enrico Sevillano | 5-1 \$300 |
| | | IM Josh Manion | 5-1 \$300 |
| 2200-2299 | 1st-2nd | Chris Van Krogh | 4-2 \$150 |
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| | | Bryan Gast (Jnr) | 3.5-2.5 \$225 |
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| | 2nd | Andrew Hubbard (Jnr) | 5.5-0.5 \$250 |
| Class C | 1st-3rd | Cristobal Digamo | 5-1 \$133 |
| | | Artem Akhmetov (Jnr) | 5-1 \$133 |
| | | Craig Vieregg (Jnr) | 5-1 \$133 |
| Class D | 1st-2nd | Carl Staples | 3.5-2.5 \$150 |
| | | Dan McCarthy | 3.5-2.5 \$150 |
| Class E & Below | 1st | Victor Chubukov | 4.0-2 \$100 |
| | 2nd | Winston Huang (Jnr) | 3.5-2.5 \$50 |
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1997 Illinois State Open Championship, Open Section

| Name | rtng | post | rd 1 | rd 2 | rd 3 | rd 4 | rd 5 | rd 6 | TOT |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| 1 Wojtkiewicz, Alek | 2702 | 2719 | W 32 | W 11 | W 7 | W 2 | W 3 | W 8 | 6 0 |
| 2 Sewillano, Enrico | 2575 | 2585 | W 21 | W 62 | W 15 | L 1 | W 4 | W 7 | 5 0 |
| 3 Palos, Usman | 2469 | 2484 | W 22 | W 20 | W 10 | W 5 | L 1 | W 15 | 5 0 |
| 4 Manion, Josh | 2453 | 2464 | W 49 | W 40 | W 28 | W 5 | L 2 | W 9 | 5 0 |
| 5 Karkins, Andrew | 2406 | 2404 | W 58 | D 16 | W 36 | L 4 | W 31 | W 19 | 4 5 |
| 6 Adler, Victor Edvi | 2557 | 2549 | W 17 | W 25 | W 5 | L 3 | W 13 | L 1 | 4 0 |
| 7 Chow, Albert C | 2363 | 2374 | W 39 | W 29 | L 1 | W 12 | W 25 | L 2 | 4 0 |
| 8 Betaneli, Aleksand | 2324 | 2316 | W 35 | W 31 | L 6 | W 41 | L 15 | W 27 | 4 0 |
| 9 Base, Alfredo B | 2305 | 2292 | D 52 | W 55 | D 15 | W 28 | W 39 | L 4 | 4 0 |
| 10 Szpysjak, Steven J | 2303 | 2291 | W 23 | W 64 | L 3 | D 32 | D 14 | W 28 | 4 0 |
| 11 Von Krogh, Christo | 2252 | 2247 | W 44 | L 1 | W 49 | L 13 | W 36 | W 29 | 4 0 |
| 12 Wallach, Kenneth T | 2226 | 2237 | W 54 | H— | W 16 | L 7 | W 32 | D 18 | 4 0 |
| 13 Bachler, Kevin L | 2161 | 2152 | L 55 | W 61 | W 34 | W 35 | L 6 | W 31 | 4 0 |
| 14 Cadman, Chuck | 2102 | 2133 | W 67 | L 19 | W 51 | D 39 | D 10 | W 25 | 4 0 |
| 15 Brock, William | 2072 | 2144 | W 56 | D 5 | D 9 | W 11 | W 6 | L 3 | 4 0 |
| 16 Fiddell, Joshua S | 2024 | 2048 | D 61 | W 24 | L 12 | W 37 | D 18 | W 40 | 4 0 |
| 17 Kirzhner, Mikhail | 2000 | 2031 | L 6 | W 54 | W 59 | L 27 | W 38 | W 26 | 4 0 |
| 18 Martynovsky, Eugen | 2383 | 2368 | W 50 | W 14 | L 2 | H— | D 16 | D 12 | 3 5 |
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| 23 Gast, Bryan | 1884 | 1951 | L 10 | W 21 | W 29 | L 10 | D 23 | W 41 | 3 5 |
| 24 Hango, Mark | 1570 | 1663 | D 30 | L 16 | W 52 | L 29 | W 59 | W 50 | 3 5 |
| 25 Jakstas, Kazimiera | 2200 | 2188 | W 36 | L 6 | W 58 | W 22 | L 7 | L 14 | 3 0 |
| 26 Satterlee, Ray Doy | 2122 | 2098 | D 37 | W 53 | L 5 | D 50 | W 51 | L 17 | 3 0 |
| 27 Tutush, Dusan | 2114 | 2122 | H— | H— | W 43 | W 17 | L— | L 8 | 3 0 |
| 28 Fagan, James B | 2099 | 2119 | W 65 | W 39 | L 4 | L 9 | W 50 | L 10 | 3 0 |
| 29 Sax, Robert D | 2040 | 2017 | W 60 | L 7 | L 23 | W 24 | W 36 | L 11 | 3 0 |
| 30 Henderson, Scot L | 2036 | 2048 | D 24 | W 47 | W 19 | H— | L 9 | L— | 3 0 |
| 31 Dubow, Tod | 2029 | 2043 | W 57 | L 8 | W 64 | W 45 | L 5 | L 13 | 3 0 |
| 32 Wagner, Steven J | 2020 | 2034 | L 1 | W 44 | W 55 | D 10 | L 12 | D 35 | 3 0 |
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| 36 Cronn, Mike | 1822 | 1846 | L 25 | L 49 | W 67 | W 34 | L 29 | W 51 | 3 0 |
| 37 Wams, Bradley S | 1800 | 1852 | D 26 | W 42 | L 39 | L 16 | D 49 | W 52 | 3 0 |
| 38 Weber, T V | 1569 | 1566 | H— | H— | B— | L 13 | L 17 | H— | 3 0 |
| 39 Komfeld, Allen I | 2333 | 2310 | W 34 | L 28 | W 37 | D 14 | L— | L— | 2 5 |
| 40 Gazmen, Ethelbert | 2115 | 2090 | W 45 | L 4 | D 35 | W 53 | L 19 | L 16 | 2 5 |
| 41 Benesa, Arnulfo | 2047 | 2034 | W 56 | D 19 | D 48 | L 9 | D 43 | L 23 | 2 5 |
| 42 Modes, Dana R | 1911 | 1863 | H— | L 37 | D 45 | L 46 | W 66 | D 47 | 2 5 |
| 43 Monatelli, David | 1908 | 1909 | L 19 | W 67 | L 27 | W 55 | D 41 | L 20 | 2 5 |
| 44 Suarez, Edward S | 1845 | 1848 | L 11 | L 32 | W 65 | H— | L 20 | W 56 | 2 5 |
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| 46 Macna, Blair L | 1773 | 1809 | L 20 | L 58 | W 33 | W 40 | D 21 | L 22 | 2 5 |
| 47 Hart, Vincent J | 1746 | 1751 | H— | L 30 | H— | D 49 | D 52 | D 40 | 2 5 |
| 48 Pangan, Carmo C | 2235 | 2214 | H— | W 52 | D 41 | L 31 | L— | L— | 2 0 |
| 49 Bogan, Timothy J | 1967 | 1954 | L— | W 38 | L 11 | D 47 | D 37 | L— | 2 0 |
| 50 Kamber, George W | 1949 | 1911 | L 18 | D 45 | W 57 | D 26 | L 28 | L 24 | 2 0 |
| 51 Cohen, Howard | 1914 | 1889 | H— | H— | L 14 | W 64 | L 26 | L 36 | 2 0 |
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| 54 Hayes, Will | 1834 | 1818 | L 12 | L 17 | W 60 | L 21 | W 61 | L 35 | 2 0 |
| 55 Henderson, S C | 1800 | 1815 | W 13 | L 9 | L 32 | L 43 | W 63 | L 34 | 2 0 |
| 56 Hale, Bob Lloyd | 1675 | 1571 | L 41 | H— | H— | H— | D 53 | L 44 | 2 0 |
| 57 Riddie, Robert | 1509 | 1523 | L 31 | B— | L 50 | D 59 | L 30 | D 61 | 2 0 |
| 58 Cox, William G | 1964 | 1925 | L 5 | W 46 | L 25 | D 57 | L 45 | L— | 1 5 |
| 59 Mengelis, Anis | 1862 | 1821 | H— | H— | L 17 | D 46 | L 24 | L— | 1 5 |
| 60 Johnson, Henderson | 1592 | 1579 | L 29 | L 35 | L 54 | L 65 | B— | D 63 | 1 5 |
| 61 Cannon, Richard J | un- | 1668 | D 16 | L 13 | L 53 | D 63 | L 54 | D 67 | 1 5 |
| 62 Stein, Peter | 2195 | 2195 | W 63 | L— | L— | L— | L— | L— | 1 0 |
| 63 Willard, Gary D | 1804 | 1754 | L 62 | L 22 | L 21 | D 61 | L 55 | D 60 | 1 0 |
| 64 Covic, Monmed | 1503 | 1781 | B— | L 10 | L 31 | L 61 | H— | L— | 1 0 |
| 65 Mentozza, Gildardo | 1744 | 1730 | L 28 | L 34 | L 44 | W 60 | L— | L— | 1 0 |
| 66 Capuz, Wilfredo C | 1721 | 1720 | L 15 | W 33 | L 22 | L 40 | L— | L— | 1 0 |
| 67 Chu-Kung, Ben | 1402 | 1396 | L 14 | L 43 | L 36 | L 33 | L— | L— | 0 0 |

level or hovering nearby. In all, 67 players competed in the Open division.

The reserve section had 97 players, bringing the total number of participants in the tournament to 163. This was down from last year's notable turnout of 205, but more in keeping with other recent years.

The reserve section was won by Maciej Jakubowski (1689), the only player in that division to go undefeated. In clear second was Andrew Hubbard (1391) at 5.5. His only half-point was a bye. Both of these participants energized their ratings: Jakubowski ended the tournament 68 points higher-rated and Hubbard earned 134 more points.

Tied for third place were Cristobal Digamo, Artem Akhmerov, Craig Vicregg, and Ivan Radic, all with 5 points.

At 4.5 points were Joe Delay, Ralph Wakerly, Mark Engelen, James Saks, and Kenneth Huang.

The tournament was held from August 31 to September 2 at the Midway Hotel in Elk Grove Village.

—M.L. Rantala



Top right: Kevin Bachler tied for the Expert prize, scoring 4-2. Bottom right: The pawn that got away was this big! Cindy Misiak, one of the assistant TDs, in an expressive moment.

Games from the Illinois Open

Josh Manion 2453

Al Base 2306

Illinois Open 1997

Dutch Defense

Notes by Josh Manion

This game was very important for both of us: we each had four out of five points coming into the last round. This put us in a seven-way tie for second place, a full point back from GM Wojtkiewicz. The stakes were high. The winner would become an Illinois co-champion and would tie for no less than second place; the loser would get nothing.

1.d4 c6

Black invites White to enter the French.

2.c4 f5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 d5

Black selects the Stonewall variation of the Dutch defense. Black fixes the center and prepares to bring his pieces to the kingside for an attack. White, on the other hand, will be trying to exploit Black's bad bishop on c8 and the hole on e5. Another possibility was to play 4...d6 with the idea of an eventual e5 push for Black.

5.Bg2 c6 6.Ndb2 Bd6

7.0-0 0-0 8.b3 Qe8



Preparing 9...Qh5 with the idea of continuing the attack with moves like Ng4 and f4 or even g5 in some cases. The main alternative is 8...Bd7 with the idea of bringing the bishop to the

kingside after 9...Be8.

9.a4

The idea this move contains is very positional in nature. White wants to trade off Black's dark-squared bishop to further weaken the e5-square. In addition to weakening e5, trading also makes it favorable for White to place as many pawns on the dark squares as possible, making Black's remaining bishop even worse. White's main alternative is playing 9.Bb2 then occupying the e5 square.

9...Qh5 10.Ba3

A tempting option is 10.a5, gaining space on the queenside.

10...Bxa3 11.Rxa3 a5!

A strong move. This stops White from playing 12.b4; if b4 had been allowed the rook on a3 would suddenly be a strong defender on the kingside.

12.e3

Played to prevent f4 and so that after the queen moves the White knight can enter e5 without hanging the e-pawn.

12...Qb6?!

Black does not want to trade queens after a move like 13.Ne5. I see no reason why Black could not just move his queen after I move the knight. The move played neglects Black's development.

13.Qb1

I did not want to occupy e5 if the knights were just going to be traded off. Now the idea is 14. b4 or, if Black stops that with 13...Na6, then 14. Ne5 now that the Black knight is out of play on a6.

13...Na6 14.Ne5

Now that this knight is not easily dislodged my plan was to follow up with f4 and

trade my bishop on e4 if I got the chance.

14...Ne4 15.Qc1 Nb4

16.f4

Now that I have played f4 I am ready to take on e4 with the bishop.

16...Nf6?

Black is already having trouble finishing his develop-

ment. This just wastes time.

17.Ndf3 Ne4 18.Ra1 g5

Black lashes out on the kingside hoping to gain some space for his cramped pieces.

19.fxg5 Nxg5 20.Nxg5

Qxg5 21.Qc3

My plan was to overprotect e5 then follow with Rf4

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Illinois Open: The Director's View

by Joshua Flores

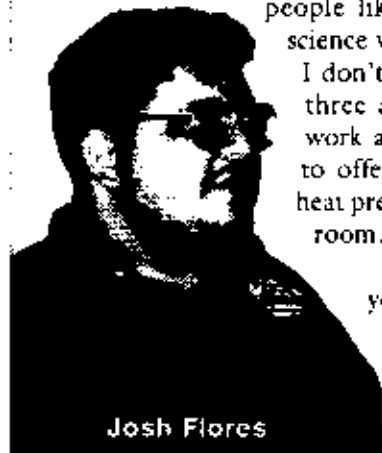
After deciding to be Chief TD of the 1997 Illinois Open, I asked three people relatively new to the world of tournament directing to help. Roy Frye, of the Fox Valley Naperville Chess Club and editor of the ICB Scholastic Section, was enthusiastic about the idea, as were as Cindy Misiak and Vince Berry—both from the Windy City Chess Association. Judging from how smoothly the tournament ran as well as comments from the players, I could not have made a better choice. Thanks to Roy, Vince, and Cindy for the invaluable help!

I would be wrong if I also don't mention Tim Just and Wayne Clark from the College of Lake County Chess Club. They offered to help me with registration and set up the chess sets. My hat off to these two great guys!

Despite a few complaints—no tournament can be considered successful without some of these!—most people liked the site. My conscience will not allow me rest if I don't report that one of the three air-conditioners didn't work and fans were provided to offer some relief from the heat present in one third of the room.

Now to the nitty gritty you have all been waiting for—the 1997 Illinois State Open Championships.

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Josh Flores

1997 Illinois State Open Championship, Reserve Section

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| 1 Jakubowski Maciej | 1689 | 1757 | W 52 | W 51 | W 3 | W 4 | W 6 | W 9 | 6.0 |
| 2 Hubbard Andrew | 1391 | 1525 | W 76 | W 82 | W 14 | H- | W 35 | W 12 | 5.5 |
| 3 Digamo Onstobal | 1571 | 1600 | W 56 | W 23 | L 1 | W 34 | W 36 | W 19 | 5.0 |
| 4 Akhmetov Anem | 1523 | 1592 | W 70 | W 48 | W 55 | L 1 | W 14 | W 13 | 5.0 |
| 5 Vieregg, Craig | 1452 | 1548 | W 88 | W 26 | D 50 | W 24 | D 18 | W 17 | 5.0 |
| 6 Radic Ivan | urr | 1865 | W 31 | W 28 | W 7 | W 49 | L 1 | W 18 | 5.0 |
| 7 Delay, Joe | 1644 | 1642 | X- | W 21 | L 6 | W 45 | D 11 | W 23 | 4.5 |
| 8 Wakery, Ralph T | 1641 | 1646 | W 63 | H- | W 29 | L 20 | W 33 | W 30 | 4.5 |
| 9 Engelen Mark | 1641 | 1652 | W 64 | D 60 | W 77 | W 50 | W 20 | L 1 | 4.5 |
| 10 Sans, James W | 1575 | 1587 | W 66 | H- | W 65 | L 13 | W 54 | W 29 | 4.5 |
| 11 Huang, Kenneth | 1485 | 1507 | W 57 | L 58 | W 48 | W 75 | L 7 | W 28 | 4.5 |
| 12 Parnaby Mark S | 1701 | 1673 | W 42 | L 19 | W 41 | W 60 | W 27 | L 2 | 4.0 |
| 13 Gant Thomas A | 1675 | 1657 | D 90 | W 53 | W 38 | W 10 | D 19 | L 4 | 4.0 |
| 14 Jahedi, Saar | 1606 | 1580 | W 54 | W 32 | L 2 | W 46 | L 4 | W 43 | 4.0 |
| 15 Silverman Scott | 1599 | 1556 | W 79 | L 47 | L 33 | W 64 | W 45 | W 46 | 4.0 |
| 16 Cobia Paul | 1566 | 1529 | L 34 | W 66 | L 46 | W 67 | W 44 | W 48 | 4.0 |
| 17 Skleba, Thomas | 1661 | 1540 | L 23 | W 56 | W 64 | W 69 | W 25 | L 5 | 4.0 |
| 18 Herr Hans | 1559 | 1575 | W 95 | W 34 | W 35 | D 19 | D 5 | L 6 | 4.0 |
| 19 Rudd, Greg B | 1471 | 1523 | W 72 | W 12 | W 25 | D 18 | D 13 | L 3 | 4.0 |
| 20 Leung, Daniel Y | 1465 | 1516 | W 73 | W 36 | H- | W 6 | L 9 | D 24 | 4.0 |
| 21 Daneen Jan | 1436 | 1442 | W 74 | L 7 | W 57 | L 35 | W 75 | W 47 | 4.0 |
| 22 Lopraco Michael | 1405 | 1461 | W 92 | L 50 | L 24 | W 66 | W 55 | W 36 | 4.0 |
| 23 Chubukov Victor | 1130 | 1245 | W 17 | L 3 | W 39 | W 76 | W 49 | L 7 | 4.0 |
| 24 Aker, Hance | 1706 | 1652 | L 32 | W 85 | W 22 | L 5 | W 52 | D 20 | 3.5 |
| 25 Oberweis, Julie | 1658 | 1619 | W 62 | W 39 | L 18 | W 43 | L 17 | D 32 | 3.5 |
| 26 Rostrom, C Richard | 1651 | 1603 | W 45 | L 5 | W 42 | D 33 | L 30 | W 54 | 3.5 |
| 27 Wachtler Tom W | 1575 | 1538 | W 55 | D 65 | D 60 | W 47 | L 12 | D 34 | 3.5 |
| 28 Kittley, Scott L | 1648 | 1521 | W 67 | L 6 | L 78 | W 79 | W 55 | L 11 | 3.5 |
| 29 Singura, Thomas | 1532 | 1533 | L 4 | W 89 | L 8 | W 78 | W 50 | L 10 | 3.5 |
| 30 Padilla, Rudy R | 1523 | 1533 | W 71 | L 35 | H- | W 65 | W 26 | L 8 | 3.5 |
| 31 Shellhammer Ted | 1432 | 1414 | L 6 | D 79 | L 69 | W 62 | W 65 | W 55 | 3.5 |
| 32 Staples, Carl | 1371 | 1405 | W 24 | L 14 | L 36 | W 73 | W 69 | D 25 | 3.5 |
| 33 McCarthy, Dan | 1256 | 1325 | L 50 | W 86 | W 15 | D 26 | L 8 | W 49 | 3.5 |
| 34 Huang, Winston | 1139 | 1231 | W 16 | L 18 | W 51 | L 3 | W 41 | D 27 | 3.5 |
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| 38 Hayes Christopher | 1533 | 1480 | W 68 | D 75 | L 13 | D 44 | L 46 | W 67 | 3.0 |
| 39 Cygan, Joseph | 1454 | 1396 | W 89 | L 25 | L 23 | L 56 | W 80 | W 68 | 3.0 |
| 40 Kung Harold | 1421 | 1398 | L 81 | W 68 | W 67 | L 36 | L 47 | W 71 | 3.0 |
| 41 Summerhays, John | 1393 | 1370 | L 35 | W 70 | L 12 | W 68 | L 34 | W 72 | 3.0 |
| 42 Oppenherr, Monte | 1358 | 1347 | L 12 | W 72 | L 26 | L 49 | W 70 | W 73 | 3.0 |
| 43 Phic, Abdou ah | 1348 | 1391 | L 36 | W 71 | W 82 | L 25 | W 37 | L 14 | 3.0 |
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| 45 Wismer, Michael | 1271 | 1306 | L 26 | W 88 | W 37 | L 7 | L 15 | W 75 | 3.0 |
| 46 Pullin, Matthew | 1243 | 1289 | L 52 | W 80 | W 16 | L 14 | W 38 | L 15 | 3.0 |
| 47 Seibel, Dennis | 1201 | 1273 | W 37 | W 15 | L 49 | L 27 | W 40 | L 21 | 3.0 |
| 48 Busel, Sergey | urr | 1418 | W 84 | L 4 | L 11 | W 42 | W 60 | L 16 | 3.0 |
| 49 Roustan, Pierre | 1718 | 1638 | D 77 | W 69 | W 47 | L 6 | L 23 | L 33 | 2.5 |
| 50 Sacks, David Will | 1647 | 1611 | W 33 | W 22 | D 5 | L 9 | L 29 | J | 2.5 |
| 51 Hartman Erol | 1469 | 1442 | W 86 | L 1 | L 34 | H- | W 78 | J- | 2.5 |
| 52 Endler James | 1354 | 1319 | L 1 | L 67 | W 71 | W 88 | L 24 | D 56 | 2.5 |
| 53 Johnson Lee A | 1323 | 1280 | H- | L 13 | L 54 | X- | L 57 | W 78 | 2.5 |
| 54 Summerhays, David | 1196 | 1226 | L 14 | D 91 | W 53 | W 77 | L 10 | L 26 | 2.5 |
| 55 Ferguson, William | 1181 | 1220 | L 27 | H | W 62 | W 52 | L 28 | L 31 | 2.5 |
| 56 Gleason, Michael | 1150 | 1184 | L 3 | L 17 | W 74 | W 39 | L 22 | D 52 | 2.5 |
| 57 Lewis Richard | 963 | 1015 | L 11 | W 61 | L 21 | H- | W 59 | L 37 | 2.5 |
| 58 Clark Wayne D | 1668 | 1657 | W 61 | W 11 | L 4 | J- | J- | J- | 2.0 |
| 59 Weber, T V | 1509 | 1573 | H- | H- | W 63 | L 1 | J- | J- | 2.0 |
| 60 Meyers, Fried C | 1428 | 1424 | W 91 | D 9 | D 27 | L 12 | L 48 | J- | 2.0 |
| 61 Kerr, Tony | 1316 | 1294 | L 58 | L 57 | W 70 | W 72 | J- | J- | 2.0 |
| 62 Hayes, Michael J | 1311 | 1271 | L 25 | H- | L 55 | L 31 | W 89 | D 65 | 2.0 |
| 63 Cummings, Michael | 1246 | 1216 | L 8 | W 73 | L 59 | L 37 | L 71 | W 80 | 2.0 |
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| 67 Ratner, Mikhail | 1116 | 1137 | L 28 | W 52 | L 40 | L 16 | W 98 | L 36 | 2.0 |
| 68 Koolinski, Mike | 1073 | 1078 | L 36 | L 40 | W 89 | L 41 | W 68 | L 39 | 2.0 |
| 69 Widing, Robert | 1044 | 1060 | X- | L 49 | W 31 | L 17 | L 32 | L 44 | 2.0 |
| 70 Villafior Etzabe | 1037 | 1051 | L 4 | L 41 | L 81 | W 84 | L 42 | W 89 | 2.0 |

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Expert Preparation. Dusan Tutush (2114) before the final round of the Illinois Open.

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Rafl and either c4 or g4.

21...b6

This allows Black to move his bishop and lift his rook along the seventh rank. From now on if either player wants to open lines on the queenside he can do so by playing c5 at any point

22.Rf4 Ra7 23.Rafl Rg7 24.c5

Now that all of my pieces have reached active squares I am ready to open things up.

24...Ba6 25.R1f2 b5?

This allows White to take a large initiative on the queenside after 26.Bf1. Defending with 25...Qd8 was necessary.

26.Bf1

Introducing the threat of 27.Nxc6 and the positional threat of 27.axb5.

26...h5

Black tries to generate counterplay on the kingside but White is well poised to defend. Defending the queenside with either 26...Rb8 or 26...Rb7 was better.

27.Nxc6!

Breaking through on the queenside.

27...bxa4 28.Nxa5

For the rest of the game, both play-

A Fine Round Four Win for Chow

Ken Wallach

Al Chow

Illinois Open, 1997

English Opening [A30]

Notes by Albert Chow

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3. g3
b6 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 e6
6.Nc3 Be7

Attack and defense each pressure the longest diagonal with the fianchetto development of the light-square bishops. This dynamic tension creates hypermodern counterplay along the the patterns of the Queen's Indian.

7.d4 cd 8.Qd4 d6

Loyal readers of the *Illinois Chess Bulletin* may recognize this famous Hedgehog position from my published encounters with grandmasters. Dmitry Gurevich used 9.b3 (see *ICB* Jul-Aug. 1996, p. 27). Gregory Serper tried 9.Bg5 (Jul-Aug. 1997, p. 9). See also Steve Szpisjak (May-Jun 1997, p. 23).

Painful experience taught me the value of the correct move order. I was eager to demonstrate theoretical improvements over those sharp variations.

Manion-Base

continued from previous pages are under increasing time pressure.

28...b4 29.Rg2 Bxf1
30.Kxf1 h3 31.Rd2

Of course not 31. Rb2, allowing 31...a3.

31...Rb8 32.bxa4 Ra7
33.Rb2! Rxa5 34.Rxb4
Rxb4 35.Qxb4 Qd8
36.Rf2 Ra8

36...Qa8, defending the seventh rank and increasing the pressure on a4, was better.

37.Rb2 f4?

This just gives away a pawn for nothing.

38.exf4 Rc8 39.Qb6 Qf6
40.Rc2 Rc8 41.c6 e5?

9.Rd1 a6 10.b3 N8d7

11.Ba3 Nc5

My trustworthy queen's knight advances to the c5 outpost-square where she shields the backward d6 pawn and controls the e4 focal point. Maybe Ken should have instead advanced 11.e4! when he had the chance.

12.Rac1 0-0 13.Ng5 Qc7
14.Bb2

Now we can prove a clear tempo loss, since Kenneth Wallach could have gone Bb2 in one move, for example at move eleven. The initiative is handed over to Black to use for attack.

14...Bg2 15.Kg2 Qb7

16.Kg1

Black remains active after 16.f3 h6 17.Nge4 Nce4 18.Ne4 d5!. Better here is 17.Nh3!?

16...h6 17.Nf3 Rfd8

18.Qf4 b5 19.b4 N5e4

20.Ne4 Ne4

20...Qc4 was solid, but less complex. Both players soon had to solve a new problem: time trouble.

21.cb ab 22.a3 Rac8

23.Rc8 Rc8

Hanging another pawn.

42.dxe5 Qg6



At this point White allowed his flag to fall. Since both players had stopped keeping score around move 36, Black tried to claim a win on time. After the claim was denied White played--

43.Qb5

...and Black resigned. 1-0

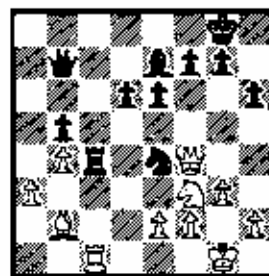
22...Bg5 23.Ng5 Ng5 was tempting, but after 24.Qg4! White's counterplay is real. Development is better than de-centralization, despite the tempting cheapo!

24.Rc1

Ken defends solidly and wants to exchange everything. But Black is already better in the endgame with his central pawn majority creating outpost focal points on the White squares weak due to the loss of the light-squared bishops.

24...Rc4

With the tactical threat of 25...Nf2! 26.Rc4 Nh3. Maybe White should have stopped that with 25.Qe3 but passive thinking wasn't possible in the midst of time pressure.



25.Rc4 bc 26.Qc1 d5

The rook trade had a big price. Black advances a protected passed c-pawn. White will need to blockade it but the dark squares c3 and c1 are weak focal points soon under pressure.

27.Nd2 Bg5 28.e3 f5

29.Nf3

29.Ne4 fe would seem to be the idea behind 27.Nd2 but Ken changed his mind when he saw he is left with a bad bishop.

29...Bf6 30.Nd4

30.Bf6 Nf6 or 30...gf was interesting, when Black's c-pawn has fewer blockaders.

30...Kf7 31.f3 Nd6

Black threatens to roll the center pawns with 32...e5 while White's connected passers are yet unable to advance without dropping material.

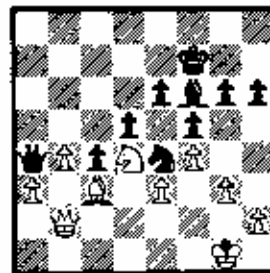
32.Qc2 g6 33.f4 Ne4



Ken Wallach, who lost to Chow in this game, tied for the 2200-2299 prize.

34.Bc3 Qa7 35.Qb2 Qa4

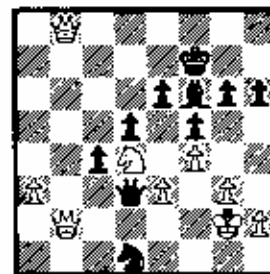
White can't prevent Black from penetrating and exploiting the ultimate weakness of White's king.



36.b5 Qd1 37.Kg2 Qd3

38.b6 Nc3 39.b7 Nd1

40.b8=Q



There was no better defense! 40.Qb6 Qd2+ 40.Qc1 Ne3 41.Kh3 g5! or 41.Kf2 Bd4! If 40.Qc2, then 40...Qb1. If 40.Qd1! then 40...Qb7 with a won ending for Black.

40...Ne3 41.Kf2 Nd1 42.Kg2 Ne3 43.Kf2 Nd1 44.Kg2 Nb2 46.Qa7 Kg8 0-1

Bill Brock dissects his draw with Karklins and his defeat to IM Palos



Nice wins by
GM Wojtkiewicz,
the tournament
victor, and by
title sharer,
IM Sevillano

Bill Brock
FM Andrew Karklins
Illinois Open, 1997
Sicilian Richter-Pauzer
Notes by Bill Brock

Bill Brock (right)
prepares to make
his move at the
Illinois Open

Before the game, I was wondering what opening novelty might be sprung on me. A few weeks earlier, Erik Karklins had used one of his son's ideas against me in the Midway Amateur Class: 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nd3! Nxe4 5.Qe2 Qe7 6.b3!, with annoying pressure along the long Black diagonal—I was lucky to draw. In the final round, I watched with pleasure as the elder Karklins played 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Qe7! 4.c3 Nd8! and drew easily.

Should I choose a "correct" theoretical line and walk into Karklins-family preparation? Or should I play an offbeat line? There's no right answer to this question, but I should have tried to answer it beforehand!

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 c6

I was relieved not to have to face the unconventional 6...h6 again: *JCB* readers may recall Brock-A. Karklins, Rosemont, 1994: 7.Bh4 e6 8.Qd2?? Nxe4! 9.Nxe4 Qxh4 10.Nxd6? Bxd6 0-1 The intended 11.Nxc6 loses to the *zwischenzug* 11...Qc4+. Ouch!

Not having prepared a specific method of exacting revenge, I was planning to play 7.Bxf6 and pray.

7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.f3

9.f4 is more common, but also more likely to walk into home cooking.

9...Rc8 10.h4

The f3 pawn firms up the center—otherwise, thematic sacs like ...Rxc3 could be followed by ...Nxe4. Since White

has a reasonably solid center and Black has foregone queenside castling, why not a kingside pawn storm? On the other hand, I don't want to commit to a full-blown kingside attack, as Black's king can live in the center.

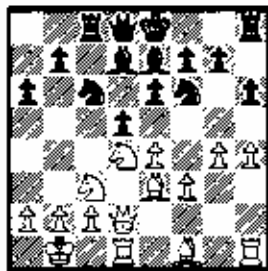
10...Ne5 11.Kb1

Some of White's ideas here are similar to the 9.0-0-0 line of the Yugoslav Attack. For example, I would be a happy camper if Black played 11...Nc4 now, as I could then play the tempo-gaining 12.Bxc4.

11...Be7 12.g4 h6

Since the bishop usually winds up retreating to e3 to make way for g4-g5, Black could try to do without this move.

13.Be3 d5!?



Oh dear. I'd simply assumed that Black couldn't do such a thing with his king still on e8. But now I was scared of the messy 14.exd5 Bb4 15.dxc6 fxe6. I saw that the Karpovian 16.Nde2 allows 16...Nc4, and rejected 14.exd5 without further analysis. In retrospect, I was afraid of ghosts—Karklins pointed out that White would now have the simple 17.Qd3!

Perhaps Black could improve on 16...Nc4 with the greedy 16...Nxf3!?, with one possible continuation being

17.Qd3 Ne5 18.Qd4 Ne6 (or even the wild 18...Nfxg5 [18...Nexg5!?] 19.Qxb4 Nxc3 20.Nc4!?).

14.g5!?

Probably not as strong as 14.exd5, but more fun to play. What's the sense of playing g4 if you don't play g5 at some point?

14...hxg5 15.Rg1!

I made my move and went to the washroom. Dr. Martinovsky looked up from the sink and asked me, "What are you doing here?" Before I could name the specific biological function, he continued, "You are playing Karklins. You cannot afford to walk around the tournament hall. You must sit at the board and think!"

I found out how correct the good Doctor's advice was in the post mortem—at this critical stage of the game, Karklins was analyzing several ply deeper than I was.

Black can keep the extra pawn if he's willing to accept some disruption (15...gxh4 16.Rxg7, or 15...Rxh4 16.Bxg5). Instead, Karklins returns the button.

15...g4! 16.f4! Nc4 17.Bxc4 Rxc4 18.e5 Ng8

Black is banking on a strategic redeployment, but White should have time to break through.

19.Rxg4 g6

Time to play for mate!

20.Qg2?

But not like this! Although the White king seems to be in no danger from the thematic exchange sac, this move is horribly unthematic. Karklins's suggestion, 20.Qd3!, would accomplish the same purpose

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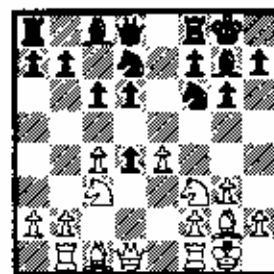
A. Wojtkiewicz
V. Adler

Illinois Open (6) (01), 1997
King's Indian Defense E68

Notes by Alan Watson

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.d4 d6 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 c6 8.e4 e5 9.Rb1

9.h3 is more common, but Wojtkiewicz is an expert in this system and seeks to lure his opponent into less familiar territory. The result is far better than he might have expected. 9...exd4!?



Both 9...Re8 and 9...a5 might have been considered, but Black is under the mistaken impression that liquidating the center with this move and a later d6-d5 will give him an easy game. Unfortunately, it doesn't!

10.Nxd4 Re8 11.h3 a6



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Second Year of Governor's Cup a Second Success

Five Illinois players shine in South Dakota's premier master tournament.

The multi-part event included participation from the Governor's office and the South Dakota Department of Tourism, further elevating the stature of chess in the Midwest.

South Dakota has become—perhaps unexpectedly—the site of one of the midwest's biggest master tournaments. Although not as large or prestigious as such events as the U.S. Masters, the Governor's Cup Chess Tournament this year lured a cluster of America's top players as well as a handful of Illinois's finest. Held from September 12th to 14th in Sioux Falls, the 5-round tournament attracted over 50 players in the Open section which was won by GM Patrick Wolff (2651), former US champion, with a score of 4.5, and Uzbek IM Rashid Ziatdinov (2605), whom *Inside Chess* reports is of Tartar descent. Close behind, with 4 points, were GM Boris Gulko (2680), GM Dmitry Gurevich (2670), and FM Albert Chow (2363).

FM Eugene Martinovsky (2383) finished at 3.5 along with GM Gregory Serper (2636) and GM Sam Palatnik (2535). The other two Illinois players, IM Osman Palos and Andrew Karklins, each finished with 3 points and placed tied for 12th.

There were many highlights for the players from Illinois:

- The governor of South Dakota honored Dmitry Gurevich with a birthday gift: a giant chocolate-chip cookie!
- For the first time in their many matchups, Eugene Martinovsky defeated Gurevich across the board.
- Two Illinois players had the opportunity to play GM Boris Gulko, the only man to win both the US and Soviet championships. Andrew Karklins lost his game, but Osman Palos drew with Gulko in the 4th round.
- Albert Chow ended in the top ten percent by beating IM Osman Palos, another Illinois player, in the final round.
- In the final round, all the top boards featured Illinois players, except board one (GM Patrick Wolff versus GM Gregory Serper).

Chow, who as last year's Illinois state champion received financial support from both the ICA and the Governor's Cup to travel to the tournament, praised the playing conditions, noting in particular that a generous and comfortable amount of space was provided for each game. He lauded the tournament as enjoyable and well-run.

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David L. Knudson



Carol Jarecki



Top: Dmitry Gurevich accepts a jumbo-sized birthday cookie from South Dakota Governor William Janklow. Middle: The playing hall. Bottom: Eugene Martinovsky demonstrates his win over Gurevich to members of the ICB staff.

Dr. Martinovsky Calls His Shot!

*Game notes based on Martinovsky's analysis,
written up and elaborated upon by John Tomas.*

Before this game Eugene and Al Chow were entering the tournament hall together, and Eugene noted that he had never beaten Gurevich while losing many times. "Today, I think I will beat him!"

Eugene Martinovsky (2385)

Dimitry Gurevich (2675)

SD Governor's Cup, 1997

Sioux Falls

Queen's Pawn [A48]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3

While showing the game, Eugene commented here, "Now I play like a patzer! But Gurevich beats d5 all of the time."

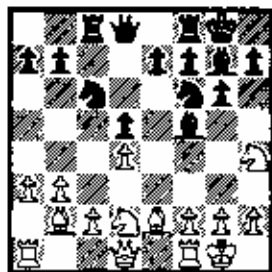
3...g6 4.Bc2 Bg7 5.0-0

0-0 6.b3?!

This is a weak move. Instead, c4 suggests itself, but that will transpose into a very good variation of the Grünfeld for Black after ...d5. 6...cxd4 7.exd4 d5 8.Bb2 Nc6 9.Nbd2 Bf5 10.a3?!

White is spending a lot of time on pawn moves, and it is hardly any surprise that Black should be slightly better here. Instead, he might try either the more active 10.Ne5!? or 10.Nh4?!

10...Rc8 15 11.Nh4?!



A dangerous move. Both Martinovsky and Gurevich spent some time trying to evaluate 11...Bxc2?! 12.Qxc2 Nxd4 13.Qd3 Nxc2+ 14.Qxc2 Rc2 15.Bc1 Ne4 16.Qd3. (15.Bxf6? doesn't work because ...Bxf6 forces 16.Nhf3 when Bxa1 17.Rxa1 leaves the rooks and pawns much stronger than the knights.) 16...Nc3! [Verber] and White is in trouble. 16.Rb1 also gives White problems: 16.Nc3 17.Qd3 Qc7 18.Rb2 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Ne2+ 20.Qxc2 Qxc1+ 21.Nf1 Qxb2. However, 15.Be5! might well win 15...Ne4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Nhf3

11...Be6 12.c3 Qb6

13.b4 Rfd8 14.Re1

14...Ne4 15.Bd3 f5

16.Nhf3 Bf7 17.Nb3 e5

18.Re1 a5?!

18...Nxf2 19.Kxf2 e4 20.Ng5 exd3 21.Qxd3 actually helps White by removing a couple of his pieces. But both Gurevich and Martinovsky felt that Black had the advantage and had to do something with it.

19.b5 a4 20.bxc6 Rxc6

21.Na5!

Forcing Black to take on a5 where the Queen will be less active.

21...Qxa5 22.Nxe5 Bxe5

23.dxe5 Nxf2

Eugene commented that he had seen this move, but forgot about it.

24.Kxf2 Qb6+ 25.Kf1

Qxb2 26.Qxa4 Rxc3?!



Carol Jarecki

Farewell Party. After the tournament, organizer De Knutsen held a party at her home. Above: Al Chow observes a game between tournament winner GM Patrick Wolff (right, mostly obscured) and Anirudd Deshpande (left). Below: Eugene Martinovsky (left) and Carol Jarecki enjoy some Chardonnay.

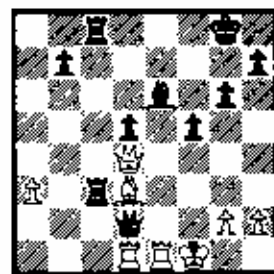


David L. Knudson

27.Qd4! Rdc8

One of the central positions in the game. As it turns out, the text should put Black close to a loss. Instead, Black should consider either of two moves: a) 27...Rb3 28.Qxb2 Rxb2 29.Rc7 with a lot of play for White. I doubt seriously that Black could win this. b) 27...Qxc1?! which both Martinovsky and Gurevich looked at. Martinovsky felt it gave Black winning chances after 28.Rxc1 Rxc1 - 29.Kc2 Be6. However, Gurevich felt that his bad bishop meant that he could not play for a win. Here, I have to agree with Gurevich. Still, it gives Black better chances than what transpires in the text.

28.e6! Bxe6 29.Rb1 Qd2 30.Rbd1!



31...Rxd3

The only move.

31.Rxd2 Rxd4 32.Rxd4

Kf7 33.Rb4 Rc7 34.Rb6?!

A mistake which gives the advantage back to Black. Martinovsky points out that instead 34.Reb1! forces ...Bc8 35.Ke2 when even if White cannot win, he can torture Black for a long time.

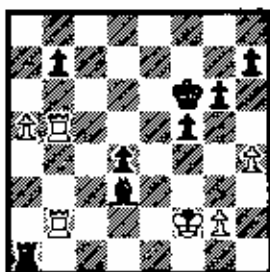
34...Bd7! 35.Reb1 Bc6

36.a4?! d4! 37.a5 Be4

Now, we see the results of

White's mistake. Black's bishop is very active while defending the important b7 pawn and his passed d-pawn becomes very dangerous.

38.R1b2 Rc1+ 39.Kf2 Ra1
40.R6b5 Kf6 41.h4! Bd3!



Gurevich spent a lot of time here trying to find a way to play for the win. The method he adopts, however, is more of a cheap trick than a serious winning attempt. Once White finds the proper defense, the advantage has swung back to him again.

42.Rxb7 f4 43.g4!

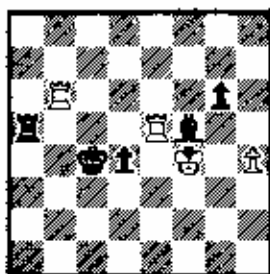
The threat was ...Rf1 checkmate! White's was the only move, but it turns out to be more than sufficient.

43...fxg3+

43...Rf1+ leads less than nowhere as after 44.Kg2 f3+ 45.Kg3 Ra1 46.Kf4 it is Black's king that finds itself in a mating net!

44.Kxg3 Rxa5 45.Rxb7 Ke5

46.Rb6 Bf5 47.Re7+ Kd5 48.Kf4
Kc4 49.Re5



49...Ra1?

The final mistake of a very difficult game. Black has to play 49...Rxc5! when 50.Kxe5 d3 will lead to a draw: 51.h5 (51.Rb1 d2 52.Rd1 Kc3 53.h5=) d2 52.Rd6 Bd3.

50.h5 Rf1+ 51.Kg5 Rg1+ 52.Kf6 d3
53.Rc6+ Kb4 54.Rd6 Rd1 55.h6!

The cleanest option. White gives his opponent not the slightest chance for counterplay.

55...Rh1 56.Kg7 Ra1 57.h7 Ra7+
58.Kg8 Ra8+ 59.Kf7 Kc3 60.Rc8
Ra7+ 61.Kg8 Rxb7 62.Kxb7

Naturally, Black would normally re-

sign right here, but the second time control was sudden death, and both sides were blitzing.

62...g5+ 63.Kh6 g4 64.Kg5 1-0

Dr. Martinovsky was involved in one of the tournament's most important games in the final round against Ziatdinov, an Uzbek international master. This game enabled Ziatdinov to tie for first place in the tournament.

E. Martinovsky (2385)

E. Ziatdinov (2600)

Sloux Falls, 1997

Queen's Gambit Declined [D36]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3
Be7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 0-0 7.e3
Nbd7 8.Bd3 c6 9.Qc2 Rc8 10.0-0

Nf8 11.Rab1

White has a number of different moves here. Besides the text, he might try a. 11.Bxf6; b. 11.h3; c. 11.Ne5; d. 11.Rae1. These are all of about equal worth, each one offering

White chances for an advantage. However, the plans they inaugurate can be very different, and if White wants to hope for an advantage, he shouldn't confuse them.]

11...Ng6 12.h3!?

White is confusing two separate systems and as a result allows Black easy equality.

12...Ne4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxc4
14.Nd2 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 Qg5 16.Kh2
14...dxe4 15.Nd2 f5 16.b4

This is the difference. Normally,

How They Played

The individual results of all the Illinois players as well as the top finishers at the Second Annual Governor's Cup. Players with the same ranking were tied.

1st **Patrick Wolff** (2651) beat Sean Nagle (2102), beat Alfred Carlin (2257), beat Nathaniel Graham (2362), drew Rashid Ziatdinov (2605), and beat Gregory Serper (2636). Final score: 4.5-0.5

1st **Rashid Ziatdinov** (2605) beat Jon Paul Heyer (2099), beat Renard Anderson (2234), beat Michael Mosher (1820), drew Patrick Wolff (2651), and beat Eugene Martinovsky (2383). Final score: 4.5-0.5

3rd **Boris Gulko** (2680) beat Larry Parsons (2119), beat Aleksandr Betaneli (2324), drew Semion Palatnik (2535), drew Osman Palos (2469), and beat Andrew Karklins (2406). Final score: 4.0-1.0

3rd **Dmitry Gurevich** (2670) beat Mark Miller (2104), beat Angelina Belakovskaia (2355), lost to Eugene Martinovsky (2383), beat Semion Palatnik (2535), and beat Eduard Zelkind (2375). Final score: 4.0-1.0

3rd **Albert Chow** (2363) beat Don Aldrich (1984), lost to Michael Mosher (1820), beat Larry Parsons (2119), beat Bob Holliman (2200), and beat Osman Palos (2469). Final score: 4.0-1.0

6th **Eugene Martinovsky** (2383) beat Anirudd Deshpande (2028), beat Joseph Kruml (2137), beat Dmitry Gurevich (2670), drew Gregory Serper (2636), and lost to Rashid Ziatdinov (2605). Final score: 3.5-1.5

12th **Osman Palos** (2469) drew Joseph Felber (2067), beat Robert Daggitt (1215), beat Les Haynes (1884), drew Boris Gulko (2680), and lost to Albert Chow (2363). Final score: 3.0-2.0

12th **Andrew Karklins** (2406) beat Dale Gustafson (2037), lost to Bob Holliman (2200), beat Joseph Kruml (2137), beat Ronald Luther (2216), and lost to Boris Gulko (2680). Final score: 3.0-2.0

Martinovsky Games

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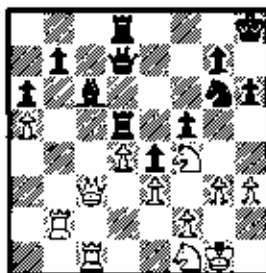
White would play Rael in this position with the idea of an eventual f3 trying to work on Black's slightly weakened kingside. Now, of course, he would be a tempo down on regular lines.

16...Be6 17.Ne2 Bd5
18.b5 Rad8 19.bxc6 Bxc6
20.Rfe1 Kh8

Black hides the king in order to prepare an eventual f4. If instead 20...f4, White has 21.exf4 e3 22.Qb3+ 21.Nf1 Qf7 22.Rb2 a6 23.Rc1 h6 24.a4 Rd7 25.a5 Red8 26.g3 Rd5 27.Qc3 Qd7 28.Nf4

Dr. Martinovsky allows the doubled pawns because he was afraid of 28.Kh2 Qc7 29.Ra1 Nh4 with Ziatdinov sinking his knight on f3.

However, Ziatdinov was not at all certain that the knight was well placed there.



Position after 28.Nf4

28...Nxf4 29.gxf4 g5?!

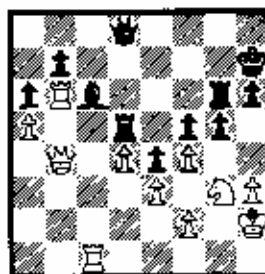
After the game, Ziatdinov admitted that this was very double-edged offering both sides chances to win the game.

30.Ng3 Rg8 31.Kh2 Kh7

White's defense is based upon the idea of 31...gxf4

32.Nh5! when fxe3 33.fxe3 is very good for him. His rooks then have easy access to the kingside, and his knight is much better than Black's bishop

32.Rb6 Rg6 33.Qb4 Qd8



34.Rc5?!

In time-pressure, Martinovsky wants to defend actively, but his "threat" only serves to weaken his own position. Instead, he could maintain equal chances by 34.Ne2! g4 35.Rg1 Qh4 36.Rg3 gxh3 37.Rxb7+ Bd7 38.Qf8 Rxf3 39.Nxf3 for example. But as Ziatdinov observed after the game, such positions are very difficult to defend in time pressure and are much more often lost than won.

34...gxf4 35.Nxf5?

35.exf4 is hardly appetizing but it is the only move not to lose the game immediately.

35...Qg5! 36.Rxb7+Bd7!
37.Rxd7+ Rxd7 38.Ng3
fxg3+ 39.Kg2

In time-pressure, it might be ever so easy to play 39...gxf2+? 40.Rxf5! But Ziatdinov is careful.

39...Qf6 0-1.

*Martinovsky makes
sauce out of the
Tartar*

This loss in South Dakota to an extremely strong international master was disappointing, but Ziatdinov was merely gaining a measure of revenge for an earlier, crushing defeat Martinovsky had inflicted upon him-

E. Ziatdinov (2600)

E. Martinovsky (2345)
Los Angeles Open, 1997
Ruy Lopez [C78]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Bc5

This move order, the Moeller Defense to the Ruy Lopez, has become quite popular in the international arena over the last couple of years. Players like Ivanchuk, Topolov, and Christiansen have been using it very successfully.

6.c3 b5 7.Bc2 d5!?

I have searched my databases in vain for another example of this move. It is certainly double-edged to open the position before castling.

8.exd5 Qxd5 9.d4 cxd4
10.Bg5 Be7

Again, very double edged. Against Karsnov in L.A., he later played the safer ...Be6.

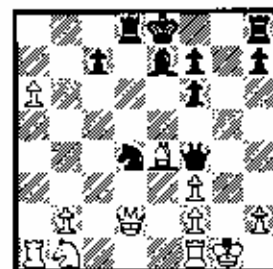
11.cxd4 Bg4 12.Bxf6
Bxf3 13.gxf3

Given that the text leads to problems it would be well for Martinovsky's future opponents to investigate 13.Qxf3 Qxf3 14.gxf3 Bxf6 15.Be4 Kd7 and similar lines.

13...gxf6 14.Be4 Qd6
15.a4?!

White is playing with fire here since Black's king is very safe in the center and his is very unsafe in the corner.

15...Rd8 16.axb5 Nxd4!
17.bxa6 Qf4 18.Qd2



Nxf3+ 19.Bxf3 Qxf3?

Black still wins after this, but 19...Rg8+! 20.Bg2 Qf3 is much more elegant.

20.Re1 Rxd2 21.Nxd2
Rg8+ 22.Kf1 Qd3+ 0-1

On 23.Re2 Qh3+ 25.Ke1 Rg1+ is *finis*.

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Governor's Cup

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Martinovsky's assessment of the playing conditions echoed that of Chow, although Martinovsky did observe the occasional pesky fly in the playing hall!

"It was a very strong tournament," Chow observed. "It had many players from the US championship: Gurevich and Gulko as well as former US champion Patrick Wolff and former US women's champion Anjelina Belakovskaia. I was happy. I felt I was in illustrious company."

In addition to the Open tournament, there was a pre-

mier division and a reserve division. GM Sam Palatnik, co-winner of last year's Governor's Cup, gave a simultaneous exhibition at a shopping mall, and three days of school presentations were made by the top players, including Gurevich and Palos from Illinois.

The person many players singled out for praise was organizer De [pronounced as if it were spelled "Dee"] Knudson, of the Sioux Empire Chess Foundation. Chow noted that she "went beyond what was necessary to make the players feel com-

Above, left: GM Dmitry Gurevich (right) across the board from GM Patrick Wolff. Right: Senior Master Andrew Karklins, who finished with a 3-2 score.

fortable. It was a wonderful change. She is an organizer similar to Helen Warren: she uses her own resources to support chess, contributing and sacrificing beyond the ordinary."

Missouri master Bob Holliman, who travelled to the tournament with Missouri state champion Ron Luther, and David Yee, said all three of them intended to play again in 1998. (The tentative dates for next year's tournament: Sep. 11-13.) Holliman (who played two Illinois players, beating

Karklins and losing to Chow) added that he liked the trend toward extra events—in this case, a Saturday night blitz tournament—for those who cannot participate in the main event, as it reaches for more exposure to the chess-playing public. "Hats off to the organizers," Holliman told the ICB. "[They] have done an excellent job of producing what everyone else only talks about—sponsorship!" Twenty sponsors, who each donated \$1,000 included included: Citibank, South Dakota, N.A.; Norwest Bank; First Bank; and Chicago-based SPS Payment Systems, Inc.

Perhaps even more noteworthy is that the Sioux Empire Chess Foundation got both the state Department of Tourism and the office of Governor William Janklow to co-sponsor the tournament, giving added prestige to chess in South Dakota and attracting a lot of media attention for the tournament and players.

For further information about next year's Governor's Cup tournament, contact the Sioux Empire Chess Foundation at: knudson@dakota.net.

—M.L. Rantala

Fighting Flaws

Albert Chow
Osman Palos
Governor's Cup 1997
English Opening

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.d4 cd
4.Nd4 c6 5. Nc3 a6 6.g3
Bc5 7.e3 Qb6 8.N4e2 Ne5
9.Bg2 Nc4 10.0-0 Be7
11.b3 Na5 12.Bb2 13.Rc1
Nc6 14.e4 Nf6 15.Nd5 cd
16.ed 0-0 17.Nd4 Qa5

About his last round win over IM Palos, Al Chow notes, "My game with Palos is full of mistakes, caused by the fact that both players went for a win at all costs. This led to fighting chess and lots of risks were taken."

18.Nf5 Bd8 19.Ng7 Qa2
20.Rb1 d6 21.dc bc 22.Bc6
Kg7 23.Qd2 Kg6 24.Ba8 Bf5
25.Ra1 Qb3 26.Bc1 Kg7
27.Qd6 Rg8 28.Qe5 Bd3
29.Rc1 h6 30.Ra3 Qc2
31.Qe3 Bh7 Ra6 Qc4
33.Qh6 Kh8 34.Rf6 Qc3
35.Rd1 Qf6 36.Qf6 Bf6
37.Bf3 Rc8 38.Be3 Bc2
39.Rc1 Bb2 40.Re1 Bc3
41.Rc1 Bb2 42.Rf1 Kg7
43.Kg2 f6 44.h4 Re8
45.Bd2 Rd8 46.Ba5 Rd7
47.Rc1 Be5 48.Be4 Bb3
49.Rb1 Bf7 50.Rb7 Rd4
51.Bf3 Ra4 52.Bd2 Bd4
53.Bd5 Ra7 54.Ra7 Ba7
55.Bf7 Kf7 56.Be3 Bb8
57.Kf3 Kg6 58.g4 Be5
59.h5 Kf7 60.Ke4 Bc3
61.Kf5 Bb2 62.f3 1-0



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All-American Class Tournament

*While a master section didn't materialize,
the lower ranks fought hard at the
All-American Class*

by Larry Cohen

Although this year's edition of the All-American Class tournament was not held over the 4th of July holiday, the fireworks still flew. This was especially true in class C, where in the first round all of the games were won by the lower-rated player! It is also interesting to note that there were no perfect scores in any of the sections.

My original plan was to not have a master section this year, but I changed my mind. To my surprise, a master section didn't really materialize because only Allen Kornfeld and Steve Szpisjak showed up to play. They played two hard-fought drawn games and then called it a weekend. The wave of the future may well be small class tournaments (by this I mean under \$4,000 in prizes) without a master class section. This obviously will be the case if the masters don't attend such tournaments.

The expert section had seven players, half of whom had A ratings. At 4 points, Illinois Senior Champion Anatoliy Goldman earned top honors by beating fellow experts Kevin Bachler and Rob Sax. As it turned out, the game Bachler-Sax determined second and third place. Kevin finished with 3.5 and Rob ended with 3 points. Philip Michalik made a strong showing with 3 points to take the U2000 prize.

The 12-player A section saw a four-way tie between James Condron, George Kamber, Bill Buttny, and Edward Suarez at 3.5 points. As the lone B-player, John Klein won the U1800 prize and earned it with two victories over A-players.

In the 10-player B section, Eric Johnson lost his first game, then rolled up four straight wins to finish top at 4 points. A half-point behind him were Salar Jahedi and Joe Delay. As the only C player, Kenneth Huang won the U1600 prize. His last round victory over Jacob Ratner,

rated 272 points higher, earned him the special Junior Upset prize in the section.

The highest score achieved in any section was 4.5 points by Artem Akhmetov in class C. Daniel Leung, finishing second, had to take byes on Sunday leaving him a full point back. Tied for third at 3 points were Sean Stidd, Aaron Chen, and Wisconsinite Errol Hartman.

When the smoke cleared in the D section, Tony Kim stood alone at 4 points. Right behind at 3.5 points were Bruce Gilruth and Elmhurst

Chess Club president Roger Birkeland. Roger almost couldn't play in the tournament, but he was able to find a helper to run the chess club for a night. William Ferguson (1181) won the U1200 prize with 3 points. His victory over top-rated Fabian Ramos (1389) earned him the Junior Upset prize for the section.

Class E consisted of only seven players and Seth McClure finished first with 4 points. Tied for second at 3.5 points were Raphael Diehl-Simel and Cheung Leung. Seth won the Junior Upset prize with his first round upset of Michael Kopinski. Seth's round 4 game won the special Junior Endgame prize that was offered only in the

Games from the All-American Class

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S. Szpisjak (2303)

A. Kornfeld (2331)

All American Class (2), 1997
Flat Defense

Notes by Alan Watson

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.Bf4
Nf6 4.Nc3 d6 5.Qd2 c6
6.Bh6 Bxh6 7.Qxh6 Qa5
8.0-0-0 b5 9.a3 Na6
10.e4 b4 11.axb4 Nxb4
12.Bc4 d5 13.exd5 Bf5
14.Bb3 Nbx d5 15.Nxd5
cxd5 16.Kb1 Rb8
17.Nd2 Qb4?!

17...Nc4 18.Nxe4 Rxb3:

(a) 19.Qg7 Bxe4 (19...Rf8?
20.Nf6+! exf6 21.Rhe1+
Be4) 20.Qxh8- Kd7 21.Kc1
Rc3!!+; (b) 19.Nd2 Rb6
20.Nxb3 Bxc2+ 21.Kc1
Qxb3 22.Rd2 Be4) 20.Qe3
Rc6 21.Rc1 Ra6+.
18.Rhe1 Ne4 19.Nxe4
Bxe4 20.Re3 a5 21.f3 Bf5
22.Rde1 Be6 23.Qg7
Kd7 24.e4 a4 25.cxd5
Bf5+ 26.Kc1 axb3
27.Rxe7+ Qxe7 28.Rxe7+
Kxe7 29.Qe5+ Kd7
30.Qf6 Rbc8+ 31.Kd1
Rhe8 32.g4 Bc2+ 33.Kd2

Rc7 34.d6 Re6 35.Qxf7+
Kxd6 36.Qxh7 Bb1
37.Qb7 Rc2+ 38.Kd1
Rce2 39.Qb6+ Kc7
40.Qc7+ Kf6 41.Qf4+
Kg7 42.d5 Bc2+ 43.Kc1
Re1+ 44.Kd2 Rd1+
45.Kc3 Rxd5 46.Qc7+
Kf6 47.Qf4+ Ke7
48.Qc7+ Rd7 49.Qc5+
Kf7 50.Kb4 Red6 51.Qe3
Kg7 52.h4 Kh7 53.Kc5
Rd3 54.Qe8 Rc7+
55.Kb6 Rdd7 56.h5 gxh5
57.Qxh5+ Kg7 58.g5
Rb7+ 59.Kc6 1/2-1/2

All-American Class, August 9-10, 1997

MASTER

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|---|----------------|------|----|----|---|---|---|-----|
| 1 | KORNFELD Allen | 2333 | D2 | D2 | H | H | H | 2.5 |
| 2 | SZPISJAK Steve | 2303 | D1 | D1 | H | H | H | 2.5 |

EXPERT

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|---|-----------------|------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1 | GOLDMAN Anatoly | 2145 | W7 | W2 | D4 | W3 | D5 | 4 |
| 2 | BACHLER Kevin | 2161 | W3 | L1 | H | W5 | W6 | 3.5 |
| 3 | SAX Rob | 2040 | L2 | W7 | W6 | L1 | W4 | 3 |
| 4 | MICHALIK Philip | 1940 | H | W5 | D1 | X7 | L3 | 3 |
| 5 | MOSHER Michael | 1820 | B | L4 | D7 | L2 | D1 | 2 |
| 6 | COHEN Lawrence | 1982 | H | H | L3 | - | L2 | 1 |
| 7 | LORING Steve | 1876 | L1 | L3 | D5 | F4 | - | 0.5 |

CLASS A

| | | | | | | | | |
|----|------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | CONDON James | 1992 | D9 | W8 | H | W7 | D2 | 3.5 |
| 2 | KAMBER George | 1949 | W12 | D3 | W5 | D4 | D1 | 3.5 |
| 3 | BUTTNY William | 1881 | W11 | D2 | H | W5 | D4 | 3.5 |
| 4 | SUAREZ Ed | 1845 | H | W9 | W11 | D2 | D3 | 3.5 |
| 5 | KLEIN John | 1777 | B | W6 | L2 | L3 | W10 | 3 |
| 6 | MODES Dan | 1911 | W7 | L5 | D8 | D10 | H | 2.5 |
| 7 | WATTS Bradley | 1800 | L6 | W12 | W9 | L1 | D8 | 2.5 |
| 8 | HERNANDEZ Hector | 1939 | D10 | L1 | D6 | D9 | D7 | 2 |
| 9 | GAST Bryan | 1884 | D1 | L4 | L7 | D8 | X | 2 |
| 10 | HENDERSON Harold | 1808 | D8 | L11 | W12 | D6 | L5 | 2 |
| 11 | COX William | 1964 | L3 | W10 | L4 | - | - | 1 |
| 12 | ROBLEDO Mark Jr | 1832 | L2 | L7 | L10 | - | - | 0 |

CLASS B

| | | | | | | | | |
|----|----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|
| 1 | JOHNSON Eric | 1671 | L4 | W10 | W5 | W7 | W3 | 4 |
| 2 | DELAY Joe | 1644 | L7 | D8 | W6 | W9 | W4 | 3.5 |
| 3 | JAHEDI Salar | 1606 | X | D7 | W9 | W4 | L1 | 3.5 |
| 4 | ALLISON Roger | 1756 | W1 | W5 | D7 | L3 | L2 | 2.5 |
| 5 | SANCHEZ Carlos | 1700 | W8 | L4 | L1 | D10 | X | 2.5 |
| 6 | HUANG Kenneth | 1485 | B | L9 | L2 | D8 | W7 | 2.5 |
| 7 | RATNER Jacob | 1737 | W9 | D3 | D4 | L1 | L6 | 2 |
| 8 | EGERTON Brian | 1604 | L5 | D2 | W10 | D6 | - | 2 |
| 9 | WONG Brian | 1787 | D10 | W6 | L3 | L2 | - | 1.5 |
| 10 | GANT Thomas | 1675 | D9 | L1 | L8 | D5 | - | 1 |

CLASS C

| | | | | | | | | |
|----|----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | AKHMETOV Artem | 1523 | W3 | D2 | W5 | W9 | W7 | 4.5 |
| 2 | LEUNG Daniel | 1465 | W9 | D1 | W7 | H | H | 3.5 |
| 3 | STODD Sean | 1594 | L1 | L9 | B | W6 | W5 | 3 |
| 4 | HARTMAN Errol | 1469 | W11 | D7 | H | L5 | W9 | 3 |
| 5 | Chen Aaron | 1439 | W10 | W6 | L1 | W4 | L3 | 3 |
| 6 | RIDDLE Robert | 1509 | W8 | L5 | H | L3 | W10 | 2.5 |
| 7 | BISHOP Douglas | 1416 | B | D4 | L2 | W8 | L1 | 2.5 |
| 8 | WACHTER Tom | 1575 | L6 | D11 | W10 | L7 | H | 2 |
| 9 | SINGURA Thomas | 1532 | L2 | W3 | W11 | L1 | L4 | 2 |
| 10 | PADILLA Rudy | 1523 | L5 | B | L8 | H | L6 | 1.5 |
| 11 | MARSHALL Ken | 1549 | L4 | D8 | L3 | - | - | 0.5 |

CLASS D

| | | | | | | | | |
|----|------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | KIM Tony | 1318 | W8 | W5 | W3 | D4 | D2 | 4 |
| 2 | BIRKELAND Roger | 1362 | H | W12 | W4 | H | D1 | 3.5 |
| 3 | GILRUTH Bruce | 1318 | W11 | W6 | L1 | H | W7 | 3.5 |
| 4 | WISHNER Mike | 1271 | W7 | W10 | L2 | D1 | D6 | 3 |
| 5 | CUMMINGS Michael | 1246 | W9 | L1 | D7 | D8 | W10 | 3 |
| 6 | FERGUSON William | 1181 | W12 | L3 | H | W10 | D4 | 3 |
| 7 | HUANG Winston | 1139 | L4 | W11 | D5 | W12 | L3 | 2.5 |
| 8 | MADAMALA Kishan | 1215 | L1 | W9 | D10 | D5 | L11 | 2 |
| 9 | NASH Kevin | --- | L5 | L8 | H | W11 | D12 | 2 |
| 10 | RAMOS Fabian | 1389 | X | L4 | D5 | L6 | L5 | 1.5 |
| 11 | MIHELICH Adam | 1216 | L3 | L7 | D12 | L9 | W8 | 1.5 |
| 12 | WONG Chun Yu | 1293 | L5 | L2 | D11 | L7 | D9 | 1 |

CLASS E

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1 | MC CLORE Seth | 1001 | W5 | W2 | L3 | W6 | W7 | 4 |
| 2 | DIHEL-SIMEL Raphael | 1034 | W6 | L1 | H | W7 | W4 | 3.5 |
| 3 | LEUNG Cheung | 1030 | D4 | W5 | W1 | H | H | 3.5 |
| 4 | CAREY Paul | 1097 | D3 | W7 | L6 | W5 | L2 | 2.5 |
| 5 | KOPINSKI Michael | 1073 | L1 | L3 | W7 | L4 | B | 2 |
| 6 | LEVY Adam | 885 | L2 | B | W4 | L1 | - | 2 |
| 7 | DELAY Tristan | 423 | B | L4 | L5 | L2 | L1 | 1 |



Let's Draw Two! Steve Szpisjak drew twice with Allen Kornfeld at the 1997 All-American Class.

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Class E section. D and C players better beware! As you can see from the game below (Levy-McClure), E players are not without endgame talent.

I think the low turnout at some tournaments over the summer is an indication that there are too many major tournaments from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Therefore, this is the final year for the All-American Class. If you were thinking of this tournament for next year, I encourage you instead to support and play in the Midway Amateur Class and Master Challenge next summer.

Adam Levy (885)

Seth McClure (1001)

All American Class 1977

1.d4 d5 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 c5 4.Nf3 cd4 5.Nd4 Nc6 6.0-0 Bc5 7.Nb3 b6 8.Re1 Nf6 9.c4 Nc7 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.Bg5 Rb8 12.Bf6 g6 13.e4 d4 14.Nb5 Nc6 15.Rc1 e5 16.Nc5 bc5 17.a3 a6 18.Nd4 cd4 19.b4 d3 20.Rc3 Qd4 21.Qd3 Qd3 22.Rd3 Nd4 23.f4 Rc8 24.c5 a5 25.Bh3 Rc7 26.fe5 fe5 27.Bg2 ab4 28.ab4 0-0 29.Rd2 Rd8 30.Kf2 Ba6 31.Bf1 Bf1 32.Rf1 Rb8 33.Rb2 Rcb7 34.Rfb1 Nc6 35.b5 Nd4 36.b6 Kf8 37.Rc1 Rc8 38.Kg2 Kc7 39.h4 Rc6 40.Rcb1 Rc5 41.g4 Rc2 ch 42.Rc2 Nc2 43.Kf2 Na3 44.Ra1 Nb5 45.Ra6 Kd7 46.g5 Kc6 47.Kg3 Rb6 48.Rb6 Kb6 49.Kg4 Nd6 50.Kf3 Kc5 51.Kc3 Kc4 52.h5 Kc3 53.Kf3 Kd3 54.Kg4 Ne4 55.Kf5 Kd4 56.Kg4 Nd6 57.h6 e4 58.Kg3 e3 59.Kf3 Kd3 Resigns 0-1

More Games from the All-American Class

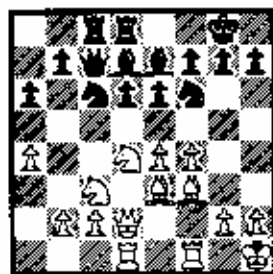
J. Delay (1655)

B. Wong (1787)

All American Class (4), 1997
Sicilian Defense

Notes by Alan Watson

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be2
Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.f4 Nc6
9.Be3 Bd7 10.Kh1 a6 11.a4
Qc7 12.Qd2 Rac8 13.Rad1
Rfd8 14.Bf3



14...Nxd4?

Brian has developed smoothly, but without consideration of his opponent's plan. Immediately following White's last move, he should have considered 14...Na5 targeting the weak square e4 when there would be nothing better than 15.Be2 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Qxc4 with advantage to Black.

15.Bxd4 Be6 16.Qf2 Qd7?!

This careless move lands Black in further trouble. The preferred manner of guarding b6 was 16...Nd7 when his position would still retain its flexibility.

17.Bb6 Rf8 18.e5 Nc8
19.a5 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 d5
21.f5!



An excellent move yielding White an irresistible kingside initiative. Joe now finishes off

this fine positional demonstration with an equally impressive display of tactics.

21...Bb4 22.f6 g6 23.Rd3
Bc5 24.Qf4 Bxb6 25.Qb6

As Black cannot guard h7, the game is effectively decided. All White needs is a single tempo to play Rh3, then it's curtains.

25...Rxc3 26.bxc3 Qb5
27.Rfd1 1-0

Black cannot prevent 28.Rh3 with checkmate to follow.

S. Jahedi (1608)

R. Allison (1756)

All American Class (4), 1997
Sicilian Defense

Notes by Alan Watson

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3?!
dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6
6.Be4 a6 7.0-0 e6 8.Re1

Normal lines continue 8.Qc2 Bd7 9.Rd1 so that the rook may look Black's queen directly in the eye. The present setup of heavy pieces may find White's queen awkwardly placed.

8...Be7 9.Bf4 b5 10.Bb3
Ra7

Developing this rook to the 7th rank is most appropriate in order to shield Black's queen from pressure on the d-file. Since that is not the case here, he may instead have considered 10...Na5 11.Be2 Bb7 followed by 12...Rc8 with a more standard development.

11.Re1 Na5 12.Be2 Nc4
13.b3 Na3 14.Bd3 Rd7
15.Qc2 Nf6 16.e5 Nh5
17.Be3 0-0



18.Bxh7+!

Despite its deceptively simple appearance, the concept behind this sacrifice is actually quite sophisticated and brings great credit upon Mr. Jahedi's continued improvement.

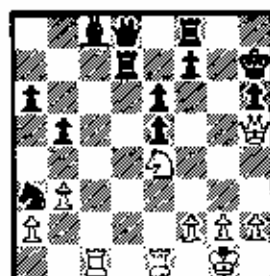
18...Kxh7 19.Ng5+

Reinforcements must be quickly brought to the front before Black has time to organize his defenses.

19...Bxg5 20.Qxh5+ Bh6
21.Ne4!

I like knights a lot, and this one will forever be one of my favorites for the pivotal role he is to play in the drama unfolding on the kingside.

21...dxe5 22.Bxh6 gxb6



23.Rxc8!!

But you didn't see this one coming—I didn't! Although White seems to sacrifice the horse, his remaining pieces are extremely well coordinated.

23...Qxc8 24.Nf6+ Kg7
25.Qxc5 Kg6 26.h4 h5?!

26...Rfd8 27.h5+ Kg7
28.Nxd7+ Kg8 29.Nf6+ Kf8
30.Nd5! Kc8 31.Qh8+ Kd7
32.Qf6 Qc5 33.Qxf7+ Kc8
34.Qxc6+-
27.Qg5# 1-0



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News & Notes

IBM Scraps Deep Blue Project

Kasparov Annoyed

IBM has announced that they are discontinuing the Deep Blue chess-playing project. According to IBM spokesperson Melinda McMullen, "our scientists said they really did want to move on to other grand challenges". She reported that IBM also wants to move on. A program weaker than the one which beat Kasparov in a six-game match earlier this year will continue to play chess.

"There is enormous worldwide enthusiasm for a tie-breaking third match"

Some observers have commented that IBM has nothing to gain by a rematch with the world champion.

In a statement issued from Moscow in late September, Kasparov said he was disappointed with IBM's decision to halt the project. He expressed amazement that they would "quit while they are ahead." He noted that "we stand at



Don Schultz

Joel Benjamin Wins US Championship

Sixteen players participated in the prestigious US chess championship, this year organized in a three-part tournament. Making the first cut were four grandmaster semifinalists, pictured above from left to right: Gregory Kaidanov, Joel Benjamin, Yasser Seirawan, and Larry Christiansen.

The final round, held in Chandler, Arizona, pitted Benjamin against Christiansen. Both had already held the title of US Champion. The 33-year-old New Yorker beat the 41-year-old Californian earning 3.5 points in their six-game match.

Joel Benjamin has won other national titles, including the National Elementary, the National Jr. High, and the National High School championships. He was the grandmaster advisor to the Deep Blue chess project at IBM and portrayed himself in a cameo appearance in the film *Searching for Bobby Fischer*.

Illinois grandmaster Dmitry Gurevich participated in the event, but failed to make the semifinals, losing to Kaidanov, Seirawan, and Nick DeFirmian, and drawing with Alexander Shabalov, Gabriel Schwartzman, Roman Dzindzichashvili, and Sergey Kudrin.

The new US Women's champion is Esther Epstein.

one match all and there is enormous worldwide enthusiasm for a tie-breaking third match."

Kasparov also reminded the public that IBM's Dr. Tan promised to pub-

lish some of the technical details of Deep Blue's chess-playing program. "I trust this will happen because 300 million chess players worldwide await the answers," he maintained.

USCF Honors Jim Warren

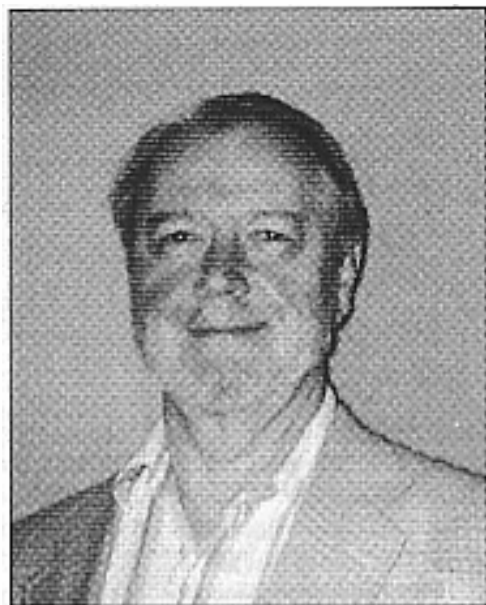
*Enduring contributions to
computerized rating system noted*

Jim Warren received a meritorious service award from the United States Chess Federation at the US Open held in Orlando this past summer.

Warren was honored for his participation in the project which created the FIDE rating system. He wrote the computer program which implemented computerized ratings for the world chess organization.

This project required enormous amounts of laborious work, as individual pieces of information were entered by hand using now-defunct IBM punch-cards. Warren's original program was written in the computer programming language COBOL, one of the few such languages of that era still in wide use today.

Warren's work was accepted by FIDE in 1970. The ratings generated by his program have remained statistically valid for over a quarter of a century.



Jim Warren, honored by the USCF for his contributions to the rating system.



Roy Frye, winner of two CJA Awards

ICB and Tim Williams Win Two Publishing Awards

*Chess Journalists of America reward
several from Illinois*

The *Illinois Chess Bulletin* and Tim Williams were honored with awards from the Chess Journalists of America (CJA), bestowed at the US Open at Orlando this past August.

The *ICB*, then edited by Williams, was named the Most Improved Magazine. The *ICB* was also awarded an honorable mention in the Best State Magazine category, the highest award being won by *Chess Horizons*, edited by Joe Sparks. The *ICB* had not won any CJA awards the previous year.

Also winning two CJA awards was *Square One* editor Roy Frye. He won in his capacity as editor of *Club Notes*, the newsletter of the Fox Valley/Naperville Chess Club. *Club Notes* was named Best Club Bulletin as well as Best New Magazine. Sadly, *Chess Life* misattributed these awards, hard-earned by Frye.

The *APCT News Bulletin*, edited by Helen Warren, received an honorable mention in the Best Postal Magazine category. *APCTNB* and Warren were the winners in that category last year.

While new to chess journalism, Frye has experience writing and editing. When he worked in industry, he produced a monthly newsletter for his firm. When asked what he now does professionally, the modest and light-hearted Frye responded, "I goof off a lot". But when pressed, he spoke fondly of his work as a chaplain at Rush-Copley Hospital.

Club Notes was a winner in yet another category, with ICA Secretary Josh Flores (who is also Fox Valley/Naperville Chess Club president) in a tie for the Best Chess Promotion award for his series of articles, "King Fu", which appeared in three successive issues of *Club Notes*.

Notes

The 1997 Illinois State Class Championship will be held at the Oak Lawn Hilton.

To celebrate its return to the southside, Hector Hernandez, ICA President, has raised the guaranteed prize fund to \$4000.

The event will be held the weekend before Thanksgiving: November 22-23.

The Class is an ICA Maxi-tour Event. For details on this event check out the Tournament Calendar in this issue, *Chess Life*, our website, or give one of the ICA officers a call.

The TD Can't Intervene!

A response to Cindy Misiak of the Windy City Chess Association

To the Editor,

Cindy Misiak of the Windy City Chess Association expressed her own opinion regarding how she would like chess players to act in her letter to the editor published in the September-October ICB. She is way off base when she cites the USCF rulebook to justify imposing her opinions on the TD and players at Master Challenge. While I was not at Master Challenge, I feel I can comment on her interpretation of the USCF rulebook.

1. Cindy questions the TD's tolerance of a player's actions at Master Challenge. TDs are very limited in the amount of intervention they are allowed in an on going game. TDs can intervene when a player's actions are "disruptive, unethical, or unsportsmanlike" (21D3); however, each of those terms are very subjective. One underlying theme of the USCF rulebook is that a chess game is between two players. If they do not feel that their opponent's actions are "disruptive, unethical, or unsportsmanlike", then the TD has no business disrupting their game to enforce his/her own interpretation of the rules. The TD can not intervene!

2. Cindy does not understand rule 20G "Annoying behavior prohibited". The rule states: "A director, upon a complaint by the opponent, has discretion to determine whether any particular behavior is in violation of this rule..." In the game Cindy observed at Master Challenge no one complained to the TD that rule 20G was being violated. Had one of the players complained, the TD, in accordance with the rule, would then decide if any action, was needed to remedy the situation. According to Cindy, neither player complained. The TD can not intervene!

3. Cindy also cites rule 20A which states: "Players shall participate in the spirit of fair play and good sportsmanship,

and must observe the USCF Code of Ethics." Very subjective notions indeed. Many divergent thoughts can be expressed regarding the very nature of those concepts. The courts are filled with lawsuits by individuals involving their challenge to our societies collective sentiment of exactly what "good sportsmanship" and "fair play" mean.

The USCF Code of Ethics (pp. 198-204) lists "Repeated or gross violation of tournament regulations" as one example of unethical behavior. One entire section of this chapter is devoted to the procedures one can take when the ethical cannons of chess are violated. Apparently, neither player involved in the Master Challenge game observed by Cindy used those procedures; therefore, the TD can not intervene!

Tim Just
NTD, Former Chairman TD
Certification Committee, Co-author of
the current TD Certification Examinations

Letters to the Editor



Thanks for Chess Camp Scholarship

To the Editor,

Thank you [to the Illinois Chess Association] for providing the scholarship for my son James to attend chess camp in Glen Ellyn this summer. It was an excellent program and he really enjoyed the camp, its staff, and the events. He looks forward to continued participation in chess club at school, as well as tournaments in the Chicago and Illinois area.

Thanks again.

Very truly yours,
Mary Jane Jaffee

We welcome your letters. Send them to the editor for future publication in the ICB.



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Club News



IM Josh Manion Gives Simul

Report by Roger Birkeland

Since forming in September of 1996 we have had over 100 people join the club, with most Sunday night tournaments drawing about 20 players. Not only are Wisconsin and Indiana players on the membership rolls, but one new member listed his address as Italy! Our room is not large, but we certainly have room for a few more people—come on out and play!

The 16 players who came out on August 3 for a Game/29 tournament were conveniently divided into 4 quads. Mariano Acosta sailed through the 1st quad with a score of 3-0. Vince Hart, with 2.5-0.5, took top honors in the 2nd quad, while Roger Birkeland flattened the 3rd quad 3-0. Ted Shellhamer and Michael Cummings, each with 2-1, shared the \$40 prize in the bottom quad.

New Tournament Format

Report by Tom Finberg

Starting with '98 Tuley Park Quick Chess #1, on January 10, I will change the format of my tournaments.

We will no longer make the time controls of the early rounds faster than the later rounds. Also, the number

of rounds will be decided by the number of entries in round 1, and not be changed by the addition of late arrivals who get a half point bye for round 1 and start in round 2. We will use G/25 for 4SS, G/20 for 5SS, and G/17 for 6SS.

On August 10, Mariano Acosta, who this week was the 3rd rated player on the wall chart, breezed through the 17 players in this Game/20 Swiss with a perfect 4-0 score. Newcomer Miodrag Mladenovic was 2nd with 3-1, and Michael Cummings, the lowest rated player in the tournament at 1246, tied for 3rd with George Hechtel (2166) and Paul Prause (1848).

The Game/35 Quad on August 17 drew 20 players. Ed Thomas and Miodrag Mladenovic shared honors in the tough top section with 2-1. Salar Jahedi and Marty Pracek had 2.5-0.5 to share the \$40 prize in the 2nd quad, while Rudy Padilla won clear 1st in the 3rd quad with a perfect 3-0. Kermit Dodson also scored 3-0 to take the 4th quad, and



Roger BIRKELAND

Ed Thomas (right), was the only winner at Josh Manion's (left) Elmhurst Chess Club simultaneous exhibition.

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Michael Page and Steve Emery split the money in the bottom quad with 2.5-0.5.

Twenty players also came out on September 7 for a Game/12 Double Quad. Paul Madey, lowest rated player in the top quad, scored a very impressive 5-1.

Larry Cohen's score of 5.5-0.5 in the 2nd quad was not quite as impressive, since he out-rated his three opponents, but still excellent. Salar Jahedi's score of 6-0 over similarly-rated opponents in the 3rd quad was outstanding, while Chris Nitura needed only 4.5-0.5 to best his rivals in the 4th quad. The 5th quad was taken by Ted Shellhamer with a nice 5-1 result.

Eighteen players competed on September 14 in a Game/30 3-round Swiss. Vince Hart and Paul Prause scored 2.5-0.5 to nose out several higher-rated opponents in the open section. Matt Poynter, with a perfect 3-0, bested the eight players in the under 1500 section, while Roger Birkeland, Tom Singura and Ted Shellhamer all came in with 2-1.

On September 21 we had the great privilege to host IM-elect Josh Manion for a simultaneous exhibition. While Josh had little trouble disposing of the rest of us, club regular Ed Thomas *won* his game—and as Black, no less!

Josh Manion (2463)
Ed Thomas (1929)
Grünfeld Defense

Notes by Ed Thomas

1.d4 Nf3 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bc3 Qc7 11.Rc1 Rd8 12.h3 Na5 13.Bd3 b6 14.f4 e6 15.Qc1 f5 16.e5!?

Probably not best. 16.g4 is more common and keeps the initiative on the kingside.

16...Bb7 17.Qf2 Rac8 18.Bb5 c4 19.Ba4 Nc6 20.d5!? Rxd5 21.Bxc6 Bxc6 22.Nd4 Qc7 23.Rfd1 Ba4 24.Rd2 Kf7 25.Rb2 Ra5 26.Nf3 Rd8 27.Bd4 Bc6 28.Ng5+ Kg8 29.Bxb6!?

Now what do I do? 30...Qc5+ loses to 31.Qxc6 Rxc5 32.Nxe6. 30...Rc5 is met by 31.Nxe6.

30...Qa7! 31.Nxc6 Qxb6+ 32.Rxb6 Rd2

32.. Rc8 would have been better, keeping the extra piece; I was overly concerned with the passed e-pawn.

33.Rxc6 Raxa2 34.Nd4!

34.Rc8+ draws: 34...Kf7 35.Ng5+ Ke7 36.Rc7+ Ke8 37.Kh1 Rxc7 38.Rxc7 Rh2+ 39.Kh1.

34...Rxc7+ 35.Kf1 Rgf2+ 36.Kc1?

36.Kg1 should draw. 36...Rh2 37.Rc2??

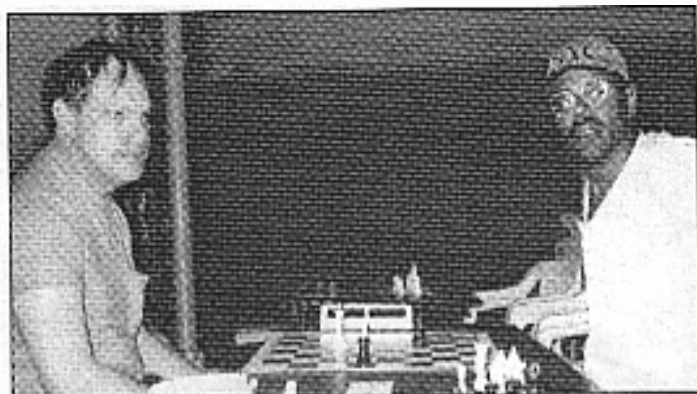
This loses immediately, but White is lost anyway. 37.Nc2 may at least give some hope of activating the passed pawns.

37...Ra1+ 0-1

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of rounds will be decided by the number of entries in round 1, and not be changed by the addition of late arrivals who get a half point bye for round 1 and start in round 2. We will use G/25 for 4SS, G/20 for 5SS, and G/17 for 6SS.



50 moves already?! Gene Scott (right) looks surprised, and no wonder: Bill Smythe (left), at the September 6th tournament at the Chicago Chess Club, just claimed a draw based on the 50-move rule. How often does this happen with a complete scoresheet of some 135 moves in a *Game/60* tournament?

Palos Wins at Plus-Score

Report by Bill Smythe

At the Chicago Chess Club's Plus-Score tournament on August 17th, IM Osman Palos took clear first by being the only player to win all four rounds. He defeated two of the several players who came close to challenging him: IM Enrico Sevillano and Miron Zinytch.

They both tied for second along with Marvin Dandridge, Steve Szpisjak, and Ethelbert Gazmen, who all posted 3-1 scores.

There are tournaments most weekends at the Chicago Chess Club, almost certainly when no one else is holding a tournament. For information, call the club: 773-761-5050.

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|----|--------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | PALOS Osman | 2469 | W13 | W11 | W5 | W2 | 4 |
| 2 | SEVILLANO Enrico | 2575 | W12 | W7 | W3 | L1 | 3 |
| 3 | DANDRIDGE Marvin | 2324 | W14 | W8 | L2 | W11 | 3 |
| 4 | SZPISJAK Steve | 2303 | D17 | W10 | W16 | D8 | 3 |
| 5 | ZINYTCH Miron | 2142 | W18 | W9 | L1 | W15 | 3 |
| 6 | GAZMEN Ethelbert | 2115 | D23 | W22 | W17 | D4 | 3 |
| 7 | CAVENEY Geoff | 2138 | W15 | L2 | D10 | W17 | 2.5 |
| 8 | SAX Rob | 2040 | W21 | L3 | W13 | D9 | 2.5 |
| 9 | HAYES Will | 1834 | W19 | L6 | W18 | D6 | 2.5 |
| 10 | WATTS Bradley | 1800 | W20 | L4 | D7 | W16 | 2.5 |
| 11 | ROCKHILL David | 1937 | W24 | L1 | W14 | L3 | 2 |
| 12 | HRON Ben | 1789 | L2 | L17 | W23 | W19 | 2 |
| 13 | WONG Brian | 1787 | L1 | W24 | L8 | W18 | 2 |
| 14 | LEVIN Michael A. | 1768 | L3 | W19 | L11 | W20 | 2 |
| 15 | SAHS James | 1575 | L7 | W20 | W22 | L5 | 2 |
| 16 | KLEBAN Yuliy | 2073 | F | W23 | L4 | L19 | 1.5 |
| 17 | COOPER Michael | 1757 | D4 | W12 | L6 | L7 | 1.5 |
| 18 | WITEK Greg | 1805 | L5 | W21 | L9 | L13 | 1 |
| 19 | WONG Kevin | 1329 | L9 | L14 | W21 | L12 | 1 |
| 20 | JOSEPH Bennett | 794 | L10 | L15 | W24 | L14 | 1 |
| 21 | ROCKHILL Nathaniel | 616 | L8 | L18 | L19 | W23 | 1 |
| 22 | SMYTHE Bill | 1886 | F | L6 | L15 | - | 0.5 |
| 23 | ALCOCK Bruce | - | D8 | L16 | L12 | L21 | 0.5 |
| 24 | TIMOKHINA Julia | 1378 | L11 | L13 | L20 | - | 0 |

Blitz and Lots More

Report by Ken Marshall

World Blitz Chess Association (WBCA) Tournament

Seven players competed in this August 12, *Game/5*, double round robin, WBCA-rated event.

Al Chow (WBCA 2337) took first with a

12-0 result. Florentino Inumerable (1800) followed with 8.5-3.5, and Mariusz Gorski (1734) was third with 7.5-4.5.

control of 45 moves in 90 minutes followed by sudden death in 30 minutes, saw upset wins by Jim Kelly, Butch Allen, Mariusz Gorski, Roger Birkeland (defeating an opponent rated 257 points higher), and Jerome Downey. The outcome was in doubt

until after midnight when the last game finished. Needing a win for his team to prevail, Ray Satterlee bought home the full point in a difficult rook,

Oak Park River Forest Chess Club

OP-RF CC vs. Chicago Industrial Chess League

| | | | |
|-----|------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| 1. | Ray Satterlee (2122) | 1-0 | Robert Morris (2130)* |
| 2. | Bill Barker (1821) | 0-1 | Ed Buerger (2032) |
| 3. | Marty Ptacek (1763) | 0-1 | Pablo Diaz (2027) |
| 4. | Jim Kelly (1724) | 1-0 | Pat Sajbel (1809) |
| 5. | Paul Prause (1721) | 1/2-1/2 | Dan Fraats (1808) |
| 6. | Butch Allen (1706) | 1-0 | Mike Plen (1801) |
| 7. | Mariusz Gorski (1800) | 1-0 | Emmar Paroan (1781) |
| 8. | Derek Schneider (1600) | 0-1 | David Sacks (1761) |
| 9. | Roger Birkeland (1450) | 1-0 | Frank Moxlon (1857) |
| 10. | Jerome Downey (1449) | 1-0 | Jeff Barcki (1802) |
| 11. | Ted Shellhamer (1395) | 1/2-1/2 | Juane Satterlee (1594) |
| 12. | David Jones (Unr) | 1/2-1/2 | H. Kientelner (1541) |
| 13. | Phi. Moran (Unr) | 0-1 | Carl Field (1379) |
| 14. | Warren Kretzer (Unr) | 0-1 | Jim Thomson (Unr) |

7 1/2 - 6 1/2

* Ratings are CICA and differ slightly from USCF ratings

Best 1700-1999 player was Marty Ptacek (1735) who scored 6-6 and gave his winnings to the Oak Park-River Forest Chess Club (OP-RF CC). New WBCA member Ted Shellhamer (WBCA unrated, 1395 USCF) ended up 3-9 to take home the Below-1700 money.

Chicago Industrial Chess League

Outrated on virtually every board (including three 200-plus- and four 150-plus-point deficits), the OP-RF CC stunned the Chicago Industrial Commission League (CICL) with a 7.5-6.5 victory on August 19.

The fiercely contested 14-board match, with a time con-

trol of 45 moves in 90 minutes followed by sudden death in 30 minutes, saw upset wins by Jim Kelly, Butch Allen, Mariusz Gorski, Roger Birkeland (defeating an opponent rated 257 points higher), and Jerome Downey. The outcome was in doubt

USCF Game/12 Swiss

Bob Hansen (QP 2071) scored 4.5-0.5 to take first place in this twelve-player "Quick Play" tournament on September 9. Butch Allen (1771) was second at 4-1. Sharing 1977-1600 honors were Bill Barker (1665) and Chuck Collins (1619) with 3-2 results, while Greg Witek (1574), Joe Cygan (1369), and Darwin Nyberg (1350) tied for the Below-1600 prizes. Collins and Cygan donated their prizes to the OP-RF CC.

Successful Cheapies

Report by Vince Berry

The weekend of September 27 and 28 saw Archer Park once again busy with chess activity. On day one we held a 10 round game-in-10-minute event that was also one of our strongest. Clear first was IM Osman Palos with a very impressive 9 out of 10, only giving up one game to second place finisher Marvin Dandridge. Dandridge and Chow tied for second also with the impressive score of 8.5 out of 10. Dandridge lost to Chow who lost the previous round to Palos.

Other prize winners were Larry Cohen, the A prize, with 6 of 10. This was

also fourth place—pretty large margin huh? Chris Baumgartner, class B with 5 points, Cipriano Menendez, class C with 5 points, and for D/below Bennett Joseph with 4.5 points.

On day two we held a 5 round game/30 event. This day was all Al Chow's. He blazed to a perfect 5-0 finish beating along the way Osman Palos, Jim Marshall and Larry Cohen. Nice job Al. Tied for second place were Osman and surprise powerhouse Josh "I have too many jobs,

heavens no!" Flores, both with 4 out of 5. Josh's only loss was to Palos. Jim Marshall, although out of the money, had a good performance losing only to the two highest-rated players (Chow and Palos). The top A money was split three ways between Larry (again) Cohen, Bill (the tour man) Smythe and Hector Hernandez, all with 3 points. Top class C went to Scott (thank God I'm 1599) Silverman.

Lastly, the "hidden" strength class D money was split four ways between



Albert Chow: undefeated winner of the Windy City Cheapie #2

Mauricio Lopez, Christian Nikolopoulos, Bennett Joseph, and Jim Burnett all with 2 out of 5.

Windy City Chess Association

Osman Palos Al Chow Windy City Cheapie #2 Larsen's Opening

1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.b3 Bg4 4.e3 c6 5.Bb2 Nd7
6.Be2 Ngf6 7.0-0 Bd6 8.d3 0-0 9.Nbd2 h6 10.h3
Bh5 11.a3 a5 12.Re1 Re8 13.Ra2 Bg6 14.Qa1
Nc5 15.Bf6 Qf6 16.d4 Ne4 17.c5 Bc7 18.Nxc4
Bxc4 19.Ne5 Qg5 20.Bf1 f6 21.Nd3 e5 22.Qc3
h5 23.Ra1 h4 24.b4 Bxd3 25.Bxd3 exd4 26.f4
dxc3 27.fxg5 Bg3
28.Re1 Rxc3 29.Bg6
fxg5 30.b5 Re6 31.Bf5
Rf6 32.Bd3 Bf2+
33.Kh1 Bxc5 34.bxc6
bxc6 35.Rab1 d4 36.a4
Bb4 37.Rd1 Rd8
38.Rbc1 Kf8 39.Rc2
Rdd6 40.Bc4 Rd7
41.Kg1 c5 42.Re2 Rc7
43.Rc2 Rf4 44.Bc2 Rc3
45.Ra2 Kc7 46.Rc2 Kf6
47.Bd3 Ke5 48.Rc2
Rxe2 49.Bxe2 Ke4
50.Bd3 Ke3 0-1

Windy City Cheapie #2 • September 28, 1997

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|----|-----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | CHOW Albert | 2363 | W20 | W7 | W5 | W2 | W4 | 5 |
| 2 | PALOS Osman | 2469 | W18 | W3 | W4 | L1 | W6 | 4 |
| 3 | FLORES Joshua | 1776 | W13 | L2 | W14 | W5 | W10 | 4 |
| 4 | MARSHAL Jim | 2127 | W9 | W8 | L2 | W7 | L1 | 3 |
| 5 | COHEN Larry | 1982 | W15 | W11 | L1 | L3 | W13 | 3 |
| 6 | HERNANDEZ H | 1939 | W16 | L12 | W13 | W9 | L2 | 3 |
| 7 | SMYTHE Bill | 1666 | W19 | L1 | W11 | L4 | W14 | 3 |
| 8 | DE MASTRI John | 1735 | W17 | L4 | W16 | L10 | W11 | 3 |
| 9 | WITEK Greg | 1805 | L4 | W10 | W17 | L6 | W16 | 3 |
| 10 | SILVERMAN Scott | 1599 | H | L9 | W18 | W8 | L3 | 2.5 |
| 11 | FAMBRO Paul | 1537 | W14 | L5 | L7 | W20 | L8 | 2 |
| 12 | SMITH Orlan | 1522 | W21 | W6 | - | - | - | 2 |
| 13 | LOPEZ Philip | 1500 | L3 | W22 | L6 | W15 | L5 | 2 |
| 14 | LOPEZ Mauricio | 1300 | L11 | W15 | L3 | W17 | L7 | 2 |
| 15 | NIKOLOPOULOS C | 863 | L5 | L14 | W19 | L13 | W20 | 2 |
| 16 | JOSEPH Bennett | 784 | L6 | W21 | L8 | W18 | L9 | 2 |
| 17 | BURNETT Jim | L8 | W20 | L9 | L14 | W19 | L2 | 2 |
| 18 | THALL Larry | 1384 | L2 | D19 | L10 | L16 | W21 | 1.5 |
| 19 | LOPEZ Arianna | 707 | L7 | D18 | L15 | W21 | L17 | 1.5 |
| 20 | LOPEZ Monica | 891 | L1 | L17 | W21 | L11 | L15 | 1 |
| 21 | LOPEZ Sandra | - | L12 | L16 | L20 | L19 | L18 | 0 |
| 22 | MISIAK Cindy | 1033 | - | L13 | - | - | - | 0 |

Windy City Cheapie #1 • September 27, 1997

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|----|------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | PALOS Osman | 2464 | W11 | W5 | W3 | L2 | W6 | W4 | W10 | W7 | W12 | W8 | 9 |
| 2 | DANDRIDGE Marvin | 2308 | W8 | W7 | W6 | W1 | D4 | L3 | W5 | W10 | W11 | W12 | 8.5 |
| 3 | CHOW Albert | 2283 | W13 | W10 | L1 | D6 | W5 | W2 | W4 | W8 | W15 | W7 | 8.5 |
| 4 | COHEN Larry | 1949 | W9 | L6 | W8 | W7 | D2 | L1 | L3 | W13 | W5 | D10 | 6 |
| 5 | SMYTHE Bill | 1898 | W16 | L1 | D13 | W9 | L3 | W14 | L2 | W11 | L4 | W6 | 5.5 |
| 6 | FLORES Josh | 1823 | W12 | W4 | L2 | D3 | L1 | W9 | L7 | W14 | W10 | L5 | 5.5 |
| 7 | COHEN Howard | 1941 | W17 | L2 | W11 | L4 | W14 | L10 | W6 | L1 | W16 | L3 | 5 |
| 8 | BAUMGARTNER Ch | 1665 | L2 | W17 | L4 | W16 | L10 | W13 | W9 | L3 | W14 | L1 | 5 |
| 9 | MENENDEZ Ciprian | 1512 | L4 | W12 | W10 | L5 | W11 | L6 | L8 | D15 | D13 | W16 | 5 |
| 10 | CRONIN Mike | 1801 | W18 | L3 | L9 | W15 | W8 | W7 | L1 | L2 | L6 | D4 | 4.5 |
| 11 | FINEBERG Tom | 1696 | L1 | W14 | L7 | D12 | L9 | B | W16 | L5 | L2 | W13 | 4.5 |
| 12 | JOSEPH Bennett | 784 | L6 | L9 | B | D11 | L13 | W17 | W15 | W16 | L1 | L2 | 4.5 |
| 13 | MISHLOVE David | 1640 | L3 | W15 | D5 | L14 | W12 | L6 | W17 | L4 | D9 | L11 | 4 |
| 14 | WITEK Greg | 1574 | H | L1 | W16 | W13 | L7 | L5 | B | L6 | L8 | D15 | 4 |
| 15 | LOPEZ Monica | 891 | L5 | L13 | W17 | L10 | B | W16 | L12 | D9 | L3 | D14 | 4 |
| 16 | LOPEZ Arianna | 707 | L10 | B | L14 | L8 | W17 | L15 | L11 | L12 | L7 | L9 | 2 |
| 17 | MISIAK Cindy | 1035 | L7 | L8 | L15 | B | L16 | L12 | L13 | - | - | - | 1 |

Nine Steady Years

Report by Hector Hernandez

This fall the Chicago Public Library-Rudy Lozano Branch Chess Club, Knight Moves C.C., entered its ninth year of continuous service to the community. We are encouraged by the fact that many new faces are showing up at our club meetings on Tuesday evenings, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Some of them are young children who exhibit a great enthusiasm for the game and make good use of our chess sets several times a week. Some high school students do the same. This is a good sign for our upcoming tournaments.

Two non-USCF rated tournaments are upcoming: On

Saturday, November 29 is the Chicago Latino Chess Championship V. And on Saturday, December 13th is the Knight Moves Women's Championship I. Both have the same structure and features: Section

Knight Chess Moves Club

I, for players 15 years of age and older; and, Section II, for players age 14 and younger. Trophies will be awarded to the top five players in each of the sections. Format: Game 30; 5-minute games will be used to break ties. Registration: 9:00-9:30 a.m., Round 1 begins at 10:00 a.m.

Individuals wishing more information should call Hector Hernandez at the library, 312-746-4329.

Tim Just's Rulebook Tactics

- ✓ If either player's clock has less than five minutes left during any sudden death time control, neither player needs to keep score (Rule 15C).
- ✓ You may stop the chess clock to get a TD to come to your board and make a ruling. Let your opponent know why you stopped the clock (Rule 16Q).
- ✓ You may fill in your own score sheet using your opponent's score sheet while your clock is running and both of you have more than five minutes left (Rule 15F).

Fox Valley/Naperville Trophy Event • August 23, 1997

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|----|-----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | JOSEPH Bennett | 784 | W8 | W14 | W4 | 3 |
| 2 | FLORES Joshua | 1776 | W10 | W6 | D3 | 2.5 |
| 3 | WACHTER Tom | 1875 | W11 | W13 | D2 | 2.5 |
| 4 | SMITH Oran | 1822 | W12 | W6 | L1 | 2 |
| 5 | HORNOR Richard | 1425 | W15 | L2 | W10 | 2 |
| 6 | VAYE Eric | 1200 | W16 | L4 | W13 | 2 |
| 7 | MCNALLY Michael | 1194 | L13 | W15 | W11 | 2 |
| 8 | PIERGALSKI John | 1193 | L1 | D9 | W14 | 1.5 |
| 9 | SRIIVASAN Dayu | 921 | D14 | D5 | D16 | 1.5 |
| 10 | LAUGER Lloyd | 1091 | L2 | W16 | L5 | 1 |
| 11 | PAVE Michael | 1053 | L3 | W12 | L7 | 1 |
| 12 | KARACIC Steven | 1034 | L4 | L11 | W16 | 1 |
| 13 | PASIEKA Bran | - | W7 | L3 | L6 | 1 |
| 14 | BURICH Anthony | 1258 | D9 | L1 | L8 | 0.5 |
| 15 | KARACIC Chris | 995 | L5 | L7 | D9 | 0.5 |
| 16 | ESSES Joshua | 895 | L6 | L10 | L12 | 0 |

Joseph Wins Tourney

New Club Venue Announced

Report by Roy Frye

The August 23rd Trophy Event at the Fox Valley/Naperville Chess Club had 16 competitors. Bennett Joseph, a talented junior, was the only undefeated player and was clear first.

Tied for second were Joshua Flores and Tom Wachter, each at 2.5. They played each other in the final round and a draw resulted.

New Club Site

The Fox Valley/Naperville Chess Club is moving to a new site. As of Monday, November 17th, weekly chess club meetings will be conducted at the Hyatt Hotel in Lisle, which is located at the corner of Route 53 and Warrenville Road. This is one



Undefeated Bennett Joseph won the FVNCC Trophy Event

and-a-half miles east of the previous club meeting site, the Radisson. The FVNCC meets from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. every Monday night. Everyone is welcome. For further information on the club, contact Roy Frye: 630-844-1285.



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Tournament Round-up

Bradley Summer Open

The Bradley Summer Open, held on August 9th, drew 15 players. Phil Anderson (1927) won the four-round tournament with a score of 3.5. His only draw was in round three against expert Daniel Long (2006).

Tied for second were William Naff (2062), Daniel Long (2006), Wayne Zimmerle (1595), and Michael Ashley (no rating).

Bradley Summer Open • August 9, 1997

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|----|------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | ANDERSON Phil | 1927 | W12 | W14 | D3 | W4 | 3.5 |
| 2 | NAFF William A | 2062 | W5 | W6 | H | D3 | 3 |
| 3 | LONG Daniel | 2006 | W7 | W10 | D1 | D2 | 3 |
| 4 | ZIMMERLE R Wayne | 1595 | W13 | W5 | W10 | L1 | 3 |
| 5 | ASHLEY Michael | — | W11 | L4 | W7 | W9 | 3 |
| 6 | TOMANEK Ray | 1380 | W9 | L2 | W14 | D10 | 2.5 |
| 7 | FOSTER Don | 1255 | L3 | W13 | L5 | W15 | 2 |
| 8 | SMITH Ian | 1246 | L2 | L9 | W13 | W11 | 2 |
| 9 | KEE Mark A | — | L6 | W8 | W15 | L5 | 2 |
| 10 | STOTLER Richard E | 1410 | W15 | L3 | L4 | D6 | 1.6 |
| 11 | SCHULTE Bill | 1262 | L5 | L16 | W12 | L8 | 1 |
| 12 | TROYER Carl R | 1062 | L1 | L14 | L11 | B | 1 |
| 13 | KENNELL Earl L | 1052 | L4 | L7 | L8 | W14 | 1 |
| 14 | NIKOLOPOULOS Christian | 863 | W12 | L1 | L5 | L13 | 1 |
| 15 | EDWARDS Paul | — | L10 | W11 | L9 | L7 | 1 |

Peoria Quick Tornado • June 28, 1997

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|----|------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | HOFFMAN Guy G | 2056 | W12 | W2 | W7 | W3 | W5 | 5 |
| 2 | ZIMMERLE R Wayne | 1749 | W13 | L1 | W12 | W7 | W3 | 4 |
| 3 | VERO Carl M | 1840 | W11 | W6 | W10 | L1 | L2 | 3 |
| 4 | BOLITHO Thomas G | 1743 | W9 | L7 | W8 | L5 | W10 | 3 |
| 5 | KACH Arthur | 1450 | L7 | W8 | W13 | W4 | L1 | 3 |
| 6 | KENNEL Earl L | 1052 | B | L3 | L9 | W11 | W12 | 3 |
| 7 | NAFF William A | 2113 | W5 | W4 | L1 | L2 | D8 | 2.5 |
| 8 | LIL Michael Y | 1306 | W10 | L5 | L4 | B | D7 | 2.5 |
| 9 | ZIEBART Brian | — | L4 | L10 | W6 | D12 | B | 2.5 |
| 10 | SCOTT Winfield F | 1776 | L8 | W9 | L3 | W13 | L4 | 2 |
| 11 | HELM Bret | 1388 | L3 | L12 | B | L6 | W13 | 2 |
| 12 | CRANSTON Daniel | 1396 | L1 | W11 | L2 | D9 | L6 | 1.5 |
| 13 | TROYER Carl R | 1093 | L2 | B | L5 | L10 | L11 | 1 |

Peoria Tornado

Guy Hoffman (2056) won the Peoria Quick Tornado held on 28 June 1997. Hoffman was undefeated in five rounds of play.

In second place was Wayne Zimmerle (1749), with four points. His only loss came in round 2, when he met Hoffman.

Tied for third place were Carl Vero (1840), Thomas Bolitho (1743), Arthur Kach (1450), and Earl Kennell (1052), all with three points.

Strategic Thinking Amateur

Barrie Richmond (1904) won the Strategic Thinking Amateur tournament conducted on 24 August. He had three wins and a draw in the four-round tournament.

Tied for second place were Chuck Cadman (2102), Jonathan Meltzer (2065), and James Condron (1992), all with three points. Condron earned a draw in the final round with Richmond, the tournament winner.

Scott Silverman followed closely with 2.5 points. There were 14 players in all in this mini-Tour event held in Rosemont.

Strategic Thinking Amateur August 24, 1997

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| 1 | RICHMOND M Barrie | 1904 | W13 | W11 | W8 | D4 | 3.5 |
| 2 | CADMAN Chuck | 2102 | L11 | W9 | W8 | W7 | 3 |
| 3 | MELTZER Jonathan D | 2065 | W5 | L7 | W12 | W6 | 3 |
| 4 | CONDRON James K | 1992 | D9 | W10 | W7 | D1 | 3 |
| 5 | SILVERMAN Scott | 1599 | L3 | W13 | W10 | D9 | 2.5 |
| 6 | OSBERWEIS James Sr | 1952 | W12 | W8 | L1 | L3 | 2 |
| 7 | SVYTHE Bill | 1806 | W14 | W3 | L4 | L2 | 2 |
| 8 | HALE Bob Joyce | 1675 | X | L6 | L2 | W12 | 2 |
| 9 | CHEN Aaron | 1439 | D4 | L2 | W13 | D5 | 2 |
| 10 | IFUND Daniel | 1485 | H | L4 | L5 | W14 | 1.5 |
| 11 | OSBERWEIS Julie | 1656 | W2 | L1 | - | - | 1 |
| 12 | BOYD Joseph C | 1120 | L6 | W14 | L3 | L8 | 1 |
| 13 | RODRIGUEZ Jose | 1120 | L1 | L5 | L9 | B | 1 |
| 14 | CUEVAS William | 1113 | L7 | L12 | B | L10 | 1 |

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The Test of Light and Time

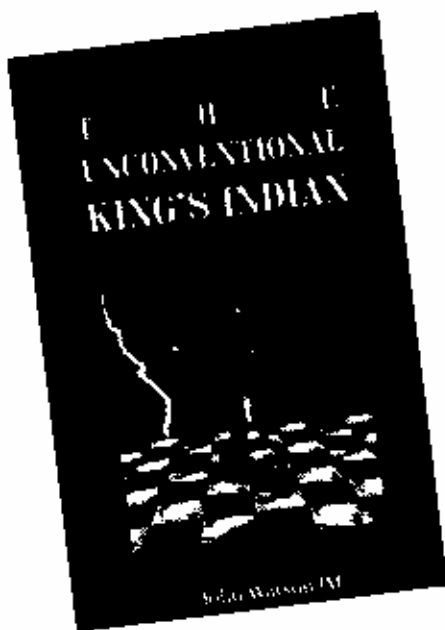
*Beer and opening books face similar enemies,
but John Watson's new book comes out a winner.*

Reviewed by John Tomas

Opening books have much more in common with good beer than you might immediately think. First and foremost, they have the same mortal enemies—light and time. It is axiomatic that any opening book is outdated even before it is published, for the publishing process makes it into a static entity while theory marches on.

Authors have tried to cheat time and theory in three ways. First, they have tried to get books out as quickly as possible—the “Trends ...” series is an excellent example of the type of book where the author uses his database to assemble a collection of more or less relevant games in a particular variation and then adds some short comments. The combination of database technology and low production values means that the book will be out as soon as humanly possible. The irony is that such works die almost as soon as they are published because so little value is added to the final product.

The second way to cheat the march of time is the encyclopedic approach. Here, authors attempt to gather absolutely all the information they can on a particular variation. I have in my possession a Batsford book from almost 30 years ago on the King's Indian Defense. In it, Leonard Barden, Ray Keene, and William Hartston do their best to cover the whole of that complex opening. At the time, the book was eagerly awaited and widely praised. I also own another Batsford book, *The Main Line King's Indian* by John Nunn and Graham Burgess. This two-volume work treats one of the variations which Barden, *et al.* treated in their book. The first half of the book—treating only the less common variants—takes up 318 pages. It



The Unconventional King's Indian Defense by International Master John Watson. 212 pages, \$17.95 Hypermodern Press, 1997.

is, in other words, longer than the original KID from 30 years ago! And that is precisely the problem with such works—they take forever to produce, and they tend to offer too little return to the authors for the effort expended. Still, from the standpoint of the opening enthusiast, they are relatively good bargains. While they date at the same

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rate as all the other books, the fact that they have everything in them means that they provide an outstanding introduction to the subject. And, if in addition, the authors are insightful as well as conscientious, the book will retain substantial value long after the specific variations it espouses have passed on to the dung heap of modern theory.

The final attempt to cheat time is the repertoire approach. Here, a writer attempts to teach players how to play an opening or (more commonly) a variation of an opening. Such books have become extremely popular recently, and even strong grandmasters have taken this route. Ribli and Kallia's *Winning with the Queen's Indian* is one excellent example of the genre as is Ali Mortazavi's more recent *Winning with the Kan* on a slightly less exalted level. These books eschew the presentation of long, complicated variations and substitute strategic overviews, often with quite extensive prose discussions and a plethora of complete games so that readers can learn the typical middlegame (and even endgame!) positions they are likely to encounter.

I mention these considerations because they are essential if we are to understand the extent of the American International Master John Watson's achievement in his new book for Hypermodern Press, *The Unconventional King's Indian Defense*. What all of the above approaches have in common is that they work only when theory is more or less set—when we can tell what is going to be important and new in a variation and what is not. What is really unusual and praiseworthy for a player or theoretician is to undertake to define a new area of theory—to look

at a body of games where theory has not yet crystallized and try to make sense of them.

This is what *The Unconventional King's Indian Defense* does, in general very effectively. In Watson's parlance, anything other than the Classical variation (Nf3 and Be2 against either ...Nbd7, ...Na6, or ... Nc6), the Sämisch (5.f3), the Classical Fianchetto, and the Averbach (5.Be2 followed by 6.Bg5) is unconventional. He covers lines with an earlier Bg5, with or without c4, lines with Bf4 (again, with or without c4), fianchetto lines other than the classical fianchetto (such as the double fianchetto and what he terms the "Martinovsky Variation," which eschew c4), as well as general berserker attacks arising out of the Classical move order. However, the central part of the book is devoted to three lines which are currently the subject of much discussion at the grandmaster level: 5.Bd3 (resurrected by Yassar Scirawan and once a specialty of Albert Chow in Illinois), 5.h3 or 5.Nf3 and 6.h3 (which Dmitry Gurevich has used a lot), and the Kramer Variation (a specialty of Grigory Serper and the California International Master Larry Remlinger).

Watson himself calls his book a "repretoire" book. However, *The Unconventional King's Indian Defense* really does not meet the criteria for such a book. The major problem is that if you do not already play the KID, you will not learn how to play it from this book. While it presents strategical introductions, they are relatively short, more signposts for players who already know the territory than an extensive discussion of how to play the KID. What this means is that the book's audience is going to be severely limited. I personally would doubt that anyone below expert strength would profit much from it.

What the book does offer is original analysis—especially in the first three chapters. Not a page goes by without Watson either offering a new defensive scheme (most of which he has tried out in his own practice), reevaluating an heretofore unquestioned evaluation, or offering new analysis of his own.

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ered no major flaws, nor, surprisingly enough for a repretoire book, any consistent bias towards the Black side of the equation. In fact, the only consistent problem is that Watson is a little too willing to call what I think are difficult positions drawable. However, it is probably less a matter of bias than of superior playing strength—positions you or I might find difficult, titled players tend to draw all the time. It is, nonetheless, something to watch out for when you consider his evaluations—is this really a position you, at your level of chess, could draw, or not?

I have only two major quibbles with John Watson's new book. First, I find that the first third of the book is much more interesting than the rest of it. Those three lines feature important contemporary attempts to put the King's Indian out of business. That is simply not true for the lines with Bg5 and Bf4 or the various g3 lines. In fact, with the exception of the lines where White avoids c4 entirely, you can readily see that many more ancient games are exhumed for the book. Still, as com-

pensation, those chapters do a superior job of dissecting the lines without c4— notably the Torre Attack (1.d4, Nf6 2.Nf3, g6 3.Bg5) and the London system (ditto previous remark except with 3.Bf4). And those *are* lines you are likely to meet in competition—either from inferior players trying to get you to overreach in your quest for winning chances or from superior players trying to lull you into a false sense of security. Finally, remember one important thing in this evaluation: it is not my book—whatever I would or would not have done is ultimately beside the point.

My second quibble is more serious. In repretoire books, we expect to get a certain volume of prose explanation—ideally with complete or almost complete games so that we have examples of how the strategical themes are worked out in practice. An example of such a book is Ali Mortazavi's *Winning with the Kan*. However, it is possible to take such an approach too far—to include too many games and to spend too much time explaining basic positional concepts—as I believe Mortazavi does. I believe that Watson's book would have a wider audience if he spent more space on such explanations and perhaps added a couple of complete games.

In conclusion, I can unhesitatingly recommend *The Unconventional King's Indian Defense* for candidate masters and above. In it, they will find the superb analysis they have come to expect from America's foremost theoretician. Among its many excellences is the best index I have ever seen in an opening book. It is possible to find the variation you seek in just a glance. Moreover, although the book is billed as a repretoire book, the analysis is so objective that White players looking for slightly less usual approaches to assaulting the KID will find it very useful indeed. In short—an outstanding work, with superior analysis, superb production values, and worthy of your support.



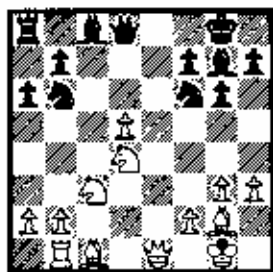
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forthright 11...Nb6 as shown by: 11...Nb6 12.b3 d5 13.exd5 cxd5 14.c5 Ne4 (14...Nbd7 15.b4 a6 16.Bf4 Ne4 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Nb3 Ne5 19.Qxd8 Rxd8 20.Bxe4 Nc6 21.Bg2 Bf5 22.Rbd1 Bc3 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.a3 Rd7 25.Kh2 Re7 26.Bf3 Kg7 27.Bd6 Rd7 28.Na5 Nxa5 29.bxa5 Bxa5 30.g4 Bc2 31.Rc1 Ba4 32.Kg2 Bc7 33.Bxc7 Rxc7 34.Rb1 Rxc5 35.Rxb7 Rc3 36.Rb6 Bb5 37.a4 Rc4 38.Bb7 Ra3 39.Bxa6 Bd5+ 40.Kh2 Rxa4 1/2-1/2 C. Bielicki-Raimundo Garcia, Buenos Aires ch-ARG (13) 1961) 15.Nxc4 dxc4 16.Nb5 Nd5 17.Bh2 Bxb2 18.Rxb2 Qf6 19.Rd2 Qa6 20.Nd6 Nc3 21.Qa1 e3 22.Qxc3 cxd2 23.Nxc8 Qxf1+ 24.Bxf1 1-0 Kavalek-Garcia Orus, The Hague 1966 12.Re1 d5 13.cxd5 Rxc1+ 14.Qxc1 cxd5 15.cxd5 Nb6



Adler is forced to play for the slower method of recovering the d5 pawn in light of 15...Nxd5 16.Nc6! with advantage to White. The fact that this is necessary clearly demonstrates the bankruptcy of his strategy incorporating 9...exd5 and 12...d5. 16.Bg5

A simple move which ties up Black's development and makes recovery of his pawn all

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that more difficult. By now, I'm sure that Black had regrets over the committal course he had taken.

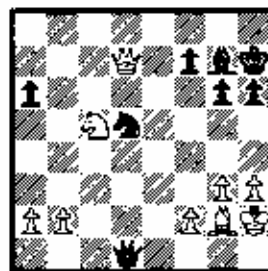
16...h6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Rd1 Bd7



19.Ne4!

Rather than passively holding onto his extra material, White boldly initiates sharp play against his opponent's undeveloped and disorganized position. It is noteworthy that the cavalry is first to lead the charge.

19...Qc5 20.Qb4 Nxd5 21.Qxb7 Rd8 22.Nc6 Bxc6 23.Qxc6 Qe6 24.Qb7 Rd7 25.Qc8+ Kh7 26.Nc5 Qc2 27.Qxd7 Qxd1+ 28.Kh2



Black's poor knight, which earlier found itself pinned against the unprotected rook at d8, now suffers a similar fate from the exact opposite direction and can't avoid loss.

This game pitting the tournament's two top players against each other was certainly well played by the visiting grandmaster, but also far simpler than most observers had expected. All hail to the tournament victor! 1-0



Enrico Sevillano. One of the new Illinois co-champions is all smiles.

E. Sevillano

K. Manne

Illinois Open (1) (02), 1997

Alekhine's Defense B02

Notes by Alan Watson

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.c5

The Two Pawns Attack or Chase Variation is an aggressive line whereby the first player attempts to demonstrate that Black's knight is insecurely developed.

4...Nd5 5.Be4 c6 6.Nc3 Nxc3

An unusual move is 6...Nf4!! hoping for 7.Qg4? Qh4! →, but 7.g3 Ng6 8.d4 d6 9.h4 dxe5 10.h5 Ne7 11.h6 Qxd4 12.Qe2 Nf5 13.Ne4 Bxc5 14.hxg5 Nxg7 15.Nf6+ Ke7 16.Be3 Qd6 17.Bg5 Qc6 18.Nf3 h6 19.Nd5 1-0 as in Khatset-Shiryayev, Moscow 1961 is a sobering reminder of the dangers associated with an hyperactive mule.

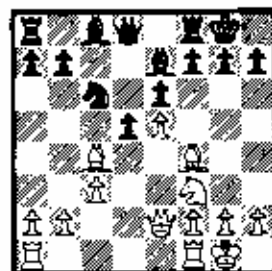
7.dxc3

7.bxc5 d5! is good for Black.

7...d6?!

Book continues 7...Nc6 8.Bf4 when both 8...Qh4

and 8.Bxc5 9.Qg4 g5! lead to complex games regarded as satisfactory for someone theoretically well-prepared. The text is less challenging. 8.cxd6 cxd6 9.Nf3 Be7 10.Qc2 0-0 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Bf4 d5



Closing the center allows White's pieces to develop freely with an eye towards kingside activity, but the growing pressure on Black's center left the second player little choice.

13.Bd3 a6 14.Rfd1 Qc7 15.Bg3

Whenever Black plays f7-f6 or f7-f5 White must be able to continue exf6 so as to retain open lines for his pieces,

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***10-YEAR-OLD ANDREW
HUBBARD AMAZES ALL WITH
5.5 - .5 AT ILLINOIS OPEN!***



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ANDREW HUBBARD (1391) SCORES 5.5 - .5 IN ILLINOIS OPEN, TAKING SECOND PLACE IN THE RESERVE SECTION. ANDREW WON ALL GAMES PLAYED. THE 1/2 POINT CAME FROM A BYE IN ROUND 4. ANDREW'S 2085 PERFORMANCE RATING WAS THE HIGHEST IN HIS SECTION!

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CORRESPONDENCE: Letters and Advice

I have a few questions concerning the rules for "no losing chances". Let me start by describing two scenarios that happened to my son in a couple of chess tournaments.

In the first game, my son was ahead by a queen and had an easy win except for the fact that he had less than a minute left on his clock. His clock ran out and his opponent claimed the victory. I have since learned that he could have stopped the clock and called the tournament director to claim "no losing chances" and at least get a draw.

In the second game, my son was down a rook and had no chance at winning except for the fact that his opponent's clock was about to run out. He stopped the clock and claimed "no losing chances". I expected this to be a draw, but the tournament director transferred the time left to a 5-second delay clock and said to play on. The result was of course a win for the opponent.

The questions are:

1. Do the rules allow this switching of clocks?
2. If the clocks are switched, can the one claiming "no losing chances" then go on to win?
3. The last is sort of a devil's advocate question. Assuming the answers to the first two questions are yes, wouldn't anyone playing without a delay clock and about to lose on time try to claim "no losing chances" just to get a 5-second delay clock? After all, having a delay clock is much better than losing on time. "No losing chances" is somewhat subjective and I could see a tournament director in many cases using a delay clock rather than make a difficult decision on whether the claim of "no losing chances" is valid.

Regardless of what the rules are, I think that switching to a delay clock when a game is in progress for any reason is unfair because it amounts to changing the rules in the middle of the game. When a player plays with a regular clock the strategy is to move very fast toward the end of the game and avoid letting your flag fall at all cost. With a delay clock the strategy is very different. You can take your time a little more because you know you will get the 5-second buffer for all of your final moves if you need it.

If you start the game out with a delay clock, the strategy is consistent throughout the game and then it is fair. If a rule were announced that anyone can get a delay clock when their time is about to run out, then it is also fair because everyone knows they (and their opponent) can get the delay clock. They would then play with the delay clock strategy throughout the game even though they have a regular clock.

David Hubbard

Thanks for your comments and questions. Let me begin by noting that I am fairly new to tournament directing. My current level of certification is at the "Club" level. So my reply comes from the perspective of the non-national tournament directors who have to interpret such rules on a day-to-day basis. However, I have asked Tim Just to review my response from a more qualified
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Front Page: Andrew Hubbard

By Joseph Splinter

I started working with Andrew in September of 1996. I had just joined on to teach in the ICA - Warren Junior Chess Program. I had told Helen Warren that I was looking for some serious young players. Indeed, Andrew is very serious about chess. Yes, he has a lot of fun, but he is serious in that he studies and plays often with great encouragement from his father, Dave. Chess is Andrew's number one sport. (I think number two is soccer.) As soon as I began tutoring Andrew, I was very impressed with how quickly he spots tactics. Not so much the depth, but in the wide range of ideas and the ease in which he spots them even in harmless-looking positions. (I wouldn't risk my rating points in a Game/30 battle against Andrew.) Andrew responds to instruction well, is polite, and is eager to learn new ideas and techniques.

Over the past year, Andrew and I have worked very hard on establishing an opening repertoire. As an e-player, this was a challenge to me as Andrew is a d-player. Thank goodness he loves the French Defense, my main response to e4 for many years. We have used various books, articles, and some of our own ideas to establish a sound repertoire that best suits Andrew, while avoiding theoretical lines that have been analyzed into the ground. I have given him typed handouts (and detailed info on disk with "Bookup for Windows") on the openings, midgame and endgame nearly every week for him to study. Andrew loves to work on his game. His father, Dave also works hard with him, especially in the use of the computer program "Chess Mentor." Of course, he also has many tournaments to bring Andrew to.

When I got home from the 1997 Illinois Open, I was ecstatic to hear that Andrew had scored 5 for 5 (one bye) in games played. I had been so absorbed in my own battles that I didn't know how he was doing at all. I knew he had been improving, but to beat 5 players all over 200-300 points higher was certainly above my expectations. He had a performance rating of 2085 and his rating jumped from 1391 to 1525. Upon reviewing the games, I saw that it was no fluke. No longer was it just a matter of superior tactics, but Andrew's positional play and planning had gone to another level. It was also clear that our hard work on the openings and his "Chess Mentor" endgame preparation had paid off, too. The five wins were very well-earned.

Following are two of Andrew's best games from the Illinois Open with my comments.

It is a pleasure working with Andrew and I'm excited about his future. He truly enjoys this royal game.



Andrew Hubbard playing chess at the St. Charles Chess club under the watchful eye of his teacher, Joseph Splinter.

□ Andrew Hubbard (1391)

■ Barry Walker (1667)

Illinois Open 1997 (Round 2)

Notes by Joseph Splinter

1.d4 Nf6

2.c4 g6

3.Nc3 Bg7

4.e4 d6

5.f3

The Samusich Variation.

5... Nbd7

MCO gives this a "?" with no real explanation except for a one game example.

6.Be3 O-O

7.Bd3 c6

8.Nge2 Re8

Better is e5. If White then answers with d5, the rook is better on the f-file for f5 counterplay.

9.O-O e5

10.d5 Nc5

11.Qd2

White correctly keeps his dark-squared bishop, despite the temptation to double Black's pawns with 11...Bxc5.

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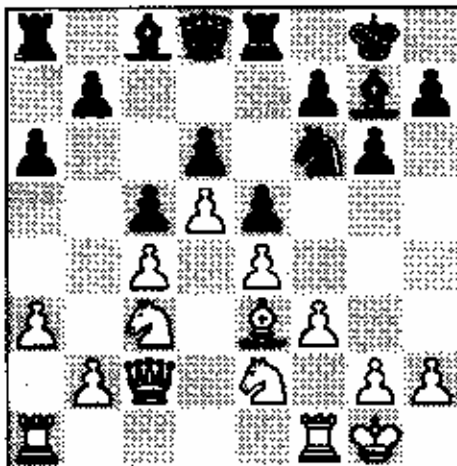
11... Nxd3?

The knight has spent 2 moves to reach c5 and dies for a nearly immobile bishop. Although the position is somewhat locked, time is still of the essence.

12.Qxd3 c5

13.Qc2 a6

14.a3



Andrew begins queenside play — the right plan, as this is where he has more space.

14...Rb8

Black also begins queenside play, but this only weakens his position. He should play on the kingside, but his earlier knight maneuver and Re8 have greatly slowed this counterplay.

15.b4 Nd7

16.Na4

White piles up on the c-pawn.

16... b6

17.Rfb1!

Andrew finds a way to put more pressure on the c-pawn due to Black's b-pawn being pinned. Andrew is combining positional play, tactics, and planning very well in this game.

17... Bf8

18.bxc5 Nxc5

19.Nxc5 dxc5

20.a4!

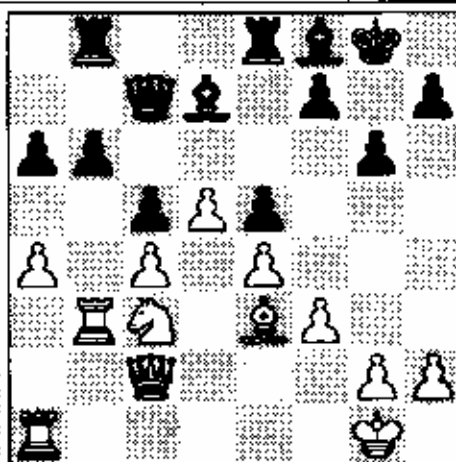
Correctly "fixing" the now weak b-pawn in his tracks

20... Qc7

21.Nc3 Bd7

White has a clear advantage and now begins to increase the pressure on the weak b-pawn.

22.Rb3



Now, Black sacs the b-pawn for counterplay, but a better attempt at counterplay was f5.

22... b5?

23.axb5 axb5

24.cxb5

Stronger was 24.Nxb5. Black must trade off the knight and White would recapture with the rook. Black could trade the rook too, but each trade hurts chances for counterplay. White's extra pawn on the d-file is enough to win. Keep it simple.

24... c4

25.Rb2 Bc5

26.Qf2!

Capturing would have pulled the Black queen to a good post with check

26... Bxe3

27.Qxe3 Ra8

28.Rab1

Better was Rxa8, simplifying. Now Black gets counterplay on the a-file. Doubling rooks looks good visually, but it's often overestimated by many.

28... Ra3

29.b6 Qb7

30.Qd2 Rea8

Black is correct in his rook doubling.

31.Qc2

Preferable is 31.Ra2 (trade).

31... Ba4?

This trade helps White.

32.Nxa4 R8xa4

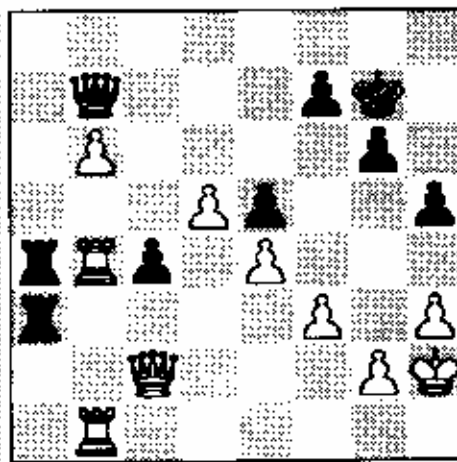
33.h3 Kg7

34.Kh2

White tucks his king away. I thought this unnecessary at first, but analysis shows it to be correct.

34... h5

35.Rb4



Now White aims to simplify, but the follow-up leads to a swap of the b-pawn for Black's c-pawn, and unfortunately greatly increases Black's drawing chances. Admittedly, it seems right with the protected passed pawn (and my past notes pushing for simplification), but White's dark squares are hard to cover in the Q&P ending. One plan is 35.Rb5, followed by Rc5 with the idea of Rc7 or Rxc4. For example: 35.Rb5 Ra2 36.Qc3 Qb8 37.R1b4 Rxb4 38.Qxb4 Rc2 39.Rc5 (Black is defenseless against b7 and Rc8) Qd8 40.Qb1! (40.b7?? Qg5 mates) Rd2 41.Rxc4 Qg5 42.Qf1 White wins. Another plan is given at Move 37.

35... Rxb4

36.Rxb4 Ra6

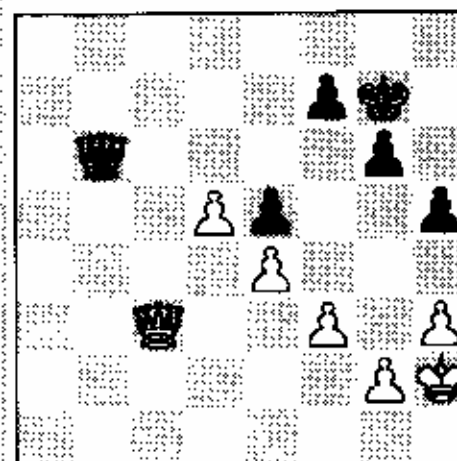
37.Qxc4?

White should shift gears with 37.Qb2! 38.Qf2 c3 29.Qc5 c2 40.d6 preserving much better winning chances.

37... Rxb6

38.Rxb6 Qxb6

39.Qc3



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The straightforward 39 Qc6 allows Qe3 with sufficient counterplay on the dark-squares 39...Qe3 40.d6 Qf4+ 41.Kh1 Qd2 42.Qc5 f6 43.Qc7+ Kh6 44.d7 h4 and White cannot stop perpetual check without abandoning the pawn.

- 39... Qf6
- 40.Qd2 Qd6
- 41.Kh1

White decides on a new plan. (Or is this a waiting move?)

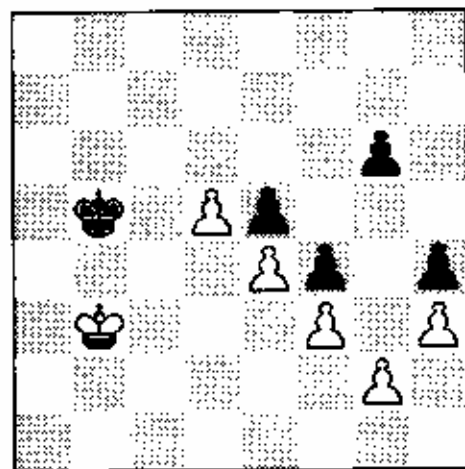
- 41... h4??

If the Black queen had already infiltrated on the dark squares this would be great, but here it puts Black on the ropes — to stay.

- 42.Qg5
- Alert play by White.

- 42... Qf6
- 43.Qxf6+ Kxf6
- 44.Kg1 Ke7
- 45.Kf2 f5
- 46.Ke3 Kd6
- 47.Kd3 Kc5
- 48.Kc3 Kb5
- 49.Kb3 f4

A standoff?



50.Kc2!
Winning! Positional play, tactics, planning, and now triangulation — a complete game!

50... Ka5
The alternative 50...Kc5 transposes.

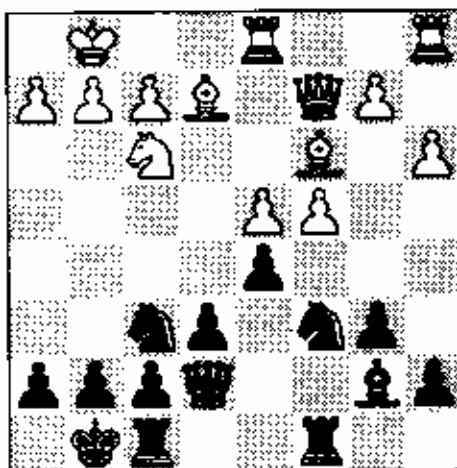
51.Kc3 Kb5
52.Kb3 g5
Saving the g5 - tempo for later does not help: 52...Kc5 53.Ka4 Kd6 54.Kb5 and White will win.

53.Kc2
No surprise
53... Ka5
54.Kc3 Kb5
55.Kb3 Kc5
56.Ka4
Black resigns. 1 - 0 A game to be proud of!

□ **Mark Parnaby (1701)**
■ **Andrew Hubbard (1391)**
Illinois Open 1997 (Round 6)
Notes by Joseph Splinter

- 1.d4 Nf6
- 2.c4 e6
- 3.Nf3 Bb4+
- 4.Bd2 Qe7
- 5.Qc2 O-O
- 6.Nc3 c5
- 7.e3 Nc6
- 8.Be2 b6
- 9.O-O Bb7
- 10.Rfd1 Rac8
- 11.a3 Bxc3
- 12.Bxc3 cxd4
- 13.exd4 d5

Black has played the opening well. Andrew has been working hard on the Nimzo-Indian (and Bogo-Indian).



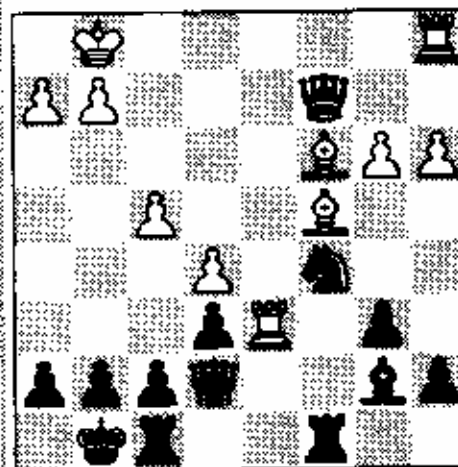
14.Ne5 Nxe5
Better is 14...Rfd8 first, planning 15...Nxe5 and 16...Ne4. If White plays 15 Nxc6 is response, Black gets a good game. 15...Rxc6:
a) 16.b3 dxc4 17.bxc4 Rcc8!
Black has good pressure on the "hanging pawns," planning 18...Ne4. If 18.f3,

then 18...Qc7, planning Qf4 with all pieces actively placed.

b) 16.cxd5 Nxd5 Advantage Black with better pawn structure and active play on the kingside with Qh4, Rc7 and Nf4 as one example

15.dxe5
The attempt to win the exchange with 15.Bb4 fails: 15...Qc7 16.Bxf8 Neg4 17.Bxg4 Nxb4 (Black wins material.) 18.h3 (18.g3 Kxf8) Qh2+ 19.Kf1 dxc4! 20.hxg4 Qxg2+ 21.Ke1 Qg1+ 22.Ke2 Qxg4+ 23.Ke1 Be4 24.Qc3 Kxf8 Black is winning.

- 15.dxe5 Nd7
 - 16.b3 dxc4
 - 17.Bxc4 Qg5
 - 18.f4 Qe7
- White has an edge, but...
19.Rd6?
Better was 19.Rd4 or Bb4.
19... Nc5
With the idea of 20...Ne4



Now Black wrests the initiative and gains an edge.

- 20.Bd3 Nxd3
 - 21.Qxd3 Qc7
 - 22.Bb4 Rfd8
 - 23.Rd1 Bd5
 - 24.a4 h6
- Preferable is 24...Rxd6.
25.Qh3?
Understandably, White looks for counterplay, but this queen decentralization loses. Was White planning g4 and f5? Logical, but way too slow.
25... Qc2
26.Rd2 Qe4

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“What I Did During Summer Vacation”

By Ken Lewandowski

An old stereotype of a fall school essay is, “What I did During My Summer Vacation” Most scholastic chess, especially high school level, shuts down during this time. Unless kids are lucky enough to have knowledgeable parents or live near an adult club, chess education takes the same three months off as the traditional curriculum. Many players in and around Evanston have been able to enjoy continuing development each of the last three summers. The Evanston Public Library, in the heart of beautiful downtown Evanston, graciously provides a large meeting room every Thursday evening, 7-9. Each of the local schools advertises the meetings before school ends and notices go up in the library. By the time word-of-mouth spreads, the meeting swells to over 60 players. This past summer, the players represented at least 10 elementary schools, four junior highs, six high schools (many of Evanston’s competitors come and are welcome), three universities and many adults.

This informal ‘club’ was initially set up by the elementary coaches to provide an opportunity for cross-school play and instruction. As it developed, a broader range of players attended and on any given Thursday, you could meet an opponent anywhere from 7- to over 70-years-old and nearly every skill level. The chess instruction is geared mainly for the beginning and intermediate players with the local coaches acting as teachers. Even on days without ‘formal’ sessions, these dedicated individuals can be seen talking to young players and their parents one-on-one. Many members of the Evanston Township High School team take part and help



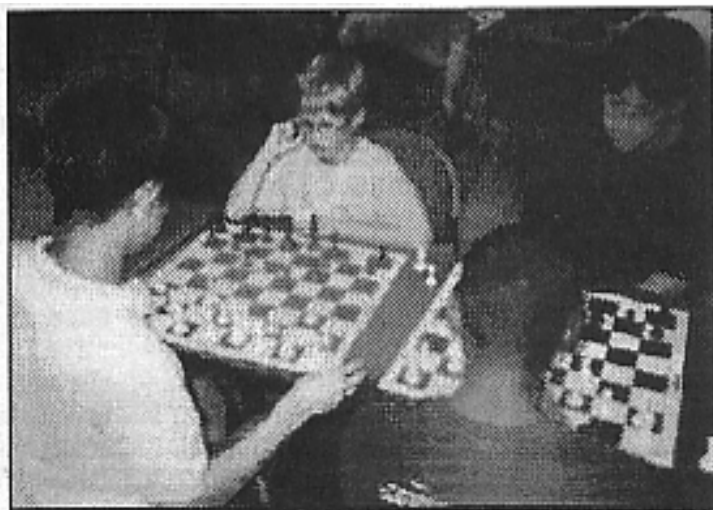
COACH DAVE SACKS, WHILE ASSISTING WITH THE SUMMER COACHING IN EVANSTON, GIVES TIPS TO NATHAN LEWANDOWSKI, FRANK CHACE, BEN ALLEN AND MATT THOMAS.

teach as well. As a result, several end up with tutoring jobs during the summer with local families as a result.

Another option for these meetings is ‘mini’ tournaments. Most scholastic players do not get many chances to play Blitz or other ‘fast’ tournaments. Books and T-shirts serve as ‘trophy’ awards. The adult players are mostly local individuals and parents and also do not get many chances at tournament play. They have learned not to rely on age as an indicator of strength. Many of them have fallen to players 20-60 years their junior.

The coaches all agree that this program is very valuable for their players. The schools often travel together to the various tournaments so the players get to know each other. With the city being divided into many smaller schools, they do not see each other as often as the coaches would like. The junior high and high school coaches also get an idea of who is coming up and to establish relationships with their future ‘queens and kings’ and their parents. Another valuable aspect of these summer meetings is the multi-age aspect. Many players in their school clubs get to know each other very well. Some kids set up their own ‘mental ladder’ and know who can beat them and who they can beat. This influences their play. When facing adults or unknowns, they play differently, usually better.

Chess is foremost a recreation and a game. Evanston schools have won their share of tournaments in recent years. Still, it is very fulfilling to the coaches that precious summer recreation time is spent by so many families on this pastime. ♠



SAM DECKER AND DAVID GRAWOIG FACE OFF AGAINST WOO JAE SUNG AND PHIL COLAS AT THE EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER CHESS PROGRAM.

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Kim Goodwin Earns USCF 1997 Scholar Chessplayer Award

The United States Chess Federation, in announcing the winners of the 1997 Scholar Chessplayer Award noted 17-year-old Kimberly Goodwin, of Illinois is one of six recipients of this year's award. At the time of award Kim was a junior at University High School in Normal, IL, with a rating of 1767. Each year, this USCF Scholar Chessplayer competition is open to high school juniors and seniors who excel in academics, chess and sportsmanship. The finalists are selected by the USCF Scholastic Committee and the awards are sponsored by the U.S. Chess Trust.

Kimberly was awarded second place in the Scholarship competition. This prestigious award included a \$600 scholarship, which Kim used to attend Cornell University this summer.

Kimberly's mother said, "Kim learned to play chess in the spring of fourth grade from a school friend and her dad. About a year later, when she was 11 and in fifth grade, Kim happened to see a flyer about the Martin Luther King Day chess tournament. Her school did not have a team, so she entered as a very novice individual."

Kim recalls her first event. She said, "In the first game of the day I lost quickly. Then, upon entering the skittles room, the boy who beat me came up and gloatingly told me that I had not actually been in checkmate!" The second game was against a little girl who touched a piece and then decided not to move it. Kim said, "I had to call the director to get her to move it. This move cost the girl her queen and she began begging me to agree to a draw. I went on to win and the girl cried. In the next game, my opponent made an illegal move — he moved two pieces on one turn — and I had to call the director again. I learned from him that castling was allowed in chess." After an amazingly uneventful fourth game, her opponent for the fifth and final game arrived with a clock. The director explained to her that the first person out of time lost. So Kim made certain to play fast, and lost quickly, ending her day at 3-2. According to mom, "From that day on she begged her parents to play chess with her and to take her to any tournaments available. Then, in June, she attended Garrett Scott's chess camp."

Later that summer, Garrett approached Kim's parents explaining that he saw great promise in Kim and would like to mentor her and give her free chess lessons. Mom said, "Kim (and Garrett) loved the lessons and formed a close bond that lasts still. Garrett has been a true influence in Kim's life, for



Kimberly Goodwin, 17, is a student at University High School in Normal, Illinois.

he offered her not just teaching, but real mentoring." Within two years, Kim was approaching Garrett's level. Garrett noted they spent a summer studying a chess text together. Both Kim and Garrett benefited from the experience. (At the end of the summer Garrett defeated the highest rated player of his career.)

During sixth grade, according to Garrett, Kim confided her intention to win the State Junior High Individual Title. Garrett said, "I had heard dreams before. This was a lofty one. Then, two-and-a-half years later she got to the critical weekend. I was not her coach at the time, but I got to spend time with her before the start of the tournament and was charmed by her optimistic confidence. The focus exercised over the next two days to assure herself of the title was truly impressive." Kim became the Illinois Junior High Chess Champion when she was in eighth grade, winning with a perfect 7-0 record for the tournament.

According to Garrett Scott, as Kim's play progressed he suggested Kim needed a chess teacher higher rated than he, and recommended Melvin Alsberry. Under Melvin's able and personable tutelage, Kim made great advancements that prepared her for the State Junior High title. Her rating placed her in the top 50 players for her age group and she received

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subsidized lessons from the Warren Junior Chess Program. Kim said, "Senior Master Richard Verber drove from his Chicago suburb residence to Bloomington every two weeks to give me lessons." The benefit was obvious. Kim's rating soaring to its high of 1889 at age 15.

According to Kim's mother, her most recent teacher was IM Vivek Rao.

Garrett Scott recalls, "During her early teen years Kim entered as many adult tournaments as possible. She always chose to play up a section. Her goal was not to win these tournaments but rather to learn and improve. She found the adults she played, often strangers, to be wonderfully helpful. Most would spend considerable time after a game analyzing it with her. Often on the car ride home from a tournament her mother would ask her which game was her favorite. Invariably it was a game she had lost against a higher rated player that had been so exciting. Her father Steve (a professor and department of marketing chairman at Illinois State University) and her mother Mary (a CPA who retired at Kim's birth to become a full-time homemaker) supported her chess aspirations and traveled with her as much as possible.

"I think the fact that Kim was a female in a mostly male world did make a difference in the level of involvement from her parents. The fathers of the other young aspiring chess players would take turns taking the boys to overnight tournaments. However, when it came to Kim, they were understandably uncomfortable including her. As a result, most of the expense and time commitment fell to her parents."

Since tenth grade Kim has limited her chess playing to scholastic chess. She has played board one all four years on her University High School team and convinced Garrett Scott to coach the team. This past year they placed second in the State Team Tournament. Garrett said she has helped the team gel into a close knit group of friends; in fact, they plan a trip to England over Christmas break.

Kim used her scholarship money to help pay for a summer session at Cornell University this past summer. She said, "I learned many things about college life — what it's like to be a pedestrian, what it's like to live far away from home, what it's like to be completely in charge of your own schedule, including whether or not to get any sleep. I also learned about coffeehouse chess, which I loved except for the smoke."

Chess is only one criterion for the USCF Scholar Chess-player Award... academics and sportsmanship are the others. With regard to academics — Kim decided upon entering high school that she wanted to follow in the footsteps of her grandmother and mother and be the valedictorian. She has

maintained straight As thus far. She was named the Outstanding Accelerated Chemistry Student of the Year her sophomore year, and the Outstanding Physics Student of the Year her junior year. Kim was inducted into the National Honor Society and the national mathematics Mu Alpha Theta. She placed in the top 10% her freshman year and took 3rd place her sophomore year on the National Spanish Exam in the Downstate Illinois region.

Kim has a particular interest and talent for mathematics. She left her high school's curriculum as a sophomore, and has taken three semesters of calculus, a semester of linear algebra, and a semester of abstract algebra at Illinois State University. In a letter of recommendation for the USCF scholarship, Barbara Bills, a math teacher at U-High wrote, "At a time when personal and professional circumstances made it very difficult for me to keep the club afloat, Kim stepped forward with a willingness to make presentations at club meetings on the interesting discoveries she has made while feeding her insatiable appetite for mathematical phenomenon. She has provided club members with Internet addresses for math puzzles, games and trivia, she has presented methods for solving math problems in unique ways and, in general, brought the *fun* back to Math Club. I have never known a student of such curiosity about my favorite subject area, she inspires adults, too! Kim was the highest scorer at U-High on the American High School Mathematics Examination as a junior, and qualified to take the American Invitational Mathematics Examination. She also recently received her SAT scores and was delighted with her perfect math score of 800."

Kim loves to sing and has been a member of the elite Madrigal Singers at U-High for three years, including being student director as a junior. She has also been in jazz choirs and arranged a song for Court Singers (the apprentice group for Madrigal Singers).

Kim is also co-president of the U-High Culture Club. This past year she was the force behind a huge project which began with a survey of the backgrounds of the students, and ended with painting the flags representing the countries students or their ancestors were from on the walls of the school. The research, planning, and learning how to do the art work, required many hours of preparation, and on painting day she was in charge of directing thirty students! The results are stunning.

Garrett Scott wrote about Kim's sportsmanship, "I am delighted to see her retain her charm. She has made many friends among the young men she has defeated in chess. She conveys an attitude of sportsmanship and shared enjoyment of competition that is often lacking in young competitors that I

***"In the next game,
my opponent made
an illegal move —
he moved two pieces
on one turn — and
I had to call the
director again. I
learned from him
that castling was
allowed in chess."***

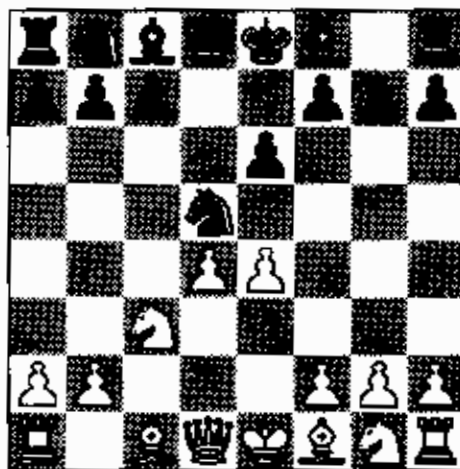
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witness currently. The few defeats are handled graciously and with poise. This season I watched her lose a critical game in a league match. In the postgame discussion with her teammates she shook her head with a wry smile and acknowledged that she knew the team had expected her to carry them through again. She cheerfully added that it was sure a fun game to play anyway. That attitude has made an impression on those around her. Even though she is often a winner, for the team as well as herself, her real delight found in chess is the enjoyment of the thought process during the game. During Kim's senior year, she is not only continuing the above-mentioned activities, but she has been asked to tutor a sixth grader in math twice a week. Dr. Ren of the ISU physics department has asked to mentor Kim by having her be her research assistant, and Dr. Benson of the U-High and ISU math departments has asked her to assist in giving a presentation to a national math educators conference in Chicago in November."

When asked about her memorable games, Kim provided the following short game, saying, "I think you will find this one to be quite interesting."

□ Kimberly Goodwin
 ■ Lajpen Steriev
 Illinois Open 1995 (Round 2)
 Notes by SM Richard Verber

1. d4 d5
2. e4 e6
3. Nc3 Nf6
4. exd5 Nxd5
5. e4!

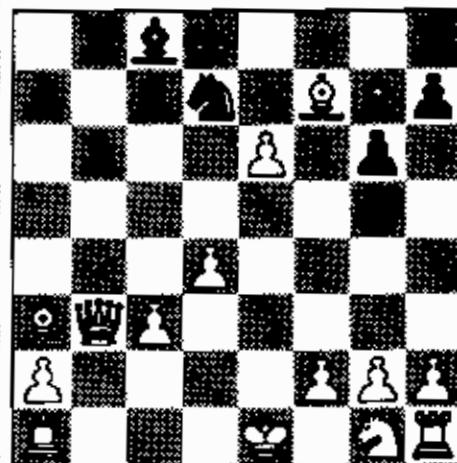


- 5... Nxc3
6. bxc3 g6
7. Bc4 Bg7
8. Ba3 Nd7
9. Qb3!

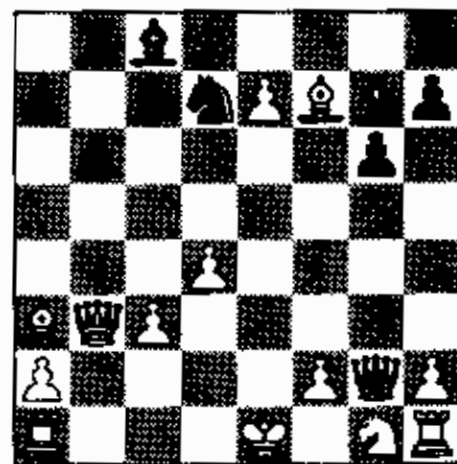


White threatens 10. Bxe6!

- 9... b6
10. Bxe6 Qf6
11. Bd5 Rb8
12. e5 Qg5
13. Bxf7+ Kd8
14. e6



- 14... Qxg2??
15. e7# 1-0



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TD perspective Tim's comments are noted inside []

I think the rules regarding "no losing chances" may be a source of confusion for a number of chess players. In fact, as a tournament director, I've seen a claim of "no losing chances" be a source of irritation for some players. However, if we look at the logic behind the rule (assuming my interpretation is correct), I think it may ease any confusion or irritation.

The technical name for this "no losing chances" claim is CLAIM OF INSUFFICIENT LOSING CHANCES IN SUDDEN DEATH. This claim falls under the category of draws in section 14 of the U.S. Chess Federation's Official Rules of Chess. The Rules devote about 12 pages to the DRAWN GAME (and a couple addenda not included in the most recent book).

Drawn games can take place in a number of ways. Stalemate is probably the simplest form of a drawn game, and if it occurs in a game before a flag falls, most would have no question about the result of the game. Other draws can take place by agreement, triple occurrence of position, insufficient material to win on time, the 50 move rule, both flags down in sudden death, and... claim of insufficient losing chances in sudden death. So, if a player has insufficient losing chances (as defined by the rules and judged by the TD) the game is drawn as long as neither player has yet lost on time.

Regarding your questions, perhaps we should look at the Rule Book explanation of insufficient losing chances:

This procedure is not available for games in which a digital clock is being used with time delay, whether the game begins with such a clock or one is added during the game (see rule 14H4e)....

Had such a clock been used in the games you referred to, neither player could make a claim of no losing chances. The rule doesn't apply when time delay features are used during a game. Continuing on with the Rule Book explanation...

...If such a clock is not being used, or such a clock is being used without the time delay feature in operation, the following procedure is available.

In a sudden death time control, a player with less than five minutes of remaining time may stop the clock and ask the director to declare the game a draw on the grounds that the player has insufficient losing chances.

The draw shall be awarded if the director believes that a Class C player would have little chance to lose the position against a Master with both having ample time. The exact losing chances of any position cannot be calculated, but a director wishing a more precise standard may consider "little" to mean less than 10 percent. [Also the director can not consider the ratings of the players (14H2) or the amount of time left on the clock (14H3); i.e., the position of the player making the claim is the only determining factor in the TD's resolution of the claim.—TJ] A director unsure whether a position meets

the above standard should temporarily defer a ruling by using option 14H4c or 14H4d. [Rule 14H1 also allows the TD to consult with strong players with no stake in the outcome of the game before resolving the draw claim.—TJ]

While all options available to the TD would take up too much space to fully cover here, I think it is likely that if the TD is not absolutely sure the position supports a no losing chances claim, he will likely revert to Rule 14H4e which states:

When a player having less than 5 minutes remaining claims a draw on the basis of insufficient losing chances, and the director thinks the claim is neither clearly correct (rule 14H4a) nor clearly incorrect (rule 14H4b) but is instead unclear, the director may place a digital clock with time delay capability on the game, setting it as follows: The claimant gets half his or her remaining time, up to but not exceeding one minute; the opponent's time is unadjusted; the time delay is set for 5 seconds. The claim is treated as a draw offer, which the opponent may accept or refuse. If the opponent accepts the draw offer, the game is over. If the opponent refuses the draw offer, the game continues, with the director counting for 50 moves if necessary. Penalties for rule infractions remain standard. The claimant may win, lose, or draw the game. This is a recommended option, and is to replace the procedures in rules 14H4c and 14H4d whenever possible. [The idea is that if the claim is valid, both players should be able to "freeze" the time on the clock by taking only 5 seconds, or less, to make the kind of moves that easily prove the draw, or no losing chances, claim. If a player can not do this, then the position, or the player's ability to play the position, was assessed incorrectly by the claimant.—TJ]

It sounds like the TD used this option.

Regarding the question about going on to win, you can see from the above rule that such a claim becomes a draw offer. As with any refused draw offer, players can then play for a win.

At the risk of over-simplifying, I'll answer your last question this way. Yes. Anyone can make a claim of no losing chances with the intent of gaining time. However, such a thing is risky. Perhaps rule 14H4h was written just for those whose intent is to abuse the rule. The rule states:

A Director who believes the claim is clearly incorrect should deny the claim and subtract one minute from the claimant's remaining time

Someone attempting to solve time troubles with an unfounded claim could find himself in a much worse position!

Thanks again for your submission. I hope this helps.

Thanks to Tim Just for his help on this! Tim is Chair of the Tournament Director Certification Committee (5 years), co-author of current TD exams, TD at U.S. Open, National Opens, U.S. Masters, U.S. Blind, U.S. Class, U.S. Amateur Teams, Tim Just Winter Open, Tim Just Lake County Open, Author: Rulebook Tactics ICB column, and contributor to Chess Life and the ICB.

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Aaron Chen – Talented 12 Year Old Blitzing His Way To Success With Explosive Tactics!

By Senior Master Richard Verber

When I first met Aaron Chen, a little more than a year ago, I was immediately impressed by his considerable talent. Aaron had a near photographic memory when it came to being able to replay variations I showed him. He also had an amazingly quick tactical eye and was, in many ways, the most talented student his age I had ever met. In the year or so that I have been teaching Aaron, I have helped him to improve considerably his opening play. However, his strength continues to be his amazing speed in highly complicated tactical situations.

A student like Aaron Chen presents certain problems for the chess teacher. Do you try to slow him down and emphasize positional considerations (running the risk that you will be submerging his natural tactical ability in favor of higher positional considerations) or do you play blitz chess with him, hoping that you will expand his considerable tactical talent and reinforce his love for chess and creative enjoyment? Over the last year I have attempted to do both. I've tried to help him enjoy his tactical ability while, at the same time, teaching him complicated openings and middle game concepts. Although at this point I encourage his tactics, I still long for the day when he will take more time during tournament play, resisting the urge to make that quick move.

The problem is something like the question in the chess movie "Searching for Bobby Fischer". In that movie we find the young star (Josh Waitzkin) has two teachers—A chess hustler who encourages the tactical side of his play vs. Bruce Pandolfini, the chess master who promotes caution and positional considerations. This fundamental issue of stability and consistency verses brilliant creativity is frequently the key question for the chess teacher: How do you achieve both qualities in the play of a 10-or 12-year-old?



12-year-old Aaron Chen receiving an in-home chess lesson from Senior Master Richard Verber.

“The biggest problem in the play of most children is getting them to slow down and think with their head instead of their hand.”

The following two games which I've chosen to annotate were played about six months ago in a Fox Valley / Naperville Chess Club Saturday game-60 event at the Radisson Hotel in Lisle on March 8th. The games are from the first two rounds of that tournament. The first round game was played against Bryan Gast, a very talented high school player (one of the best high school players in the state, rating slightly below 1800) and round two was played against Jim Oberweis with a rating of 1980.

At the time the following games were played, Aaron Chen was 11-years-old and had a rating of 1337. In this past six months, Aaron's rating has improved by more than 200 points.

The games show Aaron with both his strengths and his weaknesses. They show considerable tactical talent and a comparative nonchalance regarding positional factors. None-the-less, the games demonstrate how dangerous this 12-year-old rising star can be — even against class A rated players.

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“The best way for talented youngsters to improve their USCF ratings is to play in open tournaments against higher rated adults.”

□ Chen, Aaron (1337) C59
 ■ Gast, Bryan (1972)
 Fox Valley Saturday G/60 (1) 3/8/97
 Notes by SM Richard Verber

- 1. e4 e5
- 2. Nf3 Nc6
- 3. Bc4 Nf6
- 4. Ng5!?! d5
- 5. exd5 Na5!
- 6. Bb5+ c6
- 7. dxc6 bxc6
- 8. Be2 h6
- 9. Nh3!

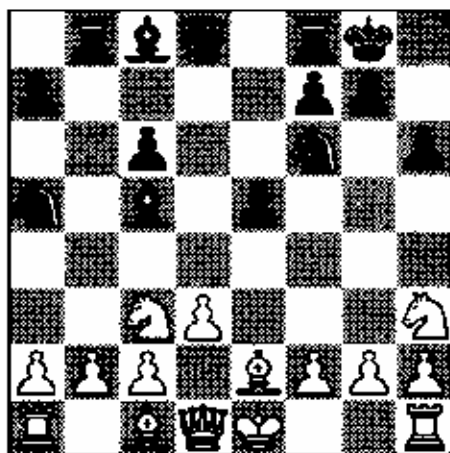
The move 9.Nh3! was invented by the first world champion William Steinitz approximately 100 years ago, and then championed by Bobby Fischer in the 1960s. The alternative of Nf3 has the disadvantage of allowing Black pawn to e4, harassing the knight again. I personally consider 9 Kh3 far superior to Nf3.

9... Bc5
 9... Bc5 is better than Bxh3. Although BxN wrecks the White kingside pawn structure, it leaves White with less to fear from the Black attack... plus excellent control of the White squares... and potential play for the White rook along the g-file.

10. d3 O-O
 The much more aggressive continuation of pawn to g5 looks very strong, but is not justified. Play might continue 11.Nc3 g4 12.Ng1 Qb6 13.Na4 Bxf2+ 14.Kf1 Qd4 15.c3 and White

wins the bishop on f2. Black's move 10... 0-0 is the more prudent continuation.

- 11. Nc3 Rb8

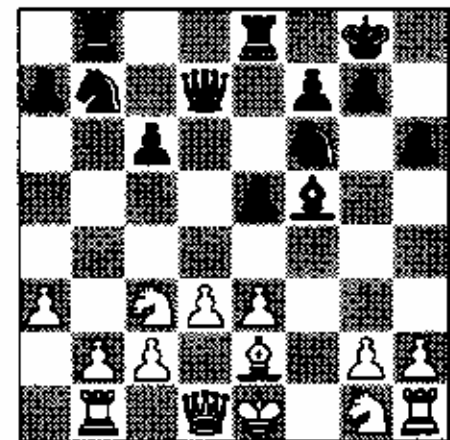


12. a3
 a3 is a waste of time, since White cannot play b4 winning the piece (Bd4 attacking the White knight). Instead White should simply castle with a good game. White continues to drift for a few moves.

- 12... Re8
- 13. Rb1 Bf5
- 14. Bd2 Nb7
- 15. Be3 Qd7

Black continues to improve his position and forces White to undevelop.

- 16. Ng1 Bxc3
- 17. fxe3



17... Ng4?
 Instead of allowing White to trade off a piece and continue with harmonious development, Black should play e4! with interesting play to follow against white's weak center pawns and uncastled king.

- 18. Bxg4!

White solves all of his development problems and emerges with a winning advantage.

- 18... Bxg4
- 19. Nf3 Rbd8
- 20. O-O Qc7
- 21. e4
- 21... f5
- 22. Qe1 f4
- 23. h3 Bc8
- 24. Qh4 Nc5
- 25. Rbd1

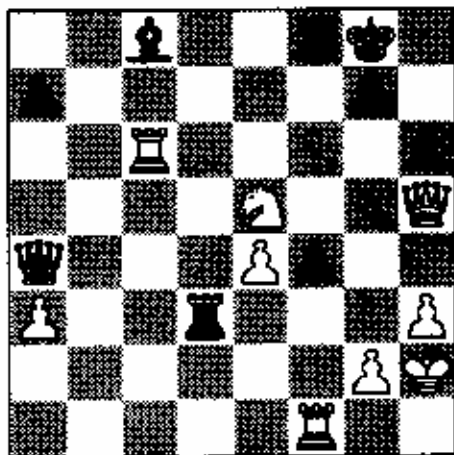
e4 is a good move, but h3 harassing the bishop first would be even better. The White rook was better on b1. Instead, White should continue Kh1 removing the White king from potential cheap-shots along the b6-g1 diagonal.

25... Ne6
 26. Qh5
 Again, Kh1 is better. This move is a good example of an important problem with Aaron's play. Instead of first eliminating black's counter play, he pushes forward quickly — too quickly — with his own plan. It's dangerous to forget that the opponent can have good ideas too! Fortunately for Aaron both players are now entering serious time pressure and Aaron is best at tactical blitz play.

- 26... Qh6+
- 27. Kh2 Qxb2
- 28. Nb1 Nd4
- 29. Nxd4 Qxd4
- 30. Nd2 Qc3
- 31. Ne4 Qxc2?

A time pressure blunder. Much better for Black was Ba6!

- 32. Nxe5 Rf8
- 33. Rcl! Qa4
- 34. Rxc6 Rxd3

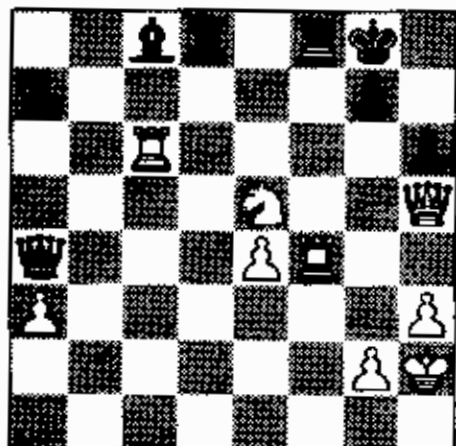


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35. Rxf4!

A beautiful move! Aaron is in his element now. If Black accepts the counter rook sacrifice, he will be mated after rook takes bishop (check).

35... Rdd8



NOW FIND THE MATE IN 4!

36. Rxf8+

This wins of course, but Aaron misses the beautiful mate in 4 which follows after 36.Rxf8! gxf8 37.Qg6+ Kh8 38.Rf7 Rxf7 39.Nxf7#.

36... Rxf8

37. Qg6 Bb7

38. Rc7

Black's flag fell.

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□ Oberweis, Jim (1980) B06

■ Chen, Aaron (1337)

Fox Valley Saturday G/60 (2) 3/8/97

Notes by SM Richard Verber

1. e4 g6

2. d4 Bg7

3. Nc3 c6

4. Bc4

Although this move is currently in vogue, I personally consider Robert Fischer's preference, Nf3 followed by h3, as the most challenging variation.

4... d6

5. Qf3 e6

6. Bb3?!

This sacrifice is dubious, since Black will dominate the dark squares after Bxd4! White's lead in development is less important than it might seem, since the effect of the White pieces is blunted by the very solid Black pawn structure. Correct is 6 Ne2 protecting the d-pawn.

6... Qe7?

Why not grab the d-pawn? Aaron Chen knows that Jim Oberweis is also a "Gurgendize" player and he probably suspects that the sacrifice cannot be accepted. However, the way to refute the gambit is to accept the pawn.

7. Nge2 Nd7

8. O-O c5

9. Bg5! Ngf6

10. Rad1 O-O

10.h6 is preferable here, as it increases black's options in the coming battle for control of the center and kingside.

11. Qe3!

White's plan is f4! — with a kingside attack. This move also makes black's pawn to h6 impossible.

11... c5?

Aaron overreacts to the threat of f4. Correct was simply Re8 protecting the Black queen and increasing pressure against the White center pawns. Although it makes sense for Black to want to resolve the tension in the center, giving White such dominant control of the d5 square is too high a price to pay.

12. Nd5! Qd8

13. dxe5 Nxe5

14. f4?

Jim Oberweis overestimates his position and enters into dangerous tactical situations. More prudent was simply 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Bxf6 leaving Black with a permanently weakened d6-pawn.

14... Nxd5

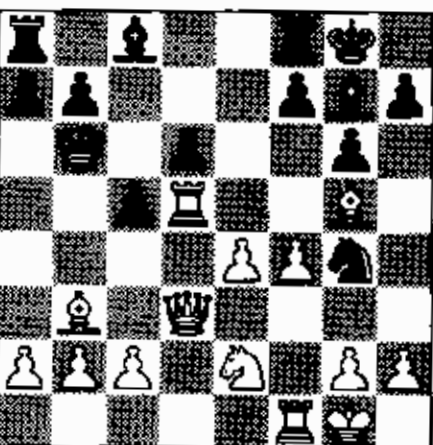
15. Rxd5?

Again, underestimating the Black counterplay. Better was Bxd5.

15... Ng4

16. Qd3? Qb6!

Only now does White realize the trouble



he is in. Black threatens to answer 17.Rxd6 with c4 discovered check!!, winning a bundle of material.

17. Bc4?

White despairs prematurely. 17.c4! may save the day. For example, 17...Be6 18.Rxd6 Bd4+ 19.Qxd4! cxd4 20.Rxb6 axb6 21.Nxd4 offers White good chances. The text move Bc4 just loses.

17... Be6!

18. b3 Bxd5

19. exd5

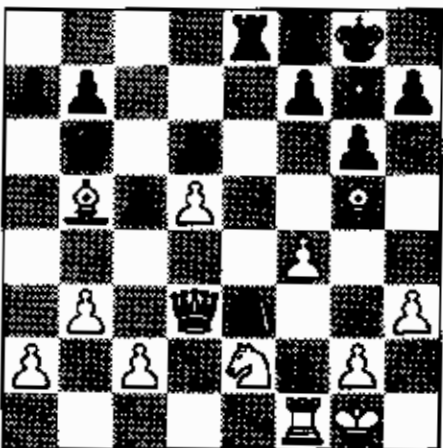
An unfortunate necessity. White has no choice but to block his bishop and queen with the pawn on d5 since 19.Bxd5?? once again loses to 19...c4 (discovered check), and Qxd5 allows the knight fork on Ne3 winning the rook.

19... Rae8

20. h3 Ne3

21. Bb5?

21... Nxf1



Even better was c4! which wins the White bishop after bxc4 Nxc4 (discovered check) followed by Qxb5.

22. Kxf1

This is necessary since Bxe8 loses the White queen to the recurrent cheap-shot c4 discovered check.

22... Ra8

23. Be7 Rfc8

24. f5?!

White must strive for active counterplay. But this move allows Aaron Chen yet another CHEAPO-DELUXE.

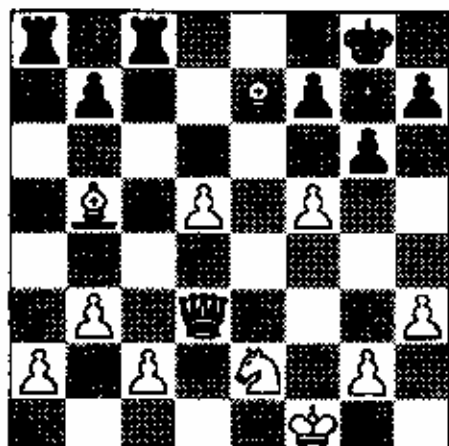
24... Qc7!

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Black wins another piece by threatening both bishops at the same time. As well as the obvious Qxc7. Black also threatens a6 and b5, winning the other bishop.

25. Qe3 a6!

26. Bd3 Re8!

Another piece bites the dust.

27. Qg5 Qxe7

28. Qg4 Qe5

This is quite reasonable, threatening both Qa1+ and Qh2 which penetrates the kingside. However, Aaron has a faster way to win, with Qe3! threatening Bd4! This is a very impressive game for an 11-year-old to win against a near expert!

29. h4 Bh6

30. fxg6 Qa1+?

The product of extreme time pressure blitz moves. Black wins immediately after fxg6.

31. Kf2 Be3+

32. Kg3 Qe1+

33. Kh3 Qh1+

34. Kg3 Qa1?

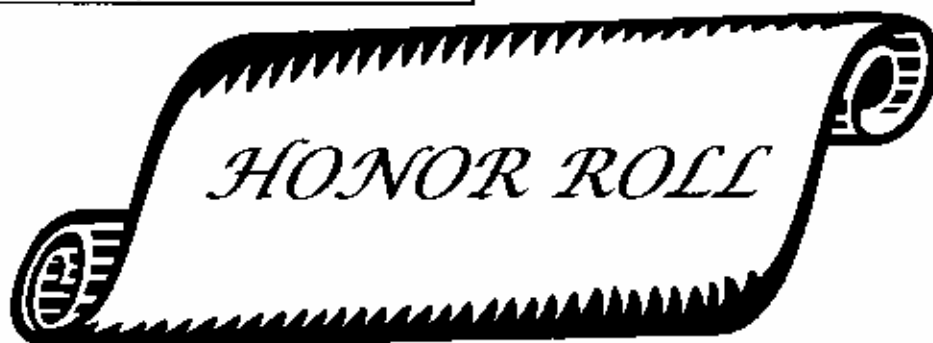
35. gxh7+? Kh8

36. Qd7 Qg7+

37. Kh3 Re5

Black goes on to win after a few more extreme time pressure blitz moves. 0-1

CORRECTION: The picture accompanying the Franklin article in the last issue is incorrectly labeled. The 3 players in the picture are from l-r Robert Riddle, 1997 4-5 state champion, Mark Rokita, 1997 4-5 2nd place (on tiebreak) and Robby Rasmussen, 1997 4-5 3rd place.



Illinois' Top 50 Juniors!

Congratulations are in order! Following is a list of Illinois' Top 50 USCF rated Juniors.

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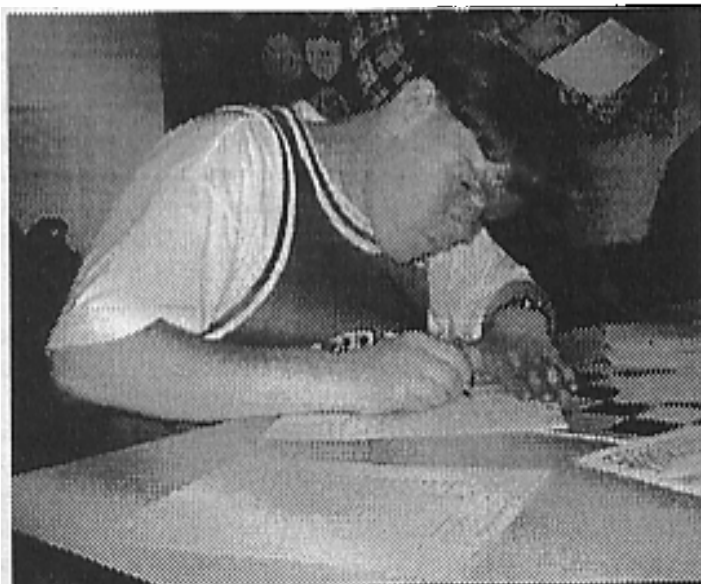
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| 7 | John Klein | 1836 | 17 | 32 | Michael A. Giampa | 1539 | 14 |
| 8 | Mark Robledo Jr | 1796 | 15 | 33 | Aaron Chen | 1536 | 12 |
| 9 | Barney Getz | 1782 | 15 | 34 | Sharon Grouper | 1536 | 17 |
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St. Charles Chess Club Charged With Being Friendly!

I overheard someone say, "The St. Charles Chess Club is really a 'kid friendly' club." Being curious about such a statement, I paid a visit to the accused club. I felt the best place to check out the rumor was directly with the Junior membership. I learned the club was one of the largest in Illinois — claiming a membership that exceeds 80 people. They also claim their membership consists of nearly 25 percent Junior members!

The first person I spoke with was 17-year-old Blair Machaj (1779) who plays board 2 for West Chicago High School. Upon arrival, I saw Blair at a registration table checking members into the evening's ladder tournament. The first clue supported the claim — Blair is the member responsible for running the events on Thursday evenings. Clue 2 — Blair is a board member of the St. Charles Chess Club!



Blair Machaj (17), an Officer of the St. Charles Chess Club, finalizes pairings for the evening's event.

When asked about his involvement, Blair said, "I've been involved with the club for seven years. I've liked it a lot, it's been fun every Thursday night. The club has definitely helped my chess, because it gives me a way to play every week, which will hopefully keep me being a little consistent. There are a lot of strong players here that I can always get a good game and learn from. There's no doubt about it — the club has definitely improved my chess."

When asked about his role as a Board Member, Blair

humbly replied, "They just need someone to do the pairings, and I can do that." (Blair is a member of the St. Charles Chess Club Board of Directors, holding the title of Member-at-Large.)

Blair said, "My rating when I joined the club was around 1300 or 1400. I think it has since moved to 1826."

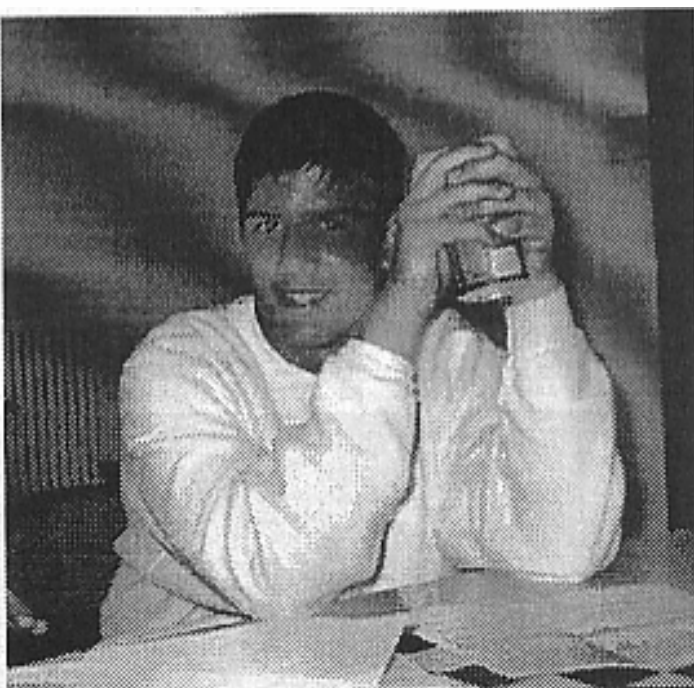
"I've recommended the club to a number of my friends — Justin Sadauskas, Eddie Patel, and Kevin Brewer — to name a few."

"We have a nice variety of players. I think right now our highest rated player is 2140, and we have people down to 1000. There's a good variety... even if you're not the strongest player but want to get better, there are people that will give you the good games. Even if you're an average player, say 1400 - 1500, and want to get better there are people to help do that."

"We have a nice place to play. It's fun. We have a lot of good matches. We've got your nice little tournaments at the end of the year that everyone likes to play in. We have an occasional speed tournament, which is fun."

Gathering more evidence, I moved on to other members:

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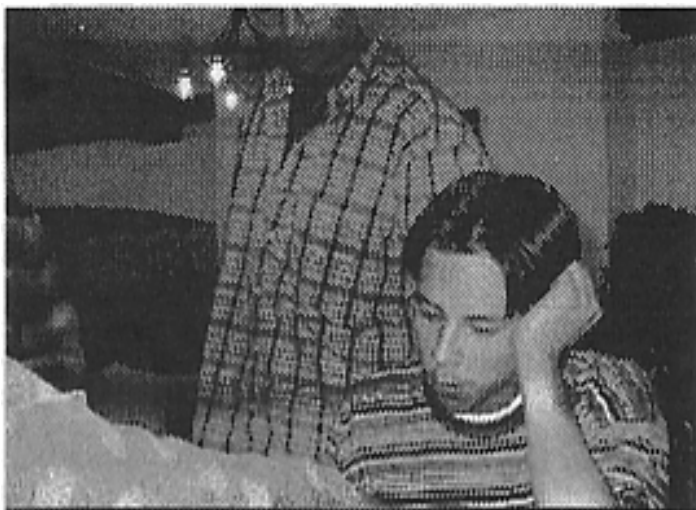


Dimitri Giannokopoulos (14) is a student at Glenbard North High School.

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I spoke with Dimitri Giannokopoulos (1361) about his impressions of the club. He said, "I've been a member there about two years now. I think I've benefited a lot, because when I first started going to that club I was about a 600 rated player and didn't have the slightest clue. Then two years later, I won the State Junior High Championship. I would recommend the club to my friends — in fact a number of my friends go there. I think there's good competition. The club is a lot of fun. I really enjoy the ladder that they have... that's a lot of fun. The place we meet at is nice... the dues are inexpensive and there's a lot of good competition."



Mark Robledo (15) is a student at Larkin High School.

Then there was St. Charles Chess Club member, Mark Robledo, Jr., (1796).

Mark was happy to talk about his club. He said, "The club has low yearly membership dues. It's a good club, everyone is real nice there. The club also happens to be the closest one to Elgin. I've been playing there about 2 or 4 years now. My play has improved a lot since I joined the club — I've been playing stronger players. When I first started going there, I was playing in the 1400's... now I'm over 1800. I enjoy playing in the ladder at the club. I'm in the top 8 on the ladder. This group goes on to compete for the Knights Cup (annual club championship trophy). St. Charles is a club I really enjoying going to."

Other regulars at the club...



Eddie Patel 17 (1447) from West Chicago HS.

Justin Sadauskas 17 (1932) board 1 for West Chicago HS.

As I talked with members of the club, credit for its popularity among juniors went primarily to the club president, Ery Sedlock. Ery said "The club has always taken an interest in the advancement of junior chess. We have a few members who coach grammar school and high school chess. We like to believe that the area's future chess masters will be coming out of the St. Charles Chess Club." The commitment to Juniors is obvious



Former Junior — Ery Sedlock, President of St. Charles Chess Club.

While talking about the history of the club, Ery said, "The club was originally founded in 1966 by 6 players looking for a nearby location where they could play chess on a somewhat regular basis. Myron Cannell was one of the founders. Al Verneersch was our first club president. The club grew and prospered under the leadership of Al. However, when Al moved away the club almost went under."

In 1979 the club made its comeback when Ery moved into the area and, with the help of a few remaining members, began to re-build the club.

Ery said, "One of our favorite activities is to organize GM simul. We are proud to have brought to St. Charles — GMs Lev Albert, Arthur Bisguier, Anatoly Lein and Dmitry Gurevich. Other popular activities include a Club Championship in the fall, and we have a year-round Club Ladder tournament open to all."

The verdict is in. The St. Charles Chess Club is guilty of being a friendly club (not only to juniors — but to adults as well) E

The St. Charles Chess Club meets each Thursday at the Baker Community House, 101 South 2nd (Route 31), in St. Charles. Membership is open to all. Dues are only \$12 per year.

For further information on the club, directions on how to get there, or to inquire about scheduled activities, contact: Ery Sedlock at (630) 377-7995.

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Mike Zacate on...

ICCA — IHSA — ICA — USCF

Mike Zacate serves as President of the Illinois [High School] Chess Coaches Association (ICCA). However, Mike's contribution to Illinois Chess over the years has extended well beyond serving as an officer of ICCA. Given Mike's long-term involvement with chess in Illinois — junior chess in particular — I thought it might be interesting to conduct an interview and use that information as a basis for an article in *SQUARE ONE*. What follows, is a condensed version of an interview conducted in early October.

Roy Frye: Would you tell us a little about the Illinois Chess Coaches Association... when the organization was founded and how its role has evolved over the years?

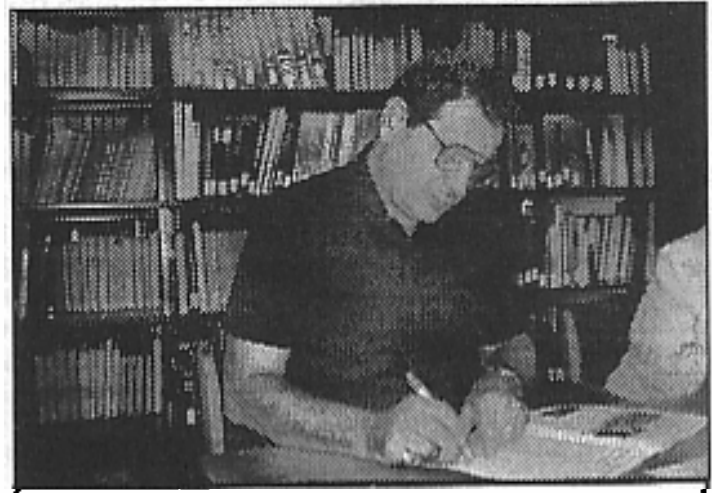
Mike Zacate: The genesis of the idea of such an organization began with a coach from Rockford Boylan High School named Gary McLamarra. He pointed out the need to have an organization like the current Illinois Chess Coaches Association. While nothing formal developed, coaches started meeting informally.

A big change came a few years after the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) began running the state tournament. This was in the late '70s... when the IHSA implemented the Individual Championship to go with their Team Championship. At that time, the IHSA dropped individual recognition at the Team Tournament. A lot of the chess coaches felt that more recognition was needed for players who had done well in the team tournament phase — rather than waiting until the individual tournament to try and get some recognition. So, an organization was formed and began to collect dues for the purpose of purchasing those awards. At that time, the organization was centered around the requirements for the awards, managing the money, ordering them, and getting them distributed. Out of that came the concept of the Fall Chess Coaches Clinic. With that, we began to see a little more formal structure, election of officers, and then a more formalized meeting in the Spring during the State Team Tournament.

As new coaches began to come in - as chess coaches began to retire - as coaches had their time taken up with other responsibilities - and new coaches replaced them - there was a need to begin helping the new coaches. This where the idea of the chess clinic began.

The ICCA has gone through those phases in developing, resulting in our current organization and programs.

RF: Could you tell me about the Illinois High School Association... when they began to sponsor the over 700 player Illinois High School Team Championships?



ICCA President, Mike Zacate reading a copy of this month's issue of *SQUARE ONE*. (How did he do that?)

MZ: The State Team Tournament that exists now began in 1968 and was held each year through 1973, primarily through my organizing it at Evergreen High School. And then in 1974, IHSA took responsibility for seeing that the tournament took place — and that's been the case ever since.

After about 4 years of just team tournaments, the IHSA picked up the individual championship. The individual championship goes back several decades to the Gompers Park Chess Club and the Chicago Chess Club. They ran them for several years.

Then, for two or three years there was no individual championship. It was because of that, we were able to prevail upon the IHSA to begin the individual championship.

RF: Why aren't IHSA events USCF rated?

MZ: Primarily because USCF rules require that everyone who participates in the tournament must be a member of the USCF. The IHSA does, in fact, permit us to rate the tournaments — and the Illinois Chess Coaches Association has, in the past, paid the rating fees or collected the moneys to have the state tournament and the individual championship rated. The problem is, there just isn't enough money to be able to do that. There was a time when (primary, thanks to Harry Sabine and Helen Warren) there was a program in the USCF where, at a very low cost, Juniors could play in a tournament and everyone in the tournament could get a rating. At that time, there was a special classification of scholastic members who did not receive copies of the magazine. Because of the

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low dollar involvement the chess coaches association and others were able to fund the fees to get the State Tournaments rated. Unfortunately that special USCF program ended — and with the dues being the way they are, it is not feasible for us to insure that over 700 players are members of the USCF in order to ensure the rating of the tournament

RF: What are the dates and venue for this year's High School Team Championships?

MZ: The 27th and 28th of March. (Contrary to what has appeared in some print.) The event has, in recent years, been held on that weekend.

RF: When did the Illinois Chess Coaches Association affiliate with the ICA?

MZ: Formally, it was two years ago.

Certainly there have been a lot of bridges over the years — common memberships — officership overlaps — but so far as this more formal linking goes, we're beginning our third year this fall.

RF: How did the chess coaches hope to benefit from their relationship with the ICA?

MZ: The primary impetus for doing it was the need for a very reliable, consistent, and scheduled way to communicate. We felt, short of doing it ourselves, that the ICB could meet our needs. We felt that using some of the pages of the ICB as our means of communicating dates, points of interest, and general information would work. We thought that some of our general information on scholastic chess might have a more wide spread interest... that possibly some who don't know about scholastic chess or high school chess may become more aware of it and maybe bring in a few teams.

RF: Do you have any thoughts you would like to share on how the association between the ICCA and the ICA can be improved?

MZ: I think the fact that a number of changes have been occurring these last few months in the ICB is going to be the primary source of improvement. There was a change in editorship that occurred after the linking of the two organizations. The ICB, over the past year, did not provide some of the kinds of communication that we had anticipated. And, consequently there was some concern about the ICB being able to meet our needs. Speaking for myself at least, it certainly looks to me like the ICA is on the right track with changes that have occurred over the last few months.

I haven't had a chance to talk with coaches in general yet, for this season, but I think they will find that things moving are in the right direction and the ICCA and the ICA are going to be able to have a greatly improved relationship.

RF: When did you first become a High School Chess

Coach and a USCF National Tournament Director?

MZ: I started getting involved in high school chess in 1967. I became involved as a USCF TD in 1969 and was asked to be part of the directing team for the 1972 US Open held in Chicago. I was invited because of my experience, the fact that most the tournaments I ran were very very large, and because of the large number of high school players that would come to the tournaments at that time. At that time, TD's were not certified or recognized or anything else. Basically, all you had to do was start directing tournaments and send the results to the USCF.

In 1972 there was a big increase in involvement with the USCF, as a result of the Bobby Fischer World Championship matches. The USCF began to find that a lot of people were getting into directing tournaments that really didn't know what they were doing — they were not getting consistency in rulings. The USCF found it important to begin a program of insuring that the directors had some knowledge of what they

were doing, and a way of recognizing directors who were capable of running large tournaments. A program of testing and recognition of different levels of directorship was started. About the 3rd or 4th year after that started, I was recognized as a NTD.

RF: Tell me about your term as ICA President in the mid 1970's during the Fischer Boom and all. Maybe you can touch on your involvement in the bylaws of the modern ICA.

MZ: The ICA began its current incarnation in the early 70's. Prior to that, the predecessor to the ICA was a closed group and the membership was very limited. With the Fischer Boom, and the involvement of more people in chess in Illinois, there was a wide spread interest that more people be involved and have input into the kinds of decisions that were being made. As a consequence, what we know today as the ICA was formed, and I along with a couple others

wrote the constitution and bylaws for the organization at that time.

By the time I became president several years later, the ICA perceived the need to make some changes in the constitution as it had originally been written. I led the movement to get those changes written and passed. We had a substantial revision of the constitution at that time. That was around 1980-81. There have been a few changes since then I know, but there hasn't been a wholesale overhaul since then.

RF: I understand the Illinois High School Coaches meet formally 2 times a year, once around October at Downers Grove South High School... then in Bloomington at the State Team Championships in March. What are the issues that the coaches discuss at these meetings?

MZ: Over the last several years we've met in Downers

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Grove — to the point where it seems as institutionalized as anything else. But that's only because of the good graces of Downers Grove South High School and the hard work of Mike Mayfield in setting it up and carrying out all the arrangements for the fall coaches clinic in early October. That is one of our major get togethers. Its purpose isn't as much "meeting" as it is an opportunity to begin the season — opportunity for people who are going to be running chess programs (particularly people in their first year) — to get off on the right foot - to get the kind of information they need — and the kind of support and contacts to help them along. We use that opportunity to share information with each other and hopefully to improve our own ongoing program. By that time the IHSA has finalized any rule changes and any alterations in the tournament structure, and so we find this to be an opportunity to communicate that, discuss it, and prepare for the season.

The only other time we generally see the chess coaches get together in large numbers is at the team championships in springtime. There, virtually everybody is going to be present. That gathering provides us with the ability to exchange information and ideas with each other in a face-to-face exchange and prepare us to look at a review of the season and how the tournament has gone. It also allows us to provide input to the advisory committee to the IHSA that meets the next month to recommend changes in the tournament for the following year.

RF: There has been a tremendous growth in juniors playing chess in recent years. Currently, Illinois has nearly 2500 junior USCF members — in contrast to under 2000 adult memberships. How do you feel the ICA and other organizations can best foster this growth trend?

MZ: Well, first, to identify and give credit where it's due... most of that growth is not at the high school level. The number of players that we're seeing play at the high school level has remained pretty constant over most of the last decade. There has been a significant increase in the last couple years in the City of Chicago, but that has not translated into anything other than a lot more participation in their Chicago Chess Conference. We're not seeing more schools come from Chicago to the state team tournament or even participate in the Saturday tournaments.

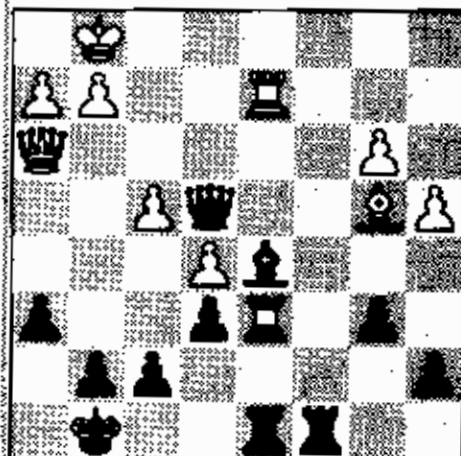
The large numbers of scholastic players participating in chess are primarily through tournaments that are being held by individuals like Erv Sedlock, Garrett Scott, and people that are working with them. They are organizing the tournaments and running them and communicating with each other a lot — and that is bringing about a lot of participation by elementary and junior high students. My focus for many years has been on the high school level and I do not know the needs of sub-high school programs very well. To be able to suggest what the ICA might do to help them... I think it's best for their needs to be articulated by those that are involved in their program.

RF: What are your goals for the future of high school chess in Illinois?

MZ: I would like to see it continue as a stable, gradually growing program. A program with even more conferences coming into existence, and more teams within each conference taking part, so more schools are represented in chess play.

Regarding the juniors that are coming through the elementary and junior high program — unfortunately there is no correlation as to where they live and to what high schools have chess programs. Far too often, they live in districts where their high school hasn't (or in some cases refuses) to have chess programs. And, unfortunately the reverse, there are many high schools that have (and have had for many years) chess programs where there's not much going on in elementary school activity. This is one of the places that some program can be devised in terms of public relations and communications with school officials. Perhaps we can encourage parents and help them work with school officials to get the picture changed. That would be an area that I think would be very beneficial to chess in the state — at all levels — the elementary level, the high school level, and eventually the adult level. I think that the ICA could become actively and effectively involved.

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Black is winning. Andrew has the c-file, a key diagonal, and a centralized queen.

27. Rxd8+ Rxd8
28. Qh4 Rc8
29. Ba3 Qe3+
30. Qf2 Qxb3
31. Bb2 Qxa4
32. f5

Andrew has won material without losing his positional advantages. He now does a good job of stifling any significant counterplay.

32... Qe4
33. h4 exf5
34. Re2 Qb1+
35. Kh2 Be4
36. Qg3 Qd3
37. Re3 Qc2
38. Ba1 g6
39. e6 Qc5
40. Bf6 Qc7
41. Be5 Qe7
42. exf7+ Qxf7
43. Bf4 Rc2
44. Qe1 Rxc2+
45. Kh3 Rc2
46. Bxh6 f4
47. Re2 Bf5+
48. Kh2 Qe6!
an alert clincher
49. Rxc2 Qxe1
50. Bxf4 Bxc2
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Very well done!

**TEACH A FRIEND TO
PLAY CHESS!**

Basic Endgame Challenge

Oops! Last month's issue of *SQUARE ONE* presented two basic endgame problems for you to consider. However, the source from which this column was taken had a couple errors. Thus, I had errors in the problems I presented. In the first problem (the one containing the knight and bishop) the diagram should have placed the bishop on h8 rather than h7. White can mate in 3 only after black's move to h8. So we have 1... K

2.Ng6+ K 3.Nf8+ K 4.Bf6#. Credit for finding the need for Black to move first goes to Carl Reed. My apologies for not proofing the problems.

Second oops. Except for a couple minor errors in the notation from the source for last month's problem two, I am the one who primarily goofed on this one. I presented a problem with two bishops, noting you could mate in 5 or 7. Actually the problem is one where White is to move and win. The source notes show solutions to 5 and 7 — but neither represent a mate — only the set up that forces mate. I must again give credit to Carl Reed for discovering this problem. However, a lesson on the effectiveness of bishops in an endgame can still be learned here. Look at last month's second problem... set it up, and follow along.

1.Kd6 Kc8 2. Bg7 Kd8 3.Bf7 Kc8 4.Kc6

Up to this point, all of Black's moves have been forced. Black now has two options, either 4... K**h8** or K**d8**. With 4... K**h8**, 5.Bd4 seals the fate of black.

4... K**h8** 5.Bd4

This confines the Black king to either a8 or c8. If 5... K**a8** 6.Kb6 K**h8** 7.Bc6 K**a8** 8.Bf5 K**h8** 9.Be5+ K**a8** 10.Bc4#. If 5... K**c8** 6.Bf6 K**h8** 7.Kb6 K**a8** Be6 K**h8** 9.Be5+ K**a8** 10.Bd5#

As shown above, another solution revolves around 4... K**d8**.

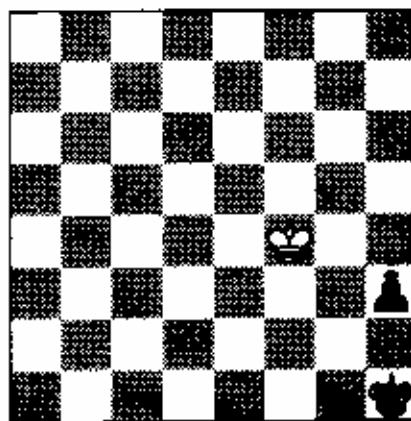
1.Kd6 Kc8 2. Bg7 Kd8 3.Bf7 Kc8 4.Kc6 Kd8 5.Bf6+ Kc8 6.Be6+ K**h8** 7.Kb6

And White is forced into the corner to wait for the inevitable mate. 7...K**a8** 8.Bd7 (a "waiting move" to gain the needed opposition and to avoid stalemate) 8...K**h8** 9.Be5+ K**a8** 10.Bc6#

Shall we try again?

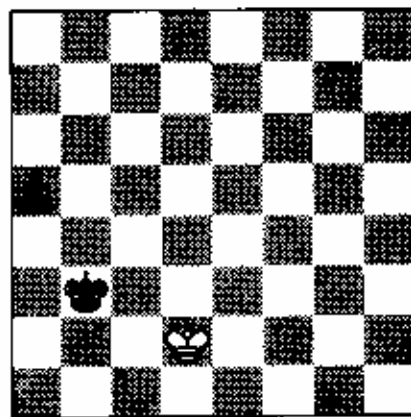
When you are outnumbered and things look grim because you have no mating material, should you resign? Maybe not! Check out the next two problems (I proofed them). Both show White with no mating material — only a solitary king. However, ALL is not lost... White can avoid losing by stalemate!

WHITE MOVES AND DRAWS IN 2



Here is another king vs. king and pawn situation. A close look at this position should reveal that White again has chances to draw. There are 2 solutions to this situation. One stalemates in 3... the other in 6...

WHITE MOVES AND DRAWS



Should you find the solutions here... Write to me and let me know how you did with the problems. Generally, the first solutions received will be printed. If you have a little trouble finding the path that matches the number of moves specified in the problem, be patient... the solutions will follow in the next issue!

Send your correspondence to:

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At the Top

The top 50 players in Illinois, by USCF rating

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| 1 | Gurevich, Dmitry | 2667 | 179 |
| 2 | Rau, Vick | 2578 | 199 |
| 3 | Saviano, Enrico | 2546 | 114 |
| 4 | Ortiz, Eduardo | 2505 | 107 |
| 5 | Rasenis, Gediminas | 2473 | 114 |
| 6 | DeFotis, Greg | 2462 | 185 |
| 7 | Palix, Usman | 2457 | 195 |
| 8 | Manion, Josh | 2446 | 199 |
| 9 | Renz, Peter | 2429 | 186 |
| 10 | Kankins, Andrew | 2423 | 197 |
| 11 | Moulin, Pierre | 2420 | 184 |
| 12 | Verber, Richard | 2419 | 112 |
| 13 | Kaupmansky, Leo | 2417 | 119 |
| 14 | Munich, Cosma | 2394 | 115 |
| 15 | Martynovskiy, Eugene | 2369 | 190 |
| 16 | Chow, Albert | 2365 | 182 |
| 17 | Candlish, Marvin | 2325 | 119 |
| 18 | Walt, Dan | 2301 | 110 |
| 19 | Kimball, Allan | 2317 | 187 |
| 20 | Carroll, Ed | 2315 | 111 |
| 21 | Trotter, Steven | 2303 | 112 |
| 22 | Ignatko, Alex | 2301 | 117 |
| 23 | Kramer, Charles | 2300 | 114 |
| 24 | Zingales, Donald | 2281 | 111 |
| 25 | Chaput, Eric | 2275 | 117 |
| 26 | Bernard, Robert | 2272 | 118 |
| 27 | Walton, Alan | 2272 | 119 |
| 28 | Szostek, Miroslaw | 2271 | 111 |
| 29 | Holan, David | 2266 | 180 |
| 30 | Lueth, Mark | 2267 | 111 |
| 31 | Kreckel, Walter | 2254 | 117 |
| 32 | Meier, David | 2247 | 111 |
| 33 | Tonogrosso, Ron | 2242 | 118 |
| 34 | Burke, John | 2238 | 117 |
| 35 | Fanger, Danilo | 2235 | 119 |
| 36 | Raina, Frederick | 2232 | 119 |
| 37 | Herby, Stanley | 2229 | 115 |
| 38 | Walzer, Kenneth | 2226 | 115 |
| 39 | Bony, Vince | 2222 | 118 |
| 40 | Marck, Len | 2220 | 112 |
| 41 | Stivinski, Miroslava | 2214 | 106 |
| 42 | Schuchman, Brian | 2212 | 110 |
| 43 | Hedman, Edward | 2210 | 112 |
| 44 | Chomczak, Brent | 2209 | 118 |
| 45 | Acosta, Marlene | 2206 | 115 |
| 46 | Moose, Floyd | 2205 | 117 |
| 47 | Jakstas, Kazimieras | 2200 | 116 |
| 48 | Klaczynski, Igor | 2200 | 114 |
| 49 | Woods, Lon | 2200 | 115 |
| 50 | Vanburskirk, Douglas | 2198 | 118 |

Humor

Only Benoni

by Rich Vondruska

(Sung to the tune of "Only the Lonely"
by Roy Orbison and Joe Melson)

Only Benoni
I don't know no other line
Only Benoni
Learned it all from Reuben Fine

There goes my queen pawn
There goes my queen
This is the worst game
I've ever seen!
But only Benoni
Knows I'm a fish, big fish
Only Benoni

Only Benoni
It was used to beat Deep Blue
Only Benoni
By the midnight cleaning crawl!

Maybe tomorrow
I'll switch the bait
Go for a Banko
That would be great
White's gotta take!
If your game is a fako
Use the Benoni



The Director's View

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Round One

After starting round one, I settled in to do paperwork. I saw 10-year-old Andrew Hubbard (1391) defeat the number three player, Thomas Curran (1740). Hubbard is in the USCF top 50 Lists and is coached by Joe Splinter.

S.E. Henderson (1800) managed to wrench a victory from Kevin Bachler (2161) to pull the only upset in the Open section. Mark Robledo Sr. (1899) drew Alfredo Base (2305) to add another fine game to his sky-rocketing career. Another strong player held to a draw by Bradley Watts (1800) in the Open was Ray Doyle Satterlee (2122) winner of numerous national titles.

In the Reserve, other players suffered the ravages of the upset gremlin. Top rated Tim Just (1758) was served swift justice by Mike Loblaco (1405). Hence Allen (1706) had his wings clipped by Carl Staples (1371). Joe Stevens (1618) number was had by Dennis Sieble (1201). Paul Cobia (husband of Co-Chess President, Bonnie Cobia) went down in flames against upcoming junior Winston Huang (1139). Thomas Skleba (1561) stumbled hard in his game with Victor Chubukov (1130). Ted Shellhamer (1432) backed off from the wrath of new player Ivan Radic (Unr.).

Round Two

In the Open, James Fagan's (2099) shrapnel traps lead Allen Kornfeld (2333) to the sidelines with a loss.

Tim Just, once again, received the honor of being the first to withdraw from the Open. Last year he stayed in first place to the 5th round, before

losing.

And the Junior players were at it again. Daniel Leung (1465) overcame Eric Johnson (1671) to garner a full point. Craig Vieregg (1462) sent a couple of heat seeking missiles into Richard Rostrom's (1651) game and hit point blank. Andrew Hubbard had a few grenades left over from the last round and didn't hesitate to use them on Barry Walker (1636).

Round 3

There were interesting games just below the top. Charles Kramer (2311) fell prey to Scot L. Henderson (2036). Bill Brock nipped Alfredo Base (2305) for a half point. Arnulfo Benesa drew his second master in a row when he played Camilo Pangan (2235).

Top-rated Chris Baumgartner (1742) was toppled by Hans Herr (1559). Maciej Jakubowski (1689) was the only top-rated player who didn't suffer an upset. Wayne Clark (1668) couldn't hold his own against junior Artem Akhmetov (1523) and im-

mediately withdrew. Julie Oberweis (1658), a former Junior Champion, (contrary to a recent *Chess Life* article, Julie was the first female Junior Champion from Illinois), was felled by Greg Rudd (1471). Joe Delay (1644) stumble onto the path of unrated Ivan Radic and wasn't able to free himself. Salar Jahedi's (1606) head laid next to others that had Andrew Hubbard had collected so far.

Round 4

This round was the battle of the titles. GM Wojtkiewicz walked away victorious in his encounter with IM Sevillano. It was an interesting battle of queens and pawns, where Sevillano was behind one tempo. To many, it looked drawn, but not to the GM. IM Palos also won a pawn ending against IM Adler. IM Manion pulled ahead against Senior Master Andrew Karklins.

Jakubowski proved experience, in most cases, has some say in the battle against youth: he defeated Artem Akhmetov. Radic seemed to have no understanding that unrateds are not suppose to beat 1700s and did so anyway.

Round 5

GM Wojtkiewicz was rewarded with another point to

his collection. IM Manion ended up facing IM Sevillano, and ended up short. He joined Sevillano, Palos, Adler, Chow, Base, and Brock (who was having a great tournament, beating Chris Van Krogh and A. Betaneli) in the 4-1 group.

Maciej Jakubowski was determined to keep up with the GM and did so handsomely by defeating Ivan Radic. Andrew Hubbard was back feeling his collection of heads wasn't big enough, so he trounced Chris Baumgartner. Mark Engelen (1641) defeated Daniel Leung to reach 4.5 -0.5.

Round 6

GM Wojtkiewicz came, he saw, and he conquered! IM Adler couldn't hold him. The GM walked away with \$1200 and a 6-0 score. But since Wojtkiewicz was not a resident of Illinois, he was ineligible for the title of Illinois State Champion. Sevillano overcame many-time Illinois State Champion Albert Chow, Manion blasted through Alfredo Base's defenses, and Palos stopped Brock's gravy train. The title for Illinois State Open Champion is once again shared.

Mark Engelen tried his best, but couldn't unrail Jakubowski. Jakubowski was all smiles when he collected his \$500 prize and was told he was the 1997 Illinois State Reserve Champion.

Andrew Hubbard took his fifth head with a win over Mark Parnaby (1701). Andrew ended up with 5.5-0.5 and clear second place. I wonder what would have happened had he not taken a half point? Would our 1997 State Reserve Champion been a 11-year-old?

I received advice and help from Helen Warren, Alan Losoff, Richard Verber, Howard Cohen, Larry Cohen, Hector Hernandez, and the ones I am most indebted to—my family. To each and all I give my heartfelt thanks and a sloppy hug of appreciation.

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| 71. | Thieben, Ronal F | 1012 | 1041 | -30 | L43 | L52 | W74 | W63 | L40 | 2.0 |
| 72. | McClure, Seth | 1001 | 1037 | -19 | L42 | W84 | -61 | W64 | L41 | 2.0 |
| 73. | Widing, Daniel R | 956 | 997 | L20 | L63 | W85 | L32 | W66 | L42 | 2.0 |
| 74. | Snapars, Aneta | unr | 1010 | L21 | L64 | L56 | -71 | W96 | W85 | 2.0 |
| 75. | Busel, Gennadiy | unr | 1223 | W80 | D38 | D76 | -11 | L21 | L45 | 2.0 |
| 76. | Curran, Thomas | 1740 | 1668 | -2 | W44 | D75 | -23 | F- | U- | 1.5 |
| 77. | Reddiani, Dushyan | 1383 | 1380 | D49 | W90 | L9 | -54 | F- | U- | 1.5 |
| 78. | Gasunas, Anthony | 1198 | 1190 | H- | H- | D28 | L29 | L51 | L63 | 1.5 |
| 79. | Rolls, Matthew P | 1194 | 1220 | L16 | D31 | W90 | L28 | U- | U- | 1.5 |
| 80. | Fodor, Tim | 695 | 691 | L75 | L46 | H- | X- | L39 | -63 | 1.5 |
| 81. | Covic, Mehmed | 1800 | 1803 | W40 | U- | U- | U- | U- | U- | 1.0 |
| 82. | Walker Barry Wood | 1636 | 1557 | W46 | L2 | -43 | L55 | U- | U- | 1.0 |
| 83. | Ramos, Fabian | 1369 | 1369 | H- | H- | U- | U- | U- | U- | 1.0 |
| 84. | Bhatt, Jay | 1169 | 1108 | L48 | L37 | L72 | L70 | L85 | W95 | 1.0 |
| 85. | Rodriguez, Jose A | 1120 | 1064 | L18 | L24 | L73 | L89 | W84 | L74 | 1.0 |
| 86. | Fodor Mark | 986 | 952 | L51 | -33 | L66 | B- | -68 | L64 | 1.0 |
| 87. | Gonzalez, Angei | 980 | 980 | H- | H- | U- | U- | U- | U- | 1.0 |
| 88. | Heronymus, April | 912 | 891 | L5 | -45 | B- | L52 | -67 | L66 | 1.0 |
| 89. | Vilafior, Phillip | 826 | 836 | L39 | L29 | L68 | W85 | -62 | L70 | 1.0 |
| 90. | Giampa, Michael | 1349 | 1324 | D13 | -77 | L79 | F- | U- | U- | 0.5 |
| 91. | Ball, Michael | unr | 1032 | L60 | D64 | L44 | F- | U- | U- | 0.5 |
| 92. | Just, Timothy W | 1758 | 1730 | L22 | U- | U- | U- | U- | U- | 0.0 |
| 93. | Pearson, Kenneth | 1575 | 1575 | F- | U- | U- | U- | U- | U- | 0.0 |
| 94. | Medina Francisco | 1247 | 1247 | F- | U- | U- | U- | U- | U- | 0.0 |
| 95. | Rodriguez, Jose A | 1039 | 1029 | U- | U- | U- | U- | U- | L84 | 0.0 |
| 96. | Taki, Sonja M | 900 | 889 | U- | U- | U- | U- | -74 | U- | 0.0 |

Brock-Karklins

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without allowing Black to re-activate.

20...Rxc3! 21.bxc3 Qb6+ 22.Ka1 Ba3 23.Bc1

Since I wanted to open kingside lines, I thought it was a good idea to keep a rook on the back rank. 23.Rb1 Qa5 24.Rb3 might give Black tactical opportunities.

23...Bc5 24.h5 Rxb5 25.Rxg6 Nc7!

Forced, but good. In return for the exchange, Black has the two bishops, a safer (!) king, and a much better pawn structure.

26.Rf6 Rh8 27.Nb3 Bb5 28.Bb2 Bc4 29.Rh1 Rg8 30.Qb3 Rf8 31.Rb6

Tripled major pieces are usually impressive, but in this position, they look a trifle quixotic. Nobody's home on the kingside.

31...Nf5 32.Nxc5

Since White's major pieces are useless, I decide to give back the exchange and grovel for a draw.

32...Nxb6 33.Nxc6!

Desperadol! If 33.Nxb7, then 33...Qxb7 34.Qxb6 Qc7 covers the a3-f8 diagonal.

33...Qxc6 34.Qxb6 Qxb6 35.Rxb6 Rg8 36.Rh1 Rg2 37.Kb1 Rf2 38.Ba3 Rxf4 39.Rh2 Kd7 40.Bc5 Rf1+ 41.Kb2

This position may look incredibly boring, and it is. But watch Karklins almost find a way to play for the win!

41...Ke6 42.Bd4 Kf5 43.Rh6 Ke4 44.Rf6 Bb5 45.a3 a5 46.Rxf1 Bxf1 47.Kc1 b5 48.Kb2

Black might have chances after 48.Kd2 b4 49.axb4 a4. 48...b4! 49.axb4 axb4

Zugzwang! Fortunately for White, the lost pawn doesn't matter.

50.Bb6 bxc3+ 51.Kxc3 Kxc5 52.Bd4+ Ke4 53.Bf6 Ba6 54.Kd2 d4 55.Bh4 f5 56.Bf2 f4 57.Bg1 Bb5

58.Bf2 Bc4 59.Bg1 1/2-1/2

Leaving the hotel, I was in a good mood—aside from one bad move, I felt I had played well. Then I turned on the car radio and learned of Princess Diana's death...

Now a win by one of Illinois's new co-champions. Brock explains how he lost to IM Palos

Bill Brock

IM Osman Palos

Illinois Open, 1997

Sicilian Kan

Notes by Bill Brock

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Qc7 6.0-0 Nf6

A favorite line of Chicago's GM of kibitzing, Rick Lang. In *Beating the Sicilian 3*, Nunn and Gallagher point out that the thematic 7.c4 is not so good because it weakens d4 (7...Nc6!). I had already found this out the hard way, in two blitz games against Palos.

7.Qe2 d6

Now Black can no longer play d7-d5 in one go.

8.c4 Bc7 9.Nc3 Nbd7 10.b3 0-0 11.Bb2

I started to get up from the table, when I ran into Dr. Martinovsky. Once again, he said, "What are you doing here?" Literal-minded fool that I am, I started to tell him how I'd been lucky in the two previous rounds. "Sit down," he ordered. To demonstrate my independence, I strolled for a full fifteen seconds before complying.

11...g6

Out of the books!

12.Rac1 Nh5! 13.f4 Bf6 14.Nc2 Bg7 15.Nc3



Strength in reserve at the Illinois Open. Two final round match-ups in the reserve section of the 1997 Open. Above: Maciej Jakubowski (right) (Reserve champion) takes on Mark Engelen. Below: Andrew Hubbard (2nd place in Reserve section, on right) shakes hands with Mark Parnaby before the last round.



Black has taken three moves to post the bishop on g7, and the Nh5 will have to recentralize at some point (or so I thought). Can White take advantage of this lead in development?

A more sober player than I might have noted that the position is a bit like a checker game: White's spatial advantage is (temporarily) offset by tactical looseness: White's king, queen, and all four minor pieces might get "jumped" in a few moves (note in particular that the Qe2 is overloaded protecting the Bb2, the

Bd3 and the Nc3). There are no open squares to "jump" Black's army. And because of Black's clever change of plans, White's pieces are less than optimally deployed for attacking the weakness on d6.

Having said all this, how can White not be significantly better? If someone can figure out what's going on here, please let me know!

15...d5?

Just as in my game with Karklins, I had failed to anticipate this break. Palos tries to take advantage of the lack of coordination in the White forces—the first threat is 16...Nxf4.

16.Ncxd5?

I thought I would now have time to coordinate my forces and exploit my lead in development, and it felt good to sac a piece against an IM. But I'm also relieving some of the pressure on Black's cramped posi-

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Tour Leaders

Master Tour Points:

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| PALOS Osman | 142.5 |
| CHOW Albert C. | 110.8 |
| SZPISJAK Steven J. | 86.5 |
| DANDRIDGE Marvin | 59.4 |
| BACHLER Kevin L. | 49 |
| SHYCH Miron | 44.5 |
| KORNFIELD Allen I. | 38.5 |
| WATTS Bradley S. | 38.5 |
| MARSHALL James A. | 36.3 |
| COHEN Lawrence S. | 35.5 |
| WANGON Josh. | 35 |
| SEVILLAND Emilio | 35 |
| SMYTHE Bill | 33.4 |
| MACHAJ Blair L. | 31 |
| WITK Gregory A. | 23.5 |
| SAX Robert D. | 22 |
| HAYES Will | 21.5 |
| WONG Brian | 21.5 |
| GAZMEN Ethebert | 21 |
| MARTINGOSKY Eugene | 20.5 |

Expert Tour Points:

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| BACHLER Kevin L. | 76 |
| COHEN Lawrence S. | 62.5 |
| MARSHALL James A. | 53.3 |
| WATTS Bradley S. | 44.5 |
| SMYTHE Bill | 44.4 |
| TUBIC Bisl L. | 43 |
| SAX Robert D. | 42 |
| SHYCH Miron | 40.5 |

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| CAIDMAN Chuck | 33.5 |
| MACHAJ Blair L. | 31 |
| FAGAN James B. | 29.5 |
| GOLDMAN Anatoly | 27 |
| CAVENEY Geoffrey | 26.8 |
| GAZMEN Ethebert | 26 |
| WITK Gregory A. | 25.5 |
| SCOTT Gene G. | 24.2 |
| BAUMGARTNER Chris | 23 |
| BROCK William | 22 |

Class A Tour Points:

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| WATTS Bradley S. | 54.5 |
| MODES Daniel R. | 50.8 |
| SMYTHE Bill | 44.4 |
| CHONN Mike | 43.2 |
| COHEN Lawrence S. | 33 |
| GAST Bryan | 31 |
| MACHAJ Blair L. | 31 |
| COHEN Howard | 25.5 |
| AYES Will | 25.5 |
| WITK Gregory A. | 25.5 |
| WONG Brian | 24.5 |
| HISCHER Gregory A. | 23.8 |
| BAUMGARTNER Chris | 23 |
| JANKAUSKAS Kazys (2) | 22 |
| MOHAPATRA Taran (2) | 22 |

Class B Tour Points:

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| ROBLEDO Mark Jr. | 62.5 |
| BAUMGARTNER Chris | 61 |

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|--------------------|------|
| WATTS Bradley S. | 54.5 |
| MACHAJ Blair L. | 43 |
| DELAY Joe | 35 |
| HART Vincent J. | 34 |
| JOHNSON Eric L. | 33 |
| ENGLEN Mark | 32.5 |
| JAKUBOWSKI Maciej | 35 |
| COVIC Melinda | 35.9 |
| SILVERMAN Scott A. | 35.5 |
| HOWELL Thomas W. | 35 |
| WACHTER Tom W. | 35 |
| WALT Bob Lloyd | 34.8 |
| HUBBARD Andrew | 32.5 |
| VARRIEL Craig | 31.5 |
| KLEN John | 31 |
| STEVENS Joseph M. | 28.5 |
| PADILLA Rudy R. | 28 |

Class C Tour Points:

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|--------------------|------|
| AKHMETOV Artem | 57.8 |
| WACHTER Tom W. | 49 |
| VARRIEL Craig | 42.5 |
| HLAVNY Kenneth | 41.5 |
| KIDDLE Robert | 40.5 |
| HUBBARD Andrew | 38.5 |
| CHEN Aaron | 35 |
| SZATRAN Martin | 34 |
| WITK Gregory A. | 33.5 |
| LTUNG Darrin Y. | 32.5 |
| PADILLA Rudy R. | 32.5 |
| SILVERMAN Scott A. | 32.5 |

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|-------------------|------|
| LAHED Salar | 31.5 |
| DEVERALTA Arturo | 27 |
| SINGURA Thomas | 26 |
| SMITH Brian R. | 23.5 |
| ITALI Matthew | 23 |
| LOBRACC Michael | 23 |
| SPELLHAMER Ted C. | 23 |

Class D Tour Points:

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| REDDYVARI Dushyanth | 57 |
| WISNER Michael | 37.3 |
| ALES Tim S. | 35 |
| HUANG Winston | 35 |
| HUBBARD Andrew | 34 |
| CAMARGO Miguel (1) | 32 |
| LEWIS Eric | 24.5 |
| CUMMINGS Michael | 24 |
| CHU-KUNG Dan | 22 |
| KANG Harold | 22 |

Class E Tour Points:

| | |
|------------------|------|
| HUANG Winston | 49 |
| SEIBEL Dennis | 27 |
| PULJIN Matthew | 25 |
| WILKIN Jon (2) | 25 |
| PARK William | 22.5 |
| ALTS Tim S. | 15 |
| MCCALLY Michael | 15 |
| JOSEPH Bennett | 17.2 |
| FERGUSON William | 14 |
| SINGURA Thomas | 14 |



KOOPGUEZ Jose A. Jr. 13.5

Class F Tour Points:

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| WITK Gregory A. | 25 |
| COUGAN Patrick (2) | 22 |
| HIERONYMUS April | 19 |
| LEVY Adam C. | 19 |
| ROSS Ben (1) | 19 |
| JOSEPH Bennett | 17.2 |

Class G Tour Points:

| | |
|------------------------|------|
| SOMASINDARAM Vign (1) | 37 |
| ROSS Ben (1) | 19 |
| JOSEPH Bennett | 17.2 |
| KARSHIN David (1) | 10 |
| FODOR Jan (2) | 8 |
| GILKIN Jessica (1) | 6 |
| NIKOLOPOULOS Basil (1) | 6 |
| CARTESA Ulises (2) | 6 |
| WILLARD Marlow (1) | 6 |

These standings reflect the following '97 Tour events:

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| Jan 4-5, '97—MAXI—Tim Lusk Winter Open, Waukegan |
| Jan 16, '97—mini—Peoria Tornado |
| Jan 16, '97—mini—Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score |
| Jan 19, '97—micro—Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Quick |
| Feb 8-9, '97—mini—Chicago Chess Club Feb. Fric. |
| Feb 15, '97—micro—U.S. Amateur Team Quix, Rosemont |
| Mar 1, '97—mini—Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score |
| Mar 7, '97—micro—Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Quick |
| Mar 8, '97—mini—Fox Valley/Naperville Amateur, Uisle |
| Mar 21-23, '97—MAXI—Mid-America Class Championship, Rosemont |
| Apr 5, '97—mini—Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score |
| Apr 5-6, '97—MAXI—Greater Peoria Open |
| Apr 6, '97—micro—Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Quick |
| Apr 19, '97—mini—Fox Valley/Naperville Open, Uisle |
| Apr 26-27, '97—mini—Chicago Chess Club Spring Open |
| May 10, '97—mini—Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score |
| May 11, '97—mini—Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Quick |
| May 17, '97—mini—Fox Valley/Naperville Open, Uisle |
| May 23-26, '97—MAXI—Chicago Open, Schaumburg |
| Jun 7, '97—mini—Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score |
| Jun 8, '97—mini—Elmhurst Chess Club Game/60 |
| Jun 20-22, '97—MAXI—Master Challenge, St. Charles |
| Jun 28, '97—micro—Peoria Quix Tornado |

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| Jun 28, '97—mini—Fox Valley/Naperville Open, Uisle |
| July 5, '97—mini—Chicago CC Masters-Play-Free Plus-Score |
| July 6, '97—mini—Chicago CC Masters-Free Plus-Score Quick |
| July 12-13, '97—MAXI—Midway Amateur Class, Oak Lawn |
| July 19, '97—mini—Fox Valley/Naperville Open, Uisle |
| July 26-27, '97—mini—Chicago Chess Club Summer Open |
| Aug 9, '97—mini—Bradley Summer Open, Peoria |
| Aug 9-10, '97—MAXI—A. American Class, Oak Brook Tornado |
| Aug 17, '97—mini—Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score |
| Aug 23, '97—mini—Fox Valley/Naperville Trophy Event, Uisle |
| Aug 24, '97—mini—Strategic Thinking Amateur, Rosemont |
| Aug 30, Sep 1, '97—MAXI—Illinois Open, Elk Grove |
| Sep 27, '97—micro—Windy City Cheape #1, Chicago |
| Sep 28, '97—mini—Windy City Cheape #2, Chicago |

Not included
(tournament held after press deadline):

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| Oct 11, '97—mini—Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score |
| Oct 26, '97—mini—Elmhurst Chess Club Game/60 |

Future '97 Tour events:

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| Oct 31, Nov 2, '97—MAXI—Midwest Class, Uisle |
| Nov 1, '97—micro—Peoria Quick Tornado |
| Nov 6, '97—mini—Uisle Plus-Score |
| Nov 8, '97—micro—Windy City Cheape #3, Chicago |
| Nov 9, '97—micro—Windy City Cheape #4, Chicago |
| Nov 16, '97—micro—Tuley Park Quick, Chicago |
| Nov 22-23, '97—MAXI—Illinois Class, Oak Lawn |
| Dec 13-14, '97—mini—Windy City Holiday Open, Chicago |
| Dec 27-29, '97—MAXI—Holiday Classics, Burr Ridge |

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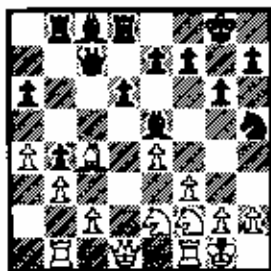
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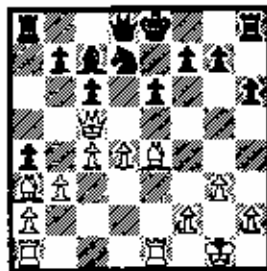
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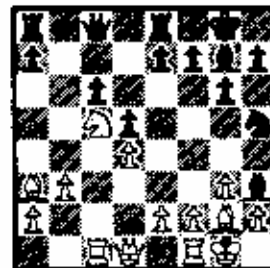
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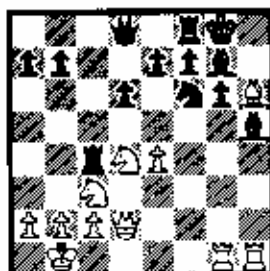
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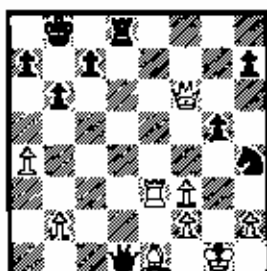
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White to Move

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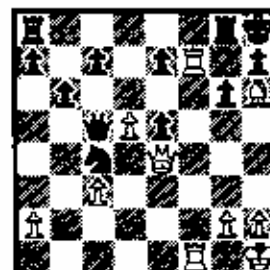
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Black to Move

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C. VonKrogh–E. Sollano
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White to Move

Retorts Revealed

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1...Bxf2+ 2.Kxh2 d5+ 3.Kg1 dxc4 4.Qc1 a5 5.Qe3 Ba6 6.Rfd1 c3 7.Rxd8– Rxd8 8.Rd1 Rxd1+ 9.Nxd1 Qd6 10.Nf2 e5 11.Kh2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Qd2 13.Qxd2 cxd2 14.Kg1 Ng3 0–1

2

1.Bxc6 bxc6 2.Rxe6+ 1–0

3

1...Nf4 2.Bxh3 Nxh3+ 3.Kg2 e5 4.e3?

Ng5?! [4...exd4 5.exd4 Ng5] 5.h4 [5.dxe5 Qh3+ 6.Kh1] 5...Ch3+ 6.Kg1–exc4! 7.exd4? Bxd4! 8.Qd3 Re3!! [White's only salvation was to call his opponent's bluff with 7.hxg5+ when after 8...axe3 9.Qf3 Bd4 10.Nd3 he would have an advantage. Black's finishing tactics are both cute and direct to the point.]

Ne8 4.Rxh5 1–0

5

1...Rd3! 2.Re8+ Kb7 3.Kf1 Nxf3 4.Qf8 Nxh2+ 5.Kg2 Qg4+ 6.Kh1 Nf3 7.Rb8+ Ka6 8.Qc8+ Qxc8 9.Rxc8 Nxe1 10.Rxc7 Rb3 0–1

4

1.Bxg7 Kxg7 2.Nf5+ Kg8 3.Qh6

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1.Qh4 g5 2.Rxh7+ Kxh7 3.Bxg5+ 1–0

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thus he drops his bishop back to a protected square.

15...b5 16.Ra1 Qb6
17.Bb1 a5 18.Qc2

With his pieces fully developed, the first order of business is to force a weakening in Black's kingside.

18...g6 19.h4 Ba6
20.Qd2 Rfc8 21.Nh2 b4

22.Ng4 Qd8 23.Qf4



Notice that ever since 18...g6 each of Enrico has single-mindedly played moves which attack the weakened dark squares. The aspiring player should carefully study White's build-up and the instructive manner he continues to increase the pressure on Black's position.

23...Qf8 24.Re1 Rab8
25.h5 bxc3 26.bxc3 Nd8
27.Nf6+

Having deployed his rook more usefully, the time is ripe to force Black into exchanging

his valuable dark-squared bishop. While to some the f6 pawn would seem to close lines and therefore diminish the first players' attack, this is far from the truth. Black finds his king further hemmed in and has no defense to the exchange on g6.
27...Bxf6 28.exf6 Rb6
29.Qg5 Qe8 30.Bc5 Nb7
31.Re3 Nc5 32.hxg6 fxg6
33.f7+ Qxf7 34.Rf3

This was a nice game by Enrico, whose opponent never gained a shred of counterplay. 1-0

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tion.

At least two continuations appear stronger: the sane 16.exd5 Nxf4 17.Qd2 and the wild 16.e5! d4 17.Ncd5!

17...exd5 17.cxd5

And now Black has to move the queen, right? I was expecting 17...Qb6 18.e5 with what I hoped would be a positional bind, but 18...Nxf4 19.Rxf4 Nxe5 may solve Black's problems.

17...Nxf4!?!?

Wow! Objectively incorrect, but an incredible psychological blow. The point is that

18.Rxc7? loses to 18...Nxe2+ 19.Bxc2 Bxb2.

18.Qd2!

But not 18.Qf3? Qxc1! and Black is OK.

18...Qd6

Maybe 18...Qb6 to work on the overloaded queen? But White has a strong attack after 19.Bxg7 Nxd3 20.Bxf8 Nxe1 21.Bh6.

19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Rxf4

The rook is taboo because of Nf5+.

20...Nc5 21.Nc4 Qc5+ 22.Kh1 Nxd3 23.Qxd3 b5

With a positional and ma-

terial advantage, White must be winning. And I had a full hour left on the clock.

24.Qc3

Perhaps 24.Qc3+?! I was anxious to swap queens.

24...Qxe3 25.Nxe3 Ra7 26.g4

Another critical moment: I wanted to bury the bishop on e8 and inhibit ...f5. But in so doing, I'm also committing my rook on f4 and Knight on e3 to maintain their awkward posts.

M-Chess suggests an interesting attempt to take advantage of the bishop on e8: 26.e5 Re7 27.e6! Black appears to have sufficient counterplay after 27...Rfe8 28.exf7 Rxf7 29.Rxf7+ Kxf7 30.Kg1. 26...Rc7 27.Kg2 b6 28.h4 Rd8 29.a3 Rdc8 30.d6

Instead of analyzing the position, I was fantasizing about outrunning the paparazzi on the way home from my victory. And the clock was ticking: I now only had ten minutes left....

Although Black has organized pressure against e4, I do appear to be making progress. 30...Re5 31.Rc7 Be6

Not only defending, but setting up a far-sighted trap, to which I remain oblivious for several moves.

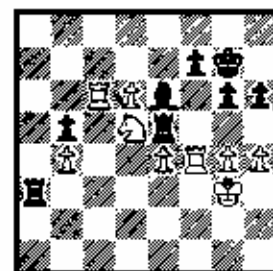
32.b4 Rd8 33.Rc6 Ra8 34.Kg3

Not 34.Nd5?? Rxd5!

34...a5 35.Nd5 axb4 36.axb4

If 36...Bxd5 37.exd5 Ra3+ 38.Rf3 Rxf3 39.Kxf3 Rxd5 40.Ke4 with a pull in the rook ending.

36...Ra3



37.Rf3??

Falling into a different version of the same fork trick! White is still significantly better after 37.Rc3..

37...Rxf3+!

Oops!

38.Kxf3 Rxd5 39.Rb6 Rd4 40.Ke3 Rxb4 41.g5 hg 42.hg Rb1 43.e5 b4 0-1

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October 31-November 2, Midwest Class, 5-SS, 40/120, then SD/60 (2-day option, rounds 1-2 game/75) Hyatt Lisle, 1400 Corporetum Drive (Rt 53 near I-88), Lisle 60532. \$512,000 guaranteed. In ten sections: MASTER: \$1200-600-400-300. EXPERT: \$51000-500-300-200. CLASS A: \$51000-500-300-200. CLASS B: 1000-500-300-200. CLASS C: 1000-500-300-200. CLASS D: 800-400-200-100. CLASS E: trophies to top 5. CLASS F: trophies to top 5. CLASS G: trophies to top 5. UNRATED: trophies to top 5. ALL: Rated players may play up one class, except classes F-G may enter D. Unrateds must play in Unrated section. Top 6 sections EF 3-day \$78, 2-day \$77 by 10/23, both \$80 with credit card by 10/29, \$90 at site. \$30 less to juniors under 18 who are rated under 1500, over 2199, or play up. Classes E-below and unrated EF 3-day \$18, 2-day \$17 by 10/23, both \$20 with credit card by 10/29, \$30 at site. All EF \$8 less if mailed with \$40 adult, \$30 senior or \$15 youth USCF dues. Credit cards at site or 914-496-9658 (weekdays) or 406-994-9634 (24 hrs daily, no questions). No phone entries after 10/29. No checks at site. 3-day schedule. Reg ends Fri 7 pm, rounds 8, 11-5:30, 10-4:15. 2-day schedule: Reg ends Sat 10 am, rounds 11-2-5 30, 10-4:15. Byes: all rounds, 4-5 must commit before rd 2. add 50 cents for round 1 bye. Hotel rates \$72-72-72-72. 800-233-1234 or 630-852-1234, by 10/16. Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salsbury Mills NY 12577. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.

♁ November 1, Scholastic Players' Clinic and Speed Tournament, Proviso West HS, Hillside. George Marino, Proviso West HS, Hamson & Wolf, Hillside 60612. Work 630-449-6400. Home 630-420-8152.

November 1, Peoria Quick Tornado, 5-SS, game/29. Garrett Center, 824 N Duryea Pl, Peoria 61625. \$575-50, chess books to classes A, B, C, D (based on 6

per class). EF \$12 by 10/30, \$15 at site. Reg 8-8:45, rounds 9-10:15-12-1:15-2:30. Bill Naff, 212 Vail Ct, Peoria 61614, 309-691-4624 after 6 pm. An ICA Tour mini-event.

November 3, Fox Valley / Naperville Monday Evening Game/29. 3-SS, game/29. Radisson Hotel, 3000 Warrenville Rd, Lisle. Reg 6:45-7:20. Josh Flores, 630-305-0152.

♁ November 7, Belleville East.

♁ November 8, Bloom Trail Action/30. Chicago Heights. 5-SS; Top 5 = team. Don Deakin, Bloom Trail HS, Sauk Trail & Cottage Grove, Chicago Heights 60411. Home 708-758-5496. Work 708-758-7000 ext 164.

♁ November 8, Glen Ellyn Fall, Hadley JHS, 240 Hawthorne, Glen Ellyn, IL. Jr High Division (Grades 6-8) plays 4 Rd Swiss: G/50. Elementary Division (Grades 4-5) plays 5 Rd Swiss: G/35. Primary Division (3rd Grade and younger) plays 5 Rd Swiss: G/30. Please plan to arrive before 8:45 A.M. to verify entries. First round in all divisions begins at 9:20 a.m. Awards: Trophies to top 10 school teams (Top 5 players per school count for team score). Trophies to top 10 individuals in each division. Trophies to first place player in each grade level (and those who tie for first!). Trophies to best unrated in each grade, and outstanding performance in each division. Ribbons to all 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place finishers in each grade. Participation ribbons for all. Advance registration only! Tournament director: Erv Sedlock. EF: \$15 per player if received by Fri, Nov 1, 1997. ; \$20 if received between November 2 and November 6). Make checks (one per school preferred) payable to: MIKE MIELE, 861 Valley Ave, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137-5538. Info or messages: (630) 469-3630 (anytime) or (630) 790-6450 (school hours) E-mail: Mmiele1947@aol.com. Call (630) 469-3630 or E-mail Friday (Nov. 7) before

9:00 p.m. with any last minute changes.

November 8, Windy City Cheapie #3. 10-SS, game/10, Archer Park Fieldhouse, 4901 S Kilbourn, Chicago. EF \$12 by 10/24, \$15 at site. Reg ends 9:45, rounds at 10-10:30-11-12-12:30-1-2-2:30-3-3:30. Prizes based on 25 players: \$60-45-30; A,B,C,D each \$30. Windy City Chess Association, 5850 S Trumbull, Chicago 60629-3639. 773-925-9679. An ICA Tour micro-event.

November 8, Lisle Plus-Score Mini-Tour, 4-SS, game/75. Radisson Hotel, 3000 Warrenville Rd, Lisle. Prizes by score: 4-0 \$90, 3.5-0.5 \$60, 3-1 \$40, 2.5-1.5 \$18. EF \$25, at site only. Reg 9:15-10, rounds 10:15-1-3:45-6:45. Larry Cohen, 630-834-2477. An ICA Tour mini-event.

November 9, Windy City Cheapie #4, 5-SS, game/25, Archer Park Fieldhouse, 4901 S Kilbourn, Chicago. EF \$12 by 10/24, \$15 at site. Reg ends 9:45, rounds at 10-11-1-2-3. Prizes based on 30 players: \$75-50-25, u-1900 \$25-15, u-1600 \$25-15, u-1400 \$20. Windy City Chess Association, 5850 S Trumbull, Chicago 60629-3639. 773-925-9679. An ICA Tour micro-event.

November 9, Elmhurst Chess Club Game/15 Double Quad. 6-RR, G/15. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. 6-round round robin in 4-player sections of like-rated players. Play Black and White against each Quad opponent. EF: \$11 ECC members, \$16 non-members. Prizes: \$30 1st, \$10 2nd in each Quad. Reg. 6-6:50 PM. Round 1 at 7:00. Info: Roger Birkeland (630) 832-1754. E-mail: rogerdb9@mail.idt.net.

November 10, Fox Valley / Naperville Monday Evening Game/15. 4-SS, game/15. Radisson Hotel, 3000 Warrenville Rd, Lisle. Reg 6:45-7:20. Josh Flores, 630-305-0152.

♁ November 13-16, USCF National K-12 Scholastic Grade Championships,

Parsippany, NJ.

November 15 West Chicago Team Tournament (8-bd + Sch open) [USCF]. Sandra Machaj, West Chicago High School, 1213 Joliet Street, West Chicago, IL 60185-3195. H: 630.231.6245 (S. Machaj). S: 630.293.8163.

November 15, Tuley Park Micro-Tour Quick. 5SS. Tuley Park Fieldhouse, 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago. EF\$20, under-19 \$10. Reg. 11:00-11:50. 1st Rd: 12:00. Rds 1-2, G/20, Rds 3-5. G25. Prizes: \$450 b/24 (kids count half), \$250 guaranteed, \$120, \$80, \$50, from 2nd quarter: \$50, \$35, from 3rd quarter: \$40, \$25, from lowest quarter: \$30, \$20. Tom Fineberg, 773-721-3979. An ICA Tour micro-event.

November 16, Chicago CC Sunday High Noon Quads, 3-RR, G/90. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. 4-player sections of like-rated players. EF \$10, juniors \$8, plus \$5 forfeit deposit returned upon completion of all games. Reg. closes 11:30. Rds. at 12:00-3:15-6:30.

November 16, Elmhurst Chess Club Game/35 Quad, 3-RR, G/35. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. 3-round round robin in 4-player sections of like-rated players. EF: \$11 ECC members, \$16 non-members. Prizes: \$40 1st in each Quad. Reg. 6-6:50 PM, round 1 at 7:00. Info: Roger Birkeland (630) 832-1754. E-mail: rogerdb9@mail.idt.net.

November 22-23, Illinois Class, 4-SS, 45/120, then SD/60. Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 S Cicero, Oak Lawn 60453, 708-425-7800. \$54000 guaranteed. In six sections: MASTER \$500-300-200, EXPERT \$300-200-100, CLASS A: \$300-200-100, CLASS B: \$300-200-100, CLASS C: \$300-200-100, CLASSES D-E: \$300-200-100 Unrated may play in any class but may not win more than \$100 except in Master. If 5 or more unrated in class, unrated prize will be added. EF \$49, juniors \$29, by 11/12, all \$11 more after 11/12 or at door. Free EF to unrateds who join USCF and ICA for event. Reg 8:30-9:30, rounds 10-4 each day. Checks to ICA, Josh Flores, 379 Chilvers Ct, Naperville 60565-6331, 630-305-0152. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.

November 28-30, Hoogovens Chess Festival. Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza, 800 East 81st Ave, Merrillville, IN. 5 Rd, 40/2, then SD/30. EF: \$30. Rds: Fri & Sat: 11am, 5pm. Sun: noon. Advance entries to Reg Groves, Hoogovens Technical Services, 8300 Mississippi St, Merrillville, IN 46410. See full page advertisement on page 3 for more details.

November 29, Chicago CC Saturday Plus-Score, 4-SS, G/80. Chicago Chess

Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$15, juniors \$12. Prizes by score: 4-0 \$100, 3.5-0.5 \$50, 3-1 \$25, 2.5-1.5 \$12. Reg. closes 11:30. Rd. 1 at 12.

November 30, Chicago CC Sunday Plus-Score Quick, 6-SS, G/29. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$15, juniors \$12. 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. Reg. closes 11:30. Rd 1 at 12.

November 30, Elmhurst Chess Club Game/10. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. Round robin in sections-by rating. EF: \$6 ECC members, \$10 non-members. Prizes: 1st, 2nd in each section dependent on entries. Reg. 6:00-6:50 PM, round 1 at 7:00. Info: Roger Birkeland (630) 832-1754. E-mail: rogerdb9@mail.idt.net.

December 6, Benjamin JHS, West Chicago.

December 6, Ottawa Chess Tournament (5-bd) Game/60, TD: Julian Morrison. Craig Smoch, Ottawa High School Ottawa, IL. H 815.667.5201, S 815.433.1323.

December 6, Washington Invitational.

December 6-7, Chicago CC Fall Mini-Tour, 5-SS, rds 1-3 40/90, then SD/60, rds 4-5 40/120, then SD/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$25; juniors and advance registrants (by 11/31) \$20. \$540 based on 25. \$140-120-100, u-2200 \$80, u-2000 \$60, u-1800 \$40. Reg ends 9:30 Saturday. Rds. at 10-2-6, 10-4. An ICA Tour mini-event.

December 7, Lecture with FIDE Master Albert Chow. Elmhurst Chess Club, Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. Albert Chow, several-time Illinois State Champion and one of the top professional players in the Midwest, is an enthusiastic chess teacher. Novices and advanced players alike will certainly improve their game by attending this lecture/lesson. Only \$5 for ECC members, \$8 non-members. Reg. 6-7:20 PM. Starts at 7:30. Info: Roger Birkeland (630) 832-1754. E-mail: rogerdb9@mail.idt.net.

December 12-14, Four Queens Holiday Championships. 5-SS, 40/120, then SD/60 (2-day schedule rounds 1-2 game/90). Four Queens Hotel and Casino, 202 Fremont St. Las Vegas NV 89101 (downtown Las Vegas). \$10,000 guaranteed prizes. In ten sections: MASTER: \$5200-750-400-200, u-2400 200. EXPERT: \$5750-400-100, u-2100 200. CLASS A: \$5750-400-100, u-1900 200. CLASS B: \$5700-350-100, u-1700 200.

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December 13, Tuley Park Quick #16. Chicago. Time control and number of rounds dependent on number of players. Tuley Park Fieldhouse, 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. \$5250 based on 24, kids count half, \$150 guaranteed. EF \$12, under-19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. Reg 11-11:50, round 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649, 773-721-3979.

December 13, Springfield game/80.

December 13 Frosh-Soph Team "State" Championships (4 rnds; Board Swiss) Don Deakin, Bloom Trail High School, Sauk Trail & Cottage Grove, Chicago Heights, IL 60411. H 708.758.6496. S 708.758.7000 ext 164.

December 13-14, Windy City Chess Holiday Open, 4-SS, 30/60, then SD/30. Archer Park Fieldhouse, 4901 S Kilbourn, Chicago. \$5620 based on 20: 150-100-80-60-45-35, upset 50, best game 50. EF \$35 by 12/1, \$40 at site. Reg 9-9:30, rounds 10-2 both days. Windy City Chess Assn, 5850 S Trumbull, Chicago 60629-3639, 773-925-9679. An ICA Tour mini-event.

December 14, Elmhurst Chess Club Game/25, 4-SS, G/25, Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF: \$10 ECC members, \$15 non-members. Prizes: 1st, 2nd, U1900, U1700, U1500, U1300. 90% of entry fees returned as prizes. Reg. 6-6:45 PM. Round 1 at 7:00. Info: Roger Birkeland (630) 832-1754. E-mail: rogerdb9@mail.idt.net

December 27-28, Holiday Classics, Burr

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January 4, Elmhurst Chess Club Game/ 29 Quad 3-RR, G/29. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library. 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. 3-round round robin in 4-player sections of like-rated players. EF: \$11 ECC members, \$16 non-members. Prizes: \$30 1st, \$10 2nd 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.

January 10, Tuley Park Quick #1, Chicago.

January 10 Evanston Invitational [USCF] Ken Lewandowski, Evanston High School, 1800 Dodge, Evanston, IL 60202. H 847-869-8246, S 847-492-7932, E-mail lewk@eths.k12.il.us

January 10-11, Tim Just Winter Open/ Reserve XIII, 6-SS, 40/90, then SD/30. College of Lake County, Route 45 & Washington, Grayslake 60036. In two sections: OPEN, \$\$250-175-150, Expert 125-100, A-below 125-100. RESERVE (under-1800): \$\$250-175-150. C 125-100, D-below 100, unrated 75. Both: EF \$31 by 1/3, \$35 at site, \$5 discount to juniors. Unrated may win only top prizes in OPEN or unrated prize in RESERVE. No smoking on campus. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.

January 17 Illini Union Classic (5-bd) Illini Union Gene Bild, University High School, 1212 W. Springfield, Urbana, IL 61801. H 217-398-2408 S 217-333-2870.

January 19, MLK Day Tournament, Bloomington.

January 24, Keller JHS.

January 24, Chessterton Chess, Westchester Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana, Chesterton, Indiana 46304. 4 Rds. Reg: 8:30-9:15 a.m. (all time is Chicago time!). EF: \$15, \$10 for High School or below. 4 Round Open Swiss, Round 1 G/75, Rounds 2-4 G/90. Prizes \$370 based on 36 entres: \$100-60, U2200 \$50, U2000 \$45, U1800 \$40, U1600 \$35, U1400 \$25, U1200 \$15. Round times: 9:30, 12:00, 3:00, 6:00. No smoking, no computer entries allowed. Advance entry, information: Randy Pals, 1233 Morningside Dr., Chesterton, IN 46304. 219-926-2266.

January 31, Tuley Park Big Quick #1, Chicago.

January 31, Hoose/St Clair/Holy Trinity, Bloomington.

February 7, Illinois Elementary Class, Hadley JHS, 240 Hawthorne, Glen Ellyn, IL. Advance registration only! EF: \$15 per player by Fri Jan.30, otherwise \$20 if received by Feb 4. Information, ques-

tions, or messages: (630) 469-3630 (anytime) or (630) 790-6450 (school hours).

February 14 and 15, US Amateur Team Midwest, 4 player teams. team average must be below 2200. 5 rounds: 3 Sat, 2 Sun. Game/90 on Sat, 45/2 and SD/60 on Sun. For details, phone Richard Verber, 630-435-0049.

February 14 ICCA "State" Individual contact Mike Zacate, Bloom Trail High School.

February 14, Jensen, location TBA.

February 14, Glenn Invitational, Normal.

February 21, Tuley Park Quick #3, Chicago.

February 21, Springfield.

February 28?? Rock Island "Boulder Dash" (5-bd) Bob Smith, Rock Island High School, 1400 25th Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201. S 309.793.5950, Fax 1.815.793.9866.

February 28-March 1, State Elementary Championship, Rockford.

March 7, N Shore Conference Indv.

Contact K Lewandowski.

March 7, West Suburban Conference Meet HS. Contact M Mayfield

March 7 Roanoke-Benson (5-bd) Class A State Greg Rasmuson, RR1 Box 55, Roanoke, IL 61516 H 309.394.2272, S 309.923.8401.

March 7-8, Cheap Shot Open, Holiday Inn, Glen Ellyn.

March 14, Deer Path JHS, Lake Forest.

March 14-15, Midway Spring Class. Location to be announced. An ICA Tour MAXI-event.

March 27-28 IHSA State Chess Team Tourney, Illinois State University, Bone Center, Normal, IL.

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Chesterton Chess Club
Wed. Westchester Library Service Center, 100 W. Indiana, Chesterton, IN 46304. Randy Pals, 219•926-2266.

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is located at 1149 W. Lunt, Chicago, 60626 and is open from 6 to 11 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. 773•761-5050.

The Chicago Chess Institute
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Chicagoland Knight of the Square Table
Joshua Flores 630•305-0152.

FIDE Master Albert Chow
gives private lessons by appointment. 3513 Seminary, Chicago, IL 60657. 773•248-4846.

Continental Chess Association
PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. Bill Goichberg.

Crossroads Chess Club
Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at K Square Mall Food Court of I-57/I-70 exit 160 Effingham. Cameron Feltner 217•844-2645.

Downers Grove Park District Chess Club
Thurs., 6:30-10 p.m., Lincoln Center, 935 Maple Av., Downers Grve. George Uffner, 630•960-9382.

Elmhurst Chess Club
holds USCF events, Sundays 6 p.m. -12 a.m., Rm 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. Roger Birkeland 630•832-1754. rogerb9@mail.idt.net

Evanston Township High School Chess Club
1600 Dodge, Evanston, 60204 Ken Lewandowski. 847•492-7932.

Fox Valley Chess Club
meets Mondays, 6:30 p.m.-11 p.m. As of 17 November, new site: Hyatt Hotel Lisle, corner of Route 53 and Warrenville Road Roy Frye 630•844-1285.

Franklin Chess Club
Fri. 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Franklin Elementary. Open to students at Franklin and Park Ridge grade schools. Sponsors tournaments in Park Ridge area. Kevin Bachler, 2719 W DeCook Ave, Park Ridge, IL 60068. 847•698-9365.

Greater Peoria Chess Federation
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